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SportsWeek

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2003 IN SPORTS

Once again, it was a very good year

As usual, it was a very good sports year for Back Mountain teams, with accomplishments that included a state championship for the Lake-Lehman field hockey squad. Here are a few highlights:

January 3 — Starting off the year with a bang, the Dallas boys won the Crossin basketball tournament, and the girls won the Munley Tournament championship.

January 31 — David Walters was named an all-American soccer player and the best in Pennsylvania in the inaugural Powerade/McDonald's All-America program.

February 14 — John McCafferty

and Lindsay Boris were top winners in the Killer Bees Athletic Club awards. McCafferty received the Eddie White Pioneer Award for the promotion of area sports, earned for his role in establishing one of the region's first soccer programs in 1981 at Dallas High School. Boris, an all-state field hockey player, was recognized as the top high school student-athlete for her accomplishments in the classroom and on the field. Other award finalists from the Back Mountain were Ricky Branco, John Simonitis, David Walters, Liz Byron, Bonnie Kretchik, Samantha Lloyd and Lauren Powley.

February 28 — Liz Byron broke two records in individual events



November 7 - Mike Kelly fired the opening cannon shot at the 55th Old Shoe football game.



January 10 - Chuck Suppon tried to reach around Andy Coombs in the first meeting of Dallas and Lake-Lehman boys of 2002.

and was a member of the record breaking 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams at the District 2, Class 2A championships. The four victories brought to 16 the total gold medals she won in her years at Bishop Hoban High School.

March 21 — The Dallas High School boys basketball program lost a great mentor and friend when Mike Fulton, an assistant coach, lost a yearlong battle with

cancer of the appendix.

April 11 — The Pocono Pirates Pee Wee A ice hockey team won the gold medal at the CAN/AM Challenge Cup tournament held at Lake Placid, New York. They claimed the championship on the same rink where the USA team upset the Russians in the 1980 Winter Olympics.

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Golf Journal magazine features 11th at Huntsville

The 11th hole at Huntsville Golf Club in Lehman Township is featured in the January/February 2003 issue of Golf Journal, the official magazine of the U.S. Golf Association (USGA). Each issue includes a three-page foldout article and photograph of a hole at a United States golf course deemed to be of particular interest.

Aside from its beauty and difficulty, the hole was the first at a course designed by top golf architect Rees Jones to use a split fairway. Working around a tall white pine tree and the remnant of an old stone wall, the left approach is shorter, but requires a more precise tee shot. It also means a player must approach the green from below, clearing four of five sand bunkers that surround the putting surface. The right approach utilizes a larger landing area and offers an easier shot to the green, but is about 20 yards longer.

The 11th hole is one of four located across Old Route 115 from the main golf course property. When he viewed the land prior to laying out the course, Jones said he could build a very good course on the original 290 acres purchased by the developers, but an even better one if they could obtain the additional land.

According to the Golf Journal article, Jones planned a straightforward, uphill par 4, but Richard Maslow, leader of the development group, suggested a split fairway. Jones wasn't opposed, as long as the hole offered two legitimate alternatives that would actually come into play depending on the skill level of the golfer.

The 11th is considered the second most difficult hole at Huntsville. It plays from 448 yards to 318 yards, depending which of the five tee boxes are used. Ranked the sixth best course in Pennsylvania by Golf Digest magazine, the second hole is considered one of the 500 best in America by Golf magazine.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Dallas girls win East Juniata tourney

MIFFLINTON — Rosalyn Wentko scored a game-high 24 points to lead Dallas past East Juniata 63-56 in the championship game of the East Juniata Christmas Tournament.

The Mountaineers overcame a 26-23 halftime deficit to pull out the victory. Shannon Thomas, who was named tournament MVP, added 12 points for Dallas. Meredith Lacey scored nine points including two 3-point buckets.

Thomas scored 19 points and Jackie Hardwick added 14 to lead the Mountaineers to a 69-59 victory over Steelton-Highspire in the semifinal game.

Lake-Lehman 58, GAR 31

WILKES-BARRE — Steph Frank scored 10 points to lead a balanced Lake-Lehman attack as the Black Knights defeated host GAR.

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L-L Jr. High wrestlers top Lackawanna Trail

Eight straight victories in the middle weights propelled the Lake-Lehman Jr. High wrestlers to a 53-42 victory over visiting Lackawanna Trail. The Lake-Lehman squad, which upped its overall team record to 6-2, overcame three forfeited losses for the win.

Wrestlers were registered by Chris Barbacci (7-1, 3 pins) at 85 lbs., Nathan Walsh (7-1, 7 pins) at 115 lbs., Brandon Higgins (8-0, 6 pins) at 138 lbs., Michael Prater (5-2, 3 pins) at 145 lbs., Joe Klemunes (7-0, 5 pins) at 165 lbs., and Stanley Brudnicki (3-5, 3 pins) at 185 lbs.

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75: C. Darling (T) pinned Jordan Emerson, 1:32
80: J. Smith (T) won by forfeit
85: Chris Barbacci (LL) pinned D. Rosiak, 1:27
90: Eddie Donahue (LL) won by forfeit
95: Double Forfeit
100: B. Dixon (T) pinned Adam Shefler, 1:04
105: L. Hargrave (T) pinned Ricky Bower, 3:46
110: E. Johnson pinned Jared Kopetchne (LL), 1:15
115: Nathan Walsh (LL) pinned C. Croasdale, 1:04
122: Joe Taylor (LL) tech. fall Green, 16:0

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Black Knights finish second for consecutive tournament



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Willie Weber of Lake-Lehman, wrestling at 171, battled for control with Towanda's T.K. Spencer in a semifinal bout at the Tunkhannock Invitational wrestling tournament, held last weekend. Weber finished second in his weight class and the Black Knights were runner-up in the team standings.

From staff reports

TUNKHANNOCK — Lake-Lehman, despite putting six wrestlers in the finals and winning two titles from young guns Matt Dragon (135) and Jeremy Schutz (140), once again walked away runner-up in the Tunkhannock Kiwanis Invitational wrestling tourney.

Lehman, which lost to Wyalusing by 6.5 points a year ago, finished with 176, 18.5 behind Wyalusing, which went home with its eighth consecutive tournament title.

"I'm sort of sitting here saying, 'If we could've picked up one or two points here or one or two points there,'" said Lehman coach Phil Lipski. "If we only could've picked up an extra 10 points ... I said the same thing last year."

Lipski was happy with his six finalists, but was adamant about needing more from the rest of his team.

"We needed help from our fringe people," said Lipski. "They have to step to the front. That's why we came here."

While Dragon won his second tourney title in seven days — he knocked off two state place-winners en route to the 135-pound title at the Times Leader Invitational — with a 16-0 technical fall (3:20) over Tunkhannock's Jake Mattioli, Schutz was in dire need of a big showing.

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