

# Dallas gets squeaker victory

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The one element of the Dallas High boys' basketball team that allowed the Mountaineers to register a 67-51 home victory over Crestwood Tuesday night in their Wyoming Valley Conference opener also kept the Comets in the game for nearly three quarters.

"We were giving them too many opportunities," Dallas coach Clarence Ozgo said. "We were giving them two and three shots at the basket. We were not rebounding and we were not playing good defense."

But that all changed in the last quarter and a half, and, even though Crestwood did make a run at Dallas and eventually cut the margin to 51-45, the Mounts went back to their strength to register the win.

"We went back to getting the ball down low and we started to

hit the boards better in the fourth quarter," Ozgo stated. "Going into the season we felt our strong point was our size and inside game and that's what pulled us through."

"We got 36 points from Shalata (Tom) and Luksic (Mike) between them. Shalata had 17 and Luksic had 19."

But they weren't the only two players who played key roles in the win. John Mokychyk also tossed in 17 points to add another dimension to Dallas' game.

"He scored 18 points in our last game and he was hitting from the outside again tonight," Ozgo said. "He has been getting more into the offense and as a result we have been playing better against zone defenses. And now we are starting to run the fast-break a little more too."

John Matthey, who is has taken over the point guard spot for Tom (T.J.) Perlis who went

down with a broken cheekbone recently and who will probably be lost for the season, also did a good job both offensively and defensively.

"He came up with a few steals and ran the offense pretty well," Ozgo said. "He did a good job for making only his second start."

The Comets didn't help their own cause any, either, when they lost Brian Uram on fouls and Chris Spaide to a leg injury. Spaide eventually had to be taken off the court by stretcher.

"They played well and they never quit," Ozgo said of Crestwood. "Losing Spaide hurt them somewhat. He only scored six points but he was doing a good job defensively. They lost Uram too and he was playing well."

Dallas will now take on two more conference foes in Meyers and Seton Catholic this week before hosting the Dallas Unico Tournament on Dec. 26 and 27.

# Ladamus pleased with showing

Lake-Lehman wrestling coach Ed Ladamus felt certain his Black Knights could defeat West Scranton wrestlers last Wednesday, but he was exceptionally pleased with the fine showing in their 48-16 win over the Lackawanna team.

Both teams lost a lot of upperclassmen through graduation

and have a lot of boys wrestling varsity for the first time. Ladamus said his kids did a lot better than he thought they would.

"We didn't have our best line up in the varsity meet and we had nine JV bouts. We won all but three bouts for both meets," said Ladamus.

Tony Monaco, wrestling varsity for the first time, gave the Knights six points on a technical at 105, and 119-lb. Dave Guzenski pinned Jeff Fox in 5:50.

Terry Smith pinned Kevin Donovan at 126, in 1:49, 145-lb. Chris Frederick added a technical over Steve Kropfovich.

# Mountaineers need team effort

In order to be successful in Wyoming Valley Conference wrestling competition this season, The Dallas Mountaineers are going to have to come through with a total team effort.

And that's exactly what they got in a pair of nail-biting exhibition wins in Wednesday night's tri-meet with Wyalusing and Montrose. The Mounts nosed out host Wyalusing, 32-31, on heavyweight Tom Schacht's pin and also edged past the Meteors, 34-30, to complete the sweep. Both squads are considered to be fairly good and competitive.

It was a total team effort. That's the best way to describe both meets," Dallas coach Larry Schuler said. "There wasn't any one individual you could single out because there were a number of key situations."

In its one-point victory over Wyalusing, obviously one of those key matches was the heavyweight bout between Schacht and Billy Smith. Wyalusing held a 31-26 edge going into the final weight class, and Dallas needed a pin to post the win. Thirty-one seconds later, Schacht gave the Mountaineers what they needed.

"Naturally you can look at that match and see it was very important," Schuler expalined. "We won the meet in that last bout. But it never would have come down to that if, for example, Keith Graham didn't come up with a tie at 126."

"He got down quickly 5-0 on a technical move early in the match," Schuler continued. "But he came back and got the tie. That turned out to be a big match."

Graham has been a pleasant surprise for the Mounts so far this year and is now 2-0-1 on the year. So has Ron Post, who is undefeated at 3-0.

"Keith's been doing a super

job," Schuler said. "And Ron Post has been doing very well too. He was behind 2-0 at one point in his match with Wyalusing and he came on to win 5-4."

Besides Post, other wrestlers coming up with dual victories were Eric Olsen at 119 and Jerry Ogurkis at 155, both of whom registered pins.

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