

Sports Week

GIRLS SOCCER

Bragging rights go to Mounts

Staff report

DALLAS, Apr. 25 — Megan McDonald scored both first-half goals, as the Dallas girls soccer squad held off rival Lake-Lehman for a 2-1 victory. The win preserved the Lady Mountaineers' undefeated record as both teams approach the District 2 playoffs.

The Black Knights scored early in the second half when Julia Covert lined a wind-aided direct kick past Dallas goalkeeper Jill Spring. That was her only miscue; the freshman keeper recorded 10 saves in the contest.

"She knows how to play the position better than any freshman we've ever had," said Dallas assistant coach Abe Lewis.

Dallas fullback Alia Pyros helped preserve the victory when she booted out another shot by Covert after Covert had plucked the ball away from Spring.

While not pleased to be on the losing end, Lehman coach Dave Elston was not disheartened. "We've been on the other side of this so many times, I'm almost looking forward to not going in (to districts) as the favorite," he said.

Sammi Elston and Kiley Williams picked up assists on the Dallas goals.

Lake-Lehman keeper Shannon Prescott had 11 saves, as Dallas outshot the Black Knights 15 to 11.

In photos, clockwise from top: Dallas Alia Pyros and Lindsey Ellis converge as Lehman's Chrissy Kazmierski tries to bring the ball out; Dallas goalkeeper Jill Spring stopped 10 shots in the Lady Mounts 2-1 victory over Lake-Lehman; Megan Savage and Brittany Hillard collide while trying to head the ball.

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PA GAME COMMISSION SHOOTING RANGE

Tips sought on vandalism

Someone has been vandalizing shooting ranges owned by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

The range on State Game Land 206, along Patla Road, Ross Township has been hit particularly hard. The range, which is open to the public year-round, offers shooting opportunities for both small- and large-bore, single-projectile sporting arms legal for use during hunting seasons.

The SGL 206 range has experienced a dramatic increase in vandalism and abuse in just the past several weeks, according to Game Commission Land Management Group Supervisor Gene Weiner.

Commission Northeast Region Law Enforcement Supervisor Richard P. Larnerd is asking local hunters, trappers and shooting enthusiasts for assistance to help curb the damage.

"Metal handicap signs, welcome signs, tabletops of shooting benches, bulletin boards and even garbage barrels all are being shot up," said Weiner. "Evidence of shotgun use also is apparent from the debris left behind by these shooters, even though this type of sporting arm is strictly forbidden at the facility. Glass and plastic bottles, cans and other

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Byron excels at YMCA Nationals

Dallas resident Caroline Byron recently capped off her outstanding high school swimming career at YMCA Nationals at the Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



Caroline Byron

Swimming for the Bloomsburg YMCA, Byron finished second in the 100 freestyle with a time of 51.40 and tied for fourth in the 50 freestyle at 23.98.

She was part of the 200 freestyle (1:36.48) and 400 freestyle (3:31.68) relay teams that won the consolation finals.

Byron recorded the fastest relay split times of the meet with 22.98 and 50.6, respectively.

Mounts clinch Back Mountain Cup

Dallas High School has wasted no time in laying claim to the 2004-05 Back Mountain Cup. The Mountaineers have a commanding 14-3 lead in the annual competition, which is decided by the record in regular-season meetings between the Dallas and Lake-Lehman varsity sports teams.

The Black Knights have managed to win only at girls volleyball, field hockey and wrestling, their traditional power sports. There also was a tie in boys cross country, with Dallas winning the match on a tiebreaker.

So far this spring, Dallas has won every matchup, twice in girls soccer and once each in baseball and softball.

That doesn't mean there isn't still a feeling of competition, since both schools' teams are likely to advance to district playoffs in all three sports. A win there carries more bragging rights than the regular-season contests that are used to award the Cup.

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 handsome Back Mountain Cup trophy 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



2004-05 Back Mountain Cup standings

Date	Sport	Result	Standings
Sept. 2	Golf	D 161-LL 194	Dallas 1 - LL 0
Sept. 10	Soccer	D 4-LL 1	Dallas 2 - LL 0
Sept. 20	Golf	D 162-LL 209	Dallas 3 - LL 0
Oct. 4	Girls Volleyball	LL 3-D 1	Dallas 3 - LL 1
Oct. 7	Soccer	D 3-LL 2	Dallas 4 - LL 1
Oct. 20	Field Hockey	LL 5-D 0	Dallas 4 - LL 2
Oct. 22	Boys Cross Country	D 28-LL 28*	Dallas 5 - LL 2
Oct. 22	Girls Cross Country	D 17-LL 43	Dallas 6 - LL 2
Nov. 6	Football	D 28-LL 14	Dallas 7 - LL 2
Dec. 22	Wrestling	LL 51-D 19	Dallas 7 - LL 3
Jan. 7	Girls Basketball	D 57-LL 54	Dallas 8 - LL 3
Jan. 18	Boys Basketball	D 76-LL 54	Dallas 9 - LL 3
Jan. 31	Girls Basketball	D 52-LL 50	Dallas 10 - LL 3
Feb. 11	Boys Basketball	D 81-LL 49	Dallas 11 - LL 3
April 4	Girls Soccer	D 3-LL 1	Dallas 12 - LL 3
April 18	Softball	D 17-LL 14	Dallas 13 - LL 3
April 25	Baseball	D 20-LL 6	Dallas 14 - LL 3
April 25	Girls Soccer	D 2-LL 1	Dallas 14 - LL 3

*Dallas won on tiebreaker

— all are equally important. Pre- and post-season games are not counted.

The Back Mountain Cup 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.

Dallas grad Clay signs with pro soccer team

Staff report

BLOOMSBURG — Dallas High School graduate Adam Clay, who played at Bloomsburg University, recently signed a one-year contract with the Harrisburg City Islanders of the United Soccer League.

Clay played in a developmental league with the Reading Rage last

summer. In early January, when he attended an open tryout for the City Islanders.

"I went to the tryout where they chose eight of us to move on and attend preseason camp," Clay said. "From there the team made cuts each week of camp, and the last day of camp I knew I was making the team or getting cut.

Clay saw 17 minutes of action in the team's season opener at Cincinnati that resulted in a 0-0 tie. Clay was a four-year standout at Bloomsburg, scoring 30 career goals.

"Now that I'm at this next level I want to prove that I'm here for a reason and that I can play at this level," he said.



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Ryan Marascio bunts foul for Dallas. The Lake-Lehman catcher is Pat McHugh.

Dallas bats are too much for Lake-Lehman

Mounts erupt for 10 runs in third inning, 10-run rule called after five.

Staff report

LEHMAN TWP., Apr. 25 — At first, it seemed he cross-town rivalry would be close. Matt Kapitula led off the game with a triple and scored on an error. Kevin Racemus and Matt Straub drove in a run apiece and Lake-Lehman quickly had a 3-0 lead at home.

Dallas scored twice in the second, but the Black Knights responded with a run in the bottom of the inning to go up 4-2. Then things changed, and the

Mountaineer offense erupted for 10 runs in the top of the third. When they added another eight runs in the fifth and Lehman could not respond, the game was called for the 10-run rule.

"One thing this team can definitely do is score runs," said Dallas coach Ken Kashatus.

The Black Knights hurt themselves as well, committing eight errors.

With his team trailing 4-2 entering the third inning, Adam King rapped an RBI single. Joe Lambert followed with a three-run homer to left-center field, then

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