

Sports



In inter-district play

Dallas cagers fall short

The Dallas boys basketball team was defeated by Central York, 74-59, last Tuesday, squashing its hopes of winning a state cage title this year, but the Mountaineers of Coach Clarence Ozgo have nothing to be ashamed of.

With a 24-10 record and a District 2 title in its possession, the Dallas team was the pride of the Back Mountain during this year's boys' cage season.

The Mountaineers took a 16-14 lead at the end of the opening period in last week's game played in Sunbury but were outscored, 20-9 in the second period and found themselves on the short end of a 34-25 halftime margin.

Dallas moved within three points, cutting the lead to 37-34 with just

over four minutes remaining in the third period but the Panthers widened the margin to seven with just one quarter remaining.

The Back Mountain boys were once again within three midway through the fourth quarter but the Central York team continued to pull away, stretching the lead to the final 15-point margin.

Central York (74)
Baker, 3-0-6; Baublitz, 5-0-10; Beamenderfer, 4-8-16; Fishel, 7-6-20; Keller, 6-0-12. Totals, 30-14-74.

Dallas (59)
Thomas, 5-8-18; Farrell, 6-7-19; Gorey, 5-1-11; Wilson, 4-1-9; Manusky, 0-2-2. Totals, 20-19-59.

Dallas 14 20 15 25-74
Central York 16 9 17 17-59

Baseball tryouts scheduled

Boys and Girls Little League Hardball and Girls Softball will hold tryouts on Saturday, March 31 (rain date April 1).

Hardball-Dallas-Shavertown-Trucksville area.

Little League Hardball tryouts will be held at the Little League complex, East Center Hill Road and Church St., with the National League (Dallas area) utilizing the lower field, and the American League (Shavertown-Trucksville area) using the upper field. Players must attend at least one of the two tryouts to be eligible to move up to minors or majors. Seven year olds are not eligible for tryouts.

Players 12 years old report at 9 a.m., 11 years at 10 a.m., 10 years at

12 noon and 8 and 9 year olds report at 1 p.m.

In case of rain, 12 year olds report the following day at 1 p.m., 11 years at 2, 10 years at 3 and 8 and 9 year olds at 4 p.m.

Hardball-Lehman Area. Lehman hardball tryouts will take place at the Lehman Junior High with 12 year olds reporting at 10 a.m., 11 years at 10:30, 10 years at 11 a.m. and 8 and 9 year olds at 11:30 a.m.

In case of rain, 11 and 12 year olds report the following day at 1 p.m. and 8, 9 and 10 year olds at 2 p.m.

Girls Softball. Softball tryouts will be held on the same dates as above. 13 to 15 year olds from Dallas-Shavertown-Trucksville will report to Dallas Junior High at 1 p.m.

Lehman area girls of all ages will report to Lehman High School at 1 p.m.

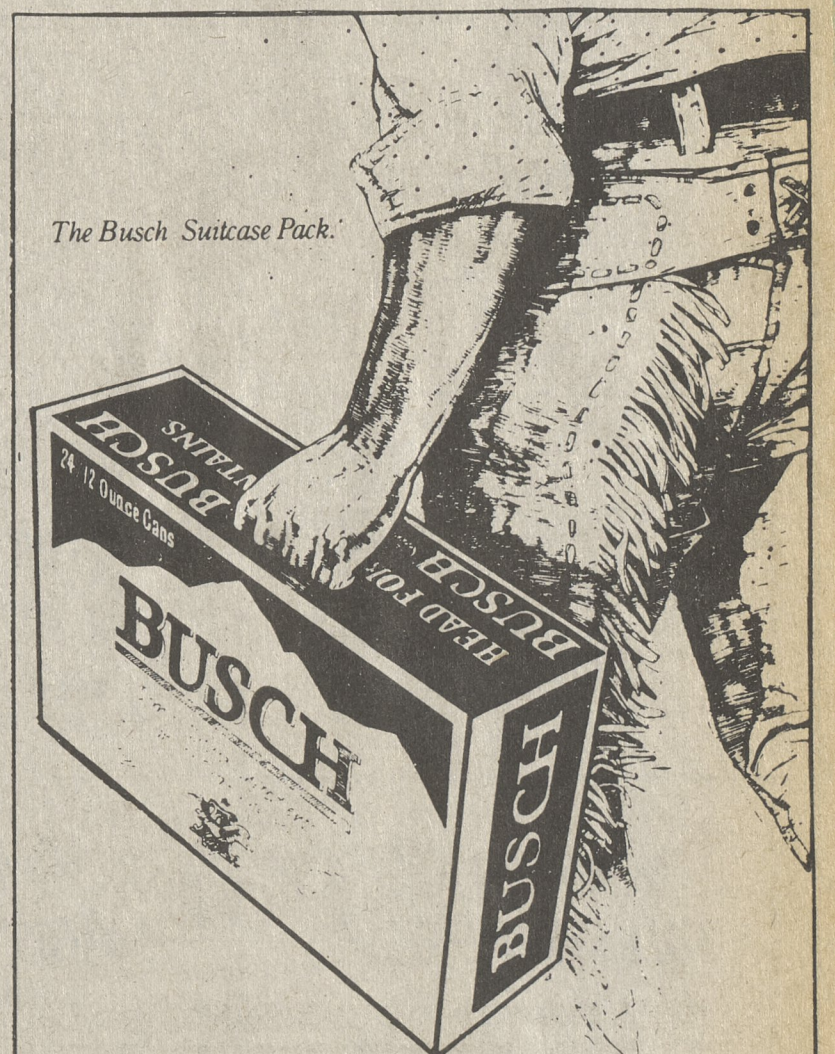
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Nesbitt Hospital sponsors 5-miler

Nesbitt Memorial Hospital will conduct its 2nd Annual 5 Mile Run on Saturday, April 21, beginning at 10 a.m. across from the hospital's Medical Arts Building on the corner of Wyoming Avenue and James Street.

Sponsored by the hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, the Spring event is designed to promote physical fitness. Registration for the race is currently underway.

Entry forms are available through the Cardiac Rehabilitation Clinic, 288-1411, extension 4773 or 4774. Pre-entry fee for runners requesting a specially designed T-shirt commemorating the race is \$4. Deadline is Saturday, April 14. Pre-entry fee without a T-shirt is \$2. Deadline is Thursday, April 19. Race day registration without a T-shirt is \$4. T-shirts are only available to those runners who pre-register.



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The Lake-Lehman girls' basketball team may have lost a heartbreaker to York Catholic last

To York Catholic

Lehman girls lose heartbreaker

The Lake-Lehman girls' basketball team fought even longer than usual last Wednesday night, but came up on the short end of a 35-34 overtime score in PIAA Class AA basketball playoffs at North Schuylkill High School. The Lady Knights were defeated by the girls from York Catholic High School.

The Lehman girls enjoyed a 31-23 lead halfway through the final period, but watched that lead disappear via a full-court press from York Catholic.

Wednesday in inter-district competition, but the Lady Knights have a league championship and a

District 2 title of which they can be

Lehman girls lose heartbreaker

York Catholic's senior guard JoAnne Stephens tied the game at

34-all with two free throws with a little over one minute showing on the clock. Both teams missed field

goals attempts during the final minute, sending the game in a three-minute overtime period.

With more than a minute remaining in the overtime period, the York Catholic team rebounded a Lake-Lehman missed shot and

District 2 title of which they can be mighty proud. Head coach Joe Martini looks like a very proud and

content man in the top left photo as he speaks to his team during a

Lehman girls lose heartbreaker

York's Ronnie Holland was fouled when attempting a lay-up shot.

Holland, who made the first shot from the free-throw stripe but missed the second, was the only player to score during the extra period. Her successful free throw, however, was just enough to give York the victory and the opportunity to advance toward the 1984 state title.

The Lady Knights, who did not have one player in double figures, scored only 10 of 20 foul shots

during the game.

YORK CATHOLIC (35)

Lehman girls lose heartbreaker

Stephens, 5-0-10; Johnson, 2-0-4; Martin, 5-0-10; Keough, 1-3-5; Holland, 2-2-6; Staub, 0-0-0. Totals, 15-5-35.

LAKE-LEHMAN (34)

Fey, 2-1-5; J. Solinski, 2-1-5; Hudzik, 2-5-9; P. Solinski, 3-0-6; Dicton, 2-1-5; Lopasky, 1-0-2. Totals 12-10-34.

York Catholic 10 3 8 13 1-35
Lake-Lehman 14 4 6 10 0-34

Wilkes-Barre Fats

No excuse for Dallas Board's actions

BY LEE L. RICHARDS

I was appalled at the recent decision by certain members of the Dallas School Board to terminate Coach Ron Rybak from the football post.

It's obvious a coach's longevity is becoming contingent upon the stability of the school board.

The reason for Coach Rybak getting the boot is strictly unprofessional.

What qualifications concerning the football program do these self-proclaimed experts have?

Their decision is an insult to the integrity of the tax payers in the Dallas District.

It's hard to imagine the Dallas football team doing any better in the win and loss column than they have in recent years.

I'm not about to put the knock on the players, because from the games I've seen, win or lose, they performed to the best of their ability.

Coach Rybak always had the concern of his players first and foremost. He was energetic, organized and aggressive.

What assistance did the school board give Coach Rybak during his tenure? Did they try to hire for him competent assistants? Did they send him to a couple of clinics each year so he could keep abreast with the new techniques and trends?

It's obvious to me the board hasn't accepted the realization that perhaps the Dallas athletes aren't talented enough to whip the better teams? There's always a shortsightedness on the part of some Back Mountain fans concerning any teams' overall ability and limitations. Dalls did defeat GAR and Meyrs for the first time in a long spell. To me, that's progress.

Hasn't Dallas, under Rybak's direction, held the upper hand over its chief rival, Lake-Lehman?

The Dallas football team plays in the Wyoming Valley Conference. It's a high school loop and not the NFL, folks. We're dealing with teenagers and not professionals as the board would have you believe.

In discussing Rybak's dismissal with coaches from around the WVC, none felt Rybak was shortchanging his players. In fact, to a man, all of the coaches I talked with emphasized Rybak always had his team well prepared and they always got after people which to me is the bottom line in schoolboy football.

Before the Dallas Board, which has never been ranked with the more competent ones in this area, convenes for its next escapade, they should do some soul-searching and ask—did we do everything possible to make the football program on a par with the others in the WVC? My appraisal is NO!

CLIPBOARD NOTES:

Lake-Lehman's girls' roundball team came up a point short on its run at State title, but they turned in a remarkable effort all season long. Coach Joe Martini has a solid program going and he'll have them back in the chase next season. Anytime you lose by a single point it's tough to accept, and I don't care if your playing tiddly-winks. The overall skills of womens' sports has improved beyond anything anyone could imagine 10 years ago. Especially in ball handling and outside shooting.

Meanwhile, over at Dallas there was also disappointment when the boys team bowed to Central York. Coach Clarence Ozgo's team simply didn't have the height inside to thwart the board strength of the victors. I gotta believe the Mounts with a 24-10 record performed much better than anyone believed they could back in November.

Ozgo has demonstrated when the talent is on hand, he'll get the most out of it. It was a tremendous season.

How tough was the competition in the recent Pennsylvania State Wrestling Championships?

Penn State Coach Rich Lorenzo told me last week it's one of the more outstanding groups he's seen.

"I can't recall when I've seen so many quality wrestlers in a single tournament. The youngsters from

your area (Wyoming Valley) wrestled very hard and simply came up short. There's a very fine line between the winners and the fifth place finishers. Overall, I'd rank the tournament as one of the best I've seen in sometime. I'm hoping we get our share," said the Eastern Wrestling League's Coach of the Year.

Lake-Lehman's Wayne Rosenkrans and Dallas' Craig Rome performed admirably in capturing fifth places. Both enjoyed superb campaigns and carried the Back Mountain banner quite well.

Coaches Ed Ladamus and Larry Schuler did a fine job in preparing their teams and the individual wrestlers for the post-season tournaments.

Considering the caliber of competition, fifth place isn't nothing to sluff-off.

For you wrestling buffs, the Russian Olympic Team will be competing against some of the top USA wrestlers on Sunday, April 8 at Penn State's Rec hall. The action is slated to start at 1 p.m.

USA Coach Dan Gable will have some of the top Eastern wrestlers to go against the Russians. It should be a good show.

Not to be redundant, but, I still believe the USA roundballers will win the Olympic gold medal. Heck, from what I've seen from the NCAA tourney, we've got so much speed and shooting ability, the Russians are going to have their hands full. However, you never know what kind of officiating we'll encounter. We could get some rinky-dink from some banana country and whistle our guys to a standstill, too.

Speaking of the Olympic squad, I've gotta hunch there will be the usual controversy over the selection of the final team.

Knowing how Coach Bob Knight prepares a team, rest assured we'll be the best in that aspect going into the games.

I see a vast improvement from week to week in the caliber of play

in the USFL. Obviously the most significant upgrade is at quarterback and in the familiarity with their personnel.

It was interesting to read in the Philly papers last week where some of the grid buffs believe the Stars are comparable to the Eagles. Heck, I felt last season the Stars were a couple of players shy of being on a par with the Birds. The Birds have too many ordinary players and some that have reached their peak. On the other hand, the Stars are young and have some very talented folks.

Former Coughlin star Ron Solt, an outstanding guard for the Maryland Terps, should be drafted in the first 50 players selected in the upcoming NFL draft. From what I've heard and read, his stock keeps going up.

The Wilkes-Barre Municipal Golf Course finally got an outstanding greenskeeper in Wally Zimich. He's got over 30 years of experience and has a fist full of credentials.

Sorry to see John Zimich relinquish his seat on the board of the W-B Muni. I assure it was the only way they'd consider his brother for the position. John played a major role on the Muni board for a long time. His expertise will be missed.

The collegiate wrestling world hummed last week when Edinboro University announced it was going the full route with its program. The Scots hired former Iowa All-American, Mike DeAnna as its head coach.

DeAnna was recruiting coordinator for the Hawkeyes. He'll have 11 full rides to work with. The Scots want to compete on the Division 1 level and with the type of commitment they're making it shouldn't take long.

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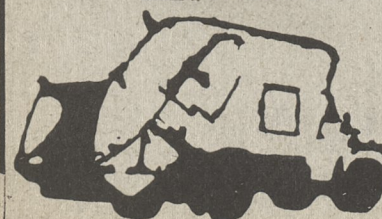
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