

# SportsWeek

## Don James throws fire for the Knights

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Lake-Lehman Knights baseball team is on top of the West Division in Class AA and will meet Hanover in the playoffs. It takes an entire team to win but this season a great deal of the Knights success can be attributed to junior Don James, who has pitched the team to eight wins and one loss during the season, as well as earning one save.

The son of Don and Eleanor James of Shavertown, Don has played baseball since he started at T-Ball in Back Mountain Little League.

"I have played every year since that time," said James. "In Little League, Junior High School and the last two years on the high school varsity team. I played left field and pitched. But pitching is what I like best."

Don has been a pitcher ever since he was in Little League and last season he pitched on the varsity team in seven games, compiling a 6-1 record.

"Our assistant coach and a former pitcher Vince Stryjewski has worked with me and taught me to throw a curve ball and my slider. No one really taught me how to throw a fast ball, it just came naturally. My brother Brian also pitched and he works with me. This summer I am going to play on the American Legion team," James said.

Don said baseball is his favorite sport and he hopes to go on to college and play on a scholarship. When asked if he had hopes to play pro ball, Don replied, "That's too far in the future to think about".

His statistics to date this season speak for themselves. He has an 8-1 record and one save; pitched 44 innings giving up a total of only 33 hits and 16 runs, 13 of them earned. He has given up 15 walks and struck out 55. Don has an earned run average of .07. He has pitched three shutouts and one perfect game, a no-hitter against Seton Catholic.

Steve Carlton is the pitcher Don most admires and would like to follow in his career. One thing Don does know, he will be out for the Knights team again next season.



DON JAMES

## Dallas softball storms into tie for first place

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Dallas girls softball team won three games last week to throw the North Division of Class AAA into a three-way tie between Dallas, Wyoming Area and Tunkhannock.

The Lady Mountaineers defeated Nanticoke Area 12-3 May 24, Wyoming Area 8-5 May 22 and Tunkhannock Tigers 4-0 May 20.

Coach Jay Pope said after the Wyoming Area game that Molly Connolly coming back after several weeks absence due to an injury was a big factor in the team's attitude. Connolly's return to shortstop led the girls to a trip to the AAA playoffs.

The Lady Mounts scored in four of the six innings against Nanticoke, picking up 13 hits behind winning pitcher Stephanie Kriner who gave up only seven hits, fanned two and walked two. Kelly Janosky and Ann Faulls drove out doubles in the game. Theresa Mathers, Melanie Langdon, Wendy Cave and Jen Coon joined them with power at the plate.

In the game with Wyoming Area May 22, the Lady Mounts took a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the second on five singles, a two-run triple and a hit batter.

The Warriors scored in the top of the third but Dallas came back with a run to move to 6-1 and scored to more runs in the fifth inning when Tiffany Owens drove out a two-run double with two outs.

The Warriors scored four runs in the top of the seventh but were unable to bring the remaining runners home when Dallas outfielder Owens made a running catch to end the game.

In the game with Tunkhannock, the Lady Mounts 4-0 shutout knocked the Tigers out of first place behind Kriner on the mound. She struck out three and had a no-hitter going until the last third of the fifth inning with two out when Dulcie Kinter hit a single but was out at second. Nikki Dibble had the only other hit for the Tigers in the seventh inning but was left stranded on base.

Losing pitcher Dibble gave up only four hits, Faulls collecting two, a single and a double, Mathers and Coon each getting one.

Dallas was scheduled to play Wyoming Area May 28 at Kirby Park. The winner of that game meets Tunkhannock May 29 at Kirby Park to determine the North Division title.

## Mount baseball ends season with 8-8 record

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Dallas Mountaineers ended their baseball season with an 8-8 record May 23, when they bowed 3-2 to Seton Catholic in an eight inning game.

Seton scored first in the third inning when Jeff Kaminski sent home two runners with a long single.

The Mountaineers tied the score in the top of the sixth to send the game into extra innings after both teams failed to score in the seventh.

Ray Russin led the Mountaineers at the plate with 2-for-4 and Matt Butler and D. Kaiser each hit a double.

Bill Noone picked up the win striking out nine and walking four while giving up only five hits. John

Davies took the loss, giving up four hits, striking out three and walking two.

Earlier in the week, Matt Butler went all the way for Dallas striking out seven, walking seven and giving up six hits as the Mountaineers defeated Northwest 12-5. The Mountaineers scored six runs in the bottom of the fourth to break open a 1-0 game.

The Rangers came back in the top of the fifth to score five runs and come within 7-5 of Dallas but the Mounts came back strong scoring five runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the game.

Todd Paczewski went 2-for-2 and Eric Paczewski 2-for-3 at the home plate, each driving in a run and Russin hit 2-for-4 picking up an RBI. Kaiser hit a double and Paczewski had a triple.

## Lady Knights tie for leadership of division

The Lady Knights defeated Bishop Hoban 12-6 May 23 to tie Berwick for the lead in Class AAA South with a 13-3 record.

Jaren Stefanowicz gave up only eight hits, struck out eight and walked two in going the seven innings. She also helped in the win by driving out an RBI triple. Cherub Honeywell drove out a two-run

homer and Jen Cross and Jen Smith hit doubles. Honeywell and Tracy Krup each had three hits for the Knights.

Earlier in the week the Lady Knights moved into first place by trouncing Coughlin 17-2 in a game halted in the fifth inning under the 10-run rule. Stefanowicz picked up the win giving up five hits,

fanning one and walking one.

The Lehman girls took a 2-0 lead in the first inning on a walk, single, and a sacrifice bunt and an RBI single by Krupa.

Coughlin scored a run in the bottom of the first but the Knights came right back in the second with three runs, then continued to score in every inning but the third.

They broke the game wide open in the top of the fourth with seven runs and added five more in the fifth.

Jen Cross led at the plate going 4-for-4. Others driving out hits for the Knights were Heather Gray, Mindy Main, Krupa, Noel Brooks and Jen Smith.

## Knight baseball ends with strong 14-2 record

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights finished their season with a 14-2 record Thursday when they defeated Meyers 7-5 behind Don James and Kris Bowman on the mound.

The teams were tied at 5-5 in the

seventh inning but in the eighth the Knights put two men on by a Mohawk error and a walk and Sam Gorgone drove in both men with a single to give the Knights the win.

The Knights took a 5-4 lead after the top of the fourth but

Meyers tied it up in the bottom of the seventh when Bob Klinetob drove in Ed Nash with a single.

James pitched the first five innings then Bowman came in as relief and picked up the win.

Earlier in the week Gorgone went

all the way on the mound as the Knights defeated West Side Tech 7-5 on Tech's diamond. Troy Strauser, Gorgone and Gouger hit doubles and Dave Konopke drove out a triple. Gorgone struck out seven and walked six.

## Misericordia softball team recovers from slow start to finish 22-12

Coming into the 1991 softball season, College Misericordia head coach Charlotte Slocum had two goals for her Lady Cougars. Slocum wanted to better last season's 20-10 record and win the NAIA District 19 Championship.

While the Cougars failed to accomplish the latter, their season can hardly be called a disappointment. After getting off to an 0-6 start on their Texas trip, Cordia rebounded in a big way and went on to set two school records. Slocum's troops set a school record for victories in a season with a 22-12 record and established another mark along the way with a 16-game winning streak.

"We had a great season," said Slocum. "We accomplished our goal of topping last year's record and we hope to do that again next year. We really wanted to win the Dis-

trict, but things didn't work out that way. We're still very pleased with our season."

And with good reason. Misericordia had four players named to the District 19 All-Star Team while three others were chosen to second unit.

Pitcher Cindy Hughes headed the list of first-teamers as she made the squad for the second consecutive season. She was joined by Julie Mulraney, Laura Poynton and Susie Slocum.

Second-team selections included Tracy Hunter, Heather Beadle and Kim Jenkins.

"It is nice to see all of these players recognized for their efforts," said Slocum. "We stress the team concept to them all season, but it is a fine reward for them to be noticed for their excellent individual talent."

Hunter, a sophomore outfielder from Trucksville, was the team's leading hitter at .435.

Slocum, a junior second baseman from Dallas, was second at .400 while Poynton, a freshman shortstop from Dallas was third at .398.

Mulraney, a junior first baseman from Berlin, NJ., hit .329.

Hughes, a hard-throwing lefty from Nanticoke, was 10-6 with a 2.03 earned run average and teamed with Beadle, a frosh from Greene, NY to form an outstanding 1-2 combo on the mound. Beadle was 12-6 with a 1.32 era.

Jenkins, a freshman designated hitter from Shickshinny, hit .355 and led the team with three homers.

Centerfielder Becky Welgosh, a sophomore from Ashley, hit .365 and had a team-high seven triples.



CHARLOTTE SLOCUM

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Dallas senior Steve Oliver went to the PIAA State Championships at Shippensburg University for the second time this school year, and for the second time he came home with a gold medal.

Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oliver of Shavertown, won his first gold medal last fall in cross-country competition. He brought home the second this past weekend when he finished first in the 3200-meter run in the Class AA track and field event.

"Last year Steve ran the 3200 and finished seventh," said cross country and track coach William Kvashay. "Steve was positive he was a cross-country runner, an endurance runner not a fast track runner. He had a slow indoor track season this winter but Steve is also a determined individual and he kept at it."

"His speed only returned a few weeks ago and then he really moved ahead fast. Steve was ready to go this past weekend and he ran a smart race. He began his pace slow and let the others start in the beginning. He knew he had the stamina and the kick. He ran the last 800 meters in 2:13 and had a really great kick. He buried the man behind him. There were four who came out with him, but only the one stuck with him," Kvashay said.

"Dallas has only four gold medal winners. John Majewski won the first gold in the high jump, Hugh

Mundy won the gold in the 800m run and Steve won the other two golds, one in cross-country and one in the 3200m run. He broke his own school record in the run last Saturday. He's a great guy," said Kvashay.

Coach Kvashay was also excited about junior Anne Smaka who brought home a medal by coming in fifth in the 100m hurdles in 15.77.

"She could have easily been third," said Kvashay. "The third, fourth and fifth girls were so close it could have been a tie. Anne surprised everyone. Last year she advanced to the second round but that was it. This year her aim was to place in the 100m, finals and she did. Everyone was thrilled and Anne will be back again next year."

Kvashay said senior Gretchen Schuler also did a good job in the finals. "She had a lot of stiff competition but she is one of the few runners who has made it into the finals for three consecutive years. That is a feat in itself."

How does Oliver feel about winning the gold?

"I feel really great," said Steve. "It was good winning the first one but winning a second one in the same season is awesome. I was never confident that I was a track runner until I entered the Penn Relays this year. I think that's what made me a believer. I'm going to continue my running in cross country and track when I enter college, which I expect to be Penn State University Main Campus."

## Dallas girls soccer wins title 2nd time in a row

Dallas girls soccer team captured their second consecutive title Thursday when they defeated Wyoming Seminary 2-1 at the Tenth Street Field in Wyoming. The win moved the Lady Mounts record to 16-1 for the season.

Wyoming Seminary playing tough, scoring the first goal in the first period on a goal by Colby Connell off an assist by Karen Cera as they kept the ball in the Dallas end the entire period.

In the second period Dallas took

control in the match moving the ball up the field but neither team was able to score. In the third period the Lady Mounts tied the score at 1-1 when Sue Richardson put a shot down the far right side into the left corner of the goal

Freshman Carrie Miller ended what appeared to be an extra period game at 11:46 into the fourth period when she put a shot into the right corner of the goal from about 30 yards away to give Dallas the win and the title.

## Yellow Rose 4-H Club barrel races set for June 1

The Yellow Rose 4-H Club is sponsoring their Third Annual Barrel Spectacular on Saturday, June 1 starting at 3 p.m. at the Luzerne County Fairgrounds.

This year's horse show consists

of 14 timed events for the youth, amateur and the experienced gymkhana rider. Exhibitors will be traveling from all across Pennsylvania and from out of state to compete for some high cash

awards.

The event of the evening will be the "Yellow Rose Barrel Spectacular" with a guaranteed purse of at least \$500 and open to all riders. Spectators are welcome with free

admission and plenty of parking.

The Yellow Rose 4-H will be serving hot sandwiches from the 4-H kitchen along with a variety of homemade baked goods. For more information call 256-3531.

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