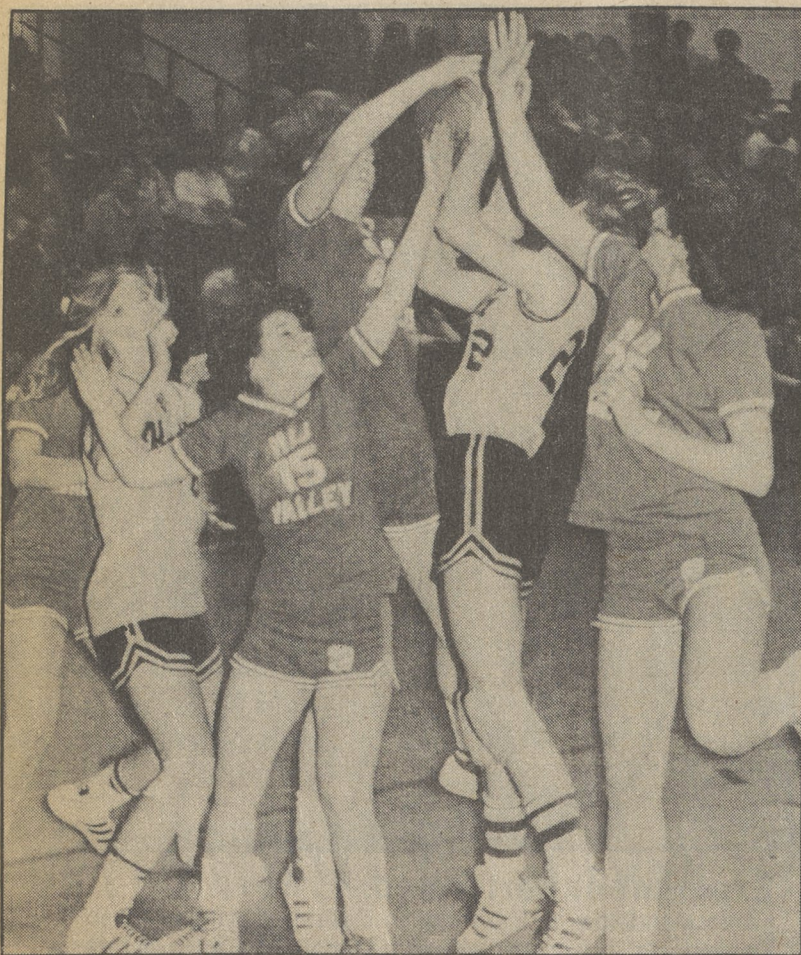


Sports



Hands-on offense

Pam Solinski of the Lake-Lehman girls' basketball team gets a hand on the basketball, despite some strong opposition from members of the Mid Valley team. Solinski scored six points in the Lady Knights' 53-33 victory in the first round of District 2 competition.

Solinski sisters

They stick together on the athletic field

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Most families consider themselves fortunate when they have one outstanding athlete, but Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Solinski of Idetown have been blessed with two - their daughters Jill and Pam.

Jill, a senior at Lake-Lehman, and Pam, a junior at the same high school, have drawn the admiration of local sports fans since they were students at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas.

The blond-haired sisters starred on the Catholic school's seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball teams, coached at that time by Mike Williams of Shavertown. They played key roles in helping the team win the title in the Jayvee League and finishing in second place in the Wyoming Valley Catholic Girls Eighth Grade League.

"Jill and I became involved in the Gate of Heaven program because of our parents' enthusiasm," said Pam. "They were real interested in the girls' basketball team and urged us to play. They have backed us in every sport in which we have participated."

The Solinski sisters are starters on Lake-Lehman's varsity team with Sue Lopasky and Sandy Dicton, two girls they competed against when Pam and Jill played for Gate of Heaven.

While playing for Gate of Heaven, Jill and Pam each won a trophy for foul shooting in their division. Pam also won at the regional level and was runner-up in the state competition, according to Williams.

When the girls graduated from eighth grade at Gate of Heaven, they transferred to Lake-Lehman where they both joined the basketball program in their freshman year.

Jill, 5'8", plays center and averages about 12 points each game. Pam, at 5'6", plays guard and usually averages eight to 10 points per game. Both girls are dedicated and hard workers and put forth great team effort.

But basketball is not all the Solinski sisters excel in - they both play softball and Pam plays hockey. During last season, Jill gained wide recognition for her pitching ability and led the league in strikeouts. She

received the WNEP Sports Plaque and was named the league's MVP, only a few of the many honors she has received during the past several years.

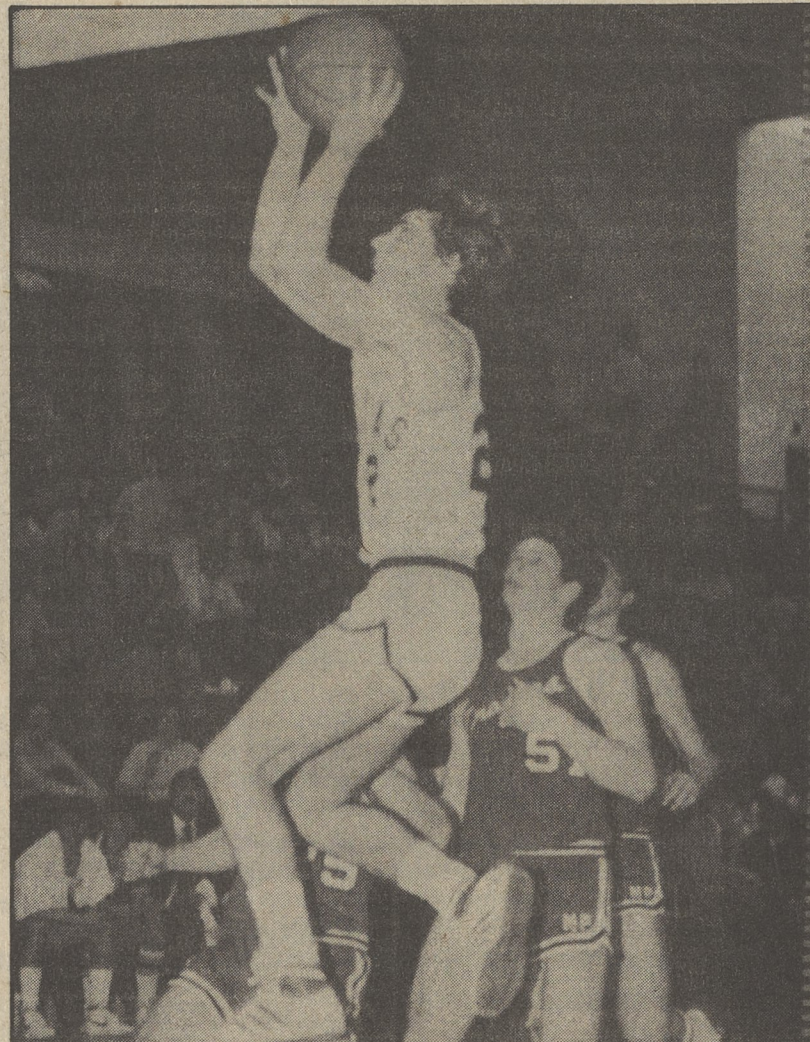
Although Pam did not gain as much recognition as her sister in softball, she played a major role in the team's successful season doing an outstanding job in the outfield. This year while Jill will continue as a pitcher, Pam is hoping for an infield position.

Jill hopes to earn a scholarship through her pitching ability and, to date, numerous colleges have indicated an interest in her. She would like to attend South Carolina and is interested in pursuing a career in Journalism.

Pam is concentrating on earning a scholarship through her hockey ability and is being aided by her coach, Mrs. Jean Lipski. Pam plays right halfback for the Lady Knights' hockey team. She hasn't decided where she would like to go to college nor has she decided what career field she will follow.

Both sisters enjoy running and jog together, although that is about the only outside interest for which they have time. Jill is kept busy with practice and her part-time work at Joe's Grotto Pizza and Pam is busy with practice and studying to make the honor roll.

And when game times rolls around, one thing is certain - the entire Solinski family is on hand, Pam and Jill to participate, Mom, Dad, and sister and brother as spectators.



Up he goes!

Mark Farrell is shown here as he scores two of his eight points in Dallas' 56-47 victory over North Pocono last Thursday in the first round of District 2 Class AAA competition.

Defeat Mid Valley

Solinski leads LL girls

The Lake-Lehman girls' basketball team jumped out to a 16-10 lead behind the hot shooting hand of Pam Solinski and never looked back in taking a 53-33 victory from Mid Valley Friday night in the PIAA District 2 girls' Class AA basketball playoffs at Bishop Hoban High School.

Solinski, who scored just six points in the winning effort, hit all of them in the opening period to pull the Lady Knights to an early lead. The Back Mountain girls jumped to a 26-17 lead at the halfway mark and never had any serious competition through the second half of the contest.

Lehman's Kim Fey led the winners in the scoring department as she canned 18 points and was the

only member of the winning team to score in double figures.

The Lehman girls advance in District 2 competition and will meet Scranton Prep this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Nanticoke Area High School.

LAKE-LEHMAN (53)
Dicton, 1-4-6; Fey, 5-8-18; Hudzik, 4-3-11; J. Solinski, 3-0-6; P. Solinski, 3-0-6; Lopasky, 2-0-4; Judge, 0-0-0; Wandel, 0-0-0; Slocum, 0-0-0; Wascaulus, 0-0-0; Chickson, 0-0-0. Totals, 18-27-53.

MID VALLEY (33)
Liesneski, 1-0-2; Clark, 0-2-2; Ambrose, 0-3-3; Stecco, 9-1-19; Youorski, 1-0-2; Trunzo, 1-3-5. Totals, 12-9-33.

Lake-Lehman 16 10 9 18 - 53
Mid Valley 10 7 5 11 - 33

STRIKES & SPARES

J. Strazdus, Jr. knocked down pins for 224 (545) for Endless Mountains but it wasn't enough as the team lost four points to Gino's Shoe Store in the George Shupp League. The shoe store team were led by B. Cyphers 539, C. Kozokas' 537 and T. Doughton's 530.

In the Ladies Country League the Castlettes took three from Grotto Pizza with no one able to break 170. R. Gula's 186 showed the way for Fashion Vending's 2-2 split with Daring's Market whose M. Hirner rolled 175 (470) and E. Nulton 171.

Dallas A blanked Maple Grove in the Back Mt. Church League and Shavertown B took all from East Dallas paced by S. Fielding's 515. J. Cobligh rolled 532 for the losing five. G. Petzeski's 515 was high for both teams as Trucksville B shut out Carverton B.

In Our Gang League Lee Isaac's 213 was wasted as the Suds Suckers dropped three points to the Lucky Strikes. Barn Owls took three from the Buckwheats and Half 'O Nickels blanked the Mold 'N Oldies led by S. Withers 204.

Mahaffey Oil earned three from American Building Maintenance in the Imperialette League led by C. Smith who scattered pins for 191 (506). D. Molski hit 171 for the losing five.

In Bonomo's Major League G.W. Harris took three from Back Mt. Sporting Goods led by A. Wendel's 213 (599) and D. Purvin's 535. H. Garris rolled 529 and D. Wickard hit 528 for the sporting goods five. Brown's Oil copped three from Sweet Valley Outfitters paced by K. Spencer's 211-209 (587) and J. Roan's 532. The Outfitters were led by the Mazer twins, Gary rolling 210 (579) and Glen hitting 529.

Kenny's Maniacs dropped three points to the A Team in Bonomo Mixed League despite K. Spencer's 521. D. Wright led the Halfwits in taking all from the Halfbreeds by spilling pins for 553. B. Hospodar contributed 504.

Members of the Bowlerette League were unable to hit high scores as Tom Reese girls shut out Brent Long and the Hoagie Bar five took three from Franklin's.

Softball group to meet

The Back Mountain Girls Softball Organization will hold a meeting on Monday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dallas American Legion.

All coaches, managers and volunteers are asked to attend.

Mountaineers win in first round of District 2 action

The Dallas boys' basketball team started a little shaky but got its act together in time to pull off a 56-47 victory over North Pocono last Thursday evening in the first round of District 2 Class AAA competition.

After falling behind, 11-2, early in the opening period, the Mountaineers shortened the lead to 15-10 at the end of the first period and were down by only one, 25-25 at the midway mark.

Ed Gorey led the winners in the offensive department with a game-high 19 points while teammate Dave Thomas and Steve Wilson dumped in 11 and 10 markers, respectively.

DALLAS (56)
Thomas, 4-3-11; Gorey, 9-1-19; Manuskay, 2-0-4; Wilson, 4-2-10; Grove, 2-0-4; Farrell, 4-0-8. Totals, 25-6-56.

NORTH POCONO (47)
Corazzi, 4-0-8; Parker, 7-2-10; Soika, 5-1-11; Huff, 0-4-4; Pehanick, 4-0-3; Easley, 0-0-0. Totals, 20-7-47.

Dallas 8 16 19 13 - 55
North Pocono 15 10 12 10 - 47
Dallas was scheduled to meet Nanticoke Area last night at Valley View High School in the second round of District 2 playoffs. Nanticoke defeated Hanover Area, 62-49, on Thursday evening to advance in competition.

Lehman opens with O'Hara

The Lake-Lehman boys' basketball team was scheduled to meet Bishop O'Hara last night at Valley View High School in the first round of District 2 Class AA competition.

The Black Knights of Coach Roger Bearde finished the second half of Wyoming Valley Basketball Conference action with a 6-2 slate.

Dallas girls lose in quest for D2 title

Valley View's Sue Serafini proved too much for the Dallas girls' basketball team as the Back Mountain girls dropped a 47-37 decision Wednesday evening in the first round of District 2 Class AAA competition.

Serafini, who was held to just two points in the first half, exploded for 16 second-half markers to lead the Lady Cougars' victory in the nightcap of a basketball triple header at Old Forge High School.

VALLEY VIEW (47)
Lupini, 4-2-10; Serafini, 8-2-18; Mazzacco, 1-0-2; Fioretti, 1-6-8; Pazzaglia, 4-1-9; Talarico, 1-0-2. Totals, 19-9-47.

DALLAS (37)
Ciccarella, 3-0-6; Billman, 3-0-6; Gavigan, 6-4-16; Rollman, 1-0-2; Vloedman, 1-1-3; Rinehimer, 1-2-4. Totals, 15-7-37.

Valley View 8 10 15 14 - 47
Dallas 6 4 6 21 - 37

Baseball clinic scheduled

A Back Mountain Baseball Clinic will be held Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lake-Lehman High School.

The schedule is as follows:
9 a.m.-9:25 a.m. Infield and Outfield play, Jack Wolenski, head coach, Dallas Senior High School;
9:30 a.m.-9:55 a.m. Pitching technique, Steve Skammer, assistant coach, Dallas Senior High School;
10 a.m.-10:25 a.m. Beginning a Windmill-Slingshot Pitcher, Flossie Finn, head coach, Lake-Lehman High School;
10:30 a.m.-10:55 a.m. Practice Organization, Bill

Two groups schedule tournament

The Kingstown Township Lions Club and the Dallas Junior High School Student Council are co-sponsoring the Third Annual Freshman Post Season Basketball Tournament.

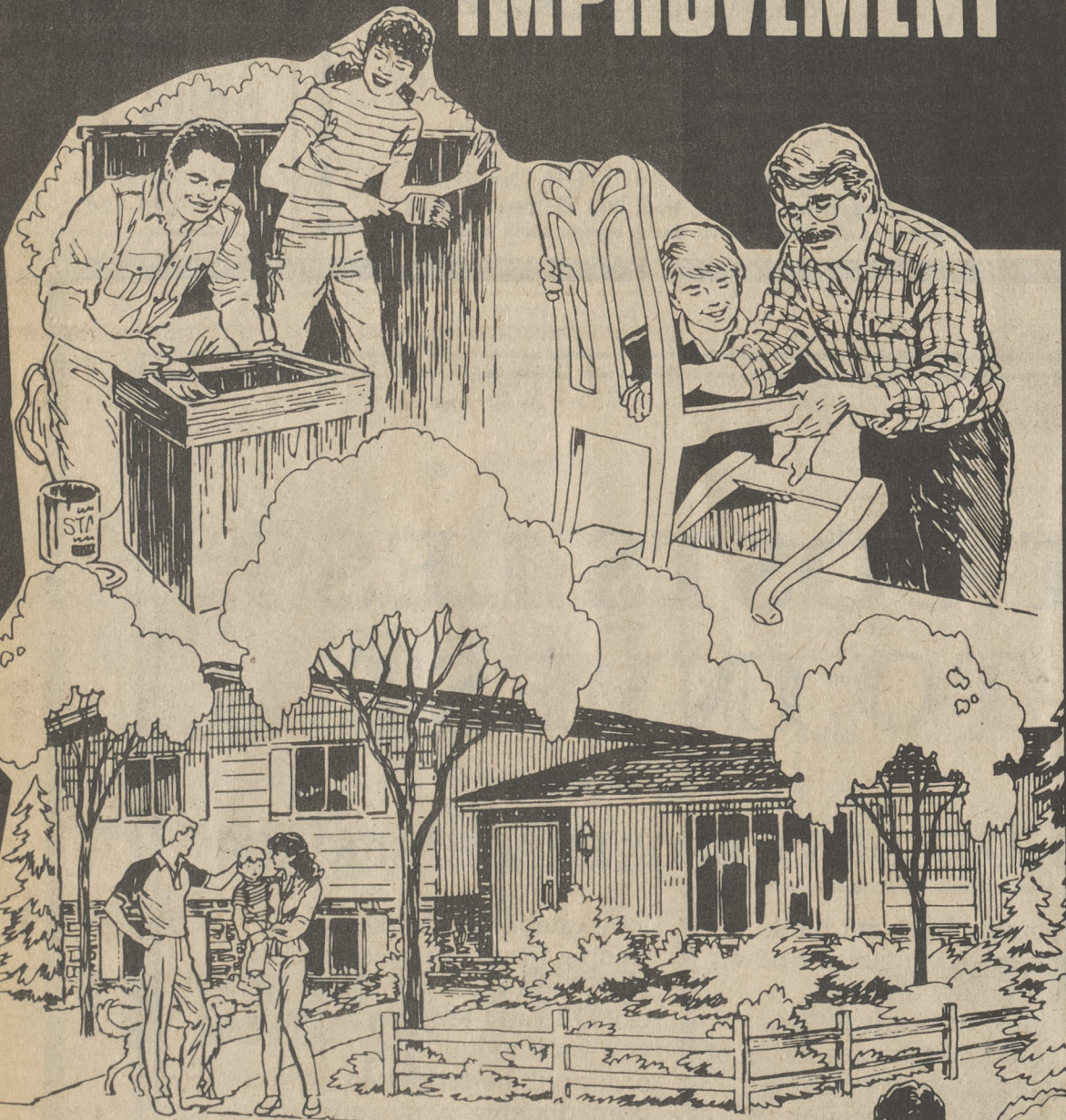
Play gets underway on Thursday, March 8, with the Girls Division of the Tournament at 4 p.m. Dallas hosts Plains immediately followed by Tunkhannock and Wyoming Area.

Opening round for the Boys will be Friday, March 9, with Dallas meeting Tunkhannock followed by Wyoming Area and Bishop O'Reilly.

Consolation and Championship Games in both divisions will be held on Saturday, March 10 starting at 9 a.m.

All games will be played at the Dallas Junior High School Gym.

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