

Cleary tournament draws near

The second annual Lt. Michael J. Cleary Memorial Golf Tournament will be held at 12:15 p.m. Monday, May 14 at the Wyoming Valley Country Club. All proceeds will benefit the Lt. Michael J. Cleary Memorial Fund, which helps families who have been irrevocably affected by the injury or loss of a loved one in the military service and also for special needs children.

A box lunch and gift bag will be provided at registration and dinner will be served immediately following the tournament. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place in each flight, for hole in one, closest to the pin and longest drive. A putting contest of \$2,500 and two additional chances for a hole in one for a cash prize of \$10,000 will also be available.

Golfer and tournament sponsor applications may be picked up at the Ranch Wagon, Memorial Highway, Dallas; Wyoming Valley Country Club, Minuteman Press, 620 Market St., Kingston; Sincavage Lumber and Hardware, 60 Maffett St., Plains; or by e-mailing chg@epix.net.

For more information, call Chuck Garnett at 760-0521 or Allen Roberts at 362-2802.

DYB 6th grade wins tournament

John Murray and Jason Simionovich scored eight points each and Danny Saba added a basket to lead the Dallas Youth Basketball sixth grade boys to a 32-21 victory against Tunkhannock in the championship game of the annual DYB sixth grade boys tournament.

DYB went undefeated in the tournament, opening with a 36-27 win against Lehman-Jackson behind eight points from Ryan Zapoticky and six from Michael Gallis. DYB also defeated Northwest, 41-15, as Brian Stepniak scored a game-high 11 points.

Greg Petorak and Chad DeBona added eight points each.



Dallas serves notice

Mark Covert serves for Dallas during a key conference tennis match against Bishop Hafey. Covert won the match, helping to lead the Mountaineers to a 5-0 victory

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Though it's still early in the season, the Dallas boys tennis team took a huge step toward possibly winning a league championship by picking up a 5-0 victory over Bishop Hafey last week. The victory puts the Mountaineers alone in first place of the Northeast Tennis Conference Southern Division.

"This is it. It's the best chance we will have, so we need to make something of it," Dallas' No. 1 player Drew Slocum told a Times Leader reporter after the win. "We have the depth. We need to pick it up now."

Slocum battled Hafey's No. 1 Mike Sidari for nearly two hours, defeating Sidari in straight sets - 7-5 and 7-6 - in a crucial tiebreaker. Dallas also posted a 5-0 win against Meyers.

Here's how some other Dallas and Lake-Lehman teams fared in Wyoming Valley Conference action last week as the spring sports season got under way.

KERESTES LEADS DALLAS

Kenslie Kerestes won three events, leading Dallas to a convincing 125-24 victory against Tunkhannock in a girls track and field meet. Kerestes was victorious in the 3,200 relay, the 1,600 run and the 800 run. Stacey Stepniak scored wins in the 400 run and the high jump for the Mountaineers.

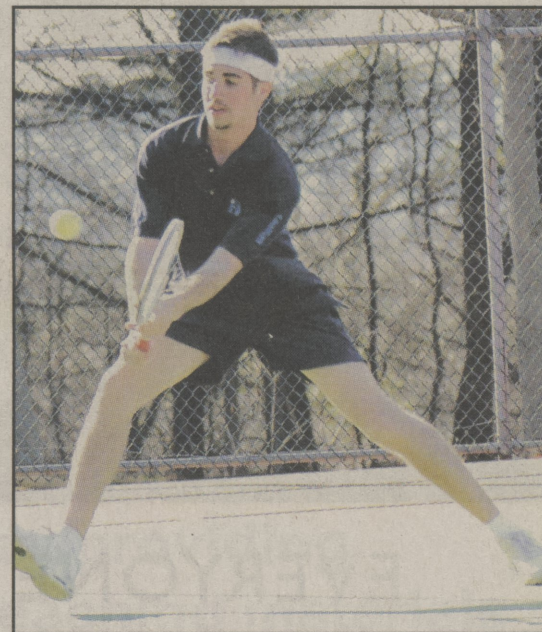
DALLAS BASEBALL TAKES THIRD

The Dallas baseball team captured third place in the annual Trojan Classic with a 15-1 win against Wyoming Seminary. Ryan Konopki tossed a complete-game three-hitter and helped his own cause with three hits. Pat Murray, Gerrid Kohli and Tom Parrish added three hits for Dallas. Parrish, Konopki, Kohli and Greg Harris were named to the all-tournament team.

In the regular season opener, Harris was 1-for-3 with two RBI but it wasn't enough as the Mountaineers suffered a 7-3 defeat to Crestwood. Tom Parrish pitched



Drew Slocum hits a forehand for the Dallas boys tennis team against Bishop Hafey. The win against Hafey puts Dallas in the driver's seat for a league championship.



It's a stretch, but Nick Nakkache return a serve in doubles play to help Dallas post a win against Bishop Hafey.

seven innings and struck out four in the loss.

LAKE-LEHMAN COMES OUT HITTING

Mike Prater had four hits and drove in four runs as the Black Knight baseball team pounded out 16 hits in a 17-1 rout of Bishop O'Reilly. Kevin Racemus added three hits and five RBI, while Scott Davis had three hits. Bobby Peron tossed a three-inning one-hitter to pick up the win.

LADY KNIGHTS COME UP JUST SHORT

Kelcey Cole gave Lake-Lehman a 1-0 lead in the first half, but Crestwood battled back to post a 2-1 overtime win against the Black Knights in a WVC soccer game.

CARUSO SCORES TWICE IN DALLAS WIN

Kayla Caruso managed two goals to lead the Dallas girls to a 7-0 soccer victory against Back Mountain rival Lake-Lehman. Led by Caruso's two first-half goals,

the Mountaineers enjoyed a 4-0 lead at intermission. Goalkeeper Jill Spring also recorded a shutout in a 5-0 win against Crestwood.

BLACK KNIGHTS SPIKE WARRIORS

Bruce Mosier had 11 kills and Rick Jayne recorded 25 assists as Lake-Lehman cruised to a straight-set 3-0 win against Wyoming Area. Justin Eimers added eight kills for the winners.

DALLAS SIXTH-GRADERS CAPTURE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Dallas Youth Basketball sixth grade tournament team recently captured the championship in a tournament sponsored by DYB. Members of the team, from left, are Ryan Zapoticky, Danny Saba, Chad DeBona and Michael Gallis. Second row: John Murray, Jason Simonovich, Brian Stepniak and Greg Petorak.

GATE OF HEAVEN CAPTURES EAST LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Gate of Heaven fourth grade boys basketball team recently won the East Side League playoff championship with a 39-29 win against SS Peter & Paul at St Joseph's Oblates in Pittston. The team is coached by Wayne Devine, Ed Gatusky, Joe Lyons, Scott Marshall and Mike Tomalis. Members of the team, from left, first row are Kurtis Carchner, Matt Lyons, Brian Devine and PJ Konnick. Second row: Jeff Vanesko, Mike Gatusky, Ryan Marshall, Anthony Huntington, Eric Stamer. Tom Calpin is also a member of the team.