



Sports



Administrators pleased

Addition of soccer is successful at Lehman

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Lake-Lehman board members, administrators and coaches are pleased with the successful season of their football and soccer teams, which has dispelled the concerns some persons had prior to the school board's approval of including soccer in the high school sports program.

Prior to the board approval before the start of the 1985-86 school year, Athletic Director Rodger Bearde was asked by the board to do a survey of schools who had both soccer and football programs to determine whether or not one program interfered with the other. Bearde sent out a questionnaire to 40 schools in Pennsylvania, comparable in enrollment to Lake-Lehman, which had football and soccer programs.

One of the questions asked was whether introducing the soccer program affected the football program in the high school. All but two schools answered "no". Some did say that other programs were affected to a degree, programs such as cross country and band. Based on the favorable replies received, the board approved the program which was coached this season by Ray Dennis and James Welby.

Bearde's concern was whether there would be enough candidates come out for the sport since with

the enrollment at Lake-Lehman, 14 sports programs could be too many. He did believe, however, that soccer was a sport that would provide extra-curricular activity for those students not interested in football or not qualified physically.

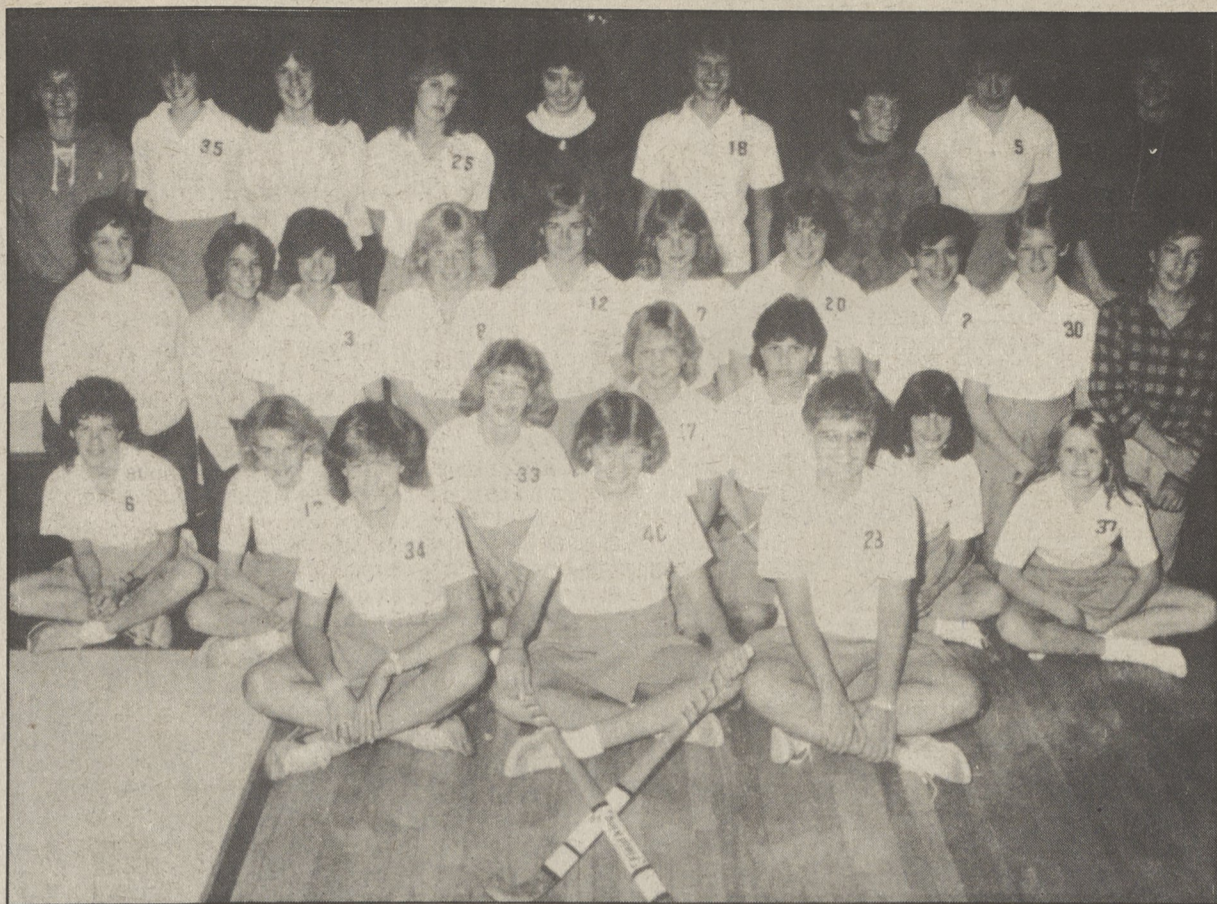
Bearde's opinion was correct since 22 candidates came out and stayed with this season's soccer team and the football team also had more candidates out than in the past few seasons.

"I believe the success of both teams this season, as well as the success of our cross country team (cross-country team took its division) proves the programs do not affect one another," said Bearde. "There is no seeing into the future; those decisions are made when the time comes. This year everyone has been very supportive of both programs."

High School principal Jay Zaleskas admitted that he was skeptical at the beginning of the program as to whether or not there would be enough students showing interest in the soccer program.

"I went to some of the games," said Zaleskas, "and I went to the District playoffs and I was impressed with Lake-Lehman's performance. This year's team has left a good taste in everybody's mouth."

Zaleskas said when the need for the program was evidenced by the youngsters, who became involved, his skepticism disappeared.



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Hockey champs

Shown here are members of the Dallas Junior High School girls' field hockey team who recently captured the Wyoming Valley Junior High Field Hockey Conference championship. From left, first row, Megan Kozemchak, junior varsity captain; Courtney Butler, varsity captain; Julianne Orlowski, varsity co-captain. Second row, Brenda Olsen, Sandy Ulichney, Becky Lewis, Carrie Daknotvitch, Kim Bernhardt, Tina Hite. Third row, Gretchen Schuler, Tracey Michael, manager; Stacy Roberts, Lorraine Mitchell, Debbie Drasin, Renee Strauser, Jennifer Moran, Hillary Cave, Marcella Bone, Tami Froncek, Amie Kowaloki. Fourth row, Annette Tregan, head coach; Lisa Hite, Tracy Stahl, Melanie Langdon, Jennifer Besecker, Laura Poynton, Kim Krohn, Kristen Kerpovich, and Mary Lou Bolton, assistant coach. Absent at the time of the photo were Karyn Klick, Carol Bigler, Wendy Hozempa and Kelly Cavanaugh.

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Booters

Saul could not get to thee crossing shot in time while Mounts goal tender Sheehan made spectacular saves to rob Saul and Guy Gutstein. Just seconds later, Saul knocked in the rebound off Dave Heydt's shot to give the Blue Knights their 2-1 lead which held for the rest of the match.

Seminary's win gave them the District 2 title in their first season as a PIAA member advancing them to the state tournament at Liberty High School, Bethlehem where they were scheduled to play the winner of the District 11 title playoff, Moravian Academy or Salisbury yesterday.

Dallas Coach John McCafferty congratulated the Wyoming Seminary and said the Knights have a great number of skilled players with outstanding talent. His Mountaineers played the Blue Knights three times this season, playing to a scoreless tie the first time, and losing 2-1 in the next two games.

Saul, a Dallas resident, is acknowledged by most coaches in the local conference to be an outstanding athlete.

Seminary had 18 shots at goal and three corner shots. Dallas had 12 shots at goal and no cornershots.



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Barbacci romps

Bob Barbacci of the Dallas Cowboys mini football team gains ground against his opponents from Edwardsville during the Youth Football Organization Super Bowl Sunday at the Dallas senior high school football field. The Cowboys were defeated, 8-6, in their attempt to gain a win.

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