

Sports Week

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Bearde recalled as dedicated, principled coach and advisor

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LEHMAN - A familiar face will be missing from Lake-Lehman classrooms, gyms and fields when school resumes in September. Rodger Bearde, who has worn the hats of athletic director, coach, teacher and more since 1977, died suddenly June 23.

While best-known as boys basketball coach and athletic director at Lake-Lehman High School, friends and co-workers recalled Bearde as a man of great character who set the tone for a strong program that taught more than athletics.



RODGER BEARDE

John Oliver, now the high school principal, gave an illustration of Bearde's impact. Lake-Lehman has a tradition of inviting successful graduates to speak at commencement, and several of them have been former basketball players. "To a man, after they have mentioned their parents, they have thanked Rodger Bearde for making them what they have become," he said. "This is, I think, a real testimony to what he did at Lake-Lehman."

Joseph "Red" Jones first met Bearde about 30 years ago, when Jones was

Memorial Service for Rodger Bearde
Sat., July 1, 1 p.m.
Dorrancetown United Methodist Church
549 Wyoming Ave., Kingston

coaching basketball at Catholic schools in Plymouth. Later, Jones served several terms on the school board.

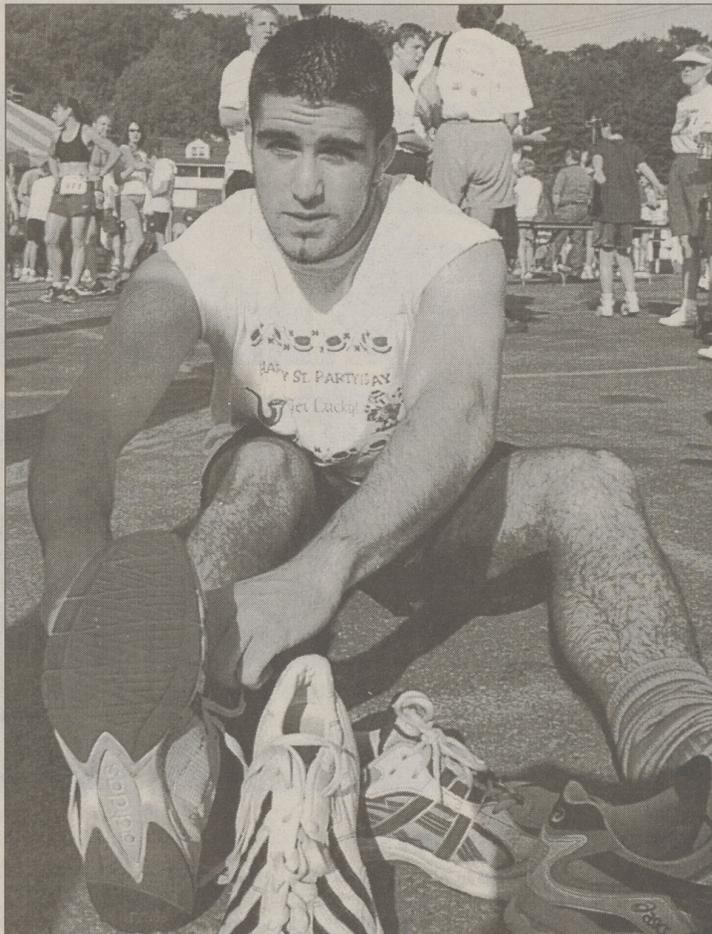
"We lost a very good and decent man," he said. "He truly was a credit to his profession, the school district and his family."

Jones's two sons played basketball for Bearde while they were Lake-Lehman students, and one of them, Bill, will deliver a eulogy at a memorial service to his former coach. Bill Jones served as assistant to Bearde for a time, and was one of many former students who stayed close to their mentor.

"He was quite the counselor," said Oliver, as he described how Bearde would take time to talk to former students who were going through difficult times. In the end, Bearde's influence showed. "He taught them to be disciplined, leaders and goal-oriented," Oliver said.

Bearde had a volatile personality on the sidelines as boys basketball coach, but at the end of the game, he was the first to congratulate opponents and for-

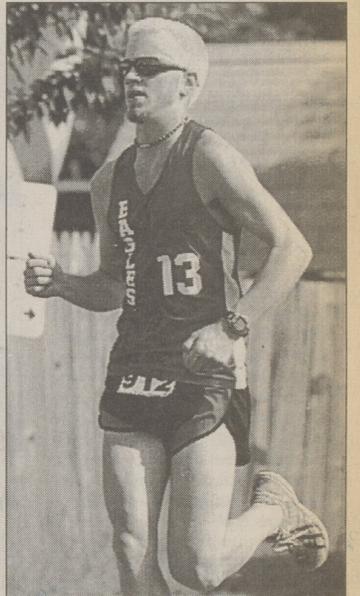
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A victory run

The Harveys Lake Victory Run held Saturday drew a big turnout and great performances. At left, Jamie Raub of Dallas laced up before the race. Joe Maskalis, below, placed first in the Men's 19-24 age group and 11th overall. The overall men's winner was Travis Jordan of Kingston Twp. More photos on page 10.

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Giants, Phillies win playoff games

Note: The National and American League playoff games were scheduled for Tuesday night, too late for this issue. The overall championship game is scheduled for Thursday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

Phillies 3, Dodgers 2

Matt Kapitulka blasted a home run with 2 outs in the top of the 7th inning to provide the margin of victory for the Phillies in their first round playoff triumph over the Dodgers. Kapitulka, who also homered in the 5th inning, had 3 hits for the winners. In addition, he struck out 10 and allowed only 4 hits en route to the complete game victory.

Ron Shiner, who also pitched an impressive 7 innings, struck out 11 for the Dodgers. Jeff Clemente singled twice in a losing cause.

Giants 8, Pirates 7

Kevin Domzalski smacked a double and 2 singles in addition to providing a complete game, 10-strikeout pitching performance for the Giants in their narrow win over the Pirates. David Harding and Nick Samanas each homered for the Giants while Cody Kustrin added a double.

BASEBALL (regular season)

Pirates 9, Giants 7

Alan Sheridan went the distance for the Pirates, striking out 13 batters. Sheridan belted a home run and a single for the winners. Nick Samanas ripped a double and 2 singles for the Giants. Mike Zaleskas added 2 singles.

Eric Domzalski struck 7 in a losing cause.

Reds 10, Red Sox 9

Robbie Tomko cracked 3 doubles while Mike Prater, Chris DeRojas, Dan Vnuk and Jake Stryjowski each collected 2 hits in powering the Reds to victory. Prater smacked a home run, DeRojas laced a triple, and Stryjowski belted a double for the winners. Greg Harris, who was the winning pitcher, also had a double.

For the Red Sox, Matt Shumbris went 4 for 4, including a home run.

Reds 2, Astros 1

In the continuation of a game suspended earlier in the season, the Reds squeaked past the Astros 2-1 in 10 innings. Mike Prater and Jake Stryjowski each had 3 hits, including a double by Prater. Greg Harris was the winning pitcher.

For the Astros, Jon Janerich smacked 3 hits, including a triple and a double. Kevin Konicki added a double.

Reds 8, Astros 4

Mike Prater, Jake Stryjowski, Greg Harris and Dan Vnuk powered the Reds' offense with 2 hits apiece, including a home run and a double by Harris and a double by Stryjowski. Prater got the victory, collecting 4 strikeouts.

The Astros were led by Jon Janerich's home run and 2 singles. Dan Taroli contributed 2 hits and Kenny Pollock ripped a double.

Rangers 5, Indians 2

Matt Noble and Brandon Rice combined to strike out 6 for the Rangers. Kevin Engler and Noble each collected 2 hits.

Matt Huffert and Kevin Little each singled twice for the Indians.

Giants 7, Reds 6

David Harding struck out 14 in 6 innings on the mound to help the Giants to an extra-inning victory and a first place finish, with a record of 16 wins and 3 losses. Mike Zaleskas struck out 1 in the 7th inning to get the win. Zaleskas also doubled and singled at the plate for the Giants.

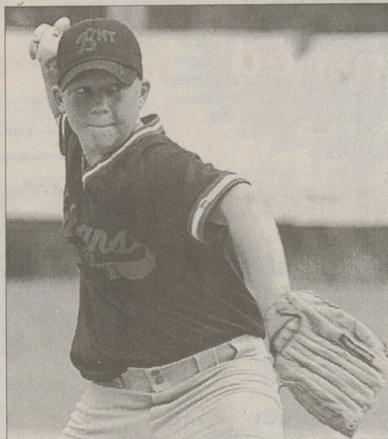
Yankees 13, Indians 2

Eric Koval and Gerrid Kohli each ripped 2 hits for the Yankees. Koval, who was the winning pitcher, and several teammates combined to strike out 9 Indians.

Nick Oshman and Kevin Little each collected 2 hits for the Indians. A host of Indian pitchers combined for 7 strikeouts.

Cardinals 10, Indians 4

In the continuation of a game suspended earlier in the season, the Cardinals struck for 8 runs in the 5th inning to defeat the Indians. Mike Stolarick pitched a complete game for the Cardinals, striking out 10. At the plate, Stolarick belted a triple and a double. Matt Fuhr laced a double for the winners, while Scott Henry,



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The Tigers beat the Indians in an American League playoff game Sunday. In photos, top: the Tigers' Greg Jerzak called for time after sliding safely into third base, with Matt Hufford covering. Indians pitcher Ian Van Kuyk wound up, above left. In lower right photo, the Indians' Kyle Lewis slid home safely as the tag by Brian Goerninger came too late. The Orioles won the other American League playoff game.

Mark Covert and Dylan Seeley each contributed 2 singles.

Nick Oschman led the Indian attack with 2 singles. Ian Van Kuyk and Kevin Little combined to strike out 9 Cardinals.

Cardinals 5, Phillies 4

In the continuation of a game suspended earlier in the season,

the Cardinals defeated the Phillies 5-4. Mike Stolarick's 2-out single in the bottom of the 6th inning drove home Scott Henry, who had singled, with the winning run. Dylan Seeley, who pitched 2 1/3 innings of shutout relief, got the win. Seeley struck out 4, allowing only a single to Ryan Konopki.

Starting pitcher Stephen Yankowski struck out 7 for the Cards. Stolarick totaled 3 hits, including a double. Mark Covert belted a triple for the Cardinals. Matt Kapitulka led the Phillies with 2 hits. Brandon Wills, Konopki, Andrew Hanadel, Kapitulka and Billy Holena com-

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Olympic winners headline golf tourney

Olympic gold medalists Jeff Blatnik, Bob Seagren, Willie Davenport and Shelley Looney will help future Olympians achieve their dreams by participating in the 2000 U.S. Olympic Invitational Golf Tournament, Monday, July 10, at the Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas.

Sponsored by Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Blue Shield, the tournament raises funds for Olympic athletes as they "go for the gold." Registration and lunch runs from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Shotgun start is 12:30 p.m. The tournament follows a captain and crew format.

Blue Cross has been a sponsor of the U.S. Olympic Team since 1988. The sponsorship is provided through the Blue Cross Shield Association, which connects Blue Cross plans into a nationwide network. Blues plans have adopted more than 80 athletes, enabling Olympic hopefuls to concentrate on what they do best by living healthy lives and working toward achieving their dreams. For information, please call 829-6079.

Betsy Thomas wins Irem Women's Captain's Prize

Irem Women golfers held one of their major tournaments June 19, competing for the Captain's Prize which was won by Betsy Thomas.

Other winners were:
First Flight:
First Low Net, Gail Killeen
Second Low Net, Carol Smith
Second Flight:
First Low Net, Betsy Thomas
Second Low Net, Julie Conklin
Third Flight:
First Low Net, Lois Degennaro
Second Low Net, Joann Bittner
Fourth Flight:
First Low Net, Doris Parsons
Second Low Net, Nona Libenson
Putting prizes were awarded to Gail Killeen, Joann Freeman, Lois Degennaro and Doris Parsons.
Chip-ins were recorded by Esther Saba, Diane Kocik, Lois Degennaro, Jean Edwards and Shirley Richardson.

Photos now available at field

Ace Hoffman has delivered items ordered at Picture Day, but not previously available, to the Little League field. Anyone missing items from their picture order should check in the back room at the refreshment stand.