

# Sports

## Koval is named to position

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Mark Koval of Edwardsville was recently appointed assistant baseball coach of the Dallas Senior High Varsity Nine. In his new position, Koval will assist head coach Jack Wolensky.

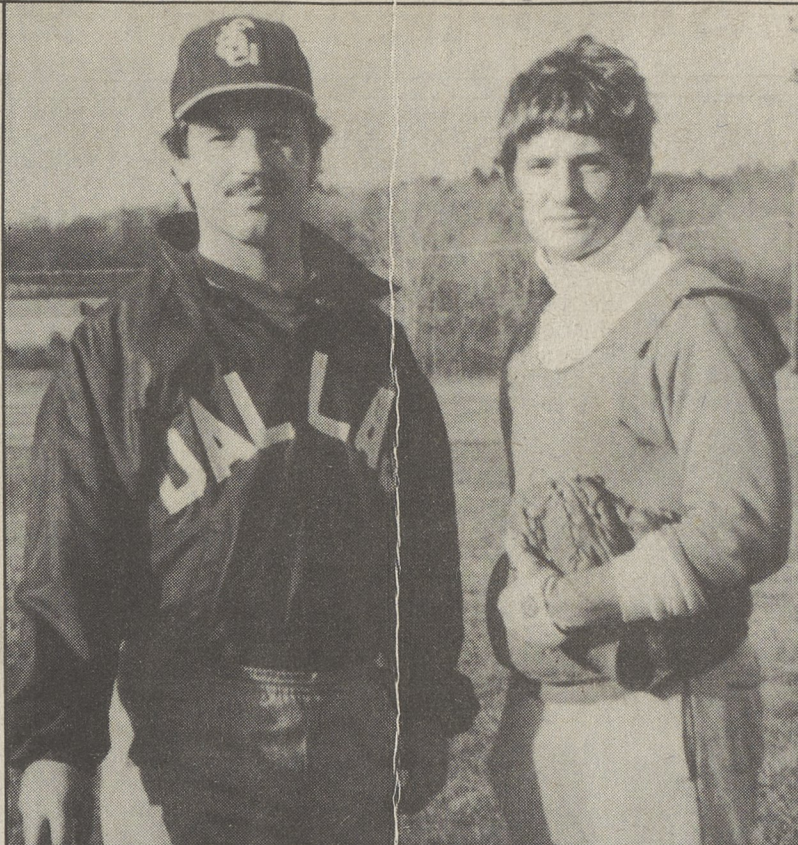
Koval, who graduated from Florida Atlanta University in Boca Raton, last August, with a degree in physical education, coached the freshman football team at Wyoming Valley West this season. He graduated from Wyoming Valley West in 1979.

Although this is Koval's first position as a baseball coach, if playing experience and enthusiasm is any indication of how he (Koval) will do, he should be an outstanding success.

While at Florida Atlantic he played baseball in Division 2 and their team was ranked eighth and ninth in the nation. In his senior year the team won the District 25 title but lost in the regionals. District 25 covered Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

Koval went to FAU because he wanted to play baseball and he knew in the South, most of the colleges and universities had long seasons. FAU had a 100-game schedule, playing 30 plus games in the Fall and 65 games in the Spring.

"We played top ranked teams," said Koval. "And when we played Miami University, we beat them. I played second base, the same position I played on our high school team. When I was in high school I played against John



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### New baseball coach

Mark Koval, new assistant baseball coach at Dallas Senior High School, discusses second base practice with A.J. Bittner. Bittner plays second base on the school's varsity team, the same position played by Koval in high school and college.

Bittner who was on the Dallas team. Now I'm assistant coaching his brother, A.J."

Koval was named MVP in baseball by both Wyoming Valley daily papers and was All-Scholastic in football.

Baseball is Mark Koval's first love and when he saw an ad in the paper for an assistant coach at Dallas, he answered the ad, filled out an application, sent in his resume and was called in for an interview. Later, he was notified that he was hired. He is also

on the substitute list at Dallas as a physical education teacher.

Koval also enjoys fishing and hunting, works as a waiter at The Station, and helps his family in a small catering business.

"There is a lot of fine talent among these kids at Dallas," he said, "But we just started to practice last week and I don't even know all of their names. It's too soon to tell how the team will do, but Dallas has always had a good program. I'm glad to be here."

## State title hopes dashed

# Mountaineers stopped

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The Dallas boys' basketball team took an early 10-8 lead in the first period against Allentown Central Catholic, but the Vikings' fast break was too much for the Mountaineers, who bowed, 69-57, to their opponents and dashed their hopes to continue on the path to the state title.

In the second period, the Mountaineers tied the score several times, however, after a 16-16 tie halfway through the period, the Vikings pulled away and never fell behind.

Allentown's Ed McCaffrey, high scorer for his team with 21 points, moved his team into a 22-16 lead and before the half ended paced his Vikings to a 26-21 score.

The Mountaineers made several good runs in the second half and at one time in the final period came to within three points of the Vikings but couldn't make it past that.

McCaffrey not only led the scoring for the Vikings, but did a super job on the boards taking down 10 rebounds.

Tim Lyons hit 20 points for the Mountaineers and Mark Farrell came through with 19. Joe Darling and Tim Moyer each had seven points and Steve Wilson added four.

"The Allentown boys were a pretty good size," said Dallas Coach Clarence Ozgo. "Overall, they were taller than our boys but we have played taller teams. We were out-rebounded by a large number. The boys had too many turnovers to win. They made too many mistakes."

"When you get as far as the inter-districts and state playoffs, you can't make mistakes and expect to win. You're going up against some of the best in the state. But I was pleased with the kids efforts. They never quit, even when they fell behind they never gave up."

Ozgo said he was very pleased with the season. When the team lost so many players through graduation at the end of last year, a lot of people wrote the team off. He said the kids made up their minds they wanted to win and they worked hard at it.

"Hard work got them a tie for second in the league and they were District 2 finalists. They did alright. We had outstanding leadership from our seniors."

Ozgo gave great credit to Mark Farrell, Steve Wilson, Tim Cotter and Joe Darling for the stellar effort they gave. He noted that Darling came a long way since his

sophomore year and he (Ozgo) believes Darling has his finest basketball ahead of him if he stays with it.

"The key to this year's winning season for the Mountaineers was the leadership by the seniors," Ozgo said. "They did a fine job of helping

the sophomores and juniors. The kids played to win, they didn't talk about it, they went out on the floor and did it."

Coach Clarence Ozgo is grateful to all those in the basketball program at Dallas and is looking forward to next season at Dallas.

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## Spring, baseball go together

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With the weather getting warmer and buds starting to pop on the trees, it's time for baseball and it's on everyone's mind. And speaking of which, the Back Mountain is on everyone's concerned list.

With Dallas returning eight lettermen from an 11-6 season a year ago and Lake-Lehman sporting a strong nucleus of players from last year's team to go along with fine crop of freshmen from a 7-3 team. The Back Mountain will be right in the hunt for conference laurels. Also Penn State in Lehman and College Misericordia are sporting some fine talented players.

To start out, Dallas, under the guidance of Coach Jack Wolensky, is anchored by Division One prospect A.J. Bittner.

A.J. is being recruited by Miami University and Coach Pol of Mississippi State. A.J. was All-Conference in his junior year at second base and hit over .400.

Also teammate and co-captain Matt Medura is probably the best centerfielder in the conference. Scoring runs will not be a problem, but the question mark lies in their pitching staff, where five players with varsity experience will return.

New Lake-Lehman Coach Dwight Barbacci must be eagerly awaiting their season opener. He will have one of the best receivers in the business in the likes of Willy Cadwaller to anchor his battery. Earl Weidner, Billy Boyle and P.J. Malak are well above 350 hitters who will be counted on to lead the

potent Lehman attack.

With the season opener April 1 right around the corner, it could prove to be quite interesting. Once again Valley West, Nanticoke and Coughlin are the early season favorites, but don't be surprised to see Dallas and Lehman supply a few curves of their own. With a few breaks they could end up on top.

Although I haven't had the opportunity to personally see and evaluate Misericordia and Penn State, the grapevine reveals both teams have promising talent and could cause some damage.

### BONOMO BROTHERS

How about Ricky and Rocky Bonomo? The ex-Lehman grapplers who both won state championships

in 1981, put their names in the college record books this past weekend.

Rocky who was seeded third at 126 lbs. in the Nationals won his consolation bout, but was eliminated by Louisiana State Rob Johnson.

Ricky however, wrestling at 118 lbs. gained entrance to the finals against Matt Egeland of Iowa. Ricky gained the finals quite impressively, recording two pins, a superior decision and a technical foul.

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