

Sports Week

Section 2
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Lady Knights start slow, still have big goals

Although the Lake-Lehman girls soccer team lost the first game of the spring season and tied the second, coach Jan Elston is optimistic the team will have a great season. Last year, Lake-Lehman finished first in conference, first in districts and second, out of 120 teams, in states.

Elston feels the team's greatest asset is the experience of the returning players and the potential talent of its newest members. Players returning from last year include Rachel Farley, Christian Roberts, Jen Frank, Trish Pilosi, Lauren Wasser, and Sara Rittenhouse. Additional key players are Tara Mintzer, Jen Celusniak, Colby Smith, Alyson Bevan, Rachel Kasper, Kelley Spencer, Janelle Perlis, Jana Elston, and Courtney and Rachel Bouthot.

Elston feels the team's greatest weakness is the loss of many key players to graduation and injuries. Last year Lehman beat Wyoming Valley West in the district finals, and Elston feels Wyoming Valley West will provide Lake-Lehman's greatest opposition this season.

Lake-Lehman, whose roster consisted of approximately 28 players last year, has 37 players out this year. Nineteen of the of the 37 are varsity level players.

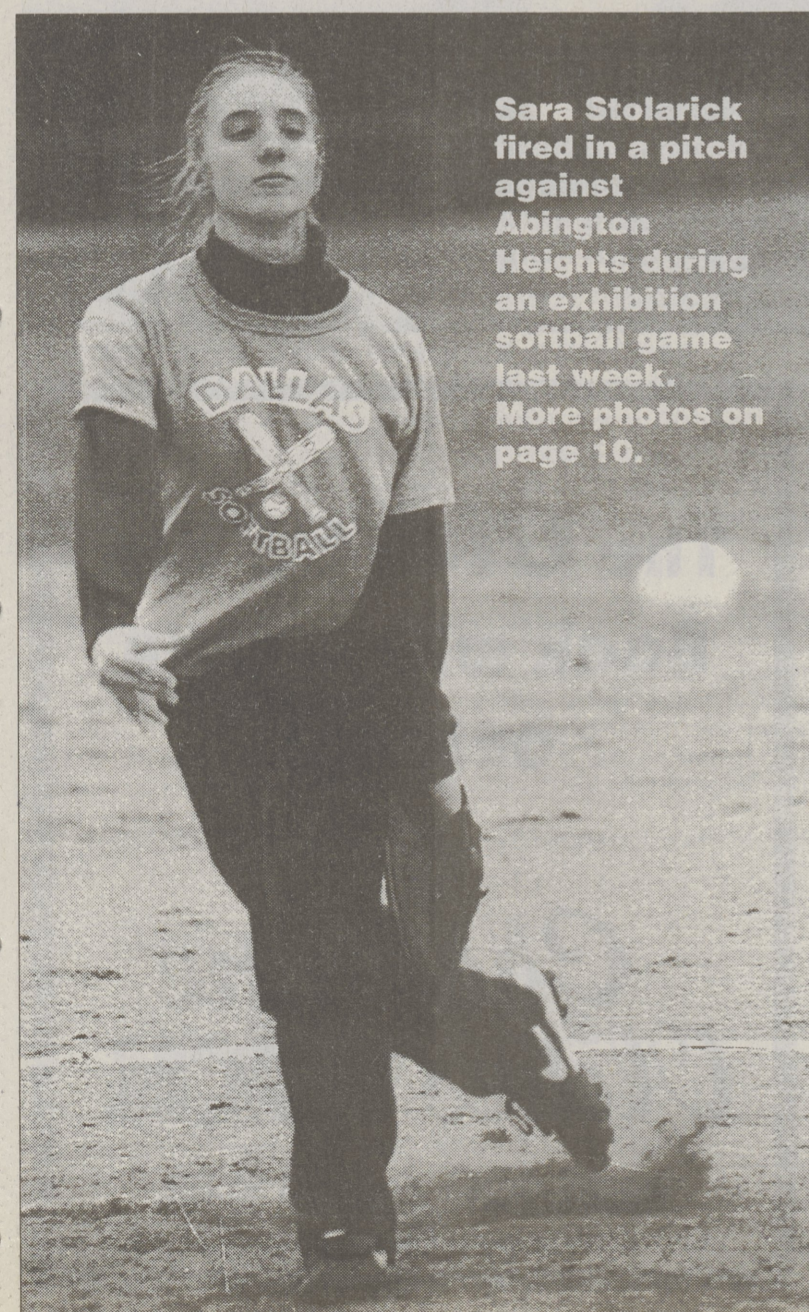
by Kevin Curcio.

It was a classic Back Mountain matchup Monday, as Lehman and Dallas finished in a 0-0 tie in girls soccer after two

overtimes. The Lady Knights came to Dallas off a 1-0 loss to Abington, and, despite getting 30 shots, couldn't find the net for the second straight game. Dallas keeper Melonie Sappe stopped 19 of those shots, and Trish Pilosi saved 10 of the 13 Dallas shots at the other end. Each team had only four corner kicks.

In top photo, Lehman's Sara Rittenhouse, left, closed in on Jenni Raub of Dallas. Tara Mintzer, near right photo, stayed ahead of Jill O'Brien. In far right photo, Rachel Kasper, left, and Maureen McGuire converged on the ball.

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Sara Stolarick fired in a pitch against Abington Heights during an exhibition softball game last week. More photos on page 10.

Strikers place 10 in regionals

The Strikers placed 10 in the Middle Atlantic Wrestling Assoc. Districts and will wrestle in the Northern Regional Championships Tournament at Shamokin on Friday, April 2.

Those who placed were:
Bantam: Keith Sulewski, 40 lbs., 3rd place; Ethan Shaw, 60 lbs., 2nd place; Tyler McDonald, 65 lbs., 2nd place.

Midget: James Sutton, 54 lbs., 1st place; Tom Parrish, 66 lbs., 3rd place.

Junior: Brian Goeringer, 86 lbs., 3rd place; Matt Dragon, 90 lbs., 2nd place; Josh Anderson, 100 lbs., 3rd place.

Intermediate: Andrew Shaw, 80 lbs., 1st place; John Hettes, 90 lbs., 3rd place.

Other local wrestlers who also advanced were: Todd Jones, Dallas; Perry Coolbaugh, Dallas; Lynn McMillan, Tunkhannock.

Knights advance to regionals

The Knights who placed at the Middle Atlantic Wrestling Assoc. Districts advanced to wrestle in the Northern Regional Championships at Shamokin, on Sat., April 3rd were: John Houssock, Kelby Morgan, Ryan Post, Derek White, Jonathan Schutz, Chuck Kopetchne, Rick Hislop, Justin Harris, Jason Mikowski, Bob Morris, Ed Becker, Aaron Kubasik, Jonathan Bird, Andy Harrison, Tony Tereska, Mike Tereska.



GOH wins 4th grade championship

Gate of Heaven Fourth Grade Team won first place at the 1999 Rev. William F. Cusick Gate of Heaven Boys Memorial Tournament. First row, Jeff Clemente, Robert Yocum, Chris DeRojas, Kyle Gallagher. Second row, Coach Juan DeRojas, Adam Singer, Brendan Carr, Bradley Fagula, Brendan Delaney, Keith Hizny, Kevin Williams-Moen, Asst. Coach Jim Carr.

Raiders meeting April 11

Kingston Township Raiders will hold their board meeting on Sunday, April 11, 7 p.m. at the Checkerboard Inn. All parents, coaches and general public are urged to attend.

Field prep Saturday for Little League

All Back Mountain Baseball and Softball managers, coaches and umpires are required to assist in preparing the fields for the upcoming season Saturday, April 10 at 9 a.m. The work can be accomplished more quickly if volunteers bring their own rakes and shovels to supplement the league's equipment.

Back Mountain Baseball and Softball will conduct a mandatory managers meeting on Wednesday, April 7 at the refreshment stand adjacent to the major league field. Major league managers will meet at 7 p.m. and minor league managers will meet at 7:45 p.m.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lehman wins Trojan Classic

After beating O'Reilly 3-1 in the first game, the Black Knights topped Nanticoke 10-6 to win the title April 3. Greg Woronko went the distance against O'Reilly, giving up only four hits and two walks. He was also 1-for-3 at the plate, and scored one of Lehman's runs. In Saturday's final, Woronko went 2-for-4 including a double and drove in three runs. Matt Montgomery gained the win, giving up only seven hits and striking out seven. Paul Kapral was 2-for-4, driving in a run. Chad Sorber drove in three runs, two with a single in the third inning, and one on a bases-loaded walk.

TENNIS

Coughlin 4, Lehman 2

It took three sets, but Dan Nygren won the first singles match, then teamed with Liz Blidner to win easily in doubles.

Berwick 6, Dallas 1

The Mounts got off to a rocky start on the courts, dropping all but one match to the Bulldogs. Mike Cleary came close to winning a singles match, forcing a tiebreaker in the first set, but losing it and the next. John Winter and Chris Tucker scored the only Dallas win, 8-4 in the final doubles match.

SOCCER

Abington 1, Lehman 0

The Knights had more shots, but the Comets put the ball in the net, as last year's division champ Lehman fell to a second half goal. Trish Pilosi notched 13 saves in goal.

Coughlin 4, Dallas 0

Dallas gave up three goals in the first half and never had much of a chance after that. Melonie Sappe recored six saves in goal, as the Mounts were outshot 13 to 5.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Lehman 110, Hoban 39

The Knights began the year in style by winning 15 first places, and sweeping the 1600 run, 400 yard dash, 800 run, 3200 run, javelin, pole vault and high jump.

Meyers 81, Dallas 69

The Mounts won eight events, but couldn't quite catch the Mohawks at home March 31. Dallas dominated the field events, winning the shot put, discus and javelin, but fell behind on the track.

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Lehman 116, Hoban 24

The Lehman girls raced to a crushing victory, winning 15 of 17 events. Jill Marchakitus won the triple jump and long jump, while Kieran Lucarino took the shot put and high jump.

VOLLEYBALL

Lehman 2, O'Reilly 0

The Black Knights had no trouble with the Queensmen, winning 15-0 and fell 15-4. Mike Kostrobala, Jeff Welby, Tom Brislin, Mark Chopyteak, Matt McMahon and Russ Wenrich scored the offensive load.

Lehman 2, Dallas 0

The normally dominant Black Knights struggled but came out on top against a feisty Dallas squad. The Mounts took a 5-0 lead in the first game, but couldn't hold on and fell 15-12. Lehman had an easier time in the second game, winning 15-10. Nate Walters racked up 23 assists for the Knights, and Russ Wenrich had 11 kills.

Dallas roundball boosters to meet

The Dallas Basketball Booster Club will meet Monday, April 12, at the Dallas American Legion, 7 p.m. to vote on new officers.