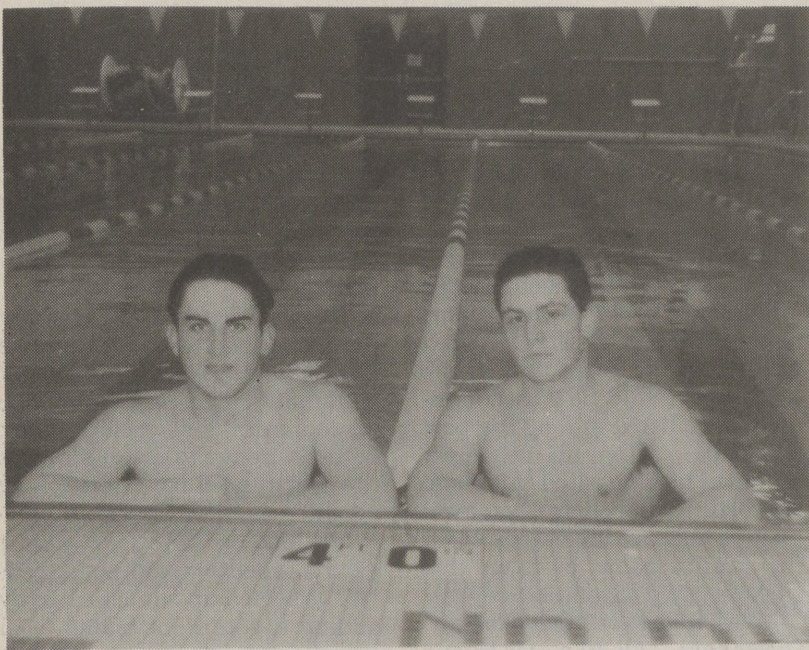


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POST PHOTOS/RON BARTIZEK  
Dean Evans, left, and Kyle Brady have been leaders of the Dallas swimming team in its second season.

## Talented duo leads Dallas swim team

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**DALLAS** - A little more than a year ago, the families of swimmers Kyle Baker and Dean Evans were among the voices helping to convince the Dallas School Board to add swimming as a varsity sport.

With just one senior on the team last year and five years experience at the Y.M.C.A. under their belts, the pair has proven their worth to the squad time and time again. The senior duo has left a lasting impression on the underclassmen as well as coach Matt Stretanski.

"They provide very, very needed senior leadership to this team," said Stretanski. "From when we

*"I love the water more than the land."*

Dean Evans  
Dallas swimmer

started the program last year they had a very good idea of what was needed at practice to be good swimmer. They were able to help me explain how we're going to get better. They justify what the practices mean."

The Dallas mermen have been showing weekly progress this season. Although the results are listed as exhibition meets, the Mounts have already pulled off a couple of upsets in the water. Both Baker and Evans can take

credit for helping the program through its infancy.

"There's a certain amount of satisfaction in giving some other people a chance at doing something they haven't done before," said Baker.

"We were trying to get (swimming at Dallas) for a while," said Evans. "We're happy to get it initiated."

Kyle resides in Kingston Township and is the son of Peter and Mary Baker. He has a younger sister, Shanna. In the fall he was a starting forward for the Dallas soccer team. Come spring he'll be running the middle distance events for the track and field team. A member of the YMCA team, he's the leading freestyler for the

Mounts.

"Kyle's a very good freestyler," Stretanski said. "He expects to win and carries a very positive attitude. He's very encouraging to the rest of the team."

Shortly after moving to the area a few years ago, Kyle joined the YMCA. His talent was obvious, and he was encouraged to go out for the team. He did and has loved swimming and competing ever since. Baker thrives on the intensity of the meets, but said his favorite sport is the one he happens to be participating in at the time. Next year he plans on continuing his education at the collegiate level.

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## Oliver ranked 19th best in U.S. by Baseball America

By LEN KRYESKI  
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**DALLAS** - The accolades continue to mount for John Oliver. First the Lake-Lehman standout was named a second team All-American by High School Baseball U.S.A. He's also one of three finalists in the Male Scholastic Division of the Killer Bees' Hoinski Memorial Awards. The ceremonies will be held this Saturday at Genetti's Convention Center in Wilkes-Barre.

The most recent honor carries the most prestige for John and his family. Oliver is ranked 19th among a list of the top 100 high school baseball prospects in the February 4th edition of *Baseball America*. Allan Simpson compiles the list for the popular publication with the help of major league scouts and college recruiters.

"Baseball America and Allan Simpson are the most reputable names in the business," said Chip Sorber, who replaces Dwight

Barbacci as Lehman's head coach this spring. "The scouts are telling us that John will go in the second round of the draft."

Sorber further explained that a player chosen in the second round generally is offered between \$250,000 and \$750,000 as a signing bonus. High school players have more leverage than college players because of the options available to them.

Back in November, John announced he would pursue an academic and sports career at Clemson University beginning this fall. He'll have an opportunity to move into Jack Leggit's starting outfield as a freshman. John imagines that the Tiger coaching staff flinches a bit everytime his stock rises.

Will he start? "I think so," Oliver said. "They lost nine guys to the draft last year. Their goal this year was to recruit good guys, but not so many highly rated players."

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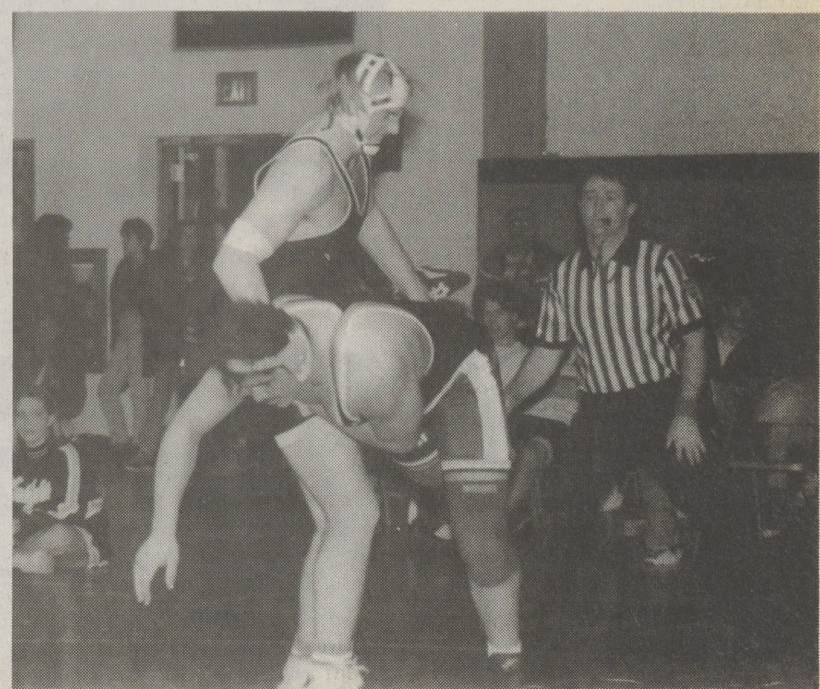
## Regan's heroics lead Bulls to last-second victory

In the third game of Dallas grade 7-8 basketball Sunday afternoon, the Bulls' Mike Regan with five seconds to play in the game tied the score with a driving lay up to even the score at 42-42 against the Hornets. With three seconds remaining Regan stole the inbounds pass and scored while the buzzer was sounding to give the Bulls a hard fought 44-42 come from behind win. At half time the Hornets held a 23-15 lead. There were many fine defensive plays on both sides in the third and fourth quarters. The Bulls offense was led by Regan with a game high 32 points. The Hornets offense was led by Bobby Zaruta with 13 points, followed by John Nackley with nine points and David Jumper with six points. The Bulls record improves to 1-6, while the Hornets record drops to 4-3.

In the first game of the after-

noon, the Celtics defeated the Magic by a score of 51-41. Fine outside shooting of Jay Carroll and Buddy Shah gave the Celtics a 12-6 first quarter lead. At half-time it was the Celtics 21-16 over the Magic. The Celtics opened the game up in the third quarter with a combination of inside and outside shooting. The third quarter ended with the Celtics holding a 42-26 lead. The Celtics had a well balanced scoring attack from Jay Carroll with 20 points, followed by Buddy Shah with 13 points and Matt Eyt with 11 points. The Magic offense was led by Mike Domzalski with a game high 22 points including a perfect 12 for 12 from the charity stripe, followed by Ryan Sorber with 15 points. The Celtics record goes to 4 and 3, while the Magic drop

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Tony Tereska battled with Eyad Elbattah at heavyweight. Tereska pinned his opponent in 3:27.

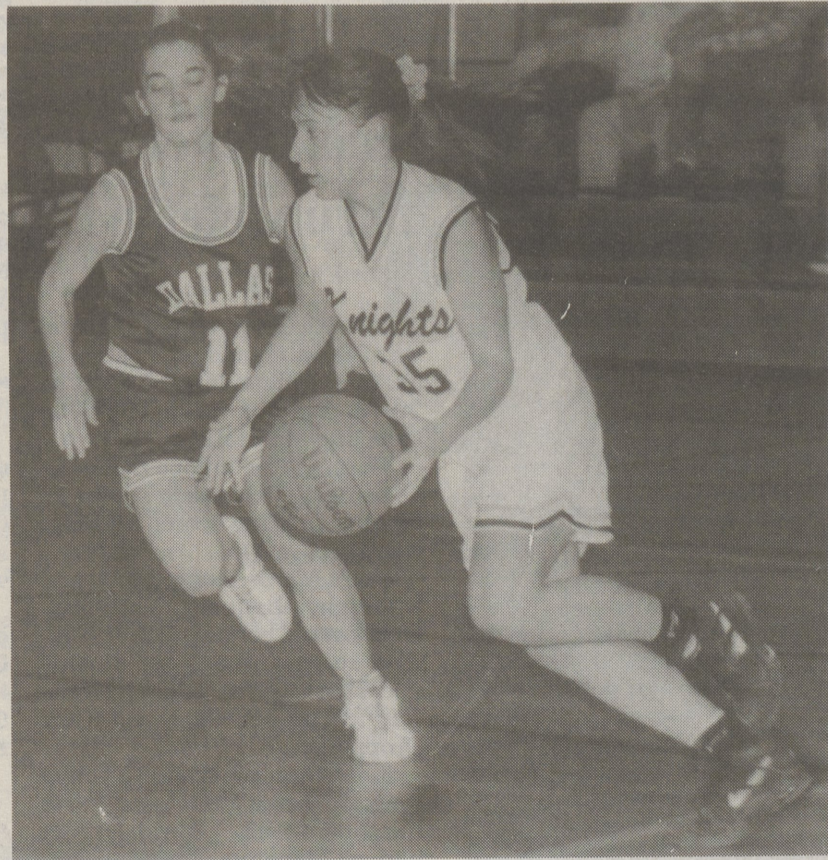


## Winning strategy

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Dallas girls' basketball coach Kim Barbacci plotted strategy during a fourth-quarter time out in Monday's game against Lake-Lehman. The Mountaineers came out on top 47-35 behind Robin Suda's 24 points and an active defense. At right, quickness on quickness, as Holly Baseski guarded Adrienne Miroslaw. Each scored eight points. At left, Sarah Barlow broke through for two points against Nicki Bouthout.



## Black Knights put Spartans on their backs

By LEN KRYESKI  
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**LEHMAN TOWNSHIP** - "It's amazing what a couple of good practices will do," said Tom Williams, co-coach of the Lake-Lehman wrestling team after the Black Knights crushed Wyoming Valley West 45-10 at home Saturday night.

With the exception of Northwest Area, high school coaches across the Wyoming Valley Conference finally received their wish last week: a full week of uninterrupted practice.

It's safe to say that no team responded better to the regular full load of work than the Lake-Lehman wrestling squad. After two solid practices came a huge

32-20 victory over Meyers. Pumped, the Lehman grapplers put together two of their best practices of the season on Thursday and Friday before Saturday's thrashing of the Spartans.

"The kids have been stepping it up offensively," said co-coach Phil Lipski. "They've been working hard and coming along well."

"This year the schedule worked in our favor," added Williams. "You never know with (Meyers and Valley West) back-to-back, but we peaked at the right time."

Most felt the Knights were slight favorites heading into the match, but no one figured they would dominate. Lehman led 30-0 after eight matches and proceeded to win 11 of 13 bouts.

Down 12-0 after three bouts

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Tom Williams  
Lake-Lehman co-coach

the Spartans felt they were still very much in it, but even the most casual fan could sense their moment of let-down. Freshman Sam Saylor came up big at 125 with a 12-6 win over Spartan senior Rob Miller. Before the Valley West wrestlers could catch a breath, Eric Maciejczak had taken care of Bryan Nesbitt. Maciejczak used a standing cradle to take Nesbitt down to the mat quickly and pinned him in just 24 seconds.

The roar from the Spartan bench was much more quieter after that.

Jake Santee produced another eye-opening victory for Lehman at 145. He defeated Mike Hando, a third place finisher at districts last winter, 8-6 in overtime. In the 189 pound match-up, Lehman's Mike Rogowski regained the lead with less than 20 seconds remaining in an exciting 6-5 win over Murad Elbattah.

The Knights now sit all alone at the top of their division with a 3-0 mark. In order to make a clean sweep of the West, they'll need to beat West Side Tech, Pittston, Wyoming and Tunkhannock in the ensuing weeks. Wednesday's win over Meyers also puts them in

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