

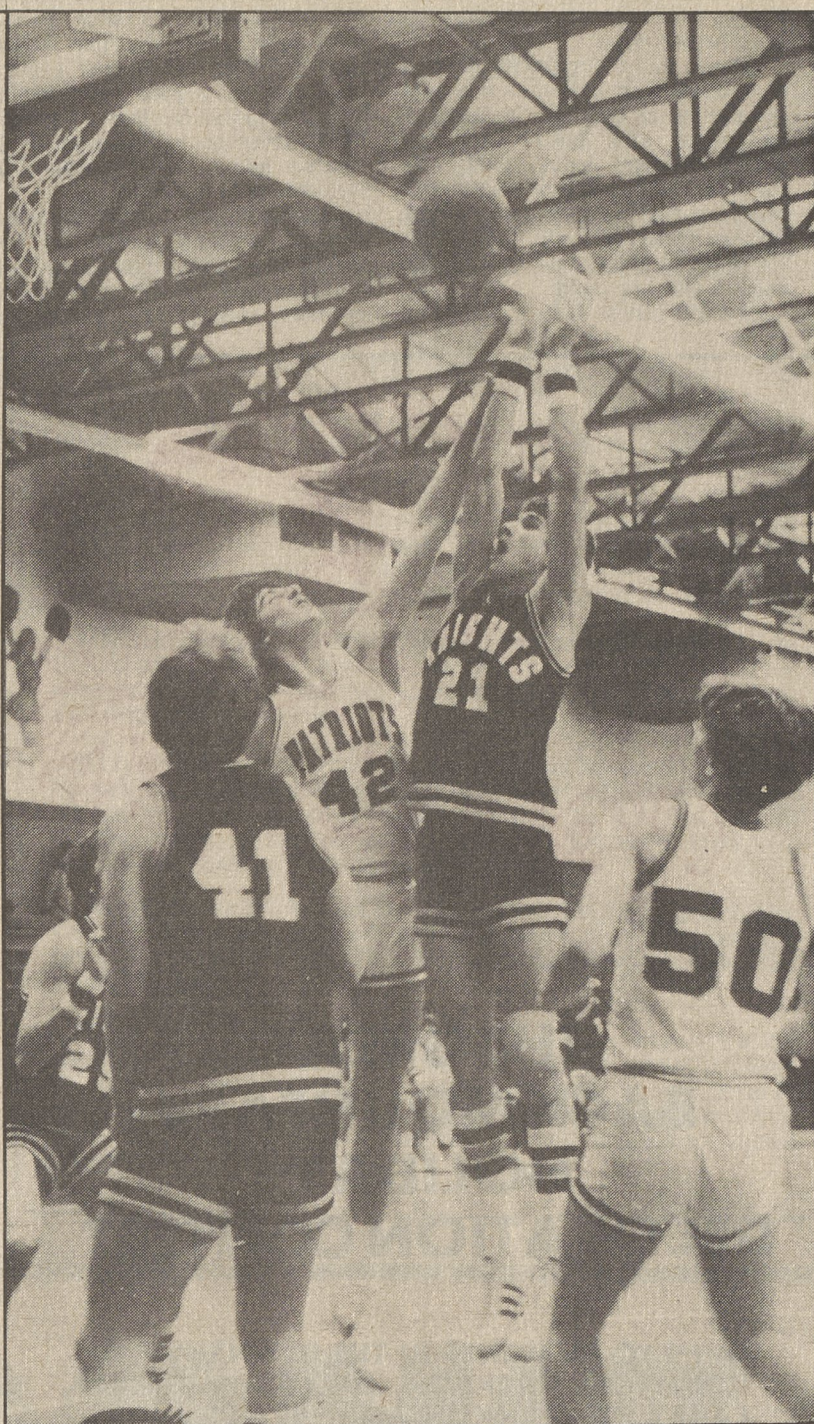
Sports



Up and in

Lake-Lehman's Ray Iwanowski gets around a Pittston Area defender, Joe Mikiewicz (No. 53) and goes up for two points in exhibition basketball action last Friday. The Patriots defeated the Lehman boys, 72-54.

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Outa my way!

Tom Kukosky goes up over the arms of Pittston Area's Pat Gaffney to score a goal for the Black Knights in last Friday's exhibition basketball action. Lehman's Marty Onzik (No. 41) and Pittston Area's Paul Skarbowski (No. 50) look on.

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Bearde banking on experience

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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"We have seven lettermen returning from last season," said Lake-Lehman Basketball Coach Rodger Bearde. "But we don't have height. Our tallest man is Ray Iwanowski, who is 6'2", so our strong point this season should be our experience.

"Three of our boys are three-year lettermen and the other are two year lettermen so they have a great deal of experience. Bill Bearde, Paul Jones and Marty Onzik have played for three years. Tom Kukosky, Ray Iwanowski, Scott Drugotch and Doug Barbacci have played for two."

The Knights have a 13-game exhibition season and to date have played eight games for a 6-2 record. Still on their schedule are Bishop Hoban, Naticoke, Abington Heights and the Crestwood tournament. The tournament is scheduled for Dec. 28 and 29 and before the season opens

the Knights should have some excellent experience behind them since they played against strong AAA teams.

Bearde has 13 boys out for this season's team including seniors Bill Bearde, Doug Barbacci, Tom Kukosky, Ray Iwanowski, Scott Drugotch, Paul Jones, Marty Onzik and Bob Belcher; juniors Dave Janiczek, Bill Boyle and Earl Weidner; and sophomores Mark Stash and Paul Andes.

The first six players for the Knights will probably be Bearde, Kukosky, Drugotch, Onzik, Jones and Iwanowski.

The Knights will compete with teams in Section II of the Wyoming Valley League where Coach Bearde believes there will be a tight race with Dallas, G.A.R. and Hanover in strong contention for the section title.

Lake-Lehman cagers open the regular season on Jan. 3 against Wyoming Seminary at the Blue Knights gym in Kingston.

Lady Knights win cage tournament

The Lake-Lehman girls basketball team staved off a fourth quarter rally by the Bishop O'Reilly Queenswomen last Friday and grabbed a 37-35 victory to capture the Joseph Yozwiak Memorial Tournament at Bishop O'Reilly.

Lake-Lehman girls moved into the final round of the tournament last Wednesday night by defeating Pittston Area, 68-41.

The Lady Knights led 30-23 at the half, but outscored the Patriots, 38-18, in the second half to grab the victory and move into the championship round. Kim Fey and Jill Solinski hit 16 points each and Rhonda Hudzik added 14.

Fey put 14 points in from the floor and went two-for-two from the charity stripe. Solinski went four-for-six from the free line and netted 12 points from the floor. Hudzik had a perfect four-for-four from the line and put four shots through the nets from the field.

Against O'Reilly in the championship game, Lake-Lehman went

ahead 29-19 at the end of the third quarter but Bishop O'Reilly got hot in the final quarter sparked by Mary Kush and Karen Harper.

Kush dumped in 11 points and Harper added five to lead the Queenswomen to a 16-8 period over the Knights.

Fine defensive play by the Lady Knights cooled off O'Reilly in the closing seconds.

Rhonda Hudzik led the Knights with 13 points. She and Kim Fey were named to the tournament All-Star team.

It was Hudzik who paced the Lady Knights to a 58-29 win over Montrose on Monday night as she tossed in 17 points on the Meteors' floor.

Hudzik put five shots through the nets from the field and hit seven-for-10 from the foul line. Sandy Dicton put in five shots from the field and went three-for-seven from the free stripe. Fey also netted five shots from the field and put in two-for-four from the charity stripe.

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Mickiewicz leads PA over Knights

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Pittston Area Patriots, paced by their 6-5 center Joe Mickiewicz, trounced the Lake-Lehman Knights 72-54 in a pre-season exhibition game last Friday evening.

Mickiewicz was called for a technical foul prior to start of the game for dunking the ball. The Knights converted the foul and picked up a two-point goal to take a 3-0 lead, but the big center went on to score 29 points and pull down 14 rebounds to lead the Patriots' victory.

The Knights used triple coverage on Mickiewicz, but were unable to stop him from putting the ball in the basket as the center scored 15 points in the first half to lead a 36-23 Patriot halftime lead.

In the third period, Mickiewicz scored 10 of Pittston's first 12 points while the Knights scored only 10 points in the entire period. Lake-Lehman rallied in the final quarter, outscoring the Patriots, 21-14, but were unable to overcome the 58-33 lead the Patriots held at the end of the third period.

Bill Bearde was high scorer for Lake-Lehman with 16 points, scoring seven of them

in the first quarter. He left the game with 2:11 remaining in the final period when he was called for his second technical foul. Tom Kukosky collected 12 points in the game.

The loss dropped the Knights to 6-2.

Last Tuesday night, the Knights defeated Montrose, 77-51, on the Back Mountain floor. Bearde dropped in 22 points to set the pace for a win over the Meteors.

Paul Jones collected 16 points, all of them from the field; Tom Kukosky scored 13, making four goals from the field and dumping in five for 11 from the line. Scott Drugotch gave the Knights 12 points.

Dallas girls lose, 71-46

Carbondale Area came to Dallas last Friday and went home with a 71-46 win over the Lady Mounts.

The visitors were sparked by Bonnie Moore's 23 points as they led 36-21 at halftime. Moore's teammate, Kathy Wilk, added 12 points to aid the victory.

Cheryl Gavigan led the Lady Mountaineers with 16 points and pulled down numerous rebounds. Leslie Billman hit the double figures column with 14 points, six shots from the floor and two-for-two from the free line.

Earlier in the week, the Dallas girls went into the McGrane Memorial Tournament as defending champions, but suffered a 56-42 defeat to Coughlin.

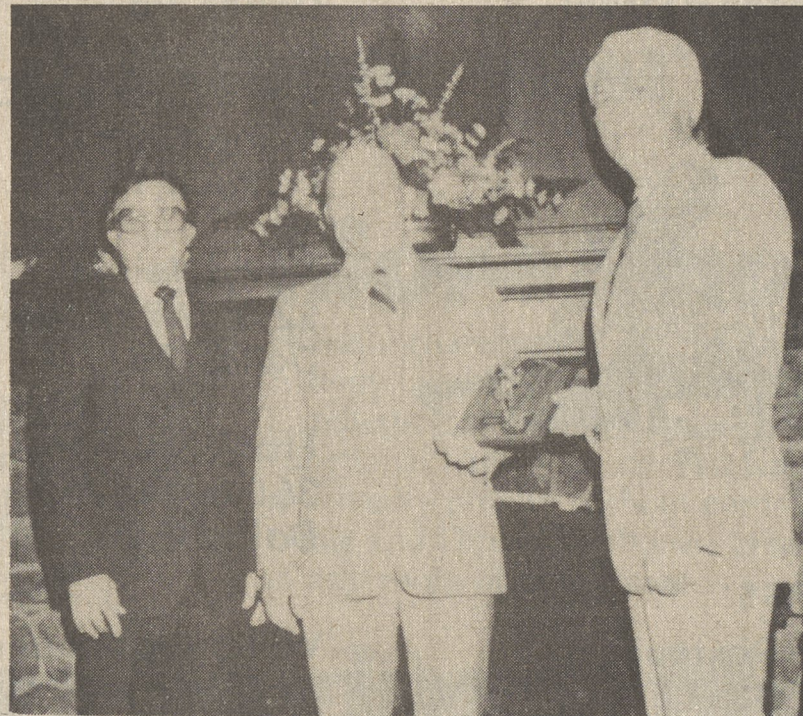
The Crusaders closed down Cheryl Gavigan who scored only five points while Billman and Sheri Ciccarelli hit the nets for 10 points each for Dallas.

In the consolation round Wednesday night, the Mountaineers defeated Meyers 70-54. The Back Mountain girls were paced by Sheri Ciccarelli who tossed in 20 points, all of them from the floor, while Cheryl Gavigan added 16 points.

Meyers jumped out to a 15-11 lead at the end of the first quarter, but the Lady Mounts outscored the Mohawks, 19-7.

Bishop Hoban defeated Coughlin, 46-40, to capture the tournament title.

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Dombek honored

George Dombek, above center, was honored recently during the Annual Dallas Gridiron Banquet for serving as a football coach at Dallas High School for 25 years. Shown here during the presentation of a plaque recognizing Dombek's years of service are, from left, Ron Rybak, head coach, Dallas High School football team; Dombek and Glen Eyet, president, Dallas Gridiron Club.

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