

LL & DALLAS



Dana Sutliff

## Sutliff-Kuderka who will win?

Back Mountain wrestling fans are looking forward to an exciting meet next Wednesday when the Dallas Mountaineers meet the Lake-Lehman Knights at the Lake-Lehman Senior High School gym.

They anticipate one of the most exciting and closely fought bouts to be the 185-lb. contest between the Knights' Dana Sutliff and Mountaineer Ken Kuderka. That is, if both remain at their present weight class.

Sutliff, a senior at Lake-Lehman High School, met Kuderka, a junior, three times last year and lost three times but by very close scores. His losses were in a dual meet, district finals and in regionals. He is looking forward to avenging those losses this time around.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Dana Sutliff, RD 1, Shickshinny, this marks Dana's sixth year of wrestling experience.

He wrestled for three years in junior high and was a two-time district

junior high champ at 167-lb. He wrestled on the senior high varsity in his sophomore year and was district runnerup, losing only to Fritz Bleich, who later became state champ.

As runnerup, he advanced to regionals and to states but failed to bring home a title. Last year, at 167-lb., Sutliff was runnerup in Districts to Kuderka and again in the Regionals.

Sutliff's record to date at 185-lbs. is 12-0.

Sutliff is a natural athlete and has played on both the offense and defense of Lake-Lehman Senior High School varsity football teams for the past three years.

During the track season, he participates in the 330 IM hurdles.

He plans to attend college but uncertain which one as yet. He wants to attend a school where he can play football and wrestle, his favorite sports.

Dana's coach, Jim Davis said that Sutliff has a good attitude and is level-

headed. Dana is a thinker and like all members of this year's team is loose.

Ken Kuderka, junior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kuderka of Orange. He wrestled for three years in junior high school, 154-lbs. in seventh and eighth grades and at 167-lb. in ninth grade. Ken was junior high district champ in ninth grade.

Last year, his first year on the senior high school varsity squad he took the District title at 167-lb., outwrestling Sutliff as mentioned.

Kuderka played football in eighth and ninth grade and for the past two seasons at senior high, he has played linebacker on the varsity. His brother, Ray, and his father also played the same position when they were in school.

He is not certain about college since he is only a junior but he likes both football and wrestling and if he goes to college would like to attend a small college where he could participate in both.

His brother, Ray, was a member of the varsity squad at Dallas and Ken says Ray has taught him alot about wrestling.

Kuderka says he will do his best to defeat Sutliff if he goes against him although he says one never knows. His record for the season is 7-1, the loss being to John Green of Goshen, N.Y., in the Christmas Tournament at Delaware Valley. Last year, as a sophomore, his record was 16-4-1.

Coach Larry Schuler says Ken is aggressive and continuously improving. "Anything you can say about wrestling, you can say about Kenny," he said. "His wrestling speaks for itself."

Who will win if these two opponents meet for the fourth time they won't predict the outcome and neither can we. Good luck to both-win, lose or draw, both young men are outstanding athletes, a credit to high school sports.



Ken Kuderka

### WILKES-BARRE FATS

by Lee L. Richards

Had a good visit with Coach John Mazur of New York Jets on Saturday evening. Mazur, Ed Davis and I did manage to meet down in Plymouth and talk some football and roundball.

John was in town to speak at Crestwood's football banquet Sunday night. The former Plymouth great believes they're got things headed in the right direction with the Jets.

"If anyone can turn the program back into a winner it's Walt Michaels. It's a shame Walt wasn't given the opportunity earlier, but people in the NFL do some strange things," Mazur said.

In regards to the coming draft which is slated for May, Mazur says, "We've done a lot of player evaluation and took a good long look at the people in the Senior Bowl. We've got all of our draft choices and we're not looking for any particular positions right now.

"We'll take the best athlete available when our turn comes. By May we'll know what everyone else is looking for and we'll select accordingly."

John confirmed what we had heard earlier in the week that had Chuck Knox not accepted the Buffalo job he would have been one of several people interviewed.

While a lot of critics put down the Super Bowl here's three opinions we value very highly:

Coach Mazur, N.Y. Jets: "There were some deficiencies early but the tackling by both teams was tenacious. Overall, it was a good football game. Dallas' front four was the difference. They physically overpowered Denver. It's the most physical Super Bowl I've seen."

Coach Bobby Roper, defensive coordinator Tennessee: "It was a heckuva football game. They really got after each

other and if they hadn't there wouldn't have been so many people gettin' carried off. Both TD passes were great plays. They were every bit as brilliant as the grabs made by Lynn Swann two years ago. Early mistakes made the game appear sloppy."

Coach Gib Romain, defensive tackles, Maryland: "It was a tough and hard-hitting football game. I was extremely pleased for Randy (White) having coached him for two years at Maryland. I know how dedicated he's worked to achieve the status he now enjoys. Both defenses got after each other. They've got character. There wasn't any cowards on the field, that's for sure."

### Elementary matmen take Montoursville team 55-12

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club defeated Montoursville Elementary wrestlers by a 55-12 score at Montoursville, Sunday, Jan. 22.

The Back Mountain grapplers scored six pins and three major decisions. 50-lb. Billy Mathers pinned Ron Beck (M) in 54 seconds. 55-lb. Jeff Austin of the Back Mountain flattened Larry Brown in 31 seconds. The locals 60-lb. Dean Robinson took at 7-0 decision from Dennis DeSanto and 65-lb. Tom

CLIPBOARD NOTES: Local mat buffs looking for a good college meet this Saturday can take in Bloomsburg-Penn State which starts at 2 p.m. at Bloom. PSU is still No. 1 in our Eastern Mat Poll while Bloom is still 7th. Here's how our second poll of the season looks: 1-Penn State, 2-Rhode Island, 3-Clarion State, 4-Cleveland St., 5-Wilkes, 6-Princeton, 7-tie-Bloomsburg and Lehigh, 9-Syracuse, 10-Slippery Rock.

Back Mountain wrestling fans are looking forward to Wednesday's encounter between Lake-Lehman and Dallas which could be a nip and tuck battle. Meet was postponed.

Arkansas' Lou Holtz, whom we cast our ballot

for after his team's upset of Oklahoma in Orange Bowl, was named Coach of the Year by Football Writers Association of America. Holtz edged out Fred Akers of Texas by 16 votes...

A special hearing will be held in Williamsport this week on a proposed State playoff for football.

Sources informed us last week that George Chaump, the offensive coordinator at Ohio State, was recently interviewed for the head post at Boston College.

The former West Pittston native has been in the final two on several jobs and we feel he's going to land one anytime now. Columbia Coach Bob Campbell, former B.C. assistant was another interviewed.

While the North Carolina post was filled, we learned, too, Bobby Bowden, who has the da State program turned around, was interested in the Carolina slot.

Several roundball refs and fans inform us one of the places you've got to

keep an eye on the clock is Bishop O'Reilly. Seems they jazzed Coughlin on Saturday night.

We can't believe George Allen was fired with the Redskins. Here's a guy that led the Skins to 7-8 log against the Cowboys. While many have and will continue to bad-mouth Allen, we think he's a great coach.

His teams were always prepared and hung tough with every opponent. We gotta believe the move was to bail out the owner as

the team declines and he can dump all the blame on Allen. Should Allen get the Rams' post, we'd bank on him getting them to the Super Bowl.

More and more fans are complaining over the sports programming on Channel 28. Like Sunday they didn't carry the Notre Dame-UCLA basketball game. They aired some old movie instead.

### Revised Sports Schedule

#### DALLAS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

January 26-Wrestling, Abington, away - 4 p.m.  
January 26-Boys Basketball, GAR, home - 4 p.m.  
January 28-Wrestling, Hanover, away - 10 a.m.  
January 28-Freshman Girls Basketball, Hanover, home  
January 31-Wrestling, Crestwood, home - 4 p.m.  
February 14-Wrestling, Pittston, away - 4 p.m.

#### DALLAS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

January 26-Boys Basketball, GAR, home varsity - 8 p.m.  
January 28-Wrestling, Nanticoke, away - 2 p.m.  
January 28-Girls Basketball, Hanover, home - 2 p.m.  
January 31-Boys Basketball, Seton Catholic, away - 8 p.m.  
JV contests will precede varsity contests.  
Playoffs-Girls or Boys basketball, if necessary - Feb. 2.  
If no playoffs necessary, girls and boys basketball will open a second half of league play Feb. 2 and Feb. 4.

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