

# Sports



Starts April 1

## Diamondwomen prep for opener

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Correspondent

With the opening day of the Wyoming Valley Girls High School Softball season, Monday, April 1, varsity coaches of Dallas and Lake-Lehman Senior High Schools are making final selections for their starting lineups and putting daylight practices to good use.

Coach Jay Pope, Dallas High School, has 21 members on the squad but only two returning senior lettermen, Jill Radzinski and Joan Hilstolsky. Juniors Jennie Parduski, Kim Rinehimer and Lisa Gabel are also returning lettermen as are sophomores Heidi Scholze and Tammi Daveski.

### MOSTLY SOPHOMORES

Shelley Kohli, senior, came out for the team this year for the first time, and the rest of the girls are sophomores.

It appears that this season, Dallas will field the youngest team ever starting at the local school. Pope is pleased with the team, however, for although the girls are inexperienced they have a lot of talent and are working hard. He finds them a very

coachable team and says they have set a goal to make the Division AAA playoffs. The top four teams move into the playoffs in Division AAA and Pope says he believes his team has a decent shot at one of the four spots.

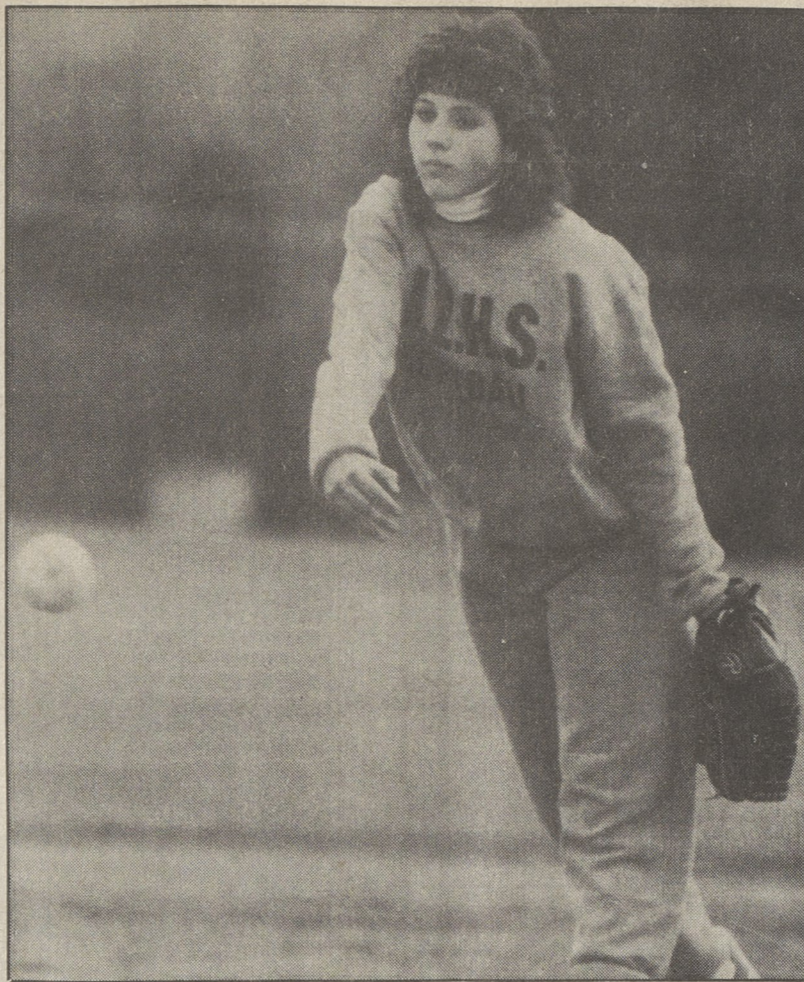
"They have a lot of potential," he said. "It depends on how they develop as they go along. Our strength will be in our defense. The hitting has been sporadic. The key to our success will be our pitchers."

### RADZINSKI LEADS

Co-captain Radzinski will play third base this season and Hilstolsky will be in the outfield. Parduski and Rinehimer will probably take turns at second at the beginning of the season and Gabel will be in the outfield. Daveski will play first base and Scholze will be tapped for the catcher. Kohli will probably get some play at second.

Starting pitchers will be Lisa Sharksnes and Tracey Cave and Pope will probably go with a designated hitter for these girls. For power at the plate he will depend on Radzinski, Rinehimer, Gabel, Scholze, Daveski and Joyce Tinner, who will start at shortstop. Tinner

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### Hurls two-hitter

Beth Finn of the Lake-Lehman girls' softball team displays her all-star form as she hurled a two-hitter against Berwick High School last week. Finn and the Lady Knights captured a 5-1 victory over the Berwick girls in an exhibition softball game.

## Luksic shines for O'Reilly

By JOHN RODGERS  
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Once again, the Back Mountain area has provided a parochial school in the Wyoming Valley Conference with a fine athlete as well as a fine student. This time the benefactor is Bishop O'Reilly High School and the person is John Luksic.

Luksic, a well above average student, has already been accepted at both King's college and Scranton University. His willingness to accept competition is proven by the fact that he plans on majoring in either medical technology or oceanography.

Jim Mahon, head basketball coach for the Queensmen, was blessed with John's basketball skills. (Luksic averages approximately 12 points per game and is the court general playing point guard.)

"John was a hard worker and a good solid player," said Mahon. "He had excellent hands, good speed and good jumping ability. He went to summer camps, and although we do not tolerate missing practice (if practice is missed you didn't play), I know John would always be there."

Although John would have been

better at playing a wing position, admitted Coach Mahon he played point guard where he was more needed, and adjusted admirably, where he was a two-year starter.

John also was a starter for Bishop O'Reilly's soccer team, where he averaged 23 saves a game — quite a feat for a first year goalie.

Amidst all his athletic and scholastic prouise, Luksic also helped pay his tuition by holding down a part time job at the Mark II Restaurant.

"I've been accepted by both King's and Scranton. I'm not completely sure which one I will attend, but I'm leaning towards King's," stated John. When asked if he would continue to play basketball, his reply was, "I will give it a try; I love the game."

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## Little League tryouts set for this Saturday

Boys and Girls Little League Hardball and Girls Softball will hold final tryouts on Saturday, March 30, (raindate March 31).

Hardball-Dallas, Shavertown, Trucksville.

Hardball tryouts will be held at the complex, East Center Hill Road and Church St., with the American League (Shavertown-Trucksville) utilizing the lower field and the National League (Dallas area) using the upper field. Any player wanting to be eligible to move-up must attend one tryout, and all 11 and 12's must tryout beginning this year.

Players 12 years old, report at 9 a.m., 11 years old at 2 p.m., 10 years at 3 p.m. and 8 and 9 year olds at 4 p.m.

Hardball-Lehman Area:

Lehman hardball tryouts will take place at the Lehman Jr. High with 12 and 11 year olds reporting at 2:30 p.m. and 10, 9 and 8 year olds at 3:30 p.m.

In case of rain, 12 and 11's report the following day at 1 p.m. and 10, 9 and 8 year olds at 2:30 p.m.

Girls softball:  
Softball tryouts will be held on the same date as above. All girls from Trucksville, Shavertown and Dallas will report to the Dallas Jr. High at 2:30 p.m. while Lehman area girls of all ages will report to Lehman High School at 2:30 p.m.

In case of rain, girls of all ages should report to their respective fields the following day at 1 p.m.

Late registrations will be taken on day of tryouts.

## Umpires clinic planned

Back Mountain Baseball will conduct an umpires clinic for anyone connected with any District 16 Little League on Friday evening and Saturday, March 29 and 30. Conducting the clinic will be Mr. Frank Rizzo, Rules Comm. Chairman of Little League Baseball, Williamsport. District 16 administrator, Doc Oliver and his assistant, Jack Rinker will be in attendance.

Certifications will be given those who attend both sessions and complete both successfully.

Session one on March 29 will be a

slide presentation from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Dallas American legion, Dallas Highway. Session two on Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., will be the field experience session taking place at the Back Mountain Little League field in Dallas.

A fee of \$3.00 per person will be charged for the clinic. Reservations may be made by contacting Tom Brody at 696-3183.

All officers, manager, coaches and umpires are invited to attend.

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