

RICHARDS

Lehman matmen strong

by Lee L. Richards

Lake-Lehman wrestlers have done it again.

Coach Chip Sorber's grapplers made another strong showing in the Regional wrestling tournament over the weekend.

While they didn't have any champs, Dave Kyle (112) and Dana Sutliff (167) did cop seconds.

Sutliff topped some outstanding people to make the finals. In one bout he pulled off a lateral drop in the closing seconds for a five-point move and the victory.

Jack Zaleskas (126) and Sjd May (138) finished fourth and will also compete in the state finals this weekend.

The nice thing about the Lake-Lehman contingent is that they'll all be back next year.

District 11 appears to be getting stronger each year. The reason is simple. They have better programs and more competent coaching in the lower grades.

Meanwhile, the East didn't do too bad of a job at the NCAA tourney last

weekend at Tucson, Ariz. Mike Frick (134) of Lehigh copped a title, while Gene Costello of Slippery Rock was second at 142 pounds.

Iowa won the team title and the Big Ten dominated the event, crowning seven champions. Iowa had three and Wisconsin three. Top five teams were: Iowa 123 3/4, Iowa St. 85 3/4, Okla. St. 64 1/2, Wisconsin 64, Lehigh 55 1/4. Penn State was 10th with 23 1/4.

Lehigh's Mike Lieberman was third at 177. He was defending champ.

East had six fourths, two fifths and three sixth places for a total of 14 place winners out of 60.

Eastern Wrestling League, which we worked at Penn State a few weeks back, could be in a little trouble as far as the number of NCAA qualifiers they get in the future. EWL was permitted to enter the first and second place finishers, plus five "wild cards". We think the NCAA is going to make a cut here because they had only three place winners.

How about Jim Bennett and Neal Brendel of Yale taking fourth places? They've got to be

something considering Yale doesn't even know the sports exists.

CLIPBOARD NOTES: Lake-Lehman school board recently re-nued Rich Gorgone as the head football coach. Rich is turning things around and has given the athletes a positive attitude. Board also approved the addition of a tennis and golf team. Mike Sharok appears to have the needed qualities to handle the golfers. Gorgone was appointed the net coach.

Most scribes we've conversed with around the state feel the PIAA playoff structure for basketball is a farce. We aren't about to get into that again. Can't believe the Mets have put Tom Seaver on the trade block. Seaver IS the Mets. Ed Ladamus is well versed when it comes to talking college and Olympic wrestling. Lake-Lehman has a streak going. Doug Agnew last year and Hugh Jones this year were top wrestlers in District 2 mat event, while Tom Tranell last year and Bud Hennabau this season were voted tops in junior high. It's surprising they

haven't got the balance yet to win more dual meets?? Here's our picks for NCAA Hoop tourney on Thursday: DePaul and Rutgers in the East with Rutgers advancing to final four; Indiana and Marquette in Mideast with Indiana going to Philly; Notre Dame and Missouri in Midwest with Irish winning berth in semis; Las Vegas and UCLA with UCLA meeting Indiana in first round in Philly. UCLA and Rutgers have the "cake-walk" of all time to final four. When is last time UCLA has met any competition in Far West bracket? And they get to play Thursday and Saturday on their home court, too. Sick. The ACC has taken another nose-dive. North Carolina and Virginia took the pipe in first round games. Is the ACC tourney that important or are they just overrated?? Good basketball teams can win when the chips are down. I like ACC roundball, but we're becoming a little suspect now. They haven't made strong showings in the NIT either. Pitt Coach John Majors will be the featured speaker St. Patrick's night at Wilkes-Barre's Friendly Sons Dinner. We'll be spending quite a bit of time with the coach and should have some news bits here next week. When we arranged his arrival on Monday, he didn't have too much to say about Spring practice. They're working all the young people now. Vets come out later in the week.

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Poplaskis announce birth

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poplaski, Dallas, recently became the parents of a baby boy, Jason, born at Wyoming Valley Hospital, Wilkes Barre. Poplaski is associated with the Franklin Family Restaurants.

Bowling News

L. Christensen's walloping 236-206-201 (643) set the pace for the night in the George Shupp League as he lead his Fino's five to three points over Harris Associates. M. Sharok assisted with 584 and J. Merc gave 217. A. Wendell rolled a big 233 (611) for Harris and team mate H. Bennett hit a big 224.

J. Stredny blazed the lanes for 216-212 (614) and D. Eddy hit the woods for 214 (586) to help Dallas Nursery shut out George's Auto. N. Stredny helped with 213. B. Downs tumbled the pins for 230 (603) and W. Michaels hit them for 210 to pace Stanton's TV to a 2-2 split with Irene's Bar. Daring's and F.T.A. Corp. divided evenly.

In the Ladies Country League, Daring's Market took all from David Ertley on a forfeit despite Ertley's S. Yenalevitch's 173 (481). Luzerne National Bank girls shut out Fashion Vending and G. Wagner's 175 helped Grotto Pizza divide evenly with G.H. Harris.

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high scores were few and far between.

R. Bonomo belted the pins for 215-228 (620) to lead Gebhardt's in taking four points from Wesley Citgo men. D. Eddy rolled 210 (595) and J. Strazdus hit a nice 582 series to lead Hasay Chevrolet in blanking Shavertown Lumber. A. Wendell's 562 was best for the lumbermen. Chris Sunoco shut out Tony's

Team driven by L. Christensen's 579, F. Adams 568, and D. Zimmerman's 561. Dallas Shopping Center blanked Franklin's Restaurant paced by G. Chepalonis' 246 (607) and S. Tibel's 210.

In the Ladies Imperialette League, Fairview Shoe Store picked up three points from Lombardo's Bakery with their leadoff M. Morris rolling 184-178

(486). The bakery girls had E. Shaffer's 182. Joe & Joe Repairs copped three points from Carmen's Pizza despite the pizza maker's G. Pomrinke's big 171-181 (509). Goodman Florist tapped Dallas Dairy for four points paced by P. Gordon's 171 (468). Lahr's Arco and Fitch & Sons match was delayed until a later date due to illness of too many members of one team.

Team jackets, given for the attainment of three letters in a sport, at least two of which are for varsity activity, went to swimmers Betsy Iscovitz, West Pittston; Midge Robinson, Dallas; Diane Wassil, Exeter; Steve Greenwald, Kingston; and Frank

Wilkes-Barre, basketball; Barbara Klein, Shavertown, basketball; Jane Robinson, Dallas, swimming; Sally Nork, Kingston, swimming; and Tom Roos, Sumatra, swimming.

Varsity letters went to eight boys and nine girls basketball players, 10 girls and eight boys swimmers, and 12 wrestlers.

Sem athletes earn awards

Athletic letters and special awards for winter sports participation were distributed to Wyoming Seminary students in a special assembly program March 9. Five of the West Side prep school pupils were announced "Gold Award" winners.

"Gold Awards" go to the school athletes who have earned four letters in a single sport during their four years at Seminary, at least three of the letters being for varsity play. Winners are Janet Murray,

Horrigan, Kingston; basketball players Bruce Buckle, Montoursville; Peter Coleman, Canton, Ohio; Ed Gronka, West Nanticoke; and Sue Morris, West Pittston; and wrestler Tom Heffernan, Shavertown.

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Maturi high in Sunday night bowling

In the Sunday night mixed bowling league for last week, the results were: Aicher 2 - Ratcliffe 2; Michael 3 - Roth 1; and Duncan 3 - Shaver 1.

Doris Maturi had high single of 170 and high series of 440 for the women and for the men, Dave Duncan had high single of 205 and Hall Shaver had high series of 491.

Other series leaders for the week were: Ann Jordan 416, Mary Duncan 409, Thelma Ratcliffe 408, Morag Michael 398, Joyce English 390 and Nancy Kozemchak 385; for the men, C.J. Michael 487, Ed Roth 484, Dave Duncan 483, Bob Maturi 454, Ed Ratcliffe 451 and Craig Aicher 435.

The standings are: Duncan 22 1/2 - 13 1/2; Aicher 19 - 17; Shaver 19 - 17; Ratcliffe 17 - 19; Michael 16 1/2 - 19 1/2; and Roth 14 - 22.

Lake-Lehman begins volleyball

by Cathy Smith

Lake-Lehman's Volleyball teams lost their opener with G.A.R. Monday.

The boys lost the first game 15-5 and the second 15-2 while the girls lost 15-3 and 15-7. The junior varsity teams also lost both games.

Bill Sennich, Greg Boydon and Rich Stacey played well for the Knights. However, they lacked experience as this is a new sport at Lake-Lehman.

In their second game of the season the girls beat Bishop O'Reilly. Cindy Oncay sparked the Knights and G. Salansky played an

outstanding game. Freshmen Linda McEntee performed well for the Lady Knights.


On Friday the Knights took on Dallas. The girls lost their just two games by scores of 16-14 and 15-12.

The boys games were tougher battles.

In the first showing with Dallas, the Knights gained a 12-9 lead then had a change of momentum and lost 15-12. During the second game, the Knights looked impressive as they scored a 15-3 victory. In the third game however, Mountaineers came out with a 15-8 win.

Both boy's and girl's league openers will be at home against Wyoming Area, March 19, at 4 p.m.

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