

SportsWeek

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Good hit, good field, pitching??

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LEHMAN - It's a warm, sunny day. A crack of the bat is heard, followed by a roar from the crowd. After weeks of spring training and preparation, baseball season has finally arrived, and the Lake-Lehman Black Knights baseball team is looking forward to its upcoming season and what it has to offer.

The Knights had a successful season last year, as they advanced to playoffs. They were led by three senior all-conference players, including John Oliver, who was drafted as the top pick of the Cincinnati Reds. Lake-Lehman coach Chip Sorber explained how the loss of these players will affect this year's team. "We won't score as many runs as we did last year, but we'll still be good offensively."

This season's team will be led by three seniors, Joe Halowich (captain), Jarrett Perlis, and Mike Woronko (captain.) The rest of the lineup consists of mostly underclassmen, including three freshmen who will see plenty of action. Despite the team being young, Sorber expects the Knights to be competitive in their league. Other favorites in their nine-team league include Meyers, Bishop Hoban, Seton Catholic, and Northwest.

Hitting will be one of the strong points. Halowich credited this year's Knights with having a good lineup of hitters. "There are no weak spots," he said.

Woronko said he expects there will be more contributors on both offense and defense. "We have more depth this year," he said.

Sorber feels that pitching may be questionable. There is depth at pitching, and hopefully with more experience, the staff will complement the offense. As for the defense, "It will be solid," Halowich said.

Noxen wrestlers place at AAU meet

On March 22 and 23 the Noxen wrestlers wrestled in the Tunkhannock AAU Districts and advanced to the Northern Regional Tournament on March 28 and 29 at Shamokin H.S., Shamokin. Those advancing are:

In the Bantam Division, Chris Barbacci took 1st place at 40 lbs. and Tom Parrish took 3rd place at 52 lbs.

In the Midget Division, Brian Goeringer took 3rd place at 70 lbs., Michael Stolarick took 1st place at 75 lbs., and Matt Dragon took 1st place at 85 lbs.

In the Jr. Division, John Houssock took 1st place at 66 lbs., Andrew Shaw took 3rd at 66 lbs., Ryan Post took 1st at 86 lbs., and Kelly Morgan took 1st place at 91 lbs.

In the Intermediate Division, Perry Coolbaugh took 3rd place at 90 lbs., Todd Jones took 1st place at 100 lbs., Tim Shaw took 2nd place at 115 lbs., Louis McMillan took 1st place at 136 lbs. and Eric Ragowski took 2nd place at 160 lbs.

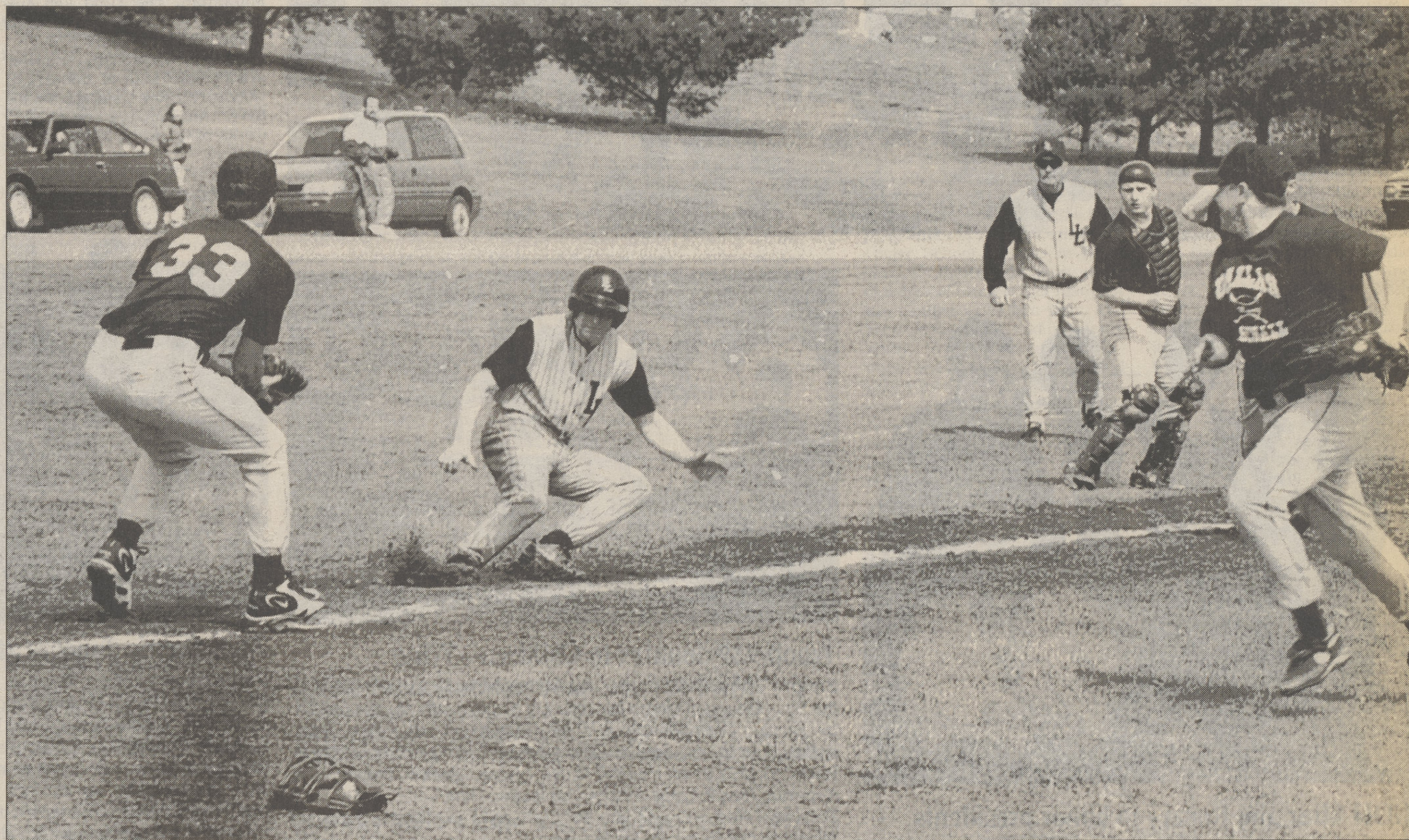
In the Advanced Division, Jimmy Higgins took 1st place at 110 lbs., Justin Harris took 1st place at 135 lbs., Lynn McMillan took 1st place at 160 lbs., and Matt Kehler took 2nd place at unlimited.

In the Elite Division, Garry Harris took 3rd place at 152 lbs. and Percy McMillan took 2nd at unlimited.

In the Open Division Brian Butler took 1st place at 142 lbs. and Michael Stolarick Sr. at 177 lbs. put forth a good effort.

Correction

Due to the editor's error, the wrong organization was credited with sponsoring a basketball shootout contest held at the Dallas Middle School. The contest was sponsored by the Kingston Twp. Recreation Commission, not Dallas Youth Basketball.



A LESSON IN THE RUNDOWN

Early in the first scrimmage between Dallas and Lake-Lehman last Friday, the Mounts showed how to handle a rundown. Lehman runner Paul Kapral, top photo, got caught between third and home, with Dallas pitcher Justin Jumper on one end and catcher Jerry Delescavage on the other. After third baseman Aaron Getz tagged out Kapral, right, he threw to shortstop Ed Piekara, who put the tag on Lehman's D.J. Kapson, left photo.

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BMT wrestlers place at Bloomsburg

Wrestlers from the Back Mountain Wrestling Club recently participated in the Bloomsburg Elementary Wrestling Tournament. Wrestlers from the club finished as follows: 1st row, from left, Matty Simms, Peewee, 1st place; 2nd row, Matt Davis, Midget 90, 3rd place; Michael Yenason, Junior 90, 2nd place; Andrew Harrison, Junior 95, 1st place.

Cedar BMX Park to open April 5

Cedar BMX Park will open for the 1997 season on April 5. Racing will be held on Thursday and Saturday evenings. Practice starts on April 8 and will be held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. New riders are always welcome. For more information call Kevin at 825-0661.

Youth soccer will register April 12

Back Mountain Youth Soccer will be conducting registration for the fall 1997 season on Sat. April 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dallas Middle School. New players must be 6 years of age as of July 31. All new players must bring their Social Security Number and Birth Certificate with them to register.

Also, we would like to announce that there will be four new divisions formed for the 1997 fall season to play in the Wyoming Valley Youth Soccer League. U-16 and U-18 Girls divisions playing 8V8, and U-16 and U-18 Boys divisions. Registration for play in the four new divisions will be held Sat. April 12 at the Dallas Middle School from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All new players must bring their Social Security Number and Birth Certificate with them to register.

GOH girls win third in state

The Gate of Heaven girls' 8th grade varsity won the Diocesan Tournament and went to the state tourney (first time ever). They played in the state tourney in Harrisburg against the champions of the other seven dioceses in the state. The GOH girls finished in third place with two wins and one loss.

SPORTS SHORTS

VOLLEYBALL

Dallas 2, Tunkhannock 0

The Mounts opened their season with a 15-9, 15-12 victory over Tunkhannock Mar. 25. Pete Redmond led Dallas with 10 kills and three service points. Justin Hoover was the rock with 25 assists.

Lehman 2, Coughlin 0

George Frank served a game high 15 service points including six aces to help Lehman down Coughlin 15-0, 15-2 Mar. 26 in both teams season opener. John Mendygral also drilled six aces.

TENNIS

Dallas 7, Tunkhannock 0

Brian Blase, Mike Cleary, Jeff Saneck and Marcus Sowick all had singles victories as Dallas

swept a 7-0 victory from Tunkhannock Mar. 26. Saneck and Sowick and John Winter and Brian Balutis combined for 8-0 doubles victories.

Pittston 7, Lehman 0

Pittston blanked the Knights 7-0 in W.V. Conference tennis action Mar. 27. Lehman's Josh Sawyer and Susie Walters fell short of victory with a narrow 12-10 doubles defeat.

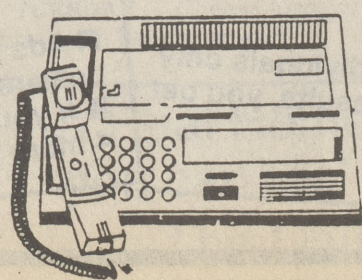
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Meyers 118, Dallas 26

Dallas was only able to capture two events as Meyers dropped the Mounts 118-26 Mar. 27 in Wilkes-Barre. Eric Tupper victored in the high jump with a 5'10" leap while the 1600 relay team placed with a 4:16 performance.

U-13 Travel will hold select tryout

Northeast Travel League select tryouts for U-13 boys will be held at 11 a.m. Sat., April 5 at Penn State Lehman. The team chosen will play in the EPYSA League select tournament in Harrisburg April 26-27 and in the Pocono Cup tournament June 28-29. All interested players are asked to wear a numbered shirt. For more information, contact Hank Walters at 477-5139.



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