



Kicking it out

Karen Winsneski, left, defended against an Abington Heights player during the Dallas soccer team's 6-1 victory over the Comets. Dallas was 7-0 after the win. (Post photo/Ron Bartizek)

Mounts, Crestwood soccer match should be best yet

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The Dallas Lady Mountaineers soccer team will face off against a tough opponent in the Crestwood Comets in Wyoming Valley Conference league play Thursday, April 30. This contest should be the most exciting and intense game in girls' soccer in the conference for a Back Mountain team this week. The Mountaineers have been led this season by such players as Amy Shelley, Patrice Shovlin, and Sue Richards. The Mounts are currently in first place atop the Wyoming Valley Conference standings with a record of 7-0. Dallas has scored 28 goals this

season so far while only allowing seven goals against them and the season is just about half over. Dallas should face a big test this week in Crestwood which has proven to be a real contender in the standings. They are currently tied for second place with Bishop Hoban with a 7-1 record. However the Comets have proven to be a powerhouse offensively by having a total of 41 goals this half season, while a mere 11 goals have been scored against them. If Dallas should win on Thursday they will have almost clear sailing to playoffs with only a slight obstacle in upcoming Wyoming Seminary which is currently 6-2. However, if Crestwood should

upset Dallas there would be some major movements in the standings. Crestwood and Bishop Hoban if victorious this week, also could share a shot at the number one spot. Then, the Lady Mounts would slip to second but still be in the hunt for a playoff berth.

Nevertheless, there is no doubt that the Mountaineers will be geared up and ready to play, knowing that this will be a pivotal game this season. On Thursday, look for four quarters of Back Mountain and Wyoming Valley Conference girls' soccer at its best. The game will be played at the Mountaineers field beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Back Mountain Baseball opens 1992 season

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It is spring again and the weather is finally starting to really show it. The area Back Mountain youth is breaking out their bats, balls and gloves as Little League Baseball, Softball, and T-ball begins. This was the opening week of play for Back Mountain Baseball. Opening day ceremonies were held on Saturday, April 25, at the Dallas Little League complex. Highlights of the ceremony included the presentation of the District 16, Girls Major League softball championship flag for the 1991 Little League District Tournament. In addition it was noted that the Big League girls softball all-star team for ages 16-18, comprised of players from Back Mountain, Harveys Lake, Northwest and Bob Horlacher Little Leagues, finished second in the state. The 1992 sponsorship award was presented to Daddow-Isaacs American Legion Post 672 as outstanding sponsor of the Little League program. The post has been

a continuous sponsor of Little League since 1950. The Ed Lyons award for outstanding volunteer was presented to Dave Konopki, Sr. for over 20 years of service to little league. The Back Mountain Little League has grown to 69 teams and nearly one thousand youngsters between the ages of 6 and 18. This year a boys' Senior League baseball program was established for young men between the ages of 13 and 15. Back Mountain will put forth three teams in a league comprised of three Avoca Dupont teams, two Moosic teams, and one Harveys Lake team. The highlight of the first half of the season will be

Sunday, May 31 when all the teams will play at the Lackawanna County Stadium. Little league games are played Monday through Friday starting at 5:45 p.m. Saturday games begin at 9 a.m. Back Mountain Little League has provided a lighted field for night games weekly and on Saturdays. Little League has been an important and constant source of enjoyment in the Back Mountain area. If supported by local citizens it will be sure to flourish. Stop by and you just may see the future Will Clark's of major league baseball and the future Lisa Fernandez's of fastpitch softball fame.

Openings on 13-year-old baseball team

The Back Mountain Baseball team for 13-year-olds has openings for two more players. The team plays in a 20-team league that is considered the finest in the state. Last season, the league produced the top three teams as well as winning the overall championship and all-star titles, which were played at Montage stadium. The league is for 13-year-olds only. To register, call John Bittner at 1-800-544-6519 days, or 675-1244 evenings.



Michael Geurin signs with Clarion for wrestling

Lake-Lehman wrestler Michael Geurin will attend Clarion University with a partial wrestling scholarship. Geurin took second place in state competition this year in the 171 pound class. Geurin intends to study sociology, hoping to eventually go into law enforcement. Shown from left are, sitting: Michael's mother Barbara Geurin, Michael Geurin, and his father, William Geurin. Standing are Lake-Lehman wrestling coaches Phil Lipski and Tom Williams, and athletic director Rodger Beard.

Sports roundup

GEURIN GETS CLARION SCHOLARSHIP

Lake-Lehman wrestler Mike Geurin announced that he will be attending Clarion University to further his academic and athletic career. Geurin, a senior will be attending the Division I school on a partial scholarship.

Baseball

LEHMAN TAKES DALLAS 12-5

On Monday, April 20, the Black Knights baseball team rolled over their arch rival opponents Dallas by the score of 12 to 5. Senior Donny James pitched six innings giving up two hits, five runs, one walk, and did not strike out any batters. Teammate Jesse Sorber followed James in relief with one inning pitched giving up only one hit and also striking out one. Offensively the Knights were led by sophomore Will Woronko who went three for four with a double and four RBI's with a double and two RBI's. He also pitched four innings striking four but giving up seven walks.

NORTHWEST WINS SLUGFEST WITH LEHMAN 15-10

The Black Knights were defeated on Thursday, April 23 as the Northwest Rangers defeated them by the score of 15-10. Still, the Knights were led by catcher Chuck Finn who homered for Lake-Lehman and had two RBI's.

Track

FREDERICK IS TRIPLE WINNER AGAIN

On Tuesday, April 21, the Lady Knights track team was defeated on their home track by Hazleton 111-25. Lehman's star senior Lauren Frederick again was a triple winner. She set a school record in the triple jump and just missed a record in the high jump. Still, the Black Knights are 7-1.

DALLAS COMES CLOSE

The Mountaineers boys' track team was defeated by the score of 78-72 on Wednesday, April 23. The winners for Dallas were the 3200 relay team, Dave Podel in the 100 hurdles, 400 run, and 200 dash. Also, Matt Samuel in the 1600 run and 3200 run was a winner as well as Brad Barket in the 800 run.

MASTERS, CLANCY SET SCHOOL RECORDS

The Knights girls' track team as well as the boys' team were both defeated by Berwick. The girls lost 120-21 with Lauren Frederick showing a good performance. The boys lost 100-46 with Gary Master and Dave Clancy both setting new school records.

Softball

LADY BLACK KNIGHTS STOP DALLAS 8-1

The Lady Knights of Lake-Lehman beat the visiting Dallas Lady Mountaineers on Tuesday, April 21 by the score of 8-1. The Knights were led by pitcher Karen Stefanowicz who went five and one-third innings (until the game was halted due to rain) giving up two hits, one run, three walks and striking out 11. Noell Brooks hit a triple for the Knights with an RBI and Cherub Honeywell went one for three with three RBI's.

LADY MOUNTS BLAST HAZLETON 12-5

Kelly Janosky helped to lead the Mountaineers on Thursday, April 23 with a double and a triple as the Mountaineers defeated host Hazleton by the score of 12-5. Stephanie Kriner pitched 7 innings giving up 8 hits, 5 runs, 3 walks and had 0 strikeouts. Dallas is now 3-1 and in second place in their division.

LEHMAN, NANTICOKE GAME POSTPONED

The Lake-Lehman vs. Nanticoke softball game was postponed for the second time on Friday, April 24 to a future date to be named later.

Soccer

MOUNTS SQUEAK OUT WIN OVER COUGHLIN

Patrice Shovlin led the Dallas Mountaineers to victory on Tuesday, April 21 by scoring the third quarter winning goal over visiting Coughlin. Dallas won by a score of 3 to 2. Dallas had 33 shots on goal while only allowing 6 on their goal.

CRESTWOOD TOPS LADY KNIGHTS 3-1

The Lady Knights were defeated by powerhouse Crestwood on Thursday, April 23 by the score of 3-1. Crestwood had 13 shots on goal. The only goal for Lehman was scored by Heather Picchi on a penalty kick.

MOUNTS BLAST ABINGTON HEIGHTS 6-1

Dallas beat Abington Heights 6-1 on Thursday, April 23. Dallas was led by Sue Richardson who scored two goals. Patrice Shovlin and Amy Shelley added a goal and an assist for Dallas, also. Dallas is now 7-0.

Volleyball

KNIGHTS SWEEP PITTSTON EASILY

The Black Knights cruised past Pittston on Tuesday, April 21 by the score of 15-5, 15-9. Leading players for the Knights were Rob Spencer, Dave Knapp, Paul Klemunes and Tim Norconk. The Knights are now 7-1.

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Spring gobbler season opens May 2

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Pennsylvania's woodlands will echo with calls of "kut, kut, kut" and "keouk-keouk" from turkey callers as the month-long spring gobbler season opens Saturday, May 2.

Unlike fall turkey season, only bearded turkeys (males), distinguished by a growth of long, hair-like feathers on their chests, may be harvested during spring gobbler.

Females are only harvested during the fall because spring is their nesting season.

Hunters are limited to bows and arrows or shotguns with a three-shell capacity.

Although they are allowed during fall turkey season, single-projectile firearms are prohibited during spring gobbler, according to the Pennsylvania Game Law. "Turkey hunting is very challenging," said Bob Gelsleichter of Hi-Score Gun Shop in Fern Brook. "It's very different from going out for pheasant or grouse."

"The best place to hit a gobbler with a shotgun is in the head, because a gobbler's body feathers are so thick that the shot will bounce right off them," he continued.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission strongly urges turkey hunters to wear at least 100 square

inches of daytime fluorescent orange (a hat) for safety while moving through the woods during spring gobbler season.

Fluorescent orange makes hunters more visible and prevents hunting accidents. Game Commission statistics recorded 42 hunting accidents and four deaths during the 1990 turkey season.

Since a good resident wild turkey population has established itself in northeast Pennsylvania, the Game Commission has dis-

continued stocking them. Although wild turkeys look large and ungainly, and resemble a garbage can with wings in flight, their ability to sneak through underbrush, fly for up to a mile at 40-55 mph, run cross-country at speeds up to 18 mph and even swim to safety if necessary makes for a challenging day's hunt.

And their varied diet of seeds, insects, fruits and nuts produces a delicious meat best described as "good eatin'."

Spring turkey hunting rules

Spring gobbler hunting regulations differ from those of the fall season, when hunters may harvest any turkey using a wide variety of guns and ammo.

Hunters should remember these regulations and others found in the game law summary booklet provided with each hunting license.

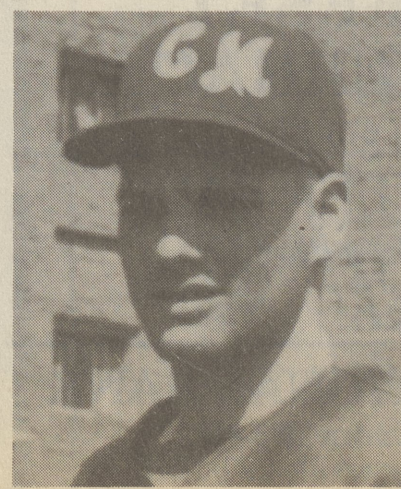
- Spring gobbler season runs from May 2-30.
- Hunting is permitted only from half an hour before sunrise until noon. Hunters must be out of the woods by 1 p.m.
- Only bows and arrows or shotgun shells using #2 or #4 lead shot or #2 steel shot are permitted.
- The Game Commission strongly urges turkey hunters to wear at least 100 square inches of fluorescent orange for safety while moving in the woods.
- Hunters may harvest only one turkey per license year, either during the fall or spring season. If they shoot one in the fall, they may not hunt for one in the spring.
- 1991-92 hunting licenses expire June 30. No hunting is permitted after May 30.

Pieczynski is top hitter

Dallas resident Eric Pieczynski, a freshman at College Misericordia, is the leading hitter in the latest NAIA District 19 baseball statistical report.

Pieczynski, a former standout at Bishop O'Reilly, has played outfield, first base and pitched, is hitting .455 through the team's first 13 games.

Pieczynski hit safely in 12 of the 13 games including 11-game hitting streak.



ERIC PIECZYNSKI

Balberchak, Slocum cited as student-athletes

Two area athletes were honored recently at College Misericordia's Second Annual Student Athlete Luncheon.

Renee Balberchak of Dallas and Susie Slocum from Lake-Lehman were both honored for their outstanding achievement in athletics and the classroom.

The event coincided with National Scholar Athlete Week and recognized 39 Misericordia athletes who have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above.