

SPORTS

Black Knight grapplers score two more wins for 11-0 record

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The Black Knights flattened Pittston Area 47-12 Saturday night and shut out Bishop Hoban 75-0 Wednesday night to add two wins to their record and hold the lead in the Wyoming Valley Wrestling Conference.

In Saturday night's meet on the Black Knights mats, Lake-Lehman had five falls in winning, 112 Charlie Roper, 140 Jason Naugle, 145 Terry Martin, 171 P.J. Goodwin and 189 Ray Rosencrans pinned their opponents.

103 John Lizak was the lone Patriot to pin his opponent, Mark

Longmore. The Patriots other six points were by decisions with 119 Dan Aruscavage defeating C. Smith 4-3 and 160 Nick Darbenzio took Ed Higgins 12-7.

125 Charlie Jacoby shut out Frank Barbie 7-0, 130 Rich Peiffer defeated Rob Dieterick 7-4, 135 Dave Konopke took Dave Balchune 6-4. 152 Mike Tereska won by a technical fall 18-3 over George Gurdock and Hwt. J.J. Konigus edged Joe MacMillan 3-2.

Earlier in the week the Knights used a number of jayvee wrestlers in the meet but still won overwhelmingly over the Argents. They put together eight consecutive pins

from 130 to 189 five of them by jayvees. Getting the pins were 119 Jesse Sorber, 130 Tony Ramagli, 135 Dave Konopke, 140 Jason Naugle, 145 Steve Burke, 152 Ed Higgins, 160 Mike Guerin, 171 Gary Masters and 189 Ray Rosencrans.

112 C. Roper, 125 C. Jacoby and Hwt. J.J. Konigus won on forfeits. 103 Mark Longmore won on a 9-5 decision. Four of the Knights pins were in the first period of the bouts.

This week the Knights take their unbeaten record to Crestwood Wednesday night and to Tunkhannock Saturday night.

'Co-coaches' Lipski and Williams lead Lake-Lehman wrestling team

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The Lake-Lehman High School wrestling team has experimented with a unique coaching structure this season, and it certainly seems to be a success. The squad's two coaches are equals; neither is head coach, neither is assistant, and both work with team members equally.

The arrangement is new to the high school, but not to the coaches. Phil Lipski and Tom Williams had been co-coaches more than five years ago at Lake-Lehman Junior High. Williams had been head coach at Dallas Junior High School and Lipski had been head coach at Lake-Lehman Junior High. Rather than ask either coach to step down to assistant coach, the decision came from the top to appoint them as co-coaches. Williams and Lipski knew each other through coaching previously and Phil was at Lake-Lehman when Tom graduated.

Tom Williams graduated from Bloomsburg with a degree in elementary and secondary social studies while Phil Lipski graduated from King's College with a degree in special education.

Williams wrestled in high school and while at Bloomsburg, while Lipski wrestled at West Side Catholic (Bishop O'Reilly) but not at all in college.

During the five years the two men worked together as co-coaches at the junior high, their teams had a 54-meet undefeated streak and took two PIAA District 2 junior high titles. Their teams also won the Western Division of the Wyoming Valley Conference four times.

Williams taught in Lehman-Jackson Elementary School for five years but now teaches social studies in seventh and eighth grades at the junior high. Lipski teaches the educable mentally retarded students at the senior high school.

To what do they attribute their success? "We know each other well and we're friends," said Williams. "We communicate well



CO-COACHES - Lake-Lehman Co-coaches Tom Williams and Phil Lipski prepared to give last minute instructions to their Knight wrestlers prior to their meet with Pittston Area last Saturday. (Photo by C.M. Denmon)

with one another and we have a good group of kids to work with. We had all of them in junior high at some point and had some of them for four years," Lipski said.

Lake-Lehman has a strong tradition of good wrestling dating back many years.

"Our kids are willing to work," Lipski said. "We have only six seniors out for the team; Hwt. J.J. Konigus, 171-lb. P.J. Goodwin, 119-lb. Chris Smith and 103-lb. Mark Longmore, starting and Ed Higgins and Matt West."

The Knights' squad includes nine juniors; Rich Peiffer, Derrick Bologna, Jason Clancy, Dave Konopke, Terry Martin, Tony Ramagli, Ray Rosencrans, Mike Tereska and Steve Burke. Sophomores are Jesse Cope, Mike Guerin, Justin Goodwin, George Kocher, Gary Masters, Jason Naugle, Charlie Roper and Jesse Sorber. Freshmen Charlie Jacoby and Brian Straitt round out the team.

"We have great cooperation from our jayvee kids," Williams said last week. "They weigh in at

Phil Lipski and Tom Williams coached together at the Junior High for five years

every meet and give our team the flexibility it needs and have helped on many occasions. Behind every successful varsity team there needs to be a good jayvee team pushing them every night in practice."

The junior high program is also in good hands this season. Under the leadership of Paul and Matt Reinert they have an 11-3 record with more than 30 students on the team.

With a perfect record so far this season, co-coaches Williams and Lipski and their team have two meets left between them and a spotless record - Crestwood away Wednesday, and Tunkhannock away Saturday night.

Dallas wrestlers take two meets

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Dallas Mountaineers ran their mat record to 4-7 last week by defeating West Side Tech 66-12 in the Titans gym Saturday night and taking the GAR Grenadiers 45-24 at the Dallas gym Thursday night.

In Saturday night's meet Dallas took five wins by forfeit at 103, 125, 130, 152, and 171. The Titans picked up their 12 points on forfeits at 119 and 140.

Winning for the Mountaineers were 112 John Shaffer over P. Sapack 3-2; 135 Frank Natitus pinning Mike White in 3:44; 145 John Pomrinke pinning B. J. George in 2:36; 160 Bernie Sotko pinning Joe Simms in 1:23; 189 Jamie Janosky pinning Lou Wrable in 3:28 and Hwt. Wade Post decisioning Ken Tereska 10-2.

The Mountaineers had three pins and had three forfeits from the Grenadiers in getting their

win. Rick Hoyes, Frank Natitus and Pat Farrell picked up the pins for Dallas.

125 Pat Morris decisioned Chris Walsh 2-0, 130 Bob Jesse defeated Tom Ondrea 6-1, and Hwt. Wade Post decisioned Joe Ebert 6-4.

This week the Mountaineers are scheduled to meet Meyers at the Mohawks gym Wednesday night, host Wyoming Area Thursday and travel to Valley West Saturday night.

Lady Knights score 50-39 win over GAR

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The Lady Knights rebounded from a 42-40 loss to Wyoming Seminary last Monday to take a 50-39 game from the Lady Grenadiers of GAR Thursday night.

Seminary led the Black Knights 19-16 at the end of the first half, then pulled in front by nine at the end of the third period before the Black Knights came on strong. Seminary was able to hold off the Lake-Lehman girls just enough to win by two points.

Wendy Skibitsky tossed in 20 for Lake-Lehman in a fruitless effort.

In Thursday's game with GAR, Skibitsky and D.D. Mazur hit a total of 42 points between them to overcome the Lady Grenadiers.

The Knights played strong defense taking a 12-2 lead at the end of the first period then went ahead 26-10 at halftime.

Skibitsky was top scorer with 26 points and Mazur followed with 16. It was a low foul shooting game with GAR having no fouls and the Lady Knights having only four foul

shots. This week the Lady Knights were scheduled to play Bishop O'Reilly at home Monday and travel to West Side Tech Thursday night.

O'Reilly tops Lady Knights

Lady Knight Wendy Skibitsky scored 21 points for Lake-Lehman against Bishop O'Reilly but it wasn't enough as the Queen's women's Laura Balberchak and Renee Chimock combined for 45 points Monday night to lead their team to a 64-44 win.

Chimock scored 23 points tossing in 22 points from the field and

dumping in 1-for-6 from the foul line. Balberchak hit for nine goals from the floor and made 4-for-7 from the free line.

Skibitsky hit for seven field goals, two of them three-pointers and hit 5-for-9 from the foul line. The loss drops the Knights to 2-5 in the second half.

Dallas games rescheduled

Dallas High School's Girls Basketball game scheduled with Wyoming Valley West at Dallas for Feb. 15, is scheduled for 4 p.m. J.V.'s, Varsity to follow.

Dallas High School's Wrestling match postponed on Feb. 3, with Wyoming Area at Dallas has been rescheduled for Feb. 15, starting with 7 p.m., J.V.'s (if any), Varsity to follow.

Strikes 'n' spares

Kandlelite team shut out the Ball Busters in the Friday Night Special League last week paced by D. Gebhardt's 234 (613) and M. Gebhardt's 233 (588). S. Spencer rolled 222-226 (586). Nutcrackers took three from Charlie's Angels led by Irene Katyl's 182-193 (536) and the Brew Crew picked up three from the Nite Shift with none of the members hitting high scores.

In the Ladies Country League Grotto Pizza copped three points from Back Mountain Bowl headed by B. Strazdus's 176 (472) and E. Roberts 471. The Bowl girls were led by M. Faux's 181-182 (522). Fashion Vending picked up three from G.H. Harris aided by C.I. Smith's 177 and D. Garnett's 473. The Castlettes split 2-2 with Faux Inn with H. Dickinson of the Faux team rolling 184.

Roth Novelty blanked Offset Paperback led by R. Shoemaker's 559. J. Grohowski hit pins for 215 (536) for the Offset five in the Charlie Williams Memorial League. Back Mountain Auto Body Shop copped three from Varsity Lawn Care helped by J. Yonchick's 568 and B. Hospodar's 520. High for the lawn men were B. Aldren's 536, J. Roan's 542 and D. Thomas' 530. Jedidia's took three from Back Mt. Bowl helped by P. Mathers' bit 227-246 (605) and B. Shalata's 525. R. Harris rolled 543 and M. Bevans spilled pins for 243-244 (630) for the bowl team. S. Wickards knocked down pins for 234 (638) and D. Wickard posted 523 to lead Cross Country Restaurant to three points from Mt. Stream Construction Company, who had F. Cornell's 596, M. Orkwis' 225 (585) and R. Clemow's 540. Monk's Plumbing split evenly with G.H. Harris paced by F. Tregan's 567 and T. Considine's 561. J. Steele hit 232 (623) and D. Purvin rolled 573 for the Harris men. C. Kazokas added 523 and R. Strazdus hit 535.

In the Sunday Night Mixed League Noctur De Force's 208 (531) picked up three from the Toads while Twice Shy split with the Eagles aided by Mike's 520. Destroyers divided evenly with the Saints with Bonnie rolling 477 for the Destroyers.

In the Back Mt. Farmers League the Thoroughbreds copped four from the Ugly Ducklings and the Turkeys picked up three from the Longhorns. Chickies and Black Sheep divided 2-2

and the Mules split with the Barn Cats. High scorers were J. Grohowski 247 (612), J. McAndrew 525, D. Williams 212 (546), Connie Doty 185 (495), W. Wesley 539.

In Our Gang League Porky picked up three from Stymie, Alfalfa copped three from Spanky, Buckwheat took three from Mickey, Wheezy divided evenly with Butch and Chubby copped three from Spike. High rollers were K. Bevan 284 (647), D. Bevan 229 (578), D. Lukasavage 572, D. Jenkins 520, Sandy Dzurly 187 (491), J. Leary 543, M. Carkhuff 528, T. Considine 519, Joan Moore 196 (476), Dorothy Larson 179, B. Bolton 516, Annette Tregan 175-180 and F. Tregan 516.

Maple Grove copped three from Orange in the Back Mt. Church League and Shavertown A picked up three from Shavertown B while Dallas dropped three points to East Dallas. Hitting high scores were T. Doughton 223 (561), B. Cyphers 545, F. Cornell 556, T. Oney 559, J. Haines 525, L. Bellas 531, G. Kohli 214 (523) and R. Fielding 515.

In the Native Textiles League Ballbusters shut out the Bear Bowlers led by R. Shoemaker who spilled pins for 226 (610). Karen Schooley added 209-176-190 (575) and D. Miller rolled 242 (574). Deanna DeRemer's 176 paced the Roadrunners to three points from Bad News Bowlers who had R. Clemow's 570. L. Wolfe rolled 503 to lead Hopeless Cause to an even split with Taft Market and J. DeRemer added 503. Terri Williams 173 aided the Sandbaggers in taking three from the Pinheads whose G. Strazdus rolled 522 and D. Williams hit pins for 224 (540) to lead the Alley Cats to three points from the Wild Pins. J. Teetsel hit 537, E. Smith added 520 and Sherry Teetsel posted 175. Ida Engelman gave the Wild Pins 176.

Wilson's shut out Matthews in the Sunday Nite Couples League while Nice's blanked the Moore's and Booth's copped three from Shaver's. High games were by J. Booth 554, H. Shaver 220 (526), P. Nice 519, AnnWilson 486, D. Wilson 548, and Sue Weitchko 172.

Dallas girls lose to Pittston Area 53-45

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The Lady Mountaineers of Dallas took an early lead in the first half of their game with Pittston Area Monday night but the Patriettes came out strong in the second half and scored 32 points while the Dallas girls cooled off on re-

bounds and shooting to give Pittston the 53-46 win.

The Lady Mounts were leading 25-21 at halftime but were unable to stop their opponents scoring in the last half of the game.

Both teams played good defense

and did some fine shooting from the foul line, Dallas hitting 18 of 25 shots and Pittston Area making 13 of 22.

Jen Besecker led the Mounts with 12 points and Laura Poynton hit for nine.

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