



# Sports



## Lady Knights are young

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Lake-Lehman High School's Girls Basketball Coach Joe Martini has been working tirelessly with this year's candidates in an effort to have things fall into place before the pre-season games.

"Originally, I had 30 girls come out for the team but after the first week or two, that number decreased to 21 members," said Coach Mar-

tini. "We lost all of our starters from last season through graduation and we have no returning letterwinners."

That's what makes it tough for the Lake-Lehman coach this season. He has a good mixture of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen but with the exception of two or three, none of them have any great amount of varsity playing time. Those few who did, never had much to add up to giving them the experience they need.

For the past several seasons, Martini has been fortunate enough to have a lot of depth in talent. He had girls who played together since about eighth grade. This meant other girls out for the team knew they didn't stand much chance of getting a lot of playing time, so probably didn't work as hard as they might otherwise.

"These kids I have this year are young and inexperienced but they have a good attitude and they have talent," said Martini. "But it's going to take a lot of hard work from the coach's side and their side. They have been improving with each practice."

Martini said that the improvement will have to come through practice and through their games. They will take the games one at a time and hope to be competitive by the second half of the season.

The Lake-Lehman team this year is probably the tallest Martini had ever coached at Lake-Lehman and he believes the girls will be good down the road.

He has senior Cheryl Mushala, who will probably start at center, and juniors Janine Kasarda, Diane Jachimowicz and Debbie Levi will probably be ready to start, as will sophomore Pam Coolbaugh. He also has five freshmen and sophomores he hopes to have ready to back up the first five.

"If their attitude continues to be good and they work hard-if we play and work and learn from our mistakes, we'll look for our opportunities to pull off some unexpected upsets," Martin said. "On any given night, a lesser team can take a predicted leader."

Martini told us when he looks at his freshmen out for the team, he sees the potential to have nine or 10 deep of outstanding talent, if they want to work at it. That's what it is going to take work according to Martini.

The Lady Knights will have their first opportunity to show what they can do next week when they play Montrose at home. After that, they will enter the Bishop O'Reilly Tournament, then travel to Hazleton. It's possible they will play Hazleton twice, since Hazleton will also be in the O'Reilly Tournament.

## Adult Cage League announces schedule

The Lake-Noxen Adult Recreation Basketball League, which began its fifth season last Monday, announces the following schedule:

DECEMBER 4: Humphrey's vs. Besecker Realty, Union Petroleum vs. Rebels, Kilgore Trout vs. Mahers.

DECEMBER 9: Kilgore Trout vs. Rebels, Humphrey's vs. Mahers, Union Petroleum vs. Besecker Realty.

DECEMBER 11: Union Petroleum vs. Mahers, Humphrey's vs. Kilgore Trout, Besecker Realty vs. Rebels.

DECEMBER 16: Kilgore Trout vs. Union Petroleum, Humphrey's vs. Rebels, Mahers vs. Besecker Realty.

JANUARY 6: Humphrey's vs. Besecker Realty, Union Petroleum vs. Rebels, Kilgore Trout vs. Mahers.

JANUARY 8: Kilgore Trout vs. Rebels, Humphrey's vs. Mahers, Union Petroleum vs. Besecker Realty.

JANUARY 13: Union Petroleum vs. Mahers, Humphrey's vs. Kilgore Trout, Besecker Realty vs. Rebels.

JANUARY 15: Rebels vs. Mahers, Kilgore Trout vs. Besecker Realty, Humphrey's vs. Union Petroleum.

JANUARY 20: Kilgore Trout vs. Union Petroleum, Humphrey's vs. Rebels, Mahers vs. Besecker Realty.

JANUARY 22: Humphrey's vs. Besecker Realty, Union Petroleum vs. Rebels, Kilgore Trout vs. Mahers.

JANUARY 27: Kilgore Trout vs. Rebels, Humphrey's vs. Mahers, Union Petroleum vs. Besecker Realty.

JANUARY 29: Union Petroleum vs. Mahers, Humphrey's vs. Kilgore Trout, Besecker Realty vs. Rebels.

FEBRUARY 3: Rebels vs. Mahers, Kilgore Trout vs. Besecker Realty, Humphrey's vs. Union Petroleum.

FEBRUARY 5: Kilgore Trout vs. Union Petroleum, Humphrey's vs. Rebels, Mahers vs. Besecker Realty.

FEBRUARY 10: Humphrey's vs. Besecker Realty, Union Petroleum vs. Rebels, Kilgore Trout vs. Mahers.

FEBRUARY 12: Kilgore Trout vs. Rebels, Humphrey's vs. Mahers, Union Petroleum vs. Besecker Realty.

FEBRUARY 19: Union Petroleum vs. Mahers, Humphrey's vs. Kilgore Trout, Besecker Realty vs. Rebels.

FEBRUARY 24: Rebels vs. Mahers, Kilgore Trout vs. Besecker Realty, Humphrey's vs. Union Petroleum.

FEBRUARY 26: Kilgore Trout vs. Union Petroleum, Humphrey's vs. Rebels, Mahers vs. Besecker Realty.

MARCH 3: Humphrey's vs. Besecker Realty, Union Petroleum vs. Rebels, Kilgore Trout vs. Mahers.

MARCH 5: Kilgore Trout vs. Rebels, Humphrey's vs. Mahers, Union Petroleum vs. Besecker Realty.

MARCH 10: Union Petroleum vs. Mahers, Humphrey's vs. Kilgore Trout, Besecker Realty vs. Rebels.

MARCH 12: Rebels vs. Mahers, Kilgore Trout vs. Besecker Realty, Humphrey's vs. Union Petroleum.

PLAYOFFS: With the top three teams entering, will be held on March 19 with the winners of those games squaring off for the championship on March 24.

Game times are 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. and are played at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School gymnasium.

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## STRIKES AND SPARES

Connie Doty continued to roll consistently high series (472) for the women in the Idetown Compact League and stays with the high average leaders with a 157 average to date in the first half, despite her Camaros team dropping three games to the capris. The Aries continue to vie for top spot in the league by dividing equally with the Citations. A. Edwards rolled 509 to lead the LeBarons to shutting out the Corvettes. The Firebirds picked up three points from the Pintos. Dean Doty is top average in the league with 173 and Jack Berti is close behind him with a 168 average.

Roger Harris hit the lanes with 232 (617) for Monk Plumbing in Bonomo's Major League last Friday night to lead the plumbing and heating team to three points from Back Mt. Sporting Goods. B. Searfoss aided with 210 (550) and J. Delvin added 211 (543). R. Herron rolled 540 and R. Harned posted 531 for the sporting goods men. D. Thomas toppled pins for 200-202 (601) and J. Roan hit them for 213 (574) to pace Brown's Oil to four points from Hambos. R. Bonomo, Uncle Rich, contributed 533. K. Youngblood's 229 (528) was not enough to help the Hambos. Back Mountain Inn No. 2 took three points from Sweet Valley Outfitters with L. Wolfe leading the pack with 210 (582). Hot on his heels was F. Hughes with 217 (573) and J. Remington hit 533. R. Bennett and F. Ranell rolled identical 521 series for the Outfitters. Ken Spencer scattered the pins for 220 (572) and F. Cornell gave 215 (570) for the Back Mountain Inn No. 1 but it wasn't enough as they dropped three points to the Bermudas who had an unbeatable handicap. G.H. Harris blanked K Boom spakred by T. Doughton's 215 (565) and A. Wendel's 544. D. Purvin added 210 (537) and C. Kazokas helped with 522.

In the Ladies Country League R. Gula hit the pins for 479 to lead Gordon Insurance to three points from the league-leading Bonomo Sports Center team, cutting their lead to one and a half over Fashion Vending, who split 2-2 21th G.H. Harris, currently in last place. R. Carroll led the Harris five with 177 followed by K. Kalafsky 174 and L. Kapson 173. High for the vending team was L. Cyphers with 471. Grotto Pizza failed to move up a slot by losing all to the third place Castlettes, whose B. Strazdos rolled 185 (507) and A. Hospodar 475.

Humphrey's Apparel held first place by shutting out Lombardo Bakery in the Imperiale League. J. Clark showed the way to the win with 190.

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