

Spring athletes warming up



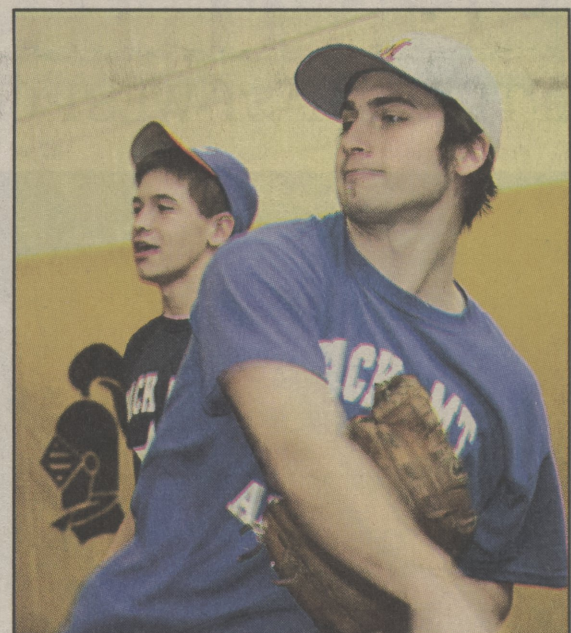
Members of the Dallas tennis team practice despite the limited space on the court.

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The temperatures still might hover around freezing and a few inches of snow remain on the ground, but that isn't stopping the spring sports teams at Lake-Lehman and Dallas from getting ready for the upcoming season. The baseball and softball teams have been practicing inside for several weeks. The girls soccer teams have also been conditioning, while the track and field athletes have been trying to find a clear spot in the school's parking lot. The tennis teams have been clearing snow off the court to practice. Meanwhile, the boys volleyball teams are going through their practices without a weather-related care in the world. Some of the sports begin regular season competition in the Wyoming Valley Conference this week, while most get under way the first week of April. Look for a preview of the spring sports teams in a future edition of The Dallas Post.



Members of the Dallas track team run in small groups around mounds of piled snow in the school parking lot.



Baseball players Kevin Racemus, foreground, and T.J. Stepanek warm up throwing balls in the gym at Lake-Lehman.



Lake-Lehman's Marissa Harrison practices the discus throw during a practice Wednesday afternoon.



Matt Boyle practices his javelin throwing during a practice at Lake-Lehman High School.

SPORTS BRIEFS

DYB 5th grade wins tournament

Justin Brojakowski scored 14 of his 16 points in the first half to lead the Dallas Youth Basketball fifth grade team to a 50-33 win against Gate of Heaven in the championship game of the annual DYB tournament. Also competing in the round-robin format

were the Dallas fourth grade and St. Al's.

Kyle Razawich led all scorers with 20 points, while Mariano Medico added eight points and Blake Williams chipped in four. Michael Boland scored seven points for Gate of Heaven.

In other pool-play action, DYB fifth grade defeated the DYB fourth grade, 39-13, behind eight points from Chris Behm and four from Wil Akins. Spencer Bowanko led the fourth grade with five points and James Flores added

two.

The fifth grade team also defeated St. Al's, 58-12, as Kyle Razawich scored 22 points, followed by Matt Saba with eight and Nigel Stearns with two. The fourth grader defeated St. Al's, 24-20, behind seven points from Omar Nijmeh. Zach Connolly added four points and Brian Drouse chipped in two. Gate of Heaven defeated the fourth-graders, 49-14. Brian Banas led the Gators with 11 points. Jake Archer and Brendan Baloh scored three points each for the

DYB squad.

Dallas softball holding clinic

The Dallas High School softball team will hold a clinic for girls ages 7-14 on Sunday, March 25 in the Dallas Middle School gymnasium. Instruction for offense and defense will be held from noon to 3 p.m., while instruction for pitchers and catchers will take place from 3-4 p.m.

The clinic will be under the direction of Dallas head coach Joyce Tinner, a former standout at Dallas and Penn State University. The cost is \$20 for the offense/defense clinic, \$10 for the pitchers/catchers clinic, or \$25 for both.

Participants should bring their own gloves and wear comfortable clothing. Sneakers are required on the gym floor. Food and sports drinks are prohibited, but water is allowed. For more information, call 696-0951.