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Sem duo wins state tennis championship

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Wyoming Seminary's Tye Morris and Jordan Koslosky faced a match point in the third set of the semifinals at the PIAA Boys Tennis Doubles Championships on Saturday, then overcame deficits in both sets of Class 2A final to win the first doubles crown of the Blue Knights' storied program.

"Today was pretty crazy," said Morris, who qualified for the state tennis doubles tourney for the fourth consecutive year.

"This is definitely how I pictured how I wanted it to be. I

couldn't imagine coming in second my senior year. It's just something we needed to do. ... There wasn't much of an option."

The two-time District 2 champion Seminary duo, which finished second here a year ago, defeated Eric Bourassa and Drew Balshi of District 11 champion Moravian Academy 7-6 (7-2), 7-5 in the final at Sarni Tennis Center on the campus of Penn State University.

In the semifinals, Koslosky and Morris survived a 4-6, 6-4, 7-5 affair against Mark Lansam and Brad Nelson of District 1

champion Harriton.

"The feeling that this could be the last match of our high school career, that had a big influence on our play," said Koslosky, also a senior. "It made us step up our game and start playing intense tennis."

"A lot of times we were down, we could have easily given up," said Koslosky. "We're down 5-2 in the third set of a match, you have to sort of say there's nothing to lose and just start playing to win. We played too defensive at times."

"If we play our type of game I don't think anybody can beat us in the state and we proved

it."

The Blue Knights were inconsistent with their serves, but their returns of serve was what kept them going.

"It was just incredible to watch them come back," said Seminary coach Bill Vander-sluis. "I normally prefer them not to get in those holes, but the teams they were playing deserve an awful lot of credit."

Morris finished second in the state in 2001 with Madhan Srinivasan.

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Tye Morris, left, and Jordan Koslosky, state doubles champions, wearing their medals.

Black Knights gain revenge, and spot in state playoffs

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LaPLUME — Lake-Lehman avenged its two Wyoming Valley Conference losses, which ended a 10-year WVC reign, at Keystone College May 22 to win its 11th District 2 championship in the past 12 years.

The Black Knights used arguably their best team effort of season to defeat North Pocono 15-9, 15-3 in the championship match. Earlier in the night, they defeated WVC champion Tunkhannock 15-10, 15-11 in the semifinals, ending the Tigers' season at 16-1.

"To lose both games during the season, then show them how we can really play at districts shows so much," Lehman senior hitter/defensive specialist Phil Pineno said. "It feels so good."

Baranowski showed his team a video of the 1990 championship team a day earlier. The Black Knights took particular interest in his clothing — black pants, short-sleeve white shirt and thin black tie.

Baranowski wore the same outfit — sort of an early Beatles look minus the sports coat — and told his players they could cut the tie if they won.

And after Jared Janiczek's hit sliced away from a North Pocono block attempt, the Black Knights sliced away at the tie.

The Black Knights (15-2) played with the fervor of the school's past champions against

North Pocono. The passing and back-row defense of Pineno, Aaron Pagoda, Angelo Georgetti and Zack Deubler was strong. Cory Spencer led the hitting with 13 kills and Janiczek added 20 assists from his setter position.

"I've had better days and I've had worse days," said Spencer, a 6'5" junior whose kill total was just two less than North Pocono hitters Eli Londo, Aaron Perry and Mike Vilello combined. Lehman's Chris Coombs added six kills, equally Londo's team high.

The serving was stout as well with Janiczek serving seven consecutive points in game one and Deubler eight in a row in game two.

North Pocono (15-2) defeated Lackawanna League champ Mountain View (13-1) in its semifinal 15-4, 15-3, but the Trojans were a tad shaky in the early going of game two. That carried over to the Lehman match, but the Black Knights tried to ignore it.

"We tried to focus on what was going on on our side of the court," Pagoda said. "That's one of our biggest problems; we're worrying about everything else. We wanted to concentrate tonight and make sure everyone was staying in the game."

North Pocono led 3-0 in game one but Lehman recovered quickly and used Janiczek's sev-

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Ryan Gryskevicz allowed only a weak single through six innings Wednesday. But a home run and double in the seventh doomed Dallas's playoff run.

Hoban hangs in to top Mountaineers in 7th

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WILKES-BARRE TWP. — For six innings, Bishop Hoban hitters couldn't solve Dallas pitcher Ryan Gryskevicz.

But in the seventh inning, the Argents had all the answers.

Jeff Craig Jr. led off the inning with a home run and Justin DeVincenzo later drove in the winning run with a double as Bishop Hoban captured the District 2 Class 2A championship with a 2-1 win over the Mountaineers at Betzler Fields.

Dallas, which entered the district tournament as the No. 10 seed, ends its season at 11-9.

Gryskevicz and Hoban pitcher Michael DeVincenzo hooked up in a classic pitchers' duel until the end.

DeVincenzo took a no-hitter into the sixth inning and finished with a two-hitter, striking out seven and walking two. Gryskevicz allowed a harmless single through the first six innings and finished with a three-hitter, striking out nine and walking two.

With Gryskevicz in cruise control and Dallas holding a 1-0 lead, the Mountaineers had a great chance to expand their lead in the top of the seventh.

Chuck Stajewski started the inning with a double and pinch runner Ryan Marascio advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Joel Lesinski, who was safe at first when DeVincenzo's throw pulled first baseman Marc Kostelansky off the bag. Mike Fehlinger was hit by

a pitch to load the bases and the Mountaineers appeared to be in a perfect position to add to their lead.

But DeVincenzo took control, striking out Adam Schoonover and Rich Samanas before getting leadoff hitter Mike Race to pop out to catcher Pat McGlynn.

"That might have been the turning point of the game," said Dallas coach Ken Kashatus. "(DeVincenzo) was a money pitcher. He got the outs when he needed them most."

In the bottom of the inning, Craig tied the game at 1-1, drilling a 1-0 fastball from Gryskevicz more than 385 feet. Gryskevicz had struck out Craig both times in his two previous at-bats.

After Craig's home run, Michael DeVincenzo walked and teammate Bob Cirko entered as a courtesy runner. Justin DeVincenzo followed with a line drive down the left-field line. The ball rolled all the way to the fence, allowing Cirko to score.

Dallas took a 1-0 lead with one out in the sixth inning when Race, walked and advanced to second on a single by Gryskevicz — Dallas's first hit of the game. Race moved to third base on a wild pitch and scored on a fielder's choice grounder by Adam Tkaczyk.

The Argents almost pulled off a double play on the ground ball to shortstop, forcing Gryskevicz out at second base. But Tkaczyk slid headfirst into first base to beat the relay throw from second baseman Kyle Narvasage.

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Join the fun at
**Back Mountain
Cup presentation**

The Back Mountain Cup will be presented to Lake-Lehman High School at a cookout/celebration Friday, May 30. The event will be held at Pavilion 2 at Frances Slocum State Park in Kingston Township.

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 and the people who support them.

Everyone attending is urged to bring a non-perishable food item, which will be donated to the Back Mountain Food Bank.

The Back Mountain Cup is sponsored by The Dallas Post. It was conceived to raise awareness of the value of all high school athletics and is not meant to compete with the Old Shoe trophy or other individual awards.



The Yankees' Ellen Morgan wound up for the pitch.

BACK MT. BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Fetchko stops Pirates' rally in final inning

Dave Fetchko pitched out of a bases loaded two out jam in the last inning to preserve the Indians 9-7 victory over the Pirates. Fetchko struck out 16 Bucs in the victory. Chris Fioti's bases loaded triple provided the margin of victory for the Tribe. Darius Fetchko and Brandon Rechart led the attack with two doubles and 2 singles respectively. The Bucs were led by Joe Borris with three hits including a triple, Tom Horn with two hits, and Tom Smith with a couple of knocks.

Reds 11, A's 4

Joe Osick picked up the win, striking out eight and also banded out two hits including a double as the Red's coasted to victory. He was assisted on offense by Nick Latosek's two hits and Stephen Olshemski's triple. Andrew Besecker led the A's attack with four hits, Pat Healey added three including a double, and Derick Martin ripped two doubles in a losing cause.

Dodgers 6, Astros 3

Corey Shaver continued his stellar play striking out 14 and only allowing two hits in the Dodger victory. Shaver also smashed three hits including a double. Conrad Kraszewski also added two hits with a double. For the Astros, Tom Kramer had a double and Kevin Gilbert

added a single for their only two hits.

Giants 13, Rangers 2

Kyle Caffrey picked up the win striking out nine as the Giants overwhelmed the Rangers. Bob Peron had a big day at the plate with three hits including a double and a triple. Eric Cannon also banded out two hits for the Giants. Travis Debona and Stephen Ruch had hits for the Rangers.

Dodgers 3, Red Sox 0

Corey Shaver outdueled Tom Youells in a Dodger victory. Shaver struck out eight and only allowed two hits, while Youells struck out eight Dodgers in defeat. The Dodgers were led offensively by Russell Jenkins who banded one off the fence for a double, and Chris McAndrew who singled. Cody Plesnar and Brandon Harding had the only hits for the Sox. Aaron Butler made some great defensive plays in center field for the Red Sox.

Phillies 10, Yankees 8

Hunter Engelhart picked up the win and double as the Phils slipped past the Yanks. Also doubling for the Phillies were Tyler Barrall, Ryan Naugle, and Scott Daube. Josh Shaver and Henry Messenger led the Yanks offensively.

Giants 8, Red Sox 7

Bob Peron and Eric Cannon combined to strike out 11 in the Giants win. Peron and Cannon also led the team offensively with three hits including a double for Peron. Alex Mullin also rapped two hits for the Giants. The Sox were led by Dave Zurek with a double, Cody Plesnar, two hits, Tom Youells and Bob Gawlas added a hit.

Reds 4, Indians 1

Joe Osick and Nick Latosek mowed down the Indians striking out 10 in the win. Latosek added two doubles and Stephen Olshemski doubled and scored two runs for the Reds. Darius Fetchko pitched a strong game for the Indians striking out nine. Tony Bevevino and Chris Prater led the defense for the Reds.

A's 3, Astros 0

Derek Martin banded out three hits including a triple in an A's win. Martin and Pat Healey combined to strike out 15 Astros. Justin Eimers and Michael Eckman had hits for the Astros.

Junior League

Cardinals 6, Yankees 5

The Cardinals rallied from a 5-1 deficit with four runs in the fifth inning and one run in the

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