

POLLWINNER—Lee Richards, Eastern Collegiate Mat Poll director and Dallas Post sports columnist, presented a plaque to Coach Ed Peery of Navy, whose team finished No. 1 for the 1976 dual meet season. Poll was initiated by Richards in 1968. Navy was the first winner. Poll is based strictly on dual meet record.

RICHARDS

by Lee L. Richards

CLIPBOARD NOTES: Dallas mat coach, Larry Schuler, came under some fire from this past season, but his wrestlers may have put the lid on the critics with their strong showing over the weekend in the District 2 tourney. The Mountaineers took third behind Crestwood and Hanover...Brian Corbett (112) won his second straight title and was voted the Outstanding Wrestler. He sports a nifty 21-1 log. Schuler said, "I was delighted with our performance and that of Brian's and Ken's. They wrestled very aggressive and earned their titles"...Kuderka, only a sophomore, took the 167-pound crown and wasn't considered that strong of a threat for the title. Ken is 18-4-1 on the season and in one of the toughest weight classes in the PIAA State tourney...Andy Pinter, a freshman, was second at 126 pounds. He lost to Jack Zaleskas of Lake-Lehman, a three-time winner...

Coach Schuler only loses three grapplers off the team and appears headed back to a winning record next season... Zaleskas was Lake-Lehman's only champ, while Dana Sutliff was runner-up at 167. The Knights finished down in the team standings, but with Dave Kyle and Bud Hennebaul out injured two sure first or second place winners, it was practically lights-out for the tourney... Zaleskas is the type of wrestler who's not flashy, he just grinds and dominates an opponent... Balloting took place last week for the final Eastern Mat Poll and the No. 1 dual meet team in the East for the 1976-77 season was Penn State. This was the fifth time Coach Bill Koll's Lions captured our Poll, which was started in 1968. The final 10 teams were: 1-Penn State 108, 2-Lehigh 101, 3-Clarion 84, 4-Syracuse 77, 5-Rhode Island 62, 6-Wilkes 55, 7-Navy 41, 8-Millersville 23, 9-Princeton 21, 10-Lock Haven 20.

Our panel is made up of the following coaches and members of the media: Ed Peery, Navy; Jim Buss, Allentown Call; Harris Lipez, WBPZ Lock Haven; Bill Koll, Penn State; Bob Bubb, Clarion; John Johnston, Princeton; Doug

Mat wrap-up

McDonald, Centre Daily Times; Dave Adams, Pitt; Thad Turner, Lehigh; Bob Kinney, Army Sports Information Director; and myself.

The previous winners of the dual meet poll are: 1969-Navy, 1970-Penn State, 1971-Penn State; 1972-Penn State, 1973-Penn State, 1974-Clarion, 1975-Lehigh, 1976-Navy...

As one of the statisticians for the Eastern Wrestling League Tournament, held this past weekend at Lock Haven State, we had the opportunity to visit with Coach Koll of the Nittany Lions. Koll said, "We're always delighted to be ranked No. 1 in the Eastern Mat Poll. It's not only good for Penn State, but the members of the team look forward to the recognition which goes with winning the award."

The wrestling in the tournament, the second annual with State, Lock Haven, Bloomsburg, Clarion, Buffalo, and Pitt, had some keen bouts. Two bouts were among the best we've seen this season. They involved Penn State's Mike De Augustino and Clarion's Pete Morelli at 118--and Lock Haven's George Way and Penn State's Dave Becker at 158.

Morelli wrestled superbly and handed DeAugustino his first collegiate loss, 6-2. The State frosh had ripped Morelli in December (9-3). Becker had all he could handle in Way, but the slick State junior held on for a 7-

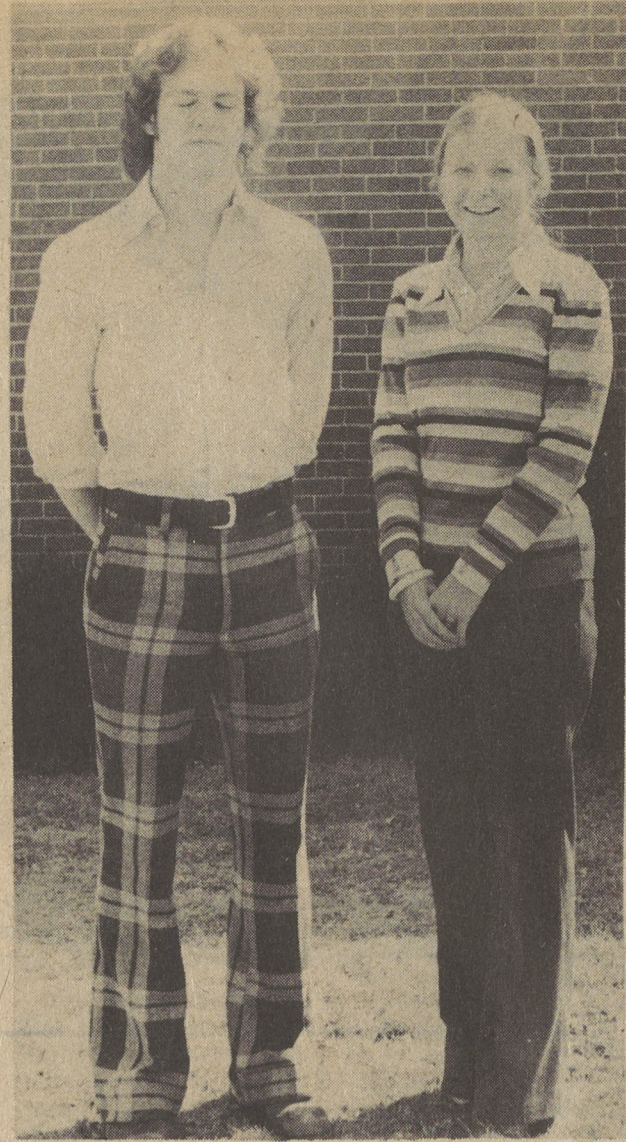
6 victory...

PSU won team title while Bloomsburg had a fine tourney and took second. The Huskies came to wrestle...Meanwhile, we had a good visit with a young man by the name of Wayne Evans, Yep, the same fellow who sparked the Mountaineers to their perfect 11-0 season back in 1972.

Wayne will graduate from Lock Haven State in May and intends to pursue a career as an athletic trainer. He's a student trainer for the Bald Eagles at the present time. We didn't recognize him at first, but when he mentioned his name we could remember the little gutty performer in the GAR game. The Pittston game stood out, too.

Wayne wasn't a speed burner, but he had that knack of running North-South on the football field. He ran with abandon, too. Wayne said he found out he just wasn't big enough or quick enough to make it big in college, so he decided to learn the trainer trade. It's a profession where he'll be a credit to the Back Mountain...

They call Lock Haven, "Mat Town U.S.A." The people in that area are Mat Maniacs. They get more excited about wrestling than football. They had over 2,400 for the finals in Lock Haven State's field house, which incidently is called "The House of Noise."



STUDENT SPEAKERS—Steve Skammer and Terri Janosik, Dallas High School seniors, will speak on behalf of the male and female athletes at the Dallas Area Lettermen-Boosters Club Annual All-Sports Banquet, March 30, at Irem Temple Country Club. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Romig's Dartsmen topple Kwasny's league leaders

Fighting to regain top place in the House Dart League at Orange Golf Club, Harry Romig's Dartsmen made short work of Lou Kwasny's league leaders and took three of the four points at stake in last week's matches. As a result, Romig's Shooters cut the Kwasny team lead to just one point.

Harry Romig paced the winners with a 119 point three-game score. Bill Dixon led Kawsny's team with 85 points. It was Dixon's first matches for Kwasny's team and Bill promised to do better in future games.

In other matches, Ted Dymond's squad polished off Joe Mattioli's shooters, taking three of the four

points at stake, and dropping Mattioli's team into the cellar spot. This despite a new three-game high tossed by Betty Lou Mattioli for the losers.

Monday night's games will send Kawsny's team against Dymond's squad in what promises to be an exciting match. Mattioli's team will have its work cut out for it when the team meets Romig's shooters.

Back Mt. Club sponsors three tourneys

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club is sponsoring three tournaments for boys 14 years and under during the next two months.

The Middle Atlantic Association Junior Olympic qualifying wrestling tournament will be held Saturday, March 26 at Dallas Senior High School. Weigh-ins will be

held Friday night and Saturday morning.

Medals will be presented to the first and second place winners and AAU ribbons to third and fourth place winners.

The first and second place winners will advance to the regional tournament, April 2, at one of the Dallas High Schools. Finalists from the regional event will advance to the Mid-Atlantic AAU Wrestling Championships, April 9, at King's College.

The AAU Style Qualifier Tournament will be held April 16 at Dallas Senior High School.

Applications are available at local schools or may be obtained by writing to Back Mountain Wrestling Club, Box 146, Dallas, Pa. 18612. Entrees

must be mailed to Bud Slocum, Box 381, Dallas, RD 2, Pa. 18612 and postmarked no later than March 22.

Bob Hislop and Jim Alansky are tournament directors.

MacAvoy on dean's list at Bob Jones

Daniel Sheldon MacAvoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon MacAvoy, 63 North Main St., Shavertown, has been named to the dean's list at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S.C.

Students named to the dean's list earned at least a B average during the first semester. MacAvoy, a sophomore, is studying religion.

Bowling News

Joan Bolinski slammed the pins for 172-213 (539) to pace Pesacretas to a 2-2 split with Carmen's Pizza in the Imperialette League. Mary Fondo rolled 181 (515) for Lombardo Bakery who dropped three points to Goodmann Florist whose Marian Culver hit wood for 199 (482). Atlas Frozen Foods tapped Fairview Shoes for three points and Dallas Dairy copped three from Ralph Fitch and Sons. Bev. Brobst tumbled pins for 179 for the Fitch team.

In the George Shupp League, Stanton's TV picked up three from Irene's Bar. M. Sharok blazed the lanes for 215-223 (640) to lead Fino's to an even draw with George's and Joe's Auto. T. Shalata rolled 211 (586) for the auto men. J. Swingle hit the pins for 224 (589) and N. Stredny rolled 572 to aid Dallas Nursery in splitting two points with Daring's Market. Harris Associates and Automatic Vending divided evenly.

Fashion Vending copped three points from G.H. Harris paced by Toots Langdon's 178-172 (504). Arlene Hospodar rolled 180 and Marian Culver hit 188 for the Harris girls. Grotto Pizza shut out Daring's Market aided by Rose Radzinski's 178 (481). Marcy Shepherd added 189 (472) and Mary Fondo posted 471. Jean Clark's Diner divided evenly with David Ertley. The car dealer had A. Pickering's 180.

M. Whiting's 223 led Dallas in blanking Shavertown C in the Back Mountain Church League. Maple Grove took three from Shavertown A. Shavertown B picked up three points from Carverton A whose B. Coburn tumbled pins for 211. East Dallas men copped three from Trucksville C and Dallas A took three from Carverton B. K. Sickler hit the pins for 224. Orange B and Trucksville B split 2-2. Harold Shupp paced the Orange team with 247 (588). T. Oney rolled 565. Orange A took three from the Lutherans. Tex Wilson hit 235 (574) for the losers. J. Zarno tumbled wood for 229 for the Orange team.

In the Back Mountain Neighborhood League, Disque Funeral Home took three and a half points from Tooties Place whose J. Mascals eked out 210. Roth Novelty divided

evenly with Automatic Vending led by C. Kazokas' 211 (572), C. Molley's 212, and T. Nevel's 210. Treat Drive In took three points from Castle Inn.

Howard Isaacs Girls and John Connolly's five split 2-2 in the Bowlerette League with Kay Kalafsky's 173 high for both teams. Checkerboard Inn blanked Tom Reese with no one able to hit the 170 or better mark.

In the Lakers League Bill's Cafe picked up three points from Kocher's Girls. Melba Weber rolled 175 for the girls. High for Bill's was B. Ziminski's 203 (551). Janet Cerquozzi hit the pins for 196 (477) for Eddie's Girls who dropped three points to Bar A.

L-J Little League plans registration

Registration for the Lehman-Jackson Little League program will be held on March 12 from 10 a.m. to noon and on March 14 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lehman Junior High School building.

Any child between the ages of 8 and 12 years, living in Lehman or Jackson Township may register for this program at either of the above noted dates.

All past members of teams in these areas must register.

Softball registration set Sunday

Girls planning to play in the Back Mountain Girl's Softball program are to register Sunday, March 13 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Dallas Township In-

termediate School near the baseball field. Each girl must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and present a birth certificate.

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