

Sports

Finn's one-hitter wasted as Lake-Lehman girls defeated

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Lake-Lehman's Beth Finn hurled a one-hitter against Oley Valley Thursday at Pine Grove, but a bad first inning with five walks, a wild pitch and a batter hit by a pitched ball gave Oley the 3-2 edge it needed to defeat the Knights by one run. The win advances Oley Valley to the state tournament at Shippensburg where they will meet Minersville Thursday at 10 a.m.

The Knights took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning to build their hopes for the win they needed to advance to states.

FAST GROUNDER HIT

Oley's Sharon Howard opened the inning by striking out Susie Slocum, but Lori Pantle drew a walk to go to first base. Kelly Wandel struck out, but Cindy Slocum hit a fast grounder that took a hop over Oley's second baseman for a single. Pantle went to third on the play and Slocum was safe on second on Oley's try to tag out Pantle.

Kelly Siglin hit the first of the Knights three hits with a two-run RBI single to right field and Noel Kuznicki hit their second single over second before Finn grounded to the mound for the third out.

BASES LOADED

Oley Valley came up in the bottom of the first with leadoff hitter Theresa O'Mara striking out but Lisa Edwards walked to take first and Karen Howard took the fourth ball on a 3-2 count to walk to first. Pitcher Sharon Howard struck out, but designated hitter Lori Fegly loaded the bases when she was hit by a pitched ball. Edwards scored when a pitch by Finn got past catcher Noel Kuznicki then Oley's third baseman April Henry walked to load the bases for the second time. The next two hitters walked to send in two unearned runs and Oley Valley took a 3-2 lead all they needed for the win.

Both pitchers settled down after the first inning but Finn gave up her chances for a no-hitter when centerfield Diane Mest beat out a slow ground ball to third in the fourth inning. Oley's threats in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings were cut off by Finn, who retired the side each time leaving runners on base. She struck out five but walked nine.

OUTSTANDING DEFENSE

The Lady Knights played outstanding defense behind Finn but Oley's Sharon Howard got stronger as the game continued striking out five of the six batters facing her in the fourth and fifth innings. She had 11

strikeouts in the game, eight of them in the final six frames and walked three.

Lake-Lehman loses only three starters through graduation and should be strong again next season. They finished the season with 20-3 record.

DEFEATED TRAIL

The Lady Knights advanced to the game with Oley Valley by edging out Lackawanna Trail 4-3 Tuesday afternoon at Kirby Park.

The Lake-Lehman girls scored an unearned run in the bottom of the seventh inning in that game to break a 3-3 tie and advance to the inter-district game with Oley Valley.

With the score at 3-3, Kelly Wandel walked to lead off the seventh and stole second and third. Cindy Slocum and Debbie Levi were thrown out by Lackawanna Trail and with two down it appeared the game would go into extra innings. Pitcher Beth Finn came up to the plate and hit a short fly to left field which fielder Chandra Fleet went after but in making the play she collided with shortstop Carol Gibson and lost the ball. Wandel scored on the play to give the Knights the game.

GREAT DEFENSIVE PLAYS

The Knights also had two excellent defensive plays earlier in the game which were a major factor in the final score.

Trail took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning on a walk and an RBI double by second baseman Chris Gibson. Sister Carol Gibson hit a double to right field but rightfielder Lori Pantle made a great throw to home plate to get Chris trying to score. Pam Coolbaugh later made an outstanding play when she caught a hard hit by Brenda Lewis with the bases loaded to end the inning.

The Knights took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the third when Wandel hit an RBI double to score Pantle and Cindy Slocum, who had walked, scored on a passed ball.

TRAIL SCORES TWO

In the fourth inning, Trail scored two runs on three singles and an error to go in front 3-2 but the Lady Knights tied the score in the bottom of the fourth when Kuznicki walked, went to second on an error and scored when Pam Coolbaugh bunted to the third baseman who couldn't field it.

Finn struck out five, walked four and gave up six hits while losing hurler Laurie Sharpe struck out five, walked eight and gave up only five hits. It was Finn's 20th win of the season. She ended the year with a 20-3 record.



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Wait 'til next year

Next year's another year, says Donna Piatt, right, as she tries to console Dallas Mountaineer Lisa Gabel, following the team's loss to Williamsport in interdistrict play last week. In the background, Kris Dougherty leaves the field dejectedly after the 6-0 shutout.

Lady Mountaineers lose bid for Pennsylvania state title

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Softball Coach Jay Pope's Lady Mountaineers lost their bid for the state title last Tuesday when they were shut out 6-0 by Williamsport in the first round of PIAA AAA inter-district play.

The Lady Mountaineers reached the playoffs at Williamsport by defeating Nanticoke and Valley View in District 2 playoffs at Kirby Park but the Millionaires pitcher Sharon Nichols allowed them only four hits backed up by a solid defense to shatter the Dallas girls hopes.

MOUNTAINEERS OPEN

The Lady Mountaineers opened the first inning with an infield hit by Tracy Hunter but Lisa Sharkness' attempted bunt to send Hunter to second ended in a double play by the Millionaires. Sharkness popped up to the infield and the Williamsport third baseman caught the ball and got Hunter trying to run to second.

Dallas shortstop Joyce Tinner walked and went to second on a wild pitch by Nichols but Tinner was left stranded when Heidi Scholz grounded out.

BILLS SCORE FIRST

Williamsport scored their first run in the bottom of the first inning when Tracy Cave walked the leadoff hitter and left fielder went to first on a bunt single. First baseman Tammy Dickey went to first on a fielder's choice with Gallew out at third. Third baseman Tammy Packer flied out to right field to move up Dorren Mosher and Dickey. Cave walked centerfielder Karen DeLullo and Mosher scored the first run for the Millionaires when the ball got by catcher Lori Bartleson.

The Mountaineers never got past second base in the game and Nichols gave up only four hits, Hunter's infield hit in the first inning, one in the second, fourth and fifth innings. Tammy Davesky, Kim Rinheimer and Tracy Cave got those singles.

ADD THREE MORE RUNS

The Millionaires added three runs in the bottom of the second and two more in the fourth to collect their six hits.

The game was much better than

the score indicates with both teams playing excellent defense and getting some good hits off at the plate which were pulled down by the fielders.

Coach Jay Pope said following the game that his girls were a little surprised at Nichols' speed. He compared her to Lake-Lehman's Beth Finn or Seminary's Tammy Perkins but Pope did not think Nichols was overpowering. He gave credit to the outstanding defense of the Millionaires. Nichols struck out five and walked one but pitched consistently.

GAVE UP SIX HITS

Cave gave up only six hits but

walked five. Coach Pope said he thought the home plate official was slightly inconsistent in his calls on Cave's pitches. She has been taught all season to keep the ball low but he called only about two called for strikes throughout the game.

Overall, Pope was pleased with the way his Mountaineers played but disappointed in the outcome especially for the girls who have worked so hard all season. Dallas has only one senior starter, Kim Rinheimer, so will have a seasoned team to begin next year.

The young Lady Mountaineers ended the season with a 19-3 record.



Bikers raise money

Shown on their bicycles are representatives of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital who collectively raised over \$2,200 for the Wyoming Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society in the recent "Ride to Stop Cancer." A total of 12 Wilkes-Barre General Hospital riders, representing the hospital's Food Services, Laboratory Medicine and Nursing Services departments and the School of Radiologic Technology participated. Luanne Pelsynski of Laboratory Medicine raised over \$600 and Food Services' Rick Mattern collected \$500 to lead the way. From left, Colleen Judge, Shavertown; Luanne Pelsynski, Dupont; Joyce Jones, Wilkes-Barre; Paul Lukas, co-chairperson, "Ride to Stop Cancer," Shavertown; Maria Castellino, Pitston; Jane Adonizio Lukas, co-chairperson, "Ride to Stop Cancer," Shavertown; Joe Simon, Wilkes-Barre; Vince Vespico, Kingston; Joyce Rondinella, Shavertown; Lori Denisco, West Pittston; Mary Banas, Wilkes-Barre.

Mental Health Run slated for Saturday

The Eighth Annual Run for Mental Health will take place on Saturday, June 14.

Cosponsored by the Hazleton-Nanticoke Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center, The Fairview Township Recreation Board and Boscov's Department Store, the 4-mile run will begin and end at the Fairview Township Memorial Park, Mountaintop.

The race features seven separate age groups for both men and women including 14 and under, 15-21 years, 22-29 years, 30-39 years, 40-49 years, 50-59 years and 60 and over.

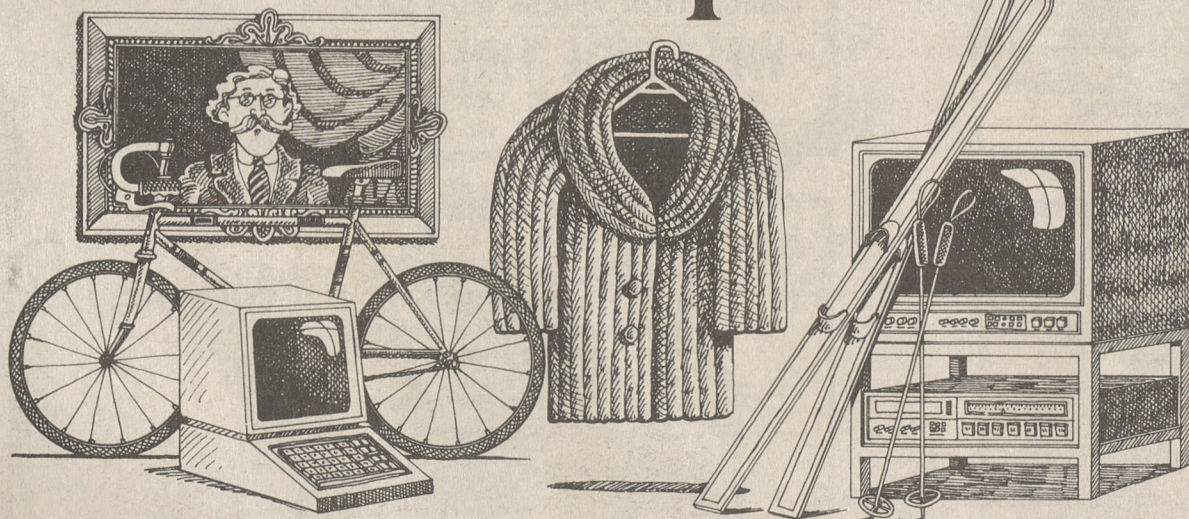
First, second and third place winners in each of the age groups will receive attractive trophies. In addition, trophies will be awarded to the overall first place winner in the male and female categories.

Entry fee is \$4.00 and each participant will receive a commemorative Run for Mental Health tote bag.

Registration for the run will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Fairview Township Memorial Park with the run starting at 10:30 a.m.

Individuals interest in further information are urged to contact the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center, at 735-7590, ext. 550.

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