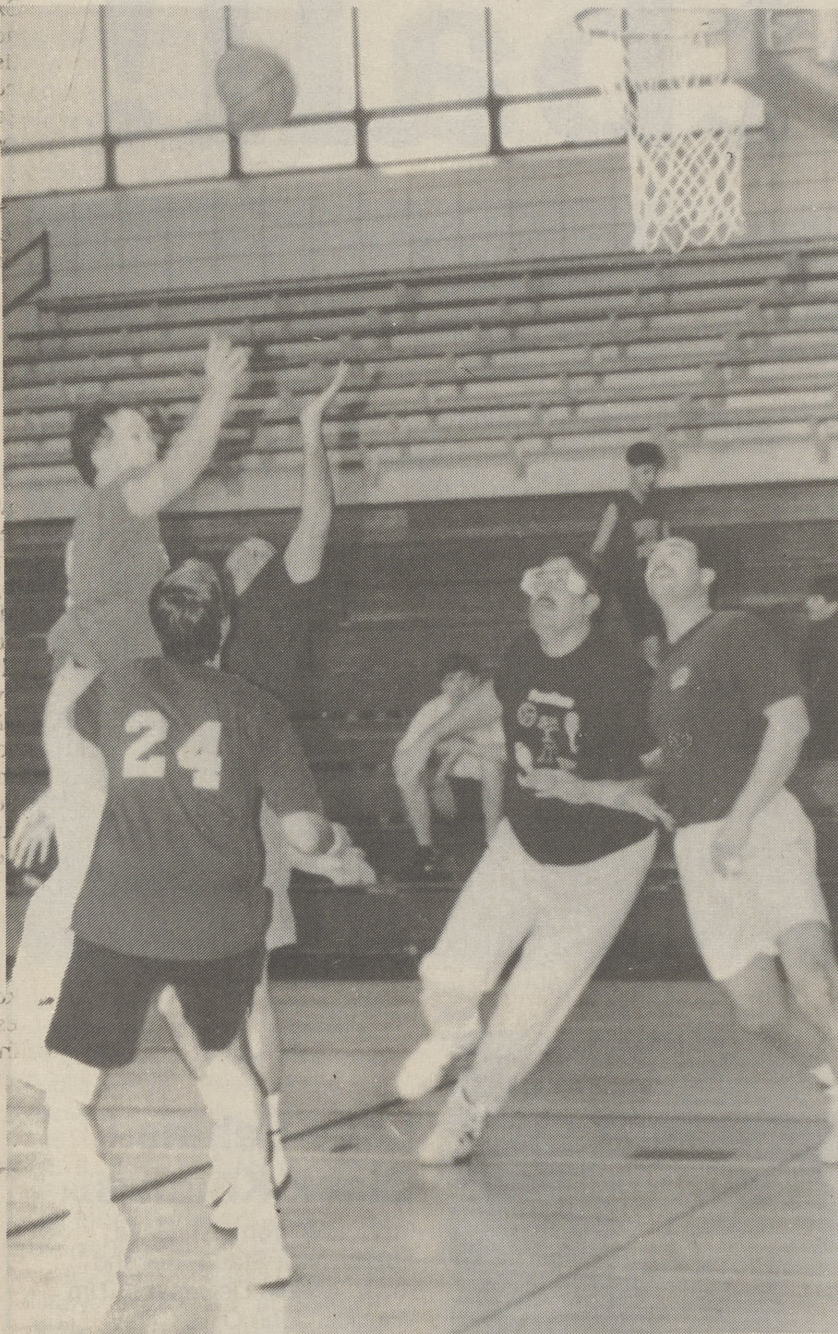


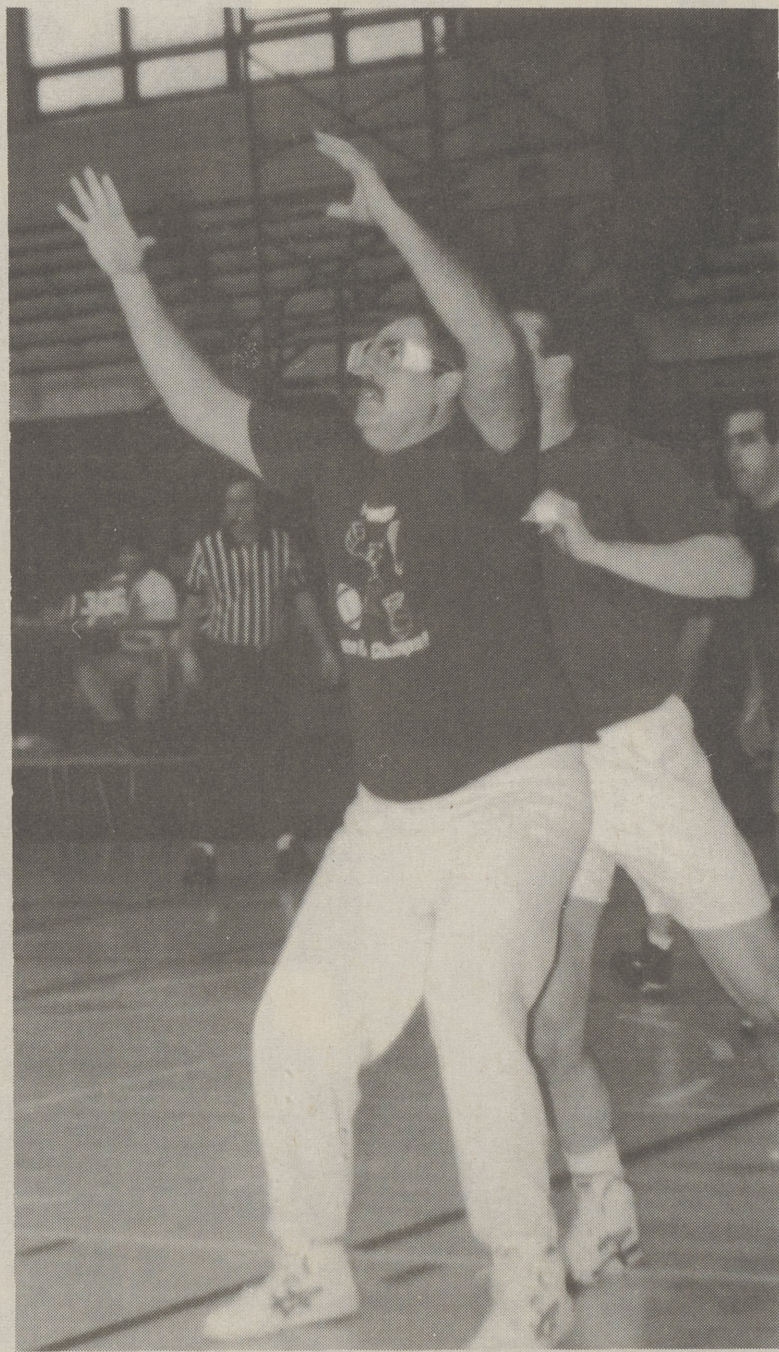
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**ON THE WAY** - Mike Hosey of Dugan's launches a shot as Nafty Hage, center, and Rick Coslett battle to establish rebound position. The Greyhounds' Rich Pincoski (24) looks on.



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**BRING IT IN** - Nafty Hage of Dugan's calls for the ball while being closely guarded by the Greyhounds' Rick Coslett.

## Mountaineer grapplers on track to goals

By DAVE KONOPKI  
Sports Writer

With the regular season drawing to a close and the district wrestling tournament a little more than a week away, the Dallas Mountaineer wrestling team has a chance to accomplish three team goals they set during the pre-season.

The Mountaineers, under the direction of head coach Steve Kaschenbach, enter the final week of the regular season with an overall record of 7-6, a Wyoming Valley Conference mark of 5-4 and a record of 3-3 in the WVC West division.

Conference dual meets with Bishop Hoban, GAR and backyard rival Lake-Lehman remain for the Mounts, along with a non-conference meet with Bishop O'Hara. Dallas should be favored in all but the Lehman meet and three wins by the Mountaineers will give them an overall record of 10-7 and a WVC mark of 8-5.

With those records, the Mounts will have accomplished Goal #1 - a winning season.

"We established a goal of having a better than .500 record," said Kaschenbach, who is assisted by Bill Janosky. "Right now, it looks like we have a good chance of accomplishing that goal. We were 10-9 last season and we wanted to be better than that this year. We hope to get three wins and then have our showdown against Lehman."

In addition to the team's success, the Mountaineers have gotten some outstanding individual performances along the way. The three-day District 2 tournament begins on Thursday, March 3 and Kaschenbach's troops could make plenty of noise at tournament time.

Senior Mike Vavrek (140 pounds) and junior Aaron Gingo (152) have been outstanding for the Mountaineers this year. Both wrestlers have just one conference loss and both came against unbeaten wrestlers. Although it's uncertain at which weight class they will compete in during districts, both Vavrek and Gingo are strong contenders for a D-2 title and a trip to regionals.

Vavrek, who captured a district title last year, suffered his first dual meet loss of the year last week when he dropped a 5-2 decision to Dan Fey of Meyers. At the request of Kaschenbach, Vavrek dropped five pounds the week before the match in order to wrestle Fey, who was the Outstanding Class AA Wrestler at last year's D-2 tournament. Vavrek led 2-1 entering the final minute of the match but Fey scored four points in the final 30 seconds to post the win.

"I felt Mike had to wrestle a quality opponent" said the sixth-year coach. "Looking towards regionals, I think it's real important to wrestle the best competi-

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Steve Kaschenbach  
Dallas wrestling coach

tion. (Fey) is an outstanding wrestler. He lost in the consolation finals at regionals last year. Mike wrestled well and I hope he grew from the experience. I think it will make him a little better prepared for districts and regionals."

Kaschenbach has also gotten strong performances from Rick Hodle and Mike Metz at 103 pounds. Hodle is a returning district runner-up who has been battling Metz, a freshman transfer from western Pennsylvania, all season long. Metz has a perfect 5-0 record in WVC dual meets this year and the two have had outstanding matches against each other during eliminations. They will wrestle against each other next week for the opportunity to wrestle in districts. The winner will be a serious contender for a district medal and a berth in the regional tourney.

At 125 pounds, senior Chris Snyder has been a steady performer for the Mountaineers this year and, with a conference mark of 4-1, looms as another serious threat to place at districts and earn a trip to regionals. Mike Heffron, a 112-pounder, is another regional hopeful who has helped Dallas surpass the .500 mark this year.

If those grapplers can wrestle up to their potential, the Mounts could accomplish Goal #2 - finishing among the top four Class AA teams in the district tournament.

"I'd love to be able to send four, or even five, wrestlers to regionals," said the Dallas coach. "As a team, we have a goal of finishing in the top four (AA) teams at districts. I think that if everyone wrestles like he can, and if we avoid mistakes and injuries, we can accomplish that goal."

The Mountaineers end their regular season this Saturday with their meet against Lake-Lehman. The Black Knights have blown the Mountaineers off the mat during the past five meetings and Kaschenbach is hoping for a more competitive meet this year.

And that, my friends, is Goal #3.

"That's another one of our goals, to be competitive with our match against Lake-Lehman," explained Kaschenbach. "They've really beaten us up over the last five years. They have an outstanding program. Obviously, we'd like to win the match; we'd like to win all of our matches. But realistically, we need to go in there and be competitive with them. If we do that, who knows..."

## Greyhounds take rec title

The Greyhounds won the championship of the Dallas Adult Basketball League by besting defending champs Dugan's Pub 70-56.

The winners started quickly with Rick Coslett and Mike Obeid teaming up for five first half 3-pointers and held a 40-29 lead at intermission. Frank Debona's 17 first half points kept Dugan's within striking distance.

In the second half Dugan's cut the lead to six several times but a stifling man to man defense en-

abled the 'Hounds to pull away and pick up the title.

Coslett finished with 23 points to lead the champs while Obeid added 16, Scott Meuser 13 and Jeff Phillips 13. Phillips also had a great floor game from his point guard spot.

Debona led Dugan's with 22 while Nafty Hage added 15.

The championship game wrapped up 13 weeks of great basketball action on Sundays in the Back Mountain.

### Championship game box score

GREYHOUNDS - 70			DUGAN'S PUB - 56				
	FG	F	Total	FG	F	Total	
Coslett***	8	4	23	Debona***	8	3	22
Obeid**	7	0	16	Jaster	2	4	8
Pincoski	2	0	4	Hage*	5	3	15
Phillips	4	2	10	Hosey	3	1	7
Meuser	5	3	13	Straigis	0	0	0
Crocker1	1	1	3	Messinger	2	0	4
	27	10	70		20	11	56

\* Denotes 3-point goal  
\* Denotes 4-point goal

## Registration for Jr. Knights football, cheerleaders Mar. 10

The Lake-Lehman Jr. Knights will hold their 1994 registration for football and cheerleading, March 10, at the Lake-Noxen Elementary School, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Boys and girls ages 6 to 13 who live in the Lake-Lehman School District are eligible to register.

All new applicants are asked to bring a recent photo and a photostatic copy of their birth certificate.

Registration fee is \$25 and \$15

each additional child. A \$10 family activity fee is also required and payable the night of registration.

A meeting of the officers and board members will be held immediately after registration. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

In case of inclement weather and closing of the Lake-Lehman School District registration will be held March 17 at the same time and place as listed above.

## Dallas youth basketball

The Blazers defeated the Bulls, 35-30, to capture the regular season title and clinch the top seed for the upcoming playoffs in Dallas Youth Basketball 7th and 8th grade action.

The playoff quarterfinals will take place on Saturday, February 27 with the semi-finals set for Saturday, March 5 and the championship game will take place on Sunday, March 6.

### STANDINGS

Blazers	8-1*
Bulls	7-2
Celtics	6-3
Warriors	5-4
Magic	3-6
Heat	3-6
Hornets	3-6
Sixers	1-8

\* Clinches regular season title

### MAGIC 41 - HEAT 35

In a game which decided the fourth seed in the playoffs, Matt Barnard scorched the nets for 25 points to lead the Magic over the Heat. Neil Dymond added 10 points for the winners while Ed Piekara led the Heat with 18 counters.

### BLAZERS 35 - BULLS 30

The Blazers overcame a 15-10

halftime deficit to beat the Bulls in the regular season title game. Greg Witkowski led the Blazers with 10 points. J.J. Smith and Jeff Parker each scored nine points for the Blazers, who led 21-20 entering the final period. Joe Tarrity led a balanced Bulls' scoring attack with eight points while Kyle Droppers and Chick Fehlinger added six points apiece.

### CELTICS 36 - WARRIORS 26

The Celtics captured the third seed in the playoffs with a 10-point win over the Warriors. Eric George led the way with a game-high 20 points while Brian Bayer tossed in six. Bruce Kunkle led the Warriors with 14 points while teammate Billy Piasta added eight.

### HORNETS 45 - SIXERS 23

Brian Blase and Jayson Pope each scored 13 points and Brad Jumper added nine points and eight rebounds to lead the Hornets over the Sixers. Ron Selanski led the way for the Sixers with 13 points while Fred Krispen chipped in six.

### Playoff schedule for Feb. 27

- 1:00 - Blazers vs. Sixers
- 2:00 - Bulls vs. Hornets
- 3:00 - Celtics vs. Heat
- 4:00 - Warriors vs. Magic



MEGAN DANEY

## Megan Daney is one of nation's top swimmers

Megan Daney is one of five Wilkes-Barre YMCA Dolphin swimmers who recently received 1993 National YMCA Top 16 Time certificates. These swimmers have achieved times placing them in the elite group of the 16 fastest swimmers in the nation in their age groups for YMCA swimming.

Competing in the 10-and-under age group, Megan had the 15th fastest times in the 50-yard backstroke (32.77) and the 100-yard individual medley (1:11.28). She teamed with Tricia Rado, Kelly Chamberlain and Amy Krysiwski to achieve the 9th fastest time in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:59.10. Tricia Rado and Kristen Stretanski were also recognized for individual Top 16 times.

Megan has also been recognized by Middle Atlantic Swimming, Inc. of United States Swimming for ranking 9th in the 10-and-under 100-yard freestyle for the 1992-93 short course season with a time of 1:04.56.

Megan is the daughter of Michael and Nancy Daney of Shavertown. She is a sixth grade student at the Dallas Middle School.

The Dolphin swim team is coached by Jerry Rinkiewicz and Bill Boyle under the direction of Aquatic Director Nicole Gfeller.

## Baseball Boosters Little League clinic March 19 at Middle School

The Dallas Baseball Boosters will present a Little League baseball clinic Saturday, March 19 at the Dallas Middle School.

The clinic will feature former professional players Scott Francis and Mark Konopki, and the Dallas Senior High School coaching staff and players including all-state football players Brian Brady, Rich Butcofski and Mike Viglone.

Hitting (3 machines), pitching, fielding and base running will be covered. The schedule is:

8:30-11:30: 8, 9, 10-year olds.  
12:30-3:30: 11 and 12-year

olds plus 13-year olds entering senior league or teenagers.

Cost is \$15 per player. All players should bring a glove and bat (with name taped on it). Registrations must be received by March 11. Space is limited.

Send a check and note with your name, age and phone number to Dallas Baseball Boosters, c/o Jack Wolensky, 135 Staub Rd., Truckee, PA 18708.

Little League tryouts scheduled for March 19 will be held March 20. Same times apply.

## Local skaters take medals at Keystones

The following Back Mountain athletes participated in the Keystone State Games skating competition Feb. 18-20, at the Ice-A-Rama at the Coal Street Park in Wilkes-Barre.

### COMPULSORY MOVES "A"

Juvenile Girls  
Amy Lynn Frederick, Shavertown, 1st place.

### NOVICE LADIES FREESKATING

Martha Wallace, Shavertown, 3rd place