

SPORTS

Poynton, Hite and Pearson lead Dallas girls to win

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Dallas Coach Kit Karuza's Lady Mountaineers go into the final week of the first half against Berwick and Tunkhannock with a 3-4 record after defeating Valley West 63-48 at home Friday and losing 61-45 to Pittston Area Monday on the Patriotettes home court.

The Lady Mounts need to play outstanding basketball against the Berwick team which is presently tied for third place in Division I with Bishop Hoban - just a game behind Pittston Area in second. Thursday's game with Tunkhannock could be easier since the Lady Tigers are at 1-6, but they are improving with each week's competition.

Laura Poynton set the pace for the Lady Mountaineers with 19 points in Friday night's game on the Dallas court, scoring from both the outside and under the basket including a three-pointer.

Lisa Hite tossed in 17 points and played good defense in the second half while holding the Spartans Kathy Kane to only nine points. Aria Pearson also hit the nets for 17 points and she also led the Lady Mounts in rebounds.

Earlier in the week, the Lady Mountaineers played the Pittston Patriotettes but were unable to stop Cindy Czerniakowski who dumped



OUTSIDE PASS-Jennifer Besecker goes for an outside pass to Tracy Karuza after the official calls outside for the Lady Mountaineers in the Dallas-Valley West game Friday. The Dallas girls held on to defeat the Lady Spartans 63-48. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

in 41 points to give the home team's coach John Walsh his 100th career win. It was Poynton who led the

Mountaineers with 16 points, two of them three-pointers while Mount Jennifer Besecker hit the double figure column with 11.

Dallas matmen upset Lake-Lehman

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Coming off a mild 27-22 upset over previously undefeated Lake-Lehman, the Dallas Mountaineers go into this week's competition with a positive attitude.

Their win over the Knights gives the Mountaineers the confidence they need to go against Bishop Hoban and Tunkhannock this week, their coach Steve Kaschenbach believes.

"Bishop Hoban is down some this season and we should be able to win," Kaschenbach said. "Tunkhannock is tough, especially if they have their heavyweight, back and our kids will have to wrestle tough if they want to come away with a win."

Dallas managed to win five of their bouts with Lake-Lehman and wrestled to two draws to the surprise of the Knights.

Kaschenbach believed the turning point in the match was in the lower bouts when 125 Matt Balberchak tied Knight Rich Pfeiffer and his boys took key wins at 130, 135 and 140.

Lake-Lehman Coach Ed Ladamus said both teams wrestled well. "It was a good match," Ladamus said. "Every bout was close and even Tom Tereska did a great job of avoiding a pin by Ogurkis. Ron Post showed J.J. Konigus he was better Saturday night. It was a close match but Dallas earned the win."

103-lb. Pat Morris started the Mountaineers with six points on a forfeit. The Knights moved the score to 6-3 on Charlie Roper's 2-0 decision over Rick Hoyes and 119 Chris Smith tied the match at 6-6 by decisioning Mount Dale Morris 3-2.

125-lb. Matt Balberchak wrestled to an 8-8 draw with R. Pfeiffer to move the score to 8-8. The Mountaineers moved in front 17-8 after 130 Jim Newell took Tom Duffy 2-0. 135-lb. Jim Farrell decisioned Jason Clancy 3-0 and 140-lb. Jim O'Donnell defeated Terry Martin 4-2.

145-lb. Mike Guerin gave the Knights three by decisioning Jamie Janosky 4-1. Then 152-lb. Jamie Strange drew 7-7 with P.J. Goodwin. 160-lb. Jerry Ogurkis took a 16-2 major decision from Tom Tereska to put the score at 23-13. 171-lb. Ray Rosencrans decisioned Wade Post 3-2 for three points for the Knights but 189-lb. Ron Post major decisioned J.J. Konigus to put the Mountaineers in front 27-16. Hwt. Ed Kelly ended the match by pinning Dave Pitcavage to move the final score to 27-22.

"We have to look ahead this week," Ladamus said. "We have Hanover Wednesday. They're down this week but they can be tough. We have Wyoming Area Saturday and they're tied at the top. They are tough in their light weights but not as strong in the upper weights. We're matched pretty evenly, but we won't be able to let them get too far ahead in the lower weights."

KNIGHTS TOP MEYERS 36-26

Earlier in the week, the Knights defeated Meyers 36-26 with Ray Rosencrans, J.J. Konigus and Ed Kelly taking the final three bouts with pins to give the Knights the win.

Going into the 171-lb. bout the Mohawks led 26-18 but Rosencrans third period win over Bob Anstett started the Knights roll. 125-lb. Tom Duffy and 145-lb. Terry Martin also produced

pins for the Knights.

The Knights forfeited the 103-lb. bout and 112-lb. Roper and 119-lb. Smith lost on decisions.

After Duffy's pin over Kevin Deiter, Knight Dave Konopke lost 9-1 to Meyers Mike Toney. 135-lb. J. Clancy took a 4-0 decision from his opponent Keith Burritt but the Knights lost at 140 when Mike Swanberry took a major 14-1 decision from Ed Higgins.

145-lb. Terry Martin pinned Mohawk Chris Edwards and 152-lb. P.J. Goodwin decisioned Ron Geist 9-2. Meyers Jim Serafini pinned 160-lb. Mike Tereska to give Meyers their final points before the next three Knights came through with pins to give Lake-Lehman their win.

MOUNTEERS LOSE TO COUGHLIN 40-15

That same night, Coughlin Crusaders slammed a 40-15 win on the Dallas Mountaineers using two pins and a major decision. The Crusaders started with six when 103 John Gammaltoni won by a forfeit. 112 Chad Nichols added three more on a 2-0 decision over Rick Hoyes then 119 Joe Katsock pinned Morris in 34 seconds. 125 Mike Turko decisioned Dale Morris 8-1 to move Coughlin's score to 18.

Mountaineer Jim Newell shut out 130 Rob Frankelli 5-0 to give Dallas three points. The Crusaders took the next four bouts with decisions, one of them a major decision before 160-lb. Jerry Ogurkis flattened Kevin Nichols in 4:47. 171-lb. Ron Post pinned Tony O'Hara in 2:53 to add six points and move the Mountaineers to 15.

The Crusaders took the final two bouts on a decision and a pin to win the meet 40-15.

Donkey basketball game featured February 10

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Roy Rogers take their spills and bounces.

There will be plenty of laughs for the entire family during the fun-filled evening. You haven't witnessed basketball until you have seen it played on donkeys. It is really a little different than regular basketball. Taking a shot at the basket, when the donkey decided you have been on his back too long, can be very difficult. Every shot at the basket must be taken while sitting on the donkey. If you are looking for a fun-filled evening for the entire family - come out and watch the local "cowboys" challenge Bucking Pete, Sugar, Old

Tiger, Elvis, Suicide and the rest of the donkeys that will be in the big game.

Donkey ball is not a laugh-a-minute sport but rather a laugh-a-second sport. You won't want to miss this fun-filled evening. Get your advance tickets early and see the "Craziest Shown On Earth". You'll be glad that you did.

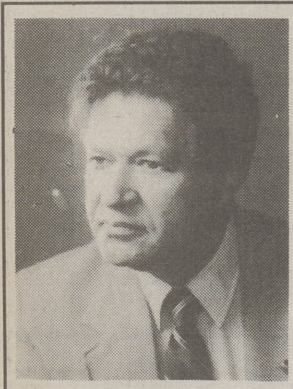
Advance tickets are available from any member of the senior class.

Back Mountain Baseball sets registration

Back Mountain Baseball Inc. will conduct its registration of players for the 1989 baseball season on Saturday, January 28 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Shavertown United Methodist Church on Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown.

Children are eligible to register for Little League Ball, ages 6

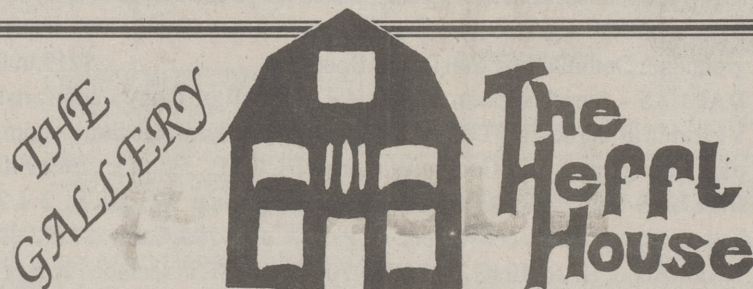
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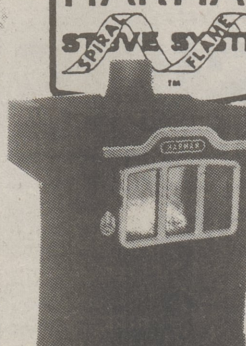
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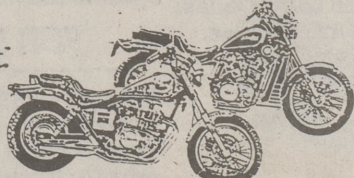
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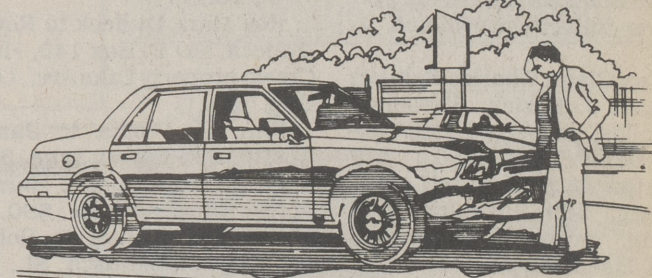
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