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Jackson's eager to get started at Lycoming

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DALLAS TOWNSHIP - It was only fitting that the Ted Jacksons, junior and senior, settled on this past Monday to hold a press conference at the Dallas High School Library.

On a windy, brisk spring day that felt like ideal football weather, Ted Jr. made his choice of colleges official. With his parents Ted and Sandy on hand, the two-way standout for the Dallas football team announced he would continue his academic and athletic career at Lycoming College in Williamsport.

Academically acclaimed, Lycoming is also a Division III gridiron power. The Warriors put together their 21st consecutive winning season with an 8-3 campaign in the fall of '95 and reached the Elite 8 of the NCAA Division III

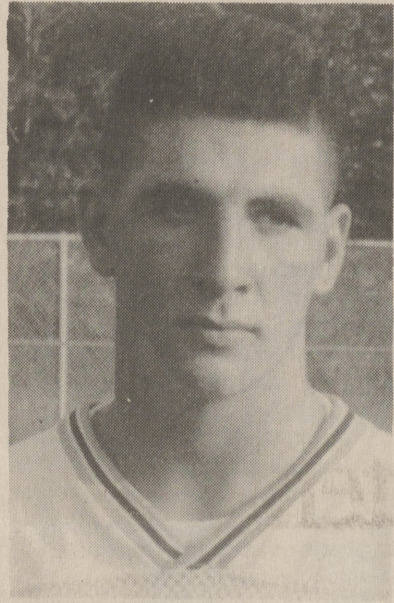
"They were recruiting four quarterbacks, and Ted is the only one they got."

Ted Jackson Sr.

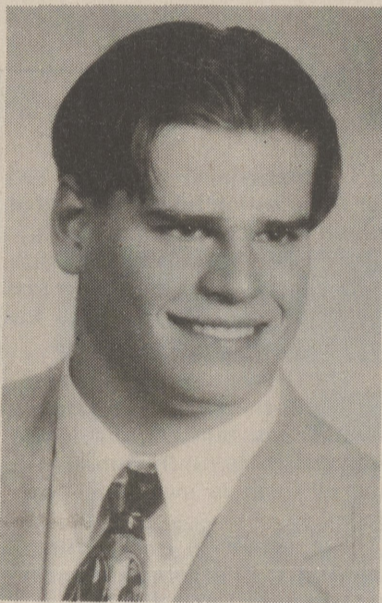
playoffs.

The private four-year liberal arts college also appears to be the perfect fit for Ted. Lycoming provided the best grant-in-aid package and he was extremely impressed with coach Frank Girardi. The biology program, in which he'll be enrolling, is rated number one. By getting into an environmental field, the possibility exists that after three years he'll be able to transfer to renowned Duke University for two more.

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FRANK NATITUS



FRANK LOMBARDO

Natitus, Lombardo announce college plans

Two more Dallas gridiron stars have confirmed they'll continue playing football at the collegiate level.

Dan Natitus, the son of Frank and Debbie Natitus, of Trucksville has accepted an offer to play football for Wilkes University. Dan starred at center and defensive end for the Mountaineers this past season. The Colonels recruited him to play offensive line.

Although his major is undecided, Dan is leaning toward a career in elementary education. The 6'2", 210 pounder has been selected to play in the annual UNICO game this summer.

Frank Lombardo, another two-

way lineman for the Mounts, will join teammate Ted Jackson at Lycoming and will probably see action along the defensive line. Lombardo (6'2", 230) logged playing time for Dallas at offensive tackle as well as defensive end after transferring from Pittston Area last summer.

One of the deciding factors for Frank in picking Lycoming over four other schools was its reputable art program. He too has been selected to the UNICO roster.

Frank is the son of Joe Lombardo of Dallas; his mother, Kathy resides in Maryland.

Len Kryeski



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Geoff Engle pitched six strong innings May 9 to claim the win against Bishop Hoban. Engle gave up only five hits while striking out six.

LITTLE LEAGUE RESULTS

MAJORS

Cardinals 21 - Tigers 0

The Cardinals defeated the Tigers behind a Matt Metz one hitter with nine strikeouts in five innings. The Cardinals combined for 12 hits in the game while Ryan Pettit had the only hit for the Tigers.

Yankees 6 - Red Sox 2

Winning pitcher was Bob Gebhardt with 16 strikeouts. Matt Goeringer, a double and Todd Kerestes, two hits provided the hitting for the Yankees. Steve Salvantis went three for three for the Red Sox.

Astros 15 - Pirates 7

Jason Nataupski, Justin Sayre and Joe Yankoski combined efforts to pitch a win. Ricky Branko went four for four with two doubles while Jamie Rhodes had a triple and Wally Karl and Stephen Luksh went two for three at bat. Drew Suszko had three hits and scored three runs for the Pirates.

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Knights have showdown with Meyers Thursday

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WILKES-BARRE - The Lake-Lehman baseball won their sixth consecutive game Monday, 13-1 over G.A.R. at Coal Street Park. The game was halted in the sixth inning due to the 10-run rule. The Knights banged out 14 hits as their high-powered lineup managed to bat around the order in both the second and sixth innings.

The victory improves Lehman's record to 12-2 with one game remaining; Thursday's season finale with Meyers. The Mohawks defeated Lehman the first time around divisional play, 2-1, with both runs scoring in the bottom of the seventh.

"We're going to treat the Meyers game the same as today's game - a tune-up for the playoffs," said head coach Chip Sorber.

Lehman has a shot at a share of first in AA, Division 1 after Meyers was upset 3-2 by Wyoming Area Monday night. It was their first loss of the season after 13 victories. If the Knights beat Meyers Thursday, a special playoff will be needed, which might not be in Lehman's best interest as ace pitcher Geoff Engle continues to

"We're getting ready for districts."

Chip Sorber
Lake-Lehman coach

nurse a badly bruised elbow.

"We're getting Engle healthy for the playoffs," Sorber said. "That's what we've been shooting for all season."

With the score tied at one in the top half of the second Monday, Mike Pitcavage put Lehman ahead for good with a double to the gap in right-center. Jared Perlis, who led off the inning with a walk, scored all the way from first base. Pitcavage advanced to third on a throwing error.

Walks to Tom Fostock and John Oliver loaded the bases and with one out Joe Halowich drove home two by slapping a single up the middle.

Oliver scored on a wild pitch before Mike Adamshick drew the third walk of the inning. Halowich made the score 6-1 by sliding under the tag of Grenadier Eric Jarrot when GAR shortstop Jason Miele choose to throw home after fielding a grounder off the

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

DALLAS

Tennis

Brian Blaze's bid at a District II championship came to an abrupt end May 13, at the hands of Scranton Prep's Sunil Shingala 6-1, 6-2. Shingala clearly dominated the match despite the aggressive play from Blaze. Both Blaze and Shingala will go on to the state tournament.

Hazleton 4 - Dallas 3

Dallas 4-3 upset at Hazleton put the Mounts in a tailspin, it not only cost the Mounts a blemish in their previously undefeated season it also caused a three way tie in the standings between Hazleton, Wyoming Seminary and Dallas all at 12-1.

Wyoming Sem. 4 - Dallas 3

The Mounts couldn't recover from three single match losses and fell to Seminary 4-3 May 11. Brian Blaze won the lone singles match for the Mounts topping Joel Barras 6-2, 6-3.

LEHMAN

Softball

Hazleton 7 - Lehman 0

What was billed as a pitcher's duel turned out to be a Hazleton onslaught as the Cougars dominated Lehman 7-0 May 13. The Knights only scraped together two hits and committed a number of poor defensive plays on the field. Despite the loss Lehman (7-2) still holds on to first place with a one and 1/2 game lead over Tunkhannock.

Lehman 6 - Nanticoke 3

Kacy Ziomek laced a double and 2 RBI's as the Knights bested Nanticoke 6-3 May 7. Kim Spencer tossed a complete game with eight strikeouts and four hits.

Lehman 9 - Pittston 4

The Lady Knights pulled a late game rally, scoring eight runs in the final two innings to secure a victory over Pittston 9-4, May 9. Nikki Newell punched a triple and single for the Lehman win.

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Shane Schrader pitched for the Orioles against the Indians last week.



Dallas runnerup at volleyball tournament

Dallas High School was the runner up in the Annual Luzerne County Underclassmen Volleyball Tourney. Players were from left, 1st row, Rich Dougal, John Krohn, Trapper Smith, Joe Dreier, Justin Hoover; 2nd row, John J. Charles, executive director Luzerne County Recreation Department; asst. coach Jeff Kopich, Jim Gavin, Sam Mikolaichik, asst. coach Jim Gavin Sr.



Lake-Lehman wins volleyball tournament

The Lake-Lehman Black volleyball team recently captured first place in the annual Luzerne County Underclassmen Volleyball Tournament, May 4, at Coughlin High School.

First place team members are, from left: 1st row, Greg Kostrobala (mgr.), Mike Kostrobala, Nate Walters, Dave Rogers, John Mendygral, Shawn Norconk, Chip Hill; 2nd row, John Charles, director LCRD; Ryan McDade, Mark Steele, Brian Smigielski, Dave Milunic, Mark Coslett, George Frank, Coach Jim Donnelly, Coach John Baranowski; 3rd row, Mark Chopyak, Jeff Welby, Nate Pankratz, Dan Dulebohn, Eric Nygren, Mike Suda.