

WILKES-BARRE FATS

Grid and mat

CLIPBOARD NOTES: Bob Saul and his son, Chris, recently visited with former Kingston standout, Ed Rutkowski, at his home in Buffalo. Ed went on to play at Notre Dame and with the Buffalo Bills. He's handling the color for the Bills' radio. Chris got to meet a number of the Bills and was presented with an autographed football.

Back Mountain should have a host of good apples this season and we're looking for big things out of Dallas' Andy Pinter. While Dan Sutliff didn't have a banner campaign last year, we're looking for him to place in the state meet this season.

Fans up at Crestwood are anticipating another winning year. It appears the Comets have got things working very well with the grade school youngsters and will make the program even stronger in the future. The parents have rallied support, too.

Number of Lake-Lehman fans and former gridders of Coach George Curry were in Berwick Saturday when Curry's Bulldogs captured the Eastern title. We can't express how happy we are for George. Just a couple of years back we played golf at Berwick and several guys were telling us they didn't think George was that good of a coach.

We just told them to have patience because high school football runs in cycles and when George had the right combination of talent he'd make Berwick a winner.

One of the characteristics which impressed us about coach Curry is his ability to motivate the most mediocre of teams to play above their heads all the time.

While the fury continues over the Orange Bowl not offering Penn State a bid, we haven't seen too much on Brigham Young which didn't have a bid extended, despite winding up with a 9-2 record.

Nittany Lion fans can thank the behind the scenes maneuvering of Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles. According to some close source he's the gent who pulled all the strings and persuaded the Orange Bowl people to go with the Razorbacks.

Several PSU fans asked us for our reaction to the Nittany Lions defeating Pitt. We felt Pitt had an edge in speed especially at the skilled positions but our chief concern was the Panther staff being out-coached, which was exactly what happened. Results from annual Penn State mat tourney demonstrated once again a two-way battle between Lehigh and Penn State for our Eastern Mat Poll. Coach Bill Kill's Nittany Lions copped the plaque last year. Clarion State, with a host of youngsters, will make a strong bid for the No. 1 slot, too. First Poll of the season will be held on Dec. 19, 1977.

Several friends journeyed on down to Giant Stadium on Sunday to see Joe Pisarcik guide the Giants to an impressive triumph over the Cards. Many of the tickets were taken care of by Joe.

He was elated with the blocking he got up front. According to Len Selner, Joe brought Larry Csonka over to meet some of his pals from Wilkes-Barre. He was especially happy since each victory he leads the Giants to means a nice stack of coins as his contact calls for a lot of "incentive clauses."

Joe has gained a heap of respect from everyone for his guts to hang in the pocket and take the poundings.

Meanwhile, Lake-Lehman's cagers came close in the northwest roundball tourney over the weekend. Playing Northwest on the Rangers home court is equal to playing UCLA on its homecourt. They just don't lose at home.

People have been talking about Mickey Dudish and Jim Cefalo playing in Big Time programs, but we haven't seen anything on GAR's George Suda who just happens to be starting at strong side linebacker for Oklahoma State. That is BIG TIME FOOTBALL, too, my friends.

Several of the college coaches names we mentioned here early in the season have already resigned or got the ax. If you want pressure, be a head college grid coach.

A college football season isn't complete anymore with out some of the "no-neck" climbing up and down Coach Woody Hayes' back. We've always been a fan of Coach Hayes, but his latest act in the Michigan game was in poor taste. He's a fierce competitor and hates to lose.

If it were possible I'd enjoy nothing more than having my son play for him. He's not only a super coach but he instills

character in his players, too.

We've been collecting most of the ALL-American teams which have been released thus far and some of the names we've seen were ludicrous. There's one particular team which we saw perform in person five times and didn't even know this guy was on the field let alone being named to third team A+A. While we don't appreciate UPI, we kinda like their selections over the others. One of the most pathetic is Football News. Tennessee Coach Bobby Roper looks like a true prophet. He recently told us that the 78-yard TD run by Tony Dorsett, which was a Cowboy record, wouldn't stand long as Dorsett would smash it too. It didn't take the former Pitt long to wipe that one off the books and a couple other, too.

Don't write the Raiders out of things yet. It will either be them or the Steelers in the Super Bowl.

Dallas 8th graders join Sem tourney

Wyoming Seminary's Third Annual Invitational Eighth Grade Basketball Tournament will get underway on Thursday Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. with the second round scheduled for Friday evening and the championships to be played on Saturday December 10.

The first round of play will find teams from Wyoming Seminary, Plains, Meyers, Holy Name of Forty Fort, Wyoming Area Catholic, St. John's of Luzerne, Dallas and Wyoming Valley West, the tournament champions the last two years.

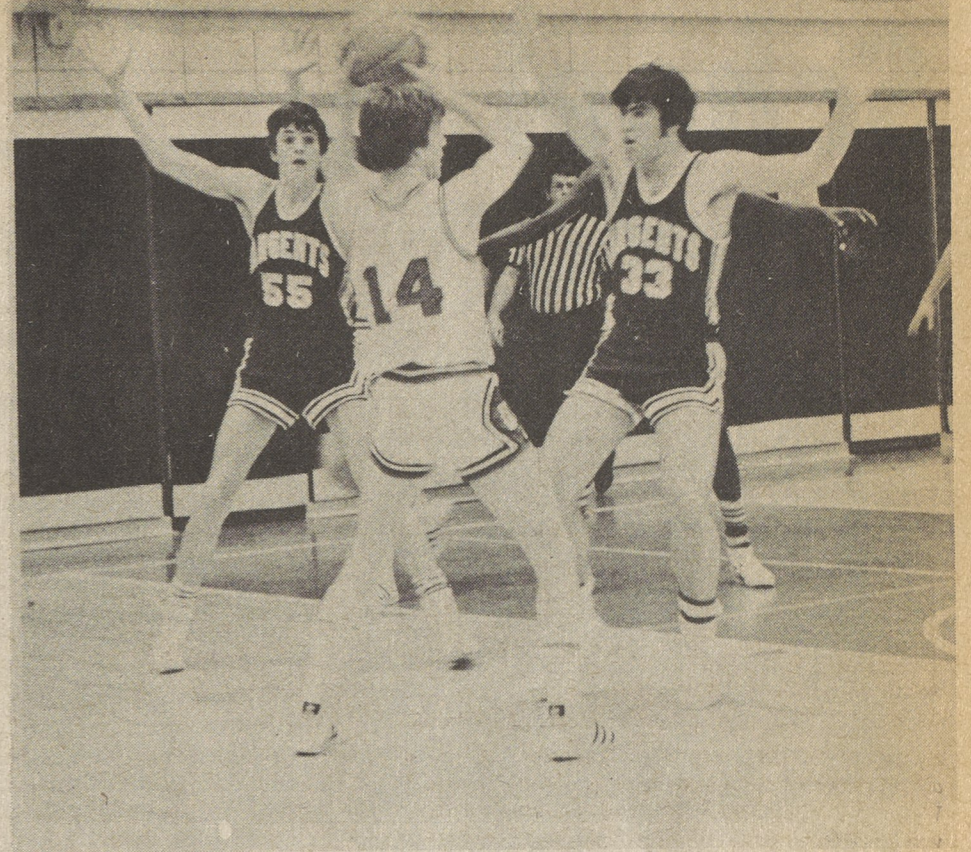
The eight teams will use the two courts housed adjacent to each other in Carpenter Athletic Center and Pettebone-Dickson Student Center on Maple Avenue of the Wyoming Seminary's campus.

In the opening game. Thursday, Dallas will meet Wyoming Valley West in the blue gym while Plains will go against St. John's of Luzerne in the Main gym at 6:30 p.m. At 8:30 p.m. in the blue gym Meyers and Holy Name of Forty Fort will meet with Wyoming Seminary Day School and Wyoming Area being matched up on the blue gym.

The four winners will meet Friday evening. The championship game is set for 8 p.m. on the Main Gym. The consolation and the third place winner games is scheduled for 6:30 on Saturday Dec. 10.

Following the championship game, trophies will be presented to the first, second and third place teams. A most valuable player will be selected by the officials and coaches.

Tournament director is Marvin Antinnes, Athletic Director at Wyoming Seminary.



WHERE ARE THEY--Bruce Kunkle (14) looks for one of his Mountaineer team mates who suddenly seemed to be out of reach as he looks for someone to receive the ball in Tuesday night's game with Bishop Hoban. The Mounts were defeated 66-55. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Comets win junior title at Dallas

Abington Heights junior Comets beat Montrose to win the First Annual Dallas Junior High Basketball Tournament held Nov. 29 and Dec. 1.

The tournament was sponsored by the Dallas Basketball Organization and included teams from Abington Junior High, Montrose Area Junior High, Wyoming Area Junior High and Dallas Junior High School.

The opening games on Tuesday night pitted Abington against Wyoming Area with Abington taking the young Warriors 49-33.

In the second game of the night, Montrose met the Junior Mountainers with Montrose winning 45-37.

Dallas and Wyoming Area opened Thursday night's contests in a game that went overtime. With the Warriors leading 42-40, a foul was called against

the Warriors as the game ended and young Jim Thomas of Dallas went to the foul line for two shots.

Thomas made both shots to tie the game and send it into overtime. The Warriors took the consolation trophy by taking the game 47-44 in the three minute overtime period.

In the final game, Abington Junior Comets defeated Montrose 59-48 to win the tournament trophy.

Cadettes 500 to hold Christmas dinner

Members of the two Girl Scout Troops and Cub Pack and Webelos of Centermoreland are completing plans for their annual Christmas parties. Girl Scout Cadettes 500 will hold a covered dish Christmas dinner on Tuesday evening, Dec. 20, at 6:30 in Centermoreland UM Church social rooms.

Leaders are Mrs. Ama DeGraw, Mrs. Lois Button and Mrs. Connie Bolcarovic.

Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 263 of Centermoreland will hold their Christmas party on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21 at 5 in Centermoreland UM Church social rooms. Leaders of the troop are

Mrs. Ama DeGraw, Mrs. Gloria Rought and Mrs. Peggy Blee.

Cub Pack 336 and Webelo Pack 336 will hold their Christmas party on Thursday evening, Dec. 22, at 5 in Centermoreland UM Church Social rooms. Mrs. Geraldine Wall and Mrs. Ama DeGraw are leaders of the Cub Pack; Kenneth DeGraw is Webelo leader.

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