

LL cheerleaders wish Dallas counterparts best of luck in Florida

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Dallas High School cheerleaders, who have been spending the past five days in Orlando, Fla., where they competed in the National High School Cheerleading Competition over the weekend, had an unexpected "Good Luck" sendoff last Thursday night prior to their departure.

The Lake-Lehman High School cheerleading squad, represented by Yvonne Devens, Allyson Lukasavage and Koren Strickland, surprised the Dallas girls by coming to their final practice Thursday night at the Dallas Junior High and presenting them with a large cake decorated in the Dallas School colors of blue and white and inscribed with "We wish you the Best of Luck in Orlando, Fla. Lake-Lehman cheerleaders."

The good luck sendoff by the neighboring high school squad was the inspiration of Lake-Lehman cheerleader Allyson Lukasavage, who mentioned it to the other squad members. All of the members liked the idea, and immediately put their plan into action.

The expression on the Dallas cheerleaders faces when the rivals came into the school and presented them with the going away cake was priceless. Tears were plentiful for a short time as the girls exchanged

greetings with one another and the Lake-Lehman girls wished them the best of luck. The spirit of friendship between both groups also brought tears to the eyes of the advisors, parents and friends, who were at the school to see the girls go over their routines for the last time before leaving for Florida, Friday at 5 a.m.

Both the Dallas High varsity squad and the Dallas JV team, a total of 21 girls, accompanied by 11 adults traveled by motorcade to Newark, N.J., where the group left at 10:30 a.m. for their Orlando destination where the girls would compete on Saturday-the varsity squad with 44 other squads, the JV squad with 25 other squads from all regions of the country.

They were well-prepared for the trip from knowing their routines, expecting the judging and competition to be tough and that their toughest opponents would be from the Southern schools where cheerleading is actually a sport. The local girls also knew that they had to place in the top 10 to advance to the finals on Sunday and if they did not place, they were prepared to accept losing graciously.

Their primary goal was to represent Dallas High School and the community that supported them as best they could perform. Their "Good Luck" by Lake-Lehman cheerleaders was a lift to their morale.

The girls performed on Saturday and, although nervous, did their best, but it was not enough. Neither the varsity nor the JV squad placed in the top 10.



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Cheerful sendoff

Lake-Lehman cheerleaders give their neighboring Dallas High School cheerleaders a "good luck" sendoff to their Florida competition last Thursday night with a large, blue and white decorated cake inscribed with "We Wish You the Best of Luck in Orlando, Fla. Lake-Lehman Cheerleaders. In a surprise visit, Lake-Lehman's representatives Yvonne Devens, Allyson Lukasavage, and Koren Strickland presented the cake to the cheerleaders. Above, from left, Lori Timek and Cherie Davis receive the cake from Yvonne Devens, Allyson Lukasavage and Koren Strickland.



Sports



Mountaineers earn District 2 playoff spot

By CHARLOT M. DENMON

Dallas Mountaineers defeated the Wyoming Area Warriors 41-40, in Friday's game to earn the fourth spot in the Division AAA District 2 playoff.

The Mountaineers played a strong defense and controlled the board for most of the game and took a 32-20 lead into the final period. Senior Tim Lyons played a key role in the Mountaineers win leading the Dallas defense pulling down 18 rebounds and played outstanding ball against a much taller Wyoming team.

While Lyons played sparkling defense and grabbed the rebounds, Tom Shalata, Dennis Dacosin and Bob O'Donnell hit the double figures to give the Mountaineers the 14 point lead which kept them out in front of the Warriors.

After being outscored 10-2 in the first period and 10-4

in the third, the Warriors rallied to outscore the Mountaineers 20-9 in the final period to come within one point of the Dallas cagers. Despite their strong shooting in the final period and poor foul line shooting by the Mountaineers, the Warriors were unable to go ahead of the Dallas cagers, who hung on to win by one point.

Shalata led Dallas with 11 points, O'Donnell and Dacosin followed with 10 points each.

DALLAS UPSET

Earlier in the week, Meyers pulled a 46-34 upset over the Dallas Mountaineers Tuesday night on the Back Mountain team's court. The win earned Meyers a playoff spot in Division AA of the Wyoming Valley Conference.

Led by Pete Tarutis, Meyers took a 14-10 lead over Dallas in the first period and in the opening minutes of

the second period scored six consecutive points, and went on to outscore the Mountaineers 15-8 and forced Dallas to play catch-up basketball.

With Meyers leading 29-18 at halftime, Dallas was still in the game but the Mohawks continued to outscore the Mountaineers with Tom Skaff and P.J. Ashton setting their team's pace with 11 points and stretching the Meyers lead to 40-24.

None of the Mountaineers hit the double figures scoring column as the cagers turned in one of their poorer performances of the year.

BALANCED ATTACK

Lake-Lehman used a balanced scoring effort led by Paul Andes to down Wyoming Seminary 41-35 at the Black Knights court.

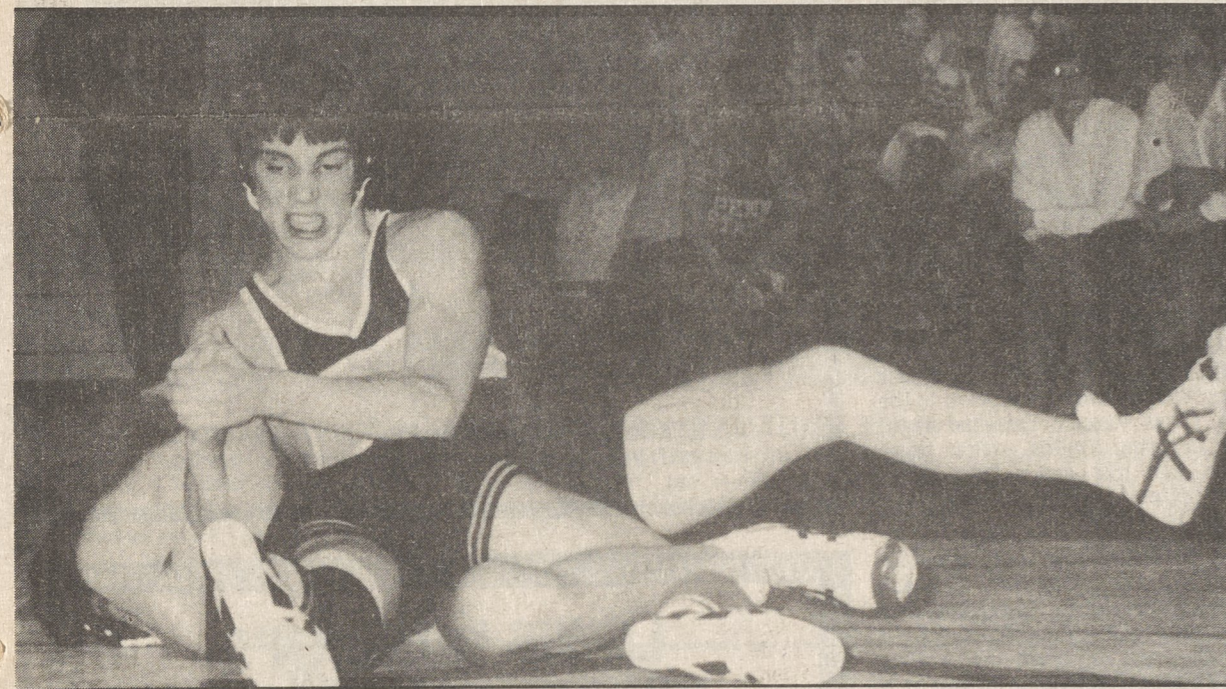
Seminary's high scorer, Chris Berry was held to six points by the Black Knights strong defense. The

Knights also held Seminary's Jay Antinnes, who collected only four points in the game.

Coach Rodger Bearde's Knights played a consistent scoring game, hitting 10 points in the first three periods and 11 points in the final period. They also slowed down the game and refused to fall prey to Seminary's attempts to break into their usual fast-tempo play.

The two teams had 15 field goals but the Lake-Lehman Knights excelled at the free stripe where they hit 11 of 17 shots while the Seminary Knights hit for only five of eight.

Lake-Lehman's balanced scoring was evidenced by the consistency of Andes nine points, Carl Houck's eight, Chris Landmesser's eight, Keith Kendall's seven and Walt Konopke's seven.



Taking command

Bill Janosky of the Dallas wrestling team takes command of his opponent from Tunkhannock in the 126-pound weight class match during a meeting between the two Wyoming Valley Conference teams.

Knights defeat Hazleton; garner runnerup position

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Coach Ed Ladamus' Black Knights took over sole possession of the runnerup spot in the Wyoming Valley Wrestling Conference last Wednesday by defeating Hazleton by a decisive 39-17 score.

The Knights and the Mountain boys held identical records of 12-1 going into the meet but four pins and a technical fall swung the meet to the Back Mountain grapplers corner.

Ladamus, who acknowledged that the Mountaineers put forth a decent effort considering that they had five matches within a week, said his Knights wrestled as well if not better than they had all season. He said his boys were determined to end the season with a win.

UNDEFEATED RECORDS

Going into the District II competition the Black Knights have 105-lb. Jeff Austin, 145-lb. Don Spencer and 126-lb. Joe Smith entering with undefeated records on the season.

Matt Reinert put the Knights on the board in the opening bout by taking an 8-4 decision from 98-lb. Randy Slank and 105-lb. Jeff Austin ended the year undefeated by clamping Jim Mazonis in 4:46. Dave Guzinski moved the team score to 9-0 by flattening 112-lb. John Schneider in 39 seconds.

The Mountaineers' 119-lb. Harry Avilon gave Hazleton its first points when he earned a 15-4 major decision over Knight Terry Smith. The Mountaineers defeated 126-lb. Lou Colangelo found Knight Joe Smith too much for him in his bout. Colangelo scored the first point in their bout when he pulled an escape in the second period but Smith picked up a point on an escape in the final period, then scored two points on a takedown in the final seconds to win 3-1.

GUZENSKI GETS SHUTOUT

132-lb. Knight Bob Guzinski managed a 2-0 shutout over Steve Fisher but 138-lb. Mark Yapple lost a major 20-9 decision to the Mountaineers' Juan Fernandez.

With the score 21-8, 145-lb. Don Spencer took a technical 16-0 fall from Frank Lock in 3:55. The

Mountaineers saw some hope in the next two bouts when their 155-lb. Jim Hoffman decisioned Ty Shaw in a close 403 bout and 167-lb. Alan Obert clamped Bill George in 1:24.

Scott Shafer cinched the match for the Knights when he pinned 185-lb. Matt Williams in 49 seconds and Hwt. Ed Stratford added additional insurance by flattening Tim Minor in 1:04.

ABINGTON WINS

In a tri-meet last Thursday at Dallas Senior High, Dallas Mountaineers bowed to Abington Heights 47-12 but came back to defeat Western Wayne 34-26. The Mountaineers came off a 31-29 win over the Nanticoke Trojans Wednesday night.

In the match with the Abington Heights Comets, the Mountaineers 112-lb. Paul Burke and 155-lb. Dave Cooper were the only winners.

Neither team put a 98-lb. grappler on the mats for a double forfeit. 105-lb. Mount Bryan Mathers gave up a 16-7 major decision to Comet Jerry Henry.

BURKE GETS WIN

Burke earned the first win for Dallas with a 4:44 pin over 112-lb. John Diven.

The Comets took the next five bouts with 119-lb. Eric Olsen losing a hard-fought 1-0 bout to Craig Defasio, 126-lb. Keith Graham losing an 8-0 major decision bout to Randy Foss, 132-lb. Bill Janosky clamped in 3:22 by Comet Chris Marks, Brian Maseychik flattened in 5:30 by 138-lb. Dave Fayocovitz and Gene Faulls losing in a 15-0 technical fall to 145-lb. Pete Smith.

The Mountaineers' Dave Cooper gave his team six points on a forfeit at 155.

COMETS WIN REST

The rest of the bouts went to the Comets with 167-lb. Gill Grossman pinning Steve Finn in 5:34, 185-lb. Bob Martin clamping Mark Chester in 1:36 and Hwt. Brian Davis clamping Tom Charney in 55 seconds.

In the Western Wayne meet that followed, 98-lb. Mark Cost gave the visitors their first six points by a forfeit over Dallas. 105-lb. Bryan Mathers evened the

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Lady Mohawks defeat Dallas; get second place

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Dallas High School Lady Mountaineers held a 27-26 lead over the Meyers Mohawks at halftime last Tuesday night but failed to lengthen their lead and Meyers overcame them 39-32 in the second half to defeat Dallas 65-59. The win enables Meyers to finish in second place behind Seton Catholic in Division 2 of the Wyoming Valley Conference. The loss dropped the Mountaineers to 6-3 for the second half.

Dallas girls lost the game at the foul line with the Mohawks hitting 17 of 31 tries while the Mountaineers hit seven of 12. The Dallas girls failed to make many free throws nor could they break the Mohawks control of the boards in the second half.

EARLY LEAD

After falling behind 18-12 in the first period, the Mountaineers took advantage of their height over the Mohawks and a fast break offense to outscore Meyers 14-8 in the second half.

Karen Vloedman hit 10 points in the first half to keep the Lady Mountaineers in the game and Angie Kern and Lori Brokenshire scored 11 and nine points respectively in the second half to keep Dallas in the game.

Kern finished the game with 15 points, Brokenshire followed with 14 while Vloedman and Kim Rinehimer finished with 12 points each.

MOUNTAINEERS SEEDED

The Mountaineers will be one of the teams seeded in Division AAA playoffs which begin Friday. Other teams from Luzerne County in AAA playoffs are GAR and Bishop Hoban.

Wyoming Seminary girls ended the season with a 5-4

mark for the second half by defeating Lake-Lehman girls 41-38 on their own court. A much-improved young Black Knights team led the Seminary team going into the final quarter 34-32.

KNIGHTS SCORE FIRST

The Blue Knights went on the board first in the game but the Back Mountain girls bounded back scoring six consecutive points, but Lisa Burak, star player for Seminary, tied it up a 6-6. Janine Kasarda came right back with two points to give Lake-Lehman an 8-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter Burak scored six more of her game high 22 points to lead Seminary in tying the score at 18-18 at the half.

JACHIMOWICZ LEADS

Black Knight Diane Jachimowicz led Lake-Lehman in the scoring during the third quarter to give the team a 29-27 lead but again Burak scored to tie the score. Debbie Levi answered by making a three point play and Pam Coolbaugh hit for two points to give Lake-Lehman a 34-32 lead at the end of the third period.

In the final period, the Blue Knights went to a slow-down offense and pulled down some key rebounds with Lisa Cameron hitting 10 points and Leigh Lawrence hitting some key shots to give Seminary the advantage until Pam Coolbaugh scored the Black Knight's basket to bring her team within one point of Seminary.

Burak closed out the period with a two-point shot to give Seminary the 41-38 win and close out her high school career with a game high 22 points.

LEVI PACES KNIGHTS

Levi paced the Black Knights with 11 points and Jachimowicz followed with nine.

Lake-Lehman ended the second half with a 3-6 record and will be No. 2 seed in AA playoffs.



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Directors meet

The Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association Board of Directors met recently to reorganize and begin planning for the 1986 season. Shown here are, from left, first row, Joe Kernag, registrar; Rich Klick, secretary; John Litz, president; Jack Wartella, treasurer; Rob Semio, chief referee. Second row, Bob Graver, publicity; Ron Moran, U-12 comm.; Chuck Reynolds, advisory; Ed Palka, U-8 comm.; Fred SanFanandre, equipment; Frank Chadwick, U-16 comm.; Rich Ursiak, U-14 comm. and Charles Hampel, chief coach. Absent were Jack Wega, fields and John tomaine, U-10 comm. Last year 870 youths, ages 6-15 participated on 57 teams in five age divisions. Plans this year call for registration to be held on Saturdays April 19 and April 26 at College Misericordia. A \$5.00 late charge fee over and above the registration fee will be charged all players not registering on these two dates. Coaches and referees are needed by the organization and anyone with land for playing fields available for use by the association is asked to contact any board member.