

# Tourney Votes D. Agnew Most Outstanding Grappler

Lake-Lehman's 126-lb. grappler, D. Agnew, was voted "Outstanding Wrestler", by the coaches, of all entries at the Seventh Annual Troy Invitational Tournament, Dec. 27.

The L-L wrestler took the quarter final bout on a decision over Turner, of Liberty, 12-2. He decided Sutter, Corning West, 6-3, in the semi-finals, then went on to win the finals on a 6-1 decision over Tazzaglia, Troy. His opponent, Sutter, was a third place finalist in 1972-73 New York State tournament.

The Knights also collected enough team points to take second place, 25 points ahead of Canton High School. Troy walked away with first place honors in the tournament.

Coach Sorber's grapplers returned home with four first, two

seconds, two thirds, and one fourth, in addition to the "Outstanding Wrestler" title.

98 lb., S. Klemunes (L.L.) drew a bye in the quarter finals, pinned Weingart of Notre Dame High School, in 1:51, then decided returning District 4 champ Guillaume, Canton, 15-9.

D. Barbacci (L.L.), 105, decided Shoemaker, Troy, 14-3; bested Marshall, Liberty, 9-0, and took first place on a default over Hughes, Notre Dame.

J. Higgins (L.L.), came in third by flattening Boom, Elkland, 1:42, then losing to Shoemaker, Troy, 7-4. He came back in the consolation match to turn over Brion, Canton, in 2:26.

E. Nixon (L.L.), 119, top half of the Nixon-Agnew team, decided Marshall (L), 6-1, then O'Connor, Northeast, 3-1, and in

the finals taking Kraft, Corning West, 6-3.

Following 126 lb. Agnew, J. Haczewski (L.L.) dropped a 9-6 bout to Rockwell, Canton, 9-6. Teammate R. Angelicola, 138, drew a bye in the quarter finals, decided Watson of Troy, 3-0, in the semi-finals, but lost out in the finals, when Scott of Canton showed him the lights in 2:27.

Teammate G. Naugle decided Ward, Canton, 7-2, but dropped a 3-1 decision to Lytle, Elkland, in the semi-finals. In a second chance, in the consolations, he lost to Wheeland of Liberty on a 4:25 pin.

R. Case (L.L.), 155, bested Rynearson (C-W), 8-1, and the second time around lost 4-2 to Boor. In the consolation round, he came back to win by default over Birmingham of Notre Dame.

M. Dragon (L.L.), 167, was put among the losers by McFarland (C-W), on a 19-3 decision. M. Wallo (L.L.), 185, decided Hobart (ND), in a close match. Tied at 3-3, the bout went into overtime and the young Knight won on a 3-2 score. In the semi-finals, he bested Wilcox, Canton, 10-3 but lost in the finals to Kytte, Troy, who turned him over in 1:54.

Hwt. T. Williams (L.L.) was eliminated in the quarter finals when he was flattened in 3:20 by Hoguk (C-W).

The Black Knights will open the 1974 season when they meet the Spartans of Valley West, Jan. 9, at the WVW gym.



Capt. Jim Glenn (left) and Dave Barna, (right) of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Company Search Team, present an award to Harry Owens (center), proclaiming him to be "The Person Most Valuable to the Team." The award was made during the team's Dec. 19 Christmas party at the Castle Inn, Dallas.

## Rural Water Commission Offering New Slide Film

Rural water and sewer facilities still lag far behind urban ones, that's the message of a new slide film, "Rural Water The Time is Now," just released for general distribution by the Commission on Rural Water.

The 17-minute presentation documents the need for improved facilities, discusses the serious health effects under existing conditions; shows why current government programs are inadequate; describes efforts of the commission and National Demonstration Water Project (NDWP) in helping to alleviate them; and offers suggestions for short and long-term programs that could bring rural facilities up to par with urban ones in a reasonable period of time.

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# Dave Puchalsky Selected Most Outstanding Wrestler

Senior Dave Puchalsky, 145 pound wrestler from Dallas Senior High School, was voted "Outstanding Wrestler" of the sixth Annual Wilkes-Barre Invitational Tournament, Dec. 27, at the Coughlin gym, Wilkes-Barre.

Puchalsky turned over R. Knappman of Coughlin in 4:42 in the quarter finals, decided D. Van Arsdale of North Hunterdon by a 10-2 score in the semi-finals, and copped his weight class title by flattening D. Turner, Bethlehem Liberty, in 1:24.

Bethlehem Liberty repeated last year's performance by walking off with the team title, with North Hunterdon coming in second, Meyers third and the Dallas Mountaineers fourth.

S. Pinter (D), 98, drew a bye in the quarter finals, then took his class in the semi-finals by flattening McAndrew, G.A.R. in a short 22 seconds. In an exciting and close bout, 2-2 going into overtime, he lost 6-2 to Hughes of North Hunterdon to take second.

D. Konnick, 107, (D), decided D. Smith, Meyers, 7-1, to advance to the semi-finals, which he won over Rodriguez (BL) on a close 1-0 score. He copped his weight class title by a definite 10-3 decision over P. Storm (G.A.R.), one of the last year's top wrestlers.

B. Manganello (D), 112, a newcomer to the ranks this year, dropped in the quarter finals when he was pinned by T. Nelson of Woodrow Wilson in 2:41.

M. Cook, 119, (D) took third place honors for the Mountaineers. He decided R. Engel (NH) 4-0 in the quarter finals, but lost to R. Marshall, of Bethlehem Liberty, 4-1. He came back in the consolation bout in the evening by taking R. Van Chure (G.A.R.) in a close 8-7 decision.

R. Bridle (D), 126, lost to L. McCourty (NH), 13-0. McCourty was a place winner in the New Jersey State tournament last year.

J. Kasper (D), 132 lb., drop-

ped a 13-0 bout to M. McCleve (WW), F. Hazeltine (D), 140 lb., lost an exciting and close 3-0 bout to P. Patton (NH).

Following Puchalsky's honors in his weight class, T. Kirshner (D) lost in the quarter finals to B. Statum (BL) on a 7-0 decision. R. Thrasher (D), 167 lb. senior, bested J. Davidson, Meyers, 3-0 in the first bout, but lost 7-1 to H. Barton (NH) in the semi-finals. He came in fourth in the tournament when he dropped his consolation bout to R. Martinez (BL), 8-2.

Skip Shook (D), 187, lost to B. Piasarick, Meyers, 18-6, and Hwt. Art Gramps, leaving in the bout score, lost when his opponent R. Kislin (G.A.R.) took advantage of a mismove to turn him over in 2:55.

The Mountaineers will open the 1974 season Jan. 5 against Crestwood at the Comets' gym, Mountaintop.

The match against Wyalusing, which had been postponed to Dec. 22, has been rescheduled for Feb. 2, at the Dallas Senior High School.

## Valley West Swimmers Drop Seminary Events

Coach Damon Young's Spartan natators dropped their swim meet with Wyoming Seminary's tankers 50-32 recently, at the Blue Knights' pool.

Seminary's Bob Greenwald took firsts in two events, the 500-yd. freestyle and 200-yd. individual medley.

Scoring in the top three in each event for the Valley West tankers were O'Hara, third, in the 200-yd. freestyle; Shanas, third, 200-yd. individual medley; Yassenchak, first, 50-yd. freestyle; Messenger, second, 50-yd. freestyle; Ervine, second, diving; Shanas, third, 100-yd. butterfly; Sirota, third, 100-yd. freestyle; Gorman, second, Yassenchak, third, 200-yd. freestyle; Messenger, second, Mitra, third, 100-yd. backstroke; Sirota, first Gorman, second, 100-yd. breaststroke.

In the meet against the Nanticoke swimmers which pitted son against father, Damon and

Kenneth Young, the competition was keener than the 97-67 score indicates. Going into the last few runs, the score was close but lack of experienced swimmers dropped the Spartans behind.

The West Side natators, however, broke five of their school's records during the meet.

J. Messinger, R. Sirota, J. Yassenchak, and J. Gorman, set a new time of 1:55 in the 200-yd. medley relay; J. Gorman put two new times in the record books, doing the 200-yd. individual medley in 2:26 and the 500-yd. freestyle in 5:52. R. Sirota swam the 100-yd. breaststroke in 1:09.5, and J. Messinger broke the school's old mark with 1:4.5 in the 100-yd. backstroke.

The Spartans go against Bishop Hoban, Jan. 3, with a record of 1 and 4, followed by a meet with Hazleton at the Nanticoke pool, Jan. 8.

## Cagers Drop To Trojans

Coach Bob Cicon's Dallas Mountaineers dropped their third consecutive basketball game to the once-beaten Nanticoke cagers, 74-66, on the Trojans' floor. The victory over the Back Mountain squad gave the Nanticoke team their fifth straight win.

The Trojans went out in front 16-11 in the first quarter and led throughout the entire game, making it 37-26 at the half.

The Mountaineers were outscored in every quarter scoring 15 against the Trojans' 20 in the third period and 15 to their 17 in the final quarter.

N. Bavitz led the victors scoring, accounting for 11 points. Also hitting the double figure column were M. Kmietowicz with 17, R. Pincofski 16, and M. Vishefski 14.

Leading the Mountaineers was Wallace with 21 and right behind him was S. Meskers with 20. D. Fritzes came through with 11.

Dallas made good 10 out of 16 at the foul line while the Trojans tossed in eight out of ten free throws.

Officials were Hill and Rubino.

## Night Blaze Destroys Sweet Valley Dwelling

A Sweet Valley home was destroyed by fire Dec. 26. Sweet Valley firemen at first feared that Joan Meck and her young daughter were trapped in the burning building, when they could not locate them at the scene of the late evening blaze. The first alarm sounded at 10:50 p.m.

When Sweet Valley firemen arrived at the one and one-half story frame home, they found it completely engulfed in flames, according to Sweet Valley Fire Chief Robert Walsh. When the family dog was found dead in the building, concern rose for the safety of the mother and daughter, but at 3 a.m. the following day, however, the two

were located at the home of friends in Nanticoke.

Hunlock Creek and Lake Silkworth fire companies, called for assistance, had a difficult time reaching the building because of the dense fog that night.

A total of 75 to 80 firemen helped fight the flames which devoured the structure. The family lost almost all of their possessions to the blaze, according to Chief Walsh. The owner of the property resides in New Jersey.

State Police, from the Shickshinny barracks, aided in the search for the Mecks.

Jack Minsavage, a fireman, suffered a hand burn while fighting the blaze.

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