

SportsWeek



Lake-Lehman soccer team seniors
Senior members of the 1992 Lake-Lehman soccer team include, kneeling, from left, Ken Miroslaw, Justin Miller, John Presper. Standing, from left, Jeremy Williams, Charlie Jacoby, Howie Whipple, Kevin Lowery, Chris Salko, Brian Kelly, Tim Norconk. Absent from photo, Jason McDade, Brad Fleeger. (Post photo/Ron Bartizek)

Mounts impress in win over Crestwood

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As the final horn sounded and the steady downpour of rain continued, the dozens of die-hard soccer fans who braved the elements to watch the Dallas-Crestwood matchup on Saturday afternoon walked, umbrellas in hand, to the dry shelter of their cars.

But standing on the sidelines of the Dallas soccer field, now looking like a surface more suitable for a Monster Truck rally than a soccer game, was John McCafferty.

Attired in rain gear and a baseball hat, the Dallas soccer coach stood there with a grin from ear to ear, oblivious to the precipitation continuing to fall.

"Great day, isn't it," said McCafferty.

Indeed, it was a great day for ducks, as well as the Dallas soccer team. Just as the rain pounded the field, the Mountaineers pounded the Comets, 7-1, to win their third consecutive game of the

week.

If two early-season losses raised some questions as to the soundness of this team, Saturday's domination of the previously unbeaten Comets erased those doubts.

"We just wanted to get back on track," said McCafferty. "The kids were very excited about playing this game. We usually play very good on our own field and we did against Crestwood."

Despite playing a Crestwood team who came into the game at 5-0 and fresh off an impressive win against perennial powerhouse Abington Heights, McCafferty didn't overemphasize the contest.

"They were just another team," said McCafferty. "We knew that they were undefeated but we also know that we're a good team. We took our chance this game and things went well. We created our own chances."

Dallas got a strong showing from its midfield, led by senior Matt Bailey, whom McCafferty calls "one of the best players in the confer-

ence."

Matt Sleightholm led the Mountaineers scoring with three goals. Sophomore Sean Callahan added two goals for the Mounts, who jumped out to a 2-0 lead after one quarter and then pounded the nets for four goals in the second quarter to take a 6-0 halftime advantage. Ken Chapple and Joe Ankenbrand added goals for the Mounts while Richardson had two assists.

McCafferty also praised the efforts of his defense, led by seniors Pat Joyce and Andy Flint. Goalkeeper Pat Scoble, along with defenders Ed Schall and Brian Matosky.

McCafferty is hoping this win gives the peaking Mounts the momentum they'll need for the remainder of the season.

"We're getting there," said McCafferty, whose Mounts have won three straight since their 2-2 start. "We were absolutely atrocious in the beginning of the season. But we're getting better. We'll be there (in playoff contention) at the end of the season."

Sports roundup

Cross Country

LAKE LEHMAN DEFEATS HONESDALE

The Lake-Lehman cross country team won by the score of 29-27 over Hanover on Thursday, Sept. 24. Finishing first for Lehman was Allen Scott with a time of 17:12.

DALLAS DEFEATS PITTSTON

The Dallas Mountaineers cross country team was defeated by Pittston Area by the score of 39-22. However finishing first for Dallas was Matt Samuel with a time of 17:22.

LEHMAN DEFEATS WYOMING VALLEY WEST

On Monday, Sept. 21, the Lake-Lehman Black Knights cross country team defeated Wyoming Valley West by the score of 30-27 and were beaten by Wyoming Area 42-16. Lake Lehman's Allen Scott finished first for the Knights with a time of 17:36.

DALLAS LOSES TO SETON CATHOLIC

The Dallas Mountaineers lost to Seton Catholic by the score of 41-20 on Monday, Sept. 21. However, Matt Samuel came in first for the Mountaineers with a time of 17:15.

Football

DALLAS WINS 16-0

The Dallas Mountaineers defeated Coughlin by the score of 16-0. Scoring for Dallas was Brian Burd on a two yard run, Jim Moran caught a 32 yard touchdown pass from Brian Brady and a field goal by Todd Paczewski. The Mountaineers are now 5-0.

Golf

LAKE-LEHMAN LOSES

Lake-Lehman lost a close golf match to Wyoming Area by the score of 198-191. Lehman saw good performances from Rob Trescavage who shot a team low 44.

LAKE-LEHMAN BEATS TUNKHANNOCK

The Lake-Lehman golf team defeated Tunkhannock by the close margin of 196-193 on Thursday, Sept. 24. Rob Trescavage shot a team low 46 for the Knights.

GARIAN LEADS DALLAS

The Dallas golf team won on Thursday, Sept. 24 by the score of 204-211. Leading the Mountaineers was Josiah Garlan.

Field Hockey

DALLAS DEFEATS COUGHLIN

The Dallas Mountaineers hockey team defeated Coughlin by the score of 8-1 on Monday, Sept. 21. Scoring for the Mountaineers was Karen Wisniewski who had two goals, Becky Yurko, who had two goals, Kelly Janosky who had a goal and an assist, Nina Mathers with a goal, Theresa Mathers with a goal, and Jill Kowalski.

LAKE-LEHMAN FIELD HOCKEY DEFEATS HONESDALE

The Lake-Lehman Lady Knights shut out Honesdale by the score of 6-0 on Monday, Sept. 21. Scoring for the Knights was Ann Barber, Heather Isaac, Cherub Honeywell, and Heather Gray. The Knights also had two saves by goalie Stephanie Whitesell.

LAKE LEHMAN DEFEATS BERWICK

The Lady Knights of Lehman defeated Berwick by the score of 4-0 on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Scoring for Knights were Heather Isaac, Cherub Honeywell, Ann Barber and Heather Gray.

DALLAS HOCKEY WINS

The Dallas field hockey team defeated Wallenpaupack on Wednesday, Sept. 23 by the score of 4-0. Scoring for the Mountaineers was Patrice Shovlin, Cindy Maier who scored twice and Kelly Janosky.

LAKE-LEHMAN BEATS WYOMING VALLEY WEST

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights hockey team defeated Wyoming Valley West on Friday, Sept. 25 by the score of 3-0. Scoring for the Knights were Ann Barber with two goals and Dyan Dymond. The Knights are now 7-0.

DALLAS WINS 5 - 1 AGAINST NANTICOKE

The Dallas Mountaineers defeated Nanticoke by the score of 5-1 on Friday, Sept. 25. Scoring for Dallas was Nina Mathers, Cindy Maier and Kelly Janosky.

Volleyball

LAKE-LEHMAN DEFEATS COUGHLIN

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights volleyball team defeated Coughlin 15-0 and 15-3 on Tuesday, Sept. 22. Jessica Kenney had a fine game

setting for the Knights while Stacey Pacalavich added three kills and a block. Erin Loftus had three kills and 12 service points. And Jill Smigelski had 11 kills and three block for Lehman as well.

DALLAS DEFEATS TUNKHANNOCK

The Dallas Mountaineers volleyball team was defeated by Tunkhannock by the score of 15-5 and 15-3 on Tuesday, Sept. 22. Leading Dallas were Theresa Fagan and Amy Smith.

NORTH POCONO BEATS DALLAS

On Friday, Sept. 22, the North Pocono volleyball team defeated Dallas by the score of 16-14 and 15-0.

Soccer

LAKE-LEHMAN DEFEATS BISHOP HOBAN

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights soccer team defeated Bishop Hoban on Monday, Sept. 21 by the score of 5-0. Starting the scoring for the Knights was Jeremy Fleeger with an assist by Will Woronko who would then score the second goal for Lehman with an assist by Brian Kelly. Later, Kelly would score two goals both of which were unassisted. Finally, junior Will Woronko would score in the fourth quarter. Lehman goalkeeper Kevin Lowery recorded eight saves on the day.

LAKE-LEHMAN BEATS MEYERS 5-0

Lake-Lehman defeated Meyers 5-0 on Thursday, Sept. 24. Scoring for Lehman was Will Woronko, Chris Salko and Brian Kelly who had three goals. Goal keeper Kevin Lowery had 10 saves for the Knights.

Kingston Twp Junior Football Raiders A, B, C teams lose to Plymouth

The Kingston Township Raiders lost to the Plymouth Indians on Sunday September 27. The A team lost 36 to 0 while the B and C teams lost 24 to 0 and 14 to 0 respectively.

The Raiders will be playing against West Pittston on Sunday October 4.

Due to an error the B team score from last week's game should have been, Raiders 36, Swoyersville Sailors 0.

Irem womens golf tournament winners

The Irem's Womens Golf Association held a Better-Ball of Partners Tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at the Irem Course in Dallas.

Winners were: 1st, Ellie McKeage and Leah Flock; 2nd, Carole Ertley and Mae Smith; 3rd, Doris Parsons and Theresa Ballet; 4th Kay Goodman and Lois DeGennaro. Closest to the pin was Lea Flock.

Knights draw lessons from volleyball loss to Tunkhannock

By CHRISTINA CONRAD
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On Friday, Sept. 25, the Lake-Lehman Junior High School gymnasium was filled to capacity for the matchup of the week in girls' volleyball. The Tunkhannock Tigers defeated the host Lake-Lehman Knights in a very close contest. The Tigers won the match 10-15, 15-4 and 15-12.

However, this was an example of some of the best volleyball the Wyoming Valley conference has to offer. The Knights, who had a large student cheering section, started off the contest with a 15-10 first game win. The first game had a great deal of long points with excellent plays being made by both teams.

Senior Jill Smigelski, during the first game made an incredible play by saving her team twice while lying on the floor. The senior volleyball standout dug the ball and while trying to stand up she

made another super dig. The Knights seemed to gel after that play and went on to win the first game 15-10.

The Black Knights, did not do so well in the second game as they at one point fell to a 7-1 deficit. Eventually, the Knights lost the game, as well as momentum, by the score of 15-4.

The Knights came out for the third game with a strong 5-0 rout. The Knights saw big hits by both Erin Loftus and Jill Smigelski. Yet, at one point the Knights seem to just "lose it".

"We were focused and we were ready," said Loftus, "but we have a tendency to get down and we seem to have it then lose it and can't get it back." The Knights let the Tigers come back from 12-5 deficit to win the third game by the score of 15-12.

Although the Knights lost this game they feel they have learned

many good things from it. Senior Jill Smigelski set a school record with 13 kills and 12 blocks. Smigelski said, "I didn't even know we kept track of school records like that. I was excited when I found out the next day but I didn't even realize it after the game."

Also, the Knights saw great efforts from senior Erin Loftus, Stacey Pacalavich, and junior setter Jessica Kenney.

"It was a tough loss, but everyone played really well. It is good to lose sometimes. Everyone needs to get set straight once in a while. We have a lot of things to work on but the pressures off and we can get into stride now," Smigelski said.

As the Knights look back on the season, they may see this as a turning point. They will most likely meet Tunkhannock again in districts and with their adjustments they will be a very difficult team to beat.

Nanticoke blanks Knights 22-0

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On Saturday, Sept. 26, the Lake-Lehman Knights were the unlucky Wyoming Valley Conference team that would have to face Nanticoke after their loss to Coughlin. The Knights lost to the Trojans in a steady rain by the score of 22-0.

The Knights were held offensively to only 83 total yards and recorded only four first downs in the game. Still, no scoring in the game occurred until the end of the first quarter as dreary conditions seemed to effect both teams.

Although the Knights could stop the run of Nanticoke they had a hard time stopping short passes which seemed to kill the Knights efforts. "Their short passes really hurt us, today. We would get the third down and then they would have a big pass and we couldn't

stop them," senior Ben Sevanski said after the game.

"After Riverside, we knew we were a pretty good team and we could play but we just didn't want to play today. That should change for the next week though. We will get our game plan for Crestwood on Monday and we should know better what we will need to do," Sevanski said.

Senior quarterback Pat McManus offered similar sentiments. "The defense played well today. And the offense needs work because it is our big weakness," McManus went on to state, "Today was not us. Today was not characteristic of this team. We need to practice with a positive attitude because there is a good chance this team could very well go 8-2 on the season."

Although, the Knights have a lot

to work on they seemed to be able to point out some good things that they accomplished. Junior Ernie Chamberlain said, "I thought even though we lost that Clive Lankwarden played a heck of a game today. He played really hard going both ways and he had a fumble recovery."

Also, junior Mike Ruger stripped the ball for the Knights but the offense couldn't seem to capitalize on the efforts of the defense.

The Knights play Crestwood, which is 1-3, away next week and hope to improve their 1-2 record. The Knights do know what they need to work on and if the team can pull themselves together and learn to play in any kind of conditions they may very well be looking at an 8-2 season. Until then there may be hard times ahead for the Black Knights.

Dallas Rotary announces Golf Tournament

The Dallas Rotary Club will conduct the 10th Annual Dallas Rotary Fall Classic Golf Tournament at Irem Temple's Country Club on Monday, Oct. 5. Sponsor fee is \$100, which includes an advertising sign on the golf course and prizes awarded in the sponsor's name at the conclusion of the tournament.

David Payne, Dallas Rotarian and Chairman of the event states that the sponsorships help to

continue the club's work with local organizations such as: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Back Mountain Baseball and Soccer, as well as programs such as: Rotary Youth Leadership Camps, Book Scholarships to graduating Seniors from Dallas and Lake-Lehman, career nights, and the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

The club hopes to make this 1992 Tournament the best ever.

Noxen wrestling pre-registration Oct 5

The Noxen Strikers will start its 1992-93 season, Tuesday, Oct. 6 at the Old Noxen School.

Practice will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. until November, then it will be 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Please pre-register by calling 298-2481 or 298-2212.

This year registration will be

limited.

Those in fall sports will only be expected to make practice when they can until their fall sports are over.

Noxen first cross country run will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. rain or shine. The race will start at the fire hall and end at the fire hall.

Kowalski, Cleary playing at Wake Forest

Junior Amy Kowalski and Freshman Kelly Cleary, both of Dallas, are members of the field hockey team at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem North Carolina. This is Kowalski's second year on the team.

Strumski makes all-tournament team

College Misericordia freshman Courtney Strumski of Tunkhannock was chosen to the all-tournament team at the Luzerne County Recreational Board volleyball tournament at King's College.

College Misericordia placed third in the tournament which was held on September 12.

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