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Tournament will honor late Rodger Bearde

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LEHMAN - The Lake-Lehman girls basketball team will honor a long-time friend of the school district, the late Rodger Bearde, on the weekend of November 30. Bearde served the Lake-Lehman district for over 24 years — as a teacher, coach, and athletic director — until his untimely death on June 23, 2000.

Robert Roberts, now Lake-Lehman Superintendent, has fond memories of Bearde. Roberts, who was the middle school principal at the time, reminisced about Bearde's coaching style. "Bearde was hard-working and driven for per-

fection. He was known for his fiery disposition," said Roberts. "He was very animated. We enjoyed watching his coaching methods as much as we enjoyed watching the game."

A graduate of Springford High School, Bearde was an All-Scholastic in baseball, football, and basketball. In his senior year of high school, he was named Outstanding Three-Sport Athlete for the Berks, Chester, and Montgomery counties. He was a graduate of West Chester University and signed a bonus contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Bearde coached for eight years at Wilkes University before coming to

Lake-Lehman. During his years as head coach of boys basketball, the team made nine district playoff appearances and won the Wyoming Valley Championship twice. The highlight of his career was the 1992-93 season when the team made it to the PIAA Class AAA eastern state semifinals, finishing as one of the top eight teams the state.

In February of 2000, Bearde was one of the first three members inducted into the Lake-Lehman Basketball Hall of Fame. Rob Wilson, coach of the Lake-Lehman girls varsity basketball team, played for Bearde from 1986 to 1990.

"Bearde was an 'old school' coach. When the players believed in what he did, and if they wanted to work hard, he made them better than they were. He got the most out of what they gave him," said Wilson. "He taught us to be straight-forward, to do what's right, and to have confidence in ourselves."

The basketball tournament will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30. In the first game, Marion Catholic faces Dallas. The second game, Wyoming Seminary vs. Lake-Lehman, will begin at 7:30. The two losing teams will play for third place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. At 7:30 the two teams who won on Friday will play for the championship.



POST FILE PHOTO

Rodger Bearde was flanked by two of his former players when all three were inducted into the Lake-Lehman Basketball Hall of Fame in February, 2000. Rich Davis was on Bearde's right, and Dave Penkrot was on his left.

3rd overtime win in 4 games for MSDW

Adam Singer, John Ashley and Ben Thomas combined for all but one of their team's points as Morgan Stanley Dean Witter remained undefeated in Dallas Youth Basketball's seventh and eighth grade boys division with a 53-51 overtime win against Eye Care Specialists.

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Singer scored a team-high 23 points, while Ashley and Thomas added 16 and 15 points, respectively, as the winners raised their record to 4-0. It was the team's third overtime victory this season.

Eric Domzalski led Eye Care Specialists with a game-high 26 points. JJ Durr and Jeff Decker added nine points apiece, while Mike O'Day finished with five.

PNC Bank 43, Gilroy Realtors 32

Mike Clemente scored a game-high 16 points to lead PNC Bank. Brad Fagula added 12, while Billy DeAngelo and Alex Baltimore scored four points each.

Ryan Konopki scored a team-high 10 points to lead Gilroy. Mike Wyberski added eight points, while Mike Race, Adam King and Dan Jacobs chipped in with four points each.

Wilkes-Barre Pallet 64, Sneaker King 54

Bobby Lenahan scored 28 points to lead Wilkes-Barre Pallet Co., which survived a 40-point performance by Sneaker King's David Harding. Connor Lenahan added 16 points for the winners, while Brandon Wills finished with 14.

In addition to Harding's performance, David Luksh scored 10 points for Sneaker King.

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Doctors sweep opening games

In the first game of the season, Dr. Jack Ellis defeated Smith Barney 28-18 behind Peter Steve's 12 points. Also contributing to the victory were Konrad Kraszewski with 8 points, Joe Bevevino with 4, and Joe Pretko and Garrett Hann with 2 each. Smith Barney was led by Chris Klais with 10 points and Chuck Youngman with 4. Devon O'Brien keyed the defense. Dr. Jack Ellis is coached by Peter Steve while Smith Barney is coached by Chuck Youngman.

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Renaissance Ctr 31, Dough Co. 13

Eric Tucker scored 17 points and Lee Daniel Culver has 6 as The Renaissance Center For Plastic Surgery topped The Dough Company 31-13. Also scoring for The Renaissance Center were Rory Corcoran with 4 points and Michael Mazur with 2. The team is coached by Jim Tucker. The Dough Company was led by Kyle Arnaud with 7 points and Joey Evans with 6. Aaron Hogan pulled down 11 rebounds while Ryan Williams led the defense. The Dough Company is coached by Bruce Sobocinski.

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Lake-Lehman is state runner-up



In their second trip to the state championship game in the last five years, Lehman finished as runner-up to Wyoming Seminary. This game was the first time, in any sport, that two teams from the Wyoming Valley Conference have met in a state championship. At their last appearance in the title game in 1996, Lehman won the state crown.

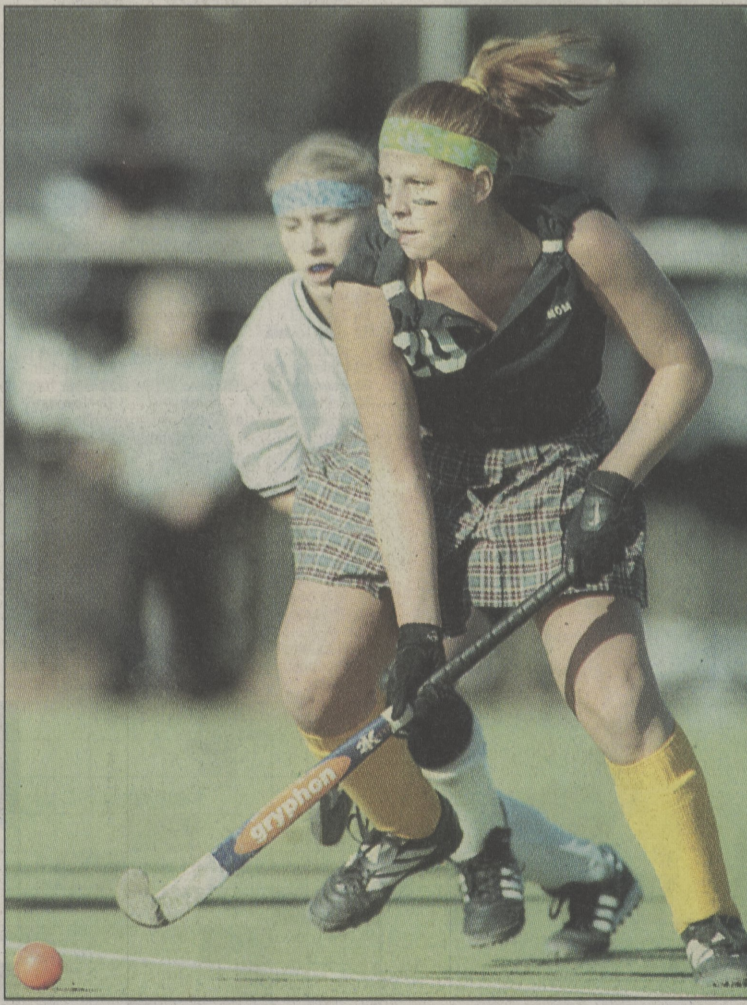
A defensive duel, the championship game remained scoreless until the final six minutes and 30 seconds when Seminary tapped a shot past goalie Tracey Hudak, who had six saves.

With less than a minute left to play, Lehman sent all its players up the field, hoping for a shot at the tying goal. Instead, the Blue Knights scored a second goal on a breakaway to seal the victory.

Lehman finishes the 2001 season with a record of 21-3-1. Joelle Lussi led the team in scoring with 20 goals and nine assists. Only losing three starters, seniors Lindsay Boris, Gina Coombs and Lussi, Lehman will return next year with a talented team looking for one more win.

In photos from the championship game at Messiah College Saturday, clockwise from top left: Lisa Wasser moves the ball as Wyoming Sem's Laura Suchoski defends; Meredith Edwards (13) drives the ball upfield; Megan Decesaris controls the ball ahead of Sem defenders; Wyoming Seminary's Marcy Vanderburg and Lake-Lehman's Ryan Hoover vie for control of the ball.

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U-11 Warriors post shutouts in County Cup, BMT championships

The Back Mountain Warriors U-11 soccer team recently captured the first place "County Cup" in the Luzerne County Recreational Board Soccer Tourney. The Warriors defeated the Pittston Area U-11 Stoners, 3-0, in the championship finals. Scoring goals to lead the offense were Steve Schilling, Stephen Olshemski and Tim Ropel. Alex Slocum and Peter Recchia played strong overall games, and the defense was led by Zack Major, Shane Grady and Bryan Weaver. Jimmy Dalkiewicz played a stellar game in goal.

The Warriors also won the Back Mountain U-11 championship by defeating the Express 4-0 in the finals. Steve Schilling scored two goals and Alex Slocum and Peter Recchia added one apiece. Tim Ropel and Stephen Olshemski contributed key assists and Jimmy Dalkiewicz and Zack Major combined for the shutout in goal. Shown, from left, first row: Vin Luise, Frank Kotowicz, Alex Slocum, Codie Dawes, Zack Major, Peter Recchia, Brian Ashton. Second row: Evan Zvikas, Bryce Shrake, Bryan Weaver, Stephen Olshemski, Shane Grady, Jimmy Dalkiewicz, Tim Ropel, Steve Schilling. Third row, from left: Jim Schilling, asst. coach; and Frank Olshemski, M.D., head coach.