

# Sports

Kelly Wandel

## She's dedicated to sports

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Her blue eyes sparkle and her face lights up with enthusiasm when she discusses softball or field hockey.

"I don't know which way I'll go in the future," said Kelly Wandel, an attractive Lake-Lehman sophomore. "I really love softball because it is so competitive but I also enjoy playing field hockey. I just haven't played it as many years as I have softball."

Kelly started playing softball when she was nine years old. She wanted to compete against boys on a hardball team but, at that time, the Little League wouldn't allow girls to become playing members of a hardball team. Not to be denied her favorite sport, Kelly tried out for softball and has played every season since, in summer leagues and when old enough on the school team.

She has been a member of the Back Mountain Baseball Girls All-Star teams for four of the past five years. With the exception of several occasions, Kelly has played the shortstop position.

This year she was a spark plug in the Division II All-Star team which advanced to the state competition and placed third in the state. It is the first time since 1980 that a Back Mountain team has made it to the state playoffs.

Kelly suffered a knee injury in one of those two final games when a girl on the opposing team slid into her leg while trying to steal second. The impact twisted Kelly's knee and sprained some tendons. That injury may prevent her from getting in to the starting lineup on this year's high school field hockey team. She is hoping to be an offense linemen or a back. Last season, as a freshman, Kelly lettered in field hockey playing as a sweeper.

Kelly likes to compete against boys in athletic programs and one year wrote a paper about girls and boys participating on the same team.

To-date, softball is her first love and Kelly gives her father all the credit for helping her. From the time she was eight years old, he spent many hours teaching her how to catch and bat. As the only girl in the family, Kelly developed her interest in sports by playing baseball and softball with her dad and her uncles.

Prior to the first All-Star game this season, Kelly remembers that under the direction of Mrs. Charlotte Slocum, the team members practiced a total of about 32 hours.

"She's a great coach," said Kelly. "This season is the second time I have been on the team when she was the coach. She is dedicated and transfers her enthusiasm to the girls."

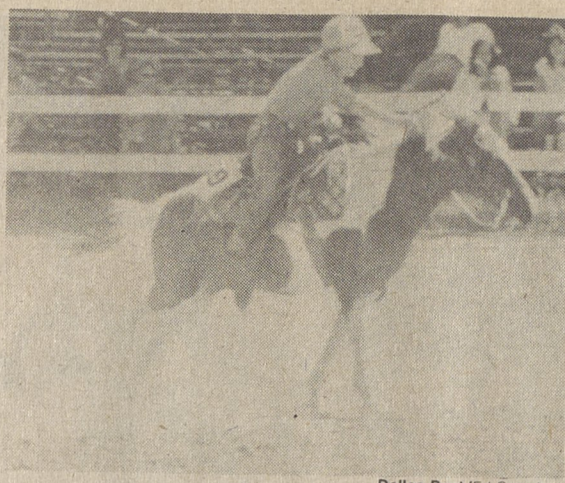
In her freshman year at Lake-Lehman, Kelly lettered in softball when the team was coached by Florence Finn.

"A lot of us will be back this year," said Kelly, "and we should have a strong softball team. I plan to attend college when I graduate from high school and hope to earn either a softball or field hockey scholarship. I want to major in some area of sports, such as a trainer."

An honor student in school, Kelly also has the qualities needed for leadership and there is no doubt these will serve her well in her goals for higher education. She has that rare combination of humility, sincerity, compassion, enthusiasm and persistence which builds into strong leadership. People will be sitting up to take notice of Kelly Wandel in the years ahead.



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### Competitive riding

Shown here during competition at the recent horse show sponsored by The Jonathan R. Davis Fire Co. are Laurie Daro, left, of Sweet Valley, on "Copper Penny" and Evan Brown, right, of Dallas, atop "Kitty Lea." The competition was held at the Lehman Horse Show Grounds, Route 118.

## 4-H lists horse show winners

The Luzerne County 4-H Horse and Pony Roundup was held recently at the Lehman Horse Show Grounds. Forty-two 4-H members representing seven 4-H Clubs were entered in the 30 classes of English, Western and Gymkhana competitions.

Placings for the show were:

**Grooming and Showmanship-Jr.:** Daria Lipinski, Amy McLaughlin, Amy Honeywell, Belinda Spaide, Darlene Phillips, Kristin Ecker.

**Grooming and Showmanship-Sr.:** Sandy Honeywell, Christy Campbell, Didi Havey, Dory Superko, Mary Strittmatter, Sharon Magda.

**Pleasure Pony Driving:** Terry Moss, Amy Honeywell, Brian Thomas.

**Open Trail-13.2 and under:** Amy McLaughlin, Catherine Yanchunas, Darlene Phillips, Melanie Raspen.

**Open Trail-over 13.2:** Christy Campbell, Susan Thomas, Andrea Lanning, Chris McLaughlin, Dene Stull, Daria Lipinski.

**County Team:** Kris Eley, Chris McLaughlin, Dene Stull.

**Pleasure Horse Pairs:** Dene Stull and Kris Eley.

**Stock Seat Equitation-Jr.:** Amy McLaughlin, Amy Honeywell, Melanie Raspen.

**Western Pleasure Ponies (12.2 and under):** Amy Honeywell, Melanie Raspen.

**Western Pleasure Ponies (over 12.2-14.0):** Amy McLaughlin.

**Western Pleasure Horses-over 14.0:** Christy Campbell, Andrea Lanning, Sandy Honeywell, Albert Sweitzer, Don Moss, Wendy Martin.

**Western Riding Contest:** Christy Campbell, Wendy Martin, Andrea Lanning.

**Pole Bending-13.2 and under:** Amy Honeywell, Lori Daro, Malanie Raspen.

**Pole Bending-Over 13.2:** Christy Campbell, Kelly Daro, Ron Morgan.

**Novice Class A:** Kris Ricci, Belinda Sapide, Sharon Magda, Cindy Kern, Jim Sulitka, Angela Lavery.

**Novice Class B:** Kris Ricci, Blenda Spaide, Sharon Magda, Cindy Kern, Angela Lavery, Kristin Nardone.

**Novice Class C-Mini Trail:** Angela Lavery.

**Novice Class D:** Angela Lavery, Blenda Spaide, Jim Sulitka, Sharon Magda.

**Cloverleaf Barrel Race-13.2 and under:** Amy Honeywell, Lori Daro, Melanie Raspen.

**Cloverleaf Barrel Race-over 13.2:** Evan Brown, Christy Campbell, Ron Morgan, Marcy Brown, Chris Mullen, Tanya Spencer.

**Four Corner Stake-13.2 and under:** Amy Honeywell, Melanie Raspen, Lori Daro.

**Four Corner Stake-over 13.2:** Marcy Brown, Evan Brown, Christy Campbell, Ron Morgan.

**Hunter Seat Eq. Jr.:** Daria Lipinski, Michelle Wolfe.

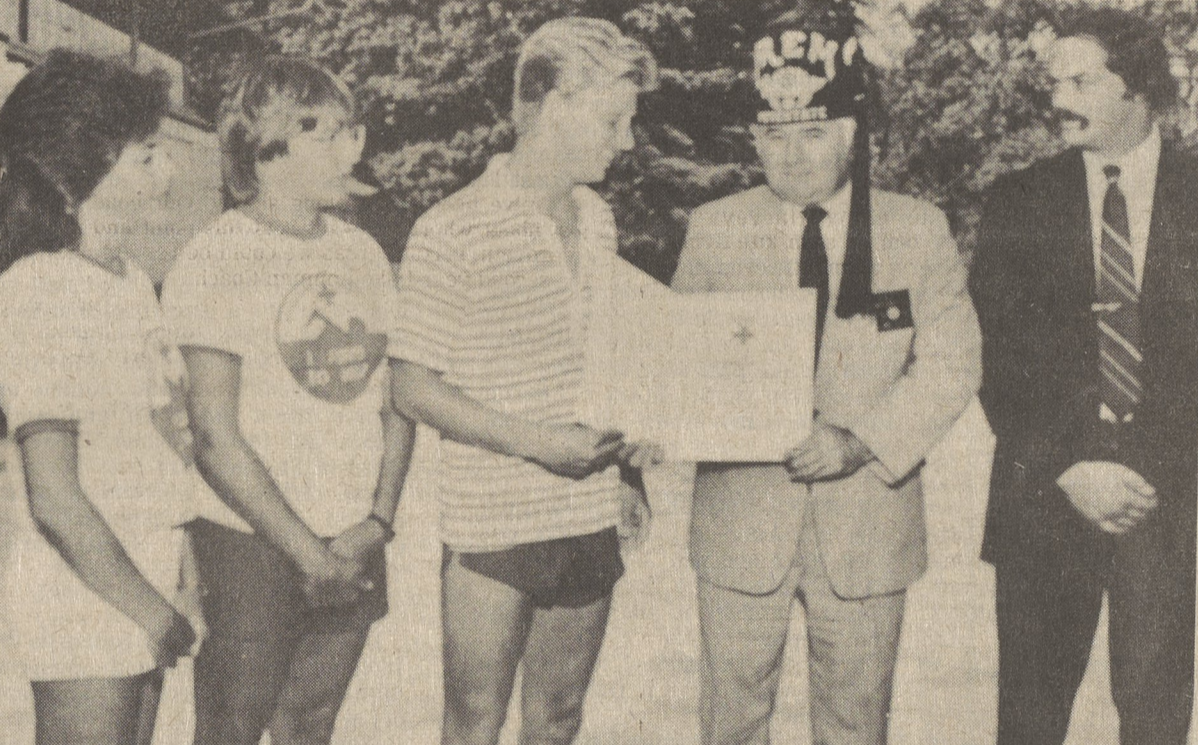
**Hunter Seat Eq. Sr.:** Mary Strittmatter, Cyndi Ricci, Kris Eley, Chris McLaughlin, Susan Thomas.

**Hunt Seat Eq. over Jumps-Jr.:** Dene Stull, Kristin Ecker, Catherine Yanchunas, Beth Finn.

**Hunt Seat Eq. over Jumps-Sr.:** Tammy Strittmatter, Nicole Strauser, Eileen Kenney.

**Hunter under Saddle Ponies:** Michelle Wolfe, Beth Finn, Den Stull, Catherine Yanchunas, Kristin Ecker, Darlene Phillips.

**Hunter under Saddle over 14.2 (Horses):** Mary Strittmatter, Eileen Kenney, Nicole Strauser, Tammy Strittmatter, Cyndi Ricci, Kris Eley.



### Irem swimmers place

At the recent Swim-A-Cross awards ceremony held by the Wyoming Valley Chapter American Red Cross, Irem Temple placed second out of 20 participating pools. Key officials who helped promote Swim-A-Cross at the Irem Pool are shown here. From left, Tricia DeGennaro, Erika Oswald, Bill Jones, Edward S. Powell, Potentate; Steve DeBarry, manager Irem Temple Country Club. Absent at the time of the photo were Lisa DeWitt, Gary Lawrence and Gayle Devine.

## BMMC conducts sports physicals

The Back Mountain Medical Center, in conjunction with the Dallas Family Practice Associates, recently conducted free physical examinations for the Lehman Lions mini-football program.

Approximately 60 plus youngsters between the ages of seven and 13 received pre-athletic evaluations courtesy of Dr. Thomas Campbell and Dr. Irvin Jacobs.

According to Ray Hillman, past president of the Back Mountain Medical Center, the free physical examinations were conducted for players and cheerleaders.

Officials of the Lehman Lions mini-program indicated that their organization is one of eight teams that comprise the Suburban League. The Suburban League playing schedule is conducted from September through October.

Hillman publicly acknowledged the participation of the Dallas Family Practice Associates and several emergency medical technicians

associated with the Back Mountain Mobile Intensive Care Unit.

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