



Sports



At Dallas, Lehman

Girls' basketball teams gear up for new season

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With the end of the Back Mountain high schools Fall sports program, practice sessions and scrimmages will get underway for the winter team sports. Busy putting new ideas into effect are the coaches of the senior high school varsity girls basketball teams.

Head Coach Joe Martini of Lake-Lehman, who has had 30 girls out in competition for the squad, says it will be at least another week before he will be able to determine his starting players and have any idea of the team's potential.

Dallas Senior Varsity Coach Kit Karuza, however, has made some headway for the season since he has a good nucleus of players from last season returning. Seniors Kim Rinehimer and Karen Vloedman, who were starters last season, are back and Karuza expects these two to play a key role in the team's success throughout the season. As co-captains, they will be counted on to lead the other members of the team.

Four other letter winners returning are Lori Brokenshire, Eileen Walsh, Angie Kern and Joann Cook. Karuza expects Brokenshire to develop as one of the best guards in the league. A fifth player, who played a lot last season, and is expected to perform well this year is sophomore Missy Kohli.

"This gives us a good nucleus to build around," said Karuza. "We also have Patti Sudol, Tammy Daveski and Angela Chiarucci, juniors who also did a lot of varsity playing last season. We have a lot of depth and experience this year, a variation from other years. In the past we have had depth but not with a lot of experience."

Twenty six girls signed papers indicating intention to play, but from the first 24 who came out the number has narrowed to 20, a

number with which Karuza believes is workable. There are a lot of sophomores competing this year, many of them showing excellent potential.

Among these are Rene Balberchak, Susan Starolis and Eileen Kalinowski. Others are progressing rapidly and it looks like an exciting season for the Dallas girls team. There are a few freshmen practicing with the team and Karuza indicated that it was possible he might move one or two up to the varsity squad but not before he discussed the move with Junior High Coaches Tom Kilduff and Bill Straitiff.

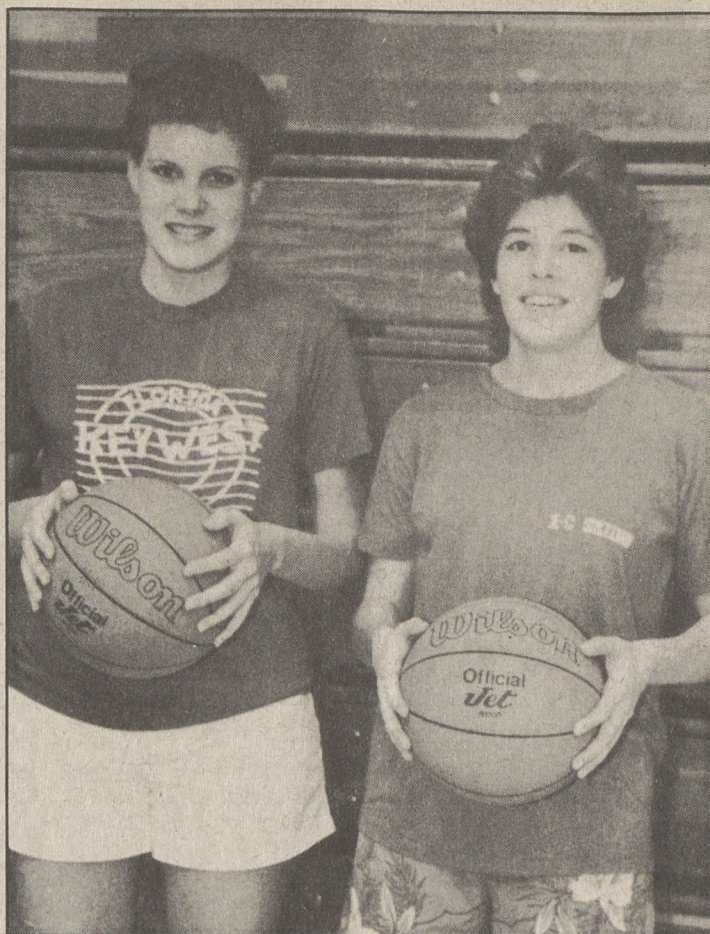
Both of these men have coached junior high teams in the past, although not in the past few seasons. Karuza believes the fact the two coaches are at junior high will be beneficial to the program. They will be able to recruit girls early and bring them up through the system.

The Dallas team does not have many transfers into the team during the past year or two but the program has been successful and Karuza attributes much of this to the junior high program.

Despite losing last year's Cheryl Gavigan and Kim Rollman, high scorers and Gavigan, top rebounder, Karuza said he has other players who can take their place and he is looking forward to this year's league play.

Last year the Dallas team was considered a young team but after losing their first two games, the team won 19 of their next 20 games. This year they should be a strong contender although it may take a while for the players to come together as a team.

Karuza is changing the team's style of play this year since he does not have much height as in previous seasons, it will be a season of transition to a smaller team in height, so the team will probably play more aggressive ball and run the ball a lot more. Walsh, Broken-



Dallas leaders

Karen Vloedman, left, and Kim Rinehimer, right, seniors at Dallas High School, take time out from a practice session to have a photo taken after being named co-captains of this season's varsity basketball team. Dallas varsity coach is Kit Karuza.

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shire and Rinehimer are speedsters and the others work at getting into the flow of play.

The method of play will make the team more open to mistakes but it will be more exciting. On defense, the team will, as in the past, use 1-3-1 but will use more man-to-man and more zone and on offense, they will incorporate many new methods. Overall, Karuza expects the team to play with more sophistication.

The Dallas girls will continue to do what they do best — dump the ball down the inside. This year there are five or six on the team who are high scorers at any given time. If their opponents key on any one player, someone else can take the ball to score. The Dallas team will use a lot of "gimmick" defense this season to compensate for less height.

Coach Karuza believes the Lady Mountaineers toughest competition

will be Meyers with five back from last season, and Seton Catholic, with four returning from last season. He said Lake-Lehman is always tough and Crestwood has a very tall team this season. Wyoming Seminary is always capable of pulling an upset and this year has a good center and an outstanding freshman.

The key to Dallas' success this season is not to take any team for granted. They can't be defeated by an upset from a team they are capable of defeating.

Dallas girls open in the Tunkhannock Tournament, Dec. 7, playing either Montrose or Blue Ridge. They play Naticoke, away, Dec. 10; Benton, away, Dec. 16; Pittston Area, at home, Dec. 23; and South Williamsport, at home Dec. 29, 2 p.m. They also play two league games in December, Northwest and G.A.R.

Chet Williams

Bass pro looks favorably upon algae at lake

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Dallas, Pa.'s resident Bass Pro, Chet Williams of 134 Tunkhannock Highway, has an unusual way of looking at the algae problem at Harveys Lake.

While many area fishermen, boaters and swimmers grimace at the thought of going near a "green lake," Williams says the murky water provides an ideal fishing condition.

"I know some people might take this the wrong way," said Williams. "But if Harveys Lake was green year-round, it (Harveys Lake) would be one of the best fishing lakes in the state of Pennsylvania."

Williams said fish tend to look for places to hide during the day because the sunlight hurts their eyes. That is why most of the large fish in Harveys Lake tend to be caught in the middle of the lake.

"The greenish tint of the lake means the fish will come closer to the shoreline because they cannot be frightened off as easily," said Williams.

Williams said when the Anabaena algae problem surfaced this past summer he caught some real lunkers during the pannick.

"One day the channel 16 TV crew was out at the lake filming the algae problem," Williams remembers. "That same day I caught a nice 5 and half pound large mouth."

Williams, who has been fishing professionally for the past seven years, said he has two basic secrets to catching large quantities of fish — fish scent liquids and multiple casting in a single area.

"You know you will go out fishing and you are bound to see some fishermen running around a lake trying to find that right spot," said Williams. "Sometimes they will hit 50 different spots on a lake. Not me," Williams said emphatically. "I'll fish in one or two spots and make multiple casts."

Said Williams, "In any given lake 90 percent of the fish are located in 10 percent of the water. So you must find the hot spot and continue to cast into the same area. The fish

will find you, not the other way around."

Williams, who makes himself available to community organizations as a speaker, has been fishing for over 20 years. He currently ranks number 10 out of 250 fishermen in the Northeast Division of the Redman Chewing Tobacco Fishing season.

Fishing, said Williams, is a sport which separates the men from the boys when it comes to determination.

"Fishing in tournaments is much different than weekend fishing," said Williams. "You sometimes have 30 degree weather and 40 mile an hour winds to contend with. But a tournament fisherman will be out there under any condition."

Williams, 41, said "Fishing the really adverse weather is what separates the men from the boys. You can also catch some of the biggest fish in the worst weather," Williams said.

Of course, said Williams, you must use common sense. "I do not mean to tell people to go out and fish when the waves are splashing into their boat. You just have to exercise common sense," Williams said.

Williams also smashed the old myth of having to fish early in the morning to catch fish. The Dallas resident said he does some of his best fishing around 12 noon.

"When the sun begins to rise in the morning the fish head for the middle of the body of water," Williams said. "You as the fisherman must follow the fish out into the deeper water and go after them."

Williams said the average fisherman is spoiled as a child by fishing in area ponds. The ponds, according to Williams, are the most active fishing areas because the ponds are not very deep and the water tends to be murky (green). These conditions are supposedly the best for catching fish.

"The problem with the average fisherman," said Williams, "is that they fish the same style and depth when they fish a lake." "Ofcourse the lake is a lot deeper and requires more skill."

BOWLING NEWS

Dallas A men shut out Maple Grove in the Back Mt. Church League paced by R. Fielding's 215 (551) and R. Stair's 541. C. Roberts added to the cause with 532. Gary Mazur rolled 538 for the losing five. Shavertown B took all from Orange A sparked by C. Kazokas' 576 and Trucksville B blanked Shavertown A paced by S. Hoover's 217 (560). Carverton B picked up three points from Carverton A whose high scorer was J. Haines with 510. Trucksville C took two and a half points from East Dallas aided by J. Remington's walloping 213-224 (588). C. Goble's 203 ws high for the East Dallas men.

In the Idetown Compact League the first place Aries took three from Firebirds led by J. Berti's 222 (517) while the Corvettes blanked the Capris on a forfeit. Marilyn Morris rolled 482 for the Corvettes. E. Ishley's 203 helped the Pintos take three from the Citations whose M. Pazuchanics hit pins for 186. LeBarons pickd up three from the Camaros.

Grotto Pizza shut out Gordon Insurance in Ladies Country League to drop the insurance girls to last place half game behind G.H. Harris. D. Zurinski topped both teams with 179 (496). League-leading Bonomo Sports Center divided equally with G.H. Harris but continued in first due to Fashion Vending splitting 2-2 with the Castlettes. Grotto Pizz moved into third spot in the league. Hitting high games other than Zurinski were K. Scavone 178 (494), B. Strazdus 184 and M.E. Neely 179. Tom Reese blanked Brent Long despite Long's Chris Badman rolling 170 in the Bowlerette League. Hoagie Bar took four points on a forfeit from Frankoins, whose G. Grant hit pins for 179 (474). N. Moser rolled 479 for the Hoagie girls.

In Our Gang League Chubbie five shut out Farina, Porky took three and one half from Spanky, Butch picked up three from Alfalfa and Buckwheat did the same to Worm. High rollers for the men were M. Carkhuff 527, E. Dingle 504, Lon Cooper 525, and for the women, Sandy Dzury 481.

It was 3-1 night in the Imperialette League with Scavone Motors taking Mahaffey Oil, Schmid's Amoco making it three from Humphrey's Apparel and Jean Shop taking three from Lombardo Bakery. High scorers were K. Scavone 181 (475), M. Neifert 197-213 (542), J. Wertman 185, L. Johnson 178 and D. Garnett 168.



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Stop that kick!

Goalie Howie Hopson tries to stop the winning goal on a penalty kick to win the game for the Strikers and Jeff Tinner looks on. The Strikers defeated the Rowdies, 5-4, to capture the U-16 championship in the Back Mountain Youth Soccer Organization.

Three area soccer teams win

The Luzerne County Cup Tournament, sponsored by the Luzerne County Recreation Dept. ended Saturday with the final eight teams (six from Back Mt. Soccer) vying for first and second place. Back Mt. Soccer teams came home with wins in three of four age divisions. Winners were U-10, U-14, and U-16.

U-16 DIVISION

The U-16 game saw the Back Mt. Rowdies facing the Back Mt. Strikers with the Strikers coming out on top with a 5 to 4 victory after full regulation time and two "5 minute overtimes." Jeff Tinner (Tommy Shone assist) started the scoring in the second quarter for a Rowdie lead at halftime.

Third quarter action had Steve Finn tie the game for the Strikers on a direct free kick, left wing Wes Wuori later nailed one putting the Rowdies in front going into the fourth quarter. The fourth had the Strikers scoring twice with halfback Steve Finn scoring off a pass from Doug Doerfler and Finn nailing a goal on a direct kick. Jeff Tinner finished the scoring to tie the game at three goals apiece.

The first overtime had Doerfler scoring before a Reese Finn (P.K.)

goal with 4 minutes remaining in the second overtime. Mike Richards then sealed a Striker victory on a penalty kick. Super defense was turned in by D.J. Hopkins and Eric Smith (S) and Reese Finn, Joyce Tinner, Jenny Moran, Becky Geffert (H.B.), Chris Graver, (H.B.) and goalie Howie Hopson (R). Good offensive efforts came from Ken Kozel, John Masley, and Nicole Vogel (S) and Tom Shone, Steve Sours, Tinner and Wuori (R). The Strikers ended the year undefeated at 12-0.

U-14 DIVISION

U-14 final saw the Back Mt. Sockers wearing down the scrappy Plains Woverines in the second half for a 6-2 win. First quarter play had Brian Hamel (S) scoring first before a John Corcoran (W) goal tied it at one. Hampel banged another one in before Chris Sinavage (W) tied the game ending the first quarter.

Steven Sennett (Brian Hampel assist) broke the deadlock in the second for a 3-2 Socker lead at halftime. The Socker offense prevailed in the second half over the quick and aggressive Woverines with goals from Brian Hampel (Ken

Klimowitz), John Baranowski (Hampel), and another Baranowski shot thru the net to end all scoring.

U-12 DIVISION

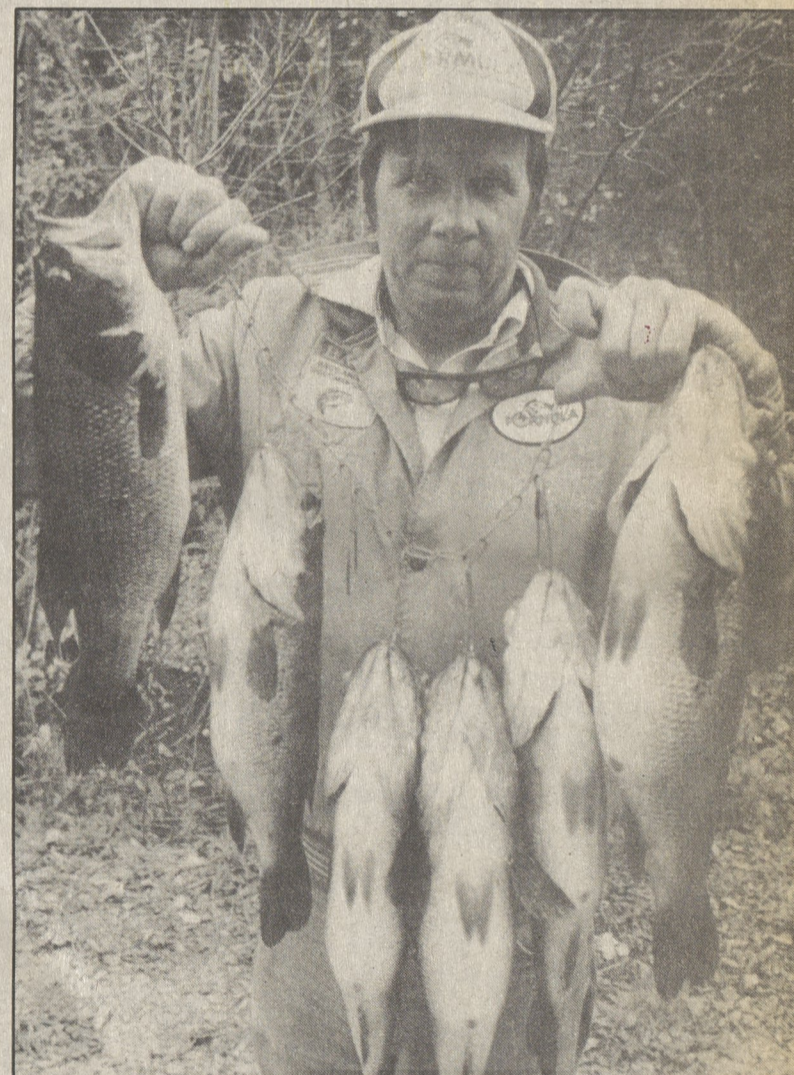
The U-12 final had the W-B Skyhawks going against the Back Mt. Charters with the Skyhawks coming out on top 3 to 2 after a hard fought battle including the full regulation game, two, "five-minute overtimes" and with the score still tied, an 18-man shootout.

Mike Sweeney scored twice in the first half (assists R.J. Chesna and J. Williams) before a Matt Sleightholm goal brought the Chargers within one. The Skyhawks led the entire second half with David Fisher (C) tied the game sending it into overtime after a scoreless first overtime.

U-10 DIVISION

The Back Mountain Cosmos and Back Mountain Stallions squared off in the U-10 final with a tremendous defensive effort by both teams holding all scoring for the better part of the game. The lone score came in the 3rd quarter on a Sean Callahan goal from the halfback slot giving the Cosmos the win.

Goalies Jeff Kuple (C) and Dave Thomas (S) played excellent defense fending off shot after shot by both clubs.



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Catch displayed

Chet Williams, an avid fisherman from the Back Mountain, is shown here with his latest string of prize-winning fish.

Humphrey's returns to defend adult cage title

Members of Humphrey's adult recreational basketball team have returned to defend their title in the Lake-Noxen Adult Recreational Basketball League.

The league, entering its fifth season, features the defending Hum-

phrey's team as well as Kilgore Trout, Union Petroleum, Maher's, Beseker Realty and the Rebels.

With games scheduled to have begun this past Monday, contests are played at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School.

Gridiron Club announces winners of recent drawing

Winners of the Dallas High School Gridiron Club drawing are as follows:

Connie Sarnecki, Plains; John O'Brien, Wilkes-Barre; Len Per-

kowski, Shavertown; Jerry Imbalazano, Carbondale; Don Hughes, Shavertown; Bob Eyet, Dallas; Charles Reese, Dallas; H.L. Benninger, Scranton; Bill Kubis, Dallas; and Tim Connolly, Luzerne.