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Opening Remarks

Lake-Lehman head football coach, Mark Kirk, meets with members of the Black Knights football team, during opening practice session last week.

Lehman Grid Coach Finds Things Easier This Season

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"I'm finding this year a lot easier," said Lake-Lehman football coach, Mark Kirk, following last Wednesday's practice session. "The boys and I

Lehman Coach Hopeful

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"It looks good for us this season," said Lake-Lehman's assistant coach Flossie Finn last Thursday. "We have 25 girls, all returning lettermen. They have a lot of desire, they're dedicated and show a lot of promise and most of them went to hockey camp at Bucknell this summer. That did them a great deal of good."

Finn was coaching the girls field hockey team last week while head coach Jean Johnson Lipski was away.

"We have some good girls returning in Marian Mills, Kim Fey, Sue and Sandy Diction, Joan Skopic, Amy Conaway, Sue Bonsavage, Lori Lopasky, Pam Solinski and Kelly Wandell. Our greatest loss is Rebecca Clifford, who moved to North Carolina but Debbie Haefele is playing goalie and doing a great job. Skopic and Sue Diction are very aggressive. Deanne Williamson has great potential and we have some promising sophomores coming off their freshmen championship last season."

Finn said the league will be strong this year and believes the competition will be fierce.

The Lady Knights' opening game will be with Abington Heights, new in the league this year but District champs for the past three years. It will be an early test of the Lady Knights' ability.

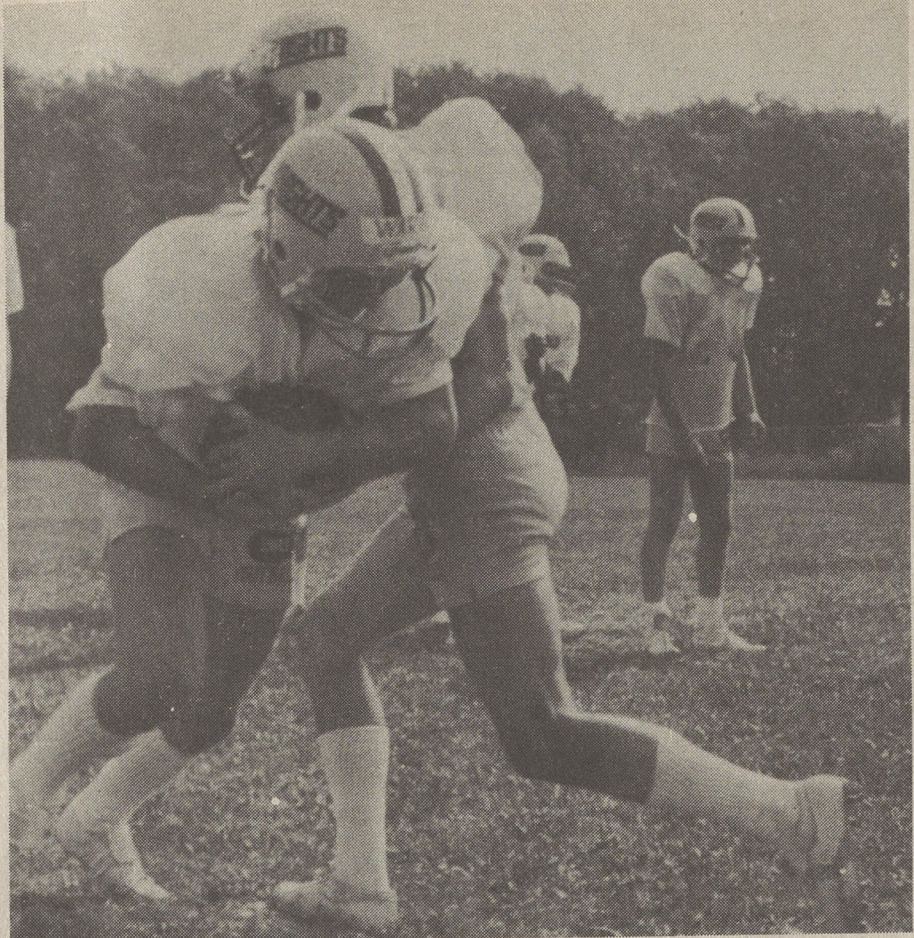
know each other better. They know what I expect from them. Last year, everything was new to them.

"We are still a relatively small team, but we have more young kids out this year which is a good sign. All of the kids have a lot of enthusiasm."

Kirk is in his second year of coaching at Lake-

Lehman and says he is well pleased with both his assistants and the attitude of the boys. He lost two assistants, Shorty Hitchcock, who is taking a position in another area, and Chuck Peterman, who went to Wyoming Valley West. Dwight Barbacci, who worked as a trainer last season, is now an assistant coach.

Forty three boys are out for the team, 11 of whom are seniors and returning lettermen. Among those returning who saw a lot of playing time last season are Quarterback John Williams, Halfback Chris Wargo, Offensive and Defensive Linemen Marty Onzik and Chris Van Gorder, Offensive Guard and Defensive End Al



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Using Their Heads

Two Lake-Lehman gridgers go at each other during a recent practice session. Area high school football teams opened their 1983 practice sessions last week.

Michaels and Center and Linebacker Bill Norris.

"We had a team meeting last Monday," said Kirk. "And I told the kids there were five points to success - Poise, Pride, Courage, Discipline and Confidence. Confidence is what we lacked last year until near

the end of the season. This year we meet Tunkhannock in the opening game then we hit the big schools, Coughlin, Pittston and Valley West. I want the

boys to think win, not just keep up with these schools, but to go out on the field confident that they can win. That's what we need to do."



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Gather 'round, girls!

Dallas field hockey coach, Robyn Jones, goes over some last-minute instructions with her team members prior to a game against the alumni.

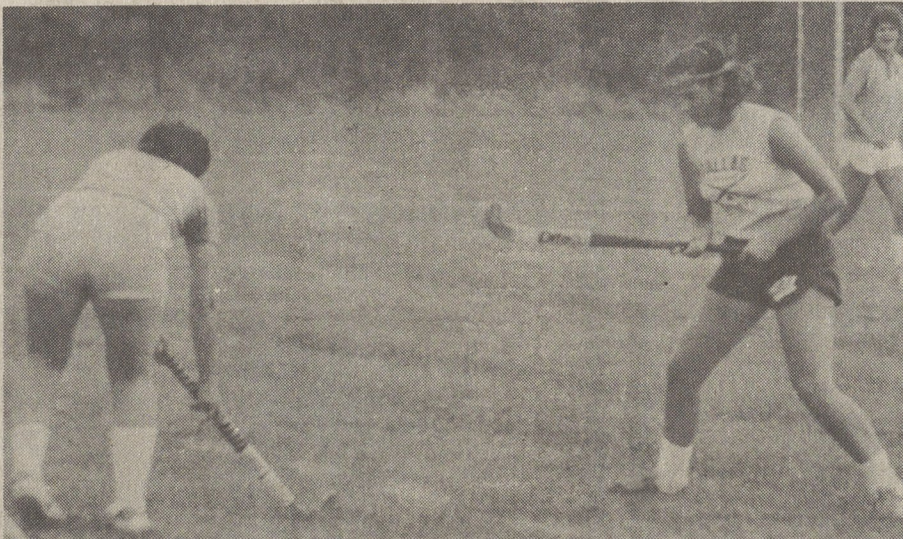
Jones: 'I Can't Predict'

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In a pre-season scrimmage between Dallas High School girls varsity field hockey team and Dallas High Alumnae, the alumnae team pulled off a 5-3 win.

"It was a great scrimmage for us," said Dallas Coach Robyn Jones. "It gave me an opportunity to watch my girls play and catch their mistakes which you can't do in regular practice."

"There is no way of predicting this season, it's going to be a tough league, the toughest it has ever been. Abington Heights is coming into the league this year. They have been district champs for the past three years and are a Division AAA team - the same as Dallas. In addition,



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Alumni win

There was plenty of action last week in a hockey game between the Dallas High School team and the Dallas alumni. The alumni won, 5-3.

nearly every team in the league sent their girls to summer camp.

"We're going to take just one game at a time and work toward improving our record with each game."

Jones has 27 girls out for the team, including eight seniors who are all returning lettermen. They are

Beth Karnosky, Kristi Boudreaux, Kim Dougherty, Susan King, Mari-beth Watchlonis, Cristi Strauser, Marlyn Wisniewski and Heidi Yakowski. There are only four juniors, Chris Long, Amy Aston, Jill Radzinski and Leslie Billman, and 16 sophomores, Julie Yakowski, Lee Ann Petro,

Linda King, Karen Wall, Stacie Orlando, Carla Orlando, Karen Saraka, Lisa Gabel, Courtney Dick, Michelle Bren, Cheryl Harding and Michele Chimock.

"The core of the team will be Cristi Strauser, Amy Aston and Jill Radzinski," said Jones.

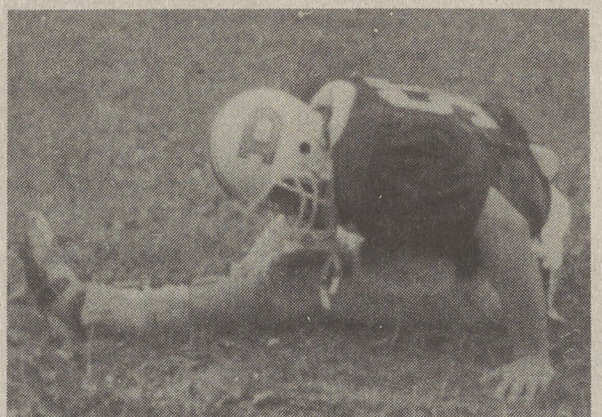
Horseshoe Tournament Scheduled

The Luzerne County Recreation Department, through the cooperation of the Edwardsville Boro Recreation Department, is sponsoring its First Annual Double Elimination

Horseshoe Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 10 and Sunday, Sept. 11 at the Edwardsville Boro Recreation Park. This tournament is open to all horse-

shoe players in the County and entrance fee is required.

Teams interested in entering the competition can do so by contacting County Recreation Supervisor, Bob Mullery, at 825-1802; Ed (Zeke) Ziko, Tournament Director, at 287-5752; or John Bonczewski at the Edwardsville Boro Building, 287-2407.



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S-T-R-E-T-C-H!

A lone Dallas football player stretches his muscles prior to last week's opening practice session.

Dallas Gridders Display Talent

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"We have had an excellent turnout for football this season," said Dallas head coach Ron Rybak. "We started with 63 kids, but through attrition we have an even 60. We have kids with a lot of talent but I'm disappointed in some of those who didn't come out. They would have helped us in size. Those kids who did come out are great, they're hard workers and have a lot of enthusiasm."

"We lost 18 seniors through graduation but we have 19 seniors this year. Among these are Joe Simon, Mike Borton, Bernie Walsh, Tim Grove and Joe Walsh saw a lot of action last season. We have 16 juniors and 25 sophomores."

Rybak does not have the big team members he has had the past three years. Overall, this year's team is about average in size with his line going about 190, 185 and 180 pounds with only a few players weighing in at 200 lbs. or better. He is hoping for a fast team and will depend on swiftness and deception.

"We have an excellent backfield who can carry the ball. We don't have a Norm Bordley, Greg Kravitsky, Matt Moran or Greg Dukinas this season but we have some hard workers. We can substitute backs and fullbacks without losing anything. We also have two senior quarterbacks, Bernie Walsh and Ken Thompson, and we have sophomore Tim Lyons with great potential. Jerry Mihalick, a soccer player, will be our kicker. Our line is inexperienced and that is where we lack depth."

The Mountaineers were scheduled to scrimmage Hazleton last Saturday and next Saturday will scrimmage Williamsport before opening Sept. 3 with Crestwood. The following week, Dallas will meet Nanticoke at home, the first time in six years they have played the Trojans at the Dallas field.

"We are going with an inexperienced team this season, one which is working hard and learning fast," Rybak said. "They are dedicated and it's difficult to predict this early but they will be in there giving their best and could pull off some surprises."

'Meet The Team Night' Planned

Ronald E. Rybak, Dallas Senior High School Head

Football Coach, invites all parents and friends of the football team to "Meet the Team Night" Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Dallas Junior High School Gymnasium. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

A special performance by the Dallas Senior High School Cheerleaders, under the direction of Marlynn Storz, will be presented.

'Shorty' Resigns

Former Lake-Lehman head wrestling coach "Shorty" Hitchcock submitted his official letter of resignation from the district to the administration on Aug. 17, according to John Zaleskas, high school principal.

"Hitchcock is leaving the district to accept a position as reading specialist and head wrestling coach at Springfield High School, near Philadelphia, in southeastern Pennsylvania," said Zaleskas.

"I will miss the area, the kids and my many friends," said Hitchcock. "I wish them all the success in the world, but it's something I had to do. It's too good to pass up."

"I will be doing about the same as I did at Lake-Lehman - reading specialist, head wrestling coach, assistant baseball coach and assistant football coach. Football practice has already started and I have been traveling back and forth, but we have found a house and will move by Sept. 1.

"Springford will be a challenge. It's a triple A school with more than 1,000 kids in 10th through 12th grades. My goal will be to win a Division AAA state championship."

If Hitchcock achieves that goal he will be the first coach to win both a Division AA and Division AAA state championship. While at Lake-Lehman, he compiled a record of 80-19-2 in wrestling and, in five years, won four of five division championships.

"Shorty" is the first coach to bring a state champion to a Back Mountain School and in that year, 1981, he had not one but three state champs, Mike Leskowsky, Rick and Rocky Bonomo. It marked the first time in Pennsylvania wrestling history that three wrestlers from one high school took Division AA championships in the same year.

Hitchcock is well versed in the sport of wrestling and knew how to get the most from his boys. He was a national champion and took second in the world.

Bass Tournery Planned

The Harveys Lake Bassmasters, at a recent meeting, finalized plans for their Third Annual Youth Game Fish Derby, Aug. 27 at Harveys Lake.

The derby is open to all children 15 years of age and under and is divided into two age groups: 12 thru 15, and 11 and under.

As in the past, no fee is required to enter the derby, and prizes will be awarded in each age group for the following: most total weight, heaviest, longest, smallest, most species and the special "Lowrance Lunker Award" for the largest bass.

This is the second event this year for children sponsored by the Harveys Lake Bassmasters, the first being the Youth Trout Derby on the first day of trout season. This year's event will feature, in addition to prizes by the Bassmasters and the Harveys Lake and Back Mtn. Businessmen, special awards & prizes by Falcone Beverage, Lowrance Electronics, Abu-Garcia Corp., & Boscov's Dept. Stores.

This year, in cooperation with the Harveys Lake Bassmasters, the Luzerne County Recreation Dept. MR Adult Social Recreation Program will participate in the Back Mtn. Businessmen, special awards & prizes by Falcone Beverage, Lowrance Electronics, Abu-Garcia Corp.

The weigh-in will take place at 2 p.m. at the Grotto Marina. Hot dogs, whimpies and soda will be provided to the youngsters, compliments of the Harveys Lake Bassmasters and the Luzerne County Recreation Dept.

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