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ROLLER HOCKEY TEAM - Not a team yet but the above skaters are interested in becoming members of a roller hockey team according to their age level either ages 6-9, 10-12, or 13-16. Above, George Manzoni and Trudi Wandell demonstrate how to hold a hockey stick while interested skaters, Jannell and J.B. Bucha, Roy Holcomb, Danny Rodgers, Lisa Heck, Renee Zeglin and Nicole Hall watch carefully. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

Roller hockey comes to Dallas rink

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Tony Berger, Rollaway Skating Center manager, announced Friday that Roller Hockey has come to the Back Mountain. Effective April 8, 1989, Season 1 of three divisions will begin. Each season will include one week of instruction

and team drafts, five weeks of scrimmages and a week of play-offs.

There are three divisions, Pee Wee, 6-9 years; Freshman, 10-12 years; and Junior, 13-16 years.

Roller hockey is a non-contact game with five players and two subs on a team, similar to soccer. It's a chance to learn and practice

the skills of one of the world's favorite games, a demonstration sport at the 1992 Olympics, using light weight safe equipment designed for children. The \$25 fee includes coaching, use of rental skates, balls, sticks and a team T-shirt.

Register by March 29. Call 675-4844 for additional information.

Jerry Ogurkis and Ron Post advance to state wrestling meet

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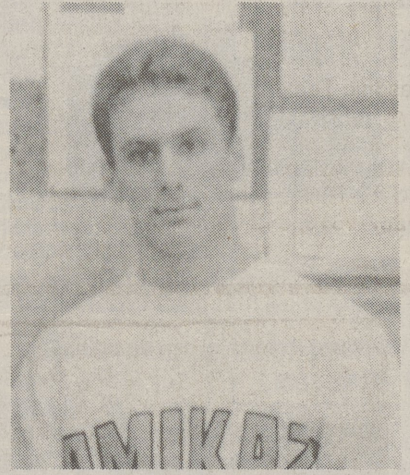
152-pound Jerry Ogurkis of Dallas will lead two Back Mountain wrestlers to the PIAA State Wrestling Tournament at Hershey this weekend.

Ogurkis placed first in the AAA 152-pound class of the AAA Regionals Saturday by pinning Easton's Tony Rizzolino at Bethlehem Liberty High School in 1:42, and will lead Mount Ron Post who placed second in the 171-pound class when he lost an 11-5 decision to Kevin Smith of Northampton.

"Ron's bout was a lot closer than the score indicates," Orurkis said. "He nearly pinned Smith at one point in the match. Smith is undefeated going into the state competition with a 32-0 record."

Ogurkis, who went undefeated during the dual meet season in the Wyoming Valley Conference took first place in districts by pinning each of his opponents.

In the regional competition this



Jerry Ogurkis

last weekend, he drew all three of his opponents from District 11, the strongest district in the region, according to Gerald Ogurkis, Jerry's dad, who is a former state champion.

In regionals, Ogurkis' first opponent was Howie Miller of Parkland, who placed third in his district. Jerry defeated him 7-4. In

the semi-final Jerry met District 11's second place winner, Ross Nunemacher of Nazareth, who he defeated 6-4.

"That meet was a close one," Ogurkis, Sr. explained. "Jerry was behind 2-4 until the last minute when he reversed Nunemacher."

His final bout was with Rizzolino, who Ogurkis caught in a head hold and pinned 1:42 into the first period.

"I'm doing well so far," Ogurkis said. "I have had no injuries and the scheme of the tournaments has worked out well. Going into states in first place helps."

"I saw Rizzolino wrestle up at Crestwood before the season opened. I wasn't wrestling then because of football, but when I saw him I knew I would end up wrestling him somewhere along the line," Ogurkis said.

The young wrestler is looking ahead to this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Hershey knowing he has a tough competition ahead of him, and he plans to go in and do his best.

Lady Mountaineers softball team preparing to defend title

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"We have good depth this year," Dallas softball coach Jay Pope told The Dallas Post this week, when discussing his Lady Mountaineers chances this season. "Our greatest depth is in the outfield, where we have six or seven girls who could start on any team. We also have more power at the plate.

"We are rebuilding on the left side because we lost three outstanding players through graduation," Pope said. Joyce Tinner at shortstop, Jill Urbanas, catcher and Chris Legins at third have to be replaced. We have four girls vying for the third base position; Randi Harvey, Tiffany Owens, Amy Burgerhoff and Sue Wells. They are all looking good."

Pope and his assistants, Yvonne Mould and Judy Harvey, have 22 girls on this season's softball squad, 13 of them returning lettermen. They are Patti Reed, Dena Rebenack, Tracy Hunter, Holly Bachman, Julianne Orlowski and Randi Harvey, seniors; Lynn Bednar, Laura Pounton, Stephanie Andrasco, Amy Burgerhoff, Wendy Hozempa, juniors and Melani Langdon and Molly Connolly, sophomores.

The Mountaineers also have senior Sue Wells, a natural athlete, this season, who switched over from track. Wells can play either the outfield or infield. Other

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Jay Pope
Dallas coach

sophomores on the squad are Ann Fauls, Kim Martin, Rachael Vincelli, Tina Hiite, Aria Pierson, Brenda Misson, Tiffany Owens, and Tanya Bailey.

Although most positions are not settled at this date, Laura Poynton will anchor the pitching backed up by Patti Reed and Aria Pierson, who has been showing great promise. That trio gives the Mountaineers great depth on the mound.

Patti Reed has been looking good at first base if she is not called on to pitch. Tracy Hunter will probably play the outfield as will Wendy Hozempa. Holly Bachman is expected to be one of three or four of the Mountaineers power hitters. Bachman did a great job at the plate last season for Dallas.

Langdon is a tentative choice as catcher, since she has been making excellent progress in that position, and Molly Connolly is a tentative choice for shortstop.

"The girls have been working hard in practice and Yvonne Mould, my assistant is pleased with their attitude as is Judy Harvey, who has been working with the pitch-

ers. "The kids know that they have a title to defend and the other teams will be after them. They have been giving us 120 percent and their attitude is excellent. They have worked day after day with no moaning or complaining, no carrying on, Pope said.

HOBAN, TUNKHANNOCK, COUGHLIN LOOK TOUGH

Pope expects Bishop Hoban to be real strong this season since they were tough last season and have nearly all of their girls back. Tunkhannock is always strong and Coughlin fields a strong team in any sport, according to Pope. Crestwood has a lot of hockey players on the team and they know how to win, which they proved during the hockey season when they won the district title. Pittston has everyone back but one pitcher and is expected to be strong.

"The time has gone when a coach could field his team feeling confident it would be an easy game," Pope explained. "In today's competition, all of the teams are competitive and any team can win on any given day."

This season Lake-Lehman and Meyers dropped back to AA so the Mountaineers will play them only in exhibition. Those games will not count in the standings.

The Mountaineers are in the North Division of Class AAA and will open the season in April with Crestwood at the Comets field.



Field hockey seniors get awards

The Lake-Lehman Field Hockey Mothers Club recently presented jackets to the senior members of the Field Hockey team. Pictured kneeling are captains: Carolyn James and Karen White. Standing, from left, Megan Williams, Erin Brady, Pru Parry, Leesa Sorber, Laura Napieralski, Jean Barber, Julie Hess and Coach Jean Lipski. Absent from photo were Erin Keefer and Asst. Coach Lynn Coury. Mrs. Pat Wenrich is president of the Field Hockey Mothers Club.

9 Rollaway skaters place in league meet

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Nine members of Rollaway Skating Club placed in the New York-Penn League meet, Sunday, March 12, at Rollaway Skate Center in Dallas. More than 40 skaters were entered in 17 different events, which included compulsory figures, freestyle and dance.

Placing first in the competition were J.B. Bucha, figures; Lisa Heck, J.O. I (C) figures; George Manzoni, freshman/sophomore figures; Renee Zeglin, elementary figures; Roy Holcomb, J.O. I B Singles; Trudi Wandell; second place, Daniel Rodgers, free style, primary/juvenile; Franmar Kopko, J.O. II advanced figures; third, Jannell Bucha, J.O. I (A) figures; George Manzoni, advanced figures; Roy Holcomb, J.O. II Singles; and Renee Zeglin, free style.



SKATING CHAMPIONS - Front to back, above, are four skaters who placed in the skating competition at Rollaway, Dallas, last Sunday. They are J.B. Bucha, Jannell Bucha, Roy Holcomb and Trudi Wandell. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

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