

Sports



Lady Mounts run record up to 4-1

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The Lady Mounts of Dallas High School ran their softball league record to 4-1 last week by trouncing Northwest, 12-3, on Thursday on the Rangers' field and defeating Seton Catholic, 8-1, last Tuesday on the Dallas field.

Jill Radzinski led Dallas at the plate, driving out a three-run homer in the seventh inning after hitting a triple in the first inning and giving Dallas a 1-0 lead when Heidi Scholz knocked out a single.

The Dallas girls added four more runs in the third inning to maintain the lead they never gave up. Kim Rinehimer had two hits for Dallas and Heidi Scholz added a second single to her first inning RBI hit.

Tammy Daveski gave the Lady Mounts a triple to aid the cause with Dallas also scoring a run in the fourth and another in the sixth before exploding in the seventh.

Tracey Cave picked up the win, walking three and striking out one while giving up nine hits. Patti Korman was the losing hurler for the Rangers, giving up eight hits, striking out four and issuing nine walks. She also led the Rangers at home plate going four-for-four. Jenny Smith drove out a triple for the Rangers in the sixth inning and Robin Confer put two hits in the percentage column.

DAVESKI LEADS
In the game with Seton Catholic, it was Tammy Daveski who set the pace at the plate with a two-run triple but Jill Radzinski and Kim Rinehimer each contributed two singles.

Lisa Sharksness helped in the win by tossing a three-hitter. She allowed only one extra base hit and walked only one batter.

Judy Jimola took the loss for Seton Catholic, walking two and striking out one.

LEHMAN LOSES
Lake-Lehman girls were not as fortunate last week as Crestwood remained undefeated by exploding for 10 runs in the fourth inning to break open a close game. It was a 9-7 game going into the fourth when the Comets pushed 10 runs across to win 19-7 and end the game under the 10 run rule.

Beth Finn and Sandy Diction did the pitching with Finn taking the loss. She gave up only three hits and fanned three but walked 15. Diction gave up seven hits and walked five.

Lynn Coslett took the win for the Comets, striking out seven, walking three and giving up nine hits.

Diction and Susie Slocum each had two-for-three at the plate for Lake-Lehman.

LOSE TO SEMINARY
Earlier in the week, Wyoming Seminary defeated the Lady Knights 4-2, scoring three runs in the first inning on five walks and a batter hit by a pitched ball.

Jodi Petrucelli earned the win for Seminary, giving up six hits, walking five and striking out three. She kept the Knights from scoring until the seventh inning when Cindy Slocum drove out a two-run homer. Laura Maturi and Kim Gramlich had triples for Seminary.

Beth Finn was credited with the loss but pitched only one inning. Sandy Diction pitched the rest of the way striking out two and walking one.



Enrolls at King's

Dallas High School senior Cheryl Gavigan, 5'11" center-forward in basketball, will enroll at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. She will major in accounting and plans to play varsity basketball for the Lady Monarchs. Cheryl is seated and standing are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gavigan.

Gavigan goes to King's

Cheryl Gavigan, 5'11" senior member of the Dallas High School girls' basketball team, will enroll at King's College and plans to become a candidate for the Lady Monarchs cage squad.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gavigan, 100 Ridge St., Shavertown, Cheryl plans to major in accounting at the college.

Under Coach Kit Karuza, she helped the Lady Mountaineers to a first place finish in their league division. The team eventually bowed to Valley View in the PIAA playoffs.

In her high school career, the center forward tallied 1,200 career points. She scored in double figures in 52 of 53 games played. As a junior, Cheryl averaged 20 points and nine rebounds a game.

In her senior year, her scoring average was 17.5 points and 10.5 rebounds per start. She averaged 54

percent field goal accuracy and 65 percent on foul tries last winter.

Coach Karuza says of his co-captain, "She is good on offense and defense, rebounds well, can score and steal the ball. Gavigan improved each year she was on the team. I felt she was the team and league MVP."

The Dallas co-captain played in the annual East-West All-Star game held at Bishop Hoban High School after the season. She led the West All-Stars with 20 points.

Coach Robin Cummins of King's said she is "very excited" about Gavigan's decision to play for the Lady Monarchs.

"She will help our inside game and the overall team potential," said the coach. "We lost only one senior to graduation and look forward to having an improved team with the addition of Cheryl to our squad."

Lehman edges Tigers

Lake-Lehman edged Tunkhannock 4-3 in Northeastern Tennis Conference Southern Division play last Tuesday when Bob Moosic and Kim Kozloski took the second doubles match 6-3, 6-2 to break the 3-3 tie.

The Knights won three of the single sets but lost the first doubles set.

In the singles, Betts of Tunkhannock defeated Stare 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. Don Buzinkai defeated Tunkhannock's Williams 6-3, 6-4 but Peacock defeated Knight Bob Moosic 6-3, 6-3. Knight Joe Lieb took Ungreit 6-4, 6-3 and Kim Kozloski won for the Knights taking Host 6-1, 6-4.

In the doubles, Moosic and Kozloski defeated Peacock and

Morris 6-3, 6-2 after Buzinkai and Stare dropped their doubles match 7-6, 7-6 to Betts and Williams.

In their match with Pittston on Wednesday, the Patriots ran their record to 3-0 by defeating the Knights 6-1.

Results of the match were Joe Valvonis (P) took Don Stare 6-1, 6-0; Buzinkai took Bob Midgett 6-4, 6-3; Kevin Brannon (P) defeated Moosic 7-6, 6-3; Sean Hannon (P) won over Joe Lieb 6-1, 6-0; Gary Worosilla defeated Kim Kozloski 6-1, 6-1.

In doubles Stare and Buzinkai lost 8-7 to Valvonis and Brannon. Moosic and Kosloski lost to Midgett and Hannon 8-6. The Knights are 1-3 in the league.

Schedule thinned

Knights overcome Pittston Area, 5-1

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With Mother Nature playing its own games, the baseball schedule was cut a little thin; however, when given a chance, Back Mountain teams rose to the occasion.

Lake-Lehman scored four runs in the first inning to aid the fine pitching performance of P.J. Malak (3-0) to defeat Pittston Area, 5-1. P.J. limited the Patriots to just three hits, striking out seven and issuing three walks.

Dan Fedor (3b) got Lehman off to a fine start leading off the first with a base hit, then he stole second. Ron Traver (2b) scored Fedor with a shot to left. Fred Gunn (CF) then banged out a double to put men on second and third. T. Willy Cadwalader (c) then hit a shot just fair down third to score both runners. Bill George (rf) brought in T. Willy when his ground ball was booted by the Patriot third baseman. Patriot coach Murphy then went to his bullpen as John Maria came on to replace Chuck Sperrazza.

In the Patriots' half of the first, John Bologna led off with an infield hit, he then stole second and moved to third on a bad throw. Bob Bartoli then hit a towering drive to left for a double and scored Bologna. Malak then bared down and got out of the inning.

The remainder of the game became a classic pitching duel between Malak and Maria, matching inning for inning.

The only other run of the game came in the seventh when Fedor reached first on an error, stole second and was driven in by a base hit from Traver.

Coach Dwight Barbacci felt the key was Malak's pitching teamed with the Knights defense. Malak kept the ball low in the strike zone, which forced a lot of ground balls. The Knights are now 4-3 on the year.

Good old Mother Nature wasn't so kind to league leading Dallas, who sits on top of the heap with a 5-0 record. Their game with Bishop O'Reilly was drowned out and will be rescheduled.

Dallas tracksters upset Meyers

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Dallas High School cindermen pulled an 81-69 win over Meyers last week to hand the Mohawks their first defeat of the season.

Ron Ostrowski and Steve Brace put together eight first place wins to lead the Mountaineers in the upset. Ostrowski took the 100 and 200-meter dashes while Brace placed first in the 110 and 330 hurdles and the long jump. Ostrowski also ran a leg of the first place 400 and 1600 meter relay teams and Brace ran a leg of the 1600 meter relay.

Other first place winners for Dallas were Bob Oliver, 800m run, 2:12; Kern, pole vault, 9-6; Mark Wright, high jump, 5-4; Matt Liva, shot put, 48-9; Brace ran the 110m hurdles in 15:9; Ostrowski, 100m dash, 11.8; B. Farrell, W. Gauthier, S. Starolis and Ostrowski, 400m relay, 49.5; Brace, 330m hurdles, 42.7; Ostrowski 200m dash, 24.4; Brace, Oliver, Farrell and Ostrowski, 1600m relay, 3:49; and Brace, long jump, 18-5.

Placing second were Wright, 1600m run; M. Lipo, 400m run; Wright, 3200m run; Kern, high jump; and Gauthier, long jump and triple jump. Matt Mihal came in second in the discus.

Third place winners for Dallas were Eric Supey, 110m hurdles; Gritman, 400m run; Pivais, pole vault; Liva, discus; and Hislop, javelin.

GIRLS LOSE
Dallas girls were not so fortunate losing 80-61 to the Lady Mohawks. Amy Aston was top winner for the Mountaineers with three firsts and Brenda Harvey took two.

Results of the girls competition were 3200m relay, Dallas (King, Michael, Nattress and Aston) 10:33.8; 110m hurdles, Phillips (M); Harvey (D) Demiler (M); 100m dash, Starolis (D) 13.9; Gimble (M) Murray (M); 1600m run, Aston 5:50; Kapsales (M); Gardner (M); 100m run, D. Moran (M); Murray (M); King (D); 400m relay, Meyers; 300m hurdles, Ogurkis (D) 55.2; Demiler (M) Orlando (D); 800m run, Kapsales (M), Nattress (See TRACK, page 10)

Rodgers on sports

The Finns — truly a first-class act

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There is quite a story forming out at Lake-Lehman High School. It's one, if looked at, is both close to the heart and to the mind.

The pages started to unfold years ago and what is being witnessed is still just a preview. You have to look through the eyes of a critic to really appreciate its value, scrutinize it, try to find fault, and if you're honest, you will see, there is none. Rather, what you will see is simply true professionalism, with an accent of maternal care.

Topic at hand is the new pitcher for the Lake-Lehman girls' softball team, Beth Finn, and her coach/mother, Flossie Finn, who had an idea years ago. It was an idea which wasn't a forced issue, it also was one you can't just go out and buy.



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This idea came with a mutual understanding and an open honest respect for each other. Once the feeling was there, it took a lot of hard work and patience. Flossie had all the knowledge and ability to apply it. Beth had all the raw talent and willingness to learn.

The idea was to make Beth a softball pitcher. A good one. And now it's all starting to take shape. The dividends are starting to show.

Beth started out last year with her first look at game situations where she pitched a varsity contest against Hanover. She also pitched some teener league games. Through her mother's guidance, however, she started out before that with pitching drills which included pitching a sock-ball into a mirror to watch

her motion and release. Now when her mechanics are off, Beth realizes it.

Stepping into varsity duty was no easy task. There were some big shoes to fill. Last year Jill Solinski hurled Lehman to a 22-1 record and the District II title. Jill is now lending her talents to Bloomsburg University.

Beth was faced with the task of adjusting to varsity pitcher from teener league ball and found out quickly there is a lot more maturity and discipline in high school ball.

In her first start of the year, she raised a few brows, tossing a no-hitter against Bishop Hoban. In the game, Beth struck out 13 batters, but allowed 10 walks. Since, she has gone up and down mainly because of control, however, she gained the attention and respect of her opposition.

Coach/mother Flossie feels Beth has one more stage to go through before she is a complete pitcher.

"The last thing is to get the leg through, to really explode from the mound, that's what we are working on now," Flossie said.

With this, comes confidence. Once Beth can put confidence and control together, look out!

I have witnessed Beth practicing and playing. She has speed and poise. She can handle pressure. Combine that with the fact that the Lady Knights are a team of sophomores and juniors (just one senior starter), it seems like banner years are just around the corner.

Regardless of the outcome, it shows how being a coach of your child, if done properly, can be very rewarding. Not just rewarding in a won-lost record, but in a true love and respect for each other.

As I stated, go ahead, be critical, try and find fault — rip it apart. Be honest, though, and be fair. Witness this class act and, if you can walk away without having a certain type feeling, then I'm nothing but a softie.

Kukosky, Javer lead netters

Chris Kukosky and Greg Javer led in the scoring last week to aid the Lake-Lehman Volleyball team to remain undefeated as they took

GAR in consecutive sets of 15-0, 15-6. Dave Jachimowicz was top setter for the Knights, who ran their record to 6-0 in the league.

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