

WILKES-BARRE FATS

Wrestling, etc.

by Lee L. Richards

Crestwood's 34-10 wrestling win over Lake-Lehman had some very tight bouts which were won by the Comets and proved their mettle.

Knights are getting rep for bowing in the close events. If they ever turn things around there will be some teams around the valley taking some slicks.

Followers of Trojan roundball feel this year's edition has the least amount of talent of any previous squad.

Jimmy Cefalo, according to some viewers, handled himself exceptionally well on the TV show in his honor last week which was done by Channel 44 (which happens to be the number he wore during career at Pittston Area and PSU.)

Our congratulations to Coach Bob Bubb and his Clarion State wrestling team after they snapped Penn State's win skein last Thursday, 24-15.

Asst. Jack Davis called us with a bout-by-bout description right after the win. Davis said, "We won some bouts we felt we'd lose and we lost some we felt we could win. Overall, it was a great effort by each of our wrestlers." Clarion's win should scramble our Eastern Mat Poll even more this coming week.

After viewing Notre Dame-UCLA roundball tilt last Sunday, we're more convinced than ever Digger Phelps ranks as the all-time hotdog. His actions did little to enhance the Irish image.

We hope the teams meet again in NCAA playoffs because UCLA will put out their lights...Best roundball team we've seen is Marquette.

Can't remember when there have been so many solid teams as in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Look for Lake-Lehman's Dana Sutliff and Ray Leskowsky to drop a weight class for the district tourney. Both have the potential to advance quite far in state wrestle-offs...How's this for a record? Dave Fagula, former Hanover cager, says he holds record for fewest assists in a season, zip!

What a difference a year makes. Remember last year at this time how several so called experts jumped all over King's boss, Ed Donahue. Big Ed had one of the all-time comebacks: "They're about as smart as the inside of a doughnut."

One of the better young basketball coaches on the local scene is GAR's Ralph Hann. Only problem about being a young mentor with top credentials is they are seldom recognized by the idiots which do the selecting.

While Dallas may be taking its lumps in roundball now, we feel in a year or two they'll reap the fruits from the solid program they've got going for the youngones.

The one young man who has impressed many mat buffs with his aggressive style is Valley West's John Brennan. He wants to clamp every guy that steps on mat against him.

Look for the NFL Players Association to push for more investigating of injuries occurring from artificial turf. This was never more evident than recent Super Bowls and was one reason for so many turnovers.

While we're avid golfers, we've never met a more amiable guy than John Wudnoski, the pro at Wyoming Valley Country Club, who recently passed away.

He was a very quiet man, but did a lot for many young people. He wasn't a flashy guy, but never had a bad word for anyone. They always called him, "Pro". We're going to miss him as will the many other golfers in the area. He was an outstanding person in our book.

Meanwhile, it came as no surprise when John Havlicek retired from the Celtics. During the NCAA playoffs in Philly when he came to speak to Coach Bobby Knight's Indiana team he told us he'd play two more years and call it quits.

Through Coach Knight we met Hondo several times and found him to be one of "superest" people we've ever encountered. He's a vanishing breed in professional sports because he was a team man first. He played on seven NBA Championship teams. John Havlicek's place in the Hall of Fame was set aside several years ago.

Saturday we motored down to Bloomsburg to visit with Penn State coaches Bill Koll and Andy Matter. We also presented them the Eastern Mat Poll plaque for being designated the No. 1 dual meet team in the East for 1977...PSU topped Bloom, 19-14, for the Lions 9th win in 10 starts...

Coughlin's Sam Sallit turned in his seventh straight win with a 17-11 decision over Butch Snyder...Koll says, "Sam is getting better and better. Local mat buff Len Selner enjoyed meeting Koll and Matter."

We were both impressed with Sallit's methodical and powerful style of wrestling...Former East Stroud standout, Rich Schumacher, was the ref and performed very poorly with some of his calls costing both teams.

No player deserves to be in the Pro Football Hall of Fame more than ex-Green Bay great, Ray Nitschke. No. 66 was one of the best we've ever seen play middle linebacker. We'll never forget when he made brilliant play on intended pass for Browns' Jim Brown in NFL title tilt.

Speaking of Pro Football, we see where they're going to mess with the rules again in an effort to put more offense in game. It's not the zone defense, but the conservative philosophy of the coaches. They first attempt to prevent losses, thus trying to protect their jobs...Pro football is getting too many "Cocktail Coaches."

Last week's NHL All-Star game was one of best we've seen. It was up and down the ice.

"Sorry" is the best way to describe the Monday night crew's description of NFL All-Star tilt. Heck, they didn't even mention Randy White was in game until third period and that he was playing left side instead of usual right defensive tackle.

We can do without them for next several months.

Had a good visit with Ed Sulkowski, who has been an athletic trainer at Penn State for 32 years. He told us he's going to retire in a year or two. Ed feels today's athletes just aren't as tough mentally or physically as the guys 10 years ago. He was one of the trainers for our Olympic boxing team so you know his credentials are top-shelf.

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C who had L. Williams (547). Shavertown B made it three over Shavertown A aided by C. Molley's 210 (541). With only three members of the team bowling Dallas A took three points from Orange B paced by F. Price's 571. F. Cornell managed 534 for the Orange team. The

Bowling News

Lutherans picked up three points from Dallas B with W. Lozo hitting pins for 556 and T. Wilson tumbling them for 215 (549). East Dallas and Carverton B divided evenly.

In the Crown Major League, Wesley Citgo men took all from Hasay Chevrolet. J. Roan led them with 554. The car dealer had P. Jordan's 536. Community Buick shut out Franklin's Restaurant while Shavertown Lumber was taking three points from Dallas Shopping Center whose C. Williams was high for both teams

with 521. Gebhardt Bowling Supplies picked up three points from Steele's Restaurant paced by R. Bonomo, Jr.'s 540 and R. Bennett's 537. G. Fernandes hit 530 for the restaurant men.

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Dallas Twp. report icy road accidents

Dallas Township Police report two more serious automobile accidents and several "fenderbenders" as a result of icy road conditions throughout the week in the township.

Thursday, shortly before 5 p.m., the automobile of a New York state woman went out of control on Lake St. and struck a UGI pole, damaging the car sufficiently to require towing.

According to police, Karen R. Kendall, 32, of 63 Main St., Dundee, N.Y., was traveling on a downward curve on Lake St. near East Center Hill Rd. in a 1973 Ford when she saw ice on the road ahead, put on her brakes, but lost control anyway on the ice and slid down the hill.

The auto then crossed over onto the other lane, went over the berm, and hit the pole. Neither the driver nor her passenger, Judy Haas, 31, of RD 1, Dallas, was reported injured. Investigating was Township Police Chief Carl Miers.

Part of a fence along Route 118 on private property was knocked down Saturday shortly after 4 p.m. by a motorist who also lost control of his auto on a bad driving surface.

Police report that Joseph

Wyoming Seminary

by Nina Taggart

The first round of the 1978 Sem Bowl competition wound up with the Oxonians beating the Alexandrians after a close battle. Spokesman for the winners was Dave Zavada, Ashley, with teammates Mike Robson, Berwick; Brendan Moran, Dallas; Dave Brandwene, Kingston; Steve Demas, Mountaintop; Joe DiRenzo, Severna Park, Md., and Barry Scott, Wilkes-Barre.

It was an exciting match, with topics ranging from futsal to famous American patriots. Other categories included notable playwrights and artists, current events and mathematical brain teasers.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Sem Senior Joan Morris, West Pittston was named student of the month for January by the Kingston and Forty Fort Lions Club. Joan is on the hockey and tennis teams and works on both the Opinator and the Wyoming. She was also named homecoming queen last October. Joan is aiming for a career in pediatric nursing.

ACCEPTANCES

Kevin Hora, Dallas, Berkle (music); Mike Imperiale, Kingston, Villanova; Steve Roose, Singapore, East Tennessee; Joe Kasper, Wilkes-Barre, East Stroudsburg; Robert Grosek, Plains, Penn State (main campus); May Castor, Chattanoga, Tenn.; Fla. Inst. of Tech.; C.J. Bufalino, West Pittston, U. of Miami; Kenley Vispi, Shavertown, U. of Denver and U. of Colorado

WINTER FORMAL

It's almost that time! Plans for the winter formal are being made and now is the time to get in on the action and help out. The people to contact are Brendan Moran and Tom Mosca. Tickets are \$5 a couple...Don't miss it!

It's happening at Bishop O'Reilly

by Aimee Kalnoskas

The Bishop O'Reilly Mothers Club is conducting a paper drive this month. All those who have been saving their papers are asked to drop them off Feb. 3 at the Maple Street parking lot of the school. It is requested that you do not deposit them before the date specified.

The Practical arts Club which includes home economics, industrial arts, and drafting classes, sponsored a dance held Friday, Jan. 27 in the school gym. Music was provided by Wildfire. The funds will be used to support the various group activities of the club members. We sincerely hope that it proved to be an enjoyable and successful dance.

Bishop O'Reilly High School is holding a benefit drawing for the financial support of the school. The prize will be an AM-FM stereo with an eight-track player, stereophonic phonograph, and base reflect speakers. Tickets are 25 each or five for one dollar.

It would obviously be worthwhile to contribute your support. Tickets may be purchased by school students or at the main office of the school.

Queenswomen varsity basketball players hosted the

Spartans Tuesday, Jan. 24. The challenge began early in the game with both teams struggling for the lead. But by the close of the game the Spartans had successfully upset the Queenswomen.

The junior varsity team turned the tables on the heavily favored, undefeated Spartan J.V. team.

The boy's basketball team also completed with the Spartans Tuesday night. In a valiant effort the players fought to maintain possession of the ball, only to lose it in the end. Once during the competition the Queensmen moved for a mad dash for the lead, but eventually the opponents tightened up and the game fell in their favor 89-54. John Dueslar had the game high of 15 points. It appears as though the swim team will sustain their nearly continual winning streak so far in the second half. On Tuesday, Jan. 24, O'Reilly traveled to the Meyers pool to once again prove their aquatic abilities to the Mohawks. Six first places were achieved by the girls with an overall score of 96-75. Winners of top positions were 200 medley-Lori Swaintek, Elaine Brussock, Ann Maher, and Mary Sembrat-2:15.8, 50 freestyle-Mary Sembrat-27.5, diving-Mary Jean Onzik, 100 backstroke-Maureen Judge-1:43.7, 100 breaststroke-Ann Maher-1:20.9

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BUTTERFLY SEASON-It may be freezing weather outside but a sign of spring came to the Dallas Post this week in the form of a Tiger Swallowtail butterfly. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

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