

# Bonomo's exit from wrestling shocks many

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Ricky Bonomo is in a dilemma, according to his mother's statement Monday afternoon.

"He isn't sure he wants to wrestle anymore, that he can give it 100 percent, but he doesn't want to leave his brother, Rocky, down either. He was going to talk to his coaches when he returned to school today (Monday, Jan. 13) and maybe by the end of the week he will be sure of what he's going to do," said Mrs. Richard Bonomo, Ricky's mother.

It was only last week that Ricky Bonomo announced his decision up wrestling due to a lack of interest in the sport. The NCAA 118-lb. wrestling champion said he wasn't motivated anymore and felt he might be hurting the team.

Ricky and his identical twin brother, Rocky, have been wrestling since they were students at Lake-Lehman High School where they were members of the teams coached by Shorty Hitchcock. The Bonomo brothers were state champions during their senior year at Lake-Lehman.

Ricky was a favorite to win states but his twin brother, Rocky, both surprised and delighted

Back Mountain fans by also taking the state title in his weight class. The twins are identical in height, weight, appearance, likes and dislikes and have deep empathy for one another.

Contrary to reports circulating, both boys are still students at Bloomsburg State University where they are majoring in art. Rocky had to return to Bloomsburg, Monday, for wrestling practice and Ricky had to report Tuesday for classes. Rather than having them making separate trips, their dad sent them back together on Monday morning.

Ricky's dad is not certain his son is through with wrestling. He hopes that he isn't, that he will return to the team and defend his national championship in March.

"I can't make him wrestle," said Ricky's dad. "I can give him advice and he has to take it from there. I told him if he really wanted to quit, he should do it before the season gets underway. I only hope that he doesn't wait, then when he decides he'd like to wrestle it might be too late," said Rich Bonomo.

Rick's father pointed out that when you reach the top as Ricky did in winning the NCAA championship, it's difficult to become motivated.

"Where do you go from the top?," said his dad. "He's been there and maybe he believes

the sacrifices he has to make to do it again are too great — that it's not worth it. If that's the case, he may change his mind."

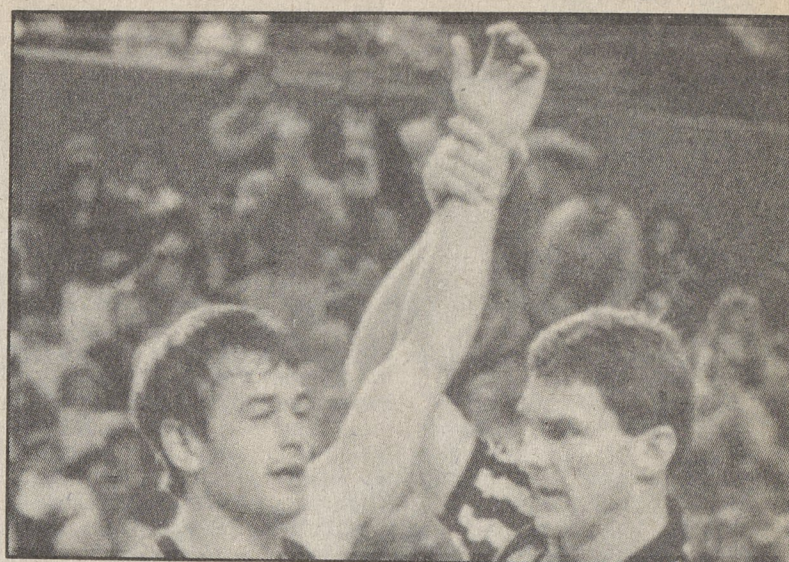
Bonomo also agreed it could be because Ricky believes his giving up wrestling might help Rocky.

Both boys weigh about 128 lbs. and Ricky's weight class has always been good. He drops down about 10 lbs. and is strong at 118. Rocky, on the other hand, has always wrestled at a disadvantage, moving up to the 134 lb. class while he weighs only 128 lbs. This means he goes against young men who have dropped down to 134 and are stronger than Rocky.

Their dad isn't sure, but he does know that Ricky expected Rocky to chew up his opponent in the Wilkes Open but instead of finishing first at 134, as Ricky did at 126, Rocky was runnerup.

"Maybe subconsciously Ricky thinks he is helping Rocky by quitting. But if Rocky wants his brother to continue, he (Rocky) is the one who can persuade him to go on."

The Bonomo twins have made their outstanding wrestling career on raw talent, according to their dad. He said that unlike many wrestlers, who work out or tour the 12 months of the year, his boys quit working out after the sport is over in March.



**Title winner**

The official raises Ricky Bonomo's hand in victory as the 118-lb. grappler from Bloomsburg University takes the NCAA title in his weight class last March in Oklahoma City.

## Sports

Lose to Seminary

# Mountaineers drop to 4-3 in league

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Coach Clarence Ozgo's Dallas Mountaineers lost 65-45 to Wyoming Seminary's Blue Knights, Saturday, to drop to 4-3 in league standing and tie with Crestwood and Hanover for third in Division 2 of the Wyoming Valley Conference. Earlier in the week, the Mountaineers broke open in the third quarter to defeat Hanover 71-63, Thursday night at home, and broke a 30-30 tie in the fourth quarter, Tuesday night, to win 54-42 over Lake-Lehman on the Knights court.

In their game with the Blue Knights on Seminary's floor, the Mountaineers played a close 13-10 first period but cooled off in the second and third quarters when Seminary's cagers outscored their opponents 17-8 and 18-8 to take a 48-26 lead at the end of the third period.

Jay Antinnes and Chris Berry led the Blue Knights in the scoring, collecting 17 points each and Ken Lovett followed with 13 points for the Knights.

Antinnes tossed in 13 of his points in the second and third periods and Berry put in 11 of his 17 in the same quarters. Antinnes had a perfect five-for-five at the foul line to lead the Blue Knights in dumping in 19-23 from the charity stripe. He also tossed in 12 points from the floor. Berry hit 14 points from the floor and keyed in three-for-four from the free line.

**MOUNTAINEERS RALLY**  
The Mountaineers rallied in the final quarter to outscore the Blue Knights 19-17 but they had a poor

night from the foul line hitting only 5 for 11. Both teams played each other close from the floor with Seminary only hitting for three more than the Dallas cagers.

Dennis Dacosin led the Mountaineers with 14 points, hitting for 12 points from the floor and going 2-4 from the free stripe. Tim Lyons, back in the lineup after an injury, followed with 10, all of them tossed in from the floor.

### HALFTIME TIE

In an evenly played first half in the Dallas-Hanover game, Thursday night, on the Mountaineers floor, the score was tied 32-32 at halftime.

In the 71-63 upset over the Hawkeyes, the Mountaineers used a balanced team offense to outscore Hanover 21-11 in the third quarter.

Bob O'Donnell hit for 10 of his high 19 points in the second half and Tim Moyer scored six of his 13 points in the third period to lead the Mountaineers in taking the win. Dacosin, with only two points less than O'Donnell, scored 10 of his 17 points in the first half to keep Dallas abreast of the Hawkeyes.

Tom Shalata picked up nine points for the Mountaineers and J. Thomas put in seven. Lyons, out for the beginning of the season, came into the lineup and tossed in six key points for the Dallas five.

In the final period, led by their high scorer Jeff Thomas, who dumped in 14 of his 22 points in the second half, the Hawkeyes rallied to stage a comeback but were unable to overcome the 10 point lead picked by the Mountaineers in the third period.

### LATE ATTACK

Dallas staged a fourth period

scoring attack in Tuesday night's game with Coach Rodger Bearde's Black Knights to break a 30-30 tie at the end of the third quarter, then go ahead to win 54-42.

Dallas took a 24-18 lead into the lockerroom at halftime but in the third quarter the Knights made the score even led by Keith Kendall who put in 11 points for the Lake-Lehman team.

It was Mountaineer Dennis Dacosin who paced the Dallas quintet in the final period scoring 10 of his 16 points. Dacosin went two-for-two from the foul line and hit for 14 points from the floor.

Mountaineer Bob O'Donnell was high scorer for Dallas picking up seven of his 17 points in the first half, then adding 10 more in the third and fourth periods. Moyer added nine points to the Mountaineers scoring column and Lyons came in to hit for four points. Moyer had a perfect 5-5 from the charity stripe. Shalata went two-for-four from the free stripe, his only points of the game. Thomas hit for six points from the playing field.

Chris Landmesser and Chris Scharff scored eight and seven points respectively for the Black Knights, whose loss dropped them to 2-3 in their division standings.

### LOSE TO COMETS

The Black Knights dropped to 3-4, Saturday night, when they lost 70-52 to Crestwood on the Back Mountain school's floor.

The Comets Tom Benz went on a scoring spree, leading his teammates with 28 points, hitting 10-10 from the foul line and tossing in from the floor for 18 points. Brian Uram added 18 points, having a

perfect two-for-two from the free stripe and hitting for 16 points from the playing court. The Comets collected 46 of the team's 70 points.

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Crestwood took a 16-9 first quarter lead and continued to lead throughout the game, going 10-9 against the Knights in the second period for a 26-18 half time lead. They outscored the Knights 21-16 and 23-18 in the second half with the Comets feeding the ball to Benz, who also pulled down the key rebounds.

### DEFEAT TECH

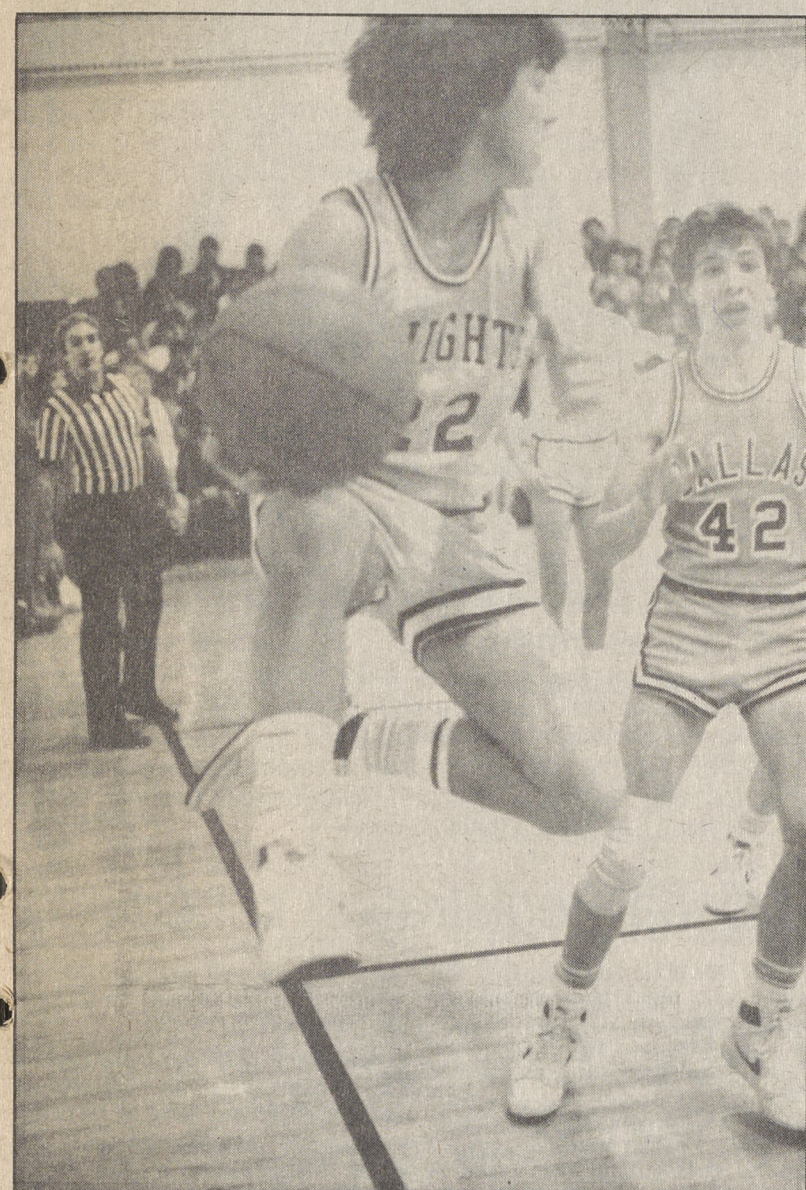
The Knights picked up their third league win last Thursday night when they defeated West Side Tech 62-50 on the Titans court.

The Titans kept up with the Black Knights from the playing court hitting only one less basket than the Lake-Lehman cagers but the Knights outdid their opponents from the foul line. They hit for 20-33 throws from the charity stripe while the Titans went to the line only 16 times for 10 good ones.

### MEET HANOVER AT HOME

This week the Knights play Hanover at home, Tuesday, and the Blue Knights at Seminary, Friday night.

The Mountaineers meet Seton Catholic at home, Tuesday night, then go to Meyers on Friday. Meyers is in second place in Division 2 behind undefeated GAR.



**Attempted save**

Dallas Post/Earl Weidner

Black Knight Chris Sharff attempts to save the basketball during this weekend's Wyoming Valley Conference clash with arch-rival Dallas. Mountaineer Tom Shalata guards Sharff during his last-minute save attempt.

# Lady Mountaineers at 6-1 on 1985-86 season

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Dallas girls' varsity basketball team ran its Wyoming Valley Conference record to 6-1, Saturday, when it defeated Wyoming Seminary, 45-37, at the Back Mountain school's court. The Lady Mountaineers lost their first league game, Thursday, when their game with Hanover went into overtime and the

Hawkeyes scored 11 points to the Mountaineers two to take the game 64-55 in an upset. Earlier in the week, the Mountaineers took an easy 57-38 win from neighboring Lady Knights of Lake-Lehman.

### DEFEAT SEMINARY

In Saturday's game, the Lady Mountaineers defeated the Blue Knights 45-37, holding the Seminary girls with excellent defensive playing. Coach Karuza said a key to the

win was his guards outstanding play and Joann Cook back in the lineup.

Kim Rinehimer did a great job in holding Seminary's Burak to only seven points in the first quarter and only four in the fourth quarter. Brokenshire played well the first three quarters scoring 12 points and Kim Rinehimer followed with 11.

Karen Vloedman got into foul trouble early in the game and Karuza pulled her out when she had three fouls. She sat out most of the second and third quarters which kept her from her usual high scoring.

The Mountaineers used a well-balanced team offense in the second half and went to a man-to-man defense, holding down the Blue Knights.

The Lady Mountaineers did less scoring in the second half when they held the ball in the final period.

"It's been difficult playing our usual style game during this half because of some of our starters out with injuries. During this next week we should be back at full strength which should make a difference. We're fortunate because we have so much depth and, unlike some of the teams, we are able to start some of our younger players, who can play well coming off the bench," said Karuza.

### EVEN FIRST QUARTER

The Lady Mountaineers and the Hawkeyes played an even first quarter in Thursday's game with the period ending in a 10-10 draw. Dallas girls put together a strong team offense effort in the second quarter and outscored Hanover 17-9 to lead 27-19 at the half.

The inexperience of some of the young Lady Mountaineers showed in the second half when their defense broke down allowing the Hawkeyes to outscore them and Hanover's Mitch Baker hitting a two-point shot with only two seconds on the clock to force the game into overtime.

The Mountaineers ran into foul trouble in the overtime period giving Lisa Wasilewski the opportunity to hit five free throws. Freshman Becky Welgosh and Renee Russell hit the basket for the six points from the playing court to give Hanover the 64-55 win.

It was Mount Eileen Kalinowski who scored the two points for the Lady Mountaineers in the overtime period.

Welgosh, the freshman center replacing injured starter Teri Tryba, has been playing outstanding defense for the Hawkeyes and has average nine blocked shots in the past two games.

### BROKESHIRE LEADS

Leading the Mountaineers in scoring were Lisa Brokenshire with 16 points, Karen Vloedman with 14 and Kim Rinehimer 11.

"We defeated ourselves," said Dallas Coach Kit Karuza. "We're playing without Joann Cook and Angie Kern, which hurts us on defense. Cook came in the game against Seminary and her effectiveness showed. Our younger girls are doing a good job but their inexperience in varsity playing shows."

### DEFEAT LEHMAN

In last Tuesday's game with Lake-Lehman, the Mountaineers had an easy time as they defeated the young Black Knights 57-38.

Tammy Daveski led with 14 points, hitting 12 from the court and going two-for-three from the foul line. Lori Brokenshire and Karen Vloedman scored 13 points each for a combined total of 40 points for the three girls. Brokenshire hit for 12 points from the floor and dumped in one-for-four from the charity stripe. Vloedman hit three-for-six from the free stripe and put in 10 points from the court.

Daveski scored eight of her points in the third period to lead the Lady Mounts in outscoring the Knights 20-8.

Pam Coolbaugh paced the Lady Knights for 16 points, hitting for 14 from the floor and going two-for-two from the foul line.

### CRESTWOOD WINS

The Lady Knights lost 66-46 to the Crestwood girls on Saturday with the Comets Becky Cooper and Cass Hudock scoring 15 points each.

The Comets went in front 16-9 at the end of the first quarter and never fell behind after that. It marked the fourth win for the Crestwood girls.

The Lady Knights picked up their first win of the league season,

Thursday, when they outscored West Side Tech 14-1 in the second period and 18-6 in the third period to take a 39-11 into the final period. The young Knights continued their strong scoring, outdoing the Titans 12-7 to win 51-18.

Black Knight Debbie Levi paced her team with 15 points, 14 points from the court and one-for-two from the foul line. Carolyn James followed with 12 points and Pam Coolbaugh added 10. Both James and

Coolbaugh scored their points from the field.

### MEET HANOVER

The Lake-Lehman girls will meet Hanover at the Hawkeyes court, Tuesday, the host Wyoming Seminary on Friday.

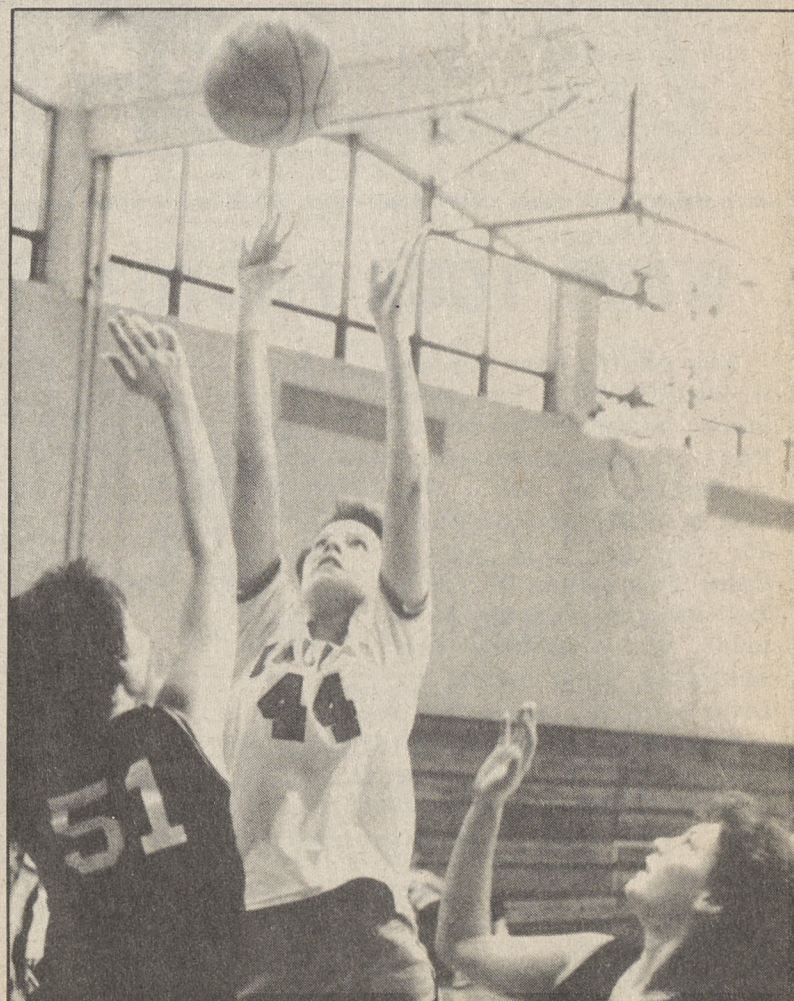
The Dallas Mountaineers play two critical games having to defeat Seton Catholic, away, Tuesday, and undefeated Meyers at home, Friday, to contend for first half honors.



**Is it good?**

Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Lady Knight Cheryl Mushala, above right, wants to know first-hand whether or not opponent Lori Brokenshire of Dallas scores on this attempt at goal. The two girls met during a Wyoming Valley Conference game between the two Back Mountain schools this weekend.



**Taking a shot**

Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Karen Vloedman of Dallas gets a shot off against Cheryl Mushala of Lehman (No. 51) while Lady Knight Debi Levi (No. 52) also defends. The two arch-rival teams met this weekend in a Wyoming Valley Conference cage contest.