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## Suda family gives Dallas 3-of-a-kind

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**TRUCKSVILLE** - David and Sharon Suda are used to the routine by now, which is no routine at all. The Trucksville couple are the proud parents of two daughters, Robin and Stacey and one son, Michael. All three are student/athletes at Dallas High School who have been heavily involved in sports since the age of five.

Like other parents, the Sudas have gotten used to rotating schedules, reheating meals and making sure everyone has a ride home. Remembering birthdays, however, is well, a piece of cake. Robin, Stacey and Michael, you see, are triplets and members of the senior class.

Robin and Stacey have won letters in cross-country, basketball and track and field. Mike stars for Dallas in soccer and basketball. At one point he was out for the Mounts' volleyball team, but now spends his spring training time in the weight room.

The three have won too many medals to count, but rest assured the hardware can fill an entire room. Mike can recall the District 2 runner-up medal he received as a sophomore member of the Dallas soccer team. Robin remembers her gold medals. She took first in the 100 and 300 meter at the district track and field competition last spring and in the high jump as a sophomore. Stacey doesn't know the exact figure, but she's won a bunch for her

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Mike Suda  
Brother in set of triplets

efforts in cross-country and track and field. The three started their trophy collection and displaying their athletic ability in the Back Mountain Soccer League.

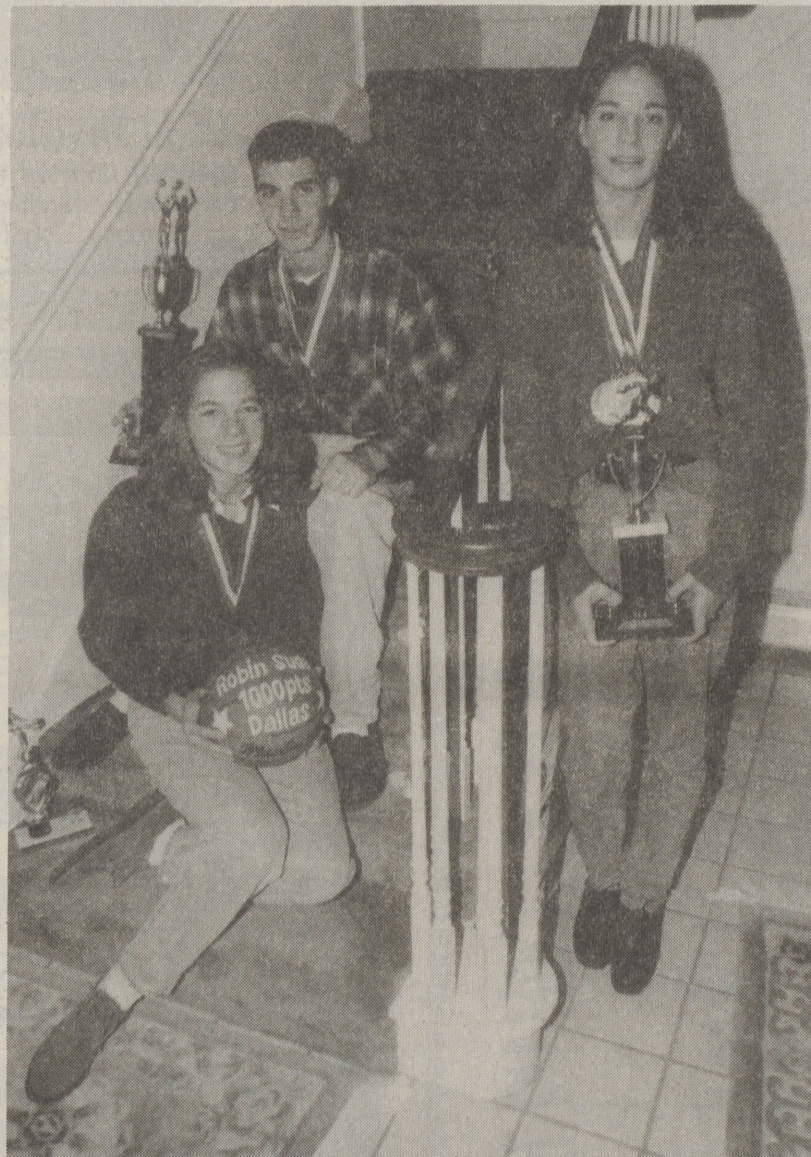
With junior high school came new sports and new challenges which continued through high school. Stacey became a household name in cross-country by ripping up the Wyoming Valley Conference and bringing home three state medals the past three years.

"Mike went out for cross-country in eighth grade and kept asking me to join the team," Stacey said. "I only went out because I was so sick of him bugging me. I'm glad I did. I loved it and stayed with it."

Ironically, Mike didn't and returned to his first love, soccer. This past season supplied the star defender with his biggest kick-scoring goal.

"I scored the winning goal against Meyers in overtime," Mike said, "and I'm a defender. It was on a corner kick. The ball ricocheted off somebody, came back and I kicked it in."

Robin's favorite moment was running the 100 meter hurdles at the state competition last year.



Robin, left, Mike and Stacey Suda show off just a few of the trophies and medals they've won in sports. The triplets are now preparing for their senior basketball season at Dallas High School.

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3-sport Dallas star

Stacey relishes the 4 by 800 relay teams win at districts last spring. The Lady Mounts were half a track behind Hanover Area at one point, but proceeded to win by two seconds.

Stacey particularly enjoys cross-country, especially because of the closeness of the Dallas team. She and her sister are quite fond of basketball because it's so different than the other sports.

"When I'm running track, I like track," Robin said. "When I'm playing basketball it's my favorite. I like competing as a team and also as an individual."

The siblings are presently preparing for the upcoming basketball seasons. At 6'2", Mike has been working extra hard in practice to see extended playing time at the forward position for Paul Brown's Mountaineer squad.

Because of injuries, Stacey has made the switch from forward to guard in an effort to help Kim Barbacci's team. She figures to be a natural at the wing guard position because of her shooting ability. Of course working the ball inside to a familiar face isn't such a bad idea either. Robin has already scored over 1,000 points in her career and has captured the Wyoming Valley Conference

Division 2 scoring title each of the past two seasons. She averaged 16.5 points as a sophomore and improved to 18.9 last season. Look for Dallas to score often this winter.

"We're going to be a big threat," Robin said. "We're going to make some noise this year. There's seven seniors on the team and everybody seems to really be coming along and getting along better."

Because they're so involved year round there's not as much backyard competition as the three would like. There's a game of soccer now and then or maybe some 1-on-1 basketball, but sport isn't the only thing that keeps them close.

"Moreso with Robin and I," Stacey said, "because we have more in common. We're all close though and we try to include Mike."

Mike has great admiration for his sisters. At the high school level they've gained the most recognition. The sisters were an integral part in helping the Dallas girls' win their first District 2 championship in cross-country this fall. The team went on to finish tenth in the state. Mike's talents have been somewhat hidden as a defender for the soccer team and a role player for the hoop squad.

"I don't get jealous," Mike said. "Not at all. They deserve all the honors they get."

It appears they're going to go in

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## Scorpions take U-12 girls' Back Mountain Cup

The Scorpions recently won the Back Mountain Cup Tournament in the U-12 Female Division. From left, players are: 1st row, Kelly Lenahan, Asst. Coach Daniel Taroli, Alison Taroli, Leah Vnuk; 2nd row, Lauren Patton, Samantha Lloyd, Olivia Barrall, Allyson Piatt; 3rd row, Lana Burke, Rachel Pekorney, Sara McPhee, Rebecca Nulton, Kelli Haney, Beth Mariner; 4th row, Christine Muscavage, Liz Byron, Jonelle Dickson, Sarah Armand, Michaeline Horvath; 5th row, Head Coach, Garry S. Taroli and Bob Lenahan, Asst. Coach.

The U-12 Tournament was highly competitive, with the final three games decided by double overtime shoot-outs, and the final championship game decided by a second sudden-death shoot-out.



## No shame in Knights' semi-final hockey loss

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**LEHMAN** - The best season in the history of Lake-Lehman field hockey ended with a 1-0 loss to Middleburg last Thursday at Villanova University. A victory would send the Lady Knights to the Class AA state title game with Oley Valley out of District three.

Although Villanova's artificial turf took some getting used to, Lehman seemed to outplay Middleburg during the scoreless first half and could have had as many as three goals. Kristy Brown scored the game's only goal, five minutes into the second half, after hitting in a ball that bounced off one of the Lehman players.

The Lady Knights finished 17-3 and had won 15 consecutive games going into the contest including four in the post season and three at the state level. Previously Lehman had not won a field hockey game at the state level. The girls also became the first team to represent the school in a state semi-final game.

"This was a great group of kids and there weren't any problems all year," said Lehman head coach Jean Lipski. "They were tough mentally, they were flexible and had the desire. They took every team they played seriously."

Senior goalkeepers Jonelle Elgway and Pam Rish allowed only one goal during the team's 16 victories (a 4-1 victory over Coughlin on October 18th). Opponents scored just five goals on the Lady

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Knights all season.

"Jonelle saved some awesome goals," Lipski said, "but our defensive backs also took many threats away."

The bus ride home was quiet and somber at first, but about halfway home the girls started talking about all of their accomplishments and realized what they had done for their school and their program. A few wanted to begin practicing for next year.

Lehman figures to be among the league favorites next fall, since a majority of the starters and leading backups were underclassmen. The junior varsity and freshman teams finished their regular seasons undefeated and the Lady Knights graduate just three key seniors besides their number one and two goal tenders.

Watch out for the Lady Knights should they qualify for the post-season again. The girls will not only have the confidence, but know just what type of commitment is needed to make a run at a state title.

"I was on foreign soil too," Lipski said. "This was new for all of us. Once you get that commitment, anything is a possibility."

### DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL

## Hornets, Warriors, Sixers, Magic win first games of '95 season

In the opening game Nov. 19, the Hornets coached by Rich Jumper used a tough defensive setup in the overtime period to come away with a 39-32 win over the Heat coached by Dan Fetko. The game went back and forth with each team putting on scoring spurts. The third quarter and fourth quarters were all tied up 22 and 32 respectively. However, in the overtime, the Hornets' Dave Jumper scored seven of his 11 points to put the game on ice. Hornets offense was led by Dan Fauerbach with 14 points, followed closely by Dave Jumper with 11, John Nackley eight and Pat Velde with six points. The Heat's offense was led by Joe Stupino with 12 points, Jason Race seven points, Dan Fetko five and Jared Karalunas with four points. Kevin Yurko, Fran Yanik and Bruce Hubbard turned in a fine defensive game for the Heat, while Jesse Stolarczyk had a great defensive game for the Hornets.

The second game lived up to its

billing, with the battle of the big men, Paul Dougal of the Warriors and Lloyd Droppers of the Bulls. The Warriors coached by Roger Harding came away with a hard fought victory over the Bulls coached by Kent Droppers. The Warriors used the combination of their inside game along with fast-breaks to put the game away. The Warrior offense was led by Paul Dougal with 20 points followed by Kevin Piekara with eight, and Justin Bicking and Joseph Gialanella with six points apiece. Dan Krause, Trevor Harding and Ryan Onyschczak had a fine defensive game for the Warriors. The Bulls offense was led by center Lloyd Droppers with a team high 16 points followed by John Lukasavage with 10 points and Vito Recchia with six points. Nate Hoffman, Robbie Amman and Randy Knappman had a nice defensive game for the Bulls. Warriors won the game 46-36 over the Bulls.

In the third game, the Celtics

coached by Russ Eyt had a disastrous first quarter against a very tough defensive setup by the Sixers coached by Gerry Wycallis. The first quarter ended with the Sixers building a 15-2 lead. The combination of Matt Jackson and Matt Wycallis outside was too much for a much smaller Celtic team. The Sixers offense was led by Matt Wycallis and Matt Jackson each with 19 points, followed by Mike Sabol with six points and Matt Rice with four points. A good defensive game was turned in by Pat Barnard, Dave Finn, Jared Flowers and Keith Sprau. The Celtics offensive was led by Buddy Shah and Jay Carroll each with 12 points followed by Matt Eyt with six points. Jeff Parrish, Matt Hoover, Michael Bayer and Mike Senausky had a good defensive game. The Sixers won the game 56-38 over the Celtics.

In the final game on Sunday, the Magic coached by George Gracely narrowly defeated the Trailblazers coached by Tom

Byron by the score 29-28. Both teams exchanged the lead many times. At halftime it was Magic 16 the Trailblazers 12. Magic's offense was led by Ryan Sorber with a game high 20 points. Magic's defensive was led by Brian Barrett, Dave Martin, Jonathan Lorah, Seth Yeager, Gary Samuels and Randy Schoonover. The Trailblazers big man offensively was Chad Woolbert with 13 points followed by Mike Barlow with seven points and Dan Laurenzi with four points. A good defensive game was turned in for Trailblazers by Chris Wilt, Ryan Daniels, Chris Organek and Paul Grundowski.

Dallas Youth 7th and 8th grade basketball will be idle this Sunday Nov. 26. The second week of play will continue on Sunday, Dec. 3 with: Warriors vs. Magic 1 p.m.; Hornets vs. Sixers, 2 p.m.; Celtics vs. Bulls 3 p.m. and the Trailblazers vs. Heat 4 p.m. All games are at the Dallas Middle School. Public is welcome.

## Dallas BMX team will hold hoagie sale

The Dallas BMX Racing Team will hold a hoagie sale to help raise fund for additional uniforms and a travel trailer.

Hoagies will be made the morning of December 2, with delivery available for lunch. Hoagies are available with or without onion and costs \$2.50 each.

To order, contact any Dallas BMX member or call the Dallas BMX Racing Team Office at 675-0911.

## Dershimer started 12 games at Temple

Temple University freshman midfielder Gretchen Dershimer of Harveys Lake, finished the field hockey season.

Gretchen played in 18 games and started 12 for the Cherry and White. She recorded one shot on goal and one defensive save.

As a senior at Lake-Lehman, Gretchen was named to the all-star team by the *Times Leader* and the *Citizens Voice*.

The Owls, 7-13 overall (1-4 Atlantic 10), finished the season in 4th place in the conference. Temple lost to St. Joseph's, 4-1, in the semifinals of the Atlantic 10 tournament.