

Knight rally falls short

Fresh off a dramatic win over Berwick (See story below), the Lake-Lehman Black Knight softball team ran out of luck Monday, losing 2-0 to Pottsville in a state tournament playoff game at the Drifton softball complex.

The Knights and the Crimson Tide were perfectly matched until the fifth inning, when Pottsville combined a walk, a bunt and a double to score two runs. Up to that point, Karen Stefanowicz held

Pottsville scoreless, as Pottsville's Andrea Smith did the Knights.

For awhile it looked as though Lehman might repeat its amazing comeback against Berwick. Jen Cross started the seventh inning by beating out an infield hit. Cherub Honeywell was up next, but her attempt at a hit-and-run ended in a double play when she smashed a sinking line drive to shortstop. Pottsville's Jen Moser grabbed the drive and easily doubled up a

running Cross.

Heather Ruger followed with a single, but the rally then died on a ground out. Stefanowicz took the loss, going the distance, despite allowing only three hits, one walk and striking out four. Heather Ruger got two of the Knights' four hits.

Lehman finishes the season with a 16-3 record and the Class AAA District 2 championship to their credit.

Last-chance win kept Lehman going

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What do you do when your team is down 1-0 with two outs gone in your last at-bat?

If you're the Lake-Lehman softball team, you dig in and get four hits in a row and score three runs to win the game.

The Knight softball team took a come-from-behind victory on Friday, May 29, to defeat the Berwick Bulldogs in the final round of district competition at Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre. The Knights recorded a win of 3-1 to claim the AAA District 2 championship.

Berwick held off Lehman for as long as they could. The Knights got to two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning to begin their rally from a 1-0 deficit. It started when senior pitcher Karen Stefanowicz

got a single and put a runner on the bases for Lehman. Next, Lehman took off the designated hitter for junior catcher Chris Conrad and let her go to the plate for herself. Coming off the bench cold, Conrad hit a looped single over the infield to move Stefanowicz to second and keep the inning alive. A pinch runner, Julie Babcock, was put in for Conrad.

With a runner on first and Stefanowicz on second, Stefanowicz attempted a delayed steal of third and moved the Knights into scoring position for Heather Gray. Gray then got a strong hit off of a Berwick player's glove to make the score 2-1 and made it all the way to third on wild throws.

Senior Jenny Smith then drive in another run for the Knights by laying down a perfect bunt that brought Gray in for the score.

Not only did Lehman have great offense in the contest, they also had spectacular defense from Heather Gray who made the plays look easy and Leeanne Rogers who had a great catch in right field right after coming off the bench.

The win goes to pitcher Karen Stefanowicz who went seven innings, giving up two hits, one run and struck out five while walking two. The leading hitters of the day for Lehman were Jennifer Smith who went four for four with an RBI. Jennifer Cross who was two for two and did some excellent bunting, Karen Stefanowicz who was one for three with one run scored, and Chris Conrad who was one for one.

The Knights brought their record to 16-2 and continue in their post season play.

Little League

Jeremy Carsman fans 13 but Rangers still pull out a win

The Rangers remained unbeaten with a dramatic 6-5 victory over the Phillies and the Indians, under head coach Herb Fehlinger, remained right on their heels with two wins to highlight action in Week Five of Back Mountain Baseball major league action. Rain played havoc with the schedule and up-to-date standings will be printed next week.

Indians 5 - Dodgers 1

Winning pitcher Ed Piekara and Chuck Fehlinger combined to strike out 13 batters en route to the win. Piekara helped his own cause with two hits, including a double while Fehlinger added a two-bagger and teammate Joe Tarity added a triple. Jeff Eyet had a double for the Dodgers and struck out six in the loss.

Giants 10 - Yankees 5

Josh Butler's third home run of the season led a big Giant offensive attack as they beat the Yankees. Butler had three hits while J.J. Smith hit his first home run of the season. Derek Hodne and Tripp Graham had two hits each for the Giants while Brian Bayer added a two-run triple. Keith Zinn led the Yankees with two hits.

Rangers 6 - Phillies 5

Jeff Faneck had two hits, including a triple as the Rangers held off the Phillies. Kevin Pizzano picked up the win, striking out seven in four innings and also had a double. John Fagan and Duane Sprau led the Phillies' offense with two hits each while Jeremy Carsman struck out 13 batters in going the distance.

Reds 14 - Orioles 6

Jonathan Habrack banged out four hits as the Reds beat the Orioles. Rich Moyer had two hits for the Reds while Josh Dukas hit a triple and struck out eight in getting the win. Dan Weller had two hits, including a double, for the Orioles.

Pirates 7 - Athletics 3

Mike Sabol struck out seven batters in going the distance for the win. Sabol had two hits for the Pirates while E.J. Ishley added two hits, including a double. John Baird led the A's with two hits.

Indians 11 - Cardinals 3

Ed Piekara banged out three hits, including a home run, to lead

the Indians over the Cards in a rain-shortened game. Chuck Fehlinger got the win, striking out three, while Dan Son added a double. Josh Yoh turned in an unassisted double play. Mike Regan had the lone hit for the Cardinals.

Dodgers 9 - Orioles 8

Jonathan Saba picked up the mound win and helped himself with two hits as the Dodgers edged the Orioles in extra-innings. Dan Tomedi had three hits, including two doubles, for the Dodgers. Matt Barnard had three hits, including two doubles for the Orioles while teammates Weller and Cummings added three and two hits, respectively.

SENIOR BOY'S BASEBALL

BMT Red 7 - BMT Blue 6

Chris Herman's single with the bases loaded scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to lead the Red over the Blue. Trailing 6-4 with one out, the Red tied the game on Dan Paley's double, setting up Herman's heroics. Paley picked up the win, striking out four in three innings. Steve Lohin had two doubles for the Red while Justin Jumper banged out a triple for the Blue. Mike Trebendis struck out six in three innings for the Blue.

Avoca 12 - BMT Red 8

Dan Paley's two hits, including his first home run of the season, wasn't enough as Avoca downed the Red. Mike Robinick picked up the win, striking out 12 in going the distance. Greg Bogdon added two hits, including a double, while Eric Suchocki smacked a triple for the Red.

Harveys Lake 10 - BMT Blue 9

The Blue battled back from a five-run deficit to tie the game before surrendering the winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Snyder and Humphrey led the winners with two hits, while Kavanaugh had two hits and scored three runs for the Red. Kevin West pitched well for the Blue, striking out three and yielding just one run in three innings of work.

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2nd place - Tom Lloyd, Leslie Bullock, Clark Bittner and Theo Billinge.

3rd place - George Thomas, Joanne Bittner, Harry Nicholson and Arlene Hemence.

4th place - Michael Hemence, Betsy Thomas, John Francis and Sam Whitesell.

SENIOR GIRL'S SOFTBALL

Yankees 19 - Phillies 11

Katie Kaleta and Kelly West had three hits apiece to lead the Yankees. Michele Molesky, Karen Kaleta and Janel Burakiewicz each had two hits apiece while Butler had a triple for the Phillies. Kristy Woolbert picked up the win, striking out two.

Yankees 21 - Horlacher "A" 7

Kristy Woolbert struck out six batters and added two hits as the Yankees downed Horlacher "A". The Yankees parlayed timely hits and key base running in posting the victory.

Indians 4 - Braves 3

Bridgette Temperine pitched six strong innings, striking out six in getting the victory. Abby Russin had two hits for the Indians while Robin Holeman led the Braves with a pair of hits. Suzanne Risher pitched well and struck out six batters despite the loss.

Braves 10 - Horlacher "B" 9

The Braves battled back from a six-run deficit to post the win. Cathy Dymond led the comeback with three hits, while Suzanne Fisher and Amy Rogers added two hits apiece. Rogers picked up the win, striking out 10 batters in just four innings.

Indians 23 - Northwest 5

Bridgette Temperine and Kate Sallit each had three hits, including a home run, to lead the Indians. Trish Kristan and Theresa Paxton each had doubles for the Indians while Nicole Naugle picked up the win. Timms had a double for Northwest.

GIRL'S MAJOR SOFTBALL

Red Sox 12 - Cardinals 6

Jennifer Stolarick took matters into her own hands, getting two hits, including a double and picked up the win on the mound to lead the Red Sox. Rebecca Beisel had two hits for the Red Sox as did Maureen Paley. The Red Sox broke a 6-6 tie with six runs in the top of the sixth.

Red Sox 22 - Harveys Lake "B" 5

Rebecca Beisel had two hits, both doubles, to lead the Red Sox to a big win. Tamara Mussman and Jennifer Noon had two hits apiece for the Red Sox who raised their record to 6-2 with the win.

5th place - Bob Bachman, Carol Nesbitt, Harry Rothstein and Edith Jones.

Closest to the Pin on Hole #17 was Bob Kopp.

Closest Male to the Line was Harry Rothstein.

Closest Female to the Line was Jane Lloyd.

Lehman aces Dallas for title

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The Dallas Mountaineer soccer team's perfect season came to an end May 28, perhaps appropriately at the hands of their Back Mountain opponents from Lehman.

The two Back Mountain powerhouses in the Wyoming Valley Conference met to decide who would end the season as the Wyoming Valley Conference Champions at the Penn State/Wilkes-Barre soccer fields. When Dallas and Lehman met earlier in the year, Dallas came out the victor by the score of 1-0. That was the score again last Thursday, but with the winner and loser reversed.

Lehman's sophomore sensation Gretchen Dershimer took control of the Knights in the absence of teammate and good friend Lynn Turner, who was injured in the first Dallas-Lehman matchup. Dershimer scored the game winning goal on a direct kick at 16:41 in the third quarter. That lone goal was all that was needed to spur the Knights on to the district title.

Lake-Lehman had the advantage throughout although Dallas did seem to be able to handle a flurry of Lehman players desperate to get that ball in the net. It seemed as if fate was not on Dallas' side in this contest because Lehman was where they needed to be on the field to make the plays happen.

And the Lake-Lehman defensive squad was doing that surely. Heather Picchi, Heather Evanish, Christina Jones and Dyan Dymond seemed to keep Dallas in check throughout the contest with the help of their senior goal keeper Sue Niezgoda. Niezgoda is revered by her teammates as the best in the league. Niezgoda had 16 saves throughout the game, recorded the shutout, and anchored the defense during the entire season.

Dallas ends their season with only one loss on their record and a 16-1 record.

Lehman's ends the year at 16-2 but with the conference championship title to call their own. That might just be enough to make it a wonderful season.



LOOK OUT - A collision between Dallas's Amy Shelley, right, and Lehman goalie Sue Niezgoda sent Shelley to the sidelines. Christina Jones of Lehman looks on. (Post photo/Ron Bartizek)



CONCENTRATION - Sue Richardson, left, was defended by Lehman's Heather Evanish during the Knights' 1-0 win over Dallas last week. (Post photo/Ron Bartizek)

Dallas track had outstanding year

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Throughout the 1991-92 track season the Dallas Mountaineers were a force in the Wyoming Valley Conference despite being a small team. Coach Bill Kvashay had seven athletes qualify for the state championships as well as the 4 x 800 relay team. And don't forget they were conference champions this season.

Dallas saw the utmost production at districts from the 4 x 800 relay team consisting of Eric Williams, Eric Lehman, Eric Ursiak and Brad Barkett. The other players who qualified for the state championships were Ryan Klemm in the high jump, Brian Miller in the 110 hurdles, Dave Podel in the 100 meters and 400 meters, Matt Samuel in the 3200 meters, Becky Yurko in the javelin, and

Ann Smaka in the hurdles as well.

The most successful of those who went to the state championships was the 4 x 800 relay team. They took seventh overall in the finals. Kvashay said "What really highlighted it all was the performance of the relay team and those who made it to the finals. That was the good part."

Making it to the finals were the relay team Brian Miller, Dave Podel and Matt Samuel.

One of the participants who did not make it to finals but did show good effort at states was junior Becky Yurko. Yurko, said of her performance, "I did better than other years. I think I did pretty well. My throws kept getting better. I was consistently getting better. However, you only get three throws."

It is quite remarkable that a team of this size could compete

and do well in competition of this caliber. "I think our weakness is the lack of people. We really don't have enough numbers to compete at that level. We are trying to bring more out for next year. We need to pick up the numbers a lot," stated Yurko.

With the possibility of turning out more athletes the Dallas track team could be a force to reckon with at the state level as well as the Wyoming Valley Conference. They did seem to learn a great deal about themselves through this season. Yurko went on to comment, "We learned how we can push ourselves and each other. We accomplished a lot." Yurko said the team also learned. "It was incredible. The team stuck together and they really cared about each other. The main goal was personal performance but it was also encouraging each other."

Kiwanis All-Star softball game June 22

The 13th annual Dallas Kiwanis Girls All-Star Softball game will be played Monday, June 22, at 5:30 p.m. The game will be played on the Back Mountain Little League Field on Church Street, Dallas. The chairman of this year's game is Dean Abbott. Co-chairman is Bob Bossart.

P.I.A.A. rules and officials will be used. To assure the participation of each girl chosen, nine innings will be played and the 10 run rule will be suspended. Each player will wear her own team uniform while additional equipment will be provided.

Each team will be comprised of 18 senior girls from any team in the Wyoming Valley Softball League which will be divided into the East and West teams for the competition.

The divisions will be as follows:

East Division - Bishop Hafey, Bishop Hoban, Coughlin, Crestwood, GAR, Hanover, Hazleton, Meyers, Nanticoke, Pittston and Seton Catholic.

West Division - Berwick, Bishop O'Reilly, Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Northwest, Tunkhannock, Valley West, West Side Tech, Wyoming, Wyoming Seminary.

There will be one head coach and two assistant coaches for each team. The head coach will be that coach with the best win-loss record for the 1992 season. Those coaches will select their assistants.

All coaches will be requested to attend a meeting to select players for the respective teams. This meeting will be held on

Monday, June 8, at 7 p.m. at Bishop Hoban High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre. The meeting will be held in the teacher's dining room. Please use the second door on the gymnasium side of the building for those attending.

Coaches, who cannot attend this meeting for any reason, are requested to submit a list of senior players with a data sheet of statistics for utilization by the selection group. If no list is submitted, some deserving players may be overlooked.

Send your list to John Vesek, Bishop Hoban High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, if you are unable to attend.

Participants in the game are covered by a medical policy.

Irem Women's Golf tournament results

The Irem Women's Golf Association held a Scotch Foursome Tournament on Memorial Day, May 25 at the Irem Course in Dallas with Dr. and Mrs. Patrick DeGennaro and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neyhard as Co-Chairpersons.

Winning teams were:
1st place - Dan Tambur, Arlene Rothstein, Dr. T. Shynn and Ther-