

Dallas Ends Tied in First After Losing to Crestwood

The Crestwood Comets temporarily took possession of first place in the B Division of the Wyoming Valley Basketball League last Tuesday night, by defeating the Mountaineers 54-47 on their home floor, but the first half B-division competition ended in a three-way tie Friday night when the Comets were upset by St. John's, while Dallas took Hanover on the Back Mountain floor.

T. Pedler and B. Flanagan were high scorers for the Comets as they carried their squad to a 32-17 lead at half time, in the Dallas contest. Comets' Kramer and Simpson both tossed in six points in the first half.

Behind the scoring of big S. Meskers, the Mounts fought to take over the lead, but despite out scoring the comets in the third and fourth quarters, they were unable to overcome the first half lead.

Meskers scored 19 points, six in the third and seven in the fourth to keep the Mountaineers in the game. He had a good night at the foul line, collecting seven points. T. Conside scored 10 points and Wallace came through with eight.

The Mountaineers had 13 points out of 21 at the charity line, and the Comets made good 10 of 15.

Officials were Denoy and Gregaris.

Friday night, while the Comets were losing to St. John's, Coach Cicon's Mountaineers remained in contention for the lead by downing Hanover's Hawkeyes, 53-43.

Without the services of C. Wilson and D. Fritzes, both ailing, the Mounts were sparked by S. Meskers and T. Wallace, as they led at the end of the first

quarter 12-7, and continued to widen their lead to 25-17 at the end of the half.

Hanover came to within two points, 33-31, at the end of the third quarter, behind the shooting of B. Rhines, who scored 14 points from the floor and two free ones from the line.

Going into the fourth, the Hawkeyes tied the score at 35-35 but the Mounts pulled ahead on the good shooting of B. Sickler and T. Wallace. Dallas made good 13 of 26 fouls at the free line, while Hanover converted three of six.

Hitting the double figure column for the Mountaineers were Sickler and Meskers at 15 each, and T. Wallace with 12.

Rhines with 16 was high for Hanover and teammate Third came up with 10.

Officials were Hill and Majikes.

Following Friday night's contests, playoffs were scheduled for Monday night, with Dallas and St. John's in contention. The Crestwood Comets drew a bye and will play the winner of Monday night's game for the first half honors.

Fish Commission Offers Fishing Method Courses

A fundamentals of fishing course will be conducted at the West Side Vo-Tech School, located in Pringle, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The course is open to all ages. Materials and instructions are provided free, by the Fish Commission. Only an interest in fishing is required to attend.

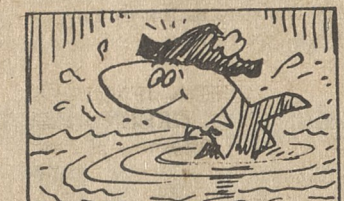
The Fish Commission will also conduct an ice fishing clinic, March 3. Persons interested in learning various techniques and the uses of various types of ice fishing equipment can come to the Fish Commission's access area, at 2 p.m., weather permitting.

"Bring your equipment if you have any, and your fishing license if you are 16 years of age or older," a Fish Commission spokesman said. The Fish Commission will provide various types of equipment for instruction purposes.

The Fish Commission will also provide a limited quantity

of bait. "Come dressed warm, and if you like to ice skate make it a dual purpose outing. Bring your picnic basket," the spokesman added.

Additional information can be obtained by calling Region 3 headquarters at Sweet Valley, 477-5717, weekdays, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or your district waterways patrolman at Sweet Valley, 477-5569, anytime.



No fish story: the First Sea Lord of the British Navy during World War I was Baron Fisher!

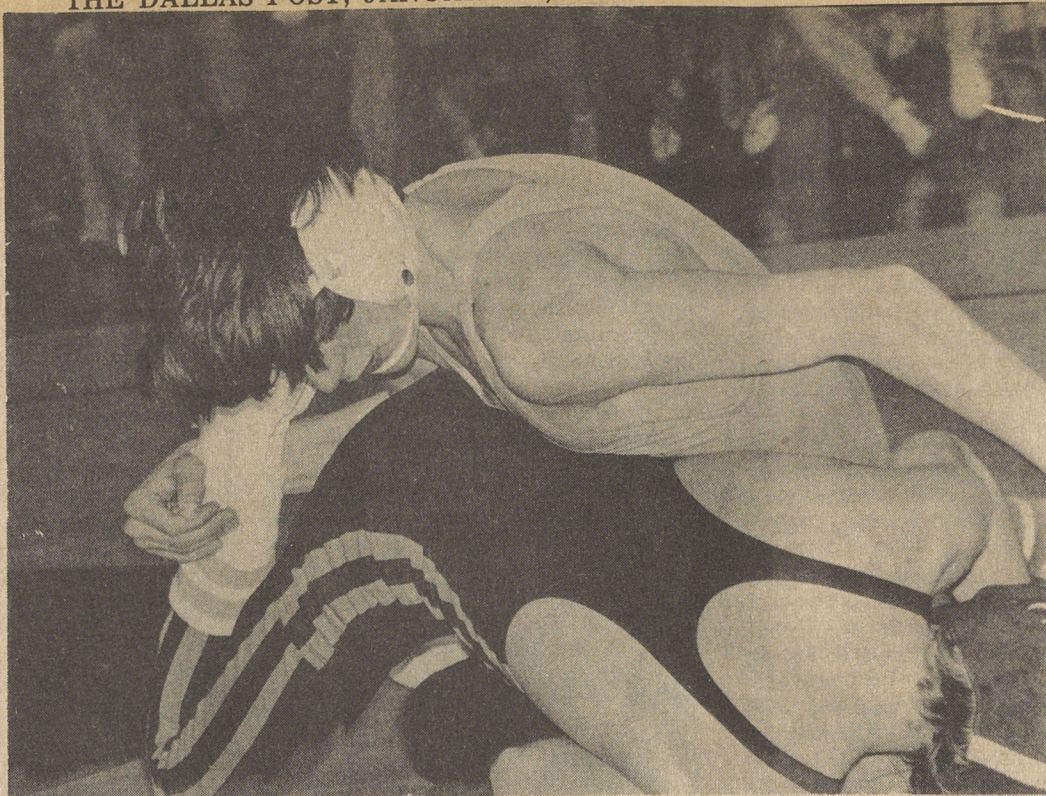


Photo by Dave Kozemchak

Lake-Lehman's Dwight Barbacci (105) breaks down Petroski of West Side Tech as he piles up points for a 6-0 decision.

Pocono Raceway to Host NASCAR Grand National

Pocono International Raceway, one of the nation's newest and fastest growing major auto racing facilities, will host a NASCAR Winston Cup 500 mile grand national stock car race, Aug. 4. William France Jr. and Lin Kuchler of NASCAR joined Dr. Joseph R. Mattioli of Pocono recently in jointly announcing that negotiations have been finalized to bring the Daytona 500-style race to the Northeast.

Mr. France said, "NASCAR is

happy to be associated with Pocono", and stated that the Pocono race, like the Daytona 500 and other NASCAR grand national events, would be reduced by 10 percent to 450 miles, in compliance with guidelines established by the Federal Energy Office. He added that fuel would be strictly allocated for practice and qualifications.

Mr. Mattioli said that he was very happy that the race fans of the heavily populated Northeast

would now be able to see the NASCAR grand national stars compete on a 2 1/2 mile super-speedway as they do at Daytona and Talladega. He noted that Pocono has cut its schedule from a 1973 high of seven major events to a 1974 schedule of four major events, to cooperate further with the government in the present energy crisis. Three of the four are "500's", making Pocono the only facility in the world to run three such super-events in one season.

Grossman on Planning

Land Policies at Crux In Region's Stability

by Howard J. Grossman

Which path will Northeastern Pennsylvania follow—growth or no growth? The great challenge of the next several years will be a decision on the type of land policies which the region should adopt. Growth vs. no growth rings the land with verbal bullets in many places throughout the nation. Ramapo, N.Y., Boulder, Colo., and several other communities have advanced policies which call for extreme limitations on how growth takes place. Systems exist by which developers cannot proceed until they meet

rigid standards. The State of Pennsylvania in September, 1973 at a Governor's Conference on Land Policies debated land policies between environmentalists and growth advocates and the middle ground was rarely to be seen. Municipalities in Northeastern Pennsylvania have not as yet debated this issue, since for at least 30 to 40 years the only established policy was directed to stabilizing the sharp decrease in population which occurred over those years. Unemployment, not land policies, was the number one issue.

With the exception of the Pocono Mountains area of our region, there has been little talk of policies related to land development. Now, changes are slowly but perceptibly taking place in parts of the region. Municipalities in some parts of the region have been accepting flood plain regulations and qualifying for the federal flood insurance program. Of the 266 local governments in the seven counties of Northeastern Pennsylvania, 70 are currently qualified. Many others are in the Process of qualifying. Many local governments have entered the comprehensive planning process. Unfortunately, few have adopted or utilized their plans to any significant extent. Urban development activities are slowly showing some signs of life in municipalities such as Wilkes-Barre, with 18 local governments engaged in urban renewal in the Wyoming Valley alone. Unfortunately it took a flood to accomplish this type of movement.

Slow to develop, however, within the region has been the utilization of modern techniques of governmental modernization. Municipal managers are sparse within the region, with perhaps no more than 15 in existence among the 266 governments. Land policies are further hampered by the lack of planning commissions, zoning ordinances, other development regulations, and more significantly a lack of building regulation enforcement in many parts of the region.

What will the future hold? It has been said many times that the region still has time to accomplish what other regions already have lost. This is true, but time has a way of disappearing quickly. The movement toward sensible land policies must be accelerated, plans developed, and powers placed for implementation by all the local governments of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The various crises which have begun to come to the region on a regular basis such as the 1972 Agnes flood, the housing shortage, the railroad abandonment crisis, and now the energy crisis, in addition to others, calls for bold and courageous action. Land policies are a central theme behind all of these issues.

As a major effort toward achieving rational land development, a regional land policy conference will be held in the spring at which all parties of interest will be invited to attend. The region should voice its collective response and promote a policy which can most effectively shape its future. Regional citizens should take cognizance of land policy development as a major issue for many years to come.



Howard Grossman

Howard Grossman, executive director of the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, has joined the staff of Greenstreet News Co. as a contributing columnist.

Greenstreet editor-in-chief J.R. Freeman announced this week. Mr. Grossman, who is responsible for guiding the multifaceted program of the Economic Development Council through a host of research and development programs, will contribute articles on a twice-a-month basis beginning this week. Mr. Freeman said they would be directed particularly toward public officials, planning, and the region's economy. The articles will appear on a regular basis in the three Greenstreet News Co. publications, the Dallas Post, the Abington Journal, and the Mountaintop Eagle.

Mr. Grossman, who holds a BA degree in economics and city planning from Rutgers University and a Masters Degree in public administration from New

York University, was deputy director of the Montgomery County Planning Commission for eight years before joining EDCNP. During that tenure he wrote a column for the Montgomery Post and has written and published over 100 articles in national magazines in the U.S. and Canada. He is a writer for the Pennsylvania Planning Association News and a member of the Urban Writers' Society and the National Writers Club.

Mr. Grossman is a member of the board of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic Society, a member of Friends of 44, a board member of the Health and Hospital Planning Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and a member of the board of the Congregation B'nai Brith Temple in Kingston, and a member of the board of the Pennsylvania Planning Association. Mr. Grossman and his wife Tobl and their three daughters reside in Dallas.

Tech Heavyweights Defeat Knights

The Lake-Lehman Knights were on the losing end of the 31-20 mat score in the meet between the Knights and the West Side Tech Titans last Tuesday at the Knights' gym.

The Knights jumped into an early 9-0 lead over the Titans when 98 lb. S. Klemunes flattened N. Pazachanic in 1:29 and D. Barbacci, 105 lb., outscored M. Petroski 6-0.

The Titans came back with three points on H. Brennan's 11-7 decision over J. Higgins, but the Knights came right back to take 4 points when E. Nixon, 119 lb. (LL), outwrestled D. Kachensky 19-1 for a super win.

D. Agnew, 126 lb., ran the team score to 17-3 by deciding J. Boyes 13-2.

The Titans picked up 4 points on K. Butler's superior, 12-1 decision over the Knights' 132 lb. J. Haczewski.

With the score 17-7, M. Romanoski, 138 lb. (T), added six points to the team score by a default win over R. Angelicola, and 145 lb. G. Naugle took a close 3-2 bout from the Titan's T. Usavage to put Lake-Lehman in front 20-13.

The team score went to 20-16 on Tech's J. Klemunes' 7-6 win over the Knights' 155 lb. R. Case. J. DeMarco, 167 lb. brought the Titans to 19 by taking F. Weber in an exciting 2-0 bout, and 185 lb. Bob Farber put his Titan squad in front 25-20 by upsetting M. Wallo in 3:15.

J. Swainback, hwt., ran the final score to 31-20 for the Titans by showing T. Williams the lights in 4:24.

In the preliminary match, the

young Knights overcame West Side Tech 39-9. C. Taylor gave the Knights three points on the board by outscoring 105 lb. Dupinski 10-3. Tim Shaw, 119 lb., added three more by besting Greskewski 7-1.

With the score 6-0, the Knights, H. Jones turned over 126 lb. Titan Urbanski in 1:22. W. Travor, 132 lb. (LL), took Kadavan in a close 3-2 bout and C. Diddlebock, 138 lb., gave the Lake-Lehman jayvees another three by decisioning Belles 6-2. The score went to 13-0.

N. Ungvarsky, 150 lb. (LL), took an exciting 3-2 bout from Titan Lucin and F. Sutton, also 145 lb., flattened Harvey, (WST) in 2:58. J. Fox, 145 lb., kept the pin streak running by turning over Reed in 1:35, putting the Knights in front 23-0.

M. Dragon, 155 lb. (LL), was not to be outdone as he pinned Cattle in 1:37 to put his team ahead 39-0.

The Titans picked up their first points when Charnick, 167 lb., outscored G. Nemetz 12-9. Titan heavyweight Castellino picked up six more on a default by E. Weber (LL), to put the final score at 39-9.



When riding a horse, it's always best to face that part of the animal where the ears are kept.



Steve Meskers (55) lays one up for Dallas in a tough battle with the Crestwood cagers. Dallas lost the game, 54-47.

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