

Sports



L-L blasts MMI but drops NW final

After defeating the Freeland MMI cagers 63-44 in last Thursday night's contest in the Northwest High School Invitational Tournament, Coach Tim Lukachik's Lake-Lehman Knights dropped a low-scoring 41-31 game in

Saturday night's finals to the Northwest Rangers. Northwest has won the tournament it hosts for nine consecutive years.

A stubborn Lake-Lehman team with only three returning starters from last year executed a

well-played game and tied the Rangers 11-11 at the half.

"In the three years I have been coaching at Lake-Lehman," said Lukachik, "I feel the team played the best game since I've been there. They

reacted well and with only four minutes remaining in the game, the Rangers were ahead by only four points. It was then that Rutkowski came through for Northwest getting seven points, three of them on foul shots."

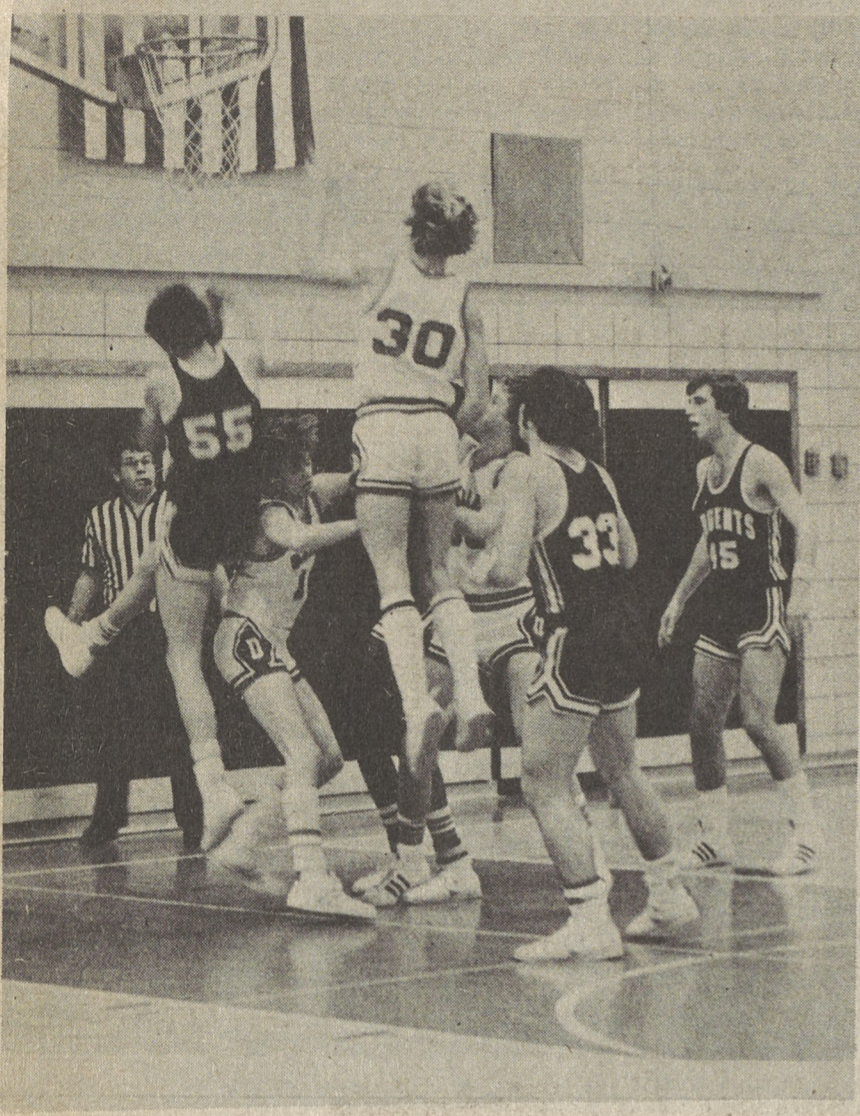
Lukachik was pleased with the athletes since with exception of Bert Balliet, Dave Rushin and Jim Spencer, they are a young team playing varsity for the first year. "They were against a strong team. Northwest was third in the state last year," said Lukachik.

Six feet one inch junior, Tony DeCesaris is the Knights' coach leading rebounder in the three games they have played this season. Joe DeCesaris,

6'5" senior, and John Coulton, junior, see most of the action with the returning seniors.

In Thursday night's game, the Knights put 23 points on the board in the first quarter while Freeland scored only eight. With the big lead, they coasted through the second and third quarter then came back to outscore their opponents 22-12 in the final period.

Dave Rushin was high scorer for the Knights in both games. He led with 23 in the Freeland game and had 11 points against Northwest. J. DeCesaris, Balliet, T. DeCesaris and J. Coulton had nine each against Freeland. T. DeCesaris hit for six points and Coulton for five in the Northwest contest.



HOW HIGH—Frank Manuskay (30), Dallas cager goes high but how high does he have to go to get the rebounds before Bishop Hoban's No. 55 who hauled it down ahead of him. The Mounts lost to their opponents 65-55. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Soccer may come to Dallas High

Paul Jobson heads a group of interested Back Mountain residents interested in the introduction of soccer in the Dallas Junior and Senior High Schools.

Jobson indicated that he, Larry Griffin, Tom Kilduff and Ian Richardson have been polling numerous residents and students and find that there is a decided interest among both adults and students for a soccer team in both schools.

The group plans to discuss their idea with members of the school board and seek their approval in organizing teams

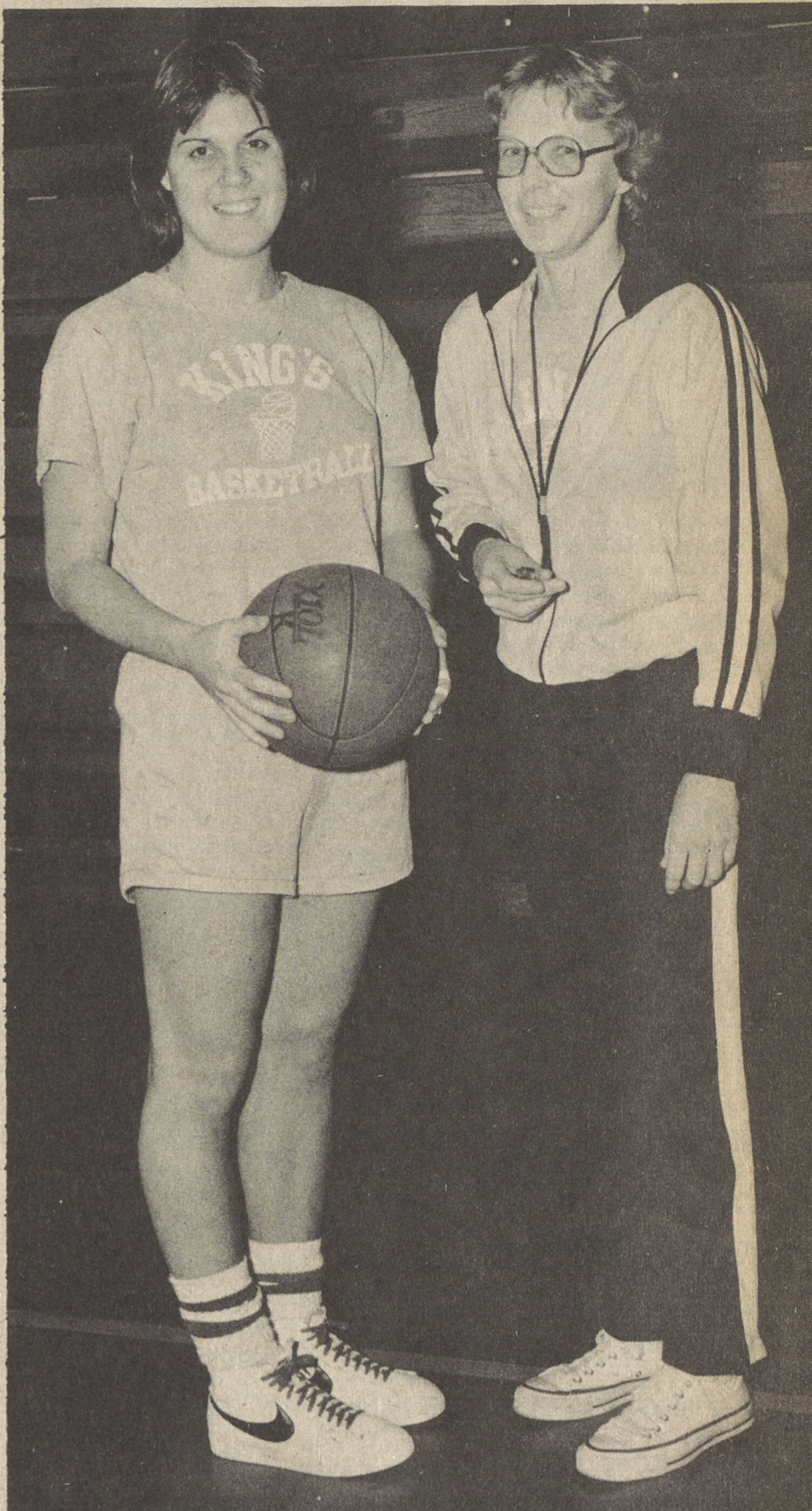
which would play in a league governed by the P.I.A.A., already established in Wyoming Valley.

There are four teams in the league now including Wyoming Valley West, and Wyoming Seminary. Dallas, if a team should be organized, would join this league.

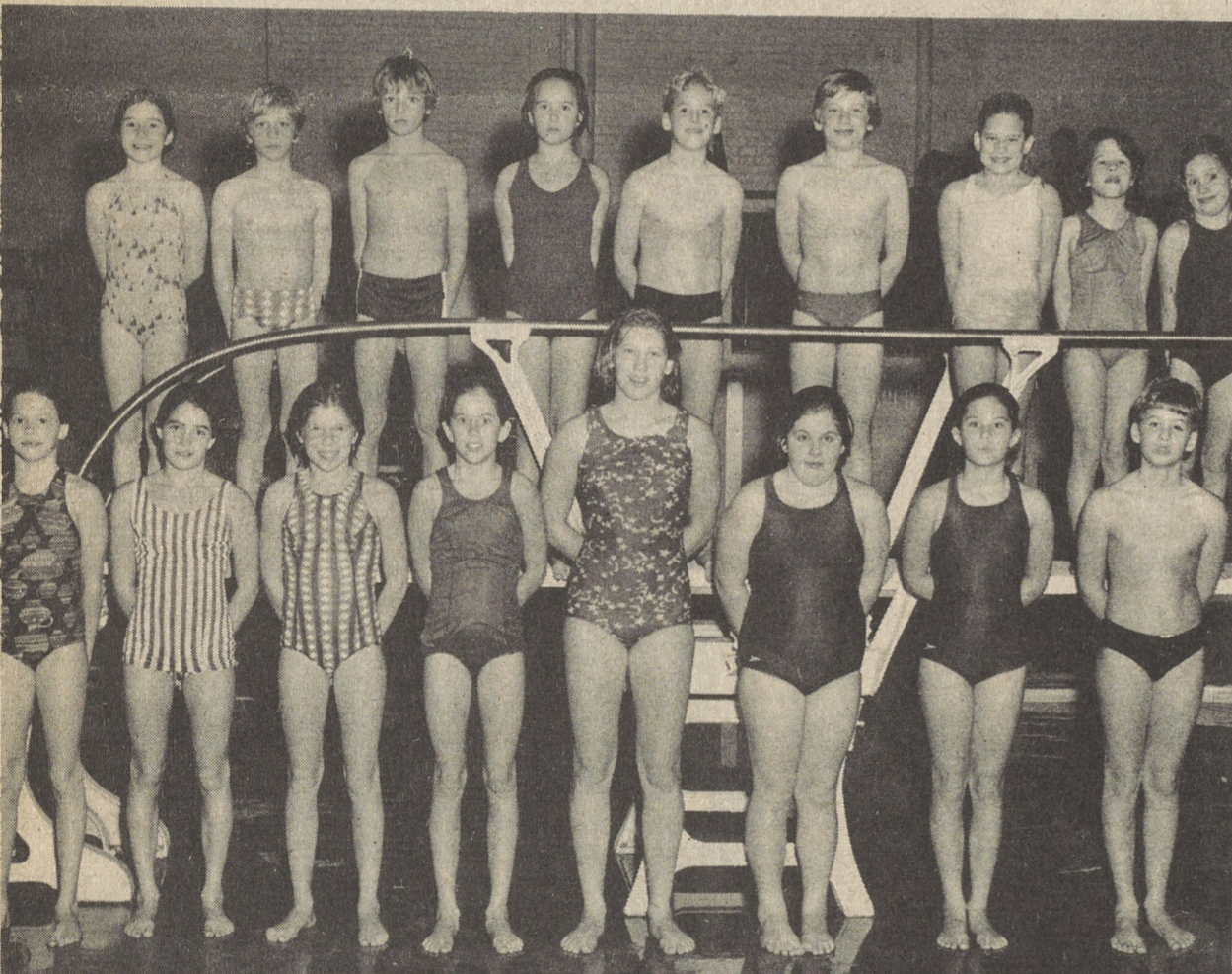
Jobson said that there are approximately 75 students interested in the sport which is growing in popularity throughout the United States.

It is relatively economical as compared to other sports within the school districts and the interested residents believe that it will provide another outlet for student athletes who are not engaged in basketball, football, baseball, hockey, golf or tennis. Jobson estimated \$3,000 could equip a team.

Jobson and his supporters plan to present their request to the Dallas Board meeting on Dec. 12.



BACK MT. FLAVOR—There is a definite Back Mountain flavor to the King's College women's basketball team this season. The new coach of the squad is Wilma Schierer, right, a resident of Lehman. At the left is a letter winner, Kandi Karuza of RD 6, Dallas. She is a sophomore majoring in criminal justice at the college. The team opened at home with Baptist Bible and played in the tournament of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown over the recent weekend. (Alex Rebar Photo)



BACK MT. SWIMMERS—Back Mountain competitors who will go swimming in the meet at King's College, Dec. 17 and Dec. 18, trying for one of the top six places in each event are first row, left to right, Lori Woicicki, Robin Pawling, Christine Brown, Lisa Burak, Alisa Woicicki, Apolla Verneski, Susan Butler, Sean McCall; second row,

Jennifer Judge, Richara Connolly, Jonn riagen, Jennifer Williams, Chris McCall, A. J. Bittner, Vicki Lawrence, Lynn Huey, and Jennifer Butler. Also swimming but not in the photo are Dawn Campbell, Dwin Campbell, Mark McLaughlin, Matt McLaughlin and Paul Manler. (Photo by Alex Rebar)

Back Mountain swimmers enter K of C

Invitations have been issued for the 4th Annual Invitational Swim Meet sponsored by the King's College Council and the Luzerne Assumpta Council 3987 of the Knights of Columbus.

This meet has been held annually for the past three years and provides the opportunity for local swimmers to compete at top level with swimming competitors from throughout Pennsylvania and surrounding states. The meet attracts several hundred swimmers, many whose times are at national competition levels.

Meet Director Peter Hoegen stated the dates of the meet are Dec. 17 and Dec. 18, at King's College Natatorium, North Main St., Wilkes-Barre. The order of events both days will commence at 11 a.m. The Saturday events will

be limited to those boys and girls in the 12 years of age and under, Sunday's competition will feature those young men and women in the higher age groups as well as one meter and three meter diving finals.

The Back Mountain Area is home to one of the area's most outstanding swimmers, A'lisa Woicicki, 13, daughter of Ms. Catherine Woicicki of Woodtip Drive, Trucksville. A'lisa swims with the Catholic Youth Center where she also serves as team tri-captain. She is also with the Rally Aquatics Club, a summer program of top notch talent.

She trains with an AAU specialty team under Ms. Susan Bosher and competed in the National Junior Olympic Championships last year. Already a holder of many swim-

ming awards, A'lisa plans to continue her swimming to state and national competitive levels. A'lisa will be tough competition in Sunday's events.

The meet is open to the public, both days with excellent seating capacity at King's as well as refreshments which will be

available. If you enjoy competitive swimming make this sports event!

Any swimmer who would like to enter but has not received an invitation should contact: Peter Hoegen, Jr., Meet Director, 78 Lathrop St., Kingston, Pa. 18704.

Wrestling club meets Sunday

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club will meet Sunday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m., at

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