

Sports

Two wins move Dallas

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Dallas' baseball team, by the virtue of two wins last week, leapfrogged over Nanticoke, who lost their first game of the year to Coughlin, into first place in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

After beating Tunkhannock 7-6 on Monday, the Mountaineers scattered some tail feathers when they beat the Hanover Area Hawks 7-1 in a game at Dallas.

ball by Dombek, Dallas scored once in the fourth on RBI single by Chris Givens and two more times in the fifth on a John Wertman single and an error to make the score 6-1.

Dallas finished the scoring by picking up a run in the sixth on a single by Ed Kwak to make the final score 7-1 Dallas.

The win puts Dallas at the top of the WVC with a 7-1 record, a half a game ahead of Nanticoke. The loss leaves Hanover's one game over 500, record at 4-3.

LEHMAN IS LUCKY

Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good. Last week Lake-Lehman's baseball team was a little of both as it won two nail-biters from winless teams to raise its record to 4-5.

On Friday, Bill George singled in Ron Fedor with the winning run in the ninth inning to lead Lehman to a 5-4 over Seton Catholic at the losers field.

Fedor had led off the ninth with a

triple when, with one out, George singled him home.

Winless on the year, Seton, trailing 4-1 in the bottom of the seventh, scored three times off Lehman starter and eventual winner Brian Evans to send the game into extra innings. The rallying blow was a bases-loaded two-run single by Bill Higgins.

The loss keeps Seton consistent at 0-6.

GETS DECISION

Lehman's other win was a 3-1 decision at the expense of West Side Tech on Saturday.

Todd Sallo held Tech to three hits and Jason Cadwalader singled in two runs in the top of the seventh for the win.

Sallo got the complete-game win over Tech's Bob Helda by striking out six while walking only two. Helda, though taking the loss, pitched well, giving up four hits to the Black Knights on the afternoon.

With the loss, Tech drops to 0-9 in the Wyoming Valley Conference.



Wrestlers honored

Shown here are members of the Lake-Lehman Junior and Senior High School wrestling teams who were honored at a banquet held recently at the Knights of Columbus in Luzerne. From left, first row, Dave Guzinski, Jeff Austin, Joe Smith, Ty Shaw. Second row, Ed Ladamus, head coach; Ed Stratford, Scott Shafer, Bob Guzinski, Don Spencer, Jim Miller, WBRE-TV, Channel 28. Absent at the time of the photo was Dwight Barbacci, assistant coach.

Pitching, fielding key to Dallas softball success

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Good pitching and strong fielding have been the key to the Dallas girls' softball team's seven consecutive wins in the Wyoming Valley Softball League this season.

Those strengths accounted for the Lady Mountaineers 5-2 win over the Hanover Hawkeyes, Saturday, and their 6-5 win over Northwest earlier in the week over Northwest Area.

The Dallas girls 7-0 record gives them the lead in the league, just half game in front of neighboring Lake-Lehman, whose record is 7-1.

The Mountaineers played perfect ball in the first five and two-thirds innings against Hanover, taking a

4-1 lead over the Hawkeyes. They let up in the final one and one-third inning and had four errors but the girls remained cool under pressure and allowed only one unearned run before they settled down.

The Mountaineers took an early two run lead in the top of the first with Tracy Hunter's RBI sacrifice fly and Joyce Tinner's homerun. In the bottom half of the inning, the Hawkeyes made it 2-1 on an RBI single by Leigh Lahr before Dallas cut them down with strong fielding.

Dallas Coach Jay Pope said the girls were hitting better in Saturday's game but with Coughlin and Tunkhannock scheduled this week, his team will have to play and hit better than they have been. He said late inning mistakes will kill them.

In Thursday's game with Northwest, Cave gave up only four hits to lead Dallas in their sixth win of the

season with no losses. The Mountaineers jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning paced by Kristen Dougherty's double with the bases loaded. Joyce Tinner hit a single and a double for the Mountaineers to help in the scoring.

Coach Flossie Finn's Lake-Lehman Knights exploded for big scores over their opponents last week, shutting out Seton Catholic 16-0, Friday, and West Side Tech, 21-4, Thursday.

Lake-Lehman scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning against the Eagles and the game was a tight contest until the bottom of the fourth when the Lady Knights broke loose to score 14 runs.

Laurie Pantle hit a triple with two out in the first inning and came home on an illegal pitch by Eagle hurler Patricia Ventre. Kelly Wandel hit a single and scored on an RBI single by Cindy Slocum.

The Lady Knights scored 15 runs in the first two innings with West Side Tech and Coach Finn retired the first string team and gave her bench the opportunity to play the rest of the game.

In the first inning, Susie Slocum, Pantle and Wandel walked and Cindy Slocum hit an RBI single. Wasculas also hit a 2-run RBI single to give the Lady Knights a 7-0 lead. In the second inning, Noel Kuznick hit a single and Kuznick drove out a triple as the Lady Knights added eight runs for the 15-0 score.

The young Titans staged a rally in the fifth inning scoring three runs but it wasn't enough to stop the game from ending under the 10-run league rule.

Coach Finn said she pulled her varsity because she knew the majority of the Titans were young and have a new coach.

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