



DALLAS VARSITY BASEBALL - Members of the Dallas High School baseball team include; front row, from left; Brian Fort, Jared Cooney, Pete Kerdesky, Brian Miller, Shawn Scavone, Andy Flint, Brian Brady and Matt Bailey; second row from left; Pete Waichulis, Edwin Schall, John Romano, Brian Burkhardt, Marc Barbose, Todd Paczewski, Al Brzezinski, Jason Davies and Dave Fisher; back row from left; assistant coach Jim McGovern, Pat Joyce, Matt Stefan, John Howe, Rich Butcofski, Chris Miller and head coach Jack Wolensky. (Post photo/Grace R. Dove)

Baseball preview

Mounts will be strong on mound

By CHRISTINA CONRAD

Dallas baseball coach Jack Wolensky is looking for a strong year from his Mountaineers. The 23 players on the team have given him a solid effort and he expects them to compete well. Wolensky went on to comment, "We have a solid team, although, I think we are one year away from a championship team."

The Mountaineers are hoping to be competitive this year even though they lost Ray Russin and Matt Butler to strong college baseball programs. Russin is attending Old Dominion while Butler is starting at Mansfield University.

Nevertheless, Dallas does have five returning letter winners in Pete Kennedy (of), Brian Miller (p/cf), John Ramus (of), Todd Paczewski (p/1b) and Pat Joyce (3b).

Dallas needs to build around their letter winners this season to be more competitive. But Wolensky says, "The team is different than any other at Dallas." Wolensky says that is because it specializes in strong pitching and not so much in offense.

Dallas will rely on its pitching in their opener against host Bishop Hafey on April 13. Until then Dallas will struggle like other teams to get outside to battle for starting

jobs. In addition to the letter winners Wolensky will rely on Jason Davies (p/1b), Matt Bailey (2b), Dave Fisher (ss/p) and Mike Wagner (2b).

Wolensky feels his team is "a strong group of boys who work really hard. They are upbeat and optimistic. They know there are spots available on this team."

The Mountaineers are facing an all around strong Wyoming Valley Conference with key opponents in Lake-Lehman, Northwest and Wyoming Seminary. If they stay positive and healthy they should have a successful season.

Knights counting on experience

By CHRISTINA CONRAD
Sports Correspondent

Spring is here or so we think it is, and Mother Nature seems to be playing havoc with spring training for the Lake-Lehman Black Knights baseball team. With their field either covered in snow or sopping wet, it seems to be impossible to really take the field. However, the Knights are anxious for the season to start and to get Mother Nature on their side.

Eighteen players make up the varsity this year and all of them are hoping to improve on last year's 14-3 record. Last season can hardly be called a disappointing one because the Black Knights did win the division title but also suffered an early loss in the playoffs to powerhouse Hanover.

Still, with every spring comes a rebirth and a chance to improve. Fortunately, the Knights have some pretty good seniors returning this year in Matt Cadwalader, Chuck Finn, Donny James, Jesse Sorber, and Eric Stogoski. Although "the positions are still up in the air" according to assistant coach Paul Hildebrand, these five seniors should give the Knights a strong

team core. Helping the seniors are two promising sophomores, Will Woronko and Ernie Chamberlain, who will play a dual role. They will be providing good assistance this year and in the future should be leaders with experience.

Additionally, Lehman is going to need a strong season from their battery. Senior catcher Chuck Finn and senior pitcher Donny James are experienced veterans on the team this year. James commented on his catcher Chuck Finn. "He's been my catcher since my first year in teens. He's really good. He knows what I like to throw and I'm comfortable with him because we communicate well together."

Finn is equally impressed with his pitcher. "Donny has developed a lot over the past three years and he will probably have a major impact on the 1992 season."

Many team members commented on how James is expected to be a major influence in the game, but when asked James says, "I feel no extra pressure. The pitching staff is getting strong. We are in good shape."

However, pitching is only one aspect of the game. James went on to state, "We need strong defense.

Everyone has to get their bat on the ball and give 110 percent. Then, we should be contenders."

And contenders is something Lake-Lehman should very well be this year for two reasons. First, they have the talent and the experience. Second, there has been a change in the playoff format. Not only does the division winner earn a playoff berth but so does the next best team.

Still, before the Black Knights make playoff plans they need to win their opener on April 13 versus host GAR. Infielder Jesse Sorber commented on the upcoming game, "GAR is usually pretty tough but it will be a good test for us. Hopefully, everything will go well."

And if things do turn out well, the Knights will win the division title as well as a trip to playoffs to try to go farther than last year. Senior Eric Stogoski summed up the team's philosophy very simply but yet very accurately, "The best part of the season is winning and the worst part is losing. We want to win."

If Mother Nature cooperates, the Knights should be ready and out on the field soon to begin their drive for the division title.



LAKE-LEHMAN VARSITY BASEBALL - Members of the Lake-Lehman High School baseball team are; front row, from left; Larry Smith, Shawn Evans, Jesse Sorber, Shawn Kelly, Stan Gulbush, Jeff Smith; back row, from left; Vince Stryjewski, ass't coach, Dwight Barbacci, head coach, Ben Sevanski, Ernie Chamberlain, Eric Stogoski, Donny James, Chuck Finn, Matt Cadwalader, Mark Danouski, Chris Traver, Will Woronko, Paul Hildebrand, ass't coach. Missing from photo; Mark Yapple, Kevin Kono-pinski, Harry Owens.

Sports roundup

THREE MAKE TOURNEY ALL-STAR TEAM

On Saturday, April 4, at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus the State College Little Lions won the Lake-Lehman invitational volleyball tournament by defeating West York in the finals. The Little Lions also defeated area Dallas and Lehman teams in the semi-finals. Yet, three local players made the tournament all-star team. They were Ned Palka, Dallas and Rob Spencer and Dave Knapp of Lake-Lehman.

LADY MOUNTAINEERS TIE GAR IN SOCCER

The Dallas Mountaineers tied GAR 3-3 at Coal Street Park on Friday, April 3. The Mountaineers recorded exceptional play from singles players Josiah Jarlan and Bill Richardson as well as together by winning their double matches.

LEHMAN SWEEPS COUGHLIN IN V'BALL

The Lehman boys volleyball team downed host Coughlin Crusaders easily by the score 15-10, 15-13, on Thursday April 2. The Black Knights are still undefeated.

LEHMAN TRACK BEATEN BY HOBAN

On Thursday, April 2, the Lake-Lehman boys track team was crushed by host Bishop Hoban 111-39. Still, Lehman won the 400 relay, with the team of Memaras, Cuthie, Ryouck and Moyer. Also Gary Masters of Lehman won the shotput and javelin.

DALLAS BOYS BEAT WYOMING AREA

The Dallas Mountaineers boys track team defeated visiting Wyoming Area 103-47 on Thursday, April 2. Dave Podehl, Jeremiah Van Orden and Brad Bracket led the Mounts to victory.

SMAKA WINS FOUR TIMES IN DALLAS LOSS

The Dallas girls' track team also defeated visiting Wyoming Area 103-47 with strong performances of Thursday April 2 by Ann Smaka a four event winner.

LADY KNIGHTS LOSE IN TRACK TO HOBAN

On Thursday, April 2 the girls track team at Lake-Lehman lost to host Bishop Hoban 112-42. Lehman saw good performances from Tammy Yetter, the 110 hurdles, Nicole Hall, the javelin, and Lauren Frederick, the triple and long jump.

LADY MOUNT BOOTERS SCORE 3-1 WIN

On Tuesday, March 31, the Lady Mountaineers of Dallas beat Bishop Hoban at their home field at Kirby Park by the score of 3-1. Dallas was led by Carrie Miller who scored two goals. Tara Killeen who had one assist, Nina Mathers who had one assist, and Amy Shelly who also scored one goal.

KNIGHT GIRLS' SOCCER SWAMPS SETON

Sophomore Lynn Turner led the Lady Knights to a 5-1 crushing victory over host Seton Catholic on Tuesday, March 31. Turner had two goals and one assist while counterpart sophomore Gretchen Dershimer had one goal and recorded one assist.

KNIGHT SPIKERS STOP WYOMING AREA

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights volleyball team had a brief scare on Tuesday, March 31, but still defeated visiting Wyoming Area 15-13, 3-15 and 15-3. The junior varsity also won for Lake-Lehman 15-2, 13-15 and 5-8.

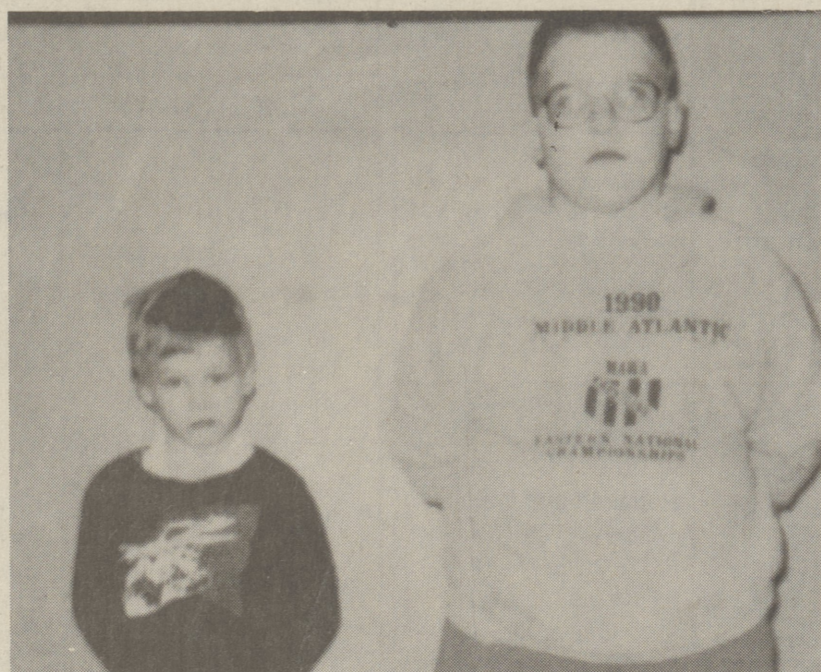
MOUNTS TAKE VALLEY WEST IN VOLLEYBALL

The Dallas Mountaineers volleyball team battled it out with Wyoming Valley West on their home court on Tuesday, March 31, by winning 15-11 and 15-12. Dave Watchulonis, Keith McDonald and Scott Bearly all had strong games for Dallas. Nevertheless, the JV won also by a score of 15-6, 15-8.

By CHRISTINA CONRAD



LAKE-LEHMAN JAYVEE VOLLEYBALL - Kneeling, from left, Chris Miller, Mike Yoblonski, Dan Lukasavage, Howie Whipple. Standing, from left, Shannon Kelly, Jason Sutliff, Dave Hawley, Jeremy Fleegee, Brian Welby, John Baranowski, coach. (Post photo/Ron Bartizek)



Wrestlers will go to Nationals

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club advances two to the Middle Atlantic Eastern Nationals to be held at Millersville University in Millersville, Pa. on April 11 and 12. Nine hundred wrestlers remain eligible from over 10,000 who began at 26 District Tournaments. Only the top three in each division advance from each of the Regional Tournaments that were held on March 28 and 29. The following boys placed: Andrew Shaw, Bantam 40 lb., 3rd place; Matt Gingo, Junior 130 lb., 3rd place.

Senior Games seeking entrants

Entry applications are available for the 1992 Pennsylvania Senior Games by writing to Keystone State Games, Inc., 31 South Hancock Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 17702-5997, or calling the Games office at 717-823-3164 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

This 12th annual event will be held July 28 through August 1, at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg. Amateur athletes ages 55 and above who are Pennsylvania residents are eligible to compete. Events include: archery, badminton, basketball (foul shooting) (hot shot) (21) (3 on 3 team tryouts), bicycle (stationary), bocci, bowling, casting, cycling, darts, golf (18 holes regulation), golf (pitch and putt), horseshoes, pool (8 ball),

racquetball, shuffleboard, softball team, softball throw, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track & field, triathlon and volleyball team.

All participants in the Pennsylvania Senior Games must pre-register. The entry deadline is June 19, 1992 and the nonrefundable entry fee is \$15. For more information, an application, or to volunteer at Shippensburg, contact Pennsylvania Senior Games Director Faye Knecht at Keystone State Games, Inc.

The 1992 Pennsylvania Senior Games are a qualifying event for athletes to represent Pennsylvania at the national competition, the U.S. National Senior Sports Classic, which will be held June 1993 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Sports shorts

Red Raiders meet April 12

The Kingston Township Red Raiders Junior Football will hold their monthly meeting on April 12 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place in Room 102, Gate of Heaven Annex building.

Soccer registration April 11

Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association will hold registration for the 1992 Fall Intramural Season one day only, April 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Dallas Middle School. Fees are \$30 for the first child, \$27 for the second and \$25 for the third. Registration will be limited this year to the number of coaches in each age group, U-8 to U-14, so register early. Birth certificates required for first year players and everyone who registers must have a social security number.

YMCA swimming lessons offered

The Wilkes-Barre YMCA is now accepting registration for swimming lessons, ages 6 and up for Pre-Polliwog (non swimmers). The student will learn basic skills such as front float, back float, paddle stroke and how to be comfortable with the face in water.

Another class is Polliwog (beginner swimmer). The participant will learn front crawl with breathing, diving in deep end and backstroke. In all levels participants will learn basic water safety. We also offer lessons for intermediate to advanced swimmers. If you do not know your child's swimming ability, call the Wilkes-Barre YMCA at 823-2191 and we will test them for the right level.

Poynton named Athlete of the Month

Former Dallas High School softball standout Laura Poynton has been named College Misericordia's Athlete of the Month for March. Poynton has led the Cougars of Coach Charlotte Sloum to an 11-4-1 start including a 9-4-1 record in March. The sophomore catcher/outfielder had 23 hits during the month and compiled a .434 average. She also scored 18 runs and had 21 RBI's.