

Sports

Dallas cagers to play in Invitational

Dallas High School's basketball Mountaineers will play Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, in the fourth annual Columbia County Invitational Tournament, sponsored by Central Columbia High School.

This year's participants include Columbia County independent Millville (Quakers), West Branch Conference member Loyalsock Twp. (Lancers), and host Central

Columbia of the Susquehanna Valley Conference in addition to Dallas.

The C.C.I.T. seeks the finest competition available, as evidenced by the past performance of its tournament teams. In its three previous years C.C.I.T. entries have gone on to win three conference titles with two others finishing in second place. The 1976 field produced

double champions and state tournament AA entries (Hanover of the Wyoming Valley Conference and District II and Central Columbia of the Susquehanna Valley Conference and District IV).

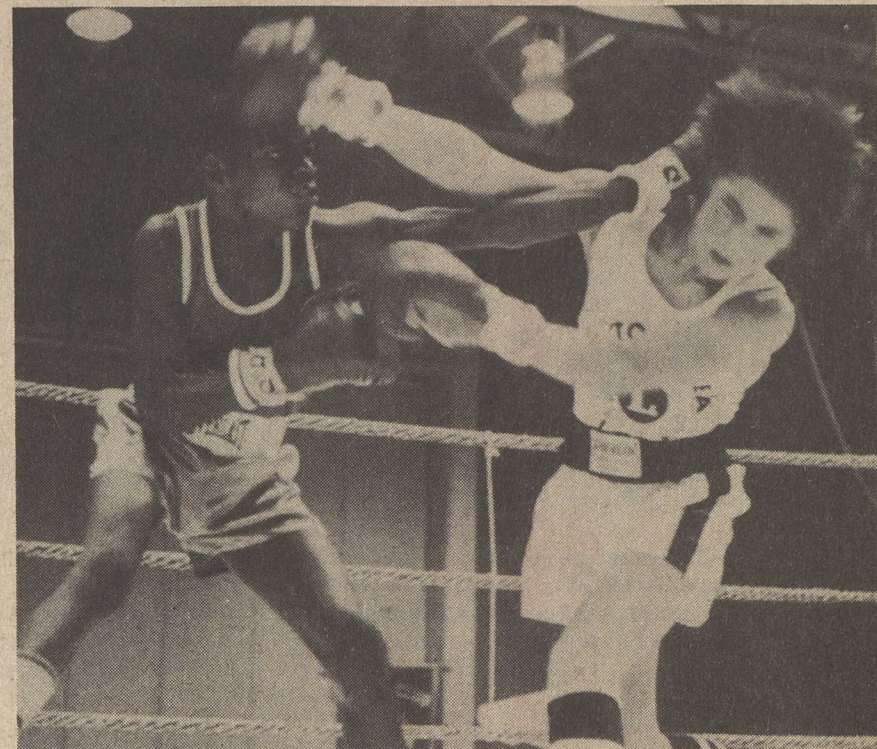
The 1979 pairings offer the same caliber of competition. Loyalsock and Central both enter the tournament with the best overall records in their

respective conferences over the past three seasons while Dallas is thought by many observers of the Wyoming Valley Conference to have its best team in years and very capable of making a serious run at this year's title.

The lone independent, Millville, returns eight lettermen and also looks for a very promising season.

That the teams are evenly matched is indicated by the fact that in three years three C.C.I.T. games have gone into overtime, twice into double-overtime.

Thursday, Nov. 29 - Dallas vs. Loyalsock - 7 p.m. - Millville vs. Central - 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 - Consolation Final - 7 p.m. - championship game - 8:30 p.m.



ONE FOR ONE--It may not have been a very picturesque exchange, but it helped Art Noss, right, of Mountaintop to a decision at 118 pounds over Clayton Little, of the Keystone Job Corps Center at the Luzerne Lions Club fights Saturday. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Brobst pleased with Mounts chances

The local high school basketball season opens this weekend when the Dallas Mountaineers coached by Clint Brobst play their first non-conference game at Berwick.

The Dallas cagers have been practicing for the past two weeks coming off a lengthy physical fitness program and Brobst is pleased with the results he has seen to date.

"It's tough to evaluate this early," said Brobst, "but I know we have an

excellent team. The kids have excellent shooting technique, they're fantastic on the foul line and their passing has been outstanding. They also have been working hard on polishing and rebounding.

"We are way ahead of last year and we will be trying for the top. It's a well-balanced league this year and GAR and Crestwood will be tough. Lake-Lehman will be in there as well. And Seton Catholic and West Side Tech are

expected to have good teams."

"We don't have the height Crestwood has but overall we are of average height."

Brobst has six starters returning from last year--seniors, Walt Weir, Scott Keller, Tim Brennan and Bob Besecker; and juniors Paul Jobson and Jim Thomas. Jobson and Thomas are forwards; co-captains Keller and Weir play low post point and Brennan, point guard. Besecker plays guard

position. Rounding out the first eight are senior Raef Fahmy and junior Paul Darling, playing outside positions.

Other possibilities for the Mountaineers are Andy Manusky, sophomore; Bill Allen, Brian Muldoon, Juan Smith and David Kerdesky, juniors.

Following their opening game with Berwick, the Mountaineers will enter the Central Columbia Tournament, Nov. 29 and Dec. 1. Sandwiched

between the two days, on Nov. 30 they will play Wyoming on the Mounts home floor. On Dec. 7, Dallas plays at Montrose then meets Nanticoke, away, on Dec. 11. Bishop O'Reilly will play the Mountaineers at Dallas, Dec. 14, to end the week.

DBO plans tourney

The Dallas Basketball Organization and Dallas School District this week invited area residents to attend the third Annual Ninth Grade Invitational Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament on Nov. 27 and Nov. 28 at the Dallas Junior High School gymnasium.

The tournament will open Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. with Nanticoke Junior High School meeting Wyoming Area Junior High School. And at 8 p.m. Dallas Junior High School will play Martin Mattei Junior High School (Pittston).

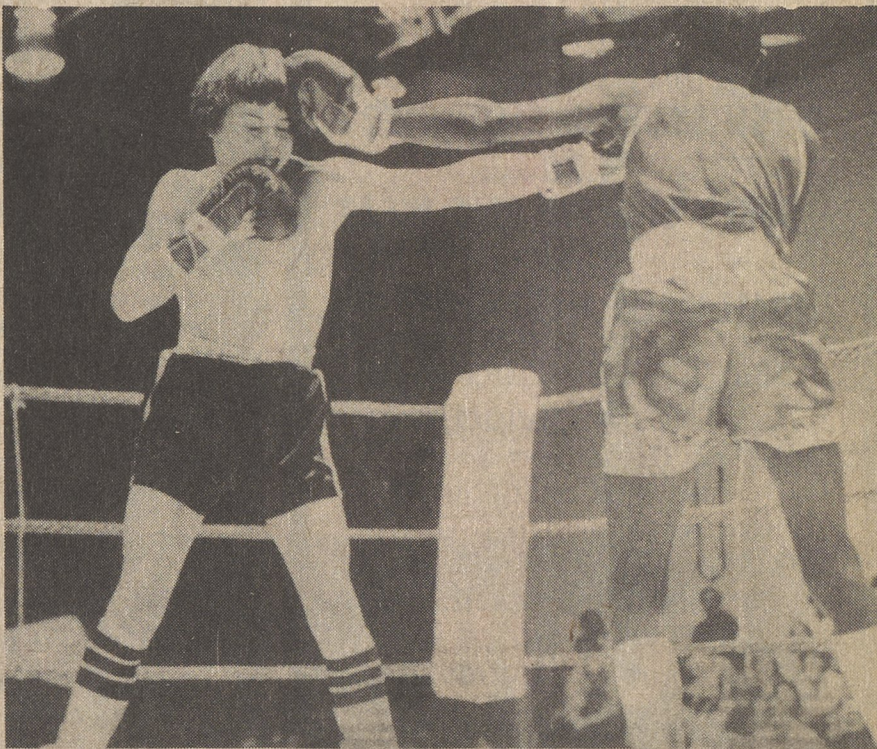
On Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 6:30 p.m. a consolation game will be played between the losing teams from Wednesday's contest and the championship game will be played between the winning teams at 8 p.m.

The tournament is P.I.A.A.-sanctioned and all P.I.A.A. rules will be enforced. Officials will be arranged for by Gerald Stinson, Dallas athletic director.

Awards will include a championship trophy, runner-up trophy, spirit trophy and most valuable player trophy. Questions concerning the tournament may be referred to Paul Jobson 675-1305.

Wrestlers to meet

Back Mountain Wrestling Club will meet Sunday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m., at the Dallas American Legion.



NOT LOOKING--Ricky Yenines, left, seems to be keeping his eyes closed as he exchanges jabs with Keystone Job Corps Center's Tony Williamson in their 118-pound bout. Ricky, from Plymouth, lost the decision. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Bearde's Knights to open Nov. 30th

Lake-Lehman Knights will open their 1979-80 basketball season Nov. 30, under their new coach Roger Bearde, when they meet Tunkhannock on the Tigers Court.

"With only two starters returning from last season, I haven't selected a full team," said Bearde. "Senior Ed Lozo,

returning letterman, will definitely start and so will junior Dave Penkrot, returning letterman.

"Mike DeCesaris saw a lot of action last season but most of the others were javee players. I have a lot of good kids out and they're coachable."

Bearde said that he had six seniors--Lozo, Joe

Dylewski, Randy Barski, Tom Boyle, Jim Michaels and Bruce Fleeger; five sophomores--Dave Penkrot, Mike DeCesaris, John Miliuskas, Bill Jones, Roger Bearde; and one sophomore, Joe Kishkill.

"We have 11 exhibition games," said Bearde, "and 10 of them are on the

road, six of these in tournaments. I'd like to have more games at home and fewer in tournaments but that will have to come another season.

"GAR, Crestwood and Dallas are rated tough. They have most of their players returning. GAR and Crestwood are fast and Dallas has a lot of talent.

"Our problem is having only two starters returning and Lozo is going to have to take a lot of the responsibility. Miliuskas and Bearde will probably see a lot of action.

"We're slower than some. Boyle is fast but the others are slower. Our height is balanced--Penkrot is 6'4", DeCesaris 6'2", and Miliuskas 6'3 1/2", but we need more muscle.

"I'm not as familiar with the league as most coaches. I've seen the teams play in the past but I haven't been in a lot of gyms. Scouting is going to be important for me.

"It's not only a year of adjusting for the kids but one for me as well. It will be a lot like our football season this year--new faces, new places."

Tell me with whom thou art found, and I will tell thee who thou art. -- Goethe.

Jayne named top fighter

Mark Jayne of Plymouth took the "Outstanding Fighter" award on the strength of a decision over Willie Powell of the Keystone Job Corps Center in Saturday's Luzerne Lions Club boxing show at the West Side Vo-Tech gym in Pringle.

The fast-developing west side boxer joined several other locals in victory. Luzerne's heavyweight Billy Bevan decided Ray Stenrich

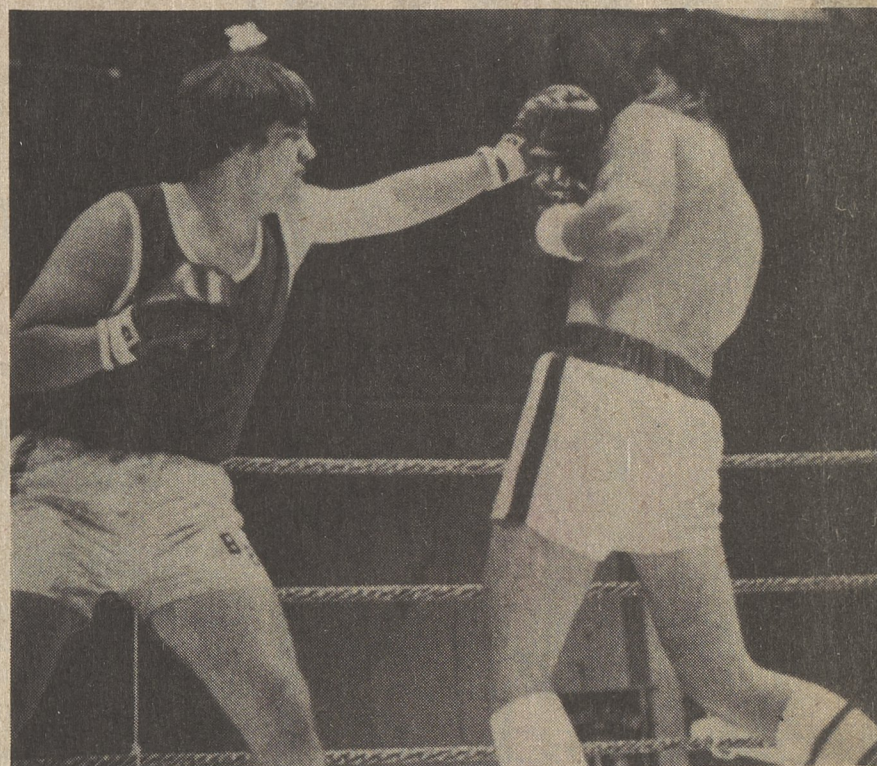
of Ricketts Glen; Mike Horvath of Edwardsville, fighting out of the Tobin Lane Gym, decided Keystone's Maurice Thomas at 156 pounds; and Art Noss of Mountaintop at 100 pounds decided Clayton Little of Keystone.

Two locals went down to defeat, as Plymouth's Ricky Yenines of the Tobin Lane Gym fell to Keystone's Tony Williamson on a decision at 118 pounds, and Larry

Socci of Mountaintop suffered a TKO at the hands of Richard Snead of Keystone in the 147-pound class.

In other action, Quint Neally of Keystone decided Billy Price of Carbondale at 135 pounds, while Jeff Tynedyll of Benton won by a TKO over Keystone's Anthony Jaeies in the 175-pound class.

The show was the fourth of the year to be sponsored by the Luzerne Lions.



BEVAN DOES IT AGAIN--Luzerne heavyweight Billy Bevan, left, tosses a jab as he outpoints Ray Stenrich in Saturday's Luzerne Lions Club fights. (Photo by Mark Moran)

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