

SportsWeek

Section 2

Wednesday, April 23, 1997

SPORTS SHORTS

SOFTBALL

Lehman 12, Wyo. Seminary 3

A seven run first inning set the tone for the Black Knights to take a 12-3 victory from Seminary April 17 at Seminary. Kim Spencer was 3-for-4 with three RBI. Michelle Alters picked up the win after three innings pitched allowing just three hits and two strikeouts. Lehman's record improves to 4-0.

Dallas 6, Tunkhannock 5
Dallas bounced back from a two game slide with a 6-5 victory over Tunkhannock April 17. The Mounts blasted four runs in the top of the sixth to send the game into extra innings. Sherri Kuderka's double in the eighth inning drove home Kate Austin for the winning run. Austin ended the day 3-for-4. Sandy McCloud and Sarah Stolarick combined for the win.

Pittston 5, Dallas 3

Dallas gave up two runs in the first and three in the second as Pittston sank the Lady Mounts 5-3 April 21. Melanie Getz had the consistency going 2-for-3 in the box while Mary Ann Selski had the power launching a solo homer in the fifth.

Lehman 15, W.S. Tech 0

April Naugle and Kim Spencer combined for a one hit shutout as Lehman ripped Tech 15-0 April 21. The Knights displayed their prowess at the plate as Darby Wolfe went 3-for-4 including a double and a homerun and Michelle Alters scattered 2-of-3.

SOCCER

Lehman 6, Meyers 3

Jess Elston and Kelly Spencer each scored two goals and an assist to lead the Knights to a 6-3 victory over Meyers April 17. Rachel Bouthot and Sara Kasper accounted for the remaining tallies.

Dallas 0, O'Reilly 0

Neither team was able to find the net as Dallas and Bishop O'Reilly settled for a 0-0 double overtime tie April 17 at Dallas. Dallas keeper Adrienne Camp supplied the shutout for the Mounts with 14 saves. O'Reilly had the advantage on shots on goal 19-13.

BOYS TRACK

Lehman 117, Nanticoke 34

WVW 87, Lehman 63

Lehman (6-2) remains in second place in the standings behind Meyers (8-1) after a split at home April 17. Brad Dieffenbacher broke his own record in the triple jump with a 44' 1/2" jump. He also took the high jump. Bill Breha won the long jump. James Lyons was a double winner in the 800m and 3200m runs.

Hazleton 87 1/2, Dallas 61 1/2

Dallas 71, GAR 44

Dallas earned a split with Hazleton and GAR in track action April 21 in Wilkes-Barre. Eric George dusted the competition with 54.0 in the 400m while Eric Tupper leaped to a 5-8 in the high jump.

GIRLS TRACK

Lehman 75, Nanticoke 64

WVW 113, Lehman 28

Nikki Yablonski, Leigh Ann Isaac, Joann White and Allison Savage ran to victory in the 3200m relay, while Yablonski, White, Isaac and Faith O'Dell ran the 1600m relay.

GAR 111, Dallas 30

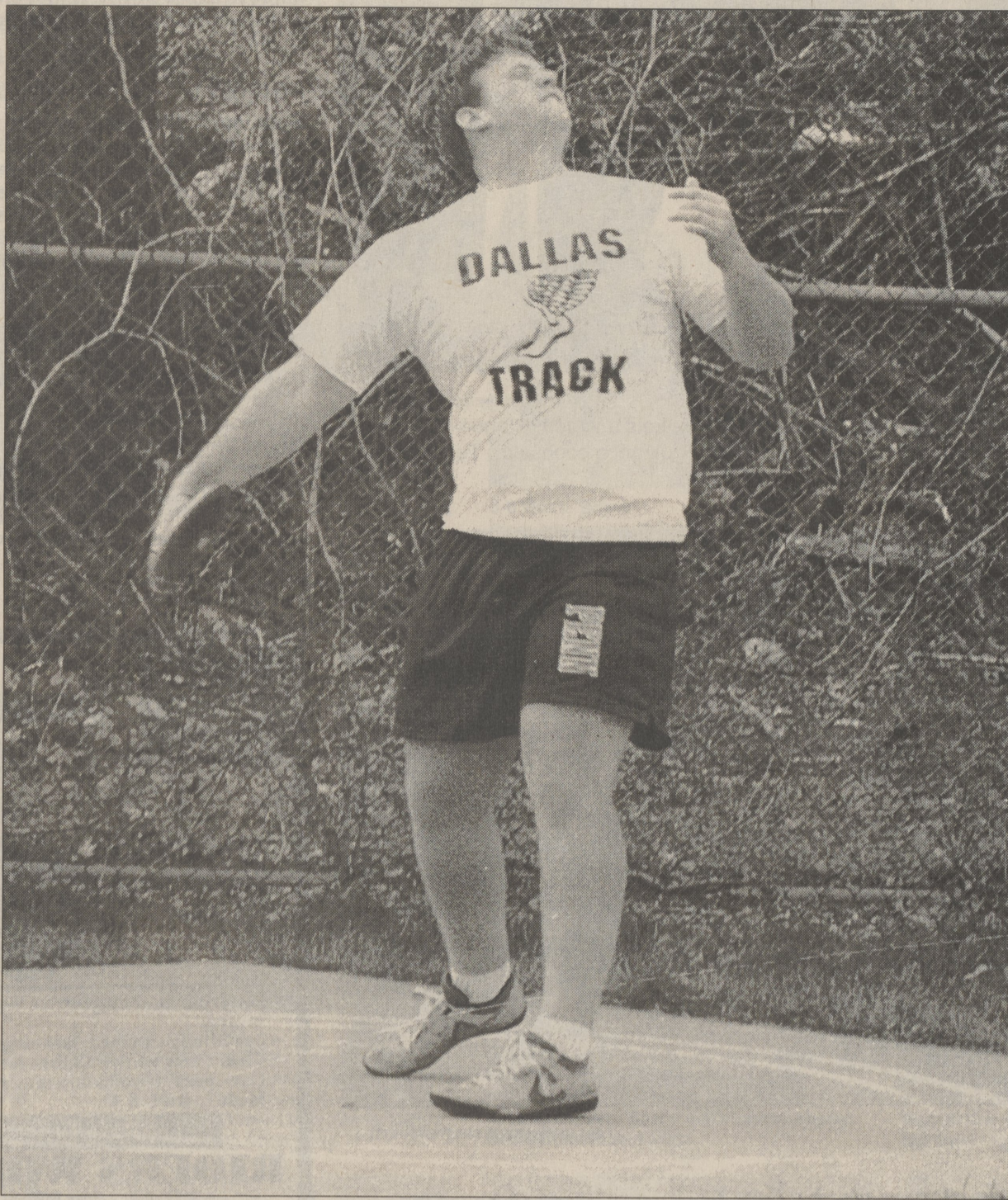
Hazleton 111 2/3, Dallas 24 1/3

The Lady Mounts went home without a win but got some experience under their belt after a double loss in Wilkes-Barre April 21. Michelle Molesky captured a second place in the 300m hurdles and Bridget Temperine a second in the 1600m run.

BASEBALL

Lehman 8, GAR 7

Jason Perlis saved the game for the Knights with a heroic catch in right field the bottom of the seventh to end the game for GAR and take a 8-7 victory from the Grenadiers April 18. Chad Sorber had a perfect day at the plate going 2-for-2 with two runs scored. Sharpe had the complete game victory with seven strikeouts his record climbs to 2-1.



Scott Townsend was ready to release the discus during Monday's track meet. The Dallas senior will be attending Johns Hopkins University in the fall, on a football scholarship.

POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Scott Townsend picks Johns Hopkins

By CHRIS BELL
Sports Correspondent

DALLAS - Dallas High School track and football standout Scott Townsend knew in January where he wanted to continue his academic and athletic careers. He made it official last week when he announced he would attend Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

"I visited there in January and met the coaching staff and some of the players," said Townsend, the 18-year-old son of Jeff and Lois Townsend of Orange. "Everything was right. I loved the campus, the school is near the top academically and I'll have the opportunity to play right away."

The successful mixture of academics and athletics has always been important to Townsend, who plans to major in biology at Hopkins before attending dental school.

"It's strange, but my best grades have always come during football season," explained Townsend, who is a member of the National Honor Society. "I guess it was because I knew I had to get things done and that helped me organize my time."

Dallas football coach Ted Jackson was also a motivational factor in Townsend's academic endeavors. "Coach Jackson has high expectations in the classroom for his players," said Townsend. "He emphasized academics."

In addition to the Hopkins' excellent academic reputation, Blue Jays head coach Jim Margraff signed a five-year contract extension after leading the team to a 6-

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3-1 record a year ago. So, the program appears to be on the rise and, in the day of merry-go-round coaching changes, very stable.

"I like the fact that coach Margraff will be there for five more years," said Townsend. "The program was struggling when he took over and he really has turned things around."

A Wyoming Valley Conference All-Star, Townsend played guard and defensive end for the Mountaineers. He expects to concentrate on defense in college.

"I'm happy that I'll be playing defense," said the 6-1, 260 pound Townsend. "I think my greatest strength as a player is my ability to read situations and adjust to various formations. I know what play to look for and let my teammates know."

Besides serving as team captain on the Dallas football team, Townsend has been a standout on the track team, where he throws the shotput and discus. "The shotput is my best event," said Townsend, who finished third in the shot at the District II meet a year ago.

This year, he has his eyes on

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U-10 TRAVEL SOCCER

Boys U-10 (April 20)

East Mountain Eagles I	4	Back Mountain Vipers	0
Wayne County Defenders	4	Back Mountain Blues	0
Wilkes-Barre Cosmos	3	Abington Thunder	0
Abington Force	1	East Mountain Eagles II	1
Back Mountain Force	4	Mountaintop Terminators	0

Leading Scorers

Bobby Lenahan (BMF)	2	Grant Roberts (BMF)	1
Ryan Marascio (BMV)	2	Ben Thomas (BMF)	1
Johnny Gyory (BMB)	1	Ryan Harvey (BMV)	1
Ken Chamberlain (BMV)	1		

Girls U-10 (April 20)

Back Mountain Freedom	11	Pittston Stoners II	0
Back Mountain Heat	4	Berwick Teal Wave	1
Pittston Stoners I	3	Nanticoke Rage	2

Leading Scorers

Rebekah Clay (BMF)	5	Kylie Messimer (BMF)	1
Alison Ostrum (BMF)	2	Caitlin McCurdy (BMF)	1
Lauren Glowacki (BMF)	2	Michelle Iveson (BMF)	1
Tam Morris (BMH)	2	Kim Chollak (BMH)	1
Courtney Novajosky (BMF)	1	Jodi Dickson (BMH)	1
Katie Guesto (BMF)	1		

Women's basketball league forming

We are seeking teams for Womens Adult Basketball League to be held in Wilkes-Barre. The League will begin the first week of June and will be held on Thursday evenings. Call 825-3220 for details.

Golf tourney for Wyoming Seminary

The Wyoming Seminary Alumni Association recently announced Mellon Bank as the principal sponsor for the 13th Annual Wyoming Seminary Open golf tournament.

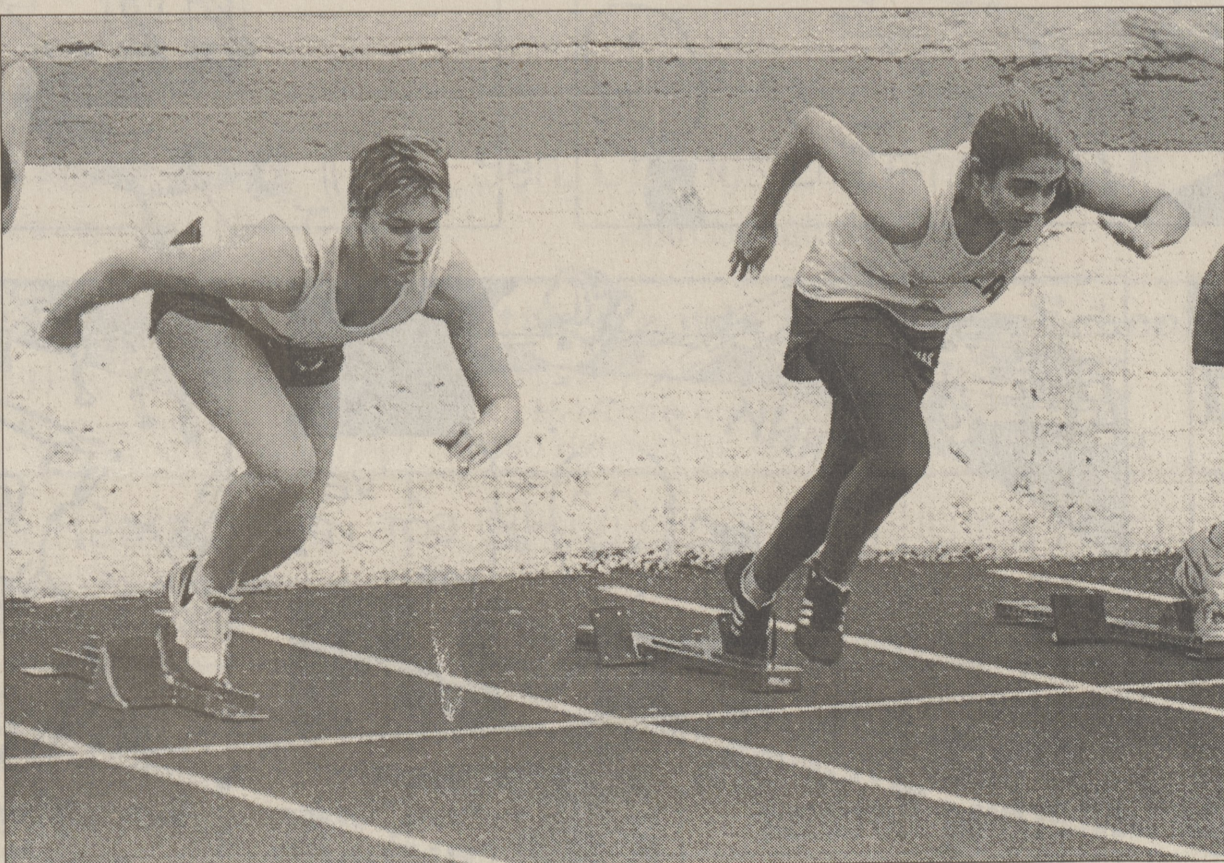
A shotgun start is slated for 10 a.m. Friday, May 9 at Mill Race Golf Course, Benton, the proceeds benefit the Wyoming Seminary Alumni Scholarship Fund, which provides financial aid each year to qualified students.

To register for the tournament, or for more information on sponsorship opportunities, contact Sue Dantona Jolley at Wyoming Seminary, 283-6040.



The champions

Gate of Heaven sixth grade team won first place in the 5th annual Lady Gator Invitational Tournament. Kneeling, from left, Susan Ruotolo, Jill Durr, Nora Stepanitis, and Meghan Rieno. Standing, Janna Schmid, Adrienne Gilbert, Liz Ambrose, Ashlee Fagula, Coach Rick Guntli, Kristin Wagner, Caitlin Ward, Allison Taroli, Jane Clements, Sharleen Casey, Molly Guntli and Morgan Carey.



ON TRACK

Dallas sprinters Erin Barry, left, and Brenda Karavitch (left photo) burst out of the blocks in a 100 meter dash heat during a track meet Monday. In right photo, Alicia

Roberts was airborne on the last leg of the triple jump. The Mounts met GAR and Hazleton in a tri-meet.



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