

SPORTS

Wendy Skibitsky dedicated to field hockey

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Wendy Skibitsky is just one example of the dedicated athletes who played on this season's Lake-Lehman girls field hockey team. A senior, Wendy is the daughter of Joseph and Dorothy Skibitsky of Sweet Valley. She was picked last week for the All-Star East Team which was scheduled to play the All-Star West team tonight (Tuesday).

This season, Wendy was second in the Wyoming Valley Conference in scoring with 26 goals and eight assists. She has played field hockey for only three years, starting as a sophomore at right wing position. She played right wing in her junior year as well, but as a senior she played right inner.

Wendy was eighth in the league in scoring as a sophomore and seventh in scoring as a junior.

She became interested in field hockey through encouragement by Mrs. Florence Finn, Cheryl Travis and Carolyn James, who finally talked Wendy into trying the sport. Wendy enjoyed it, but knew she had to work hard to catch up with the girls who had played in junior high.



OUTSTANDING AT HOCKEY - Wendy Skibitsky was one of the leaders in the Lake-Lehman field hockey teams recent 14-4-1 season. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

In the summer she did a lot of running and hitting the ball up and down the field. She also worked at staying in good condition.

"Carolyn James and Sandy Diction helped me a lot when I was in 10th grade," Wendy said. "I also attribute a lot of my success to my coaches."

The Lady Knights ended the season with a 14-4-1 record. During the regular season they finished as runnerup in the district, then defeated Dallas in the district playoffs. In the interdistrict playoffs they lost to Newport in the final six seconds of the game.

"Wendy was a co-captain of this year's team," Coach Jean Lipski said. "Due to her dedication she was an exceedingly conscientious hockey player. Her speed and stick skills made her one of the most exciting players in the conference to watch and to coach. She will make a great Division I college player."

"Wendy is a true representative of the girls on the team," Lipski concluded.

Wendy said she plans to attend college but she doesn't know where. She has been to Temple University and is going to look at Springfield College in Massachusetts.

"I would like to play for a Division I school if possible," Wendy said.

Local riders did well in state meet

Luzerne County 4-H horse members received seven awards and came home with a State winner at the 30th annual State 4-H Horse Show held October 27-29 at the State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

Local winners were: Darlene Phillips, Hunlock Creek, first place and state winner in Hunter Type Horse two year old Gelding, Rebecca Ide, Wyoming, third place in quarter Horse Yearling Gelding, and ninth in Grooming & Showmanship 16 years and older, Melanie Raspen, Hunlock Creek, fifth in Quarter Horse Colt of this year. Dene' Stull, Dallas, fourth in Arabian Colt of this year. Kathleen Sallitt, Dallas, third in Saddle Seat Equitation, Jr. Division. Leah Garlan, West Pittston, second in Working Hunter Ponies.

Other Luzerne County horse club members who competed in the state contest and received recognition were: Amy Honeywell, Hunlock Creek; Joanne Boyle, Dallas; and Joy Sutton, Hunlock Creek.

More than 600 4-H'ers, all winners in county and district competitions, from across the state vied for the awards. The state show culminates the year for over 6,000 Pennsylvania 4-H members enrolled in horse and pony clubs.

Donna Grey, Extension Agent, notes that the purpose of the 4-H horse program is to provide members the skills necessary in horse management. Through club work and competition, 4-H'ers develop riding skills, learn proper care of animals and gain self confidence. There are vari-



STATE WINNER - Darlene Phillips is shown with her horse after winning the state championship in the Hunter Type Horse, 2-year-old gelding category.

ous project books available for those just wanting to learn more about horses to those that are a novice, junior, senior or advanced horseman. Luzerne County has 145, 4-H horse club members guided by 31 adult volunteer leaders in one of the seven horse clubs throughout

the county. The 4-H educational youth program is a Penn State Cooperative Extension program. For more information contact Donna Grey, Courthouse Annex, 5 Water St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711 or phone 825-1701 or 459-0736 ext. 701.

Strikes 'n spares

In the Ladies Country League only four teams bowled Tuesday night due to a problem with the machines on one set of lanes. Those two teams will bowl later in the week to make up their match. Faux Inn blanked Back Mountain Bowl aided by L. Cyphers 172 (488). K. Scavone rolled 473 for the bowl team. G.H. Harris took four from the Castlettes despite the Castlettes N. Kozemchak hitting 172.

Halfbreeds shut out the Brass Ballers led by V. McCarty's 211 (594) and Nancy's 187. George hit 531 for the losing team in the Back Mt. Bowl Mixed League. J. Cummings sparked the Silver bullets to four from Hi Grid with 513 and Connie Dennis rolled 171 (489). D. Prynne hit the pins for 238 (588).

In the Back Mt. Farmers League the Longhorns took all from the Ugly Ducklings while the Thoroughbreds took four from the Turkeys. The Barn

Cats copped three from the Black Sheep and the Chickies divided 2-2 with the Mules. High games were S. Vigorito 220 (555), D. Williams 212 (540), A. Hospodar 187, C. Doty 172.

In Our Gang League Buckwheat blanked Chubby and Spike shut out Mickey. Butch picked up three from Porky, Alfalfa copped three from Stymie and Spanky took three from Wheezer. High rollers were J. Moore 470, F. Tregan 530, F. Mihalick 514, A. Tregan 193, A. Novak 501, D. Moore 517 and D. Jenkins 502.

The last reports from Idetown Com-pacts show Mercedes taking four from the Stingrays, Rangers splitting with the Monte Carlo's, Commandos picking up three from the Hornets and the Blazers making it three over the Cobras. High scores were by B. Ishley 193, Dee Vross 172-177 (509), R. Strazdus, Sr. 523, L. Hall 545 and D. Kolaniewicz 172-182 (478).

In the Native Textiles League Sandbaggers shut out the Ballbusters and Roadrunners took all from the Wild Pins. Beer Bowlers took three from Hopeless Cause, Pin Heads three from Taft Market and Alley Cats three from Bad News Bowlers. Hitting high scores were R. Clemow 234-229 (640), K. Clemo 509, T. Drago 506, J. Teetsel 504, Deanna DeRemer 181, Terri Williams 214-184 (566) and G. Schooley 546.

Moore's shut out Nice in the Sunday Night Couples League led by D. Moore's 209-210-208 (627) and Ann Wilson's 477. Shaver picked up three from Booth with no one able to break 200. Vic Matthews rolled 532 and J. Lerch hit 202 to lead Matthews to an even 2-2 split with Wilson's whose high man was B. Harris with 204.

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