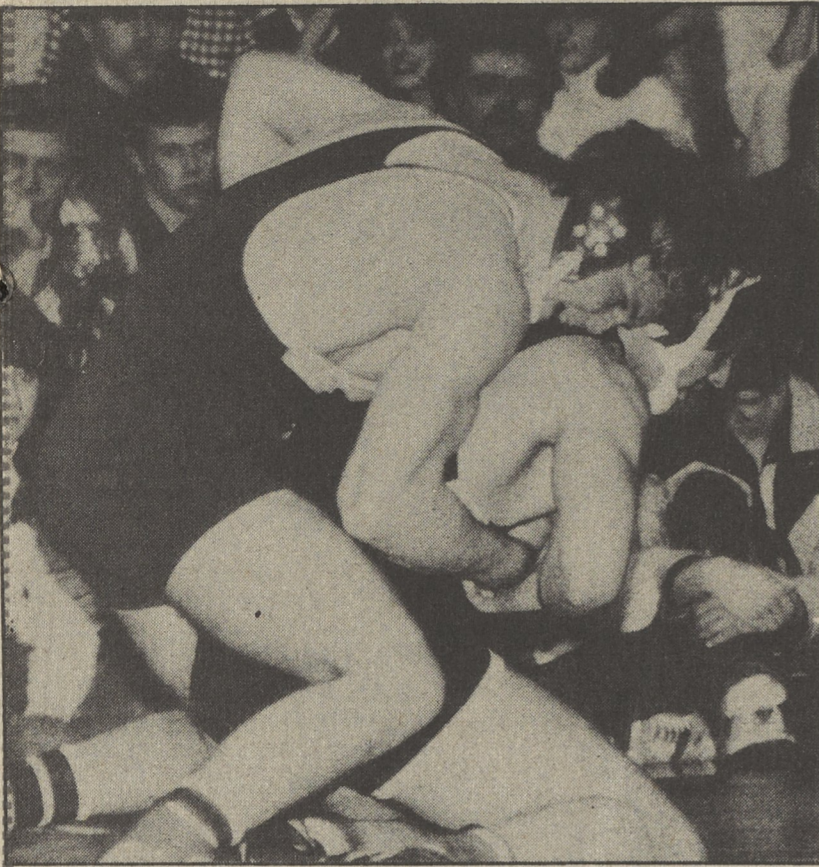


Sports



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Craig's a winner

Craig Rome of the Dallas wrestling team is shown here as he handles his opponents during Saturday's District 2 Class AAA Wrestling Championships at Wilkes College. Rome won the match and picked up the District title in the 154-pound weight class.

In Class AAA

Borton, Rome win District mat honors

Mike Borton and Craig Rome, both members of the 1983-84 Dallas High School wrestling team, wrestled their way to individual District 2 titles Saturday evening during the District 2 Class AAA Wrestling Championships held at Wilkes College.

Borton, who finished the season at 26-3, picked up a District medal in the 126-pound weight class. Rome, who won a District 2 medal in the 145-pound weight class last year, garnered the 154-pound weight class this year. Rome finished the season with an individual record of 26-0-1.

Wilkes-Barre Fats

In my opinion.....

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It's strictly my opinion:
— I'm trying to get my mother-in-law to take up the luge. Can anyone tell me the 1932 gold medal winner in this event? Does anyone really care?

— I hope the Princeton people helping with this week's NCAA Wrestling Tournament finally realize it's 1984 and not the depression like the last time they ran the tourney in '81. Members of the media are still joking about the 'Princeton Hogie.'

— Penn State captured the Eastern Mat Poll trophy for the third consecutive year and the ninth time in 16 years. Coach Rich Lorenzo has done a marvelous job with the Nittany Lion wrestlers.

— I was proud of the efforts turned in by Ricky and Rocky Bonomo in the recent Eastern Wrestling League Tournament. I've got a hunch they'll both do some damage in this week's NCAA Tourney at the Meadows. I'm looking forward to working my fifth straight NCAA for the Eastern Wrestling League.

— Jerry Boyarski of the Bengals and Pitt fame is walking around during the off season at a mere 320 pounds. He's simply a big guy with a heap of muscle. He's residing at Lakeland.

— I guess Wilkes will be forfeiting all of the dual meets it won with Kurt Rowlett in the lineup since he was declared ineligible. He attended another school before he came to Wilkes. His former coach is at Brown now and he tipped the Harvard coach of the infraction and he passed it along to another EIWA coach. I'm a little surprised John Reese never investigated the situation more thoroughly?

— Despite GAR's victory over Dallas these two teams could meet again in the District 2

finals. One thing about GAR, John Hopkins seems to always bring them along over the later stages of the season. But did anyone anticipate the super season turned in by the Mountaineers (20-9) of Coach Clarence Ozgo?

— I've got to wonder about all of the so called recruiting experts ranking the top 100 schoolboy grid recruits around the country. They're not the most reliable sources. Joe Terranova, a self proclaimed expert, recently ranked his top 100 and conspicuously missing was Dante Wiley, perhaps Pennsylvania's top prospect. If he's not deserving of being in the top 100, then AT&T and Bell of PA won't request another rate increase within the next six months.

— Most football coaches believe it takes two to three years before you can accurately determine how successful your recruiting class was. There's a big adjustment for the incoming freshmen.

— The Jets trading Richard Todd was ludicrous. That organization has done some stupid things within the last 14 months, starting with the firing of Walt Michaels.

— With Lake-Lehman in the District AA it's the other teams against the Black Knights. Sorta looks like a dual meet with Coach Ed Ladamus' charges taking on the rest of the field.

— Had an opportunity to exchange some football talk with Millersville Coach Gene Carpenter over the weekend of the Eastern Wrestling League Championships. He's a very sharp individual and sound coach. He's also doing a splendid job as Millersville's athletic director. I hope he comes into the area after some of local talent.

— Did you happen to catch my Tennessee Vols downing Kentucky last week in roundball. Vols' Coach Don DeVoe has a 7-4 record against Joe B. Hall which is one of the best against usually 'the best team money can buy.' I've said for sometime, DeVoe is one of the best at getting an ordinary team to perform above its given ability.

Lehman captures D2 crown

Eight of the final 12 bouts in Saturday night's District 2 Class AA Wrestling Championships belonged to Lake-Lehman as the Black Knights won the District crown with 192 points.

The eight District winners ties a record set twice by Kingston High School - the first in 1936 and the second in 1962.

Lehman wrestlers Jeff Austin (98); Rusty Coolbaugh (112); and Wayne Rosencrans (138) were all returning champs from the 1983 District finals.

Austin successfully defended his crown with a superior decision over Bishop O'Hara freshman Tony Montana, 22-1. Coolbaugh, who moved up to 119, also scored a superior decision, 15-0, over Bishop Hoban's Jim Kelly to repeat his title. Rosencrans defeated Mike Bonomo of GAR, the same wrestler he beat last year for the District crown, with a 5-0 decision.

Alan MacDonald of Lake-Lehman upset Tim Pane of Bishop O'Hara with a pin at the 5:22 mark in the 112-pound weight class. Lehman's Norm Clancy picked up the fourth team District title in the 132-pound weight class with a 7-0 victory over GAR's Don Maharty.

Chris Wargo, a runner-up in the 1983 finals, got his District crown at 145 with a 14-9 decision over Dave Mraz of O'Hara. Senior Bill Geurin



District champs

Shown here are members of the 1983-84 Lake-Lehman wrestling team. The Black Knights had eight District 2 Class AA medalists and finished in first place in the District 2 championships Saturday night. From left, first row, Jeff Austin, Bill Smith, Dwayne Miller, Rusty Coolbaugh, J.D. Pallante, Norman Clancy, Wayne Rosencrans. Second row, Jeff Pace, trainer; Dwight Barbacci, assistant coach; Chris Wargo, Bill Guerin, Chris Janusz, Ed Stratford, Chris VanGorder, and Ed Ladamus, head coach.

pulling off an upset at 155 when he defeated Peter Chludzinski of Bishop O'Hara, 10-3.

Chris VanGorder, in recording his second pin of the championships, garnered his title with a fall at 1:16 over Chris Cawley of Scranton Prep.

AA FINALS

98 - Jeff Austin (LL) sup. dec. Tony Montana (O'Hara), 22-1; 105 -

Tom Regan (GAR) pin Tom Cometa (Prep), 3:24; 112 - Alan MacDonald (LL) pin Tim Pane (O'Hara), 5:22; 119 - Rusty Coolbaugh (LL) sup.

dec. Jim Kelly (Bishop Hoban), 15-0; 126 - Bill Blackwell (GAR) major dec. Dave McLafferty (O'Hara), 11-

2; 132 - Norman Clancy (LL) dec. Don Maharty (GAR), 7-0; 138 - Wayne Rosencrans (LL) dec. Mike

Bonomo (GAR), 5-0; 145 - Chris Wargo (LL) dec. Dave Mraz (O'Hara), 14-9; 155 - Bill Geurin (LL) dec. Peter Chludzinski

(O'Hara), 10-3; 167 - Tom Thornton (Bishop Hoban) major dec. Chris Janusz (LL), 13-4; 185 - Chris

O'Brien (Prep) dec. Ed Stratford (LL), 10-7; Hwt. - Chris VanGorder (LL) pin Chris Cawley (Prep), 1:16.



Chris gets his

Chris VanGorder of the Lake-Lehman wrestling team displays the District 2 medal he won during the District 2 Class AA Wrestling Championships held Saturday evening at Wilkes College. VanGorder pinned Chris Cawley of Scranton Prep in 1:16 to win the Heavyweight division. He was one of eight Lehman wrestlers who won District medals as the Black Knights captured the District crown with 192 points.

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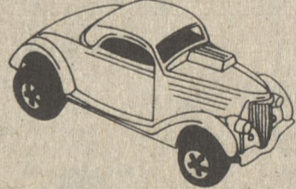
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