

SportsWeek

Coaches savor Back Mountain rivalry

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The rivalry has between the Dallas and Lake-Lehman boys soccer teams is old hat to veteran Dallas head coach Chris Scharff, but it is a new experience for rookie Lake-Lehman mentor Frank Carrozza.

"I know there's a rivalry simply because of the location of the two schools," said Carrozza. "But, I could tell from the chatter between the players that this game means a little more than most."

Carrozza, however, was careful not to let his team get too hyped up before last Thursday's match. "Rivalries can be a lot of fun," he said. "But, you can't get too caught up in the emotion. You have to remember to play

the game."

For Dallas coach and Lake-Lehman graduate Chris Scharff, the rivalry is always special.

"It's interesting to be on the other side as a coach," said Scharff. "My kids know I played at Lehman, so it adds a little more excitement for them."

Both coaches are pleased with their team's play in the early going.

Despite being shut out in losses to Tunkhannock (1-0) and Wyoming Valley West (6-0), Carrozza is impressed by his team's efforts.

"We're still learning and improving



Chris Scharff



Frank Carrozza

Vnuk.

"Vnuk and McHugh have played well on defense," said Carrozza. "In addition to playing their own positions, they are trying to help out our younger defensive players."

McMahon has played at forward and center midfielder for the Knights. "He's shown that he can create plays,"

every day," he said. "We're showing progress and the kids are excited."

Seniors Pat McHugh and Pat McMahon have played key roles for the Knights thus far, along with junior Dan

said Carrozza. "We need to look to get the ball to him a little more."

The Mountaineers suffered a last-second loss to Coughlin (2-1) in the season opener and entered Thursday's game at 1-1 after beating Tunkhannock (3-0). The Post went to press before results were available for Thursday's game.

"We're playing very well," said Scharff. "We played real tough against Coughlin and were in position to win the game."

"We showed we can play with the best team in the league," said Scharff. "We might be better than I thought and we're probably better than most other people around the league thought. We lost a lot of starters from last year, but our kids have really stepped up."

Soccer stars of tomorrow

Tunkhannock visited Dallas Sept. 7 for a junior high soccer match. The teams include both boys and girls. Dallas dominated on that day, claiming a 4-0 shutout victory at home.

In photos, clockwise from right: Dallas goalkeeper Collin Grube saves the day. He did not allow a goal; Tara Connors, Dallas, sidelines Nathan Hill of Tunkhannock; Scott Webb, Dallas, battles Michael Russell, Tunkhannock.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Dallas 21, Coughlin 13

Sept. 3 — The Dallas Mountaineers, ranked in the top five at the Class 2A level in Pennsylvania in several media polls, barely escaped a season-opening upset at Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium.

Coughlin grabbed a 7-0 lead in the first quarter when Joe Cunningham scored on a 2-yard run.

Dallas tied the score at 7 when Matt Kelly threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Nick Samanas with 9:37 left in the first half.

Dallas took a 14-7 lead with 3:08 left in the third quarter when Doug Harris scored an 8-yard touchdown.

The Mountaineers were driving for another touchdown on their next drive, but fumbled the ball away at the Coughlin 2.

Nine plays later, Cunningham scampered in from 51 yards out to cut the lead to 14-13. But Samanas prevented the game from being tied when he blocked the extra point.

Dallas took advantage of Coughlin's lone turnover of the game to score its final touchdown. Five plays after Kyle Zapoticky recovered a Coughlin fumble, Harris scored on a 4-yard run with 3:32 remaining.

Coughlin had an opportunity to force overtime at the end of the fourth quarter. The Crusaders drove 52 yards to the Dallas 15-yard-line with seven seconds remaining after a pass interference penalty on the Mountaineers in the end zone.

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Stepniak takes five medals at keystones

Stacey Stepniak of Dallas won five medals in the girls 13-14 age group at the 2004 Keystone State Games. She took three gold, one silver and a bronze. She will also compete on a seven-member team representing the Pocono region.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Dallas A 8, Plymouth 6 (OT)

Dallas A team won in overtime 8-6 after playing a hard fought defensive battle to the end against the Plymouth Indians. Dallas held the Indians scoreless through four quarters. Leading the team in tackles was Dean Chopka at the defensive end and safety positions. Adam Kamus and Mitchell Artsma had several key quarterback sacks.

In overtime Mason Bullock rushed for a touchdown and Joe Hayes scored the two-point conversion to put Dallas on the scoreboard. The defense, led by James Rosencrans, stopped the Plymouth offense from scoring, which gave Dallas the win.

Dallas B 30, Plymouth 0

The Dallas B team looked strong with a shutout victory over the Plymouth Indians. The first few minutes of the game tested the Dallas defense against a fine Plymouth offense. Leading the Dallas defense were Buddy Shutlock and Bobby Saba with some outstanding tackles and Adam Goeringer and Saba each with quarterback sacks. The Dallas offense got started with a superb touchdown pass from Paul Brace to Kevin Muldoon in the second quarter. Zack Dirsra and David Gallagher were outstanding in opening up some key holes for running backs Tyler Shutlock and Brett Wanek to rush for touchdowns. Two-point conversions were scored by Jordan Mullen, Brett Wanek and Tyler Shutlock.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

BOYS SOCCER

Dallas 3, Tunkhannock 0

Sept. 7 — Dave Luksh, Ben Thomas and Chris Bertinelli each scored goals and goalkeeper Ryan Gilroy stopped seven shots to lead Dallas. Lee Ruger and Billy DeAngelo had assists.

Goalkeeper Mike Agular had 10 saves for Tunkhannock.

Valley West 6, Lake-Lehman 0

Sept. 7 — The Black Knights were unable to capitalize on 11 shots. Goalkeeper Wes Kinter recorded nine saves.

Coughlin 2, Dallas 1

Aug. 3 — Steve Ference scored on a chip shot from 15 yards out at the 79:58 mark to lift Coughlin to a dramatic victory over Dallas on Friday.

The game was scoreless until the 74th minute, when Coughlin's Ryan Symons scored. Three minutes later, Dallas' Jason Brakefield evened the game.

Tunkhannock 1, Lake-Lehman 0

Aug. 3 — Tunkhannock's Marcus Kristunas scored the game-winning goal with less than 15 minutes to play on Friday.

FIELD HOCKEY

Wyoming Seminary 8, GAR 0

Aug. 3 — Tam Morris scored two goals as Wyoming Seminary jumped out to a 5-0 lead at half and cruised from there.

Lehman 8, Northwest 0

Aug. 3 — Allison Boris had a hat trick as Lake-Lehman topped Northwest Area.

Traci Ragukas scored twice for the Black Knights, and Jocelyn Mahon, Amanda Sagan and Chrissie Kazmierki had a goal and an assist apiece.

Dallas 7, Montrose 0

Aug. 3 — Freshman Paige Selenski scored two goals and assisting on a third as the Lady Mounts defeated Montrose. Diana Glicini also had a pair of goals, while Sam O'Brien, Alyssa Pyros, and Alysa Retznetka each add a goal for Dallas.

GOLF

Tunkhannock 167, Wyoming Area 172

Sept. 7 — Michael O'Mara and Spencer Lunger each shot 41 to lead the Tigers at Shadowbrook Golf Club. Matt Franco scored 42 and Vic Kalvaitis had a 43.

Bishop Hoban 158, Lake-Lehman 191

Sept. 7 — Mike Clemente, Jeff Clemente and Mike Wills each shot 40 for the Argents at Wilkes-Barre Golf Club. Justin Eimers led Lehman with a 47. Doug Piazza, Brian Cardillo and Steve Cornia each shot 48.

Wyoming Seminary 193, Bishop O'Reilly 192

Sept. 7 — O'Reilly's Conor Judge was co-medalist with a 40 at Huntsville Golf Club. Josh Aciekewicz shot a 50 and Rob Yocum carded a 53.

Tunkhannock 136, GAR 184

Sept. 3 — Medalist Mike O'Mara shot a one-under par 32 to lead the Tigers. Spencer Lunger shot a 33, Matt Franco had 34 and Andy Soltis had a 37.

Bishop Hoban 151, Bishop O'Reilly 156

Sept. 2 — Matt Mileski shot a 1-over-par 35 to pace Bishop Hoban to the victory at Lehman Golf Club. Also for Hoban, Jared Nothstein shot a 36.

For O'Reilly, Tim Crossin shot a 38, Conor Judge a 39, Rob Yocum a 39 and Josh Aciekewicz a 40.

Dallas 161, Lehman 194

Sept. 2 — Joe Bevevino from Dallas was medalist by shooting an even-par 36 at Huntsville Golf Club.

Also scoring for Dallas was John Stephens, 39; Scott Grundowski, 39; and Steve Sabol, 47.

Leading for Lake-Lehman was Mark Rossick with 44 and Brian Cardillo had 48, Justin Eimers scored a 49 and Rick Jayne scored a 53.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Lehman 3, Coughlin 0

Sept. 8 — Savannah Coombs had 15 service points and Megan Strunk played strong back-row defense as Lake-Lehman won 25-18, 25-15, 25-15.

Tunkhannock 3, Dallas 0

Sept. 8 — Holly Holdredge served

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