

Lehman soccer -

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girls are starting to work together very well."

The Elstons would love to see a little more scoring this year. The Lady Knights qualified for the playoffs a season ago with a 6-5-3 record in the conference, but scored just 21 goals. The team managed to play to a scoreless overtime tie on two occasions.

Last year's leading scorer, Carrie Llewellyn with nine goals, returns to lead the front line. Other strikers include fellow senior Shannon Burke and freshman Kelly Spencer, whom the coaches believe will be a big plus for the varsity.

Lehman is strong at the midfield position featuring quality athletes in senior Jen Sandstrom, Adrienne Miroslaw, Beth Turner and sisters Jessica and Jamie Elston. Miroslaw, a sophomore, was the team's second leading scorer in '94.

Last year Lehman started five freshmen including four at the defensive positions.

"Our defense is the same as last year," said Jan Elston. "The four defenders are still there."

The sophomore foursome, Debbie White, Mary Brislin, Jennifer Marchakitus and Nicole Bouthot, really came together as a unit last year and performed very well during the pre-season. The group only figures to improve with age and will be further aided by a member of this year's freshman class, Hillary Pilosi.

"We're also thankful Judy Sichter is back" added Jan Elston.

Sichter returns as goalkeeper, a position she took over halfway through the season a year ago. The senior has been nothing but a positive influence on the field. At this point it appears Tanya Verbyla will be Sichter's back-up. Verbyla comes into the season with one game of varsity experience in the net.

How well the Lady Knights finish in Division I of the Wyoming Valley Conference is anybody's guess. In girls' soccer the divisions are not determined by the school's enrollment, but past performance of the program and the average number of girls out for the team. In this highly competitive division any of the eight teams have enough quality players to qualify for the post-season.

Bishop O'Reilly has moved up to the first division while Abington Heights went down a bracket. The other change this spring is the split of Division II into II-A and II-B.

The Elstons believe Bishop Hoban is the team to beat with Crestwood right behind the Argents. They also know defending champion Dallas will be strong again and always seems to have a team that can pull it off.

"We made the playoffs last year, which was better than the previous year," said Jan Elston, "so if we can better our teams every year - that's our main goal."

Larry Rittenhouse is the assistant coach for the Lady Knights which have eight seniors on the roster. In addition to Llewellyn, Burke, Sandstrom and Sichter there's April Hodick, Allison Milunic, Shylene Perlis and Sonya Sabaluski.



He's got the trot

Mike DeFrancesco blasted a first-inning home run in an exhibition game against Wyoming Area Monday. He was greeted at home plate by Jeff Kunkle.

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ticular would be the team to beat. It'll be a real tough season."

Forwards Melanie Love and Kristy Callahan are the top returning scorers, each with four goals and two assists last year, for an offense that has plenty of firepower. The other starting forwards will be Michelle Miller and Robin Holeman, who recorded six assists in '94. Starting midfielder Tami Palka is also expected to help light up the scoreboard.

Juniors Miriam Thomas and Kathy Ferko will also see some playing time on the front line.

Kristen Kosakowski and Jamie Slocum will join Palka at midfield.

How well Dallas performs may rest on the development of their young defenders.

"Defense is our question mark as we start our season," Moran said.

Senior fullback Alisa Merolli is the most experienced defender. She'll be joined in the starting backfield by Amory Fetko and

Rebecca Hoover.

"We have some young people that will have to grow as the season goes on from the defensive standpoint - with the exception of our keeper," said Moran.

Adrienne Camp returns as goalie for the Lady Mounts. She started the majority of the games last year as a freshman because of injuries and proceeded to develop quite rapidly. Dallas allowed only 14 goals last spring.

The biggest surprise of the pre-season has been the quality play of the freshman.

"We're happy about our freshman," Moran said. "We have 11 good freshman out."

Moran has good reason to be elated over the addition of the ninth graders as well as a couple of new sophomores. Only 27 girls comprise the Dallas roster which usually numbers 35-38.

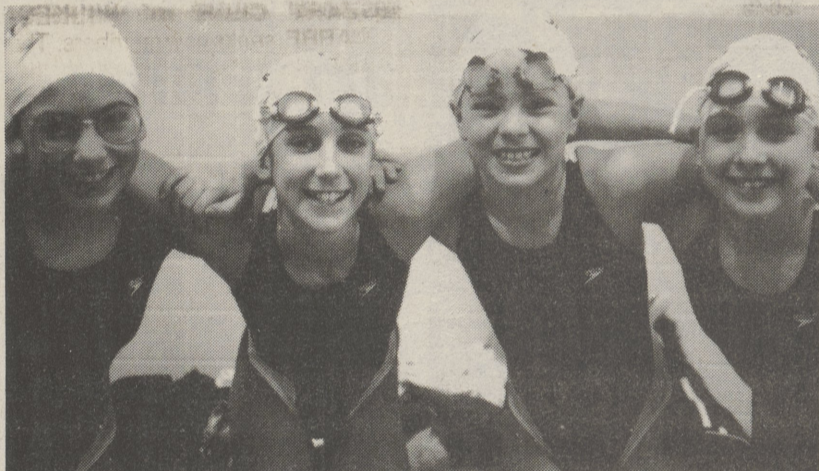
Miller, Merolli, Palka and Kosakowski are the only Dallas seniors.

Another welcome change in '95 has been the amount of time the Lady Mounts were actually able to practice and improve their skills outdoors.

"We've had years where we got outside the day before the first game," Moran said.

The amount of quality practice time seems to have outweighed the virus bug that has plagued the team over the past few weeks. One girl was out of action for ten days. With the virus having run its course the team was able to open league play at Wyoming Valley West on Tuesday 100 percent healthy.

The spring of '95 should be interesting for the Lady Mounts. Because of the competition, making the playoffs is not a given, but is an extremely good possibility. If the young defenders come through Dallas may yet again win it all.



Set new meet, pool record

Swimming for the CYC Sealions, Lisa Trunzo, Liz Byron, Selma Cooney and Helen Neylon set a new meet and pool record in the 10 and under 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 2:05.69. They bettered the old record by seven seconds. Liz Byron set CYC records in the 50 free-29.02, 50 fly-32.76 and 100 free - 1:07.69.

From left, Lisa Trunzo, Liz Byron, Selina Cooney and Helen Neylon.

KT Raiders registration April 8

Kingston Township Raiders Junior Football and cheerleaders will hold its registration for 1995 season April 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Shavertown United Methodist Church (behind Burger King).

All boys and girls ages 7-13 are eligible to join if they reside in the Kingston Township Area.

All first-time participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate, a current picture and proof of insurance. For more information call 696-4394.

Fees are \$20/1 child, \$30/family. If you do not wish to participate in the first fundraiser fees are \$30/1 child, \$45/family.

Knight football boosters meeting

The Lake-Lehman Football Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., April 6, at the Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake.

Obituaries

WILLARD BULLOCK

Willard C. Bullock, 80, of Staub Road, Trucksville, Kingston Township, died Mar. 28, 1995 in Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, he was the son of the late Wilbur and Betsy Rickard Bullock.

He attended Coughlin High School and had lived in Trucksville for the past 50 years.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a boiler fireman at the former W.H. Nicholson Co., Wilkes-Barre. He was more recently employed by Bullock Tire and Auto Parts in Shavertown.

He was a member of the Huntsville Christian Church where he was a Deacon and past Trustee.

He also was a volunteer with the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Frank and Harold; grandson, Bradley.

Surviving re his wife, the former Jane Kintzer; sons, Robert A., Dallas; Willard C. Jr., Carverton, Kingston Twp.; daughters, Debrah C. Kaleta and Sheri L. Harvey, both of Trucksville; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Interment, Huntsville Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Huntsville Christian Church, RR 4, Box 197, Dallas, 18612.

THOMAS COBURN

Thomas E. Coburn, 81, of Casterline Road, Harveys Lake, died Mar. 29, 1995, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Casterline.

Born in Larksville, he was a son of the late Andrew and Maude Henderson Coburn. He attended Larksville schools and had lived in Harveys Lake for the past 45 years.

Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a laborer by Casterline Hauling in Idetown. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and also served during the reconstruction of Japan following the war.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Eustice Coburn; son Thomas; grandson, Thomas Johns; brothers, William and Andrew.

Surviving are a son, Bradley Johns, Elizabeth, NJ; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Memorial Park, Dallas.

VIOLA HILBERT

Viola A. Hilbert, 87, of Campground Road, East Dallas, died Mar. 29, 1995, in the Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Mini Andrews.

She resided in East Dallas most of her life.

She was a member of the Outlet Free Methodist Church, Harveys Lake.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley; daughter, Karen; grandson, Kyle Stephens.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Gladys Wood, Trucksville; Mrs. Alice Hayner and Mrs. Joan Christianson, of Oxford, NY; Mrs. Marguerite Lavalley, Tunkhannock; Mrs. Inez Parry, Trucksville; Mrs. Joyce Carrell, Sacramento, Calif.; sons, Stanley and Phillip, Netcong, NJ; Glenn, Tempe, Ariz.; Todd, Newton, NC; sister, Irene Shotwell, Wilkes-Barre; 25 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren.

Interment, Woodlawn Cemetery, Dallas.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to the Dallas Ambulance Association, Main Street, Dallas, 18612.

LOUISE SKUSA

Louise D. Skusa, 86, of Diamond St., Montrose Manor and formerly of 38 S. Wyomissing Ave., Shillington, died Mar. 17, 1995, in Reading Hospital, where she had been a patient since March 2.

Born in Harveys Lake, she was a daughter of the late George E. and Tillie (Wagner) Casterline.

She was a member of St. Luke's Evangelical Congregational Church, Shillington.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Phillip F. Schoch and her second husband, Emil A. Skusa.

Surviving are sons, William W. Schoch, Binghamton, NY; Emil Richard Skusa, Montrose Manor; three brothers, William, James L. and Charles C. Casterline all of Harveys Lake; sisters, Lillian A. Lapp, Walkerville, Md; Catherine McKenna, Bethesda, Md.; Mary London, Rahway, NJ; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; great-great granddaughter.

Services were held in Shillington, March 21, 1995.

SOPHIE HILLMAN

Sophie D. Hillman of Lake Silkworth, died Apr. 3, 1995 at home.

Born in Nanticoke, she was the former Sophie Schwartz and resided in Lake Silkworth for many years.

She was the co-founder of the Hillman Service Co. and served as its secretary-treasurer prior to her retirement 10 years ago.

She was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Lake Silkworth, and the Lake Silkworth Lioness Club.

She and her husband Gomer would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 1995.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Richard; four brothers and two sisters.

Surviving in addition to her husband are sons, Ronald Lake Township; Ray, Lake Silkworth; Ralph, Nanticoke; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Groblewski.

Private funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Interment will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice VNA, 400 Third Ave., Suite 100 Park Office Building, Kingston, 18704 or the American Cancer Society.

GEORGE MESSERSMITH

George A. Messersmith, 68, of Spring Garden Street, Trucksville, died Mar. 31, 1995, at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital, Kingston.

Born June 26, 1926, he was the son of the late Arthur and Kate Robinson Messersmith and was a resident of Trucksville since 1954.

After growing up in the East End section of Wilkes-Barre, he moved to Washington, D.C. as a teenager and graduated from Southeastern University, Washington, D.C.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard as an electrician's mate aboard the U.S.S. Ingham.

For 42 years, he was employed as a construction foreman for Bell Telephone Co., retiring in 1993.

He was a member of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown and its Holy Name Society and the Bell Telephone Pioneers.

He and his wife, the former Nancy Pendergast, celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in June 1994.

He was preceded in death by brother, Lewis; granddaughter, Stacy Schifano.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter, Molly Schifano; Trucksville; sons, Michael, Dallas; George, Tempe, Ariz.; sisters, Dora Hayes, Ontario, Canada; Peggy Downs, Lilburn, GA; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Interment, Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital CAT Scan Fund, c/o Office of the Chief of Staff, 562 Wyoming Ave., Kingston, 18704.

WILLIAM NIENIUS

William T. Nienius, 66, of RR 1, Sweet Valley, Loyalville, died Mar. 30, 1995 in the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Born July 17, 1928 in Loyalville, he was the son of the late Jonas J. and Mary Padulskis Nienius and was a lifelong resident of Loyalville.

He retired as a Staff Sergeant from the U.S. Air Force after 25 years of service. He served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars and was involved with the Strategic Air Command in England during the Berlin Air Lift.

Prior to his retirement five years ago, he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Sweet Valley as rural carrier for 17 years.

He attended the Loyalville United Methodist Church and was past president and past vice president of the Chestnut Grove Cemetery Association.

Surviving are a brother, Victor J., Plymouth; sisters, Ruth Truskowski, Lafin; Dorothy MacDermott, Register; Diana Marsh, Dallas.

Interment, Lithuanian Independent Cemetery, West Wyoming.

VIRGIE ELSTON

Virgie Elston of Kunkle died Apr. 3, 1995 at Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Funeral arrangements are pending from the Nulton Funeral Home, Beaumont.

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