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Knights gear up for showdown

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LEHMAN TWP. — They rolled through the first 10 games on their class 2A regular season schedule undefeated.

But for the players on the Lake-Lehman field hockey team, one last daunting obstacle remains before they can concentrate on postseason play.

The Black Knights will visit rival Crestwood at 4:15 p.m. Monday in the Wyoming Valley Conference Class 2A regular season finale for both teams. Although each squad has already clinched a berth in the District 2 Class 2A playoffs, the game will likely determine the 2A regular season champion as well as the top seed for the upcoming postseason tournament.

Lehman and Crestwood both stood atop the 2A standings with unblemished 10-0 records in 2A as of Oct. 15. Overall, the Black Knights were 15-0 in WVC play, while Crestwood was 14-1.

Lehman head coach Jean Lipski said the keys for her club in Monday's game will be limiting mistakes and keeping Crestwood from controlling the momentum.

"You have to be at the top of your game because they (the Comets) certainly come into every game on top of theirs," Lipski said.

The Black Knights have been on top of their game throughout the regular season. Facing hefty expectations following last

year's PIAA 2A state championship, Lehman got off to an impressive start, winning games against tough WVC opponents such as Wyoming Valley West (12-1-1 overall as of Oct. 14), Wyoming Seminary (12-2-1 overall, Oct. 14) and Meyers (12-2-1, Oct. 14).

Lehman has received production from a variety of players along the way.

"It seems as though during each game, when (we've) needed someone to step up, someone has," Lipski said. "It's often a different kid for different games at different positions."

One of the players who has provided much of the production has been Traci Ragukas. The sophomore forward had registered 27 goals, 10 assists and 64 points as of Oct. 15 and ranked third in the WVC in scoring.

However, the Comets have their own share of firepower.

Crestwood brings in one of the WVC's top scorers in sophomore forward Amie Survilla. Through Oct. 15, Survilla had 31 goals, five assists and 67 points.

Lipski said her team must focus on shutting down Survilla and also on containing Crestwood midfielder Caitlin McCurdy.

"Those two players are just awesome and then they have a cast of very talented players around them," Lipski said.

The top four finishers in 2A regular season play will qualify for the D2 2A playoffs. The two teams that advance to the D2 2A championship will also qualify for the PIAA tournament.



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Giacometti leads Dallas girls to title

Staff report

FORTY FORT — Lisa Giacometti of Dallas continued to prove she's the most dominant runner in the league with a win in the girls race at the Ed Narkiewicz League Championships Meet, held October 15 at the Luzerne County Sports Complex.

The meet, named this year for the late, longtime Lake-Lehman cross and track and field coach, is a tuneup for Wednesday's District 2 meet at Scranton Municipal Golf Course and the first time all WVCCCL teams get to compete against one another.

Hazleton Area's Maria Monks, the defending District 2 Class 3A champion, stayed with Giacometti stride for stride until the 2.5-mile mark. Then Giacometti got uncomfortable — in a good way.

"Usually I'm not used to coming down the stretch with someone right next to me so I

was kind of nervous," said Giacometti, who won in 19:02. "But once I took the lead I kind of held on to it."

Giacometti led Dallas to the girls team title. The Mountaineers, defending district team champs in 2A, should contend for a state team title, and this was the first of three postseason tests. Jamie Stanish (20:16) and Jessica Jones (20:22) finished sixth and seventh, respectively, for Dallas, while Whitney Adams (20:35) and Kenslie Kerestes (20:38) were ninth and 10th.

"This is a big gauge for us," said Dallas coach Matt Samuel. "We had some good performances, some bad performances, nothing terribly bad, but we're happy."

Kelcey Cole (20:30) was the top girl from Lake-Lehman, finishing eighth.

On the boys side, Mike Hiscox of Dallas finished 15th in 17:46.

No-quit Lehman edged at end

Staff report

LEHMAN TWP. — Tunkhannock senior receiver Luke Marcy scored the game-winning touchdown on a 17-yard pass from junior quarterback Ryan Alfieri with 5:29 remaining as the Tigers posted a 21-14 win against an inspired Black Knights team in a Wyoming Valley Conference interdivision game at Edward H. Edwards Stadium.

The Tigers overcame an impressive homecoming game performance by Lake-Lehman tight end Mark Yankowski, who pulled in three catches for 137 yards and a touchdown.

Yankowski gave the Black Knights a 6-0 lead on their first play from scrimmage in the second quarter. The senior caught a short slant from quarterback Brandon Burkhardt, broke a tackle and outran the Tunkhannock secondary for a 61-yard



POST PHOTOS/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Quarterback Brandon Burkhardt pushed away a would-be Tunkhannock tackler as Greg Pimm (47) blocked.

touchdown.

The Tigers responded with two touchdowns late in the first half. Kyle Wilson hauled in a

47-yard touchdown pass from Alfieri with 2:27 remaining to cap a 12-play, 95-yard drive. Luke Marcy added the PAT to

make it 7-6. Two plays later, Tunkhannock's Ryan McClain

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Soccer collection for needy kids

The public is invited to join the Back Mountain Raptors soccer team for a day of sharing and soccer fun on Saturday, November 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring a new or slightly used soccer ball and/or hand pump to the soccer ball drive located at the Outlet Road fields in Lehman. The event will feature food, drinks, soccer games and drills for all children who attend.

The Raptors are collecting the items for children living in poverty around the world who love soccer but have to play with sock balls, rag balls, or plastic bags banded together. The event is being held in conjunction with "Get a Kick Out of Sharing," a World Vision program. You may access the World Vision site at www.worldvision.org/soccerballs.

Monetary donations will also be accepted for shipping costs. Checks may be made payable to: Back Mountain Raptors, 30 Campground Rd., Dallas PA 18612.

Directions to the Outlet Road fields: From Memorial Highway (SR-415) turn onto SR-118 West, 2.4 miles to Lehman. Turn onto Outlet Road (across from Sunoco). Fields are .5 mile on the right.

Rain date is Saturday, November 8. For more information, call 477-3437 or 675-3388.

Girls basketball clinic at Dallas

The Dallas high school girls basketball team will hold a clinic for girls in grades 3-8 on Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Wycallis Elementary School. The fee is \$20. The program for grades 3-5 will take place 9 a.m.-12 noon. Grades 6-8 will be 1-4 p.m.

For more information, call Donna King at 696-2139.



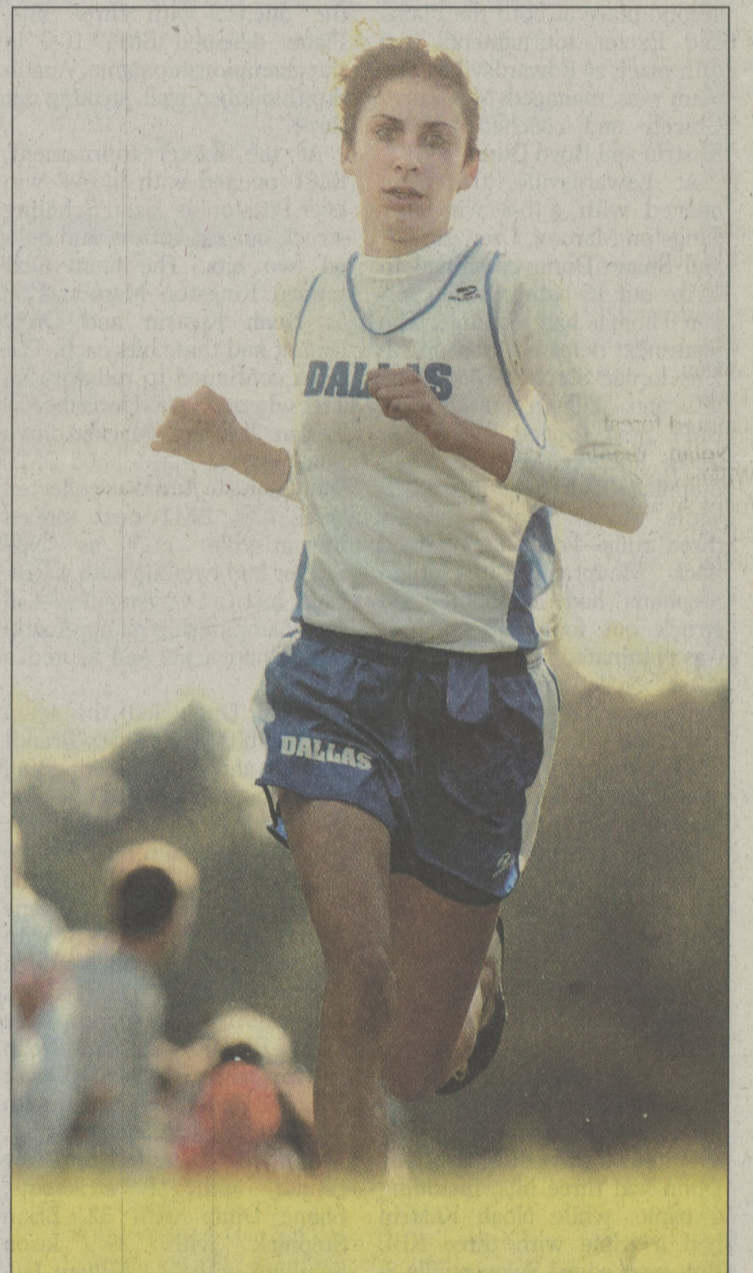
Legend 2nd at Vestal

Back Mountain Legend U-13 Girls team recently finished second at the Vestal Fall Soccer Festival. They beat the Vestal Blasters 3-1, the DSC Hornets 9-1 and Blitz U-13 3-1. Their final game was against DSC Rockets and they lost 2-0. The Legend players are, from left, seated: Rachel Miller, Erica Morgan, Leigh Ann Amico, Kayla Turchin and Brittany Kneal.

Second Row: Olivia Marquart, Shelby Scharff, Katie Farias, Abbey Baltimore, Serena Fulton and Stacey Stepniak.

Third Row: Kim Konnick, Hillary Pratz, Lauren Henry, Stephanie Ashley, Julie Manorek and Nicole Clemson.

Legend is coached by Dan Pratz, Tom Amico and Sandy Baltimore.



FOR THE DALLAS POST/FRED ADAMS

Dallas's Lisa Giacometti approached the finish line during her victory in the girls race at the Ed Narkiewicz League Championships Meet on October 15.

Scholastic Roundup

SOCCER

Dallas shuts out Lake-Lehman

OCT. 10 — Eric Baltimore scored twice, and Ben Thomas, Billy DeAngelo and David Luksh once each as the Mountaineers kept their unbeaten streak alive against the Back Mountain rival Black Knights.

Baltimore also had two assists, with Colin Conrad and Eric Samanas each getting one, as Dallas had 11 shots while holding Lehman to four.

FIELD HOCKEY

Lehman 4, O'Reilly 0

OCT. 13 — Traci Ragukas had a goal and two assists as Lake-Lehman topped Bishop O'Reilly.

Chrisse Kazmierski, Allison Boris and Amanda Sagan added goals for the Black Knights and Sherry Horvath had two assists.

Janelle Zabresky had an outstanding game in goal for O'Reilly, making 19 saves. She stopped two penalty strokes, both on hard, well-placed shots. Shannon Prescott was called on to make only one save for Lehman.

Dallas 3, GAR 2

OCT. 13 — Shannon Thomas scored the winning goal 7:43 into overtime period as Dallas edged GAR.

The Mounts rallied from a 2-0 deficit with a pair of second-half unassisted goals from Cassie Snider. The tying goal came with 6:45 left on the clock.

Roz Wentko made seven saves in the Dallas goal.

Seminary 7, Montrose 0

OCT. 13 — Ali Kornfeld scored four goals and Tamra Morris provided a goal and two assists Wyoming Seminary defeated Montrose. Morris also had two assists.

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