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# SportsWeek

## Sayre is lone medal winner

Lake-Lehman's Tim Sayre was the only Class AA wrestler from the Wyoming Valley Conference to earn a medal at the state wrestling championships at Hershey Park Arena. Sayre placed fourth in the 135 pound bracket by winning three of five bouts during the three day tournament. Sayre's career at Lehman ended in a 16-1 technical fall to North Schuylkill's Chris Edwards in the match for the bronze medal.

Sayre's victories included a 17-4 major decision over Springfield Township's Joe Marino, a ride-out (4-4) decision over Mercer's Matt Allen, and a pin of Hershey's Josh Weidman in 2:37.

Phil Lipski and Tom Williams' Black Knights had five wrestlers in the state meet and finished 21st in the AA standings. Aaron Gingo, coached by Steve Kaschenbach, represented Dallas High School.

Matt Raczkowski won two bouts in wrestlebacks after losing in the quarterfinals. The 103 pounder was eliminated during the third round consolations by Matt Shreckengost of Redbank Valley. Raczkowski lost the decision, 9-4.

Heavyweight Vito Pilosi sandwiched his two losses with a win over Matt Gallino. Pilosi pinned the competitor from Daniel Boone High School in 4:14. Ken Hampe of Warrior Run eliminated Pilosi with a 3-0 win during the second round of consolations.

Allen Scott (119), Mike Budzak (189) and Gingo (152) all lost both of their bouts and were eliminated from further competition Thursday.

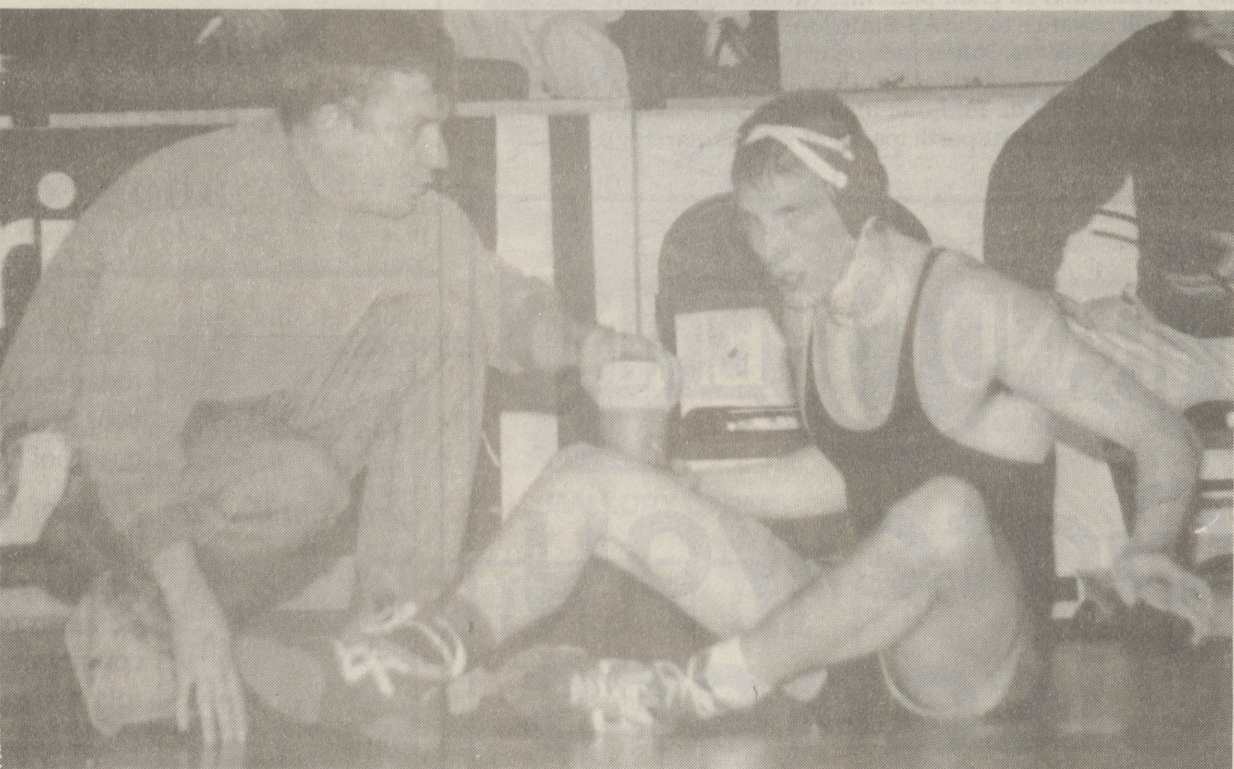
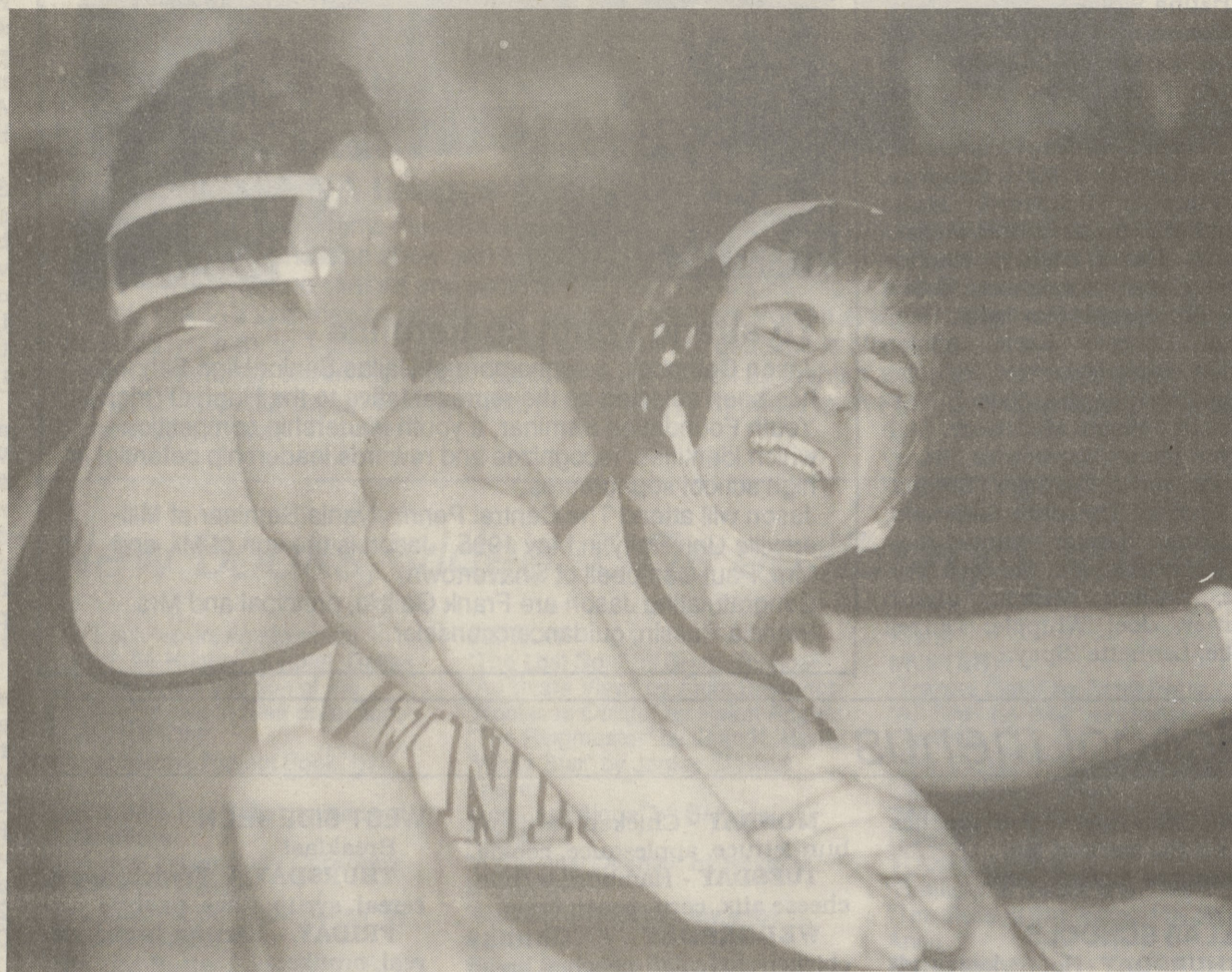
Raczkowski, a junior will be back from the Black Knights next season while the other five local wrestlers are seniors.

Top, Lake-Lehman's Allen Scott struggled against an opponent at the state wrestling meet.

Center, Tim Sayre went to the podium to accept the fourth-place medal at 135 pounds.

Bottom, Aaron Gingo, the lone Dallas entrant in the state wrestling championships, got some water and advice from coach Steve Kaschenbach during a break in the action.

Photos by Dave Kozemchak



## From one sport to another for Paxton

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When the Dallas Girls' basketball season ended March 4th, Therese Paxton wasn't given a lot of time to reflect on her high school career. Softball practice started the following Monday, but the tireless, ever-dependable two sport star was as refreshed as ever.

"It was weird going from one to the other," said Paxton. "I had to adjust in the batting cage, but I'm enjoying getting into softball."

Therese, the daughter of Jerry and Carol Paxton of Shavertown, started on the basketball court each of the past two seasons for Kim Barbacci's Lady Mountaineers.

The guard/forward was honored by being named a tri-captain for the just concluded season along with fellow seniors Kristen Kosakowski and Heather Patton. Being the only 12th grade starter made her captain's role more important.

"I was to keep everybody together and make sure everyone kept working," said Paxton.

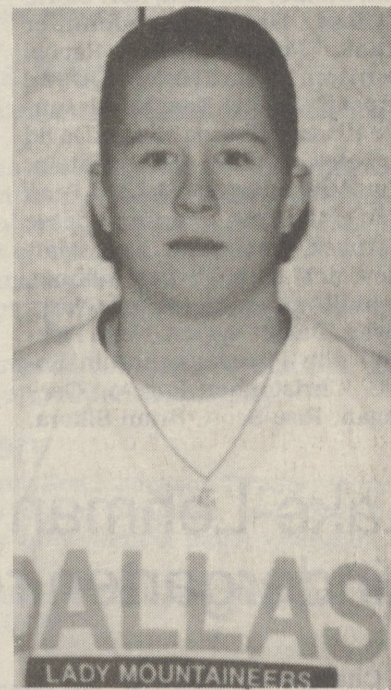
A heads-up, steady player on both ends of the court, Paxton enjoyed playing offense a little more, and was the Lady Mountaineers' second leading scorer, averaging just under nine points a game. With opposing coaches always trying to deny the inside game of Robin Suda, the leading scorer in Division II of the Wyoming Valley Conference, Paxton was given the opportunity to shoot the ball.

"If I was open for the 12-foot shot, I was to take it," said Paxton. "That was my role and to keep working the ball around."

Therese recalled a regular season confrontation with Division II champ Meyers as the highlight of her basketball career.

"We beat them by 15, and I scored 15," said Paxton. "That's my lucky number."

Therese wore uniform number 15 on the road this year and number 51 at Dallas.



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While Paxton is quite the basketball player, she's an extraordinary softball player and one of the most feared hitters in the league. Paxton topped the conference with a .557 batting average in 1994 and added six triples and two home runs to her incredible statistics. For her effort, the Mounts regular clean-up hitter was named "Dallas Offensive Player of the Year" and to two all scholastic teams.

Paxton is working hard to duplicate or even improve on her junior performance, but realizes she may not see many quality pitches to hit this spring.

"Since everybody knows me, my defense will have to pick up this year," Paxton said.

Therese's third season as a varsity starter gets underway this Saturday when Dallas takes on the Lady Blue Jays of Central Columbia in an exhibition game. Therese spent her time as a sophomore as the team's catcher and was in center field last year.

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## Rose Bowl stars will shoot hoops at local PSU campus

Nine members of the Penn State Rose Bowl champion football team will play a basketball game against local media personalities at the Penn State campus in Lehman Saturday.

The players will be available to sign autographs from 5 to 5:45 p.m. The game begins at 6:30. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for 18 and under.

Football players appearing will be Bucky Greeley, 6'3", 270 lb. center; Phil Collins; Brandon Noble; Keith Olsommer; Kyle Brady, 6'6", 260 tight end; Joe Jurevicius; Bill Anderson; Kevin Conlin and Phil Ostrowski.

Tickets will be sold at the door. For information, call Jack Monick at 675-9262.

## First college orienteering match at Slocum Park

The Pocono Orienteering Club (POC) will sponsor the inaugural Northeastern Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Orienteering Championship March 26, at Frances Slocum State Park, Trucksville.

Each college may enter as many "crews" as they like, with each crew consisting of one or two people. To determine the winning college, the best three crew times will be used.

Competition will be held on beginner and advanced beginner courses, both using well-marked hiking trails.

In orienteering, participants use a detailed five-color topographical map and compass to find their way to "controls" in the field. The emphasis is on map reading skills, with the compass helping with general direction finding.

Even though participants are timed, they can walk, jog or run the course. Appropriate footwear is advised, and compasses can be rented for 50 cents.

To help introduce and train local college teams in orienteering, March 19 will be a training day at Frances Slocum State Park.

Starting at 11 a.m., group and individual instruction will be given on Map reading and compass use.

Courses will be set up for participants to try out their skills and will be similar in challenge and length to the March 26 championship courses.

The training and championship events are open to men and women and crews can compete in any combination. There is no charge for the training session. Once at the park, follow the orange, and white directional arrows to the start area.

The championships will begin at 10 a.m. on March 26. The entry fee is \$3 per map. Participants should follow the directional arrows to the start area.

The following people have volunteered as contacts at the respective schools: Wilkes University, Syd Halsor, Dept. of Earth Sciences; College of Misericordia, Larry Pedersen, Dept. of Chemistry; Kings' College, George Hart (home phone: 717-822-0022).

Interested people from any other local college can contact Hart at the above number. The event is also open to the public.

To get to Frances Slocum State Park from the Wilkes-Barre area, take Route 309 North to Trucksville. Turn onto Carverton Road and follow the state park signs.

## Local swimmers will dive in at LaSalle meet

Back Mountain swimmers will travel to LaSalle University in Philadelphia March 18 and 19 to represent the Wilkes-Barre YMCA. The girls will swim on Saturday, March 18. Megan will be participating in the 12-and-under 50 yard freestyle and the 200 individual medley along with swimming a leg of the 200 free relay.

Shannon will also be part of the 200 free relay and will swim the 50 butterfly and the 50 freestyle. Carey will swim in the 12-and-under 200 yard medley relay and Aileah will be part of the 14-and-under 200 free relay team.

Swimming on Sunday, Eric will swim the 50 free, the 100 individual medley and a leg of the 200 free relay. Adam will swim the 50 freestyle. Andrew is an alternate for the free relay team.

Swimming at 12-and-under will be Conor, Matthew and Justin. All three swimmers will be in the 200 yard medley relay.

Conor will also swim the 50 fly and the 50 backstroke and Matthew will take part in the 200 freestyle and the 50 free.

The top nine finishers in each event will advance to the Pennsylvania State YMCA championships, March 25 and 26 at the McCoy Natatorium at Penn State.

The Dolphins are a YMCA age group swim program which competes in the Penn-Del League. The team is coached by Jerry Rynkiewicz, Bill Boyle and Heather Yuhas.

Anyone interested in joining the swim team for next season should contact the YMCA at 823-2191.



IN THE SWIM - Representing the Dolphin Swim Team at the Eastern District YMCA Swimming Championships are: Front row, Adam Daney, Carey Fetting-Smith, Andrew Schweitzer and Justin DeSalvo. Middle row, Eric Daney, and Matthew Schweitzer. Back row, Aileah Kvashay, Conor Fetting-Smith, Megan Daney and Shannon Gaffney.