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## Mounts, Knights will play for district titles

### Mounts meet Valley View

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As a baseball fan, Jack Wolensky appreciates the excitement the Dallas High School baseball team has provided this season.

But as the team's head coach, he'd just as well dispense with their come-from-behind heroics.

For the second time in as many games the Mountaineers posted a gutsy comeback win with an end to their season staring them squarely in the face. Dallas came back to defeat Scranton Prep, 4-3, in a District 2 Class AAA semi-final last Saturday afternoon at Valley View High School.

With the win over Prep, the Lackawanna League's number one seed, Dallas advances to the District 2 Class AAA championship game this Friday night at 8 p.m. at Lackawanna County Stadium. The Mountaineers will face Valley View, 16-8 winners over Wyoming Valley West last Sunday in the other AAA semi-final. The Cougars, 12-4, will head into Friday night's contest with a seven-game winning streak.

Dallas trailed 3-1 entering the sixth inning, but Mike Viglone's

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**STRONG ARM** - Lake-Lehman third baseman Geoff Engle fired to first in the Knights' win over Mid Valley. Engle later relieved starting pitcher Ernie Chamberlain and preserved the 3-1 victory.

### Knights will play Hanover

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Emotionally, the Lake-Lehman High School baseball team is usually as conservative as Rush Limbaugh, quietly going about their business on the field.

But there was one time this season when the Black Knights could contain themselves no longer, storming the field in a wild post-game celebration with a pile of humanity atop home plate.

Now, the two teams which provided Dwight Barbacci one of the most exciting games in more than a decade during his tenure as Lehman head coach, will face off again.

Only this time the stakes are much higher.

Lake-Lehman and Hanover Area will meet Friday afternoon, at 5 p.m., at the Lackawanna County Stadium for the District 2 Class AA title. The Black Knights, who gained the Wyoming Valley Conference number one seed by winning the WVC Class AA West Division title and finished the regular season with the best record among all WVC Class AA teams, advanced to the finals with an impressive 3-1 win over Mid

**'Back Mountain Day' at Lackawanna County Stadium**

Friday, June 3

Lake-Lehman

vs. Hanover: 5 p.m.

Dallas

vs. Valley View: 8 p.m.

Valley last Saturday. Hanover, the number two seed, advanced to the title game with a win over Bishop O'Hara, the number one Class AA seed from the Lackawanna League.

The Black Knights and Hawkeyes met earlier in the season, with the Black Knights coming away with an emotional 5-4 win in extra innings. Trailing 4-2 entering the ninth inning, Lehman scored three runs with two outs, setting off the wild post-game celebration.

"That game was one of the most exciting baseball games I've been involved in during the last 10 years," said Barbacci, who last guided the Black Knights to the district final in 1992. "That was the most emotional game we've played in all season. Usually, our kids just go out there and do their job without saying too much. That's just the kind of team we

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## Homers highlight Little League play

The Rangers reduced their magic number to four to win the American League regular season championship while the Dodgers, Giants and Phillies remained in a dogfight for the top spot in the National League as Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. concluded its sixth week of action in major league baseball.

The Rangers, under manager Tom Evans, have a five and one-half game lead over the second-place Athletics and Tigers. The Rangers have won 34 consecutive regular season games dating back to 1992.

In the National League, the Dodgers, under manager Tom Dougherty, hold a slim one-half game lead over the Giants and manager Bob Bayer. The Phillies, with manager Dave Konopki, remain just a game and a half behind the Dodgers. All three teams had a perfect 2-0 record in last week's action.

Some of the highlights of last week included a near no-hitter by Ranger pitcher Mike Faneck, a grand slam by the Giants' Mike Domzalski and home runs by a pair of Phillies, Chuck Whitehead and Josh Lesinski.

All home team major and senior baseball managers are reminded to call in their game results within 24 hours upon completion of their games. Any games called in after the 24 hour period will not be published. No exceptions. Game results should be called into the voicemail box at 696-9645.

### RANGERS 9 - TIGERS 0

Mike Faneck pitched five and two-thirds innings of no-hit baseball to lead the Rangers. Faneck, who struck out 13, lost his no-hit bid with two outs in the bottom of the sixth and final inning. The Faneck brothers, Mike and Tim, led the Ranger offense with three hits apiece, including a double by Mike. Darrell Evans and Matt Wycallis had two hits apiece for the winners. Paul Wisniewski had the lone hit for the Tigers, a double.

### GIANTS 19 ASTROS 1

Mike Domzalski twirled a three-hitter and aided his own cause with a grand-slam home run to lead the Giants. Joel Whipple had five hits for the Giants while Jimmy Belles added three. J.B. Bucha, Matt Eyt and Dan Mulhern each had two hits for the winners. No information was available on the Astros.

### PHILLIES 13 PIRATES 2

Josh Lesinski scattered three hits, striking out 10 in five innings and blasted a two-run home run to lead the Phillies. Matt

### STANDINGS

American League	National League
Rangers 11-0	Dodgers 9-3
A's 6-6	Giants 8-3
Tigers 6-6	Phillies 7-4
Red Sox 5-7	Reds 6-6
Indians 4-8	Cardinals 4-7
Yankees 3-9	Astros 4-8
Orioles 2-10	Pirates 3-9

Hoover had two hits to lead a balanced Phillies attack while Chuck Whitehead, Josh Katyl and Ryan Sorber each had doubles. Dan Fauerbach had two of the Pirates' three hits while Adam Pelek had the other.

### ORIOLES 14 INDIANS 6

Pat Barnard had four hits, including a pair of doubles, to lead the Orioles. David Cummings and Ted Stark each had two hits for the winners while teammate Fred Krispen picked up the mound win. Mike Fehlinger led the Indians with two hits.

### CARDINALS 8 REDS 4

Mike Regan tossed a four-hitter, striking out nine, as the Cardinals beat the Reds. Steve Lipparella and Mike Tanner led the Cardinal offense with two hits apiece. Dan Laurenzi had two of the Reds' four hits, including a double, while David Jumper and J.C. DeRojas had the other hits.

### DODGERS 10 A'S 5

Matt Loftus picked up the complete game win, striking out 10, to lead the Dodgers. Steve Moyer and Eric Kowalek each had doubles to lead the winners. Lloyd Droppers had three hits for the A's while Al Pisanecchi added a double.

### PHILLIES 14 ORIOLES 5

Chuck Whitehead hit a three-run home run and Josh Katyl threw a five-hitter, striking out six, to lead the Phillies. Katyl aided his own cause with two hits, including a double, while Matt Hoover had two singles. David Cummings had two hits for the Orioles while Ted Stark, Pat Barnard and Witt had the other hits for the O's.

### A'S 10 PIRATES 1

Al Pisanecchi tossed a three-hitter, striking out eight, to lead the A's. Lyod Droppers led the A's with two hits while Matt Jackson and Dan Marascio had the other hits for the winners. Dan Fauerbach, Adam Pelek and Jordy Spencer each had hits for the Pirates. Mike Kashnicki struck out seven in three innings for the Pirates.



**SAFE AT HOME** - Matt Hoover of the Phillies looked up for the call after sliding into home. Mike Kashinicki applied the tag.



**OOPS!** - Phillies pitcher Josh Lesinski reaches for a ball that popped out of his glove as the Pirates' Andrew Salko slid into home.

### DODGERS 10 INDIANS 8

Steve Moyer went the distance to lead the Dodgers over the Indians. Eric Kowalek had double for the winners while John Isaac added two hits. Jeff Parrish had a triple for the Indians.

### REDS 6 YANKEES 2

Jonathan Habrack struck out

16 batters and walked just one in six innings to lead the Reds. David Jumper had three hits, including a double, for the winners while Habrack added a triple and double and Dan Laurenzi had two hits. Steve Federspiel, Robbie Werner and Josh Emmanuel had the hits for the Yankees.

## Dallas wins softball crown going away

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The front door was open, ever so slightly. They knew getting through it would be difficult. But they also knew the rewards which awaited on the other side.

The back door, on the other hand, was wide open. Although the rewards were still the same, they knew this way was too easy. Going through the back door just wouldn't be the same.

So the Dallas High School softball team decided to accept the challenge. And they didn't just enter the front door, they knocked it down.

The Lady Mountaineers defeated Crestwood, 12-0, last Friday afternoon to win the Wyoming Valley Conference Class AAA North Division title. The win culminated a challenging and demanding final two weeks of the season for the Lady Mounts and head coach Jay Pope.

Faced with playing six games, including three of the best teams in the WVC during the final two weeks of the season, and with a slim one-game lead over second place Lake-Lehman, the Lady Mounts rose to the challenge, winning all six games, including key victories over Berwick, Tunkhannock and Crestwood.

The Mounts won the first five games of the final two weeks, but when Lehman dropped a pair of games last Thursday, Dallas officially clinched the WVC Class AAA North title.

Still, the Lady Mounts felt they had unfinished business to take care of.

"We wanted to win the title on the field," said Pope, who is assisted by Yvonne Mould. "We wanted to go in the front door, not through the back door. If someone had told me three weeks ago that we'd win the final six games

of the season, including playing three of the best teams in the league, I wouldn't have believed it. But this (championship) is just a reflection of the hard work and dedication the girls have put into the program."

Unfortunately, Dallas's success also means the end of the season for backyard rival Lake-Lehman. The Lady Knights, whose season marked the return of longtime successful head coach Flossy Finn, finished in second place with a record of 10-6.

Having reeled off six straight wins, the Mounts are heading into the post-season with momentum - and confidence.

"We wanted to go in streaking and peaking," said Pope, who has won five division titles, three conference titles and two District 2 championships in his 13 seasons at Dallas. "I think we're getting our best pitching and our best hitting right now. Defensively, we're confident."

The Lady Mounts have ridden the pitching of Katie Sallitt, a solid defense, and the hitting of stars like Kelly Janosky, Therese Paxton, Suzanne Fisher and Sallitt to the title.

But Pope knows it takes more than just a handful of players to be successful.

"All the girls have been playing well," said Pope. "It takes an entire team effort to be successful. The kids complement each other very well."

"Our players are confident," concluded Pope. "They know they had to beat the best teams in the Wyoming Valley Conference to win the championship and they did. They also left no doubt about who the best team was in the North division at the end of the season. They know it's going to take a good team, and a good team effort to beat us. But, as always, we'll be ready for the challenge."

### Sports camps at Penn State

Penn State Wilkes-Barre announces its summer sports camp schedule: soccer: grades K-8, July 11-15; basketball camp, grades 2-12, July 25-29; volleyball camp, grades 7-12, August 1-5; field hockey camp, grades 6-12, July 18-22; golf camp, grades 6-12, July 5-8; tennis camp, grades 6-8, July 5-8 and sports variety camp, grades 4-5, July 18-22.

For a brochure or to reserve a spot, call Penn State Wilkes-Barre at 675-9114.

### Keystone softball tryouts Saturday

Tryouts for the Keystone State Games for Luzerne County softball teams will be held at Kirby Park in Wilkes-Barre, June 4 at 10 a.m. for the past pitch division and 1 p.m. for the slow pitch division.

Age divisions are for females only 15 and under, 16-18 and 19 and over.

For more information, contact the Keystone State Games at 1-800-445-4559 or 717-823-3164.