SPORTS

Dallas wins two straight to end first half on a high note

By Charlot M. Denmon Staff Writer

It took his Mountaineers most of the first half of the season to gain the confidence and experience they needed to play as a team. But in the past 2 1/2 weeks Dallas Coach Clarence Ozgo's cagers have been playing a better brand of basketball, feeling better about it and winning.

Prior to last week the Mounts lost some games they should have won, games that were decided by a few bad breaks. Last week, they played with great team effort and defeated Berwick and Hazleton.

"I have been happy with the way they've been improving for the past couple of weeks," said Coach Ozgo. "This past week was extremely good for them. They know now that they can win and they're feeling better about themselves.

"Berwick is not a bad team; they are 4-4 and have a makeup game with Wyoming Area this Thursday which if they win means they could be 5-4. One of those losses was to

'We may surprise some teams in the second half"

> Clarence Ozgo Dallas coach

us. I believe our kids surprised them. Now that our boys are playing better, if they continue we may surprise more teams the second half," Ozgo concluded.

This week the Mountaineers open the second half with Hazleton, the team that took the first half with an undefeated 14-0 record overall and 9-0 in league. They're tough, but Ozgo is hoping his boys will play better against them this time than they did last. The Dallas team has had some injuries and illness but things should be looking up.

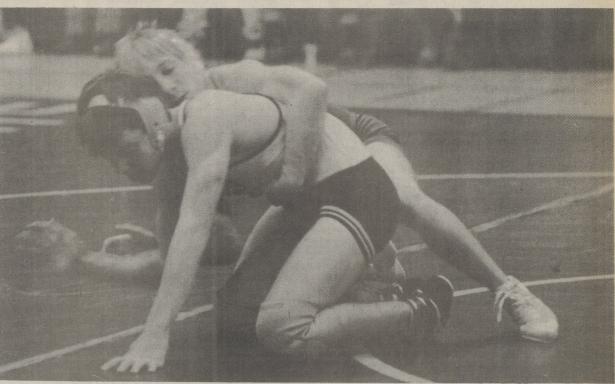
over Tunkhannock, Brett Gauntlett scored a career high 32 points to lead Dallas to its second consecutive win in league play. Matt McQuide tossed in 18, Ray Russin put in 14, two of them three-pointers and Randy Coolbaugh added

Dallas took a 43-38 lead at halftime and never looked back.

With only seconds left in the Berwick game, Berwick was leading 51-50 when Ray Russin put in driving shot and Randy Coolbaugh blocked Jake Kelchner's rebound attempt to save the win for the Mountaineers.

Dallas suffered from poor shooting in the first half and the Bulldogs led 28-16 at the half. In the second half, Dallas played intense defense and outscored Berwick 36-

Matt McQuide was high scorer for Dallas with 16 points, Coolbaugh hit 11, Jim Lister had 10, one of them a three-pointer. Dallas hit five for 10 from the foul In the Mountaineers 84-71 win line, Berwick went seven-for-13.



Knights lose a close one

who bowed to the Berwick Bull-

Despite the loss, Coach Steve

Kaschenbach has confidence in

his wrestlers and says they are

prepared to go against their oppo-

nents and wrestle to their poten-

He is pleased with the way his

In Saturday's meet with the

Tigers, their pins over Pat Morris,

Dale Morris and Jim Farrell and

the six points they picked up by

the Mounts forfeit at 103 played a

major role in the final score of 36-

the 125-lb. match but John

Gorham moved them to 21-0 on a

close and exciting 6-5 decision over

130-lb. Jim Newell gave Dallas

Matt Balberchak

The Tigers led 18-0 going into

boys are working and confident

they will make a good showing in

this week's competition.

dogs Saturday night.

Lake-Lehman wrestlers lost a close 30-24 meet to Wyoming Saturday night with their having to foreit the 103 bout playing a key role in the meet. Above, 119-lb. Dave Konopke tries to take down Wyoming's Stahley but Stahley broke away and defeated Konopke in a close 2-1 bout. The Knights wrestle Hazleton and Berwick this week which Ladamus expects to be close, exciting competition. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

Lake-Lehman finishes first half strong in fourth place

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

The Lake-Lehman boys basketball team defeated Crestwood 59-56 and Meyers 61-41 last week to finish in fourth place in Division II of the Wyoming Valley Conference despite a makeup game with Bishop O'Reilly this past Tuesday. That fits into Coach Rodger Bearde's goal that his cagers finish high enough in the standings to be in the playoffs at the end of the season.

This week the Knights open the second half with a clean slate as they play Northwest at home Thursday night, then travel to Bishop Hafey Saturday.

In Friday's game with Meyers, Len Annetta and Frank Coslett scored 18 points each to lead their team to their 61-41 win over the Mohawks despite the game being halted in the fourth period due to an altercation between the Meyers coach and

The Knights led 37-32 at halftime and in the third period they outscored the Mohawks 18-

Annetta put in four threepointers for the Knights.

Curtis Lloyd was high scorer for Meyers with 21 points, three of them three pointers.

In Tuesday night's game with Crestwood, Coslett put in 26

points to lead the Knights to the 59-56 win. He scored 12 of his points in the first half to help the Knights take a 31-24 halftime lead. He also scored 12 of the Knights 16 points in the third period. Rob Wilson scored 10 for the Knights, Mike Strutko tossed in two three-pointers and Rick Hynick put in one threepointer.

The game was close throughout and in the fourth period the Comets drew close to the Knights before they rallied to take the win.

The Knights outscored the Comets at the foul line dumping in 10 for 14 while the Comets made 14 for 24.

Both teams had 48 points from

sioned Chris Taylor 12-1 and the forfeited to 103-lb. Chris Molecav-By CHARLOT M. DENMON Post brothers gave the Mountainage. In a fast meet, the Mountain-Staff Writer eers 12 points when 171-lb. Ron eers used eight falls, a major deci-Post pinned Bob Zacharias in 39 sion and a technical foul combined The Dallas Mountaineers wresseconds and 189-lb. Wade Post with two forfeits to win 69-6. tlers open this week against undefeated Crestwood after coming off

Dallas grapplers crush Bishop

Hoban, but lose to Tunkhannock

flattened Chris Bean in 3:17. their 36-23 loss to the Tunkhanthe Tigers their final three points nock Tigers. Later in the week they go against the Pittston Patriots,

by taking Dave Pitcavage 7-3. In Wednesday night's meet with

Rick Hoyes, Dale Morris, Jim

Heavyweight Nick Leone gave Newell, Jim Farrell, Jamie Janosky, Matt Buss, Jerry Ogurkis and Ron Post chalked up the pins. Balberchak won by major decision and Bishop Hoban, Dallas took all the Jim O'Donnell by a technical fall.



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Dallas girls end first half with 4-5 record

By CHARLOT M. DENMON

will open the second half of Division I competition this Thursday at Hazleton, hoping to better their first half 4-5 record.

Tunkhannock who hit for 75 percent from the field in the first half. when she and Pierson teamed up

The Tigers held a 39-15 lead at to put in 15 points between them.

The Lady Mounts rallied in the The Dallas girls basketball team second half, outscoring the Tigers 27-20 and 14-13, but it wasn't

Jen Besecker and Aria Pierson led the Dallas girls with 13 each The Lady Mountaineers closed and Laura Poynton dropped in 12. the first half with a 72-56 loss to Lisa Hite followed with 11 points, six of them in the third quarter

the field but the Tigers hit 23 for 35 from the foul line while the Mountainners made only eight for 19 from the free throw stripe. enough to overcome the lead. In last Monday night's game with

Berwick, Poynton scored a game high 23 points to lead the Mountaineers to a 77-44 win over Berwick at the Dallas court. Poynton made three three-pointers in the game. Jen Besecker hit the double figure column with 17 points. James, Hess and Wells named to High for the Lady Bulldogs was

Lisa Markle with 21 points and behind her was Sue Keris with 10, four shots from the field and two for seven from the foul line.

Poynton tossed in 10 shots from the field but went scoreless in two tries at the foul line.

five points on a technical fall over Don Zimmerman and 135-lb. Jim O'Donnell moved the Dallas score to 8 by decisioning Scott Davies 2-Tunkhannock went in front 27-

8 when 140-lb. Jason Munley flattened Jim Farrell in 21 seconds. 145-lb. Matt Thatcher moved the score to 30-8 by taking a close 4-3 bout from Jamie Janosky and 152lb. Duane Norton gave the Tigers three points on a 6-3 win over Jamie Strange

Sunday Independent all-star team Carolyn James and Julie Hess behind Lake-Lehman's strong of Lake-Lehman, and Sue Wells of showing (this season)." James was

Dallas have been named to the Sunday Independent All-Star Field Hockey Team.

In announcing the selections, Hess were the strong performers a second place finish in the league.

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the top scorer in the Wyoming Valley Conference this season with 29 goals and nine assists. Wells was close behind, scoring 24 goals. the Independent said, "James and Her performance helped Dallas to

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