

# Sports Week

Section 2

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## Knights' volleyball team heads into championship territory

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**LEHMAN** - The Lake-Lehman boys' volleyball team has proven once again why they are considered one of the best teams in the state. Their victories on Saturday at regional competition secured a trip to compete at the state level, and give the squad a shot at the state championship.

The Black Knights currently hold the District II title, and they had a record of 15-0 entering the regional games. Lake-Lehman faced three other teams Saturday at Hazleton Area High School in the Northeast Regional playoffs. The Black Knights defeated their first opponent,

Lower Merion, 15-13, 12-15, 15-6. They lost to their second challenger, Emmaus, 15-12, 7-15, 11-15. However, they defeated their final opponent, Hempfield, 17-15, 15-8.

The two victories for Lake-Lehman earned them advancement to the state competition which will be held Friday in Shippensburg.

The Black Knights are coached by John Baranowski, who was pleased with his team's performance Saturday. "They've been consistent," Baranowski said. "The kids played tough."

"We believe in ourselves a lot," said senior captain Brian Smigielski. "When one person gets down, we try to bring that person up. For the seniors it's the biggest

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accomplishment we've made all season. The whole team earned it. Good things come to people that wait."

All of the members of the team combined their efforts to capture their victory. "It was a good all-around team effort," Baranowski said. Several players contributed not only with kills but defen-

sively as well.

Junior Russ Wenrich led the Knights in kills for the day with 52. "He had an outstanding day," Baranowski said. Senior captains Smigielski and Mark Steele contributed 39 and 21 kills respectively. Sophomores Noah Pickett and Tom Brislin added 31 and 20 kills respectively.

In addition, "Nate Walters had an outstanding day defensively," Baranowski said. "Mike Kostrobala passed very well." Baranowski said good passing is necessary to play well at this level.

Mark Steele also contributed with 93 assists for the day. Entering the game, Steele knew that playing top-ranked teams in the state would be a challenge. "I knew it would be difficult. The first

game was the most important," he said. "We rose to the occasion. We knew we had to win the last game, and we did."

Baranowski believes that the team's attitude and motivation are both good. "They're starting to believe in themselves," he said. "They proved that they can play at a higher level. I'm very proud of them. They earned it."

Smigielski noted, "If we play like we did on Saturday and we believe in ourselves, I think we'll go to the final game (at states.)"

As for states, "anything can happen," Baranowski said. "They're a miracle team. They've managed to overcome many obstacles this season. Anything can happen."

## Jumping for joy



The Lake-Lehman girls soccer team claimed a hard-fought victory Saturday, winning on a shootout after the teams were deadlocked at 2 goals each following regulation and four overtimes. Lehman goalkeeper Trish Pilosi stopped Central Dauphin's last shot with Lehman holding a 3-2 lead. Celebrating the victory, top photo, from

left; Tara Mintzer, Jen Frank, Kara Cadwalader, April Gonzales (sitting), Jen Grieves, Sarah Pankratz, Jen Celusinak and Jen McCall. In game action, above left photo, Rachel Bouhot moved in on a Rams' player. Rachel Farley, in right photo, battled for to head the ball to a teammate.

### BMT BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

#### BASEBALL-MAJORS

##### Yankees 8, Reds 4

The Yankees and Reds combined to play an outstanding and exciting game after observing a moment of silence in memory of former Yankee Matt Rondina. The Reds carried a 4-3 lead into the 6th inning in a tight battle in which the lead repeatedly changed hands. Frank Buzin walked with the bases loaded to force in the tying run. Nate Yoh provided the margin of victory by following Buzin's walk with a dramatic grand slam home run. Yoh and Steven Fritz doubled for the Yankees earlier in the game. Buzin was the winning pitcher, striking out 13.

For the Reds, Mike English went 2 for 3 with a double and struck out 5 in 3 innings on the mound. Cory Shultz went 3 for 3 and Jeff Lentini doubled to aid the Reds' attack.

##### Giants 6 - Pirates 5

Kevin Domzalski, Eric Mahle and Ryan Ishley led the Giants to a come from behind win over a very improved Pirate team. David Harding, pitched three strong innings, including striking out the side in the sixth inning and recorded the mound win. Grant Roberts, Kyle Hession and Gracin Kraszowski all had key hits for the Pirates, Giants record improves to 8 and 4.

##### Astros 9, Yankees 8

Pat Rother went 2 for 4 and picked up the victory for the Astros. Jason Demnicki and Phil Kurello each went 2 for 4, with Demnicki doubling once and Kurello twice. Mitch Mitchell also smacked a double for the Astros.

The Yankees' attack was led by Frank Buzin, who went 3 for 3, Nate Yoh, who went 2 for 2, and Tim Kerestes, who tripled. Steven Fritz struck out 8 Astros.

##### Reds 11, Rangers 5

Michael English and Luke Marchakitus combined for 13 strikeouts for the winners. Jeff Lentini homered to lead the Reds'

offense while Marchakitus went 2 for 4 with a double and Kevin Tanner tripled.

For the Rangers, Mike Darling struck out 11.

##### Yankees 13, A's 1

Nate Yoh homered and Tim Kerestes and Steven Fritz each had 2 hits to spark the Yankee offense. Frank Buzin struck out 6 for the victors.

Dave Menzel and Doug Zaruta each had 2 hits for the A's.

##### Pirates 13, A's 6

Alan Sheridan and Gracin Kraszowski had 2 hits a piece for the Pirates. Kyle Hession was the winning pitcher.

Dave Menzel and Michael Rudick picked up 2 hits each for the A's.

##### Cardinals 15, A's 6

Mark Yankowski smashed a home run and Matt Straub doubled for the Cardinals while Doug Zaruta had 2 hits for the A's.

##### Giants 22, A's 0

Joel Mazer, Erich Mahle, Kyle Mahle, and Kevin Domzalski all had 3 hits for the Giants. Ryan Harvey, David Harding and Philip Miller contributed 2 hits a piece to the Giants' attack. Erich Mahle had a home run among his safeties. Harding was the winning pitcher, striking out 7.

Jack Leahigh tripled for one of only 3 hits for the A's.

##### Red Sox 7, Indians 2

Elijah Miller and Chris Higdon combined to allow only 2 hits and strike out 13 for the Red Sox. Miller, Higdon and Matt Kelly each had 2 hits, with Miller picking up a double.

##### Tigers 6, Orioles 3

David Sultz smashed 3 triples and combined with Adam King, who picked the victory in relief, to strike out 9 Orioles. Chris Katyl had 2 hits for the Tigers while

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### Sem tournament raises \$12,000

Wyoming Seminary's 14th annual Sem Open golf tournament, held May 8 at Mill Race Golf Course in Benton, raised more than \$12,000 in support of the school's scholarship funds.

The tournament's principal sponsor, Mellon Private Asset Management, was joined by 84 businesses and individuals who served as hole sponsors and prize donors. More than 100 golfers took part in the day's activities. Mellon's Terry Casey, a 1975 graduate of Seminary, led a group of volunteers from the school's Alumni Council in organizing the annual event. Proceeds benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

The winning foursome in Wyoming Seminary's Sem Open are from left, Paul Jakubowski, Mountaintop; Dr. George Speace, Shavertown; Bruce Gover, Lehman and Dr. Glenn Weaver, Trucksville.

### U-9 girls travel soccer tryout

A tryout will be held on Sun., June 7, at 4:30 p.m. at Neuman Field, located on the grounds of the Dallas School Complex, for a U-9 Girls travel soccer team that will start play this Fall season. Girls born between August 1, 1989 and July 31, 1990, are eligible. For more information call Mike Davitt at 829-5793.

### BMT Dynamite U-10 boys tryout

The Back Mt. Dynamite U-10 Boys Travel Soccer Team will hold tryouts for boys born between Aug. 1, 1988 and July 31, 1989 at Neuman Field next to the Dallas Middle School on Saturday, June 6, at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, June 10 at 5 p.m. For more information contact Sandy Baltimore at 696-4189.

### U-11 boys travel soccer tryout

The Back Mt. Blues U-11 Boys Travel Soccer Team will hold a final tryout for boys born between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 1988 on Saturday, June 6 at 6 p.m. at Neuman Field next to the Dallas Middle School. For more information contact Bill Tooley at 675-9515.

### Girls basketball clinic at Dallas

The Dallas girls basketball clinic for girls entering grades 3-8 will be held Thurs., June 11 and Fri., June 12 at Dallas High School from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Director: Kim Barbacci, Head Coach, Dallas High School. 1997-98 Wyoming Valley Conference Coach of the Year is the director. The cost is \$40. Campers must provide their own lunch and drink. Fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding, and cutting. Includes instruction and competition. For more information call Kim Barbacci at 333-5341. Limited to 50 players.