

## Lady Knights to meet Scranton Prep in playoff

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The Lake-Lehman girls' basketball team is the only Back Mountain roundball team to survive the past week and remain in post-season play. Today (Wednesday) they will meet Scranton Prep, ranked No. 2 in the Lackawanna League in the first playoff round.

The game will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Dunmore High School. The winner will advance to the semifinal game Tuesday, March 3 at Riverside High School.

The Lady Knights had to wait until late Monday night to find out what team they would play.

"It makes it rather difficult to prepare our team. We can't get any

scouting reports, therefore, can't set the defense and prepare for them," commented coach Joe Martini.

The Lady Knights, with an overall record of 16-8, are ready to play. Seeded third in the district, they are looking to break the old nemesis of getting to districts and losing in the first round. "We want to beat any Lackawanna team and go farther than we've gone in the past few years," senior Heidi Wenrich said. "If we can play up to our potential as we did against teams such as Meyers, we can win."

Lake-Lehman players and coaches have consistently expressed confidence in the team's ability even in losing efforts. "We're as good as any team around,

### PLAYOFF GAME Lake-Lehman vs. Scranton Prep Wed., Feb. 26, 6:30 PM Dunmore High School

Sometimes, though, we don't take care of the ball as well as other teams," said Martini. "Maybe we don't put as much time in as others do. Our kids play hockey also, so some players aren't playing from day one of practice. Lehman is small and we're (coaches) all using the same kids, but they're good kids, nice athletes, and are no trouble. We have a good chance in playoffs."

"Our team really gets along well," explained Wenrich, who has been one of the leading scorers for the team. "We haven't had any internal problems. We know we're better than we sometimes show. We get sloppy, slow and don't move the ball, but we do have confidence that we're capable of more."

Lake-Lehman is playing with three seniors and two juniors, so they have experience and some sharp shooters in Wenrich, Jen Smith and Cherub Honeywell who have been scoring most of the points. However, Jen Gabel also can hit consistently from the wings if given the opportunity, and point-guard Dyan Dymond can get the ball to these four.

Another plus for the Knights is

their depth, provided by an undefeated junior varsity squad coached by Richard Morgan. "I need to get some other players into the game. They're playing well enough to get into the game when anybody needs a break. They're just playing too well to sit and they have great enthusiasm," boasted Martini. Depth and enthusiasm can be the sixth player when it comes to the pressure of playoffs, but patience is also a must.

"Lots of times we toss up poor shots. We shoot too quickly," commented Wenrich. "We need to calm down." The Knights will also need to get more from junior Cherub Honeywell than they did in their last two games.

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"Cherub plays middle, so the big girls play her and we don't always get the ball into her. Then we take outside shots only," Wenrich explained.

Perimeter shooting seldom wins games, but the Lady Knights are confident that they can get the job done regardless of the style of play.

## Mounds lose playoff game to Berwick

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The Dallas boys' basketball team lost several veteran players after last year's championship season, but a winning attitude carried this year's team to a playoff spot February 22. But a 69-52 loss to Berwick at West Side Tech gym ended the squad's comeback from a disappointing 4-6 first half record.

Dallas Coach Paul Brown made only one promise before the season began and that was that his team would improve as some of the sophomores gained experience. Having only two seniors, Mark Medura and Jeremiah Van Orden (an Orden joined the season late due to a football injury), Dallas relied on juniors Todd Paczewski and Dave Puz and what a job they did all year. Each week found Medura, Puz and Paczewski in double figures. Later in the season, Charlie Siglin, a 6'4 sophomore, began to make some noise in the scoring department also.

In the playoff game, Medura, who had been scoring consistently throughout the season and was a three-point wizard, hit for 10 points, including two three-pointers. Paczewski also hit for two three-pointers and had a total of 14; Puz tossed in 13 and Charlie Siglin had 8. With this even scoring, the future looks very bright for

Dallas and attaining post-season status can only enhance that future.

The fortitude that the Mounds showed all year was also evident in their final game against Berwick. After a dry first period during which Dallas scored only three points, the gutsy Mountaineers came back in the second quarter with a 7-0 run on a trey by Paczewski and four points by Van Orden and Puz. The deficit was cut to six points, but they never came closer.

The spurt was not able to continue and the Bulldogs led at halftime 28-18. The offense provided mostly by Matt Heimbach of Berwick couldn't be stopped and the margin widened in the second half to put the game out of reach for Dallas.

The season was a bittersweet one for the Mountaineers. It was characterized by numerous overtimes, two-point wins and losses, losses that should have been wins, wins that might have been losses, and the shining play of stand-out Mark Medura, the veteran, the long shooter, the consistent player. And who can forget the injured Van Orden always there, always giving 100% and even winning a game in the last seconds? Last year may have been a championship season, but this year may produce another in '93.



**BOARD BATTLE** - Charles Siglin (54) of Dallas goes up for the score in a playoff game with Berwick Saturday. The Mountaineers lost the playoff game after battling back from a poor first half of league play. (Post photo/Ron Bartizek)

## Baseball clinics coming in March to Penn State

With spring around the corner, Penn State Wilkes-Barre will hold its fourth annual baseball clinic for girls and boys in the new Athletics and Recreation Building on the campus in Lehman.

On Saturday, March 21, 10 to 12 year old players will have an all-day baseball clinic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a fee of \$30. On Saturday, March 28, six to nine year olds will meet 9 a.m. to 12 noon with a fee of \$15. Participants will get help with pitching, target throwing, catching, fielding, hitting and bunting and base running and sliding.

New this year is a softball clinic for 10 to 16 year olds on Saturday, March 28 from 1-4 p.m. with a fee of \$15. This program is aimed at helping improve softball pitching techniques in addition to target throwing, catching, fielding, hitting and bunting and base running and sliding.

Players are asked to bring their own bats and gloves clearly marked with their names. Those attending the all-day clinic should bring their lunch.

Athletic director Jack Monick appointed the following coaches to instruct the clinics: Mark Ambrose and Tom Wasilewski, former Major League pitchers; Steve Madrovsky, one of the top fast-pitch pitchers in Wyoming Valley; Al Cihocki, softball coach at Southern Columbia High School; Frank Galicki, catcher and principal of Dallas High School; and Chip Sorber, head baseball coach at Penn State Wilkes-Barre.

Enrollment is limited and early registration is recommended. Teams who sign up will receive a discount. For registration forms or further information, contact Melissa Noderer at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, 675-9114.

## Soccer coaches needed

Back Mt. Youth Soccer Association would like to invite anyone interested in coaching U-8 to U-14 soccer for the '92 fall intramural soccer season to register with the commissioner of that age group. We need to know who will coach before March 5. This year we are limiting the number of participants to the number of coaches that we have registered. We will have a coaches meeting on Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the Dallas Middle School.

Age group commissioners are: U-8, Joe Kerestes, 675-3803; U-10, Jack Schneider, 696-3900; U-12, Gary McDade, 675-3424; U-14, Paul Callahan, 675-0094.

## Soccer registration will be limited

Back Mt. Youth Soccer Association will hold registration for the 1992 Fall Intramural season on April 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Dallas Middle School, one day only. Fees are \$30 for the first child, \$27 for the second, and \$25 for the third child. Registration will be limited this year to the number of coaches we have in each age group. U-8 to U-14, register early. Birth certificates required for first year players and everyone who registers must have their social security number.



### Local grapplers place at Montoursville

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club attended the Montoursville Team Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 15. The following boys placed: First row, Lewis Spurlin, Bantam 55, 4th place; Andrew Shaw, Bantam 45, 4th place; Aaron Kubasik, Bantam 50, 2nd place. Second row, Dennis Brown, Midget 65, 4th place; Brock Raspen, Junior 120, 4th place; Damien Temperine, Midget 70, 4th place. Also placing but not in picture were Mike Dombroski, Bantam 80, 2nd place; Nick Raczkowski, Junior, 65, 3rd place.

### Showin' Blue honors members

Sunday, December 15, 1991 the Showin Blue 4-H Club held its annual Christmas Party at the American Legion in Dallas. The following members received awards: Outstanding Senior: Kristin Nordone; Outstanding Junior, Melissa Valeski, Haley Papps, Melissa Valeski, Kelly Gilmore and Neena Patton received certificates for working at Borrowdale Acres. Margie Langdon received an award for graduating from the 4-H. Haley Papps received an award for High Point Runner Up. Many other awards were given.

## Sports roundup

### KNIGHTS GRAPPLERS FINISH UNBEATEN

Lake-Lehman finished its wrestling season Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Hazleton. The Knights used six pins and three forfeits to end their undefeated season with a 57-15 whipping of the Mountaineers. Pins came from Tim Sayre, Charlie Roper, Charlie Jacoby, Justin Goodwin, Mike Geurin and Ed Pitcavage. Other winners were Rick Finnegan, John Morgan, Burt Morgan, and Brian Gizenski. Lehman will enter Jacoby, Geurin, and Goodwin into districts with unblemished records while Jason Naugle will enter with one tie.

### MOUNTS TAKE WRESTLING MATCH FROM GAR

Dallas grapplers ended their season on a positive note beating GAR 39-24 on the losers' mats on Wednesday also. Mike Heffron, Glen Ellsworth, and Chris Updyke posted pins for the Mounds while Harry Phillips, Chris Butkiewicz, Bob Jesse, Frank Natitus, and Sean Pietracchini also won. Jesse, Natitus, and Ellsworth will be contenders for the young Dallas team in district competition.

### WRESTLING DISTRICTS FRIDAY, SATURDAY

The annual District II wrestling tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28-29 at Scandlon Gym, King's College. Preliminaries and quarterfinals take place Friday evening while semi-finals and wrestlebacks begin Saturday at 10 a.m. Consolation finals are at 6 p.m. and finals are at 7:30.

### MOUNTS WIN TWO TO MAKE PLAYOFFS

Dallas boys' basketball team nailed down a playoff spot with two crucial last wins of the season. On Tuesday, Feb. 18, the Mountaineers beat Hanover Area 93-42 at Dallas. Dave Puz led both teams with 20 points followed by Charlie Siglin with 14, Todd Paczewski and Brian Brady with 12 and Jeremiah Van Orden with 10. On Thursday of the same week, the Mountaineers squeaked out a 77-75 overtime win against Bishop O'Reilly on the home court. Van Orden had five points in the game including a three-pointer. Mark Medura hit three treys for 16 points followed by Todd Paczewski with 14. But it was Dave Puz who was the high man with 23 and Charlie Siglin contributing 17 to round out the team effort for the win.

### LADY KNIGHTS LOSE TWO GAMES

The girls of Lake-Lehman also ended the season on two losses, but the ladies will continue in post season play. Bishop Hafey outscored the Knights 54-44 on Monday, Feb. 17. The two teams went into the contest with one league loss each. Seniors Jen Smith and Heidi Wenrich continued their scoring efforts with 16 and 14 points respectively. Wednesday also brought a loss to the Knights when Northwest edged Lehman 43-39. Despite a four-point halftime lead, the Knights couldn't hold on to win the game. Cherub Honeywell and Jen Smith each had 10 for losers. Lehman will play today, Feb. 26, the site and time were not yet decided at press time.

Both Medura and Van Orden had predicted an undefeated second half. Although the Mounds fell short of that forecast, they did improve enough to make playoffs with a youthful team.

### DALLAS GIRLS SPLIT TWO GAMES

The Dallas girls also improved their second half and battled to an exciting win against Hanover 50-49 at Hanover on Monday, Feb. 17. As Coach Karuza had predicted, the youngsters improved and sophomore Kelly Janosky tossed in 29 points to make her junior year look very positive. Lone senior Wendy Cave added 13 points.

It was Dallas's misfortune to meet undefeated Bishop O'Reilly on Thursday, Feb. 20, on the winners' court. The 2-0 Queenswomen dealt a 90-37 loss to Dallas despite Kelly Janosky's 16 points. Wendy Cave had seven in her last Dallas game.

### KNIGHTS DROP TWO IN ROUNDBALL

Lake-Lehman boys lost two crucial contests which took them out of playoff contention. On Thursday, Feb. 20, Northwest beat Lehman 43-39 on the winners' court. Sophomore Will Woronko was high for the Knights with 13 including a three-pointer. Junior Rich Davis followed with 12. Two days later the Knights lost a close one to Bishop Hafey at home 55-53. Lehman lost with three seconds remaining in the game which has been the frustrating tone of the second half of the season. Rich Davis was high with 24, for the Knights. Hafey scored 14 of their points from the free throw line.

### Mini-football registration March 7

Dallas Junior Football Association will hold its first mini-football registration for the 1992 season for ages 7-13 on Saturday, March 7, at the American Legion Post 672 in Dallas, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

A photograph and copy of birth certificate is required for first time registrants.

The registration fee is \$20 per participant and \$5 for each additional family member. For additional information, call 675-7310 or 675-8662.

### Youth Basketball will hold parents weekend

Dallas Youth Basketball will hold its parents weekend this Saturday and Sunday, February 29 and March 1. Games will start Saturday at 1 p.m. and go on until about 5 p.m. On Sunday, games will start at 12:30 p.m. Championship games will start at about 3 p.m. After the games are over at about 6 p.m., there will be a pizza party and awards presentation.

### Powerlifters meet March 21, 22

The American Drug Free Powerlifting Association will hold the 4th National Bench Press Championships on March 21 and 22 at the Ho Jo Motel on Kidder Street in Wilkes-Barre. The competition is open to any drug free athlete and will include open, women, teenage, master and law enforcement divisions.

The public is invited to the competition and additional information can be obtained from Kuc's Fitness Stores, 548 E. Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre, 823-6994 or 542 Boulevard Ave., Dickson City, 489-3213.