Sports

11-0!
Dallas girls still undefeated

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The Dallas girls' softball team ran its record to 11-0 last week by winning four games in five days. The Lady Mountaineers scored 11 runs in the third inning, Friday, against Hazleton to win 15-5 and led by Joyce Tinner's three-run homer scored nine runs in the fifth inning to take GAR 13-3 in five innings, Wednesday. The Dallas girls used four runs in the seventh inning on Tuesday to overcome Tunkhannock's 3-2 lead by shoving two runs across for a 4-3 victory and against Coughlin, Monday, the Lady Mountaineers outscored Coughlin 11-1 for a win.

16 BATTERS

In the game with Hazleton, the Lady Mountaineers sent 16 to the plate in the third inning when scoring their 11 runs. Kim Rinehimer, Lisa Gabel and Tracy Cave had two hits each. It marked the second consecutive game that the Dallas girls hit well against their opponents.

Tracy Cave pitched the entire game giving up only two hits, striking out two and walking only one.

The Lady Mountaineers took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Tracy Hunter singled then scored after one was out on the Hazleton's centerfielder's error. The Mountaineers ran the score to 4-0 when Kim Rinehimer drove out a double and went to third on an infield grounder by Lisa Gabel. Rinehimer scored on a single by Cave. Chris Legenz went to first on an error, then she and Cave scored on a single by Tracy Hunter.

GET 10 HITS

Then in the bottom of the third, the Lady Mountaineers drove out 10 hits with Kim Rinehimer having an RBI double and an RBI single and Lisa Gabel hitting a RBI double and an RBI single and pitcher Tracy Cave hitting two singles. Chris Legenz went 3-for-3 and scored two runs.

Hazleton scored one run in the fourth inning and four in the fifth before the game was called under the 10-run rule.

GAR SCORES FIRST

In the Dallas-GAR game, GAR scored two runs in the bottom of the first to lead 2-0 but Dallas jumped back in the top of the second inning with three runs. The Grenadiers fought back and pushed across their final run in the bottom of the second to tie the score at 3-3.

The Lady Mountaineers moved ahead 4-3 in the top of the fourth, then erupted with nine runs in the top of the fifth behind Tinner's three-run homer and a triple by Tammy Daveski.

Lisa Sherkness was the winning pitcher for Dallas, striking out one, walking two and giving up four hits in the three innings she pitched. Sherkness came in as relief after Cave was injured when a Grenadier slid into Cave's leg when she took a throw at the plate.

Tunkhannock took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first without the benefit of a hit.

BOTH SCORELESS

Both teams went scoreless until the top of the fourth inning when the Tigers scored two runs to move in front 3-2. In the fifth inning the Tigers put runners on base again with one out but Tammy Daveski ended the inning when she took aline drive from Tiger Mary Ellen Aitken, then whirled around and caught Chrissy Stevens off first base to end the inning.

Tiger hurler Erin Davies gave up only three hits in the first six innings and it looked as though Dallas would suffer their first loss until the bottom of the seventh.

Hunter and Rinehimer led off the inning with singles but Daveski's attempt to sacrifice forced Hunter out at third. Lisa Sharkness bunted to load the bases then pinch-hitter Heather Bachman hit an RBI single to tie the game and Lori Cave hit a single to drive in the winning run.

CAVE IS WINNER

Tracy Cave was the winning pitcher. Dallas defense played an outstanding game, turning in two double plays in the clutch.

Coughlin took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning of the game, Monday, and in the top of the third threatened to score again but Heidi Scholz made three stellar plays to save the inning and turn the game around for her teammates.

Scholz made a diving catch of Coughlin's Laura Vissotski short fly to centerfield, then made a running catch after two Crusaders were on base. She ended the threat and the inning by throwing to shortstop Joyce Tinner, who relayed the ball to catcher Lori Bartleson to throw out Diana Jagodzinski trying to score on Bisset's single.

Dallas picked up four runs in the bottom of the third, two in the fifth, then ended the game with five runs in the bottom of the sixth.

KNIGHTS STAY CLOSE

Lake-Lehman Lady Knights stayed on the heels of the Dallas girls by winning all of their games played last week.

Beth Finn pitched a one-hit 10-0 shutout over Tunkhannock aided by her teammates who scored five runs in the sixth inning. It raised Finn's record to 10-1 in the league.

The Lady Knights had four hits, took advantage of two errors and a walk to score their runs in the sixth inning.

PALANTE LEADS

Lori Pantle led the Knights at the plate with three hits and two RBI's. Susie Slocum, Debbie Levi and Pam Coolbaugh had two singles each while Kelly Wandel had one single.

Finn pitched five complete innings before she gave up a single in the sixth with one out, the only hit the Tigers had.

DEFEAT O'REILLY

The Lady Knights defeated Bishop O'Reilly 13-11, Wednesday, scoring in every inning but the first. Cindy Slcoum led at the plate going 3-for-4, one a three-run homer in the fifth. She also drew one walk.

Finn fanned seven and walked five, gave up five hits and seven runs before Lori Cannon took the mound in relief. Cannon fanned two, walked seven, gave up three hits and walked six.

LEVI PICKS UP THREE

On Wednesday, Debbie Levi had three RBI's and Susie Slocum had two RBI hits to aid pitcher Beth Finn and lead the Lady Knights in their 9-2 win over Crestwood.

Finn struck out five and walked three.

The Lady Knights had 13 hits in the game and scored five runs in the fourth inning and four in the fifth with Levi's double accounting for two of the scores. Pantle hit three singles, C. Slocum, Kelly Siglin and Finn had two each for the Lady Knights.

Lynn Coslett was the losing pitcher for the Comets.

Finn pitched a two-hitter and struck out 14 in the Lady Knights game with Northwest, Monday, which they won 3-1.

KNIGHTS SCORE FIRST

The Knights scored the first run of the game in the top of the third inning on C. Slocum's single. In the fifth inning, the Knights pushed across an unearned run to make the score 2-0 but the Rangers scored in the bottom of the sixth to close within one run of the Knights.

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Superstar style
Beth Finn, pitcher for the Lake-Lehman girls' softball team, displays her all-star form on the mound as she lets one fly during Wyoming Valley Conference action last week. Finn, one of the better pitchers in the girls' softball league, leads the Lady Knights.

Defense defeats Dallas

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In the battle of the Back Mountain, it was defense that made the difference in Lake-Lehman's 7-5 upset victory over Dallas on Monday at the loser's field.

"Defense is what won the game for us today," said a happy Lehman Coach Dwight Barbacci after the game. "Any time that you beat Dallas, it is a good win. Dallas is a good team and they hit the ball hard, but we were able to make the plays."

KNIGHTS SCORE FIRST

Lehman got on the score board early when it parlayed a walk by Bill George a triple by freshman Rich James and a sacrifice fly for a 2-0 lead in the second inning.

Dallas cut Lehman's lead to 2-1 on a solo home run by Rob Dombek in the third.

The Black Knights then took advantage of three walks issued by Dallas starter Rob Dombek and a catcher interference call to go ahead 5-1 in the fourth.

After George took first when the catcher interfered with his swing, Dombek walked a man before Todd Krupa hit an infield single to load the bases. Two walks later, Lehman had two more runs with no outs.

BIG INNING

A big inning for Lehman was averted when Dallas shortstop Marc Ramirez turned a beautiful bases-loaded double play. One run scored on the play giving Lehman a 5-1 cushion.

The Mounts got one run back in the sixth. John Wertman hit a one out double in front of the left fielder. Johnny Harris followed with a RBI single. But Dallas had its hope for a big inning dashed when Scott Francis hit into a double play to end the frame.

Lehman added two critical runs in the top of the seventh. After a leadoff walk, Jason Cadwalader singled to right to put runners on thecorners. One out later, freshman Keith Schultz, who had struck out in three previous at bats, hit a high fast ball off reliever Tim Moyers into left field to score a run. George followed with a single down the third base line to score Cadwalader for a 7-2 lead.

But, Dallas did not pack it up without a fight.

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Teams needed for tourney

A 50-50 Softball Tournament, which consists of five guys and five girls on the field at one time, will be held May 17 and 18 at the Noxen Softball Field.

The tournament will be a one-pitch, unlimited arc with a 15-person roster per team and will be a double elimination tournament.

Team trophies for first, second and third place will be awarded as well as individual trophies to the first place team members. Also, male and female Most Valuable Player trophies will be awarded.

The tournament, sponsored by the Back Mountain Hawks, requires a $65 entry fee plus one softball.

For more information, call 298-2348 or 298-2647.

Run slated

The Wilkes-Barre Knights of Columbus Council 302 will conduct its annual Five-Mile Charity Run on Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m.

The start and finish of the race will be directly in front of the Knights of Columbus Council 302 Home, located at 439 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre.

Entry fee for individual who register prior to the date of the race will be $5 while registration on the day of the race will be $6.

Registration forms may be picked up at the K of C Council Home or at the James Jiunta Pharmacy, 342 Carey Ave., Wilkes-Barre; and at Wysocki's Athletic Center, 91 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre.

T-shirts will be givn to the first 100 entrants in the race. Medals and ribbons will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each age category.

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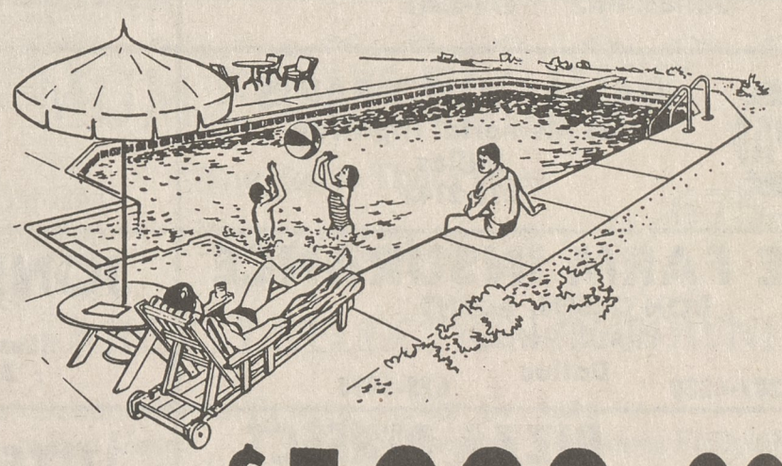

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