

# Rust no problem for Via all-stars

**LVC WEST VS. COLONIAL.** Run-and-gun boys game ends with both teams going over 100.

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**BETHLEHEM TWP.** | For the majority of participants in Saturday's Via All-Star Basketball Classic, it was the first time picking up a basketball in almost a month, since spring sports have started.

No worries, though.

A practice or two last week and it was as if the high school seniors from opposing programs never stopped dribbling.

That was especially evident in the street ball-style game between the Lehigh Valley West and Colonial League boys.

Parkland standout Jaleel Clark's 21 points was tops for the LVW boys, who put up 104-101.

The boys kept the LVC undefeated on the day after their

female counterparts won 59-45 over the Colonial girls earlier in the morning.

"After the loss to Whitehall four weeks ago, I haven't really touched a ball," said Bangor senior Aaron Popovice, who had seven points. "It felt great to play again. It's probably the last time I'll play competitively — it was fun."

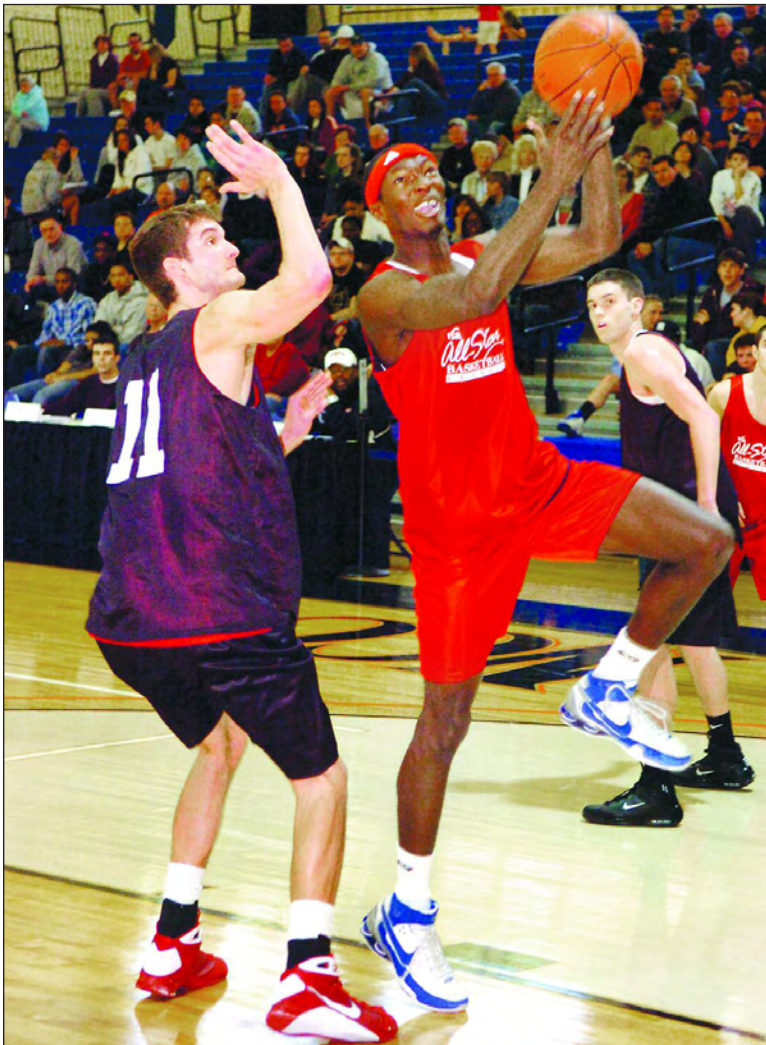
The score didn't matter to anyone. At half, with the Lehigh Valley West boys up 49-44, both teams put on dunk and alley-oop shows — practicing new tricks for the second half.

Both games were very physical with the run-and-gun offenses employed by each team. A shot clock probably wasn't necessary, especially in the boys game — with its lowest reading of 12 seconds.

"I had to talk to my (track) coaches and ask them to let me play," Wilson's Julissa Muschlitz said. "I told them I'd be safe and wouldn't do anything stupid."

Despite the risks,

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**Anthony Davidson of Wilson goes up for a layup against Jon Ward of Parkland.**

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Muschlitz, who had a team-high 10 points, said she was glad she traded in the track cleats for high tops for the day.

“It was fun, especially playing with all these girls in the Colonial League I played against in the regular season,” she said. “I enjoyed myself.

“Today, we wanted to come out and earn some respect for the Colonial League and I think we did that. We can play with anybody in the area. The Colonial League always gets

looked upon like we’re lower because we’re smaller schools but I think we earned respect today.”

### COLONIAL GIRLS (45)

Julissa Muschlitz (Wilson) 4 1-2 10, Sarah Colton (Bangor) 4 0-2 9, Alita Zabrecky (Southern Lehigh) 3 1-2 8, Melissa Degenhart (Notre Dame) 2 0-0 5, Lauren Ellis (Bangor) 2 0-0 4, Sarah Arndt (Northern Lehigh) 1 0-0 3, Liz Demko (Notre Dame) 1 0-1 2, Lauren Gerchufsky (Northwestern) 1 0-2 2, Alexa Mish (Northwestern) 1 0-0 2, Jackie Follweiler (Northern Lehigh) 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 2-9 45.

### L.V. WEST GIRLS (59)

Sequeena Thomas (Parkland) 5 1-4 11, Morgan Taylor (Parkland) 2 6-6 10, Jess Flamm (Central Catholic) 3 2-2 8, Tanejha Smith (Allen) 4 0-2 8, Jess VanNatten (Whitehall) 2 1-4 6, Jess Hoover (Emmaus) 2 1-2 5, Becky Guman (Central Catholic) 1 2-2 5, Kayla Hassler (Parkland) 1 0-0 3, Michelle Koren (Allen) 1 0-2 2, Nicole Heckman (Whitehall) 0 0-0 0, Chelsea Blake (Dieruff) 0 0-0 0. Totals 21 13-24 59.

**Colonial League** 20 25-45

**Lehigh Valley West** 29 30-59

**3-point goals** — Guman, VanNatten, Hassler; Colton, Muschlitz, Zabrecky, Degenhart.

### COLONIAL BOYS (101)

Cory Schmidt (Southern Lehigh) 6 1-2 14, Todd Dawson (Catasauqua) 6 2-3 14, Anthony Davidson (Wilson) 5 0-0 10, Hadyn Charles (Northern Lehigh) 5 0-0 10, Max Hughes (Notre Dame) 4 0-0 9, Jimmy Grewal (Southern Lehigh) 2 3-4 8, Aaron Popovice (Bangor) 3 0-0 7, Danny Borst (Pen Argyl) 3 0-0 7, Tommy Bonser (Salisbury) 2 2-2 6, Brian Smith (Bangor) 2 1-1 6, Corey Huerta (Catasauqua) 2 0-0 6, Graham Touhey (Wilson) 2 0-0 4. Totals 42 9-12 101.

### L.V. WEST BOYS (104)

Jaleel Clark (Parkland) 7 7-15 21, Shae McPherson (Central Catholic) 8 1-3 19, Angel Ayala (Allen) 6 3-6 15, Terrance Talib (Allen) 4 3-4 11, Jon Ward (Parkland) 5 0-0 10, Elliot Gumbs (Allen) 3 4-4 10, Tyler Madouse (Whitehall) 4 0-0 8, Sonny Odom (Dieruff) 3 0-2 7, Matt Muhr (Parkland) 1 0-0 3, MJ Miorelli (Parkland) 0 0-2 0, Timmy Hartwell (Dieruff) 0 0-3 0. Totals 41 18-39 104.

**Colonial League** 44 57-101

**Lehigh Valley West** 49 55-104

**3-point goals** — McPherson 2, Muhr, Odom; Huerta 2, Hughes, Grewal, Smith, Borst, Schimdt.

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