

# THE DALLAS POST

# SportsWeek

Section 2

## Two Kapitulas work make impact at Lehman

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One of the most tangible measures of success in the athletic careers of Mark and Matt Kapitula might be the jug of home run balls their parents began keeping during the years their sons played Little League baseball. The jug has long since overflowed, and the home run balls still keep coming. "There's so many of them that we don't even go get them anymore," says their mom, Tracy Kapitula.

Beyond trophies and souvenirs

*"We're lucky. We're a baseball family and we just enjoy watching them play."*

Tracy Kapitula  
Mother

marking the championship teams the brothers have played on, the Kapitulas and their parents could cite many other examples of the family's dedication to baseball and the accomplishments the two players have achieved.

And this season, they're getting to watch each other excel as mem-

bers of the Lake-Lehman High School varsity team.

So far this season, each has added three homers to their respective totals. But the role both brothers play on their Black Knights baseball squad extends far beyond that of power hitter. Senior Mark Kapitula has pa-

trilled center field, shortstop, and even occasionally pitched for Lehman this season. Freshman Matt Kapitula has spent the year as starting left fielder for the varsity team, but has taken the mound regularly for the junior varsity squad.

Despite their individual talents, both brothers say their goals lie in doing the little things to help the team win games rather than padding their own statistics.

"Every game I try to get at least one or two hits," says Mark, who

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After starting separately through Little League, teenagers and Legion, Matt Kapitula, left, and his brother Mark, are mainstays of this year's Lake-Lehman baseball squad.

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Soccer — Amy Ruda, LL and Megan Savage knocked knees.



Softball — Cory Patton slid into second base as Amanda Sagan waited for the throw.



Baseball — Ryan Gryskevicz beat the throw to Matt Ide.



Baseball — Gryskevicz looked for an opportunity to run, with Mark Yankowski holding.

## Black Knights lay claim to the Cup

It's over!

Lake-Lehman High School athletic teams recovered from a string of losses in the winter season and came back with victories over Dallas squads in soccer, track and softball to win the inaugural Back Mountain Cup.



The trophy, which will be held by the winning school until the end of next year's athletic schedule, will be presented at a gala cookout celebration on Friday, May 30 at Frances Slocum State Park. The event is open to the all members of both school families, and to anyone who would like to share in honoring the dedication of high school student-athletes.

The Black Knights started the year at a blistering pace, reel-

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### Back Mountain Cup final standings

Date	Sport	Location	Winner	Standing
Sept. 5	Golf	Huntsville	Lehman	LL 1-D 0
Sept. 9	Field Hockey	Dallas	Lehman	LL 2-D 0
Sept. 20	Boys Soccer	Lehman	Lehman	LL 3-D 0
Sept. 25	Golf	Irem	Lehman	LL 4-D 0
Sept. 25	Cross Country	Dallas	Lehman	LL 5 - D 0
Oct. 1	Girls Volleyball	Lehman	Lehman	LL 6-D 0
Oct. 11	Boys Soccer	Dallas	Lehman	LL 7-D 0
Nov. 2	Football	Dallas	Dallas	LL 7-D 1
Dec. 4	Wrestling	Dallas	Lehman	LL 8-D 1
Jan. 13	Girls Basketball	Dallas	Dallas	LL 8-D 2
Jan. 14	Boys Basketball	Lehman	Dallas	LL 8-D 3
Feb. 6	Girls Basketball	Lehman	Dallas	LL 8-D 4
Feb. 8	Boys Basketball	Dallas	Dallas	LL 8-D 5
Mar. 31	Boys Volleyball	Lehman	Lehman	LL 9-D 5
Apr. 14	Baseball	Dallas	Dallas	LL 9-D 6
Apr. 14	Softball	Lehman	Dallas	LL 9-D 7
Apr. 14	Tennis	Lehman	Dallas	LL 9-D 8
Apr. 16	Girls Soccer	Lehman	Lehman	LL 10-D 8
Apr. 24	Boys Track	Lehman	Lehman	LL 11-D 8
Apr. 24	Girls Track	Lehman	Lehman	LL 12-D 8
May 8	Girls Soccer	Dallas	Lehman	LL 13-D 8
May 14	Baseball	Dallas	Dallas	LL 13-D 9
May 14	Softball	Dallas	Lehman	LL 14-D 9

### BMT BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

## Englehart leads Phillies on mound, and at the plate

Hunter Englehart pitched and hit the Phillies past the Dodgers, 3-2. Englehart struck out 12, allowed only 4 hits, and also banged out a double and a triple in the win. Michael Ryan scored the tying run on a passed ball and Nick Artsma, a triple and an RBI, and Ryan Naugle a single and an RBI were the difference. Stephan Schilling had two hits, with a double, and Corey Shaver and Conrad Kraszewski had the only other hits for the Dodgers.

### Orioles 11, Tigers 1

Steve Meskers and Ryan Urzen combined on a one hitter, and struck out 7, to propel the Orioles. Urzen also tripled for the O's, and Kyle Piazza and Adam Viercinski doubled in the win. Zach Dirsra pitched well for the Tigers, striking out 7.

### Rangers 10, Tigers 9

Steven Ruch pitched and hit the Rangers past the Tigers. Ruch struck out 9 and banged out 4 hits including 2 doubles in the win. Also pacing the attack

for the Rangers, Taylor Dunn, 2 hits, Joey Evans, a triple, and Chris Rose a key base hit. Richard Wengrzynek and Matt Shaver pitched well for the Tigers, striking out 9. Scott Riccetti had 3 hits for the Tigers, and Zack Dirsra and Steven Haughwout doubled in the loss.

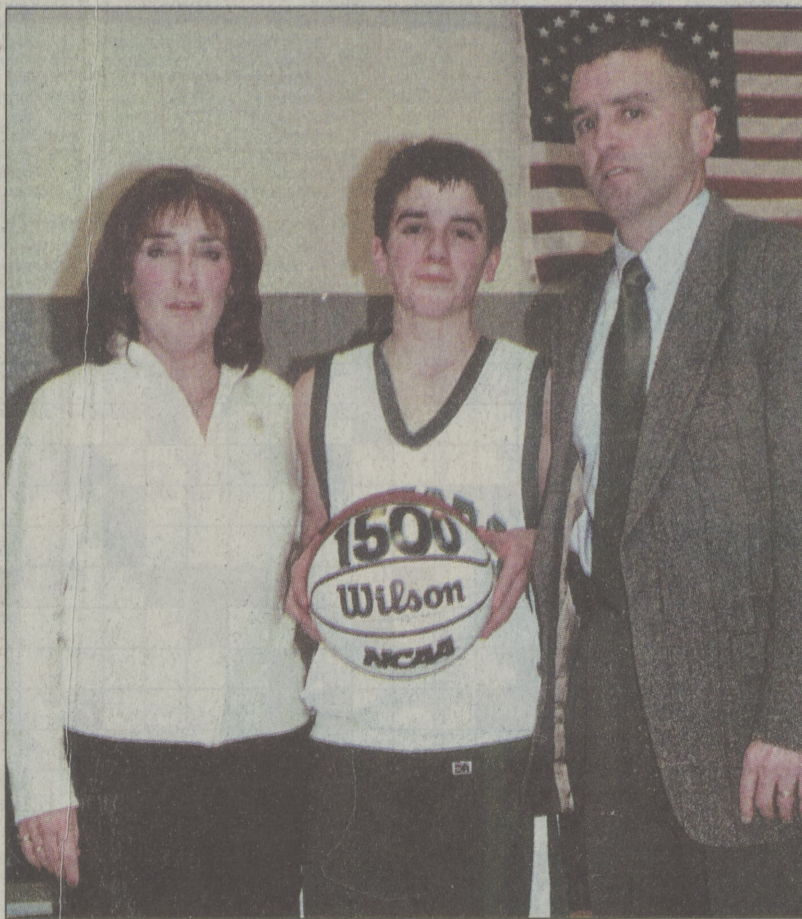
### Dodgers 5, Giants 4

In a tight contest, winning pitching T.J. Stepanski led the Dodgers. Austin Carr, 2 hits, and Chris McAndrew, 1 hit, led the Dodger attack. For the Giants, Matt Boyle doubled and Eric Cannon singled in defeat.

### Phillies 2, Astros 0

Carson Baker outdueled Mike Eckman as the Phils shut out the Astros. Baker shut down the Stro's allowing only 3 hits and striking out 12. Eckman only gave up two hits and struck out 8 in a losing effort. Carson Baker, scored the only 2 runs for the Phils, and doubled and Ryan

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## DeRojas passes 1500 points

Chris DeRojas reached a milestone by scoring over 1500 points as a member of the Gate of Heaven basketball team. Chris is the son of Dr. Juan and Alma DeRojas of Dallas. He is an eighth grade student at Gate of Heaven school. Pictured above is Chris with his mother and father (coach).

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### BASEBALL

##### Lake-Lehman 11, Wyoming Area 2

**LEHMAN TWP.** — Dustin Kapson went 3-for-3 with a home run and three RBI as the host Black Knights won their sixth in a row.

Winning pitcher Matt Shiskowski, a sophomore, improved to 4-1 on the season and Brian Cornia drilled a two-run triple in a seven-run fifth inning for Lehman, 8-7.

##### Dallas 9, Hanover Area 2

**DALLAS** — Jeff Dickson hit a grand slam and drove in six runs as the Mountaineers downed the Hawkeys. Winning pitcher Adam Tkaczyk scattered eight hits, all singles in going the distance, and helped his own cause with four hits. Ryan Bolton added a run-scoring double for Dallas.

##### Nanticoke 2, Dallas 1

**KINGSTON** — Nanticoke scored two unearned runs in the first inning to claim a 2-1 win against the Mountaineers in a game played May 10 at Wyoming Valley West Stadium.

The site of the game was moved to the field because the

Dallas diamond was unplayable.

Ryan Gryskevicz tossed a complete game three-hitter for the Mounts, striking out 10 and walking one. After the Trojans scored their two unearned runs in the first inning on a pair of infield errors and two singles, Gryskevicz didn't allow a base hit until the seventh inning.

Ryan Bolton had a home run for the only Dallas score.

#### SOFTBALL

##### Lake-Lehman 6, Wyoming Area 1

**EXETER** — Jamie Hoyt went 2-for-4 with a double as Lake-Lehman defeated Wyoming Area.

Lauren Pyscoty and Tiffany Hettes hit triples for the Black Knights, and Whitney Pollock also had a double. Sheree Horvath held the Warriors to three hits and struck out eight to claim the win.

##### Bishop Hoban 8, Dallas 4

**DALLAS** — Hoban trailed 3-2 entering the top of the fifth, when Kathleen Maloney's homer put the Argents ahead to stay.

Lauren Patton hit a triple for the Mountaineers, who were held to four hits.

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