

Dallas, L-L girls combine for 10 school records

Rising to new heights



Stan Brudnicki throws the discus for Lake-Lehman. The senior finished second against Dallas.

LEHMAN TWP. — It was billed as a showdown between two of the best track and field programs in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

And for once, the event lived up to the hype.

The highly-anticipated meet between the Dallas and Lake-Lehman girls earlier this week went down to the final event, with Nikki Pisacano's second-place finish in the shot put securing a 78-72 win by Dallas at Edward H. Edwards Stadium. Ten different school records were tied or broken during the meet.

There were other reasons for people to get excited about the event. Not only was it a battle between two backyard rivals, both teams came into the meet with an undefeated record in the Wyoming Valley Conference Division II. Dallas improved to 5-0 while Lake-Lehman fell to 4-1.

Six individual school records were tied or broken. Paige Selenski of Dallas set two school records by winning the 100 dash in 12.4 seconds and the 200 dash in 26.3, while teammate Cassie Snyder set a school record in the long jump with a leap of 17 feet, 4¼ inches.

Lake-Lehman's Kelsey Amy set the school mark in the 100 dash with a time of 12.5 seconds. Teammate Jaime Lipski ran a 60.3 in the 400 to set a new mark and Tina Watkins tied her own school record of 47.5 in the 300 hurdles.

There were also relay records. The Dallas 400 and 1,600 relay teams set records of 51 seconds and 4:06.2, respectively. Lake-Lehman's 400 relay team broke a school record with a second-place time of 52.1, and the 1,600 relay team set a new mark with a winning time of 4:06.1.

In the boys meet, Lake-Lehman rolled to a 103.5-46.5 win against the Mountaineers.



Lake-Lehman's Christie Simonson finished third in the high jump event against Dallas.



Lake-Lehman's Kelsey Amy collapses after finishing the anchor leg of the 1,600-meter relay. The Black Knights won the event in a school-record time of 4:06.1.



Erin Delaney of Dallas crosses the finish line ahead of Lake-Lehman's Tina Watkins in the 400-meter relay. Dallas to set a new school record of 51.0 seconds.



Dallas' Brian Goeringer clears the 12-foot mark to win the pole vault competition.



Bruce Redmond competes in the shot put event for Dallas. The Mountaineer junior finished third.

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