

# Sports Week

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Dallas football sets annual camp

The Dallas High School football team will hold its annual youth football Wednesday through Friday, July 19-21 at the high school. The three-day camp for players ages 7-13 will be held from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

The clinic will be under the direction of veteran head coach Ted Jackson, his coaching staff, parents and former players. Jackson has led the Mountaineers to a state championship, 10 Wyoming Valley Conference titles, three District 2 championships, and four Eastern Conference titles.

The camp stresses all aspects of offense and defense, including throwing, running, receiving, blocking, and tackling. One of the things that make the camp unique is that every player is given the opportunity to play each position.

In addition to the on-field instruction, Jackson will talk to the participants about sportsmanship, the importance of getting good grades, weightlifting, discipline and dedication.

For more information or an application, call 696-3748.

### Basketball camps at Misericordia

College Misericordia will host its annual basketball school for boys June 26-30 and July 17-21 in the Anderson Sports-Health Center. The camp will be under the direction of men's head coach Trevor Woodruff. The school is also holding its annual basketball school for girls July 10-14 under the direction of women's head coach Tom Griffith.

The camps are open to boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15. The cost of each session is \$115 and includes a T-shirt, basketball, lunch, and access to the Anderson Center pool.

For more information, call 674-6289.

### 3-on-3 soccer tourney June 24

Registrations are being taken for the ninth annual 3v3 Summer Soccer Clash on June 24 at Abington Heights High School. The rain date is set for June 25. The EPY-SA-sanctioned event is open to players of all skill levels, ranging from U-7 to U-18. There are also divisions for college-aged and adult teams. The entry fee is \$125 per team (four to five on a roster) and teams are guaranteed a minimum of three games.

Medals will be presented to the top two teams in each division. Each division also qualifies teams for the Challenge Sports National Tournament at Disney World in July and the 3v3 national tournament in San Antonio in February. A Keeper Clash is also held in conjunction with the event. The entry fee is \$25 for individuals and \$20 for registered team members.

For more information, visit the Web site [www.nepa3v3soccer.com](http://www.nepa3v3soccer.com).

### Thunder looking for soccer players

The Back Mountain Thunder U-11 boys travel soccer team is looking for players to fill its roster. Interested players born after Aug. 1, 1995 should call 574-2180 or 333-5271 for more information.

### Soccer club seeks players

The Wyoming Valley Soccer Club is holding registrations for its developmental teams and fall travel teams. All teams are professionally coached and trained. The teams are open to boys and girls ages 4-18. For more information, contact Jerry McDonald at [J-McDonald@msn.com](mailto:J-McDonald@msn.com) or 333-4814. You may also contact Chris Scharff at [CoachScharff@aol.com](mailto:CoachScharff@aol.com).

### Soccer camp taking registrations

Penn State Wilkes-Barre is accepting registrations for its annual soccer camp, which will be held June 26-30 at the campus in Lehman Township. Boys and girls in kindergarten through fourth grade



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Dallas catcher Kasey Corbett prepares to get behind the plate during the district title game against Lakeland. Dallas suffered a tough 4-2 loss, but moves to the state Class 2A playoffs.

## Ready to state their case

By DAVE KONOPKI  
Post Editor

**D**ALLAS TWP. — Head coach Joyce Tinner doesn't expect her Dallas High School softball team to be a bundle of nerves when it opens play in the PIAA Class 2A tournament Monday against the champion from District 3.

After all, the Mountaineers have exceeded everyone's expectations this season. And maybe even their own.

"We done more than what people thought we would do," said Tinner, who has only one senior — pitcher Sara Swepston — on the roster. "We've played well during the season and we've shown the ability to bounce back. Our players should be very relaxed for the game."

At press time, the District 3 champion had yet to be determined.

"At this point of the season, I really don't think it matters who we play," said Tinner. "Whether it's pitching, hitting, or moving runners over, the team that takes advantage of the situations that are presented will most likely win the game. We have to be prepared for everything."

Dallas enters the state tourney com-

ing off a tough 4-2 loss against Lakeland in the District 2 championship game earlier last week. The Chiefs hadn't surrendered a run in the district tournament until the Mountaineers scored twice in the last inning.

Despite the loss, Tinner won't be afraid to play Lakeland in the state playoffs. In fact, Dallas is two wins away from a rematch.

"That game wasn't over until the final out," she said. "Lakeland has a very good team and I think it would be nice to see them again. Let's put it this way, I wouldn't be disappointed to see them again."

You didn't have to travel the vast areas of District 2 — from Chapman Lake to Harveys Lake or from Valley West to Delaware Valley — to find some of the best high school softball teams in the district this season. In fact, Back Mountain fans didn't have to look further than their own back yard.

Dallas and Lake-Lehman combined to win 35 of their 40 games this year, with Dallas having at least one game remaining. Lake-Lehman saw its season — and the impressive career of senior pitcher Sheree Horvath — come to an end in a 1-0 loss against Lakeland in a District 2 semifinal game.



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Devin Lacey (3) of Dallas is consoled by Sara Swepston and Kasey Corbett (1) at the end of the D2 title game against Lakeland.

"The Dallas-Lehman rivalry is a great rivalry," said Tinner, whose team split a pair of 1-0 decisions against the Black Knights this season. "In softball during the last two years, it really lived up to its billing. We had two quality teams playing each other. Sheree had a great career."

Despite facing the pressure of a lose-

and-your-season-is-over state tournament, Tinner doesn't expect to change anything at this point in the season.

"Once you get to state level, you keep doing what got you there," she said. "We've been winning all season by using a total team effort. I'm not going to change anything. Our kids are excited about playing."

## Dallas girls soccer team inching closer to elusive state title

By DAVE KONOPKI  
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**D**ALLAS TWP. — Dallas soccer coach Chris Scharff is very adept at handling situations in the here-and-now. Maybe that's one of the reasons he's been able to lead the Mountaineer soccer program to five District 2 championships — three with the boys team and two with the girls.

But even the focused Scharff was willing to partake in a hypothetical situation: what if girls soccer was like most other PIAA sports and crowned champions in classifications based on school enrollment, and not one overall champion.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we'd be the heavy favorite to win a state championship if we were playing in a double-A tournament," said Scharff, whose team advanced to the second round of the state playoffs with a win against Conestoga Valley. "There are eight teams left, and I believe we're the only double-A school left in the tournament. When the season started, we were ranked number 10 in the state. The other



Dallas soccer player Lyndsay Ellis goes through a pair of Conestoga Valley defenders to gain control of the ball.



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Kiley Williams wins the ball from Brittany Hurst of Conestoga Valley.