Sports



Lady Mounts

Members of the Dallas High School Girls Basketball Team who recently won the Tunkhannock Tournament are shown here. From left, kneeling, Leslie Billman, Jill Radzinski, Jennifer Parduski, Amy Aston, Karen Wall. Standing, Sheri Ciccarelli, Kim Rollman, Karen Vloedman, Kim Rinehimer, Sherri Longenecker, and Denise Sitkowski. Absent from photo. Cheryl Gavigan.

Dallas girls start right; win first tournament

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Dallas High School girls' basketball got off to a good start by winning the Tunkhannock Tournament the weekend of Dec. 2 and 3. With only three lettermen returning from last season, the girls defeated Montrose, 43-30, in the first round, then went on to take the tournament by taking Tunkhannock, 39-26. Two of the Lady Mountaineers, Cheryl Gavigan and Sheri Ciccarelli, were named to the tournament All-Star team.

The game with Montrose was not the runaway the score indicates. The Meteors were leading by one point in the fourth quarter before Dallas took a timeout to make changes and rallied to score 14 points

The Meteors took two remaining timeouts in the third quarter and went into the final period with no timeouts left, giving them little opportunity to change their tactics

In the Tunkhannock game, the Dallas girls proved they were able to adjust to changes. After a timeout, they broke the Tigers full court press in the first half and broke out of their trap. With the Tigers keeping the ball away from Gavigan, she went to the back and Leslie Billman came up to take over. The Mountaineers played excellent defense against the Tigers' consistent offense pattern.

Gavigan, Ciccarelli, and Billman are the three lettermen returning from last season. These girls, along with juniors, Amy Aston and Kim Rollman, will probably be the starting five for the opening games of the exhibition season. Karen Vloedman, Jill Radzinski and Kim Rinehimer also will see a lot of action.

This year's Dallas team is a young team with very little experience but Coach Kit Karuza, assisted by

Michele Kravitsky, is confident that as the exhibition season progresses the girls will provide them with both experience and confidence.

The girls probably will make mistakes in the beginning, but they are a coachable group and will improve with each game. As they gain experience, Karuza is optimistic that they will achieve the consistency needed to win games.

Their exhibition schedule includes some tough teams such as Bishop O'Hara, Carbondale, Nanticoke, the Benton Tournament and the CYC Tournament with Bishop Hoban, Meyers and Coughlin.

In a game with Elk Lake, Dallas lost, but Karuza scheduled that particular game to give the girls an opportunity to play in competition before a large,

The Mountaineers will open league play on Jan. 3 at Meyers and then travel to Seton Catholic on Jan. 6.

The league is well-balanced this year with experienced teams, but Dallas girls are counting on their strong offense with Gavigan and Ciccarelli. An added plus factor this season is Assistant Coach Kravitsky who is teaching the girls the press and helping them improve their shooting.

Although the team is young, they are excellent athletes and highly skilled in keeping a team competi-

Their coach is optimistic about their ability to learn quickly and toadapt successfully to changes.

These girls are very competitive and many of them have come off a successful field hockey season, therefore anxious to continue their winning streak,' Karuza said. "We'll take some bumps, but I'm confident we will have a winning season.

"Dallas girls have a long record of being competitive in all of their athletic programs. These girls are no different.

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Thomas leads Dallas victory

Mountaineers traveled to Montrose the charity stripe and tossing five last Thursday where they defeated hits through the nets from the field. the Meteors, 74-51, behind the efforts of Dave Thomas.

Thomas poured in 30 points in leading the Mountaineers to their fourth win. He collected 16 points in the second quarter when the Dallas cagers added up 28 points to take a 46-35 win into the lockerroom at halftime. Thomas put 14 goals through the nets from the field and went two-for-four from the foul line, collecting 26 of his points in the first half of the contest

Ed Gorey chalked up 12 points

The Mountaineers played outstanding defense against the Meteors and held their opponents' top scorer to 10 points while two others hit 10 each. They went eight-for-13 from the free line while the Meteors hit only five-for-14.

It also was Thomas and Gorey earlier in the week as they combined for 42 points to edge Central Columbia 59-56 at home. Thomas put in 18 points and Gorey tossed in 24 for the Mountaineers.

Dallas trailed 32-29 at the half but

to outscore Central Columbia 24-13 and take an eight point lead. The Columbia team cooled off the Mountaineers in the final period outscoring them 11-6 but time ran out

before they could go ahead. Gorey tossed the ball through the hoop 12 times from the field and went 0-2 from the foul line but Thomas hit six-for-eight from the line and put the ball through the net six times from the field for his 18

The two wins gave Dallas a 4-2 pre-season record.

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Coach Rodger Bearde's Lake-Lehman cagers downed Tunkhannock 48-39 Thursday night on the Tigers floor to run the Knights record to 5-0 in pre-season play.

Paced by Bill Bearde's 15 points the Knights jumped to a first quarter 20-6 lead and stayed in front for the entire game. They were outscored by the Tigers 10-7 and 12-4 in the second and third quarters but rallied in the final period to pour in 17 points to their opponents 11 to win by a nine-point margin.

Scott Drugotch pumped in 12

points to finish in the double figures for the Knights.

Earlier in the week, the Knights took a 59-52 win from the Wyoming Warriors for their fourth victory of the season.

Four of Coach Bearde's cagers hit the double figures with Bearde and Drugotch collecting 13 points each. Ray Iwanowski hit for 11 and Tom Kukosky dumped in 10.

Bearde put in five goals from the field and hit three-for-four from the foul line. Drugotch put six through the net from the field and went one

for-two from the free stripe.

Iwanowski put four through the nets from the field and dumped in three-for-four from the free stripe while Kukosky keyed in on four from the field and hit two-for-six from the foul line.

Lake-Lehman freshmen took on the Warriors ninth grade team and edged them out 38-35 sparked by Chris Landmesser who tossed in 12 points for the young Black Knights.

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Coach Joe Martini's Lady Knights won two games last week, trouncing Wyoming Area, 79-14, and downing Northwest, 72-29, while Coach Kit Karuza's girls went down to defeat, 48-44, to Elk Lake.

Lake-Lehman girls had five play ers in the double figure column in the Wyoming game paced by Rhonda Hudzik's 15 points. Kim Fey tossed in 14, Jill Solinski and Gail Austin dumped in 12 each and Sandy Dicton netted 11.

The Lady Knights outscored Wyoming Area 15-2 in the first quarter and 25-6 in the second period to lead 40-8 at the half. The Knights continued to pour it on in the third period, scoring 26 points to the Lady Warriors two and tossed in 13 points against their opponents four in the final quarter.

Hudzik put in seven goals from the field and hit one-for-two from the foul line. Fey netted six shots from the field and had a perfect two-for-two from the charity stripe. Solinski hit the nets for five twopoint goals and dumped in two-fortwo from the free line. Austin tossed her 12 points through the nets and Dicton keyed in five shots through the nets from the field and hit onefor-two from the line.

In the Northwest game, Hudzik led with 19 points and Fey put in 16 for the Lady Knights to lead Lake-Lehman to a 32-8 lead at halftime.

The Lake-Lehman girls jumped out to a 16-4 first period lead and hit the identical score the second quarter for the 32-8 lead.

Hudzik tossed in eight goals from the field and went three-for-four from the line. Fey put in six from the field and had four-for-five from the foul line.

Dallas girls outscored Elk Lake by a narrow 13-12 margin in the first period but fell behind in the had a perfect two-for-two from the second and third periods when they foul line. wereoutscored 10-7 and 14-8. The Lady Mounts rallied to outscore Elk Lake 16-12 in the final period but

lost out in the final minutes. Cheryl Gavigan led with 18 points, six goals from the field and six-for-10 from the foul line. Sheri Ciccarelli tossed in 14 points from the field. Leslie Billman put three shots through the nets from the field and

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Schuler has Dallas underway

Dallas wrestling coach Larry Schuler has this season's program well underway with 18 boys out for this year's team. Despite the low number of candidates, nine of the boys saw varsity action last season and the Mountaineers appear to be in good shape through the 119 to 155 weight classes.

Senior Craig Rome will be back at 167, twins Jim and Joe Patts will probably go at 145 and 155, Jeff Hall will start at either 138 or 145, Mike Borton will weigh in at 126 or 132, Junior Dave Hislop at 126, Mark Rogers at 119 or 112, John Burke at 112 and Joe Walsh at 185.

Others competing for a spot in the team lineup are John Graham, 126; John Wardell, 145 or 155; Corey Lingaas, 132 or 138; Mark Whitesell and Jeff Hockenberry, 119; Marty Kriner, 98; Billy Mathers and Paul Burke, 98 or 105. Senior Tim Finnegan will wrestle heavyweight.

Most of the boys in the 126 through 185 weight classes have had some experience from past seasons and Coach Schuler is optimistic because of his wrestlers' dedication and willingness to work hard. His primary concern will be lack of depth and the Mountaineers will not be able to afford major injuries in the lower and highest weight-

Before the 13-meet season opens on Jan. 4 at G.A.R., the wrestlers will compete in two tournaments and four exhibition meets. Their neers are a young team with many

pre-season competition begins with a tournament in Berwick on Dec. 17. and their second tournament is the Gov. Mifflin Tournament at Reading, Dec. 29 and 30, where last year's winning squad, Rome, will compete again.

The exhibition meets will be with Valley View, Montrose, Abington Heights and Western Wayne.

Following the opening league meet with G.A.R., Dallas will meet Tunkhannock, away, Jan. 7; Lake-Lehman, home, Jan. 11; Nanticoke, away, Jan. 14; Hazleton, home, Jan. Meyers, away, Jan. 21; West Side Tech, home, Jan. 25; Pittston Area, away, Jan. 28; Hanover, home, Feb. 1; Crestwood, away, Feb. 4; Coughlin, home, Feb. 8; Wyoming Area, home, Feb. 11; Wyoming Valley West, home, Feb. 15; and Picher Heber, home, Feb. 15; and Bishop Hoban, home, Feb.

There are five teams in the league this season, who have strong returning lettermen, many of them district winners or runners-up. Most wrestling fans believe Coughlin has the potential to take it all, followed closely by Hanover Area where Coach John Carr usually fields a good squad. Valley West and Meyers are strong in the light weights, while Pittston Area is a lot tougher than most people realize.

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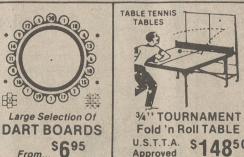


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