

SPORTS

Dallas grapplers lose two

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The Dallas Mountaineers wrestling squad lost 39-25 to Meyers last week and bowed to the top place Wyoming Valley West Spartans Saturday night 45-14 at the Mountaineers gym.

Earlier, Dallas Coach Steve Kaschenbach had voiced his concern over the week's competition, stating their scoring against the Mohawks would be dictated by the way his boys were matched up with their opponents. Kaschenbach also pointed out that the Spartans have had an outstanding season and were on a roll, a prediction they lost no time in carrying out as they rolled over the host Mountaineers.

Despite their big win, the Spar-

tans collected only four pins but added six points by a forfeit at 103. The decisions were won by close scores with the Spartans winning four by scores of 3-2, 13-10, 4-2, 23-10, and pulling a 3-3 draw in 189-lb. Andy Watkins bout with Ron Post.

Winning for the Mountaineers were 140-lb. Jim O'Donnell 6-2, 160-lb. Jerry Ogurkis 11-4, 171-lb. Wade Post by a forfeit and 189-lb. Ron Post adding two points for a draw.

The Mohawks Coach Bill Hilburt moved some of his weights as Kaschenbach predicted and the move paid off for the Mohawks.

Meyers forfeited the 160-lb. bout to Jerry Ogurkis and moved Jim Serafini to 171-lb. where he pinned Wade Post in 3:56. Mohawk Walt Zera took an 8-5 decision from

189-lb. Ron Post to hand Post his first loss of the season.

Winning for the Mountaineers were Matt Balberchak (125), Jim Newell (130), O'Donnell (135), Matt Buss (152) and Ogurkis. O'Donnell had the only pin for the Mountaineers. The Mohawks had three, 112, 119 and 171.

The Dallas wrestlers travel to Hanover Area tonight for their final match of league competition before working toward the districts and trying to place some of their wrestlers in regionals.

"Despite the Hawkeys 3-11 record this season, you can't underestimate them," Kaschenbach said. "They have an excellent coach and some good athletes on their team. They've been improving with the season."



Lake-Lehman to defend wrestling title

The Lake-Lehman Junior High wrestling team will soon be vying for its third consecutive District II title. The Black Knights, coached by Phil Lipski and Tom Williams, finished the season with 12 wins and 3 losses.

The District II Tournament will be held February 24 and 25 at Lake-Lehman High School. Consolations begin at 6 p.m. Friday, with the semi-finals starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Finals begin at 3 p.m. Team members are, first row, from left, Allen Raczkowski, Mike Ruger, Scott Kochoer, Rick Finnegan, Joe Matsik, Keith Winger. Second row, Ernie Chamberlain, Vince Marcin, Shawn Evans, Ray Klemunes, Jesse Sorber, Ed Patla. Third row, Brett Babcock, Glenn Ellsworth, Justin Goodwin, Charlie Jacoby, Jason McDade, Eric Tuttle, Robert VanGorder. Fourth row, Coach Phil Lipski, Ben Sevenski, Fred Goodrich, Shawn Spencer, Rich Zacharias, Rich Lamoreaux, John Sims, George Kochoer, Keith Martin, Pat Mikolaitis, Coach Tom Williams. (Ace Hoffman Photo)

On way to playoffs, Lady Knights top Crestwood 58-40

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Lake-Lehman's Lady Knights met Crestwood on the Comets floor Monday night, and outscored the Comets 14-7 in the first quarter to take a lead they never gave up. Three of the Lake-Lehman girls scored in the double figures to pace their team to a 58-40 over the Comets.

Alyson Davis tossed in 14 points, going two-for-two from the free stripe; Carolyn James hit 13, and Marjo Martini had 12. Davis and Martini combined for 10 points in the first quarter when the Lady Knights took an early 8-0 lead. The Comets aided the Knights by giving up eight turnovers in the quarter.

The win helps the Knights take another step upward for a higher seed in the playoffs.

The Comets tried to overtake the Lady Knights with an aggressive offense in the second period, but after several successful long passes, the Knights took that play away from the Comets and outscored them 30-22 in the second half.

They host the streaking Meyers team at home Thursday.

Meyers, which ended the first half 10-0, went into this week tied with three other teams at 7-1. The Comets, who were 3-7 the first half, were 2-6 going into this week.

Last week, Marjo Martini and Wendy Skibitsky combined for 25 points to lead the Lady Knights to

a 57-42 win over West Side Tech and head them down the road to the Class AAA playoffs with Nanticoke and Bishop Hoban, both of whom appear to have two of the three spots locked up.

Martini scored six times from the field and went one-for-one from the foul line. Skibitsky was on her teammate's heels with 12 points, sinking eight points from the field and tossing in four-for-five from the free throw stripe.

The Lady Knights were leading 32-17 at halftime and used a balanced team offense throughout the game.

The Titans tossed in four three-pointers, two of them by Titan Nick Plesic and one by Denise Hanchulak and Connie Norton respectively.

Knights need wins to finish over .500

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The Lake-Lehman Black Knights 53-50 loss to Bishop O'Reilly last Tuesday knocked them out of playoff contention but they still have the incentive of finishing above .500 as they approach their game with Crestwood Tuesday. If the Knights could defeat Meyers, who is also looking for a winning season, it would be icing on the cake, according to Coach Roger Bearde.

The Knights defeated West

Side Tech 66-46 Friday night but they needed both wins last week to have an outside chance at getting into the playoffs.

The Knights' game with O'Reilly was close, but the Knights couldn't handle O'Reilly's Tim Murray inside and their shooting was below par.

"Our offense was not sharp. Len Annetta led our shooting with 15 points, three of them three-pointers. At the same time we were flat, O'Reilly was playing good defense," Bearde said.

In the game with West Side Tech, the Knights played good

defense during the first half and scored almost at will. They collected 33 points in the first half while holding the Titans to 12. In the second half, Bearde substituted freely but his bench was only outscored 34-33.

"We defeated Crestwood when we played them on our court but they'll be tougher on theirs. Our kids can beat them if they play as they should," Bearde said prior to Tuesday's game. "We defeated Meyers the first half but they'll be out to win this half. Our kids will have to be sharp."

Knights wrestlers look ahead after losing two close meets

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The young Lake-Lehman wrestlers take a 6-8 record into this week's final meet with Nanticoke at the Trojans gym. They'll be looking for a big win after losing two close ones last week.

The Knights got off to a good start with Crestwood last Wednesday on their home mats, pulling in front of the Comets in the lightweight, but the Comets came back to dominate the Knights in the middle weights and downed Lake-Lehman 32-25.

Coach Ed Ladamus's young wrestlers gave the Comets (12-2) a tough fight before they went down to defeat.

"Our kids did a great job," Ladamus said following the meet. "Most of the bouts went down to the wire. Our biggest surprise was Kutz' win over Ed

Kelly at heavyweight. Our kids are young and most of them will be back next year. After Nanticoke we have to look toward districts and regionals."

The Comets put the first points on the board when their 103-lb. J. Thomas pinned Mark Longmore in 1:14. 112-lb. Knight Charlie Roper wrestled to a 2-2 draw with Shawn Rose then 119-lb. Knight Rich Peiffer pinned T.J. Jones in 3:29 and 125-lb. Knight Jason Naugle took a 10-4 decision from Chris Harmon.

Crestwood took the next three bouts but at 145-L-Mike Guerin fought to a 2-2 draw with Mike Adamczyk. A big win for the Comets was 152-lb. M. Jankoviak's 6-2 decision over Mike Tereska.

160-lb. Ray Rosencrans pinned Comet Jeff Ray to give the Knights six points and 189-lb. J.J. Konigus won by a forfeit. Kirkutis won at 171 for the

Comets and hwt. Eric Kutz defeated Kelly 5-1.

An enthusiastic Tunkhannock Tiger squad picked up its eighth win against the Knights Saturday night at the Knights gym.

The Knights had three pins and a technical fall in the bout, but it wasn't enough as the Tigers used only two pins but six other timely wins to take Lake-Lehman 32-26 in a meet that was exciting from beginning to end.

Knights J. Naugle (125), Konigus (189), Kelly (hwt.) produced pins and Tom Duffy had a technical fall at 130. Rosencrans took a 5-0 decision from Chris Taylor but the Knights hopes were dashed when 171 Tiger Bob Zacharias clamped Bob McGarrity in :51.

The Knights hope to run their record to 7-8 by defeating Nanticoke Wednesday.

Mountaineers lose to Pittston and Wyoming Valley West

Matt McQuide scores 19 points against Patriots

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The Dallas Mountaineers travel to Berwick this week then host Tunkhannock at home to finish the regular basketball season. Coach Clarence Ozgo is hoping his boys will turn in two good performances.

"If they play to their potential they can win," Ozgo said. "They did it the first half and if they play with enthusiasm they'll win for our four seniors and also for our undergraduates. It would give those kids something to build on next season and let our seniors go out on a winning note."

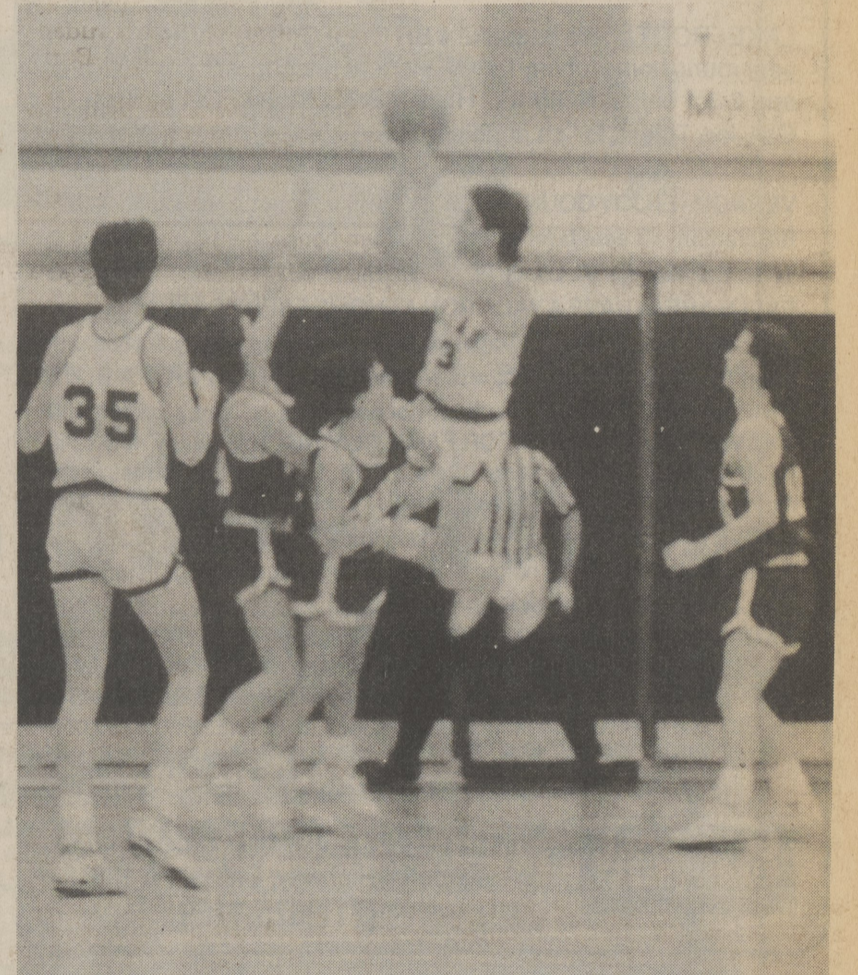
Last week the Mountaineers lost 53-37 to Valley West Friday night and 97-77 to Pittston Area Tuesday night.

The Mountaineers played a good game the first half against the Patriots and were down only five points at halftime. In the second half the Patriots broke the game open as Tom Brady led his team to the win with 36 points, including three three-point goals.

"Our kids were playing a good offense but a very poor defense," Ozgo said. Matt McQuide led Dallas with 19 points, Randy Coolbaugh tossed in 16 and Ray Russin put in 13.

In Friday night's game at home with the Spartans, the Mountaineers played one of their worst games of the season as they lost 53-37. Their defense held the Spartans to 20 points in the second half but the offense wasn't making their shots and the Spartans were.

"Our kids weren't getting the



TRY FAILS-Dallas' Randy Coolbaugh's (33) try for two points failed when two of his Valley West opponents knocked the ball out of bounds in last Friday night's game at Dallas. (C. M. Denmon Photo)

ball off the boards and they were giving the Spartans two and three chances to put the ball through the net. You can't afford to do that and expect to win. I hope they're not giving up; they are a great bunch of kids and coachable. They have good work habits and are excellent academic students.

"Berwick will be tough at home. We beat them at Dallas but they

play well on their own floor. They've lost only three games at home, all to the top teams. They are very physical and our kids will have to play physical to win," Ozgo explained.

The Mountaineers have defeated Tunkhannock twice but the Tigers never quit, and like Dallas they will be looking to end the season with a win.

Dallas girls lose in last minute to WVV

Poynton, Besecker pour in points

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The Dallas Lady Mountaineers, despite a 1-6 record going into this week, have a slim chance of making it into their Class AAAA playoffs. Two of the spots are clinched by Pittston Area and Hazleton but the final spot can go to Valley West 6-10, Tunkhannock 7-9 or Dallas 5-10 depending on the outcome of this week's

games.

After losing to Pittston 62-51 Saturday and Valley West Thursday, the Mountaineers have to play well as they go up against Berwick Monday and the Tunkhannock Tigers away Thursday night. The Mountaineers, who came out playing a strong game in the beginning of the first half this season, appear to have lost their enthusiasm for the game confusing both the

fans and each other.

In their makeup game with Pittston Area, Cindy Czerniakowski led the Patriots to their win with 21 points. Mountaineer Laura Poynton topped the Dallas girls with 16 points in the game, one a three-point shot and Jennifer Besecker followed with 14.

Turnovers and fouls were numerous on the part of the Lady Mounts with Pittston going 28-45 from the foul line.

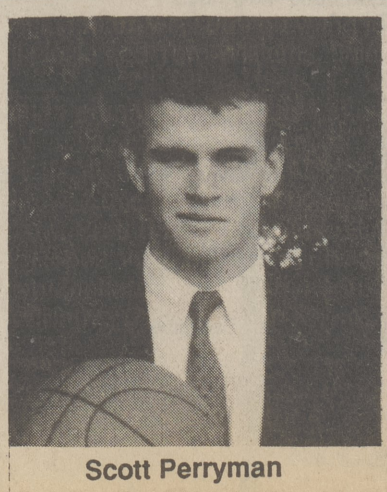
The Lady Mountaineers came out strong in the second half with Besecker and Poynton putting in 15 of 21 for a combined total of 32 of the Dallas girls points.

Poynton sank a three-pointer with less than two minutes remaining in the game to tie the game at 59 all, but with only a minute on the clock Stephanie Salus and Kathy Kane each hit both ends of one-and-ones to give the Spartans their four-point 63-59 win, their second of the second half.

Going into Monday's game Berwick had no wins and Tunkhannock was 7-9 for the second half.

Scott Perryman captains Tilton's basketball team

Scott Perryman, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Roberts of Dallas, and of Dr. Richard A. Perryman, of Miami, FL, is co-captain of the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team at Tilton School. Perryman, a senior plays guard on the team, and as a member of the Varsity Football Team, played quarterback for Tilton in the fall. He will be a member of the golf team during the spring session.



Scott Perryman

Strikes 'n' spares

Beer Bowlers took all from the Suds in Native Textile League last week paced by B. Perrigo's 559. R. Pick hit the pins for 543 for the losing team. The Alley Cats shut out Wild Pins aided by D. Williams 541 and Sherry Teetzel's 200 (514) while L. Wolfe rolled 557 for the Pins. The Pinheads blanked the Ballbusters led by G. Strazdus who knocked down wood for 554. R. Clemow's 523 and Bea Clemow's 170-177 (483) was enough to lead Bad News Bowlers to three points from the Roadrunners whose Deanna DeRemer hit 172 and Helen Sidorek 179.

Sandbaggers divided equally with the Besta whose Sally Johnson hit the pins for 197 (503). Big Blue Boomers picked up three points from the Ringers led by B. Mitchell's 524. J. Brady, Jr. was high man for the night hitting 221-201 (600) for the Ringers.

In the Barriettes League the Goody Two Shoes five took four points from the Desirables sparked by H. Sidorek's 193 (505) and B. Doletski's 218-182-193 (593). E. Brady rolled 176 (493) for the losing team. X Marks the Spot picked up four by a forfeit from Monday Nite Blues. T. Williams knocked down pins for 188-199-181 (568) and B. Clemow hit 187 (473) for the winning

team. S. Johnson's 194-174 (502) paced Alf's to a 2-2 split with the Tiger Lilies whose high bowler was K. Bobb with 182.

K. Bevan walloped the pins for 225-212-204 (641) to lead Alfalfa to four points from Chubby in the Our Gang League. E. Wright rolled 515 for Chubby. A. Tregan hit 199-177-179 (555) to pace Porky's to four points from Wheeler. D. Moore added 505 and Rita Busch gave 191 and Dee Springer 211 (478). Marv Carkhuff rolled 550 for Wheeler and Sandy Drury contributed 471. Darlene Hudak and Linda Lukasavage each rolled 171 to aid Stymie in picking up three points from Butch whose B. Searloss posted 215 (559) and Doris Smith 170 (477).

In the Ladies Country League the Castletles dropped three points to Fashion Vending whose J. Haelele hit 476. E. Roberts 170 and L. Evans 175. L. Cyphers rolled 179-184 (482) for the Castletles. Back Mt. Bowl moved into a tie with Grotto Pizza for third spot by taking four points from Faux Inn, who holds second place just one game ahead of Grotto and the Bowl girls. Grotto Pizza lost four points to G.H. Harris. Hitting high games were K. Scavone 196-177-179 (552), A. Pickering 190 (471), C. Smith 471,

M. Faux 192 (488), D. Scavone 474 and B. Strazdus 179.

The Turkeys shut out the Longhorns in the Back Mountain Farmers League aided by C. Doty's 186-196 (521) and S. Mathers' 176. D. Neiman rolled 212 (542) for the losing five. The Mules dropped three games to the Barn Cats whose R. Strazdus Jr. walloped pins for 227 (624) and H. Dickinson hit 179. L. Lanning's 527 was high for the Mules. Black Sheep picked up three points from the Thoroughbreds aided by M. Delaney's 211 (587), W. Lathrop's 518 and W. Wesley's 508. High for the Thoroughbreds was R. Ockenhouse's 517. Chickies copped three from the Ugly Ducklings with D. Doty's 526 showing the way. High for the ducklings was T. Ruger's 203.

Mark Schmoll hit a big 702 for the Strike Force in the Charlie Williams Memorial League as he scattered the pins for 232-233-237. Strike Force split 2-2 with Country Surrey as their men rolled in the 500's with B. Finn hitting 557, Gary Mazer 531, W. Moore 212 (551) and Glen Mazer 531. P. Mathers rolled 571, B. Searloss 548 and B. Shalala Sr. 525 for the Surrey team. No reports were turned in by the other teams.