

SportsWeek

Sports Roundup



FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Meredith Lacey backed up Shannon Thomas during a play at second base during last week's game against Crestwood.

BASEBALL

Nanticoke 10, Lake-Lehman 2

May 12 — Matt Straub had two RBI for the Black Knights. Kevin Racemus and Pat McHugh also had hits.

Tunkhannock 7, Pittston Area 2

May 10 — Jon Clemens struck out seven and allowed only one run and four hits for the complete-game victory to lead Tunkhannock.

Tim Schemel went 3-for-3 with two RBI to lead the Tigers and Chad Crispell added two hits and two RBI.

Corey Rau chipped in with two hits and knocked in three runs for the Tigers.

Crestwood 7, Dallas 2

May 10 — Eric Samanas had an RBI double for the Mounts, who scored single runs in the first and sixth innings. Eric Samanas had the other RBI.

Lake-Lehman 8, Crestwood 4

May 7 — Matt Shiskowski and Pat McHugh each knocked in two runs to lead Lake-Lehman.

Brandon Burkhardt and Matt Kapitula each chipped in two hits and an RBI for the Black Knights.

Kapitula pitched the complete game, giving up four hits and striking out four.

Tunkhannock 8, Wyoming Valley West 0

May 6 — Tunkhannock's Jon Clemens allowed only two singles and struck out 10 for the complete-game shutout.

Corey Rau went 3-for-3 with three RBI and Brad Grey added two hits and knocked in two runs for the Tigers.

SOFTBALL

Nanticoke 4, Lehman 2

May 10 — Jocelyn Mahon had a pair of hits for the Black Knights, who led 2-0 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning.

Dallas 5, Crestwood 2

May 10 — Sara Sweptson went 2-for-2 with a triple and two RBI.

Shannon Thomas was also 2-for-2 for the Mountaineers with two runs scored and Lauren Collini tossed a four-hitter to get the victory.



FOR THE POST/FRED ADAMS

Lake-Lehman's Cory Spencer spikes the ball over Hoban's Bob Ward (35) and Will Gensel (12) during last week's matchup. The Black Knights won to hand Hoban its first loss of the season. Spencer racked up 33 kills to lead Lehman.

Pittston 7, Tunkhannock 4

May 10 — Staci Szychowski and Nicole Palmer each went 2-for-3 for the Tigers, who jumped to a 3-1 lead in the first inning, but then went cold.

Dallas 7, Wyoming Area 0

May 7 — Lauren Collini pitched the complete-game shutout, striking out seven and allowing only five hits.

Meredith Lacey and Shannon Thomas each had two hits

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Brandon Burkhardt does double duty at Lehman

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So, you think you've got a busy schedule? Try living a day in the life of Brandon Burkhardt.

As usual, the Lake-Lehman High School junior is starring for the Black Knights' track & field team.

After some encouragement from friends on the baseball team, he's playing on the diamond this season as well.

"I've always enjoyed playing baseball and I have a lot of friends on the team," explained Burkhardt. "They convinced me to give it a try."

Burkhardt is playing both sports with the blessings of baseball coach Brian Gorski and track and field coach John Sobocinski. By all accounts, he's been a success.

"He's been a great addition to the baseball team," said Gorski.

"Coach Sobocinski and I agreed before the season began that we didn't want to do anything to hamper Brandon's efforts to participate in both sports. He's such a gifted athlete, we thought he deserved the opportunity to do both."

Burkhardt has had a tremendous impact on the baseball team as an outfielder and the team's cleanup hitter. He's batting .455 with three homers, two doubles, eight RBI and



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Lake-Lehman junior Brandon Burkhardt is one of the top throwers in District 2, as well as a standout performer on the Black Knights' baseball team. He will compete in shot put, discus and javelin at this week's district track and field meet.

10 stolen bases.

"He was a little raw at the beginning of the season, but he's getting better every day," said Gorski. "He's an outstanding athlete, but his best attribute is his work ethic. He's al-

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Rome runs away with title

Staff report

KINGSTON TWP. — Amy Rome, the 37-year-old from Dallas and former Penn State



FOR THE POST/AMEE DILGER

Amy Rome

Rome's second victory in the spring version of the race. She has also won the fall version three times.

"It went well," said Rome. "It was fun, as usual. You don't come out here to this race to run a good time. The conditions were tough today.

But it was this or running a training run today by myself. So I decided to do this. It was a good way to spend Mother's Day."

Rome outran the second-place female finisher, 29-year-old Jen Stec-Gagliardi of Benton, by an incredible 10:18. And that's astonishing, considering that no other local female runner has racked up more trail-run wins than Stec-Gagliardi (seven — six in the spring race and one in the fall race).

Local finishers:

- 4. Amy Rome, 37, Dallas, 37:31
- 13. Brian Thomas, 34, Tunkhannock, 43:47
- 22. Bob Warnagiris, 44, Hunlock Creek, 50:55
- 23. Alex Hackett, 13, Shavertown, 51:24
- 24. Myron Mokris, 56, Meshoppen, 54:11
- 28. Joyce Foster, 49, Dallas, 55:54
- 29. Eric Stauder, 34, Orangeville, 55:56
- 33. Madeleine Hackett, 11, Shavertown, 63:38
- 35. Tom Berezich, 62, Trucksville, 66:44
- 36. Ramah Hackett, 40, Shavertown, 71:45

Back Mountain Baseball

Englehart pitches, bats Phils to victory

Hunter Englehart doubled and then scored the go-ahead run in the bottom of the fifth on a sacrifice fly by Matt Bevan to capture a 4-3 win over the Giants. Carson Baker shut the Giants down in the sixth, in relief of Englehart who struck out nine in four innings.

Eric Cannon went all the way for the Giants, striking out seven and allowing only two hits. Cannon also had three hits in the loss.

Rangers 10, Harveys Lake #2 0

Zach Dirsra pitched a no-hitter for five innings and struck out 11. Dirsra walked none and allowed only one baserunner. Stephen Ruch led the Rangers with two hits including a double. Taylor Dunn, Jordan

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POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

R.J. Barr of the Bob Horlacher Dodgers got back safely to third base during a game last week against the Back Mountain A's.

Soccer tryouts

BMT Blitz U-9/U-10

The U-9/U-10 Back Mountain Blitz travel team will hold soccer tryouts on Friday, May 21 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 5 at 4 p.m. Both tryouts will be held at the "Pit" at the Dallas High School complex. Attendance at both tryouts is recommended. If you have any questions, contact Barb at 675-0985.

U-10 Magic

Tryouts will be held for the Back Mountain Magic U-10 boys travel soccer team at 4 p.m. May 22 and 6 p.m. June 4 at the Pit fields behind the Dallas High School. Interested players should attempt to attend both tryouts. For more information, call Don Murray at 675-6996 or 510-4474.

U-11 Raptors

Tryouts for the Back Mountain Raptors U-11 boys' travel soccer team will be held as follows:

Sunday, May 16, 6 p.m. at the corner field next to the Dallas school complex.

Friday, May 21, 6 p.m. at the Outlet Road soccer fields in Lehman.

It is strongly suggested that interested players attend both tryouts if possible. This will give them the best opportunity to be evaluated.

For additional information, call Tom Kukosky at 477-3437.