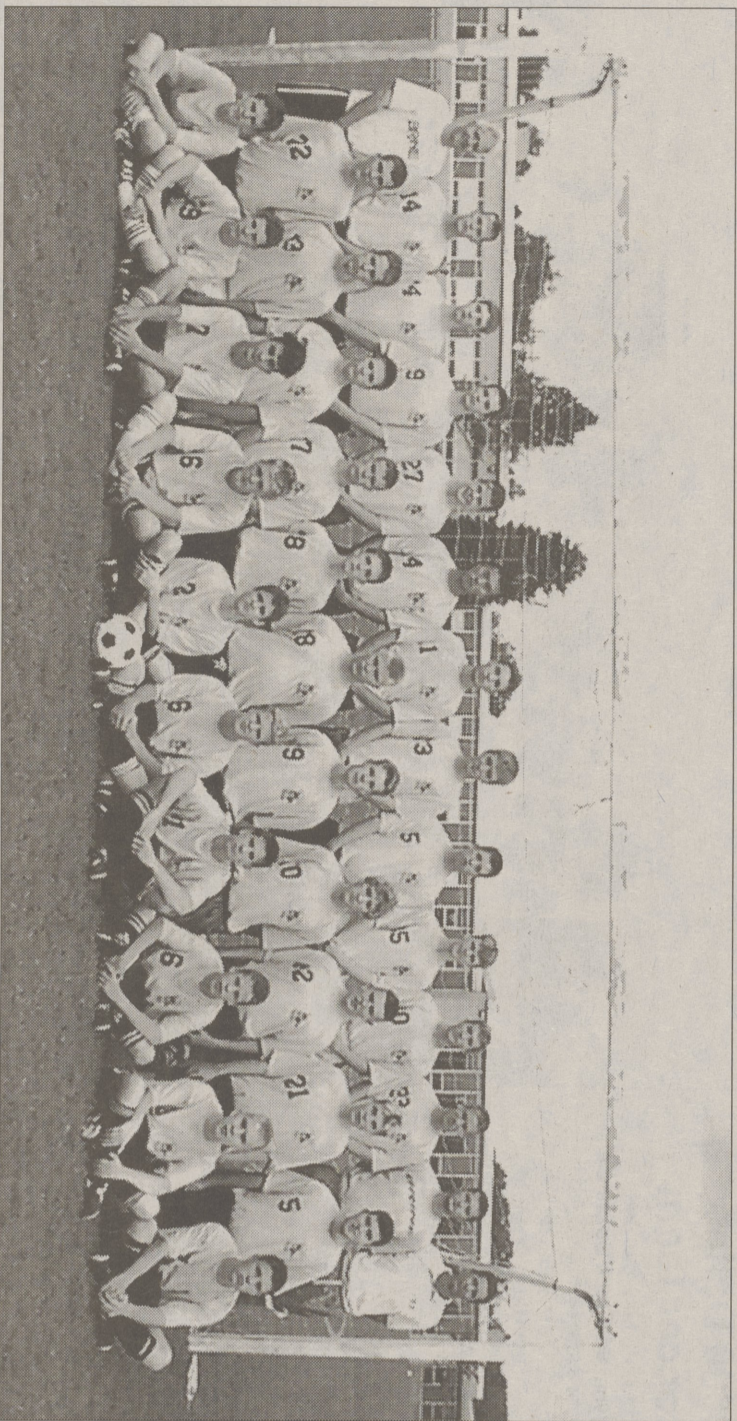


2000 Lake-Lehman soccer team

From left, first row: Chris Benoit, Josh Wysocki, Zach Deubler, Tyler Vansloy, Greg Kostrobala, Josh Johnson, T.J. Dougherty, Nathan Carsman, Ryan Verdekai, Angelo Georgetti. Second row: Dan Fuhr, Justin Steele, Scott Lozo, Aaron Moyer, Brian McAlhoun, BJ Lewis, David Walters, Chip Harrison, Curtis Mulhern, Mark Kapral, Felipe Oliveira. Third row: Gary Norconk (Asst.), Aaron Moyer, Jared Salta, Nick Casaldi, Craig Kasper, Josh Gregg, Michael Niezgodka, Cliff Cuiver, Joe Mikeski, Phil Weaver, Jason Mahle, Chris Kabosky, Tim Norconk (Asst.), Mark Stroney (Head Coach).



Black Knights depleted, but far from weaponless

By RONALD BARTIZEK
Post Staff

The team lost most of its scoring punch at graduation in June, but Lake-Lehman soccer coach Mark Stroney still thinks his Black Knights could challenge Dallas for the district championship. The Mountaineers beat Lehman in last year's district title game after two years of frustrating losses.

"We still talk about it (the loss to Dallas)," Stroney says. "Our big challenge this year is figuring out who's going to score goals." The players who scored 81 percent of the Lehman goals last year are gone, and he's busy trying new options at the forward positions. He mentions Chip Harrison, Jason Mahle, freshman Tyler Van Scoy and P.J. Dougherty - even standout midfielder David Walters as players who will get a chance to score.

With 34 players out - "It's a good number to work with," Stroney says - the defense looks good. We held our own at graduation, with key fullbacks B.J. Lewis, Steve Moyer and Josh Gregg returning, and new faces like Aaron Moyer to fill in. The key spot, goalkeeper, is less certain. "That is probably our biggest unknown," Stroney says.

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the conference. Tough games await Dallas when they go up against Wyoming Valley West and Lake-Lehman.

"They (Lake-Lehman) are usually one of the top teams in the state, so if you can beat them you know you can beat almost anyone in the state," says Scharf. He also knows that it's "important for our confidence" to come away with a victory against Lehman.

Expect an attacking team from the Mountaineers with all their experience. Hoffmann is one of the top goalies in the area and he makes up for the few mistakes

Lake-Lehman SOCCER

All-conference goalie Russ Mosier graduated to Harvard, and he was such a force for so long that no one else got much experience. Stroney had counted on freshman prospect Phil Kurillo, but a broken foot has sidelined him for the season. So Harrison, who had played in goal earlier in his career and Roger Virel have been trying the position. Virel got a leg up with good performances in two scrimmages played Saturday, and may have the starting nod.

The Black Knights get an early test at Wyoming Valley West in a night game Sept. 14. "We traditionally do well there," Stroney says, although the Spartans may be spoiling for revenge because Lehman embarrassed them at home last year.

Lehman also plays a night game Monday, Sept. 11 at Tunkhannock, with the junior varsity starting at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity contest following, probably at about 7 p.m.

A rearrangement in the league could work in Lehman's favor, Stroney thinks, and he feels a Dallas/Lehman rematch for

the district championship is possible. "The change in the league may hurt Dallas more than us," he says.

Stroney feels the Knights are in the top four or five teams, provided they can stay healthy. "We're definitely not a deep team," he says, so they can't afford any injuries.

But they performed well in two scrimmages Saturday, including a win over Eastern Lehigh County, a traditional power at playoff time.

"The districts will be a key for us," Stroney says. And he should know, since he's had his team there so many times.

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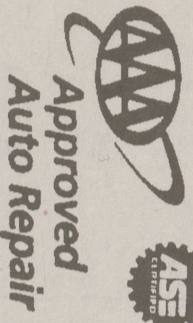
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2000 Dallas field hockey

From left, first row: Kate Benedetti, Lauren Patton, Amie Tkaczyk, Janelle Opello, Jamie Coleman, Megan Riley, Mollie Savage, Daisy Neiman. Second row: Nancy Shaw (head coach), Carrie Strasser, Rae Ellen Zekas, Cassie Yedessko, Jess Fields, Jackie Stajewski, Emily Fritz, Amanda Coleman, Meredith Lacey, Jonelle Pall (asst. coach). Third row: Heather Shultz, Kelly Brzozowski, Camille Valvano, Melonie Sappe, Erin Swepton, Shannon Thomas, Ashleigh King, Jacqueline Hardwick.



Mountaineers will build around an experienced core

By RONALD BARTIZEK
Post Staff

After standing in Ron Moran's shadow for eight years, Nancy Shaw has stepped into the limelight as head coach of the Dallas field hockey team. She has fond memories of her former mentor. "It was a great experience working with him," she says.

Along with Moran, a good portion of the team's experience left at the end of last year. "I lost my whole defense to graduation," Shaw says. "That's what hurts this year. I'm still trying to put it together." There's plenty of experience on the team, if not as starters, since 11 of the 24 players are seniors. A potential big asset, sophomore Rachel Kukosky, won't be playing as she recovers from a knee injury suffered in the spring. There's a good crop of freshmen, and Shaw thinks a couple may work their way into the starting lineup.

The returning strength includes a key position, with senior Melonie Sappe in goal for the fourth year. "She's such an asset," the coach says. The midfield also looks solid, with seniors Amy Tkaczyk and Jess Fields, and junior Kate Benedetti returning. "That's where we're going to be strong," Shaw says. "They work really well together." Veteran forwards Molly Savage and

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"I lost my whole defense to graduation. That's what hurts this year."
Nancy Shaw
Field hockey coach

Daisy Neiman will lead the offense, which Shaw feels is ahead of the defense early in the season. But there are concerns there, too. "At this moment, we're not scoring. We've never been a scoring team," she says. They'll need to find the net more than last year to get into the playoff hunt, which Dallas missed for the first time in years last season. Shaw sees the usual top foes in Lake-Lehman and Crestwood as the teams to beat again this season. Shaw, a 1981 Dallas graduate, coached at the middle school from 1987 until becoming varsity assistant in 1992. In that time her teams won the only two district championships Dallas has claimed in the last 14 years and helped mold key varsity players. She's hoping the same thing will happen with Joyce Himmer, who

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is also the varsity softball coach, now at the helm of the middle school program. Jonelle Pall, who played at Lake-Lehman before graduating in 1991, then two years at Susquehanna, is assisting Shaw this season.



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Sept. 14	Hanover	H	3:30	Sept. 30	Wallenpaukpack	A	TBA
Sept. 15	Bloomsburg	A	TBA	Oct. 3	Crestwood	H	3:30
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