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Underclass cagers

Lake-Lehman boys' basketball coach Roger Bearde looks for some outstanding performance in the boys basketball games from these underclassmen. From left, Bearde, Alex Frederick, Carl Houck, Andrew Sabaluski and Rob Michaels.

Knights ready for opener

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The Lake-Lehman male cagers are preparing for another Wyoming Valley Conference basketball season which kicks off with their first exhibition game this Friday night at home with Bishop O'Reilly. The Black Knights' regular season will open Dec. 16 at home with Northwest.

Coach Roger Bearde, who will dress nine varsity men, will depend on experience and a strong defense to have a winning season.

Carl Houck, six foot, five inch junior, last season's leading scorer and rebounder, is returning this year and Bearde looks to him for some good plays. Since the Knights have no other men over six foot, they will have to give Hauck a lot of help since he can't win the games by himself.

Returning guards Chris Landmesser and Walt Konopke have a lot of experience. Jason Cadwaller's experience should help and Alex Frederick and Andy Sabaluski are moving well. Dan

Hudzik is the strongest man on the Knights' team and jumps well.

Sabaluski is strong on defense and as a rebounder and Frederick is a good scorer. Rob Michaels and Lenny Annetta are developing with Annetta showing a lot of ability.

"We're a fairly fast team," said Bearde. "We'll look to run and get a transition game going our way. If we get some good leadership from our seniors, we should jell and do better than last season's .500."

Bearde said G.A.R. will be the team to beat this year in Division II, followed by Hanover, who has the most players returning, then Dallas and Northwest. Dallas has one of the league's top players in Mike Luksic and, if surrounded by the right players, he will lead the Mountaineers as a threat.

Coach Bearde figures Northwest's Coach Handley can be a threat in the league and with four good starters returning can give some problems. If Bearde's athletes develop as he hopes, they can also pose a threat to the other teams in the division.

Ozgo's boys sure to be tough

By JOHN HOINSKI
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Coming off a 10-16 season last year, including its fourth straight playoff appearance under fifth year head coach Clarence Ozgo, the Dallas boys' basketball team is again expected to be competitive in the Wyoming Valley Conference. But just how far they will go remains to be seen.

"We should be better than last year," Ozgo said. "But, we are going to have to mature quickly. I don't know if we can win it. But if we play up to our potential I think we can play against anybody. If we don't, we can finish as low as sixth."

Gone from last year's team, which finished 9-9 in the conference, are second team all-star guard Dennis Dacosin and his running mate Bob O'Donnell who finished second on the team in scoring. In addition, the Mounts lost two-year starter Tim Moyer and forward Tim Lyons, whom Ozgo says was probably the team's best player at the end of last season.



CLARENCE OZGO
Dallas boys' coach

But Dallas will return two starters in senior forwards Tom Shalata and John Thomas. Shalata stands at 6-4 while Thomas measures in at 6-1.

Mike Luksic, a 6-6 junior, will man the center position with Tom Perlis and John Mokychic,

a pair of juniors, handling the guard slots. Ozgo will also be looking to forwards Randy Coolbaugh and Dave Szella to supply help off the bench, and from Eric Moore as a forward and center. Jerome Matthey, a 5-9 senior, will also help out at guard.

"GAR, Meyers and Hanover are probably the three top teams in the league," Ozgo said. "But there are a lot of other teams who are going to be competitive. Seton Catholic, Northwest and Lake-Lehman all have a lot of players back and they are going to be tough."

Because of the inexperience of this year's squad, Ozgo expects to see a lot of pressure defense early in the season and says he's preparing his team accordingly.

"We have been practicing those types of situations to get our kids ready," Ozgo explained. "And I am pleased with the attitude of the team. But, overall, if we grow up quickly we should be all right."

And that's the way it usually is with Clarence Ozgo-coached teams.

Bowling news

Three men on Carverton B team hit in the 500 series to lead in taking four points from Trucksville C in the Back Mt. Church League. J. Curtis hit 222 (531), M. Rudick rolled 520 and T. Metz, Sr. posted 512. E. Roth's 207 paced East Dallas in shutting out Orange whose high man was Rob Stair with an even 500. B. Roberts tumbled pins for 572, C. Roberts knocked them down for 230 (572), B. Williams hit them for 556 and R. Stair rolled 518 to aid Dallas A in copping three from Shavertown B, whose T. Doughton was high with 545 and C. Kazokas hit 531. Carverton A took three from Shavertown A, whose G. Mazer was high with 502.

Dickinson's 170 (472). L. Thomas had 502 for the losing five. Thoroughbreds picked up three from the Chickies while B. Lathrop's 518 and M. Delaney's 510 showed the way for Black Sheep's 2-2 split with the Mules. P. Delaney hit 189 for the sheep. N. Kozemchak's 175 was high for the Mules. Turkeys and Moo Moos divided evenly with A. Hospodar hitting 171 (483) and C. Doty rolling 172.

Citations shut out LaBarons in the Idetown Compact League while the Firebirds picked up three from the Pintos. Lancers took three from Aries and the Capris copped three from the Corvettes. High scorers were H. Evans 208 (523), Shel Hoover 203 (540), A. Edwards 200, J. Berti 212 (519) and B. May 477.

Grotto Pizza took all from Fashion Vending in the Ladies Country League to move into first place by half game over Back Mt. Bowl who picked up three from Castlettes. Gordon Insurance shut out G.H. Harris. High scores were B. Strazdus 212-179 (556), A. Tregan 191, D. Balliet 170, L. Evans 183, K. Scavone 202, L. Cyphers 178 (500), M. Harris 201 (514), M. Faux 182, and E. Roberts 484. (See BOWL, page 16)

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