

# Sports



## Summer program will begin

The Lake-Lehman Summer Recreational-Conditioning Program, open to any boy or girl at any grade level, will operate at two sites (Lake-Lehman High School and Lake-Noxen Elementary School) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. daily, (Monday through Friday), starting on June 24 and concluding on August 9.

The program will feature an "open gym-open playground" and consisting of a variety of activities such as: basketball, softball, volleyball, weight training, aerobics, golf, field hockey, flag football, horseshoes, and many more typical playground-gym games. The schedule of activities will be based on the interest of the participants and may be adjusted slightly in order to maximize participation.

The purpose of this program is not only to provide recreational activities for our youth this summer, but also to facilitate the physical pre-conditioning-conditioning which is such an important part of participation in interscholastic sports.

Staffing at the program sites is as follows: Lake-Lehman High School-Rodger Bearde, Sally Galka, Bob Langan; Lake-Noxen Elementary School-Armonde Casagrande.

In addition to the recreational-conditioning program, the Lake-Lehman School District will offer the usual summer instrumental music programs for Band and Cadet Band. Mr. Miliauskas and Mr. Pineno are the instructors.

A summer wrestling clinic for non-wrestlers at the elementary and secondary levels is also being planned by Head Wrestling Coach, Ed Ladamus. Details of this program will be made in the near future.

## Gross returns to area

Baltimore heavyweight Reggie Gross is coming back to this area where he scored a sensational upset over contender Jimmy Clark on March 8 at the CYC in Scranton.

Gross is slated to appear in a 10 round co-feature bout Friday June 28, at Rocky Glen Amusement Park. Reggie, a knock-out artist from Baltimore, M.D., has a 16-3 record including 12 knockouts. He is pitted against the Springfield, Mass., bomber Hector Rodriguez, another knockout talent.

Headlining this Friday night card will be world ranked middleweight contender Mustafa Hamsho going against Miguel Rosa of Springfield, Mass. Few fighters have as much drive, determination and heart as Hamsho. He is an extremely strong boxer with a solid chin. His strategy is to keep his opponent busy, mauling him and tiring him out. Other matches slated on the same card include: Kenny Styles from New York facing Orlando Montalbo of Port Chester, N.Y.; Bronx, N.Y., knockout specialist Ricky Nelson trading blows with Hartford's Ray Doughty; Hartford Buzz-Saw Kenny Rodriguez will meet Murray Frazier from Philadelphia; San Francisco's Sammy Mehias goes against Shawn Binda; Timmy Watkins of Hartford will meet Pittsburgh slugger John Hutter, and N.Y.C.'s Joe Salgado opposes Leroy Rushie from Port Chester, N.Y.

The Card is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be obtained at Rocky Glen, Moosic; Mark-Data, Pittston, Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, Pittston; Tom Taylor's Sporting Goods, Scranton; Dave Febbo's Sporting Goods, Old Forge. Tickets are priced at \$20.00 for golden ringside and \$10.00 for general admission.

## Downs leads Crispell's, 11-1

Sandra Downs led three for four at the plate to beat Crispell's to an 11-1 trouncing of Grotto Pizza last Wednesday in the Back Mountain Women's Softball League. Downs, who cracked a home run, was followed by teammate Becky Faux who went two for three from the plate for the winners.

Betty Newell grabbed the win from the mound and hit a three run blast to lead Brown's to a 7-4 victory over Waterfront Inn. Newell went two for three from the plate.

Corrine Smith also had a great day at the bat for Brown's while Judy Lemmond had a double and two singles for the Waterfront team.

**STANDINGS**  
Crispell's Garage, 3-0; American Legion, 3-0; Brown's Oil, 2-1; Grotto Pizza, 1-2; Waterfront Inn, 0-3; and The Originals, 0-3.



### All-Stars

Shown here are Back Mountain softball players who participated in Monday's All-Star Softball game sponsored by the Dallas Kiwanis Club. From left, Jay Pope, assistant All-Star coach, Dallas High School; Jill Radzinski, third base, Dallas High School; Joan Hilstolsky, left field, Dallas High School; Sandy Dicton, first base, Lake-Lehman High School; and Flossie Finn, All-Star coach, Lake-Lehman High School.

### Two girls hurt

## Kiwanis All-Star Game is marred by injuries

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
Staff Correspondent

The sixth annual Dallas Kiwanis All Star softball game, won 11-4 by the East, Monday afternoon, was marred by severe injuries to two of the West's players when they collided in the fourth inning.

Wyoming Seminary's rightfielder Donna Zavada and Valley West shortstop Debbie Pearn suffered severe facial injuries and were knocked unconscious from the collision while trying to field the ball. Pearn had caught the ball, but it was knocked from her hand in the accident.

The game was held up for at least 45 minutes while ambulance personnel treated the girls on the field, then transported them to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for further treatment. Pearn was treated for lacerations on her nose and released. Zavada was treated for a split lip which needed stitches, then admitted as a patient where she still was on Tuesday.

First baseman Sandy Dicton of Lehman said the girls were coming at each other so hard they couldn't possibly stop and when they collided, it sounded like two bats hitting together.

After much debate between coaches of both the East and West squads, they decided to continue the game for the sake of the other players on both teams, but it was obvious to fans that the kids' spirits were down and neither team played with the same intensity. Players had to be moved into positions they had never played and the shock

dampened the morale of players and coaches.

Tracy Walton of Hazleton was named MVP for the East and Donna Nicholson of West Side Tech took MVP for the West team, going two-for-four at the plate and collecting two RBI's.

The East took an early 5-0 lead in the first inning with a double by Kim Sovan. She went to third on Pam McGrath's foul and scored when Diane Madl drove out a triple. Pitcher Walton knocked in Madl with a single to centerfield and went to second on Terri Miller's wild pitch. Denise Bralczyk took first on a walk and both runners advanced on another wild pitch. Pauline Polny went to first on an error and Walton scored. Another wild pitch moved up the runners, then Candy McGarry took base on an error and two runners scored. McGarry was thrown out trying to steal second and Chris Yench struck out to end the inning.

The West scored two runs in the bottom of the first when Sandy Dicton walked and Jill Radzinski hit

into a fielder's choice. Radzinski moved to second on a wild pitch and went to third on Debbie Pearn's single to centerfield. Pearn moved to second on the throw and both runners scored when Donna Nicholson doubled to right field. Donna Zavada went to first on an error and Nicholson moved to third. Zavada stole second but Kim Menkavitch fouled out and Laura Maturi grounded out in the infield to retire the side.

Neither team scored in the second, but West scored a third run in the bottom of the third frame when Nicholson hit a sacrifice fly to right field to score Pearn, who was on third with a triple.

East scored three runs in the top of the tragic fourth. Renee Pawlusch took first on an error and went to second on a wild pitch. McGrath was out on a pop fly in the infield

A plaque was awarded to George McCutcheon, Dallas Kiwanis, who was the founder of the East-West All Star game, which is comprised of seniors of Wyoming Valley Conference high schools.

## Lady Rebels defeat Parsons

Coach Flossie Finn's Lady Rebels of Dallas defeated Parsons Girls softball team, 6-1, Sunday, June 16, behind pitcher Kim Eckley who gave up only three hits, fanning four and walking only one.

Cindy Slocum was the power hitter for the Rebels driving out three-for-three, one of them a home-run. M. Ryneski, second baseman, knocked out two-for-three and collected one RBI. Scoring for the Rebels were Slocum, Menkavitch

and Cox. Judy Sholtis was credited with the loss for Parsons. Centerfielder M. Pawlusch hit a homerun for the losing nine for their lone run.

The Lady Rebels are members of the Ladies Fast Pitch Softball League.

### Asked to resign

## Kirk leaves Lake-Lehman grid program

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Lake-Lehman football coach Mark Kirk, whose resignation was accepted unanimously by the board at the June 10 meeting, was asked to resign, Kirk told The Post.

"When I walked in to the high school principal's office the last day of school, Principal John Zaleskas and Athletic Director Rodger Bearde asked me to resign. They thought because I had been applying for other positions that I wouldn't be around in July or August when football training was drawing near," said Kirk, who has been at Lake-Lehman for the past four years.

"I did apply for a coaching position at a school in Delaware about three times the size of Lake-Lehman but when I looked into it, I knew they had already decided to hire one of their assistant coaches. Then I applied for an assistant coach's position at Shippensburg University and was notified in April that I had the job, but I needed full-time employment in addition to the coaching. I was unable to find a fulltime position so by May I had decided to remain at Lehman. I would never let the kids nor the district down by leaving in July or August."

Kirk said that since the Lake-Lehman District is small and he is

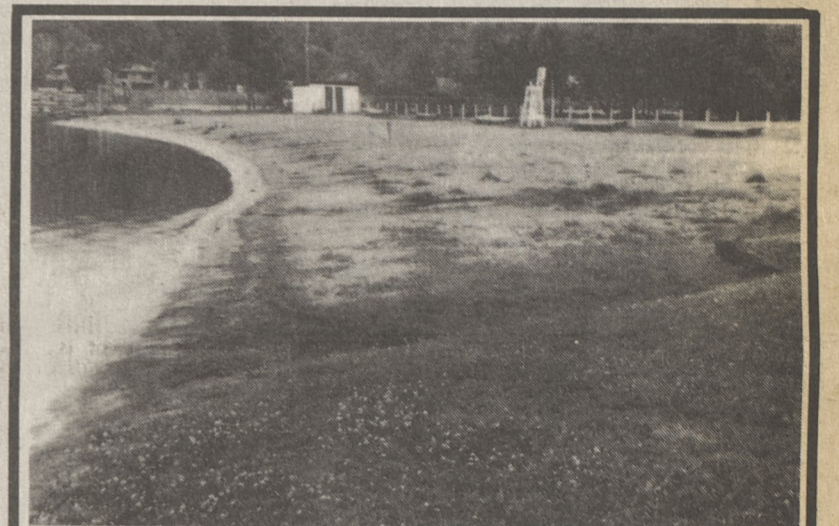
still young he believed now was the time to try to better himself and that is why he applied for positions in larger districts or at the college level.

"When I made up my mind in May to remain at Lake-Lehman, I was looking forward to the coming season. With the new divisional program coming up I felt the team could be more successful. They are a great bunch of kids and work hard. Last season they did a tremendous job of playing both ways. I don't believe there are many kids who could do that."

Kirk said he doesn't want the kids nor the fans to think that he is walking away from them; that he appreciates the cooperation he has received in the years he has been at Lake-Lehman. He still has his teaching position in the district and believes that he will be there although he will not be coaching. He is disappointed in the administration's attitude in recommending that he resign but said that if the situation were reversed, he might take the same position.

Zaleskas said he didn't believe that Kirk had been happy at Lake-Lehman and that he never appeared to have adjusted to the area.

"He always said he would like a coaching position at the college level and probably would have accepted the position at Shippensburg if he could have found a  
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