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Black Knights take 11-8 lead in Back Mt. Cup. Page 10

Steve Salavantis throws for the team

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Steve Salavantis has a chance to have his name etched in the record books. But personal triumphs are not what motivates this Dallas High School track star.

Despite registering throws in the discus and javelin events that have come within six feet of school records, Salavantis keeps the team, not himself, at the forefront of his commitment.

"I just want to get points on the board for our team," the Mountaineer senior said. "I think if we all do well and things happen as we might expect, we might win districts."

That team attitude has helped Salavantis remain focused, even with all the attention he has received the past two years.

"He is pretty plainly one of the best throwers in the area, probably the district," said Dallas track coach Matt Samuel. "Just as important, he's the

"You should always be out there for the team."

Steve Salavantis
Dallas senior

consummate team guy."

Last season, Salavantis nearly shattered the school throwing records of 190 feet in the javelin and 150 feet in the discus. During competitive meets in his junior season, he logged a javelin throw of 184 feet and a discus throw of 147-feet, 9-inches.

However, Salavantis's season was dealt a major blow last year when he pulled muscles in his throwing elbow during an awkward javelin toss at the Shippensburg Invationals. The injury eventually led to the onset of tendonitis in his throwing elbow. Although it did not have much impact on his discus

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Steve Salavantis has been winning more than his share of the throwing events this track season.

Black Knights come up short in 23-19 slugfest

LEHMAN TWP. — It's not often a baseball team scores 19 runs in a game. It's probably more unusual to score that much and lose.

But Coughlin claimed a wild 23-19 victory over Lake-Lehman on Monday in Wyoming Valley Conference baseball.

The teams combined for 38 hits, including seven home runs. "The wind was blowing out," Lake-Lehman coach Brian Gorski said. "I've never been involved in a game like that."

The game was tied at 4 after the first inning. Lehman (2-7) led 7-4 after two innings, 10-9 after three, and 15-11 after four innings. Coughlin (8-2) took control with a seven-run sixth

and added four runs in the top of the seventh. Lehman scored four in the bottom of the seventh, but came up short.

Lake-Lehman was led by a freshman, Matt Kapitula, who batted ninth in the order. Kapitula had three hits, including a pair of home runs, scored three runs and drove in four.

Lehman also got help from Brian Cornia (three hits, three runs, five RBI), Matt Ide (three hits, three runs, two RBI) and Mark Kapitula (three hits, two runs, two RBI). Cornia hit a home run.

Lake-Lehman losing pitcher Dustin Kapson allowed 14 earned runs (20 in all) and 16 hits in 6 1/3 innings.

2003 Little League season opens

Balavage fans 14 to lead Rangers

Preston Balavage pitched a strong 6 innings, striking out 14 batters en route to a 7-5 Rangers win over the Orioles. Mike Supczenski and Stephen Ruch led the offense for Rangers, each having a double. For the Orioles, Steve Meskers pitched well, and also had a home run. Ryan Urzen and Kyle Piazza had triples and Ryan Roppelt added a double for the Orioles.

Yankees 9 Orioles 4

Henry Messinger and Josh Shaver combined to strike out 15 Orioles batters. Messinger and Shaver also led the offensive attack for the Yankees. Messinger had three hits, including 2 doubles, and Shaver had a double. Ryan Williams chipped in with a double for the Yanks. Ryan Urzen led the attack for the Orioles with 3 hits, including 2 triples. Steve Metzgers hit a towering home run, and Eric Fritzges had 2 knocks for the Orioles.

Yankees 8 Indians 4

Josh Shaver and Henry Messinger shut down the Indians, striking out 15 batters. D.J. Berley broke the game open with a triple and also added a single in the win. Josh Shaver had three hits for the winners and Ryan Williams added a dou-

ble. Brandon Reichart and Darius Fetschko had hits for the Indians.

Phillies 12 Cardinals 11

In a high scoring game, the Phillies came back to defeat the Cardinals 12-11. The Phillies were down 6-0 before Carson Baker, a double and two runs, and Ryan Naugle, 2 hits, led the comeback. Hunter Englehart had two hits including the game winning hit for the Phillies. Jonathon Thomas picked up the win in relief. For the Cardinals, Joe Murray had 2 hits, including a triple, Shanna Phillips and Casey Judge led the attack with a base hit each.

Dodgers 5 Reds 0

Corey Shaver pitched a complete game 1 hitter over the Reds. Shaver struck out 15 batters in the victory. T.J. Stepanski led the offensive attack with a triple and a double and Steven Shilling also had two hits for the winners. Steven Olshemski had the only hit for the Reds.

Red Sox 16 Tigers 8

Tom Youells started the year with a bang, ripping 2 triples and an inside the park home run. Eric Baines was the winning pitcher for the Sox and also

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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BASEBALL

Dallas 9, Berwick 5

DALLAS TWP. — Jeff Dickson had four hits and drove in three runs as the host Mountaineers defeated Berwick. Adam Tkaczyk went 3-for-4 with a double and Ryan Bolton had two hits and scored three times. Ryan Gryskewicz struck out eight in tossing a complete game to pick up the victory.

Coughlin 4, Dallas 0

DALLAS TWP. — Shawn Swim's two-run homer in the top of the sixth helped Coughlin over Dallas.

Losing pitcher Ryan Gryskewicz gave up four runs in seven innings, none of them earned, and struck out seven. Gryskewicz and Mike Fehlinger each had doubles for the Mountaineers.

Tunkhannock 10, Lake-Lehman 2

LEHMAN TWP. — Mark Kapitula and Dustin Kapson each had an RBI for Lehman, which fell behind 4-1 after three innings.

SOFTBALL

Berwick 4, Dallas 3

BERWICK — Berwick scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull out the win. Camille Valvano had a homer for the Mountaineers, one of only three hits. Lauren Collini allowed the Bulldogs only three hits and struck out eight.

Coughlin 3, Lehman 2

WILKES-BARRE — Tara Whispell and Jamie Hoyt had two hits apiece for the Black Knights. Sheree Horvath scattered 10 hits across six innings but suffered the loss.



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Traci Ragukas fired off a shot as Erin Peterson closed in. Lake-Lehman beat Abington Heights 5-1 last week.

Dallas 2, Pittston 1

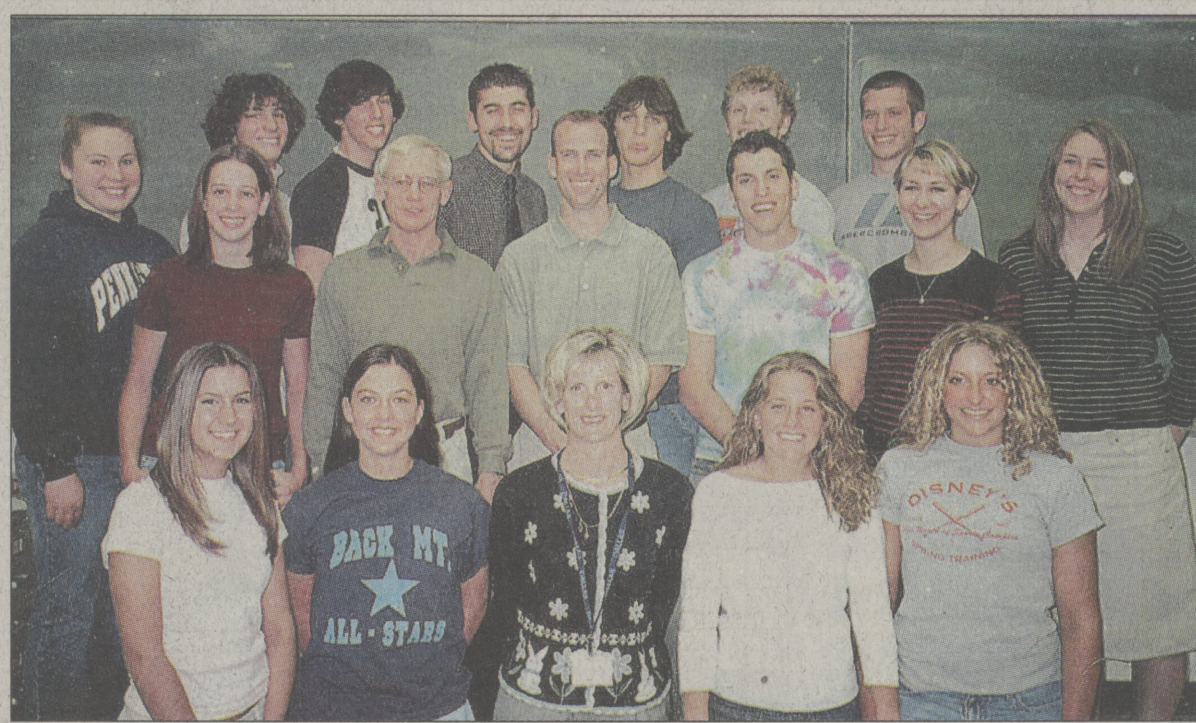
DALLAS — Pinch runner Cory Patton stole third base and home for the winning run in the bottom of the sixth as Dallas edged Pittston Area.

Lauren Collini was 2-for-3 for the Mountaineers and was the winning pitcher.

WVW 8, Lehman 4

LEHMAN TWP. — Jamie Hoyt

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Fulton Charity Classic organizers, from left, kneeling: Corey Patton, Meredith Lacey, Ruth Skammer, Kelly Brozowski and Shannon Thomas. Second row: Rosalyn Wentko, Megan Savage, Mr. Schuller, Tom Connors, Jeff Diskson, Cherylin Harden and Jackie Hardwick. Paul Douglas, Mike English, Greg Solfanenlli, Mike Racoski, Ryan Gryskewicz and Paul McCue.

Michael J. Fulton Charity Classic May 2

A memorial basketball game for Michael J. Fulton will be held on Friday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dallas High School Gymnasium. Teams will consist of faculty members, senior boy basketball players, and varsity girl players.

Michael Fulton was a coach and a friend of the Dallas basketball family. He passed away

suddenly March 7 of last year at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland after battling a rare form of cancer. He was coach at Dallas for five years and being around the kids meant the world to him.

The general public is invited to the second Annual Fulton Charity Classic and donations

will be accepted at the door. Proceeds will benefit the National Institute of Health as well as the Fulton Book Scholarship. This scholarship will be given to the basketball player who has the highest cumulative GPA at the end of the first semester of their senior year.



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Dave Glicini, right, won the long jump with a leap of 19'10" in last week's track meet against Lake-Lehman. Preston Smith stretched for extra inches in the same event. He finished second.

School board honors outstanding athletes

The Dallas School Board congratulated outstanding high school athletes at its April meeting.

Dallas girls' basketball team won the AAA District II championship, beating Bishop Hoban 63-53. The girls' record was 23-7 this year.

"Being district champions this year, the girls went the furthest of any team at Dallas," said Jack Wolensky, Athletic Director.

Jackie Hardwick was named most valuable player in the league, and Shannon Thomas scored her 1,000th point during the season.

The varsity team consisted of eight girls: Kelly Brzozowski, Jackie Hardwick, Ashleigh King, Meredith Lacey, Shannon Thomas, Rosalyn Wentko, Cory Patton, and Megan Savage. Coaches are Joe Noon and Mary Jo Harocink.

Senior, Perry Coolbaugh was district champion in wrestling and was the only Dallas wrestler ever to have 100 wins.

Alaric Eby received first place at districts for diving, and was the only freshman from Dallas to make it to states, where he placed 14th.

"More students played spring sports this year at Dallas than in the last 10 years," said Wolensky.

A certificate of appreciation was dedicated to the players and coaches, handed out by Wolensky.

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