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Lehman wins field hockey matchup over Mountaineers

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LAKE-LEHMAN - Any sports competition which pits Lake-Lehman against Dallas is guaranteed to be a high octane contest, and field hockey is no exception.

Lake-Lehman played host to Dallas the afternoon of Sept. 22 for the rivalry matchup of the Lady Mountaineers vs. the Lady Black Knights.

Lake-Lehman wasted no time in putting a point up on the scoreboard. At 1:34 in the game, a penalty stroke was called against Dallas, when first-year Dallas Goalie Rosalyn Wentko fell to the ground during an ear-

ly Lehman offensive drive to the goal. The penalty was called because Wentko touched the ball with her hand when she was down on the ground.

Megan DeCesaris took the penalty shot for Lehman and scored the first point of the game. It was the second time this season Megan has been called upon to take a penalty stroke. She has scored both times.

"You can never recreate that pressure situation in practice," said Jean Lipski, Lake-Lehman coach.

"We were very pleased with how we played the first 10 to 15 minutes of the game," Lipski said about her team, which



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Dallas goalie Rosalyn Wentko defended her goal but has a penalty stroke called on her while she was down for touching the ball with her hand.

spent much of that time dominating Dallas.

But it didn't last long, Dallas's defense was able to hold their own against the Lady Black Knights.

"The Dallas defense was very good. They were solid and knew where to put the ball," Lipski said. That was one of the challenges her team faced when trying to score a second goal.

"In the second half, we came back strong," said Nancy Shaw, Dallas coach, but it wasn't enough. Shaw thought the penalty shot shook her young team a bit.

Lake-Lehman's second goal was scored by Amy Ruda with an assist by Joelle Lussi with 4:33 left in the game.

"We lacked in the area of scoring this year," Shaw said. Her team has been faced with that challenge all season.

Lake-Lehman had 9 shots on goal and 7 penalty corners. Goalie Tracey Hudack had 5 saves.

Dallas had 6 shots on goal and 4 penalty corners. Wentko had 3 saves.



Lehman's Joelle Lussi makes a break away from Dallas's defense.



Dallas's Rachel Kukosky battles for the ball with Lehman's Meredith Edwards.

Dallas player, WWV victory reinstated

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DALLAS - It's a win-win situation for the Dallas High School football team. The team will regain its first win of the season and a starting player.

The District 2 PIAA committee has ruled that not only can Duane Short play for Mountaineers, but that Dallas will retain its season opening win against Wyoming Valley West.

Eligibility has been granted to Short for the entire school year, said Dr. Gilbert Griffiths, district superintendent. That means Short was eligible according to the PIAA rules to play in the Dallas - Wyoming Valley West game.

Short was thought to be ineligible due to a PIAA semester rule. According to PIAA requirements, students have eight semesters of athletic eligibility starting in ninth grade. Short has begun his ninth semester since entering ninth grade.

Dallas appealed the eligibility requirement after it was brought to the district's attention by the Berwick football program. Dallas appealed to District 2 under the "situations beyond a student's control" clause in the rule.

"I think they acted in best interest of the boy and the school," said Jack Wolensky, Dallas Athletic Director, regarding the PIAA decision.

It was a learning experience for Wolensky. "We really have to be careful with all of our athletes," he said.

"We're proud of the fact our team hung in there and our coaching staff hung in there," Wolensky said.

Dallas's overall season record now stands with 3 wins and 1 loss. They travel to Wallenpaupack for a game Friday night.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Dallas captures third big win of the season

In their third win of the season, the Mountaineers' offense crossed the goal line five times, while their defense shut down the Crusaders, resulting in a 32-0 whitewash. Chuck Suppon connected on 7-of-13 passes for 134 yards.

The first touchdown came in the first quarter from Jeremy Harris, who ran in from six yards out. In the second quarter, Suppon connected with Duane Short and Jeremy Harris, for two more touchdowns. All three extra point/two point conversion attempts failed, leading to an 18-0 halftime score.

A.J. Harris added the fourth touchdown with a 1-yard run in the third quarter. Suppon sealed the victory when he rushed 19 yards on a keeper up the middle with 6:28 left in the final quarter.

The Mountaineers' record now stands at 3-1 overall and 1-1 in their division.

Berwick 41, Lake-Lehman 12

Although they trailed by only seven points at halftime, the Black Knights could not contain the Bulldogs' offense in the second half, leading to a crushing defeat.

Three fumble recoveries resulted in three trips inside the Bulldogs' red zone, but the Black Knights failed to score in the first half. Berwick managed only one touchdown, keeping the Black Knights in the game with a halftime score of 7-0.

The second half began with another fumble recovery, but again the Black Knights were unable to capitalize. After back-to-back Berwick touchdowns, Lehman's Josh Kuwaye scored with a 65-yard run. The Bulldogs added another touchdown leading to a score of 28-6 at the end of the third quarter.

Although Lehman scored again in the fourth quarter with 16-yard pass from Zach Ragukas to Dave Strenfel, the



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Ryan Gryskewicz had a long interception return during the Dallas victory over Coughlin.

Bulldogs added two more rushing touchdowns to finish the game.

Kuwaye rushed 28 times for 176 yards and gained 44 more yards on 7 receptions for a total of 220 yards. Quarterback Zach Ragukas was 11 of 19 for 87 yards.

Lehman hosts Williamsport Saturday.

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In the first half, Dave Walters and Nathan Carsman both scored a goal and had an assist, resulting in a 2-1

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BMT golfers finish 1-2 in pre-districts

The Wyoming Valley conference held its pre-district golf tournament at Edgewood in the Pines on September 17, 2001. One hundred and four of the conference's best golfers played. The top 36 finishers out of the 96 boys and the top four finishers out of the 8 girls will advance to the district tournament to be held on October 2 at Scranton Municipal Golf Course. Two Back Mountain golfers did very well. Wyoming Seminary's Greg Mascioli finished first with a 76. Lake-Lehman's Justin Boyer tied for second with a 78.

Archery deer season opens Saturday

Pennsylvania's 50th archery deer season opens Sat., Sept. 29.

In 2001, the regulatory stage heading into the fall archery deer season opener is structured somewhat similar to 2000's, but there are some differences. For instance, last year's 'private land' antlerless licenses have been replaced by 'unsold' antlerless licenses. The primary difference between the two license types is that the private lands restriction has been removed. A hunter can harvest antlerless deer on public or private lands with all antlerless licenses.

Another change bowhunters will encounter is that they will be sharing the woods with more deer hunters during their season, which runs from Sept. 29 to Nov. 10. Flintlock muzzleloader antlerless deer season will run from Oct. 13-20.

GOH annual golf tournament

The Gate of Heaven School Athletic Committee will be holding their Annual Golf Tournament on Fri., Oct. 5 at Four Seasons Golf Club, Exeter. The \$55 per person fee includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. The format of play will be captain & crew. Four vacation packages will be awarded for the first hole-in-one on four designated holes. Lunch will be at noon, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Children over six years may enter, if playing with their parents. Children under 16 only \$45 if paid by Sept. 21. For further info or to register, call Jim Reino at 696-4966 or Mark Sobek at 639-5515.

ABCD tourney results

Irem Temple Country Club Ladies Day ABCD Tourney results from Sept. 18. 1st place: Diane Kocik; Jane Lloyd; Shirley Richardson. 2nd place: JoAnn Freeman; Sheila Yaple; Julie Conklin. 3rd place: Bok Choi; JoAnne Bittner; Corrine Sgarlat; Esther Saba. Putting Prize: 4th Flight; Anne Nicholson.

Penn State alumni plan football trip

The Alumni Society of Penn State Wilkes-Barre is planning a bus trip to the Homecoming Football Game on November 3, Penn State vs. Southern Mississippi. The cost includes game ticket, bus transportation, and tailgate parties before and after the game. For reservations or more information, please call Ann Saxton at 675-9202 or e-mail: asaxton@psu.edu.