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LOOKING BACK

Recapping the spring sports season

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An otherwise successful Dallas High School baseball season came to an end with a pair of near misses — one to end the conference schedule and one to open the playoffs.

The Mountaineers moved into a tie for second place in Division 2 of the Wyoming Valley Conference by catching Wyoming Area with the help of an 11-7 victory over the visiting Warriors in their next-to-last regular season.

Dallas took title hopes into final day of the regular season, but came up one game short of a three-way playoff when first-place Tunkhannock won its last game to clinch the division championship.

The Mountaineers were upset at home in the opening round of the District 2 Class AAA playoffs May 17 when they fell to Pittston Area, 4-3, despite scoring twice and getting two more runners on base in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Winning pitcher Brian Stepniak contributed a double and three RBI in the key win over Wyoming Area. Justin Brojakowski drove in four runs and Greg Petorak scored four times while going 3-for-3 with a triple.

Stepniak threw a six-hitter with seven strikeouts in the season-ending loss, but was hurt by four infield throwing errors that led to three unearned runs.

Nigel Stearns had two hits, including a dou-

ble, and scored a run.

The Dallas baseball team, which went 9-5 in WVC play, was one of many Back Mountain high school teams that had their seasons end early in District 2 tournament action.

While Dallas was advancing to the District 2 boys lacrosse championship game for the third straight year and the top track and field athletes were competing as individuals at the state championships in Shippensburg, the other team sports all had their seasons end.

The Lake-Lehman baseball team also lost in the first round of District 2 Class AAA play, falling to top-seeded Valley View, 5-0.

The Black Knights went 3-11 to tie Holy Redeemer for fourth place in the five-team WVC Division 2 standings.

SOFTBALL

Dallas and Lake-Lehman each finished with losing softball records, then were eliminated in the first round of the District 2 Class AAA playoffs.

After going 5-9 to finish fourth of five teams in WVC Division 2, Dallas fell to Crestwood, 2-0, in district play. Lake-Lehman finished last at 1-13 then was eliminated by Abington Heights, 7-2.

VOLLEYBALL

Dallas went 7-5 in WVC boys volleyball to land a spot in the District 2 Class AA tournament where it won one game against Lackawanna League champion Western Wayne, but lost the quarterfinal match.

Western Wayne won, 25-20, 14-25, 25-13, 25-

13.

Lake-Lehman went 4-8 and did not qualify for the playoffs.

LACROSSE

Dallas went 3-9 in WVC girls lacrosse play and had its season end when it lost to rival Lake-Lehman in the District 2 quarterfinals.

Amanda Miller scored two goals and Maddie Mulhern had two assists in the season-ending, 14-4 loss to Lake-Lehman.

Dallas went 10-2 in WVC boys lacrosse while Lake-Lehman finished 6-6.

Lake-Lehman lost at home to Scranton Prep, 7-2, in the District 2 quarterfinals.

Dallas won twice to advance to the championship game, which was scheduled to be played Thursday at Delaware Valley. The Mountaineers routed North Pocono, 18-1, and Crestwood, 18-4.

Corey Metz and Aaron Kliamovich scored five goals each against North Pocono.

Metz had two goals and five assists in the semifinals while Omar Nimjeh added three goals and two assists. Jesse Goode and Matt Ross had three goals and an assist each while Kliamovich had three goals.

George Pfeiffer made eight saves.

Dallas scored eight straight goals in the first half against Crestwood to pull away from a 1-1 tie on the way to a 17-2 advantage after three quarters.

"We were able to move the ball and hit our shots," Dallas coach Rich Cohen said.

Bobcats plan make-up registration date

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.

Children between the ages of 5 and 14 years of age (as of Aug. 1) and who live in any of the areas listed here are eligible to participate:

Franklin Twp., Jackson Twp., Noxen, Harveys Lake Borough, parts of Dallas Twp. (north and west, including 42nd Street across to Shindig Inn), Ross Twp. and Sweet Valley.

Anyone who attends the Lake-Lehman School District is eligible to play for the Bobcats during the 2013 season.

A copy of the child's birth certificate, medical insurance, doctor's release, two proofs of residency and a recent photo, as well as payment of the registration fee, are requested at the time of registration. Paperwork for fundraising will also be distributed and must be returned at the beginning of the first practice.

The organization will also have a cleat/cheer shoe swap. Good cleats that have been outgrown can be brought to registration so that another family may use them.

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

Dallas Middle School wrestlers win at MAWA championships

Steven Newell and Jerry Ogurkis of Dallas Middle School both advanced to the finals at Eastern Nationals in Salisbury, Maryland recently. The tournament starts out with over 11,000 wrestlers from 17 states.

Newell placed second in the 108 lb. weight class, not giving up any points until the finals including the sectional and regional tournaments to get him to the championship. He is a three-time state qualifier, placing fifth last year and a two-time national qualifier where he also placed fifth last year.

Ogurkis placed second in the 175 lb. weight class, losing by one point in overtime that kept him from placing first. He finished sectional and regionals in first place and placed fifth at states last year. He has several champion titles from elite tournaments he attended, including Empire Nationals in New York.



Dallas High School athlete Jess Hiscox recently signed a letter of intent to continue her academic and athletic career at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. From left, seated, are David Hiscox, father; Jess Hiscox, Jill Hiscox, mother. Second row, Nancy Roberts, athletic director; Isiah Walker, AAU coach; Jeffrey Shaffer, principal; and Kelly Johnson, head coach.

Hiscox signs letter of intent to Denison University

Jess Hiscox, of Dallas, a senior at Dallas High School, will continue her academic and athletic career at Denison University in Granville, Ohio where she will play basketball for head coach Sara Lee in the North Coast Atlantic Conference.

As a member of the Dallas basketball team, Hiscox was a four-year varsity letter winner and a captain of the 2012-2013 Division 1 Wyoming Valley Conference team. She was also selected as a First Team All Conference Player and led the team in outside scoring.

She was selected to play in the Pa Hoops All Star Team which only selects 200 players from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland. She was also a member of the Senior All Star Team.

Hiscox was also third in the conference in scoring 36 3-point shots. In addition to playing Dallas basketball, she has played on the AAU Firm Basketball team for four years where she has competed in numerous tournaments and showcases. While on the team, she was chosen as a member of the Gym Rat All Star Team and chosen to compete at the All Academic Sports Tournament.

The daughter of David and Jill Hiscox, she is a member of the National Honor Society at Dallas High School and plans to major in Neuroscience at Denison University.



Dallas High School athlete Jack Matusiak signed a letter of intent to swim for the New Jersey Institute of Technology Highlanders Division 1 swim team. From left, first row, are Ron Matusiak, father; Jack Matusiak, Joan Matusiak, mother. Second row, Jeffrey Shaffer, principal; Nancy Roberts, athletic director; Romayne Mosier, head coach; and Jennifer Swiderski, assistant coach.

Matusiak will continue swimming career

Dallas High School athlete Jack Matusiak signed a letter of intent to swim for the New Jersey Institute of Technology Highlanders Division 1 swim team.

Matusiak has been a cornerstone of the Mountaineers' four consecutive district championships. He is a 12-time district medalist and a three-time State medalist. He also set school records in the 200 IM, the 200 Fr Relay and the 400 Fr Relay.

He will major in Mechanical Engineering.