

Swimmers

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"I'm looking at Stroudsburg and Edinboro," said Baker. "I'm hoping to stay involved with sports, but it's going to be tough."

For now he's enjoying what's left of his senior season and concentrating on qualifying for districts. Until that happens, those first victories will have to be considered his favorite moments in trunks.

"That first win for Dallas last year was great," Baker said. "It was a co-ed meet and then the first win for the boys' team this year was against West Scranton."

Dean is the son of Yorath Dean and Rosemary Evans of Trucksville. They also have an older daughter, Melanie. Dean is very active at Dallas; in addition to being Senior Class President, he's a member of the honor society and ranked near the top of his class. He also serves on student council, senior steering and Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre. He throws the shotput and discus for the Dallas track squad, and is a member of the YMCA team. In addition to doing some freestyle he specializes in the backstroke for the Mountaineers.

"They provide very, very needed senior leadership to this team."

Matt Stretanski
Dallas swim coach

After getting involved with swimming lessons, Dean joined F.A.S.T. and was also encouraged to join the team at the "Y". Now he spends close to 300 days a year in the pool.

"I love the water more than the land," Evans said. "I'm used to it and I've been a lifeguard the last two years."

"Trying to balance swimming with everything else, the extra-curricular activities and the classroom, was also hard," said Evans.

Dean wants to study pre-medicine at Stanford University in California. He expects to hear from the admissions board in February.

"He wants to go to Stanford and it's probably going to happen," Stretanski said. "He's very goal oriented, not only as a swimmer, but in the rest of his life."

Stanford is not only ranked among the nation's best universities, but consistently places in the top five in swimming as well. That is just a coincidence as far as Evans is concerned. He's already gone on record to say he won't be swimming at the collegiate level.

With Baker and Evans setting the pace, the Dallas swimming program is off to good start. Come districts it's also a good possibility that one or both will bring home the school's first medals.

Wrestling

the driver's seat for the overall championship, but that's easier said than done. This Wednesday they'll entertain another quality opponent in Hazleton Area.

"Hazleton's a biggie and they're loaded," Williams said. "In the beginning of the season Phil and I figured we could beat teams better than us, but we could also lose to a team not as good as we are."

Lipski and Williams put together a strong exhibition slate to help their team prepare for the recent span of tough meets. A number of those were postponed because of the winter storms and last week's flooding. Everything may not have gone according to plan, but the coaches are thrilled with the way the kids have responded thus far.

Lehman also won two of three j.v. bouts before the main event on Saturday.

J.V. results: 130- Gary Harris (LL) dec. Rocco Yanora 5-3. 140- Rob Lushelski (WVW) pinned Shane Conrad, 2:46. 160- Jeremy Sorber (LL) dec. Jeff Fiest 10-8.

Varsity: 103- Nick Raczkowski (LL) maj. dec. Nick Pries 15-5. 112- Matt Raczkowski (LL) tech. fall Steve Bidgood 21-5. (5:36). 119- Bill Brehm (LL) dec. Mike Peters 9-4. 125- Sam Saylor (LL) dec. Rob Miller 12-6. 130- Eric Maciejczak (LL) pinned Bryan Nesbitt, :24. 135- Brian Butler (LL) dec. Dave Bodosky 9-4. 140- Joe Halowich (LL) dec. Ryan Vassello 5-4. 145- Jake Santee (LL) dec. Mike Hand 8-6 ot. 152- Steve Williams (WVW) maj. dec. Mike Pitcavage 11-2. 160- Ned Walsh (LL) pinned Joe Cheek, 1:29. 171- Barry Teal (WVW) pinned Mick Konigus, :33. 189- Mike Rogowski (LL) dec. Murad Elbattah 6-5. Hwt- Tony Tereska (LL) pinned Eyad Elbattah, 3:27.



Ahoj, there. Robin Suda's family and Dallas High School officials gathered for the announcement of her nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy. From left, seated: Stacey Suda, Sharon Suda, Robin, David Suda, Michael Suda. Standing, Bob Cicon, Dallas athletic director; Bill Kvashay, track and cross country coach; Frank Galicki, principal; Kim Barbacci, basketball coach.

She likes Navy

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women in a total enrollment of 4,000.

"I grew up playing sports with boys," she said nonchalantly during a press conference Monday to announce her decision. "I'm used to it."

A Naval Academy appointment doesn't come without cost, even though the tuition is paid for. After completing school, Robin must carry out a six-year commitment to the Navy. While this doesn't have to include active duty, Robin said she wants to get a feel for military life before deciding how she'll spend her post-graduation time. Ultimately, she wants to pursue a medical career — preferably as a surgeon — either inside the military or out.

Robin was impressed with the coaches at Navy. Track coach Carla Christie has the Middies nationally ranked, while Joe Sanchez, the new basketball coach has a reputation for taking his programs to the top. Robin will "definitely play both," since all Academy students must play spring and fall sports. Most of her classmates, however, will play intramurals.

The Dallas High record books contain Robin's name alongside several entries; she holds the school records in high jump, long jump, triple jump and 300 meter hurdles, scored her 1,000th point last season and will likely reach 1,500 points and 1,000 rebounds this year. She was the Division 2 player of the year in both of the past two seasons and was the scoring champion last season.

Navy competes in the Patriot League, against teams such as Holy Cross, Lehigh and Cornell. Robin was approached by some of

those teams as well, and has been accepted at Penn State, but her heart is in Annapolis. She said her years at Dallas prepared her well for the new challenges. "Academics is tough here," she said. "And sports is, too. I think it's prepared me well."

She will report to boot camp June 30, and spend six weeks getting in shape and learning military discipline before heading to class. David Suda is happy for his

daughter, but a bit apprehensive. "I have mixed feelings," he said, "but it's her decision."

Robin began thinking seriously about attending Navy about 18 months ago, and expresses genuine joy at the thought of going there. Not that she doesn't have apprehensions. "There's a lot I don't know about yet," she said, giving no hint that she wasn't prepared for anything the Academy can throw at her.

Stacey and Mike make three

Robin's not the only Suda who will be heading to college this fall. She's just one-third of an outstanding set of triplets who will be leaving Dallas High School for higher education and achievement.

Sharon Suda, the trio's mom, said she played some junior high basketball, while her husband, David, played through college, first at LCCC and then two years at Bloomsburg University. While her children's move to college will mean a slower pace: "It's been hectic for a long time," she said, it may take some getting used to. "I'm probably going to miss them," she admitted.

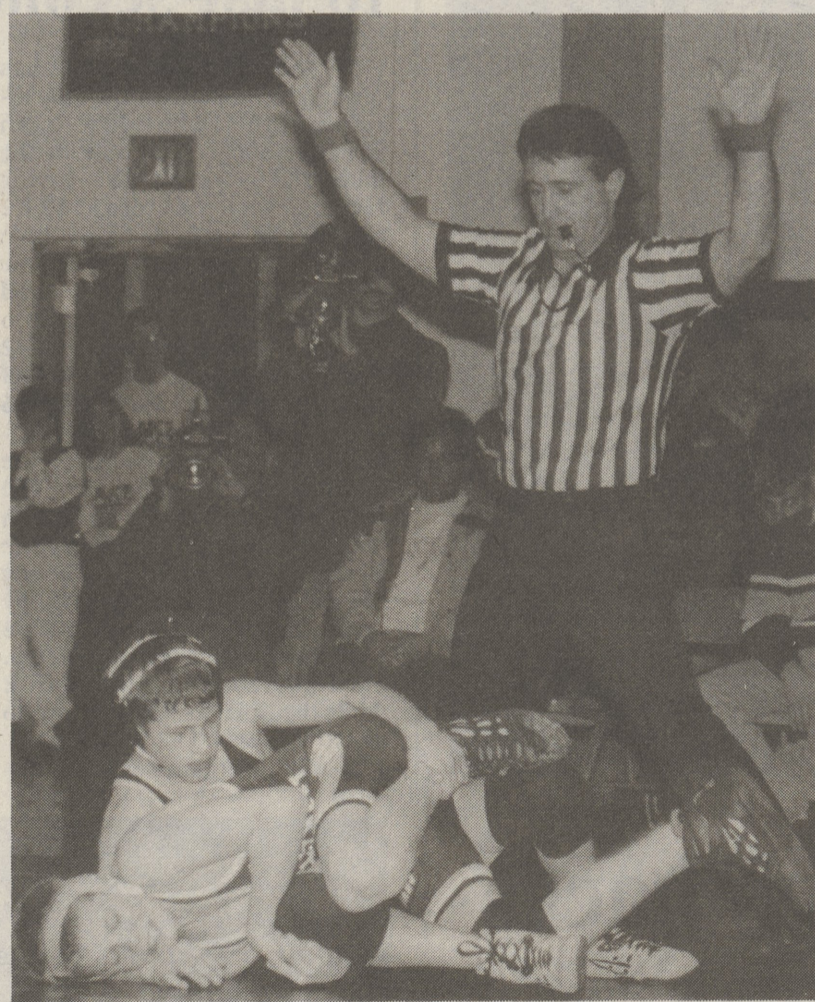
Stacey Suda, who like her sister has been a three-sport star for the Mountaineers, will attend Penn State at State College. With a goal to join the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she'll be concentrating on accounting and psychology, as well as participating in cross country, winter track and track. A champion at several distances, she will concentrate on the 800 meter.

"Penn State is where I really wanted to go," she said. "I just liked the way I felt there, I liked the coach, and the girls on the team. I wanted to be a part of it." While girls' track coach Terri Jordan didn't have a scholarship for Stacey, she may be able to run her way into one, "if there's any money left."

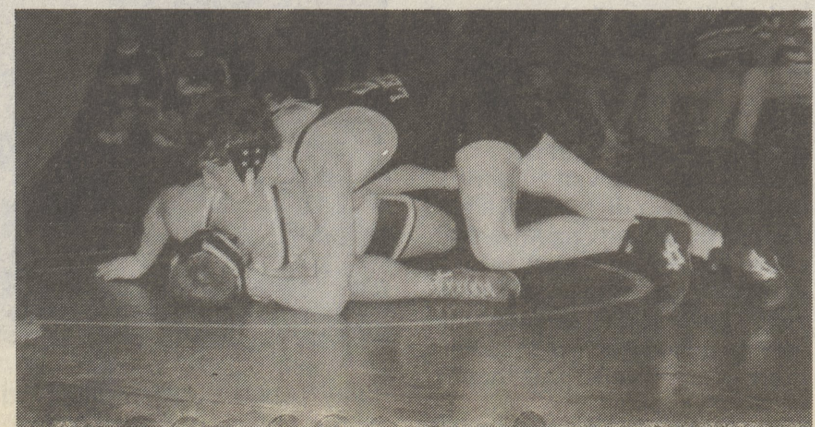
Among many honors, Stacey has been a first-place scholastic all-star the past three years, placed first in district meets twice, and was a member of the All-American 3200 meter relay team in the AAU Junior Nationals her sophomore year. She owns the school record for cross country and at 800 meters, and has placed highly in several state meets.

The other component of the Suda triplets, brother Mike, is leaning toward Penn State Wilkes-Barre, where he hopes to join the soccer team. He has played soccer and basketball most of his years at Dallas, but has decided to concentrate on soccer this year.

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Nick Raczkowski, at 103, won a major decision over Nick Pries, above. Below, Brian Butler took control of Dave Bodosky on the way to a 9-4 win at 135.



Seminole on top and undefeated

Tim Kerestes scored 14 and Eric Del Santo had nine points as North Carolina topped Virginia 29-16. Virginia was led by Gene Lispi and Matt Muldoon.

Florida State topped Duke 22-16 as Kevin Domzalski scored 12 points. Leading scorer for Duke was Tim Crossin.

Eric Mahle scored six points with eight rebounds to lead Maryland over Georgia Tech 17-12. Also scoring was Ryan Murray and Tom Hadzor. Georgia Tech was led by Jeff Pace and Tyler Droppers.

Kevin Domzalski had 12 points to lead Florida State over North Carolina 24-11. David Heister had eight points for the Seminoles. For North Carolina, Eric Del Santo scored six and Joey Wyberski pulled down seven rebounds.

Gene Lispi scored a game high 18 points to lead Virginia over Duke 30-19. Matt Muldoon and Doug Zaruta had six each for the Cavs. Duke was led by Ken Regan with 11 points.

Jeff Pace had a season high 23 rebounds as Georgia Tech topped North Carolina 42-21. Tyler Droppers had 16 points and Matt Rattigan 10 for the Yellow Jackets. North Carolina was led by Tim Kerestes with 11 points.

Florida State stayed unbeaten with a 23-15 victory over Maryland.

Standings after six games

Florida State	6-0
Maryland	4-2
Georgia Tech	4-2
North Carolina	2-4
Virginia	2-4
Duke	0-6

Baseball, softball registration Feb. 3, 10

Back Mountain Baseball will hold registration for girls and boys, ages 6 to 18, will be held Sat., Feb. 3 and Sat., Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at the Dallas Middle School. A registration fee of \$25 per player or \$40 per family will be collected at the time of registration. Birth certificates are required for all new players.

A separate \$18 fee will be collected for each player who does not wish to sell a box of candy for a fund raiser. Registration is for boys and girls and all groups from tee-ball through big league.

Oliver

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Right now there's myself and one other player they're worried about."

John has worked harder each year to improve his baseball skills and talents, and now his dreams are becoming reality. Right-handed at the plate and in the field, Oliver said he's truly honored to be listed among the best prospects, although he never dreamed he'd be rated this high. His fortunes may help other local players improve their stock when the scouts come to town this spring.

"We'll all be getting looked at," Oliver said. "All 30 major league

teams (including the two recently approved expansion franchises) will be looking at us. This will especially help the underclassmen."

Despite piles of snow and soggy ground, John can't wait to get on the field with his Black Knight teammates. Having lost just one senior from last year's team, Lehman hopes to make a run at the Wyoming Valley Conference AA title.

"He also needs to play against good competition," Sorber added. "We've beefed up our schedule by adding a couple of teams from outside the area."

7-8 ball

their second straight and go to 5-2 on the season.

The second game had the Sixers defeating the Trailblazers by a score of 52-35. The Sixers started off slow early in the first quarter, however by quarter's end the Sixers combination of Matt Wycallis and Matt Jackson propelled them to a 19-9 lead. At half-time, the Sixers increased their lead to 42-15. The third and fourth quarters were much the same with the Sixers turning up the heat on the Trailblazers with the outside shooting of Wycallis and the inside shooting of Jackson. The Sixers offense was led by Jackson with 22 points followed by Wycallis with 20 points. The Trailblazers offense was led by Chad Woolbert with 11 points followed by Tom Byron with eight points. The Sixers improved their

record to 7-0 the Trailblazers fall to 1-6.

The final game of the afternoon had the Heat defeating the Warriors by a score of 56-31. The Heats' Joe Stupino scored 10 of his 14 points in the first half to give the Heat a 21-16 half time lead. The fourth quarter had the Heat outscoring the Warriors 22-6 to seal the win. The Heat offense was led by Paul Dougal with 12 points, followed by Kevin Piekara with seven points and Justin Bicking with six points. The Heat's record improves to 4-3, while the Warriors drop to 2-5.

Dallas Youth 7th and 8th grade basketball, will continue on Sunday, February 4 with: Magic vs. Warriors, 1 p.m.; Sixers vs. Hornets, 2 p.m.; Bulls vs. Celtics 3 p.m. and the Heat vs. Trailblazers 4 p.m. All games are at the Dallas Middle School.

Free throw tourney reset for Feb. 3

Due to the recent flood emergency Knights of Columbus Father John O'Leary Council 8224, Dallas will reschedule its annual Free Throw Tournament. It will be held on February 3 at Gate of Heaven gym, Dallas, from 12 p.m. till 2 p.m.

All girls and boys between the ages of 10-14 as of January 1 are welcome to participate.

8th grade varisty tops St. Al's, Regis

The Gate of Heaven Gators girls' 8th grade varsity had their seventh game of the season on Thursday, Jan. 25, at Gate of Heaven. GOH was victorious with a score of 42-17 over St. Al's Wilkes-Barre. The high scorers for Gate of Heaven were Maria Wright with 17 points, Bridget Narcum with 11 points, and Lindsay Mace with eight points. Also Katie Creamer had a good defensive game for the Gators. Jan Kalafut and Audrey Yedlock were high with six points each for St. Al's.

The Gators Girls' 8th grade varsity had their eighth game of the season on Saturday, Jan. 27. Gate of Heaven was victorious in overtime with a score of 42-39 over Regis Academy, Forty Fort. The high scorers for Gate of Heaven were Maria Wright with 18 points, Bridget Narcum with 10 points and Lindsay Mace with eight points. Also Veronica McRipley came off the bench to score some crucial baskets for the Gators. Kelly Williams had 16 points for Regis Academy.

7th grade varsity stays undefeated

The Gate of Heaven 7th grade girls varsity ran their record to 10-0 with a win over St. John the Baptist of Pittston. Katie Guntli paced the Lady Gators with 16 and scored the 500th point of her career. Chelsey Ostrowsky and Shannon Leary added 14 and 12 respectively. Defensive leaders were Jessica Holton, Ali Hutch, Jocelyn Kozick. St. John's was led by Sara Supinski with 13.

The 7th grade girls varsity ran their record to 11-0 with a 41-19 win over Wyoming Area Catholic. Chelsey Ostrowsky sparked the Lady Gators with 16. After a slow first half the Lady Gators finally started to click when Shannon Leary pumped in eight of her 12 points. Katie Guntli added eight. Wyoming Area Catholic's Kopko buried eight from the outside to keep it close.

JV boys beat St. Nick's twice

The Gate of Heaven JV boys team beat St. Nick's (Red) team 74 to 64 at St. Nick's gym. The GOH team was led by J.C. DeRoja with 22 points, Andrew Lohin, 22 points, and Brad Feleccia 19 points. Their record is now 8-0.

The GOH Varsity boys beat the St. Nick's team 63 to 60, coming back from a 15 point deficit.

The GOH team was led by Mike Regan with 23 points, Brad Feleccia 15 points and Mike Tanner with 10 points. Their record is 4-4.

6th grade girls go 1-and-3

In four games, the 6th grade Gate of Heaven gals lost to Pope John Paul II at Nanticoke, lost by one at home to Regis (white), won over Regis white, and lost to Regis purple by 4. In the PJP II contest high scorers were Jennifer Bjelich, Chrissy Carboni, Ce-Ce Williams-Moen and Katie Delaney. In the Regis (w) JV game top scorers were Katie Delaney, Laura Krakosky and Sarah Armand. In the Regis (w) win in the 6th grade league, Armand and Delaney had seven and six points. In the last game the Regis purple JV Armand had 13 and Krakosky six.

Grade 7-8 tops Hanover, loses to Plains

The Gate of Heaven 7th-8th grade Gators won over Hanover and lost in overtime by two to Plains in this past weekend's St. Joe's Oblate League action. Leading the scoring in the Hanover game was Rob Bradbury with 14 points and five blocks. In the Plains contest, Lee J. Stevans was high with 10, followed by C.J. Adamchak with seven. Russell Susko, had several steals. Assists by R.J. Barna and Rob Neher. Rebounding was led by Brian Wagner and Joey Latosek.