

# Sports Week

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## Football alignment brings new challenges, ends rivalries

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**BACK MOUNTAIN** - The Dallas and Lake-Lehman football teams are entering new territory during this inaugural year of the Northeast PA Football Conference.

Replacing the Wyoming Valley Conference, Lackawanna League and the Suburban Conference, the new league pits teams in the AAA size category. Dallas and Lehman included, against only AAA and AAAA teams. Many traditional opponents, such as Meyers, Nanticoke and GAR, are no longer on the schedule, replaced by Berwick, Wyoming Valley West, Williamsport and other larger schools.

Both Dallas and Lehman will play only two former opponents, Wyoming Area and each other. The Old Shoe game, traditionally the last of the regular season, is now the next to last game. And

**This week's games**  
**Dallas at Wyoming Valley West**  
Friday, Sept. 1, 7 p.m.  
**Lake-Lehman at Hazleton**  
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both schools start against large, powerful foes; Valley West for Dallas and Hazleton for Lehman.

Dallas head coach Ted Jackson minces no words when talking about the new arrangement. "It's ridiculous," he says. "They don't care about traditional rivalries." He's particularly concerned that if Lake-Lehman, which is only four players above the AAA threshold, drops back to AA, the Old Shoe game will be history, after more than 50 years.

The new conference has six divisions. Division 1 is for the six AAAA teams in District 2 of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA). Divi-

sion 2, North and South contains AAA teams; Division 3 North and South is for AA; and Division 4 holds the 10 Class A teams, including Bishop O'Reilly.

Tom Jenkins, Football Chairman for District 2, said there will be conference champions in each division, but they will not automatically advance to district and state playoffs. Within the conference, champions will be based strictly on the record against opponents within the division. Thus, Friday's opening games will be irrelevant toward the conference championship for Dallas or Lehman, since both will play AAAA teams.

The state point system will be used to determine which teams will advance to district and state playoffs. Each win against a same-size opponent (AAA vs. AAA, for example) is worth 100 points. A win against a class larger opponent earns 120 points, while a win against a class lower opponent earns 80 points. After a

team's win points are totaled, additional points are added at the end of the season based on opposing teams, 10 points for each victory by an opponent and five

points for each tie. Because there are only six AAAA teams, there will no longer be a District 2 tournament in that division.

### How they match up

The official PIAA Senior High School Sport's Enrollment Classifications for 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 fall sports are as follows:

Boys' Sports			Girls' Sports			
Total Male Enrollment	Class		Total Female Enrollment	Class		
Cross Country	1-324	AA	Cross Country	1-309	AA	
	325 +	AAA			310 +	AAA
	1-187	A		Field Hockey	1-344	AA
188-303	AA		345 +		AAA	
Football	304-456	AAA	Volleyball	1-174	A	
	457 +	AAAA			175-355	AA
	1-231	A			356 +	AAA
Soccer	232-409	AA				
	410 +	AAA				

### Register for Kiwanis golf tourney

Registration for the 14th Annual Dallas Kiwanis Golf Tournament at Mill Race Golf Course and Camping Resort on September 15, is now open. The format is Captain and Crew.

Pre-registration is required. The field is limited to 25 teams (4 per team), \$65 per person, \$260 per team. Guests are welcome. Register as a full team only, list captain and members, and a

phone number. Price includes green fees, cart, refreshments, dinner, beer, soda and prizes. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. A shotgun start is scheduled for 12 noon. Refreshments will be served prior to the start. Reservations must be made no later than Sept. 1.

Please note the following rules: No coolers allowed on golf course, soft spikes are required and no cutoffs or tank tops.

### L-L Football Club meets Aug. 31

The Lake Lehman Football Club will meet on Thursday, Aug. 31, at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake at 7:30 p.m. Plans for the upcoming football season will be discussed. Directions to the Hazleton Area game will be available at the meeting. All parents of football players and cheerleaders are encouraged to attend.

### Our Lady of Victory golf tourney

Our Lady of Victory Church, Harveys Lake, will be holding their annual George Appel Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday, September, 15, at Four Seasons Golf Club, Exeter.

Lunch will be at noon, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The format of play will be Captain and Crew. A trip to the Bahamas will be awarded for the first hole-in-one on hole number 8. The \$50 fee includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, social hour, barbecue dinner and prizes. To register, call the church office at 639-1535.

### Dallas Rotary golf tournament

The 18th annual Dallas Rotary Fall Classic golf tournament will be held Monday, Oct. 2 at Irem Temple Country Club. Proceeds benefit Rotary Charities, including Scouting, the library, Christmas shopping for underprivileged children, youth programs and scholarships. The captain and crew format will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cocktails and a sit-down dinner will follow play. Cost of \$100 per player includes golf, cart, refreshments and prizes. Hole sponsorships are also available at \$100 each.

To reserve a playing slot or hole sponsorship, call Kevin Smith at 696-1195.

### DYB signups Sept. 16, 19

Dallas Youth Basketball will hold signups for its boys and girls winter leagues on Sat., Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and on Tues., Sept. 19, from 7-9 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Players in grades 3-8 who reside within the Dallas school district are eligible. For more information, call Lew Thomas (boys) at 675-7230 or Peggy Lacey (girls) at 696-4603.



### Kubis champions

Back Mountain National won the 2000 Kubis Tournament for 11-year-old Little League players. From left, front row: Greg Harris, Chris DeRojas, John Giampetro, Jeff Clemente, Mike Stolarick, Mike Zaleskas. Second row: Brad Fagula, Ryan Konopki, Dylan Seeley, Brendan Delaney, Ken Pollock, Steven Cornia. Back row: Coach John Giampetro, Manager Dave Konopki, Coach Rob Seeley.



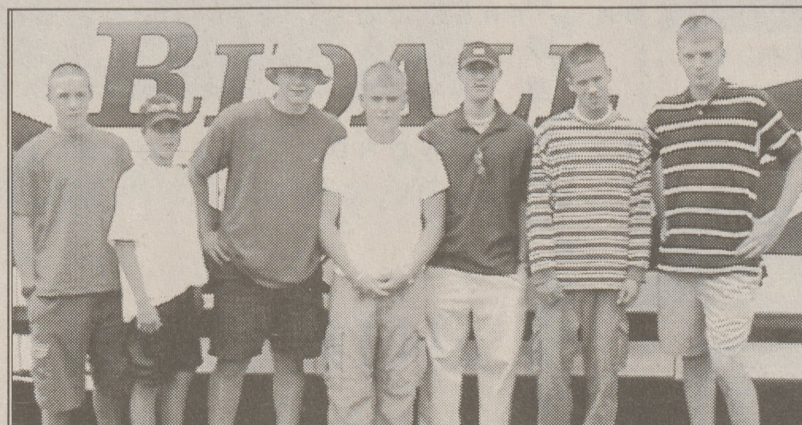
### Tuning up

The Dallas boys soccer squad participated in a four-game scrimmage tournament Saturday, hosted by Abington Heights. Teams from Tunkhannocka and Binghamton also took part.

Dallas players pictured during the game against Binghamton, clockwise from left: Josh Katyl stayed out front of a defender; Ryan Love tried to keep pace; Paul Shiber showed some fancy footwork.

Dallas opens its district title defense at home Wed., Sept. 6 against Hazleton.

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### Soccer players visit Brazil

Back Mountain area soccer players were members of a team from North Eastern Pennsylvania that recently traveled to Brazil to train and play soccer under the coaching of Mark Stroney.

While on their 2 1/2 week trip, the team trained and played with Brazilian soccer players, visited orphanages and schools and enjoyed the culture and beauty of coastal Brazil.

Players are, from left: Andy Harrison, Terry Ruger, B.J. Lewis, Josh Katyl, Jason Mahle, Chris Kabosky and Cliff Culver.

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