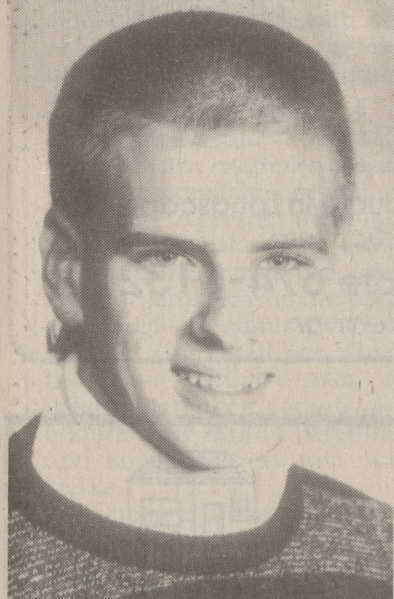


SportsWeek



EMERY YURKO

Emery Yurko will attend Wilkes Univ.

Dallas High School football star Emery Yurko has announced that he will continue his academic and athletic career at Wilkes University this fall.

Yurko, a 5'11", 175 pounder, played both offensive guard and linebacker in high school although he is more than likely to see action on defense for the Colonels.

A two year starter and letter winner for coach Ted Jackson, Yurko helped the Mountaineers to a 13 record this past year. From his linebacker position, he recorded 98 tackles.

In addition to football, Yurko also plays baseball at Dallas where he is a two year starter at third base.

Selecting Wilkes over Albright, Yurko is looking forward to becoming a Colonel.

"I'm very excited about coming to Wilkes to play football," said Yurko. "I can't wait to get the pads on again. Plus, the Wilkes engineering program is one of the best around."

Wilkes coach Joe DeMelfi is also looking forward to having Yurko here next year.

"Emery is fine young talent who we believe will develop into a very good player," said the second year coach. "Plus, he's a local product who will get a chance to play in front of the home fans, especially when we play again this year the Lackawanna County Stadium."

Yurko, who will major in electrical engineering at Wilkes, is the son of Emery and Maryann Yurko of Kingston Township.



BLACK KNIGHTS - Lake-Lehman's Black Knights baseball team was undefeated going into this week's competition. Above, members of the team are seated just before their game last Friday with West Side Tech. Front row, from left, are Gina Lamela, Tracy Holowich, scorekeepers; second row, Coach Dwight Barbacci, Brian Gouger, Jerry Owens, Jeff Hynick, Jeff Smith, Stan Gulbish; second row, Coach Paul Hildebrand, Rich Davis, Randy Parry, Dave Konopke, Brian Llewellyn, Ben Sevenski, Coach Vince Stryjewski; third row, Donnie James, Mike Sholtis, Troy Strauser, Chuck Finn, Sam Gorgone and Kris Bowman. (Post Photo/C.M. Denmon)

Knights shoot for division title

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Baseball coach Dwight Barbacci's Black Knights are 8-0 going into this week's games, and well on their way to a goal of winning the title in the West Division in AA.

"In 1989 and 1990 we were runners-up to Bishop Hoban," said Barbacci. "This season Hoban moved into AAA so we don't have them to contend with, but there are some tough teams in this division."

Barbacci has 23 players on the team this season, eight of them returning lettermen. He also has eight other starters, most of them having seen some action last year.

"We have a good group of athletes," said Barbacci. "And we have depth, especially in our pitchers."

Returning lettermen are Kris Bowman, Sam Gorgone and Don James, pitchers and outfielders; Dave Konopke and Jerry Owens, outfielders; Mike Sholtis, first base; Jesse Sorber, second

base; and Troy Strauser, shortstop. Other players seeing action this season are Chuck Finn, catcher; Brian Gouger, outfielder; Jeff Hynick, second base; Randy Parry, third base; Brett Babcock, pitcher/third base; and Matt Cadwalader, Rich Davis, and Stanley Gulbish, outfielders. Gulbish is also a pitcher.

Other players Barbacci will count on are Shawn Evans, outfielder; Brian Llewellyn, shortstop; Ben Sevenski, catcher; Jeff Smith, second base; Eric Stogoski, pitcher/first base, and Chris Traver, first base.

"We have been fortunate to date, our pitchers have had good control. That has been the key to our success," Barbacci explained. "Gorgone has been 3-0 and James has been 4-0. We have had Bowman as our first relief pitcher and Gulbish is also relief backup."

"Strauser is our top power hitter and he has excellent speed. He is a good fielding shortstop. Randy Parry is a good cleanup hitter and has given us a lot of

RBI's," the coach said.

Still, this is a team rather than a collection of individual stars, according to Barbacci.

"We have no outstanding players on the team this season but we have excellent team players. They are a good group of athletes and in each game someone different comes through for us. Our kids are playing fundamental ball and everybody is doing their job," said Barbacci. "Strauser doesn't say much but on the field he leads the team by example. We don't have any captains and we don't have any freshmen on the team. They are playing with the junior high team which was 4-4 as of last week. Our high school jayvee team is 3-1 led by pitchers Babcock and Gulbish who is a lefthander, and top hitters Babcock and Cadwalader."

Barbacci gives a lot of credit to his assistant Paul Hildebrand, who has been with him for seven years and to his volunteer assistant Vince Stryjewski, for the team's success.

Back Mountain Little League season begins

Opening day for Back Mountain Little League baseball was a big success, with nearly 900 children playing baseball this year. Highlighting the day was the 1990 Back Mountain National All Star team presenting the District 16 Championship Flag to the Little League. The Dallas American Legion Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 donated a brand new American Flag to Little League that will be displayed for all ball games.

Two awards were also given: The W.W. Kubis Award which is given to a long term faithful sponsor was presented to Duke Isaacs. Duke Isaacs has been sponsoring Little League baseball in the Back Mountain for nearly 40 years. Thank you Duke Isaacs. The Chief Lyons Award was presented to Bob Casterline for years of faithful service. Thank you Bob for all the years you've given to the kids.

For the first time in years The Dallas Post will be giving the results of the Major League boys standings and highlights.

American League Yankees 11 - Tigers 2

Jason Henry and Tom Klimek combined for a two hitter to lead the Yankees to a 11-2 win over the Tigers. Jason Henry helped his own cause with a double and Joe Ellsworth had two hits for the winners. Harry Hazeline and F. Terescavage had the two hits for the Tigers as Mike Hoover took the loss.

Red Sox 17 - Orioles 2

The Red Sox won big on opening day with a 17-2 win over the Orioles. Mitch Baily and Chris Hohen combined for a two hitter with Mitch Bailey picking up the win with eight strikeouts. Mitch Bailey was also perfect at the plate going 4-4 and Trapper Smith also had four big hits for the winners. George Smith and Matt Barnard had the two hits for the Orioles as George Simms absorbed the loss despite striking out six.

Indians 6 - Rangers 1

Brad Kohl and John Martin

Michael wins four matches at Wilkes

Freshman Darrin Michael completed his season as a member of the 1991 Wilkes University Tennis Team.

The first year player spent the season in the number six position and had four victories. The Colonels finished the season with a

STANDINGS

American League

Friendly's Rest. Indians 1-0
Dallas Rotary Red Sox 1-0
Mahaffey Oil Yankees 1-0
Isaacs G.M.C. Tigers 0-1
Pritchard's Ins. Rangers 0-1
Meineke Orioles 0-1

National League

Patient Care Reds 1-0
Omni Windows Cardinals 1-0
Ertley Dealership Astros 1-0
Treat Pizza Dodgers 0-0
Suburban Propane Phillies 0-1
R & B Beauty Salon Pirates 0-1
Daddow-Isaacs Post 672 Giants 0-1

both homered to lead the Indians over the Rangers 6-1. Kevin West picked up the win combining with Brad Kohl threw a three hitter striking out eight. Jeff Fanek, Matt Gingo, and Bill Lowe had the three hits for the Rangers as Kevin Pizzano took the loss as Brian Balutis finished the game.

National League

Cardinals 9 - Giants 3

Valvano struck out eight picked up the win, and homered to lead the Cardinals over the Giants 9-3. Smith for the Giants went 2-3. Butler took the loss despite striking out six Cards.

Reds 23 - Pirates 1

The Reds won big on opening day winning 23-1. Justin Jumper struck out nine and picked up the win as well as going 4-6 at the plate. Brian Pietracchini, Jonathon Habrack and Ronny Sutton had three hits apiece and Chris Habrack added two hits. Eric Steltz had the only two hits for the Pirates as Tony Giardino took the loss.

In other action the Astros beat the Phillies 3-2. The Dodgers had a bye.

record of 2-9.

A graduate of Dallas High School, Michael has lettered three times in tennis and twice in soccer.

A biology major at Wilkes, Darrin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Michael of Dallas.

Sports roundup

DALLAS VOLLEYBALL FINISHES 7-5

Dallas spikers defeated the Crestwood Comets April 30, 15-13, 15-7 behind the solid hitting of Ned Palka, Dan Watchulonis and Scott Bearley to keep them in the hunt for a playoff spot but their chance for that was dashed May 1 when Lake-Lehman's Black Knights defeated them 15-9 and 17-15.

The Mountaineers ended the season with a 7-5 record which pleased their coach Dave Jones. "We had only one letterman on our team this season but next season all of our kids will be back."

DALLAS BASEBALL LOSES 2 CLOSE ONES

Dallas Mountaineers baseball team lost two close games last week when their opponents came from behind to take the wins.

Going into the bottom of the fifth inning Thursday, May 2, the Mounts were leading 5-3 against Northwest but the Rangers scored two runs to tie the score. In the sixth inning, Northwest's Heath Ruckle hit a single and went to second on an error, then Brian Meeker drove out an RBI triple to make it 6-5 and scored a seventh run for the Rangers when Brian Wisniewski hit a double to give the Rangers a 7-5 win.

Earlier in the week, Hanover was leading 5-2 going into the bottom of the seventh inning but the Mountaineers scored three runs to tie the game at 5-5 and send it into extra innings.

In the top of the eighth, Hanover scored three runs sparked by Chris George's double and Mark Youngblood's triple which started the scoring.

The Mountaineers were able to score only one run in the bottom of the eighth.

Demchak was the winning pitcher for Hanover. Matt Butler was credited with the loss.

The Mountaineers had defeated West Side Tech 17-9 Tuesday with Ray Russin getting the win.

Butler went four-for-four with five RBI's and Russin had three-for-five and four RBI's, one of his hits a homerun. Butler drove out three doubles.

DALLAS CINDERMEN DEFEAT VALLEY WEST

Dallas cindermen defeated Valley West 102-48, May 2 behind triple wins by Steve Oliver, Jeremiah Van Orden and Rob Morris. Brian Fett had two wins for Dallas.

Oliver ran a leg of the first place 3200 relay team and won the 1600m and 3200m runs. Van Orden won the long jump, the 110 and 300 hurdles and Morris ran a leg of the 3200 relay team, a leg of the first place 1600 replay team and won the 400. Fett ran a leg of the 3200 relay and the 1600 relay team.

Other first place winners for Dallas were Smith, Damien Litz, Dave Podehl, Brian Burd, Moran, Clemm, Burd, J. Morris, Baird, Clothier. Placing in the top five were Dover, Williams, J. Morris, Kelley, Samuel and Banks.

The win moved Dallas to 10-2.

VALLEY WEST EDGES DALLAS GIRL RUNNERS

Dallas' Ann Smaka broke the school and track record in the 300 hurdles for the second time in that event in a time of 50.7 seconds but it wasn't enough to give the team a win over Valley West who defeated Dallas 74-67 and move their rec-

ord to 10-3.

Lynn Baluh took the triple jump, the team of Egly, Matthews, Langdon and Smaka won the 400 relay, Baluh won the 400 run, Smaka took the 100m hurdles, Marino the discus, Gretchen Schuler the 800 run, Shone, the high jump, B. Yurko the javelin, and Baluh, Langdon, Egly and Schuler, the 1600 relay. Others in the top five were Dwinchik, Matthews, Kowalski, Yurko, Schuler, Marino, Smaka, Shone.

DALLAS SOFTBALL HANDS TIGERS LOSS

Dallas girls stayed in the race for the AAA Division title last Friday by handing the Tunkhannock Tigers their first defeat in AAA North, but the Tigers continued in first place. Behind Stephanie Kriner's pitching the Lady Mounts totaled 13 hits at the plate and played strong defense. Kriner pitched against the Tigers leading pitcher Nikki Deeble.

Melanie Langdon led at the plate with a double and a triple and four RBI's. Jen Coon had three hits, one a triple, Kelly Janosky hit a triple and Wendy Cave, Theresa Mathers and Ann Faulks had two hits each.

The Lady Mounts were edged 7-6 in Wednesday's game with Berwick despite Molly Connolly and Ann Faulks each hitting triples.

Lisa Campbell and Kristi Balliet led the Bulldogs with three hits each.

In their game with Bishop Hoban, Dallas girls defeated the Argents 5-2 despite being outthit 14-9 by the losing team which a strong Mountaineer defense prevented their scoring.

Kelly Janosky led the Mountaineers at the plate with a single and a triple and Mathers had two hits. Ann Faulks and Tiffany Owens each

drove out doubles to help the Dallas scoring.

Kriner picked up the win.

DALLAS GIRLS SOCCER TEAM WINS TWICE

Dallas girls soccer team defeated Abington Heights Friday 2-1 in a game that went into overtime.

Amy Shelley scored the goal off a Patrice Shovlin assist that tied the score in the regular game, then Patrice Shovlin scored at 6:31 of the first overtime off an assist by Sue Richardson.

Dana Brittain scored the lone goal for the Lady Comets.

The Mountaineers defeated Tunkhannock 4-0 Wednesday behind Sue Richardson's two goals and two assists. Shovlin scored one of the other goals and Karen Wisniewski scored the other goal.

Richardson scored the first goal off an assist from Shovlin in the first period, then Shovlin scored the second goal in the first period with an assist by Richardson. Wisniewski scored the third goal off an assist by Richardson in the second period and Richardson scored the final goal unassisted in the third period.

LADY KNIGHTS DEFEAT TIGERS IN OVERTIME

The Lady Knights soccer team defeated Tunkhannock Tigers 3-2 in a game that went into overtime after the Tigers tied the score at 2-2 in the final period.

Lynn Turner scored two goals for the Knights in the regulation time and Sherri Riaubia scored in the first overtime off an assist by Turner, to give the Knights the win.

Shannon Forte and Beth Ehrenzeller scored the two goals for the Tigers.

BLACK KNIGHTS CONTINUE TO WIN

Pitcher Don James faced the minimum 15 batters and allowed no one to reach base Saturday as the Lake-Lehman Black Knights defeated Seton Catholic 17-0 in the five innings under the 10-run rule.

James fanned seven and walked none while the Knights were picking up 11 hits. The win gave the Knights an 8-0 record going into this week's game with Northwest Monday, May 6.

Black Knight Sam Gorgone ran his record to 3-0 Friday afternoon striking out 11 and walking only one while pitching the full game. He helped win his own game by getting three hits, one a homerun as the Knights defeated West Side Tech 11-2.

Troy Strauser had three hits, Kris Bowman hit a double and a triple and picked up three RBI's. Mike Sholtis had two singles for the Knights who collected a total of 11 hits in the game.

Earlier the Knights shut out Bishop Hafey 10-0, Wednesday behind James on the mound for five innings and Bowman coming in to relieve James with the Knights leading 7-0. James struck out 10 and walked two and Bowman struck out the three batters he faced in the sixth.

Strauser had three singles in four times at the plate, Randy Parry had two hits and three RBI's and Bowman had a triple. Sholtis drove out a double.

LADY KNIGHTS DEFEAT COUGHLIN

The Lady Knights defeated Coughlin 9-1 Thursday behind Karen Stefanowicz pitching. She gave up only four hits, fanned seven

and walked only three. The Lady Knights scored seven runs in the first inning and scored two in the third and fourth innings to lead 9-0.

In the top of the fourth the Crusaders spoiled Stefanowicz's no-hit game when Marilyn Voelker hit a single. Coughlin's only run came in the sixth inning.

Earlier in the week, Lake-Lehman bowed to Wyoming Area 5-3 despite the warriors only getting two hits off Cherub Honeywell. The Warriors pitcher gave up seven hits but scattered them over the innings to prevent high scoring by the Knights.

Seven walks and shoddy fielding gave the Warriors the opportunity to score.

KNIGHT SPIKERS DASH MOUNTS HOPES

Lake-Lehman's volleyball team swept the Dallas team 2-0 Thursday night behind strong serving by Brian Kelly and spiking by Paul Klemunes and Rob Spencer.

The Black Knights won by 15-9, 17-15.

The win gave the Knights an 11-1 record in the season and clinched a tie for the season title.

Dallas ended the season with 7-5.

Earlier in the week, the Knights defeated West Side Tech 2-0 with sets of 15-6 and 15-1.

Chris Taws served six consecutive points of eight total and Jason Turner led the scoring in the second set by scoring six consecutive points. Ben Haughney and Rob Spencer were outstanding in hitting and Kelly and Spencer had excellent sets.