

Sports

With 30-19 win

WA stuns Knights

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Coming off their second place standing in the Selinsgrove Holiday Tournament and a 40-13 win over the Coughlin Crusaders in their Wyoming Valley Conference opener, Coach Ed Ladamus' veteran Black Knight grapplers lost 30-19 to Coach Harry Cooper's surprisingly strong Wyoming Area Warriors, Saturday, before a standing-room only crowd.

The Warriors won eight of the 12 bouts, among them Selinsgrove 98-lb. champ Matt Reinert and Selinsgrove heavyweight champ Ed Stratford. It marked the first time in four years that the Black Knights took only four bouts in dual meets.

The Warriors chalked up only one pin in turning back the Knights but their ability in picking up points in the final seconds of their bouts gave them a superior decision, major decision and five three-point decisions.

98-lb. Matt Reinert gave up two points to Warrior Pat Heck at the end of the first period, then gave up two more on back points while managing to escape for only one point late in the bout.

Senior Jeff Austin tied the match at 3-3 when he decisioned 105-lb. Jeff Randazzo 2-1 and 112-lb. Dave Guzinski gave the Knights the lead when he clamped Warrior John Lukash in 5:27.

The Warriors tied it up when 119-lb. Mark Poceschi flattened Terry Smith in 1:54, then forged ahead by five points when 126-lb. Matt Grubeck took a 13-0 superior decision from Knight Chris Frederick. Frederick, a sophomore, is wrestling his first year on the varsity squad, as is Terry Smith.

Lake-Lehman's senior Joe Smith pinned 132-lb. Keith Coolbaugh in 2:54 to add six to the Knights team score but at 138 the Warriors Mark Amato came from behind to pick up six points at the end of the first period and go on to take a 10-8 bout from Bob Guzinski.

The Knights fell behind by four more points at 145-lb. when Mark Yaple lost a major 15-4 decision to Warrior Jim Coolbaugh. 155-lb. Knight Don Spencer

put the last points on the board for Lake-Lehman by taking a 9-1 major decision from Wyoming's Ed Pietukiewicz.

Knight Bill George gave the Warriors a five point lead in the score when 167-lb. Brian Hines defeated him 13-7. Going into the third period, 185-lb. sophomore Scott Shafer was leading Warrior Frank Klein, 9-6, but Klein picked up a take-down and a near-fall to pick up a 10-9 win over the young Knight.

In a close bout, Lake-Lehman's Heavyweight Ed Stratford went down 6-5 to Warrior Marvin Gilpin.

KNIGHTS WIN NINE

In Friday night's win over Coughlin, the Knights took nine of the 12 bouts with 98-lb. Matt Reinert winning by forfeit, 105-lb. Austin taking a 7-1 decision from Scott Hoffman and 122-lb. Dave Guzinski outwrestling Dave Kelly 12-3.

Coughlin's 119-lb. Chuck Conklin picked up the Crusaders first points on a 4-0 win over Terry Smith and 126-lb. Dave Bonomo took a 15-0 superior decision from Chris Frederick.

The next four bouts went to the Black Knights with 132-lb. Joe Smith decisioning John Bonita 5-3, 138-lb. Bob Guzinski pinning Joseph Teberio in 3:40, 145-lb. Mark Yaple flattening Mark Kaye in 3:58 and 155-lb. Don Spencer taking Sean Brian 6-3.

The Crusaders Junior O'Donnell captured the final points for Coughlin with a 13-5 win over 167-lb. Bill George.

185-lb. Scott Shafer turned over Coughlin's Mike Revitt in 3:23 and Hwt. Ed Stratford decisioned Ed Lapinski 7-2.

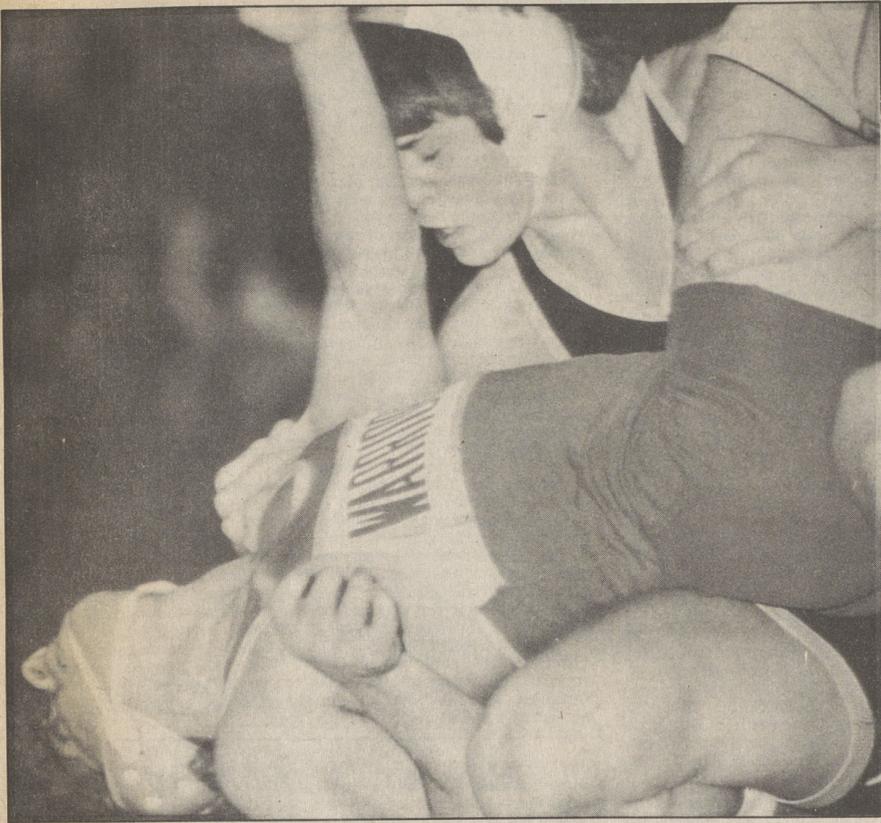
PRE-SEASON

In pre-season competition, the Knights defeated West Scranton 34-27 and placed second in the Selinsgrove Holiday Tournament where Reinert (98), Austin (105), and Hwt. Stratford won titles. Second place runnersup were D. Guzinski (112), J. Smith (132), B. Guzinski (138), and Yaple (145). D. Spencer (155), B. George (167) and S. Shafer (185) came in third.

DALLAS HAS DEPTH

With 30 grapplers out for the team this season, Coach Larry Schuler and his assistant, Harp Heffer-

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In control

Lake-Lehman's heavyweight wrestler Ed Stratford is in control here as he attempts to put away Marvin Gilpin of Wyoming Area. The Black Knights, however, were stunned by the wrestling ability of the Warriors this past weekend as the Back Mountain boys went down to defeat.

Dallas rebounds, defeats Titans

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Using a combined team effort with four men in the double figures, Dallas Coach Clarence Ozgo's Mountaineers rebounded from Thursday's 73-62 loss to the Crestwood Comets to breeze by the West Side Titans, 79-38.

In a close first quarter of play, the Mountaineers went in front 12-9 going in to the second period and broke the game open 17-9 to lead 29-18 at the half.

Tim Moyer and Dennis Dacosin combined for 14 points in the third quarter to lead the Mountaineers in piling up 23 points while holding the Titans to only eight points. The Dallas offense controlled the ball most of the period out-rebounding the Titans at both ends of the floor.

After putting the game on ice in the third period, the Mountaineers continued to score in the final quarter putting 27 points on the board to West Side Tech's 12.

Moyer led in the scoring with 15 points with Dacosin following with 13. Tim Lyons, back in play the past week after being out due to injuries, and Tom Shalata had 10 points each. John Thomas added eight points from the field and Tom Perlis put in six points from the field and went one-for-two from the foul line.

The win gave the Mountaineers a 2-2 record in Division 2 play.

COMETS ROMP

In Thursday's game with the

Comets, the Mountaineers led 49-46 going into the fourth quarter when Crestwood put in 27 points sparked by strong shooting by Tom Benz and Jim McGovern, who combined for 22 of their 33 points in the second half. The Comets also did some great shooting from the foul line putting in 19 of 28 shots.

Matt DiGennari carried the Comets in the first half dumping in 14 of his total 19 game points. He tossed in 18 points from the field and went one-for-one from the free stripe.

Dacosin led the Mountaineers with 23 points, collecting 20 of them from the field and going three-for-five from the foul line. Shalata tossed in 12 points from the field. Dacosin led the team in rebounding.

Tim Lyons, coming into the game for the first time this season, added six points while Thomas contributed seven and O'Donnell putting in eight.

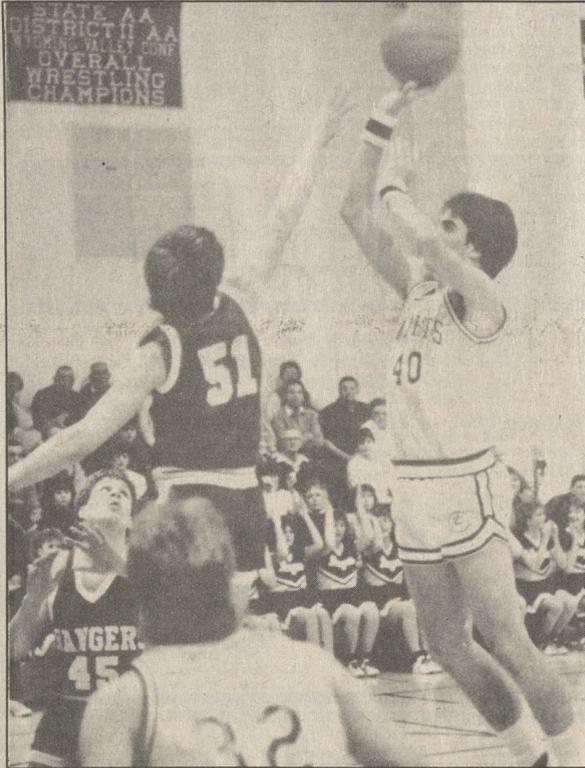
DEFEAT TIGERS

On Monday, Dec. 30, the Mountaineers traveled to Tunkhannock where they were downed 50-35 by the Tigers. The Mountaineers have been playing plagued by injuries and are just beginning to begin playing with a full team roster.

The Tunkhannock team took the lead in the first quarter and held it throughout most of the game, taking a 24-16 lead into the lockerroom at the half.

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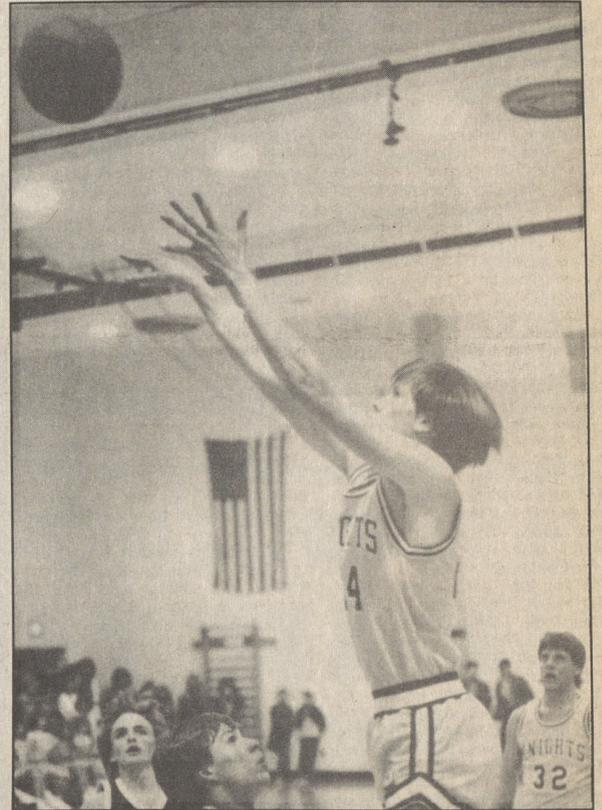
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Keith gets edge

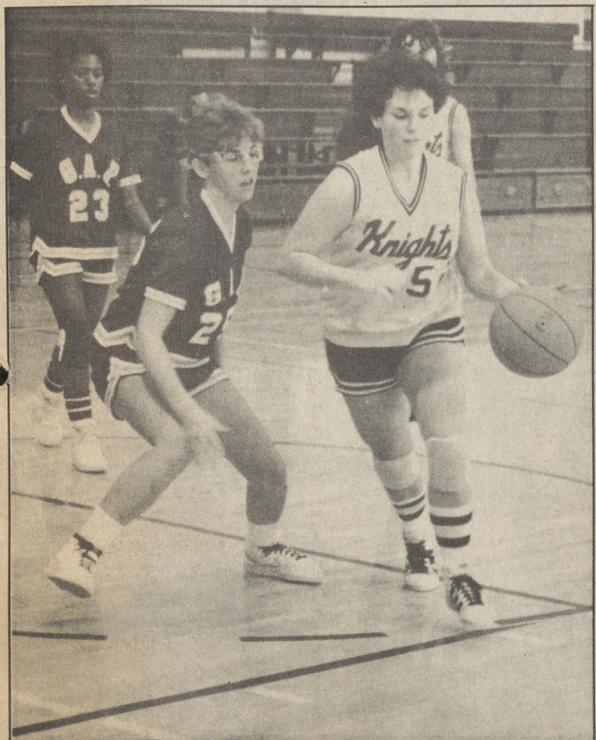
Keith Kendall of the Lake-Lehman boys' basketball team gets the edge on his defender Daryl Sherrick of Northwest during a contest between the two teams last week. Also visible in the photo are Lake-Lehman's Brian James (No. 32) and Dave Sherrick (No. 45) of Northwest.



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All alone

Black Knight Carl Houlik is all alone as he takes to the air for an attempted shot at goal during last week's game against the Northwest Rangers. Also visible in the photo is Lehman's Brian James (No. 32).



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Fancy stuff

Debi Levi of the Lake-Lehman girls' basketball team shows some fancy dribbling action as she scoots around a GAR defender last week in a Wyoming Valley Conference game between the two teams.



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Let 'er rip

Pam Coolbaugh of the Lake-Lehman girls' basketball team lets the ball roll off her fingertips as she attempts a shot at goal last week against the Lady Grenadiers of GAR High School. Lady Knights also visible in the photo are Donna Zampetti (No. 30) and Diane Jachimowicz (No. 40).

Winning streak continues despite several injuries

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Dallas girls' basketball team, playing without several regulars out with injuries, continued undefeated this past week by downing West Side Tech 68-38, Saturday, Jan. 4 and Crestwood, 60-52, Thursday, Jan. 2 to run their league record to 4-0.

The Lady Mountaineers had little trouble handling the young Titans who lack the experience and the depth of the Dallas squad.

Kim Rinehimer scored 18 points, a career high; and Karen Vloedman tossed in 16 to lead the Lady Mountaineers in the win. R. Balberchak and M. Sabol went into the game off the bench and Balberchak scored her first varsity game points.

The girls ran the ball well and pushed the ball up the court. They controlled the rebounding throughout the game although they did not play as well as they are capable of doing defensively.

Coach Kit Karuza played a lot of the jayvees during the game and most of the fourth quarter was played by a full roster of the younger girls.

"Our goal was to win the game and we did," said Karuza. "With

several of our starters out, our younger girls are gaining experience. We've been using a different starting lineup just about every game."

COOK SCORES 19

In the Crestwood, a key game for the Mountaineers, six-foot Joann Cook scored 19 points, followed by Karen Vloedman with 13, to lead the Mountaineers to the 60-52 win.

Leading by a one-point 14-13 first quarter, Dallas girls combined for 30 points in the second and third quarters, outscoring the Comets 30-17 and leading 44-30 going into the final period. Crestwood, paced by Lynn Coslett, rallied to lead the Comets to a 22-16 score over the Mountaineers in the fourth period, cutting the Dallas win to 60-52.

Cook played the best game of her high school career in the Crestwood game and excelled in rebounding. Sophomore Eileen Kalinowski went into the game and scored six points for the Mountaineers.

FOUR SHORT

The Lady Mountaineers fell four points short of matching South Williamsport on the Dallas court, Dec. 30, losing 55-51.

Down by 15 points, in the second quarter, the Lady Mountaineers rallied to trail 29-28 at the half. Their

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