

Sports Roundup

GIRLS SOCCER

Crestwood 2, Lake-Lehman 1

May 24 — Crestwood scored in the third overtime to edge Lake-Lehman 2-1 in a District 2 girls soccer semifinal game at College Misericordia.

Melissa Strunk knocked down the initial shot, but the rebound went right back to Krista Jones, who was the fourth-seeded Comets' second-leading scorer during the regular season.

After a scoreless first half, Crestwood took a 1-0 lead four minutes into the second half.

Lehman tied the game in the 58th minute on a series of quick, short passes in the right side of the penalty area. Chrissa Kazmierski made a quick boot to Traci Ragukas, who then tapped a similar pass to Allison Culver. Culver wasted no time in tying the score 1-1.

Keeper Melissa Strunk stopped 18 shots on goal, but Crestwood's Amie Surville smothered 22 Black Knights scoring attempts.

Second-seeded Lehman ended its season at 12-3-1.

Lake-Lehman 2, Bishop Hoban 0

May 20 — Caroline Boris hit two direct kick goals for Lake-Lehman to give the Black Knights a victory over sixth-seeded Bishop Hoban in a district quarterfinal game.

Boris scored two minutes into the game, then again just before halftime. Keeper Melissa Strunk made six saves to record the shutout.

Dallas 2, Berwick 1 OT

May 20 — Megan Savage scored on an 18-yard shot two minutes into the second overtime as top-seeded Dallas edged eight-seeded Berwick.

Savage followed up a shot by Hallie Williams that deflected off a Berwick defender.

Berwick struck first as Sierra Matash scored unassisted in the 32nd minute. Dallas tied the score with nine minutes left in regulation when Megan Mc-

Donald scored off an assist by Cecilia Pambianco.

BASEBALL

Dallas 7, Meyers 5

May 24 — After letting two leads slip away, the 13th-seeded Mountaineers used a little small ball to score two runs and upset fourth-seeded Meyers, 7-5 in a first-round District 2 playoff game.

After the Mohawks scored a run in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game, Dallas went to work in the seventh.

An error allowed Adam King to reach first base before Tim Dymond's bloop single moved him to second. Ryan Marascio then laid down a two-strike sacrifice bunt and reached first when Meyers couldn't cut down the lead runner at third.

After a strikeout, leadoff hitter Mike Race drew a walk, bringing home pinch runner John Baker with the go-ahead run. A fielder's choice by Gracjan Kraszewski scored Dymond and Dallas led 7-5 through 6 1/2 innings.

Joe Lambert, who picked up the victory in relief, induced a quick groundout and then battled for a strikeout to start off the home half of the seventh. After a walk, he got Matt Hahn to pop up to end the game.

The Mountaineers took an early lead on a two-run home run by starting pitcher Dave Shultz.

Race took a fastball the other way for an RBI triple, scoring Marascio. Kraszewski then brought Race home with a single, putting Dallas ahead 4-1.

After Meyers tied the game in the fifth, Dallas regained the lead on Kraszewski's RBI in the sixth.

Valley View 4, Lake-Lehman 1

May 24 — Valley View scored a run in each of the first three innings and kept the Black Knights scoreless until the seventh inning of a first-round district playoff game.

Kevin Racemus went 2-for-5 and scored Lehman's only run. Matt Kapitula and Ryan Best-



Lake-Lehman's Traci Ragukas, left, blocked Crestwood's Janelle Wasser in a battle for the ball.

eder had the only other Lehman hits.

Dallas 10, Lake-Lehman 5

May 20 — Tim Dymond hit a three-run home run to highlight a seven-run sixth inning for the Mountaineers. Mike Race went 3-for-3 with two runs scored for Dallas and Gracjan Kraszewski added two RBI. Cory Shultz had two doubles.

Matt Straub knocked in two runs for the Black Knights. Kevin Racemus and Joe Lambert stroked doubles.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Hanover Area 7, Lake-Lehman 2

May 24 — The No. 4-seeded team in the District 2 Class 2A playoffs scored three runs in the first inning before the second out was recorded, and that proved to be enough.

Lake-Lehman (4-13) rallied in the fifth inning to bring the score within two runs, 4-2, but could get no closer.

"We did not play our best at all," Lake-Lehman coach Stacey Stack said. "You expect more things, but we are looking forward to next year since we are a young team."

The Knights scored two runs in the fifth inning to bring the score to 4-2. Tara Fawler came off the bench to hit an RBI double, scoring Jackie Hettes. Their second run was scored by Fawler off of Jill Chocallo's single. Chocallo was the top hitter for Lehman, going 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Sheree Horvath struck out six in the losing effort.

VOLLEYBALL

Lake-Lehman 3, Abington Heights 0

May 24 — Cory Spencer had 20 kills and eight service points as top-seeded Lake-Lehman advanced to the District 2 boys volleyball semifinals with a 3-0 victory over Abington Heights.

Game scores were 25-11, 25-13 and 25-20.

Dave Harrison and Alan Sheridan added eight and four kills, respectively. Sheridan finished with 14 service points.

Valley West 3, Dallas 2

May 20 — Cory Hine had 21 kills and 14 blocks for Dallas, which finished the season with a 6-9 record. Dustin Bednarz had 14 kills and 37 digs; Jordan Belschner had nine kills, eight blocks and 28 assists.

BMT Ball

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Pirates 10, Horlacher #2 0 Andrew Kaufman and William Fulton combined to pitch a one-hitter with 11 strikeouts for the Pirates.

John Patrick Henry led the offense with a double and single while Joey Murray added two hits. Will Bevevino and Christopher Dillon each hit singles for the winners.

Red Sox 7, Horlacher #3 2

Matt Shaver pitched a complete game masterpiece, striking out nine and scattering seven hits for the Red Sox. Shaver helped himself at the plate with a double and scored twice. Brandon Harding continued with the hot bat for the victors with two hits, Cody Plesnar tripled, driving in two runs, and Eric Baines added two hits including a double. Scott Riccetti, and Mark Malloy also had hits for the Red Sox.

Horlacher had a double from Chase Knott and singles from Ryan Murray, Matt Stephenson, Brian Freeman, Leon Sidorek, and Allen Wehler.

Dodgers 7, Pirates 2

Konrad Kraszewski pitched a complete game for the Dodgers, striking out eight. He also had two hits while T.J. Stepanski had a double and a single. Drew Schaub, Keith Cusma and T.J. Shultz had base hits for the Dodgers. Cusma made a running backhanded grab in left field to squash a Pirates rally. For the Pirates, Thomas Smith hit a deep home run to left field while Joey Murray had two hits. Griffin Adams ripped a double to centerfield.

Dodgers 19, Harveys Lake 6

Keith Cusma lead the hitting attack with two base hits as the Dodgers scored 18 runs in the first inning. Hayden Jenkins, Austin Carr and Mike Diaco each had hits for the Dodgers. Hayden Jenkins pitched two innings for the victory, striking out three batters and only allowing two hits.

Curtis Barbacci had a double for Harveys Lake while Chad Wadell had two singles.

Pirates 4, Giants 3

Marc Noyalis had three hits, including a home run and the game-winning hit in the sixth inning, as the Pirates edged the Giants in a key National League matchup. Tom Smith and Joey Murray combined to pitch a six-hitter for the Pirates, striking out eight batters each.

Chris Dailey pitched a complete game for the Giants, striking out 10. Dailey also hit a home run, while Eric Cannon and Adam Holena each had two singles.

Phillies 10, Orioles 1

Carson Baker held the Orioles to one hit and Hunter Englehart went 3-for-4, including a triple and home run for the Phillies. Keyed by Englehart's three-run shot to center field, the Phillies were able to break open a close 2-0 game in the top of the fifth. Matt Bevan and Robby Evans provided key singles to complete the Phillies fifth inning rally.

Zubko's line drive single in the bottom of the fifth broke up Baker's bid for a no-hitter. Zubko later scored the Orioles lone run. Jimmy Brown pitched an excellent six innings for the Orioles, striking out nine in a losing effort.

Rangers 6, Horlacher Cut

Travis DeBona hit a single up the middle with two out to score the winning run from third as the Rangers scored five runs in the bottom of the sixth with two outs to capture a win. Pat Engler and Shane Dunn had RBI walks in the sixth before Stephen Ruch tied the score by driving in two runs with the bases loaded to set the stage for DeBona. Ruch was the winning pitcher, striking out eight for the complete game victory.

The Cubs' Freeman hit a grand slam in the fifth while Reeves and Zachrios combined to strike out 11 in the loss.

Rangers 8, A's 7

Taylor Dunn hit a bases loaded triple to tie the score in the bottom of the sixth and scored on a passed ball as the Rangers' scored five runs to come from behind against the A's. Travis DeBona got the victory combining with Zach Dirsas to strike out seven. Stephen Ruch led the Rangers with two hits including a double. Nick Lombard had three hits for the A's while Andrew McCabe had a triple.

STANDINGS as of 5/23/04

Table with 4 columns: League, Team, Wins, Losses. Rows include American League (Rangers, Red Sox, A's, Orioles, Yankees) and National League (Phillies, Pirates, Dodgers, Giants, Astros).

Pioneers

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said Daube. "They asked us to come back. We go and try to make as much noise as possible."

In addition to the players, the Pioneers front office noticed as well. In fact, they offered discounted tickets to Back Mountain residents attending the May 22 game. "We love having those guys involved," said Jason Jarecki, the Pioneers' director of public relations. "We hope their enthusiasm spreads."

Pioneers' head coach Les Moss has noticed the group as well. "The crowd plays a huge

role in arena football," said Moss. "The players draw a lot of energy from the fans and they feed off of their enthusiasm. It's like having a ninth man. I think it's evident since our level of play has been much higher at home."

Other members of "The Stable" include sophomores Chris Parrish, Eddie Daris, Bobby Lenahan, Rob Santillana, Jesse Swartwood, Eric Domzalski, Nick Samanas, Dan Considine, Mike Race and Robbie Tomko.

The group often finds itself on the Wachovia Arena video board and several group members attended a taping of the "Pioneers Playbook" television show. "It's been fun," said Daube. "After the first game,

Volleyball

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handle this, nobody's got an ego. They all understand the concept of what we're trying to do.

Also contributing for the Knights: Craig Thomas (8 kills, 8 service points), Alan Sheri-

dan (10 service points) and Patrick McMahon (13 service points, solid defense).

"There's not a whole lot of secrets involved," Baranowski said. "It's just a matter of execution and we were able to execute today."

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Tigers take payback from Pittston

May 25 — Tunkhannock ace Jon Clemens threw 30 of his 156 pitches to work out of a final-inning jam and the Tigers scored five times in the top of the seventh inning — culminating on a game-winning two-run single by Adam Maciorkoski — to post an 8-6 victory against the host Pittston Patriots in a wild District 2 Class 3A playoff game.

Down to their final three outs and trailing 6-3, the Tigers put together a furious rally in the seventh.

Kraig Givens started things off with a leadoff walk, prompting Pittston Area head coach Paul Zaffuto to take out starting pitcher Dom Bartoli. Re-

liever Chris Tonte walked Chad Crispell and surrendered an RBI single by Tim Schemel to make it 6-4 and end Tonte's relief appearance.

Designated hitter Corey Rau drew a walk from relief pitcher Joe Hines to load the bases and Grey tied the contest at 6-6 with a two-run single. Maciorkoski then hit a two-run single, scoring Grey and Mike DeLeo, who was pinch-running for Rau.

The game wasn't only about offense. In the fourth inning, Tunkhannock center fielder Givens saved three runs when he leapt above the fence to rob Pittston's Brad Tucker of a three-run home run.

Teeners open season with big win

The Back Mountain 13-year-old teener's opened the regular season with a 13-0 win over Hazleton. BMT scored 12 in the first inning on 11 hits to break it open early. Josh Backes and Scott Skammer each had two hits in the inning. Bobby Peron and Michael Eckman doubled in the win. Peron also pitched four strong innings, striking out five and walking none.

we couldn't wait to see if we made the highlights on the news."

Daube said the group is always looking for new members. "We've had some kids ask their parents if the could sit near us and some people request tickets in our section," he explained. "The more the merri-

er." High School principal Frank Galicki made a special guest appearance at the last home game. "It was cool to have Mr. Galicki there, but he kept his distance," said Daube. "I don't know if we could get him to paint his hair blue."

CROSSWORD CORNER

Super Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes categories like 'Fraischutz', 'place', '12 Down', etc.

Completed crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating clue positions.

Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

Small crossword puzzle grid for Rational Numbers.

- ACROSS: 2. Three times 16-Down. 5. Consecutive digits in descending order. 7. 6-Down plus 10-Down. 9. Three more than 2-Across. 10. Consecutive digits in descending order. 11. Six more than 5-Across. 12. Ten more than 7-Across. 13. 12-Across plus 11-Down. 15. Five more than 10-Across. 17. Four times 1-Down.

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King Crossword

Large crossword puzzle grid for King Crossword with clues for Across and Down.