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Dallas boys bow to Nanticoke 25-8

Dallas Mountaineers have trouble taking the lead in a game and holding it. After staying close to the Nanticoke Trojans in Friday night's game, they fell apart in the second quarter and the Trojans came on strong outscoring the Mountaineers 25-8 and went in front for the rest of the game.

In last week's game with Wyoming Valley West, the Mountaineers took a first quarter 19-11 lead but the Spartans outscored the Mountaineers by five points to cut the lead to 34-31 at halftime.

The teams went back and forth in the third quarter with the Mountaineers still in front 55-53 going into the final quarter. The Spartans never gave up and in the final quarter outscored the Mountaineers by two points to tie the score at 71, and send the game into overtime.

In the overtime period, the Mountaineers scored only two points while the Spartans were able to toss in five to win by a close 76-73 score and keep themselves in the competition for a playoff spot.

The Mountaineers play Coughlin and Pittston this week and if they want to improve their 0-5 record, they're going to have to play twice as hard as they have been playing and play tougher.

The boys work hard but that's not enough to win games in the Division AAA. They are playing against a lot of stronger, bigger

teams than they did in prior years and not giving up isn't enough.

"Coughlin beat our boys by 49 points in the first half on the Crusaders' floor so we have our work cut out for us," said Dallas Coach Clarence Ozgo.

"They are a quick, hard pressing, excellent shooting team. They defeated Nanticoke so our kids have to play better than ever if they want to win."

Friday night, the Mountaineers play Pittston away and first half the Patriots defeated Dallas by 12 points. They have two top notch players in Tom Brady and Joe Boyle.

"Like Coughlin they are quick and good outside shooters. They play the same type pressure defense as Coughlin," Ozgo said.

In the game with the Spartans, Randy Coolbaugh led the Mountaineers with 24 points while J. Szela followed with 20 and Mike Luksic tossed in 18.

In the Nanticoke game, Luksic was high with only 10 points and Bruce Weyman followed with nine.

Ozgo would like to see the boys win in order to give them some confidence for next season.

"We're not competing for a playoff spot or anything else," Ozgo said. "Our kids need only to win a few games for their own morale. After 20 games they should have learned something."



STILL TRYING — Despite a disappointing start to the second half of the basketball season, the Lady Mountaineers of Dallas are still playing aggressive ball.

Lady Mountaineers facing disappointing second half

Lady Mountaineers of Dallas, who had only a 2-7 record the first half of the basketball season are unable to do any better to date having only a 1-3 record after last week's two losses to Nanticoke Area and Wyoming Valley West.

Following their losses to these strong, experienced teams, the Lady Mountaineers come up against two as strong if not stronger this week in Coughlin and Pittston.

The Crusaders have a much taller, stronger team than the Lady Mountaineers and a top notch shooter in Donna Zurawski.

Pittston Area has the height, depth and a group of excellent balanced scorers in Cindy Czer-

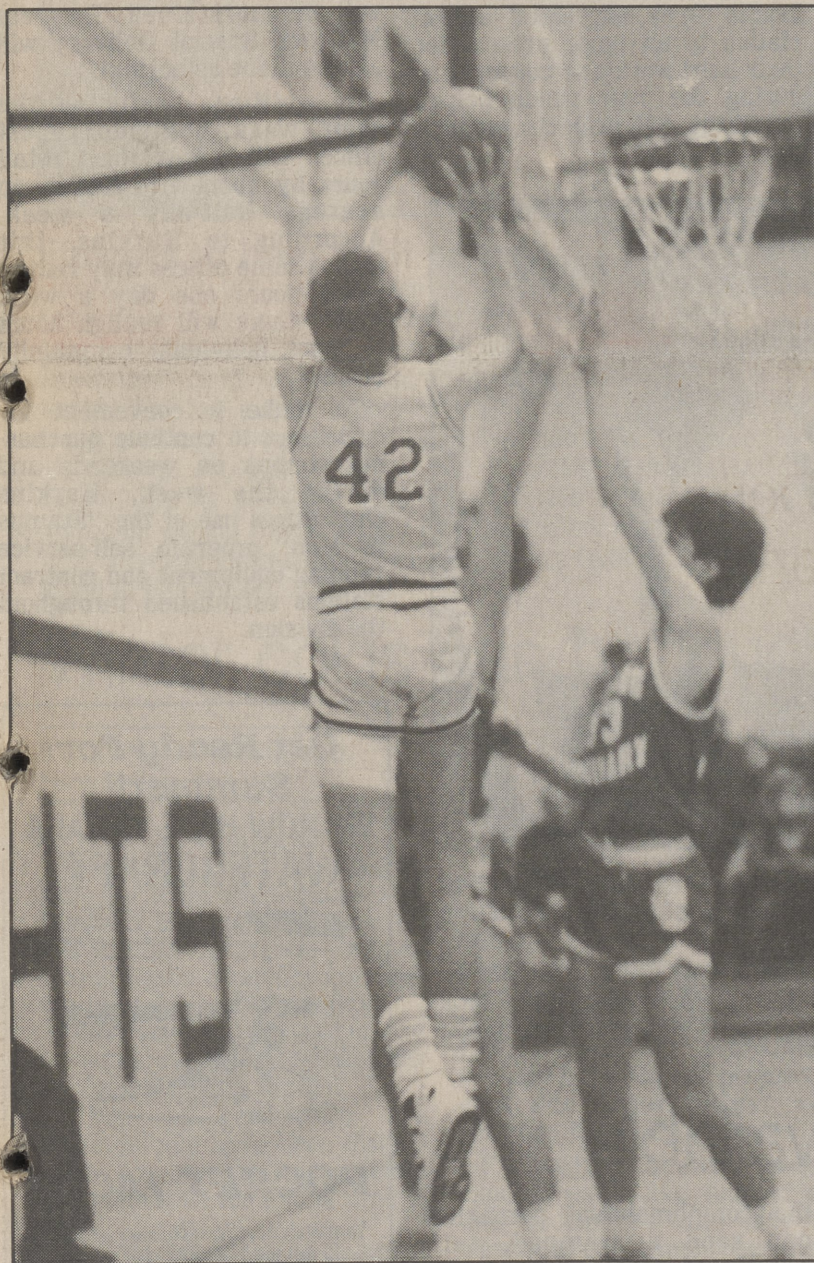
niakowski and Ruth Tarnalicki. They play with a strong defense and are excellent rebounders off the board.

Last Friday Nanticoke Area defeated the Dallas girls by the overwhelming score of 84-28. Sue Charnecki paced the Trojans with 20 points leading all five of her teammates, who hit the double figures in trouncing the smaller less experienced Mountaineers. Sue Starolis was the only Lady Mount to hit the double figures column with 12 points.

In their game with the Valley West Spartans Monday, Dallas girls were outscored 22-10 in the first quarter as their opponents scored 13 consecutive points before the Mounts got on the board.

The Mountaineers came to life in the second quarter to play an almost even game scoring 11 points to the Spartans 15. They came within six points of the Spartans on several occasions in the second half led by Laura Poynton's 24 points, two of them three-pointers in the but Spartan Kim Stefanides pulled her Spartans further in front each time with a three-pointer.

Despite Coach Kit Karuza's praise of Stefanides' shooting, both teams played inconsistently throughout the game. The Mountaineers outscored the Spartans 25-18 in the third quarter but the Spartans rallied behind Stefanides in the final quarter to outscore Dallas and win 76-62.



UP FOR TWO — Knight Alex Frederick goes up for two points in Friday's game with Wyoming Seminary at the Back Mountain gym. The Knights won to stay in competition for the Division AA playoffs. (Lynn Sheehan Photo)

L-L Knights going strong

Coach Rodger Bearde's Lake-Lehman Knights defeated Wyoming Seminary 56-46 and Crestwood 70-63 last week to hold a two game lead over the Comets in their battle for a Division II playoff spot.

To insure that lead the Knights have to fight to defeat Meyers away Tuesday night and take Hanover on the Knights floor Friday.

"When we played Meyers on our floor we went ahead of the Mohawks and held the lead most of the game. We let down in the closing quarter and lost by four points," said Coach Bearde.

The Hanover Hawkeyes have a tough team with seven good seniors.

When Lake-Lehman played them at Hanover the first half, they slowed down the game and took a 12-7 lead but then the Knights committed four consecutive turnovers and went downhill in the second quarter. In the third and fourth quarters they

played fairly even.

Hanover lost twice this season to GAR and the Knights hope their losses may make them less sharp, which could help.

In the Knights win over Seminary Alex Frederick did better in scoring collecting 23 points and Carl Houck hit 17 to lead the Knights in their win. Andy Sabaluski came off the bench and helped spark the Knights. Rob Wilson has also come off the bench and has done some good playing for the Knights.

The Knights took advantage of the Comets poor shooting in Tuesday's game and took control of the defensive game early. Houck, Frederick and Frank Cosleth played good defense and Coslett and Houck collected 14 rebounds, nine of them in the first half.

Guards Bob Michaels and Andy Strutko have turned around and have been handling some tough pressure which helps, according to Bearde.

Front and center: Dallas' Kyle Boudreaux

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He realized football was his favorite sport when he first became a member of the Kingston Township Raiders team in the Mini-Football League in the Back Mountain.

Kyle Boudreaux was in the elementary grades when he tried out for the team. His dad, Ron Boudreaux, always supportive of young people, was deeply involved with the team at the time so Kyle decided he would enjoy playing.

He tried out for the team, practiced faithfully and before long found himself playing tackle for the Raiders.

When Kyle moved up to junior high, he played on the junior high football team. During his eighth grade year, the team was not too successful but in ninth grade, the team had a winning season.

During that year, Kyle

played fullback on offense and inside linebacker on defense.

In senior high school the following season, Kyle went out for the team and was selected to play on the special teams under Dallas Coach Ted Jackson's first year as varsity coach. When Dan Williams was injured in his senior year, Kyle went in as his substitute on defense. He had enough playing time in 10th grade to receive his varsity letter. The Dallas Mountaineers were Wyoming Valley Conference Champions in their division that year.

Kyle not only played football in his sophomore year but also played basketball and participated in track. He threw the shot put and the discus.

The six foot, 210-lb. senior also played on the Dallas football team in his junior year as defensive linebacker and shared the starting offense position with Dan Williams. That season he was



RESTING FOR A CHANGE — Kyle Boudreaux relaxes at home with a book he recently obtained from the library. (Charlot M. Denmon Photo)

named All Scholastic Linebacker and made the Pittston All-Opponents team.

This football season, Kyle was co-captain of the Mountaineers with Mike Koprowski and Tom Charney. He received the signals from the sideline and called the

Dallas grapplers at 6-5-1

Dallas Mountaineer matmen dropped their season record to 6-5-1 Saturday night when they lost a 34-20 match to Wyoming Area Warriors at Wyoming.

The Warriors took an 18-0 lead in the opening bouts when Jason Randazzo decided Rick Hoyes 9-2 and Mark Granteed took six points on a forfeit at 105 lbs. J. Mazonis gave his Warriors another six with a technical fall over 132-lb. Matt Balberchak in 4:29.

The team score moved to 18-0 when two undefeated wrestlers, Warrior Pat Heck and 119-lb. Eric Olsen, undefeated, wrestled an exciting bout that ended in a 7-2 decision for Heck. Heck was district champ last season at 119, and Olsen won district's last season at 112.

126-lb. Jim Newell took a close 5-4 win from Jason Prokopchak to give Dallas three points but the Warriors picked up three points when 132-lb. John Morgan defeated Mountaineer Jim O'Donnell 6-2.

138-lb. Bill Janosky remained undefeated for Dallas by taking a superior 15-3 bout from Warrior Keith Coolbaugh.

The Warriors Mark Amato was unable to pin 145-lb. Mike Richards but he did take a 9-0 major decision from the Dallas wrestler to continue undefeated for Dallas by taking a superior 15-3 bout from Warrior Keith Coolbaugh.

155-lb. Gene Faulls kept the Mountaineers hopes alive when he pinned Jeff Pepe in 1:25 but 167-lb. Keith Irace clinched the meet for the Warriors by taking a 9-5 bout from Jon Strange.

Mountaineer Ron Post took a technical fall from 185-lb. Ed Doreskewicz to give Dallas six points but Hwt. Paul Pascoe pinned Mount Dave Pitcavage in 2:25 to end the meet.

In Wednesday's meet with Crestwood at Dallas, the Comets had four pins in defeating the Mountaineers 30-19.

98lb. Shawn Rose and 112-lb. Eric Fairchild gave the Comets a 12-3 lead when Rose pinned Rick Hoyes in 48 seconds and Fairchild flattened Balberchak in 3:13.

The Mountaineers three points were earned by 105-lb. Bailey who took a 10-6 decision from the Comets Eroh. Five of the next six bouts went to the Mountaineers to give them a 19-15 lead.

119-lb. Eric Olsen took a major 14-6 decision from Phillip Jones and 126-lb. Jim Newell decided defeated Jim Graham 6-2. 132-lb. Randy Swank decided Keith Graham 5-0 but the Mountaineers came right back when 138-lb. Bill Janosky took a hard fought 6-4 bout from Darren Testa and 145-lb. Mike Richards defeated Mike Adamczyk 9-6.

155-lb. Gene Faulls continued undefeated by decisioning Jeff Ray 5-2 but 167-lb. Dave Adamczyk flattened Jon Strange in 3:17 and 185-lb. Comet Chris Cole continued undefeated by taking a 4-0 bout from Ron Post.

plays in the huddle for the Eastern Conference Championship Dallas team. He played starting tight end and starting inside linebacker. Kyle was credited with the key defensive play of the Mountaineers final playoff game and for his junior and senior years led the team in tackles. He was also named All Scholastic Linebacker for both years.

Kyle dropped basketball after his sophomore year and devoted his time to football and track although he still enjoys basketball as a spectator sport.

Kyle not only excels in football and track but is an excellent academic student. He has been on the honor roll and a student in the gifted program at Dallas High School in ninth through 12th grades.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Boudreaux, RD 3, Kyle was a member of the class steering committee in 10th and 11th grade; member of the student council in 11th grade, and this year is president of the student council.

He is active in the Youth Group of Dallas Baptist Church and is a youth representative on the Dallas Baptist Church Council.