

18 local wrestlers advance

Eighteen Back Mountain wrestlers took first place titles in the AAU Junior Olympic Wrestling Tournament held Sunday at Dallas Senior High School.

A little over 300 wrestlers from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Pike, North Schuylkill and Bradford Counties were entered in the competition which began at 10 a.m. and ended with the finals at 6:30 p.m.

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club sponsored the tournament with Bob Hislop and Jim Alansky as tournament directors. Brian Corbett, outstanding wrestler in District 2 AA senior tourney and two times district champ, and Ken Kuderka, Dallas district champ, presented the awards to the finalists.

The finalists will now enter the Regional AAU Tournament which will be held this Saturday at Dallas Senior High School. All of the district finalists from Saturday's tourney will enter the regional under the Back Mountain.

The tournament was divided into four classes, Bantam, eight years and under; Midgets, nine and 10-year olds; Juniors, 11 and 12 year-olds; and Intermediate, 13 and 14 year olds.

Finalists in the Bantam division from the Back Mountain were Tom Feeney, 45 lbs.; Bill Mathers, 50 lbs.; Paul Feeney, 60 lbs.; Mark Yaple, 65 lbs.; and Doug Ide, 70 lbs.

First place winners in the Midget division were Jeff Austin, 50 lbs.; Dean Robinson, 55 lbs.; Scott

Walsh, 60 lbs.; and Jim Alansky, 80 lbs. In the Junior division, taking first place honors were Mike Borton, 65 lbs.; Tracey Slocum, 95 lbs.; Don Benza, 119 lbs.; and Norman Bordley, 133 lbs.

Intermediate winners were Aaron Shaw, 75 lbs.; Kevin Bonham, 80 lbs.; Joe Parsons, 95 lbs.; Andy Pinter, 126 lbs.; and Jeff Sodrosky, 190 lbs.

Second place winners, who will also enter the regionals, were Bantams, Mark Whitesell, 65 lbs.; Midgets, Dave Herbert, 50 lbs.; Jim Chernavage, 80 lbs.; Juniors, Bill Rudick,

65 lbs.; Ricky Hennebaul, 80 lbs.; Jerry Hennebaul, 85 lbs.; Dave Borys, 112 lbs.; and Eric Masters, 90 lbs. Intermediate second place finalist was Mark Carter, 85 lbs.

Brandon Dennis, 55 lbs., and Don Spencer, 65 lbs., placed third in the Bantam division. Mike Anderson, 50 lbs., T.J. Bagley, 60 lbs., Brad Honts, 70 lbs., Richard Malak, 85 lbs., and Shawn Krevitsky, 100 lbs. came in third in the Midget division. Taking third place in the Junior Division were Kevin Feeney, 75 lbs.; Chuck Garnett, 100 lbs., and Greg Dukinas, 119 lbs.

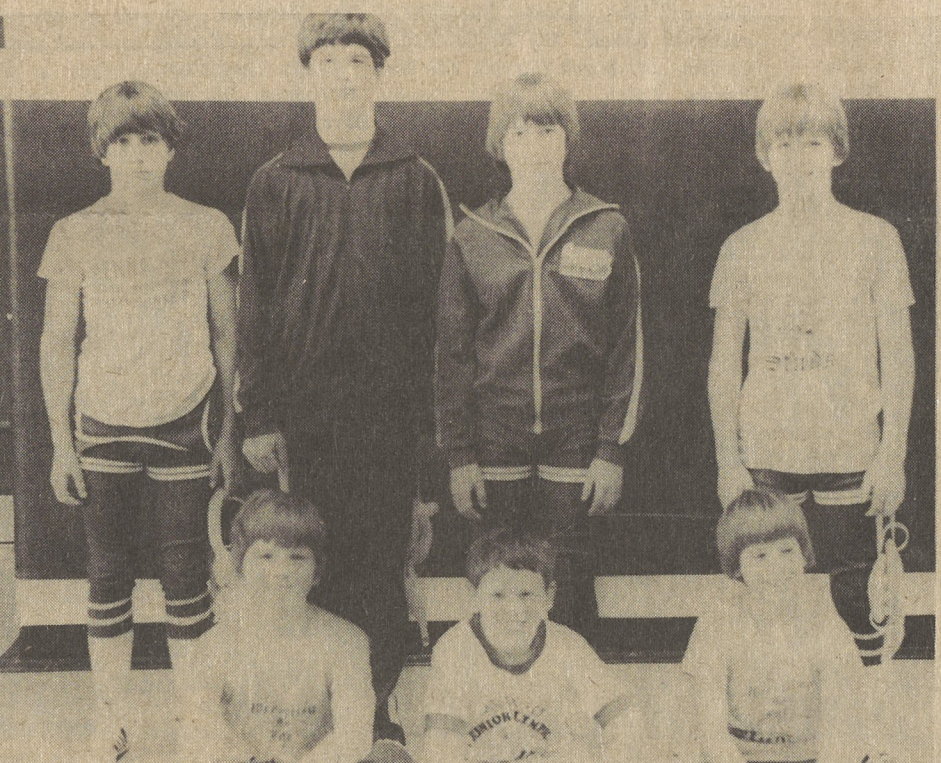
Wayne Benza, 70 lbs., and Scott Davis, 75 lbs., placed fourth in the Midgets. Fourth place semi-finalists were Gene Anderson, 70 lbs., John Walko, 75 lbs., and Bob Garinger, 85 lbs., all in the Juniors.

The regionals this Saturday will include the first and second place winners in each weight class in the four divisions from Mifflinville, Hughesville, Tunkhannock, and Dallas.

Finalists in the regionals will advance to the state tournament at King's College, April 9.



BANTAM FINALISTS—Six Back Mountain bantam wrestlers advanced to the finals in last Saturday's AAU Qualifier tournament at Dallas Senior High School. First row, left to right, are Thomas Feeney, Billy Mathers, Paul Feeney; second row, Mark Whitesell, Mark Yaple and Doug Ide. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)



JUNIOR CLASS WINNERS—Seven Back Mountain junior class wrestlers made it to the finals in the AAU Qualifier tournament at Dallas Senior High School last Saturday. These seven will advance to the regionals this Saturday at Dallas. First row, left to right, are Ricky Hennebaul, Mike Barton, Bill Rudick, second row, Tracey Slocum, Don Benza, Eric Masters, and Jerry Hennebaul. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)



INTERMEDIATE FINALISTS—Intermediate finalists who will advance to the AU Regional Tournament at Dallas Senior High School this Saturday are kneeling, Mark Carter, Dallas; first row, Aaron Shaw, Kevin Bonham, Joe Parson, Lake-Lehman; second row, Andy Pinter, Jeff Sodrosky, Dallas. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Back Mt. bands win marching festival

Lake-Lehman took two firsts and a second place and Dallas came home with a first and third place in the Third Annual Marching Festival competition at Bishop Hoban High School, Saturday, March 26.

Dallas drill team led by Trinny Richardson and Joan Harrison took first place in the drill team competition with Lake-Lehman coming in second with Sandy Mrochko setting the pace.

Lake-Lehman came in first in the color guard competition led by Richard Kasko, Joan Duffy, and Ann Houssock. Crestwood finished second and Bishop Hoban came in third.

In the majorette competition, Denise Weiss led the Lake-Lehman group to a first place with Bishop Hoban second and Dallas third, led by head majorette, Lynn Wolfe.

Miss Jule Supplee made the presentation of awards.

The color guard of Cardinal Dougherty High School, Philadelphia, and the flag corps from the same school, presented an exhibition before a standing-room-only audience.

The units were judged on inspection, marching and maneuvering, carriage and use of equipment, and general effect.

S. Sgt. Larry Earl, USMC, former Dallas student, served as inspection judge while members of the Middle Atlantic States Judging Association judged the other areas in the competition.

Units competing represented Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Bishop Hoban, Nanticoke Area, Wyoming Area, Crestwood, Bishop O'Reilly, Pittston Area, and Coughlin.



BACK MOUNTAIN MIDGET MATMEN—Back Mountain wrestlers, who advanced to the finals in last week's tournament at Dallas Senior High School were first row, left to right, Dean Robinson, Dave Herbert, Jeff Austin; second row, Scott Walsh, Jim Chernavage, and Jim Alansky. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Back Mt. trackmen place in spring warm-up at W-B

Three Back Mountain trackmen won or placed in the Wyoming Valley Track and Field coaches annual Spring Warmup meet at Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium last Saturday. Dallas relay team also came in second in the two-mile relay.

Tim Cross, Dallas senior, took first place in the 220-

yd. dash with a time of 23.8.

Michael Gennets, Lake-Lehman, took the javelin throw with 163.9. Joe Shirites, Dallas, placed second in two events, with 37-11 in the triple jump and 43.3 in the 330-yd. IMH.

All teams will enter league play within the next week.



FIRST PLACE HONORS—Co-captains Joan Harrison and Trinny Richardson, Dallas Senior High School drill team, accept the first place trophy from Eileen Sappe, Bishop Hoban drum majorette, in the Bishop Hoban Marching Festival, Saturday, March 26.

Little League tryouts set for Saturday

Back Mountain Little League for Boys tryouts for all boys registered from the Dallas area will be held Saturday, April 2, and April 9, at the Little League field below the Dallas Township Elementary School. Boys, who are not registered, may register on these dates.

All boys registered from Dallas are invited to attend with the exception of those boys already members of a major league. They will not have to tryout.

Times for tryouts are 9 a.m., 12-year-olds; 10 a.m., 11 year-old; 11 a.m., 10 year-olds; noon, eight and nine year-olds.

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Any questions may be referred to Paul Jobson, 675-1305.

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