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Lehman pins Mountaineers

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Two fierce arch rivals met one another on the mat Saturday night in Dallas and the Lake-Lehman Black Knights came away with a 52-9 thumping of Dallas. Lehman raised its record to a perfect 3-0 in the Wyoming Valley Conference by taking 11 of 13 bouts.

Thanks to Matt Raczkowski, Lehman enjoyed a 6-0 advantage by the time the meet was slightly more than a minute old. The 103 pounder raced to an 8-0 lead before pinning Ian Linsinbigler in 1:03. Lehman co-head coach Phillip Lipski expects his team to take momentum early.

"Matt's currently ranked fourth in the state," said Lipski. "You're certainly not cocky, but you expect big things from him. We set expectations early. We tell the kids down at the bottom right off the bat, we have to get pins if they're available."

A couple of unbeaten hoped to keep their records unblemished in the 112 pound bout. Mike Metz gave the Dallas fans something to cheer for early on with a 6-0 win over Bill Brehm.

"Metz did a nice job," said Dallas coach Steve Kaschenbach. "In fact from where I was, Brehm was pinned. Metz is a competitor and he rises to the occasion. That was just a situation where his experience took over."

The Lehman coaches had to agree. "Metz has that one more year of varsity experience," said Lipski. "I think that was the key."

After the Metz victory narrowed the margin to 6-3 Lehman went on a roll. Seven consecutive wins via four major decisions, two

forfeits and a pin and gave the Black Knights a commanding 40-3 lead.

The fall in that streak came at 130 pounds; Eric Maciejczak showed Mike Hoover the lights in 1:06.

"We're getting a great performance from Maciejczak at 130," said Lipski. "A freshman we brought up which has given us some depth in the middle there and some mobility."

While the Black Knights were lighting up the scoreboard the Mountaineers were wrestling tough and didn't allow too many pins.

"We had some people on their back and couldn't pin them," said Lipski.

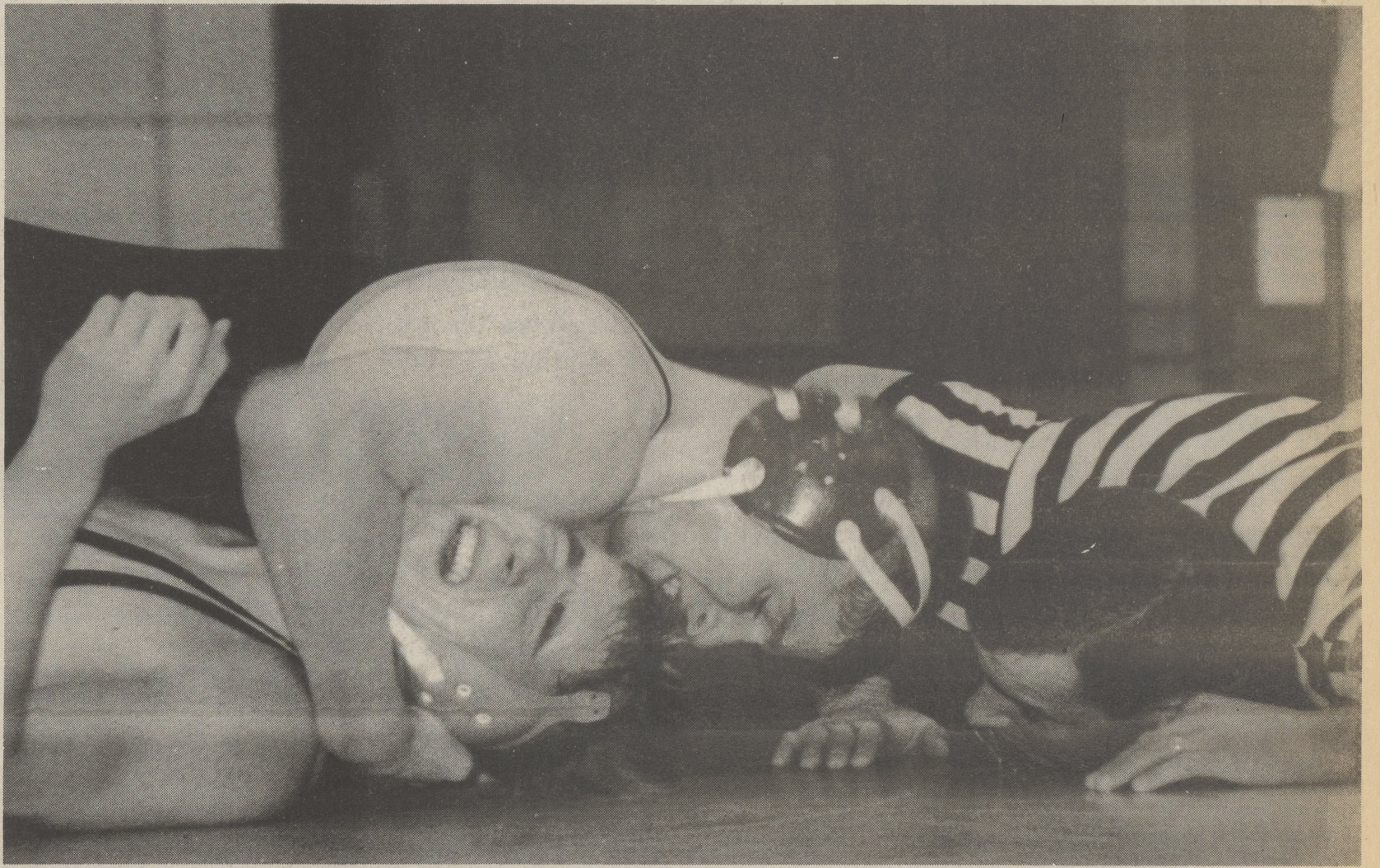
"Dallas has some nice young kids in there," said Williams. "If they stick with it they'll do all right as the year progresses."

Dallas deserved a better fate and the head coach couldn't agree more.

"I thought the kids did a good job out there," commented Kaschenbach. "Very few of them went out there and made it easy for the opponent. Sometimes that's what we're looking for, a good competitive meet rather than be intimidated."

One such bout was the 171 pound matchup between Pat Ragowski of Lehman and Jim Ryan of Dallas. Ryan was wrestling aggressively and behind just 6-3 before Ragowski jumped on a key mistake to record a pin in 2:57.

"He (Ryan) got caught in a head lock," said Kaschenbach. "It's been a problem all year long...dropping his head and turn-



POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Aaron Gingo pinned Paul Vandermolen in one of few bright spots in the Dallas/Lehman wrestling match last week.

The Black Knights took a 52-9 win, but Dallas grapplers allowed only two pins.

ing into the guy"

The bout at 119 pounds figured to be competitive. It featured a couple of seniors in Lehman's Allen Scott and Mike Heffron of Dallas. Scott added four points to the team score with a 17-5 major decision in a match that saw both wrestlers tire in the third period.

"That was a little bit of a surprise," added Kaschenbach, "them both being seniors. I thought it might be a little closer."

In the Black Knights other wins it was Joe Halowich with a 16-7

major decision over Steve Tomasura at 125 pounds. Mike Stuart took an 11-3 major decision over John Crispell in the 135 pound matchup. Brian Butler and Ryan Gold won by forfeit at 145 and 152 pounds respectively.

Mike Budzak decided Dan Natitus 7-3 at 189 pounds and the heavyweight bout went to Vito Pilosi. He beat Harry Hazeltine 5-1.

The Mountaineers other victory was Aaron Gingo's pin of Paul Vandermolen in 5:07. His win in

the 160 pound contest earned praise from coach Kaschenbach.

"Gingo did a real nice job," the coach said. "I'm sure Vandermolen was basically told to stay off his back and not allow too many team points. Aaron did a heck of a job."

"I was also pleased with Harry Hazeltine at heavyweight," continued Kaschenbach. "Here's a 15-year-old sophomore that's coming in. He showed a lot of poise in going almost toe to toe with the returning district champ. It was only 3-1 with a little time

left in the third period."

Both Lehman coaches took the victory in stride and believe even better days are ahead.

"At this point in the season you're looking to everything running smoothly," Lipski said. "The kids are doing a nice job."

"We wrestled with a little more intensity then we had a match or two previous to that," Williams said.

With the loss, Dallas stands at 1-1 in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

Mounts look ahead to tough week

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If Dallas wrestling coach Steve Kaschenbach doesn't send a birthday card to the league's schedule maker this year, please don't hold it against him.

After getting beat by the league's preseason favorite, Lake-Lehman last Saturday, the Mountaineers must face two perennial AAA giants this week. Wednesday it's the Coughlin Crusaders and Saturday the Spartans of Wyoming Valley West.

By the way, both meets are on the road.

"It hurts," said coach Kaschenbach. "But on the other hand it gets them out of the way. It would have been a lot easier for us if those were spaced out or we had an opportunity to get some of the

other kids back into the lineup."

Dallas had to forfeit bouts at 145 and 152 during their 52-9 loss to Lake-Lehman Saturday night. Mike Misson injured his neck in a meet earlier this month against G.A.R. The 145 pounder should be back to practice this week.

152 pounder Tony Giardina was out with flu.

Kaschenbach said Adam Hoover also returns to practice this week after battling an injury.

"Hoover would be a big addition to lineup," said Kaschenbach. "He finished fourth last year at districts at 160 pounds. He needs at least a week and a half to get back into it."

Kaschenbach wasn't positive if either Misson or Giardina will suit up for Coughlin or Valley West.

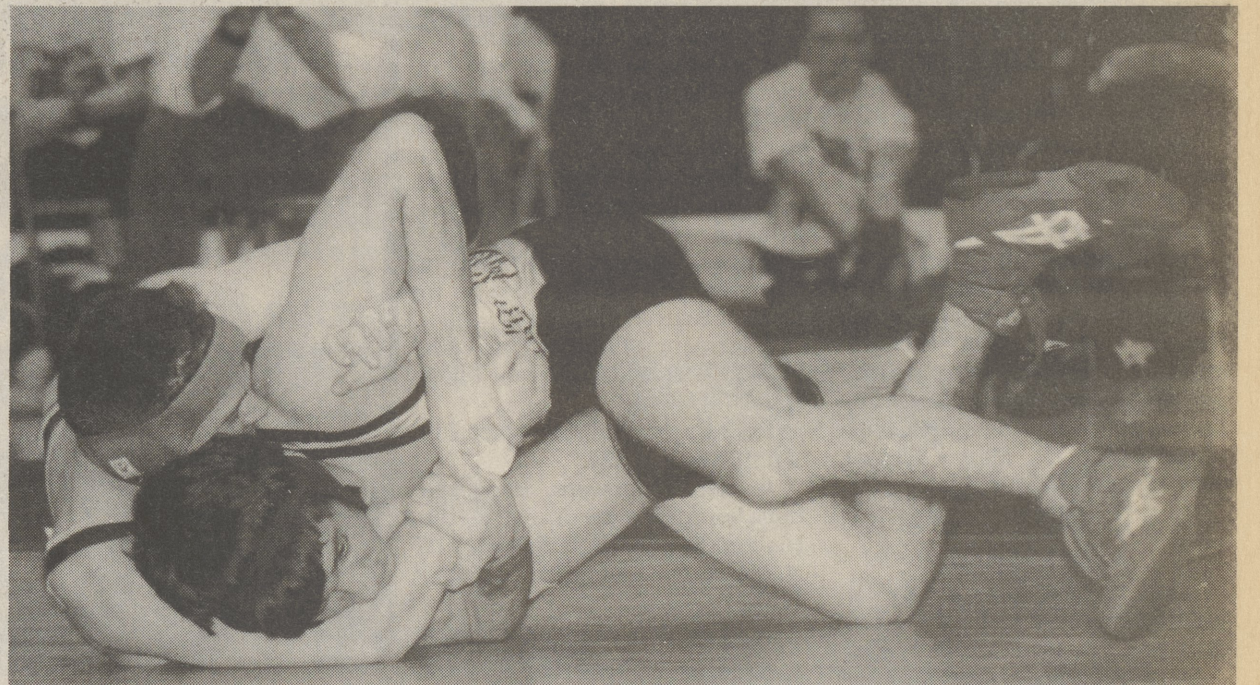
"I'm not sure if they're going to

be in the lineup Wednesday or Saturday. It seems like the three toughest teams are within an eight day period and that makes it real hard on us."

With the hard part of the schedule and hopefully the injury bug out of the way, Kaschenbach figures Dallas can finish strong.

"One thing we can look forward to is success in the latter half of the scheduling. It's good in one point, a little discouraging on the other. If we progress, we should have a successful second half."

Lake-Lehman, meanwhile has three meets this week including two against Northern Tier teams. The Black Knights travel to Wyalusing Wednesday and will take on Canton Saturday afternoon. They'll call it a week after wrestling Tunkhannock in a conference bout at home Saturday.



POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

Jim Ryan wrestled Lake-Lehman opponent Pat Rogowski tough Saturday night, before being pinned. Lehman took the match 52-9.

BMT baseball, softball registration

Back Mountain Baseball will hold registration for all boys and girls play Sat., Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dallas Middle School.

Signups will be for boys and girls tee-ball, ages 6-8; boys baseball, ages 8-18; and girls softball, ages 8-18.

There is a charge of \$20 per child, or \$35 for a family. Anyone signing up for the first time should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Fourteen Back Mountain club wrestlers win at Berwick meet

Wrestlers from the Back Mountain Wrestling Club participated in the Berwick Elementary Tournament January 9, with 14 boys finishing at the top of their class.

Trophy winners are: Aaron Kubasik, Junior 65, 4th place; Chris Parrish, Peewee 50, 3rd place; Robbie Tomko, Peewee 55, 3rd place; Kyle Wardel, Peewee 40, 4th place; Michael Stolarik, Peewee 50, 1st place; Eric Spurlin, Bantam 45, 1st place; Andrew Harrison, Midget 75, 3rd place; Greg Kostrobala, Bantam 55, 1st place; Lewis Spurlin, Junior 75, 4th place; Michael Yenason, Midget 75, 2nd place; Alan Pugh, Bantam 75 - 2nd place; Matthew Davis, Bantam 75, 1st place; Eric Goeringer, Midget 70, 4th place and Brian Goeringer, Bantam 60, 2nd place.

Baseball, softball signups Jan. 25, 28

Baseball Sign-ups for Little League Baseball or Softball for children who live in Orange, Beaumont, Centermoreland, Noxen, Falls or Kunkle will be held January 22, 2-4 p.m.; January 25, 6-8 p.m.; and January 28, 10-12 noon at the Old Beaumont School (across from Smith's Store in Beaumont).

Any player who does not sign up by noon on January 28 will be placed on a waiting list with no guarantee of placement on a team.

For further information, contact the Bob Horlacher Memorial Little League at 333-4304.



POST PHOTO/LYNN SHEEHAN

J.P. Cosgrove looked for an out in the Dallas Mountaineers' game against Meyers last week. The Mounts came up short against the league leaders. Cosgrove scored 12 points.

Sports roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dallas 60 - Meyers 45

The Mount sharp shooters took advantage of 28 trips to the free shot line sinking in 20 of 28 to romp past Meyers 60-45 January 12. Robin Suda worked the boards for a game high 22 points while the Dallas defense virtually silenced the aggressive Mohawk shooters holding them to a season low 45 points.

Lehman 35 - Hanover 56

The Knight offense just couldn't seem to get in gear January 12 as they fell to Hanover 35-56. Kelly Spenser was the only Knight that posted double digit figures tossing in 11 points. Hanover sailed on to a 29-17 lead at the half.

Dallas 43 - Hanover 49

A solid Hawkeye squad chipped away at an illness laden Dallas team Monday, January 16 as Hanover defeated Dallas 43-49. Adrienne Camp and Stacey Suda combined for 12 points apiece to lead the Mount scoring. Dallas' key player and top scorer Robin Suda missed the game due to illness. Holly Baseski tossed in six of nine from the line.

Lehman 48 - GAR 64

The Lady Knights evened their record to 4-4 after suffering defeat at the hands of GAR January 16, 64-48. Kelly Spenser took command of the court netting 15 points for Lehman. Amy Rogers followed sinking 12.

WRESTLING

Lehman 35 - Crestwood 19

The Black Knights took advantage of an inexperienced Comet squad January 11 as they manhandled Crestwood 35-19. Lehman came out with an explosive start including back to back falls from Matt Raczkowski (103) and Bill Brehm (112). Allen Scott and Joe Halowich followed claiming major decisions at 119 and 125.

Dallas 32 - GAR 31

Dallas heavyweight Harry Hazeltine avoided a pin January 11 to keep grasp of a slim Mount lead and claim victory over GAR 32-31. Mike Heffron (119) and Aaron Gingo (160) posted falls for the Mounts.

Dallas 34 - Montrose 33

Dallas survived another close call as the Mounts nailed three

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