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Sept. 23	Home	Hanover
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Oct. 1	Away	Wyoming Area
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Dallas rebuilding this year

For the Dallas Girls Volleyball team that lost nine players to graduation and has only one returning varsity player, this is a rebuild-

ing year. The team is comprised of mostly juniors, two seniors, and two sophomores. According to coach Rochelle Straka, the team is very enthusiastic and looking forward to a great season. But for now, everyone is just doing their best, hoping to win a spot on the varsity squad.

The one returning varsity player is senior Sarah Podehl. Straka says, "She's a strong server and hitter. She's definitely a team leader." This will be Podehl's third year as a starter.

Dallas VOLLEYBALL

The other senior, Erika Knappman, will be playing her first year on varsity. She has surprised Straka, who says, "Erika is strong in all areas - a little of all the key elements."

The team will be competing in two tournaments this fall. On September 6, they will be playing in the Wyoming Valley West tournament, and on September 20, they will play in the Lackawanna Trail Tournament. This will be the team's second year competing in both of these tournaments.

Overall, Straka says that this year's team is "a good group with a great attitude."

Coach unsure but optimistic

It's still too early to tell what kind of team this year's Lake-Lehman Girls Volleyball team will be, according to coach Tracy Krupa. A graduate of Lake-Lehman, Krupa will be coaching the team for her second year.

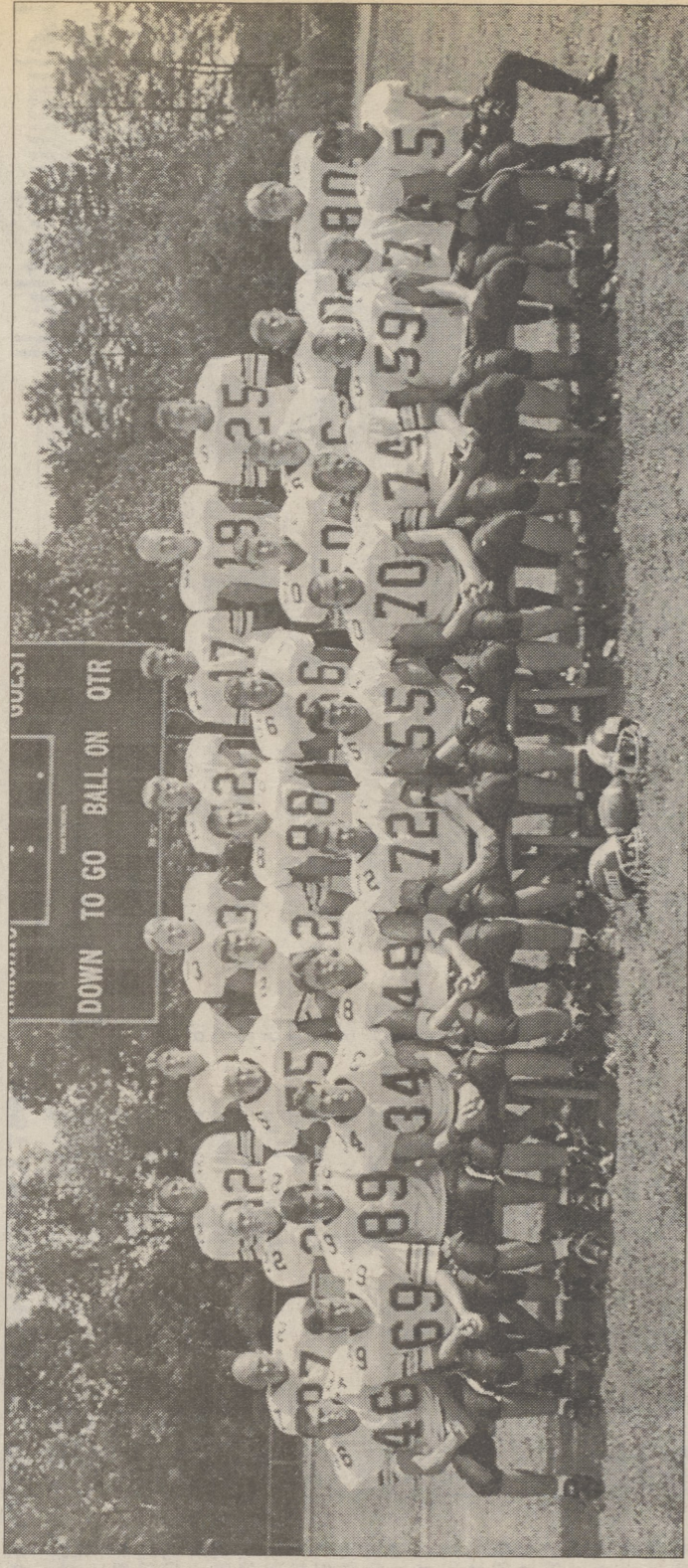
The team is very young, with very few seniors and mainly juniors and sophomores.

There are four returning varsity players. Senior Mandy Kehler and junior Faith O'Dell are both strong hitters. Two

leading defenders for Lehman are Senior Kim Halowitch and junior Jen McCall. Krupa says these four are all team leaders.

Other varsity members to watch for are seniors Mandy Scovitch and Jen Klaipts and juniors Melanie Steele, Rachel Bouthot, Michelle Allers, Angela Davis, and Lauren Wasser. All look to be great contributors to the 1997 team.

Krupa is excited about the upcoming season. She is optimistic and is sure the team will develop well.



LAKE-LEHMAN BLACK KNIGHTS - From left, first row: Chad Kuwaye, Brian Mock, Ryan Healy, Mick Komigus, Dan DiGiovanni, Pat Zeveney, Brock Raspen, Preston Hoyt, Nick Costlett, Bob Gallagher, Tim Swire, Randy Moyer. Second row: Ivy Nulton, Rich Patton, Matt Kehler, Seth Moyer, Matt Morris, Carl Sgatald, Brent Stransky, Jarrod Dalley, Dennis Ventura, Floyd McRoy. Third row: Matt Gonzales, Mack Newell, Travis McRoy, Stan Chimura, D.J. Kapson, Greg Woronko, John Piteavage. Absent from photo, David DeLong, Palmer Edwards, Randy Boice, Mike Flink, D.J. Harris.

Sophomores key to success now, in years ahead

By CHRIS BELL
Sports Correspondent

Despite the fact that the Lake-Lehman High School football team has to replace its entire starting backfield, head coach Rich Gorgone isn't concerned about the players that are gone from last year's 5-5 team.

Instead, Gorgone prefers to focus on the players that are returning and moving into key roles.

"I don't get too caught up in the busi-ness about losing people to graduation," explained Gorgone. "This is high school football and that is the way it works. The key is having kids ready to step up and make the most of their opportunity to

Lake-Lehman FOOTBALL

The Black Knights have 36 players on their 1997 roster including 12 seniors, 10 juniors, 13 sophomores and one fresh-

man. "We've got a pretty good turnout," said Gorgone. "We have between 35 and 40 players every year. This group is really coming together. We have excellent senior leadership and we have a good junior class and our sophomores may be the best

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Wed.	Oct. 22	W.V.W.	Home

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