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L-L Lady Knights rally

With a 3-4 record and only two games remaining in the second half, Coach Joe Martini's Lady Knights will have to defeat Seton Catholic and Northwest if they want to come out ahead of their first season's 4-5 record.

Despite a less successful showing than in past years, the Lady Knights rallied in the first half to reach a 4-5 record and with a much improved offense and defense hoped to surpass that record this half in the Wyoming Valley Conference Division AA.

Pam Coolbaugh sparked the team to a 70-41 win over Hanover last week by dumping in 22 points in their game at Hanover. Wendy Skibitski followed with 13 points and Dee Dee Mazur tossed in 12.

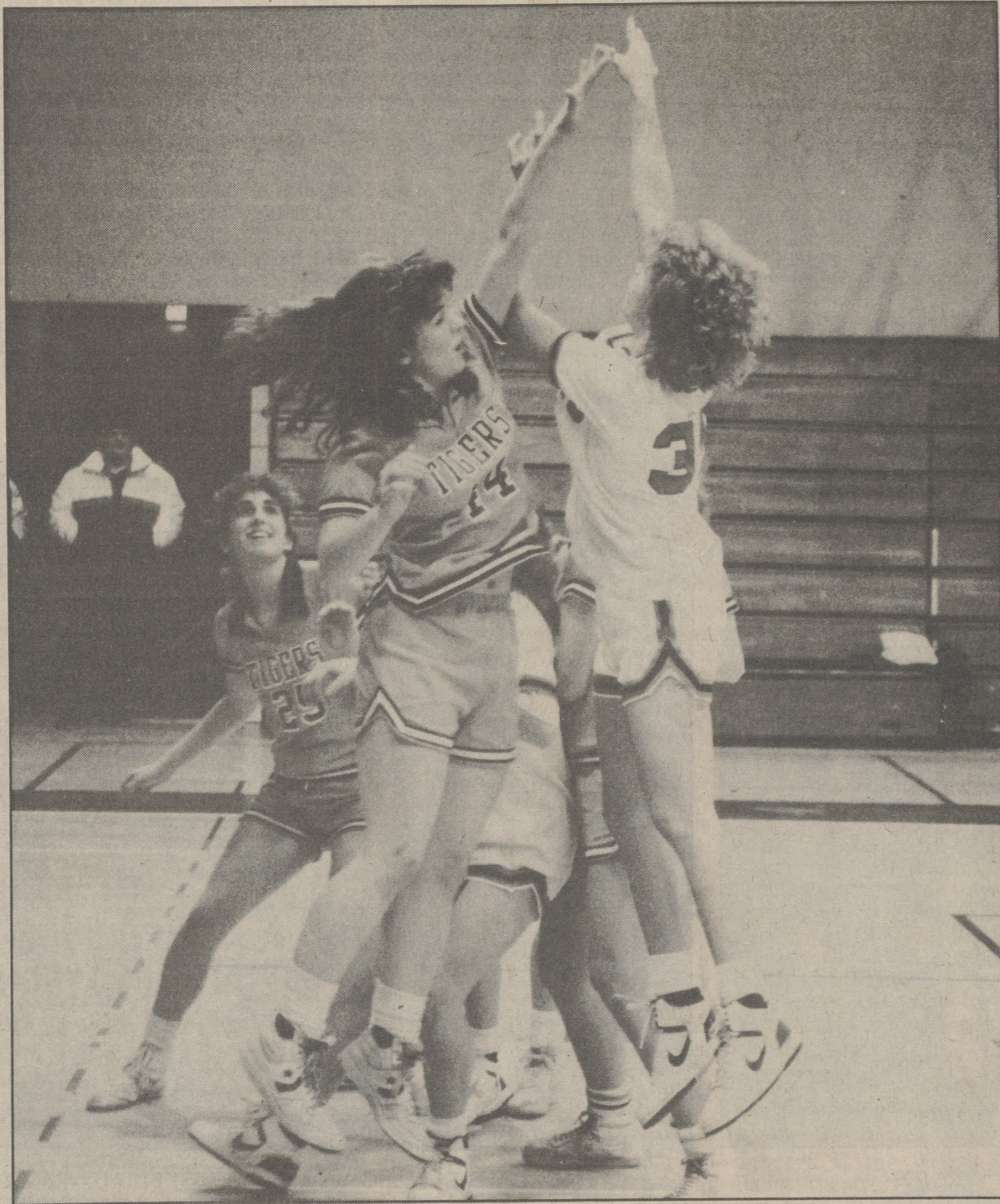
The Lady Knights outscored Hanover 25-14 in throws from the field.

Earlier in the week the Lady Knights were defeated easily by Meyers Mohawks 73-38. Kim McGuire and Cindi Wasilius led the scoring for Meyers who jumped out to a 15-12 lead in the first quarter.

Wasilius and McGuire's hot shooting kept the Mohawks out in front and they continued to build up their lead throughout the game. Mohawk Tammy Stair played an outstanding game on defense and pulled down rebounds in the double figures to help the team's performance.

The Mohawks are tied with Bishop O'Reilly at 7-0 for the lead in the Division AA of the conference.

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UP AND AWAY! — Despite failing to overcome the Patriettes lead, the Lady Mounts put a scare into their opponents. Above, Jennifer Besecker (42) attempts to beat out a Patriette for the rebound in the low-scoring game while sophomore Laura Poynton moves in to back up her teammate. (George M. Poynton Photo)

L-L facing a tough Crestwood match

After defeating Pittston 29-28 in a close match in the Knights gym Saturday night and taking G.A.R. 37-24 at the Grenadiers gym last Wednesday, Lake-Lehman has a tough match against them this Wednesday when they host the Crestwood Comets who are 12-2 in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

Coach Ed Ladamus' Knights are 6-8 in conference meets having had a season marked by forfeits due to injuries and lack of depth at certain weights. They are looking ahead with optimism to the districts, however, having had impressive wrestling this season by Matt Reinert, Tim Bernick and J.J. Konigus.

In Saturday's meet with the Patriots, a one-point penalty call decided the match in the Knights favor.

The Knights took a 21-6 lead after the first six bouts on 98-lb.

Chris Smith's 5-0 shutout over Jesse Tetlak and 105-lb. Tony Monaco's 2:24 pin of Ron Lombardo.

112-lb. Patriot Chris Draus handed six points to his team on a forfeit but Knight Mark Rogowski took three for his team on an 8-2 decision over 119-lb. Gordy Herbert. 126-lb. Matt Reinert made it 15-6 by taking Tony Balchun 5-0 and 132-lb. T.J. Goodwin flattened Sal Maidia in 1:01 to give the Knights a 21-6 lead.

Charles Crich made it 21-12 by upending 138 lb. Jim Chamberlain in 1:35 and 145-lb. John Crich made it 21-18 by pinning Ed Higgins.

155-lb. Tim Bernick pinned Gutowski in 3:18 and 167-lb. Patriot Tony Shamnoski won by a forfeit. Ed Kelly for the Knights wrestled to a draw with 185-lb. Patriot Tom Granahan. The Patriots took the final bout

when Hwt. J.J. Konigus was decided 5-2 by Joe McMillan.

Official Harry Vogt called an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against a Patriot wrestler and deducted a point from the team score to give the Knights the 29-28 win.

The Knights bout with G.A.R. moved smoother for the Lake-Lehman squad when they won eight of the 12 bouts to win 37-24.

Knights 98-lb. Chris Smith won 7-1, 105-lb. Tom Monaco wrestled to a 2-2 draw, 119-lb. Mark Rogowski major decisioned Shawn Howell 11-4 and 126-lb. Matt Reinert won by a forfeit.

138-lb. Jim Chamberlain won for the Knights by a forfeit and 155-lb. Tim Bernick pinned G.A.R.'s John Birmer in 2:51, 185-lb. Ed Kelly pinned Sean McManus in 3:45 and Hwt. J.J. Konigus took a major 11-2 decision from Steve Meier.



DALLAS MATMEN GO DOWN FIGHTING — Tunkhannock wrestlers defeated the Dallas Mountaineers Saturday on the Tigers mats but the Dallas wrestlers fought hard for a win. Above, the wrestlers from both schools fight tough to gain the win but in this bout, Tunkhannock came out on top. (Lynn Sheehan Photo)

Dallas boys loose to Tunkhannock

Dallas High School Wrestlers are in seventh place, tied with Hazleton going into this week's meets having defeated Hanover 25-22 at the Hawkeyes gym and bowing to Tunkhannock 33-27 in a close match Saturday away.

Saturday's meet with the Tigers went down to the heavy-weight bout with the team scored tied at 27-27 going into the final bout when Tiger Hwt. Rod Azar pinned Dave Pitcavage.

The meet opened with Chris Thatcher pinning Mount Rick Hoyes in 3:15, Chris DeMarco winning by a forfeit and 112-lb. Tiger Carl Altemus taking a superior 14-2 decision from Matt Balberchak.

119-lb. Eric Olsen gave Dallas

six points by a default over Don Zimmerman. 126-lb. Jim Newell wrestled to a 2-2 draw with Scott Davies. 132-lb. Jason Munley major decisioned Jim O'Donnell 15-4. 138-lb. Bill Janosky continued undefeated on a major 13-4 decision over Tiger Chris Taylor.

145-lb. Mike Richards added six for Dallas on a technical fall over Duane Richards in 5:08 and 155-lb. Kevin Mead defeated Dallas' Jamie Strange 15-5 but 167-lb. John Strange decisioned Brian Beyer 6-4. 185-lb. Ron Post gave Dallas a tie score at 27-27 by a technical fall over Todd Traver in 4:50 but Hwt. Azar's experience was too much for young Mount Pitcavage who was pinned in 42 seconds.

In the Hanover meet Wednesday, the Mountaineers took eight of the 12 bouts to win 25-22.

98-lb. Rick Hoyes decisioned Don Robinson 10-4, 105-lb. Mike Bailey drew 7-7 with John Soursarik, 119-lb. Eric Olsen pinned Bill Snyder in 5:32 and 132-lb. Jim O'Donnell shut out John Mulloy 5-0.

145-lb. Mike Richards decisioned Joe Ropietski 7-3, 155-lb. Bill Janosky took a 6-3 decision from Jason Martinez, 167-lb. John Strange decisioned Jason Pollitz 6-0 and 185-lb. Ron Post took Tom Davis 8-1.

Hanover picked up wins at 112, 126, 138, and by Hwt. John Bleich.

Dallas girl cagers fall

BY CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Dallas girls attempt to upset the Argents of Bishop Hoban Monday by slowing down the game as they did last week with Pittston Area was unsuccessful as the Lady Argents defeated the Mountaineers 72-42.

The Lady Argents expected the Dallas team to try slowing down the game and played an aggressive defense to take over control of the game to lead 18-8 at the end of the first quarter.

In the opening minutes the Lady Mountaineers were able to stay close to the Argents but Coach Schuler had his Argents play a strong defense forcing Dallas to make some costly turnovers to give Hoban a big advantage.

Laura Poynton kept Dallas in the game with her scoring in the first quarter but Hoban's Kathy Hudak hit 18 points to stretch the Argents lead. She combined her points with excellent rebounding, four steals and assists in a well balanced performance. Robin Klem and Krista Zola also hit the double figures to aid in the Argents win.

High scorers for the Mountaineers were Jennifer Besecker with 12 points and Renee Balberchak with 11.

In Thursday's game with

Pittston, the Lady Mountaineers lost 41-32 but only after they kept close on the Patriettes heels by playing catch in the first and third quarters to hold down a much taller, more experienced team to 6-2 and 4-2, and playing them even 14-14 in the second period.

In the second quarter, Laura Poynton connected on both ends of a foul after the Mountaineers kept the ball passing back and forth between them for five minutes.

Despite Pittston winning 41-32 it was a moral victory for Dallas girls, who lost to Pittston by almost 40 points in the first half.

Coughlin defeated Dallas 60-41 in last Monday's game taking an early first quarter lead and staying in control the entire game by the combined scoring of Kris Medura and Donna Zurawski. Each of the two Coughlin players scored nine points in the first half.

The Mountaineers cut the Crusaders lead to 30-25 in the opening minutes of the second half but despite the Crusaders inconsistent play, Dallas was unable to overtake the Coughlin team, whose girls were unable to toss in the points in the clutches.

Dallas plays their final game of the season Thursday at home with Hazleton to end a long and frustrating season.

Sports Show opens at mall

A Baseball Card/All Sports Show will be held at the West Side Mall, Friday, Feb. 26, Saturday, Feb. 27, and Sunday, Feb. 28. Joe Ostrowki will appear Friday; Max Patkin, The Clown Prince of Baseball, Saturday; and Del Innes will be on hand Sunday. The shows run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday

and Saturday, and from 12 until 5 p.m., Sunday.

Baseball, basketball, hockey, and football cards and memorabilia will be available as well as non-sports related items. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call Joe Sak, at 823-6325.



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Who were the real stars?

That popular TV character Alf, (Lake-Lehman teacher, Byron Race) made a special appearance at the school's annual Donkey Basketball Game, Saturday. Student Darla Nice, left, gets an affectionate squeeze from the sometimes caustic Alf, while a young fan and his mom wait their turn to speak with the television personality. Despite Alf's appearance, the donkeys were the real stars of the show, but the teachers managed to beat the students by 28-26 in the fundraising event.

Front and center

L-L's Houck going strong

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Lake-Lehman senior Carl Houck tossed in 31 points last Friday night to lead Coach Roger Bearde's Knights to a 69-65 win over Hanover Area's Hawks.

The 31 points did more than that for the six foot seven inch Houck. It put the big senior over the 1,000 mark by 17 points as Houck went in to the game needing only 14 points to hit the high school career mark.

He collected all but 25 of those points in his sophomore, junior and senior year since he suffered an injury in his freshman year which prevented him from playing all but one or two games, scoring only 25 points.

The six foot seven inch tall senior is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Houck, Blueberry Hill Road, Sutton Hill. Formerly from Forty Fort, he moved to the Lehman area with his family when he was in eighth grade. After transferring to the Lake-Lehman School District, Carl tried out for the eighth grade team because his parents wanted him to since his father played varsity basketball for the former Forty Fort High School and his mother also did some playing for the girls basketball team.

He made the team in eighth grade but played only half of the season because he broke his wrist. He attributes much of his perseverance in the sport to his former junior high coach Bill Jones. Since playing on the high school varsity team, Carl attrib-

utes his successful playing to Coach Roger Bearde and to his parents.

"He made the 14 points he needed early in the game Friday," said coach Bearde. "I've had eight or nine players hit 1,000 points since I've been coaching and he was the most composed of any of them. He wasn't the least bit worried and played the best game of the season. Carl has improved at least 300 percent."

Carl, an average high school senior, plans to attend Bloomsburg or Slippery Rock University if possible, or one of the local colleges and major in commercial art. He enjoys art and likes figure drawing when he has leisure time. He also enjoys

fishing and plays basketball into two summer leagues. Carl also likes ice skating and sometimes plays ice hockey.

During the past three years he has averaged slightly over 19 points per game, his highest number in one game, 36, against Wyoming Seminary. Carl practices a great deal and in addition to practice in school, he has a basket at home and also plays in a men's league. This summer he hopes to return to the Scranton league where there are college players which present a challenge.

In the meantime, Carl Houck plans to practice and prepare to help his team advance in the Division AA playoffs coming up in the near future.



1,000 POINTS! — Knight Carl Houck practices tossing the ball through the basket last week in preparation for hitting his 1,000 points of his high school career. (Charlot N. Denmon Photo)