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**FAST ACTION** - Play was hot and heavy when the Dallas and Lake-Lehman field hockey teams met last week. Lehman came away the 1-0 winner of an exciting match. (Post photo/Chris Conrad)

## Black Knight stickers edge Mountaineers 1-0

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It's not often that the first week of action plays a vital role in the outcome of an entire season for a high school sports team.

But try telling that to the Lake-Lehman and Dallas field hockey teams.

The Lady Black Knights opened the season against a strong Tunkhannock team while the Lady Mountaineers started the season off against perennial powerhouse, and defending champion, Crestwood. Then, to top things off, the two squared off against each other last Friday afternoon.

Cristy Shamus scored the lone goal of the game as Lake-Lehman defeated Dallas, 1-0, at the loser's field. The goal came midway through the second half off an assist by Heather Issac. Earlier in the week, the Lady Knights edged Tunkhannock, 2-

Despite the loss, the Lady Mounts began their season on an upbeat note, defeating

Crestwood, 3-2, on the strength of three second-half goals. Dallas had not beaten the Comets since 1979.

The results of the week left both teams and coaches feeling optimistic.

"Beating Tunkhannock and Dallas were big wins for us," said Lehman head coach Jean Lipski. "It was a tough way to start the season, with two must-win games. Our girls knew they had to play hard every minute. It's a great way to start the season."

Lipski knows from personal experience the importance of every game. Last season her Lady Knights posted an impressive 10-1-3 record but failed to make the playoffs.

"That was tough," Lipski said of last season. "We tied Coughlin and that game came back to haunt us. We just have to take each game separately. We can't let our guard down in this league or someone will knock us off."

For head coach Ron Moran and the Mountaineers, it was a very emotional week.

"It was an up and down week,"

said the first-year coach. "It was like a roller coaster. If we had lost both games we would be in a very tough situation. But the one thing that came out of winning one of the two games is that we control our own destiny. We just have to keep winning our games and not worry about the other teams."

The Mounts received a scare late in the game when standout Theresa Mathers was struck in the leg by a stick. Mathers received a severe bruise on her leg, but doctors stated that if the injury would have been a few inches higher, she could have shattered her kneecap. Fortunately for the Mountaineers, Mathers should only miss one or two games.

Moran knows that if both Lehman and Dallas keep winning, they could play again. This time in the playoffs.

"Sure, we'd like to play them again," said Moran. "We tied them last season in the only game we played against them. But there's a long way to go before we can even hope of playing them again."

## A match of two excellent teams

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It seemed to be the classic matchup of two very good teams on a crisp fall Friday afternoon in September. The Black Mountain rivalry of the Dallas and Lake-Lehman field hockey teams proves to be very emotional, very important and very physical every year. This year the outcome was in Lake-Lehman's favor as they beat Dallas on their own field, 1-0.

The game went back and forth throughout the first half. Dallas would take a shot; Lehman would take a shot. However, they kept each other in check to go scoreless into halftime.

Starting in the second half, Lehman took a strong offensive run to the Dallas goal cage, led by senior Cristy Shamus. Lehman players were furiously firing shots at the pads of Dallas goalie Abbey Russin but her defensive players helped keep the ball out of the goal. Becky Yurko and Kelly Janosky had Lehman players diving to make shots.

Junior Gretchen Dershimer was trying so hard to score at one point, that she flung her stick with her body through the air, literally diving to try to score. Still, the Dallas defense held Lehman off.

And the Lehman defense held Dallas off. The two teams seemed to cluster into big clumps in the middle of the field but would soon break up with a big Dallas clear. Many times, Dallas's Cindy Maier and Theresa Mathers would get breakaways, but were cut down by the defense of Christina Jones, Noel Brooks and Karen Komsisky. And the goalkeeping of junior Stephanie Whitesell saved the day when all else failed.

Lehman's defense had another big clear when Brooks left Dallas players helpless as she fought for the ball, gained possession and cleared the ball to Cherub Honeywell. She drove down the field where Lehman got a corner and missed.

It would not happen again. Lehman's second corner came from a hit by senior Heather Issac to junior Cristy Shamus. Shamus stopped the ball and fired a shot from the right side of the field to the lefthand corner of the cage, giving Lehman the go-ahead goal with 9:49 left to play.

Lehman's defense held Dallas off for the win from then on. Lehman's players were ecstatic and all out on the field, hugging and congratulating each other.

Seniors Dyan Dymond, Jen Farrell as well as Dershimer and Whitesall all commented after

the game on how key it was that their team was "together." Lehman's team was the most together they ever have been, according to Shamus.

"It was wonderful," said Shamus. "I jumped through the air when I scored. I have never done that before. It was such an adrenalin rush scoring, but the whole team worked so tightly together. It was just one of those games where it goes down to the wire and the team that is the most together wins."

Issac said, "We played so amazingly together. Everyone talked so well." Honeywell added, "I feel the offense was really together. There was so much excitement and we moved the ball really well."

Many of the Knights also insisted that it would come down to who wanted it more. "We came out to play for 60 minutes and we kept up a great level of play," said Jones.

And Brooks seemed to sum it up best when she said, "It's always good to beat Dallas."

The Knights and Mountaineers played this game extremely physical and at a high level of good hockey. It came down to one chance being converted rather than another. But isn't that what fall Friday afternoons are all about?

## Mounts win second straight 34-6 over GAR

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The Dallas High School football team has been a team of few surprises during the first two weeks of the 1992 season.

It's no surprise that the Mounts are a perfect 2-0, receiving that second win with an impressive 34-6 victory over GAR last Friday night at Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium.

And it's no surprise that senior tailback Brian Burd has established himself as one of the league's premiere runners, gaining nearly 300 yards in the first two contests, including 160 yards on 23 carries against GAR.

And it should come as no surprise that the Mounts have regained the defensive dominance that was present during their Eastern Conference championship seasons of 1988 and 1989. The Mountaineers have yielded just six points in eight quarters this season, led by sophomore linebacker Rich Butcofski, who has nearly 30 tackles in the first two games.

But the one surprise the Mountaineers have had this season has been to pay big dividends. That's the play of junior quarterback Brian Brady.

Brady completed eight of 12 passes last Friday night for 106 yards. In addition, Brady, who was pressed into playing both ways, contributed with six tackles on defense.

"There was a big difference in Brian from the first week to this week," said Dallas head coach Ted Jackson. "He had a great game throwing the football. I think that, with experience, he can become an outstanding quarterback. We opened up the offense and let him do more this week. He responded well."

Leading 7-6 at the half, the Mounts' offense got untracked in the second half, scoring 27 points, including 20 in the final quarter. Brady threw for two touchdowns, one to Burd in the first period and a seven-yard strike to Dave Fisher in the third. Burd, Buddy Rhodes and Williams added rushing touch-

downs for the Mounts.

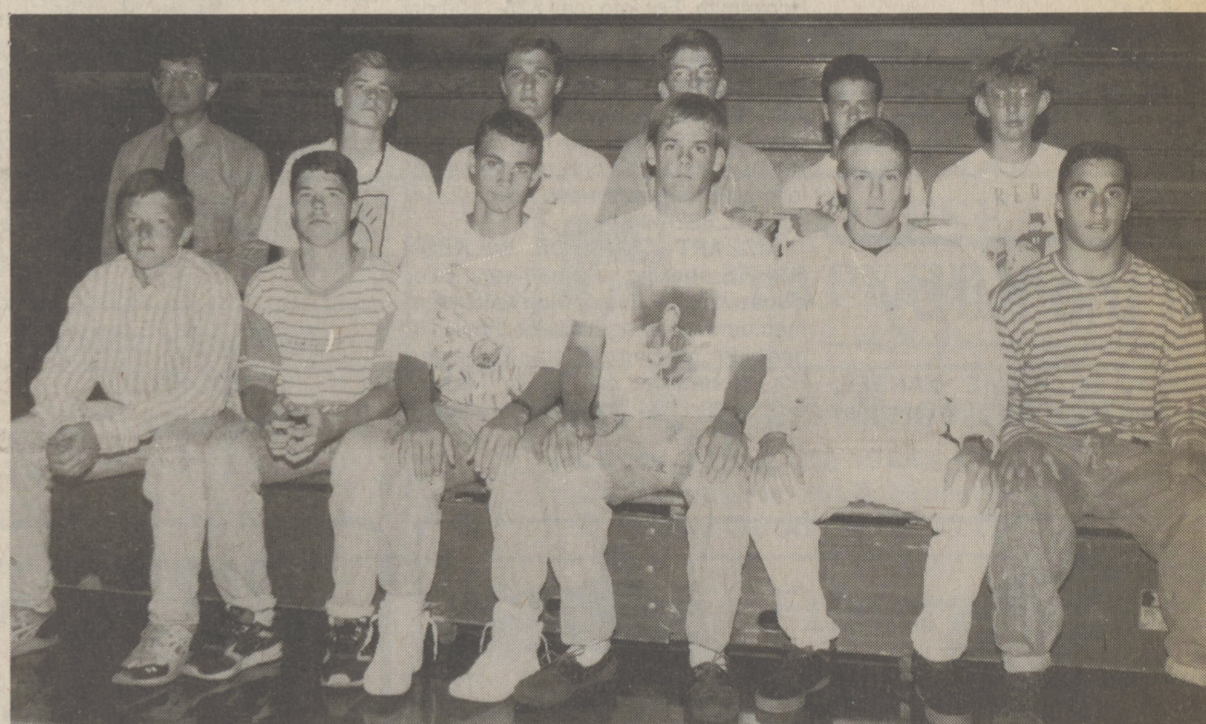
Jackson knows that he'll need that offensive output, plus another strong showing from his defense when Dallas travels to Tunkhannock this Friday night.

This is one team that has Jackson worried.

"Tunkhannock might be the strongest team we'll face all season," said Jackson of the Tigers, who posted an impressive 29-0 victory over Wyoming Valley West last Friday night. "They have two outstanding running backs and a great quarterback with experience. They also have a very good line and a lot of depth. It's going to be a very tough football game."

It should be just that. The Tigers tallied nearly 300 yards in total offense against Valley West while yielding just over 100 yards.

"It's always tough to go there and play," said Jackson, whose team will play its third consecutive road game. "We want to stay with them for the first three quarters and hope to have a chance to win the game in the fourth quarter."



**Dallas Cross-Country team**

Members of the 1992 Dallas High School cross country team include, front row from left: John Crispell, Greg Hodne, Mike Lykon, Alec Baird, Shawn Miller, Glen Ellsworth; back row from left: Coach William Kvashay, Tom Keating, David Seidel, Brian Crispell, Don Hartshorne, Kevin Loefflar. Absent from photo: team captain Matt Samuel. (Post Photo/Grace R. Dove)

## Sports roundup

### Soccer

#### LEHMAN BLANKS SEM

Lake-Lehman defeated Wyoming Seminary 3-0 September 8 at the Black Knights field. Brian Kelly and Will Woronko scored on feeds from Chris Salko and Jeremy Fleeger. Kevin Lowery recorded 12 saves in goal.

#### MOUNTS STOP COUGHLIN

Matt Sleightholm and Sean Callahan provided the offense for Dallas in their first win of the season September 8. The Mountaineer defense racked up 15 saves in the contest.

#### KNIGHTS FALL 3-2 TO ABINGTON HEIGHTS

On Thursday, September 10, Lake-Lehman lost a match 3-2 to Abington Heights. Ken Miroslaw and Brian Kelly scored for the Knights in a game that was interrupted for 35 minutes by a thunderstorm.

#### DALLAS SHUTS OUT VALLEY WEST 3-0

Dallas blanked Wyoming Valley West 3-0 on Thursday, September 10. Sean Callahan, Pat Joyce and Andy Flint scored for the Mounts, as the team recorded 26 shots on goal and allowed only six scoring attempts by Valley West.

### Field Hockey

#### DALLAS UPSETS CRESTWOOD 3-2

The Dallas Lady Mountaineers upset Crestwood by the score of 3-2 on Wednesday, September 9. Cindy Maier and Nina Mathers scored on assists from Patrice Shovlin, and Karen Wisniewski scored on a feed from Mathers. The Mounts came back from a 2-0 half-time deficit to pull off the win.

#### LADY KNIGHTS EDGE OUT TUNKHANNOCK

Lake-Lehman defeated Tunkhannock 2-1 on September 9. Senior Dyan Dymond scored both goals for the Knights, one on an assist from Jen Farrell. Stephanie Whitesell had seven saves.

### Cross Country

#### MOUNTS OVERWHELM HANOVER 43-19

The Dallas Mountaineers won their meet against Hanover September by 43-19. Matt Samuel finished first for Dallas, followed by Brian Crispell; Sean Miller was fourth, Mike Lykon was fifth and Dave Seidel was seventh. Don Harshorn finished ninth and Kevin Loeffler was 10th.

### Volleyball

#### BLACK KNIGHTS SWEEP WEST SIDE TECH

Lake-Lehman defeated West Side Tech by scores of 15-0 and 15-5 on September 10 in their season opener. Seniors Erin Loftus, Jill Smigleski and Stacey Paculavich all led the offensive fury. Loftus served for seven straight points, four of them on aces.

### Golf

#### O'REILLY SQUEAKS BY LAKE-LEHMAN

Lake-Lehman's golf team lost to Bishop O'Reilly by a score of 177 to 174. The Knights saw good performances from Ray Bartosh, Jeff Farley, Nikki Sennett and Dave Fosko. The Knights were 3-1 after the match.

### Football

#### LAKE-LEHMAN CRUSHES NORTHWEST

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights won their home opener over Northwest September 11 by 24-7. Rob Spencer ran for 104 yards and other fine performances were turned in by Pat McManus, Gary Cavill and Dave Larkins.

## Extended trout season began September 8

The extended trout season began September 8.

The extended trout season brings with it a reduced creel limit of three trout per day, seven inches or more in length, on all stocked trout waters. This creel limit also

applies to Delayed Harvest Areas and Fly-Fishing-Only Areas. Trophy Trout Waters allow a two trout per day over 14 inches. Catch-and-Release Areas and Limestone Springs Wild Trout Waters are open year round under catch-and-re-

lease regulations.

Wild Trout waters are now closed to harvest. The extended season will remain in effect through the last day of February 1993. Check your Summary of Fishing Regulations and Laws.

## LCCC Foundation golf tourney October 2

The Luzerne County Community College Foundation will hold the second annual invitational golf tournament Friday, October 2 at Edgewood in the Pines.

The tournament will be captain and crew format, with registration and a continental breakfast at 10:30 a.m. Play will begin at 12

Noon with a shotgun tee-off. A dinner and reception, including an awards ceremony, will be held at Jerry Bonner's Carriage Stop Inn following the event.

Individual entry is \$100 and includes a gift bag, greens fees, cart rental, refreshments, dinner, and admission to the awards cere-

mony. Companies can participate by sponsoring a foursome or a tee, or both.

Raffles will be held at the tournament, and Wyoming Valley Motors of Kingston will award a 1993 automobile to the first person scoring a hole-in-one on an assigned hole.