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Dallas loses to Hazleton in second half opener

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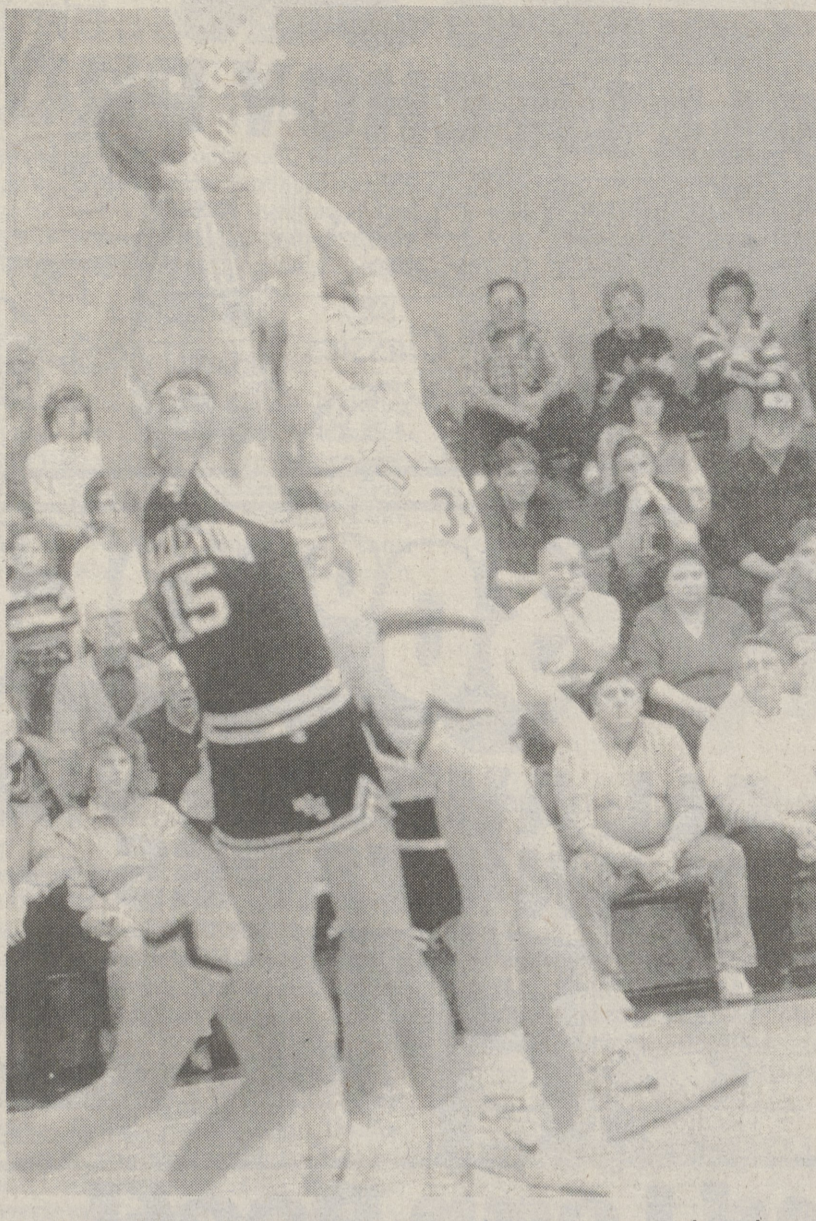
The Dallas boys basketball team opened their second half against Hazleton, the first half titleholders, and a team that may be headed for the state championship. The Mountaineers kept up with the Hazleton cagers for the first quarter, which ended with Hazleton leading 25-16, but in the second period Dallas captain Randy Coolbaugh was injured and left the game.

Hazleton then also raised their game a level and left the Mounts behind at 51-22.

"Despite Randy's having to sit out, our boys still played much better than the first time they played Hazleton," Coach Clarence Ozgo said. "The boys rallied in the final period to outscore Hazleton 21-13 and cut the final score to 86-57."

"Hazleton is an outstanding team. They are well coached and they are a fine group of athletes. They work hard and have a great program. You have to give them credit. They are a great team to watch."

"Tuesday night we are scheduled to play Nanticoke at home which should be to our advantage. We won't have Coolbaugh for that game but I believe the kids will respond and whoever we move into his position will play well. We play Wyoming Area away Friday night."



HAZLETON STEAL-A Hazleton Mountaineer goes up and steals the ball from behind as Dallas player Randy Coolbaugh (33) attempts to put the ball through the net in Friday night's game won by Hazleton. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

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Lake-Lehman boys off to shaky start in second half

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After losing a makeup game to Bishop O'Reilly and the first two games of the second half to Northwest and Bishop Hafey, Coach Roger Bearde and his boys are looking for better results this week.

"We have eight games left and we need to win every one of them," Coach Bearde said. "We're looking ahead to the playoffs so we can't take anything for granted."

"Last week was a rough week, we weren't shooting like we should. We were consistent in our shooting against O'Reilly and against Northwest with only six minutes remaining we had the lead, then they rallied and made two three-pointers which put the Rangers in the lead."

"We came out cold against Bishop Hafey and never recovered. The boys couldn't seem to get going

and Bishop Hafey was real hot. They had just played an overtime game with Meyers and won and they came ready to play. Those losses hurt us," Bearde concluded.

The Knights lost 57-49 to the Queensmen with Brian Lorigan doing the top scoring for his team. He made 13 of his 25 points in the final quarter to give his team a 20-15 fourth quarter advantage.

The Queensmen played a solid defense and concentrated on Knight Len Annetta holding him down to only 17 points in the game.

In Thursday night's game with Northwest, the Knights opened the fourth quarter with a 49-42 lead when Frank Coslett and Annetta scored seven points between them.

The Rangers then played a strong team effort and took command of the game hitting their shots and using good ball control. They began hitting their free throws and their foul shots while the Knights began missing.

While the Knights were missing the Rangers made two three pointers which gave them the lead and the game.

In Saturday night's game with Bishop Hafey, Hafey's team cruised to an easy win as they made 29 shots from the field and six-for-11 from the foul line. Among the field shots were five three-pointers by the Vikings. John Mahasky scored 25 points and Joe Dudeck 23 in leading the Vikings to their 69-37 win.

This week the Knights are scheduled to play Seton Catholic, Tuesday night and Friday Hanover, both games at home.

"We have to take one game at a time," Bearde said. "Seton Catholic came out and scored nine points against us in the opening of the game before we could catch them. We can't take them for granted. We have to play sharper than we have been."

Alyson Davis hit the double figures with Lukas hitting 11 and Davis getting 10 to set the pace for the team.

The Lady Vikings kept close to the Knights in the first half which ended with the Knights leading 19-18. In the third quarter the Lady Knights scored 10 consecutive points to pull in front and continue to win 41-35.

Coach Joe Martini was not too pleased with his team's effort despite their winning. He said the Knights playing has been flat and they haven't been throwing the ball where it belongs.

"The girls aren't playing up their first half standards," Martini said. "The game with Bishop Hafey was similar to the first game with Northwest."

Earlier in the week the Lady Knights managed to defeat Northwest by a slim 36-32 score by sinking three foul shots in the final seconds of the game. The Rangers were behind only 33-31 with seconds remaining but their try for a two-pointer missed.

Lake-Lehman's Alyson Davis was fouled and took advantage of the opportunity to make both ends of a one-and-one from the foul line. On another missed shot by the Rangers, Knight Karen White was fouled and made the first shot of a one-and-one to insure the win for the Knights with only two seconds on the clock.

Wendy Skibitsky led the Knights with 14 points, the only Knight in double figures with Martini and Davis hitting only eight each.

Mountaineer grapplers at 4-4 after win over Pittston

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The Dallas wrestlers go into this week's competition with a 4-4 record after losing a close 32-25 meet to the first place Crestwood Comets then rallying Saturday night to defeat a strong Pittston team 31-25.

The Mountaineers are improving with each meet and if they work to their potential should pick up win over the Trojans who are in a building season, when they host Nanticoke Wednesday night. Saturday night's meet with Wyoming

will be a test of the Dallas team's ability when they go against the Wyoming Warriors who are tied with Coughlin for second place in the conference. The Crusaders and Warriors are only one loss out of first place.

In the Mountaineers meet with Pittston Saturday night on the Dallas mat 125-lb. Matt Balberchak pinned Patriot Rob Dietrick in 5:04 and 171-lb. Ron Post clamped Peter Kuktowski in 2:54. Jerry Ogurkis picked up six points on a forfeit by the Patriots.

Other winners for Dallas were

103-lb. Pat Morris, 130-lb. Jim Newell, 135-lb. Jim O'Donnell and 145-lb. Jamie Janosky.

In the Crestwood bout, the Mountaineers went into the final bout behind 26-25 and lost 32-25 when hwt. Eric Kutz pinned Dave Pitcavage in 1:34. The Mountaineers forfeited the 103 bout and lost the 112-lb. and 119-lb.

Winning for the Mountaineers were 125-lb. Dale Morris, 130-lb. Jim Newell, 160-lb., Jerry Ogurkis who pinned Jeff Ray in 3:45, 171-lb. Wade Post and 189-lb. Ron Post who won with a 4:35 pin over Ron Kirkutis.

Knight wrestlers defeat Hazleton, lose to Berwick

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Lake-Lehman Knights came on strong in the upper weights last Wednesday to pull out a 34-27 win over Hazleton but dropped their standing to 5-3 when they lost a close 33-30 meet to Berwick.

The Knights have a tough schedule this week when they host second place Coughlin Crusaders Wednesday night and then take on the Valley West Spartans Saturday night on their home mat. The Spartans are tied for the lead with Crestwood going into Wednesday night's meet with the Comets.

"We should have some good individual bouts with Coughlin,"

Coach Ed Ladamus said, "We will have to wrestle the best we ever had to win. They're an excellent team. Valley West is the class of the league, they're strong in their lightweights and consistent in their upper weights. They have worked hard and deserve everything they get. They earn it."

The Berwick wrestlers took an early lead over the Knights Saturday night by pinning Mark Longmore and C. Roper and taking a 15-1 major decision over Dave Konopke.

Leading 16-0, 115-lb. Todd Seigel wrestled to a 5-5 draw with Knight Rich Peiffer to put the score at 18-2. 130-lb. Jason Naugle, 140-lb. Terry Martin and 171-lb. Gary Masters picked up pins for the Knights, 145-lb. Mike Geurin took

a 9-1 major decision and 189-lb. J.J. Konigus and Hwt. Ed Kelly won on decisions but it wasn't enough to overcome the Berwick Bulldogs, who added a pin by 135-lb. Ray Groz, an 8-2 decision by 160-lb. Chris Hallowich and a default win by 152-lb. Mike Youells over P.J. Goodwin, to move them to their 33-30 win.

In their meet with Hazleton Wednesday night Knights P.J. Goodwin, Ray Rosencrance, and Gary Masters pinned their opponents to aid in their 34-27 win over the Mountaineers.

Other Knight winners for the team were 103-lb. M. Longmore by forfeit, 140-lb. Terry Martin, 189-lb. Konigus and Hwt. Ed Kelly by decisions to give the Knights their 34-27 win over Hazleton.

Lady Mountaineers lose to Hazleton

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The Lady Mountaineers of Dallas lost their first game of the second half 60-50 to Hazleton girls at the Hazleton Court last Thursday. The game was close in the first half with the Hazleton girls leading

28-24. In the third period Laura Motel of Hazleton found the range and scored 12 of her 14 points in that quarter to spark her team to a 23-6 run over the Dallas Mountaineers and a 51-30 lead at the end of the third.

The Mountaineers rallied in the fourth period outshooting Hazleton 20-9 with Jennifer Besecker

making 12 of her 14 points in the final period. Laura Poynton led the Dallas team in scoring putting in 10 of her 15 in the first half.

Dallas girls who ended the first half with an overall 7-7 record will meet the strong, undefeated Nanticoke team away Monday and play Wyoming Area at home Thursday night.

Knights girls' rally against Seton falls short

Seton Catholic handed Coach Joe Martini's Lady Knights their first loss of the second half Monday night when they held off a Lake-Lehman rally in the final 30 seconds of the game led by Renee Casterline.

Casterline converted six foul

shots in the final seconds to aid the Lady Eagles in chalking up a 51-48 win and hand the Lady Knights their first loss.

The Eagles led most of the game until the fourth period when the Knights put up a strong rally to

come within three points before the buzzer sounded.

Marijo Martini was high for the Knights with 13 points followed by Wendy Skibitsky with 12 and Michele Lukas with 11. Casterline and Colleen McGarry paced the Eagles with 14 points each.

Lady Knights off to flying start

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The Lake-Lehman Lady Knights opened the second half season last week with two consecutive wins over Bishop Hafey and Northwest.

The Lake-Lehman team, who went into the second half determined to stay with Meyers and Bishop O'Reilly will host Seton Catholic Tuesday and Hanover Area Friday and hope to win both games to run their record to 4-0.

In Saturday's game with Bishop Hafey, the Lady Knights played a great team effort to defeat a much improved over the first half team.

Marijo Martini picked up 10 points from the field and put in four-for-five from the foul line. Teammates Michele Lukas and

Alyson Davis hit the double figures with Lukas hitting 11 and Davis getting 10 to set the pace for the team.

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Strikes & Spares

J. Moore rolled 178 (474) and S. Johnson added 176 to lead Alf's to three points from Monday Nite Blues in the Back Mt. Barriettes League. M. Faux's 174 (492) was high for the Blues. B. Ruger's 200 paced Tiger Lilies to an even split with Desirables and X Marks the Spot split 2-2 with Goody Two Shoes led by T. Williams 202 (502) and B. Clemow's 192 (475). B. Dolitski rolled 177 for the Goody Two Shoes five.

In the Ladies Country League Grotto Pizza took all from Fashion Vending sparked by J. Lamoreaux's 209-189 (550) and M. Faux's 199-171 (527). N. Kozemchak contributed 175. The losing five were led by E. Roberts 172-188 (504) and J. Haelele's 203 (494). Back Mt. Bowl picked up three points from G.H. Harris with neither five hitting high scores.

T. Considine hit pins for 219-209 (594) and L. Lavelle gave 242 (584) to lead Spanky to three points from Chubby in our Gang League. Chubby's D. Jenkins hit

530. Butcn picked up three from the Wheeler despite M. Carkhuff hitting 226 (528). Alfalfa copped three from Buckwheat led by K. Bevan's 547 and H. Dymond's 210, and Porky took three from Stymies paced by D. Moore's 219 (598), B. Kern's 516 and Dee Springer's 188.

In the Back Mt. Farmer's League the Mules picked up four points by a forfeit from the Chickies. Ray Strazdus Jr.'s 223 (553) led the Barn Cats to three from the Turkeys, whose D. Williams rolled 567 and B. Gale hit 189. Ugly Ducklings copped three from the Black Sheep sparked by T. Ruger's 225 (600) and R. Ruger's 180-177 (486). W. Lathrop hit the pins for 231 (568) and W. Welsey knocked them down for 550 for the Black Sheep. Longhorns picked up three from the Thoroughbreds with neither team able to find the strike zone.

Alley Cats shut out the Ball Busters by a forfeit in the Native Textiles League and the Pinheads blanked Suds aided by J. Mock's 521. R. Pick hit 525 for the losing

five. Beer Bowlers took all from the Wild Pins led by B. Teetsel's 223 (563). L. Wolfe rolled 523 for the Pins. Roadrunners took four from the Sandbaggers with none of the bowlers breaking 500's. Bad News Bowlers added four to their record on a forfeit by Big Blue Boomers. R. Clemow rolled 576, B. Clemow 206-176 (565), K. Hoover 521 for the winning team. Besta dropped three points to the Ringers whose J. Brady Jr. hit 215 (579) and Jim Brady, Sr. hitting 521.

In the Charlie Williams Memorial League M. Schmoll was tops with 277-254 (722) followed by B. Considine's 201-231-267 (699), L. Wolfe 237-210-205 (652), J. Roan 236-221 (647), D. Purvin 235 (628), Glen Mazur 257 (618), B. Shalata 568. Offset Paperback and G.H. Harris are tied for the lead at 9-3; Roth Novelty follows at 8-4; Back Mt. Bowl and Strike Force 6-6; Cross Country 5-7; Monk's Plumbing, Back Mt. Auto Body and Varsity Lawn Care, all at 4-4.

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