

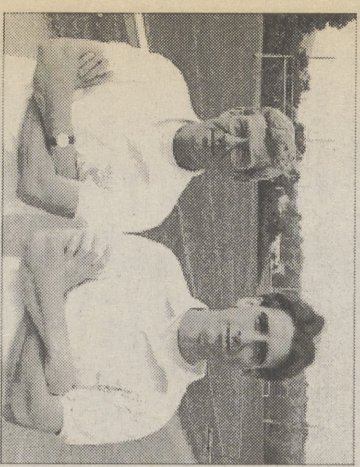
Mounts have experience to improve on last year's finish

By CHRIS BELL
Sports Correspondent

With 21 players returning, including 11 who were at least part-time starters, the Dallas High School soccer team expects to improve on last year's 7-10 record.

"We were young last year and took some jumps," said Dallas head coach John McCafferty. "We lost several close games because of our own mistakes. We won't make the same mistakes this year."

The Mountaineers will rely on a tough defense which features five returning starters. Senior John Fagan is back in goal while Richard Douglas, Eric George, Duane Sprau and Sean Killen all return in the



Dallas soccer coaches John McCafferty, left, Chris Chapple.

back. "Fagan has really improved over last season," said McCafferty. "He's eliminated some of his mistakes."

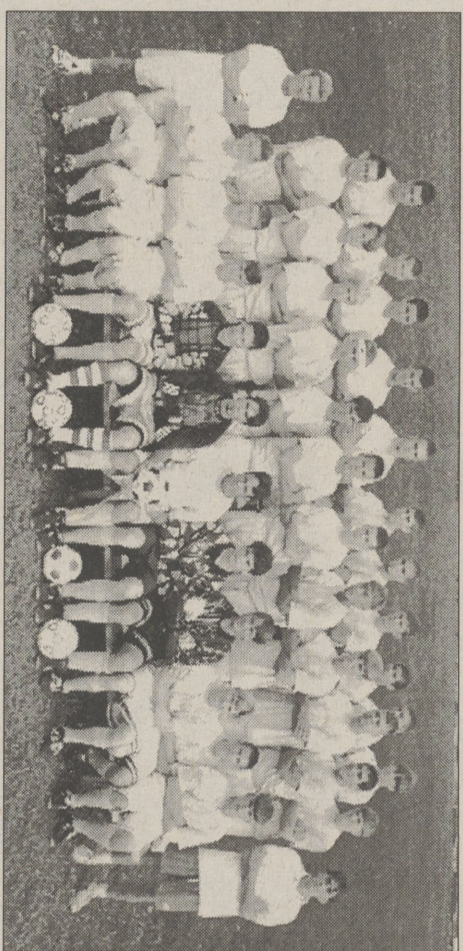
Douglas will make the transition from midfield to sweeper. "He is very important to our success," said McCafferty. "He's a smart player who really knows the game."

Four more returning starters, including Matt and Jon Kertesz, Mike Cleary and Mike McHale are all back at midfield. Chris Nattress and sophomore Mike Keating are expected to see time at midfield as well. "We've got several players who are capable of playing at midfield," said McCafferty. "Cleary and the Kertesz can also play up front which will help us to keep players fresh."

Starting at forward will be Rich Samanas, Justin Hoover and Jesse Williams, a sophomore transfer from Lake-Lehman. "Samanas and Hoover are returning starters and Williams is a nice addition to our team," McCafferty said.

With so much experience, McCafferty expects Dallas to be near the top of the standings in the Wyoming Valley Conference Division I. "Our goal is to win," he explained. "We missed the playoffs last year and we didn't like it. We want to get Dallas back where it belongs."

Besides experience, McCafferty says the team's attitude is one of its greatest



Dallas Soccer - From left, first row: Adam Clay, Brook Kryston, Keith Sprau, Colin McHale, John Fagan, Richard Douglas, captain, Nathan Hoffman, Wes Adams, Mike Keating, Kevin Callahan, Josh Kaly. Second row: head coach John McCafferty, Vito Recchia, Lewis Spurlin, Jonathan Schneider, Rich Samanas, Mike Cleary, Justin Hoover, Mike McHale, Jesse Williams, Chris Nattress, Russ Eysel, Jon Kertesz, Matt Rice, assistant coach Chris Chapple. Third row: Frank Valde, Jay Carroll, Dave Finn, Duane Sprau, Eric George, Sean Killen, Jamie Raub, Joe Murphy, Matt Kertesz, Seth Lalunessse, Dave Spurlin.

Dallas SOCCER

The Mounts opened the season with three games at the Middleburg Tournament and will begin the WVC season against Lake-Lehman, September 3.

According to McCafferty, one area the team needs to improve is scoring. "We do need to score more," he said. "We're getting opportunities, but we're not finishing them."

If they do that, the Mounts could be playoff bound. "We barely missed the playoffs last year and our primary goal is to get there this year," said McCafferty. "Once you get to the playoffs, it is a tournament and anything can happen."

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Wed.	Sept. 3	Lake-Lehman	Home
Fri.	Sept. 5	Crestwood	Away
Tues.	Sept. 9	Meyers	Home
Thurs.	Sept. 11	WVW	Home
Mon.	Sept. 15	Wyoming Seminary	Home
Wed.	Sept. 17	Abington Heights	Away
Fri.	Sept. 19	Hazleton	Home
Tues.	Sept. 23	Bishop Hoban	Home
Thurs.	Sept. 25	Coughlin	Away
Tues.	Sept. 30	Lake-Lehman	Home
Thurs.	Oct. 2	Crestwood	Home
Sat.	Oct. 4	Meyers	Away
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Mon.	Oct. 20	Coughlin	Home

Game time: 4:15

Coach: John McCafferty

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Knights have good shot at '97 district championship

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The Lake-Lehman High School soccer team has reason to be optimistic about the 1997 season. After all, the Black Knights have 15 returning lettermen, including nine starters from last year's playoff team.

"We've got a lot of starters and lettermen back and we've got plenty of other players who can play as well," said Lehman head coach Mark Stoney. "The players are confident in their abilities and have looked very good in the early going."

Lehman has two veterans in goal with sophomore Russ Mosier and senior Nathan Pankratz. "Both played varsity for us last year," said Stoney. "Mosier has gained valuable experience as member of the



Lake-Lehman soccer coaches Gary Norcock, left, Will Woronko.

United States Soccer Federation All-Region team. He is getting some top-notch coaching with that organization."

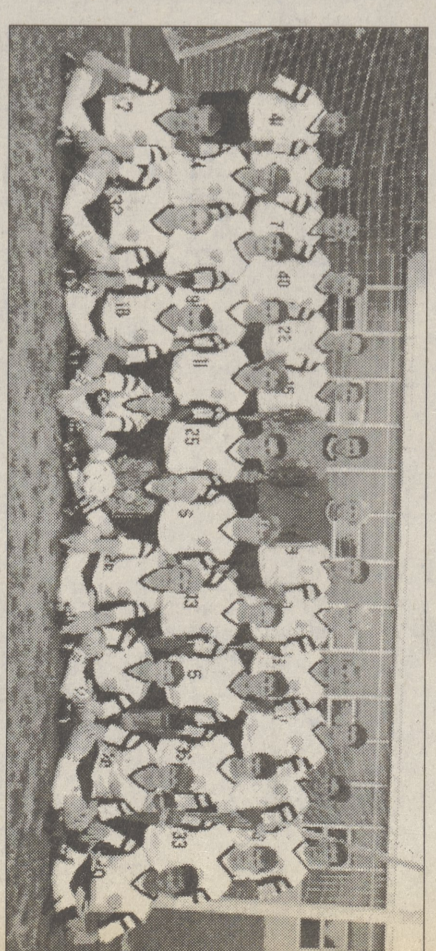
On defense, sophomore Brian Noler will return as sweeper along with junior Mike Kostrobala at back. Senior Jason Pettis will switch from midfield to back and freshman Steve Moyer will start at stopper.

Three starters return at midfield, including Eric Rittenhouse. Mark Steele and Dan Dulebohn. Rittenhouse was the team's leading scorer a year ago while Steele will move up from sweeper. They will be joined by Shaun Norcock.

Juniors Andrew Verdekai and Nathan Walters are returning starters at forward. "We've got good offensive balance," said Stoney. "Scoring goals shouldn't be a problem this year."

Other returning lettermen who will play key roles include Russ Wenzlich (forward), Tony Vanscoy (forward/midfield), and Kenny Weaver (back/midfield). Freshman B.J. Lewis should also see time at back.

Overall, Stoney is impressed with his team so far. "Our skill level is very high and our kids are able to adjust to different roles," he said. "The kids are very coachable and are working very hard." We held double sessions for two weeks in prepara-



Lake-Lehman Soccer - From left, first row: Matt McMahon, David Fine, Rob Roddealk, T.J. Dougherty, Chip Harrison, Giles Moore, J.B. Bucha, Andy Weaver, Josh Gregg. Second row: B.J. Lewis, Kenny Weaver, Mike Kostrobala, Nathan Walters, Andrew Verdekai, Chris Crawford, Ryan McDade, Tom Brislin, Shaun Manzoni, Steve Moyer. Third row: Jason Pettis, Shawn Norcock, Eric Rittenhouse, Justin Kreiler, Dan Dulebohn, Mark Steele, Nathan Pankratz, Russ Mosier, Drew Saliko, Tony Vanscoy, Brian Noler, Russ Mosier, Dusy Rhodes, Jeff Welby.

Lake-Lehman SOCCER

The Knights participated in the Lock Haven Tournament August 30 against Red Bank Valley, Westmont-Hilltop and Athens and will begin Wyoming Valley Conference Division I action against Dallas, September 3.

"We've looked very smooth," said Stoney. "We're not as big physically as

some of the Lehman teams in the past, but we've got good speed and good balance. We're shooting for a district title. We would like to win the league, but the district title is our main goal."

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