

Sports

SPORTS BRIEFS

RUN/WALK SET

The Lake Lehman track and girls soccer team will host a 5K Run/Walk at 6:30 p.m. on May 31 with registration opening at 5:30 p.m. at the new Community Trails at the Lake-Lehman High School.

Cost is \$20 and pre-registered runners and walkers will receive a T-shirt.

For more information, call 696-4503.

BOBCATS REGISTRATION

The Back Mountain Bobcats will hold a make-up date for youth football and cheerleading registration from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, June 2 at the Idetown Fire Hall, Route 415.

For more information, call Jason (football) at 760-0216 or Jessica (cheerleading) at 706-6310.

LEGION TOURNAMENT

Daddow-Isaacs Dallas American Legion Post 672 will hold its annual golf tournament on June 8 at Stone Hedge Golf Course in Tunkhannock with its traditional steak dinner at the end of the tournament.

A donation of \$80 is requested. Hole sponsors for \$50 and donations for door prizes will be solicited in the near future. Monies raised will support the fund that awards scholarships to Back Mountain residents who attend a two-year college.

Applications can be picked up at the post home or from committee members. Further information may be obtained by calling Jim Baloga, golf chairman, at 690-0756 or Clarence J. Michael at 675-0488.

PSU golf tourney set for July 12

The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Alumni Constituent Society will host its 18th Annual Penn State "Masters" Golf Tournament on Friday, July 12 at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountain Top.

The proceeds from this year's event will benefit the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Alumni Society's Scholarship Fund, the Alumni Speaker Series, THON, Academic Excellence Awards and other initiatives.

This year's winning flight in the Captain and Crew style tournament will receive Penn State Wilkes-Barre "Masters" navy blazers complete with 24k gold-plated Penn State buttons.

Golfers also have a chance to win several hole-in-one prizes while on the course including a grand prize of a car donated by the Ken Pollock Auto Group. Other contests during the day include closest to the pin, longest drive for men and women, and double your money by "holding the green." Various other prizes, including gift certificates donated by local businesses will be raffled.

The day's festivities get underway at 11:30 a.m. with registration and lunch and the tournament begins at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. An awards banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. where tournament and prize winners will be announced.

For more information, contact Karen Brace-Hodde in the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Development Office at 675-9228 or klb14@psu.edu.

DISTRICT 2 TRACK MEET

Seven Back Mountain athletes go to states

By TOM ROBINSON
For The Dallas Post

The chase for gold medals and the team standings receive most of the attention at a championship track meet.

But, there is much more going on at the District 2 Track and Field Championships.

Beating personal bests, making history and advancing to the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Championships in Shippensburg are also part of the agenda for the top athletes.

Dallas junior Regan Rome fell short of adding to her collection of gold medals, but did manage to post a personal best in the 3200-meter run while surpassing a longstanding record and positioning herself for the state medal pursuit Friday and Saturday in Shippensburg University.

Rome was one of five Back Mountain athletes who qualified for the state meet without winning district titles. Those who finish second or lower can advance to Shippensburg if they meet a lofty predetermined qualifying standard.

"I just wanted to get through to states," Rome said. "The only thing I'm doing at states is the 2-mile (3200)."

"I feel more confident in the 2-mile. I just had to get through this and get on to states."

District 2 Class AAA athletes were more effective than in most seasons in meeting those standards during Tuesday's event.

Lake-Lehman's Kieran Sutton and Dominic Hockenbury battled bitter conditions that made qualifying difficult Monday to advance in the Class AA boys 3200-meter run.

Rome was joined among the Class AAA girls qualifiers by Dallas teammates Katie Kravitsky and Catie Gawlas.

In one sense, Rome missed an opportunity to celebrate crushing a 28-year-old meet record by more than 14 seconds when she fell short of Tessa Barrett, the Abington Heights junior who won a state indoor 3000-meter championship earlier this year.

Both girls, however, probably gained by pushing each other in what shaped up as a two-person race from the start. They produced one of the most remarkable combined performances in the event's long history.

"I think we push each other," said Rome, who finished more than 35 seconds faster than what was required to make the state meet.

Barrett ran on Rome's heels for 2000 meters before overtaking her as the sixth of eight laps began.

"It was a little hard because I kind of set the pace that entire time," Rome said.

The record of 10:52.24, set by Honesdale's Heidi Robbins in 1985, never stood a chance.

Barrett arrived at the finish line in 10:32.78. Rome, the only competitor within a minute of Barrett, came in at 10:37.81.

Distance running, both in track season and in cross country during the fall, has been District 2's hallmark on the state level.

Sutton and Hockenbury were part of a strong field in high school track's longest race when they made the state meet, also at 3200 meters, in Class AA boys. Sutton finished third in 9:41.32 and Hockenbury fourth in 9:44.15.

They finished behind another record-setting performance as Rico Galassi of Holy Cross won in 9:15.78, lowering his own mark.

Galassi joins Barrett in representing District 2's strongest title hopes at Shippensburg.

Sutton and Hockenbury finished behind Galassi and Elk Lake's Luke Jones, who were 1-2 in the state in Class A cross country last fall. The Lake-Lehman runners made the state meet by beating the 9:48.01 qualifying standard.

Kravitsky lost out on a potential district title in the high jump, finishing second on a tiebreaker as one of three AAA girls to clear 5-3, the state qualifying standard. All three went for a tie of the district record of 5-5 but missed on all three tries, leading to the tiebreaker for fewest earlier misses.

Gawlas made it by finishing third in the 100-meter dash in 12.47. She was one of four qualifiers in the event, which was won by Valley View's Carli Lucke, who also took the 200-meter title.



Dallas' Catie Gawlas runs in the girls 100-meter dash in the District 2 Class 3A Track & Field Championships at Scranton Memorial Stadium. BILL TARUTIS PHOTOS/FOR THE DALLAS POST

Mahoney, Deluca win D2 track titles

By TOM ROBINSON
For The Dallas Post

As the fifth seed prior to the meet and the third qualifier for the finals, the district championship Lake-Lehman junior Shoshana Mahoney produced in the 100-meter dash came as a bit of a surprise.

Include Mahoney among those surprised, both before and after she edged Riley Conahan of Meyers by one-hundredth of a second to win the title in 13.19 seconds Monday at the District 2 Class AA Track and Field Championships.

"I was actually really surprised because in my last meet I ran a better 200 than 100 and my coach (John Sobocinski) thought that maybe I was a better 200 runner than a 100," Mahoney said. "I honestly didn't think I could get first place in this at all."

"... What helped me win was when I leaned in at the end. I thought I didn't win. I thought I got second."

Mahoney was standing with Sobocinski when she heard the announcement that she had won.

"I just started screaming and gave him a big hug," said Mahoney, who also finished third in the 200-meter dash and anchored the fifth-place, 400-meter relay team.

Mahoney was one of two individual champions from Back Mountain schools.

Dominic Deluca of Dallas turned in an impressive time of 9:23.00, beating fellow state qualifier Jacob Fetterman of Hazleton Area by 4.23 seconds, but coming up 3.46 seconds short of breaking a 30-year-old district meet record in the Class AAA meet Tuesday.

The wins automatically qualified Mahoney and Deluca to compete in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association Championships Friday and Saturday in Shippensburg.

Cayle Spencer joined Mahoney in leading Lake-Lehman to a sixth-place finish in AA girls with 48 points. Holy Redeemer won the title with 133, 48 more than Montrose and Lakeland.

Spencer threw the javelin 119-6, battling the cold, windy conditions while coming within a foot and a half of reaching the state meet. She also placed fifth in the shot put and seventh in the discus.

The top six finishers in each event earned medals while the top six scored points for their team.

Katie Heindel was fifth in the high jump, seventh in the 300 hurdles and part of the fifth-place 1600 relay team for the Lady Knights.

Kaylee Hillard was sixth in the 1600 and part of the 1600 and 3200 relays that were each fifth.

Brittany Faux was eighth in the 100 hurdles.



Lake-Lehman's Shoshana Mahoney runs in the girls 200-meter dash in the District 2 Class 2A Track & Field Championships at Scranton Memorial Stadium.

The Lake-Lehman boys finished 14th in Class AA with 19 points. Lakeland outscored Dunmore, 106.5-83, for the title.

Kieran Sutton and Dominic Hockenbury finished 3-4 in the 3200 to lead the Black Knights. Dustin Jones in the shot put and Brent Hizny in the javelin each placed sixth. Ty Shaw was seventh in the high jump.

The Dallas girls were fourth in Class AAA with 57 points. Abington Heights rallied past Hazleton Area, 102-93, for the championship. Catie Gawlas led the Lady Mountaineers by finishing third in the 100 and 200 and running a leg on the fifth-place 400 relay.

Regan Rome was second in the 3200 and anchored the sixth-place 3200 relay.

Katie Kravitsky was second in the high jump. Bryanna Dissinger (3200), Courtlyn Van Deutsch (triple jump) and Liz Kravitz (javelin) all finished third.

Lindsey Oremus was sixth and Ally Rome was eighth in the 1600.

Deluca helped the Dallas boys tie for sixth in Class AAA with 48 points. Tunkhannock edged Coughlin, 78.5-76, for first place.