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HERE'S HOW - Black Knights volleyball coach John Baranowski explains to his players what he wants them to practice during last Saturday's workout. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

Lake-Lehman volleyball team takes second in tournament

BY CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

Lake-Lehman volleyball team traveled to Northeastern York last weekend to compete in the Bobcat Invitational Tournament and came home with second place in the competition which consisted of the 10 strongest teams in the eastern half of the state of Pennsylvania.

The Knights outstanding performance was no surprise to the high school's volleyball enthusiasts for the Black Knights were ranked second in the eastern half of Pennsylvania and fifth in the entire state last week by the Pennsylvania State Coaches Association, who polls teams each week.

In the Round Robin competition t York, the Knights coached by ohn Baranowski finished second on its court and advanced to the semi-finals by defeating Coughlin 15-6, 15-5 in the quarter-finals.

The Knights advanced to the finals by defeating Northeastern York 15-11, 15-1. In the finals they went against Central York and in the first game the Knights lost 13-15 after going an entire rotation with the score 13-14 before Central York scored the winning point. In the second game, the Knights were defeated 15-1 by Central York which was ironic since the Black Knights defeated that same team in the Round Robin.

This year's volleyball team is perhaps the strongest team Coach John Baranowski has had since he took over the position as head volleyball coach 13 years ago.

He has a lot of seniors on the squad, three of them first team All-Scholastics-Alex Frederick, Allen Andes and Rocky Lopasky; and three second team All-Scholastics-Eric Marucca, John Baranowski and Andrew Sabalusky. He also has two outstanding substitutes in Stanley Scott and Randy Jones.

The Black Knights are considered the favorite to take the league title this season and got off to a good start last week by defeating Dallas 15-0, 15-5; and Meyers 15-0, 15-1. This week they are set to meet Nanticoke Area and West Side Tech

The Knights win over Meyers last week marked their 40th consecutive win, having lost their last league

match in 1984. This is Coach Baranowski's 13th year with the team and during that time he has compiled a record of 116 wins and nine losses, six of those losses in 1976, his first year of coaching.

Baranowski never played volleyball but he was interested in the sport and learned to coach by reading books about it and by attending various clinics. The more he learned the more enthusiastic he became about the sport and through the years he has developed a strong program at the Back Mountain school. The past three years, his teams have gone undefeated with a 13-0 record in 1987, 13-0 in 1986 and 12-0 in 1985.

Prior to taking the Wyoming Valley Conference championship the past three years, the Knights took the title in 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, and 1983. They were also District 2 champs in 1977, 1983, 1985, 1986, and 1987, and runners up in 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1984. For 10 of the 12 previous years, Baranowski's Knights have been state qualifiers. 1976 and 1978 were the only two years they didn't make it

Strikes and spares

B. Clemow's 212 (512) and R. Mazer's 176-176 (509) led the Slow Pokes in shutting out the Bare Essentials in the Barriette League. The four-point win gave the Slow Pokes a firm grip on first place. M. Carkhuff rolled 185 and M. Faux hit 174 for the losing team. Yo Yo's took three from the Misfits aided by E. Feher's 176 (492). High for the Misfits were S. Johnson 207 (515) and B. Strazdus 192 (489).

In the Ladies Country League Castlettes blanked Faux Inn, Fashion Vending picked up three from Back Mt. Bowl and G.H. Harris split 2-2 with Grotto Pizza. Hitting high scores were M. Faux 178 (485), M. Harris 470, A. Tregan 190 (486), E. Roberts 492, J. Haefele 176 (484), V. Patton 186, and B. Strazdus 202 (502).

Gino's Shoes dropped two points to Valley Chevrolet in the Roth Novelty-Classic League while Back Mt. Coffee took two from Rodano's Pizza. Yenason Refrigeration made it a clean sweep by taking three from Davis Trophy and Newhart Insurance took all from the Fieldhouse. High rollers were R. Shoemaker 210-256-205 (671), C. Kazokas 221 (552), B. Mazer 548, K. Spencer 582, R. Clemow 225 (567), B. Finn 546, and Glen Mazer a walloping 244-245 (702). Other high scorers were W. Moore 225 (590), M. Schmoll 566, D. Purvin 560, R. Fountain 539, K. Spencer 575, J. Brady 541, J. Roan 259 (627), A. Faux 245 (665), Bob C. 571, Rex 571, B. Harris 554, P. Foglietta 538, M. Rudick 568, John 586, Chalres 574, Mike 222-217-223 (662), L. Wolfe 258 (659), Ray 233 (586), and Claude 533.

In Idetwon Compact League the Mums took three from the Yugo's shut out the Porsches, Aries Morning Glories and shut out the took four from the Benz, Corvettes copped three from the Chargers, Cierras three from the Colts and Fieros split 2-2 with the Tempos. High rollers were Paul 546. A. Faux 231 (568), Eileen Feher 470, Norm 537, Emory 570, Betty Davis 178, JIm 553.

Turkeys gained four points from the Chickies in the Back Mountain Farmers League on a forfeit while Black Sheep took three from Mules. Barn Cats earned three from the Thoroughbreds and Moo Moo's divided equally with Ugly Ducklings. High scorers were D. Moore 540, E. Dingle 563, A. Tregan 174-181 (511), L. Coolbaugh 561, M. Delaney 576, S. Mathers 176, C. Doty 486.

In Our Gang League Alfalfa's picked up three from Buckwheats, Stymies made it three over Chubby's and Butch took three from Porky. High games were posted by F. Tregan 595, K. Bevan 560, Joan Moore 177 (479), Dorothy Larson 184, Sally Johnson 212 (510), B. Searfoss 560, and M. Carkhuff

Bad News Bowlers blanked Roadrunners in Native Textile League and Alley Cats copped three from Lew's Cals. Sandbaggers earned three from Underdogs and Ringers copped three from The Beast while Pin Pluckers were splitting two with the Ballbusters. High games were Ron Clemow 227-'233-246 (706), Bea Clemow 192 (510), L. Morris 605, J. Brady Jr. 266 (678), T. Johnson 562, S. Johnson 171 (490), B. Mock 524, G. Schooley 532, and B. Morris 537.

Morning Glories and shut out the Violets in the Bowlerette League. Before losing three to the Mums, the Morning Glories dropped three to the Daisies, who took three from the Violets. High games were N. Crane 184 (492), D. Long 170, N. Moser 170 (487), R. Gula 472, 172; and J. Daily 170.

In the Back Mt. Church League Shavertown A blanked Trucksville C and Shavertown B copped three from Maple Grove. Orange took three from Dallas A and East Dallas picked up three from Carverton. High scorers were B. Williams 523, R. Stair 552, Greg 555, B. Roberts 222 (520), J. Mitchell 556, T. Wilson 242 (603), L. Belles 228 (572), T. Doughton 527, C. Remley 532, C. Besteder 222, R. VanGorder 229 (626).

Oranges shut out the Apples in Thursday's Girls League and the Grapes picked three from the Peaches. Pears copped three from the Cherries while the Bananas split 2-2 with the Plums. High roller was D. Kaye 187.

In Friday Night's Men's Major League G.H. Harris shut out Back Mt. Sporting Goods and Gebhart's took four from Back to Basics. Country Surrey took three from Varsity Lawn Care, Roth Novelty took three from Monk Plumbing and Back Mt. Auto Body Shop three from Back Mt. Bowl. High bowlers were A. Wendel 235 (601), D. Purvin 229-249 (662), C. Kazokas 552, T. Herron 558, A. Faux 589, D. Williams 539, T. Ruger 528, D. Johnston 527, K. Spencer 537, S. Vigorito 529, F. Cornell 569, D. Thomas 603, R. Shoemaker 553,

Two weeks bowling reports show

Back Mt. well represented in game

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This year's Unico All-Star West Team will have a strong representation from the Back Mountain High Schools when the squads take the field, June 23, at the Pittston field in the 37th Annual Unico East-West Charity Classic.

Dallas and Tunkhannock enter with the most players, eight each, and Lake-Lehman has three. Northwest will be represented by two players, Bart Matschat, RB-DE; and Robert Turak OT-DT.

The Mountaineers will be repre sented by Kyle Boudreaux LB-TE, Tom Charney OT-DT, Dave Cooper DG-DE, Ben Kern DG-OT, Mike Koprowski RB, Eric Moore, R-DB, Eric Olsen DB-QB, and Jon Wagner, DB.

The Lake-Lehman Knights will have Chris Frederick RB-DE, Jim Sabol and Scott Shafer on the West squad.

The Tigers eight players selected for the West team are Gary Brennan DB-QB, Rich Clark F-DB, Len Dymond DT-C, Mike Grohs LB-TE, Kevin Hutchins K, Steve King FB-DE, Dave Ritz TE-LB and Paul Tuffy RD-LB.

Alternates from the Back Mountain schools are Mark Buss, Bill Janosky and Joe Shandra, Dallas; Ryan Shupp, Tunkhannock; Allen Andes, Kevin Casey and Rocky Lopasky, Lake-Lehman; Ed Kalbach and Dave Reider, Northwest.

Coaches for the West team are Pittston Area's Bob Barbieri and

Wyoming Area's Frank Parra. Winner of this year's game is

unpredictable for the West squad has Eastern Conference Dallas Mountaineers champs and Tunkhannock's runnerup squad while the East team has the Ismail brothers from Meyers and Nanticoke's outstanding quarterback Jim McDermott.

The game is comparable to the traditional Old Shoe game between the Dallas Mountaineers and the Lake-Lehman Knights-record books and statistics go out the window when the All-Star players from teams throughout the conference come together in friendly rivalry to play their final high school game.

It should be a fun game for the players and the fans and the team, who gets the big play or the big break will probably win the game. Last year's game ended in a 6-6 tie



It's over the plate!

Dallas girls, Joyce Tinner, left, Laura Poynton, pitching, and Molly Connolly, are gearing up with some scrimmage play. The girls will play at Tunkhannock on Thursday. Lake-Lehman girls will play at Bishop Hoban, also on Thursday. (George Poynton Photo)



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