

Speed, not size will be Mountains' strength

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Sometimes, the crammed high school athletic calendar can have unexpected consequences. That was the case last year for the Dallas High School boys' basketball team, when a state-championship football season devastated the roundball team.

Fifth-year head coach Paul Brown doesn't anticipate that problem again; instead, a lack of size may be the Mountaineers' biggest drawback. With the tallest team member at 6'2", "We'd be pretty good if there was a 6'2" and under league," Brown says.

To counter the "shortage" of eight, Brown expects his team to play aggressive ball from start to finish, something that isn't out of reach with the wealth of athletic talent on the team.

"The players who've come out from the football beam have a super attitude," Brown said Monday, as his team prepped for its first outing of the year. Part of the reason, he said, was a week-long summer camp at Albright College, where only basketball was spoken.

Only three seniors are on the roster, including Jason Pieczynski, the lone returning starter. He will be joined by Ed Thomas and Sebastian Reger, an exchange student from Germany who has played club basketball in his native country.

Rounding out the six players who are expected to see the most action will be juniors J.P. Cosgrove, Ted Jackson, Rich Klick and Jeff Kunkle. Cosgrove, at 6'2", will get the starting center position, and Brown expects him to get some help in the paint from

Tallest player is 6'2", but there's plenty of ability on the team

Pieczynski and Klick, who is a strong inside-outside player.

Thomas, Jackson and Kunkle are the best long-distance shooters, and will be the go-to players for 3-point shots.

Brown expects his team will have to control the tempo of games, and play hard for four quarters, something that will be easier once everyone's in condition. Football players began to practice only a week ago. "We're lacking ball handling right now," he said. "It will take another two weeks to get them into shape."

Despite the obstacles, Brown is optimistic. "I'm expecting good

things this year," he said. "We're going to take it one game at a time until we get into shape."

Rich Klick led the Mounts to victory in the team's first game of the season Monday night, as Dallas topped Tunkhannock 64-58. Klick had 16 points, followed by Ed Thomas and Ted Jackson with 12 apiece as Dallas overcame a sluggish first quarter to take the win.

Thomas had two three-pointers in the contest.

Meyers, GAR and Lake-Lehman are Brown's pick for toughest opponents in the league, since all of them are returning a large number of experienced players.

Dallas plays exhibition games Friday, Dec. 9 at home against Nazareth, and Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Crestwood. The regular season will begin Saturday, Dec. 17 at home against Northwest.

Brown is assisted by Joe Ellis.

Dallas Mountaineers 1995 Boys Basketball

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Grade
23	Jason Pieczynski	G-F	6'0"	12
32	Sebastian Reger	F	6'1"	12
00	Ed Thomas	G	5'9"	12
5	Brian Berlew	G-F	6'0"	11
44	J.P. Cosgrove	F	6'2"	11
22	Connor Ennis	G	5'11"	11
45	Dan Holdredge	F	6'1"	11
25	Ted Jackson	G-F	6'0"	11
33	Rich Klick	G-F	6'0"	11
21	Jeff Kunkle	G	6'0"	11
35	Joe Noon	F	6'1"	11
10	Steve Smith	G	5'11"	11
51	Mike Suda	F	6'1"	11
50	Jason Campbell	C	6'2"	10
31	Darren Felton	G	5'9"	10
12	Justin Jumper	G	6'0"	10
42	Mark Shanaberger	G	5'10"	10
43	Ron Sutton	G	5'11"	10

Head coach: Paul Brown. Ass't coach: Joe Ellis

Knights loaded with talent

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With five returning lettermen and plenty of skill in the back court, Lake-Lehman boys' basketball coach Rodger Bearde is hoping for a solid season from the Black Knights.

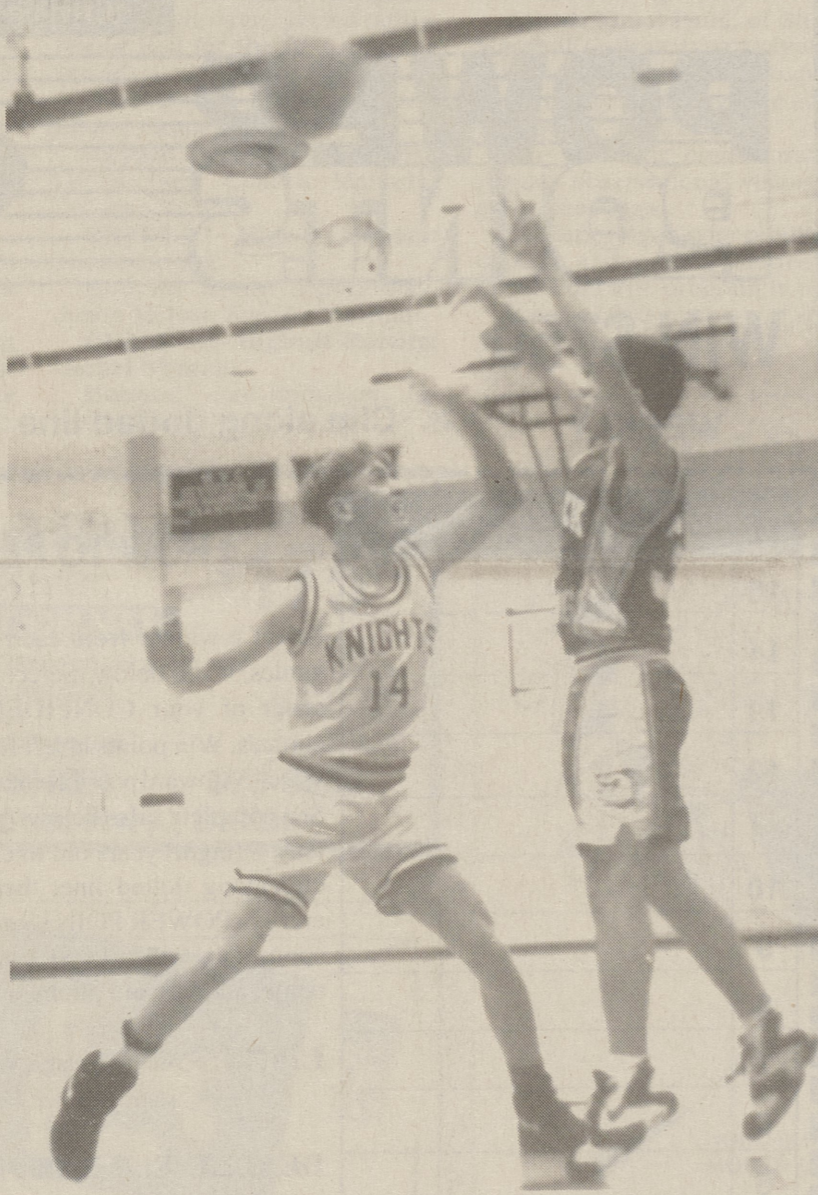
Seniors Tim Waslick, a three-year starter, is joined by returning letter winners Tim Brislin, Dave Raspen and Ray Bartosh, all seniors, and John Oliver, a junior. Bearde, in his 16th season as head coach, expects to start five seniors, the four returnees plus Tom Steltz, who didn't play last year but will be starting center for the 1994-95 season.

Conditioning is a big factor for the Knights in the early season, since both the football and soccer teams had post-season play. "It takes three to four weeks to get the football players in shape," for basketball, Bearde said.

Football injuries can slow things down, as well. Oliver is still recovering from an ankle injury late in the pigskin season, but has bounced back well enough to score 19 points against Berwick last week. "He really surprised me that he could play at all," said Bearde.

The Black Knights, who finished 7-9 in league play last year, will rely on a trio of talented back court players. "We'll run when we have the opportunity," Bearde said, "but our strength is in the back court." Waslick, Bartosh and Oliver are all good ballhandlers who can shoot from the outside as well as penetrate.

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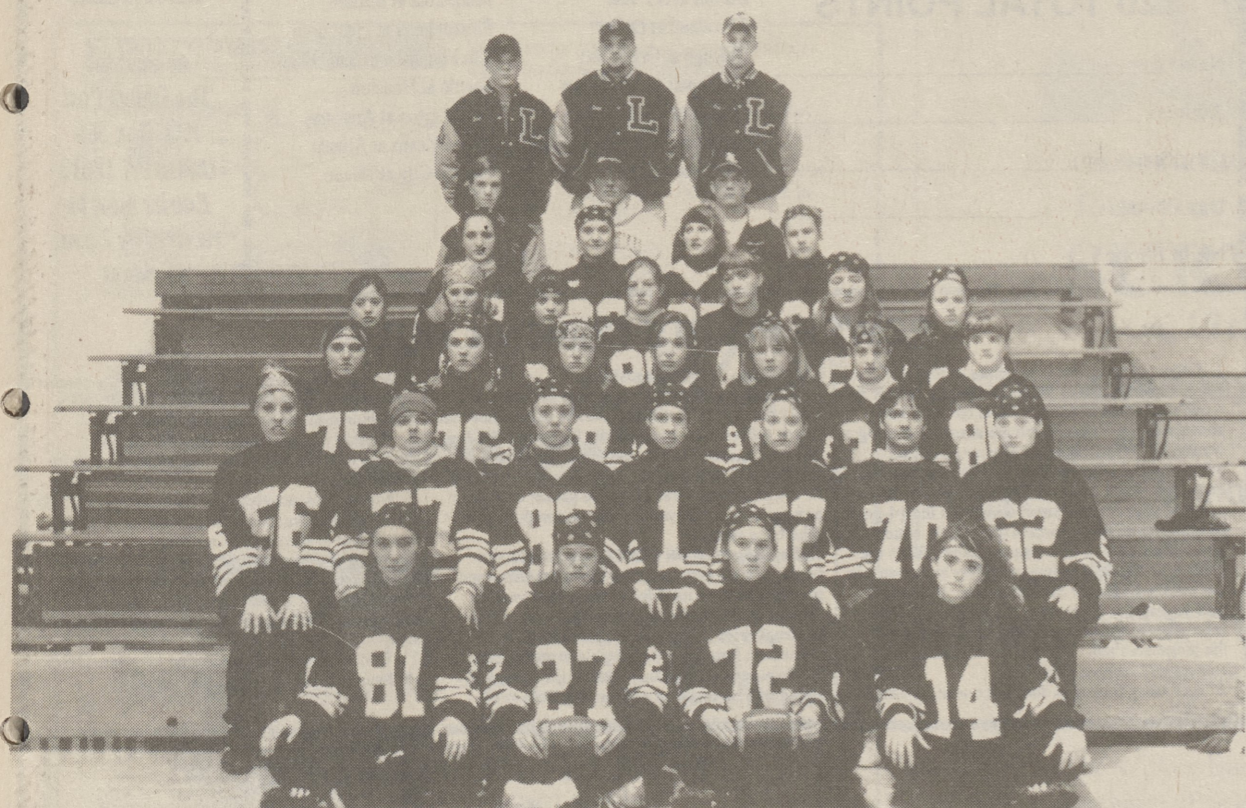
John Oliver closely guarded a Berwick player in last week's game against the Bulldogs. Oliver scored 19 points as the Knights overcame a slow first half to claim a 58-44 win.



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Lake-Lehman's Tim Brislin (44) waited for the pass from teammate Tim Waslick (32) during last week's game against Berwick. The Black Knights won 58-44.

First Lake-Lehman Powder puff football match ends in tie



Black team members in Lake-Lehman's Powder Puff football game were, first row, from left, Allison Milunic, Tara Dymond, Kelly Komsisky, Richelle Kovach; Row 2, Cara Sudol, Allison Jurkowski, Cara Nygren, Shelene Perlis, Jaci Race, Saranga Jain, Tiffany Roese; Row 3, Jennifer Crispell, Chris Parry, G. Nailon, Robin Shaver, Hillary Pilosi, Missy Birt, Vicki Manka; Row 4, Susie Walters, Lindsay Amyx, Kathy Santry, Taryn Walter, Fawn Caines, Tara Haughney, Lindsey Schraeder; Row 5, Christine Dinger, Kena Etchegoncelay, Angie Boltz, Jenn Birt; Row 6, Ed Sichler, Tony Tereska, Tom Fostock; Row 7, Coaches Brad Bittender, Dave Thomas, Tom Smiegelski.

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Gold team members in Lake-Lehman's Powder Puff football game were, first row, from left, Erin Edwards, Cori Manka, Kristi Snyder, Jennilyn Sprau, Kelly Anne Spencer, Autumn Wood, Diane Alters, Kim Spencer, Kelly Spencer; Row 2, Rachel Zabresky, Jen Dinger, Sara Gorgone, Mary Brislin, Lisa Lanning, Heidi Sprau, Tanya Kosokowski, Tara Coletti, Jenni Reno; Row 3, Beth Turner, Debbie White, Cathy Dymond, Missy Boltz, January Cook, Missy Morrow, Jennifer Rakowski; Row 4, Marisa Bevan, Tiffany VanScoy, Valerie Wolfe; Row 5, Jim Plitt, Len Crawford, Mark Andrusis, John Oliver; Row 6, Coaches, Chuck Kindler, Jamie Patton.

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