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Mountain Valley Conference boys all-stars defeat Lehigh Valley Conference stars 97-82 in Via All-Star Basketball Classic

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BETHLEHEM TWP., Pa. | The last organized basketball game of Chuck Dibilio's high school career was undoubtedly one of the most entertaining.

The Nazareth Area High School senior had a blast Saturday even though his Lehigh Valley Conference East All-Stars dropped a 97-82 decision to the Mountain Valley Conference stars in the final game of the 36th annual Via All-Star Classic at Northampton Community College.

Dibilio, who'll play football at Princeton University next season, scored 14 points for Lehigh Valley. Darrun Hilliard of Liberty, a two Express-Times Boys Basketball Player of the Year, led the Lehigh Valley with 20 points.

"I had a great time just competing again," Dibilio said. "It was fun messing around with the guys, trying to do alley oops. I wanted to win, but it's not the end of the world. It's not like this was the district finals or anything."

Dibilio was involved in a most unusual play after he missed a two-handed dunk with 1:09 remaining. Dibilio proceeded to grab the ball out of the air and slammed it back in while hanging on the rim with his other hand. The basket was disallowed.

"A guy for Florida State did that and I was joking around with the guys saying I wanted to do it," Dibilio said. "The only difference was his was an 'and one' and mine didn't count."

The Lehigh Valley Conference squad was victimized by a terrific performance from Pocono Mountain West guard Tynell Fortune. The California (Pa.) recruit drained seven 3-pointers and finished with 35 points.

"When I was on the bench I remember saying 'Will this guy ever miss?' Dibilio said.

Lamont Tillery of Pocono Mountain East added 21 points for the MVC.

Fortune has made a huge impact on the Monroe County landscape since moving in from Harlem, N.Y. during his sophomore season.

"In my neighborhood in Harlem they called me 'crowd favorite,'" said Fortune, who says he's 5-foot-9 but looks closer to 5-7. "I just tried to put on a show for the crowd. Every time I play against the LVC I try to give it my all. They're the gods out here. It motivates me every time."

In other Via action on Saturday:

^ Colonial League girls 77, Lehigh Valley West girls 58 -- Eleni Dimou of Southern Lehigh scored 16 points to lead the Colonial League.

Danielle Van Buren of Saucon Valley added 14 points and Sara Vough of Pen Argyl contributed 11 for the Colonial.

^ Lehigh Valley West Boys 97, Colonial League Boys 95 -- Javier Rivera of Whitehall scored 24 points as the Lehigh Valley West boys hung on.

Adam Ambielli of Notre Dame scored 24 points to lead the Colonial League. Eric Frans of Saucon Valley had 17 points and Josh Parris of Palisades finished with 15.

^ Lehigh Valley East Girls 76, Mountain Valley girls 47 -- Erika Livermore of Nazareth, the Express-Times Girls Basketball Player of the Year, scored 14 points to lead a balanced Lehigh Valley East squad.

COLONIAL LEAGUE GIRLS (77)

Dimou 6 2-2 16, Gibson 1 0-0 2, Steen 3 0-0 6, Oertner 3 0-0 6, Reimer 0 0-0 0, Rinfret 2 1-2 5, Cinelli 2 0-0 4, Lively 1 0-2 2, Doell 4 0-0 8, Josephson 0 3-3 3, Van Buren 6 2-6 14, Vough 3 4-4 11. Totals 31 12- 19 77.

LVC WEST GIRLS (58)

Abreau 1 1-2 3, Goodwin 0 5-8 5, Smith 1 0-0 2, Hess 1 4-6 6, Hagenauer 3 0-0 6, Stefanyak 1 0-0 2, Styles 6 1-2 13, Gilley 1 2-4 4, Church 8 0-2 17. Totals 22 13-24 58.

Colonial League Girls 48 29--77

LVC West Girls 27 31--58

3-point goals -- Dimon 2, Vough; Church.

COLONIAL BOYS (95)

Carey 1 0-0 2, Mulitsch 3 0-0 8, Scott 0 0-0 0, Bouch 4 0-0 8, Waylen 3 0-0 6, Ambielli 9 3-4 24, Parris 6 1-3 15, Bernard 2 0-0 6, Baker 1 0-0 3, Schantz 1 2-2 4, Clark 1 0-0 2, Frans 7 2-3 17. Totals 40 9-12 95.

LVC WEST BOYS (97)

Kinek 0 0-0 0, Perry 5 0-0 11, Rivera 9 3-5 24, McKellick 1 0-0 2, Sullivan 1 0-0 3, Harrington 7 2-3 16, Allende 1 0-0 3, Adams 1 3-6 5, Brochu 0 2-2 2, Howard 2 1-1 6, Holiday 4 1-4 9, Cannon 7 2-3 16. Totals 38 14-24 97.

Colonial League Boys 47 48--95

LVC West Boys 37 60--97

3-point goals -- Ambielli 3, Parris 2, Bernard 2, Mulitsch 2, Frans; Rivera 3, Perry, Sullivan, Allende, Howard.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY GIRLS (47)

Lipe 0 2-3 2, Williams 0 0-0 0, Myles 0 0-0 0, McLean 1 3-3 5, Marshall 1 1-2 3, Homyak 3 2-2 8, Meckes 3 1-2 10, Schickling 3 2-2 10, Drodz 0 2-3 2, Hicks 1 2-4 5, Green 0 0-2 0. Totals 13 15-23 47.

LVC EAST GIRLS (76)

Carpenter 1 2-4 4, Kessler 2 1-2 5, Gary 2 0-0 4, Sutton 3 3-4 7, O'Connell 2 1-2 6, Aziz 4 1-3 9, Smith 2 0-0 4, Livermore 7 0-0 14, Owens 1 0-0 2, Braithwaite 3 1-2 7, Weller 3 2-6 8, Bowenberger 3 0-0 6. Totals 33 11-23 76.

Mountain Valley Girls 20 27--47

LVC East Girls 40 36--76

3-point goals -- Meckes 3, Schickling 2, Hardy; O'Connell.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY BOYS (97)

Long 1 0-0 3, Wild 0 0-1 1, Pacheco 3 3-3 9, Fortune 11 6-8 35, Poorman 0 0-0 0, Fabian 1 0-1 2, Escobar 3 2-6 8, Sharpe 2 1-1 5, Cooper 4 0-0 9, Tillery 9 2-2 21, Peck 2 0-1 4, Anema 0 0-0 0. Totals 37 13-21 97.

LEHIGH VALLEY EAST BOYS (82)

Hungarter 3 0-0 6, Rivera 4 0-0 9, Dally 1 0-0 3, Giovarelli 4 0-0 8, Hilliard 8 2-3 20, Holmes 4 0-0 9, Dibilio 6 2-6 14, Higgs 2 1-5 5, Kent 1 0-0 2, Sullivan 0 0-0 0, McDonald 3 0-1 6, McCutcheon 0 0-2 0. Totals 36 5-17 82.

Mountain Valley Boys 46 51--97

L.V. East Boys 30 52--82

3-point goals -- Fortune 7, Long, Tillery, Cooper; Hilliard 2, Dally, Holmes, Rivera.

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