

SPORTS

It's on to state championships!

Dallas cross country team takes district 2 title

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Dallas Cross Country runners set a new record for Dallas High School last week when first they won both the Wyoming Valley Conference AA title and the District 2 championship. The Mountaineers beat undefeated Wyoming Area 23-35 in the last meet of the season at Hazleton for an 18-0 season, then took the District 2 title by placing first with 30 points while second place Dunmore finished with 75.

The Mountaineers finished 1-2-3, the first time any team in the past eight years has done so in districts. Hugh Mundy finished first for Dallas in 15:17, Steve Oliver second in 15:30 and Walt Fader finished third in 15:31.

"We have one more to go," said coach Bill Kvashay. "The state competition Saturday. It won't be easy but our boys will be ready."

Kvashay said after the meet that the boys outstanding season was due to hard work and talent. He had 12 boys out for this year's team and will have four returning next year.

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Boys run 11:30 a.m.
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He's also working with some others and expects to recruit seven or eight more.

"These boys just love to run. I started coaching the seniors on this team when they were in eighth grade and it's been a joy to see them

improve. Jared Samuel has developed into an excellent runner since he first came out. Hugh Mundy is going to continue at college. I'm not sure where because he has been recruited by a number of schools. Walt Fader has been accepted at Penn State but I'm not certain he is going there. He is a top student and hopefully will be accepted into their scholar's program."

Kvashay said that sophomore Steve Oliver has been amazing. He has fit in well with the upperclassmen and is a phenomenal runner. The Mountaineers had a lot of

meets in which there were group runs with their eighth and ninth men beating the other teams.

"Mike Dzanko and Jamie Strange would beat the other team's runners," the coach said. Dzanko is going to continue running in college.

Kvashay said he had an idea how his boys would do as a team but he never thought they would finish 1-2-3 and was pleased even more when Jared Samuel and Jim Evans finished as medalists.

Girls finish 5th in Districts

He was also pleased with his girls

team which finished fifth at Districts; sophomore Gretchen Schuler finished first in the AA runners event with a time of 18:49 although she was pushed hard by Kim Kelly of Seton Catholic who finished in 18:50.

"This year's team hung tough," Kvashay said. "They had several girls with injuries but they managed to come through the year with a full team and we were able to have a full team at districts. They finished 8-8 in the league and we hope to have a full team next season."

Strikes 'n' spares

Michele Faux hit pins for 172-188 (592) and F. Allabaugh rolled 170-172 (492) to lead Grotto Pizza to three games over Castlettes in the Ladies Country League. L. Cyphers 192 was high for the Castle ladies. G.H. Harris continued to climb by taking three from Faux Inn whose R. Gula posted 171. E. Shuleski's 199 (475) managed to pace Back Mountain Bowl to three points from Fashion Vending who had L. Evans 171 and E. Roberts 473.

In Monday Night's Men League Mike Rudick hammered the pins for 265-239-242 (746) to aid Triangle in taking two from Noone. M. Schmolli hit 250 (626) Joe Dunnan rolled 239-214 (636), B. Finn 229 (565) and A. Wendel 211 (560) for the Noone five. Fieldhouse took all but one from Team No. 5 led by R. Shoemaker's 564 and John Grohoski's 563. The losing five had D. Moore's 234 (600) and H. Shaver's 567. Locker Room took all from Team No. 7 with T. Considine rolling 254 (610), B. Considine hitting 223-215 (585), Gary Mazer posting 562 and W. Moore adding 537. The losing team had Bo Searfoss's 231 (613), Jim Bonita's 225-264 (680), R. Clemow's 212-258 (678), Glen Mazer's 225 (619) and G. Bobb's 223 (582) set the pace for Valley Chevrolet's three points from Back Mt. Coffee. Bernie Mazer added 569 to the sweep. Jarrett Roan's 216-233 (663) led the losers followed by S. Vigorito's 227 (608) and K. Blight's 568. K. Orkwis contributed 540. Jack Kurent's 211-216 (595), and Emory Ishley's 224 (587) combined with D. Williams 541 aided Bonanza Beverage in taking one point from Gino's Shoe Store. T. Doughton rolled 584, M. Carkhuuff's 222 (560), C. Kazokas' 535 and L. Coolbaugh's 534 paced Gino's.

Two weeks reports from Back Mountain Barriettes had All's winning 7-1, Desirables 8-0, XMarks the Spot 5-3, Goody Two Shoes 2-6, Monday Nite Blues 2-6, and Tiger Lillies 0-8.

Hitting high scores were J. Johnson 176-172 (515), 181 (470); J. Moore 170 (472); T. Williams 190; B. Clemow 173 (476); M. Faux 182 (497); B. Price 171; E. Watson 480; H. Sidorek 170; b. Cicero 472; M. Faux 236 (547) and E. Feher 189-175 (481).

Two weeks bowling in the Back Mt. Farmers League found winning seven, losing one; Throughbreds 5-3, Mules 3-5, Chickies 2-6, Turkeys 6-2, Black Sheep 4-4, Barn Cats 5-3, Ugly Ducklings 1-7.

High rollers were L. Coolbaugh 517; C. Doty 486; D. Williams 222 (600), 245 (591); M. Delaney 540, 226 (583); W. Lathrop 220 (568); T. Ruger 528; J. Williams 245 (591); and T. Ruger 502.

Native Textiles also turned in two weeks reports with Road Runners posting 8-0, Ringers 8-0, Pinheads 7-1, Bad News Bowlers 3-5, Big Blue Boomers 2-6, Wild Pins 3-5, Sandbaggers 0-8, Besta 3-5, Suds 1-7, Ball Busters 4-4, Alley Cats turned in only one week's record of 3-1 and Beer Bowlers turned in only one week of 2-2.

High games were D. Miller's 543, 550; G. Schooley 237 (549); I. Engelman 188 (508), L. Wolfe 234 (524), L. Morris 526, Dee DeRemer 177, J. Brady Jr. 582, 228 (608); B. Mock 218 (543), S. Johnson 177-193 (523), G. Stevens 515, B. Mock 569, E. Engleman 548, B. Clemow 184 (476), 181-183-192 (556); R. Clemow 213 (560), S. Teetsel 170, J. Teetsel 522, B. Perrego 546, F. Genovesi 219 (546) and J. Mock 559.

Team depth gives Dallas golf district championship

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Dallas scored a major victory over the Coughlin Crusaders last Monday to take the Wyoming Valley Conference golf team title then proceeded to defeat Scranton Prep 5-4 Wednesday afternoon to win the district team title.

Dallas High School coach Tom Kilduff's goal for this year's team was to take the Wyoming Valley Conference title which they did.

"It was like giving a gold medal performance when they took the district title two days later in winter cold weather Wednesday afternoon at Scranton Municipal Golf Course" Kilduff said.

Four of the Dallas players won their individual matches. Jim Milauskas defeated Prep's Mike Lynch, state qualifier; Phil Navrola took Brian Foley; Paul Deeble defeated Mike Neary and Mark Fies, defeated Joe Ryan.

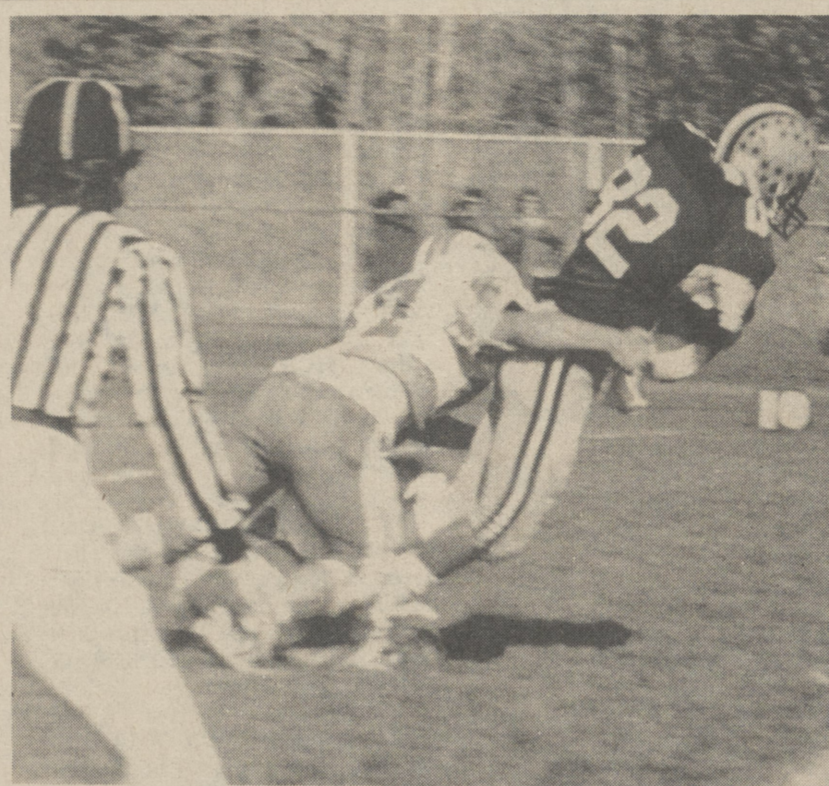
In better-ball-of-partners matches Foley and Tom Mulley defeated Mounts Navrola and John McKeever and Healy and Neary defeated Dallas's Jim O'Donnell and Deeble.

O'Donnell was defeated in match play by Prep's Jody Healy and McKeever lost to Prep's Mullen.

Mark Fies said the district title win was for his father. "He has always been an inspiration and a support of my play," Fies said.

The Dallas boys went into the districts unfamiliar with match play so Kilduff told them to forget about it and go out and play their normal style. "I told them to go out play stroke play and we would total their score at the end. I knew if a player had a better score than his partner at the end, he would probably win."

Kilduff credited the depth of this season's team for their win. He said it was team play all season for his players and his top five men had all been medalists in one match or another during the season.



FIRST DOWN - Mountaineer Scott Starbuck rushed for a first down before he was stopped by a Hanover player in Saturday's game with the Hawkeyes at the Dallas field. Dallas defeated Hanover 14-6 to move to 4-0. (Linda Shurmaitis Photo)

Starbuck leads Dallas to 14-6 win over Hanover

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Senior Scott Starbuck scored two touchdowns for Dallas Mountaineers Saturday to lead them to a 14-6 win over Hanover. The win sets up the game for determining the Wyoming Valley Division II title.

Bishop Hoban is 5-0 and Dallas 4-0 going into Saturday's game at the Mountaineers field.

In their game with Hanover Starbuck scored the first touchdown for Dallas when he ran the kickoff return 94 yards for a touchdown only five minutes into the game.

Hanover wasted no time of its own by coming right back from its own 40 yard line drove down the field to the one-yard line where freshman Jamie Proctor took it into the endzone for six points.

Neither team was able to score for the rest of the first half with fumbles and penalties playing a key role in the half.

"After the first half our defense played well," said Dallas' receiver defensive back Starbuck. Hanover had the ball most of the first half but in the second half our offense started moving. Hanover's line was much bigger and more physical than ours," Starbuck said.

After a rapid exchange of returns the Mountaineers started to hold Proctor.

The team's offense began to move down the field with Cherup hitting Ron Post for a 24-yard gain then Jerry Ogurkis picked up a first down on a 15-yard run. On third and 11 at Hanover's 25-yard line the Mountaineers were able to gain only four yards. On the fourth down Cherup surprised Hanover by hitting Starbuck with a 21-yard touchdown pass in the endzone. Cherup carried the ball over for two points to give Dallas their 14-6 lead.

Chris Lesjak stopped a Hanover scoring threat when he intercepted Kopacz' pass on the Hanover 42-yard line.

"Our defense played well against Proctor," said Lesjak. "At the beginning of the game we weren't ready to play. I believe the team was looking ahead then we came through on both offense and defense. When our defense got started our offense picked up."

"Our defense has to play well and stop Montagna Saturday against Bishop Hoban but our offense has to click as well to win," Lesjak said. "Hoban will be another tough game," Starbuck said. "They want to win as bad as we do. Playing them on our field is an advantage."

"We have a lot of work to do this week," said Coach Ted Jackson. "We can't make mistakes and we can't have penalties if we're going to beat Bishop Hoban. They're a good football team."

Knights field hockey tops Dallas to make finals

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Lake-Lehman's Lady Knights advanced to the Class championship game with Crestwood this Saturday by defeating the Dallas Mountaineers 2-1 in an overtime game last Saturday at Artillery Park, Kingston.

The second-seeded Knights played to a 1-1 tie with the Mounts throughout the regular game when Wendy Skibitski scored off an assist from Julie Hess in the late minutes of the first half.

Earlier Jennifer Moran of Dallas scored her seventh goal of the year when she hit one in at the 20-minute mark of the first half.

Despite neither team being able to score in the second half, the game was exciting with end to end action by the teams. Both teams had seven shots on goal but the Lady Knights had 11 penalty shots to the

Mountaineers seven.

It was Carlyn James goal at seven minutes into overtime that gave the Knights the 2-1 win over a tough Dallas squad.

Goalie Tracy Hunter had four saves for the Mountaineers and Becky James had three for the Knights.

Coach Kim Kretchmer was proud of the way her Dallas squad played this year especially since they had adjustments to make under the direction of a new coach despite Kretchmer having played under former coach Robyn Jones.

Dallas played an outstanding defensive game stopping the Knights from taking advantage of several scoring opportunities throughout the regular game to keep the game tied going into the overtime.

The foul called on the Mountaineers in the first 10-minute overtime period gave James the opportunity to make the penalty stroke that won the game.

Dallas High soccer team nipped by Blue Knights

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Wyoming Seminary Blue Knights nipped Dallas Mountaineers 1-0 Monday in the soccer playoff to advance to the District 2 AA final next Monday with the winner of the Bishop Hoban-Wallenpaupack game.

It was the Blue Knights Jon Trynoski, who saved the game for his Seminary team when he staved off the Mountaineers rally in the final period with 10 saves to lead the Blue Knights in holding their 1-0 win.

Seminary's Rob Mainwaring scored in the third period off an assist by Josh McCracken to break the game's scoreless tie.

The Mountaineers played an exciting fourth quarter coming back with a strong rally trying to stave off elimination from the playoffs. They took 10 shots on goal against the Blue Knights strong defense but their shots either went wide or bounced off the goal crossbar.

The 1-0 score for Wyoming Seminary was the identical score that Dallas defeated Seminary by in last

week's end of the season contest.

The Mountaineers coach John McCaffrey said that despite the loss he was pleased with the way his Dallas team played.

"Our kids showed a lot of courage in the game. I threw everything offensively at Seminary in the final period and our boys almost came back. Seminary played an excellent game and I wish them the best of luck. It was a great game between the two teams, it wasn't our turn to win," McCaffrey concluded.

In the first half both teams missed opportunities to score but neither team was able to get by the other team's defense. Seminary's Mainwaring's attempts at goal went wide in the first half and Dallas Tom Shone's shot for goal bounced off the cross bar and fell back into the field of play.

The loss eliminates the Mountaineers from the playoff. They finished the season with a 16-2 record. The Blue Knights advance to the final with a 15-2-1 record. They will face either Bishop Hoban who went into Tuesday's game with a 17-0 record or Wallenpaupack who entered Tuesday's contest with a 12-3 record.

Ogurkis joins college hockey team

Lori Ogurkis, a 1987 graduate of Dallas High School, is a member of Wittenberg University's field hockey team.

Ogurkis, a halfback, is a physics/economics major, and the daughter

of Gerald and Jean Ogurkis of 188 Overbrook Rd. in Dallas.

The Tigers, who have a 9-5-1 record, are looking toward the Ohio-West Virginia State tournament Oct. 28-29 at Kenyon College, in Gambier, Ohio.

Black Knights run wild over Crestwood in 39-0 shutout

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"My team members are making my job easy for me this year," said Knights quarterback Len Annetta following their 39-0 shut out over Crestwood Saturday. It was a big game for us because it was a Division B contest.

"Our linemen have been doing a great job and were outstanding Saturday. They are a great bunch of guys and we have played together a long time. We know what each other is going to do."

"We have a tough game coming up Friday night with Tunkhannock. It doesn't mean anything in our ranking but Tunkhannock has only one loss and that is to Berwick. For us to defeat Tunkhannock would show that we are of Berwick's caliber. We're going to try," Annetta concluded.

The Knights play on Saturday proved Annetta's remarks. They totaled more than 435 yards on the ground and at the same time, stopped the Comets offense cold.

Rob Michaels, Rich James, and Scott Wascalus provided their usual running game to pile up yardage and score touchdowns and even sophomore Terry Martin carried seven times for more than 50 yards.

Coach Rich Gorgone said he was pleased with the way the kids played. "Our backs get all the credit but nobody mentions our line. The reason our backs are getting the yardage is because our offensive line is doing the job. Chris Engle, Stan Sims, Ed Kelly, Hosey and Coslet have been doing outstanding work for us," Gorgone said.

The Knights scored on their first possession with Michaels, Wascalus and James carrying the ball. James took the ball into the endzone

from the four yard line for the first score and Chris Engle kicked the extra point. The entire game was the same with Michaels and Wascalus scoring touchdowns in the first half to give the Knights a 19-0 lead when Engle's kicks failed. The second half was similar with James going into the endzone on a 32-yard run, James adding a score on a 12 yard run and quarterback Annetta scoring the final touchdown on a one-yard plunge into the endzone. Two of Engle's three kicks were good for the final 39-0 score.

"It was a big game for us," said Chris Engle. "Our team played well and we ran the ball well. Wascalus and Michaels each ran for over 100 yards and James had close to 100. Our line played exceptionally well Saturday."

"When we go out to play football, we take nothing from anyone," Engle said.



MARTIN CARRIES-Knight Terry Martin carries the ball for big yardage in the Lake-Lehman Crestwood game Saturday with help from Dale Butler (85) and Matt Kukosky (30) who did the blocking for him. The Knights shut out the Comets 39-0. (Charlot M. Denmon Photo)

"Tunkhannock will be a tough game and it would be a big win for us, but we have to look ahead to the following week and our game with Dallas. We'll take games one at a

time, however, and this Friday night we'll be looking for Tunkhannock."

Gorgone said his Knights have their work cut out for them for the next two weeks. "Tunkhannock is a

big and physical team and we will be out to win, but not at the expense of injuries because we have to look ahead at the Dallas game coming up."