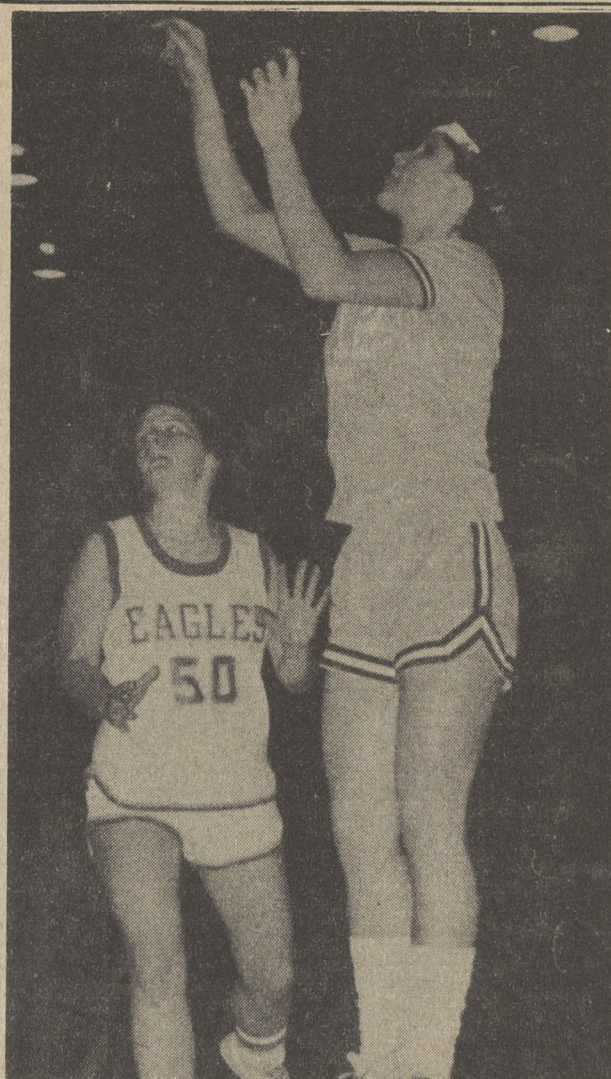


Sports

Walsh Leads Lady Mounts in Playoff Action



UP FOR TWO—Dallas sharpshooter Kathy Walsh, 12, goes up for two of her game-high 27 points during last week's game against Scranton Central. Dallas won the game, 49-48 and continues in the girl's loop playoffs. (Bob Torba Photo)

"We were disappointed we didn't win but it was one of the finest games I've ever seen played," said Dallas Coach Kit Karuza following his Dallas team's 67-65 loss to Nanticoke in overtime.

The Lady Mounts met Nanticoke last Friday night at the Pittston Area gym for the District 2 Class AAA title.

Excellent outside shooting by Dallas' Kathy Walsh and the Trojans Ruth Maley, outstanding rebounding by Lady Mounts Cheryl Gavigan and Judy Krispin and Nanticoke's Pientka and Greco thrilled the crowd.

"There was an all-out team effort by both squads," said Karuza. "It was a meeting of two good teams. We defeated them previously and they edged us this time. If we meet again, neither team would go in believing they would lose. Either team would know they could win."

"Our girls did a nice job off the boards and played good defense. It was the

third quarter that was the key, if anything was. We were down by five with only two minutes remaining in the game but the girls didn't give up. We took a time out, told them what had to be done and they did it.

"Kathy Walsh has been playing the best she has all season during the past four games. Krispin and Gavigan have been a great one-two combination on rebounding. I believe I'm safe in saying they are the best in the league. Theresa Baseski has been doing a great job on defense as has Sheri Ciccarelli.

"We were picked up on a technicality with only 16 seconds remaining in overtime. It was a five second call, a close call, I thought. It surprised me. Of course if the call had not been made there is no guarantee that we would have put the ball in the basket."

Dallas led 37-28 at the half but in the third period the Trojans used a full court press and rallied to

outscore the Lady Mounts 22-12. Dallas outscored the Trojans in the final period and the regular game time ended in a 63-63 tie.

With only 47 seconds left in overtime, Gavigan knotted the game at 65-65 with a bank shot. Dallas regained possession and was holding the ball to run down the clock when they were called on the five second technicality. With five seconds on the clock Maley made a goal to give the Trojans the 67-65 led.

Walsh threw a 20-foot which rimmed the basket as the buzzer sounded.

Walsh hit a game high 30 points. Gavigan followed with 18.

The Dallas girls advanced to play Nanticoke when they defeated Scranton Central 49-48 Wednesday night at Riverside High School.

Walsh scored 27 points in that game to pace Dallas to the win. They led 30-20 at halftime but the Central girls came on strong in the second half to come within one point

of the Lady Mounts.

"At one time a 10 point lead was enough to win without any trouble," said Karuza, "But not any more. The girls are playing a different type game and for the most part the teams are well-balanced. Another factor is that the coaches are now changing their style according to their talent. They no longer use a set pattern."

"Our girls got shaky for a while in the Central game but once they settled down they did alright. Krispin and Gavigan did a great job on the boards when it was needed and they held Central's McHale away from the boards. Our girls are playing better with each game."

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teams could meet again for the state title.

This year's team is the

first Dallas team to advance this far in the playoff competition.

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Six Local Grapplers Advance to State Meets

In the regional Class AA competition at King's College and the Class AAA competition at Liberty High School, Bethlehem, six local matmen qualified for states.

Five Lake-Lehman wrestlers qualified for Class AA and one Dallas matman qualified for Class AAA of the PIAA State Championships at Hershey Park Arena, Hershey, this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Lake-Lehman's Tracey Slocum tied a state record for most career wins with 131, despite losing 11-5 to Sayre's Frank Durizch in the AA consolations. Other qualifiers from Lake-Lehman, who will compete in Class AA, are 98-lb. Jeff Austin, who lost 2-1 to Montoursville's Pat Lutz, 112-lb. Rusty Coolbaugh, losing 7-4 to Athens Dave Kennedy; 132-lb. Wayne Rosencrans losing 6-3 to Mifflinburg's Kurt Rudy and 138-lb. Quentin Walczak, who lost 11-2 to Mike Davis of Liberty.

The top four wrestlers in Class AA advance to the state competition.

In Class AAA only the top three wrestlers ad-

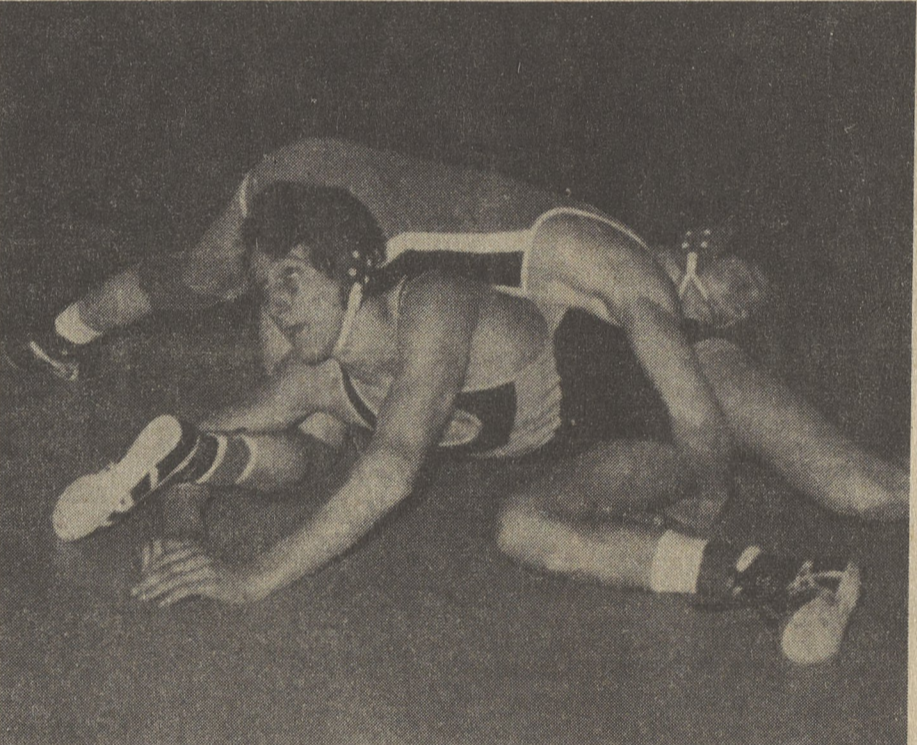
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145-lb. Craig Rome lost in the consolation finals in a heartbreaking bout. The regular bout time ended 1-

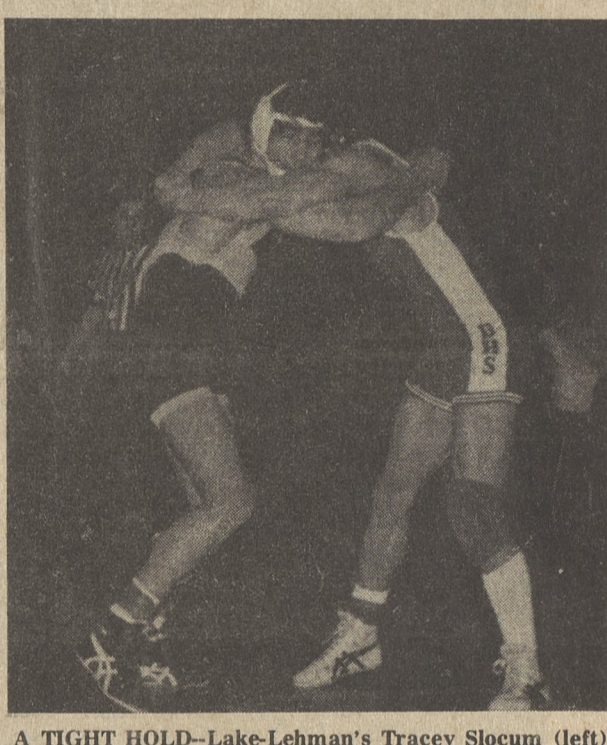
1 and went into overtime where the score ended 0-0. Rome lost the bout on a criteria decision made by the regional competition officials.

Hwt. Greg Dukinas will go into states after defeating Duke Pennycross of Jersey Shore 6-4 in the consolation finals. Dukinas lost in the

semi-finals 10-7 to Tony Lucci of Whitehall, who won the regional title in the heavyweight class by clamping Paul Kelley of Shamokin in 5:59.



GET ME OUT OF HERE—At 132, Wayne Rosencrans of Lake-Lehman tries to escape the hold of Benton's Kirby Smith. The Back Mountain grappler went on to win the match via an 11-2 decision. (Mark Moran Photo)



A TIGHT HOLD—Lake-Lehman's Tracey Slocum (left) keeps a tight hold on Bloomsburg's Dave McCormick during their match at last weekend's Regional competitions. Slocum took the bout, 5-1. (Mark Moran Photo)

Dog Wardens Are Out Checking For Licenses

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Regional Dog Law Supervisor, Eugene Dziak and Luzerne County Dog Warden Ray Grivner have jointly announced that state dog wardens from a 10 county area will

be conducting a door to door check for unlicensed dogs during the month of March in Luzerne County. This will be our initial step to crackdown on owners of all unlicensed dogs." Dziak continued, "The law states that all

dogs over 6 months of age must be licensed and kept under control by its owner. It's our job to enforce that law. Besides that, having a license is a means of identifying your pet should it stray. It shows you care for your

dog," he said. The new Pennsylvania Dog Law recently enacted provides for licensing fees of \$5 for productive dogs and \$3 for spayed or neutered animals. Senior citizens who apply in person must pay only

\$2.75 for productive dogs and \$1.75 for those spayed or neutered.

Owners of guide dogs, hearing dogs, or other aid dogs are not subject to license fees but their animals must be licensed.

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