

Scerbo makes good use of opportunity

LVC EAST VS. MOUNTAIN VALLEY. Phillipsburg senior guard leads 52-34 victory in Via Classic.

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BETHLEHEM TWP. | Allyson Scerbo has experienced the best of both worlds this week.

The Phillipsburg High School senior had an opportunity to make new friends on the opposite side of the Delaware River and she won a basketball game in the process.

Scerbo scored 15 points Saturday afternoon to lead the Lehigh Valley Conference East girls to a 52-34 victory over the Mountain Valley Conference in the 34th an-

3-POINT WINNERS

Freedom's Mike Ceron and East Stroudsburg South's Gina Steakin won the 3-point shootout contest. Both scored 15 points.

nual Via All-Star Classic at Northampton Community College.

In the boys game, D.J. Strayhorn of Pocono Mountain East scored 17 points as the Mountain Valley Conference overcame an 11-point deficit to post a wild 97-94 victory over the Lehigh Valley East.

Scerbo, who'll play basketball at Division III William Paterson next season, had the hot hand as the Lehigh Valley East dominated.

"It was a lot of fun playing with all of them," said Scerbo, who'll probably major in physical education. "We had two practices and a banquet on Wednesday. I wish we could have played longer."

Tied 8-8, Scerbo's 3-pointer ignited a seven-point Lehigh Valley run that put them ahead to stay. Megan Bowen of Northampton added 12 points for the Lehigh Valley.

"I felt pretty good considering I hadn't picked up a basketball since our last game in February," said Scerbo, who also plays field

hockey and softball for P'burg. "It was fun, though. It was just like playing pick-up."

In the boys game, the Lehigh Valley led 37-26 late in the first half before the MVC staged a comeback.

"It was a great experience," said Ryan Duffy of P'burg, who scored 10 points for the LVC East. "I'm competitive and I wanted to win but it's all about having fun."

Trailing 95-92, the Lehigh Valley had a chance to tie when Raphael Padilla of Freedom (14 points) scored inside and was fouled with eight seconds remaining. Padilla, however, missed the free throw and Josh Vargas of

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Faith Christian converted two foul shots at the other end with one-tenth of a second left.

“It was definitely a great time playing against good competition,” said Easton’s Zach Hankerson, the Express-Times Player of the Year who scored 13 points. “I saw some guys who I didn’t get to play against all year.

“It was another chance for me to see where I’m at and where I need to be.”

MOUNTAIN VALLEY GIRLS (34)

Sydney Battle (Stroudsburg) 1 2-4 4, Milagros Briggs (East Stroudsburg North) 1 0-2 2, Erica Durant (East Stroudsburg North) 3 0-0 6, Melissa Lunney (Pleasant Valley) 0 0-0 0, Kaitlin Maloney (Lehighnton) 0 0-0 0, Stephanie Perez (Pocono Mountain West) 3 2-4 8, Asia Roberts (Pocono Mountain West) 1 1-3 3, Emily Rosario (Stroudsburg) 0 0-0 0, Gina Steakin (East Stroudsburg South) 0 2-2 2, Jackie Taylor (Pleasant Valley) 0 0-0 0, Shannel Walters (Pocono Mountain West) 3 0-0 6, Ali Yozwiak (Pleasant Valley) 1 0-2 3. Totals 13 7-18 34.

L.V. EAST GIRLS (52)

Megan Bowen (Northampton) 5 1-2 12, Lauren Cancelliere (Nazareth) 4 0-0 8, Ashley Gunter (Easton) 0 2-4 2, Bri Kripe (Liberty) 1 1-3 3, Allyson Scerbo (Phillipsburg) 5 3-5 15, Emily Schultz (Northampton) 2 1-2 5, Abby Silfies (Northampton) 3 0-2 7. Totals 20 8-18 52.

Mountain Valley 16 18-34
Lehigh Valley East 29 23-52

3-point goals — Yozwiak; Scerbo 2, Bowen, Silfies.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY BOYS (97)

Dan Ackerman (Stroudsburg) 0 2-2 2, Mike Gonsky (Notre Dame-East Stroudsburg) 1 0-0 3, Jakub Halicki (Pocono Mountain East) 1 1-1 3, Kendall Harris (Pocono Mountain East) 5 3-3 14, Hasan Johnson (Pocono Mountain West) 4 0-0 9, Terrance King (East Stroudsburg North) 3 1-2 7, Riley Maye (Stroudsburg) 2 3-6 7, Phil O’Malley (East Stroudsburg South) 2 3-6 7, Kyerell Scott (Pocono Mountain West) 5 2-2 12, D.J. Strayhorn (Pocono Mountain East) 5 6-6 17, Josh Vargas (Faith Christian) 6 3-4 16. Totals 34 24-32 97.

L.V. EAST BOYS (94)

Ryan Duffy (Phillipsburg) 3 3-4 10, Alek Farkas (Northampton) 1 0-0 3, Zach Hankerson (Easton) 5 1-2 13, John King (Phillipsburg) 3 0-0 7, Sean Larks (Easton) 2 2-2 6, Mike McCready (Freedom) 4 0-0 8, Andre McDermott (Northampton) 3 0-1 7, Raphael Padilla (Freedom) 6 2-3 14, Pedro Perez (Bethlehem Catholic) 3 4-6 10, Christian Rodriguez (Liberty) 0 1-2 1, Mike Squires (Nazareth) 5 0-0 11, Aaron Thieme (Liberty) 1 2-2 4. Totals 36 15-22 94.

Mountain Valley 39 58-97
Lehigh Valley East 47 47-94

3-point goals — Gonsky, Harris, Johnson, Strayhorn, Vargas; Hankerson 2, Duffy, Farkas, King, McDermott, Squires.



Bangor forward Brian Smith attempts to pass under pressure from Jaleel Clark of Parkland.

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