

Dieffenbacher

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Along the way Dieffenbacher achieved all of his goals and didn't waste any time as far as the school high jump record was concerned. Brad took care of business during Lehman's season opening victory over Coughlin and eft no doubts, shattering the school record with a jump of 6' 8"! The biggest problem the rest of the season was living up to the expectations he set back on April 2.

Brad finished first in the high jump at every Wyoming Valley Conference meet this year. By the time districts rolled around in May, he was setting a new class AA record by virtue of a top finish of 6' 8 1/4".

"I actually cleared 6-9, but my leg bumped the bar," Dieffenbacher. "At states I wasn't up to my potential, but I'm satisfied."

The sunshine and cool 60 degree weather during the district championships at North Pocono High School was ideal weather for Brad.

He also scored a personal best in the triple jump with 43' 3/4". The only thing that stood between him and the gold medal for that event was a jump of 44' even by GAR's Brock Vienen.

Last year he paid particular attention to Jason Pieczynski of Dallas, who held the high jump record previously. He also follows the progress of the world record holder at the Olympic level. At

practice the majority of his time is spent either jumping or working on drills handed down by varsity coach Ed Narkiewicz. During the summer little time is spent on drilling, as Brad prefers to stay in shape by playing basketball. He's also earned a letter as a defender for the Lake-Lehman district champion soccer team.

"When I was younger, soccer was my favorite sport," Dieffenbacher. "Now I'm a little more into track."

So much so that he's considering spending more time on jumping over the summer. With a number of medals to his credit, just imagine how much better he could become by setting up a regular practice regime.

"Next year I'd like to get a state championship, because I know I can," Dieffenbacher said. "After that I hope to jump in college."

With just a year of high school left, he's still not completely ready to give up on running for the Black Knights. At the Tunkhannock relays, he helped out the team by participating in the 4 x 200 meter. The 4 x 200 is not a regular event, but Dieffenbacher fared pretty well and is giving a lot of thought to doing some running again next spring.

Brad has an older sister, Heather and an older brother, Eric.

Lehman drops playoff to Sem



Kelly Spencer got her foot into the ball in Lehman's playoff game against Wyoming Seminary Saturday.



Sara Kasper and a trio of Sem players battled for the ball in their playoff game.

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Playoffs

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on an error. Hazleton went ahead with solo runs in both the fourth and fifth. Frank Valvano's bases loaded single drove in the final run of the contest in the sixth.

As he had done many times before, Jeff Kunkle pitched a gem in his final performance in a Mountaineer uniform. Kunkle struck out 11, walked five and scattered seven hits.

The performance of Dallas catcher Kevin McDonald should be noted. The senior honor student played all 14 games at the backstop position. In terms of defense and leadership, he's definitely one of the unsung heroes of the conference.

Girls' soccer

Wyo. Sem. 4, Lake-Lehman 3

The District 2 girls' soccer championship was settled under the lights at Wyoming Valley West Stadium in Kingston Saturday night. The contestants were Lake-Lehman, Wyoming Valley Conference Champions for the second year in a row, and the cinderella squad, Wyoming Seminary. Before the contest began there were two certainties about the outcome, the winning goalkeeper was going to be from the Back Mountain playing on a team nicknamed the Lady Knights.

The Blue Knights of Seminary (0-14 last year) made non-believers change their tune with a 4-3 victory over the Black Knights. On the eve of graduation ceremonies, senior star Johanna Ashley broke a 3-all tie, scoring off a corner kick with less than three minutes remaining.

Despite being outshot 13-9, Seminary enjoyed a 2-0 lead at halftime. With the third quarter coming to a close, Kelly Spencer cut the lead in half, taking the assist from Kristen Roberts who had just entered the game for the first time.

Seminary went up 3-1 in the fourth but Lehman came on strong, scoring two goals within 2:25.

"I thought we had them at the end," said Lehman co-coach Jan Elston.

Spencer scored off a long pass from Adrienne Miroslaw then set up Sara Kasper with the tying score at 11:25. The late surge for Lehman was the result of finally being able to get off a good shot, as the Blue Knights forced them wide most of the game.

"We kept switching on the ball," said Seminary keeper and Back Mountain resident Claire Hedden. "We wanted to keep the ball away from certain people. (At the end) I was just trying to keep my head in the game and not think about the clock."

Lehman outshot Seminary 28-15 and recorded seven corner kicks to six. Hedden picked up six saves while Lehman's Trish Pilosi had nine.

Lehman finishes the season 14-2-1 while Seminary (15-2) will host a team from District 3 at King's Monarch Field in Wilkes-Barre Township Saturday.

Softball

Lake-Lehman 3, Valley West 1

Saturday's season finale had all the drama of a playoff game as the Lady Knights needed a victory at home to forge a tie for first with Tunkhannock in the AAA-North. Before the game, veteran head coach Flossie Finn also reminded her squad of the contest's extra meaning.

"This was our last conference game in AAA, at least for two years," said Finn. "Lehman is basically a AA school and we didn't want to go out losers."

Valley West jumped on top with a run on two hits in the first, but winning pitcher Kim Spencer allowed just two hits the rest of the way. The junior hurler helped herself by slamming a two-run homer to right-center in the first.

The Knights picked up an insurance run in the fifth when Darby Wolfe singled home Kacy Ziomek.

Seniors Diane Alters, Missy Gray and Kelly Spencer were honored and presented roses prior to the contest.

PIAA, class AA state track results from Shippensburg

Girls: Robin Suda, Dallas closed out a fine career with a 15.9 in the 100 hurdles, good enough for seventh place.

Boys: Bob Lorah, Dallas finished sixth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 22.65.

Corey Friedel, Dallas captured an eighth place medal in the 300 hurdles with a 41.3

Lake-Lehman's Brad Dieffenbacher took the AA silver medal in the high jump at 6'7".



SEAN PATRICK REYNOLDS

Sean Reynolds wins honors at Penn State

Sean Patrick Reynolds, son of Charles and Lourene Reynolds of Dallas received two prestigious awards as he completed his sophomore year at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus in Lehman.

At a recent awards luncheon at the University Park campus, Reynolds received the John S. Egli Outstanding Male Scholar Athlete Award, which annually recognizes one male and one female premier scholar athlete from all the Penn State campuses. Criteria for selection include a distinguished athletic career, a minimum grade point average of 3.00 and involvement in campus activities.

Reynolds also received the Eric A. and Josephine S. Walker Award, at the Wilkes-Barre Campus' annual Leadership and Athletic Awards Banquet. This award recognizes a student from each campus for outstanding qualities of character, scholarship, leadership

and citizenship.

Reynolds, who will continue this fall at the University Park campus as a finance and international business major, is vice president of the Student Government Association, and member of the Honors Society, Intercollegiate Leadership, Faculty Senate Committee, Circle K, Health Club and the Legislative Advocacy Network.

He is also a player on the campus' soccer team and captain of the team this past year: Academic-All American, 1994-95; Academic-All Conference, 1994-95; and All-Conference Soccer Team, 1995-96.

Sean, the Reynolds' fourth and youngest son - and the third Penn State managed to attain a 3.4 grade point average and also found time to work in a local supermarket.

He is a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School.



ANN HOLMES

Ann Holmes inducted into hall of fame

Shavertown resident Anne Holmes, assistant professor of health and physical education at Luzerne County Community College, was recently inducted into the Scranton Area Sports Hall of Fame at the 22nd annual dinner of the Chic Feldman Foundation.

Holmes was a three-sport star in golf, basketball and softball at Scranton Central High School before excelling in golf at Penn State University. She has won honors in numerous Northeastern PA golf tournaments and remains active in the sport.

Holmes was formerly a member of the faculty at Penn State/Wilkes-Barre, where she received the Outstanding Faculty Member award in 1988, 1990, 1991 and 1993. Holmes also has received the Hayfield Humanitarian Award and the Hayfield Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Kelly will coach at PSU soccer camp

Brian Kelly, U.S. National Team soccer standout and captain of Duke University's soccer team, will be one of the featured coaches for Penn State Wilkes-Barre's Soccer Camp on June 24-28.

Kelly, a Lake-Lehman graduate, was selected as the 1993 Parade Magazine High School Player of the Year. Duke is expected to challenge once gain for the NCAA national soccer championship this fall.

The morning session of Penn State Wilkes-Barre's soccer camp, under the direction of head coach Bill Tooley, is full. Two afternoon sessions, for boys and girls in grades K-5 and 6-12, run from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. and are still open. Travel teams are encouraged to enroll as a group and will be kept together for more advanced training and instruction.

For additional information and/or registration forms for the soccer camp, contact Jennifer Youngman at 675-9220.

Little League action

In right photo, the Phillies Mark Kapitula raced for third to beat the throw to to Cardinals' Greg Mascioli. Below, Rich Eckman slid into home under Cards' catcher Andrew Dale.

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BACK MT. JUNIOR LEAGUE

Braves 20-Rockies 5

The Braves pounded out 15 hits, led by Josh Katyl with five and Justin Bicking with three. Katyl, Paul Hiller and Jared Karalunas combined to fan 12 Rockies, with Hiller picking up the win.

John Slaby had two hits for the Rockies. Pat Velde struck out seven Braves.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

White Sox 13-Phillies 11

Sam Lloyd went 4-for-4 for the White Sox, and picked up the win with a strong three-inning relief appearance.

White Sox 7-Cardinals 4

Molly Guntli struck out nine in a complete game victory over the first place Cardinals. Sefanie Bendik had two hits for the Sox.