

# SportsWeek

## Back Mountain Baseball A's stop tying run on last chance

The A's threw out the tying run with two outs in the bottom of the sixth to squeeze past the Pirates 5-4. Tyler Rice and Andrew McCabe pitched well for the A's, scattering five hits over six innings with McCabe picking up the victory. Aaron Perez and Andy Ondish led the offense with two hits and two RBI each. Nick Lombard also added a pair of hits in the win. Marc Noyalis pitched five strong innings, striking out 10 A's in the loss. Noyalis also had two hits while Tom Smith homered for the Pirates.

### Yankees 7, Horlacher Dodgers 5

The Yankees picked up their first victory of the season as they slipped past the Horlacher Dodgers. Cody McHutchinson and Scott Napkora each doubled in the win, and Adam Goeringer and Kevin Muldoon had two hits apiece for the victors. Muldoon and Goeringer also combined to strike out 13 Dodgers. Ronnie Ayers had a triple for the Dodgers, while R.J. Barr struck out 11 in the loss.

### Dodgers 6, Red Sox 2

Konrad Kraszewski scattered five hits and struck out eight as the Dodgers downed the Red Sox. Konrad helped himself at the plate with a single and a double. T.J. Stepanski roped a triple and a single and picked up 4 RBI in the win. Austin Carr had two singles and Mike Diaco added a single for the victors. Eric Baines paced the the Red Sox with two hits. Matt Shaver added a triple and Scot Riccetti and Cody Plesnar singled in a losing effort.

### Pirates 7, Astros 1

Joey Murray and Marc Noyalis combined on a two-hitter and struck out four batters each as the Pirates defeated the Astros. Spencer Youngman had two hits for the Pirates, including a double, while Griffin Adams belted a double and scored two runs. Zach Yursha had two hits for the Astros, including a double.

### Pirates 12, Giants 3

Andrew Kaufman went 4-for-4 at the plate with two doubles and three RBI to lead the Pirates to a win over the Giants in a key National League matchup. Joey Murray added three hits with two doubles while Marc Noyalis had three hits and three RBI. Will Bevevino had two hits and two RBI while Tom Smith pitched five strong innings, striking out 10 in the win. Erik Cannon struck out 10 batters for the Giants and hit a double. Kevin Cope had two singles while Kevin Gilbert added a hit in the loss.

### Red Sox 10, Harveys Lake 6

The Red Sox ripped Harveys Lake #2 for 13 hits as they picked up a win. Scot Riccetti led the Red Sox, scorching the Harveys Lake pitchers for four singles and scoring three runs. Matt Shaver cranked out three hits including a double and two RBI. Mark Malloy also had a hot bat with a triple and a single with two RBI. Tanner Baloh helped out the victors with a double and scoring twice. Dylan Thomas singled and made a game saving catch, snagging a hot line drive with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the sixth. Eric Baines picked up the win for the Red Sox, striking out eight and allowing only two hits. Baines also helped himself at the plate with a single and an RBI.

Adam Weaver and Curt Barbacci had singles for Harveys Lake.

### Astros 21, Harveys Lake 1

Chad Carey was the winning pitcher, striking out seven in 3 innings and only giving up one hit. Zach Yursha and Tony Bevevino lead the Astros attack going 3-for-4 with two singles a double. Kyle Parsons, Chris Prater, Neil Harris and Drew Brandt each added a single and double. The lone hit for Harveys Lake was by Bob Oley.

### Astros 5, Phillies 3

Drew Brandt pitched the entire six innings, striking out four Phillies. Tony Bevevino 2-for-3 with a double and single, Zach Yursha added two singles and Kyle Parsons added a double. Carson Baker pitched a great game, striking out 12 Astros and led his Phillies with two singles. Matt Bevan added two singles in the losing effort. Drew Brandt is now 6-0 as a 10-year-old on the mound for the Astros.

## Mountaineers claim Cup

The Back Mountain Cup will be traveling from Lehman to Dallas this fall, as the Mountaineers left no doubt about who should hold possession for the next year.

The Cup rewards an entire year of excellence on the field and in the gym, with each meeting between the Dallas and Lake-Lehman high school varsity squads given equal weight in determining the winner.

After losing the race for the Cup in 2002-2003, Dallas wasted no time taking the lead, winning a September 4 golf match that was the first meeting between the schools. After losing badly in field hockey, the Mountaineers won a rematch in golf and edged the Black Knights in cross country by a single point to take a 4-1 lead. Lehman's win in girls volleyball was their only other victory of the fall season, which ended with Dallas ahead 6-2.

Things didn't go much better for the Knights



Above, Chris Boyle took to the air against Robbie Myers and Brad Fagula. At left, Stephanie Pace (in blue) and Amanda Sagan raced for the ball during a field hockey match. At right, Matt Straub tagged out Mike Race.

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over the winter, as Lehman managed to win only in wrestling.

A Lehman win in boys volleyball started the spring season, and that was followed by the year's only tie, 1-1 in girls soccer.

Lehman had its best season in the spring, adding victories in girls track and girls soccer. But that wasn't nearly enough, as Dallas finished with double wins in baseball and softball to finish the year with a 15.5 to 6.5 advantage.

Lake-Lehman won the inaugural year of the Cup, riding a strong fall sports showing in which they lost only one match to a 14-9 victory margin. Dallas got as close as 9-8 before the Black Knights pulled away with wins in soccer, girls and boys track and softball.

The tally for the Back Mountain Cup includes every regular-season game, match and meet in which the schools play one another, awarding one point for each victory and .5 point to each school in a tie. There is no distinction made between a win in volleyball, football or track — all are equally important.

The Cup will be presented to Dallas High School at the first home football game of the fall season, on September 11.

### 2003-04 Back Mountain Cup final standings

Date	Sport	Result	Standings
Sept. 4	Golf	D 173-LL 197	D 1-LL 0
Sept. 8	Field Hockey	LL 7-00	D 1-LL 1
Sept. 18	Boys Soccer	D 3-LL 0	D 2-LL 1
Sept. 23	Golf	D 181-LL186	D 3-LL 1
Sept. 24	Cross Country	D 28-LL 29	D 4-LL 1
Sept. 30	Girls Volleyball	LL 3-D 0	D 4-LL 2
Oct. 10	Soccer	D5-LL 0	D 5-LL 2
Oct. 31	Football	D 34-LL 7	D 6-LL 2
Dec. 2	Wrestling	LL37-D22	D 6-LL 3
Jan. 9	Girls Basketball	D 55-LL 26	D 7-LL 3
Jan. 10	Boys Basketball	D 69-LL 46	D 8-LL 3
Feb. 5	Girls Basketball	D 49-LL 43	D 9-LL 3
Feb. 7	Boys Basketball	D 69-LL 38	D 10-LL 3
Apr. 5	Boys Volleyball	LL 3-D 0	D 10-LL 4
Apr. 19	Girls Soccer	D 1-LL 1	D 10.5-LL 4.5
Apr. 19	Baseball	D 18-LL 7	D 11.5-LL 4.5
Apr. 19	Softball	D 3-LL 1	D 12.5-LL 4.5
May 5	Boys Track	D 94-LL 56	D 13.5-LL 4.5
May 5	Girls Track	LL 79-D 71	D 13.5-LL 5.5
May 13	Girls Soccer	LL 2-D 0	D 13.5-LL 6.5
May 19	Softball	D 6-LL 3	D 14.5-LL 6.5
May 20	Baseball	D 10-LL 5	D 15.5-LL 6.5

### PIAA Volleyball Playoffs

## Knights exit early from states

Staff report

District 2 champion Lake-Lehman was eliminated from the PIAA Boys Volleyball Championships on May 28 at Shippensburg University, finishing 0-3 in pool play competition.

All matches were three games even if a team had won the first two.

Lehman opened with a 23-25, 17-25, 25-22 loss to D3 fifth seed Cumberland Valley late in the morning. Seniors Cory Spencer and Craig Thomas then departed for graduation, which was held at 6 p.m. at the

high school.

"We had to play four guys out of position, four jayvees," Lehman coach John Baranowski said. "We ended up with eight guys ... Patrick (McMahon), our back row guy, had to play front row. Kevin (Konicki) had hardly any experience and he had to play. Kenny (David), our setter, had to block middle which is tough to do when setting."

The results were losses to D1 runner-up Pennsbury (25-11, 25-11, 25-11) and three-time defending champion and D3 champ Hempfield (25-13, 25-14, 25-12).



### MVPs named at Sem

Wyoming Seminary Upper School Director of Athletics Karen Klassner has announced Sem's Most Valuable Players from the Back Mountain for spring sports played during the final school term. In girls lacrosse, Devin Carey, a junior from Dallas, was named defensive MVP while sophomore Laura Eckman of Shavertown was named offensive MVP. In girls soccer, junior Jillian Seeley from Shavertown received defensive MVP honors, while Zoe VanJura, a junior from Trucksville, was named offensive MVP. In softball, sophomore Sara Brown from Shavertown was named defensive MVP, and senior Alana Allan of Shavertown was offensive MVP.

Seen following the awards presentation, standing first row from left: Laura Eckman, Alana Allan, Sara Brown, Devin Carey, Jillian Seeley and Zoe VanJura.

### Running

## Rome wins Anthracite 4 Mile, local runners top age groups

Staff report

**WEST PITSTON** — Amy Rome scored a wire-to-wire victory in the 27th annual West Pittston Anthracite 4 Mile Run in the rain June 5.

Rome, 37, of Dallas, won the female division, finishing fourth overall in 23:09. She set a course record for the second year in a row, knocking five seconds off her course-record time from last year.

Rome has finished in the top 10 several times in recent area races. On Memorial Day in Forty Fort, the former Penn State star took eighth overall in a field that featured a number of respectable male runners.

Rome said Saturday's effort was her most satisfying this year.

"I wanted to run at a 5:45-per-mile pace. For the first two miles I was a little under that goal. I slowed down over the third mile. This is the first time this season that I ran faster in a race than I did last year."

Other local finishers were:

Joe Maskalis, Dallas, ninth overall and first in Male age 20-24; John Sobocinski, Dallas, first in Male age 35-39; Bill Langan, Dallas, third in Male age 40-44; Katie Levandoski, Dallas, first in Female age 14 and under; Monica Obsitos, Shavertown, first in Female age 15-19; Diane Levandoski, first in Female, age 40-44.

### Volleyball tournament for charity

The Back Mountain Senior High Catholic Youth Council will sponsor a charity volleyball tournament Saturday, June 19 at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus gymnasium. Teams, made of senior high youth to adults, can contain six players.

Prize money will be donated to the team's charity of choice, on this scale: First place team, 60 percent of total registration fee; second place team, 40 percent. Play will begin at 9 a.m. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Tournament entry is limited to 10 teams. For further information contact Denise Murphy at 696-1144.

### Youth basketball camp at Lake-Lehman

Two Lake-Lehman senior basketball players, Caleb Piatt and Robert Schober, will conduct a basketball camp for boys from the Lake-Lehman School District entering grades 4-7 from July 5-9. They will be taught basic fundamentals by the players and the varsity coach, Dave Clancy, and Jeff Hynick. The camp will be from 9 a.m.-12 noon each day.

The cost is \$20. Registration fees will be used to pay for camp t-shirts as well as prizes for several competitions. To reserve a spot, send \$20 (checks addressed to Lee Piatt) to: 128 Hemlock Drive, Dallas, PA 18612 along with a note indicating the child's name, home phone number, the grade they are entering, their youth t-shirt size, and a parent signature signifying that they are allowed to be photographed for senior project purposes.

### Dallas Jr. Football registration

The Dallas Junior Football Association will hold registration for children ages 5-14 who live in the Dallas, Dallas Township and Franklin Township areas on Sunday, June 13 at 6 p.m. at the Dallas Twp Municipal Building, Rt. 309. Bring copy of health insurance, birth certificate and a recent photo.

Following registration, there will be a monthly board meeting for all board members. The public is invited.