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POST PHOTO/JIM PHILLIPS

Jack Tinner gave some fatherly advice to his daughter, **Joyce**, during a Dallas softball game.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

TENNIS

District 2 Singles Tournament

Both Mountaineer participants made it to the second round before being eliminated by the two finalists from Seminary. Adam Clay won his first match 6-2, 6-2, a defeat of a Meyers player. In the second round Clay fell to eventual district runner-up Madhan Srinivasan of Wyoming Seminary. Dan Laurenzi won his first round match against the other Meyers entry 6-1, 6-4 before falling to Seminary's Neil Shah, who eventually was crowned district champion, in the second round. Lake-Lehman's Dan Nygren fell in the first round to a Dunmore player 6-3, 6-0. Jonathon Bird of Lake-Lehman High School also departed in the first round, suffering a shutout loss to a Montrose entry.

Berwick 4, Lake-Lehman 3

Berwick won three of the four singles matches on its home courts in defeating Lake-Lehman in the last tennis match of the 2000 season. Dan Nygren at #1 was the only Black Knight singles winner, taking a 6-2, 6-1 contest over the best Berwick player. The Knights took two of the three doubles matches, the second and third slots. Alex Klaas and Liz Blidner won at #2 by an 8-6 margin in a pro set. Jonathon Bird and Narayan Gold won the #3 match in three sets 7-6, 4-6, 7-5.

TRACK

Lake-Lehman 105, Wyoming Area 40 (Girls)

Allison Bevan and Terry Peiffer each won three events including a relay as the Black Knights dominated the Warriors of Wyoming Area in a track meet last Tuesday. Bevan took honors in the 400 dash and 800 run individually and was part of the winning team in the 1600 relay. Peiffer won the 100 dash and triple jump individually and was on the winning 400 relay team. She also took runner-up honors in the long jump. Sarah Lucarino was a Lake-Lehman double winner, as she won the field events in the shot put and discus. In addition, she took third in the high jump. Keri Maskalis had a productive day for the Knights as well, winning the javelin throw and finishing third in the shot put and discus.

Lake-Lehman 87, Wyoming Area 63 (Boys)

The Knights boys track team finished another fine season with a win on its home track against Wyoming Area. Lake-Lehman won eight different events in compiling its point total. Sweeps in the 200 dash, the javelin, the long jump, and the high jump also helped Lehman's cause. D.J. Harris won the 400 dash in a time of 55.7 seconds and finished second in the 200 dash. Aaron Kubasik finished ahead of Harris in the 200 dash with an impressive time of 23.9 seconds. Travis McRoy took two field events in a strong showing. He hurled the shot put 51', 6 1/2" for the win there and was second in the javelin. Lehman's Brian Noler was tops in that event, with a throw of 160' 1".

SOFTBALL

Dallas 9, Hanover Area 1

Sarah Stolarick gave up just two hits and two walks in seven innings as Dallas clinched a playoff berth with a victory on the road Monday afternoon. Sherri Kuderka shined offensively, finishing with three singles in three at-bats. Rachel Kukosky singled twice. The Mountaineers got extra base hits from Stephanie Simonitis, Jennifer Noon, and Carrie Strasser.

Bishop Hoban 8, Lake-Lehman 1

Lehman took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning but did not score another run as Bishop Hoban cruised to a softball win last Tuesday in Wilkes-Barre. April Naugle pitched all six innings for the Knights, giving up six hits and walking just one. The Black Knights only had seven baserunners in the contest. Hoban scored two runs apiece in the

'Coach Joyce' Tinner comes full circle at Dallas

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DALLAS - Athletic coaches and the experience of participating in team sports can influence a student-athlete's life far beyond the school years. Joyce Tinner, the 29-year-old head coach of girls' softball at Dallas High School, can look back on her life as both student and athlete and attest to that fact.

Back when Joyce was 8, she started playing T-ball with younger brother Jeff, 7, and older brother John 10. Her father John (Jack) primarily coached her brothers, but "he helped me on the side. He said he couldn't coach girls." About two years later, she started playing softball and has been at it ever since.

At Dallas, her favorite position was shortstop because, "most balls were hit there," she says. Her drive to excel came

from within. "I wanted to be the best I could be." She remembers her father giving specific, constructive advice whenever she had a bad game. Both parents continue to be extremely supportive of her to this day.

Joyce attended Penn State University on an athletic scholarship which required maintaining a Grade Point Average of 2.0 (a college C). She graduated with a G.P.A. of 3.2 as an honors student with a major

in Sports Medicine. During her college career, she played shortstop and second base until incurring her left knee in her senior year. Joyce describes her college experience as "wonderful. I loved it there. We made the playoffs every year," she said. For her first three years, Penn State belonged to the Atlantic 10 Conference. Their switch to the Big 10 impressed her

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Mounts squeeze out win

Dallas beat crosstown rival Lake-Lehman 3-2 last week in a game played at Dallas. Amanda Stolarick scattered five hits and struck out eight to claim the win, while Stephanie Simonitis banged out two hits in three at-bats. In top photo, Carrie Strasser looked anxiously for the call as Colleen Mahon stepped off second. In sequence above, Simonitis slid into home under the tag of Tracy Hudak. Lehman hurler April Naugle backed up the play.

second, third, fifth, and sixth innings in totaling eight runs.

Wyoming Area 8, Lake-Lehman 5

The Warriors defeated the Knights on Monday, sending them to their third loss of the week. Wyoming Area jumped out to an early five-run lead, before the Knights rallied with five to tie the score after six innings. The Wyoming Area offense scored three in the top of the seventh though, while holding Lake-Lehman scoreless in the bottom half. Christine Hudak went 3-for-4 offensively, including a triple. Tracey Hudak added two singles in four at-bats. Sarah Davis took the loss.

Dallas 3, Lake-Lehman 2

The Mountaineers claimed the battle of the Back Mountain high schools in beating the Black Knights in a one-run contest Friday afternoon. Winning pitcher Amanda Stolarick struck out eight in picking up the complete game victory on the mound. She allowed five hits and surrendered two bases on balls in the seven innings. Senior Stephanie Simonitis had two hits in the game and scored what turned out to be the game-winning run in the bottom of the fifth inning. Lake-Lehman scored runs in the top of the first and second innings to take an early 2-1 lead, but could not add to that total. Tracy Hudak had two hits for

the Knights. Losing pitcher was April Naugle, who struck out a pair and gave up six hits in pitching a complete game.

SOCCER

Lake-Lehman 1, Coughlin 0

After 67 straight conference wins, Lake-Lehman handed the Crusaders their second straight loss. Janna Elston nailed a penalty shot 16 minutes into the game for the game's only goal. Deidre Wengen kept the victory intact, making 13 saves to prevent Coughlin's offense from tying the game and sending it to overtime.

Dallas 3, Bishop O'Reilly 1

An O'Reilly lead of 1-0 at halftime did not stand, as the Mountaineers tallied three straight second half goals to earn a home win Monday evening. Laura Loeffler got Dallas on the scoreboard off an assist from Maureen McGuire five minutes into the half. Stacey Amann scored her fourth goal of the season midway through the half, before Loeffler scored again one minute after Amann's goal. The Mounts outshot the Queenswomen by a 36-14 margin.

Dallas 3, Crestwood 1

The Mountaineers earned their third win of the season in defeating the Comets at home last Tuesday. After spotting Crestwood a goal in the ninth minute,

Dallas scored three consecutively to earn the comeback win. Stacey Amann scored unassisted with four minutes remaining in the first half to tie the game before halftime. Laura Loeffler and Jill Youngblood scored second half goals fifteen minutes apart. Keeper Melonie Sappe made 18 saves in the game.

Lehman 7, Wyoming Sem 0

Joelle Lussi and Lisa Wasser combined for five goals as Lehman improved its record to 11-2. Lussi had a natural hat trick in the first half plus a second half assist in the blowout. Wasser scored the fourth and sixth goals of the game and assisted on one of Lussi's goals. Janelle Perlis had a goal and an assist, while Janna Elston finished with three assists from the midfield position. Deidre Wengen and Loraine Lovecchio combined on the shutout in goal.

Lehman 7, Bishop O'Reilly 1

Senior Janelle Perlis scored four times to lead the Black Knights past the Queenswomen on Thursday afternoon in Forty Fort. Joelle Lussi, Jen Frank, and Sara Rittenhouse scored the other three goals. Lussi assisted on two additional goals in the match. Frank also added an assist.

Reds, Astros tied at 1 through 8

The Reds and Astros played to a 1-1 deadlock after 8 innings. Mike Prater and Jake Stryjowski combined to strike out 11 for the Reds. Prater laced a double for his team's only extra base hit.

Kevin Konicki, Dan Taroli and Michael Lipsky struck out a total of 11 Reds batters. Konicki and Mike Pelleschi doubled for the Astros while Jon Janerich smacked a double and a triple.

The game will be resumed at a later date.

Orioles 7, A's 6

Chris Parrish, Tom Parrish and Conner Lenahan combined to strike out 10 for the Orioles. Bobby Lenahan, Alex Kish, Chris Parrish, Eric Tucker and Adam Tamini each doubled for the O's. Bobby Lenahan also had a single.

Pirates 13, Astros 2

Grant Roberts, Gracjan Kraszewski, Brad Fagula and Sam Podbelski each rapped 2 hits to power the Pirates to victory. Fagula and Podbelski each had doubles while Roberts collected 3 RBIs. Kraszewski and Steven Cornia struck out 3 Astros.

For the Astros, Jesse Swartwood and Jon Janerich each had a double and a single. Kevin Konicki and Dan Taroli combined for 3 strikeouts.

Phillies 3, Dodgers 0

Matt Kapitula struck out 8 while allowing only an infield single in 4 innings on the mound as the Phillies shut out the previously undefeated Dodgers in a rain-shortened 5 inning game. Kapitula had 2 hits and 3 RBIs while teammate Ryan Konopki smashed a double and scored 2 runs.

Ron Shiner pitched a strong game for the Dodgers, striking out 8 in 3 innings of work.

Reds 14, Yankees 2

Chris DeRojas and Mike Prater banged out 3 hits apiece while Dan Vnuk, Mike Dubil and Alex Zamojski each collected 2 hits for the Reds. DeRojas, Robbie Tomko and Eric McDermott each cracked doubles. DeRojas was the winning pitcher.

For the Yankees, Scott Skammer and Tom McGrath each singled twice while John Scaffidi had a double. Jared Kohli struck out 8 Reds.

Rangers 12, Yankees 1

JJ Durr and Brandon Rice each went 2 for 3 and Joe Bailey and Kevin Rose each doubled to power the Rangers to victory. Rice collected 3 strikeouts.

Tigers 19, Indians 6

Adam King, Greg Jerzak and Justin Orlandini combined for 13 strikeouts for the Tigers. King clubbed 4 hits while Orlandini, Jerzak and Brian Goeringer each smacked 3 hits. Goeringer had a double, triple and grand slam home run. Orlandini collected a double and a triple while Jerzak smashed 3 doubles.

Ian Van Kuyk and Nick Oschman combined for 7 strikeouts for the Indians.

Tigers 11, Astros 1

Justin Orlandini slammed 2 doubles and a single for the high-scoring Tigers. Mario Olivari had a triple and Brian Goeringer slapped a double for the winners. Greg Jerzak struck out 4 Astros.

Michael Lipsky struck out 4 in a losing cause.

Tigers 7, Orioles 3

Adam King and Justin Orlandini combined for 12 strikeouts in limiting the Orioles to 3 runs. Mario Olivari, Brian Goeringer and Orlandini each collected 2 hits for the Tigers. Orlandini had 2 doubles while Goeringer cracked a double and a triple.

For the Orioles, Alex Kish, Conner Lenahan and Tom Parrish each had 2

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