

# New PIAA rule

## Basketball is not right around the corner anymore

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With Thanksgiving less than a day away, that could mean only one thing — basketball is right around the corner.

But because of a PIAA ruling that will not allow the seasons of football, basketball and baseball to overlap, don't be surprised if local high school teams play more like turkeys during the first few games. The first games are scheduled to start in approximately one week.

Years back, high school basketball teams were allowed to begin practice on November 1, but

that date was changed a few seasons ago and now high school teams cannot hit the hardwoods until the third Monday of the month (this year Nov. 17).

The ruling does not sit well with most coaches, including Rodger Bearde and Clarence Ozgo, cage coaches from Lake-Lehman and Dallas High Schools, respectively.

"I definitely don't like it because it hurts the kid who specializes in one sport," Bearde said. "I like the idea of the three seasons, but I don't think it should penalize the kid who concentrates on one sport."

Ozgo says he doesn't care for the rule, either,

and believes it will hinder the performance of his team as well the others in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

"We had six practices last week and we will have six more this week before we play our first exhibition game on December 5," Ozgo said. "I know I'm not going to be able to put the things in our system that I would like to. Plus you have the football players coming out and that makes it sort of crude trying to blend everyone together."

Neither coach is happy with the way the schedule reads, either.

"Under the old system we used to have about

two months to prepare for the first league game from the time practice started," Ozgo explained. "Now they split it up. We have three exhibition games, then three league games, three more exhibition during the Christmas holidays and then the next 15 which are regular season games."

"The way it's set up now you are only allowed to play 24 exhibition and regular season games," Bearde explained. "We were used to playing 15 games before we prepared for the regular season. I don't mind the 24 games as much as the time factor. I would rather have the earlier start."

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## Sports

### Fifty-three junior high athletes cited

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Fifty-three junior high school athletes were honored at a special Student Athlete breakfast Tuesday at the Dallas Junior High School. This season's breakfast was different than athletic events held in past years because it honored students for their athletic ability as well as their scholastic ability.

The 53 athletes honored were all honor students with none carrying less than a 3.0 average for the first marking period. Five of the athletes have perfect 4.0 averages; 22 had 3.25 averages and 26 had 3.0 averages.

These impressive averages came to the attention of a committee of three junior high officials when they were discussing the grades of junior high students. Dr. Thomas Cyphers, high school principal; Robert Cicon, assistant athletic director and Mrs. Kathy Wega became aware of the fact that the majority of the students who had participated in fall sports were honor students.

After discussing several ideas, the committee decided to do something special for these students. Thus, their decision to have a special breakfast. The breakfast idea was decided in September but the three committee members decided to

refrain from publicizing it until the season ended.

Photos of the 53 student-athletes were taken and are now on display in the front hall of the Dallas Junior High. The breakfast, which was held Tuesday in the school cafeteria, was attended by the student-athletes and members of the media. WBRE-TV sportscaster Jim Miller was guest speaker and special certificates of achievement were presented to each student-athlete.

The honored students were members of the junior high school football teams, girls' field hockey and cross country teams.

Robert Cicon explained that, as far as it can be determined, there is no such program in any other school in the area, nor is there a similar program in the Dallas Senior High School.

Cicon said that although the senior high school has an honors banquet, the event is for all honor students, not for just honor athletes. He wanted to be certain that all parents understood this fact.

"We have some excellent students in the Dallas School District and it is important that this be made known to the general public. It is remarkable to have such excellent athletes with such outstanding academic achievement."



**Concentration**  
Brian Karolchik, a second grade student, ties a white moth fly to add to his collection.

### Eight year old ties expert flies

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Second grade student Brian Karolchik of Trucksville, amazes many veteran fishermen and other adults by his talent for tying flies. Flies, if you're not a fisherman, are those black, brown, or brightly-colored small or large artificial thigs used primarily by trout fishermen.

Done by hand, fly-tying is fast becoming a lost art since the majority of fishermen are unable to make these because it takes patience and special-talent with one's hands. The flies range from tiny quarter inch gnats to jtwo inch or more streamers.

Brian, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Karolchik, celebrated, his eight birthday Tuesday and became interested in fly-tying in early June of this year after his friend, Shawn Marhelski, game him some flies he had made. Then, Brian decided he wanted to make his own.

Brian's first ties were made from poodle hair, hair from a squirrel's tail and some blue jay feathers he found in the yard. He began collecting all kinds of feathers or hair he could find in the woods that he though could be used in tying flies. Needing a vise to hold the tiny hooks, Brian made his first fly from blocks of wood and a 'C' clamp.

His parents, soon realizing Brian was serious about fly-

tying, decided it was time to purchase some of the materials he needed so they purchased a vise, some dyed deer tails, peacock feathers, colored thread, plastic, wool, assorted feathers, and various animal hair for a start.

An older friend of the Karolchiks, who had become aware of Brian's talent, gave him a better vise and, having done fly-tying himself when very young, spent about five hours one day, teaching Brian what he knew. Brian's next move was to purchase a hackle pliers to wrap feathers or wood around the fly.

To make the fly, Brian started with a tiny hook, ranging in size from No. 16 to No. 4, with the length of the fly varying from a quarter inch to one inch. As Brian progressed in his ability to tie the flies, his parents bought him more colored bucktail, feathers and other items. Deer hair is good for flies since it is hollow and makes the flies float on top of the water.

Brian makes the bodies of some of the flies from colored wool and tinsel, since tinsel causes the fly to flash in the water, and attract the fish. The young fly-tying artist explained he also does dubbing, a process in which Brian puts wax on thread, a little fur on his left finger, a little wax on his right finger, and rolls the wax on the line.

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#### Play ball!

Patrick Scoble, of the Roughnecks prepares to put the ball into play during a game against the Chiefs. Action was Saturday in the Luzerne County Recreation Tournament championships.

### Hockey standouts are modest about ability

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Those fans who follow field hockey are fully aware that it takes an entire team with a strong cooperative effort to achieve success. Not all fans realize, however, that the successful teams usually have at least one member who plays a major role in keeping the team together.



SUSIE SLOCUM  
Lake-Lehman

So it was this past season with the Dallas and Lake-Lehman high school field hockey teams. Dallas High School Junior Lori Warneka was a key factor in the Mountaineers taking the Division AAA title and advancing to interdistrict play where they progressed to within one game of state competition. The Dallas girls, coached by Robyn Jones, defeated Honesdale, Tunkhannock and Allentown Allen before losing to West Chester.

Fans who watched Coach Jean Lipski's Lake-Lehman Knights play have little doubt about Susie Slocum's playing ability. The petite senior knew she had tough shoes to fill when the season started, because she followed in the footsteps of her



LORI WARNEKA  
Dallas

sister, Cindy. She was determined to do exactly what was expected of her and she did just that.

After winning the Division AA title, the Knights lost to Northwest in a playoff game, a team they defeated easily during league play.

Lori, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Warneka of Dallas, plans to attend college to major in physical therapy following graduation from college. For the time being, however, she is looking forward to another successful season at Dallas High School.

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#### Chiefs take a break

Members of the Chiefs soccer team take a break during Saturday's championship round of the Luzerne County Recreation Tournament. Action was played at the soccer field near the Forty Fort Airport.