

Sports

Kavanaugh, Bonomo win regional titles

The Back Mountain schools had two PIAA Northeast Regional champions in the tournaments held at Bethlehem and Williamsport last weekend.

Sean Kavanaugh of Dallas took the 155-lb. class title in the Division AAA event while 112-lb. Rick Bonomo copped his class title in the Division AA tourney at Williamsport.

Jay Patterson of Meyers and Dave Banashefski of Coughlin also emerged as first place winners in the Division AAA tourney while Bonomo was the only District 2 winner in the Division AA event.

A total of 12 wrestlers will go to states at Hershey this weekend with four in Division AAA and eight in Division AA. In the AAA's the top three in each weight class move on to states while in the AA's the top four go on.

Coughlin's Lou bocci placed third to join Kavanaugh, Patterson and Banashefski while Crestwood's Darrel Clayton, Knight Mike Leskowsky, and GAR's Vic Brasby copped third place spots to move on to the states. Taking fourth place wins to move to the states in the AA's were Lake-Lehman's Kevin Bonham, Joe Parsons 126, and Bernie Janusz 138; and GAR's Bill Dupak 185.

Kavanaugh picked up his first win in the quarterfinals by clamping Rich Lister of William Allen in 2:43. He advanced to the semi-finals where he defeated District 11's runnerup V. Fugaczatto 9-7, then won the title on a default in the third period by Brian Callahan of Bethlehem Liberty. Kavanaugh was leading 15-1 over the District 11 champ when Callahan couldn't resume wrestling at the end of the injury count.

Pinter won easily in the quarterfinals by decisioning William Allen's 132-lb. Don Schleiker 7-2 but lost 7-5 in the semi-finals when G. Auman of Shikellamy got two points in the closing seconds of the third period. In the semi-consolations Pinter took a 10-6 bout with John Richter of West Scranton but lost to Schleiker by a 6-5 margin in the final consolations to place fourth.

Sodrosky lost in the quarterfinals to R. Israel of Saucon Valley 3-0. Israel went on to take the title in the heavyweight division. In the semi-consolations Sodrosky defeated Ed Wagner of Northampton 7-1 then lost in the final consolations to Coughlin's Ron Solt by a 4-1 score.

Lake-Lehman's 112-lb. Rick Bonomo clamped

Rich Riley of Danville in 1:16 in the quarterfinals to advance to the semi-finals where he defeated Troy's J. Robeson. He won the title by taking a 6-4 decision over tough Mike Bigger of Hughesville.

Other Knight wrestlers moving to states were Kevin Bonham who decisioned 105-lb. Delaware Valley's Bobby Darin 5-0, lost in the semi-finals to Jim August of Columbia Montour Tech, then gave up a 2-0 decision in the final consolations to Chuck Carey of Montgomery.

126-lb. Joe Parsons defeated John sorber of Montoursville 4-2 in the opening round then lost to Danville's Whit Gibson and in the final consolations lost a close 5-4 bout to Lear Eagle of South Williamsport.

Bernie Janusz lost 8-4 in the quarterfinals then won in the wrestle backs to move into the final consolation where he was

defeated 8-1 by 138-lb. Mike Cammer of Sullivan County.

Heavyweight Mike Leskowsky goes to states as a third place finisher by pinning George bush of Lackawanna Trail in 37 seconds, losing in the semi-consolations but coming back to take the final consolations by decisioning Bruce Mowery 6-1 in overtime.

State competitions begins Thursday, March 13, at 9 a.m. with AA preliminaries. The AAA preliminaries are at 2 p.m. that afternoon. AA quarterfinals are 7 p.m. Thursday.

AAA quarterfinals are scheduled for Friday at 10 a.m. followed by the AA semi-finals at 2 p.m. and the AAA semi-finals at 7 p.m.

AA consolations are at 9 a.m. Saturday followed by the finals at 10 a.m.

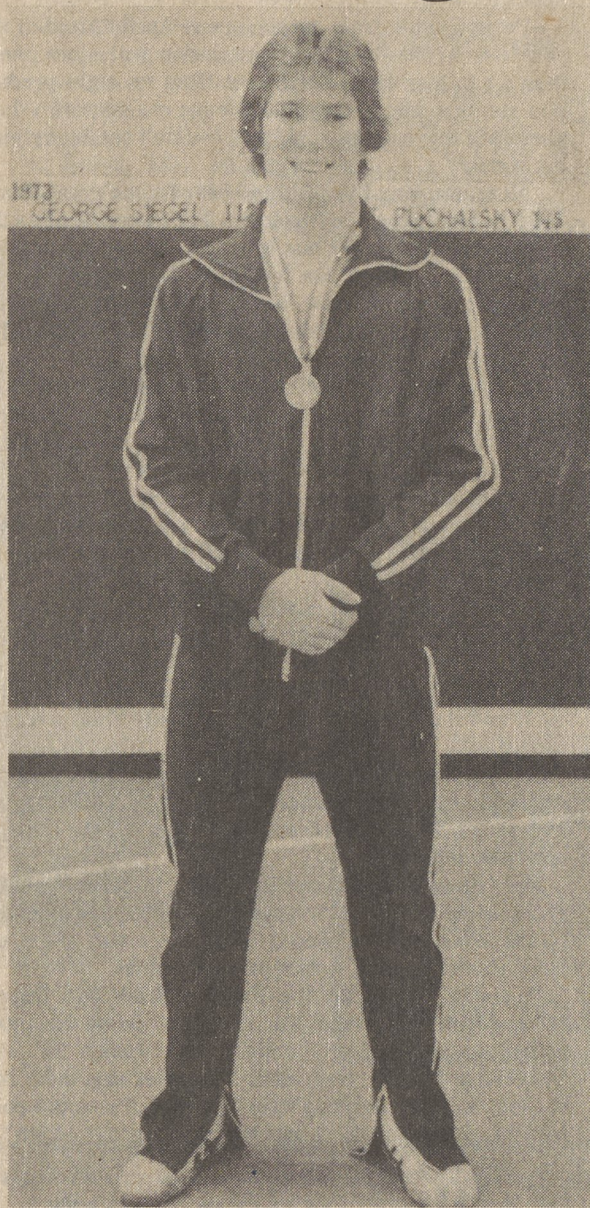
AAA consolations are at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, followed by the finals at 2:30 p.m.

Dallas students plan donkey basketball

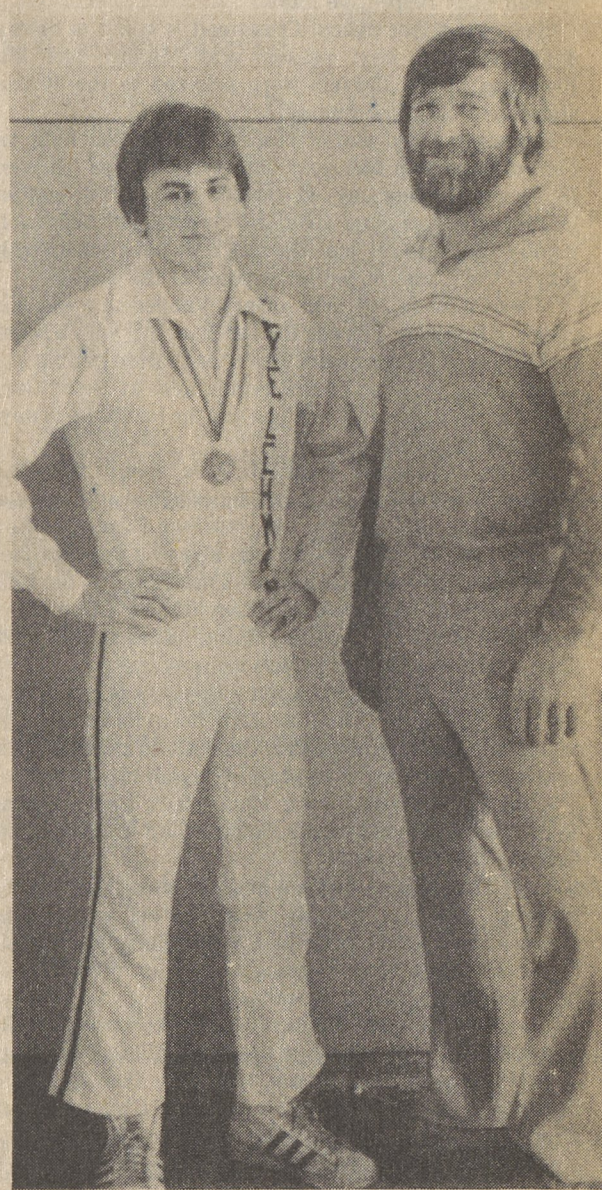
Dallas Senior High faculty will compete against the Dallas Junior High faculty in the donkey basketball game, Saturday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. at the senior high school gym. The game is sponsored by the

sophomore class.

Advance tickets may be purchased at Dallas Senior High, Dallas Junior High Student Council, from sophomore class officers or from Arno Miller, sophomore class advisor.

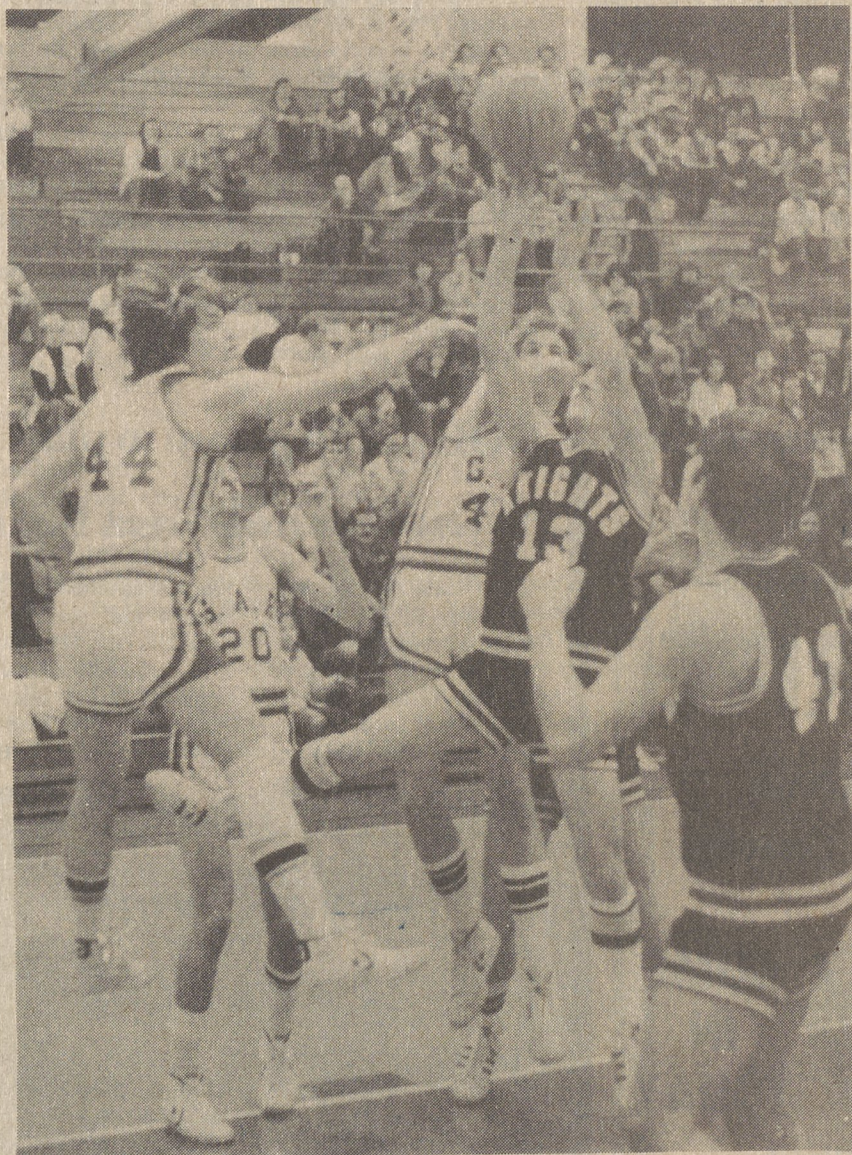


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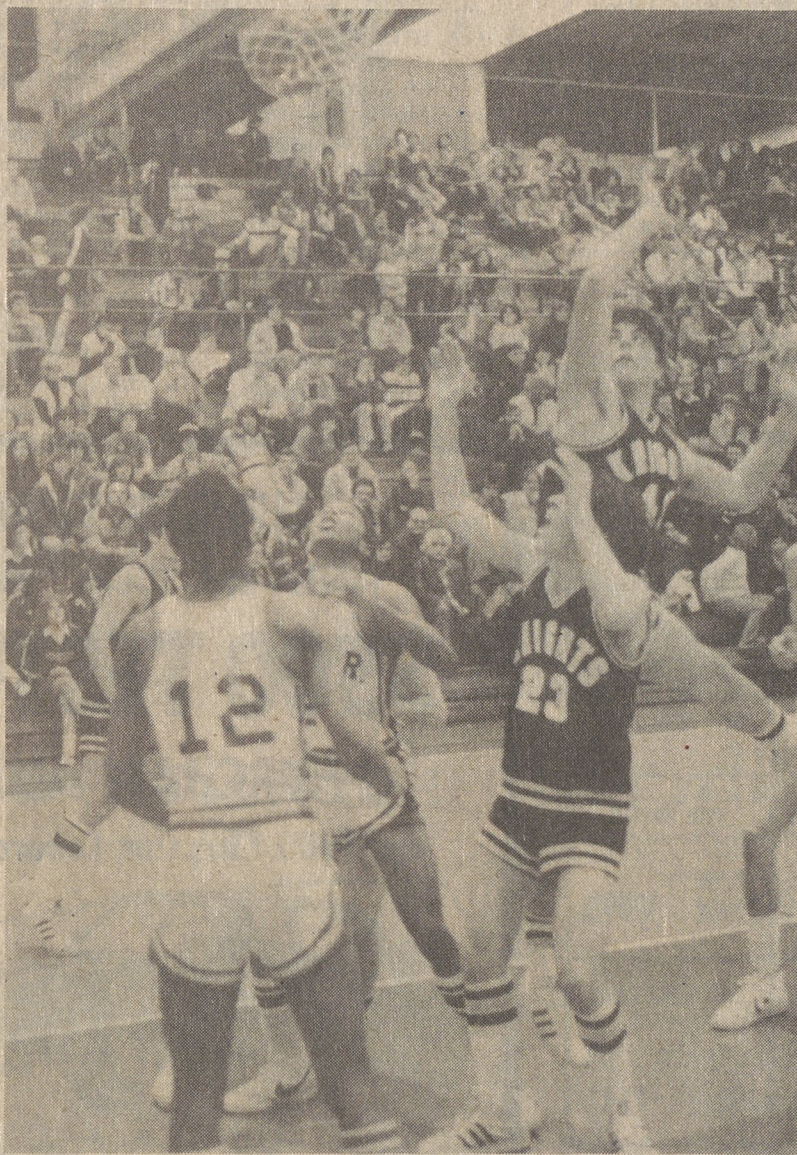


Ricky Bonomo and Coach Shorty Hitchcock

Black Knights out of district playoffs 62-40



TWO POINTS—Black Knight Rodger Bearde (13) goes up and puts the ball through the nets for two points in the Knights game with GAR last week in the District 2 semi-finals. Trying to block the shot is Grenadier DeMichele (44) while Lake-Lehman's Mike DeCesaris (41) comes in to go for the rebound. (Photo by Mark Moran)



GOING FOR THE REBOUND—Going for the rebound after the Grenadiers scored two points are Knights Randy Barski (23) and Mike DeCesaris (41) in the Lake-Lehman and GAR game last week at King's College gym. (Photo by Mark Moran)

by Charlot Denmon

The Knights were down by only two points with less than two minutes to play but GAR made points at the foul line to widen the distance.

In the second quarter GAR increased the lead to 36-18 at halftime with brilliant play by Barry Francisco, Brett Taylor and Bob Macri.

In the third quarter the Knights held the Grenadiers scoreless while they narrowed the lead to 10 points by taking advantage of GAR turnovers and missed shots.

The Grenadiers regained their composure and Francisco led his teammates to the win in the fourth quarter by piling up points. He paced GAR's 62-40 win with 15 points. Ed DeMichele netted 14 and Howie Walker hit the double figures with 11.

Ed Lozo led the Knights with 12 points with Dave Penkrot collecting 10.

"We're losing some good seniors," said Bearde. "Next season we will have to look to the younger kids to replace them."

GAR used the same press they used throughout the season which brought them into the playoffs.

"They were ready for us and must have scouted us well. Their game plan was to keep us away from taking the second shot while they crashed the boards. We did well the first quarter and were down only five points at the end of the first period. But in the second quarter the GAR defense dominated.

"We were 0-7 from the foul line the first half which also hurt us. The kids put on a short rally in the third period but we were too far behind.

"There's no doubt about it, GAR played an outstanding game. They outplayed us defensively and on the offense."

Tumble jets defeat Carbondale teams

The Wilkes-Barré YWCA gymnastic team, the Tumblejets, defeated Carbondale YMCA "A" team, 134 to 88, and the "B" team, 102 to 86, in competition March 2. Winners were as follows: "B" Team 11 and under

Lynn Dougherty first all around, first bars, second vault, second floor. Heather Hoffman, second all around, first floor, second bars. Jennifer Zujus third all around, second beam. Tammy Fostack first beam, third

floor, third bars. Colleen Nilon third bars. 12 and up Becky Carsman first all around, first bars, first vault, first floor, first beam. Mara Peterenchak, second all around, second beam, second floor, third bars. Carolyn

Kenzakoski second bars. Tracy McGowan third floor. "A" Team 11 and under Michelle Kirchner first all around, first beam, first floor, third bars, third vault. Elyse Oswald, second all around, first

vault, second bars, second floor, second beam. Kelli Parker third all around, second vault. Kim Masters first bars, third beam. Tracy Radnovitch third floor.

12 and up Beth Newell first all around, first bars, first floor, first vault, second beam. Lisa Servanak second all around, first beam, third bars, third floor, third vault. Darla Goulstone third all around, second bars, second floor, second vault, third beam.

Robin Geskey also competed on the "A" team.

Back Mt. club hosts AAU mat tourney

The AAU Junior Olympic Qualifying Wrestling tournament sponsored by the Back Mountain Wrestling Club, will be held March 21 and March 22 at West Side Vo-Tech High School.

The tournament will be divided into six age groups: Elite, born in 1962 and 1963; Advanced, 1964

and 1965; Intermediate, 1966 and 1967; Junior, 1968 and 1969; Midget, 1970 and 1971; and Bantam, 1972 and later. Wrestlers residing in Luzerne, Lackawanna, Pike and Wayne counties are eligible to enter.

The Elite division will wrestle Friday night after weigh-ins which will be

from 5 to 7 p.m. All other divisions may weigh-in either Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. or Saturday from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Awards will be given to the top four finishers in each weight class. First and second place winners will advance to the regional tournament at Tunkhannock, March 28

and 29. The two top men from that tournament will go to the MA-AAU championships in Lewistown, April 11 and April 12.

Applications can be obtained by contacting tournament directors Bob Hislop 696-1212 or Tom Bagley 675-5969.

All-Stars struggle but retain top spot in volleyball

The Dallas Post All-Stars managed to hang on to the leadership in the Wilkes-Barre YMCA Volleyball League in action Sunday.

The Post defeated Brandt's team (formerly Eastside Rotary) two games to one, even though Post mainstays Gerald Schultz of Dallas and Isin Tuplo of Istanbul, Turkey, did not play.

Hardhitters Bob Anthony and Fred Alcaro were absent due to personal conflicts and only three of the regular All-Stars were on hand for the games.

The Dallas team won the first game after moving to an early lead and hanging on, then lost the second game by a wide margin. In the finale, Dallas trailed 8-6 at the halfway point, fought back to tie at 12-12 and finally scored the last three points to win.

In other league activity, Nanticoke Alfa-Jacks continued in the runner-up slot with a 6-3 record after defeating the Tunkhannock Spikers two games to one.

The Wyoming Valley West Elks swept a three-game series from the

YMCA's house team in the other matchup. Standings after Sunday competition were as follows:

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| Dallas Post | 7-2 |
| Nanticoke | 6-3 |
| WVW Elks | 5-4 |
| T'hannock | 4-5 |
| Brandt's | 3-6 |
| WB YMCA | 2-7 |

This coming Sunday, Tunkhannock meets Wyoming Valley West Elks in the opener at 1 p.m. Brandt's team meets Nanticoke Alfa-Jacks at 2 p.m. and Dallas Post takes on the YMCA at 3 p.m.