# Melanie Raspen plays outstanding volleyball

#### By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

Lake-Lehman senior Melanie Raspen is just as modest as she is talented at volleyball. In her fourth year of volleyball, she one of the top players on the team.

"I am not the only good player on our team," Melanie said. "It takes a team effort to win and that's what made points in just about every our team does. We try to play as

one unit, each picking up the other. We are like a family-helping one another.

The daughter of Thomas and Lorraine Raspen of Sweet Valley, Melanie has been playing one year on junior varsity and three years on the high school varsity team.

Melanie plays no special position but in every rotation, and has game.

# **Express wins semi-final**

In U-12 soccer semi-final action, the Express topped the Pacers 2-1 Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Penn State field.

each scored a goal for the Express,

both assisted by Amy Rogan. The Express had lost to the Vultures by a 4-3 score on Oct. 16. Chris Bath and Joel Withers each had a goal and assist, and Kelly Spencer scored the third Express Chris Bath and Kelly Spencer goal

"We don't keep statistics on what softball. we do throughout the year, but I guess I average about seven points per game overall," Melanie said.

In the last two games she played, Melanie had five aces and 10 total service points in one game, and one ace, two service points and six kills in the other.

The Lake-Lehman team has an 11-1 record to date, and is second only to Tunkhannock.

"We have hitters and defense and play both positions on the team, but we have only one setter on the team and that is Tracy Krupa," Melanie explained. "I play defense and offense.'

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"I've always wanted to play vollevball and I have gone to several camps in the past four years. I also work on the sport on my own. I hope when I go to college they will have a volleyball team," she said. Melanie, who is co-captain on the high school team with Cathy Long, plans to attend a college that is not more than about three hours away. She would like to major in elementary education and minor in psychology.

A B-average student, she is a member of the student council, was junior class treasurer, and also is a member of the Foreign Language Club.



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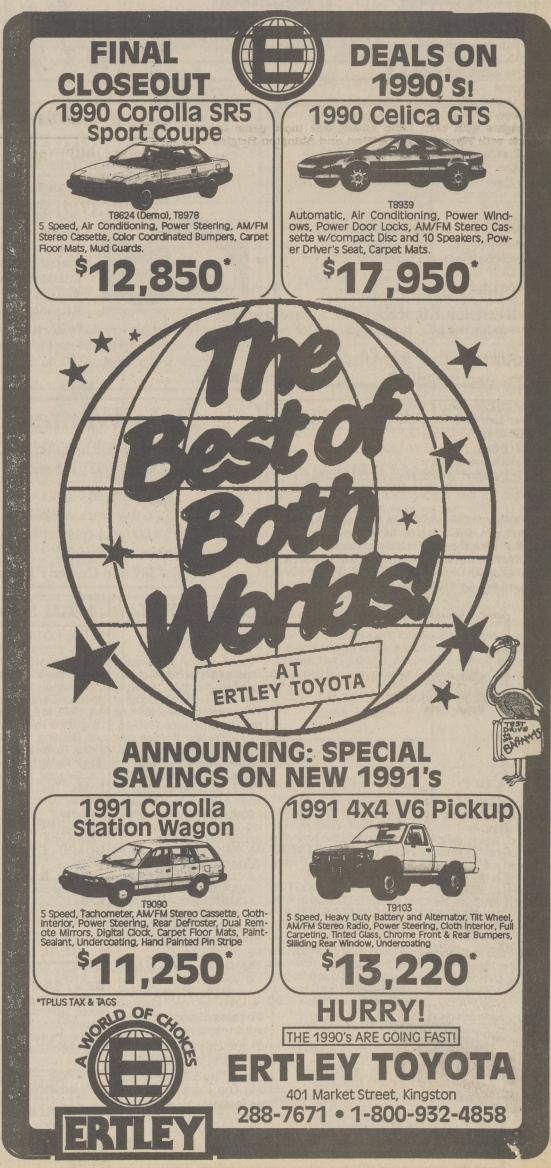
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