

SportsWeek

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

FIELD HOCKEY

Lehman 3, Dallas 0

Susie Walters scored the eventual game winner off a pass from Melissa DeCessar as Lehman blanked Dallas 3-0 Sept. 22. Janelle Perlis and Leigh Isaac added insurance goals for Lehman in the second half. Lehman remains undefeated at 8-0 while Dallas drops to 4-3-1.

Lehman 8, Northwest 0

Janelle Perlis sank five goals to lead the Knights to an 8-0 romp over Northwest Sept. 19. Lehman keeper Joanne White saw little action in the cage as the Knight's defense held Northwest to no shots on goal and no corners. Jen Johnstone, Susie Walters and Melissa Decesaris also added goals for the spoilers.

GOLF

Meyers 183, Dallas 197

The Mounts had a poor day on the links as Meyers bounced Dallas 183-197 in an exhibition match Sept. 18. Kevin Piekera was low for Dallas with a 47 on the par-36 Irem course. Matt Hoover fired a 49 followed by T.J. Amico 50.

Tunkhannock 166, Lehman 168

The Knights lost hold of their perfect record following a 166-168 loss to Tunkhannock at par-40 Shadowbrook. Gary Sagan was low for the Knights with a 42. Chad Sorber shot a 48, Dom Castrigano a 49 and Joe Hardisky finished with a 50.

Seminary 158, Lehman 177

Lehman dropped to 7-2 following a 158-177 loss to Seminary Sept. 22 at Huntsville. Gary Sagan, Chad Sorber and Joe Hardisky all carded low 43's for the Knights. Brett Mullins was medalist for Seminary with an even par-36.

SOCCER

Lehman 3, Seminary 1

Lehman evened their record to 3-3 following a 3-1 victory over Seminary Sept. 17. Andrew Verdikal opened the scoring in the first off a pass from Dan Dulebohn. Seminary responded with one of their own to end the first. Mark Steele sank the go ahead with an unassisted shot in the second. Tony Van Scoy added an insurance tally latter in the half.

Lehman 4, Crestwood 0

Russ Wenrich booted goals in both halves as Lehman shutout Crestwood 4-0 Sept. 19. Tony Van Scoy also scored in the first while Dan Dulebohn added another in the second. Russ Mosier recorded the perfect game with three saves.

VOLLEYBALL

Lehman 2, Abington 0

Mandy Kehler showed her range from both sides of the net with three kills and three blocks as Lehman downed Abington Heights 15-5, 15-8 Sept. 19. Faith O'Dell strong armed three kills and four aces to seal the win.

Lehman 2, GAR 0

The Knights kept their share of first place in the WVC rankings, tied at 4-0 with Crestwood following a 15-2, 15-5 victory over GAR Sept. 18. Faith O'Dell and Jen McCall lead the Lady Knights from the line with five and four aces apiece respectively while Mandy Kehler commanded the net with six kills and two blocks. Five teams trail the Knights at one half game back at 4-1.

FOOTBALL

Lehman 21, Crestwood 20

The Knights remain undefeated in their division and 3-1 overall following a 21-20 squeaker past Crestwood Sept. 20. Knight quarterback D.J. Kapson completed 11 of 18 passes for 187 yards including connecting with Matt Morris twice in the first two quarters for touchdown passes of nine and 21-yards. Kapson put the Knights up 21-14 in the third quarter with a 14-yard pass to junior receiver Floyd McRoy. Lehman held on to the lead until final minutes of the fourth quarter when Crestwood drove 59 yards for a touchdown to make the score 21-20. The Knights stopped Crestwood's 2-point conversion attempt in the final seconds to secure the victory.



POST PHOTO/JIM PHILLIPS

Bill Piasta had to wait for his turn at Dallas quarterback, but he's making the most of the opportunity this season.

Piasta making most of talents

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DALLAS - Nothing could keep Bill Piasta from his opportunity to lead the Dallas High School football team in 1997.

Not even knee surgery.

A senior who waited patiently on the sidelines for two seasons, Piasta is finally getting the chance to play quarterback for the Mountaineers. "It was tough to watch from the sidelines on offense last year because coming into the season, I expected to see a lot of action," said Piasta. "But, I hurt my knee in our first scrimmage and that limited my playing time."

He eventually had surgery on his right knee in June and will have another operation after the season.

"I'm playing with some pain, but it doesn't matter," said the 17-year-old son of Bill and Janice Piasta of Shavertown. "I've worked hard for this opportunity and I couldn't let it slip away. I had to play this season."

In just his fourth year of organized football, Piasta is a team captain in addition to handling the quarterback chores. "He runs the team very well," said Dallas head coach Ted Jackson. "He

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Ted Jackson
Dallas coach

makes some calls at the line of scrimmage and is a very intelligent player."

Dealing with the adversity of knee surgery has made Piasta a strong leader, according to Jackson. "He was operated on late in the spring and a lot of guys might have packed it in," said Jackson. "He worked very hard to get ready for the season. He is a relentless worker whose attitude is one of his greatest assets."

"At first, I wasn't sure if I'd be ready in time," admits Piasta. "I spent a lot of time on the bike during the summer to work on conditioning."

Now that he is playing, Piasta doesn't let his knee injury slow him down. "I haven't lost any speed due to my injury," he explained. "But, I can't cut as quick as before I had surgery. I'm probably about 90 percent, but when

I get on the field, the adrenalin takes over."

While his injury has limited his mobility, it hasn't affected his judgement. "I have a good feel for the game and I think that makes me a good leader," said Piasta. "I think I'm as smart as anyone on the field. My teammates rely on me to know what's going on."

Piasta hopes his knowledge of the game will allow him to play in college and someday become a coach. "My goals for the season are to win and get ready for college," said Piasta. "I'm looking at Hofstra, Monmouth or maybe one of the service academies."

"After that, I definitely want to coach football," he explained. "I'm constantly drawing plays and analyzing games on television. I think I'll be a better coach than I am a player."

For now, Piasta is concentrating on this week's game against Crestwood. "We played a great game last week against Wyoming Area, but lost because of a few mistakes at the end," he explained. "We were pretty down, but our goal of making the playoffs is still realistic. We need to get over Wyoming Area and get fired up for

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KNIGHTS BLANK COMETS

Lake-Lehman shut out Crestwood 4-0 Friday, behind two goals by Russ Wenrich and one each by Dan Dulebohn and Tony Van Scoy. Van Scoy has seven goals this season. The Black Knights were 4-3 in conference play after that game. They played Meyers Tuesday in a game that took place too late to be included in this issue.

In right photo, Nate Walters battled with a Crestwood player for control. Below, Mark Steele kicked past Ryan McDade (13).



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Mini Mounts A squad rebounds, thumps Swoyersville 32-0

On Sun., Sept. 21, the A, B and C Squads of the Dallas Mini Mounts played against the Swoyersville Sailors. The A Squad defeated the Sailors by a score of 32-0.

The Dallas Mini Mounts A Team hosted the Swoyersville Sailors. After coming off a loss the previous week, the Mini-Mounts played with a higher level of intensity and posted an exciting 32-0 victory.

The Mini-Mounts offensive line, led by R. Adams, K. Bomberger, J. Carroll, J. Kaskiel, V. Landers, D. Perchau, J. Singer, O. Yolaacan, R. Kapson, B. Adams and P. Lyons were the key element in the game.

Dallas's C. Hayes, rushed for a record 184 yards while backs, M. Racosky, M. Smith, J. Walker, B. Admas, R. Bolton and QB R. Gryskevicz all contributed additional yardage as well.

Several QB sacks were delivered by Dallas defensive players, B. Adams, R. Adams, M. Racosky,

and R. Bolton while several defensive players had key interceptions made by S. Luksh and pass deflections by R. Gryskevicz.

In addition several assists were made by J. Carroll, E. Petrow and R. Kapson, J. Singer. Dallas led at halftime by a score 16-0 with touchdowns and two point conversions being made by QB R. Gryskevicz and R. Bolton.

In the second half of play, C. Hayes scored on a 90 yard run, while M. Racosky sealed the victory with an additional six points. QB Gryskevicz and M. Smith each added an additional two points.

Mounts B Team's Adam Schoonover scored three touchdowns with Jimmy Schwerdtman bringing in the final touchdown for a 26-0 win.

The C Team was defeated by the Sailors 6-0.

Next Sunday the Mini Mounts will play against the Kingston Raiders at Kingston Township.



Irem women's winners

Pictured above are the winners of Irem Temple Women's Golf Association Championship Tournament.

First row, from left, Bok Choi, club champion; Diane Kocik, runner-up; first low net, Jane Lloyd; second low net, Sun Hee Koo; second flight: first low gross, Kay Goodman; second low gross, Esther Saba; first low net, Dorothy Harding; second low net, Corrine Sgarlat.

Second row: third flight, first low gross, Jane Boltz; second low gross, Lois De Gennaro; first low net, Arline Hemmence; second low net, Janet Miller; fourth flight, first low gross, Theresa Balliet; second low gross, Nona Libenson.

Putting prizes during the tournament were won by Diane Kocik, Arline Hemmence, Sun Hee Koo and Julie Conklin. Corrine Sgarlat, Dorothy Harding, Diane Kocik and Cindy Dexter had chip-ins.

Craft show will help Dallas soccer

The Dallas High School Soccer Club is sponsoring the annual Fall Craft Show on Sun., Sept. 28 at the Dallas Senior High School from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 100 vendors from Pennsylvania and New Jersey will be represented, selling various crafts including semiprecious gemstone jewelry, needlework, candles, ceramics, potpourri, quilts, stencilled lamp shades, woodcrafts, wreaths, handmade dolls and homemade candy. Soccer Club members will be selling lunch and baked goods throughout the day. There is no admission charge.