

Lady Mountaineers plan to be contenders in basketball

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Dallas Women's basketball team under head coach Kit Karuza, should be in the pack for league honors once they have gained some much-needed experience.

With only one returning Varsity senior, Wendy Cave, the Mountaineers will need to make the most of veterans Valerie Prothro, Wendy Kerr, Kelly McIntyre and Missy Pomerinke.

"We may be slow starting due to inexperience, but we have good speed and more height than last

year," Karuza explained.

For the first time this year, the coach will bring his ninth grade players up to play on the senior high level. This he believes will eventually help the total program by allowing the seventh and eighth graders more playing time against older, more competitive players. With the addition of eight freshmen, Karuza boasts a 25 player squad.

"We have some nice ninth and 10th grade players with whom I'm impressed," Karuza said. "Laura Seidel, Tara Colleen, and Jennifer

Daneski may be playing initially."

As it is now, the team has been practicing without the hockey players who were involved in play-offs. Kelly Janoski, Theresa Mathers and Cindy Maers will not get much rest from their previous hockey season before training for basketball.

Inexperience or not, the Mounts will be contenders. "I'm impressed with the attitudes of this year's group. They're working hard and will improve. We're a physical team that can run and keep coming at our opponents."

Four returning seniors give Lady Knights base of experience

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Lake-Lehman's Women's basketball team will be graced with four returning varsity players and several who have seen varsity action. Seniors Jen Smith, Heidi Wenrich, and Jen Gable will lead the well-rounded Knights squad.

"We could use any combination of 11 different players and I would feel comfortable," head coach Joe Martini offered. "There will be no one standout that a team could stop and thereby take the game away. We're pretty well balanced. Anyone of our starters is capable of scoring in double figures."

While Lake-Lehman has some veterans, there are also some inexperienced ball handlers due to the youth of many players. However, Coach Martini feels that his team is versatile in that it can play zone, handle the press, and run with the best of them.

With the return of juniors Johanna Miller, Dyan Dymond, Cherub Honeywell and Bridget Hozempa, and sophomores Debbie Coslett, Heather Gray and J. Mica Hynick, Lake-Lehman has depth, but a cautious Martini claims that they need to play another team before making any predictions. While he expressed that Bishop O'Reilly would be strong, he felt that it would be anybody's league after that.

Lake-Lehman will open with Crestwood on Dec. 5 at home.

1991-92 LAKE-LEHMAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec. 5	Crestwood	Home
Dec. 7	Wyoming Area	Home
Dec. 10	West Side Tech	Home
Dec. 13	G.A.R.	Away
Dec. 16	Hanover	Home
Dec. 19	Wyoming Seminary	Home
Dec. 21	Bishop O'Reilly	Away
Dec. 27	Bishop O'Reilly Tour.	Away
Dec. 30	Bishop O'Reilly Tour.	Away
Jan. 3	Dallas	Home
Jan. 9	Seton Catholic	Home
Jan. 11	Meyers	Away
Jan. 13	Bishop Hafey	Home
Jan. 16	Northwest	Away
Jan. 23	West Side Tech	Away
Jan. 25	G.A.R.	Home
Jan. 27	Hanover	Away
Jan. 30	Wyoming Seminary	Away
Feb. 3	Bishop O'Reilly	Home
Feb. 6	Dallas	Away
Feb. 10	Seton Catholic	Away
Feb. 13	Meyers	Home
Feb. 17	Bishop Hafey	Away
Feb. 20	Northwest	Home

Coach: Joe Martini

Ladies scratch Christmas tourney Dec. 8

The first annual Ladies Scratch Christmas Classic Bowling Tournament sponsored by Cefalo and Associates, a regional law firm, will be Sunday, Dec. 8 starting at noon at Modern Lanes in Exeter.

With a top prize of \$500, the Tournament has the biggest payoff ever offered locally for a singles

event for women bowlers.

Entry fee for the Christmas Classic is \$25. The Tournament is open to all W.I.B.C. sanctioned female bowlers. No professional card-carrying members may compete.

The Tournament format will have each entrant bowl four games

across eight lanes. The total scratch score for four games will determine the winners. There is no step ladder or roll-off competition as part of the Tournament.

Entry forms have been sent to all area bowling centers. Interested bowlers may also obtain a form by calling Modern Lanes.

Payne Printery leads adult basketball

Play continued in the Dallas Adult Basketball League with three games on Sunday, Nov. 24 at Dallas High School.

In the opener Darling Farms evened their record to 1-1 with a hard fought 66-64 win over Jim-Jon Tomatoes. Joe Darling led the winners with 15 including a rim-rattling slam dunk while Rob Wilson added 13. Bill Cuff led Jim-Jon with a game high 26.

In the second game Humphries used a balanced attack to dump the Grand Slam Sports Bar 60-49. Frank Debona and P.J. Delaney

led the winners with 15 while teammate Mike Carey added 11. Scott Garabedian led Grand Slam with 19 while Dale Faux nailed six three pointers to finish with 18. Both teams now sport 1-1 records.

In the nightcap Payne Printery went to 2-0 with a 59-45 win over The Fieldhouse. Joe Flaherty again led Payne with 17 and Ken Chakon added 11. Paul Jobson Jr. led the Fieldhouse with a game high 21 and Frank Bogdan cracked double figures with 12. The Fieldhouse now slips to 1-1. Play continues on Dec. 1 with three games.

STANDINGS

Payne Printery	2-0
Humphries	1-1
Fieldhouse	1-1
Grand Slam	1-1
Darling Farms	1-1
Jim-Jon Tomatoes	0-2

Dec. 1 Schedule	
2 p.m.	- Darling Farms vs. Grand Slam Sports Bar
3 p.m.	- Humphries vs. Fieldhouse
4 p.m.	- Payne Printery vs. Jim-Jon Tomatoes



GETTING READY - Frank Gelsleichter of Hi-Score Gun Shop adjusts the scope on a customer's rifle before the beginning of buck season, which opens Monday, December 2. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

Hunters ready for deer season

By GRACE R. DOVE
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With the statewide deer population estimated at more than one million, the Pennsylvania Game Commission has issued approximately 1.2 million general hunting licenses statewide for the season that opens December 2. According to Game Protector Ed Zindell, the 16,000 antlerless deer permits allocated for Luzerne County are all sold out and bonus permits are difficult, if not impossible to find in any Pennsylvania county. For the entire state, a record 847,200 antlerless deer permits were issued.

"In order to reduce the herd by 10% statewide, we need to harvest between 230,000 and 280,000 antlerless deer," Zindell explained. "We usually figure that for every harvested doe, we issued approximately seven antlerless permits. Our goal is to reduce the herd in 62 counties and stabilize it in the remaining four."

Zindell cited the mild winters of the past several years and a good mast crop (nuts, berries and other foods) for the increase in the deer population. Since fewer deer died during the winter, they were around to reproduce the following spring.

Controlling the deer population is important and actually good for the herd, Zindell says. With a smaller population, fewer deer compete for food. With more food available to a smaller population, the deer will be stronger and healthier. And hunting actually improves the species, allowing the smarter, stronger deer to live and reproduce.

"And it helps to cut back on road kills," Zindell added. "An average of 42,000 deer are killed on the Pennsylvania roads each year."

With a record number of hunters in the woods, the Game Commission has mandated that all deer hunters wear at least 250 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material for their own protection. An orange hat and vest meet the minimum requirements. Hunters may wear orange camouflage as long as the orange content of the pattern is at least 250 square inches.

Alcohol and gunpowder don't mix, the Game Commission says; it is illegal to hunt while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The commission also suggests that hunters make their hunting position known to other hunters, keep their gun's safety on until the instant that they shoot and make absolutely sure that they know what they are shooting at.

The Game Commission offers a hunter education course free of charge; first year hunters cannot obtain a hunting license without showing proof that they have completed the course.

Safe hunting practices also include knowing how to properly handle a gun. "Handle every gun as if it's loaded!" advise Bob and Frank Gelsleichter, owners of Hi-Score Gun Shop in Fernbrook. "No one has ever been shot with an empty gun." They also recommend that hunters be as familiar with their firearms as possible. Frank Gelsleichter suggests that hunters practice shooting at a commer-

cially made deer-shaped target rather than a conventional sight-in target.

"Deer don't come equipped with little bull's-eye targets on their vital spots. By shooting at something approximately the same size and shape as a deer, you'll get to know where these vital spots are and be able to make a clean shot," he explained.

The Gelsleichter brothers also urge proper gun maintenance. Oil on guns can thicken in cold weather, which can cause the action to slow down and the firing mechanism to fail. On a hot, dusty day, dust can combine with oil to form grinding compound which can create many problems in a gun's action. Cleaning all of the old oil out of the gun's action before taking it into the field can avoid many gun problems.

Sighting your gun in correctly is extremely important. "A large number of hunters who have scopes on their guns don't have them adjusted properly," Frank Gelsleichter said. "If your crosshairs don't look like sharp lines, if they look smudged or fuzzy, your scope isn't adjusted right. A properly adjusted scope will make your shooting much easier."

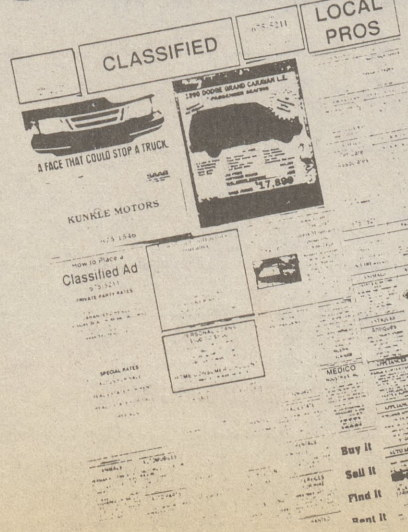
He also recommends that hunters read their scopes' instruction booklets and familiarize themselves with their equipment. Have a professional gunsmith mount your scope on your gun and bore-sight it. While target practicing with it later, you might want to fine-tune the scope yourself if necessary.



Wills and Kaiser on Cougar soccer team

Former Dallas High standouts Wally Wills and Neil Kaiser are among five former Wyoming Valley Conference players who are serving key roles on the College Misericordia soccer team. Seen in photo, front row from left are, Steve Cook, Gerald Sworen, Neil Kaiser. Second row, John Drouse, Wally Wills.

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