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High school girls' basketball preview

Young Lady Knights could be surprise

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Opposing teams, beware. The Lady Knights are coming. You may not notice them at the moment, but by seasons end you'll certainly be quite familiar with their presence — not to mention their ability and tactics. The Lake-Lehman girls are going to come at you full force, full speed. They're going to run on you and take you out of your game plan.

Lehman's strong points include team speed, the ability to run, aggressiveness and a strong pressure defense. For now you can label them a young squad.

"We have a little bit more experience than last year," said Richard Morgan, Lake-Lehman head coach. "We're still a young team and basically the same group as last year."

Comprised of mostly sophomores a season ago, the Lady Knights return their entire squad with the exception of Amy Rogers, the team's leading scorer. Nothing would satisfy Morgan and his assistant Mike Sharok more than to become the most improved team in the conference over the course of the '95-'96 campaign.

"We're optimistic," Morgan said. "We hope to beat a couple of the better teams. We'd like to down a Dallas or Hanover and maybe even make the playoffs."

Morgan figures G.A.R. to be right up there with the Dallas and Hanover girls in Division 2 of the WVC, but realizes the Lehman

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Assistant: Mike Sharok
'94-'95 regular season: 6-10, Division 2, WVC

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girls have some talent of their own. The team has already matured and stepped up as a group since last season, if that trend continues and a couple of shooters step forward, Lehman could be near the top of the standings.

The rebounding is still shaky and Lehman is working hard on their inability to score out of a half court game.

"We just don't have the shooters," said Morgan, "so we're going to create our offense and score points off pressure. We'll make mistakes, but we hope to cause the other team to make even more."

A pair of junior guards, Kelly Spencer and Adrienne Miroslaw, lead the back court. Spencer is the only returnee to average in double figures a season ago. She fired in 10.4 points a game as a sophomore. At the conclusion of

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Adrienne Miroslaw launched at shot during Lake-Lehman's opening game win over Pottsville Nativity. The Lady Knights won 60-59 in double overtime. Miroslaw scored 16 points.

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Dallas has the tools to make run for title

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The Lady Mountaineers of Dallas have what it takes to win Division 2 of the Wyoming Valley Conference this winter. The problem for Kim Barbacci and her girls is so do a couple of other teams, Hanover Area and G.A.R.

"We're looking to win one half," said Barbacci, the Lady Mounts head coach. "We're looking to contend for the overall title and qualify for district playoffs and make our own little run."

Dallas is hoping to build upon the success they achieved a season ago when the girls finished each half at 5-3 and were invited to the District 2, Class AAA playoffs. The Lady Mounts knocked off Wallenpaupack in a quarterfinal game before finishing the season with back-to-back losses to Valley View and Scranton Prep.

Most of the key players return for '95-'96. Therese Paxton was the only starter lost to graduation, and senior Carrie Fetterman is recuperating from a knee injury and will not be available.

In addition to experience, Barbacci cites team defense and the fact that Dallas is healthy as strengths of the squad.

For now the starting five will feature Robin Suda at center, with Sarah Barlow and Adrienne Camp at the forward positions. Camp averaged nearly eight points a game last season. Stacey Suda makes the switch from the frontcourt to shooting guard and

Head coach: Kim Barbacci
Assistant: Martha Kerrick
'94-'95 regular season: 10-6, Division 2, WVC

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Dallas coach

Holly Baseski will play the point. "Holly has really matured since last season," Barbacci said. "Look for her to run the team."

Robin Suda, an excellent defender and rebounder has also proven to be quite agile, but she's best known as an offensive force under the basket. The first team all-scholastic has already topped the 1,000 point mark in career scoring and paced all Division 2 girls in scoring each of the past two seasons. She hopes to improve on last season's average of 18.9 points per contest. If Dallas hopes to edge out Hanover and G.A.R. Robin will need plenty of support from her teammates.

"If we're going to contend, everybody will have to score and contribute," Barbacci stressed.

Senior Sara Misson will be a key rebounder off the bench. The Dallas coaches plan to capitalize

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O'Reilly, Sem look strong, while West Side Tech seeks first win

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The Queenswomen of Bishop O'Reilly have won the Wyoming Valley Conference Division 3 crown each of the past three years. Despite losing guard Megan Kopicki, their leading scorer and the league's MVP, a fourth consecutive title is not out of the question. O'Reilly returns four starters, two second team and three honorable mention all-scholastic girls for the upcoming winter.

"We have good kids and a lot of returners," said head coach George Barilla, "but we have more size than the last few years. We have a lot of size."

Shavertown's Jeanette Manorek and Mary Rowlands, a couple of second team all-stars,

BISHOP O'REILLY
Head coach: George Barilla
Assistant: Maureen McGovern
'94-'95 regular season: 13-3, Division 3, WVC
First half and overall champions of Division 3

take the forward positions. Rowlands is the team's leading returning scorer after scoring 11.5 points a game last year. Manorek chipped in 8.3. Becky Ostrowski, another Back Mountain resident, will start at center and was among the league's best in free throw percentage.

"Right now we're a little weak at guard," Barilla said. "We're looking for more consistency at that position."

Junior Chrissy Kane of the Back

Mountain should help boost the team's back court problems. Chrissy is recovering from a knee operation and will be available to play in the near future. Sa'Raya Harden and Nicole Del Pore will start at guard in the meantime.

Other Back Mountain players on the O'Reilly roster include Katie O'Brien, Jamie Brdaric and senior Krista Gregar.

Barilla is wary of Seton Catholic, Wyoming Seminary and North-west in his quest for a fourth straight division 3 title.

"On paper this division is tough," Barilla said. "We also have some tough cross-over games with Dallas, Hanover and G.A.R. in Division 2. This is going to be a banner season for the entire Wyoming Valley Conference. There was tremendous talent in

WYOMING SEMINARY
Head coach: Bernadette Kozlowski
Assistant: Agnes Cesare
'94-'95 regular season: 9-7, Division 3, WVC

the junior class last season."

Wyoming Seminary

If you want to see some fun, exciting girls' basketball over the next couple of months be sure to take in a Wyoming Seminary game or two.

"We're going to be a fun team to watch," said Bernadette Kozlowski, head coach for Seminary. "We're going to be a running team and we're going to emphasize, defense, defense and more defense to get the tempo going."

The Lady Blue Knights should be a force in Division 3 of the Wyoming Valley Conference this winter. They have it all, outside and inside shooting, rebounding, defense, senior leadership — but what really has Kozlowski excited is the ability to utilize her bench. The Seminary coaches plan to be aggressive in going to the bench and can have five girls enter the game at one time as a unit.

A couple of all-scholastic guards, Johanna Ashley and Megan Dimond lead the starting unit, but the player every is talking about is Jami Layaou. Over six feet tall Layaou, a resident of the Back Mountain, recently accepted a scholarship to play at the collegiate level for Central Connecticut next season.

"Jami has really matured," said

WEST SIDE TECH
Head coach: Sally Mock
Assistant: Mike Galka
'94-'95 regular season: 0-16, Division 3, WVC

Kozlowski. "She finally realized how dominant she can be. If she gets the ball under the net nobody in the league can stop her and she's very mobile."

Karen Bradley, Irene Marks and Chrissy Ashley will also see significant playing time. Sophomore Bonnie Mendelssohn is another player from the Back Mountain.

"Bonnie just got her varsity uniform and she worked hard to get it," Kozlowski said.

Seminary is looking forward to

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5th-6th grade basketball opens season

Fifth and sixth grade Dallas Youth Basketball recently got underway at the Dallas Middle School Gym.

St. John's, coached by Herb Fehlinger, won a close game 22-18 against Georgetown, coached by Paul McCue. St. John's high scorers were Herb Fehlinger with 11 points and Mike Fehlinger with six points. Brian Downey and Brett Sprau added a couple buckets. Defensively Peter Van Loon, Andrew Check, Patrick Lyons, and Mike Yurchak helped with the win. Top scorers for Georgetown were Paul McCue and John Simonitis. Angelo Recchia added a bucket and gave a fine defensive effort along with Frank Oatridge, Eric Petro, Bobby Hadzor, Jason Smith and Donny Murray.

Pittsburgh, coached by Mike Dombroski, lost a well-played game 24-17 against a fine Boston College team, coached by Tony Barbose. It was a close game

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Blast wins U-12 at Warminster

The Back Mountain Blast U-12 Boys Travel Team recently captured first place in the Warminster Soccer Tournament. Blast went undefeated throughout the tournament, tying Bethlehem Strikers 1-1, beating Upper Moreland Lightning 1-0 and Buckingham Bandits 2-0. The championship game was played against the Warrington Road Runners, which Blast defeated with a score of 5-0. Players are, from left, front row, Adam Burkland, Brian McMahon, Ryan Martin, David Walters, Chip Harrison, Ricky Branco, Drew Suszko, Tim Faneck; back row, Aaron Moyer, Jamie Rhodes, Andrew George, Wally Karl, Andrew Dale, Ryan Love, Jason Mahle.

Magic comes away with 50-49 win in final seconds

In the week's opener, the Magic's Mike Domzalski sank a technical foul with 11 seconds to go in the overtime period to lift the Magic to a 50-49 win over the Warriors. The game went back and forth with each team putting on scoring spurts. The score at half time was Magic 26, Warriors 21. However, the Warriors outscored the Magic 13 to 10 in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime. Magic offense was led by Ryan Sorber with a game high 25 points, followed by Mike Domzalski with 12 points and Dave Martin with seven. Magic's defense was led by strong rebounding from Brian Barrett and Seth Yeager. The Warrior big man offensively was Paul Dougal with 25 points, followed by Joey Gialanella with 13 points. Justin Bicking, Kevin Pickera and T.C. Harding led the way for the Warrior defense. The Magic improves its record to 2-0 while the Warriors drop to 1-1 on the season.

Game two saw the Sixers continue their aggressive play with a

convincing 53-26 win over the Hornets. By all accounts the game was over by half time with the score Sixers 32 and the Hornets 10. Again the M & M combination of Matt Wycallis and Matt Jackson proved too much for a gutsy Hornet team. The Sixer offense was led by Matt Jackson with 23 points, followed by Matt Wycallis with 22. A fine Sixer defense was turned in by Dave Finn and Matt Rice. The Hornet offense was led by Pat Velde with nine points followed by Jeff Zaruta and David Junmper with eight and seven points respectively. Jesse Stolarczyk and John Nackley turned in a good defensive game. The Sixers record goes to 2-0 while the Hornets are 1-1.

The Celtics used a strong defense in the fourth quarter to beat the Bulls 43-38 in the third game. The Bulls led after the first quarter 12-2. However, by the end of the third quarter the fine scoring combination of Jay Carroll and

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