

# SPORTS



**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**-Keith Yakisma of the Nanticoke Trojans was named most valuable player in the Second Annual Dallas 9th Grade Basketball Tournament held last Wednesday and Thursday at Dallas Senior High School. The young trojans took the championship in the tournament. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)



**JUMP BALL**-Ninth grade Mountaineer Gary Kirk goes up for the tap on a jump ball against his Comet opponent. The Abington Comets defeated the Mountaineers 33-23 in the consolation contest in the Dallas 9th Grade Basketball Tournament last week. (Photo by Mark Moran)

## Knights drop Tunkhannock

Coach Tim Lukachik's Lake-Lehman Knights downed Tunkhannock Tigers 45-39 on the Knights' home court, Tuesday, Nov. 28, then lost 37-31 to the Northwest Rangers in the opening night of the annual Northwest Invitational Tournament Thursday, Nov. 30.

In the home game with Tunkhannock the Knights went out in front 10-8 at the end of the first quarter but the Tigers outscored them 16-10 in the second period to lead 24-20 at the half.

In the third period the Knights outscored Tunkhannock 9-7 then forged ahead in the final quarter by six points and led until the closing whistle.

John Coulton was high scorer for the Back Mountain five with 12 points.

Tony DeCesaris and Dave Penkrot hit the double figure column with 11 points each.

Steve Davis scored 15 points to be the leading scorer for Tunkhannock.

In the 37-31 loss to the Northwest Rangers the Knights trailed 10-8 at the end of the first period but pulled ahead to lead 12-10 at the half holding the Rangers to two points in the second period.

In the third period Northwest's Mike Rutkoski had a 15-foot jump shot to put the Rangers ahead 16-14 and they never fell behind from that point.

The Knights rallied for 16 points in the final period but it wasn't enough to overcome the Rangers who added 15 points in the final period.

Ed Lozo scored 12 points for the Knights while C. Gleco scored the same total for the Rangers.

The Knights now hold a 2-1 record in pre-season play.



**THROUGH THE NET**-Greg Bogdon (10) goes up and puts the ball through the net for two points for Lake-Lehman Knights in the Lake-Lehman Tunkhannock game last week won by the Knights. (Photo by Mark Moran)

## Brobst: 'Dallas is hardworking'

"We have a hardworking group of kids, extremely enthusiastic and team oriented. I can't get over their enthusiasm. I've never seen a group of kids like them and they are aggressive and loaded with desire for winning."

The Mountaineers new varsity basketball coach, Clint Brobst, was talking about this year's candidates and his excitement over their work was evident in his voice.

Brobst had about 40 athletes turn out for this season's team and 23 will be in uniform. He explained that he could only outfit that number.

Two of last season's regular starters are back-Frank Manusky and Rick Wilson; and three other seniors who saw action last year are John Barry, John Prater and Bob Bruggeworth.

Juniors Walter Weir, Scott Keller, Tim Brennan and Bob Besecker will also play on the varsity squad as well as sophomores Paul Jobson and Jim Thomas.

Playing with the junior varsity will be Brian

Muldoon, Dave Kerdesky, Paul Darling, Scott Bruggeworth, Jim Smith, Alan Casaday, Joe Gries, Mike Sutton, Raef Fahmy and Rand Kirshner.

The Mountaineer team is of average height with Weir at 6'3", Manusky at 6'1", and Barry and Jobson at six even.

Brobst is extremely pleased with the progress the team members are making. He is looking for a winning season.

"It's an extremely tough league this year with Hanover and GAR picked for the top spots. If our boys continue to improve, we can look for a winning season," said Brobst.

"With this a rebuilding year, the going will be rough but if we can get by the first two or three games we'll have a chance to finish in a respectable position. We'll take advantage of the kids abilities and will go for the fast break and look for the first good shot."

"We are rebuilding but we will shoot for the top," said Brobst. "If enthusiasm and support could win games, we'd have it made."

## Mounties lose to Wyoming Area

Dallas Mountaineers dropped their first game of the pre-season 84-65 to the Wyoming Warriors last Friday night.

Walter Weir scored 17 points to lead the Mountaineers, but it wasn't enough to counteract the sharp shooting of Bill Hoover with 26 points, Don Casey's 14, John Pribula's 12 and Scott Yeoman's 10.

Frank Manusky and Paul Jobson hit the nets for 12 points each but high scoring by the Warriors in

the first half gave them an edge the Mountaineers were unable to overcome.

The Warriors took a first half lead of 48-26 and never fell back. Both teams scored 16 points in the third period but the Warriors outscored Dallas 20-12 in the final period.

The Mountaineers did some respectable shooting from the foul line dumping in 17 of 26 while the Warriors collected 16 of 31 at the foul line.

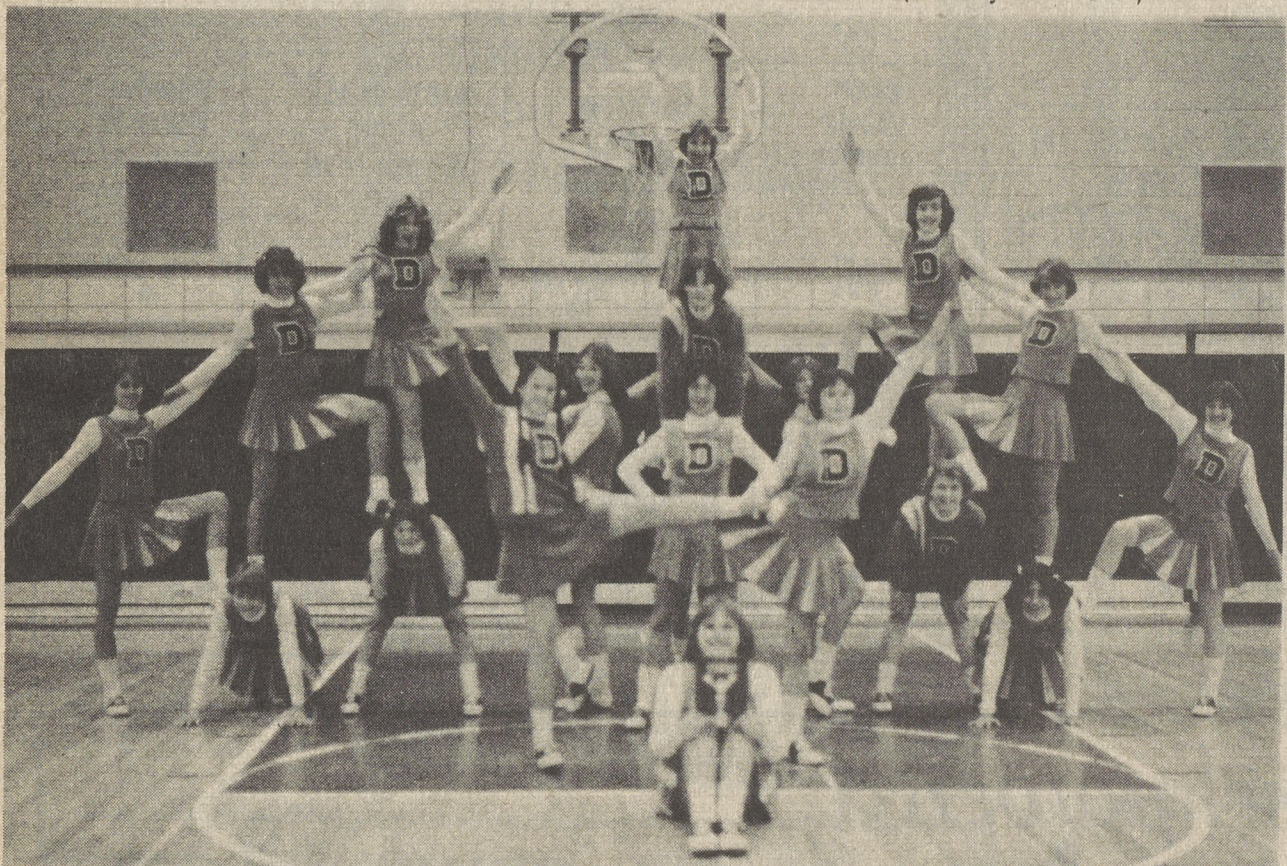
### Donkey game

Lake-Lehman High School's annual donkey basketball game will be held Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 in the high school gym.

Tickets are available from any varsity club member. Cost is .75 for students and \$1.25 for adults in advance, or \$1.00 for students and \$1.50 for adults at the door.

## Wrestling Club to meet Dec. 10

Back Mountain Wrestling Club will meet Dec. 10 at 8 p.m., at the Dallas American Legion.



**WE WON**-Dallas 9th grade cheerleaders show their delight at winning the cheerleading spirit award during the Dallas

9th Grade Basketball Tournament last week in Dallas Senior High gym. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

## Schuler: 'We have talent for a good year'

"We have the talent for a good year. The boys are working hard and we have enough depth that they are competing for a varsity spot," said Dallas head mat coach, Larry Schuler.

The Mountaineers have 28 candidates out for this season's wrestling squad. Seven of these are returning varsity men, Mark Carter, Steve Bittenbender, Andy Pinter, Sean Kavanaugh, Ken Kuderka, Jeff Sodrosky and Bill Lewis.

Carter, who wrestled at 98 last season will probably move up to 105 lbs. this year and could face competition from one or two freshmen currently working out with the varsity grapplers.

Clark Lewis and Bob Edwards, ninth graders, are competing for the 98-lb. spot. Rick Rogers, Wilson Gregory and Rod Kaye are working at 112 while 119 lb. Chris Burke, Mike Amory and John O'Connell are looking for the nod at that weight class.

Fred DiMaria and Nick Giordano are showing marked improvement at 126 while Bittenbender faces stiff competition from Scott Rosenberg and Matt Kravits.

Andy Pinter is expected to start at 138 lbs. while Bob Eyt, last season's junior varsity camp, and Chip

Borton are pleasing Schuler at 145 lb. 155 lb. Sean Kavanaugh and Scott Prater are considered for that weight spot while Kuderka, Jim Gimberling and Don Hislop are working out at 167 lb. Any one of these three can easily move up to 185 lb. where Mike Kapral is seeking a varsity spot.

For the second consecutive year, Schuler has a choice at heavyweight between J. Sodrosky and Lewis. He can also move up Kapral if he chooses to do so.

Schuler is pleased with the team's enthusiasm and the improvement of the wrestlers have made since the start of the practice season. He also is pleased with the work of his new assistant, Joseph Swanberry, former Meyers varsity wrestler and a member of the East Stroudsburg State College squad where Swanberry received his degree.

"The kids have looked good in our scrimmages at Montgomery where 12 teams participated and have continued to improve as they scrimmaged Smith-Ridgefield-Ulster, Kutztown, Benton, Scranton Central, Pocono Mountain and this past Saturday at Berwick and South Williamsport," said Schuler.

The Mountaineers face their first test as a team this Saturday when they travel to North Pocono for their first pre-season meet. The following Saturday, Dec. 16, they meet a strong Mountain View team at home. They will host Tunkhannock Wednesday, Dec. 20, then go to Valley View on Saturday, Dec. 23.

During the Christmas holidays they will compete in the Christmas Tournament with Lewisburg, Selingsgrove and Mt. Carmel.

"Our regular league

season opens with Bishop O'Reilly; then we have four tough meets back-to-back with Meyers, Wyoming Valley West, Lake-Lehman and Coughlin. Those will play a major role in testing our strength this year," said Schuler.

### Classics tickets on sale

Booster-tickets are now on sale for the first annual Wilkes College basketball "Colonel Classic" and the price is \$5 apiece.

The special ticket, which will only be on sale for two weeks, entitles the bearer to admission to the four tourney games, and lists his name in the program as a booster. Tickets are available from any member of the Wilkes basketball team or a member of the "Colonel Classic" committee.

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