Sports

In District competition

Lehman grapplers place in 11 of 12 weight classes

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Coach Ed Ladamus Lake-Lehman grapplers placed in 11 of the 12 weight classes in last week's District 2 competition at King's College. Ten of the Black Knights advanced to the finals with 132-lb. Bob Guzenski, 145-lb. Don Spencer and Hwt. Ed Stratford copping titles. Stratford's win over the Mohawks' Bill Edwards earned him four points and gave his team the championship for the AA Division by a half point 176-175½.

EARLY LEAD

The Knights took a 163-147½ lead into the final competition but the Mohawks took six of the weight classes to bring the race for the team title down to the final bout of the competition.

A crucial point in the finals was 98-lb. Matt Reinert's default to Steve Price due to an injured shoulder. 105-lb. Tim Casey surprised Knight Jeff Austin by recording a 6-2 win over the tough Knight wrestler. Austin's only points was a stalling point and an escape late in the bout.

GO TO REGIONALS

The Knights will go into Regionals this weekend in good shape by putting 10 men on the mats since both first and second place winners go to the AA competition at Williamsport.

98-lb. Matt Reinert goes as runnerup after his default to Price. Reinert advanced to the finals by shutting out Parette of Bishop Hoban. 105-lb. Austin took a major 11-3 decision from Hoban's Lamoreaux in the semi-finals then fell 6-2 to Casey of Meyers. 112-lb. Dave Guzenski took a major 11-2 decision from O'Hara's Tony Montana but lost in the finals in a close, hard-fought 2-1 battle with Hoban's Dan Mimnaugh.

SMITH WINS

Knight Joe Smith flattened 126-lb. Packy Kelly of Scranton Prep in 1:32 but was edged 4-3 in the finals by Bob McFadden of Meyers and 132-lb. Bob Guzenski captured his weight class title by clamping Tom Kaniuk of O'Hara in 3:14 and in the finals taking superior 13-0 decision from Mohawk Dan Vesey.

Mark Yaple decisioned 138-lb. Mohawk Sean Foley 11-3 but he lost to O'Hara's Bill Burdyne on an 18-2 technical fall in 4:36. 145-lb. Don Spencer took a class title for the Knights by defeating Leroy DeGraffenreid 13-2 in the semi-finals and taking Scranton Prep's Frank Rempe 6-4 in the finals.

GEORGE GETS PIN

At 155, Knight Tim Shaw lost 6-3 to O'Hara's Charles Balough 6-3 but 167-lb. Bill George pinned O'Hara's Matt Caputo in 1:05. 185-lb. Scott Shafer took Meyers Charles Fick in an easy 10-5 bout but he lost to Hoban's Dave Suda 3-1 in overtime after the two grapplers ended the regular time in a 3-3 draw. Coming down to the wire with the Mohawks in the lead Hwt. Ed Stratford did what he had to do for his team to win. He decisioned Edwards 5-1 in the finals after pinning Scranton Prep's Larry Durkin in the semi-finals in 42 seconds.

Dallas Mountaineers did not get a man past the quarterfinals where 98-lb. Jim O'Donnell was pinned in 2:57 by Tunkhannock's Kevin Kalmonowitz after he drew a buye in the preliminaries. 105-lb. Bryan Mathers drew a bye in the preliminaries but lost 9-8 to Hanover's Jim Van Gorder in the quarterfinals and 112-lb.

Jr. high girls lose D-2 bid

Dallas Junior High girls' basketball team lost its bid for the overall District 2 title last Tuesday at the Coughlin gym when the AAA Nanticoke Trojans edged them out 33-31 in a hard-fought contest.

Trojan Holly Kosloski led the Trojans with 10 points to help the offense in scoring while Kathy Szychowski and Diane Pashinski's strong defense held off Jennifer Besecker and Laura Poynton.

Both teams played even in scoring from the floor but two more free shots from the line gave the two point advantage to the Trojans.

The Trojans came out strong in the first quarter outscoring the young Mountaineers 15-6 but Dallas came to life in the second quarter outscoring the Trojans 10-7 and coming within six points of Nanticoke.

Nanticoke added three plus points over the Mountaineers in the third quarter but Dallas came to life in the final period and strong play by Jennifer Besecker and Laura Poynton brought the Back Mountain girls to within two points of the Trojans as the Mountaineers outscored Nanticoke 12-5.

Besecker paced the junior high girls with 13 points and Poynton collected 10. Besecker made five of the Mountaineers seven points from the charity stripe while Hunter hit two from the floor and added two from the free stripe.

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Tournament is planned

Preparations for the 56th Annual Rogers Memorial Amateur Basketball Tournament Classic, believed to be the oldest and longest running tournament in the state are underway at the Greater Wilkes-Barre YMCA.

The tournament will be held starting April 7. This year it will feature four divisions:

Two Adult: Open Division; 6'1" & Under Division.

Two High School: Boy's Scholastic Division;' Boy's Non Scholastic Division (nor varsity players).

The tournament is named in honor of William A. Rogers, who served as Physical Director at the 'Y' for 25 years.

Games will be held at the recently renovated Wilkes-Barre YMCA gym starting 6:30 p.m., April 7. Deadline for entries will be March 31 at 8 p.m.

For information or entry blanks please write or call Jim Thomas, Program Executive at the Wilkes-Barre YMCA, 40 W. Northampton St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18701, phone 823-2191.

Teeners to meet

Back Mountain Baseball's Teener Division will conduct a meeting on Monday, March 10, at the Dallas American Legion beginning at 8 p.m.

All managers, coaches, and other volunteersare asked to attend.

STRIKES AND SPARES

Fashion Vending continued to hold the lead in the **Ladies Country League** by dividing evenly with Gordon Insurance while Bonomo Sports Center dropped four games behind them in second place by losing three points to Grotto Pizza. E. Nulton led Bonomo's in taking one game with 210. B. Strazdus knocked down pins for 175 (486) to lead the Castlettes in picking up three points from G.H. Harris.

In the **Back Mt. Church League** Orange shut out Dallas A paced by H. Shupp's 521. Consistent bowling helped the winning team outscore the Dalals team whose B. Williams walloped pins for 235 (601). Carverton B took three from Shavertwon B despite C. Kazokas rolling 543 for the losing five and Carverton A copped three from Shavertown A. Glen Mazer's big 630 including 244, and Gary Mazer's 213 (525) led Maple Grove to three points from Trucksville C. J. Cobleigh's 502 was high for E. Dallas who earned three from Trucksville B.

In **Bonomo's Major League**, G.H. Harris shut out Hambos sparked by D. Purvin's 225 (590), C. Kazokas' 224 (586), H. Bennett's 575.

Inn blanked Sweet Valley Outfitters sparked by F. Cornell's 220 (596), S. Vigorito's 575, K. Orkwis' 542 and K. Spencer's 526. Monk Plumbing picked up three from K Boom paced by F. Tregan's 544 while Back Mt. Inn No. 2 split 2-2 with Brown's Oil. A. Wendell hit 226 (594) for the Inn and Jerry Roan rolled 213 (588) for the oil men. Bermudas and Back Mt. Sporting Goods divided evenly with M. Scholl's 539 high for both teams.

Schmid's Amoco continued to lead the **Imperialette League** by taking all from Scavone Motors helped by D. Barbose's 470 and J. Mekeel's 174. Mahaffey Oil shut out Lombardo Bakery led by M. Neifert's 170-171 (502) and G. Bachman's 195 (500). P. Gordon added 172.

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