

# Gearing up for a run at states

The Dallas High School boys soccer team hopes to avoid the letdown it suffered at the end of last season when the Mountaineers were stunned in the first round of district play by an underdog Nanticoke team.

An undefeated regular season and league championship ended in bitter disappointment.

Veteran head coach Chris

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Scharff thinks this year's team can learn from that experience.

"I think we might have gone into that game a bit overconfident," said Scharff. "These kids seem hungry and are focused on keeping the winning tradition alive at Dallas. They don't want to experience that feeling again."

For Scharff and his team, the goals remain the same. "We expect to contend for the league title, go to districts and qualify for the state tournament."

Despite losing the top two scorers from a year ago, Scharff has plenty of talent on a roster that is 35 players strong.

"I think we will be much more balanced this year," said Scharff, who is assisted by Abe Lewis. "We have a lot of players who have the ability to score this year instead of looking for one



From left, first row: Matthew Glicini, Adam Besecker, Ryan Gilroy, Mike Haines, Billy Barnes. Second row: Vito Recchia, Chuck Youngman, Gaith Ibrahim, Dave Luksh, Zack Luzzi, Michael Glicini, Jordan Nelson, Harry Giacometti. Third row: Aaron Slaff, Guy Carpenter, David Murphy, Mike Wyberski, John Thompson, Devon Kornak, Ryan Marascio, Jason Brakefield, Ben Rother, Chris Bertinelli. Fourth row: Mario Oliveri, Alaric Eby, Mike Miller, Ryan Murray, Alex Baltimore, Ben Thomas, Peter Steve, Billy Deangelo, Eric Samanas, Lee Ruger, Eddie Daris.

or two guys to carry the load. That should make us more dangerous."

Among the returnees are junior goalkeeper Ryan Gilroy, senior sweeper Ryan Murray, senior back Ryan Marascio and sophomore midfielder Billy DeAngelo.

"These four players are all returning starters and give us a solid nucleus," said Scharff. "We have several other players who saw quality minutes last year."

Overall, Scharff has been impressed with his team during the pre-season. "We've looked

pretty good," he said. "We have a lot of experience and are playing with a great deal of maturity."

The Mountaineers will be travel to Back Mountain rival Lake-Lehman on Sept. 9.

— by Chris Bell



Chris Scharff



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| Wed. Sept. 22 | Bishop Hoban  | Home |
| Wed. Sept. 29 | Hanover       | Away |
| Wed. Oct. 6   | Nanticoke     | Home |
| Tue. Oct. 12  | GAR           | Away |
| Fri. Oct. 15  | Lake Lehman   | Away |
| Wed. Oct. 20  | Coaches Meet  | Away |
| Wed. Oct. 27  | District Meet |      |

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| Fri. Sept. 10 | Bishop Hoban  | Home |
| Wed. Sept. 15 | Hanover       | Away |
| Wed. Sept. 22 | Nanticoke     | Home |
| Wed. Sept. 29 | GAR           | Away |
| Wed. Oct. 6   | Wyoming Area  | Away |
| Fri. Oct. 15  | Dallas        | Home |
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