

# SPORTS



**GIRLS HOPE FOR WIN** - Dallas girls hope for a win in their opening game of the league this week if weather permits. Members of the team above are, seated, from left, first row, Kelly Cleary, Jennifer Besecker, Jean Novitsky, Courtney Butler, Lisa Hite, Lori Cave; second row, Amy Manneer, Lynn Baluh, Kristen Kerpovich, Sarah Lewis, Brenda Love, Andrea Ankenbrand; third row, Tracy Stahl, Gretchen Schuler, Cheri Smith, Sherry Terescavage, Tami Francek, Karen Krehely; fourth row, Kerry Burke, Jackie Devlin, Leigh Ann Wiedlich, Sylvia Stevens, Amy Rosentel and Kelly Terescavage. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

## Dallas track teams plan for successful campaigns

By CHARLOT M. DENMON  
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Dallas High has 40 boys and 30 girls out for this year's track teams, and head coach Bill Straitiff is looking for another good year. "Last year the boys were 14-1 and we won the districts, I'm hoping we do as well or better this year," Straitiff said. "Weather will be our biggest challenge."

Straitiff explained that the Dallas girls are young, with a lot of sophomores, but also said that they have some returning lettermen who will form a good nucleus for the team.

On the boys' team, Straitiff and his assistants William Kvashay and Steve Kaschenbach are expecting a good nucleus of seniors returning from last year including, Hugh Mundy, Walter Fader, Jared Samuels, Jim Evans, distance runners; Chris Lesjak, Ron Post, Jerry Ogurkis, Shawn Ruth, John Aston, Jim Farrell, John Green, Jim Newell, Jamie Strange,

Kurt Lapinski and Jim O'Donnell. Juniors on the roster include Mark Chappel, Loren Dymond, Mike Harris, Sam Jayne, Barry Miller and Wade Post.

The remaining athletes are sophomores and are pushing the upper classmen for positions on the team.

"We are pleased with the work we are getting from the boys and if they keep it up, we should be in good shape," Straitiff said. "The girls are also showing some good potential and we are looking toward a better year this season."

"Returning are Ann Balonis, Courtney Butler, Lori Cave, Lisa Hite, Amy Rosentel, Lori and Andrea Ankenbrand, and Shelly Terescavage, seniors; Jennifer Besecker, Jean Novitsky, Sherry Terescavage, juniors; and Gretchen Schuler, who ran as a freshman is returning. These girls have had experience. Then we have a lot of good sophomores who are showing potential."

The Mountaineers drop to Division AA this season but Straitiff does not see this making a big difference, since four of seven of their opponents were near the top last season and some have dropped down the same as the Mountaineers did.

Lake-Lehman, Meyers, G.A.R., Hanover, Bishop Hoban and Crestwood are in Division AA and Coach Straitiff expected their teams to be tough.

"It should be an interesting year," Straitiff said. "My coaching staff has been working hard with the kids and they say the kids are doing a good job. They are a young, dedicated group and they have been doing some hard work for us."

Coach Steve Kaschenbach works with the jumpers, Coach William Kvashay works with the distance runners, Coach Mary Ann Walsh works with the throwers and Coach Straitiff fills in wherever needed as well as supervising the entire team.



**DALLAS BOYS READY** - Dallas Mountaineers boys track team are ready for the start of the season this week if weather permits. Members of the team, above, are seated from left, Mike Tomaine, Jeff Dover, Bill Jones, Paul Deeble, Chris Rogers, Brian Smith; second row, Steve Oliver, Ron Post, Jerry Ogurkis, Jim Farrell, Jim O'Donnell; third row, Larry Dymond, Chris Kuhar, Chuck Clothier, David Lieberman, Kurt Lupinsky, Damian Litz; fourth row, Jim Evans, John Aston, Marc Labbate, Hugh Mundy, Tony Baldo, Mike Farris, Brian Fett, Tony Nadzan; fifth row, Chris Lesjak, Sam Jayne, Shawn Ruth, Barry Miller, Wade Post, Mark Chappell and John Green. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

## Dallas opens baseball season Monday

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The Dallas Mountaineers baseball team of last season, whose record was 5-10, was a relatively young team and this year, with added experience, their goal is to finish above .500. Anything better than that will be icing on the cake, according to the Mounts Coach Jack Wolensky.

"We have 25 candidates out for the team this year," Wolensky said. "We lost some good starters from last season, but we have intense competition among the boys this season. We have some good athletes, but we are the smallest AAA school in the division. This will be our last year in AAA, next year we drop down to AA," Wolensky explained.

Returning from last year are seniors Randy Coolbaugh, pitcher and first baseman; Brett Weyman, first and outfield; Harry Schwenpenheiser, outfielder; Tony Suggs, second; Andy Prebola, pitcher.

Also returning are juniors Bob Ashworth, first; John Masley, outfielder; Jeff Tinner, third base or shortstop; Brett Gauntlett, pitcher; Mike Williams, outfielder; Dave Grundowski, catcher; Alex Case, first base; and Mark Paczewski, outfielder.

The Mountaineers have depth although many of their players are young. In addition to those above there are Paul Bednar, outfielder; Sean Hoyt, outfielder; Barry Brutko, outfielder; Neil Kaiser, catcher; Matt Butler, outfielder; Eric Paczewski, third; Ray Russin, shortstop; Sean Shovlin, second; Mike Prokopchak, John Mekeever, outfielders; Emery Yurko, third and Mike Mikula, pitcher.

Dallas is in the West Division of AAA and will play Valley West, Tunkhannock, Wyoming Area and Pittston twice each during the season. They will also play Berwick, Nanticoke, Hazleton, Crestwood and Coughlin once.

"Valley West and Tunkhannock are always tough and Wyoming Area has a lot of their kids back. Coughlin is another team that is

April 10	- at Wyoming Valley West
April 13	- at Wyoming Area
April 17	- Tunkhannock at Dallas
April 20	- Coughlin at Dallas
April 24	- at Pittston
April 26	- at Berwick
April 28	- at Nanticoke
May 1	- Wyoming Valley West at Dallas
May 3	- Wyoming Area at Dallas
May 5	- Crestwood at Dallas
May 8	- at Tunkhannock
May 11	- Pittston at Dallas
May 15	- at Hazleton

April 10	- at Bishop Hoban
April 13	- at Meyers
April 17	- Wyo. Sem. at Lake-Lehman
April 20	- (Bye)
April 24	- at West Side Tech
April 26	- Bishop O'Reilly at Lake-Lehman
April 28	- at Bishop Hafey
May 1	- at Seton Cath.
May 3	- Bishop Hoban at Lake-Lehman
May 5	- Hanover at Lake-Lehman
May 8	- at Wyo. Sem.
May 10	- West Side Tech at Lake-Lehman
May 11	- at Northwest
May 15	- at Bishop O'Reilly
May 18	- G.A.R. at Lake-Lehman
May 22	- Seton Catholic at Lake-Lehman

always tough," Wolensky stated. "All of the teams have some great athletes so there's no such thing as teams you almost know you can beat, it's not that way anymore," Wolensky added.

The Mountaineers strength is in their pitching staff where they have Coolbaugh, Prebola, Ashworth and Gauntlett. They also have some

excellent power hitters in Wayman and John Masley. Wolensky is counting on Suggs on second, Tinner at third and Ashworth on first to pick up their defense as well as help at the plate.

Dallas plays the Wyoming Valley West Spartans, Monday, April 10, away, in the opening game of the season.

## Registration open for 'Y' water classes

Registration for the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA's next session of progressive swimming lessons is now open. The session begins April 17 and runs until May 27. There are six different skill levels:

Pre-Polliwog - for children 6 and up who do not swim or need individual attention in the water. Meets Mondays 4 to 4:45 p.m., Wednesdays from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. or Saturdays, 9 to 9:45 a.m.

Polliwog - Beginner swimmers will learn basic skills, treading water and survival floating. Classes scheduled for Mondays, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Fridays 4-4:45 p.m., or Saturdays, 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Guppy - Advanced beginners who have progressed from Polliwog level will learn various strokes, diving, safety and lifesaving skills. Meets Wednesdays from 4-4:45 p.m. or from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m., or Saturdays at 9-9:45 a.m. or 9:45-10:30 a.m.

Minnow - Advanced beginners who have completed Guppy. Available Mondays 4:45-5:30 p.m., Fridays, 4:45-5:30 p.m., or Saturdays, 9-9:45 a.m.

Fish - Intermediate level will teach new and exciting strokes, underwater swimming and basic first aid; Fridays at 4:45-5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.

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