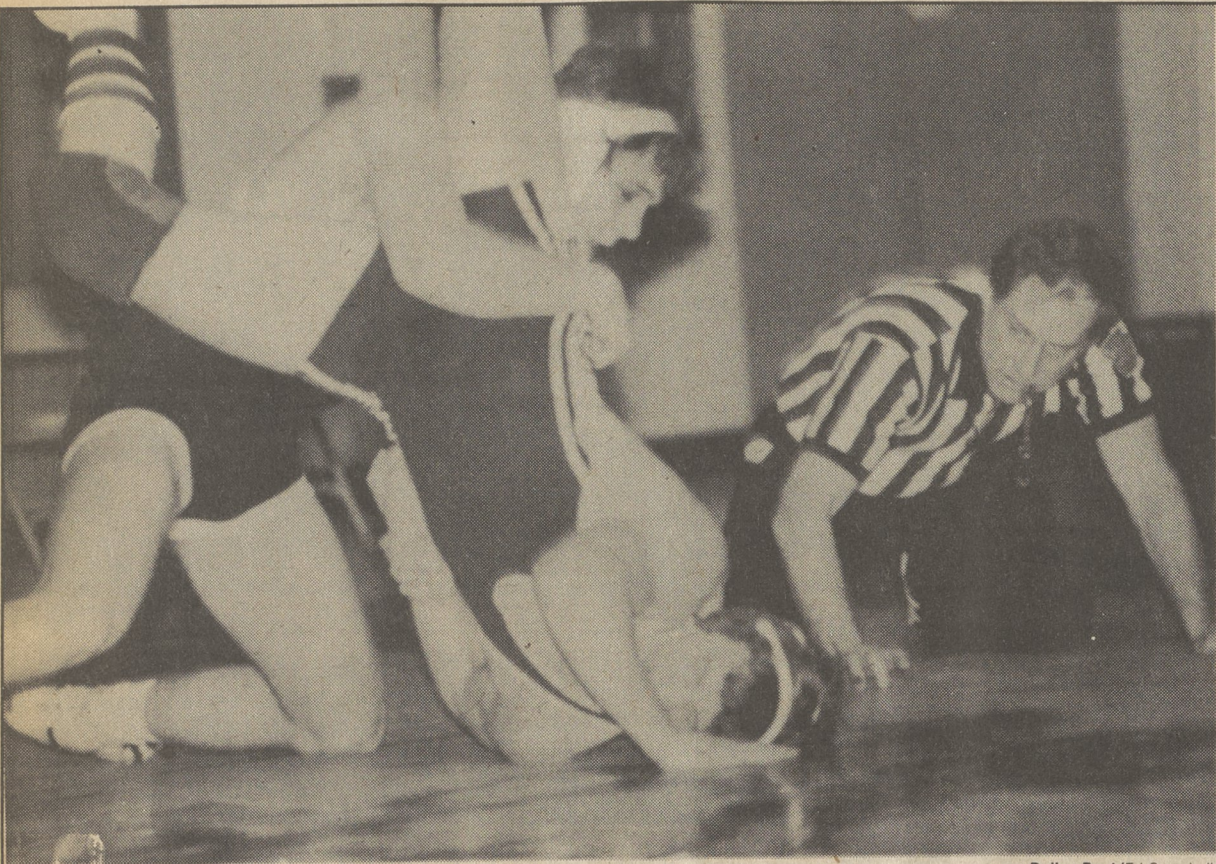
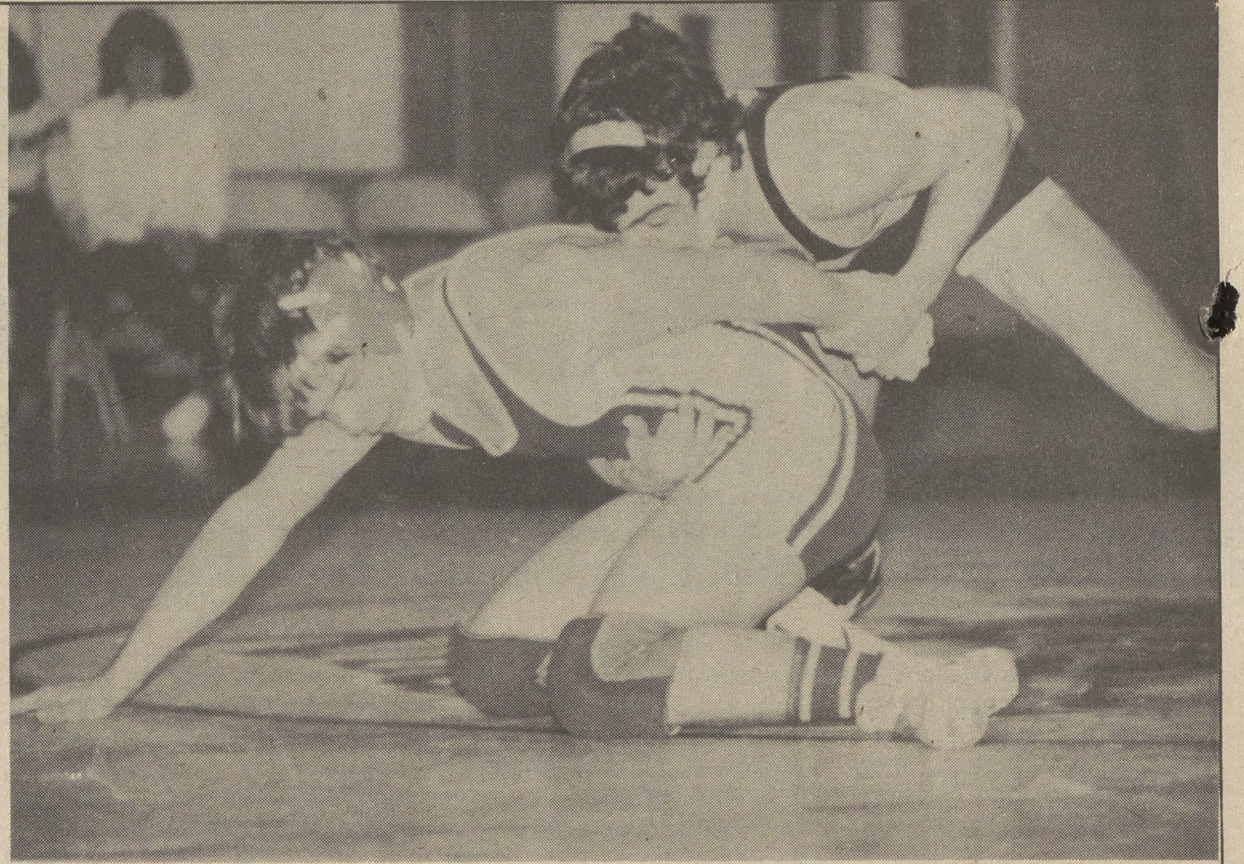


# Sports



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## Bottoms up!

Jerry Kruzka of the GAR wrestling team is upended by Lake-Lehman's Bill Guerin during the 167-pound weight class bout between the two Wyoming Valley Conference teams. Guerin pinned his opponent in 3:02 as the Black Knights picked up a 5-7-3 victory over the Wilkes-Barre boys. Lehman, however, was defeated by Coughlin Saturday evening in its quest for a conference title.

## Don't pinch me!

Lake-Lehman's J. D. Pallante grabs the wrist of Bob Maharty of GAR during Wyoming Valley Conference wrestling action last week. Pallante won a 9-4 decision in the 132-pound bout to aid the Black Knights' 57-3 victory. The GAR victory came before Lehman's defeat by Coughlin in the Wyoming Valley Wrestling Conference championship match.

Coughlin wins, 29-18

# Lehman loses bid for wrestling championship

The Lake-Lehman wrestling team took an early lead, then lost five of the last six bouts and suffered a 29-18 defeat to Coughlin as the Crusaders captured the Wyoming Valley Wrestling Conference championship Saturday night at King's College.

Both teams entered the wrestle-off with identical 13-1 regular-season records. Lake-Lehman had dropped a one-point heartbreaker to Hazleton earlier in the season while Coughlin's only defeat was a six-point loss to the Black Knights.

The Back Mountain boys held a 15-11 lead until Coughlin's Jim Chernavage avenged an earlier season loss and grabbed a 15-2 superior decision over Lehman's Chris Wargo in the 145-pound weight class to turn the meet in the Crusaders' favor.

Lehman's Jeff Austin put the Black Knights on the board first with an 8-4 win in the 98 pound class, but Ken Serafin and Dean Robinson picked up consecutive decisions for Coughlin at

105 and 112. Rusty Coolbaugh came back for Lehman with a pin at 119, followed by decisions by J.D. Pallante and Norm Clancy at 126 and 132, respectively.

The Crusaders won the next five bouts as Alex Banaszek picked up a major decision at 138. Chernavage got the superior at 145, Ed Kenzakoski won a decision at 155, Larry Danko got a major at 167 and Mike Werner recorded a fall at 185. Lehman's Chris VanGorder ended the match with a 15-1 decision over Dale David in the heavyweight bout.

### COUGHLIN 29, LAKE-LEHMAN 18

98 - Austin (L) dec. Bonomo, 8-4; 105 - Serafin (C) dec. Smith, 8-2; 112 - Robinson (C) maj. dec. Miller, 12-2; 119 - Coolbaugh (L) pin Kruegel, 3:05; 126 - Pallante (L) dec. Larnerd, 7-2; 132 - Clancy (L) dec. Thompson, 4-3; 138 - Banaszek (C) maj. dec. Rosencrans, 10-1; 145 - Chernavage (C) sup. dec. Wargo, 15-2; 155 - Kenzakoski (C) dec. Guerin, 3-0; 167 - Danko (C) maj. dec.

Janusz, 9-0; 185 - Werner (C) pin Stratford, 3:32; Hwt. - VanGorder (L) dec. David, 5-1.

### LEHMAN 42, TUNKHANNOCK 19

Lake-Lehman defeated Tunkhannock, 42-19, last Tuesday. Recording falls for the Black Knights were Rusty Coolbaugh at 126, Norm Clancy at 138, Wayne Rosencrans at 145, Chris Wargo at 155, Paul Guerin at 167 and Christ VanGorder at heavyweight.

98 - Austin, (L) dec. Kalmonowicz, 7-6; 105 - Marabell (T) pin Guzinski, 1:51; 112 - Olshan (T) pin Smith, 3:15; 119 - Drungell (T) dec. MacDonald, 13-5; 126 - Coolbaugh (L) pin Hammersley, 4:32; 132 - Mead (T) dec. Pallante, 11-10; 138 - Clancy (L) pin Nowells, 3:59; 145 - Rosencrans (L) pin Packer, 2:22; 155 - Wargo (L) pin Kromko, 4:36; 167 - Guerin (L) pin Schultz, 3:29; 185 - Janusz (L) dec. Gilroy, 8-2; Hwt. - VanGorder (L) pin Eortner, :13.

### LEHMAN 57, GAR 3

Three Lake-Lehman wrestlers continued their undefeated individual slates as the Black Knights picked up a 57-3 victory over GAR Wednesday, thus setting the stage for the wrestle-off to determine this year's Wyoming Valley Conference champion.

Wayne Rosencrans, Jeff Austin and Norm Clancy recorded victories as Lehman extended its season record to 13-1.

98 - Guzinski (L) won by forfeit; 105 - Austin (L) won by forfeit; 112 - Regan (G) dec. Smith, 8-1; 119 - MacDonald (L) won by forfeit; 126 - Coolbaugh (L) dec. Blackwell, 2-1; 132 - Pallante (L) dec. Maharty, 9-4; 138 - Clancy (L) dec. Bonomo, 2-0; 145 - Rosencrans (L) won by forfeit; 155 - Wargo (L) pin Matia, 3:04; 167 - Guerin (L) pin Kruzka, 3:02; 185 - Janusz (L) pin Nova, 3:38; Hwt. - VanGorder (L) pin Gromel, 1:24.

# They love to win!

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Joseph and James Patts, juniors at Dallas Senior High School, are twin brothers and are the sons of Frank and Joan Patts of Orange, Franklin Township.

Joe and Jim did not always look so much alike, but as they mature their likeness becomes stronger. Joe is the older by eight minutes and the two of them are the youngest of six children. They have three older brothers and an older sister, all of whom are married.

Both boys are members of the high school varsity wrestling team, having begun their wrestling careers during their freshmen year. At that time, Jim wrestled 120 and Joe wrestled 138 lbs. In their freshman year, Jim's record was 19 wins, five losses and Joe's was eight and eight.

Last year, Jim wrestled varsity at 138 lbs. and ended the season with a 500 record. Joe wrestled on the junior varsity team, with the exception of three meets, two of which he won.

This season, the boys seemed to switch weight classes. Jim started at 145 lbs. but moved up to 155, while Joe was at 155 lbs. and went down to 145. At 145, Jim placed fourth in the Berwick Tournament

and third in the Governor Mifflin Tourney. Joe, at 155, came in fourth in the Berwick Tournament and lost by default in the Governor Mifflin Tourney when he was injured in his third match.

The twins became interested in wrestling out of sheer curiosity - they just wanted to find out what wrestling was all about. They enjoyed it because it was an individual sport rather than a team effort.

"We don't care for team sports very much," said Jim. "We like to compete as individuals, winning or losing on our own. We have a mat at home where we work out. We also do some weight lifting."

"There's a lot more to wrestling than participating in the meet," he added. "There's losing weight, conditioning, discipline, practice, and learning to appreciate the other members of the squad. When you go out on that mat in a meet, you're on your own. You make up your mind you're the one who is going to win or lose - no help from anyone else - so you'd better be ready."

The boys' parents attend every meet and are enthusiastic about their sons' achievement. It is evident that they are very proud of the boys.

The twins' likenesses end on the wrestling mat, however, as the boys are not in the same programs in school. Jim is studying business and



## Patts brothers

Joe and Jim Patts, twin brothers, are both members of the Lake-Lehman wrestling team.

plans to attend business college while Joe is registered in accelerated courses and hopes to attend a two-year college for an associate degree in forestry.

The boys also go deer and small game hunting and fishing and enjoy backyard football just for "the fun of it". They also like camping - the primitive type.

The boys are not fraternal and not identical twins. Jim is the extrovert, is quick-tempered and does most of the talking and quick-tempered while Joe is more the introvert, is quiet and is inclined to think things over.

One thing they have in common, however, is their competitiveness and their desire to win.

# Dallas grapplers lose in final season match

The Dallas wrestling team ended its regular season with a 28-25 loss to Montrose Saturday night. The Mountaineers, who finished the Wyoming Valley Conference with an 8-5 record, won the first three bouts.

Paul Burke picked up a major decision in the 105 pound weight class, unbeaten Craig Rome drew with Pip Flaherty, 6-6, at 167, Joe Walsh won a major decision at 185 and heavyweight Tim Finnegan finished the meet with a decision.

### MONTROSE 28, DALLAS 25

98 - Kriner (D) won by forfeit; 105 - Burke (D) maj. dec. Quinn, 14-6; 112 - Mathers (D) dec. Wilcox, 6-0; 119 - Raynor (M) maj. dec. Burke, 10-2; 126 - Cole (M) pin Hockenberry, 1:12; 132 - Borton (D) dec. Worrick, 9-3; 138 - Lagg (M) pin Graham, 4:23; 145 - Ford (M) maj. dec. Joe Patts, 12-1; 155 - Russell (M) pin Jim Patts, 1:19; 167 - Rome (D) drew with Flaherty, 6-6; 185 - Walsh (D) maj. dec. Baker, 9-1; Hwt. - Finnegan (D) dec. Fair, 6-2.

### HAZLETON 32, DALLAS 21

The Hazleton wrestling team picked up three pins and two major decisions in defeating Dallas 32-21, Thursday night in the final regular season Wyoming Valley Conference wrestling match.

Bill Mathers recorded the only fall for Dallas when he pinned his opponent in 1:40 in the 105 pound weight class.

### HAZLETON 32, DALLAS 21

98 - S. Fisher (H) dec. Kriner, 8-2; 105 - Mathers (D) pin Toleric, 1:40; 112 - Seiwel (H) pin P. Burke, 4:53; 119 - Colangelo (H) dec. J. Burke, 7-3; 126 - Greshner (H) pin Hockenberry, 5:10; 132 - Borton (D) won by forfeit; 138 - B. Thomas (H) pin Graham, 1:05; 145 - Joe Patts (D) dec. Sahaida, 10-8; 155 - Forte (H) maj. dec. Jim Patts, 10-2; 167 - Rome (D) dec. A. Thomas, 4-1; 185 - B. Fisher (H) maj. dec. Walsh, 9-1; Hwt. - Finnegan (D) dec. D. Fisher, 8-6.

# Districts start tomorrow

The District 2 wrestling tournament is scheduled to begin tomorrow, March 1, and the Lake-Lehman grapplers are expected to be strong contenders this year. With the PIAA ruling that four places in each weight class advance to Regional competition, there is a possibility that the entire Black Knights squad will advance.

Lake-Lehman will get its toughest competition from Coughlin, a team it just lost to in the championship match for the Wyoming Valley Conference wrestling title Saturday night.

Dallas, with its 8-5 season record, is also expected to score some points in Districts, as is Tunkhannock, which also sports an 8-5 seasonal slate.

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