

SPORTS



MOUNTAINEER WRESTLERS - Dallas Mountaineers have a young team but they are working hard to be ready for the season opener, January 3, at Hazleton. Members of this year's team at practice last week were, front row, from left, Frank Natitus, Pat Farrell, Eric Williams, Bob Jesse, Rick Hoyes, Pat Morris, Jon Schaffer, Matt Perry, Steve Kaschenbach, coach; second row, Roy Wall, assistant coach; Heath Williams, Jamie Walsh, Jamie Janosky, Wayde Post, Dave Pitcavage, Fred Lindbrichler and Bernie Sotko (Photo by C.M. Denmon)



LAKE-LEHMAN SQUAD - Members of the Black Knights squad working out for this year's season are, above, as they get ready for practice. First row, from left, Brian Strait, Rich Hodle, Mark Longmore, Charlie Jacoby, Jesse Cope, Derrick Bologna, Jesse Sorber; second row, Ed Higgins, Tony Ramagli, Rich Peiffer, Rich Williams, Steve Burke, Dave Konopke, Justin Goodwin, Charlie Roper; third row, Terry Martin, P.J. Goodwin, Jason Clancy, Mike Guerin, J.J. Konigus, Ray Rosencrance, Gary Masters, Mike Tereska and Matt West. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

Back Mountain squads look ahead to wrestling season

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Lake-Lehman co-coaches Phil Lipski and Tom Williams, after coaching the junior high for several years, this season have taken over the job of heading the senior high varsity team.

Both coaches are enthusiastic about this season's prospects despite the fact that they have a lot of underclassmen on the squad.

"We have 30 boys out for this year's program," said Phil Lipski. "They're a very young team, most of them sophomores and juniors. Some of these kids have had some experience so Tom and I are optimistic about the Knights showing this year."

"We have seven lettermen returning from last season," Williams said. "Terry Martin, Rich Peiffer, Tony Ramagli, Ray Rosencrance, Mike Guerin, Jason Naugle, and Charles Roper did some wrestling last year."

Lipski said they also have returning seniors who will be a nucleus for this year's team.

"We have J.J. Konigus who did a good job last season, Ed Kelly, P.J. Goodwin, Ed Higgins, Chris Smith and Mark Longmore, all seniors, who made just about every meet and we are counting on them for this season. We also have one freshman on the team this year,

Charlie Jacoby, who has been making a name for himself in wrestling for junior high last year and in track this year.

"We will have a full jayvee team which makes us optimistic and we have set up three scrimmages. We open with Benton at home December 13, then wrestle Williamsport at home December 16 in exhibition meets," Lipski concluded.

"We are looking for a good season," Tom Williams added. "Our junior high team did a good job the last few years and we have a lot of those boys on the varsity this season."

Dallas coach Steve Kaschenbach is not as optimistic as the Lake-Lehman coaches.

"We have 19 out for wrestling this year," Kaschenbach said. "This is a classic building year for Dallas. We have five returning from last season, Pat Morris, Wayde Post, Dave Pitcavage, Rich Hoyes and Jamie Janosky."

"These five had some experience last season but you could say we have only four and a half since Morris and Hoyes competed with one another prior to every meet last season. They are still competing at the same weight class this year," Kaschenbach explained.

Kaschenbach said four of the boys are out for the first time and he also has nine sophomores on

the team.

"They are working hard and they are enthusiastic," Kaschenbach said. "They are anxious to do a good job for the team and fortunately, we have boys at every weight class from 103 pounds which is good."

This is Kaschenbach's second season as head coach and he and

his assistant Roy Wall are looking ahead to building a good squad for the future.

"Valley West and Coughlin are the two teams who will give the rest of us trouble," Kaschenbach predicted. "Lake-Lehman should have a pretty good squad because they have some excellent athletes back."

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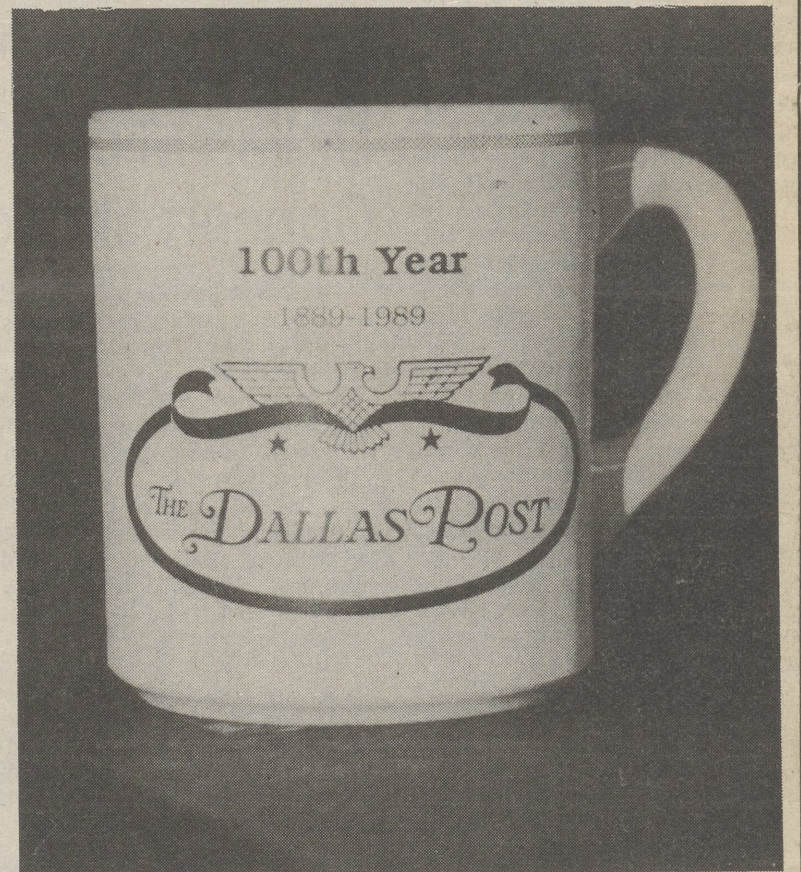


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