

Post sports arena



AND AWAY IT GOES! —The young Lady Mountaineers of Dallas try to stop their Hazleton opponents from scoring during last week's game but the stronger and taller Hazleton players took an early lead and held it throughout the game. Above, Lisa Hite attempts to go in for a rebound for Dallas. (George Poynton Photo)

L-L Jr. High softball clinic sponsored

Mr. John Oliver, President of Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. is pleased to announce the Back Mountain Baseball and Softball Clinic will be held at Lake-Lehman Junior High School on March 5 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Scheduled presentations include discussions on Coaching Philosophy by John Dorish, King's College Head Baseball Coach and Athletic Director; Care and Strength, The Pitching Arm by Jeff Pace, Athletic Trainer, Lake Lehman High School and Physical Therapist; Catching and Fielding by Jack Wolenski, Dallas High School Varsity Baseball Coach.

Hardball pitching will be discussed by Stu Casterline, Tunkhannock High School Baseball Coach and Athletic Director, and former Red Sox Minor League player Mike Williams will provide instruction on hitting and bunting.

Girls softball pitching will be discussed by Flossy Finn, Penn State, Wilkes-Barre Campus, Softball Coach, while hitting-bunting coaching techniques in girls softball will be addressed by Cheryl Travis, Lake-Lehman School Assistant Softball Coach.

Each presentation is scheduled for 45 minutes and admission is free.



Dallas Post/Lynn Sheehan

Out with a bang!

Local high school wrestling finished off an exciting season of play. Dallas and Lake-Lehman matmen are looking forward to the upcoming district playoffs.

Coach Martini praises L-L girl cagers

Lake-Lehman's girls basketball team didn't make it to the district playoffs this season but their coach Joe Martini is proud of his team and their dedication to improving during the current season.

The young team got off to a slow start but refused to give up and finished the year with an 8-10 record. Pam Coolbaugh, Carolyn James and young Wendy Skibitski led their team against some bigger, more experienced teams and even when losing a game came through with heads held high.

A young team, most of the athletes will be back next season and coach and team are looking for a more successful year.

The young Knights went into their last week hoping for two

wins and came close to getting them, defeating Seton Catholic 47-45 Monday night but losing 53-51 to Northwest in the closing minutes of the final quarter.

In Thursday's game with the Lady Rangers, the Knights jumped out to an early first quarter lead and were in front 40-32 at the end of three quarters. Pam Coolbaugh set the pace for the Lady Knights with 24 points.

In the final quarter the Rangers Louise Chicerchia led the Rangers in fighting back hitting seven-for-seven from the foul line in the period. She led her team in scoring, collecting 20 points for the night and setting a new school record of 1274 points, 477 of them in one season. Two of her teammates, Sue Reider and Desiree Hoover poured in double figure points to

aid in the win. The Lady Knights won earlier in the week when they played Seton Catholic and won 47-45.

The Lake-Lehman girls took advantage of the Eagles poor foul shooting to pull off the win. Both teams played even in the first half with the Eagles leading 25-23 at halftime.

In the second half, the Eagles missed their free throws coming up scoreless on six of eight shots from the foul line while the Knights outshot them 12-8 to take a 35-33 lead at the end of the third quarter. The teams played to a 12-12 tie in the final quarter and the Eagles failed to capitalize on the two one-and-ones which could have sent the game into overtime.

James paced the Lady Knights with 19 points followed by Coolbaugh with 11.

Lady Mounts end frustrating season

BY CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Dallas girls basketball team finished a frustrating season last week by losing to both Hazleton Thursday, 63-44, and earlier in the week to Bishop Hoban 72-42.

Despite playing against teams with much more experience and much taller in size, the Dallas Mountaineers refused to give up and played the best they could against their opponents throughout the season.

The young girls are to be commended. They lacked size, experience, and strength in comparison to the other Division AAA schools and although no one

would blame them if they withdrew, none of them did. They stayed with the team and worked hard.

In the final week of the season, Hazleton coasted to victory behind Debbie Bredbenner and Joanne Esposito who collected 44 of their team's points. The Hazleton team ran their record to 6-3 while the Dallas Mountaineers dropped to 1-8.

Dallas' Laura Poynton, who has been the sparkplug of the Dallas team during the season hit for 14 points and helped her team take a 22-16 lead in the first half before Hazleton went on their scoring spree.

The Mountaineers were

Bishop Hoban Monday behind the double figure scoring of Kathy Hudak, Robin Klem and Krista Zoka.

The Mountaineers were unable to hit well from the field but did connect for 26-of-40 from the foul line. They managed only eight successful shots from the playing court.

Jennifer Besecker led the Mountaineers in scoring tossing in three two-pointers from the field and making six-for-eight from the free stripe for a total of 12. Renee Balberchak added 11 points by putting two shots through the nets from the court and dumping in seven-for-10 from the charity stripe.



WRESTLERS HONORED — Among the Lake-Lehman wrestlers honored at Parents Night last week were four seniors, who wrestled final dual meets in their high school career against Crestwood. The four seniors are shown above with their parents prior to the meet. Kneeling from left, are Matt Reinert, Mark Rogowski, Anthony Monaco and Tim Bernick; standing are Atty. and Mrs. James Reinert, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Rogowski, Mrs. Pasquale Monaco and Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Bernick. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

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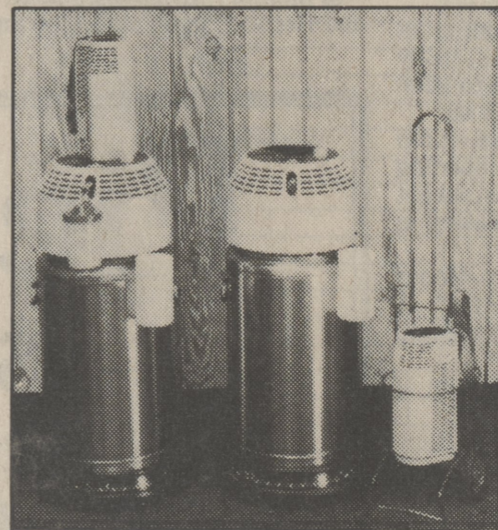
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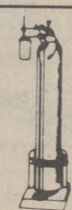
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