

1976 featured complete sports programs in Back Mt.

The year 1976 brought with it a full program of sports events including both school and community activities. There were programs for everyone from the Back Mountain Wrestling Club's tiny tots matches to bowling and ice skating for men and women, boys and girls of all ages.

1976 was the year the seventh grade basketball program was organized in the Dallas Schools, a program coordinated and coached by volunteers and one that proved highly successful. Ice skating, ice fishing, skiing, swimming and boating were among the many activities seldom publicized but enjoyed by many area residents.

Printed most often on the sports pages of the Post during 1976 were high school, college, and community sports programs as reviewed in this article.

January marked the opening of the first half of

the Wyoming Valley Basketball Conference for both girls and boys high school teams.

The Lake-Lehman Knights dropped their opening game to Hanover while the Lady Knights took control of the ball to defeat Hanover girls.

In the mat circles, Lewisburg got by the Dallas matmen in a close 27-24 match which was seen all the way. Coach Chip Sorber's grapplers overcame GAR to knock them out of the lead in Division II.

Brian Sickler, Dallas quarterback, was named to the Big 33 squad which plays against the Ohio All Stars in August.

Dallas cagers lost their first two games in the opening of the season. The cagers came back to win their next two games against West Side Tech and Lake-Lehman.

The Knights continued to lose and were 0-4 going into the game with St. John's which they dropped 60-52.

The Knights wrestlers lost to Hanover to put their league record at 1-3, 2-3 in

overall competition.

The Mountaineers hopes for a mat title faded when they were defeated 38-8 by Meyers.

The Dallas matmen continued to win going into February for a 6-3 record.

Wyoming Seminary Alumni Association announced that they would host tennis pros Stan Smith and Harold Solomon for an exhibition match, April 3.

The ice fishermen could be spotted on Harveys Lake as they set up their stools or chairs to wait for a nibble through the ice.

An indoor horse show was held by the Highland Acres Equestrian Club.

Dallas cagers lost to GAR and Lake-Lehman went down to Hanover.

Dallas wrestlers were defeated by Crestwood athletes who held on to the league lead, then were defeated by Danville. Coach Chip Sorber's Knights were defeated by Wyoming Area grapplers.

The Western Horsemen's Club held its first anniversary party at the home of Clyde and Charlotte Tonkin.

Bowling continued as usual at Crown Imperial Lanes with young and old joining the afternoon and evening leagues.

The Mountaineers trounced West Side Tech and Lake-Lehman to move into a second place tie in the basketball league.

The Valley West Spartans nipped the Knights wrestlers 31-22.

Neil Cross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Cross, Haddonfield Hills, member of Lafayette College track and field team, qualified for the IC4A championships at Princeton March 6 and 7.

Bud Hennebaul, two time District II junior high champ may have the opportunity to become a three time champ at the junior high districts, Feb. 27.

In the early part of March, the Sweet Valley Snowmobile Club planned a trip to either Coudersport or Black Forest for the first weekend of the month.

Dallas and Lake-Lehman wrestlers are ready for the District II tourney at John Long Center, University of Scranton.

Coach Joe O'Donnell's quintet ended the season in third place after losing to the Crestwood Comets.

The Knights end the basketball season with a 71-50 loss to Wyoming Seminary.

Gary Gordon and Doug Agnew, former Lake-Lehman matmen copped individual honors in the Eastern Pennsylvania Community College Athletic Conference Post Season Wrestling Tourney at Bucks County. Both boys are students at LCCC.

The Dallas Junior

Basketball Organization completed a most successful seventh grade program this season.

Junior High Knights take the Junior High District II title with Bud Hennebaul winning his third district title.

Lake-Lehman Knights take second, Dallas Mountaineers fourth in the District II tourney at John Long Center.

"Mr. Dallas" Physique Contest is held at State Correctional Institution of Dallas.

Dallas Junior High girls basketball season completed a successful 12-0 perfect year under the direction of Becky Schuster and Janice Phillips.

Ruby Carmon's LCCC girls host east basketball tournament.

Spring brought the opening of the spring sports program at Back Mountain High Schools with tennis, softball, baseball, volleyball, golf and track.

Registration for girls softball teams in the Back Mountain was announced.

Both Dallas and Lake-Lehman grapplers will have to wait another year to try for a state title after this year's entrants lost in the opening rounds in their bid for a title in the PIAA state tourney at University Park.

Peter A. Carlesimo will speak at the all-sports dinner planned by the Dallas Area Letterman-Booster Club, April 7, for all Dallas athletes.

Twenty three Back Mountain football players are selected to take part in the Unico East-West game.

Earl Phillips, a Wesleyan University junior from Dallas has received a varsity letter in recognition of his contributions to the 1975-76 Wesleyan basketball team.

Dallas Junior Women's Club announced the route for the third annual Back Mountain Bike Hike for Retarded Citizens which will take place April 25.

Middle Atlantic AAU Qualifier Tournament held at Dallas with more than 300 boys eight through 14 participating.

Bradley Wright, sixth grade student at Lake-

Lehman won a trophy in the Free Fighting Division of the Villanova University Spring Open Karate Tournament. He holds a second grade red belt and trains with his instructor.

Dallas Mounts opened their track season with a 111-27 win over Bishop O'Reilly.

Roger Beard, Wilkes basketball coach, will speak at the Dallas cagers banquet, April 20.

Tracey Slocum, Lake-Lehman, was named outstanding wrestler, and Walt Hennebaul was named coach of the year by the Penn Elementary League for 1976.

Senior John Majewski broke his own record of six feet seven inches when he cleared six feet seven and three eighths inches in the Mounts meet with Bishop Hoban.

Lake-Lehman opened its track season with wins over Crestwood and Hanover.

Dallas Mountaineers won the Lehman Invitational Relays for Class AA-A teams. They edged out a favored GAR team 44-41.

Dallas cagers were honored at an annual banquet given by parents and friends last week at the Dallas Senior High School.

Back Mountain Little League will open its 27th year of baseball in the Back Mountain. There will be 50 teams in the organization now known as Back Mountain Baseball. Back Mountain Baseball will hold its annual doorbell night to raise funds for expenses.

Members of the Huntville Athletic and Yacht Club, Charles Brown, Shep Pawling, Joe Conaway, and Fred Ruggles won the Bicentennial raft race on the Susquehanna.

A Bicentennial run over a 10-mile course highlighted the Back Mountain's Bicentennial weekend celebration.

Dallas Mounts baseball

team gains win over Hanover and Wyoming Seminary while the Knights bow to GAR.

The Dallas Mountaineers baseballers took sole possession of first place by winning three games on good pitching by Steve Skammer and John Reese.

Coach Clint Brobst's trackmen placed second in the Jordan Relays at Scranton behind a powerful GAR team.

Four and possibly five of Dallas High School track team will go to state in a bid for the title.

Dallas Mountaineers baseball nine ended the season with a 3-2 record and both losses were to GAR.

The annual Rattle Snake Round-up is scheduled for June 19-20 on the grounds of Noxen-Monroe Sportsman Club, Noxen.

Girls softball teams in the Back Mountain Baseball put some up some high scoring games.

John Majewski brought home the state high jump crown to Dallas in May of 1976.

The Mountaineer nine brought home the Division II title in the Wyoming Valley Baseball League.

Dallas Reds win two games in Little League play while the girls' Dallas Orioles defeat Lehman Angels.

Dallas Post paid a special salute to the male and female athletes at Dallas and Lake-Lehman High Schools, who participated in spring sports.

Area golfers were invited to participate in a golf tournament to benefit the Boy Scout Council.

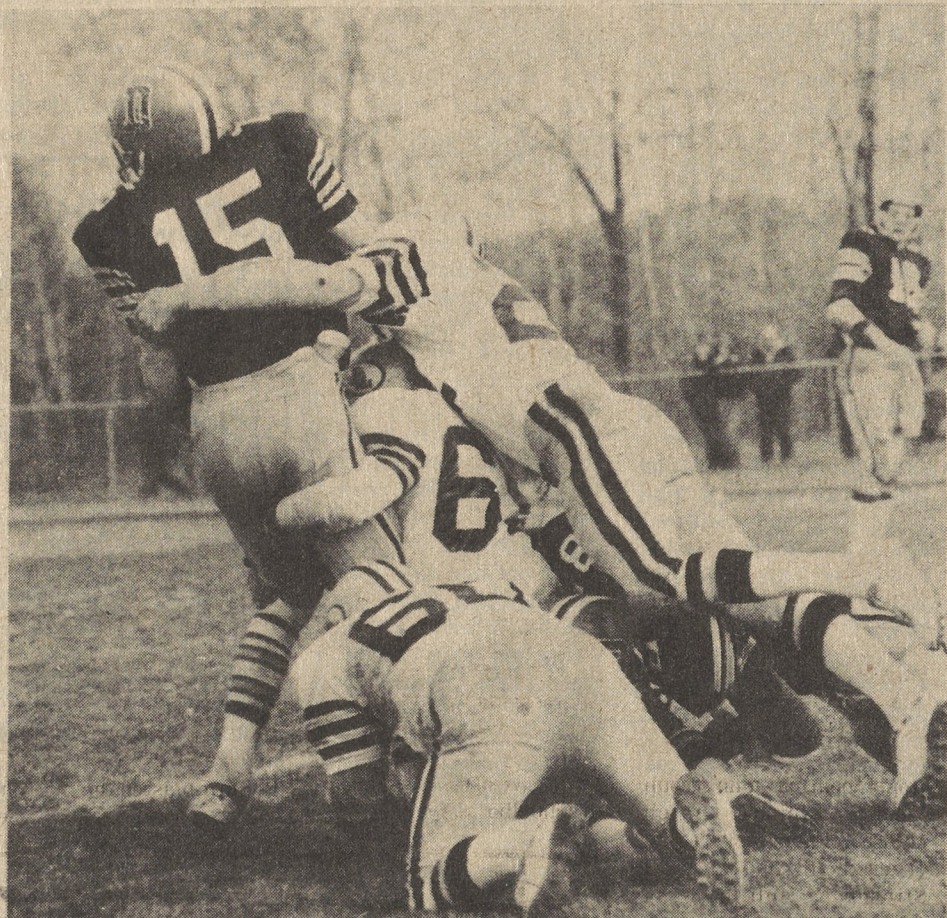
George Raveling to head staff of Back Mountain Baseball clinic to be held at the Dallas High School the week of June 21.

Lehman-Jackson took the first half Little League title.

Pittston Patriot defeated the Dallas Mounts 4-3 in the District II playoffs at Wyoming West

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OFFENSIVE STAR—Howard Paul, WNAK Sports, recently presented Lake-Lehman's Mark DeCesaris (right) with a trophy for his offensive performance in the Dallas-Lake-Lehman Thanksgiving Day game broadcast by WNAK. DeCesaris' name was inadvertently omitted from a photo last week noting the honor.

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