

SPORTS

Dallas, Lake-Lehman field contenders in district mat competition

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The Wyoming Valley Wrestling Conference regular season ended last week and this week, matmen of District II are looking ahead the district competition. The top three placers in Class AA will advance to regional competition in Williamsport and the top four winners in Class AAA will advance to the regionals in Bethlehem.

Wyoming Valley West will be hoping to keep its title, but will find some strong challengers from Abington Heights, Coughlin, Dallas, Hazleton, Pittston Area, Tunkhannock and Wyoming Area.

In Class AA Crestwood appears to be the strongest team and could walk away with the team title, but Meyers, Lake-Lehman, Bishop

O'Hara, Valley View, and Scranton Prep can be counted on to pull some surprises.

Both Dallas Coach Steve Kaschenbach and Lake-Lehman Coach Ed Ladamus have athletes they believe will be strong contenders in this season's competition.

Kaschenbach will not have a man competing at 103-lb. but expects Rick Hoyes, who has been at 119 during the season to drop to 112 and figures Hoyes, a junior, may surprise some.

Dale Morris will probably go in at 119 and could be a question mark. Jim Newell, who has been at 130 most of the season, will drop to 125 for the districts. Last years third-place finisher, he may well move up in placing this season with the additional experience he has acquired.

Jim O'Donnell will go in at 130 and could surprise everybody at this weight. He was strong at 135 throughout the season and should be even stronger at the lower class. Matt Balberchak will compete at 135 and Kaschenbach says it is difficult to predict what he can or might do. The Dallas coach believes that Jamie Janosky could place in the top four at 140 and at 145 J. Strange could advance if he is fully recovered from an illness.

Jerry Ogurkis will probably drop to 152 and the undefeated wrestler is expected to take this class if he does. 160-lb. will be filled by Wade Post if Ogurkis drops, but Kaschenbach is doubtful about his hopes. Ron Post, who wrestled at 160 last year and advanced to the regionals, will probably wrestle at 171 this year.

If Post goes into competition at

171, Dave Pitcavage may wrestle at 189. The junior has improved with every bout. If Pitcavage wrestles at 189, John Green will go in a heavyweight where Coughlin's Buck Greely is the favorite.

Coach Kaschenbach is looking for Ogurkis, Ron Post, Newell and O'Donnell to advance to regionals. "You never know in wrestling. On any given day an athlete can be up or down and if he's up a coach can well be surprised by his wrestler's performance. We'll take all we can get," Kaschenbach said.

LAKE-LEHMAN BOYS IN CONTENTION

In Class AA it is unlikely Coach Ed Ladamus will enter a 103 contender but if he does it will probably be Charles Roper dropping down from 112 and he could surprise the rest.

The 112 class is tough but it is possible Chris Smith could go in at this weight for the Knights and perhaps he could make the cut. Either Dave Konopke or Rich Peiffer could go in at 119-lb. Peiffer would be a dark horse at that weight. If Jason Naugle goes into districts at 125 he could very well be the top man since he has been impressive this season. At 130 Crestwood's Jim Graham is a good bet, but Knight Tom Duffy could come in here and if he could defeat the unknown Mid Valley's Mark Cortaza he could win.

Terry Martin has looked good for the Knights when he wrestled this season and if he goes in at 135 he could be a challenge to Comet Randy Swank. Mike Guerin has been doing a good job for the Knights and if he enters at 140 he could win at this weight.

Ed Higgins could move up to 145 or Mike Tereska could move down and it is questionable who they would have to take out to place third in the districts.

The 152 class is a toss-up at present, but Ladamus will have to make a decision before Thursday, the date of the seedings. If Ray Rosencrans wrestles at 160 he will probably be seeded ahead of the defending champion, Comet Jeff Ray, since Rosencrans pinned Ray in a dual meet during the season.

It's a question who Ladamus will put in the lineup at 171, but if J.J. Konigus wrestles at 189, he will probably be first over the Meyers or GAR entrees.

Hanover's John Bleich is expected to take first in the heavy-weight class, but Lake-Lehman's Ed Kelly and Crestwood's Eric Kutz are both tough competitors.

Strikes 'n' spares

Castleties stayed in first place in the Ladies Country League by taking one point from Grotto Pizza. The three points picked up by the Pizza team moved them into second place one game in front of Faux's Inn who dropped three points to G.H. Harris. Back Mountain Bowl girls remained in fourth place despite dropping three games to Fashion Vending, who is just one game in front of G.H. Harris.

Ringers shut out the Suds on a forfeit in the Native Textiles League with J. Brady Jr. rolling 240-221 (641) and J. Brady Sr. rolling 223 (533). T. Johnson's 215 (576) and S. Johnson's 179-202 (535) aided Besta pick up three points from the Beer Bowlers whose B. Perrego hit 217 (558). Wild Pins copped three from the Roadrunners led by L. Wolfie's 574. Helen Siodrek's 182 aided the Runners in picking up one. The Pinheads took three from the Big Blue Boomers paced by G. Strazdus' 547 and R. Strazdus' 515 while the Ballbusters dropped three to the Sandbaggers despite D. Miller's 206 (537) and Karen Schooley's 177. Tony Drago's 505 helped the Alley Cats take three points from the Bad News Bowlers.

In the Quartet League Jayne's Guys picked up three points from the Chosen Few sparked by Stanley S.'s 210 (569) and the Rolling Stones copped three from the Hi Fives aided by Tom M.'s 209 (594).

In Monday night's men's Major League K. Orkwis' men took all from Valley Chevrolet led by K. Blight Jr.'s walloping 242-269 (711) and Orkwis' 209-203-223 (635). S. Vigorito added 235 (633) and Jarrett Roan contributed 581. F. Cornell rolled a pair of 202's and 243 for 647 for the car dealer while Glen Mazer added 578 and B. Mazer gave 215 (563). J. Brady contributed 214 (548). B. Finn's 538 paced Noon's Service Station who dropped three points to Triangle whose T. Considine hit pins for 235 (620) and K. Spencer rolled 224 (607). D. Purvin aided with 584. Hartman Insurance managed two from the Fieldhouse with all five of their men hitting in the 500's. Rich rolled 223 (593), Dennis 236 (579), Dave 566, Bob 542 and Hall 536. J. Grohowski rolled 232 (588) and T. Newell hit 568 for the losing five. Bonanza Beverage copped two from Gino's

sparked by J. Kurent's 225-243 (659) and A. Faux' 222 (566). The shoe dealer's team had C. Kazokas' 531, T. Doughton's 523 and M. Carkhuff's 529. The Locker Room picked up two from Newell's Fuel led by B. Considine's 207-247-212 (666) and F. Tregan's 230 (588). K. Spencer rolled 237 (592), B. Searfoss hit 226 (569) and T. Ruger had 557.

In the Bowlerette League high games were few as the Chickadees shut out the Cardinals despite N. Moser rolling 484 and B. Lumley hitting 196-171 (482) to lead the Cockatiels to three points from the Woodpeckers.

X Marks the Spot girls blanked the Tiger Lilies in the Barriette League led by T. Williams 210 (506) and R. James 170. Alf continued to win by taking three from the Desirables paced by J. Moore's 183-200 (531). D. Lapasnick rolled 182 (491) and E. Brady hit 171 for the losing team. Monday Nite Blues divided evenly with Goody Two Shoes aided by E. Feher's 190 (502) and M. Faux's 178.

The Black Sheep shut out the Chickies in the Back Mt. Farmers League with W. Wesley knocking down pins for 227 (617), W. Lathrop rolling 210 (531) and M. Delaney hitting 503. R. Ockenhouse's 221 (613) showed the way for the Thoroughbreds four points from the Ugly Ducklings whose high man was T. Ruger with 210 (549). Barn Cats took three from the Longhorns despite neither team posting high scores and the Turkeys picked up three from the Mules aided by A. Hospodar's 178-179 (498).

In Our Gang League Spanky shut out Butch led by T. Considine's 218 (532) and L. Lavelle's 526. Buckwheat blanked Styrmie despite F. Tregan's 214 (525) and Porky took all from Alfalfa aided by A. Tregan's 222-176 (557) and R. Busch's 198 (489). K. Bevan posted 512 for Alfalfa. Chubby picked up three from Wheezer helped by D. Jenkins 527 and D. Bevan's 523.

In the Charlie Williams Memorial League Bob Considine rolled 11 consecutive strikes for a 279 (757), M. Scoll hit 232-233-237 (702), R. Harned 245-221 (651), D. Thomas 223 (615), A. Fox 235 (604), T. Herron 213 (602), R. Shoemaker 229 (593), R. Herron 213 (593), C. Kazokas 574 and P. Mathers (571).



Lake-Lehman Regional Orchestra members

Two of Lake-Lehman's band members recently participated in the Regional-State Orchestra held at Northwest High School. Pictured from left are Scott Brown and Mary Ann Kasko. The band is under the direction of John Milliauskas.

Dallas grapplers crush Hanover to finish 8-7

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The Dallas Mountaineers dashed any hopes Hanover Coach John Carr had of going out on a winning note last week when they defeated the Hawkeye matmen 48-17 in the final conference dual meet of the season. The win by the

Mountaineers gave them an 8-7 record (.533) in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

Hanover Coach Carr had announced he was giving up his coaching career at the end of this season after 30 years. Carr was the 145 pound PIAA State Champion for Hanover in 1960.

The Mountaineers used pins by 130-lb. Jim Newell, 135-lb. Jim O'Donnell, 152-lb. Jamie Janosky, 171-lb. Jerry Ogurkis and 189-lb. Ron Post in taking the win over the Hawkeyes.

The Mountaineers handed 103-lb. Hawkeye Kocher six points by forfeit. Hanover also picked up a

major decision when 112-lb. Robinson took a 13-2 win from Pat Morris and another major decision on Munson's 13-0 win over Dale Morris.

125-lb. Rick Hoyes gave Dallas their first points on a forfeit and Newell and O'Donnell added 12 on pins. Farrell added points on a

forfeit then Hanover's 145-lb. Swartz decided Matt Balberchak 13-2 before 152-lb. Janosky pinned his Hanover opponent Snyder in 3:18.

After a double forfeit at 160, Ogurkis flattened 171-lb. Peopperling in :44 seconds and 189-lb. Ron Post clamped Stillarly in 1:23.

Hanover's hwt. Fritz Bleich, expected to take first in districts this weekend, finished the meet with a 1:03 pin over Mount Green for the final 48-17 win.

The Mountaineers are now looking ahead to the district competition at the new Wilkes College gym this weekend.

Karuzza blames inexperience, moodiness for poor showing

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The Dallas girls basketball team that ended the first half with a 4-5 record ended the second half 2-7 Thursday night following their 71-49 loss to Tunkhannock. The Lady Mountaineers defeated Berwick 57-51 Wednesday night for their second and final win of the half. Tunkhannock's win gave them the third spot in the Class AAAA playoffs.

The Tigers took an early 16-8 lead in the first quarter with Sherry Grigas tossing in eight of the 16 points. She put in 24 points overall for the winning team and Becky Grimaud scored 21. Jennifer Besecker was high scorer for the Mounts with 16 points, Aria Pierson put in 12 and Laura Poynton collected 10.

In the Berwick game, Wednesday night, Poynton tossed in 17 points and Besecker scored 14 to lead the Mountaineers to their 57-51.

Dallas held Lisa Markle to only four points in the first three quarters of the game but Markle broke loose in the final quarter to score 12 points and lead the Lady Bulldogs to 27 points in that period, while they held Dallas to only 14 points.

Throughout the season, there

were games where team members appeared to lack enthusiasm or have confusion among themselves. When the question was posed to the girls' coach Kit Karuzza whether there was a personality clash among some of the players or other problems, Karuzza said he did not think so.

"There may be times the girls get annoyed with one another," Karuzza said, "But it is nothing that has continued throughout the year. It is characteristic with girls especially that they become moody at times, but that usually passes and they are alright."

Karuzza explained that he believes the problem with the team this season is that the girls who had to play well never had a lot of experience and as a result were up and down in points and in game performance. He explained that some of his players who were good in rebounding were inexperienced.

"We also lacked strong leadership this season," Karuzza said. "I was disappointed in our second half. I believe what gave them a problem was that they started losing and that became a problem. Our loss to Coughlin hurt the team and that set the stage for us."

"All the teams but Nanticoke and Tunkhannock were fairly

even and in some of the key games our losses were the bottom line."

Karuzza explained that overall the team lacked skills because of inexperience and that while many of the schools have multiple feeder systems, Dallas has only the one feeder program and the Dallas girls have to adjust more in moving up.

He stated that in Class AAAA most of the teams' starters are seniors and one team never gets the opportunity to play a weaker team because all are on the same level.

Dallas, according to Karuzza, is the second smallest team in the league and there aren't any real tall girls coming up.

"We are playing up a class, which our girl population does not require, but unfortunately that's the way the program was set up," Karuzza explained. "We play man-to-man most of the time and even if we lose games it is a plus for our girls going on to college. Even if they play zone, it is a plus. It may not sound like many, but we have had seven girls play on the college level in the past 10 years."

"I don't believe there were any conflicts on the team. Sometimes fans forget a 'kid is a kid' and the very best can have poor games when they're down."

Knight wrestlers end season on winning note

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The Nanticoke Trojans jumped out to an early 6-0 lead last Wednesday when the Lake-Lehman matmen handed them a forfeit at 103-lbs. but four bouts later the Knights were in front 24-6 by virtue of two forfeits and two pins.

Knight Chris Smith put six points on the board when he clamped 112-lb. Trojan Jeff Naugle in 1:29 and 119-lb. Dave Konopke clamped 119-lb. Trojan Joe DeLuca in 2:50 to give his Knights a 12-6 lead.

Lake-Lehman moved the score to 24-6 when they picked up for-

feits at 125 and 130 but then the Trojans gave the Knights reason to worry when they took three of the next four matches to move up on the Knights. 135-lb. Trojan Steve Voyton took an 8-5 decision from Ed Higgins and 140-lb. Rich Bonning pinned Knight rich Williams in 2:53 to move the score to 24-15.

The Trojans had to forfeit at 145-lb. which gave the Knights another six points but the Trojans came within nine points after the 152-lb. bout when Trojan Tom Vitale clamped Mike Tereska in 2:44.

160-lb. R. Rosencrans flattened P. Vitale in 4:48 but 171-lb. Trojan E. Haverly took a technical fall

from Bob McGarrity to bring his team within 10 points in the 36-26 score.

The Trojans' hopes were dashed when 189-lb. J.J. Kongius clamped Marcus Slovecak in 5:26 and hwt. Ed Kelly flattened Trojan Dave Conklin in 1:02 to end the meet.

The Knights will work out this week to prepare for their division opponents in district competition on the weekend.

Coach Ed Ladamus' Knights are a young group and he is pleased with the showing his young wrestlers did against some strong teams in the conference this season. His team finished with a 7-8 record in dual meets.

Dallas boys lose two to finish 3-15

Tinner comes off bench to score 24 in losing cause

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The Tunkhannock Tigers upset the Dallas Mountaineers on the Dallas court 79-76 last Thursday night. The win was the Tigers first of the season while the Mountaineers finished with a 3-15 record.

The Tigers had four players in double figures, with Dan Greaves high scorer with 21 points, 16 of them in the first half. Yanora put in 12 of his 16

points in the second half to keep the Tigers in the game.

Jeff Tinner came off the bench and scored 24 points for Dallas, 15 of them in the second half. Matt McQuide had 18 and Brett Weyman scored 12 points all in the first half. McQuide, Jim Lister and Ray Russin each made a three-pointer for the Mountaineers.

The Mountaineers also bowed to Berwick 71-60 last Tuesday night on the Bulldogs court.

Jake Kelchner led all scorers with 29 points, and the Bulldogs staved off a strong rally by the Mountaineers second team in the final quarter. The players coming off the bench were led by Eric Nardone, Jeff Tinner and Mike Farris. They outscored Berwick 25-15 to bring the game close. Randy Coolbaugh scored 14 points for the Mountaineers and Ray Russin put in 10. Russin had a three-pointer for Dallas.

PLAYOFF GAME SCHEDULED

The first-round playoff game between Lake-Lehman and Valley View is scheduled for 9:00 p.m. Friday at Bishop Hoban High School, So. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre

Lady Knights seeded 2nd in AAA playoffs

Martini scores 28 in loss to Meyers

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Despite losing 76-63 to Meyers girls last Thursday, Lake-Lehman's Lady Knights will be Luzerne County's No. 2 seed in the AAA playoffs. The Lady Knights will play Valley View of Lackawanna County.

The winner of this game will then play Scranton Prep, also from Lackawanna County.

The Lady Mohawks win over the Lady Knights created a three-way tie for the second half title with GAR and Bishop O'Reilly.

Meyers outscored the Lady Knights 19-12 in the first quarter but only 18-15 in the second to give the Mohawks a 37-27 lead at

halftime. The Meyers team came on strong in the third quarter and outscored the Lady Knights 28-13 with Cindi Wasilius and Kim Maguire putting in eight points each and Jen Hawk and Rhea Coblentz adding five and six points each. Marjo Martini was high scorer for Lake-Lehman with 28 points and Wendy Skibitsky tossed in 15 points.

Knights split week, end second half 4-6

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The Lake-Lehman Knights failed to hit their goal of .500 or better for the second half of the basketball season when they lost to the Meyers Mohawks Friday night 59-45. Tuesday they had beaten Crestwood 79-44.

The Mohawks' Curt Lloyd hit his 1,000th career point as he led all scorers with 22 points, making the 1,000 mark with less than four minutes remaining in the game.

The loss dropped the Knights record to 4-6 overall in the second half and 12-12 for the entire season.

Rob Wilson was top scorer for the Knights with 15 points and Frank Coslett hit 11.

In the game with Crestwood, the Knights had six three-pointers as they knocked the Comets out of the title race. The Knights led 35-23 at halftime and then outscored the Comets 23-5 in the third quarter.