

Sports

Soccer at Lehman? Maybe!

By DOTTY MARTIN
Editor

Soccer may become a varsity sport in the Lake-Lehman School District as early as next year, if all is right for a group of parents interested in seeing the European sport instituted in the local school.

Spearheading a campaign for a varsity soccer team at Lake-Lehman are Chris and Bill Shaffer of Idetown. With the support of other parents such as Charlie Hampel of Huntsville and Julie Rogowski of Pikes Creek, the Shaffers have been successful in establishing a club soccer team which has come to be known as the Lehman Area Soccer Club and has already played a number of games throughout the area.

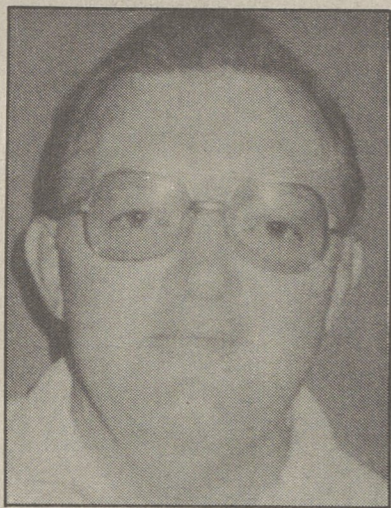
When the Shaffers approached the Lake-Lehman school officials last October with their request to institute soccer as a varsity sport, they were well-received by members of both the administration and the school board. However, requirements set forth by both school board policy and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, the school athletic governing board throughout the state of Pennsylvania, there was not enough time to add soccer to the varsity sports schedule this year.

However, with the cooperation of members of the Lake-Lehman School Board who approved the idea with a 9-0 vote and members of the Lake-Lehman administration, the formation of the Lehman Area Soccer Club came about and currently sports a roster of 26 enthusiastic and energetic soccer players.

Neither Rodger Bearde, athletic director at Lake-Lehman High School, nor Joseph "Red" Jones, president of the Lake-Lehman School Board, have any negative feelings toward the possibility of a varsity soccer team, but emphasized the work that must first be done before such a plan is instituted.

Bearde, who explained the parents approached the school board too late to start a soccer team this year, said he would have no objections to a varsity soccer team at Lake-Lehman.

"They have 20 some kids on the club team," Bearde said. "So, they are obviously very interested in the



BILL SHAFFER



CHRIS SHAFFER

sport. And, I'm sure the younger kids would want to play, also."

Jones, who spoke for himself only and not for other members of the Lake-Lehman School Board, said he feels the school will eventually end up with a school soccer team that is affiliated with the PIAA.

Jones reported he had discussed the possibility with Tony Marchakitus, PIAA District 2 official, and said, "If everything goes well, I think they could very well be affiliated with PIAA next year."

Jones, however, explained there are a host of things that would have to be worked out prior to instituting a varsity sport, such as the selection of a head coach and assistant coaches, an eligibility list and physical examinations.

It seems some concern has been expressed over what effect a soccer team would have on the Lake-Lehman football team since both sports are played during the same season.

Jones, who realizes there should be concern said, "Sure, we're (the Lake-Lehman football team) small now, but I honestly think the true football player is going to stick to football."

Mrs. Shaffer, who hopes to see soccer as a varsity sport in the near future, claims to feel that way because of a need for such a sport.

"I think the need is there," said Mrs. Shaffer, whose son, Scott, is a member of the Lake-Lehman football team. "I think we have the calibre of players and with 27 kids

on the club team, it shows there is a future for soccer."

Mrs. Shaffer expressed concern over the fact that soccer is so big throughout the entire Back Mountain with almost 800 participants in the Back Mountain Soccer Club that it seems a shame there is nowhere for them to play organized soccer once they reach the age of 16 if they live within the Lake-Lehman School District.

Dallas High School has had a varsity soccer team for a few years now and, under the direction of head soccer coach John McCafferty, the Mountaineers enjoyed their first winning season this year.

The Shaffers are not new to soccer at all. Chris was born in England and, thus, grew up with the game. Bill is a retired Air Force man and has coached soccer in England, Nebraska, Ohio and now in Pennsylvania as he serves as coach of the newly-formed Lehman club team. Chris also coached a soccer team when the family was living in Columbus, Ohio.

Jones explained that the interest group of people who would like to see soccer as a varsity sport must first discuss their ideas with the athletic director and principal at the school who will, in turn, have a discussion with the school superintendent prior to making a formal request of the school board.

Jones said he feels the board will then be able to make an honest, intelligent decision and, although he personally believes there is merit

Lady Knights eye inter-districts

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Lake-Lehman girls field hockey team has been practicing daily, including Saturday mornings, in preparation for the inter-district competition scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m., at Keystone Junior College, Factoryville.

Coach Jean Lipski said, that despite the fact her girls do not know who their first opponent will be, they are looking forward to the competition.

Lackawanna Trail and Wallenpaupack were scheduled to meet the first part of this week and the winner of that game is to play Delaware Valley, Thursday, Nov. 1. The Knights will play the winner of the November 1 winner.

"Our girls are excited and enthusiastic about playing," said Lipski. "They're really up for the game; they have been practicing hard and they are in excellent physical condition."

"We scouted these teams and our girls know they must play well. They know they must give their all, continue their team effort and be aggressive."

Coach Lipski said her girls can win if they play their game and do not let their opponents break up their pattern.

"It's very important that we play our game and take it to them," she said. "The girls will have to avoid making mental errors."

Team effort has taken the Lady Knights this far and Coach Lipski hopes that it will continue to take them to the title. That is their goal.

Northwest's goal keeper, T. Vandermark.

In the second half, Stephanie Michaels, assisted by Radzinski, hit one in 17:54 into the period to give the Mountaineers their 2-0 win.

The goal and assist moved Radzinski into a tie for the lead in scoring in the Wyoming Valley Hockey Conference. Radzinski has 25 goals and eight assists to tie her

with Seminary's Donna Zavada, who has 28 goals and five assists.

Both girls have one more opportunity to score with Seminary playing Northwest and Dallas set to meet Lake-Lehman.

The Mountaineers had eight corners, Northwest had 18. Both teams had nine shots on goal. The goalies had six saves each in the game.



JEAN LIPSKI



CHERYL CAMPBELL

Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Cheryl Campbell named LL Homecoming Queen

Cheryl Campbell, daughter of Edward and Florence Campbell of Lehman, was crowned 1984 Lake-Lehman Homecoming Queen during festivities held Saturday afternoon prior to the Lake-Lehman-Pittston Area football game.

Miss Campbell, escorted by Jeff Keller, a member of the senior class at Lake-Lehman, was selected 1984 Homecoming Queen by the entire student body at Lake-Lehman High School after being named one of six semi-finalists last week by the senior class.

The 1984 Homecoming Queen was crowned by Lisa Bond, 1983 Homecoming Queen, who returned to her alma mater for Saturday's ceremonies.

Miss Campbell is a member of the yearbook staff at Lake-Lehman and a member of the Lehman Township Volunteer Ambulance crew.

Members of Miss Campbell's court and their escorts included Mandy Wood and her escort Vince Vespico, Monica Fletcher, who was voted runner-up and her escort Dave Jachimowicz, Donna DeGennaro and her escort Colin Keefer, Deanne Williamson and her escort Tony Sayre, Jodi Casterline and her escort Tom Ide.

Miss Bond was escorted by Tom Kukosky, who escorted her last year when she was crowned 1983 Homecoming queen.

Dallas kickers advance

The Dallas High School soccer team defeated Wyoming Valley West, 2-0, Monday evening to advance in District 2 competition. The Mountaineers will meet Abington Heights in the championship tilt this afternoon.


Abington Heights walloped Bishop O'Reilly, 11-1, in the opening game of a doubleheader Monday to advance to the finals.

Despite losing to Wyoming Seminary in the final league game of the

season, Dallas High School soccer team finished second in the league to qualify for playoffs. Wyoming Seminary, because it is classified as a college preparatory school, is not eligible for the playoffs.

Seminary had 21 shots on goal, Dallas had four. Seminary had six corners, while Dalpas had three.

Scorers for Seminary were by Gerry Gunster, Chris Saul and Jon Berry. Gunster and Berry had two goals each.



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