

Sports

Dallas girls top Williamsport 2-0

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"It was our greatest win this season," said Dallas softball coach Jay Pope following his Lady Mountaineers 2-0 shutout over the Williamsport Millionaires, Monday, at Kirby Park. "All of our wins this season have been great but this was the greatest."

"The girls were just fabulous, they played a terrific game and Laura Poynton was excellent on the mound. She shut our opponents down with only three hits, struck out three and walked only two. She

put Williamsport off stride from the beginning. Our defense was excellent and every girl came through when she needed to for us. I've said it before and I say again, "They're a great bunch of girls and athletes."

Pope was right. The defense played an excellent game. Poynton did a great job on the mound and Holly Bachman made some great throws in the game and near the end of the game Tracy Hunter robbed one of the Williamsport batters of what could have been a home run. Hunter made a diving catch and saved a run from being scored.

Hunter also had a base hit and scored the first run in the first inning, the first run scored against Williamsport in seven games. Chris Legenz had two hits and with one of them drove in the insurance run for the Mountaineers.

The 2-0 win advances the Mountaineers to the state quarterfinals tomorrow where they play the District III winner at either a field in Allentown or in Pine Grove.

The Millionaires were playing without three of their starting players who were suspended more than a week ago. But this team was the same one that defeated Mifflinburg

1-0 a week ago. Hunter's single sent her to first base in the first inning. She stole second and went to third on an error. Catcher Jill Urbanas hit a fly ball to second which was dropped by the second baseman and Hunter went in to score.

Poynton and Williamsport pitcher Heidi Loudenslager gave up no runs until the bottom of the sixth when Urbanas took first on an error and went to second on a fielder's choice by Joyce Tinner. Third baseman Chris Legenz drove in the insurance run for the Dallas girls with a single to give Dallas the win.

Knights prepared for Mifflinburg

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Coach Dwight Barbacci's Lake-Lehman Knights were set to go into Tuesday's game determined to keep their undefeated record intact.

The Knights, 15-0 for the season and the District 2 AA champions, were scheduled to meet Mifflinburg at Artillery Park, eight members of that team having just returned Tuesday morning from their senior class trip in Florida.

Unlike the Wildcats coach, who has not had an opportunity to see the Knights play, Barbacci has seen the Wildcats play several innings in the game where they defeated Danville 8-5 to cop the District 4 title.

Barbacci plans to send lefthanded

senior Brett Evans to the mound against Mifflinburg. Evans pitched the Knights to their 8-3 win over Scranton Prep last week, striking out eight and walking only one. He also helped win his own game with a long homerun.

The Knights played Scranton Prep at Artillery Park which should give them a slight advantage. The short distance of the left field fence is an advantage for his right handed batters.

Evans has been the mainspring of the Black Knights this season since the Knights for the most part are underclassmen and will be returning next season. If he should get into trouble Tuesday, Barbacci has Keith Schultz, Todd Sallo and Chris Engle, who can come in to relieve.

The Knights have been powerful

at the plate this season and their defense has been playing well. The defense was Barbacci's only concern at the start of the season but they have played like veterans all year.

Barbacci was confident his team had the potential to win going in to Tuesday's game. He felt that winning depended on how badly his team wanted to be champions. In fact, Barbacci believes his Knights have the potential to win the state title.

He planned to play the same lineup he has started all season, Rob Michaels at shortstop, Todd Sallo, centerfield, Keith Schultz, right field, Chris Engle, first base, Evans, pitching, Jim Chamberlain, left field, Rich James, third, J.J. Konigus, catching and Mike Strutko, second base.

Dallas youths star in Pace Setter league

The Pace Setter Juniors freshman-sophomore high school basketball team has jumped out to a fast 4-1 start this season and looks forward to an exciting summer of A.A.U. basketball action. The team, which is coached by Jim Mahon, is part of the parent Pace Setter Athletic Club.

Two key members of the Pace Setter Juniors are Dallas Area High School students, Brett Gauntlett and Ray Russin. Both young men are statistical team leaders in several departments for the Pace Setter Team. Gauntlett, the 6-5" sophomore is the team's leading total rebounder with 33 for 6.6 per game average. Gauntlett is averaging 5.8 p.p.g. Russin, the 5'10" freshman is the team's leader in assists with 22 for a 4.5 per-game average. Russin is averaging 5.0 p.p.g.

The Pace Setter team will play their next game Saturday, June 11 at the Scranton C.Y.C. against the Central City Athletic Association of Syracuse, New York. The freshman-sophomore game will start at 6:15 p.m. and the varsity game will tip off at 7:45 p.m.

Biathlon is Sunday at Penn State

The Penn State Back Mountain Biathlon will be held Sunday, June 12 starting at 9:00 a.m. The race, which combines a 22.5 mile bicycle segment and a 4.5 mile run, will begin and end at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus. Check-in is from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. Late registrations will be accepted then.

The biathlon is sponsored by Shawnee Ready-Mix Concrete Company. Anyone wishing to enter may send an entry form to Rick Evans, Physical Education Director, Jewish Community Center, 60 South River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. Registration charges before June 6 are \$8.00. After that date and until the start of the race, registration will cost \$11.00.

The race begins with the 22.5 mile bike run, leaving from the Penn State campus and heading west on Outlet Road to Harveys Lake, then proceeding to Idetown Road to Huntsville Reservoir. From there the course moves down Hillside Road to Chase Road, up Chase and back to the reservoir. The final leg will take the riders out to Chase prison, back to old route 115 and to the finish line at Penn State. All riders must wear an approved shell helmet at all times during the race.

Participants will then compete in the 4.5 mile run which will again bring them to the finish line at the Penn State campus.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishing men and women in the following categories: 18 and under; 19-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55 and over.



Dallas Horseshoe club is throwing ringers in Lehman

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The sound of steel hitting steel resounds at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds off Route 118. It's the sound of metal horseshoes hitting the pegs as members of the Dallas Horseshoe Club practice during the week or on weekends, the sound of contestants in one of the tournaments at the fairgrounds.

Since 1978, men and women have been practicing and pitching horseshoes on the grounds, in the area provided them by the fair officials. Every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, male and female members of the Dallas Club practice, with most of the beginners instructed in the sport by Alvin "Peanuts" Long.

Long is a veteran at horseshoes, having become involved in the action when he was in the service. Six years ago he was successful in getting his wife, Jean, involved and now they enter as many as twelve tournaments together each year.

Last weekend the local club held its annual Dallas Open Tournament. In order to enter a tournament, horseshoe pitchers must be sanctioned through the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association for a fee of \$10. The sanction card allows them to enter any tournament in Pennsylvania.

In the tournament last weekend, the entries were divided into five classes including the Ladies Class. The other four classes were divided according to the male horseshoe pitchers' percentage, and were Class A, B, C and D.

In Class D Dick Kinney took first and John Kehler came in second. Art Yednaek took first in Class C and Wayne Brown placed second. George Lovell was the winner in Class B and Jim Brennan came in second, and in Class A Glenn Rubendahl took first with former 1986 state champ Glenn Burris close on his heels for the second.

In the Ladies Class Charlotte Reigles came in first and Jean

Long claimed second.

Horseshoe pitching is not only a fun sport, according to "Peanuts" Long but it is good exercise and a good way of losing weight.

"In a tournament over 3,000 pounds of horseshoes are thrown and a pitcher walks about four miles. You also have an opportunity to meet some of the nicest people," Long said. "It's also a good family sport for the entire family to become involved with."

If persons are just learning, they throw 100 horseshoes, then Long counts the number of ringers made and designates the class the beginner starts in. Contestants over 17 years of age are considered adults and if they win in a tournament and receive a cash prize, which most do, the contestants are then considered adults. Contestants under 17, however, do not receive cash awards and are considered amateurs.

The cold weather does not interfere with the sport for the contestants merely move inside the huge building they have in the horseshoe pitching area to use one of the two courts there.

In addition to the Dallas Club, there are clubs in Edwardsville and Mountaintop and Nanticoke has just opened a court.

"Horseshoe pitching is fun and it is also inexpensive so families can afford it," Long explained. "It takes only coordination and concentration to become a good horseshoe pitcher."

Each year a world tournament is held somewhere in the United States and this year, it is in California. Much as the Longs enjoy horseshoe pitching they are passing up the world tournament this year but plan to make it again next season when it will be in the Midwest.

In the meantime, the ring of the metal horseshoes will continue to send 'metal music' to the ears of the club members as they practice every Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, sharpening their skills.

Harveys Lake tops Teener League

In opening day action, Thursday, May 26, Harveys Lake defeated the White Sox 10-4 behind the 13 strike-out pitching of Chris Bowman. Leading the way with 3 hits was Bill Vigorito; Bowman tripled and scored 3 runs. Losing pitcher Mike Prokopchak paced the White Sox, going 3 for 3, while Jason Davies, chipped in with 2 hits.

The game between the Brewers and Beaumont was called due to darkness.

On Tuesday, May 31, Harveys Lake improved to 2-0 by defeating the Brewers 6-1. Jesse Sorber picked up the win, allowing only 2 hits. Chris Bowman and Dave Outridge had 2 hits each. John Baranowski took the loss.

The White Sox picked up their first victory by defeating Beaumont 11-1 in a game called by the 10-run rule after 5 innings. Winning pitcher Mike Prokopchak went 4 for 4. Chuck Lamoreaux had a pair of hits including a triple and 3 RBI. Losing pitcher was Dave Konopke.

The Cardinals opened the defense of their title by knocking off Beaumont 6-2 on Thursday, June 2. Sam

Gorgone went the distance scattering 5 hits while striking out 7. Gorgone, Jim Chamberlain, Mike Sholtis and Randy Parry had 2 hits apiece. Chris Ball absorbed the loss.

The Brewers knocked off the White Sox 12-1 in a game called after 5 innings by the 10 run rule. John Baranowski got the win scattering 3 hits while striking out 10. He also went 3 for 3 with 4 RBI's. Pete Kerdesky scored 4 runs and stole 6 bases. Losing pitcher was Hugo Selenski.

The Dodgers knocked off the Yankees 5-1 on Saturday, June 4, as Tony Finarelli went the distance striking out 8 while giving up 5 hits. Emery Yurko turned in several outstanding defensive plays at third base. Losing pitcher was Brett Gauntlett.

Standings

Harveys Lake 2-0
Cardinals 1-0
Dodgers 1-0
Brewers 1-1
Yankees 0-1
White Sox 1-2
Beaumont 0-2



Weidlich honored.

Dallas High School Soccer Club honored assistant soccer coach Herb Weidlich who is leaving for another position. Above, from left, Richard Ursiak presents Weidlich with a farewell gift while head coach John McCaffrey congratulates his assistant. (Charlot M. Denmon Photo)

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