## Damon and Tara Lisnow star on Dallas teams

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moved into Dallas a little more than a year ago are quickly making names for themselves in the Dallas District sports pro-

The son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lisnow, Damon celling on the senior high school varsity basketball teams.

"We moved to this area from St. Johnsbury, Vermont when I was in eighth grade," Tara Lisnow said. "I am now in ninth grade, but this year moved up to play on the girls varsity team in what is now the Middle School."

Tara, who is 5' 8" tall and still

growing, said she has been playing basketball since she was in third grade. This spring she hopes to also play on the ninth grade softball team.

Since she has been playing varsity this season, she is not certain what her point total is, but estimates she scores on the average of approximately 10 to 12 points per game.

Damon plays forward and last year played on the junior varsity team. This year, the 6'4" junior is A brother and sister, who on the varsity team and averages approximately 14 points per game. If he continues that pace he could end the year with 250 to 300 points to his credit.

"I like basketball and started to play organized basketball when I was about 11 years of age. The and Tara Lisnow have been ex- competition here is much better than in Vermont," Damon said.

"We became interested in basketball because of our father. He is 6'8" and played in college at Quinnipiac. He also played on a semi-pro team," Damon and Tara explained.

Both are excellent academic students, Damon with a 3.4 average and Tara with a 3.6 aver-

age.
"I like skiing," Damon said,
"And I am a lifeguard in the summer and I hope to play on the school tennis team this spring."

Tara also likes skiing but said, "I like cross-country skiing better than downhill. I also enjoy swimming in the summer. Both Damon and I attend basketball camps in the summer. I like liv-



DAMON AND TARA LISNOW

ing in the Back Mountain, there tinue as they are, both should is more to do than there was in Vermont," Tara said.

If the brother and sister con-

star on the high school teams next year. They appear to be well

## Poynton and Lisnow top scorers in Lady Mount win

Mountaineers of Dallas with 16 points to defeat Berwick 68-42 Monday night at Berwick. Tara Lisnow added 15 and Jen Besecker

gave 14 to aid in the win. Wendy Cave tossed in 11 points, 4-4.

Laura Poynton led the Lady five shots from the field and 1-for-2 from the foul line.

Aria Pierson finished with nine. Poynton and Besecker hit three pointers.

The win evened Dallas' record at

# Skibitsy's 21 points lead Lady Knights to victory

Wendy Skibitsky scored 21 points in Monday night's game at Crestwood to lead the Lady Knights to a 64-48 win over the Comets.

She tossed in 17 points from the field and hit 4-for-7 from the

Alyson Davis added 12 points, D.D. Mazur scored 10 and Heidi Wenrick collected 11 points, going 3-for-4 from the foul line.

Skibitsky hit for a three pointers as the Lady Knights ran their record to 4-5 for the second half.

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### Back Mountain players excel on Pee Wee hockey squad

"B" Ice Hockey team capped off a grueling four game weekend schedule recently by returning to Elkins Park on Sunday, Feb. 11 and defeating the Old York Road Raiders 6-4. After each team scored three goals in the first period and one in the second, the Wings scored two goals in the third period and held off the Raiders for the win.

Leading the scoring for the Wings was Mike McIntyre with two goals and one assist, while Matt Lloyd and Ray Terwilliger each had one goal and one assist. Phil Gager and Jeff Ghannam added one goal each, while Marc Joseph, Keith Pedana and Joe Grabiec had assists. Wings goalie, Gary Gocek rejected 21 shots on goal.

Sunday morning, Bryan Mullins, wings' goalie, stopped 12 shots on goal as the Wings scored a 5-2 victory over the Timberline Wolfpack of Reading, in a game played at the Ice-A-Rama, Wilkes-

Wings forward, Ray Terwilliger led the scoring with a "hat trick", McIntyre and Jeff Ghannam added Phil Gager, Marc Joseph and Matt Lloyd had assists.

traveled to Elkins Park and were coordinator.

The Wilkes-Barre Wings Pee Wee handed their only loss of the weekend, losing to the Old York Road Raiders 4-2. The Wilkes-Barre goals came in the second period when Ray Terwilliger scored on assists from Keith Pedana and Jeff Ghannam, and in the third period when Phil Gager scored on an assist by Ray Terwilliger. Tending the goal for the Wings, Gary Gocek stopped 22 shots.

Saturday, Feb. 10, the Wings returned to the Ice-A-Rama, Wilkes-Barre to play the Glaciers from Warminster.

Wilkes-Barre goalies Bryan Mullin and Gary Gocek shared duties at the net to stop 25 Glaciers shots, as the Wings won 7-3. The Wings led throughout the game, scoring two goals in both the first and second period, adding three more goals in the third.

Greg Koons and Ray Terwilliger each scored two goals for the Wings. while Mattt Lloyd, Keith Padana and Phil Gager added one goal each. Assists for the Wings were by Bob Kane, Phil Gager, Greg Koons, Keith Pedana and Matt Lloyd.

With the three wins and one loss scoring a goal in each period. Mike on the weekend, the Wilkes-Barre Wings 12 and 13 year olds imone goal each, while Joe Grabiec, proved their 1990 record to 9-4-0.

The team is coached by John Lloyd, Spero Mallas and Ray Ter-On Saturday, Feb. 10, the wings williger. Paul McIntyre is manager/



#### **Back Mountain wrestlers place**

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club attended the Montoursville Team Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 10.

The following boys placed: 1st row, from left, Brett Larson, Bantam 80 lb., 1st place; Nick Raczkowski, Midget 55 lb., 1st place; Matt Raczkowski, Junior 65 lb., 1st place

Second row, Harry Hazeltine, Midget Heavyweight 2nd place; Matt Gingo, Midget 110 lb., 3rd place; Charles Hann, Midget 60 lb., 4th place; Eric Maciejczak, Junior 75 lb., 4th place.

Not shown in photo: Tony Giardina, Midget Heavyweight, 1st place; Joe Farber, Junior 120 lb., 1st place.

#### Noxen Strikers place at tourney

On Saturday, Feb. 17, Noxen Corby, 3rd place; 65 lb. Jayson Strikers went to the Summit Wres-Harris, 1st place. tling Tournament, held at the Abington Heights Middle School.

Placing for the Strikers were: Wood, 2nd place; 50 lb. Ryan Wood, 2nd place.

Junior Class: 75 lb. Brian Butler, 1st place.

Intermediate Class: 85 lb. Mike Bantam Class: 50 lb. Jason Stuart, 1st place; 105 lb. John

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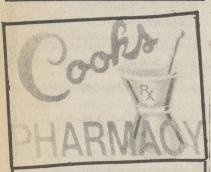
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#### Treatment for Peptic Ulcers

I have had recurrent ulcers for many years and have always taken antacids. Are there any new treatments?

Peptic ulcers generally are treated by medications, particularly forms of antihistamines, that stop ulcers but not running noses of colds or allergies. Dietary modifications have been de-emphasized and surgery is used much less frequently.

Antacids are commonly used to neutralize the stomach acids. But now, several new drugs have become the drugs of choice. One type, sucralfate (Carafate) accelerates healing of peptic ulcers. Other types actually reduce the amount of acid produced by the stomach; these are Tagamet, Pepcid, Zantac, and Axid. All are taken at or near bedtime, and some at other times of the

Antacids which used to be standard treatment for peptic ulcers are used much less extensively today. Liquid antacid is more effective than the pill form in quickly neutralizing the stomach acid and thereby protecting the delicate membranes of the stomach and duodenum. While antacids, such as Mylanta, Maalox and Gelusil, are effective taken in large and frequent doses, they can cause several unpleasant side effects. Diarrhea and constipation are the most common, depending on the brand of antacid you use. Antacids also reduce the effectiveness of antibiotics.

Smoking aggravates and appears to be a strong factor in ulcer recurrence. In fact, studies show that quitting smoking is just as effective as taking Tagamet or related

acid-shutoff drugs. Aspirin and aspirin-containing compounds should be avoided by anyone with ulcers because they irritate the stomach and duodenal linings and may provoke bleeding. It is unclear whether aspirin actually causes gastric

ulcers, but it is known that aspirin greatly slows the healing rate in peptic ulcers.

Previously, ulcer patients were advised to restrict their diets to bland foods and were encouraged to eat mild foods such as milk and carbohydrates. Strict ulcer diets are rarely used today. Nowadays, most doctors tell their patients only to avoid foods that will provoke the ulcer, such as heavily spiced foods, alcoholic beverages and coffee. Others find that their ulcers heal regardless of what they eat. Your own diet is something you can discuss with your doctor.

Doctors usually prefer to treat an ulcer with medication and diet before recommending surgery. However, in the case of a perforated ulcer, which extends through the entire thickness of the stomach or the duodenum, surgery is not only recommended, it sometimes is necessary to save a patient's life.

A doctor may also suggest surgery when there is persistent bleeding. In addition, when an ulcer repeatedly resists medication and diet treatments, surgery may be called for. Usually surgery will cure an ulcer, and the patient will be able to eat normally for the remainder of his or her life without fear of the return of the ulcer or other symptoms.

Emotional stress has also been shown to play a role in ulcers. Here are some suggestions to help you improve your lifestyle and remove some of the stress and ten-

Exercise can make you feel less tense and more relaxed, so you can sleep better and generally feel healthier.

-Learn to relax. Set aside some time each day to do something that you enjoy.

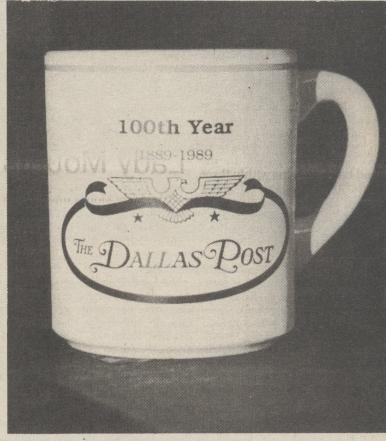
-Exercise regularly, about three times a week.

-Talk out your worries. Don't keep them bottled up inside. If you are unable to cope yourself, it may help to see a counselor or therapist.

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