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Knights are state champs!

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AMBLER — Lake-Lehman won its second field hockey state championship in a big way Saturday, shutting out Lancaster Mennonite 3-0 in the PIAA Class 2A field hockey title game at Wisahickon High School.

Senior center halfback Megan DeCesaris contributed a goal and an assist in the first half, and then had to decide whether to laugh or cry after the game ended.

"No words can describe this feeling," DeCesaris said. "When the game ended I started crying. The next second I was screaming with joy. It's an amazing feeling."

It also created a feeling of fulfillment and relief for the Black Knights (20-3, District 2 runner-up), who made it to the state final last year but lost in the championship game, 2-1, to Wyoming Valley Conference rival Wyoming Seminary.

"This was our last game," said senior midfielder Carla Chiampi said. "We wanted to put everything we had into it."

The Black Knights did just that and the result was a second state title. Lehman won the 2A crown in 1996, and is the second team from the WVC to win a pair of PIAA field hockey championships.

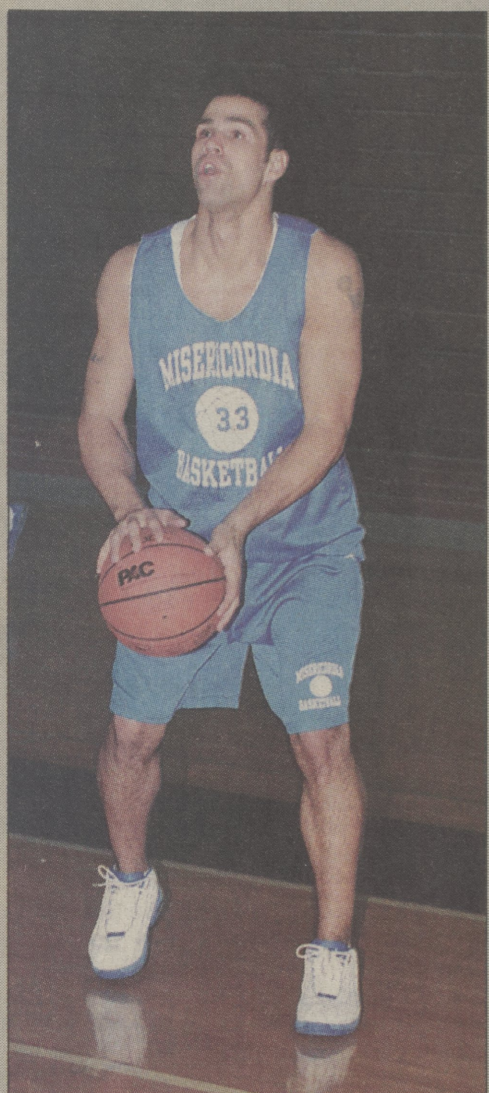
Crestwood also has captured two titles (1988 and 1999). Other teams in the WVC to win it all are Seminary (2001), Lackawanna Trail (1985) and Delaware Valley (1978). Trail and Delaware



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Lisa Wasser hugged teammate Amanda Sagan after winning the Pennsylvania Class 2A field hockey championship.

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Willie Chandler, College Misericordia's pre-season All-American selection, eyed up a shot during practice Monday night.

Cougars feeling good about season

By RICK NOTARI
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DALLAS TWP. — Coming off a school-record 19 victories, the College Misericordia men's basketball team enters this weekend's season-opening Laurel Line Tournament with high expectations for the 2002-2003 season.

The Cougars, who are led by two-time NCAA Division III scoring leader Willie Chandler, host Baptist Bible College at 8 p.m. Friday night to tip off the season. Brooklynn College and Marywood open the event at 6 p.m.

"We are very excited with everyone back," said Cougars head coach Dave Martin. "We had a terrific year last season and are expecting more of the same this year."

Martin enters his 13th season at the helm of the Cougars after leading College Misericordia to a 19-10 record a year ago, and a No. 2-seed in the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference playoffs. The veteran coach sees the strength of his team to be its experience and depth. The Cougars return senior starters Jason Perry, Scott Napkori and Brian Coyle, along with Chandler.

"We are very experienced this year and deeper than we've ever been," said Martin. "If we can stay healthy, it will be a special year."

A special season for Misericordia depends heavily on the health of Chandler, who after leading the nation in

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Kids invited to watch games, attend clinic

The College Misericordia men's basketball team will host a youth basketball clinic on Sunday, November 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Anderson Center on campus. To be eligible for the clinic, boys and girls are asked to attend either of the Cougars basketball games on Friday or Saturday wearing their youth basketball team's t-shirt or uniform. Any child wearing their youth basketball shirt or jersey will be granted free admission to the Laurel Line tournament games involving the Cougars, and will receive a coupon to attend the clinic for free.

"This is a way for us to get the kids out to see a game and develop a following," said head men's basketball coach Dave Martin. "It will help us improve attendance and give back to the community at the same time."

Murray's season-high 30 points leads Quality Collision to win

Patrick Murray scored 30 points and John Ashley 12 as Quality Collision handed CSI International, Inc. its first loss.

DYB 7-8 BOYS

Ryan Phillips added 10 points in Quality's 52-50 victory. CSI was led by Ryan Konopki with 20 points and Guy Carpenter with 10. Kyle Hazleton added 4 points.

Snyder & Clemente 56, Morgan Stanley 48

Brad Fagula scored 30 points and Jeff Clemente 10 as Snyder & Clemente edged Morgan Stanley 56-48. Alex Baltimore added 6 points for the winners. Adam Singer scored 23 points for Morgan Stanley, followed by Mike Kravitsky with 12 and Paul Kowalek with 5.

W-B Pallet 63, Fieldhouse 45

David Luksh and Connor Lenahan combined for 52 points as Wilkes-Barre Pallet

remained undefeated with a 63-45 win over The Fieldhouse. David Caruso added 2 for Wilkes-Barre Pallet. The Fieldhouse was led by Peter Steve and Mark Covert with 9 points each. Michael Tonart added 8 points and John Thompson 1.

Burger King 30, Summit Pointe 22

David Hanadal scored 8 points and Greg Jerzak 6 as Burger King edged Summit Pointe Builders 30-22. Garrett

Zobel added 4 points for Burger King. Myer Messinger led Summit Pointe with 15 points. Michael Gross and Jason Darling added 4 each while Zach Halbing led the rebounding.

Gordon Ins. 54, Sneaker King 9

Steven Zubko scored a career-high 31 points as Gordon Insurance defeated Sneaker King 54-9. Matt Alfano added 10 points and Darryl Rodgers 6 for Gordon. Stephen Dudas-cik added 1 point. Adam Barry scored 5 points for Sneaker

King and Cale Charney 4. Eric Butruce keyed the defense.

Snyder & Clemente 60, Renaissance Ctr. 26

Mike Gergel scored 12 points and Brenden Carr 10 as Snyder & Clemente topped Renaissance Center for Plastic Surgery 60-26. Peter Blanchard and Alex Zamojski added 8 points each for the winners. Renaissance was led by Eric Tucker with 14 points. Tommy Goughlightley added 2 points and Kyle Williams 1.

Back Mountain Stampede takes 2nd at Hempfield

The Back Mountain Stampede U-12 Boys Travel Soccer team, took second place this past weekend at The Hempfield Fall Classic Tournament in Lancaster. The Stampede won their games by scores of 10-0 and 4-1. The tournament was canceled late Saturday night due to severe weather

and field conditions. Although the Stampede took first in their bracket and won both their games played, they weren't able to win the overall championship due to the tie breaker rules. Members of the team are: Andy Besecker, Duncan Campbell, Mitch Cohen, Tyler Coleman,

Sean Dickinson, Chris Ellis, Jackie Ellis, Adam Fleisher, Andy Hughes, Russ Jenkins, Brad Kabosky, Shane Kitzmiller, Nick Latosek, Jonathon Orlando, Joe Osick, Bobby Peron, Graham Speace and Tommy Youells. Tom Youells is the coach and Dave Coleman is the assistant coach.

DYB 5th Grade tops Northwest

The DYB 5th Grade Boys Tournament Team began its season in the Lehman-Jackson Sunday 5th/6th Grade league with a 33-29 victory over Northwest. Hunter Englehart led the way with 14 points. Chris Dailey added 8 points, including 4 key points late in the fourth quarter. D.J. Berley added 5 points, Nick Lombard 4, and Mike Diaco 2. Jimmy Brown keyed the defense while Taylor Dunn led the rebounding. The team is coached by Fred Berley.

Flame take first in County Cup

The Back Mountain Flame U-13 Girls recently took first place in the B bracket of The Luzerne County Tournament. They won their final game 5-1 over Plains. Goals were scored by Megan Youells, Lauren Zimmiski, Lindsay Szalkowski, Stacey Major and Ashley Meyers. Goalie Shannon Bird held Plains to one goal.

Pictured from left, first row: Megan Youells, Lauren Yurko, Shannon Bird, Ashley Perlis. Second row: Rosemary Shaver, Ashley Myers, Stacey Major, Jackie Evans, Kaley Peters, Lindsay Szalkowski. Third row: Tom Ziminski, Christina Dennis, Nicole Atanasio, Ellen Morgan, Lauren Ziminski, Jill O'Connell. Fourth row: Tom Youells and Paul Yurko.



Pirates A splits weekend games

The Pocono Pirates Pee Wee A team played two exciting games this week. They lost to the Quakers 4-3 in a very close and tough game. Goals were scored by Randall Catalanotte assisted by Nick Orlove, Andrew Clauss assisted by Kevin Hanlon and Josh Bloch assisted by Graham Speace and Dan Kempinski.

The Pirates defeated the Glaciers 4-2. Goals were scored by Josh Bloch assisted by Randall Catalanotte and Kevan Nagle unassisted, Graham Speace assisted by Kevin Hanlon and Kevan Nagle and Sean Davis assisted by Kevan Nagle and Adam Karwaski.