New corner strategy made all the difference

By STEVE SEMBRAT

AMBLER — Improvisation in October turned into inspiration on Saturday for the Lake-Lehman field hockey team.

The decisive moments in the Black Knights' 3-0 victory over Lancaster Mennonite in the PIAA Class 2A state field hockey championship game came when Lisa Wasser and Megan DeCesaris scored in the final 74 seconds of the first half. The goals that snapped a scoreless tie and put Lehman in command came on identical penalty corner plays that the Black Knights didn't start using until the playoffs.

"We didn't have practice the one day and we decided to go out and work on our corners," Wasser said. "Megan was just fooling around taking shots. (assistant coach Sandy) Boyle was watching and said 'Wow, that corner really works' and we've been using it ever since."

A penalty corner in field hockey is comparable to a power play in ice hockey in that the offense is given a distinct advantage as the result of a foul.

The offense can bring up all 10 field players. One stands on the end line several yards to the left or right of the goal and starts the play with a hit-out. The rest of the attackers can be no closer than the edge of the scoring circle, which is a semicircle that extends 16 yards from the goal.

The defense must face this onslaught with four defenders and a goalie starting at the end line. The rest of the players start at midfield and have to sprint back into the play once the hit-out is taken.

This gives the offense a distinct advantage for a few seconds. The idea is to get the hit-out quickly to an offensive player, who then tries to get off a shot and create a scoring chance as soon as possible.

On the day Lehman came up with its new play, DeCesaris was taking shots from between one and two o'clock, if you think of the scoring circle as half of a clock.

"Up until that point, we only had six corner plays designed," said Lehman coach Jean Lipski. "That was our seventh."

It turned out to be Lehman's lucky number against Mennonite, as the Black Knights called the play on more than half of their 12 penalty corners. It was effective most of the time and resulted in two goals that changed the complexion of the contest.

"Usually I have a lot of time to get a shot off on that play and we have a lot of time to get somebody there to tip it," DeCesaris said.

With 1:14 left in the first half, DeCesaris got off a hard drive that was tipped in by Wasser. Then with 12 seconds left in the first half, DeCesaris misfired, but her rifle shot wound up going just inside the goalpost closest to her.

"I'm actually supposed to hit it to the far post," DeCesaris said with a laugh, "but it worked out."

Lehman used the momentum it gained from the two dramatic goals to dominate the second half, and win the second state championship in the history of the program.

"We had hoped to score one just before halftime to go in with the lead," Lipski said. "To get two, it makes it very hard for the other team to recover."

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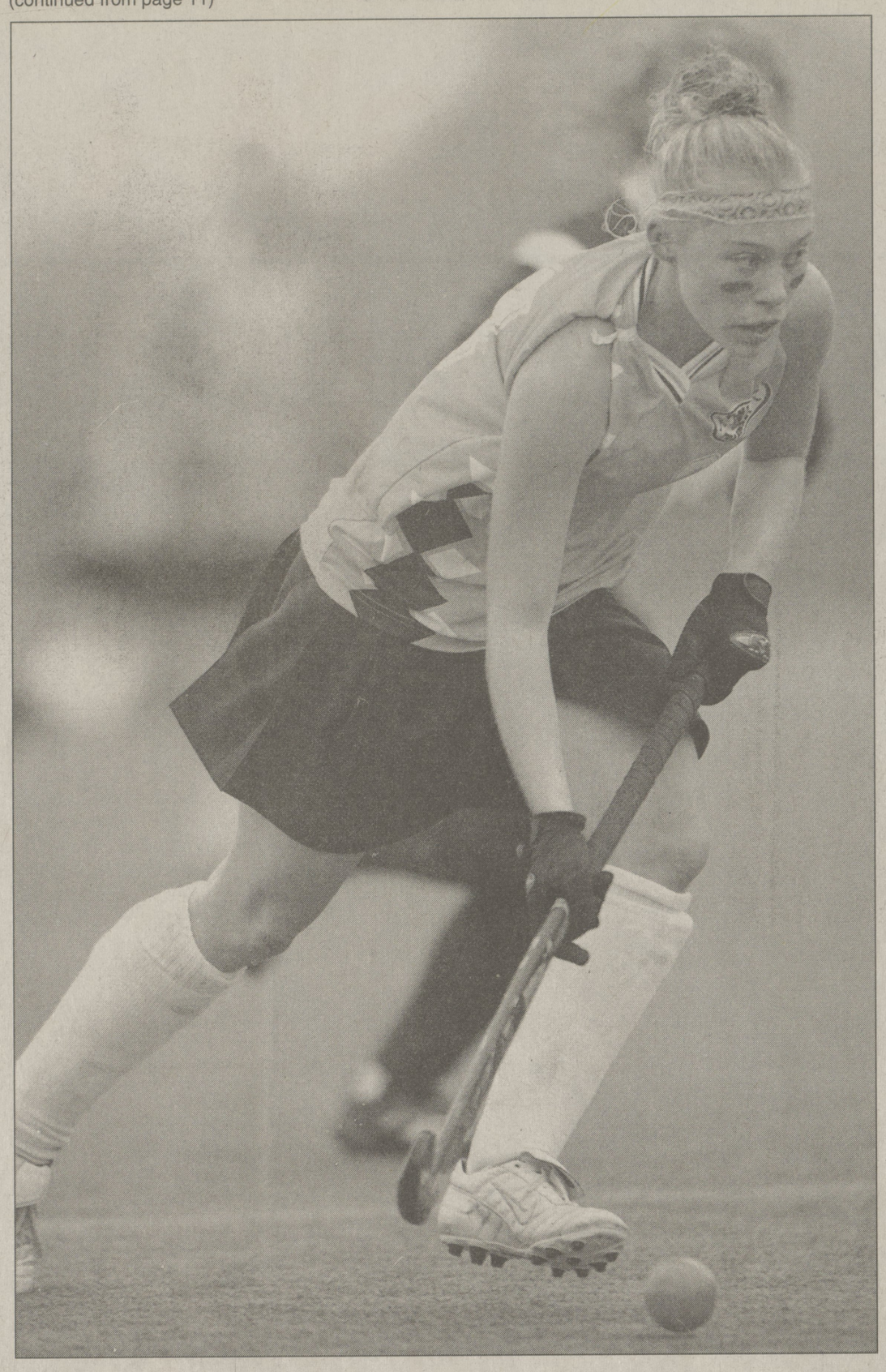

FOR THE DALLAS POST/FRED ADAMS

***Meredith Edwards** pushed the ball against Lancaster Mennonite during Saturday's state championship game, in which Lake-Lehman won its second title.*

Valley won titles as members of District 12, which became part of District 2 during the mid-1990s.

"This is a community thing," Lehman coach Jean Lipski said of the victory. "Our community is very good to Lake-Lehman field hockey. Our parents and our administration are just so supportive, and that was reflected in the effort on the field."

The Black Knights broke open a game that was tightly played for the first 28 minutes with a pair of goals in the final 74 seconds of the first half. Lehman controlled the opening minutes, then Mennonite (17-7-1, District 3 runner-up) had its best scoring chances in the latter stages of the first half.

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> Lake-Lehman goaltender

After Lehman broke up one of those opportunities by the Blazers, the Black Knights counterattacked and took a 1-0 lead.

DeCesaris took the initial shot on a penalty corner, and Lisa Wasser deflected the ball past Mennonite goalie Kelsey Feerrar 1:14 before halftime.

"We finally finished our season with a bang," Wasser said. "It feels great."

The bigger bang, though, was yet to come. DeCesaris scored with 12 seconds left in the first half on the same penalty corner play, giving Lehman a 2-0 lead heading into halftime.

"As soon as the ball hit the back of the cage and Megan scored that second goal, I knew the game was ours," Black Knights senior goalie Tracey Hudak said. "We just had to keep it up for the rest of the game."

During halftime and at every stoppage during the second half, Lipski reminded her team to keep playing offense.

"When you start playing defense you get back on your heels," Lipski said. "We wanted our kids to stay aggressive."

Lehman dominated the second half and made it 3-0 when Meredith Edwards deflected a pass from Amanda Sagan past Feerrar at 13:27.

"That finalized things," Edwards said. "It was like the cherry on top of an ice cream sundae. That was it. It was done."

All that was left to do was celebrate once the final whistle sounded. When that final tweet pierced the cold, damp air, it unleashed a flood of tears and euphoria that lingered with the Black Knights on the bus trip home, the ride back into the Back Mountain escorted by fire engines, and the post-game celebrations that lasted into the night.

"This makes the whole season feel complete," Hudak said. "We won the gold. We won in a shutout. It feels unbelievable."

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Young people can win prizes in Game Commission essay contest

Entries for the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Youth Essay Contest must be postmarked no later than Nov. 30, 2002.

The theme for the contest is: "What 'hunting heritage' means to me." The prize list features grand-prize winners in the junior (ages 12-15) and senior (ages 16-18) divisions taking expense-paid trips to Texas and Wyoming.

The junior division grand-prize recipient will attend Safari Club International's (SCI) Apprentice Hunter Camp at the YO Ranch in Texas. The senior division grand-prize winner will receive a scholarship to SCI's American Wilderness Leadership School in Jackson, Wyoming. Both of these prizes are being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapters of Safari Club International.

First prize in both the junior and senior divisions will be two-day youth pheasant hunts at a western Pennsylvania game preserve, including overnight accommodations.

Prizes for entries finishing in second through fourth place in both divisions will include: Traditions .50 caliber flintlock rifles for second place; a Buck Knives limited edition knife; and Sightron Series II 8x40 binoculars. All entries receive a Game Commission "Working Together for Wildlife" embroidered patch.

In addition to the Pennsylvania Chapters of SCI, corporate prize sponsors are: H&R 1871, Inc.; Traditions; Buck Knives; Marlin; and Sightron Optics.

Entrants must be Pennsylvania residents, have successfully completed an accredited hunter-trapper education course and possess a current hunting or furtaker license.

Entries must include the following information: full name; mailing address with zip code; telephone number and area code; year, state and county where hunter-trapper education course was successfully completed; current hunting or furtaker license number; and age and date of birth.

Essays must be printed or typed, double-spaced and contain no more than 300 words. Mail entries directly to: Pennsylvania Game Commission, Hunter Education Youth Essay Contest, 2001 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797.

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.

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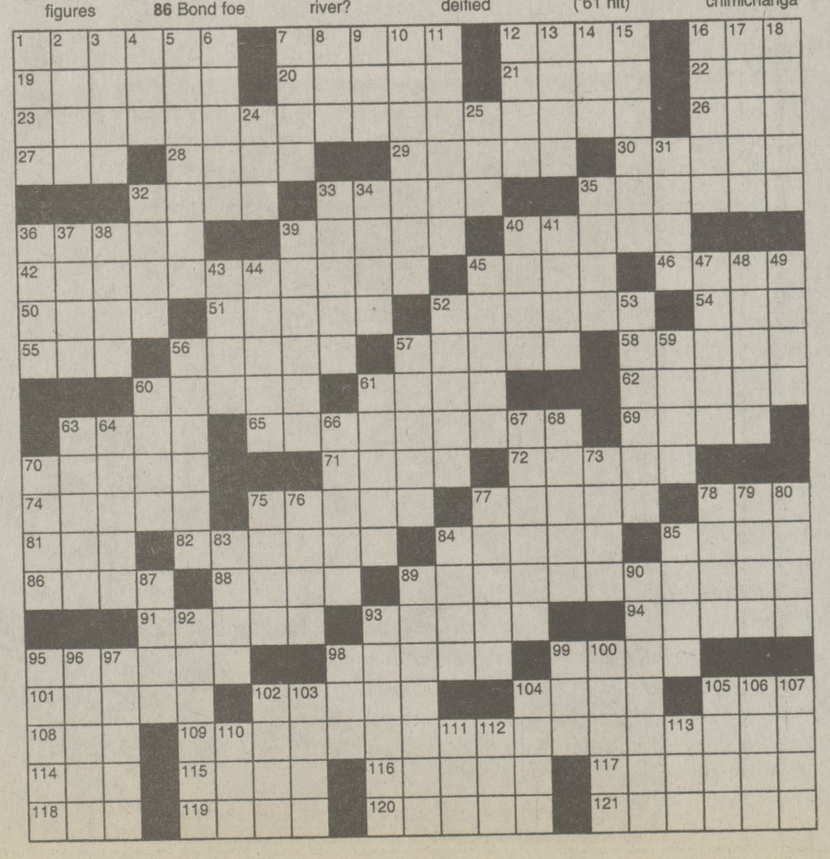
ACROSS
1 Toady
7 Pants
12 "— Strawberries" ('57 film)
16 Diner order
19 Anti-knock stuff
20 Kayak commander
21 Racer Luyendyk
22 Ipanema's locale
23 Riddle: Part 1
26 "A mouse!"
27 Deli delicacy
28 Insignificant
29 Like Yale's walls
30 Practice
32 Swimmer Spitz
33 Spud
35 Keen insight
36 Fall behind
39 "Paradise Lost" figure
40 Top-drawer
42 Ring site?
45 Parched
46 Freighter or ferry
50 In the thick of
51 Get the better of
52 Folklore figures
54 Nationality suffix
55 "Baloney!"
56 Eye opener?
57 Respond to 56 Across
58 Berry of "Monster's Ball"
60 Fern feature
61 Primer pooch
62 "Enigma Variations" composer
63 Barrett or Jaffe
65 Riddle: Part 2
69 Wander
70 Songlike
71 — Patrick Harris
72 Offer an apple?
74 Writer Wharton
75 Quoted an expert
77 Winter warmer-upper
78 Not many
81 Classic beginning
82 Napoleon's cousin
84 Icing flavor
85 Gdansk denizen
86 Bond foe
88 Sheldon's "— of Angels"
89 Clutches, e.g.
91 — acid
93 Stubborn
94 Small bay
95 Amulet motif
98 Perk up
99 Unclear
101 Butcher-shop buy
102 Serengeti sahib
104 "David Copperfield" character
105 Fleur-de- —
108 Prior to, to Prior
109 Answer to riddle
114 Corsage fastener
115 Israeli diplomat
116 Novelist Shute
117 Prophet
118 Soho snack
119 Worf's portrayer
120 Literary land
121 Update a story

DOWN
1 Cry of distress
2 Return address?
3 Very low river?
4 Beyond balmy
5 Aberration
6 When Adam was a boy
7 Go fish. e.g.
8 Lofty peak
9 — whale
10 Cromwell, for one
11 Bauer or Bochco
12 Ebb
13 Incensed
14 Fool with the facts
15 Remove
16 Lutenist Julian
17 Feudal figure
18 Symbol
24 Neighbor of Miss.
25 Salutation word
31 Takes to court
32 Temperate
33 Ryan's daughter
34 Perched on
35 — -de-camp
36 It'll give you a lift
37 San —, Italy
38 Got off
39 Audiophile's equipment
40 Desire deified
41 Lifesaver flavor
43 Type of machete
44 Render defenseless
45 Ekberg or Bryant
47 Hagar the Horrible's wife
48 Cairo creed
49 Ibsen's "— Gynt"
52 Snarl
53 Trekkers' guide
56 Certain helicopter
57 Plant pest
59 "Thanks —!"
60 Tizzy
61 Take the reins
63 Winona of "Mr. Deeds"
64 Heavenly hunter
66 Remove a ribbon
67 Thickset
68 Anne of "John Q."
70 Be a banker
73 Ditch under a drawbridge
75 Family
76 Othello's inducer
77 Arrogant
78 "— #1" ('61 hit)
79 Actress Sommer
80 Singer Dottie
83 Baby's bed
84 Gangster's gal
85 Liqueur glass
87 Galley features
89 Idle talk
90 Odd
92 Tangled
93 Bite for Bonzo
95 Tidied the terrace
96 French physicist
97 Stadium
98 Stadium shout
99 Torrid
100 Shady spot
102 Grumpy guy
103 "The Perfect Fool"
104 "What's My Line?" host
105 Lingerie trim
106 "— never happen!"
107 Cartoonist Silverstein
110 Cable channel
111 Actress Le Gallienne
112 Overalls feature
113 Chomp on a chimichanga



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THE INTERNATIONAL CROSSNUMBER GAME

By Louis Maurer

DIRECTIONS
Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
- Horizontal squares should add to totals on right
- Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom
- Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right

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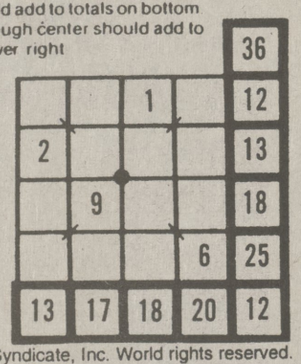
Your Working Time Minutes Seconds



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King Crossword

ACROSS
1 Actress Turner
5 Bartenders check them
8 Composer Khachaturian
12 Winglike
13 Born
14 Caesar co-star
15 Partner
16 Somewhat grating
18 Swimming champ Matt
20 Happy accidents
21 Rap star Snoop -
23 - de deux
24 Scrooge's clerk
28 Cilium
31 Nave
32 Divest
34 Waikiki wreath
35 B&Bs
37 Plato's teacher
39 Make up your mind
41 What damaged LPs do
42 Encroachment
45 Use
49 Bill Clinton, for instance
51 South American capital
52 Second-story man?
53 1-Down's mother
54 Always
55 Right angles
56 Marry
57 Fax

DOWN
1 Mary's pet
2 Jai follower
3 Peacekeeping org.
4 Political author Hannah
5 Thoughts that make you say "aha!"
6 Calendar abbr.
7 Slave
8 True
9 Halite
10 Rue the workout
11 Baseball's "Say Hey Kid"
17 Matter-horn, e.g.
19 Holliday and Severinsen
22 Propeller craft
24 Greek letter
25 Stocking mishap
26 Untypical
27 Cited a double-parker
29 Witness
30 The boy's
33 Prudish
36 Animal tracks
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40 Tic-toe connection
42 Between jobs
43 Astronaut Armstrong
44 Made pictures
46 Exist
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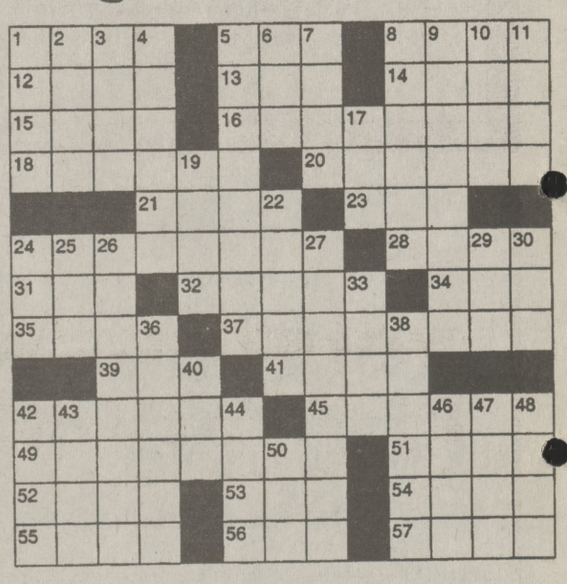
48 Three feet
50 Reverent fear



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