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Hard work takes Black Knights to state playoffs

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LEHMAN - The Lake-Lehman Knights baseball players have come together as a team over the season to achieve their goal of reaching the state playoffs. They are ranked among the top 16 teams in the state for Class AA.

The Knights (15-2) defeated Dunmore, 10-4 on May 23, advancing them to the District 2 Class AA title game. This game will be played Wed., May 28 against Bishop Hannan at Lackawanna County Stadium. Win or lose in that game, Friday's victory over Dunmore qualified the Knights for state playoffs beginning Monday, June 2.

Coach Chip Sorber believes hard work got the Knights to where they are now. The Knights held a summer program for the last two years to help the players. Most of the starters have gone to the baseball workout, and Sorber believes their hard work is the reason for the team's success.

"Everyone who is on the team wants to be there," said senior Mike Woronko. With a relaxed work ethic, no one was forced to practice. The team worked hard because they wanted to play.

The team's inexperience and youth made their potential questionable in the beginning of the season. "At first we had an unsettled lineup. There were a lot of freshmen and sophomores, but they've earned their respect."

Sorber said, The Knights' biggest strength lies in the offense. Sorber explained, "We're a very good hitting team." The defense and pitching have improved as the season progressed.

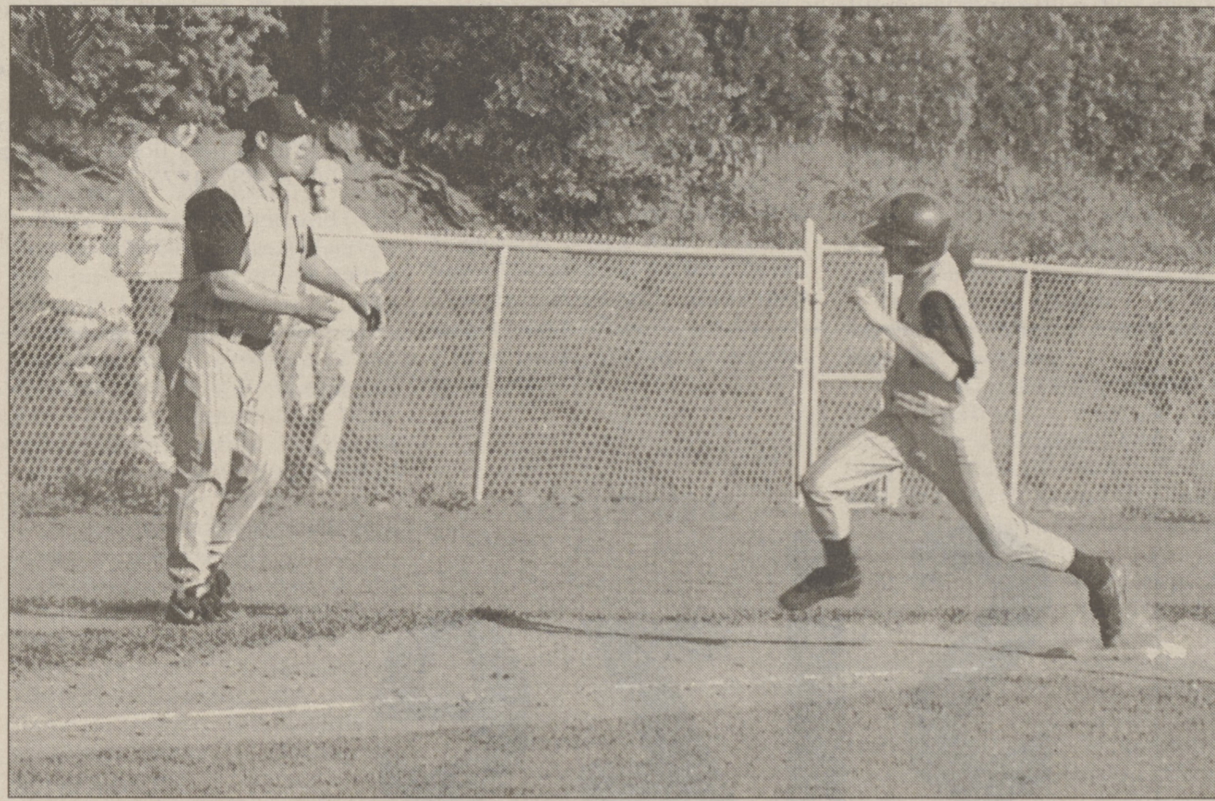
Co-captain Mike Woronko (9-0) was the winning pitcher in Lehman's victory on Friday. "In the entire lineup, one through nine, everyone can hit well," Woronko said. "The defense is coming along, and the middle infield is getting better." Woronko

believes the Knights should be able to stay in the game with everyone. "Now that we've accomplished our goal of reaching states, the team is finally starting to realize how good they are," he said.

"Our goal from day one was to win the state title, and hopefully we'll do that," said sophomore shortstop Chad Sorber. The team has been told by their coach to shoot for the highest goal.

Coach Sorber told his team, "Somebody has to win a state title. It might as well be us."

D.J. Kapson (right photo) was congratulated by Brian Weaver after scoring in Lake-Lehman's 10-4 win over Dunmore last week. He's followed by Jake Rambus, who drove in two runs. Below right, Joe Halowich slid into second under the tag. Chad Sorber, below left, raced past third base coach Don Spencer on the way to scoring one of his two runs.



BMT BASEBALL RESULTS

BASEBALL-MAJORS

A's 14, Yanks 4

Jeff Dixon was the winning pitcher with 10 strikeouts. Don Murray and Adam Brown provided the additional offense along with Dixon each getting 3 hits for the A's. Tim Kerestes had 2 hits at 3 times at bat while Matt Rondina stroked a double for the Yanks.

Reds 5, Dodgers 9

Christian Cobleigh was the winning pitcher for the Dodgers while teammate Angelo Georgetti had two hits at the plate. Luke Marchakitus picked up a double for the Reds.

Reds 1 Indians 2

In a fine defensive played game the Indians used the combined pitching of Jimmy Jordan, Pat Harmon, and Mike Fehlinger to hold off the Reds. Mike English had 7 strike outs for the Reds and Kevin Tanner completed an unassisted double play as one of the defensive highlights.

Astros 9, Pirates 10

This game went down to the bottom of the sixth inning when the Pirates loaded the bases and Steve Neiman hit a double into center field to clear the bases and tie the game. Neiman would then score the winning run and pick up the save on the mound. J.J. Sedorek had 4 hits in the game for the Pirates while Tyler Droppers had 2 hits and Kevin Arnaud hit a double. Hitting for the Astros was

Phil Kurello, Stephen Luksh, Craig Kasper, and Jason Nataupski.

Indians 15, Tigers 3

Jimmy Jordan and Mike Fehlinger combined to pitch a two hitter against the Tigers. Jordan also had a triple and homer at the plate along with John Barbose and Mike Yenason hitting a triple and single.

Indians 9, Giants 7

The Indians hitting attack was led by Jimmy Jordan's two run homer in the first inning. Also adding to the hitting attack were Mike Fehlinger and Jon Barbose. Fehlinger was also the winning pitcher. The Giants hitting attack was led by Charlie Stajewski and Tyler Karalunas. Kevin Domzalski played a fine defensive game.

Giants 9, Astros 3

The Giants got a well balanced hitting attack from Charlie Stajewski, Kevin Domzalski and Eric Mahle. Tyler Karalunas recorded the win from the mound. The Astros offense was led by Philip Kurello and Steven Luksh.

Giants 9, Orioles 3

The Giants hitting attack was led by Kevin Domzalski, Charlie Stajewski and Eric Mahle all going 3-for-4 at the plate. Tyler Karalunas of the Giants chipped in 2 hits. The Orioles offense was led by Murphy, Yunchack and Ryan Gryskewicz.

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After outstanding prep season, Metz will go to King's in fall

Mike Metz, a former standout wrestler at Dallas High School who recently completed a post-graduate year at national wrestling prep power Blair Academy, will continue his academic and athletic careers at King's College.

A 1996 Dallas graduate, Metz was a four-year letter-winner who accumulated a 84-37 career mark

for the Mountaineers. He was a three-time District 2 runner-up, a two-time pre-regional tournament runner-up and a fourth place finisher at the 1996 Northeast Regional Tournament. Metz was a two-time Troy Invitational Tournament title winner and captured the 1996 Freestyle and Greco Roman championship at the

Mahwah Eastern Championships.

Metz continued his education and wrestling career at Blair Academy in Blairstown, NJ where he was a part of the top-ranked prep-school program in the nation. Metz compiled a 17-8 record against college competition in a Blair program which captured its 18th consecutive national prep-school

championship.

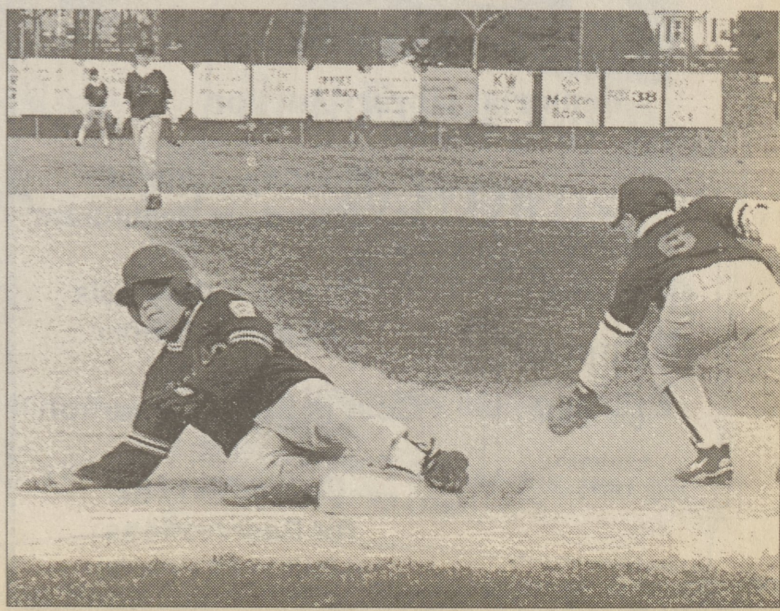
At King's where he has four years of college eligibility remaining, Metz is expected to compete for the starting position in the 126-pound weight class vacated by graduated senior and team co-captain, Bill Durning.

He is the son of Michael and Rose Metz, Dallas.

GIANTS VS. ASTROS

The Giants met the Astros last week in Little League action. In photo at right, the Giants' Tyler Karalunas got the throw a moment too late to force Phil Kurello at home. Below left, Charlie Stajewski of the Giants slid home for the score, with Steven Luksh covering. The catcher is Mitch Mitchell. Below right, Tyler Karalunas slid safely into third before Pat Rother could apply the tag.

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Barlow will attend Wilkes

Dallas High School girl's basketball star Sarah Barlow has announced that she will continue her academic and athletic career at Wilkes University this fall.

Barlow, a 5'9" center and forward, was a four year letter winner and three year starter for the Mountaineers.



SARAH BARLOW

Named the team's Most Improved Player in 1995 and winner of the Leadership Award in 1997, Barlow was also named a second team Wyoming Valley Conference All-Star as a senior. For her career she averaged 10.8 points and 8.6 rebounds a game.

Off court, Barlow has been a member of the Dallas High School Honor Roll all four years and is a member of the softball club.

Barlow, who will be a pre-veterinary major, is the daughter of Mike and Kathy Barlow of Dallas.