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Sports Week

FIRST HALF STATISTICS

LAKE-LEHMAN

Name	Games	Points	PPG	Rebounds	RPG
Rich Davis	8	156	19.5	81	10.1
Jesse Martin	8	95	11.9	46	5.7
Wil Woronko	8	90	11.2	22	2.8
Dave Clancy	8	71	8.9	53	6.6
Chris Ziomek	8	26	3.3	12	1.5
Dave Fosko	6	19	3.2	6	1.0
Tim Waslik	5	5	1.0	6	1.2
John Oliver	4	3	0.8	2	0.5

DALLAS

Name	Games	Points	PPG	Rebounds	RPG
Dave Puz	8	120	15.0		
Todd Paczewski	8	98	12.3		
Charlie Siglin	8	92	11.5		
Dave Fisher	7	68	9.7		
Brian Brady	8	56	7.0		
Mike Wagner	8	32	4.0		
Scott Kern	6	26	4.3		
Jason Davies	2	5	2.5		
Jason Pieczynski	2	2	2.0		
Ted Jackson	2	4	2.0		
Tom Hlilte	1	1	1.0		

* Dallas rebounding statistics not available.

Rich Davis joins the 1,000 point club

Lake-Lehman High School senior leads on and off the court

By DAVE KONOPKI
Sports Correspondent

There once was a time when Richard Davis, Sr. was the king of his backyard basketball court. A time when his son, Rich, could do nothing more than watch in vain as his father's hook shot hit nothing but the bottom of the net.

But last Wednesday it was his father who did the watching.

The Lake-Lehman High School senior converted on a layup in the fourth quarter of his team's game against Abington Heights, scoring his 1,000th point as a high school basketball player.

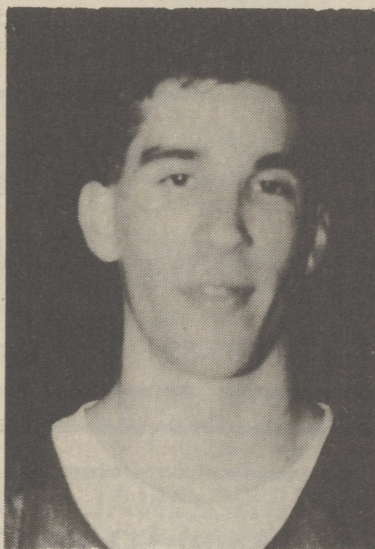
"My dad and I have played some great games in the backyard," said Davis, who became the fourth Black Knight to reach the 1,000-point plateau during head coach Roger Bearde's 14 years at the school. "We still have some good games. He used to beat me pretty easily. He would always post me up low and hit a hook shot. Now, I think it's pretty much a draw."

The 6-5, 190-pound Davis joins Dave Penkrot, Billy Bearde and Carl Houck in the 1,000-point club. Penkrot finished his career with more than 2,000 career points.

"With each year Rich has improved as a player," said Bearde, who started Davis as a sophomore. "He has become much more aggressive. His overall game has improved with hard work. He's worked hard on his inside game."

As a three-year starter, Davis was one of the people Bearde turned to for team leadership.

"What Rich has done this year is



RICH DAVIS
Leads team in all categories

become a leader," Bearde stated. "He has shown some very good leadership qualities. The other players respect him and look up to him."

What Davis has become is a quiet leader, a player who leads his team by example.

"Coach Bearde has been telling Dave (Lehman senior Clancy) and I for the past two years that he wants us to be leaders," said the well-spoken and likeable Davis. "I try to keep myself composed on the floor. I always try to stay under control."

"Coach Bearde has helped me a lot," added Davis, son of Richard and Margaret Davis of Sweet Valley. "His intensity filters through the players. I wouldn't want to be coached by anyone else."

In addition to Bearde, Davis also



DAVE CLANCY
Black Knight co-captain

credits his family and teammates with helping him achieve the milestone.

"My family has been great," said Davis, who has a sister, Alyson, 19, and a brother, Michael, 13. "They have always been very supportive. I was thinking of them when I got the 1,000th point. It was nice to have them there."

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates," Davis continued. "They get me the ball and we play very well together. After the game, we went out and celebrated. We're close off the court, as well. We're all friends."

Davis said he was anxious to hit the milestone and was honored to be a part of Lake-Lehman basketball history.

"I knew that I needed 21 points going into the game," said Davis,

who plans on majoring in either physical therapy or business management in college. "It was just a simple layup. Dave Clancy got me the ball off a fast break. It was a great feeling when they stopped the game. It made me feel special. I know some of the other players who got 1,000 points here at Lehman. Billy Bearde was my junior varsity coach when I was a freshman. It's a great honor."

Davis is much more than just a basketball hero at Lake-Lehman. He is also the senior class president, a member of the National Honor Society and, according to Bearde, one of the most respected students in the school.

"Rich Davis is a very impressive young man," said Bearde. "He has the highest respect from the school community. He leads by example, not only on the basketball court, but in the classroom."

Rich Davis will continue to play basketball the rest of this season, and probably into college, giving something back to basketball, a sport which helped develop a very special relationship.

The bond between Rich Davis and his father has grown over the years, a bond which far transcends the game of basketball. A bond which started on a backyard gravel basketball court.

"My father and I are very close," said Davis, whose father played his basketball at Plymouth High School and Wilkes College. "My father has always been there for as long as I can remember. He's had a very big influence on my life. He's probably the biggest reason that I'm playing basketball today."

Coaches grade teams' first-half

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After watching their teams get off to fast starts, both Roger Bearde and Paul Brown had reason to feel good about their basketball team's chances for a first-half title in the Wyoming Valley Conference Division II.

But both teams faltered late in the season. Brown's Dallas team losing two of their last four games and Bearde's Lake-Lehman squad dropping their final two contests, finishing with identical 6-2 records and losing the first-half championship to Meyers (7-1).

While both coaches admit it will be tough, they feel they each have a strong shot at second-half laurels.

Bearde and Brown are both educators by trade, each having received a college degree in education. So who better to grade their team's first-half performances than the coaches themselves?

We asked each coach to grade their respective teams on offense, defense and intangibles (hustle, attitude, leadership, poise, etc.)

First, the Black Knights.

DEFENSE: "I think that we're a scrappy team that hustles a lot on defense," said Bearde, who is coaching in his 14th season at Lake-Lehman. "Our interior defense has been good. We need to work on our defense between the foul lines. With the height we have, we need to rebound more."

GRADE: B-plus

OFFENSE: "We were pretty consistent until the last two games

of the half," noted Bearde. "We've spread our points around pretty good. Our offense was coming along nicely until the GAR game. Then, against Dallas, we were a little tight. But overall I think our offense did a pretty good job."

GRADE: B-minus

INTANGIBLES: "I think that this team can count on the seniors to provide leadership," said Bearde. "We want the kids to keep their heads up. I've really been pleased with the hustle and attitude of this team. They're really hard workers."

GRADE: A-minus

Now, it's Brown's turn.

DEFENSE: "Our defense has kept us in a lot of games," said the third-year Dallas coach. "We've been depending on our defense until the offense gets clicking. I thought we've really played well on the defensive side of the floor."

GRADE: A-minus

OFFENSE: "I thought our offense was getting better as the first half went on," said Brown. "We still have some of our players who are not at the top of their game, offensively. I think that once our rebounding gets better, we'll be able to get our running game going and put some points on the board."

GRADE: B-minus

INTANGIBLES: "For the most part this team does hustle," Brown said. "But I'm still waiting for them to do it for all four quarters. We have good leadership on the team. Our seniors are going to have to step forward in the second half. The attitude of the kids is super."

GRADE: B

Sports roundup

PUZ LEADS MOUNTS TO WIN OVER LEHMAN

Dave Puz scored a game-high 21 points to lead Dallas to a 56-44 win over Lake-Lehman on January 26. The game closed out the first half for both teams, each finishing with a 6-2 record. The loss denied the Black Knights a chance to capture the first half title. Dave Fisher added 11 for the Mounts while Todd Paczewski chipped in nine. Rich Davis led the way for Lehman with 15 points.

DALLAS GIRLS TOP VALLEY WEST

The Dallas girl's team posted their second win of the season, a 58-48 win over Wyoming Valley West. Kelly Janosky paced the Mounts with 17 points while Jennifer Daveski and Robin Suda added 14 and 10 points,

respectively.

DALLAS MATMEN CRUSH W.S. TECH

The Dallas wrestlers won nine of their first 10 matches en route to a 46-15 rout of West Side Tech on January 30. Rick Hodle (103), Mike Vavrek (140), and Adam Hoover (152) each recorded pins while Jamie Oley (171) had a technical fall.

KNIGHTS PIN BERWICK TO STAY UNBEATEN

Lake-Lehman remained undefeated in the WVC wrestling circuit with a 41-14 win over Berwick on January 30. John Morgan (112) and Mike Stuart (125) each had pins for the Black Knights. Tim Sayre (119), Jason McDade (130) and Burt Morgan (140) each posted major decisions for the winners.

Dallas coach shows 'heads-up' commitment

Paul Brown was just looking for a way to motivate his team as they prepared for the second half in the Wyoming Valley Conference basketball league.

So, in order for him to add extra incentive for his Dallas Mountaineers, he took something away — his hair.

The third-year coach shaved his head on Saturday, four days after his Mountaineers finished the first half with a record of 6-2, one game behind champion Meyers (7-1).

Before their practice on Saturday, assistant coach Joe Ellis talked to the players about commitment. About how important commitment was if they were going to be successful this season.

He asked how many players were willing to commit themselves to the team; to do whatever it took to win. They all raised their hands. Ellis then told the players that he knew someone else who was willing to

show his commitment.

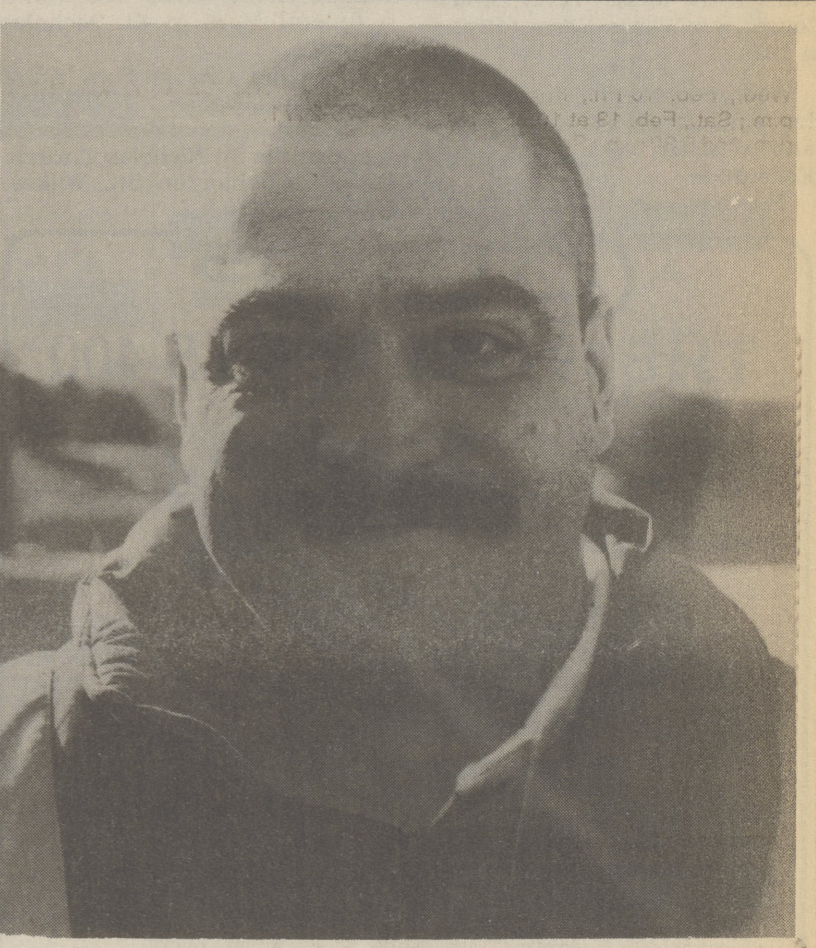
Enter Brown — sans hair. "I told the players earlier in the season that if they won the championship, I would shave my head," said Brown. "I told them that I've done my part, now they have to do theirs."

It wasn't the first time Brown has shed his locks for his team.

"When I was a freshman at Bishop Hoban, our coach (Tony Konieski) made us shave our heads," explained Brown. "He was stressing team unity, that we all had to be one team, not individual players. Everyone had to shave their heads, from the seniors to the freshmen."

How did this year's players react to their hairless coach?

"They loved it," said Brown. "They went crazy. The kids are really excited about the second half. But we also have another agreement. If they don't win the championship, they have to shave their heads."



PAUL BROWN

Greyhounds run away with regular season title

Playoffs begin this weekend

The Greyhounds rode a strong second half effort to outlast The Fieldhouse 59-52 in the Dallas Adult Basketball League. Rick Coslett was a one man wrecking crew for the 'Hounds in the second half as he knocked in 19 points including three critical 3-pointers. Coslett finished with 27. Scott Meuser added 10.

Joe Darling led The Fieldhouse with 15 and Mark Belenski added 11. The Greyhounds finished the regular season at 9-1. The Fieldhouse came in at 6-3.

The middle game was a run and gun shootout with Humphrey's dumping The Lion 95-86. Frank DeBona led the victors with 34 points. Humphrey's placed five

other players in double figures: Jim Jaster, 17; Nafly Hage, 12; Dan Messinger, 11; Mike Carey, 11 and Mikie Hosey 10.

Tony Welgosh turned in an outstanding effort for The Lion with 32 including a league high eight 3-pointers. Bill Cuff also had a fine game with 28. Humphrey's goes into the playoffs with a 7-3 record while The Lion finished at 4-5.

Hozey's Town Tavern finished on a winning note by whipping

Casey's 75-51. Dave Argent ripped the chords for 31 points and Jim Seamon added 20. Pat Flaherty once again led Casey's with 27. Hozey's finished at 4-5 while Casey's came in at 1-9.

League playoffs begin on February 7 with three games beginning at 12 noon.

12:00 - Greyhounds vs. Casey's
1:00 - Humphrey's vs. Hozey's
2:00 - Fieldhouse vs. The Lion

Keystone State Winter Games to begin Feb. 18

The sixth annual Keystone State Games Winter Sports Festival will be held Thursday, Feb. 18 through Sunday, Feb. 21. The Festival is for novice and elite amateur athletes residing in Pennsylvania. Olympic-type medals will be awarded to the best athletes in more than 60 skiing and ice skating events over a five-day period. The

Montage Mountain Ski Resort in Scranton will host the skiing competition; ice skating will be held at the Ice-A-Rama in Wilkes-Barre.

Opening Ceremonies of the Festival will be held at Montage Mountain on Friday, Feb. 19. The celebration will include music,

fireworks, special guests, and a torch parade. Prior to Opening Ceremonies, Lackawanna County will welcome athletes with a special reception at Montage.

Entry fees and deadlines vary by sport and number of events entered. For entry information or more details on the Winter Sports Festival call Keystone State Games,

Inc. at 717-823-3164 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The Keystone Games are the largest multisport event in the state, serving over 20,000 Pennsylvanians annually through its Summer Games, Pennsylvania Senior Games and Winter Sports Festival programs.

Sports Calendar

BOY'S BASKETBALL

Friday, Feb. 5, Bishop O'Reilly at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 5, Lake-Lehman at Seton Catholic, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 9, Dallas at Northwest, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 9, Bishop Hafey at Lake-Lehman, 8 p.m.

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

Thursday, Feb. 4, Dallas at Bishop O'Reilly, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 4, Seton Catholic at Lake-Lehman 7:45 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 8, Northwest at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 8, Lake-Lehman at Bishop Hafey, 7:45 p.m.

BOY'S WRESTLING

Wednesday, Feb. 3, Dallas at Coughlin, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 3, Canton at Lake-Lehman, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6, Wyoming Valley West at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 6, West Side Tech at Lake-Lehman, 7:30 p.m.

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