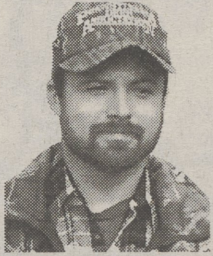


Sports Week

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Bmt outdoors



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Game Commission takes positive steps

Just recently the Pennsylvania Game Commission announced the creation of the Deer Management Section. As everyone probably knows, the new program is to be headed by Dr. Gary Alt, world renowned bear biologist.

The P.G.C. however will be making many changes in the coming years. Just recently the Game Commission asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Management Assistance Team (MAT) to conduct a review to point out the agencies weaknesses.

Upon completion of the review the MAT team offered recommendations to remedy the problems that they found. There were eight MAT recommendations to the P.G.C. and committees have already formed to act on these problem areas. Most of these problems revolved around public relations, internal communications, and having more accountability for game commissioners.

The board also adopted a resolution to fund a habitat improvement program. This long overdue program will ear mark \$3 from every resident and non-resident general license sold. This money will pay for habitat improvements on game lands and private ground that is enrolled in the public access program. This was part of the license fee increase that was approved late last year. This program's purpose will be to enhance the lands in many ways such as: food plots, tree plantings, and many other ways that will help all species of wildlife to propagate naturally.

The resolution also directed the agency to establish a grant program that will seek additional revenues from private and public groups and other government sources. This may make more money available to organizations that help the agency with habitat improvements. However, habitat programs will most likely suffer due to the limited manpower from past cutbacks. If we all contact our game commissioners maybe the pressure will encourage them to hire more food and cover workers.

In addition, thanks to the license increase the PA Game Commission has been acquiring more land to add to our game land system. The largest parcel was a 190 acre piece that adjoins to Game Lands 39 and was purchased for \$76,000. The second was 79 acres that borders Game Lands 170 for a price of \$31,600. The last parcel also adjoins Game Lands 170 and was a 5 acre property for \$1,200.

Just recently the P.G.C. entered into a cooperative agreement with the Natural Resource Conservation Service to temporarily hire nine wildlife habitat specialists. These new people will work for up to four years to implement a new habitat enhancement program.

One other new action to take place is to establish county lists of land owners who are interested in having hunters hunt on their properties to harvest antlerless deer. This would be great asset for hunters to take advantage of deer problem areas. The listing would be made available for the public's review.

What does all this mean for sportsmen and sportswomen in Pennsylvania? Perhaps it is the beginning of a new era. An era that has been long overdue. An era that hunters have been striving to achieve. Time will only tell where we will go from here, but it's a step in the right direction.

Did you know? In 1913 the first Pennsylvania hunting licenses were sold for a fee of \$1. There were 305,028 resident licenses sold during that year.



Dallas stays strong

Dallas stayed in prime position for the district soccer playoffs with a 6-3 victory over Abington Heights last week. The Mountaineers have only one loss, to unbeaten Lake-Lehman, with five games left in the regular season. They will host a strong Valley West squad Thursday. In top photo, Tim Faneck, left, went up against the Comets' Jared Schanbacher. Ricky Branco, left photos, climbed up Nick Vakay's back. Branco scored three goals in the game.

POST PHOTOS/JIM PHILLIPS

Lake-Lehman Football Club meets

The Lake Lehman Football Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 14 at Grotto Pizza Harveys Lake at 7:30 p.m. The game film from the Meyers game will be shown following the meeting. Parents of football players and cheerleaders are encouraged to attend.

Gate of Heaven tournament Oct. 23

The Gate of Heaven School PTG will be holding a golf tournament on Saturday, Oct. 23 at Four Seasons Golf Club in Exeter. The \$55 per person fee includes 18 holes, motor cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. The format of play will be Captain & Crew. Lunch will be at noon, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. For further information or to register, call Jim Reino at 696-4966 or Mark Sobek at 655-8869.

'Four Seasons Open' October 17

Four Seasons Golf Club, will be holding their ninth annual "Four Seasons Open" on Sunday, Oct. 17 with tee times starting at 9 a.m. The format will be "Better Ball of Partners" The 436 per person fee includes 18 holes, meal, beverages and prizes for flight winners and contests held on the course. Call 655-8869 to reserve a tee for your twosome.

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Mounts lose tough one



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The Nanticoke Trojans pulled off an upset Saturday in home of the most-heated rivalries in the Wyoming Valley Conference. Nanticoke (3-1, 4-2) came up the mountain and handed Dallas its first defeat of the season Saturday. The game was tied at 21 after three quarters when Nanticoke scored on a 51-yard pass play. In photo above, Matt Acri broke away for a gain. He carried 12 times for 55 yards. More photos on page 10.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

CROSS COUNTRY

Dallas (Boys) 15, Lehman 40

The Mountaineers captured the first five places on the nearly 3-mile course at host Lake-Lehman Oct. 6. Jamie Raub finished the course first with Matt Mark seven seconds behind. Peter Miller, Floyd Mattie, and Lee Griffin took spots three through five. Lehman then took the final five spots. Curtis Mulhern was the first Knight to finish, followed by T.J. Dougherty, Stan Chmura, Drew Falko, and Brian McMahon. Dallas is now 4-0 while Lehman is now 0-3.

FIELD HOCKEY

Lehman 1, Coughlin 0

In a game that was scoreless going into the final seven minutes, Terri Peiffer put an assist from Melissa DeCesaris into the net to get the win and remain undefeated. Lehman outshot Coughlin 13 to nine, and Janel Janiczek stopped the three Crusaders shots that reached her goal.

Dallas 11, Hazleton 1

Hazleton had to wonder what hit them, after the Lady Mounts reeled off 11 unanswered points before the Cougars could score their lone goal against the Dallas reserves. Jenn Noon scored four times in a row, while Rachel Kukosky and Heather Shultz had two each. The Dallas goalies had an easy time of it, with Hazleton managing only two shots that reached them.

Lehman 1, Crestwood 1 (OT)

Lehman responded to a 1-0 halftime deficit with a second-half goal by Janelle Perlis to earn a tie with Crestwood. Her goal came on a penalty stroke with two and a half minutes remaining. Keeper Janel Janiczek made some key saves in overtime to preserve the tie for Lehman.

Lehman 5, Honesdale 1

Janelle Perlis notched three goals as Lehman cruised to a win in Honesdale on Friday. Rachel Kasper and Alyson Bevan each scored one goal and assisted on another. The Knights outshot the Hornets by a margin of 22-5.

Dallas 9, Northwest Area 1

Jenn Noon scored the first three goals of the game and added another later to help Dallas rout host Northwest. The senior's goal total on the season is now 20. Molly Savage added a pair of goals as she now has eleven on the season. Sherri Kuderka, Jess Fields, and Gia Biscontini also scored for the Mountaineers. Dallas outshot Northwest 46-11.

FOOTBALL

Nanticoke Area 28, Dallas 21

The Trojans spoiled the Dallas homecoming Saturday as they completed a sweep of the Back Mountain schools in football. Nanticoke scored first in the first quarter before Dallas quarterback Chuck Suppon scored on a one-yard keeper in the second. The two teams then exchanged touchdowns as the score was tied at 14 at the half. Matt Acri's 29 run knotted the score. Again in the third quarter, Nanticoke scored a touchdown and then Dallas answered. Suppon hit split end Brian Vetter on a 67-yard pattern to tie the game at 21. The Trojans then scored in the fourth quarter on a long pass to close out the scoring for the day. Suppon finished with 129 passing yards, while Matt Jackson finished with 112 rushing yards.

Lehman 26, Meyers 7

The Knights scored four touchdowns, all of three yards or less, as they routed Meyers this past weekend. Fullback Travis McRoy had three of those four touchdowns on 19 carries. He now has six touchdowns in the past two weeks. Rich Patton scored the remaining touchdown on the ground. Lehman's offense grinded out 15 first downs, whereas the Mohawks only earned six. Overall, the Knights nearly doubled Meyers' offensive output in yardage.

GOLF

Lehman 169, Hanover Area 175

Dom Castrignano took medalist honors with six strokes to spare as his round of 36 helped Lehman knock off Hanover Area Oct. 6. Gary Sagan followed with a 42, while Josh Baranowski earned a 45 and Matt Loftus earned a 46.

Lehman 162, Dallas 165

The Knight golfers won the battle of the Back Mountain schools Oct. 6 at Irem Temple Country Club. Dallas did, however, show a lot of heart and determination in playing probably its best match as a team this season. Mountaineer senior Matt Hoover won the medalist honor after shooting a round of 36. Lehman's consistency was a little too much for Dallas to handle though. Dom Castrignano led the Knights with a 38. He was followed by Gary Sagan, who completed the day with a round of 40. Freshman Dusty Kapson was right behind him with a 41. Justin Boyer and Matt Loftus tied for Lehman's fourth best score at 43. After Hoover, Dallas got scores from Mike Ruggere (42), Kevin Piekara (42), and Dan Laurenzi (45).

Tunkhannock 172, Dallas 180

The Tunkhannock tradition on its home course

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