SPORTS

Knights one win from title

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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The Lake-Lehman Knights 57-9 win over Tunkhannock Saturday night puts them only one win away from taking the Wyoming Valley Wrestling Conference title. The Knights need a win over Nanticoke on the Back Mountain mats this Wednesday to give them the crown and an undefeated season.

While there is little doubt in the minds of many of the fans that the Knights will win the final match, the Knights coaches still stick to their often-quoted explanation "We take only one meet at a time; the boys have to give 100 percent since there can always be an upset."

In Saturday night's meet with the Tigers on Tunkhannock's mat, the Tigers 103-lb. Adam Edwards gave the Tigers six points when he pinned Mark Longmore in 1:12.

The Knights came back and took the next seven bouts with three falls, a forfeit and three decisions before 152-lb. Duane Norton decisoned Mike Tereska 7-3.

That ended the scoring for the Tigers as the Knights took the rest of the bouts with 160-lb. Mike Guerin pinning Tom Traver in 1:35; 171-lb. P.J. Goodwin flattening Bob Zacharias in 4:38; 189-lb. Ray Rosencrans turning over Jeremy Stephens in 4:53 and Hwt. J.J. Konigus pinning Chris Bean in 2:41.

Earlier in the week the Knights defeated Crestwood 45-16 using five pins, one forfeit and three decisions in picking up the win.

The Comets started with a pin over Longmore at 103, a major decision at 119 and two decisions at 130 and 135 to go in front of the Knights 16-6 at the end of the first six bouts but the Knights went to work and two pins later at 140 and 145 took an 18-16 lead and never looked back.

140-lb. Jason Naugle pinned Bill Heckman in 5:04 and 145-lb. Terry Martin flattened Bill Hoeffner in 2:24. 152-lb. Mike Tereska decisioned Dave Janoviak 10-3 and 160 Mike Guerin pinned Dave Knight in 3:38.

171-lb. P.J. Goodwin flattened Ron Kirkutis in 2:48, 189-lb. Ray Rosencrans won points on a forfeit and Hwt. J.J. Konigus pinned Jody Cain in 1:25.

Dallas Middle School Volleyball Champions

The Dallas Middle School's sixth grade intramural volleyball season recently ended with Boyer's Broncos emerging as the champions. The winners received a plaque recognizing their accomplishment from Mrs. Ann Seitz, program director.
Pictured from left, first row, Jamy Kozak, David Ertley, C.J. Pollick, Linda Cropp.
Second row, Michael O'Donnell, Lynn Kilduff, Karen Kaleta, Heather Gryziec, Natalie Gulick, David Frederick.
Third row, David Bambus, Charles Snyder, Rebecca Hoover, Kristen Nackley, Melanie Love, Shannon Newell, Jennifer White.
Fourth row, Tim Berti, Brian Berlew, Joseph Noon, Connor Ennis, Greg Cobleigh, Kevin McDonald, Eddy Williams, Griffin Bicking, Leah Vincelli, Abbey Redmond, Mrs. Ann Seitz and Mrs. Ellen Boyer.

Dallas grapplers lose three meets

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The Dallas Mountaineer grapplers went into last week's competition knowing they would face three tough competitors and their opponents left no doubt in the local wrestlers minds that they were tough.

The Mountaineers traveled to Plymouth Saturday night where they were pommeled 49-16 by Wyoming Valley West whose only loss this season was to Lake-Lehman.

The Mountaineers hosted the Wyoming Warriors Thursday night in a makeup meet and were downed 43-15 by the 10-4 Warriors and on Wednesday night Meyers took a 55-9 win from the Mountaineers on the Mohawks mats to move to a 10-2-1 record with only the Spartans to meet this Wednesday.

In Saturday's meet, 103-lb. Eric Williams gave Dallas an early lead when he decisioned Mike Brennan 14-9.

The Spartans came right back at the Mountaineers and took the next four bouts with three pins and one decision to take a 2-13 lead over Dallas.

135-lb. Frank Natitus took a major 10-2 decision from Spartan Sean Kennedy 171, Jamie Janosky decisioned Mike Williams 9-5 and 189-lb. Wade Post collected the final points for Dallas on a forfeit.

The Warriors used four pins, four decisions, one a major 12-4, and a forfeit in taking the win.

Winners for Dallas were 103-lb. E. Williams, a 1:18 pin; 119-lb. R. Hoyes, 6-5 decision; 189-lb. W. Post a 2-1 decision and Hwt. D. Pitcavage, a 14-10 decision.

140-lb. Jon Pomrinke gave Dallas six points in the Meyers match by pinning his opponent Bill Atkins in 2:41. 189-lb. W. Post gave his team the final three on a 5-2 decision over Tom Kerpovich.

The Mohawks had five falls, a technical, four decisions and a forfeit in winning the meet.

The Mountaineers (4-10) will host Hanover this Wednesday in the final meet of the season.

'Y' offers swim lessons for all ages

The Wilkes-Barre YMCA is offering Teen Swimming lessons for the very beginner to the advanced swimmer. Individual attention is provided depending on ability. The class meets every Friday at 4 p.m. starting March 2. Registrations are now being accepted.

The Wilkes-Barre YMCA is also offering swimming lessons for grades 1 to 6 in our "progressive": program. All classes meet after school or Saturday morning. Check with the Registration Desk for time and day.

The YMCA is now accepting registrations for the next session of pre-school swim lessons. This is a national standardized aquatic program for infants and pre-schoolers, to promote water safety and teach swimming readiness skills. Skippers I & II include children 6 months to 3 years of age with parents. Skippers III & IV include children 3 years to 5 years of age with a ratio of 6 children to 1 instructor. All classes will start the week of February 26. For more information call the Wilkes-Barre YMCA at 823-2191.

Mounts squeak by Valley West 66-61

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"Our boys played a good game offensively against Pittston last Tuesday but they were unable to stop Pittston's Frank Carone," Dallas Coach Clarence Ozgo said following the game which his Mountaineers lost 74-65. "We scored 65 points, which is a lot of points but Carone was on target that night. He couldn't do anything wrong. He was red hot.

"We scored 36 points in the second half and came within three points of the Pittston team at one point but we couldn't stop Carone."

Ray Russin led Dallas with 16 points and Mike Farris and Eric Nardone scored 14 points each. Damon Lisnow added 10 points to the Dallas score.

In Friday night's game Dallas defeated Valley West on the Spartans floor 66-61.

Mike Farris led the Mountaineers with 17 points and after leading 35-18 in the first half, the Dallas defense held off a Spartan rally in the second half to hold on and win by five points. Lisnow and Gauntlett had 16 points each and Nardone tossed in 11 and had 12 rebounds.

"Our boys missed some foul shots in the second half and fell back for a while but then they played a strong defense and hit some foul shots. The boys kept the Spartans off the offense boards and didn't give them any second shots," Ozgo continued.

"We could wind up playing Lake-Lehman for the second spot in Division II for the playoffs," Ozgo said.

This week Dallas plays Berwick at home Tuesday, then Tunkhannock away.

Lady Mounts blast Spartans

The Lady Mountaineers hosted Wyoming Valley West Thursday night and defeated the Lady Spartans 60-40 behind Jen Besecker's 17 points, and eight points from Wendy Cave who came in off the bench. The Dallas girls led 31-19 at halftime.

In the second half, Poynton kept the Dallas girls in front by tossing in 10 points, two of her shots three-pointers and Tara Lisnow put in seven of her 11 points to aid in the Mountaineers offense.

Poynton continued her strong defense play as she has all season.

Knights' two wins may mean playoff spot

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The Lake-Lehman Knights defeated Bishop O'Reilly 60-53 last Tuesday night, then took West Side Tech 66-47 Friday night to run their record to 6-2 in the second half and 15-7 overall. The wins also give them an opportunity to earn a berth in the playoffs.

"What happens depends on the Scranton teams," explained Coach Rodger Bearde. "If Lakeland makes the playoffs, GAR will be first in Division AA, Dallas will be second and we will be third and Lakeland fourth. If Lakeland doesn't make it, and one of the other Scranton teams do, then there could be a playoff for a spot between Dallas and Lake-Lehman.

"Dallas is a Division II team playing in triple AAA during the season so they deserve a chance in the playoffs. The Scranton teams don't finish when we do so we will have to wait and see what happens," Bearde continued.

"In the game with West Side Tech, they played hard and gave us a fight for a time, but then we opened up and drew away from them taking a nine point lead into the lockerroom at halftime," Bearde said.

Rob Wilson led the Knights with 17 points and Glenn Nilsson had 15. Troy Strauser gave the Knights 10 points. Mike Strutko, Jones and Nilsson had three-pointers, Nilsson having two of them.

The Titans were 2-for-2 at the foul line. The Knights were 8-for-15.

Troy Strauser set the pace in the game with Bishop O'Reilly Tuesday night, scoring 19 points and helping spoil O'Reilly's Tom Sheplock who hit 1,000 points in the third quarter.

The Knights took a 12-7 lead at the end of the first quarter and never gave it up taking a 31-18 lead into the lockerroom at halftime. O'Reilly rallied in the second half but the Knights held them off to win 60-53.

This week the Knights have two tough games, scheduled for Crestwood away Tuesday night and playing Meyers at home Thursday.

Lake-Lehman girls clinch post-season playoff spot

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The Lake-Lehman Lady Knights were paced by Wendy Skibitsky's 24 points in their victory over West Side Tech 66-48 last Wednesday.

Both teams played even in the first period with the quarter ending tied at 10-10 but in the second quarter the Lady Knights scored 25 points while holding the Lady Titans to eight. Skibitsky tossed in eight of her 24 points in that period to ignite her teammates.

Alyson Davis put in nine points in the second half to aid Skibitsky and D.D. Mazur added 12 for the Lady Knights to assist in the win. Davis had a total of 14 points in the game.

The win clinched a playoff spot for the Lady Knights in Division AA.

In their game with Bishop O'Reilly, the Lady Knights were unable to stop Renee Chimock and Laura Balberchak of the Queenswomen who tossed in a combined total of 45 points.

Skibitsky scored 21 points fro the Lady Knights, two of them three point goals.

Strikes 'n' spares

The Castlettes shut out Fashion Vending in the **Ladies Country League** led by A. Pickering's 172. The vending team had 183 from C.I. Smith and 176 from J. Haefele. Back Mountain Bowl took three points form G.H. Harris paced by K. Scavone's 194 and M. Faux' 193-170 (529) while Grotto Pizza split evenly with Faux Inn aided by J. Lamoreaux' 210 (485), H. Dickinson rolled 470 for the inn five.

In the **Native Textile League** Bad News Bowlers took all from Beer Bowlers aided by K. Clemow's 592, R. Clemow's 218-236 (607) and Bea Clemow's 177-180 (503). Hopeless Clinic blanked Wild Pins sparked by E. Engelman's dual 200's (582) and L. Wolf's 530. Taft Market picked up four from the Ballbusters. The Alley Cats copped three from the Pinheads helped by J. Teetsel's 546 and E. Smith's 215. D. Swan rolled 213 (516) for the Pinheads. Roadrunners took three form the Sandbaggers aided by Deanna DeRemer's 470 while Terri Williams hit the pins for 179-190 (503) for the Sandbaggers.

Bob Harris rolled 539 and Marcia Matthews tumbled pins for 190-188 (514) to lead Nice's team to three points from Booth's in the **Sunday Night Couples League.** J. Booth hit 535 for the losing four. H. Shaver's 586 and Michelle Faux's 181-199 (524) showed the way for Shaver's three points from Wilson's whose high man was J. Lerch with 227 (513). D. Moore's 536 and Ann Wilson's 197 (517) aided Moore's in taking three from Matthews whos Barb Strazdus rolled 214 (492).

In the **Sunday Nite Mixed League** the Saints took four from the Toads led by Larry's 536. Noctur de Force picked up three from Twice Shy without high scores and the Eagles divided 2-2 with the Destroyers with John's 491 high for both teams.

Kandlelite shut out Nite Shift in the **Friday Night Special League** paced by B. Gebhardt's 248-232 (642) and M. Gebhardt's 525. Brew Crew blanked Charlies Angels on a forfeit with M. Youells rolling 575. The Nutcrackers took all from the Ball Busters despite their s. Spencer hitting 214 (538).

The Mules picked up four from the Chickies in the **Back Mountain Farmers League** sparked by J. Grohowski's 218 (576) and L. Lanning's 243 (562) and the Ugly Ducklings copped three from the Longhorns despite D. Neiman knocking down pins for 518. D. Williams 586 showed the way for the Turkeys three points from the Thoroughbreds and J. McAndrews 542 led the Barn Cats to three points from the Black Sheep whose M. Delaney rolled 542.

In the **Back Mountain Church League** Orange shut out Shavertown A helped by J. Mitchell's 543 and T. Heness' 529. Shavertown B copped three from Dallas paced by C. Kazokas' 562 and B. Cyphers 521. Dallas men had C. Roberts 558, G. Kohli's 556 and R. Stair's 528 but it wasn't enough. C. Gobles's 541 aided East Dallas in taking three from Carverton Road who had F. Cornell's 569 and J. Haines 531.

Stymie shut out Mickey in the **Our Gang League.** Spike picked up three from Wheezer, Alfalfa copped three from Chubby, Porky made it three from Spanky and Butch divided 2-2 with their opponent. High scorers were T. Considine 225-226 (604), D. Moore 539, Annette regan 183, D. Lukasavage 538, f. Tregan 561, Sandy Dzury 179.

In the **Charlie Williams Memorial League** Mountain Stream Construction took all from G.H. Harris, Monk Plumbing took three from Roth Novelty, Offset Paperback copped three from Back Mountain Bowl while Back Mt. Auto Body split with Jedidia's and Cross Country Restauirant split with Varsity Lawn Care.

Hitting 600's were K. Blight 221-218 (624), D. Clemow 202-205-215 (622), J. Grohowski 224-223 (614), J. Roan 212-218 (620), and R. Thomas 216 (605). In the 500's were R. Harned 585, P. Thomas 594, L. Wolfe 591, J. Steele 575, K. Orkwis 584, F. Cornell 586, B. Searfoss 565, F. tregan 563, R. Herron 530, J. Shultz 524, G. Bobb 542, R. Shoemaker 532, J. Yonchick 526, P. Mathers, Sr. 550, B. Shalata Jr., 520, C, Kazokas 542, L. Hall 538, M. Bevans 538, D. Moore 534 and B. Harris 530.

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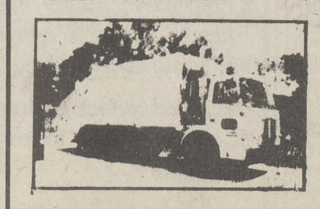
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