

THE DALLAS POST

Sports Week

Section 2

Lehman gets another shot

Will the third time be the charm? The Lake-Lehman field hockey team will find out Saturday when they meet Wyoming Seminary for the state championship.

Both teams finished the regular season undefeated, but Lehman came on top because they had only one tie, and Sem had two, one of them with the Lady Black Knights. But Sem turned the tables in the district championship, winning 2-1, as both teams advanced to the state playoffs. Now it will come down to a game Saturday at 10 a.m. at Messiah College in Grantham. It will be the first time in the history of the Wyoming Valley Conference that two WVC teams have played for a state title.

Lehman won Tuesday's semi-final against Middleburg 3-0 behind to goals from Carla Chiampi and one by Carrie Stolarick. Sem beat Lehighton by the same score earlier in the day, scoring three times in the final 14 minutes of play.

Lehman is trying for its second state championship, to go with the trophy they won in 1996.



Lake Lehman's Amy Ruda (13) pushes the ball upfield past Middletown's Heather Hassinger (35) in Tuesday's state field hockey semifinal.



Lake Lehman's Tara Bath (20) tries to poke the ball away from a Middletown player during Tuesday's field hockey state semifinal.

Bartolini helps Susquehanna hockey team return to playoffs

Sophomore attack Brittany Bartolini a Dallas High School graduate, contributed on the



BRITTANY BARTOLINI

Susquehanna University field hockey team which finished the season at 8-10 overall, 4-3 and in fourth place in the Commonwealth Conference under 27th year head coach Connie Harnum. Bartolini played in three games this season and was part of a Susquehanna offense that outscored its opponents 31-29. Susquehanna qualified for the conference tournament, where they lost a 5-0 decision to National Field Hockey Coaches Association fifth-ranked Messiah in the conference semifinals. The team's 10 losses were deceiving as Susquehanna lost seven of the 10 decisions to teams that were ranked in the NFHCA Top 20 during the season. An business major, she is the daughter of Louis and Sharon Bartolini of Dallas.

Eye Care edges Gordon in 3 OTs

Eric Domzalski scored a game-high 27 points to lead Eye Care Specialists to a 43-41 triple overtime win against Gordon Insurance in Dallas Youth Basketball's seventh and eighth grade boys division. Jeff Decker added eight points for the winners, while Guy Carpenter finished with seven. Robbie Myers scored 26 points to lead Gordon Insurance. Teammate Robbie Tomko added seven.

Dean Witter 49, House of Nutrition 31

Adam Singer, Ben Thomas and Sean McAndrew combined for 47 of their team's 49 points to lead Morgan, Stanley, Dean Witter. Singer finished with 19 points, while Thomas and McAndrew added 15 and 13 points, respectively. Nick Samanas led House of Nutrition with 14 points. Jesse Swartwood added eight points, while Steve Zupko chipped in with six.

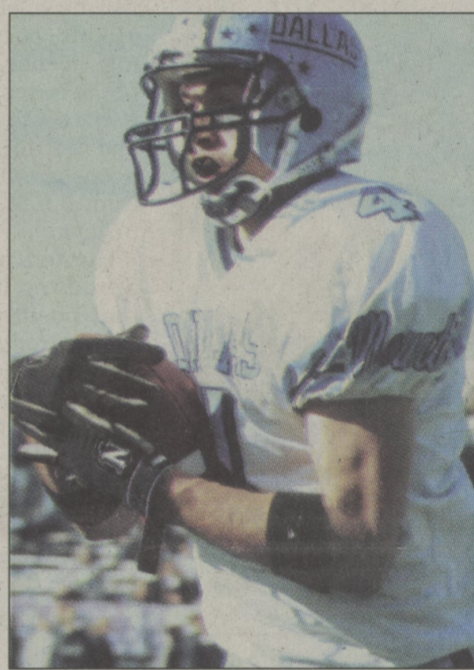
Sneaker King 43, Gilroy Realtors 35

David Harding led all scorers with 29 points as Sneaker King used a strong second quarter effort en route to the win. David Luksh added six points for the winners. Mike Race scored a team-high 17 points for Gilroy. Adam King also scored in double figures, finishing with 10 points.

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Dawgs' day. In left photo, John Simonitis (66) hauled down the Berwick quarterback in last weekend's game at Crispin Field. Duane Short, top right, headed for the end zone after pulling in a pass from Dallas signal caller Chuck Suppon. The touchdown play was 53 yards. The "Mountain Man," Matt Mark, wasn't looking too well late in the game. More photos on page 10.



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Mounts' season ends with a 2nd painful loss to Berwick

For the second week in a row, the Mountaineers suffered a heart-wrenching defeat at the hands of the Bulldogs. After a scoreless first quarter, Dallas scored two touchdowns in the second period to take a 14-0 lead. The Mountaineers' first touchdown was a 5-yard run by Ryan Bolton. Their second touchdown came on a 53-yard play when Chuck Suppon threw a short pass to Duane Short who ran down the sideline into the end zone. Berwick closed the gap to 14-9 by halftime with a touchdown and field goal. Berwick's defense kept Dallas scoreless in the second half, while their offense put another touchdown on the scoreboard. Their two-point conversion attempt failed, leading to the 15-14 final score.

The game was sealed by a bizarre play that took place with about eight minutes left in the game. After a Berwick field goal attempt fell short of the goal line, Ryan Gryskewicz picked up the ball and began running it up the Dallas sideline. At the same time, Dallas players, exulting at the miss, crowded onto the field. Gryskewicz bumped into a teammate and the ball came loose, with Berwick recovering.

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Sting places second in Whitewater Cup

Back Mountain Sting recently captured second place in the U-13 girls Whitewater Cup Classic soccer tournament. They won their first game despite playing with one less player than their opponent. They played their final two games without any available player substitutions. Back Mountain Sting players, from left, first row: Jaime Lipski, Kendra Sirak, Krissy Stanks, Abby Sordoni, Erin Sutliff, and Lisa Giacometti. Second row: Sting fan Megan Deubler, Alicia Evans, Jacqueline Thomas, Marissa Harrison, Stephanie Pace, Caroline Boris, Emily Deubler, and coach Jeff Pace.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Mountaineers suffer only loss in playoffs

With this disappointing loss, the Dallas soccer team's perfect season came to a sudden stop. Middletown scored first, but Dallas answered with a goal from Ryan Love, assisted by Andrew George. Middletown scored again, resulting in a 2-1 deficit for Dallas at halftime. In the second half, Middletown scored three more times to take a 5-1 lead with 18 minutes left in the game. Ricky Branco, the leading scorer for Dallas, then scored an unassisted goal, moving the score to 5-2. Dallas was unable to score again, however, ending their 2001 season with a record of 22-1.

FIELD HOCKEY

Lake-Lehman 2, Christopher Dock 1 (2 OT)

Lehman moved on in post-season play with another exciting overtime win. The Lady Black Knights trailed 1-0 at halftime. In the second half, sophomore Carrie Stolarick, who replaced the injured Joelle Lussi, scored by tipping in a hard shot by Carla Chiampi. Regulation ended with a 1-1 tie, forcing overtime. With the injured Lussi remaining on the bench, the first overtime ended without a score. Able to return to the game in the second overtime, Lussi proceeded to score the winning goal for Lehman on an assist from Edwards. Lehman outshot their opponents 12-5, and fought off nine Christopher Dock corners.

Back Mt. Soccer indoor soccer to start

Teams are now being sought for the winter 2002 indoor soccer league held at the Penn State Lehman Gymnasium by the Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association. Teams from U-8 and up will be considered at a fee of \$4 per team. The league runs from January 4, 2002 to March 10, 2002 with play on weekends only. Deadline for applications is December 1. Call Tom Kinter at 675-2341 or 814-8567 for more info or visit www.bmysa.org and download the registration form.

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