

SPORTS

Black Knights post easy wins over Seton and Hanover

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Lake-Lehman Coach Rodger Bearde's Black Knights ran their record to 2-2 last week by defeating Seton Catholic 62-54 and Hanover 76-43 in the Wyoming Valley Conference basketball competition.

The Knights rebounded from a deficit at halftime to outscore Seton Catholic 23-9 in the third period then make it 16-11 in the final period to win 62-54 going away.

Len Annetta's shooting led the Knights on offense with help from Mike Strutko and Frank Coslett.

Coach Bearde said the boys scoring was improving but he still gave

credit for the victories to his team's defense. The Knights stayed cool and held Seton to low scoring in the second half.

In Friday night's game at Hanover, the Knights had little trouble in taking a 76-43 win from the young Hawks.

Annetta started off the Knights in the opening minutes of the game with a three pointer but Hanover came back strong to collect six points to take a three point lead.

Strutko and Coslett combined with Annetta to lead a scoring attack with Strutko with Strutko putting in seven points to give the Knights a 12-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. Coslett added 10

points in the first half and Strutko got inside for several layups to give his team a 33-21 half time lead.

In the second half the Knights improved their running game and moved the ball more. They passed the ball well and Coslett, Strutko and Annetta combined for 53 points in the game.

The Knights scored 43 points in the second half.

Bearde said his young players are improving with each game and as they get better on rebounding and defense, they will be able to stay in any game.

With league play resuming January 3, the Knights are scheduled to play Wyoming Seminary at home that night.



Tony's Phonies win middle school season

The Dallas Middle School sixth grade intramural season ended with Tony's Phonies emerging as the season champion. The winners received a plaque recognizing their accomplishment.

This was the first of a series of intramural sports activities for the sixth grade. Program directors are Mrs. Ann Seitz, Mr. John Wolensky and Mr. Robert Mitkus.

First row, from left, Tim Raub, Jamie Bottoms, Drew James, Jason Hudak, Chris Robinson, Eric Metague, Jennifer Sabatura.

Second row, Jim Prebola, Scott Wasic, Michael Viglone, Mike Diamond, Danny Macola, Ryan Borasky, Melanie Meholchick, Mandy Diaz, Kathleen Krench.

Third row, Mrs. Ann Seitz, Karen Smith, Mary Jesso, Laura Chocallo, Kelly West, Brennen Murphy, Melissa Sandsbury.

Last row, Mr. Robert Mitkus, Dave Townsend, Mr. Anthony Chiarucci and Amy Layou.

Dallas plays tough early, but drops two games in the end

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Coach Clarence Ozgo knew at the beginning of the season it would take patience, and a lot of work to get his young Dallas Mountaineers to the point where they could play even with their opponents, and he is using both as he and his assistants develop the athletes with each game.

Randy Coolbaugh is his only returning starter from last season, but with him and transferee Matt McQuide, Ray Russin and Jim Lister, Ozgo is bringing the team together through their first four losses.

Ozgo said Brett Gauntlett is beginning to show marked improvement and despite their recent losses to Nanticoke and Wyoming Area, his

boys are working hard and are determined to surprise some teams by the second half.

The Nanticoke game was running close until the fourth period when the Trojans Mike Zubritski and Mike Santuck came on strong to lead the team in outscoring Dallas 25-17 to come out on top 57-44.

Coolbaugh led the Mountaineers with 12 points and Gauntlett tossed in 10 points.

The Mountaineers hosted Wyoming Area Friday night and played the Warriors even the first half with the score tied 32-32 at halftime. The Warriors pulled away in the second half for a 68-57 victory.

The Warriors 6'7" Chris Wickizer was plagued with fouls during the first half and after picking up a fourth foul in the third quarter

Wickizer sat out most of the final period.

With Wickizer out of the game, his teammates, Steve Orloski, Kevin Conrad, Mike Valenti and Ron DeLucca hit in double figures to aid the Warriors in the second half.

The Warriors outscored the Mountaineers 22-10 in the third period and held the scoring to 15 points each team in the fourth, not giving the Mountaineers much opportunity.

Jim Lister led Dallas with 18 points, including two three-point goals. Brett Gauntlett put in 12 points for the Mountaineers. Russin and McQuide also had a three-pointer for the Mountaineers.

Bishop Hoban will host Dallas when league action resumes January 3.

Lady Knights off to perfect start

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Lake-Lehman girls basketball team is off to a good start this season as they go into next week's league action with a 4-0 record.

In a Wyoming Valley Conference makeup game last Friday, the Lady Knights defeated Hanover 55-41 behind double digit scoring by Marjjo Martini and Alyson Davis, who each dumped in 11 points. Karen White helped in the win with 11 points and Michelle Lukas added a eight.

Martini, Coach Joe Martini's daughter, has been an assist to the leadership in this season's team.

In last Monday's game with Seton Catholic, the Lady Knights took a 13-4 lead in the first period and never looked back. They played strong defense against the Eagles and Martini led the offense in scoring with 17 points. Wendy Skibitsky added 10 and Lukas put in nine for the Lady Knights, who outscored the Eagles every period.

The Lady Knights will play Wyoming Seminary when league play resumes next week.

Sims named to AP all-state football team

Stan Sims, Lake-Lehman's outstanding offensive lineman, was named last week to the Associated Press 1988 Small School All-State football team. The team was released Friday. Sims was the only Back Mountain athlete to be selected.

At 6-foot-3, 275 pounds,

Sims spent the season opening holes in the defense for the Black Knight's running backs and holding back attacking defenses to give quarterback Len Annetta time to pass. Sims often played both ways, becoming a defensive tackle when on defense.

Seniors welcome new members

President Joe Precone presided at the recent meeting of the Back Mountain Senior Citizens, under Project HEAD, Mary Ann Daley, coordinator.

Membership co-chairman, Vicki Leo, announced that 1989 dues are payable in February. Three new members, Dot Adamski, Betty Mahle and Marjorie Mattern were introduced. The membership now totals 76, and new members are always welcome.

The group meets twice monthly: on the first Monday of the month which is a business meeting; and the third Thursday of the month, which is reserved for Arts and Crafts projects and socializing.

December birthdays noted were: Kaye Ray, Kay Hudak and Florence Precone.

Election of officers will be held in February. Serving on the nominating committee are: Pat Baloga, Gert Miscavage, and Bob Rogers.



Cougars take 3rd in tourney

Dr. Bruce Wilson, acting president of College Misericordia, recently congratulated the men's basketball team for winning third-place in the Shenandoah Apple Tournament. The team defeated Virginia Intermont 89-85 to earn the trophy.

Pictured from top left are varsity players: Jeff Dutzer, Mike Brown, Paul Gorski, Bruce Szczecinski. In the middle row are: Reggie Burks, Dr. Bruce Wilson, Bill Clark, Karl Reiff, Mark Atherton. Seated are: Chris Murphy, Derek Gregg, Tom Carroll and Leonard Farlow.

Members of Fino's Shoe Store in the Roth Novelty Classic League took all from Bonanza Beverage while Newell Fuel took all from the Locker Room and Fieldhouse picked up all from Newhart Insurance. Back Mountain Coffee made it 2-1 over Valley Chevrolet and Triangle Building Center took two from Noon's Service Station.

J. Lerch rolled 202 (556), T. Doughton hit 234 (549), M. Carkhuff posted 548 and L. Coolbaugh hit 523 for Gino's. Newell had Terry's 210-210-212 (632), Ken's 215-214 (610) and Bo Searfoss' 215 (600). B. Considine knocked down pins for 231 (623), F. Tregan hit wood for 576, K. Bevan scored 551 and T. Considine posted 534 for the Locker Room. R. Shoemaker walloped pins for 250-278 (713) and J. Grohowski added 210-214 (603) for the Fieldhouse. W. Wesley added 528 and B. Eipper 520. R. Harned rolled 215 (573) and H. Shaver 565 for the Newhart five. R. Clemow posted 231-222 (621) and K. Blight hit 240 (608). High fives were S. Vigorito's 540, G. Gobb's 538, J. Roan's 567, B. Mazer's 534 and L. Lavelle's 533. Joe S. gave 595, Tom B. 591, Don P. 568, Mike R. 553, Tom S. 544, Mark S. 236 (552) and Red S. 526.

In the Ladies Country League Grotto Pizza shut out Fashion Vending while Castlettes lost four to Faux Inn. The pizza team took the first half title by one and a half points over Castlettes. Fashion Vending finished third, G.H. Harris fourth, Faux Inn fifth and Back Mountain Bowl last. M. Faux rolled 201-205 (566), C. Smith hit 203 (506), A. Tregan 179 (492), N. Stredny 172 and M.E. Neely 170. In a match labored by defective pinsetters, K. Scavone managed a 175.

Alfalfa blanked Spanky in Our Gang League on a forfeit with K. Bevan rolling 563. Stymie picked up three from Wheeler led by F. Tregan's 249 (561) and M. Carkhuff hit 514. G. Leahey added 482. D. Moore's 537 paced Porky to three points over Buckweat who had B. Eipper's 529 and B. Searfoss' hit 222 (525) but it wasn't strong enough to overcome Chubby whose D. Jenkins

in Back Mt. Farmers League aided by B. Neiman's 500 and D. Neiman's 527. T. Ruger rolled 561 for the losing five. Barn Cats took three from Thoroughbreds while the Turkeys divided with the Chickies and Black Sheep split with the Mules. C. Doty hit 191 (475), B. Lathrop rolled 234 (594) and L. Lanning posted 508.

Jane's Guys blanked Chosen Few in the Quartet League aided by Jane's 175 and Stan's 255 (592). Rocky's 517 helped Rolling Stones take four from the High Fives who were unable to break five hundred.

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