

Mountaineers hang tough, fall short against Hazleton

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"Our kids didn't win but they put forth a great effort Friday night," said Dallas Coach Clarence Ozgo. "The boys cut the lead to six one time and they cut it to four, but Hazleton is just an outstanding team. They went 18-0 before and it looks like they'll go 18-0 again."

"We were disappointed that we didn't win but we're pleased with the effort our kids gave. They played their hearts out but Hazleton has a bunch of outstanding players and Raoul Martinez is probably the best player in our division."

Ozgo said he hopes his team's

effort carries over into the games coming up. Brett Gauntlett had an outstanding game tossing in 18 points and Damon Lisnow scored 15. Ray Russin played great offense and defense and Eric Nardone played his usual strong game.

"All the kids played well," Ozgo said. "Coming off the bench Mark Medura and Mike Farris did a fine job for us and never gave up, nor did Jeff Tinner."

The Dallas boys were outscored the first half but both teams played fairly evenly the second half.

The Dallas team was scheduled to play Nanticoke Tuesday night, then host Wyoming at home Friday night.



Twelve Back Mt. boys place in Tunkhannock Tournament

Back Mountain Wrestling Club had twelve boys place in the Tunkhannock Tournament. From left front row, Jude Gentsch, Midget, 50 lbs.; 3rd place; Ronnie Hartman, Bantam, 45 lbs., 3rd place; Aaron Kubasik, Bantam, 45 lbs., 4th place; Nick Raczkowski, Midget, 55 lbs., 2nd place; Rich Harris, Bantam, 55 lbs., 1st place.

Row 2, Matt Marchakitus, Bantam, 55 lbs, 2nd place; Dan Nichol, Midget, 60 lbs., 4th place; Matt Magee, Midget, 70 lbs., 4th place; Eric Maciejczak, Intermediate, 75 lbs., 3rd place; Harry Hazletine, Midget, Unl. 1st place.

Not shown in photo, Joey Farber, Junior, Unl. 1st place; Gregg Mussman, Junior, 100 lbs., 3rd place; Jimmy Higgins, Bantam, 50 lbs., 4th place; Jacob Lanyon, Midget, Unl. 4th place.

Back Mountain Wrestling Club will be sponsoring their own wrestling tournament Feb. 25 at West Side Area Voc. Tech. School in Pringle, for children starting at Pee-Wee Div. 6 years and under up to Jr. High School students.

Dallas girls lose second half opener to Hazleton

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The Dallas Lady Mountaineers went into their second half opener against Hazleton optimistic they could win, but it took only the first quarter for the top of the mountain team to take a 15-8 lead by using the full court press against the Dallas girls. The visitors increased their lead in the second quarter outscoring Dallas 22-14 to go into the lockerroom at halftime leading 37-22.

Hazleton took the full court press off in the third quarter and Dallas took advantage of it to outscore their opponents 15-6 and come

within six of the visiting Mounts.

Dallas continued to rally in the opening minutes of the final period until Hazleton broke a 43-43 tie with less than seven minutes to play by using the press intermittently. That proved to be effective, when they started to pull away from Dallas and walked away with a 57-52 win.

Unable to score points in the first quarter, the Dallas girls came on strong later in the game with Jen Besecker ending with 15 points and Laura Poynton and Tara Lisnow collecting 12 points each, one of Poynton's was a three-pointer. Aria Pierson hit the double figures with 10 points.

Dallas grapplers lose two meets, collect one

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The Dallas Mountaineer grapplers lost 49-16 to a strong Crestwood team last Wednesday night, defeated Tunkhannock 29-23 Friday, then bowed 39-21 to the Pittston Patriots on the Pittston mats Saturday night.

The Patriots took eight of the bouts to outdo the Mountaineers, who won three of their bouts with pins by 130-lb. Bob Jesse, 171-lb. Jamie Janosky and 189-lb. Wade Post.

The Mountaineers went on the board first when 103-lb. Eric Williams won 9-5 but the Patriots tied it up when 112-lb. John Abent decisioned Mount Shaffer 5-2. The Patriots took the next two bouts to take a 9-3 lead but Jesse tied the score at 9-9 when he flattened 130-lb. Mark Filipini in 5:44.

The Patriots took the next five bouts to move the lead out of the Mounts reach before Jansky and Post pinned their opponents.

In Friday night's meet with Tunkhannock, the Mountaineers defeated the Tigers 38-29 with Hwt. Dave Pitcavage insuring the win by pinning Chris Bean in 5:29.

The Mountaineers were leading 32-29 going into the heavy-weight bout and a loss by Pitcavage could end the meet in a tie or a loss for the Mountaineers.

Dallas had four pins with Rick Hoyes turning in the fast pin for the Mountaineers when he flattened 119-lb. Mark Savignano in 31 seconds. 103-lb. Eric Williams pinned Tiger Adam Edwards in 3:54 and 130-lb. Bob Jesse turned over Ron Duzak in 2:46. 171-lb. Jamie Janoski flattened Bob Zacharias in 1:50.

The Mountaineers also had a decision by 125-lb. Pat Morris, 6-5 over Brad Casey and a 9-5 decision by 189-Wade Post over Jeremy Stephens. 135-lb. Mount Frank Natitus wrestled to a 9-9 draw with Tiger Mike Bluhm.

In their loss to Crestwood, the Comets had four falls at 112-lb., 130-lb., 145-lb., and 171-lb. 103-lb. E. Williams wrestled to a 10-10 draw with his opponent and 140-lb. F. Natitus drew 9-9 with his Comet opponent.

160-lb. Bernie Sotko pinned his Comet opponent in 3:14 and 181-lb. Wade Post flattened Eric Jarmiolowski in 1:19. Dallas Hwt. D. Pitcavage was decisioned 12-7 by Jody Kain.

Lady Knights outscore Northwest, fall to Hafey

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The Lady Knights of Lake-Lehman outscored the Northwest Rangers 53-31 last Thursday at home to win their second half opener.

Wendy Skibitsky led the Knights in scoring with 29 points, putting 13 shots through the nets from the field and making 2-for-2 from the foul line.

Alyson Davis hit 13 points for the Lady Knights tossing in six from the field and 1-for-3 from the free throw stripe.

The Lady Knights used a strong

pressure defense against the Northwest girls in picking up the win.

The Lady Knights traveled to Bishop Hafey hoping to defeat the Lady Vikings just as the boys team overcame their counterparts but despite Wendy Skibitsky pouring in 27 points, the Lady Knights bowed 79-48 to the Vikings.

Skibitsky scored 18 points from the field and went 5-for-7 from the foul line. D.D. Mazur tossed in 11, three from the field and 5-for-11 from the free throw stripe, but the combined shooting of Bishop Hafey's Tara McClure and Kathy Nemshick for 44 points was too much for the Lady Knights.

Hafey's Ustonoski's 12 points and Kringe's 10 helped pile up the lead for the Lady Vikings.

Skibitsky tossed in four three-pointers for the Knights and McClure put in three three-pointers for the Vikings.

The Lady Knights fell down at the foul line, hitting only 10 out of 23 tries while the Vikings put in 4-for-7. Hafey had a total of 36 baskets while the Knights put in only 17, nine of them Skibitsky's and three Mazur's. Alyson put through two in the nets.

Lake-Lehman was scheduled to host Seton Catholic Tuesday weather permitting.

Lake-Lehman matmen press record to 8-0-1

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The Lake-Lehman wrestlers ran their record to 8-0-1 this past week by defeating Berwick 49-15 Saturday night after taking Hazleton 47-20 Wednesday night.

The Knights used five pins, a forfeit and a technical in picking up their win over Berwick.

112-lb. Charlie Roper won by a fall in 3:08, 152-lb. Mike Guerin pinned his man in 1:56, 171-lb. P.J. Goodwin took down his man in 4:50, 189-lb. Ray Rosencrans pinned his opponent in 36 seconds and Hwt. J.J. Konigus flattened his man in the same time.

130-lb. Rick Peiffer won on a technical fall and 125-lb. Charlie Jacoby won by a forfeit. 140-lb. Jason Naugle won by a 5-2 forfeit and 160-lb. Mike Tereska took a 9-5 decision. 145-lb. Jason Clancy wrestled to an 8-8 draw with his Berwick opponent.

In their meet with Hazleton Wednesday night, the Knights, picked up 24 points by forfeits from the Mounts. 112-lb. Charlie Roper won by a pin and 171-lb. P.J. Goodwin won by a pin in 3:31.

Winning on forfeits were 125-lb. Jacoby, 130-lb. Peiffer, 160-lb. Mike Guerin and Hwt. J.J. Kongius.

Winning by decisions were 140-lb. Jason Naugle 5-3 and 189 Ray Rosencrans in an upset 3-1 decision over undefeated Vince Corrale. 145-lb. Jason Clancy wrestled to a 3-3 draw with Ron Rogers.

The Black Knights have a tough week this week as they travel to Coughlin Wednesday night who has only one loss, then meet undefeated Valley West Saturday night.

GAME NOTES:

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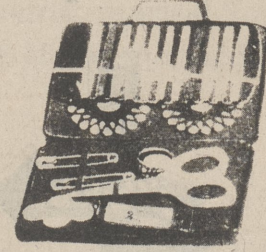
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