

Sports Week

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Black Knights win 1st district championship

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LEHMAN - By virtue of their first District 2 championship, the Lake-Lehman High School football team will achieve another milestone when they play their first PIAA state playoff game at Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium, Friday at 7 p.m.

The Black Knights will try to accomplish what no other team has been able to this season — beat South Williamsport. The Mounties, the District 4 champions, enter the game at 12-0, coming off an impressive win over perennial power Mt. Carmel.

Although his team is sailing in uncharted waters, Lehman head coach Rich Gorgone doesn't think his team is in over its head. "I'm really happy for our kids," said Gorgone. "We're excited to be among the final eight teams in the state. We've gotten to this point because of the pure desire of this team. With this crew, who knows how far we can go. We're enjoying it and are going to take it one play at a time."

With just a few days between games and even less daylight, Gorgone doesn't plan any radical changes for this week's game. "We won't do anything different in our game preparation," he explained. "We exchanged some game films and we'll study the film and come up with a game plan as usual."

"We don't have enough time to put in a whole new package," Gorgone continued. "We're sound on both sides of the ball. We'll continue to do the things that have made us successful. It will come down to execution."

As for South Williamsport, Gorgone is trying to learn as much

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as possible. "From what I've seen, they appear to have a balanced attack on offense and a very aggressive defense."

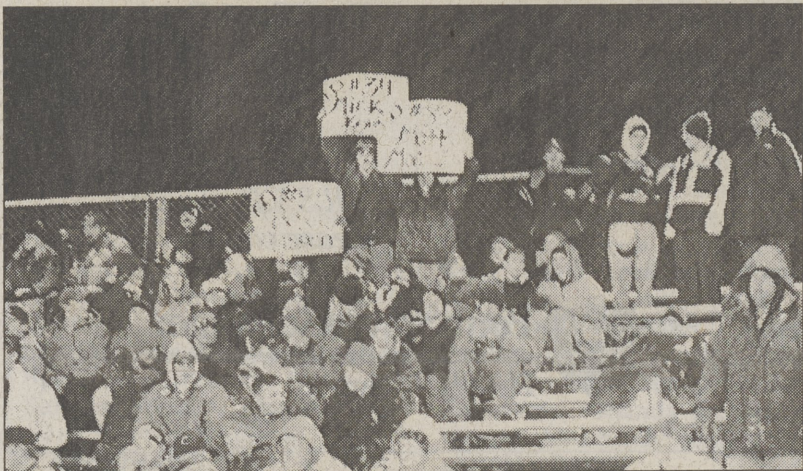
The Mounties' undefeated slate doesn't concern Gorgone. "At this point, everybody is good," he explained. "There won't be any easy games the rest of the way."

While Lehman's 8-4 record isn't as impressive, Gorgone believes the regular season helped his squad prepare for this contest. "The Wyoming Valley Conference Division 2 is brutal," said Gorgone. "The fact that we survived the rest of our league is a credit to our team. Look at our losses, they are all to playoff teams."

For the Knights to be successful this week, they must put forth the total team effort they have exhibited throughout the season, especially in Saturday's come-from-behind victory at Montrose. "This team just doesn't quit," said Gorgone. "We fell behind 14-0 in the snow and the mud at Montrose and we could have packed it in. But, we kept working and were able to pull it out."

When Montrose jumped out to an early lead, Gorgone and his coaching staff joked on the sidelines that they had the Meteors right where they wanted them.

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Kapson (17). Above left, fans cheered on their favorite players. The line judge called the second Lehman touchdown, lower right, on a 1 yard run by Kapson.

WINNING IT ALL

Lake-Lehman players and fans celebrated the team's first district championship Saturday night at Montrose. In top photo, Matt Morris (88) jumped for joy. Behind him were Seth Moyer (42) and D.J.

Dallas Youth Basketball opens new grade 7-8 season

Kingston Metals 50, NAPA Auto Parts 19

In the opening game of the 1997-98 Dallas Youth Basketball 7th-8th grade season, Kingston Metals defeated NAPA Auto Parts by a score of 50-19. At the end of the first quarter Kingston Metals held a slim 6-4 lead. The pace picked up in the second quarter, with Kingston Metal outshooting NAPA Auto 16 to 2, to take a 22-8 halftime lead. The pace slowed again in the third quarter. Kingston Metals exploded in the fourth quarter, outscoring NAPA by 21 to 13, to seal the win. Kingston Metals offense was led by Jeff Dickson with a game high 18 points, followed by Chris Heister with 14 points and Eric Mahle with 10 points. A fine defensive game was turned in by Pat

Lyons and Greg Mascioli. NAPA Auto Parts offense was led by Paul McCue with 8 points, followed by Blake Saba with 5 points. Kingston Metals is coached by George Gracely, NAPA Auto Parts is coached by Herb Fehlinger.

Dr. Jack Ellis 37,
Grotto Pizza 29

In game two, Dr. Jack Ellis defeated Grotto Pizza 37-29. At the end of the first quarter, the Dr. Ellis team held a slim 10-6 lead. Grotto Pizza narrowed the gap in the second quarter on a well balanced scoring attack. At halftime, Dr. Ellis led by one, 17-16. The third quarter was all Dr. Jack Ellis, outscoring Grotto Pizza 11 to 3. In the fourth quarter both teams traded baskets. Dr. Jack Ellis offense was led by Tim Faneck

with 15 points, followed by Mike Dombroski with 14 points. Grotto Pizza offense was led by John Pambianco with a game high 16 points, followed by Arthur Redmond with 6 points. Dr. Jack Ellis team is coached by Dr. Jack Ellis, Grotto Pizza is coached by John Pambianco.

TGIFridays 65, Dallas Lions 43

In the third game of the afternoon, TGIFridays defeated the Dallas Lions 65-43. Herb Bressler scored 14 of his game high 38 points in the first quarter to lead TGIF to a 14-12 first quarter lead over the Dallas Lions. TGIF kept up the scoring attack in the second quarter and went into halftime with a 29-21 lead. TGIF extended their lead in the third quarter by outscoring the Lions

17 to 6. The fourth quarter was much the same with both teams playing heads up basketball. TGIF offense was led by Herb Bressler with a game high 38 points, followed by Donny Murray with 16 points. The Dallas Lions offense was led by Jonathon Barbose with 13 points, followed by Bobby Gebhart with 11 points and Chase Susko with 9 points. TGIF is coached by Dave English, the Dallas Lions is coached by Tony Barbose.

Quality Collision 56, Mellon Bank 42

In the final game of the afternoon, Quality Collision defeated Mellon Bank 57-42. Quality Collision jumped out to a 16-10 lead after the first quarter on the hot shooting of John Simonitis and Angelo Recchia. Both teams got cold in the second quarter, with Quality Collision holding a 17-12 halftime lead. The teams turned up the heat in the third quarter with Quality Collision outscoring Mellon Bank 16 to 15. The fourth quarter was much the same with teams trading baskets, until Quality Collision surged ahead and sealed the win. Quality Collision offense was led by John Simonitis with a game high 27 points, followed by Angelo Recchia with 14 points, and Jordy Spencer chippen in 10 points. Mellon Bank was led by Andrew George with 26 points, followed by Brian Dempsey with 14 points. Quality Collision is coached by Brad Arnaud, Mellon Bank is coached by Joe Kerestes.

Next games are scheduled for Nov. 23 with NAPA Auto Parts vs. Dallas Lions at 1:00, Dr. Jack Ellis vs. Mellon Bank at 2:00, TGIFridays vs. Kingston Metals at 3:00, and Grotto Pizza vs. Quality Collision at 4:00. All games are played at the Dallas Middle School.



Terminators shut out opponents

Five games, five victories, zero goals. Those numbers added up to a tournament championship Columbus Day weekend for the Back Mountain Terminators U-13 girls soccer team at the Jim Riviezzo Tournament in Poughkeepsie, NY. The Terminators, riding a strong defense and flawless goaltending, dominated play throughout the weekend, defeating teams from Connecticut and New York. Team members are from left, front row: Patti Manzoni, Katie Pryor, Sam Oschman, Sam Lloyd, Mansee Patel, Santina Sperling, Erica Kaiser and Meredith Edwards. Second row, Molly Guntli, Kristin Clay, Casey Horvath, Megan Dickman, Erin Sweptston, Jonelle Dickson, Lindsay Walkowiak, Laura Stark, Lisa Wasser. Third row, asst. coaches Stan Oschman, Bob Dickman and head coach, Scott Wasser.

Mini-Mount, Jr. Knight players help as team wins Southern Charity Bowl 8-0

On Sunday Nov. 16 at Wyoming Area Stadium, four teams joined forces for this year's Southern Charity Bowl Team. This year's southern team pulled out an impressive victory, 8-0 over the north. The south team consisted of graduate players from Plymouth, Dallas, Lake-Lehman and Larksville.

Dallas Mini-Mounts were: Rich Adams-Billadams, Ryan Gryskovicz, Vince Landers, Mike Smith, Osman Yolacan, David Perchau and Keith Brumberger.

Lake-Lehman's Jr. Knights were Mike Rusonis, Dan King, Jared Sadawoshy Dave Strenfel

and Brain Cornia. There was a scoreless first quarter with both teams not allowing any chance for a score. In the second quarter, Dallas's QB Ryan Gryskovicz threw a 20 yard pass to Dallas's Billy Adams for the first six points. A two point conversion was successful to Larksville's Jeff Zawatski.

Dallas's Billy Adams, Rich Adams and Mike Smith ran the ball effectively. Billy Adams had quarterback sacks and Lake-Lehman's Dave Strenfel had a pass interception. All proceeds benefit the Wyoming Valley Children's Association.



Blues win U-10 championship

The Back Mountain Blues defeated the Abington Impact 2-1 Nov. 2 to win the Back Mountain U-10 Boys Fall 1997 Championship. The Blues finished the regular season with a 6-1 record and defeated the Back Mountain Force 3-1 in the semi-final. In the championship match, the Blues avenged their only loss of the season on goals by Harry Flack and Kyle Shymanski. Brandon Wills and Kyle Bell turned in outstanding performances while sharing duty in the goal. The champion Blues are, from left, kneeling: Brandon Rice, Johnny Gyory, Eric Koval, Michael Clemente, Dave Zielinski, Mike Stolarick, Chris Tooley. Standing, head coach Bill Tooley, Brandon Wills, Harry Flack, J.J. Durr, Joey Bailey, Kyle Shymanski, Billy DeAngelo, Kyle Bell, asst. coach Bill DeAngelo.

U-10 TRAVEL SOCCER FINAL STANDINGS

BOYS						
TEAM	W	L	I	PT	GF	GA
Ab. Impact	6	0	1	19	27	7
BMT Blues	6	1	0	18	29	8
BMT Force	5	1	1	16	27	5
E Mt Eagles II	3	3	0	9	11	19
E Mt Eagles I	3	4	0	9	24	18
WB Skyhawks	2	4	0	6	16	20
Orange Crush	1	6	3	10	32	
BMT Dynamite0	7	0	0	7	42	

Playoff Results:
Semifinals:
BMT Blues 3 - BMT Force 1
Ab. Impact 3 - E Mt Eagles II 0
Final:
BMT Blues 2 - Ab Impact 1

GIRLS						
TEAM	W	L	I	PT	GF	GA
Berwick Teal	7	0	0	21	33	2
BMT Legacy	5	2	0	15	24	11
BMT Sting	2	5	0	6	6	23
EMT Eagles	0	7	0	4	31	

Playoff Results:
Semifinals:
BMT Legacy 4 - BMT Sting 0
Berwick Teal 3 - E Mt. Eagles 0
Final:
Berwick Teal 1 - BMT Legacy 0