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1990 LADY KNIGHTS TEAM - Members of the Lady Knights 1990 softball team take time out for a photo before getting ready for practice. Seated, from left, are Jennifer Smith, Jennifer Cook, Leann Rodgers; standing, Coach Ragnacci, Karen Zier, Karen Stefanowicz, Jennifer Cross, Wendy Skibitsky, Heather Ruger, Nicole Hall and Cherub Honeywell. Absent from photo, Noell Brooks, Tracey Krupa, Molly Martin, Tracey Halowich. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

Prospects look good for Lady Knights

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

'We're a young team and this will probably be a rebuilding year," Lake-Lehman girls softball coach Rose Ragnacci said last week. "We lost seven of our starters through graduation. We have only Wendy Skibitsky, Jennifer Cross and Heather Ruger, the last two sophomores returning, who played last season. Tracey Krupa, also a sophomore, saw some playing time."

The Lady Knights have only 13 students out for the team. Like other schools, they have been hard hit by the new girls soccer team.

"We will rely on our pitching and a strong defense this year," Ragnacci said. "If the team comes together early, we will be up near the top. Meyers and Bishop O'Reilly are the two teams to

beat in Division AA. The Mohawks have good pitching and O'Reilly has everybody back. Seton Catholic is also to be reckoned with.

"Northwest, Bishop Hafey and GAR are not strong and Wyoming Seminary has been hurt by the soccer program."

Last season Jennifer Cross played first base, but this season Coach Ragnacci plasn to have her start at second or third. Tracey Krupa will be behind the plate, Karen Zier will play either second or third, whichever position Cross doesn't play. Jen Smith is doing a good job at first base and Skibitsky will be at shortstop, the same position she played last season.

Heather Ruger will play the outfield as she did last year, while vying for the other outfield positions will be senior Brenda Cook, sophomores Molly Martin and freshman Noell Brooks and

Cherub Honeywell. Honeywell will also be backup pitcher to Karen Stefanowicz, who did a good job for the junior high team last year.

"Leeann Rodgers will also be trying for the outfield," Ragnacci said, "And Tracey Halowich will fill in at second when needed. Stefanowicz, like most of today's high school pitchers, throws a fast ball and led the junior high squad to the title last season.

"Our two freshman, Brooks and Honeywell are power hitters and Skibitsky excels at bunting and has a lot of speed on the bases. The rest of the girls have average speed on the bases but I expect them to develop as the season progresses," Ragnacci concluded.

Ragnacci has a new assistant this year, Kim Fey, who played at Bloomsburg and was also an outstanding player for Lake-Lehman.

Strikes 'n' spares

The Nutcracker shut out Charlie's Angels in the Friday Night Special League paced by A. Cott's 535 while Kandlelite picked up three points from the Ball Busters led by M. Gebhardt's 491. Brew Crew divided evenly with the Nite Shift with none of the members able to hit the strike pocket.

In Our Gang League Buckwheat took all from Chubby Sparked by K. Bevan's 232 (622). V. Hudak's 210 was high for the losing five. Marie Carkhuff hit 177, Annette Tregan rolled 172 and Cathy Layou posted 170-173 (490) to lead Spike to three points from Mickey. Butch took three from Porky and B. Bolton hit 548 to lead Wheezer to three from Spanky whose Doreen Jenkins rolled 183 (475) and Sandy Dzury 182 (473). Stymie split 2-2 with Alfalfa with none of them able to break

M. Delaney knocked down pins for 226 (521) and W. Lathrop dropped them for 517 to lead Black Sheep in blanking Ugly Ducklings in the Back Mt. Farmers League. Longhorns took all from the Chickies aided by L Coolbaugh's 576 and B. Neiman's 188. Barn Cats shut out the Thoroughbreds paced by R. Titus; 522 and the Mules picked up three from the Turkeys sparked by J. Grohowski's 258 (600) and L. Lanning's 545. Arlene Hospodar put up 190 for the Turkeys.

In the Sunday Nite Mixed League Twice Shy took four from the Eagles led by Joe's 232 (571), Destroyers blanked the Saints aided by Bonnie's 199 (506) and Lou's 538 showed the way for Noctur De Force's three points from the Toads.

In the Ladies Country League Castlettes shut out Back Mt. Bowl aided by M. Neely's 183 and J. Shaw's 173. Highs for the losing five were K. Scavone's 179 and M. Faux's 174. E. Roberts 187 (507) showed the way for Grotto Pizza's four points from G.H. Harris. B. Strazdus added 171 (480). E. Sheuleski led the Harris five with 473. Fashion Vending and Faux Inn. split 2-2 with L. Cyphers 482 high for both teams. C.I. Smith contributed 173 to the vending girls.

Busters in Native Textiles League paced by E. Smith's 543, T. Drago's 541, J. Teetsel's 523 and Sherry Teetsel's 175-176 (474). D. Miller hit 5654 for the losing team. Sandbaggers took three from Wild Pins, Road Runners copped three from the Pinheads, Bad News Bowlers managed three from Hopeless Cause and Taft Market earned three from the Beer Bowlers. High scorers were R. Clemow 234 (558), D. Green 210, and Deanna DeRemer 186 (479).

In the Charlie Williams Memorial League Jedidia's shut out Varsity Lawn Care aided by B. Shalata Jr.'s 535 and B. Shalata Sr.'s 530 while Cross Country Restaurant took three from Back Mt. Bowl despite B. Searfoss hitting 545 and T. Shalata 520. J. Steele's 529 aided G.H. Harris in copping three from Mountain Stream Construction whose K. Orkwis rolled 570. Back Mt. Auto Body split evenly with Offset Paperback with R. Orkwis hitting 523 for the body shop and R. Andrasko rolling 223 (585) for the paperback team. J. Grohowski added

Alley Cats took four from the Ball 520. Monk Plumbing split with Roth Novelty with none of the men hitting high scores.

The week prior the Mt. Stream team took four from Jedidia's led by M. Orkwis' 614, S. Vigorito's 582 and J. Brady's 550, Back Mt. Bowl blanked Offset Paperback paced by R. Harris' 246 (581), B. Searfoss'579 and E. Harris' 545. Cross Country Restaurant blanked G.H. Harris aided by S. Wickard's 232 while Monk Plumbing picked up three from Varsity Lawn Care led by F. Tregan's 229 (607) and B. Considine's 216 (552). P. Thomas posted 524 for the lawn care five. L. Coolbaugh's 215-223 (586) paced Roth Novelty to three points from Back Mt. Auto Body whose B. Hospodar rolled 234-221 (603).

In the Sunday Night Couples League Wilson's shut out the Nice team despite their Marcia Matthews posting 488 and Joan Moore rolling 179. D. Moore's 221 (533) led his team to four points from the Booth team and Matthews picked up three from the Shaver team aided by V. Matthews 522. H. Shaver knocked down pins for 538 for his team

Beaumont tryouts to be held April 3-5

April 3, 4, 5, 1990 baseball tryouts for any youngster between the ages of 9 and 12 years will be held at the Beaumont Field at 5 p.m. Any youngster between the ages of 6 and 15 may register for the upcoming season. All coaches and managers should attend.

Teener tryouts scheduled

Back Mountain Teener Baseball tryouts are set for April 7 and 8, 2 p.m. at the Dallas Junior High Field.

Lehman Tourney to be held March 31

Lake-Lehman Invitational Valley Tournament will be held March 31 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Lake-Lehman Junior and Senior High

Junior Football Signups April 7

Back Mountain Junior Football signups will be held on Saturday, April 7, for boys ages 7 to 13, residing in Kingston Twp. and Dallas Area. Place is Westmoreland Elementary School between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please bring a copy of your son's birth certificate when you accompany him to signup. A fee will be charged to help defray the cost

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