

SportsWeek

Work and play



PHOTOS FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

Local high school athletic squads continued to prepare last week for the upcoming season. Lake-Lehman hosted a field hockey "Play Day," where Dallas took on Lackawanna Trail in the opening short scrimmage. In top photo, the Mountaineers' Kasey Corbett, in green shirt, battled for control during that match. Dallas opens its season Friday at Montrose. Lake-Lehman starts the same day at Northwest. Later in the week, Dallas hosted Danville for a soccer scrimmage. The perennial powerhouse Mountaineers open their season Friday against Coughlin at home. Lake-Lehman will begin its soccer season by hosting Tunkhannock Friday. Above left, Lee Ruger looked for an opening as he dribbled downfield. Above right, Dallas' Ryan Marascio closed in on a Danville player during the scrimmage.

Back Mountain junior football teams open against each other

The Dallas Junior Mounts and Kingston Township Raiders met August 22 for the opening of the mini-football season. Results were supplied by the teams.

A teams

Dallas 30, Kingston Township 0

Dallas's Mitch Artsma's opening play was good for a 50-yard touchdown, followed up by a second score also by Artsma in the first quarter. Mason Bullock had a 40-yard quarterback sneak for a touchdown early in second quarter. In the third quarter, Alex Mullen's 20-yard interception led to Alex Wilhem's 20-yard touchdown.

Two-point conversions were scored by P.J. Percene, Artsma and Dean Chopka. Other highlights included two fumble recoveries by Chopka and an interception by Bullock.

B teams

Dallas 30, Kingston Township 6

Tyler Shutlock led the Dallas offense with three touchdowns. See JUNIOR FOOTBALL, pg 8



Neil Shaver breaks loose for one of four touchdowns for Kingston Township "C" against Dallas on August 22.

Back Mountain Cup again up for grabs

The race for the 2004-05 Back Mountain Cup will begin Thursday with a golf match between the Dallas and Lake-Lehman high school teams at Huntsville Golf Club. There will be nine meetings between the rivals during the regular fall season.



The Cup trophy will travel from Lehman to Dallas September 11, when it will be presented during halftime of the first Mountaineers' home football game. The winning school displays the trophy until the end of the year.

Lake-Lehman won the inaugural 2002-03 year of the Cup, riding a strong fall sports showing in which they lost only one match to a 14-9 victory margin. Dallas finished the 2003-04 race with double wins in baseball and softball to claim the trophy by a 15.5 to 6.5 advantage.

The Cup is the reward for an entire year of excellence on the field and in the gym. It includes every regular-season game, match and meet in which the schools' varsity squads 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.

It is not intended to diminish the importance of the Old Shoe game, or the more recent awards given by Back Mountain Youth Soccer to the winning squad.

The fall schedule, barring postponements, is:

Sept. 2	Golf @ Huntsville Golf Club
Sept. 9	Soccer @ Lake-Lehman
Sept. 20	Golf @ Irem Temple Country Club
Oct. 4	Girls Volleyball @ Dallas
Oct. 7	Soccer @ Dallas
Oct. 15	Boys Cross Country @ Lake-Lehman
Oct. 15	Girls Cross Country @ Lake-Lehman
Oct. 20	Field Hockey @ Dallas
Nov. 6	Football @ Dallas

Sports roundup

GOLF

Dallas 159, Bishop Hoban 160

Aug. 25 — John Stevens and Scott Grundowski shot 1-over-par 37s at Wilkes-Barre Golf Club to lead Dallas. Adam King (42) and John Ashley and Ryan Francioni (43s) rounded out Dallas' scoring.

For Bishop Hoban, Mike Clemente had a 39. Jeff Clemente carded a 41 and Brandon Wills shot a 42.

Wyoming Seminary 162, Lake-Lehman 207

Aug. 25 — Ross Brown from Wyoming Seminary fired an even-par 36 for medalist honors at Huntsville Country Club.

For Lake-Lehman, Chris Jones scored 50, Doug Piazza scored 51, and Mark

Rossick and Rick Jayne carded 53s.

Valley West 151, Bishop O'Reilly 161

Aug. 25 — Bishop O'Reilly's Josh Aciekewicz was the medalist with an even-par 35 at Lehman Golf Club. Also for O'Reilly, Tim Crossin shot a 41 and Zack Aciekewicz carded a 43.

Tunkhannock 166, Coughlin 177

Aug. 25 — For Tunkhannock, Matt Franco carded a 40. Spencer Lunger (41), Mike O'Mara (42) and J.J. Stelma and Andy Soltis (43s) rounded out the scoring.

Wyoming Seminary 266, Dallas 279

Aug. 23 — Wyoming Seminary defeated Dallas 266-279. See GOLF, pg 8

Steve qualifies for national goalie competition

Peter Steve III, 14, of Dallas, recently captured two silver medals in Regional Goalie War Tournaments held in Lancaster, Pa. and Rochester, New York, earning him a spot in the first National Goalie Wars Competition in the spring of 2005.

Steve, the reigning Pennsylvania State Goalie Wars Champion, captured the silver medals at the Mid Atlantic Goalie War Tournament in Lancaster in June, and the Northeast Regional Goalie War Tournament in Rochester in July.

The week prior to the Rochester Tournament, Steve was also selected as the MVP of the Star Goalkeeper Academy Camp in Simsbury, Ct., where he competed against over 60 other goalies from throughout the United States, Canada and Europe.

Steve will be a freshman at Dallas High School this fall and is a member of the Dallas soccer team. He is also a member of the Wyoming Valley Soccer Club, where he trains with Bob Zanicky.



Misericordia names coaches

Janelle Perlis, a former standout at Lake-Lehman and James Madison University, will serve as assistant field hockey coach at College Misericordia this season.

Rachel Farley and Holly (Shiber) Sowick will assist the women's soccer team. Farley played at Lehman and Misericordia, while Sowick, a Dallas graduate, played at Wilkes.