

# Sports Week

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## Jumper goes from 'bad golfer' to states

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**DALLAS** - Golf is not a sport that is introduced to people in the traditional manner. Packs of 10-year-olds are not usually found choosing up foursomes to play a round in an abandoned sandlot.

No, for many people golf is something they stumble across while channel surfing. It is that sport where people get dressed up to walk across acres of manicured grass to hit a little white ball with a crooked stick, and then chase it. Golf isn't exactly one of the extreme games.

On the scholastic level, golf is not a "revenue" sport. High school golfers usually don't play in front of large crowds the way their counterparts in football, field hockey or soccer do. For the high school golfer, the love of the game, rather than the roar of the crowd is what entices him. But that may be changing.

Tiger Woods is a young golfer just beginning to make his mark on the professional tour. In an age when football and basketball players are usually the only ones contemplating coming out of college early, Woods, a college jun-

ior, traded in his course selections for a tour card. You've probably seen his Nike commercials on television or maybe you read about him in the newspapers. His electric smile and solid golf play have made him a media darling.

Tiger Woods might just be to golf what Michael Jordan is basketball. Okay, maybe that's pushing it just a bit, but the kid sure is good for golf.

Locally, a young golfer is also trying to make his mark. Two weeks ago, Dallas's Justin Jumper qualified for the state championship golf tournament. Going into Monday and Tuesday's rounds, Justin said he feels relaxed. "I just want to go out there and have fun. I'm not putting too much pressure on myself."

Justin, who also plays baseball, sees golf as an underappreciated sport. "I'd like to see more publicity for golf," he says. "I think that Tiger Woods and other young golfers are helping to expose kids to golf, but I'd like to see it become more popular. Tiger is somebody who I can look up to. I see what he has accomplished and that makes me practice even harder."

This year Justin had to don the role of leader of the Dallas golf

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Dallas golfer, going to states

team. After playing in the shadow of former Dallas standout Lynn Kilduff, Justin realized that this year he would be asked to be the go-to guy. "I knew that coach expected me to lead the team, to turn in good scores consistently."

That really wasn't as easy as it sounds. Last year Jumper admits he was an average golfer at best. "Last year I was basically pretty bad," he said with a laugh. "But this summer's practices really paid off. Right now I feel that I'm a pretty good golf player." Dallas coach Tom Kilduff thinks what Justin has accomplished is terrific. "In all my years at Dallas, Justin is only the third golfer to qualify for the state playoffs," Kilduff said. "As a coach, it is a real honor to have someone from your team qualify. It's also a tremendous honor for Justin."

Essentially, what he has accomplished is equal to a baseball or football team making the state championship. It's really an incredible feat."

Looking back, Justin said it all started when he was an eight-year-old. "My grandfather used to take me golfing at Fox Hill on Monday mornings. That's where I learned to love the game." How much of a role did coach Kilduff play in Justin's improvement? "Coach really helped me with the mental part," Jumper explained. "He kept my mind focused on what I had to do, and that's the toughest part. Golf is so mental. If you lose your cool, if you get mad at yourself, you're going to go out there and shoot 90's."

Golf is very much a "mind" game as opposed to baseball, the other sport that Justin hopes to excel in this year. Justin is a pitcher on the Dallas baseball team and he feels that he needs to also become a leader on that squad this year. "Last year we had so many seniors that did a great job for us, especially Jeff Kunkle. This year I want to go out there and be a leader. But basically, I just

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JUSTIN JUMPER

## 22 local riders will make trip to State 4-H Horse Show

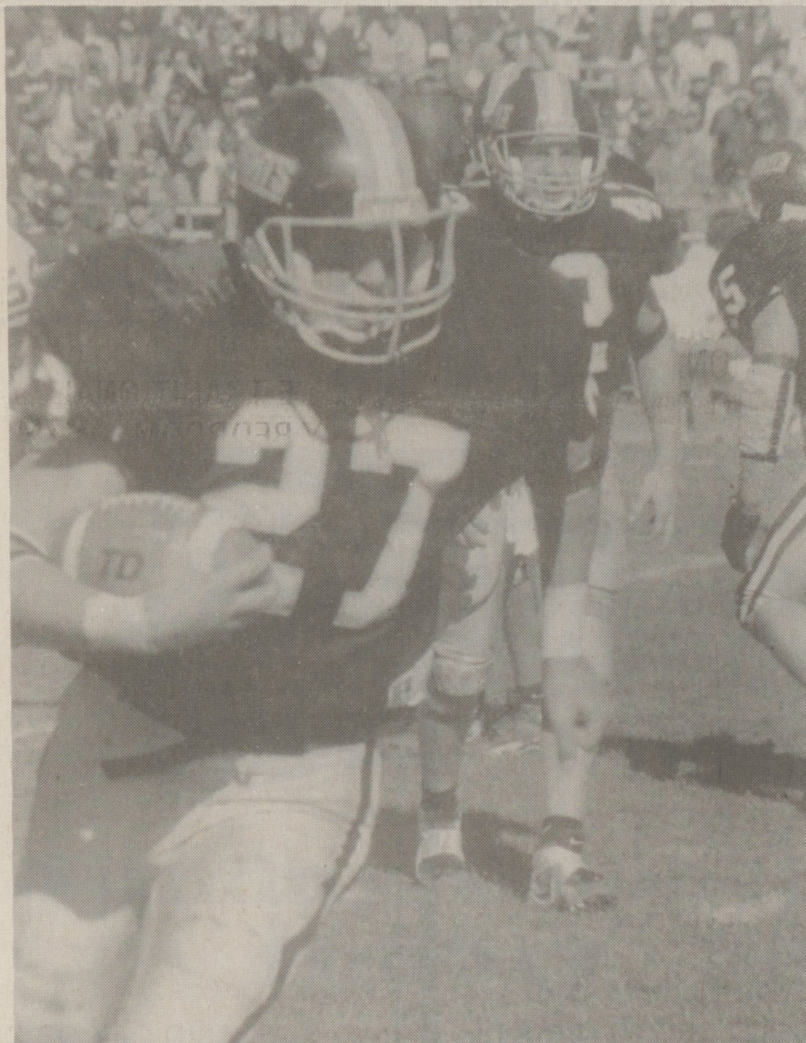
Twenty-two Luzerne County 4-H horse club members will be proceeding to the State 4-H Horse Show in Harrisburg October 25-27. In order to be eligible for the state show, these members had to compete and place in the top ranking at both the county and district elimination shows.

Representing Luzerne County and the District are: Amanda Adamitz, Shavertown, English Grooming and Showmanship Sr.; Pleasure Pairs and County Team; Cyndi Boyle, Dallas, Western Grooming and Showmanship Sr., and Reining; Tanya Campbell, Hunlock Creek, Pleasure Horse Driving; Rebecca Conyngham, Dallas, Welsh Pony Yearling Gelding; Alison Corey, Tunk-hannock, Pleasure Pairs.

Also, Reagan Gruelich, Dallas,

Quarter Horse Filly of this Year; Elizabeth Heller, Hunlock Creek, Western Pleasure Ponies over 13.0 hands; Sarah Heller, Hunlock Creek, Western Pleasure Ponies 13.0 hands and under.

Also, Amber Lauri, Hunlock Creek, Pole Bending Ponies; Devon Lewis, Harveys Lake, Western Grooming and Showmanship Jr., Open Trail Horses, Stock Seat Equitation Jr., Western Riding, and Reining; Erin Liss, Dallas, English Grooming and Showmanship Jr.; Megan Ross, Dallas, Working Hunter Ponies and Hunter Under Saddle Ponies; Wendy Wallo, Dallas, County Team, Working Hunter Horses and Hunter Seat Equitation over Jumps Jr.; and Becky Yeisley, Shavertown, Cloverleaf Barrel Race Horses.



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Marc Ronczka, above, broke through the Wyoming Area line in Saturday's game. Ronczka and his teammates had a rough afternoon, falling 31-0 for their first conference loss. Below, Kevin Whipple (33) and Brock Raspen scrambled for a loose ball.



## Black Knights must regroup to save season

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**LEHMAN** - The Lake-Lehman Black Knights had been marching through Division II of the Wyoming Valley Conference victoriously, boasting a 5-1 record, undefeated against divisional foes. Until last Saturday, that is. The Lake-Lehman victory march ran straight into a wall in their game against Wyoming Area, as the Warriors' stingy defense blanked the Knights 31-0 in front of Lehman's homecoming crowd.

"We only ran 35 offensive plays the entire game," head coach Rich Gorgone stated. "We beat ourselves just as much as they beat us. Kopka is one heck of a back and Wyoming Area is a fine team, but we made it easier for them to win. We made too many mental mistakes and couldn't come back from them."

In addition to losing the game, Lehman has lost the services of lineman Joe Kosior for the next few games, if not the season. "Kosior is one of the premier linemen in the league, and losing him really hurts," the Black Knight mentor said.

Lake Lehman is now 4-1 and tied for second in their division and the Wyoming Area defense and Warrior running back Ben Kopka are the reasons for it. Kopka rushed for 162 yards and two touchdowns, while the Knights were limited to just 137 total offensive yards. To make matters worse, Lehman racked up 90 yards in penalties.

In the first half against Wyoming Area, Lehman could not capitalize on Warrior miscues. The Knights wasted two Warrior turn-

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overs, turning the ball over themselves which resulted in a Jeff Kostik touchdown with just over three minutes left in the first half. Kostik also returned an interception 75 yards to the Lehman 15-yard line, setting up a Fred Marianacci field goal. The Black Knights trailed at halftime, 10-0.

The second half was all Wyoming Area, as the Warriors held the ball for all but 3:45 of the entire half. The Knights fell victim to two huge drives in both the third and fourth quarters. The first was a 79-yard, seven and a half-minute, 14-play marathon march that put the Warriors up 17-0, and drained the life from Lehman's comeback hopes. The second was a 76-yard, eight minute, 20-play odyssey that made the score 24-0, and sealed Lehman's fate.

"We couldn't stop them in the second half," Gorgone explained. "Even when we seemed to stop them, a penalty kept the drive going. They came at us with two tight ends and took it to us."

Offensively for the Knights Mike Woronko completed seven passes for 81 yards. Mark Ronczka had 31 yards on nine carries, and Woronko chipped in with 22 yards rushing.

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### SPORTS SHORTS

#### FIELD HOCKEY

##### Dallas 3, Wallenpaupack 3

Dallas staged an incredible second half come back with three goals in the final seven minutes of play but were unable to secure the win and settled for a tie after an overtime battle with Paupack 3-3 Oct. 9. Natalie Temperine pulled the Mounts within one slapping off a goal at 22:40 and 24:00 in the second. Michelle Molesky tied it up at three all at 29:20 to send the game into overtime. Jenn Jancewicz had 13 saves.

##### Lehman 1, Crestwood 1

Lehman hosted one of this season's most brilliant field hockey games as the Knights clashed with Crestwood Oct. 9. Sara Kasper put the Knights up by one just a minute and a half into play off a pass from Kacy Ziomek. The Comets then locked it up off a bizzare corner with only seven minutes remaining. Neither team was able to break the deadlock in regulation sending the game into overtime. Despite several breakaways for both teams the defenses hung tough and held the game at a 1-1 tie. The Knights record now stands at 11-1-1.

##### Dallas 4, Northwest 1

Natalie Temperine supplied the fire and a hat trick in the Mounts 4-1 victory over Northwest Oct. 11. Temperine shot a goal in the first and two in the second and set up another for Mary Ann Selenski to put the Mounts ahead for good. The win puts the Mounts (9-3-2) a step closer to securing one of two remaining District II playoff berths.

##### Lehman 5, GAR 0

Lehman clinched a seed in the District II playoffs with a 5-0 shut-out of GAR Oct. 11 in Wilkes-Barre. Jen Johnstone slipped two past as the Knights rattled off 38 shots on goal. Kacy Ziomek rocketed a

penalty shot into the cage in the late minutes of the first. Sara Kasper and Susie Walters also had goals for Lehman.

#### SOCCER

##### Valley West 4, Dallas 1

Mike McHale evened the score at one apiece in the second but the Mounts let the game slide from there as Valley West downed Dallas 4-1 Oct. 9. McHale's tally came off a pass from Kevin Pizzano. The Spartans had two goals in the second and one in both the third and fourth to grab the win from the Mounts. Dallas' record drops to 5-8.

##### Coughlin 6, Lehman 3

The Knights went up 2-0 in the first 15 minutes of play but Coughlin responded with 5 unanswered goals of their own as the Crusaders beat Lehman 6-3 Oct. 10. Russ Wenrich and Dan Dulebohn had the early tallies for Lehman but were unable to find the net again until 4:31 in the fourth when Nate Walters booted in a pass from Brian Noler.

##### Dallas 4, Seminary 1

Dallas paced the game with a goal in each of the first three quarters and two in the third to blow past Seminary 4-1 Oct. 10. Richard Douglas assisted on goals from Rich Semanas, Justin Kerr and Kevin Pizzano. Mike Cleary booted the remaining score assisted by Pizzano.

##### Dallas 4, Abington Heights 1

Dallas allowed the Comets one in the first but controlled the game from there and downed Abington 4-1 Oct. 14. Kevin Pizzano and Justin Kerr assisted on each others goals in the first. Justin Hoover then increased the lead with a goal in the second. Richard Douglas ended the scoring in the third assisted by Pizzano. Dallas' record stands at 7-8.

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## KT Raiders C team rolls again, but but A and B lose to Wilkes-Barre

The Kingston Township Raiders C Squad won another game on the road to the Super Bowl. A great performance was turned out by the entire offense. Brian Ostrowsky and Elijah Miller scored two touchdowns each and Matt Kelly took in a two-point conversion. Kevin Roman had a 50-yard punt return that took the Raiders to the eight-yard line and almost in for another score. The offensive line took the scrimmage line over the Bears for a 26-point advantage.

KT held the Bears scoreless.

This is the fifth week in a row the Raiders defense has not allowed a single point. Playing well for the Raider defense were Jacob Kovalchik, Matt Brokenshire, Steve Rosencrans, David Judge and Jamie Trochi. Making a strong appearance on defense were some first year players, Mark Rondina, Ryan Edwards, Erick Tucker and Andrew Karavitch.

The Raiders B Team suffered a disappointing 28-8 loss to the Wilkes-Barre Bears on Sunday. The loss snapped the Raiders' five game win streak and temporarily

put on hold the team's qualification for a playoff position. After a slow start, both the offense and the defense played well in the second half. Although two long drives ended without any points, the team moved the football in the air and on the ground. The first defensive unit played outstanding in the third and fourth quarters, shutting down the Bears and helping set up the Raiders TD.

The Raiders A Team lost to the Bears on Sunday. Playing their last home game for the Raiders were John Krispin, George

Sprague, Paul Saxon, Jonathan Lorah, Matt Tucker, Paul Mentis, Tim Banks and Frank Martino. Also A cheerleaders graduating are Crystal Youells and Deanna Hedges.

The Kingston Twp. Raiders Junior Football Organization would like to thank local businesses and residents in Kingston Twp. for their support in making our annual Door Bell Night a success. Also we would like to thank the Shavertown Fire Company for letting us hold our Homecoming Dance at the Fire Hall.