

Rowdies take 4-1 win over previously unbeaten Plains

The Luzerne County Cup Tournament under the direction of John Charles, came to a conclusion recently with all games taking place at the Forty Fort Fields.

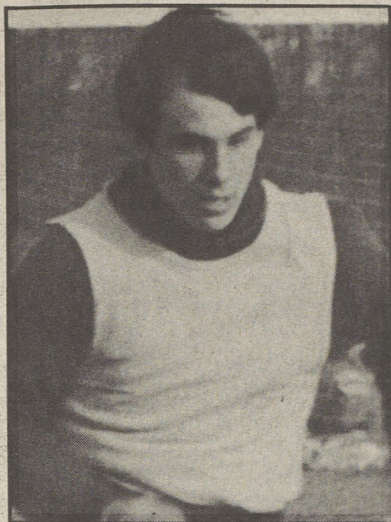
U-16 DIVISION

In the U-16 Division, the Back Mt. Rowdies of Coach Bob Graver, Jack Tinner and Charlie Hampel went head to head against a once tied but undefeated Plains II team in what promised to be the battle of the year.

The Rowdies banged the net first when Jeff Tinner, off a pass from Brian Hampel, drove an unstoppable rocket into the upper right corner of the net. Plains came right back tying the score at one each when John McKenna pounded in a penalty kick.

Both teams played super defense through the rest of the first half, keeping things tied at halftime. The Rowdies came storming out in the third quarter and slammed in three quick goals, Tom Shone with an assist from Jim Evans, Evans off a pass from Shone and Evans again off a corner kick for a 4-1 lead ending all hopes for Plains.

Super defense was turned in by fullbacks Kim Chapple, Mark Paczewski and Stephanie Andrasko, Goalie Laura Poynton, halfback Kevin Charney and center half Chris



JEFF TINNER
...leads Rowdies

Graver to stop any more scoring before the final whistle. Plains and the Rowdies played to a 5-5 tie during the regular season.

U-14 DIVISION

In the U-14 Division Jan Weaver's Back Mt. Chiefs romped to a 6-1 victory over the Cosmos of Coach John Anstett in the U-14 championship.

The Chiefs took a 4-0 lead in the first half with goals from Eric Lehman (2), Chad Fegely and Steve Rosenthal. Sean Shovelin was credited with an assist on Lehman's first goal of the game.

Rosenthal scored two more in the second half before a Cosmos

goal ended the scoring for the day. Rich Lamoreaux played a fine goal for the winners while teammate John Kachurick controlled the midfield at center-half.

U-12 DIVISION

In the U-12 Division, the Back Mt. Chiefs of Coach Mark Oberstaedt, coming off two straight shootout victories in cup action, clinched the U-12 Cup in another shootout when Seth Marlatt banged one home for a 1-0 win.

The Chiefs and the Back Mt. Roughnecks of Coach Paul Callahan battled through four regulation quarters and two overtimes without a score before Marlatt ended it all. David Keefer, Roughneck goalie, played an outstanding game while the Chiefs Jason Bowen, Casey Kernag, Kevin Chapple, Brad Fleeger and goalie Brian Matosky excelled defensively.

Matt Bailey handled the goal for the Chiefs in the shootout to preserve the victory.

U-10 DIVISION

The U-10 final pitted a fine Plains III team and the Back Mt. Hurricanes with both teams playing excellent soccer throughout the entire game.

One ball dented the net of Joe Spagnuolo with an assist to Frank Pinnacoli giving Plains the championship and the bragging rights for the next year.

Coach of the tough Hurricane team was Jim Gregor.



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Athletes honored

Among the Dallas Junior High students at the student-athletes breakfast last week were from left, Eric Lehman, Amy Shelley, Susie Richardson and Kelly Cleary.

Lady Mounts win tourney, but coach wants better play

Despite walking away with the Tunkhannock Kiwanis Tournament championship on Monday night, Dallas High girls' basketball coach Kit Karuza says his team's performance was not all that impressive and the Lady Mounts need to improve.

Dallas defeated Wyalusing in the opening round, 48-41, and then disposed of Montrose, 53-31, in the championship game Monday night.

"We were lackluster in our first game against Wyalusing," Karuza explained. "We put in our 'bomb squad' (pressing defense) and we lost a seven point lead. We were tied at the half. We are still learning what we can and can't do."

Dallas did not play much better in the championship game, either, but went on a 23-5 tear the last five minutes of the game, increasing a four-point lead into a rout.

"Those last five minutes showed the kind of play we are capable of," Karuza noted. "But there were some things I felt we didn't do well. I know our rebounding could have been better, but overall I felt we were the best team in the tournament."

Karuza was happy with the performances turned in by Angie Kern, voted the Most Valuable Player in the tourney, and by Joanne Cook and Eileen

Walsh, all of whom were named to the all-tournament team.

"Kern and Cook were exceptional offensively," Karuza said. "I was pleased with the way all three girls played. Sue Starolis didn't score much but she played well defensively and so did Tammy Daveski."

After yesterday's game with Nanticoke, Karuza said he plans to spend the rest of the week preparing for the league opener on Monday, Dec. 15 at Crestwood.

"There are things we don't have in at this point that we should have," Karuza explained. "We are just going to proceed one step at a time and correct what we can."

One of those corrections will hopefully come from the foul line. The Mounts shot only 45 per cent from the line against Wyalusing and 64 per cent against Montrose.

"That's another area we are going to win games with," Karuza said. "We didn't go to the line that much in the tournament and we didn't shoot very well when we did."

"But, overall, I'm pretty happy with the way we're going in what we are trying to do. They were only our first two games and we will get better. Maybe more so than other teams."

Nine BMWC members win

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club entered nine boys in the first area elementary-junior high tournament at Wyoming Area High School recently and all nine wrestlers were successful place winners.

Regular league competition is scheduled to begin in January, along with a full slate of Penn Elem. League Tournaments, leading up to the Mid-Atlantic A.A.U. Jr. Olympic competition in March-April, 1987.

Although practice has already begun, all interested area youngsters (kindergarten through sixth grade) are encouraged to join. Practice sessions are held Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) at the Dallas Area Jr. High School.

For registration information, contact Karen Scott 477-2450.

CYC cage league begins

The Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center is now accepting teams for its 1987 Teenage Basketball League, according to Ed DeMichele, Athletic Director.

Teams may pick up a roster at the CYC office, 36 South Washington St., Wilkes-Barre, which is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information call 823-6121.

Defensive pressure beats Mounts

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

Dallas High School boys' basketball coach Clarence Ozgo knows this year's opponents will be applying a lot of pressure on his relatively young squad in hopes of rattling them into submission.

That was the case last Friday night in a season-opening 76-54 exhibition loss at Nanticoke, and, Ozgo says, if the Mountaineers are going to perform well in Wyoming Valley Conference play, they are going to have to improve.

"Teams like GAR, Meyers and Hanover are all going to be doing the same thing to us," Ozgo said. "And if we are going to be competitive with teams like that we are going to have to improve from our performance against Nanticoke."

The Mounts fell behind quickly because of that defensive pressure and trailed by 11 at the end of the first quarter, but regrouped in time to trail by only seven at the half. Dallas cut the margin to five early the third, but again the Trojans increased the lead to 19. Continuing their comeback, the Mounts finally cut it to 10 early in the fourth, only to have Nanticoke pull away late in the game.

"We threw away too many passes and had too many turnovers," Ozgo said. "We missed a layup that would have cut it to eight with about four minutes left, but we couldn't convert and then they scored on the other end. After that we just seemed to fall apart."

But Ozgo did see some positive elements and hopes that will carry over into this weeks games against Division 1 powers Wyoming Valley West and Bishop Hoban.

"I was pleased with the two runs we made," Ozgo explained. "And the kids played hard. Our goal now is to improve this week and cut down our mistakes."

"Neither Valley West nor Hoban are as quick as Nanticoke but they are bigger and they are both veteran teams. Hoban has five out seven top players coming back and Valley West has four starters returning."

One player Ozgo will be counting on to lift Dallas will be center Mike Luksic. Luksic, a 6-6 junior, turned in a fine performance against the Trojans, scoring 24 points and hauling down 13 rebounds.

"This is only his second start for us," Ozgo noted. "Last year he broke his foot in our first game and missed the rest of the season. He played very well."

And if the pressure doesn't get to them throughout the course of the season, so will the rest of the Mounts.

Bearde gets balanced scoring attack

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

"Our boys didn't surprise me," said Lake-Lehman basketball coach Rodger Bearde following his Knights' 64-40 win over Bishop O'Reilly last Friday night.

"I felt the experienced boys we had back this season should win," Bearde said. "What I wanted was balanced scoring from the boys and I got it."

Bearde said a balanced scoring game is what the Knights are going to need if they are going to win during the regular season. His boys did some outstanding perimeter shooting in Friday's game with Walt Kon-

opke and Chris Landmesser taking care of the outside shooting, giving Carl Houck and Alex Frederick room inside.

Neither the Knights nor the Queensmen played a very good defense the first quarter, but it was the first game of the season for both teams and they were nervous. After the first quarter, Bearde's Knights settled down and held O'Reilly, one of the few teams in the circuit shorter than Lake-Lehman.

Bearde said he was pleased with the team's shot selections and rebounding. Houck hit for 18 points, Konopke put in 17 and Frederick tossed in 13.

After a game with Benton, scheduled for last night, the

Knights play Bishop Hoban away. The Argents are a powerhouse and the game will be a big one for the Knights if they can win. The Argents are among the better teams in Division I and a good showing for a win by Bearde's Knights will not only give them the confidence they need but prove they are producing what their coach expects of them.



Gets 8-pointer

Tom Martin of Dallas and his three-year-old daughter, Carrie, proudly display the 8-point buck Tom downed on the first day of hunting season. Hunting area with Carl Coyle, John Grey and Brian Wesley, Martin shot the buck at approximately 3 p.m. Monday in the Beaumont area. The prize buck weighed in at 175 pounds and had a spread of 21 3/4". This is Martin's eighth buck in 14 years of hunting.

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Bowling news

Back Mountain Bowl moved back into first place in the Ladies Country League last week by taking three points from Grotto Pizza. The pizza girls dropped to second just one and a half games out. Castlettes continued to move up by taking four from G.H. Harris and Gordon Insurance continued to win by shutting out Fashion Vending.

B. Strazdus rolled 183-192 (501), L. Evans hit the pins for 179, D. Sorber rolled 179 and D. Zurinski hammered the pins for 488.

In the Lakers League Duke's Girls copped three points from the Water Front five, whose Joann Hubbell rolled 174. L. Wesley's 217 (590) and Ron's 202 led Wesley Boys to three points from Academy five, who were paced by Bernie's 524 and J. Brady, Jr.'s 508. PISH Construction picked up three from S.V.C. TV despite the TV girls' Sandy rolling 209 (479).

Booth's Highballers shut out Shaver's Bangers in the Sunday Nite Couples League led by John B's (545) and Donna B.'s 170 showed the way for Wilson Menaces three points from V. Matthews team. None of the Matthew bowlers were able to hit high scores. E.R.'s 502 and Marcia M.'s 202 (500) was good for only one point against the Piccillo team, who were led by Joe P.'s 517.

In the Community Service League Herb's Pro Shop blanked Besecker Realty while Pickett's Charge took three points from G.H. Harris. Roth Novelty divided evenly with Fino's Pharmacy and Smith's Country Store split 2-2 with Bayo's Ice. High scorers were P. Mathers 543, F. Cornell 525, R. Harned 546, J. Shepherd 523, E. Wright 565, E. Harris 236 (558), F. Tregan 542, B. Harris 514, C. Kytile 562, Baur 214 (578), D. Eddy, Jr. 552, B. Weaver 213, B. Cyphers 212 (555), T. Doughton 519, D. Purvin 215 (534), C. Kazokas 529, J. Brady 573 and L. Hoover 515.

Aries took all from the Citations led by J. Berti's 576 and M. Morris' 175 in the Idetown Compact League. Lancers shut out Corvettes aided by Barb May's 180 (504). D. Egliski rolled 511 to lead the Camaros to three points from the Firebirds. Kate Nalbhone hit pins for 173-190 (496) for the birds. Capris picked up three from the Pintos, whose Shel Hoover walloped pins for 214 (590) and the Mazdas copped three from LaBarons with no exceptional scoring.

In the Back Mt. Church League, Carverton B blanked East Dallas with J. Curtis' 476 high for both teams. Trucksville C took three from Shavertown A while Shavertown B picked up three from Carverton A paced by C. Kazokas' 206-201 (593) and B. Walko's 211. B. Williams hit pins for 534 to lead Dallas A to three points from Orange, whose J. Mitchell rolled 538.

Black Sheep shut out the Thoroughbreds aided by W. Lathrop's 502 in the Back Mt. Farmers League. P. Thomas hit 180 for the losing five. C. Doty hit 171-179 (517) to lead the Turkeys to three points from the Barn Cats while the Chickies took three from the Mules.

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