

SPORTS

Mounts top Tunkhannock 75-62 for third place finish

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The Dallas Mountaineers took an early 6-0 lead against Meyers in the opening round of the Dallas Unico Tournament dedicated to the late Al Pisaneschi but the Mohawks came back with a strong rally behind their top scorer Curtis Lloyd and defeated the Mounts 64-59.

The win moved the Mohawks into the finals against Wyoming Seminary last Thursday night at the Dallas gym. Lloyd scored 28 points in the game to keep his Mohawks in front.

Dallas rallied in the second half and came within six points of their opponents the Mohawks were able to hold the Dallas offense off.

In the consolation game Thursday night with Tunkhannock, the Mountaineers took a 44-23 point

lead against the Tigers at the end of the first half. Then, despite a rally by the Tigers in the second half, the Mounts managed to outscore Tunkhannock 14-4 in the final minutes of the fourth period to win 75-62 and finish third in the tournament.

The Mounts fourth quarter surge was aided by excellent shooting as they hit 15 of 19 attempts including six consecutive goals by Eric Nardone off the bench.

"The kids played perhaps their best basketball this season in the first half," said Coach Clarence Ozgo. "Our defense played an excellent game and we scored from the defense."

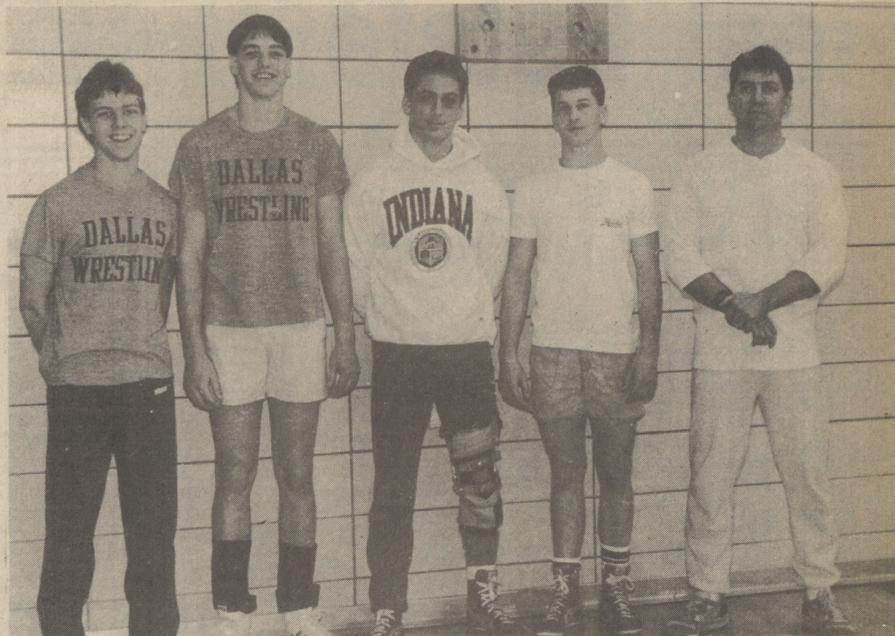
"They let up some in the opening of the third period when they missed six layups but they regained their composure and did what they had to do. They are improving with each game and beginning to put everything to-

gether. We should be able to surprise some teams in the second half but it's too early to look that far ahead. We have played only three league games at this point," Ozgo said.

The Mountaineers are scheduled to play Bishop Hoban and Coughlin this week, two of the biggest teams in the league. Hoban has three starters at 6-7, 6-5 and 6-4 and Coughlin has players at 6-7, 6-6 and 6-4.

"Coughlin is one of the best teams in our division," Ozgo said. "Bishop Hoban is good but Coughlin has beaten them twice. We have our work cut out for us and we are at a slight disadvantage."

"Randy Coolbaugh, perhaps one of the best if not our best scorer, will probably be out for two weeks due to an injury. We will have to regroup and see what we can do. We will take one game at a time."



TOURNAMENT WINNERS - Four Dallas wrestlers placed in the Gov. Mifflin Holiday Tournament held Dec. 28 and 29. Above, they are from left, Jim Newell, 3rd, 125 lbs.; Ron Post, 2nd, 171 lbs.; Jerry Ogurkis, 2nd, 160 lbs.; and Jim O'Donnell, 4th, 135 lbs. and Steve Kaschenbach, coach. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

New Dallas wrestling coach is optimistic for season

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Steve Kaschenbach is not new to the Dallas High School wrestling program but he is new as head senior varsity coach.

Kaschenbach, an art teacher in the Dallas District, has been an assistant wrestling coach for five years and in charge of the junior high wrestling program for two years. This season he was named senior high school wrestling coach following the resignation of former coach Larry Schuler.

Kaschenbach wrestled for Dallas in his senior high years until he graduated in 1966. He majored in art at Wilkes College where he wrestled for Coach John Reese

from 1966 to 1970. He comes from a wrestling family and has two brothers, Carl and John.

Kaschenbach has only 18 wrestlers out this season but that is enough to fill every one of the 13 weight classes.

"It will take a while to recruit more wrestlers," said Kaschenbach, "But there is an advantage in teaching at both junior and senior high and knowing the kids."

Two weeks ago Kaschenbach's wrestlers took third place in the Troy Tournament and during the holidays, they finished 10th of 16 teams in the Governor Mifflin Holiday Tournament.

Gerry Ogurkis finished second at 160 pounds and Ron Post came in second at 171. Jim Newell came in third at 125 pounds and Jim

O'Donnell finished fourth at 135 pounds.

This season, for the first time in years, the weight classes have changed and an additional weight class has been added.

There is no longer a 98-lb. class. The lightest class is 103, then 112, followed by 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189 and up to 275-lb. weight class.

"Every weight class is filled barring any injuries. The problem (for the future) is nine of our weight classes are seniors," Kaschenbach explained.

"We hope to be competitive and improve as the season continues and send our boys to districts and then to regionals. It appears that we could have a good post-season."

Hynick's 3-pointer gives Black Knights 60-59 win

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After losing 74-55 to Wyoming Valley West in the Dr. Robert Crossin Memorial Tournament, December 27, the Lake-Lehman Knights nipped the Nanticoke Trojans 60-59 in the final seconds of the consolation game December 29.

In the first round, the Spartans tight defense forced turnovers by the Knights in the first half, and Valley West was also able to hold Frank Coslett from scoring.

"We fell behind early in the first half," said Knights Coach Rodger Bearde. "And played our worst game of the season. We were one for 18 attempts at one time in the first half. In the second half we woke up and began to score but we

were unable to catch up. We were disappointed because we went into the game hoping to make the finals."

In the consolation game December 29 the Knights got off to a better start. The Trojans took the lead in the first half but the Knights rallied in the second half and outscored Nanticoke 15-7 and 20-16 in the third and fourth quarters.

In a hard-fought game between the two teams, the Knights began hitting three pointers in the second half and pulled within three points of the Trojans at the end of the third period.

"With only 17 seconds remaining in the game we fell behind but Rick Hynick hit a three pointer which gave us a 60-59 lead. The Trojans came down court for a shot but missed and that was the

ball game," Bearde concluded.

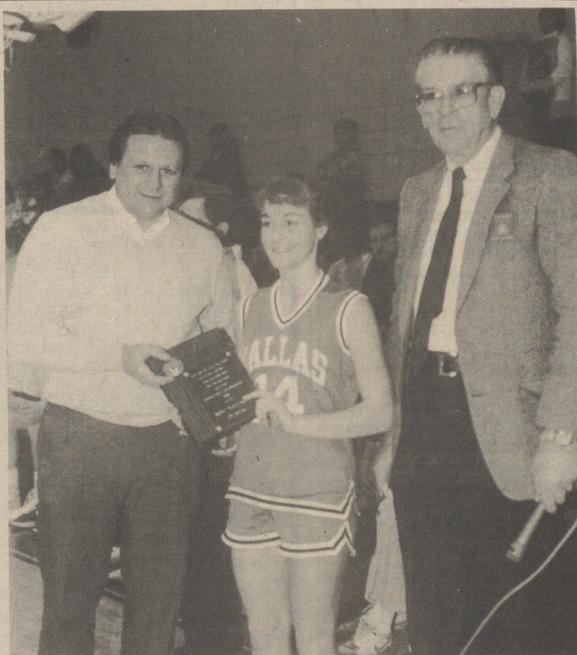
The Knights were scheduled to host Wyoming Seminary Tuesday night then travel to GAR to play the Grenadiers Friday.

"Seminary is a good team and we look forward to playing them at home," Bearde said. "They came in second to Meyers in the Dallas Unico game. All their players are back from last season so they have experience and they also have decent size. They have some balanced shooters so we can't close in on one man."

"GAR is always a challenge. They're an excellent team but we hope to hang in there and try to win enough games to get into the playoffs. There are a lot of good teams in our division and our goal is to get into the playoffs at the end of the season," Bearde said.

MVP

Wendy Cave, right, junior high basketball player was named Most Valuable Player in the Dallas Junior High Tournament sponsored by Dallas Kiwanis Club. Superintendent Gerald Wycallis, left, presents Wendy with the MVP plaque with Kiwanis President John Navich doing the announcing. (C.M. Denmon Photo)



Dallas Junior High girls win tournament

Dallas Junior High girls basketball team take first place in the Dallas Kiwanis Tournament last Friday afternoon. Below, first row, from left are Jennifer Daveski, Holly Mannear, Jane Kilduff, Theresa Mathers, Michelle Welgosh; back row, Monique Matthews, Tara Lisnow, Wendy Cave, Amy Nadzan, Ann Smaka, and Coach Tom Kilduff. (C.M. Denmon Photo)



Strike & Spares

Cross Country Restaurant took the first half title in the Charles Williams Memorial League by winning a three-team rolloff including an extra frame competition between the restaurant team and Strike Force. High for the rolloff bowlers was Bob Considine with a 652 series followed by M. Schmill with 641. Other highs were B. Shalata 611, M. Rudick 602, P. Mathers 595, A. Faux 593, W. Moore 591, C. Kazokas 585, S. Wickard 584 and Glen Mazer 579.

In the Ladies Country League Grotto Pizza took first half honors by taking four points the final night of the half to edge out the Castlettes by one and a half points. The ladies start the second half this week after a week off during the holidays.

The only leagues turning in reports during the holiday week were Back Mountain Famers, Our Gang and Bowlerettes. Ugly Ducklings took all from the Chickies in the Farmers League led by T. Ruger's 551 and H. Ruger's 183 (475). L. Coolbaugh's 222 (590) and N. Kozemchak's 190 (493) led the Mules to

four points from the Barn Cats. J. Lanning added 181. R. Strazdus gave 522 to the cats. Black Sheep shut out the Thoroughbreds paced by W. Wesley's 225-223 (623) and M. Delaney's 208 (525). D. Williams 213 (527) and C. Doty's 199 (511) showed the way for the Turkeys three points from the Longhorns whose high bowler was D. Neiman 241 (509).

In the Bowlerettes League Cardinals picked up three from the Cockatiels aided by N. Moser's 203. Chickadees took three from the Woodpeckers.

D. Moore rolled 542. A. Tregan hit 173-198 (525) and D. Springer posted 187 (476) to lead Porky to four points from Wheezer in Our Gang League. M. Carkhuff's 529 was high for the losing team. Spanky blanked the Buckwheat five aided by E. Dingle's 566. F. Tregan's 570 helped Styrmie take three from Butch whose Millie Dingle rolled 182. D. Jenkins, Jr.'s 222 (610) paved the way for Chubby's three points from Alfalfa who had 231 (587) from K. Bevan and 279 from Marie Carkhuff.

Wilkes-Barre YMCA offers help in keeping resolutions

If you want to keep your New Year's resolution to get in shape, or if you just want to shed the extra pounds the holidays bring, the Wilkes-Barre YMCA can help.

The 'Y' offers adults a wide variety of fitness classes that begin January 9. The programs range from the low-impact Morning Fitness, Noon Challenge, or After-work Workout, to the high impact Co-ed Fitness.

There are also aerobic classes of average to high intensity such as the Aerobic Workout or Sunday Afternoon Aerobics, and for those who love to dance, Aerobics in Motion.

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