

SportsWeek

Section 2

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Fleeger making his mark at Misericordia

DALLAS - After a stellar high school athletic career, Lake-Lehman product Jeremy Fleeger has helped the College Misericordia men's soccer team to a quick start in 1996.

A sophomore midfielder, Fleeger has started all six games while the team recorded a 4-2 mark heading into yesterday's game against Lycoming College.

With three goals this season, Fleeger has already surpassed last season's offensive totals when he scored one goal while appearing in all 17 games.

He utilized that experience to his advantage while earning a starting berth this year. "I knew what I needed to do in order to start this season," said Fleeger, who is majoring in biology. "I came into pre-season camp and just worked as hard as I could. It has paid off."

With a talented roster, Fleeger is aware that he can't rest on his laurels. "We have a very good team with several good players on the bench waiting to take my position," he explained. "I know that if I let up, someone else will work harder to surpass me. We all push each other and it makes us better."

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Jeremy Fleeger
Misericordia sophomore

As one of a handful of local student-athletes playing for the Cougars, Fleeger has no regrets about his decision to attend Misericordia. "I'm very happy with my decision," he said. "I wanted to stay close to home and coach Edkins was a very positive influence on my decision. The campus also provides a very pleasant environment."

Misericordia head coach Chuck Edkins is also pleased that Fleeger chose to wear blue and gold. "Jeremy has been a valuable asset to our program," said Edkins, who has guided the Cougars to three runners-up finishes in the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference in five seasons. "He saw plenty of

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Jeremy Fleeger has established himself as a stalwart on the College Misericordia soccer team. The Lake-Lehman grad is in his sophomore year.

Samuel is Pitt captain

The Pitt Cross Country has a Dallas graduate as a team captain this fall. Dallas resident Matt Samuel is a senior runner for the Pitt Panther Cross Country team and has consistently been a first team starter for the past three years.

He recently ran as third man for Pitt at a tough meet at West Virginia University. Samuel red-shirted his freshman year and has one more season remaining next fall.

While at Dallas, Samuel was a first team all-state runner and the first men's runner in Valley history to qualify four straight years for the State Championships. He was the district champion during his senior year at Dallas.

An English writing major, Samuel will run in the Penn State Invitational at Lehigh University and the Big East and ICAAAA Championships in Boston.



MATT SAMUEL

SPORTS SHORTS

FOOTBALL

Dallas 21, Wyoming Area 14

The Mountaineer offense scored early racking up a 21-0 halftime advantage and hung on to squelch Wyoming Area 21-14 under the lights at Wyoming Sept. 20. The Mounts cashed in on weaknesses in the Warrior defense to light up the score board quickly. On the second play from scrimmage Frank Valvano went in motion with the Warrior defense close in tow as quarterback Billy Puchalsky handed off to Brian Pietracinni who scampered 59 yards for the touchdown. Mark Kashenbach then supplied a little more spark to the Mount fire during the ensuing Warrior drive as he pounced on a loose ball to set up the Mounts near midfield. Dallas capitalized as Puchalsky tossed a 41 yard stike to Kevin Kozel to lay the foundation for a 5 yard scamper to the end zone by Valvano. In the second quarter with the Warrior defense still concentrating on Valvano, Puchalsky tossed to Kashenbach who ran 60 yards to pay dirt to complete the Mount scoring. Dallas now faces Crestwood at home Saturday Sept. 28.

Lehman 42, Crestwood 0

Lehman found the end zone on each of its possessions in the first half and racked up nearly 500 yards in total offense as they walloped Crestwood 42-0 Sept. 21. Quarterback Mike Woronko commanded the Knight attack completing eight of twelve in the air for 153 yards including an eight yard pitch to Chris Bath on the Knights first drive to put the Knights on the boards 6-0. Woronko's point after attempt was good to raise the score 7-0. On the next series Woronko connected with Mark Ronczka for a 29-yarder to the end zone. Ronczka was Woronko's right hand man carrying 16 times for 103 yards. Lehman rounded out the scoring in the first period with a Roy Holcomb 53-yard sprint to the end zone. The Knight defensive line hampered the Comet offense throughout the day holding their opponents to just 131 yards. Dave Oplinger finished Lehman's scoring with a 7-yard rush in the fourth. The Knights now encounter Meyers at home Sept 28 at 1:00.

FIELD HOCKEY

Dallas 2, GAR 0

The Lady Mounts sticks are on fire! Following their stunning upset of Crestwood a day earlier the Mounts dished out another upset this time at the hands of previously unbeaten GAR Sept. 18. Michelle Molesky scored what turned out to be the game winner at 4:01 in the second half off a pass from Mary Ann Selensky. Selensky drilled an insurance tally later in the period to end the scoring at 2-0. Dallas kept the heat on the Grenadier cage belting out 23 shots to GAR's 8.

Lehman 1, O'Reilly 0

Nikki Yoblonski penetrated a stubborn O'Reilly defense in the first to lift Lehman past the Queenswomen 1-0 Sept. 18. The

Knights rattled off 31 shots on goal and 17 corners but were denied 30 times by O'Reilly's keeper, Erin Hammon.

Dallas 4, Nanticoke 2

Dallas continued on their path of destruction through the W.V. Conference this time victimizing Nanticoke 4-2 Sept. 20. Heather Wilt lead the Mountaineer scoring drive sailing two goals while Melanie Getz and Mary Ann Selensky each added one apiece. Dallas outshot the Trojans 20-7 and lead on corners 17-3.

Lehman 7, Northwest 1

The Lady Knights again played the role of spoilers as they rail-roaded host Northwest 7-1 Sept. 20. Jen Johnstone was responsible for three of Lehman's six first half goals. Adrienne Miroslaw scored twice while Christine Farrell and Susie Walters drilled one apiece.

SOCCER

Lehman 7, Seminary 2

Eric Rittenhouse proved too much for Seminary to handle as he landed four goals as Lehman downed Sem. 7-2 Sept. 18. Andrew Verdekai also added a pair of tallies including one in the second off a pass from Dan Dulebohn. Nate Pankratz and Russ Mosier shared duties in the cage racking up eight saves.

Dallas 3, Abington 2

Dallas used two goals in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime in a heartstopper Sept. 19 in Clarks Summit. John Kertesz and Rich Semanis accounted for the two late game points to lock the score at two apiece but it wasn't until 1:56 in the second overtime that Kevin Pizzano drilled the game winner.

Crestwood 2, Lehman 0

The Comets rallied for a goal in both the third and fourth quarters to upset Lehman 2-0 at Crestwood on Sept. 20. Crestwood outshot the Knights 20-15. Knight Goalie Nate Pankratz had eight stops in the cage while freshman Russ Mosier had 3.

Hazleton 5, Dallas 3

Mitch Bailey booted two through the cage on penalty kicks but didn't have the support from the field as Hazleton ripped Dallas 5-3 Sept. 20. Hazleton grabbed the win by sinking three goals in the fourth. Josh Dukas accounted for the final Mount goal in the final quarter off a pass from Bailey.

VOLLEYBALL

Dallas 2, Hanover 0

The Mounts again relied upon their strong service game as Dallas defeated Hanover Area in straight sets 15-3, 15-11 Sept. 18. Lori Buzin and Stacey Engler lead the drive with 13 service points and seven kills. The win increases the Mounts record to 4-1 just a half game behind conference leaders Abington and Tunkhannock both at 4-0.

Abington 2, Lehman 0

Despite a valiant effort the Lady



WRONG GUESS

Dallas goalie John Fagan guessed right, but the Hazleton player kicked left for a goal off a penalty kick in last week's game. In far left photo, Rich Samanis fought for control, backed by Matt Kerestes. Justin Kerr headed the ball in front of Mitch Bailey.

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Kingston Twp. Raiders split pair with Lehman Jr. Black Knights

The Kingston Township Raiders B team improved their record to 3-1 with an exciting come-from-behind 20-14 win over a strong Lehman squad.

Trailing by two points with five minutes remaining, the Raiders marched 70 yards and scored on a 20-yard pass from quarterback Bobby Zaruta to Steven Salavantis.

The Black Knights took an 8-0

lead early in the game. Then Jonathan Barbose scored two touchdowns for the Raiders on runs of five and 18 yards. The Raiders put together the game-winning drive following a fourth quarter Knights' score.

Other key performers on offense were Matt Rondina, who added a two-point conversion, Pat Harmon, Marty Murray and Billy Youells. The Raiders defense was

led by Salavantis, Nick Mathewson, Danny Accillo, Kenny Regan and Jonathan Miller.

A team falls behind early

The Raiders A team lost to the Knights 34-6. The Raiders got off to a slow start, finding themselves down 34-0 at the half. They played dominating defense in the second half, and scored their lone touchdown in the fourth quarter when

Justin Sayre took an interception in.

Playing well for the Raiders were Paul Saxon, Brad Lothridge, John Krispin, Jonathan Lorah, Justin Sayre and Tim Banks.

The Raiders and Dallas Mini-Mounts will play Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Dallas High School stadium. Game times are: C team, 12 Noon; B team, 1:15 p.m.; A team, 3:15 p.m.