

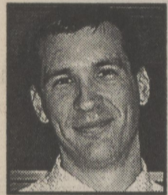
# Sports

## Three locals going into Sports Hall

Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Luzerne County Chapter, Endless Mountains Division, will induct 13 members into its Hall of Fame at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 26, at Shadow Brook Hall in Tunkhannock. Three of the inductees are from the Lake-Lehman School District.



Lipski



Davis



Sorber

Rich Davis was a two-time First Team All Conference basketball player at Lake-Lehman High School. He was League MVP senior year and scored over 1,000 points in high school. Davis participated in three NCAA Basketball Tournaments at Franklin Marshall College, advancing to the Final Four once. He was the captain of both his high school and college teams.

Jean Lipski was an outstanding field hockey player at Lake-Lehman High School and Wilkes College. She was the first player from the area to be selected to the Midwest Field Hockey Team. She is the current field hockey coach at Lake-Lehman High School. Lipski coached the team to P.I.A.A. State Championships in 1996 and 2002, and she has an overall coaching record of 363-77-24.

Jack Sorber was a Regional Wrestling Champion at Lake-Lehman High School in 1964. He was the first Back Mountain wrestler to make it to the State Tournament and was an All Scholastic baseball player as a catcher. Sorber was a varsity wrestler and baseball player at Wilkes College. He was also a member of a state championship softball team.

Residents of the Lake-Lehman area who have previously been inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Luzerne County Chapter, Endless Mountains Division are: Tony Marchakitus, George Curry, Shorty Hitchcock, Johnny Oliver, Chip Sorber, Ron Swingle, Bill Shalata, Jack Davis, Carl Kern, Ricky Bonomo, Mike Leskowsky, Rodger Bearde, Charlotte Slocum and and John "Jay" Zaleskas.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Dallas Cheerleading Clinic is back

The Dallas Varsity Cheerleaders will hold a clinic for children in grades K-8 in the gymnasium at the Dallas High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on August 24, 25 and 26. Parents will be invited to a show at 1 p.m. on August 26.

All participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, a daily snack time, a daily craft time, games and prizes!

Cost is \$35 per child and \$25 for each additional sibling. Sign-ups will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4, and from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 6, at the Dallas High School.

## Dallas gridder optimistic

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Sam Van Horn has Dallas High School football in his blood. The Dallas football player is the son of Ed Van Horn, a former Dallas football player who graduated in 1979. He is also the younger brother of Tom Van Horn, another Dallas football team member who graduated in 2004.

"He's always been around it (football) and enjoyed it," Ed Van Horn said of his son.

The Van Horns and many other families are gearing up for another season of Dallas High School Mountaineers football. Team members, coaches, cheerleaders, families, and fans came out Wednesday evening for "Meet the Team Night" at Mountaineer Stadium.

Ted Jackson Sr., who has been head coach of the team for 22 years, admits this is a rebuilding year for the team, but has confidence in his players.

"We're always optimistic," said Jackson. "Our numbers are down, but our enthusiasm is high."

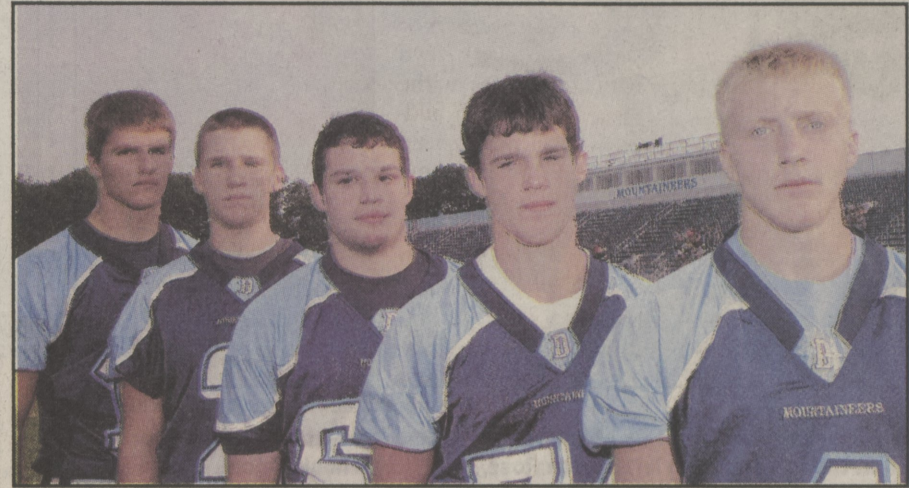
The Dallas football team has never had a losing season under Jackson who said Dallas won the state championship in 1993 and has "10 or 11 league championships." Last year's team finished with a 7-3 record.

Anthony Rubbico, a starter and captain of this year's team, says although it is a rebuilding year for offense, the defense is still strong and he expects the team to have a 6-4 or 7-3 season. Rubbico says the team's goal is to make it to districts and win the district championship.

Brigitte Meskers, mother of player Steve Meskers, has great faith in the team.

"We think they'll have a wonderful, successful season like last year," she said, optimistically.

This year's football team captains are Pat Murray, Anthony Rubbico, Fred Mihal, Joe Hayes, and Steve Pearson. Quarterbacks include Derek Martin, Nick Lombard, Andrew Ondish and Fred Mihal. Assistant coaches are John McNeil Sr., Ted Jackson Jr., Bob Mahle, Clark Van Orden Jr., Mike Dunn, Jerry Shovlin and Kevin Arnaud. Eight-year-old John



Captains of this year's Dallas High School football team are, from left, Fred Mihal, Pat Murray, Steve Pearson, Joe Hayes and Anthony Rubbico.

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Senior members of the Dallas High School football squad are, from left, first row, Kyle Arnaud, Anthony Rubbico, Joe Collini, Steve Pearson and Matt Luksick. Second row, Steve Pearson, Vito Recchia, Patrick Murray, Fred Mihal, Jeremy Fike and Mike Adams.

McNeil Jr. serves as equipment manager.

Members of the 2007 Dallas High School football team are Derek Martin, Pat Murray, Kyle Arnaud, Anthony Rubbico, Joe Collini, Matt Luksick, Nick Lombard, Dean Chopka, Mason Bullock, Andrew Ondish, Fred Mihal, Vito Recchia, Steve Meskers, Joe Murray, Neil Harris, Taylor Dunn, Chris Scharaff, Joe Hayes, Eric Baines, Ryan Bump, Tyler Patton, Damon Marth, Nick Mihal, Mark Sztot, Steve Pearson, Sam Van Horn, Jeremy Fike, Andrew Judge, Mike Adams, Chad Labar, Chris Pollick, Jim Monk, Scott Gallup, and Cody Plesnar.

Members of the Dallas High School football team coaching staff are, from left, kneeling, Bob Mahle, Kevin Arnaud and Clark Van Orden Jr. Standing, John McNeil, Ted Jackson Sr., Mike Dunn and Ted Jackson Jr.



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Planning the annual George Appel Memorial Golf Tournament and Basket Raffle are, from left, Jim Reino, co-chairperson; The Rev. E. Francis Kelly, pastor, Our Lady of Victory Church; Gary Wanyo, co-chairperson; and Curtis McLean of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

## Annual George Appel Memorial Golf Tournament is August 24

Our Lady of Victory Church at Harvey's Lake will hold its annual George Appel Memorial Golf Tournament and Basket Raffle on Friday, Aug. 24, at Mill Race Golf Resort, Benton. Price is \$75 per person and includes greens fees, motor cart, lunch, open bar cocktail hour, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, beer, soda and prizes.

Additionally, tickets are being sold for a Penn State theme basket, a Notre Dame theme basket, a wine basket, a basket of

cheer and a Wilkes-Barre Penguins basket containing autographed items.

Ticket holders will also be eligible to win another wine basket, a portable DVD television or the grand prize of an autographed Kurtis McLean game-worn Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins jersey.

Raffle tickets can be purchased through any church member of by calling the church office at 639-153. Baskets can be viewed on the church website at [www.geocities.com/olvhl](http://www.geocities.com/olvhl).



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A trio from the Back Mountain recently placed third in the annual Kiwanis Youth Triathlon held at Nay Aug Park, Scranton. In front is Stacey Stepniak, of Dallas. From left, second row, Brian Poepperling, Shavertown; and Brandon Harding, Dallas.

## Trio takes 3rd in triathlon

The relay team of Brian Poepperling, 16; Stacey Stepniak, 16, and Brandon Harding, 14, captured third place at the annual Kiwanis Youth Triathlon held recently at Nay Aug Park, Scranton. The trio competed against relay teams from Northeastern Pennsylvania in the 13-18 year old age bracket.

Stepniak swam 200 meters in 2:49, Poepperling biked 5.2 miles in 19:27 and Harding ran two miles in 14:05. The team completed the course in 37:23.

They were awarded medals and trophies for their top three finish.

Stepniak is the daughter of Ben and Sheri Stepniak of Spencer Road, Dallas. She is entering her junior year at Dallas High School.

Poepperling is the son of Anne and Wayne Poepperling of Jackson Road, Shavertown. He is entering his junior year at Lake Lehman High School.

Harding is the son of Brian and Dawn Harding of Upper Demunds Road, Dallas. He is entering his freshman year at Dallas High School.