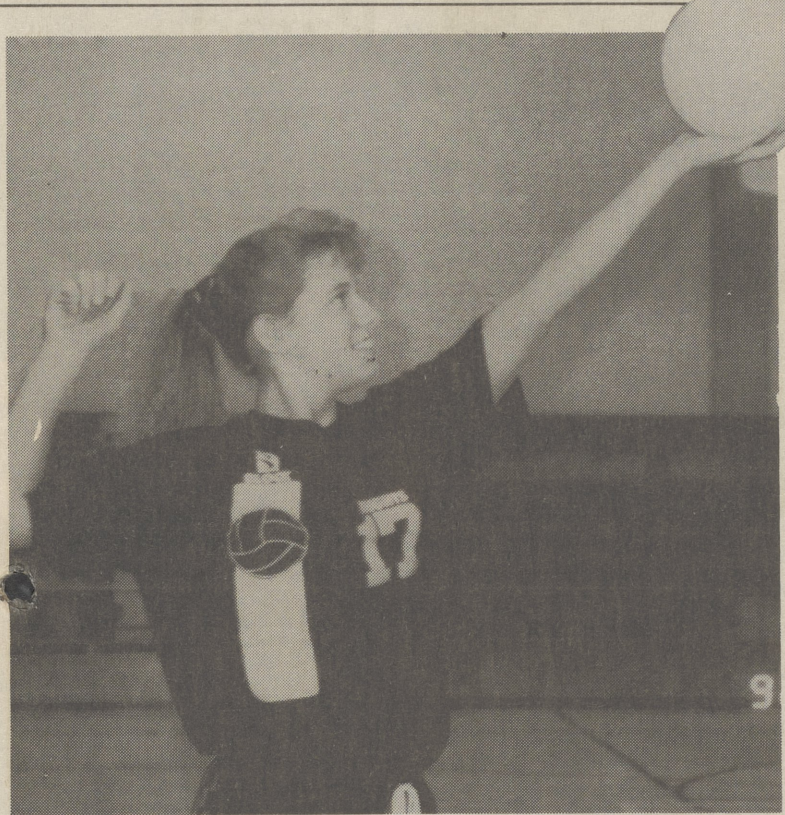


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JILL SMIEGIELSKI

Jill Smiegelski paces Lehman volleyball team

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When thinking of Lake-Lehman volleyball one must think of senior Jill Smiegelski, because this season she has played such a vital part in their winning record.

She has set school records as well as leading the team by example. Jill's volleyball skills have steadily improved over her four letter winning seasons.

"I like volleyball a lot. The fact that it is very competitive and only six people can be on the court at the same times makes it harder to make the team. It is also really quick paced," Smiegelski said.

Quick paced and hard are two very good adjectives for how Smiegelski plays. This season she has battled through injuries as well as a slight breathing problem during the Tunkhannock game.

"The loss made me very disappointed because it's my senior year and they are our arch rival. But, I was also proud because we played hard. It was a total team effort, but I was happy to lose to the best," said Smiegelski.

However, there is a good chance that the Lady Knights will face the Tigers again. "We'll be ready for them this time. We are looking forward to it," Smiegelski said of rival Tunkhannock.

In the past years Lehman has had difficulty competing with Tunkhannock but this year the teams were very equally matched. Smiegelski stated, "We are more of a team this year with more spirit. We are dedicated and we have to try harder and practice harder to do better. And I think we all get along and team unity is a big point."

The Lady Knights do seem very together this year and a big reason for that is the play on the court of Smiegelski and her leadership of the team on and off the playing court.

An influence in her game this year was her Juniata summer volleyball counselor Leeanne Kling, a senior at Pennsylvania State University. "She told me that my playing ability was the same as hers when she was in high school. She helped to change my playing skills a lot this year. And she has so much dedication playing year round."

Due to the fact that Smiegelski has so much spirit and dedication an even brighter future could be ahead for her. She is involved in school with girls' spring soccer and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) as well as being a good student and devoting a lot of time to volleyball. However, volleyball seems to be her passion.

Smiegelski should be a strong influence and possibly the deciding factor in the final success of the 1992-93 season. Look for her and her teammates to be making some noise during volleyball playoff time in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

Black Knights roll over Meyers 15-7

Next: Bishop Hoban at home

By CHRISTINA CONRAD
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The Lake-Lehman Knights defeated Meyers in football on Friday, Oct. 23. The Knights proved with their 15-7 victory that they are contenders in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

The Knights may have come out in the first quarter looking unready as Meyers drove down and scored on their first possession. However, the Knights came right back and scored on their next drive, on Pat McManus's 5-yard run. The Knights went for the two point conversion and successfully got it on a Rob Spencer run.

"We have so much more experience this year. We have more confidence because we are stronger and smarter. This is a big factor," said senior quarterback Pat McManus.

The Knights did show a lot of confidence in the game when right before halftime the Knights almost scored on a McManus run thanks to an incredible block by Gary Cavill. Cavill came from 10 yards back to make a crushing block to allow McManus to get into the end zone. But somewhere else on the field there was a clip which brought the ball back. This did not stop the

Knights though they came out in the second half ready to win.

"We covered our assignments well with emotion. We proved we are hitters today," said Cavill of the game.

The Knights capped off the scoring with a 69 yard pass from McManus to Clive Lankwarden.

"I guess I just told myself 'Oh, catch the ball Clive' then I just ran as hard as I could and nobody caught me. It was Pat's best throw of the year," said Lankwarden of the touchdown catch. Dave Larkins kicked the extra point to bring the score to 15-7.

"I think we got sick of losing. The seniors are working so much harder. They are stepping up and showing the way. And that helps the team to play better," said Junior Ernie Chamberlain.

The Knights now have to compete with Bishop Hoban Saturday afternoon at home.

"We will definitely continue our winning streak. We beat two good teams and now we know what to do. We are going to be okay," said senior Ben Sevanski.

The Knights have a two game winning streak going and chances are good they could finish the season a great deal stronger than how they began.

Mounts face biggest test of season against Hanover

By DAVE KONOPKI
Sports Correspondent

It was nothing more than a mere formality.

The Dallas Mountaineers' impressive 46-12 win over Bishop Hoban last Saturday came as a surprise to no one. In fact, on the Dallas football menu, the Argents were little more than an appetizer.

The main course comes this Saturday.

The Mountaineers, 7-1 overall and 4-1 in the conference, play host to defending Eastern Conference champion Hanover Area. The Hawkeys raised their overall record to 5-2 with an impressive 14-12 win over previously unbeaten Marion Catholic, Pennsylvania's top-ranked Class A school. The Hawkeys own an unblemished 4-0 mark in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

The game, which has WVC, Eastern Conference and state playoff implications, will be televised on WYOU-TV 22 beginning at noon.

The Mountaineers racked up an impressive 435 yards of total offense in drubbing the Argents. Junior quarterback Brian Brady completed eight of 14 passes for 216 yards and four touchdowns while senior tailback Brian Burd rushed for 136 yards, putting him over the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

Seniors Dave Fisher and Todd Paczewski each scored two touchdowns on receptions from Brady. Burd added a five yard touchdown plunge while sophomore Marty Straigis closed out the scoring on a 17-yard run. Paczewski also added a 27-yard field goal for the Mounts.

With the Argents out of the way, the Mountaineers can now concentrate on the Hawkeys, a team that has been to the state finals the past two seasons and hasn't lost a conference game in nearly three years.

"It's tough to prepare for Hanover," said Dallas head coach Ted Jackson. "They are going to be the best defensive team that we'll face all season. Their inside linebackers (Al Nice and Russ Davis) are scary. As a pair, they might be the best linebacking duo to ever play in the conference."

"We're going to need to stop their running game," added Jackson. "They like to run the ball right at you. Offensively, we will have to mix it up. We feel fortunate to be involved in a big game. But like I said in the beginning of the year, until somebody beats Hanover, they have to be considered the number one team in the conference. This is what it's all about, to be part of a championship atmosphere."

Here are the key matchups that will determine the outcome of the contest:

Dallas vs. Hanover Sat., Oct. 31, 12 Noon at home

The Matchups

WHEN HANOVER HAS THE BALL

HANOVER OFFENSE		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
Ron Hummer	QB		5'11	180	Sr.
Kevin Proctor	RB		6'0	180	Jr.
Henry Aftewicz	FB		5'11	180	Sr.
Tom Potsko	C		5'10	185	Jr.
Al Nice	G		6'1	225	Sr.
Russ Davis	G		6'1	220	Sr.
Brian Gabriesheski	T		6'5	280	Sr.
Chris Weaver	T		6'0	215	So.
Mike Ropietski	TE		5'10	190	Sr.
Rick Hummer	WR		5'11	180	Sr.
Joe Ulozas	WR		6'0	170	Sr.

DALLAS DEFENSE		DL	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
Greg Nazdan	DL		6'2	240	Jr.
Marty Straigis	DL		6'3	230	So.
Jim Moran	DE		6'2	220	Sr.
Joe Kelley	DE		6'2	180	Sr.
Al Brzezinski	OLB		5'9	160	Jr.
Brian Burd	OLB		6'0	185	So.
Rich Butcofski	LB		6'1	210	So.
Chris Updyke	LB		5'10	185	Sr.
Todd Paczewski	DB		6'0	160	Sr.
Dave Fisher	DB		5'11	160	Sr.
Brian Brady	DB		5'11	155	Jr.

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DALLAS OFFENSE		QB	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
Brian Brady	QB		5'11	155	Jr.
Brian Burd	RB		6'0	185	Sr.
Ed Mattie	FB		5'9	180	Jr.
Tom Bolesta	C		5'8	185	Sr.
Tom Adams	G		5'10	185	Sr.
Chris Updyke	G		5'10	185	Sr.
Greg Nazdan	T		6'2	240	Jr.
John Howe	T		5'11	195	Jr.
Jim Moran	TE		6'2	220	Sr.
Dave Fisher	WB		5'11	160	Sr.
Todd Paczewski	WR		6'0	160	Sr.

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Jeff Ropietski	DE		5'8	150	So.
Ron Hummer	DB		5'11	180	Sr.
Joe Ulozas	DB		6'0	170	Sr.
Shawn Hudak	DB		6'0	170	Sr.

HANOVER RUNNING GAME VS. DALLAS AGAINST RUN

This is the matchup that will go the furthest in determining the outcome. There's no doubt that the Hawkeys will give the ball to Kevin Proctor and Co. and try to dominate the time of possession, keeping the ball out of the hands of the Mounts' talented skill people. Big test for the Dallas defensive front against a huge Hawkeye offensive line. Dallas's linebacking corps, led by sophomore Rich Butcofski, needs to come up big. **ADVANTAGE: EVEN**

HANOVER PASSING VS. DALLAS AGAINST THE PASS

After the game against Marion Catholic, Hanover coach Al Kopacz said that he was hoping to pass the ball just two or three times in the game. He'll take the same approach against Dallas. As a sophomore, Hawkeye quarterback Ron Hummer, filling in for the injured Erik Pierson, led Hanover to the

state title. Hummer has the potential but receivers Rick Hummer and Joe Ulozas have had a tough time filling the shoes of Brian Kopacz and Dennis Monk who graduated last year. The Dallas secondary of Paczewski, Fisher and Brady will feature three of the best athletes on the field. **ADVANTAGE: DALLAS**

DALLAS RUNNING GAME VS. HANOVER AGAINST THE RUN

Anyone with a heart condition, weak stomach, pregnant women and children smaller than Bugs Bunny's ears should not be allowed to view this battle. Dallas's Brian Burd is the best running back in the conference. Hanover's dynamic duo of Nice and Davis are the best 'backers in the conference. Football the way it was meant to be. If not for injuries during his sophomore season and part of this season, Burd would be approaching the 4,000-yard plateau. He had success last year against the Hawkeys. **ADVANTAGE: SLIGHT EDGE DALLAS**

DALLAS PASSING GAME VS. HANOVER PASS DEFENSE

This is the biggest football game in the young life of Brady. Look for high percentage passes early to get his confidence level high. His 200-plus yards against Hoban showed his ability to throw the ball downfield. Good receivers in Paczewski, Fisher and Burd, out of the backfield. A fierce pass rush and frequent blitzing may put a lot of pressure on Brady, something that hurt Dallas in their lone loss to Nanticoke. Hummer is a tough defensive back and defensive back Shawn Hudak leads the team in solo tackles and tackles for losses. Hanover had four interceptions against Marion Catholic. **ADVANTAGE: EVEN**

INTANGIBLES

Plain and simple, the Hawkeys know how to win. They haven't lost a WVC Division II game in nearly three years and all have big-game experience.

A couple years ago, a game on their home field was a virtual lock for the Mountaineers. My, how times have changed. After losing to Nanticoke and a lackluster performance against Crestwood at home, you start wondering if Jackson would rather play this game on Friday night on the road. Both teams need wins for the playoffs. Dallas still has a shot at a state playoff berth. **ADVANTAGE: HANOVER**

SPECIAL TEAMS

Neither the Mounts' Paczewski nor Hanover's Mike Bogdon has missed an extra-point attempt this season. Ron Hummer has returned three kickoffs for touchdowns this season while Burd had an 80-yarder against Nanticoke. Dallas has a very good kicker in kickoff and punt specialist Charlie Siglin. Dallas' punt return unit has, at times, looked shaky at best. Paczewski's two field goals and his ability to kick from inside of 35 yards rates Dallas a slight edge. **ADVANTAGE: DALLAS**

PREDICTION

Do yourself a favor. Don't stay home and watch the game on television. Set the timer on your VCR and head up to the field. This is one game you'll want to see in person.

If you like hard-nosed, aggressive and exciting football, then this is the game for you. Look for the game to be dominated by defense. Dallas allowing 7.6 points per game while Hanover yielding just 10 ppg. This is the biggest game for Dallas since its Eastern Conference championship game against Danville in 1988. Hanover always comes ready to play. Dallas will be sky-high. Dallas's ability to mix the run with the pass proves to be the difference.

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Sports roundup

Volleyball

LAKE-LEHMAN BEATS GAR IN TWO GAMES

The Lake-Lehman girls' volleyball team defeated GAR two games to one on October 19 by the scores of 15-2, 13-15, and 15-6. Impressive play was seen by Stacey Paculavich who had seven kills, Julie Demidovich who had four kills and Jessica Hynick who had four kills as well.

DALLAS WINS 15-2, 15-1

The Dallas Lady Mountaineers were defeated by Crestwood on October 20, by 15-2 and 15-1. However, Teresa Fagan, Michelle Stahl, and Holly Mannear led Dallas.

LAKE-LEHMAN KNIGHTS DEFEAT CRESTWOOD

On October 22, the Lake-Lehman Knights led by Jessica Kenney defeated Crestwood 15-4 and 15-3. Leading the Knights was Jessica Kenney's 23 assists. Also Jill Smiegelski, Erin Loftus, Stacey Paculavich, Shannon Swan and Tammy Blansett also had good games for the Knights.

DALLAS LOSES

Dallas was defeated 2-1 on October 22 by the scores of 15-11, 13-15 and 15-14 by Wyoming Valley West who stays alive now for a district playoff berth.

Golf

LAKE-LEHMAN FAIRS WELL AT DISTRICTS

The Lake-Lehman Knights golf team did fairly well in the final competition of District II golf on October 19. Lehman's Nikki Senette scored a low 88 and tied with senior Rob Trescavage. Following was Jeff Farley who scored a 92.

Field hockey LAKE-LEHMAN CLAIMS PLAYOFF BERTH

The Lake-Lehman Lady Knights claimed a berth in the District II playoffs as well as captured the Wyoming Valley Conference AA crown with their win over Nanticoke October 19 at Nanticoke. The score of the game was 1-0. Lehman's Heather Gray scored the lone goal for Lehman while Dyan Dymond got the assist. The Knights had 12 shots on goal and goalie Stephanie Whitesell saved no shots on goal in the contest.

DALLAS DEFEATS HONESDALE

The Dallas Mountaineers defeated Honesdale on October 21 by the score of 6-1. Scoring for the Mountaineers were Nina Mathers with two goals, Kelly Janosky with two goals, Cindy Maier and Jill Kowalski all scored for the Mountaineers. Dallas took 26 shots on goal in the contest.

Soccer

LAKE-LEHMAN BEATS DALLAS

The Lake-Lehman Knights defeated Dallas on October 20 by the score of 2-0. Scoring for the Knights were Brian Kelly off a Jason McDade assist and Will Woronko off an assist by Ken Miroslaw. Lake-Lehman goalie Kevin Lowery had a shut out for the Knights with 11 saves.

DALLAS WINS ON ONE GOAL

Dallas defeated Abington Heights on October 22 by the score of 1-0. The lone goal was scored by Sean Callahan in the second quarter. The assist came from Matt Sleightholm. Dallas had six saves in the contest.

COUGHLIN LOSES TO LAKE-LEHMAN

Lake-Lehman defeated Coughlin 4-0 on October 22 by the score of 4-0. Scoring for the Knights were Brian Kelly twice, once on a penalty kick and once unassisted. Also scoring for the Knights was Chris Salko on an assist from Kelly. Kevin Lowery had his second shutout of the week by recording seven saves.

Cross Country DALLAS BEATS GAR, LAKE-LEHMAN

Lake-Lehman and Dallas competed against each other and GAR on October 20, in a Wyoming Valley Conference meet. Dallas swept the meet beating GAR 48-15 and Lehman 42-19. Lehman beat GAR by the score of 23-32. Matt Samuel set a course record on the day with a time of 16:11.

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