

Sports

Lady Knights grab conference crown

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Lake-Lehman's Lady Knights edged GAR 3-2 in last Friday's playoff for the Wyoming Valley Conference Division AA, but it was too close for comfort for Lehman pitcher Jill Solinski.

The Grenadiers took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning on a single, two errors and a stolen base. They held that lead until the fifth inning when Junior Sandy Dicton got on base on a GAR error and designated hitter Lori Lopasky lined to third. Dicton came in with a run for the Knights on a double steal.

"During the season we defeated GAR 12-0," said Coach Flossie Finn. "And I believe our girls went in to Friday's game taking too much for granted. I was extremely worried about the game because even a last-place team can defeat the top team at any given time.

"I wasn't surprised, but I know our girls choked in the first inning. Looking back at the game, it was good for us because we were down and the girls came back. They know that they can do that and it should be good for us going into districts.

"I was proud of the way our underclassmen came through for us," Finn added. "Sophomore Kelly

Wandel came through with the winning run when we needed it and she had three for three at the plate. Sandy Dicton hit a hard hit which caused GAR to commit an error."

Scheduled to meet Bishop O'Hara for the District 2 championship Monday afternoon, Finn said she felt better going against them this season than in the past years when her Knights lost to the Lackawanna County team. With a record of 153 wins and only 28 losses, she has yet to achieve a District medal.

"I hope this is the year, both for the girls and me," said Finn.

The Knights won the game with GAR in the sixth inning when behind 2-1, they used a bunt to tie the game and set up the winning run.

Cindy Slocum led off with a single and Sue Bonsavage laid down a sacrifice bunt which turned into a three base error. Sue Slocum running for Cindy, scored from first and Bonsavage went around to third. Kelly Wandel rapped out a single to left field to drive in Bonsavage with the winning run.

Solinski struck out 13 and gave up only three hits. The Knights collected six hits off GAR's hurler Diane Skrepenak. Kim Fey, Slocum and Sandy Dicton each added one hit to Wandel's three.



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Thrill of victory

Members of the Lake-Lehman girls' softball team are ecstatic after defeating GAR, 3-2, last Friday for the Wyoming Valley Conference Division AA championship. The girls are shown here in a jubilant celebration immediately following the game.

Dallas girls knocked from playoffs

"Our girls were unable to hit today. We had a chance to go ahead in the fourth inning when we had the bases loaded with two outs, but Jill Radzinski hit an infield fly to retire the side," said Dallas Softball Coach Jay Pope following his team's 3-2 loss to Crestwood in the opening playoff games of the Wyoming Valley Conference girls' softball.

"Tracy Sherksnas pitched a fine game for the Comets. She held our girls to three hits. Their defense was excellent with the exception of the third inning when two bad throws helped us score two runs. Crestwood played the better game today and deserved to win. We wish them the best the rest of the way," continued Pope.

The Comets scored two runs in the top of the first inning to take a 2-0 lead over the Mountaineers. Sherksnas hit a double and scored when second baseman Donna Reeves took first on a Dallas error. Diane Madl rapped out a single to score Reeves.

The Mountaineers tied the score in the third inning when Karen Banks took first on a base on balls and went to first on Pam Hilstosky's bunt. Hilstosky was safe on first when the Comets McGrath overthrew the ball into right field. With runners on first and second Radzinski hit a sacrifice bunt which Sherksnas overthrew into right field letting Banks and Hilstosky score. Radzinski went to third with nobody out but Sherksnas retired the next three batters.

Crestwood went ahead 3-2 in the fourth inning when McGrath led off with a single to centerfield. Shone retired the next two batters but catcher Pauline Polny hit a short pop up to left field which dropped off Sheri Ciccarelli's glove and McGrath scored the winning run.

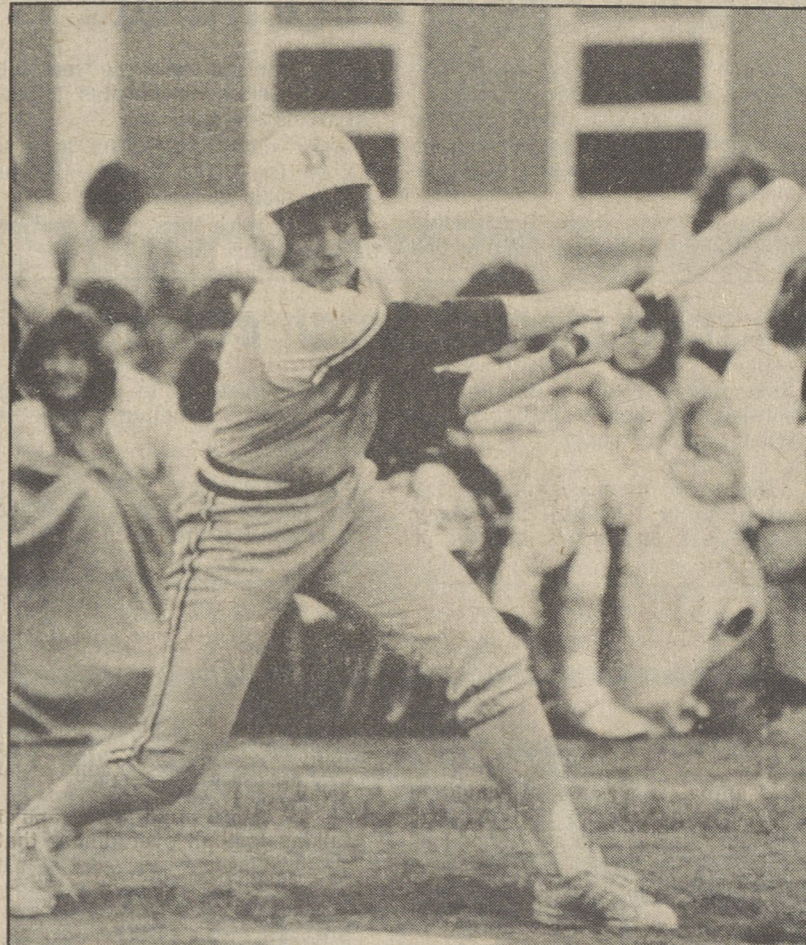
"Shone pitched a good game," said Pope. "She struck out three and walked only one. Both teams played good defense. Our big prob-

lem was lack of power at the plate, that's been our problem this season."

The loss drops the Mountaineers

out of the playoffs as Crestwood advances to play Division AAA league leader Valley West.

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Clean swing

Heidi Scholz of the Dallas girls' softball team takes a nice clean swing during her turn at bat. Action was in the recent Wyoming Valley Conference game between Dallas and Back Mountain rival, Lake-Lehman.



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Safe at second

Lake-Lehman's Kim Fey is safe at second as she slides into an unsuccessful tag by a GAR player. Action was in last Friday's Wyoming Valley Conference championship game.

Belmont Stakes runs at Pocono Downs

A series of thoroughbred racing classics that will be available for wagering by Pocono Downs fans will begin on Saturday afternoon, June 9, as the third and final jewel of the Triple Crown, the Belmont Stakes will be presented at the Luzerne County raceway.

The Belmont Stakes will be the first of at least five racing events scheduled to be presented for simulcast wagering at Pocono Downs. Other events already scheduled for wagering at Pocono include The Travers Stakes from Saratoga, August 18, The Arlington-Budweiser Million, August 26, as well as The

Marlboro Cup, September 29, and The Jockey Club Gold Cup, October 20 in the fall.

Post time for most of these events will be late afternoon and will allow racing fans to wager on the thoroughbred classics and then enjoy a full night of harness racing.

The Belmont Stakes is scheduled to be contested at approximately 5:45 p.m. on June 9. Gates will open at Pocono Downs at 4:30 p.m. giving fans plenty of time to make their Belmont wagers and also get ready for a 12-race card of harness racing to begin at 6:30 p.m.

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