

SportsWeek

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Trying to raise the intensity at Lehman

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LEHMAN - The Lake-Lehman softball team is climbing a hill in their journey for success. After getting off to a slow start, the Lady Knights are working their way up to maintain the program's winning tradition. With a current record of 4-1, the team looks to be on the right track.

Head coach Bob Gray is an 11 year veteran of the sport. He has worked with the Lake-Lehman program for five years, two of which he served as head coach. Entering this season, he expected a more powerful response from his team.

"They got off to a slow start. They're not as dominating as they thought they would be, but they're getting better," he said.

This team does not have as much enthusiasm as last year's squad, Gray said. "They're not as intense as last year's team. They are a very loose team. They need to show a little more intensity in game situations."

Senior co-captain Darby Wolfe plays

"It seems to be an uphill battle at this time, but it's well within reach."

Bob Gray
Lake-Lehman coach

third base. She has been with the program for four years and explained some differences in this season's team. The Lady Knights lost a major player, Kim Spencer, to graduation. "It's been a building year," Wolfe said. "We brought up some sophomores."

Marisa Michaels, a senior co-captain, is the team's center fielder. She noted the addition of many younger players as well. However, everyone seems to have adjusted to the new faces. "We do work well together," Michaels said. Her goals for the season are "to play hard and do as well as we can."

Coach Gray commented that one prob-

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POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Darby Wolfe rambled toward Jen Stolarick during last week when Lake-Lehman hosted Wyoming Seminary. She was tagged out on the play.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

TENNIS

Dallas 5, Seton Catholic 2

The Mounts continued their domination of singles action in a 5-2 win over Seton April 22. Dallas swept all four singles matches while Carl Goeringer and Chris Nattress scraped together a third seed doubles victory 6-4, 6-4.

Hazleton 7, Lehman 0

Lehman top seed Dan Nygren gave Hazleton their greatest threat but still was unable to give the Knights a win as the Cougars swept Lehman 7-0 April 22. Nygren lost 6-2, 7-6 (9-7).

Dallas 6, Lehman 1

Dallas won six straight including a sweep of the singles matches

in a 6-1 rout of Lehman April 24 at Newberry. Brian Blase, Mike Cleary, Jeff Faneck and Marcus Sowick had singles match victories for Dallas.

SOFTBALL

Dallas 9, Coughlin 4

A six-run second inning was highlighted by Sherri Kuderka's grand-slam as Dallas ran past Coughlin 9-4 April 22. Jen Noon (2-for-3) and Amanda Stolarick (3-for-4) each drilled a double for Dallas. Sarah Stolarick was the winner.

Lehman 4, Meyers 0

Michelle Alters (3-for-3) and Darby Wolfe (2-for-3) led the

Knights at the plate with a double each as Lehman (4-1) shutout Meyers 4-0 April 24. Jen Johnstone also had a fine day in the box belting out two hits. Tricia Kernag was unbeatable on the mound allowing just four hits and striking out nine.

Hazleton 7, Dallas 1

Hazleton collected eight hits and seven runs off of Dallas pitcher Sarah Stolarick as the Cougars leveled Dallas 7-1 April 23. Stolarick went the distance in the setback. The Mounts scored just one run as Jen Noon crossed the plate in the bottom of the first. Dallas drops to 2-4.

Nanticoke 6, Dallas 3

The Lady Mounts scored three runs in the top of the sixth but were unable to recover from a 6-0 deficit Nanticoke accumulated as the Trojanettes handed the Dallas their fifth loss of the season April 27. Sherry Kuderka went 2-for-3 in the losing effort while Sarah Stolarick was credited with the loss. Dallas' record drops to 2-5.

BASEBALL

Hazleton 7, Dallas 4

J.J. Smith provided the Mounts with their only fireworks in a 7-4 loss to Hazleton April 24. Smith belted a home run and went 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored. Ed Piekara was tagged with the loss after three innings worked allowing five hits and four runs.

Lehman 12, O'Reilly 4

The Knights collected 15 hits off the Queensmen led by Greg Woronko who hit for the cycle and drove in four runs in a 12-4 Lehman win over O'Reilly April 24. Rich Patton and Matt Loftus also hit homers for the spoilers while Ed Sichler was perfect at the plate hitting four-of-four. Eric

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BMT BASEBALL

Baseball Majors

A's 3 - Indians 2

Jack Leahigh singled home the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the sixth. Jonathan Stevens had two hits for the winners.

Jason Bess out-duced Pat Harmon on the mound. Bess struck out nine in four innings of work while Harmon struck out 11 in six innings.

Reds 12 - Pirates 2

Lucas Marchakitus went three for four with two doubles and a triple to lead the Reds to victory. Mike English pitched well to get the win.

For the Pirates, Gracian Kraszewski had two hits while Alan Sheridan pitched three strong innings.

Red Sox 3 - Giants 2

Elijah Miller pitched and batted the Red Sox to victory. Miller and Chris Rattigan each had two hits for

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After being honored for his commitment to BMT Baseball, below, Bob Rogers threw out the first ball Saturday. League president Jack Snyder presented the plaque.



BMT Baseball

Picture Day May 2

Back Mountain Baseball and Softball will conduct Picture Day Sat., May 2. Team and individual pictures will be taken in the old Dallas Twp. school gym. Each manager can find the assigned time for his or her team in the team mailbox at the refreshment stand.

Noxen wrestlers

place at Nationals

Noxen wrestlers placed at Nationals on April 18 and 19 competing in Eastern Nationals at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. There were 1,041 entries from 15 states.

The Noxen wrestlers battled their way to a 3rd and 4th place. They were: Mike Stolarick, 85 lbs., Midget, 3rd place; Brian Butler, 142 lbs., Open, 4th place.

The following wrestled tough matches before being eliminated from the event: Chris Barbacci, John Houssock, Todd Jones, Aaron Kubasik, Matt Magee.

Irem Women's Golf

opens season

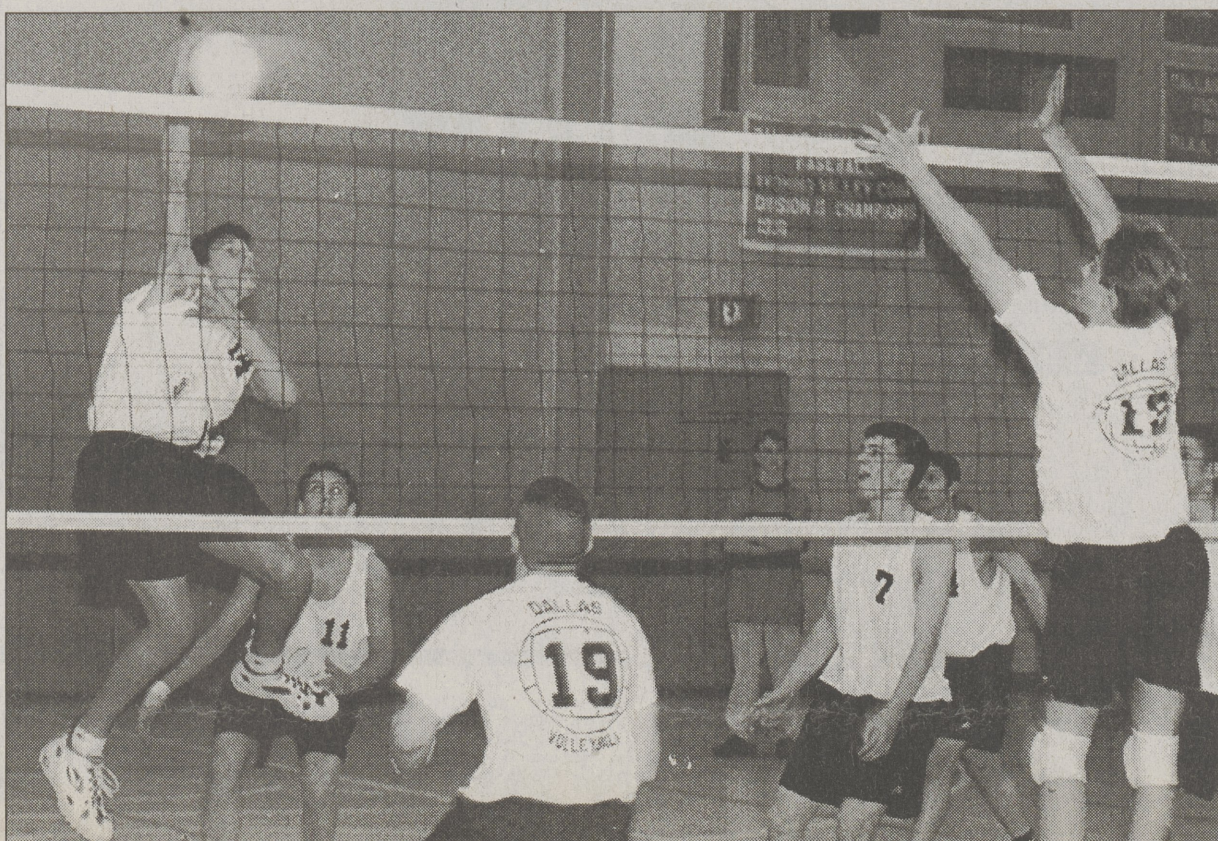
The Irem Women's Golf Association held their opening brunch, Tues., April 21. Ann Nicholson and Jane Kopp were co-chairpersons, and Reva Smulowitz was recognized as an Honorary Member of the association.

Following brunch, a scramble tournament was held. Winners were: First place, Cindy Dexter, Young Chang, Julie Conklin, Bok Choi. Second place, Joann Berritini, Joann Freeman, Jane Boltz, Jane Kopp.

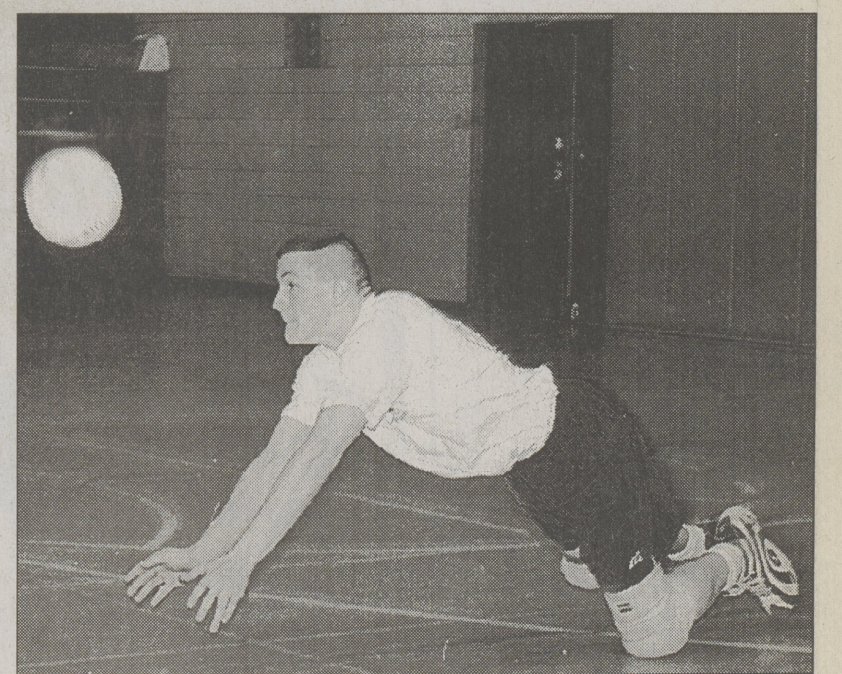


POST PHOTO/JIM PHILLIPS

Jessica Elston split the Abington Heights defense in Monday's 6-4 Black Knights' win.



Knights rule



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Lake-Lehman won convincingly in the battle of the Back Mountain volleyball teams. The Knights swept Dallas 15-1, 15-4 to claim their 77th consecutive conference match. Tommy Brislin went up to spike while Rich Dougal (19) and Peter Redmond (13) ready to defend (far left). Russ Weinrich, Brian Smigelski and Mike Kostrobala celebrated (center). Dougal stretched for a dig (above).