

SportsWeek

Field hockey rivalry has big implications



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Dallas is fighting for playoff slot, while Lake-Lehman looks for first-round bye.

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As the 2004 field hockey regular season comes to a close, the annual meeting between Back Mountain rivals Lake-Lehman and Dallas will have added meaning as both teams look to clinch playoff berths.

With two games remaining this week, including Wednesday's trip to Dallas, the Knights of veteran head coach Jean Lipski hope to secure the second seed in the post-season, which would guarantee a first-round bye.

Under first-year head coach MaryKate Stauffer, the Mountaineers are battling for the final playoff spot in Division I of the Wyoming Valley Conference.

"We're excited to be in the playoff mix this late in the season," said Stauffer. "We're hoping to make the playoffs. It would be a great accomplishment for this team."

Coming off their first loss of the season, Lehman is taking advantage of a lighter schedule in order to prepare for the playoffs.

"We went through a stretch where we were playing three games a week," said Lipski. "That makes it very tough to find time to make corrections and adjustments during practice. We had three great days of practice this week and were able to work on the things that we need to as we prepare for the playoffs."

Not that the Knights are looking past Dallas or their regular-season finale against Nanticoke. "The Lehman versus Dallas game is one of the biggest games of the year," said Lipski. "It's for bragging rights in the Back Mountain. You can never underestimate the rivalry because strange things can happen in this game."

Stauffer is preparing for her first meeting of the local rivals and is learning about the intensity of the game from an unlikely source. "We've preached to the kids all year about taking it one game at a time," said Stauffer. "They haven't said much about it, but I'm getting the feeling from some of our parents that it is a really big game. I'm looking forward to it."

Lipski thinks her team is taking the right approach for a hopefully long run in the playoffs. "I think we're starting to peak at the right time," she explained. "We worked really hard in the pre-season to get ready, but you can't maintain that pace for the entire season. Now, we're starting to build back up as we prepare for the playoffs."

Stauffer and the Mounts hope to end the season on a high note. "We have a very young team, but we do have five seniors and they are very anxious as we head down the stretch," she said. "They want to make the most of their last few games and they'd like to end their careers on a positive."

Lake-Lehman sports physicals

Lake-Lehman Junior/Senior High School winter sports physicals will be held on Wed., Oct. 20 at 9 a.m. for senior high girls participating in basketball and swimming. Junior high girls basketball and swimming physicals will be held on Mon., Nov. 1, at 9 a.m.

On Wed., Nov. 3, senior high boys basketball, wrestling and swimming physicals will be held at 9 a.m. Junior high boys basketball, wrestling and swimming will be held at 9 a.m. on Fri., Nov. 5. Make-up exams for all students will be at 9 a.m. on Tues., Nov. 9.

Students must have their physical forms filled out and signed by a parent or guardian prior to their exam.

SPORTS ROUNDUP



FOR THE POST/FRED ADAMS

Brittney Allen, Caity Green and Erica Kelleher celebrate their Oct. 12 sweep of Meyers. Dallas bounced back from a four-match losing streak by beating the Mohawks, 3-0.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Dallas 15, GAR 50

Oct. 12 — Jess Jones, Hillary Adams and Lisa Giacometti took first together at 22:06 for the Mountaineers in their 15-50 win over GAR.

Pittston Area 25, Tunkhannock 30

Oct. 12 — Betsy Sayre was second in 22:32 in the Tigers' 25-30 loss to Pittston Area.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Dallas 18, GAR 37

Oct. 12 — Adam Singer finished at 19:07 and Eric Danko at 19:13 for the Mountaineers in their 18-37 win over GAR.

Pittston Area 26, Tunkhannock 31

Andy Hildebrand finished in 17:45 for the Tigers in their 26-31 loss to Pittston Area.

FOOTBALL

Dallas 35, Hanover Area 23

Oct. 9 — Doug Harris scored three touchdowns on three short runs, Nick Samanas returned a 19-yard interception and Mike Race tacked on a field goal to help the Mountaineers defeat Hanover Area 35-23. The Mountaineers were down 17-7 in the third quarter when they began their comeback, scoring 31 points in the last 19 minutes of the ball game. The Mountaineers rushed for 221 yards and passed for 155 in the win.

Williamsport 41, Tunkhannock 21

Oct. 8 — Mike Ross scored twice for Tunkhannock, one on a 83-yard kick return and another on a 1-yard run in the Tigers' 41-21 loss to Williamsport. Andrew Solanick had the other score for Tunkhannock.

GAR 28, Lehman 24

Oct. 8 — David Harrison nailed a 32-yard field goal and Scott Carter returned a blocked punt 25 yards for a score in the Black Knights' 28-24 loss



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Dallas quarterback Matt Kelly was stopped by Eric Mech and the Hanover Area defense in their Oct. 9 game. The Mountaineers pulled out a 35-23 win after going in to the fourth quarter trailing by a score of 23-14.

to GAR. Greg Pimm scored on a 9-yard run to close the gap to 21-16. Derek Shurmanek scored two minutes later and Ryan Arcangeli tacked on a two point conversion to make the score 24-21, but the Black Knights could not hold on.

FIELD HOCKEY

Lehman 2, Tunkhannock 0

Oct. 11 — Traci Ragukas and Allison Boris scored in the Black Knights 2-0 win over Tunkhannock. Sara Crimmel made 11 saves for the Tigers.

Lackawanna Trail 2, Dallas 1

Oct. 11 — Laura Collini scored the lone goal for the Mountaineers in their 2-1 loss to Lackawanna Trail. Lindsay Davenport made 14 saves for Dallas in the loss.

Crestwood 2, Lehman 0

Oct. 8 — Lake-Lehman lost their first of the season to Crestwood 2-0. Shannon Prescott made 8 saves for the Black Knights in the loss.

Honesdale 1, Tunkhannock 0

Oct. 8 — Sara Crimmel made 10 saves for the Tigers in their 1-0 loss to Honesdale.

SOCCER

Crestwood 3, Dallas 1

Oct. 13 — Ben Rother scored unassisted for Dallas, which edged the Comets in shots but could not find the goal.

Nanticoke Area 2, Lake-Lehman 1

Oct. 13 — Pat McMahon scored an unassisted goal for the Black Knights. Wes Kinter recorded 12 saves in goal.

Hazleton Area 1, Tunkhannock 0

Oct. 13 — Tiger keeper Mike Aguilar made eight saves, as the Tigers were outshot 10 to three.

Tunkhannock 2, Nanticoke 2

Oct. 12 — Tyler Meeks scored twice for Tunkhannock in a game that ended in a 2-2 tie.

Dallas 3, Lehman 2

Oct. 7 — Ryan Murray scored twice for Dallas in the Mountaineers 3-2 victory over Lake-Lehman. Jordan Krawetz also put forth a superb effort, scoring twice for the Black Knights. Billy DeAngelo also tacked on a goal for Dallas. Ryan Gilroy had six saves for Dallas and Wes Kinter had nine for Lehman.

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Alaimo takes sailing awards at Harveys Lake Yacht Club

Sam Alaimo, a senior at Dallas High School, collected all major sailing awards from the Jack Barnes Invitational, Joan Williams Regatta and the Commodore Handicap, races sponsored by the Harveys Lake Yacht Club for the 2004 season. From left, Barry Rosen, Alaimo, Bill Wentz, race committee member; and Scott Schuster, race committee chairman.

Game Commission youth essay contest deadline is Oct. 31

All entries for the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Youth Essay Contest must be postmarked no later than Oct. 31.

The theme for the contest is: "Why I'm the future of hunting!" The prize list features grand-prize winners in the junior (ages 12-15) and senior (ages 16-18) divisions taking expense-paid trips to Texas and Wyoming, respectively.

The junior division grand-prize recipient will attend Safari Club International's (SCI) Apprentice Hunter Camp at the YO Ranch in Texas. The senior division grand-prize winner will receive a scholarship to SCI's American Wilderness Leadership School in Jackson, Wyoming. Both prizes are being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapters of Safari Club International.

First prize in both the junior and senior divisions will be .50 caliber muzzle-loader rifle from Knight.

Prizes for entries finishing in second through fourth place in both divisions

will include: Magellan SporTrak GPS Unit for second place; a Sightron 3x9 rifle scope; and a Buck Knives limited-edition knife. All entries receive a Game Commission "Working Together for Wildlife" embroidered patch.

Entrants must be Pennsylvania residents, have successfully completed an accredited hunter-trapper education course and possess a current hunting or furtaker license.

Entries must include: full name; mailing address with zip code; telephone number and area code; year, state and county where hunter-trapper education course was successfully completed; current hunting or furtaker license number; and age and date of birth.

Essays must be printed or typed, double-spaced and contain no more than 300 words. Mail entries directly to: Pennsylvania Game Commission, Hunter Education Youth Essay Contest, 2001 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797.