

SPORTS

Lady Knights stay unbeaten and tied for first in league

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Lake-Lehman's Lady Knights ran their record to 6-0 last week by defeating Wyoming Seminary 47-25 Monday at the Blue Knights court and taking GAR 52-44 Thursday. The wins kept the Knights tied with the Meyers Mohawks for first place.

Marjo Martini and Michele Lukas set the pace for the Lake-Lehman cagers with Marjo putting in 26 points and Lukas scoring 14, eight of them in the final quarter when the Grenadiers closed in on Martini in an attempt to cut down her scoring.

In the first half, the

Grenadiers were unable to stop the 6-1 center as she put in shots from the inside and the outside to give the Knights a 23-22 lead at the half.

When the Grenadiers closed down the tall center, Lukas scored only four points in the third quarter, but in the final quarter the Lady Knights took an early lead and with less than three minutes remaining in the game Lukas went on a scoring spree and put in six of the Knights 12 points.

Lady Knights coach Joe Martini said the win over GAR gave the girls the mental confidence they need in order to continue winning.

In Monday's game with the Blue Knights of Seminary, it

was Wendy Skibitsky who led a strong man-to-man defense for the Lady Knights to break wide open a 17-15 game at halftime. The team outscored Seminary 17-4 and 13-6 in the second half.

Skibitsky led the Lady Knights with 17 points and Martini poured in five goals from the floor to hit the double digits.

Going into this week, the Lake-Lehman girls have an open date Monday, host Bishop O'Reilly who are in second place and play GAR Monday. The Lady Knights travel to West Side Tech Saturday and if they get by these two teams and Seton Catholic loses to Meyers, the Mohawks and Lady Knights would meet in a playoff for the first half title.

With good start, Lake-Lehman wrestlers look to successful season

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Lake-Lehman wrestling coach Ed Ladamus is optimistic about his squad this season.

"We have 22 wrestlers out for the team this season and have a good back up in most of the weight classes. The only place we're lacking a wrestler is at 103. It's tough to get a boy with experience at that weight but we're trying.

"We lost some seniors through graduation but we have Tom Duffy and Rich Davis and we have seven good juniors. We also have nine sophomores and four freshmen. The sophomores and freshmen have come up from our strong junior high program and it gives us good depth in the middle-weights," Ladamus said.

Ladamus said it's the team's goal to make a good showing in districts at the end of the league schedule as well as make a better than .500 standing in the dual meets of the league.

"Valley West is probably the toughest team in the league and Crestwood is always tough. When we go into districts, we wrestle AA and that means our strongest competition will probably be the Comets," Ladamus explained.

"J.J. Konigus is the only wrestler who placed in districts for us last year. He came in third. Our record this season to date is 4-1 in dual meets. We defeated G.A.R. and West Side Tech in the conference and Canton and Montrose in exhibition. We lost to Williamsport last Saturday in the tri-meet with Williamsport, Montrose and our squad."

The Knights have Meyers and Dallas coming up this week-Meyers away Wednesday night and Dallas away Saturday night.

The Knights defeated the Grenadiers 40-18 in the opening league meet Wednesday night after they started with six points against them by having to forfeit at 103.

They picked up four points on freshman Charlie Roper's 10-0 win

at 112, then fell back to 9-4 when Chris Smith lost an 8-6 bout to Flynn of GAR. 125-pound Dave Konopke moved the score to 9-7 by taking his bout 8-2 and Tom Duffy put the Knights in front 13-9 when he pinned his 140-pound opponent.

J. Clancy won by a decision then Jerry Martin, Ray Rosencrans and Ed Kelly gave the team six points each on pins. Guerin and Konigus won for the Knights on decisions.

In the meet with West Side Tech Saturday night, the Knights won all but the 103 and 140 pound bouts which the Titans won by forfeits. The Knights won on a major decision, three forfeits and the rest on pins.

In the afternoon the Knights defeated Montrose 36-28 but lost to Williamsport 36-28.

Ladamus is assisted with his wrestlers by Dwight Barbacci and in the junior high by Phil Lipski and Tom Williams.



Basketball to aid the needy

College Misericordia and King's College will take center-stage in helping the hungry and needy of the area with a benefit women's basketball doubleheader in Scandlon Gym, Wilkes-Barre, Saturday, Jan. 14, and Sunday, Jan. 15.

Dan Gallagher of WBRE-TV is honorary chairman and will be on hand to sell his records for the benefit of the homeless and will be available for autographs.

In photo, from left are King's soph Angie Kern, out of Dallas HS; Gallagher, 6-7 former cager at Siena College and Coach Robin Cummins of King's, a Kunkle resident and former Dallas standout. On January 14, the first game at 6 p.m. matches York of Pennsylvania with Shepherd of West Virginia. King's and Misericordia meet at 8. Between games, there will be a concert by the 45-man Wilkes-Barre Chapter, Barbershop Singing Society. Tickets will be available for \$2 and proceeds go to the poor of Wyoming Valley.

Dallas wrestlers lose to Hazleton, bounce back to defeat Berwick

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Coach Steve Kaschenbach's Dallas grapplers lost their meet 38-25 to Hazleton but came back Saturday night to defeat the Berwick Bulldogs 36-29.

In Saturday night's meet Dallas used five pins in grabbing their first conference win.

Francis Hoover 103, Jim Newell

130, Jamie Janosky 145, Jerry Ogurkis 160 and Ron Post 189 defeated their opponents with pins. 135-lb. Jim O'Donnell and 140-lb. Jim Farrell won by decisions, O'Donnell 4-2, and Farrell 3-0.

112-lb. Rick Hoyes, 119-lb. Dale Morris, 125-lb. Matt Balberchak, 152-lb. Jamie Strange, 171-lb. Wade Post and hwt. Phil George lost their bouts.

In Wednesday's meet, Dallas led 6-5 going into the 119-lb. bout

where Dale Morris won to give the Mountaineers a 9-5 lead.

It looked like Dallas was on the way to a win but Hazleton took the next six bouts, two of them by pins. Going into Jerry Ogurkis' bout Hazleton led 32-9 with only four bouts remaining. Ogurkis and Wade Post won on falls, and Ron Post won on a 4-2 decision to move the score to 32-24. Hazleton's Gordon pinned Mount Phil George to move the final score to 38-24.

Mounts lose twice, by wide margins

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Dallas boys basketball coach Clarence Ozgo knew coming into the season that he had a lot of inexperienced players but despite that he was disappointed in the ways his team played against Bishop Hoban last week. The Argents balanced scoring gave Hoban a 73-51 win.

"The boys did not play well at all," Ozgo said. "They had too many turnovers, they were outrebounded and they didn't shoot well. They are making too many mistakes in their games."

The Argents outscored the Mountaineers 36-23 in the first half, then came on stronger in the second half to take the win by 22 points.

Ozgo was more pleased with his boys performance against Coughlin even though the Mountaineers lost 89-65.

"We have some injuries and several boys out with illness but our boys made a great effort Saturday. We started one senior, three juniors and a sophomore and with the exception of the first quarter, the kids played well. They gave the Crusaders a 30-12 lead in the first quarter which made it difficult for them to overcome."

Ozgo said he was pleased with the team's efforts in the Coughlin game, but they have to learn build on their improvements to become a better team.

Ray Russin led Dallas in scoring with 13 points in the Coughlin game, followed by Eric Nardone and B. Weyman with 11 each. In the game with Bishop Hoban Nar-

done scored 16 points for Dallas and Brett Gauntlett poured in eight. The Mountaineers play Pittston Area and Wyoming Valley West this week. Pittston is one of the three best teams in the league in Ozgo's opinion and have an excellent player in Tom Brady.

"The Patriots are a hard playing team and our kids are going to have to play better if we're to keep with them," Ozgo said. "Valley West has two fine players in Dave Coulter and Joe Butcher and we'll have to contain those two if we want to defeat the Spartans."

"Overall, our kids are not taking advantage of the breaks they get in their games. They have to learn to do that if they want to begin winning."

The Mountaineers are 0-6 in conference play and 2-9 overall for the season.

Lake-Lehman tops Seminary, but loses to unbeaten GAR

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The Lake-Lehman Knights, who bowed to GAR 68-47 at GAR Saturday afternoon, have a chance to raise their first half record to 5-3 this week by defeating Seton Catholic and West Side Tech.

Coach Rodger Bearde has Monday to work with the cagers

to overcome their loss to the 5-0 Grenadiers and take them against 2-3 Seton Catholic Thursday and 0-6 West Side Tech Saturday.

The game with GAR was played evenly during the first half, but in the third quarter Grenadier Karim Twyman, who was high scorer with 21 points, led a 22 scoring attack against the Knights taking GAR to a 52-34 lead at the end of the period.

In the fourth quarter, Twyman scored eight of his total points to carry the Grenadiers to their fifth consecutive win.

In Tuesday's game, the Black Knights played a strong defense to hold down Wyoming Seminary team while Knights Len Annetta and Frank Coslett did the scoring on offense. Annetta was high with 23 points, four of them three-pointers and Coslett hit for 21.

Strikes & Spares

Offset Paperback started the second half in first place in the Charlie Williams Memorial League by shutting out Back Mountain Bowl. Monk's Plumbing, Rock Novelty, Varsity Lawn Care and G.H. Harris follow with 2-1 records while Cross Country Restaurant, Country Surry, Strike Force and Bar-None are bunched together at 1-2.

J. Gromowski rolled 257-212-209 (678) to edge Glen Mazer by one pin. Mazer hit 214-267 (677), followed by D. Purvin 215-235-221 (671), L. Coolbaugh 222, 222, 224 (668), B. Shalata Jr. 223, 219, (634), M. Scoll 201, 252 (627), A. Wendel 223-203 (623), F. Tregan 213-211 (614), D. Thomas 231 (611), and S. Vigorito 238, 201 (608).

M. Delaney's 212-206 (605) led the Back Mountain Farmers League as his Black Sheep took three points from the Chickies. W. Lathrop added 222 (562) and W. Wesley 515. D. Williams 572 and C. Doty's 198 (523) paced the Turkeys to two and a half points from the Mules. L. Coolbaugh's 501 was high for the Mules. Longhorns shut out the Barn Cats sparked by B. Neiman's 539 with games of 179-198. H. Dickinson hit 173 for the losing five. Thoroughbreds picked up three games from Ugly Ducklings, who had T. Ruger's 506.

In the Ladies Country League Grotto Pizza shut out G.H. Harris and Castlottes took all from Fashion Vending to start the second half tied for the lead at 4-0. Faux Inn took three from Back Mt. Bowl to stay close to the league leaders with 3-1. Back Mt. Bowl is 1-3 while G.H. Harris and Fashion Vending are 0-4 each. K. Scavone's 191 (508) was high for the night followed by R. Gula's 194 (507) and M. Faux's 174-178 (506). Other highs were N. Stredny 170 (493), N. Kozemchak 179 (487), R. Naugle 177 and L. Cyphers 172.

It was 3-1 night in the Barlett League with Goody Two Shoes taking three from Desirable, Alf's three from Tiger Lilies, and Monday Nite Blues three from X Marks the Spot. M. Faux rolled 234 (528), S. Johnson 181-178 (520), T. Williams 170-182 (500),

D. Lapanick 189 (475) and B. Price 203.

In Our Gang League Alfalfa took three from Porky, Wheeler made it three over Chubby, Butch copped three from Spanky and Buckwheat picked up three from Sty-mie. B. Eipper led everyone with 224-217 (628), K. Bevan 214 (591), M. Carkhuff 213 (584), D. Moore 567, B. Bevan 556, T. Considine 542, Dee Springer 200-186 (541), E. Wright 527, B. Searfoss 528, H. Dymond 526, L. Lavelle 523, Marie Carkhuff 193 (513), Annette Tregan 183 (483) and Sharon Karpovich 185.

Faye Parry's 197 was enough for the

Chickadees to take four from the Cockatils in the Bowlerette League and Chris Badman and Nancy SanFanandre rolled 172 games to lead the Woodpeckers in shutting out the Cardinals.

Rolling Stones shut out the Chosen Few to end the first half in the Quartet League while Jane's Guys took three from Hi Fives. J. Cummings 206-202 led for the night followed by Stanley S.'s 212 (561). Other highs were Edward C. 217 (538), Tom M. 214 (542), and Rodney G. 209 (510).

Besecker, Poynton lead Dallas girls to two wins

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The Lady Mountaineers of Dallas won their first two league games last week, defeating Bishop Hoban 59-57 in overtime Tuesday and taking the Coughlin Crusaders 58-53 Friday night on the Coughlin floor. The two wins raised their record to 2-3 in Division I conference play.

In a game that went back and forth most of the way, the Lady Mountaineers outscored the Lady Crusaders 19-9 in the final quarter to overcome a five point deficit. The Crusaders had built up the score in the third quarter by outscoring the Mountaineers 15-8. The Dallas girls had led 31-29 at the end of the first half.

The Lady Mountaineers went

16 for 26 from the foul line while Jennifer Besecker and Laura Poynton hit the double figures column in scoring.

Besecker was 9 of 11 from the free throw stripe and made five field goals for a total of 19 points. Poynton put seven free throws through the net and went 1-3 from the floor.

In the game with Bishop Hoban, a basket by Poynton late in the fourth quarter sent the game into overtime, where the Lady Mountaineers were able to hang on and outscore the Argnets to win 58-57.

Hitting double digits in scoring were Poynton with 15, Aria Pierson with 14 and Lisa Hite with 13 points.

This week the Dallas girls play Pittston Area away, then host Wyoming Valley West at home Thursday.

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