

# Sports Week



FOR THE POST/DON CAREY

John Sobocinski of Dallas was the first male finisher in the Fall Trail Run at Frances Slocum State Park on Nov. 1.

## Coach edges student in Slocum Trail Run

Staff report

KINGSTON TWP. — John Sobocinski ran to victory in the Wyoming Valley Striders 17th annual Fall Trail Run, held Oct. 31 at Frances Slocum State Park.

The Lake-Lehman High School track and cross country coach broke the tape of the 5 1/2-miler in 37 minutes and 34 seconds. One of his Black Knights cross country runners, Justin Mazer, 14, of Shavertown, finished second, 20 seconds behind Sobocinski.

"Justin and I decided, before the race, that we would try to run together throughout the entire race," said Sobocinski, 36, of Dallas. "And we did. We both passed the leader at the top of the hill with

about one mile to go."

With Housenick out of the way, the race turned into a battle between the high school runner and his coach.

"I figured that the old man still had something left in his tank," said Sobocinski, speaking of himself.

And sure enough — he did.

On the women's side, Helene Strutko, 26, of Harveys Lake, finishing third in 46:24.

**Results for local runners:**

1. John Sobocinski, 36, Dallas, 37:34
2. Justin Mazer, 14, Shavertown, 37:54
3. Helene Strutko, 26, Harveys Lake, 46:24
4. Tom Berezich, 62, Trucksville, 63:13
10. Mike Hiscox, 19, Dallas, 41:18
12. Brandon Hiscox, 16, Dallas, 41:33

## YOUTH BASKETBALL

### Bishop Photo 54, Dallas Rotary 46

D.J. Berley led Bishop Photo with 25 points, Jonathan Orlando followed with 15. Chris Dailey scored 8 points,

Lee Culver 4 points and Ryan Williams added 2.

### Boys

Scott Skammer led Rotary with 21 points, followed by Bryan Weaver with 14 points and Eric Fritzes had 6 points. David Carey and Taylor Dunn scored 2 points each, while Christo Iliadis added 1.

### PNC Bank 40, Dr. Jack Ellis 22

Casey Judge and Henry Messinger led PNC with 13 points apiece. Konrad Kraszewski and Gary Verazin had 4 points each, Jeremy Kaleta chipped in a 3-pointer while Joe Evans added 1.

Jimmy Brown led Dr. Ellis with 11 points, Jackie Ellis followed with 5 points, Chris Ellis chipped in 4 and Brad Johnson added 2.

### Fieldhouse 43, Pompey Dodge 28

Josh Backes led the Fieldhouse with 24 points, followed by Eric Cannon with 6 points, Hunter Englehart with 5, and Alex Slocum with 4. Jared Kern and Andy Ondish chipped in 2 points apiece.

Kevin Pierce led Pompey with 8 points, followed by Joe Murray with 7, Mike Diaco with 6, Russell Jenkins with 5, and Cody Plesnar added 2.

### D.J. Charlie Hayes 57, Burger King 34

Steve Meskers led the D.J.'s with 30 points. Mike Mazur followed with 11 points, Joe Osick and Ryan Urzen scored 6 points apiece and Corey Monk chipped in 4.

Brian Haughwout led Burger King with 21 points, Scott Gallup followed with 10 points. Chris McAndrew chipped in a 3-pointer while John Kanarr and Vincent Oliveri added 2 points apiece.

### Januzzi's Pizza 52, Dr. Jack Ellis 37

Devon O'Brien led Januzzi's with 14 points, followed by Derek Martin with 13, and Nick Lombard with 12. David Zurek scored 8 points and Ryan McAndrew had 5.

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## A.D. cautions against taking outside athletes

By CHRIS BELL  
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Athletic director Jack Wolensky cautioned the Dallas School Board at its Nov. 1 meeting on the question of students from private schools participating on the district's athletic teams.

Wolensky said he receives one or two requests per year from parents of students who attend private schools but are interested in having their children play sports at Dallas.

"It has the potential to change the entire landscape of an athletic program."

Jack Wolensky  
Dallas Athletic Director

"We get a couple of calls every year and I thought it should be brought to the board's attention," said Wolensky.

Students who attend a private school can compete athletically for their home school district through the PIAA's cooperative sponsorship program.

This option is only available if a school doesn't offer the student's sport of choice and if both schools agree to allow the student to participate.

The program is also open to students in public schools and is subject to the same requirements.

"We've had some calls from Lake-Lehman parents in the past about our swimming team," said Wolensky. "Typically, we get inquiries about individual sports like wrestling, cross country and swimming."

Wolensky believes there are serious potential implications to accepting outside student-athletes, and he expressed those concerns to the board.

"My primary concern deals with liability," he said. "If we had

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## Local competitors win honors at 4-H horse show

Luzerne County winners in 4-H performance classes at the 45th annual State 4-H Horse Show included Kristen Boyle, Shavertown, (right photo) first place, walk trot equitation, minimum assistance. In 4-H horse production classes, members breed and raise their own project animal. Christopher Smith, Hunlock Creek, (above) won first in stock type pony filly of this year. Also receiving recognition in the state contest were Lindsay Jayne, Dallas; and Kyle Keiper, Dallas. For more information on the 4-H program in Luzerne County, call 825-1701.



## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### FOOTBALL

#### Lake-Lehman 34, Nanticoke 7

Oct. 29 — Derek Shurmanek and Chris Boyle both scored twice in the Black Knights' victory over Nanticoke Area. Greg Pimm scored on a five yard touchdown run. Ryan Arcangeli sat out the second half due to an injury, but went 9 of 10 for 147 yards. Boyle recorded 103 yards on six catches for the Mountaineers. Stan Brudnicki also tacked on a score with a 35-

yard fumble return in the win.

#### Meyers 6, Dallas 0

Oct. 29 — The Dallas defense held Meyers in check until the third quarter, when the Mohawks scored the only points of the game on a 61-yard touchdown run. It was the first shutout loss for the Mountaineers in their last 29 games. Dallas outpassed the Mohawks 133 to 10 but were plagued by three turnovers in the loss. Matt Kelly completed 10 of 21 pass attempts for 125

yards for the Mountaineers.

#### Hanover Area 29, Tunkhannock 21

Oct. 29 — Mike Ross scored on the game's opening drive on a 1-yard touchdown run in the Tigers' loss to Hanover Area. Tigers' quarterback Ryan Alfieri also scored on a 43-yard touchdown run. On the Tigers' next possession, Andrew Farr hit Ross on a hook-and-ladder play for a 35-yard touchdown that gave the Tigers' a 21-17 lead at the half. Alfieri was 9 of 20 for 158 yards for the Tigers in the loss.

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Nanticoke 3, Lake-Lehman 0

Nov. 2 — Hannah Sorber posted seven kills, six blocks, 14 service points and 25 assists in the loss to Nanticoke in the District 2 Playoffs Class 2A semi-finals. The scores were 25-17, 25-19, 25-22. Jessica Turak recorded five kills, 12 service points and three digs, and Marissa Harrison added 19 kills, nine service points, two aces and two digs for the Black Knights.

#### Lake-Lehman 3, North Pocono 2

Nov. 1 — Hannah Sorber led the Black Knights with 28 assists, 16 service points and eight kills in the win over North Pocono. The scores were 25-17, 20-25, 25-28, 23-25, 15-12. Marissa Harrison had 23 kills and 11 service points in the win. Jessica Turak also put forth a great effort, posting 11 kills, 21 service points, two aces and eight digs for the Black Knights.

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## Deer hunt Dec. 6 at Frances Slocum

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will conduct a regulated deer hunt at Frances Slocum State Park, Kingston Township, December 6, to help control the deer population within the park. The one-day hunt is for whitetail deer only, and will be conducted in areas not normally open to hunting. To ensure the safety of all park visitors, the park will be closed to all other activities this day.

To participate, hunters must hold an unexpired Wildlife Management Area 3B antlerless license. Only manually operated shotguns 20 gauge or larger, or muzzleloading firearms will be allowed. The hunt will be limited to the first 40 hunters that arrive at the park starting at 6 a.m., and will not be chosen by lottery drawing. All hunters entering the park will be checked to ensure they have a valid unexpired Wildlife Management Area 3B antlerless license and appropriate firearm, and be asked to fill out a registration and safety orientation form before being assigned a designated parking area.

"When the deer population is out of balance with the park land, it affects other wildlife, including the elimination of plant species and destruction of habitats for birds and small mammals," said Roger Fickes, director of the Bureau of State Parks. Fickes explained that the excessive deer herd is destroying park vegetation and needs to be controlled on a yearly basis.

Safety zones, no hunting areas, and park boundaries will be posted and strictly enforced. Extra park rangers and Pennsylvania Game Commission personnel will be stationed throughout the park area during this hunt. For more information about the regulated hunt, call the park office at 696-3525.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL

### 3 teams each from Jr. Mounts, Raiders in Super Bowl

#### Dallas A 22, Duryea 14

The Junior Mounts A team scored early in the first quarter on a 30-yard run by Mitchell Artsma. An interception by Mason Bullock set up another touchdown by Artsma, followed up by a 2-point conversion by Dean Chopka. Early in the third quarter Artsma ran for a 40-yard touchdown followed by a 2-point conversion by Alex Wilhelm, putting Dallas up 22-0. Duryea scored back-to-back touchdowns in a comeback effort but an interception by P.J. Percone ended their final drive. Dallas will play in the Super Bowl against Forty Fort at the Lackawanna County Stadium on Sunday at 4 p.m.

#### Dallas B 36, Plymouth 0

The Dallas defense dominated the game, holding the Indians scoreless. On the first defensive series Dallas recorded a safety with a tackle by Adam Goeringer and Brett Wanek. Dustin Siperko grounded the Plymouth quarterback with two sacks and a blocked pass. Buddy Shutlock, Bobby Saba, Garrett Artsma and Bryan McDonnell held the Indians to minimal yardage, while Patrick Condo had

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FOR THE POST/S. JOHN WILKIN

Mike Race tried to escape the grasp of Meyers' Shawn Sabalesky during the Oct. 30 game. Race caught four passes for 53 yards, but the Mountaineers were unable to score a single point in the game.