

Sports



Sloppiness costs Lady Mounts title

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Dallas High School girls cagers were superior in size and without a doubt had the talent to advance in the District 2 playoffs with Valley View last Wednesday, March 6 at Wyoming Area gym, but the Lady Mountaineers never used their size or talent against the aggressive Cougars. The Mountaineers had plenty of opportunities to score from the inside but played a sloppy offense, missing shots, letting the shorter Cougars get the rebounds and making too many mistakes.

The Lady Cougars with their tough defense held Dallas shooters Cheryl Gavigan and Karen Vloedman to a combined total of 19 points while Valley View's star performer Sue Serafini piled up 34 points, 18 of them in the final period to outscore the Mountaineers 20-12 and take a 61-46 victory.

The Cougars kept a collapsing defense on Gavigan the entire game until the Dallas athlete fouled out in the closing minutes of the final period. Dallas girls were unable to break through Valley View's tough defense and began passing the ball wildly and missing easy shots. Their attempt to play catchup in the final period was unsuccessful and no match for Serafini's outstanding performance.

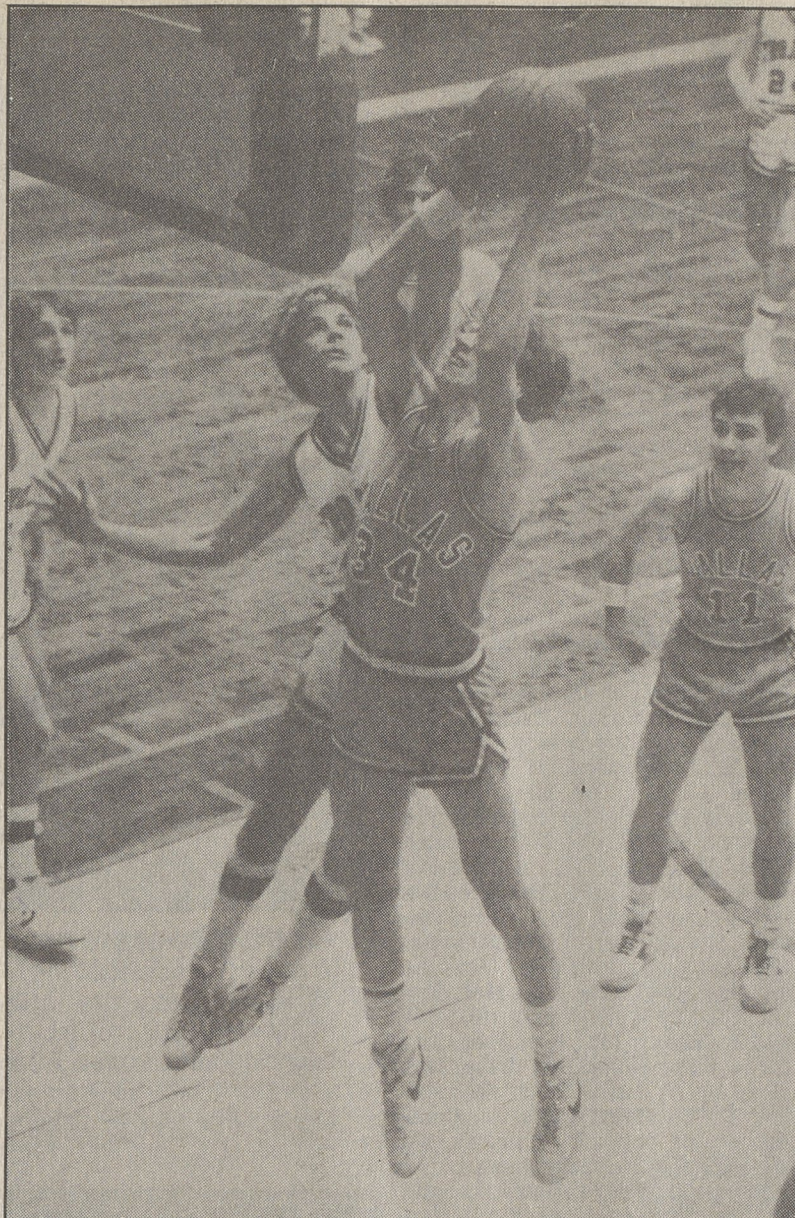
Guard Serafini continually turned back the Mountaineers attempts to make a comeback by stealing the ball or by setting up her teammates with easy pin point passes. She was all over the field and pulled down rebounds and made shots from the inside and the corners.

The two teams played on even ground for the first period but Serafini went into action and led her team to a 26-18 lead at the half. She almost downed the Mountaineers by herself in the second half.

With the help of several technical fouls, Cheryl Gavigan's shots from the foul line and two quick baskets aided Dallas in cutting the Cougars lead to 41-38. Serafini, who was on the bench at the time with four fouls, came back into the game and scored 11 consecutive points to pull the Cougars into the lead the Mountaineers could not overtake.

Eileen Walsh set the pace for Dallas with 12 points while Gavigan followed with 11 and Vloedman came through with eight. Joann Cook's absence from the bench hurt the team as did Angie Kern's limited action on defense after she injured her ankle in the first period.

The loss eliminated Dallas from the playoffs and ended the high school basketball careers of seniors Cheryl Gavigan, Kim Rollman and Jill Radzinski.



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Darling scores

Joe Darling (No. 34) of the Dallas basketball team goes against an opponent to score a goal for the Mountaineers during a recent District 2 playoff contest. Teammate Steve Wilson watches, awaiting a possible rebound. The Mountaineers were crushed in their quest for a District 2 title last week.

Trojans too much for Dallas cagers

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After defeating the Honesdale Hornets 76-65, Tuesday, March 5 at the Scranton CYC to advance to the District AAA finals against Nanticoke, Thursday, March 7, Dallas Coach Clarence Ozgo's Dallas Mountaineers were downed 71-55 by the Trojans.

Despite the loss to Nanticoke, Dallas and the Trojans advance to the PIAA interdistrict playoffs this Friday. The Mountaineers will play the loser of the Pottsville/Allentown/Central Catholic game at a time and place to be announced.

Dallas boys took control of the game with the Trojans early in the first period and ended that period with an 11-6 lead. The Trojans hit for only three out of 17 shots from the field until the second period when they began keying in on the nets led by Dave Hornlein inspiring his teammates Ken Schinski and Ken Piotkowski to hit in the double figures.

When they started hitting the Trojans used the press effectively against the Mountaineers causing them to make turnovers which their opponents turned into points.

The Trojans built their lead to 23-19 at the end of the first half and in the third period outscored Dallas 18 to 11. Leading 39-30 in the third period with about two seconds to play, Nanticoke had the ball out of bounds about 40 feet from the basket. Schinski saw that Piotkowski was open, gave him a nod and tossed the ball way over the heads of the players. Piotkowski saw him nod and went up for the ball and caught it in mid-air, then put it through the hoop for two points to give his team a 41-30 lead.

In the final period the Trojans outscored the Mountaineers 10-2 to put the game on ice. Schinski, who ended with 25 points, scored 11 of them in the final period. Guffrovich had 15 points for the Trojans, Piotkowski 13, and Hornlein 12.

Joe Darling led Dallas with 21 points but the Trojans used a full

court press to prevent Mark Farrell and Steve Wilson from hitting high scores. Farrell totaled 13 and Wilson had 11 points.

In their earlier game with Honesdale, Farrell gave a super performance scoring 29 game points to make it his eighth straight game he had scored over 20 points. He also collected 11 steals and pulled down a lot of rebounds.

Tim Moyer hit for 18 points, John Thomas and Steve Wilson followed with 11 and Joe Darling had 10 points. Coach Ozgo attributed the Dallas win to their all-out team effort.

The first period was played on fairly even terms with Dallas ending the period leading 21-17. At the half the Mountaineers were in front, 40-32, and were down 10-11 to the Hornets in the third period. At the end, the Mountaineers were the winners with their 76-65 score.

The Mountaineers played outstanding basketball Tuesday night coming through with steals, assists, layups and difficult rebounds. They averaged 62 percent shooting from the field, better than they have throughout the season.

Lehman grapplers finished second

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Lake-Lehman wrestlers continued to show Back Mountain fans thrills through the second season (state-competition).

Norm Clancy was the big winner, running his record to 27-0 for the year, capturing the regional crown in the 132 lb. class.

Clancy started his quest for the title with an overtime 5-2 victory over Dale Franquet of Lewisburg. The match was a 2-2 deadlock after regulation.

Norm followed up with a clamping over Mark Everett of Williamson in 3:23 in the semis.

In the finals, Clancy let loose at the expense of Joe Doss from Wyalusing, handing him a 7-0 shut-out for the regional crown.

Lehman's other bid for a regional

crown came in the likes of heavy-weight Chris Van Gorder.

Chris started by slamming Sayre's Bob Pond 18-8 in the first round. Then facing Susquehanna's undefeated Andy Kasko (25-0) Van Gorder handed him his first defeat 5-3. In the finals Van Gorder's hopes of a title ended quickly as, Greg Haladay of Southern Columbia pinned Van Gorder in :49. Haladay was crowned the tourney's outstanding wrestler.

Other fine showings for Lehman came from the likes of Jeff Austin who lost in the semi-finals 5-4 to Chris Ackerman of Danville, Joe Smith lost a heart breaker at 119 lbs. in overtime 2-0 to Eric Snyder of Millifburg. And Dave Guzinski lost a squeaker in the semi's 6-5 to Mike Campbell.

As a team, coach Ed Ladamus' squad took second place behind Wyalusing who gained 68 points to Lehman's 61.5.

YMCA plans wrestling event

The Wilkes-Barre YMCA's 20th Annual High School Wrestling Tournament has been set for March 16 at the Wilkes College Gym.

Weight-in time is 7:30 to 9 a.m., preliminaries are 10 a.m. consolations and finals are at 4 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th places in each division along with the "John G. Reese" award for outstanding wrestler, "George Ralston" Award for the most falls and the "Vince Digillo" award for the quickest fall.

Rodgers on sports

Bearde steps down

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Once again Back Mountain will be involved in a shuffling of coaches, only this time it wasn't a hard forced decision. Rather, it was a hard sentimental one.

Rodger Beard, Athletic Director, basketball and baseball coach of Lake-Lehman has handed over his baseball coaching duties to very capable assistant coach Dwight Barbacci.



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Rodger had been the baseball coach at Lehman the past five seasons.

This decision didn't come about due to pressures from losing seasons, parental complaints or school board threats, but from the concern of a true pro, on the availability to time and clear-headedness he could devote to the team.

The responsibilities of Athletic Director, plus being head basketball coach and also his involvement with community activities such as being director of the summer activities is more than enough to have a person going year round.

Basketball is the first concern admittedly of Rodger turning a perennial loser into a respected competitor is proof of that. Going straight from basketball to baseball would tend one to believe it would require an extreme amount of intensity which could burn a person out.

Dwight Barbacci was Bearde's assistant the past three seasons. Formerly a first rate player at Lehman, he went on to play for Lock Haven State College. He has also aided the football and wrestling programs in the assistant's role.

Dwight will be helped by his new assistant Bob Langan, who has made a move from Wyoming Area to Lehman.

Dwight and Bob will both be handed the nucleus of a respected team by Rodger with the likes of Willy Cadwalader a Division One college prospect behind the plate and Earl Weidner, P.J. Malak and Billy Boyle all good hitters. Also a fine crop of freshmen will be at their disposal.

The decision by Mr. Bearde however, must have been one of the hardest he ever had to confront. His personal love for baseball is reflected in his own past. Being a fine player himself for West Chester, he went on to sign a contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates and was then offered a contract with the Dodgers. The latter which he refused to further his education. He then became an assistant at Perkiomen High School.

It took a true gentleman to put his personal love of the game aside, and to respect the responsibilities as a A.D. to supply a baseball coach who could supply a full time one hundred percent devotion to the teaching and molding of a baseball team. To this Mr. Bearde gets my standing ovation, it is the kind of quality not all men possess and I'm sure will reflect on the fine job as Athletic Director he is devoted to.

Baseball clinic scheduled

Back Mountain Baseball Inc. will conduct its second annual coaches clinic for any adult manager, coach or volunteer affiliated with any District 16 Little League. Clinic will take place on Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dallas Senior High School gym.

The program, co-ordinated by Rich Gorgone of Back Mt. Baseball, will include such topics as Baseball running, bunting, infield and out-

field play, catcher development, pitching techniques and developing hitters. Speakers at this year's event include Stu Casterline, Tunkhannock; Jack Wolensky, Dallas; Jay Pope, Softball coach at Dallas; Bob Langan, Lehman; Gerry Bavitz, Wilkes College and Bob Duliba, head coach at Wilkes College.

All interested managers and coaches are urged to attend.

Photo identification clarified

A photo that appeared in the March 6 issue of The Dallas Post was incorrectly identified as Jeff

Austin. The Lake-Lehman wrestler shown in the photo is Bill George.

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