

# The Dallas Post

# SportsWeek

Section 2

## Ricky Branco's chance of a lifetime

By HEATHER B. JONES  
Post Staff

**DALLAS** - One of Ricky Branco's mother's cherished memories is of her son as a toddler running around the house in his diapers kicking a soccer ball.

As a junior at Dallas High School Ricky is still running around kicking a soccer ball, and now he has the chance of a lifetime.

One day at school Ricky received a letter from the American Soccer Ambassadors Program. The letter was an invitation to play soccer in some of the world's best known profes-

*"It's something I really enjoy doing and I'm just glad that soccer is still fun for me."*

**Ricky Branco**  
Dallas junior

"but my parents say I have been kicking around a soccer ball since I could walk."

As a forward for the Dallas High School soccer team, Ricky scored 45 goals and had 17 assists during the 2000 season. The rest of the year he plays for the Back Mountain Blast travel team.

"It's something I really enjoy doing and I'm just glad that soccer is still fun for me," Ricky said.

Every chance he gets Ricky is either at the soccer field or in

See BRANCO, pg 10

sional stadiums in England, Belgium and Holland from July 30 to August 13. Shock and excitement where Ricky's initial reactions.

"I started playing soccer when I was 4 years old," Ricky said,



RICKY BRANCO

## Anzalone will play for Catholic U

Bishop Hoban's Tony Anzalone will play wide receiver for Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Tony rushed for over 1,000 yards for Bishop Hoban this season and was assured walk-on positions at Penn State, Pitt, and South Carolina when he demonstrated his wide receiver skills.

In his last two games, he had



TONY ANZALONE

11 receptions for 220 yards and a game high for 153 yards. Tony played most of the season as quarterback obtaining 792 yards rushing.

"Catholic will provide me an excellent education in business and law, and I will have my best chance of playing college football," Anzalone said. Catholic University is a NCAA Division III University in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

Tony has maintained a 3.5 GPA and high honors status while at Bishop Hoban. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. A. Anthony Anzalone, Shavertown.

## Knights split playoffs

The Knights advanced in district playoffs with an opening round home shutout against Delaware Valley, 4-0. Midfielder Janna Elston set the tone early with a goal in the third minute. Ruda then scored midway through the half, Joelle Lussi added to the lead early in the second half. Three minutes later Lisa Wasser scored for the final margin of victory.

But on Monday, the Knights couldn't hold onto a three goal lead and fell to Coughlin 5-4. Wasser, Casey Horvath and Frank gave Lehman a 3-0 lead, but Coughlin scored late in the first half. A second Wasser goal wasn't enough, as Coughlin scored four more times to win.

In photo at right, Lisa Wasser kept a DelVal defender at bay. Below, Stephanie Frank moved the ball upfield.

POST PHOTOS/JIM PHILLIPS



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### BASEBALL

#### Lake-Lehman 6, Wyoming Area 4

The Knights were able to put an end to their losing streak with a win last Tuesday. A big three-run bottom of the third pushed Lake-Lehman to a 3-0 lead that would never be lost. Steven Moyer's solo homerun was the big blast in the game. Jon Sharkus went 2-2 with a double and a triple and two runs batted in. Charlie Besteder was the winning pitcher, throwing four innings and striking out five while only giving up one run. Zack Ragukas added a double offensively.

#### Lake-Lehman 3, Wyoming Area 1

The Knights defeated the Warriors for the second time in the week, this time by a score of 3 to 1. Wyoming Area got the first run of the game in the bottom of the third, but two for Lehman in the fifth and one more in the sixth allowed it to escape with the road win. Dusty Kapson finished with two rbi's and a run scored in the game. Zack Ragukas finished with two singles in four at-bats. Winning pitcher again was Besteder, who gave up one hit in four innings. He finished with four strikeouts.

### SOFTBALL

#### Hanover Area 3, Dallas 0

The Dallas girls could not manage a run in their loss to Hanover Area in action last week. The Hawkeyes got two runs in the bottom of the second and one more in the fifth to account for the scoring.

### Lake-Lehman Boosters golf tournament

The Lake-Lehman 'girls and boys' basketball boosters clubs will hold the 4th Annual Golf Tournament June 23, at Four Seasons Golf Club, Exeter. The format is captain and crew, starting at 1 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes the golf cart, meal, and prizes. The tournament is the booster clubs' main fundraiser, which pays for summer leagues. Anyone interested in being a 'hole' sponsor or participating as a golfer can register by calling Kevin Coombs at 639-2699.

Meredith Lacey had the Mountaineer hit in finishing 1-3.

#### Hanover Area, 4 Lake-Lehman 3

The Hawkeyes completed their sweep of the Back Mountain squads with a one-run victory over the Knights. Hanover got on the board early, scoring three in the first and one more in the second. Lehman's scoring came in the bottom of the fourth, highlighted by Tracey Hudak's homerun. Colleen Mahon finished with a double and a triple in three at-bats.

Carla Chiampi pitched seven strong innings, giving up just five hits and two earned runs. She struck out six.

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Lake-Lehman 2, Wyoming Area 0

The Knights romped the Warriors 15-2, 15-5 last Wednesday on the road. Josh Baranowski had a nice all-around performance, finishing with four kills, nine points including three aces, 16 assists, and a block. Matt Dunn had seven kills and a block up front, while Josh Gregg ended the evening with four kills and a pair of blocks.

#### Lake-Lehman 2, Nanticoke Area 0

The Trojans offered some competition, but the Knights still held strong 15-8, 15-12. Matt Dunn was big along the front line, tallying 12 kills and eight blocks. Josh Gregg had eight kills and two blocks to complement Dunn's performance. B.J. Lewis added 13 assists, and a pair of aces, blocks, and kills, while Josh Baranowski finished with 15 assists and three kills.

## DeRojas drives in winning run in 7th to lead Reds

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

#### Reds 10, Yankees 9

Chris DeRojas drove home Andrew Kirk with the winning run with 2 outs in the 7th inning as the Reds nipped the Yankees. DeRojas and Mike Prater, who doubled twice, each had 3 hits for the Reds. Kirk and Mike Dutil each singled twice for the winners. Prater and Greg Harris each struck out 8 Yankees. John Ashley ripped 4 hits, including a double, for the Yankees. Eric Koval had a triple and 2 singles while Robert Smith had 2 singles.

#### Pirates 5, Phillies 3

Peter Steve, Scott Summa and Steven Cornia combined to pitch a 3-hitter for the Pirates. Steve singled 3 times while Brad Fagula collected 2 hits and Cornia doubled. For the Phillies, Billy Holena and Ryan Konopki combined to strike out 9 batters. Richard Jayne contributed a double.

#### Orioles 15, Dodgers 7

Tom Parrish batted and pitched the Orioles to victory over the Dodgers. At the plate, Parrish homered, tripled and singled. On the mound, he struck out 9 Dodgers. Josh Clay collected 2 singles and Eric Tucker doubled for the winners. For the Dodgers, John Giampietro blasted a double and 2 singles while Jeff Clemente singled twice. Giampietro and Mike Davies combined to strike out 6 Orioles.

#### Reds 10, Tigers 0

Chris DeRojas pitched a 2-hitter,

striking out 7, as the Reds blanked the Tigers. DeRojas also doubled and singled twice to lead the offense. Mike Prater, Greg Harris, Mike Dutil and Andrew Kirk each each had 2 hits for the winners, including a Prater home run and a Harris double.

#### Pirates 11, Red Sox 5

Tom Horn allowed only 1 hit in 4 innings on the mound for the Pirates. Steven Cornia collected 3 hits and

Michael McAndrew had a double and a single for the winners.

#### A's 12, Red Sox 7

Robert Hayes and Len Hinson each doubled as the A's outslugged the Red Sox. Joe Hayes added 2 singles for the winners. Adam Singer and Steven Zubko combined to fan 8 Red Sox batters. Andrew Judge and Cliff Puanaschi each double for the Sox.

#### A's 5, Tigers 3

Adam Singer struck out 8 en route to the victory. Robert Hayes ripped a triple and a single while Evan Razawich doubled for the A's. Brian Feleccia slugged 2 doubles for the Tigers.

#### A's 10, Giants 7

Adam Singer and Robert Hayes each collected 3 singles while teammate Joe Hayes had 2 hits as the A's picked up their third victory of the week. Cody Kustrin banged out 3 hits for the Giants. Mike Zaleskas and Doug Harding added 2 hits apiece.

#### Dodgers 7, Astros 6

Brendan Delaney singled in the winning run in the bottom half of the 6th inning as the Dodgers downed the Astros. The hit was Delaney's second of the game. Tom Oswalt added a double for the winners. Jeff Clemente and Mike Davies combined to strike out 8 for the Dodgers. Jon Janerich singled twice for the Astros. Janerich and Dan Taroli combined for 6 strikeouts on the mound.

See BMT BASEBALL, pg 10



POST PHOTOS/JIM PHILLIPS

Tigers pitcher Greg Jerzak let one fly in Little League action last week.



Evan Razawich tried to slide into home under Dan Jacobs's tag, but he was called out.