

Sports Week

Section 2

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Dallas puts only blemish on Lady Knights' record

Summer's just around the corner and so are the "boys of summer." What about the "girls of summer?" Well they're here too, and coach Bob Gray of Lake-Lehman thinks the high school softball season will be a good one for his team.

Last year Gray and Lehman finished first in the AA division. This season, Lehman is again in first place after beating Wyoming Area 3-0 Monday. Gray has been coaching for six years. He has been head coach for three years and spent three years as assistant coach.

Gray and Joyce Tinner, head coach at Dallas, coached together in the Back Mountain Little League. Together, they coached Big League Team District 16 champions. "They were the best team in the Little League," Gray said.

"Our strengths are pitching and defense," remarked Gray. "Our senior pitchers are Tricia Kernag and Michelle Alters. Jen Johnstone is an asset as shortstop and Sheila Ely is our catcher."

"Our weakness is a lack of aggressiveness and a lack of consistency, both offensively and defensively," said Gray. "Another problem is the 'friendly rivalry'. There is no



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Other than the third inning, the Dallas/Lake-Lehman softball game April 22 was pretty boring. No score, hardly any hits. But Dallas bunched four hits together in the third and scored the game's only runs to knock off previously unbeaten Lehman 5-0. Sarah Stolarick, above, threw seven scoreless innings, giving up only four hits and striking out four to gain the win. Losing pitcher Tricia Kernag was 2-for-3, accounting for half the Black Knights' offense. For Dallas, Sherri Kuderka was 1-for-3 with two rbi. In left photo, Stephanie Simonitis put the tag on Sheila Ely for an easy out.

more 'let's beat the guy next door attitude.' Everyone plays together in the summer league and everyone is friends."

What is Gray's philosophy? "I want them to be as aggressive as possible. Their lack of aggression is our greatest

problem." How does Gray motivate the Lehman team? "I scream at them," joked Gray. "No



seriously, there are nine kids and that means nine modes of motivation," he continued.

Gray sees the Knights' toughest competition coming from near and far. Dallas, Crestwood, and Wyoming Area are his picks. "Dallas was somewhat questionable at first but they proved to be competitive," he said.

Kernag tossed a two-hitter Monday against Wyoming Area, striking out eight. She also stroked a double in the fifth inning that started the Knights' scoring. Jen Johnstone added insurance runs in the sixth with a two-run homer.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

VOLLEYBALL

Dallas 2, Crestwood 0

The Mountaineers continued their strong performance this season by beating the Comets 15-2, 15-4. Justin Hoover had 11 assists and a pair of aces; Rich Dougal had nine service points, four kills and three aces.

Lehman 2, Wyoming Area 0

Lake-Lehman kept its unbeaten streak alive with an easy win over the Warriors in Exeter. Nate Walters had 17 assists; Russ Wenrich had seven kills and Josh Baranowski had six service points.

Dallas 2, N. Pocono 1

After being embarrassed 5-15 in the opening game, the Mountaineers came back to give North Pocono its first loss of the season, winning the other games 17-15 and 15-13. Rich Dougal led Dallas with 17 kills and 21 digs. Seth LaJeunesse had 24 assists and Justin Hoover had 19 assists and 16 digs.

Lehman 2, Nanticoke 0

Jeff Welby served for 10 points and Josh Baranowski for nine as Lehman swept the Trojans 15-3, 15-8. Noah Pickett and Russ Wenrich each had eight kills.

Dallas 2, Hazleton 1

It took all they had, but the Mountaineers prevailed 15-11, 14-16, 17-15. Dallas came back to win from a 13-12 deficit in the final game. Rich Dougal had 32 digs to keep Dallas in the match, and Seth LaJeunesse and Dave Martin provided key blocks in the final game.

Lehman 2, Hoban 0

The Black Knights cruised to an easy 15-3, 15-4 victory behind Russ Wenrich's 10 kills. Russ Mosier had 18 assists.

BASEBALL

Dallas 6, Nanticoke 0

Dallas opened the scoring in the first inning when J.J. Smith led off the game with a single and Josh Dukas tripled him home. Then, Matt Wycallis doubled with two out to drive home two more runs and the Mounts never looked back. John Habrack kept things under control, scattering three hits and struck out 10 Trojans. Smith ended the game 3-for-4.

Dallas is now 5-2 going into the second half of the season. They play at home Thursday against Wyoming Area and Monday at GAR.

Meyers 6, Lehman 5

A misjudged fly ball in the bottom of the seventh gave the Mohawks the win at home. Lehman went into the final inning with a 5-4 lead, but couldn't hang on. Greg Woronko went the distance, giving up eight hits and striking out two. Paul Kapral was 2-for-3 at the plate with a home run. Chad Sorber went 3-for-3.

Lehman 4, Crestwood 3

The Black Knights pulled out the win when designated hitter John Sharkus drove in Paul Kapral in the bottom of the ninth. Crestwood, which came into the game with only one win, gave Lehman all they could handle until the end. Matt Montgomery went the distance, scattering 11 hits and striking out six. Kapral finished the game 3-for-4 with two runs scored; Sharkus went 2-for-4 with two rbi; Greg Woronko was 2-for-5 with a run.

Meyers 3, Dallas 2

A wild pitch allowed the winning run to score in the top of the fourth, as the Mountaineers couldn't get untracked at the plate. Chuck Fehlinger gave up two runs in the first, then settled down to strike out nine before being lifted after the fourth. Randy Knappman struck out six while allowing three hits in the final three innings. Dallas got only six hits, and no batter had more than one. J.J. Smith and Justin Bicking had doubles. Smith and Knappman had the rbis.

3 Phillies combine for no-hitter

BASEBALL

Phillies 13, Dodgers 2

Matt Shiskowski, Brandon Burkhardt and Matt Kapitula tossed a combined no-hitter for the Phillies. Shiskowski and Burkhardt each struck out 5 in 2 innings of pitching. Nathan Carr had 3 hits and Burkhardt 2 to power the Phillies offense.

Astros 3, Pirates 0

David Harrison struck out 10 en route to a complete game 1-hitter for the Astros. Harrison also smacked a triple for the game's only extra base hit. Alan Sheridan and Steven Cornia each struck out 4 in three solid innings of pitching for the Pirates.

Phillies 6, Giants 2

Matt Shiskowski, Brandon Burkhardt and Matt Kapitula pitched a combined 2-hitter to lead the Phillies. The Phillies' offense was powered by Ryan Konopki's 2-run single, Andrew Hanadel's 2-run double and Brandon Wills's double. David Harding and Kyle Mahle combined on a 4-hitter for the Giants. Harding had both hits for the Giants, including a double.

Yankees 18, A's 4

Steve Fritz got the victory and struck out 6 for the Yankees. Fritz, Cale Charney, Jake Kovalchik and Steve Wengen each had 2 hits while Eric Koval rapped a double for the winners.

Tigers 7, Rangers 4

Dave Shultz struck out 7 to pick up the victory for the Tigers. Brian Feleccia and Adam King each singled twice and Jamie Trocki smacked a double for the Tigers. Ken Chamberlain, Chris Kester and Ryan Marascio combined to strike out 7 for the Rangers. Chamberlain and JJ Durr each went 2 for 3 with a double.

L-L freshmen take 2nd in tourney

Recently, a freshman team coached by Miss Gail Meeker, copped second place honors at the Honesdale Indoor Field Hockey Tournament. They competed with 18 other teams. Front row, from left, Kristin Ruda, Dina Sarmonis; second row, Suzanne Pierce, Stephanie Bendik, Angela Basta, Ashley Heacock, Meg Tribendis, Joanna Oliver; third row, Abbie Lewis, Ms. Gail Meeker.



GOH 8th grade girls finish unbeaten

The 8th grade girls from Gate of Heaven recently completed a very successful basketball season. The team finished first in the East-West Catholic League with a perfect 14-0 league record. Then the Gators won the league playoffs with victories over St. Al's and Regis Academy. The girls also won the Knights of Columbus Tournament and finished second in the DYB Tourney. Members of the team are:

1st row, Nora Stepanitis, Kristin Wagner and Liz Ambrose; 2nd row, Ashlee Fagula, Jane Clements, Morgan Carey, Jill Durr, Meghan Reino, Elise Persico and Courtney Reap; 3rd row, Coach Jim Reino, Janna Schmid, Molly Guntli, Adrienne Gilbert, Coach Rick Guntli. Missing from photo, Sharleen Casey.

Irem Spring Classic results

Irem Temple Country Club announced the results of its Spring Classic Golf Tournament.

Medalist, Bill Yoh, Jack Zarno; Closest to Pin #7, Ron Pokrinchak, Chester Blazick; Closest to Pin #17, Ray Ceccoli, Tom Gauntlett.

Championship Flight winner; Jim Blinn, George Elias; Runner Up, Ray Ceccoli, Tom Gauntlett.

1st Flight winner; Mark Kopec, Kevin Kaminski; Runner Up, John Kennedy, Ken Pollock.

2nd Flight winner; Henry Evans, Jeff Allen; Runner Up, Don Wolfe, George Thomas.

3rd Flight winner; Ryan Holthaus, Tom Motovidlak; Runner Up, Richard Lopasky, Rocky Lopasky.

Beaten 12's, Champ Flight; 1st James Breck, Tim Holland; 2nd, Bob Valatka, R.A. Jones.

Beaten 12's, 1st Flight; Bob Roberts, Mike Sharok; 2nd, Chris Saba, Bob Zagorsky.

Beaten 12's 2nd Flight; 1st, Phil Lipski, Bob Lipski; 2nd Jack Mascioli, Bob Lewis.

Beaten 12's, 3rd Flight; 1st, Bob Emery, John Horosko; 2nd, Jamie Pearce, T. Moska.

Piekara ranked 10th in saves

College Misericordia baseball standout Ed Piekara, a Dallas High School product, is currently ranked among the NCAA Division III statistical leaders.

A freshman pitcher, Piekara is ranked 10th in the nation in saves with four.

Saba commits to Shippensburg

Jon Saba, senior at Dallas High School, will join the Shippensburg University football team. Saba was a first team All-Conference defensive lineman. Last fall he made 88 tackles with seven quarterback sacks, nine deflected passes, three caused fumbles and one interception.

Pirates 13, Reds 5

Gracjan Kraszewski was both the winning pitcher and the hitting star for the Pirates. Kraszewski had 3 hits, including a double and a triple, knocked in 3 runs and scored 4 runs. Nick Horvath smacked 3 hits and had 2 RBIs while Steven Cornia scored 4 runs. For the Reds, Ryan Bloom had 3 hits, including a double and a triple, and Luke Marchakitus had 2 hits.

Red Sox 14, Yankees 0

Elijah Miller struck out 7 in 3 innings and combined with Matt Kelly to hold the Yankees to 2 hits. Kelly and Matt Shumbris each had 2 hits while Kelly, Shumbris, Matt Brokenshire and Neil Ballena all doubled to pace the Red Sox attack.

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Joe Lohin, winner of the Ed Lyons Memorial Award, threw out the first pitch at opening day ceremonies Saturday.



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The Reds' Ryan Bloom delivered a pitch to Allen Sheridan of the Cardinals on a chilly Saturday of Little League baseball.

