

Sports

Lake-Lehman plays 'best' of season to beat Dallas, 65-63

by Charlot Denmon

"Both teams played the game to the hilt—not one second did any of the

players appear to let up during the game," said Knight Coach Rodger Bearde referring to his Knights' 65-63 over the

strong Dallas team. "Our team had a good week—they played well defensively this week and played with more in-

tensity. The kids came out aggressively in the first half and took an early lead. "They cut down on their

turnovers, got more rebounds and played the best game they've played this season.

"We were leading 32-24 at the half but the Mountaineers came back very strong in the second half. Dallas played a fine game.

"I was particularly pleased with the fans. They were very enthusiastic but they were an orderly crowd. We had to turn people away. The gym was sold out at 6:30."

The win by Lake-Lehman over the previously undefeated (in regular season play) Dallas team and Seton Catholic's win over GAR throws the division into a five-team tie for first place. Dallas, G.A.R., Lake-Lehman, Seton Catholic and Wyoming Seminary have identical 2-1 records. Lake-Lehman was scheduled to play G.A.R. at home Tuesday night then play Hanover away on Friday night.

Dave Penkrot paced the Knights with 36 points, tossing in 16 from the field and making four of five from the foul line. Young Rodger Bearde connected for 12 points and Ed Lozo hit 11 to aid in the win. Mike DeCesaris dumped in four and Bruce Fleeger scored two.

The Knights opened the first quarter with a quick scoring rally which gave them an eight point margin at the half. Penkrot connected for 10 points in the quarter and Bearde put in six of his 12. The Knights outscored the Mounts 14-13 in the second period.

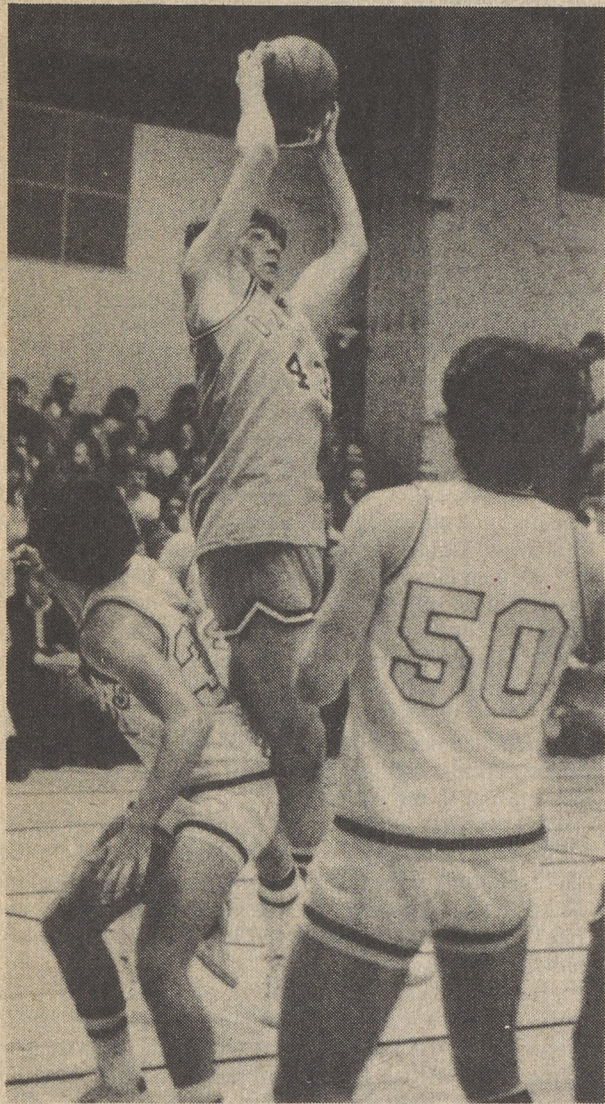
In the second half after the Dallas team went ahead, Penkrot brought the Knights to within one point of the Mountaineers. Rodger Bearde connected for a long shot to give the Knights the lead.

Exchange shots by both teams finally tied the score at 61-all. Then Penkrot hit two foul shots to put the Knights in front by two. Following a steal by Bearde the Knights stalled the ball with three minutes to play. Dallas fouled Lozo and picked up the ball on the rebound when Lozo missed a one-and-one.

With the score at 63-63, the Knights again stalled the ball. Then Bearde

came up with a key steal after missing on a foul try and hit the nets to give the

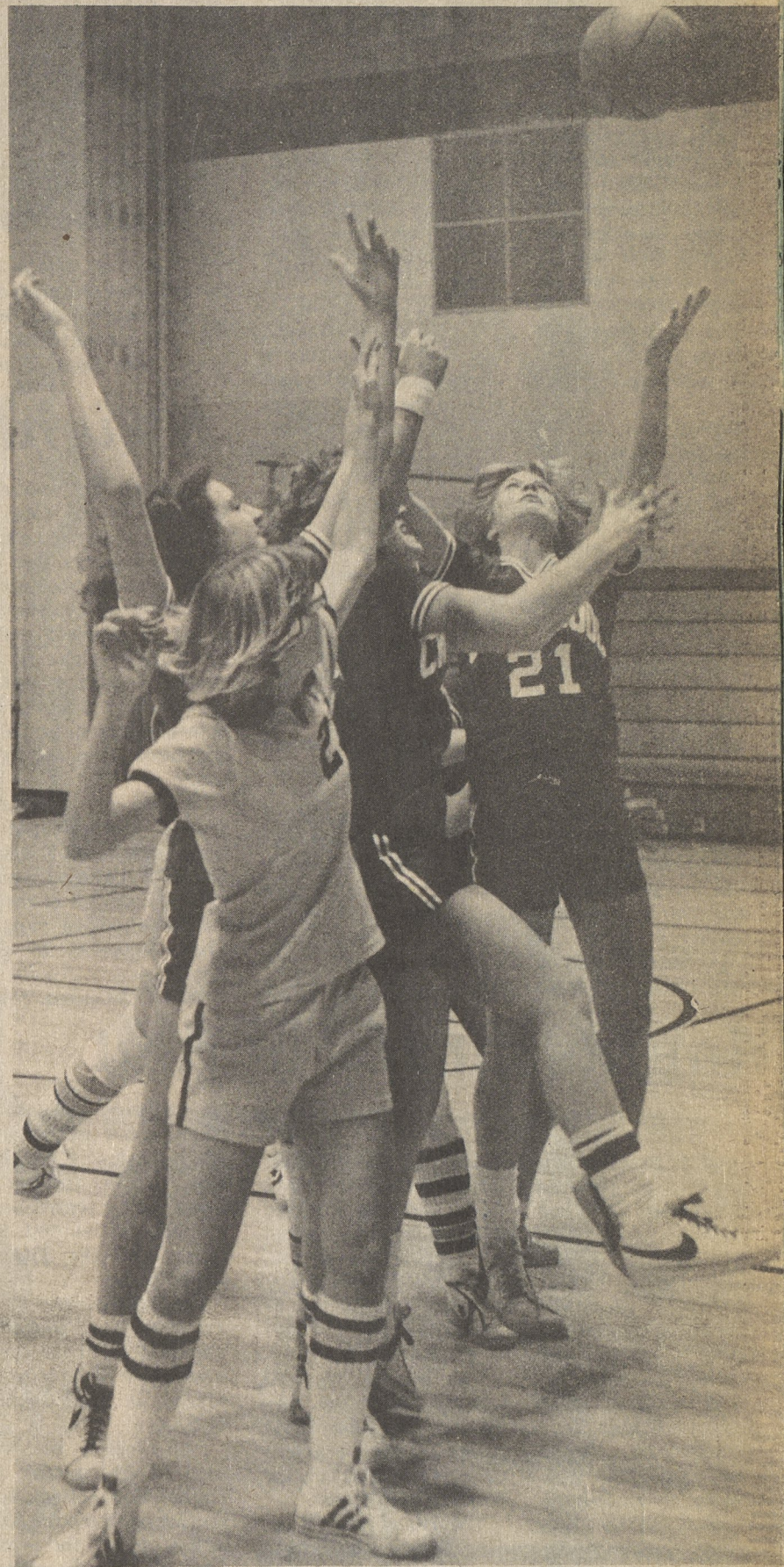
Knights their two point lead, 65-63, the final score of the game.



GRABS REBOUND—For Dallas Walt Weir (43) grabs a rebound off the defensive backboard. For Lake-Lehman, left is Ed Lozo and Bruce Fleeger (50). (Photo by Mark Moran)



UP THE MIDDLE—Dave Penkrot (34) drives up the middle for a lay up and two points. For Dallas Jim Thomas (13), Scott Keller (33) and Paul Jobson (25) look on. (Photo by Mark Moran)



GOING FOR THE REBOUND—Crestwood and Lake-Lehman girls go for the rebound with a determined effort by the Knights Donna Ide (23) and the Comettes Lynn Becher (21) in the Lake-Lehman-Crestwood game won by the Knights. (Photo by Mark Moran)

'Our rebounding was non-existent'

by Charlot Denmon

"It was an exciting game and the fans who were able to see it knew they were at a basketball game," said Dallas coach Clint Brobst talking about the Dallas-Lake-Lehman game which the Knights won by a slim 65-63 score.

"Some of our players were over-psyched for the game and started out cold. Our kids shot nine for 32 during the first half for 28 percent. They improved in the second half and shot 17 for 34 for 50 percent. For the entire game they shot 26 for 66 or 39 percent which is poor shooting for these Dallas kids.

"Our rebounding was practically non-existent. The players pulled down 20 percent of the defensive rebounds—about 67 percent is normal.

"The loss of Paul Jobson on fouls late in the game hurt us. He did a fantastic display of shooting in the third period.

"Lake-Lehman played exceptionally well. They out-muscled and out-fought us the first half.

"But even though we lost the game the great teamwork of our kids continued as four of them hit in the double figures.

"Their home court advantage and their enthusiastic crowd was a definite plus for the Knights. The crowd was enthusiastic and noisy but orderly.

"Our kids have some tough games ahead—they can't afford any more performances such as Friday night."

After controlling the game the first half, the Knights dropped behind in the third period when the Mounts Paul Jobson started the second half with a 25-foot shot that brought Dallas fans to life. Jobson continued to keep the fans on their feet with his superb shooting at one point hitting four straight from 20 feet out.

During the first half it was Jobson, Walt Weir and Jim Thomas who kept the Mounts in the game with their shooting.

Jobson and Scott Keller's shooting gave Dallas a 52-49 lead at the end of the third period.

In the beginning of the fourth quarter shots by both teams kept the fans on their feet. The lead changed at least 12 times in less than the first five minutes of the final period.

After Penkrot's shooting brought the Knights to within one point of Dallas, Bearde put them ahead with a 25-foot hit through the nets. Then Jobson exchanged shots with Penkrot and a basket by Thomas put the score at 61-all.

With Lehman taking the ball, they went into a stall until Bearde's hit put the Knights in front by two.

Dallas took control of the ball and Tim Brennan's try for a 25-foot shot with five seconds remaining glanced off the

rim giving the Knights the two-point edge. Jobson paced the Mounts with 27 points, Weir and Thomas had 14 and 12 while Keller collected 10 points.

The Mountaineers hit 11 for 16 from the foul stripe. The Knights made nine for 18 from the foul line.

Dallas was scheduled to meet Crestwood at home Tuesday night then travel to Seton Catholic Friday night.

"Two tough games," said Brobst. "We can't afford any cold shooting or low percentage on rebounds."

Schuler 'disappointed' after tough weekend

by Charlot Denmon

"I was disappointed that we didn't win—I thought some of our younger kids could have done better than they did, particularly in the Meyers meet.

"They looked better against Valley West Saturday night—but then I guess I have to consider their competition. Valley West wasn't as strong as Meyers in the lower weights," said Mountaineer mat coach Larry Schuler, referring to his team's 31-23 loss to Meyers and 27-17 defeat by Valley West.

"The kids don't have to be ashamed though, the point spread in the scores wasn't that bad—one or two bouts could have made the difference.

"Valley West has a better balanced team and it was a more exciting match. There were no pins for either team. We had five sophomores in our lineup and, overall, I'm pleased with the progress they are making.

"Saturday night, Jerry Ross, Edison Culver and Ed Yakabovicz saved us points by not being pinned. Scott Rosenberg is improving, he stayed off his back with Meyers' Jay Patterson and he decided the Spartans' Tom Genter.

"Jeff Sodrosky has been turning in some fine

performances and this past week Jim Gemberling has come out of his shell. He's been looking good. Andy Pinter, of course, is our mainstay—we always count on him to give us a win.

Against Meyers It was in the lower weights that Meyers went way out in front of the Dallas grapplers, taking the first six bouts to lead 27-0 before Andy Pinter took Meyers 138-lb. Mike Walsh 11-4 to give Dallas three points.

98-lb. Lee Miller took a major 10-1 decision from Mount Bill Rudick. Meyers' Joe Patterson clamped 105-lb. Henry Ross in 1:03 and 112-lb. Mohawk John Margorski turned up Edison Culver in 2:19. 119-lb. Vince Macri decisioned Dallas' Rick Rogers in a 6-2 bout and 126-lb. Bob Kuhl shut out Mount Nick Giordano 5-0. 132-lb. Jay Patterson, Meyers, took a superior 20-5 decision from Scott Rosenberg who stayed away from a pin.

Andy Pinter put the Mounts first three on the board by outwrestling Meyers 138-lb. Mike Walsh 11-4. 145-lb. Bob Eytet gave the Mounts six more by flattening Mohawk Ron Solomon in 2:36. Jim Gemberling moved the Mounts score to 12 by taking 155-lb. Bob Mericle 8-3 and 167-lb. sophomore Norm Bordley added five by taking a

superior 19-6 bout from Mike Woods.

With the score at 27-17, 185-lb. Scott Asby managed to take a 13-4 decision from young Ed Yakabovicz to give the Mohawks 31.

The Mounts heavyweight Jeff Sodrosky flattened Lamott Stiles in 2:43 but it was too late to overcome the Mohawks early lead.

Meeting the Spartans In Saturday night's meet with the Spartans, Bill Rudick put the Mounts on the board 3-0 by decisioning 98-lb. Bill Jones 9-5.

The Spartans came back in the 105-lb. bout with four points when

Scott Evans outwrestled Mount Jerry Ross 10-0. They moved to 8-3 on 112-lb. Tom Clemente's major 9-0 decision over Edison Culver.

Mount Rick Rogers wrestled to a 20-2 draw with 119-lb. Mike Barber to push the score to 10-5. The Spartans pulled ahead 13-5 when 126-lb. Tom Wright defeated Nick Giordano 3-1.

The next two bouts went to the Mountaineers to close the score to 13-11 as 132-lb. Scott Rosenberg decisioned Tom Genter 6-0 and 138-lb. Andy Pinter worked over Rick Stefanides to win 7-2.

145-lb. Leo Boutanas edged Mount Bob Eytet in

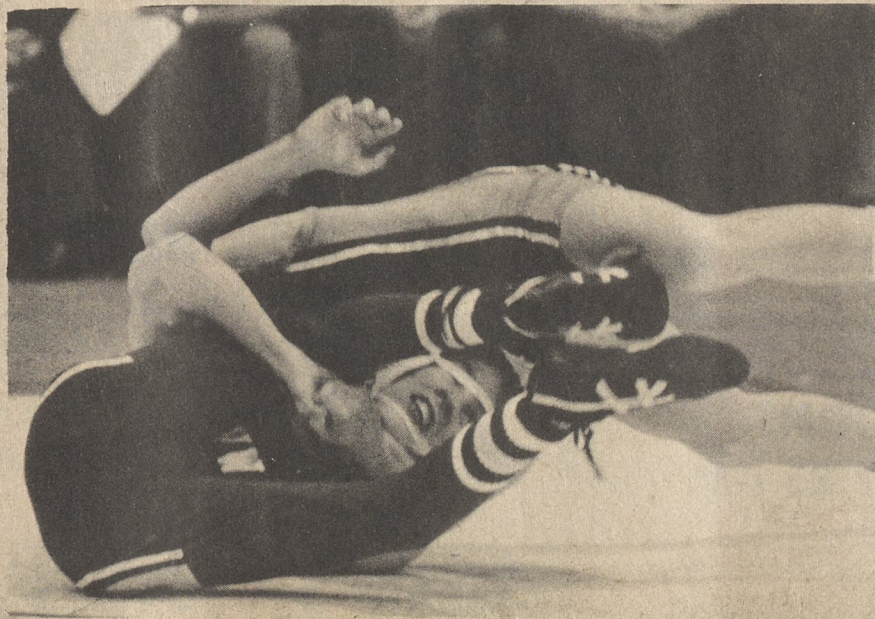
a close 5-4 bout to push the Spartans to 16-11.

In a well-wrestled bout Mount Jim Gemberling took 155-lb. Spartan Brian Andrew 9-5 to put the team score at 16-14.

The Mounts suffered a blow when 167-lb. Spartan Wayne VanSchoy picked up six points by default when Norm Bordley was injured in the bout and couldn't continue.

With the score 22-14, 185-lb. Frank Ratchford put the Spartans score at 27 by taking a superior 16-0 bout from Ed Yakabovicz.

Heavyweight Jeff Sodrosky gave the Mounts their final three points by taking Ed Vanyo, 6-3.



CRADLE HOLD—98-lb. Mountaineer Bill Rudick gets Spartan Bill Jones in a cradle hold and wrestles him tight to win his bout 9-5 to put the Mounts on the board first in Saturday night's meet with Valley West. (Photo by Mark Moran)

Dallas girls defeat Lake-Lehman, Tech

Dallas girls basketball team won two games during the past week, defeating Lake-Lehman girls, 35-17, Friday afternoon at home, and earlier in the week defeating West Side Tech 25-21.

Senior Renee Young came back in the lineup on Friday to spark the girls to a bigger win than previously.

Claire Cotter led in the scoring as the Lady Mounts played a balanced offense against the Lady Knights of Lake-Lehman.

Carole Kwasnik hit for seven points and Kim Kretchmer and Young connected for six points each in picking up the win. Heidi Anderson put in two goals from the court for four points.

Young and Kretchmer led the Dallas team in a good defensive effort.

Williams and Turner led the Knights with six

points each while Kowalski collected four points.

In a low scoring first half Dallas led 14-9 going into the locker room. The Dallas girls came out strong in the second half outscoring Lake-Lehman 11-4 in the third period and 10-4 in the final quarter.

On Wednesday afternoon the Dallas girls were unable to put a strong offense together without the services of senior Young.

Kim Kretchmer paced the Lady Mounts with 10 points, all of them from the field, in their 25-21 win. Claire Cotter and Kerrie Lehon each scored four points while Kim Reese, Colleen Leaf and L. Ernst scored two apiece to aid in the win.

Gruver with eight points and Geiser with seven led the West Side Tech girls.

Baseball's in the air

Baseball's in the air! A reorganization meeting of the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League will be held this evening at 7 at the Kunkle firehouse. All coaches, league officials, umpires, parents and others interested in Little League Baseball for youngsters of the various communities that com-

prised the league in previous years are asked to attend tonight's session.

Officers of the league are president, Richard Hislop; vice-president, Dori Zacharis; Beaumont; secretary, Mrs. Barbara Strazdus; Orange; treasurer, Donald Crispell, Nexen.