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Geurin 2nd, Jacoby 3rd in state wrestling

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The elusive state wrestling crown was snatched away from Lake-Lehman's Michael Geurin on Saturday, March 14 at Hershey Arena. What seemed to be a perfect state tournament for the gentle giant, ended in disaster when Ed Moore of Wyalusing caught Geurin in the second period of the 0-0 match, put him down, and pinned the reigning three year champ with a cradle. Ironically, Geurin had handled Moore at regionals the week before and had beaten him on two other occasions, but anyone is capable of upsetting an opponent at this level and, unfortunately, it was Moore's turn to win when the state title was the prize. "Mike is a better wrestler. I felt bad for him," teammate Charlie Jacoby reflected.

Just a week earlier, Geurin had spoken of goals; the state championship was only one of them. Wrestling was superseded by life goals and sports were seen as preparation for defeats and comebacks. It never occurred to him

that his own philosophy would be tested so soon. But with only one loss on his senior record and well over 100 career wins, Mike will take his own advice and grow from this disappointment. Perhaps he will be challenged by new goals as a college wrestler. One thing is certain. Michael Geurin is a champ in victory as well as in defeat and life will go on.

Life also will go on for two other Lake-Lehman wrestlers. Senior Charlie Roper had hopes of making the top six, but he too experienced disappointment when he lost his first two matches. "I'm happy with my season, but I wish I had done better at states," Roper lamented. "At least the two kids who beat me came in fifth and sixth." This will not be the end of his wrestling career which began when he was in kindergarten. "I'll wrestle in tournaments around the area for awhile and then I'd like to go to college and wrestle somewhere," Roper said.

Junior Charlie Jacoby was not pleased with his third place finish, but in his case there's always next year. Jacoby, who placed sixth last

year, moved up three places, but it was a bitter loss to have been beaten by an opponent whom he had beaten twice previously. "He put it to me. He was ready. He beat me 9-1," Jacoby commented of his opponent. Although his goal was to be state champ, Charlie expressed pride in his efforts to wrestle back to third place. "I was disappointed in semi's, but I talked with my dad. I felt as though I had put in a 40-hour week and had not gotten paid."

"Well, half pay is better than no pay, so go wrestle back," his father advised him.

"I felt better about myself then and I beat two good kids, so I got my confidence level back," Jacoby concluded.

Lake-Lehman's wrestling season has finally come to a close and what a rewarding season it was. They were undefeated; they had seven district champs; three regional champs; a district MVP; coaches of the year; a state runner-up, and a third place in the state. As coach Lipski stated at regionals, "Who could ask for more?"



THE THRILL OF VICTORY - Mike Geurin and co-coaches Phil Lipski, left, and Tom Williams celebrated after Geurin took his semifinal match during the state wrestling finals in Hershey. (Photo by Dave Kozemchak)



Wrestlers place at Hazleton

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club attended the Hazleton Tournament on Sunday, March 8. The following boys placed: First row: Aaron Kubasik, Midget 50, 2nd place; Lewis Spurlin, Bantam 55, 2nd place. Second row: Roger Park, Junior 95, 2nd place; Jason Maciejczak, Junior 75, 2nd place; Michael Dombroski, Bantam 75, 1st place; Stephen Arnold, Midget 85, 3rd place.



Wrestlers place in YMCA tourney

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club attended the YMCA Tournament on Sunday, March 1. The following boys placed: Andrew Snaw, 6 and Under 42 lb., 3rd place; Richie Harris, Junior 67 lb., 4th place; B.J. Lewis, 6 and Under 46 lb., 4th place.

Bob Horlacher LL coaches/managers clinic

The Bob Horlacher Little League has scheduled Coaches/Managers Clinic for Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m. and Thursday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Beaumont School Building. It is mandatory that all coaches/managers attend one clinic if they intend to coach or manage a team this year.

Bob Horlacher Little League registration

The Bob Horlacher Little League has scheduled final registration and a parents meeting for March 22, Sunday, at 2 p.m. at the Beaumont School Building. Girls from 6 to 18 may register and boys from 6 to 15 may register. First time applicants must produce proof of age. Important league changes including the draft will be discussed. Children failing to register by this date will be placed on a waiting list as teams become available.

Youth soccer registration

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.

Umpires, coaches clinic

Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. will conduct an umpires clinic for baseball and softball managers and coaches on Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. at the Dallas American Legion. The clinic is open to all Back Mountain softball and baseball coaches and managers. The clinic will include umpiring guidelines as well as a review of rules and rule changes for the upcoming season.

Dallas, Lehman tennis teams ready to serve

By CHRISTINA CONRAD
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Dallas Mountaineer tennis coach Tom Kilduff is looking to improve on last year's 6-5 record. He wants to do that with his veteran players and some hard work.

The Mountaineers are headed by six returning letter winners who will be counted on to pull the team through this season. They are Jed Aston, Matt Sleightholm, Bill Richardson, Allison Gager, Shannon McDonald and Jane Kilduff.

Although the weather is cold, and the beginning of the tennis season seems to come earlier every year, Dallas is preparing for its opener against Hanover at home on March 24.

Coach Kilduff expects to see good play from Sleightholm. He is a two year veteran with much experience and will be coming in as the Mounts number one player. Also, adding support to the effort will be Aston, another returning letter winner.

Many new players may also be breaking into the lineup, a good omen for future seasons.

Coach Kilduff is looking forward to a good season with this comment, "Tennis is a nice, fun sport. There are never any problems."

Dallas should improve on their

6-5 record. Also, look for them to grow stronger in their double matches.

Lehman hopes to improve

Twenty members are on the Lake-Lehman tennis team, and right now they are battling the weather to gear up for their season opener on March 24, at Meyers.

The Black Knights are climbing back from a 2-6 season last year, with their only wins coming against Seton Catholic and Meyers. Still, things are looking better for Lehman with their opening match against Meyers, one of the teams they beat last year. Also, the Knights have three returning key players in senior John Littleford and juniors Clive Lankwarden and Ken Miroslaw.

Coach Schierer is looking for a good season from them because as she stated, "They have a valuable year of experience." Junior Ken Miroslaw added, "We want to win this year. Right now, the weather is cold, but we can adjust. You can't blame your game on the weather."

What the team lacks in practice room and quality conditions they will surely make up for in effort. Look for the Knights this year to put forth a solid effort in the Wyoming Valley tennis standings.

Baseball, softball tryouts set for March 21 and 28

Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. will conduct tryouts for the upcoming baseball and softball seasons on Saturday, March 21 and March 28.

Baseball tryouts will be held at the upper fields above the main little league field. Softball tryouts for all ages will be held near the tennis courts at the Dallas Middle School beginning at 9 a.m.

Baseball tryout times for each age group are as follows: 12-year olds, 8:30 a.m.; 11-year olds, 9:30 a.m.; 10-year olds 10:30 a.m.; 9-

year olds, 11:30 and 8-year olds, 1 p.m.

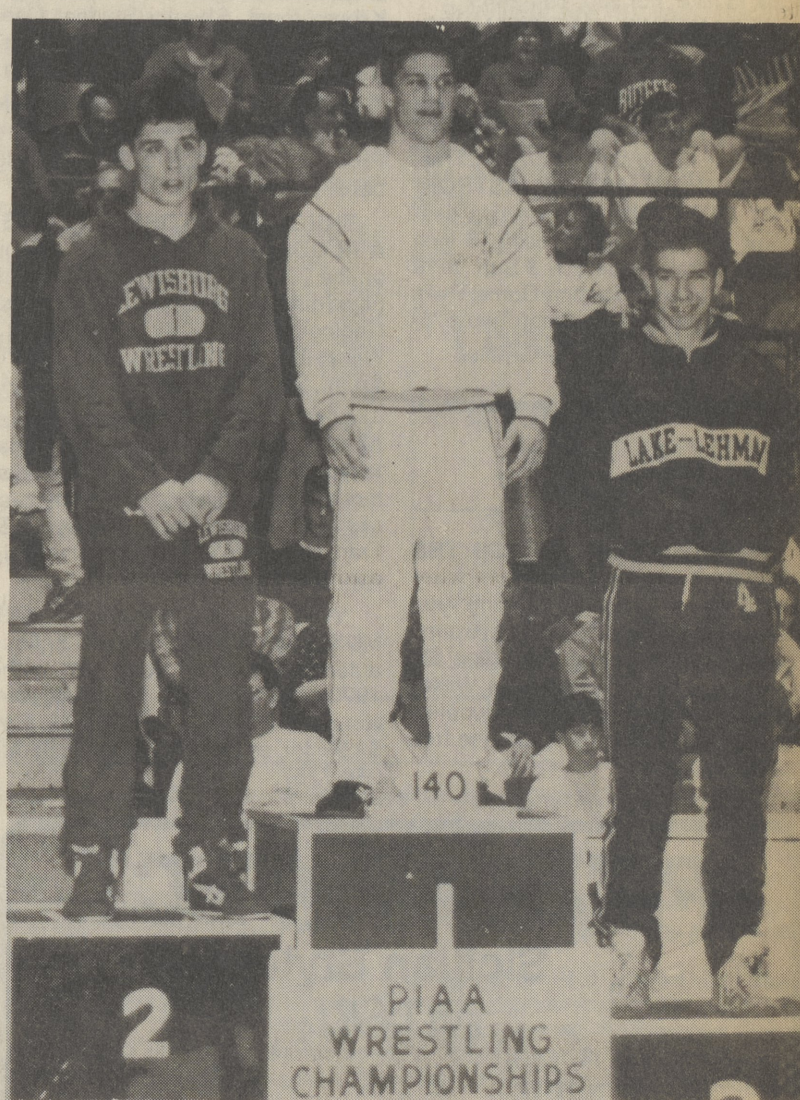
All players ages 8 through 12 who are not on a major league roster must tryout. Any player wishing to be placed on a major league roster must attend.

Rain date for the March 21 baseball and softball tryout is Sunday, March 22. Rainout times are as follows: 12-year olds 1 p.m.; 11-year olds 1:45; 10-year olds 2:30; 9-year olds 3:15; and 8-year olds 4 p.m. Softball tryouts will remain at 9 a.m.



Retiring guy

Jerry Stinson, who will retire as athletic director at Dallas High School, was honored during the District 2 wrestling tournament earlier this month. (Photo by Dave Kozemchak)



3rd best in state

Lake-Lehman junior Charlie Jacoby took third place in the state wrestling tournament last weekend. Jacoby was sixth in the state last year. (Photo by Dave Kozemchak)

Baseball clinics scheduled at Penn State this month

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 Chiocki, 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.

Trout Unlimited banquet March 21

The Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be hosting its Second Annual National Conservation Banquet and Auction on March 21, at the Best Western-East Mountain Inn, Wilkes-Barre.

Guest speakers will be professional photographers and fly fishing instructors Barry and Cathy Beck of Fishing Creek Outfitters, and the Master of Ceremonies will be WBRE-TV personality Vince Sweeney.

The banquet will feature a full course chicken cordon bleu dinner, raffles, auctions and many door prizes. For additional information contact Alan Mizenko at 693-3333, days; Thomas Cresci at 824-5319, evenings or Dr. Ernie Pagliarini at 654-7960, days.

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.