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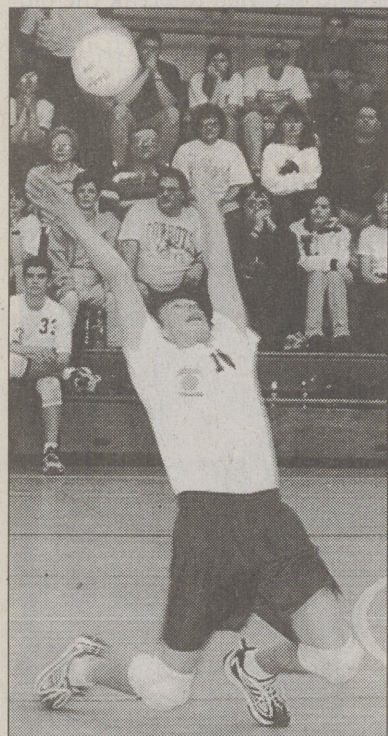
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Mountaineer spikers earn respect this year

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DALLAS - Balance. Teamwork. Heart. Hustle. Sacrifice. They are all elements of success in any team sport. However, most coaches have difficulty coming



Seth LaJeunesse made a set while falling to his knees.

"Every rotation is perfectly balanced. We have a nice blend of talents on this season's team."

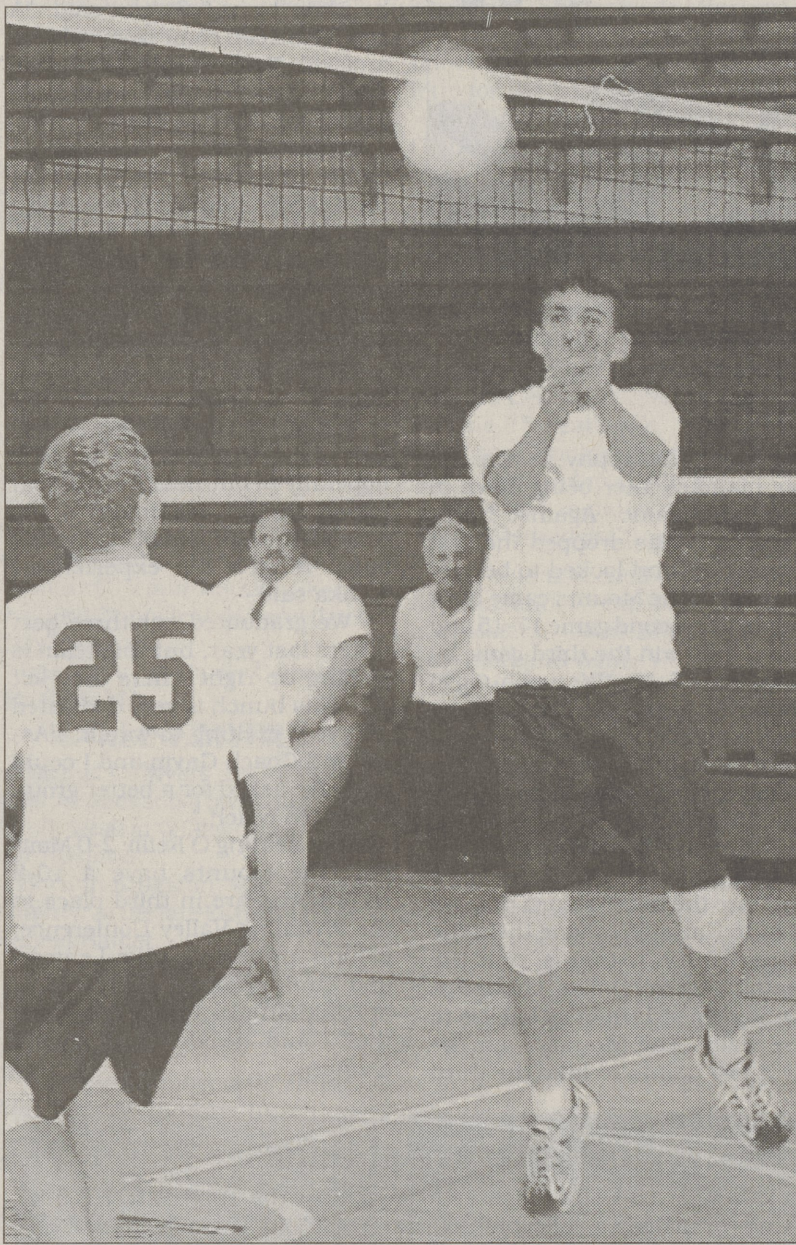
Kevin Straka
Dallas coach

across a group of individuals possessing all those traits. Dallas boys' volleyball coach Kevin Straka is finding out just how enjoyable coaching can be when a team has all the necessary elements to be very successful.

"The chemistry is definitely there. Add to that our outstanding senior leadership and it's no surprise we're on the verge of returning to the playoffs," Straka said.

Straka's Mountaineers returned three key seniors from a team that made it to regionals last season after finishing second at districts. Captain Justin Hoover is a proven center who was part of the team that finished 10-2 and qualified for the four-team district tournament as the fourth seed. Seniors Seth LaJeunesse and Richard Dougal are the only

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Seth LaJeunesse set up one of his nine assists against O'Reilly Monday night.

Shultz leads Tigers to 6-5 victory

BASEBALL

Tigers 6, Indians 5

Dave Shultz struck out 11 and went 2 for 3 with a triple to power the Tiger victory. Adam King doubled for the Tigers. Mike Lloyd, Jon Baker and Nick Oschman each went 2 for 3 for the Indians. Lloyd struck out 8 Tigers.

BMT BASEBALL

Phillies 13, Astros 0

Matt Kapitula, Matt Shiskowski and Brandon Burkhardt tossed a combined 1-hitter for the winners. Kapitula, Shiskowski, Nathan Carr and Brandon Wills each had 2 hits with Carr slugging a double and Shiskowski a triple. Brandon Burkhardt had a double, Ryan Konopki had 3 RBIs and Ross Feinstein scored 3 runs.

Yankees 8, Rangers 6

Steve Fritz and Jake Kovalchik combined to strike out 7 Rangers in picking up the victory. Fritz also went 2 for 3 with 2 triples at the plate. Eric Koval went 2 for 4 with a double for the winners. Ryan Marascio picked up 6 strikeouts for the Rangers.

A's 15, Indians 12

Michael Rudick got the victory and Adam Singer struck out 5 in relief for the A's. Derrick Elston had 3 hits and Jonathan Stevens had 2 for the winners. For the Indians, Nick Oschman struck out 8 while Jon Baker rapped 2 doubles.

Orioles 8, A's 4

Zach Polin powered the Oriole offense with 2 hits, including a double. For the A's, Jonathan Stevens had 3 hits, including a triple while Josh Reese and Jeremy Weinstock each doubled.

Tigers 9, A's 9

The A's scored 8 runs in the bottom of the 5th to tie the game. Adam King, Brian Feleccia and David Shultz combined for 10 strikeouts for the Tigers. Justin Orlandini and Matt Oliveri each had 2 hits while Shultz smacked a home run for the Tigers. For the A's, Jonathan Stevens, Mike Rudick and Jeremy Weinstock each had 2 hits.

Giants 14, Pirates 2

David Harding pitched and batted the Giants to victory. On the mound, he struck out 9. At the plate, he had 4 hits and 4 RBIs. Gracjan Kraszewski led the Pirates with a double and a triple.

A's 11, Rangers 4

Jonathan Stevens struck out 4 Rangers to get the victory. Derrick Elston led the A's attack by going 4 for 4 with 2 triples and a double. Stevens, Adam Singer and Jeremy Weinstock each went 2 for 4 with Singer and Weinstock getting doubles. Curt Montz and Robert Hayes also doubled. For the Rangers, Ken Chamberlain, Brandon Rice, Chris Kester and Joe Bailey each had 2 hits with Chamberlain smacking a triple and Rice a double. Matt Nobile

also doubled. On the mound, Chamberlain struck out 9.

Reds 10, Rangers 3

Ryan Bloom and Luke Marchakitus each smacked 3 hits with Bloom hitting a 3-run homer and Marchakitus a double. Jake Strykowski, John Parulski and Pat Foley each had 2 hits, including a double. Styjewski struck out 7 Rangers. For the Rangers, Matt Nobile had 4 hits while Chris Kester and Joe Bailey had 2 hits apiece, with Kester picking up a double.

Dodgers 11, Reds 7

Ron Shiner and Ben Thomas combined to strike out 10 for the Dodgers. Mike Clemente had 2 hits and 4 RBIs for the winners while Alex Flack and Brendan Delaney tripled and Thomas doubled. For the Reds, Luke Marchakitus had 3 hits, including 2 doubles, and Ryan Bloom had a double.

Dodgers 5, Pirates 3

Mike Davies snared a line drive with 2 out and the bases full in the 6th inning to preserve the Dodger victory. Ron Shiner and Ben Thomas combined to strike out 5 Pirates. Shiner's triple led the Dodger offense.

Tigers 6, Yankees 3

Adam King struck out 8 Yankees and went 3 for 3 with a double and a triple to lead the Tigers. David Shultz added a double. For the Yankees, Steve Fritz and Cale Charney combined for 9 strikeouts while Fritz went 3 for 4 with a triple.

Cardinals 14, Indians 5

Patrick McMahon, who combined with Dylan Seeley to strike out 9 Indians, went 3 for 4 with 2 doubles to lead the Cardinal offense. Matt Fuhr had 3 hits and Matt Straub got 2. Sean Leary smoked 2 doubles while Seeley had 1. For the Indians, Nick Oschman, Jon Baker and Kyle Lewis each doubled with Baker also getting a single.

Astros 8, Cardinals 6

The Astros scored twice in the 6th inning to get the victory. Scott Carter and Jason Demnicki combined for 8 strikeouts for the winners. On offense, Demnicki had 2 hits and John Janerich had a double. For the Cardinals, Matt Straub struck out 11 in 5 innings of pitching. Straub also smacked a triple while Dylan Seeley got 2 doubles and Sean Leary had 2 singles.

SOFTBALL

Dodgers 15, A's 5 (10 innings)

Sara Brown struck out 11 to get the win. Joanna Walp went 2 for 3 with 2 triples for the Dodgers.

White Sox 16, Phillies 6

Sheree Horvath struck out 8 in 3 innings of no-hit pitching for the White Sox. Horvath, Lauren Pyskoty, Jessica English and Maggie Guntli each had 2 hits with Horvath and Pyskoty collecting doubles for the winners

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Knights come back to stomp Dallas

Down 6-1, Lake-Lehman exploded for seven runs in the top of the sixth inning and added five more in the seventh to beat Dallas 13-6 Monday at Dallas. John Habrack had kept the Black Knights under control through five innings, but Lehman got to him in the sixth. Rich Patton opened the big sixth with a solo home run, Chris Navin hit a two-run homer, and D.J. Kapson's single drove in two more. Kapson also had a double in the game. Patton ended the afternoon 3-for-3 with three rbi, as the Knights made the most of nine hits. For the Mounts, Josh Dukas was 2-for-3 and Habrack was 2-for-4 with a pair of rbi. J.J. Smith and Jeremy Harris each had doubles. Greg Woronko picked up the win for Lehman, striking out eight, while Matt Montgomery got a save. Randy Knappman took the loss, coming in to relieve Habrack.

SOCCER

Dallas 4, O'Reilly 0

Holly Shiber scored the first goal and Laura Loeffler took care of the rest as the Lady Mounts blanked O'Reilly. Jen Toth, Jesse Tarity and Jeanie Dreier had assists, and Melonie Sappe stopped 10 O'Reilly shots in goal.

Coughlin 2, Lehman 0

The Lady Knights couldn't find the goal on any of their 11 shots May 10. Trish Pilosi had seven saves in goal, and Lehman had only two corners.

Dallas 1, Bishop Hoban 0

Jeanie Dreier scored the lone goal of the game midway through the second half to give the Mountaineers the win. Keeper Melonie Sappe made 4 saves to preserve the shutout.

Dallas 2, Crestwood 0

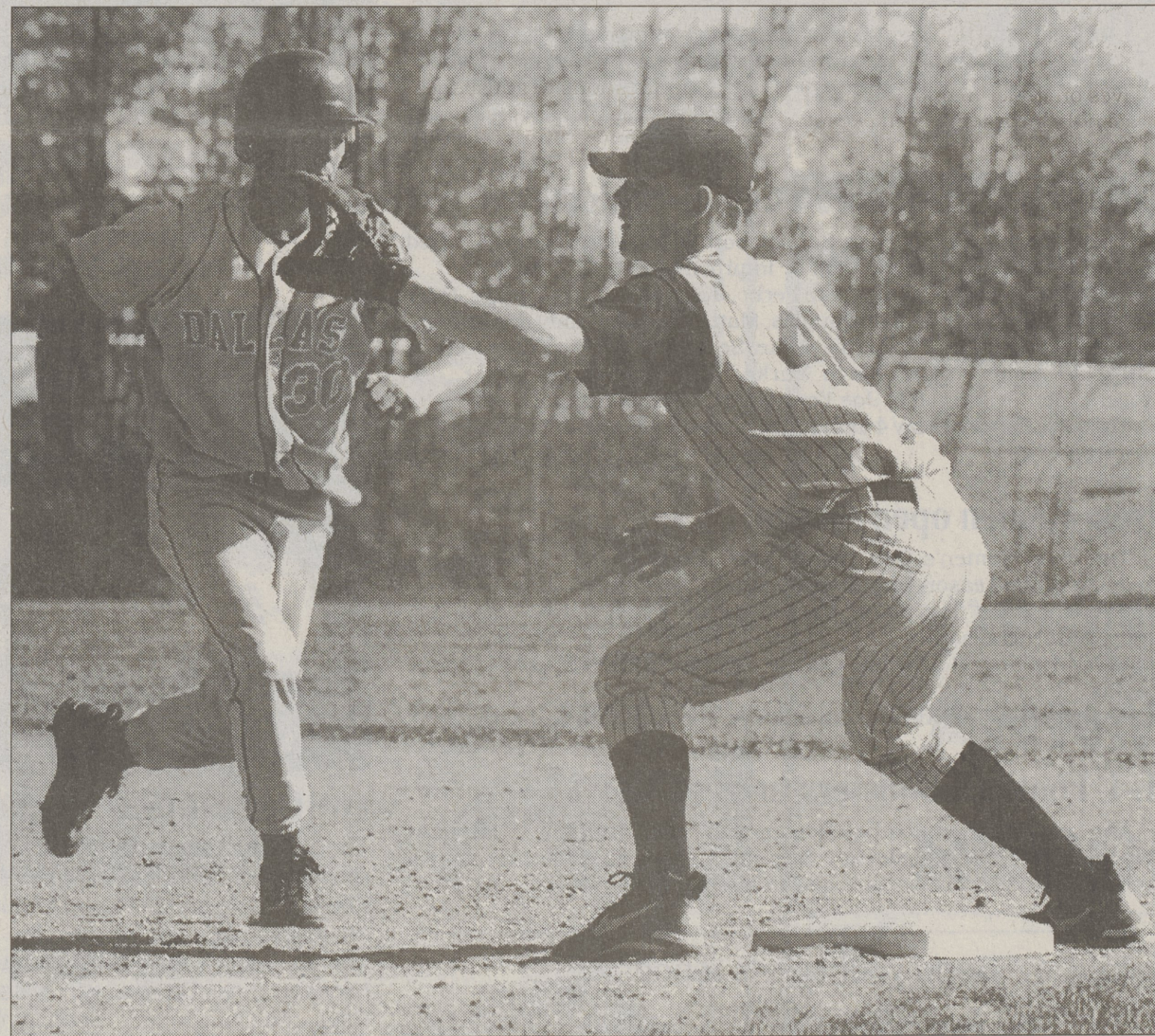
Dallas kept its playoff chances alive with a victory over Crestwood. Jeanie Dreier and Holly Shiber tallied the Mountaineers' goals.

Crestwood 1, Lehman 0

Crestwood got a shot past keeper Trish Pilosi just after half-time to lift the Comets to a win over Lake-Lehman.

Lehman 1, Wyo. Seminary 0

Sarah Rittenhouse scored midway through the second half to propel Lehman to a shutout win over the Blue Knights of Semi-



J.J. Smith scrambled back to first to avoid a pickoff during the baseball game between Dallas and Lake-Lehman Monday. John Sharkus was ready to take the throw.

nary. Keeper Trish Pilosi made three saves to earn the shutout.

Lehman 3, Bishop O'Reilly 2

Lehman outshot O'Reilly 23-3 to come out with a 3-2 on May 7. Alyson Bevan scored the winning goal in the final five minutes to break a 2-2 tie. Sara Rittenhouse scored the first goal of the game and fed Bevan for the winner.

BASEBALL

Hanover 6, Lehman 2

Rich Patton went 3-4 with an RBI for the Black Knights, but it wasn't enough as Hanover earned eight hits to earn a 6-2 victory.

Lehman 9, Wyoming Area 8

After surrendering 3 runs in the top of the ninth inning, Lehman rallied with four of its own to earn an extra-inning win over the Warriors. Matt Loftus scored on a Rich Patton single for the win. D.J. Kapson went 3-4 with 2 RBI for the Knights. Chris Navin went 3-5 with a homerun and three runs scored.

Dallas 7, Crestwood 5

Dallas scored seven unanswered runs after falling behind



John Habrack threw strong for five innings, but ran into trouble in the sixth.

5-0 to defeat the Comets. A three-run rally in the bottom of the sixth for Dallas proved to be enough. Randy Knappman earned the mound win. John Habrack hit a three-run homerun and earned the Dallas save.

SOFTBALL

Lehman 2, Hoban 1

Lake-Lehman won a squeaker to stay on top of the Class AA standings when Jen Johnstone doubled in the winning run in the bottom of the fifth. Michelle Alters scattered eight hits over six innings and struck out seven to claim the win. Tricia Kernag pitched a scoreless seventh and went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Lehman 3, Nanticoke 2

Lehman scored three times in the top of the fifth to come from behind and defeat Nanticoke. Michelle Alters earned the win and Tricia Kernag earned the save by pitching the final two innings.

Crestwood 8, Lehman 5

Crestwood scored a total of eight runs in the fourth and fifth innings to really back from 4 runs down to beat the Knights. Jen Johnstone and Vicki Groff each went 2-4 with a double.

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DYB girls win Rogers tournament

Shannon Thomas led all scorers with a game high 12 points to help lead Dallas Youth Basketball to a 43-32 championship victory over Pittston Lumber. Other members of Dallas Youth Basketball contributing were Jackie Hardwick 9 points, Meredith Lacey 6 points, Halli Williams, Rosalyn Wentko 4 points apiece, Ashleigh King, Brooke Blase, Caitlin Dukas and Kristy Schmid 2 points each. Lauren Suppon played a strong defensive game for Dallas Youth Basketball.

Dallas Youth Basketball defeated Meyers 34-30 in the semi-finals led by Shannon Thomas with a game high 10 points, followed by Jackie Hardwick, Meredith Lacey 6 points apiece, Ashleigh King 5 points, Halli Williams 3 points, Rosalyn Wentko and Lauren Suppon 2 points each. Contributing defensively were Brooke Blase, Caitlin Dukas and Kristy Schmid.

From left, 1st row, Coach Mark Lacey, Brooke Blase, Lauren Suppon, Shannon Thomas and Halli Williams; 2nd row, Coach Joe Noon, Ashleigh King, Rosalyn Wentko, Jackie Hardwick, Kristy Schmid, Meredith Lacey and Coach Lew Thomas.