

Dallas Wrestlers Win In Exhibition Games

Dallas wrestlers posted a record of 2-0 this past week as they won exhibition meets against Tunkhannock Area and the Wyalusing Rams.

The Mountaineers breezed to a 47-3 win against the Tunkhannock Tigers. The home team got their only points on a decision by Long in the 103 class.

Ninety-five pound Pinter started it off for the local boys by defeating Valvano on a 15-5 decision to make it 4-0 for the Mounts under the new scoring system which allows an extra point for every decision won by 10 points or better over an opponent.

Konnick (103) gave the local team 3 more by decisioning the Tigers' Williams 8-4. With the score 7-0, Long beat out 112 lb. Stigel in a close 5-4 bout with time point deciding the win.

From that point it was Dallas all the way as Longmore pressed 120 lb. Otten to the mat with 15 seconds remaining to add 6 points to the team score. The new rules give 6 points for every pin regardless of the period instead of the previous 6-5-5. Musto (127) picked up 4 points more for the Mountaineers by taking Ranson 10-0 and making the score 17-3.

Wasserott kept the Mounts in the win column by outwrestling Visneski 7-0. Sophomore Puchalsky (D), last year's Junior High champ, scored a takedown in the first period, reversed his 133 lb. opponent Denson in the second and picked up a time point to decision his man 5-0, putting Dallas out in front 23-3.

Young M. Kasper (145) came out after Warpus and scored a takedown and reversal before turning his opponent to the lights in 3:05 to make the lead 29-3. Continuing in the win column was R. Johnson (154) as he outmatched Malkemes 6-1, making the score 32-3. F. Nattius, 165 senior, made it a fast bout by pinning his opponent in 1:18. In a well-matched bout, Thrasher (180) D. and George T. worked hard, with Thrasher taking the honors 3-0 and putting his team in the lead 41-3. Bob Spears, Hwt., was leading on points 7-2 when he clamped Sohns in the third period with 22 seconds remaining to add 6 points and make the final score 47-3.

Larry Fornicola, Keystone Junior College, refereed the bout.

The Jayvees were not to be outdone by their varsity mates, as they took the Tigers' Jayvees 43-9.

Dierolf put up the first 6 points by pinning Purdy (95) in 5:20. T. Wilson (103), D. decided Swierczynski 9-6 to put the Mounts in front 9-0. 112 lb. B. Corbett showed the Tigers' Field the lights in 4:48 and 120 J. Boyes decided Nedoff in a close match ending 2-0 and putting Dallas in front 18-0.

Dallas 127 Sappe added 6 points to the team score when he won on a default by Malkemes. Birdie, D. 133, made it fast as he laid Forba flat in 42 seconds. With the score 30-0, E. Monk, 138, started to put icing on the cake as he outwrestled Tunkhannock's Shaver 14-0 to make it 34-0.

Hardisky, T., at 145, scored two for a takedown in the first

period over Hannigan, then picked up two for a reversal in the third to decision the Dallas matmen 4-0 and give the Tigers their first 3 points.

Harvey T. 154, lost in a close 7-5 bout to the Mounts' McCartney and Phillips, D. 180, drew a fast 40-second pin to put the M-unts in front 43-3.

With no Jayvee heavyweight bout, Shelby, 133, D. gave up 6 points to the Tigers when he was pressed to the mat by Schaeffer in 2:21.

Final score was 43-9, the Mountaineers all the way. Saturday's match at home with the Wyalusing Rams turned out to be a thriller. The underdogs for years, Dallas Mountaineers came through with a surprising 24-22 victory.

The match went down to the wire with heavy-weight Bob Spears taking the final bout 4-2 to pull the Mounts to their 24-22 win.

Victories in three of the first four bouts enabled the Mounts to go out in front 12-3. Corbett, (103) added 3 points by decisioning Johnson 4-0.

G. Stigel (112) D, lost a heart-breaker when he was beat out on an 8-7 decision, one point time being the factor. Longmore (120) in a more exciting bout than the 10-2 decision indicates made it 12-3 for his Mounts. D. Barto, W, outwrestled Musto (127) all the way to pick up a 7-0 decision and add 3 points for the Rams. The Rams made their score 9 when their 133 lb. Woodruff decisioned Wasserott 7-5 and senior S. Knellier tied it up at 12-12 as he took 133 lb. Puchalsky 11-5.

Kasper, Dallas' 145 grappler, came right back to press S. Miller in 2:34 to put the Mountaineers in the lead 18-12. The Rams were not giving up and 154 lb. Cibrich decisioned the Mounts' R. Johnson 13-3 and made the score 18-16.

F. Nattius was leading his 165-man, S. Snyder, 4-2 in the second period when he made a wrong move and was clamped by the Ram in 3:27 which put Wyalusing ahead 22-18.

With the spectators on edge, 180 lb. Thrasher scored a takedown for two on J. Woodruff in the first period against his opponent's one for an escape which gave him the bout and put Dallas within one point of taking over the lead.

Heavyweight B. Spears proved his shoulders could bear the responsibility as he met tough G. Keeney in a hard-fought bout which saw lots of action before Spears took the 4-2 decision and gave Dallas the match 24-22.

Referee was M. Solomon. Dallas coach was Jim Bamrick and Wyalusing mentor was Carl Schuure.

In the preliminary match, the Dallas Jayvees proved they could do it as they won 18-15. In a match that see-sawed all the way, Konnick, 103, lost to the Rams' Salsman 2-0. Boyes, 120, came out to make it 6-3 Dallas, as he pinned Gennings in 3:34. Wyalusing's Holdren, 127, put the Rams back in the lead 9-6, as he flattened Rattigan in 5:59.

Bridle, 133 for the Mounts, put them back in the lead 12-9 as he turned over Moody in 3:24. E. Monk, 138 lb. junior, outwrestled his man all the way to take the decision 11-3 and run the match score to 15-9. Boltz,

145, wrestled a close bout but took it on a decision 3-2, making it 18-9. Petraccini, 154, D, wrestling his first bout lost a tight one to the Rams' Salsman 4-2 putting Wyalusing six points within the lead. It was too late, however, as the best their heavy weight, Gilbert could do was decision Fuller 5-4, with the match score ending 18-15.

L. Haymacher Stars On Tunkhannock Grid

Larry Haymacher, a former student of Lake-Lehman Elementary School, is a senior this year at Tunkhannock Area High School, where he has played on the varsity football team for three years.

Haymacher was the Tunkhannock Tigers' leader in assists, a big tackle who is reported as showing steady improvement right up to the final game. He helped out on 20 tackles, made 41 himself, and caused one fumble. He played football for the Tigers for seven years.

Larry is the son of Stephen Haymacher, Centermoreland, and the late Clara B. Culp Haymacher. Mrs. Haymacher, a disabled veteran of the U.S. Women's Army Corps, was the daughter of Stanley Culp of Huntsville and the late Mrs. Culp.

On graduating from Tunkhannock Area High School, Larry plans to attend the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Holiday Basketball Tourney Scheduled

The Wilkes-Barre Area School District will sponsor the sixth annual Holiday Invitational Basketball Tournament Dec. 28 and 29 with four area schools participating. Coughlin and Plains are scheduled for the 7 p.m. time slot, Dec. 28. Immediately following that game, Dallas and Meyers will play. The losing team from each contest will play a consolation game Dec. 29 followed by a game between the two winning teams for the championship. Wyoming Area won the tourney last year. Dallas won the consolation game.

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recorded Dec. 29 when the final bouts will be televised live on WVIA-TV, Channel 44. Picking up the telecast on a delayed tape will be Channel 39 in the Allentown-Bethlehem area. Team trophies will be presented to the top team entrant and runnerup as well as individual awards to all first through fourth place winners.

Highlighting the post-tournament awards ceremony will be the presentation of the outstanding wrestler trophy, given annually in memory of Bruce Blackman, a former area newspaper sports editor who promoted the grappling sport.

This year's matches will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday and continue till completion of the quarter-finals. Semi-finals are slated for 1 p.m. Tuesday, with finals scheduled for 8 p.m.



Larry Haymacher is shown above with parents of Tiger teammates at a special football day at the Tunkhannock school.

Dallas Tops City School Despite Slow First Half

With an explosive third quarter, the Dallas basketball team rebounded from five points behind at half to run away from the Mohawks of Meyers by a score of 87 to 64, last Friday night at Meyers.

Poor shooting percentage through the first accounted for the Mountaineers' slow start, while Delaney and Schwab ran the Mohawk attack by hitting from the outside. Solid rebounding from Greg Novroski, Cat Wallace, and Tim Fannick kept Dallas within nine during the first half.

Opening with a full court press in the second half, Dallas quickly made up the five-point margin and had opened a six-point lead of their own before Meyers could manage a score. From that point on it was all Dallas with Novroski and Fan-

nick hitting from the inside while Ed Riefenstahl and Pat Delaney opened the game up with the fast break.

Five players broke double figures for Dallas with Fannick high with 26, followed by Novroski with 20, Riefenstahl with 13, Delaney with 10, and Wallace coming off the bench to add another 10. Novroski dominated the boards by collecting 25 rebounds and keying several Mountaineer fast breaks.

Schwab and Delaney were the only two of the Meyers squad who could crack double figures as they split 44 of their team's 64 points.

The Mountaineers are now 2 and 1 in their exhibition season and will face Nanticoke at Nanticoke Thursday night. Next Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 28 and 29, Dallas will compete in

the Wilkes-Barre City Invitational Tournament at the Coughlin High School gym. Tuesday, Coughlin meets Plains in the first game while Dallas faces Meyers in the second game. The consolation game will be played Wednesday evening and will be followed by the championship contest.

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Wyoming Valley Giants To Sign New Coach

Officials of the newly formed Wyoming Valley Giants football team hope to be able to announce the signing of a coach shortly after the Christmas holiday.

General manager Tom Jones said the team has been contacted by many coaches and prospective coaches, including some from the Back Mountain area.

"We want to sign the right man, as the head coach can make or break the team and is vital to our organization," Mr. Jones stated.

At the same time, the general manager issued an invitation to former high school, college, amateur, and other football players who reside in the Back Mountain region to contact him if they are interested in trying out for the Giants. Jones is sales manager with Carpenter Pontiac in Wyoming and may be seen there daily.

The GM pointed out that the Back Mountain region is rich in football talent and the Giants would be most interested in having several players from the locale in the lineup. Like a good general manager should do, he also noted that the Back Mountain is a beehive of football interest and that many hundreds of fans from the region would be followers of the new team provided there is Back Mountain talent playing for the club.

Practice sessions are expected to get under way in late June and the team hopes to be playing an exhibition contest on a Saturday night in July.

One of the possibilities open to the Giants will be the staging of clinics with coaches and players at such places as Sandy Beach at Harveys Lake or some other lake locales, or even in the Dallas region. With sports action on the meager side in the warm-weather months, area grid fans would probably welcome a preview of the coming gridiron season.

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'Rose Bowl of Wrestling' To Be Staged at Wilkes

The 39th annual Wilkes College Open Wrestling Tournament, the oldest and largest event of its kind in the country, will be staged at the Wilkes College Gymnasium Dec. 28 and 29.

Over 350 grapplers are expected to take part in the tourney which has been dubbed by Sports Illustrated magazine as "The Rose Bowl of Wrestling."

Tournament Director George Ralston announces that weigh-ins will take place on both Dec. 28, and 29 from eight to nine each morning. The registration desk will open at the Wilkes gym Dec. 27.

Among the top teams expected to vie for team championship laurels are the defending titlists, the New York Athletic Club plus Navy,

Slippery Rock, Temple, Buffalo, and Wilkes.

The Colonels, hosts for the two day event, have never been able to cop team honors, but made their finest showing last year, finishing a strong runner-up to the New York Athletic Club.

The history of the Wilkes Open goes back to 1932 when Austin Bishop, wrestling coach at neighboring Wyoming Seminary, initiated the tourney at the local YMCA. Wilkes College inherited the tournament from the YMCA in 1950 when it became apparent that the event had outgrown the facilities.

Competition has increased steadily from approximately 56 entrants in 1932 to the 300 plus of recent years. A tournament "first" will be

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