

Lady Knights slip by Rangers

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The lady cagers of Lake-Lehman jumped out to an early 10-4 lead in the first period of their game with Northwest Tuesday at the Rangers gym and went on to win a closely contested game, 51-49.

Coach Joe Martini said the girls' attention to their game was better in the opening game

of the season than it had been in any of their exhibition games and he was pleased with their performance.

"They put together their best passing game since these girls have been playing," said Martini. "I gave them a pre-game lecture explaining that since we're not a fast team we have to depend on being precise and we drilled on our offense passing against the press."

Now that the girls have their

first season win under their belt, Martini is worried that an injury to Michele Lukas' ankle will hurt the team.

He said he can see a change in the girls' attitude since Diane Jachimowicz is back. She gives the senior leadership the team needed and Martini believes Debbie Levi is more comfortable with Jachimowicz back.

Levi played a great game against Northwest on both

offense and defense and Janene Kasarda had the best passing game of her career. Pam Coolbaugh, who is always consistent, played a good passing game. She put the ball where it belonged on every play.

"Now that we have the win behind us, we need to build with each game by improving something each game without losing what we have going for us," said Martini.

Watch out - Mountaineer girls are serious

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The Dallas High Lady Mountaineers' 64-45 victory over Meyers last Thursday night meant more than just keeping the Mounts undefeated in League competition. It showed they are now a team to be reckoned with.

"I was very pleased with our performance," coach Kit Karuza said. "It was without a doubt our best outing so far. Our half court offense was good for nearly the whole game and our defense was excellent."

And the performance couldn't have come at a better time. Following a Friday night exhibition game with Coughlin, Dallas will take on Seton Catholic away in a battle of unbeaten. Seton has feasted on its first two opponents and both teams now stand at 2-0.

"We're going to use that Coughlin game to put in things

that we will try and do with Seton," Karuza explained. "You are going to see some strange combinations. Don't get me wrong, we're not going to throw the game. But this is going to be a good time for us to try some things."

"We're also going to give Cook (Joann) and Kern (Angie) some rest," Karuza continued. "They played about 30 minutes each in the Meyers game. They really don't need a break now, but later on in the season is when the schedule starts to wear on you. So we will try and rest people when we can."

After Tuesday night's performance, the two girls deserve a rest. Each scored 14 points as did Lori Brokenshire and Eileen Walsh in the Mounts most balanced game yet. Tammy Daveski also chipped in with eight points.

"If you remember at the beginning of the year I said we don't depend on any one person to carry this team," Karuza

said. "That really showed against Meyers. In the first half, Cook and Kern were exchanging passes for inside scoring. Then in the second half, Brokenshire and Walsh started to hit from the outside."

"But we took control of that game right from the start," Karuza stated. "Our half-court game was very good for most of the game. There were only a few times we didn't execute well."

It was during that time, however, the Mohawks were able to cut the lead to 10 before the

Mountaineers broke away for good.

"Meyers is a running team," Karuza noted. "We are basically a half court team. The only time we run is when we are in control. Meyers started to speed up the pace and we tried to stay with them and that's not our game."


The Mounts will need to stay within themselves next week to remain undefeated when they travel to Pittston. If they don't, then it will be Seton Catholic who will be the team to reckon with.

Streak lifts Knights

Trailing, 21-15, going into the final quarter of their game with Northwest, Coach Rodger Bearde's Black Knights went on a 13-point scoring streak while holding the Rangers to one field goal, pulling out a 28-23 win. "It was a great win for us,"

said Bearde. "The team was tight at the start and their shooting was not good. They were missing a lot of shots. Our defense played very well and dominated the boards to keep us in the game. Our guards played an outstanding game."

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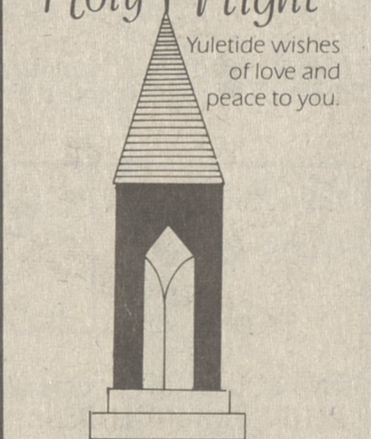
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