SPORTS

Laura Poynton tosses perfect game

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No runs, no hits, no walks and six strikeouts! Dallas' Laura Poynton pitched a perfect game Monday to take an 8-0 shutout from Pittston Area.

It was Poynton's first perfect game on the mound as she served notice she is back on top of the control she had shown for the past three years.

"I was really happy and surprised because as you know I haven't been pitching the greatest. I really thank Brenda for making the last out when Pittston's Bonnie Lee hit a long ball into right field. I knew I had a nohit game going into the final inning, but I didn't realize it was perfect."

Poynton faced the minimum 21 batters as the Patriettes went down in 1-2-3 order in each inning.

Dallas Coach Jay Pope said he was thrilled with Laura's performance. "She took control with her first pitch and stayed on top the entire game," Pope said.

The Mountaineers also had power at the plate, with catcher Melanie Langdon knocking out three hits, a single, double and triple and driving in two runs. Poynton also had two hits and Stephanie Andrasko drove out a three-base hit. First baseman Denise Wysocki made several key plays at first base.

"It was a lot of fun today," Laura said. "I was more relaxed than I have been.

"The girls played well today," Pope said, "But Laura was super. She's a great athlete and deserves the recognition."

The win moved Dallas to 5-1 tied for first with Wyoming Area and tri-meet. Bishop Hoban in the North Division.

Valley West defeats Dallas in soccer

Valley West defeated Dallas Mountaineers 15-10, 6-15 and 18-16 in a close volleyball game Monday on the Spartans court.

The match was tied at 1-1 going into the third set and game three was tied at 16-16 when the Spartans Mike Kurilla hit a ball into uncovered territory and gave the Spartans the serve.

The Dallas boys led 14-12 in the game until the Spartans began getting the ball just over the net in what was an effective strategy in confusing the Mountaineers.

A win could have tied up a spot in the playoffs but will now have to fight the Spartans for it or possibly Tunkhannock.

Lake-Lehman and North Pocono have the top two spots clinched.

Dallas softball wins two

Dallas girls softball defeated a tough Wyoming team 12-8 last Monday behind the pitching of Laura Poynton, then proceeded to defeat Hazleton 12-9 in their first overtime game which went into eight innings

Leading 5-0 going into the bottom of the fourth inning, the score was tied up at 5-5 when Hazleton erupted for five runs in the bottom of the fourth.

In the top of the eighth Molly Connolly drove out a two-run double and Melanie hit a three-run homer to give Dallas the lead in the extra inning.

Hazleton's Julie Pilger hit a two-run single to help Hazleton close the gap to three runs in their half of the eighth but Connolly made a sparkling play at shortstop for the final out of the game to give Dallas the win

Poynton pitched eight innings, striking out seven, walking seven and giving up seven hits to pick up the win.

Ashworth pitches Dallas to two wins.

Bob Ashworth won two games for the Dallas baseball team last week, his homeruns winning both games in the final innings.

Ashworth also pitched both games giving up six hits while striking out three and walking two in the Mounts 11-9 over Pittston Monday, and striking out 11 walking five and giving up only 6 hits in the seven inning game with Nanticoke which Dallas won 5-4.

In both games Ashworth drove out a home run in the final half of the last inning to give his team the win. In the Nanticoke game he drove out a solo homer, his second of the game. He hit a two-run homer in the third to drive Ray Russin home

Dallas defeated by Spartans

Dallas boys baseball nine were tied 5-5 with the Valley West Spartans going into the bottom of the eighth inning but Spartan Bernie Stelma drove out a long sacrifice fly to send home pitcher Ray Toney.

In a back-and-forth game, the Spartans took a 2-1 lead in the third inning on a homerun by Dave Kaschak with one on. Dallas went in front 3-2 when Jeff Tinner hit a double, Matt Bugler singled and went to second on a steal. Eric Paczewski put the Mounts ahead with a long single.

The Mountianeers scored in the fifth and sixth innings but the Spartans tied the game at 5-5 in the bottom of the sixth. The game went into extra innings until the bottom of the eighth when the Spartans won on the sacrifice.

Bob Ashworth was the losing pitcher striking out eight and giving up only seven hits.

Both teams are 4-4 in the West AAA division.

Knights shut out Seton Catholic

The Black Knights shut out Seton Catholic 8-0 with Don James on the mound. James picked up his third win of the season with no losses striking out seven and walking none in six innings.

J.J. Konigus drove in a two-run homer and D. Owens hit a double in the second and had four RBI's. The Knights scored five runs in the fourth inning to move the score to 8-0 where it stayed for the rest of the game. Sam Gorgone pitched the final inning for the Knights striking out one and walking none.

The win moves the Knights to 6-1 and stay in second place in their division.

Lady Knights split tri-meet

The Lady Knights track team bowed to Bishop Hafey 72-69 but edged by GAR 76-55 paced by Michelle Naugle and Amy Henry in Monday's

Lehman won the 3200 relay, the 3200 run, 100 dash, 400 relay, triple jump, long jump, high jump.

Placing in the top five were M. White, Doublas, Marcin, Gable, Naugle, Recek, Billington, Yeager, Yetter, Sandstrom, Frederick, Meade and McHenry.

Lady Knights blast West Side Tech

Knight Karen Stefanowicz tossed a one-hitter and struck out eight on the mound as the Lake-Lehman girls shut out West Side Tech 20-0. Tracy Krupa had 3-for-4 at the plate, a single, triple and a homerun.

The Knights were powerful at the plate with Wendy Skibitsky going 3for-3, Leanne Rogers 3-for-4 and Karen Smith 2-for-4.

The game was called after five innings under the 10-run rule. The wins moves the Lady Knights to 5-2 tied for second with Seton Catholic behind Meyers.

Knight spikers take Crestwood 2-0.

The Black Knights defeated Crestwood 15-6, 15-3 behind the hitting of John Baranowski and Mike Taylor Monday afternoon on the Knights court to run their record to 10-0. Baranowski also added nine service points and Mike Doerfler chalked up six.

Knights win two

The Knights baseball team ran their record to 5-1 last week when they defeated Bishop Hafey 35-7 Friday at the Knights field. Earlier in the week the Knights routed West Side Tech 14-5 behind the power hitting of Jim Chamberlain and J.J. Konigus.

J.J. Konigus was on the mound for the Knights against Bishop Hafey and picked up the win before he retired for D. James. James struck out three before Spencer came in to relieve him.

Sam Gorgone playing first base drove in five runs as the Knights took a 30-0 lead in the first two innings.

Coach Barbacci used his entire bench from the second inning but said he couldn't do anything about it. "The only thing good about it was our younger kids got a chance to play," Barbacci said.

Bishop Hafey scored seven runs in the game six in the second inning and one in the fourth. The game was stopped after the fifth inning under the 10-run rule

Troy Strauser hit a home run, singled and drove in four runs. Chuck Finn had three hits and three runs (RBI's). J.J. Konigus had two hits and three RBI's, Jerry Owens had a double and four RBI's, Dave Konopke and Matt Cadwalader each had two hits and Don James, Brian Gougher and Jesse Sorber each had a pair of RBI's.





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ahead of him. In Monday's game with Pittston Ashworth hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh to give Dallas the win. Monday's game had eight homers, five by the Patriots and three for the Mountaineers.

Lady Mounts take two soccer wins

After defeating Crestwood 5-1, Dallas girls soccer team continued undefeated by taking a 6-1 game from Wyoming Seminary Friday on the Dallas field.

Tina Hite scored the first goal for Dallas unassisted. Wendy Hozempa scored the second off an assist from Sue Richardson and Megan Moran made it 3-0 by scoring unassisted. Jen Besecker, M. Shelley and Patrice Shovlin scored the final three goals for Dallas.

Dallas led 3-0 at halftime and the Seminary girls scored in the closing of the fourth period for their lone goal.

Earlier in the week, Sue Richardson and Jen Besecker scored two goals each to pace the Lady Mountaineers to a 5-1 win over Crestwood, handing the Comets their first loss

Richardson scored the first goal of the game and Richardson scored the next two in the third period to give Dallas a 3-0 lead. Shovlin scored the fourth goal off an assist by Hozempa and Richardson scored unassisted for the last goal of the game.

Dawn Aufiero scored the lone goal for the Comets.

Dallas boys volleyball team wins

Dallas boys volleyball team is close to earning a playoff spot after defeating Tunkhannock 2-1, April 23 and defeating Nanticoke 15-8, 15-10 Thursday afternoon.

Dave Zachary and Eric Nardone have been playing excellent ball for the Mountaineers. Myron Pitcavage has also been picking up points for Dallas

Zachary paced Dallas with seven points in the match with Nanticoke.

Dallas cindermen win three, lose one

In their tri-meet with Tunkhannock and Coughlin last Thursday, Dallas boys track team lost 81-69 to the Tigers but the Mounts defeated Coughlin 92-57 to split.

Earlier in the week, Dallas picked up two wins Tuesday, downing Lake-Lehman 88-62 and Hanover 95-55.

The wins moved the Mounts record to 7-4 led by Steve Oliver who took the 1600m and 3200m runs and ran a leg of the 3200m relay team which came in first.

Podehl placed first in the 100m dash; VanOrden took second in the 300m hurdles; Oliver the 800m run; Podehl the 200m dash; Jayne second in the shot put. Dallas also took the 1600m relay with Smith, Morris, Dover and Podehl.

Placing in the meet were VanOfden, Baldo, Dover, Felt, Jayne and Elick.

In the tri-meet with Tunkhannock and Coughlin Thursday, the Mountaineers were led by Steve Oliver and Dave Podehl. Oliver won the 1600 and 3200 runs and Podehl the 100m and 200m dash.

Others who placed were VanOrden, Williams, Baldo, Rogers, Smith, Dover, Jayne, Fett, Lehman, Morris, Litz and Labbate.

Dallas girls track team

After sweeping the tri-meet with Hanover and Lake-Lehman Monday, April 23 the Dallas girls split with Tunkhannock and Coughlin. The Tigers defeated the Mountaineers 101-40 but Dallas took Coughlin 121-20.

Gretchen Schuler won the 1600m run and the 3200m run in the April 25 meet. Monique Matthews took the 100m dash; Dallas won the 400m relay with Smaka, the two Matthews and Egly; Baluh took the triple jump. Placing in the top five were Monica Matthews, Smaka, Cleary, Baluh, Terescavage, Dzanko, Froncek, Shone, Marino and Yurko.

Schuler was a triple winner in Monday's sweep of Hanover and Lake-Lehman.

Lake-Lehman girls lose three

Lady Knights track team lost three meets last week bowing to Nanticoke 90 1/2-36 1/2, to Bishop Hoban 102-39 and to Pittston Area 75-65.

The meet with Nanticoke on April 26 had White winning the 400m run, Frederick taking the long jump and the high jump. Other Lady Knights placing were Naugle, Recek, Yeager, Terescavage, Billington, Bowman.

In the tri-meet with Bishop Hoban and Pittston Area, Frederick took the long jump, triple jump and high jump. Placing in the top five were Naugle, Yablonski, Terescavage, Yeager, Marcin, Yetter, Sandstrom, Meade and McHenry.

Baranowski named to all-tournament team

After participating in the 9th annual Lake-Lehman Invitational power Volleyball tournament over the weekend, three Knights were mentioned for the all-tournament team. Named to the first team was John Baranowskit. Getting honorable mention were Mike Taylor and Matt Kukosky

During the tournament, Lake-Lehman won its round robin contest with a record of 7-1. The Knights lost to Easton in the playoffs. The tournament was won by Emmaus.

Lady Knights lose two

After losing 5-0 to Bishop O'Reilly last Tuesday, the Lady Black Knights defense broke down against the Tunkhannock Tigers last Thursday and lost 4-1 to the Tigers.

The Tigers Erin Kennedy scored the first goal in the game just 30 seconds into the first period but then the Tigers hit the Knights stonewall defense until the third period when their Beth Ehrenzeller took advantage of a misplay by the Knights and scored off an assist by Mason which gave her team a 2-1 lead.

That was just the beginning as the Tigers picked up momentum and continued to score. Tammy Jones scored unassisted in the fourth period and Jennifer Hadden scored the final goal for the Tigers unassisted.

Jill Smiegelski scored the only goal for the Knights off a penalty kick in the first period. Before Ehrenzeller's shot, the Knights nearly broke into the lead when Melanie Raspen hit a shot that hit the goal crossbar, bounced straight down then richocheted off the crossbar again.

The two losses dropped the Lady Knights to 2-4-1 in conference play.

L-L softball team wins one, loses two

The Lady Knights ended a two-game losing streak Friday afternoon when they defeated GAR 11-2 behind the one hit pitching of Karen Stefnaowicz. Stefanowicz, Cherub Honeywell and Karen Smith drove out long doubles for the Lady Knights to help in the win.

Stefanowicz went the full seven innings striking out six and walking eight while giving up only one hit.

In Thursday's game Bishop Hafey took advantage of 18 walks to defeat the Lady Knights 10-7 and drop them to 3-2. The Hafey pitcher also held the Knights to just seven hits in the game.

Honeywell and Stefanowicz took turns on the mound but neither pitcher could gain control of their pitches. The Knights had a total of 18 walks

On Monday Meyers Kim Maguire picked up her 500th strikeout against the Lady Knights retiring the first nine batters she pitched to and striking out five of them.

The Mohawks scored four runs on walks when the Knights pitchers were unable to gain control.

Meyers has a young team and when the Knights started to rally in the fourth inning, the young players began to get shaky but Maguire took over throwing as fast as she could and striking out the next two batters to hold the Knights.

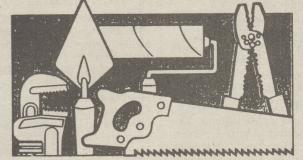
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