

Dallas youth basketball

The Bulls and Blazers remained in a tie for first place and the Sixers pulled off the season's biggest upset, to highlight action last week in the Dallas Youth Basketball seventh and eighth grade league.

There is just one week of regular season play remaining before playoffs begin a week from Sunday.

STANDINGS

Bulls	7-1
Blazers	7-1
Celtics	5-3
Warriors	5-3
Heat	3-5
Hornets	2-6
Magic	2-6
Sixers	1-7

SIXERS 33 - WARRIORS 26

The Sixers pulled away in the fourth quarter to post their first win, and the biggest upset of the season. A week earlier, the Warriors knocked the Blazers from the ranks of the unbeaten. Sean Killeen led the winners with 18 points while Paul Onzik and Ron Selenski added eight and five

points, respectively. Bruce Kunkle led the Warriors with 12 points.

MAGIC 47 - HORNETS 36

Matt Barnard scored a game-high 24 points to lead the Magic to their second win of the year. Neil Dymond added 10 points for the winners. Jayson Pope led the Hornets with a team-high 20 points.

BULLS 43 - HEAT 30

Joe Tarity scored a game-high 21 points and Kyle Droppers added 16 as the Bulls remained in a first-place tie with the Blazers. Josh Dukas led a balanced Heat scoring attack with 12 points.

BLAZERS 29 - CELTICS 21

Not to be outdone, the Blazers kept pace with the Bulls by posting an eight-point win over the Celtics. Rick Lorah led the way for the winners with a dozen points. Larry Lettie led a balanced Celtic offense with eight points while Brian Bayer added six.

Schedule for Feb. 20

- 1:00 - Heat vs. Magic
- 2:00 - Blazers vs. Bulls (for regular season title and top seed)
- 3:00 - Warriors vs. Celtics
- 4:00 - Hornets vs. Sixers

Go, grapplers!

Dallas Mountaineers

Seated, from left, Mike Hefferman, Rich Hodel, Mike Metz. Second row, Aaron Gingo, Chris Kuderka, Mike Vavrek, Cody Friedel, John Crispell, Chris Snyder. Third row, Bill Janosky, ass't coach, Tim Raub, Bill Johnson, Ben Natitus, Adam Hoover, Johnathon Dolbear, Steve Kaschenbach, coach.

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Strikers place at Line Mountain

The Noxen Strikers traveled to Line Mountain on Saturday, Feb. 5 and placed seven wrestlers. They were:

Bantam, 50 lbs., John Houssock, 1st; Bantam, 60 lbs., Ryan Post, 3rd.

Midget, 65 lbs., Matt Metz, 1st; Midget, 70 lbs., Todd Jones, 2nd. Junior, 100 lbs., Richie Maciejczak, 3rd; Junior, Unlimited, Matt Kehler, 4th.

Jr. High, 110 lbs., Eric Sickler, 1st.

Swim lessons start at Pittston 'Y'

The Greater Pittston YMCA will be starting a new session of private or semi-private swim lessons the week of February 28. Classes on Tuesday or Thursday for children 3 1/2 years old and up.

These half hour classes run for eight weeks, once a week on Tuesday or Thursday from 4-4:30, 4:30-5, 5-5:30 and 5:30 to 6 p.m.

For more information call the Greater Pittston YMCA at 655-2255.

Division 1

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ning tradition and I wanted to be part of it," said Shamus, who also visited Michigan State, Kent State and Temple before making her decision. "I was impressed with the attitude of the players and the coaches. I'll be on a weight lifting program during the off-season and I hope to have a good chance to play as a freshman. I don't feel any pressure. I love a challenge."

According to her high school coach, UConn is getting a player who can contribute right from the start.

"She is just so quick," said Lipski of Shamus, who scored five goals and recorded 17 assists during her senior season. "The coaches at UConn are already talking about her replacing Sinco (who graduates this year) at right wing. I knew during her junior year that she could be a top Division I player. She gives you one hundred percent all of the time."

For Dershimer, the 18-year-old daughter of Gordon and Margaret Dershimer of Harveys Lake, a decision to play field hockey with the girls instead of soccer with the boys has paid huge dividends.

"When I was in ninth grade I wanted to play on the boys' soccer team," said Dershimer, who plans to major in psychology at the Philadelphia school. "But a good friend of mine, Lynn Turner (another field hockey standout) convinced me to play field hockey. I'm glad I listened to her. She's really helped me a lot and she's a great friend."

Like Shamus, Dershimer is hoping to see some playing time as a freshman.

"I'm going to work hard and play my best," said Dershimer, who also considered offers from the University of Massachusetts and James Madison. "I hope to play as a freshman. I was really impressed with all the people at Temple. The head coach (Lauren Fuchs) seems very fair and won

to earth. I'm looking forward to it."

According to Lipski, Dershimer was more than just a player on the Black Knight team.

"Gretchen has added so much to the program," her coach said. "She was willing to help the younger players work on the basics. I've always admired her for doing that. Her stick skills are incredible and her conditioning makes her a very valuable player."

Both players were quick to give thanks to their parents, Lipski, assistant coach Sandy Boyle and Flossie Finn, who served as their junior high school coach. In fact, both fathers taped their daughter's games and then made a highlight tape - a valuable tool in the recruiting process.

"My parents were very supportive during my recruiting period and with my decision," said Shamus. "They've always been there for me. Coach Lipski and Sandy had so much to do with my success. They were always willing to stay after practice to work on something with me. (Finn) played a major part in the recruiting process. She took so much of her time to help out. She told me back in junior high that if I worked hard, I would be able to play for any college I wanted. I wanted to play for UConn, so I guess she was right."

Dershimer echoed her teammate's sentiments.

"I always dreamed of playing in college but I never really thought I could until (Finn) told me I could if I worked hard enough," Dershimer explained. "Jean and Sandy have been an important part of my life, past, present and future. They pushed me and motivated me. And my parents have always been great. They always supported me, no matter what I wanted to do. I love them both."



Lake-Lehman Black Knights

1st row, from left, Matt Raczkowski, Brian Kubasik, Barry Ide, Brian Butler, Allen Scott, Mike Stuart, Tim Sayre, Burt Morgan, Joe Halowich, Bill Brea. 2nd row, Chris Caines, Chris Long, Birk McGilvrey, Allen Raczkowski, John Wood, Jake Santee,

John Morgan, Mike Pitcavage, Ryan Gold, Brian Henninger, Scott Kocher. 3rd row, Bob Lipski, JV Coach; Mike Rogowski, Dave Redmond, Matt Keiper, Vito Pilosi, Tim Alters, Tony Tereska, Bryan Gizenski, Ed Pitcavage, Mike Budzak, Paul Vandermolen, Co-Coaches, Phil Lipski and Tom Williams.

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