

## Lady Mounts

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It also helped to have Robin Suda in the low post. The senior center scored 19 of her game high 26 points during the middle two periods. Robin played the entire game and also picked up 13 rebounds and three steals.

GAR responded every time Dallas threatened to cut their comfortable lead to single digits. The Lady Mounts cut the lead to 10 twice in the fourth quarter with over five minutes remaining. Trailing 50-40 Dallas gave up five unanswered points. Another costly turnover lead to a foul and a three point play by GAR at the 5:05 mark.

Back-to-back treys by Holly Baseski and Adrienne Camp surrounded a GAR bucket narrowing the lead to 57-46, before the home team finished with a 9-5 spurt. With her best people on the floor, Barbacci indicated she's not totally comfortable with having to resort to three-point shooting.

"We have to have four guards in there," Barbacci said.

Dallas still has its sights set on winning the Wyoming Valley Conference Division 2 title. Anything can happen as Dallas, Meyers and Hanover all started the week at 5-

*"We just didn't come to play. They got up on us and we fell apart."*

Kim Barbacci  
Dallas coach

0. With two games remaining they're hoping Monday's loss will be the low point of the second half.

"We have two key games remaining," said Barbacci. "We're going to regroup for Meyers and Hanover. We'll be ready on Thursday."

Dallas will travel to Meyers on Thursday before finishing the regular season with the Lady Hawkeyes, the first half champions, at home on Monday.

Camp scored 13 points in the loss to go along with four rebounds and three steals. Baseski finished with six points, courtesy of two treys. Katie Austin came off the bench to record five steals.

Reduced to a spoiler's role, the Lady Grenadiers improved to 3-3 in the second half.

## DeCesaris

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Angelo got involved in sports around the age of seven. He signed up for youth soccer and began playing basketball at the start of junior high. While in eighth grade, he traded in his soccer shoes for a pair of football cleats.

"I like football better because I can just react," DeCesaris said. "I know what's going on. Basketball is not as physical while football suits my style of play."

It was that style that helped make him a defensive first team all-scholastic on the gridiron this past autumn. Angelo was an integral part of a defense that allowed just 8.2 points per contest over the course of 11 games. The Black Knights posted four shutouts and allowed only two opponents to score over 20 points this past season.

Because of his intensity and innate ability to be in on almost every play, coach Rich Gorgone designed a position with DeCesaris in mind. Angelo lined up as a combination inside linebacker/middle guard. The flexibility gave the Lehman defense a variety of looks and caused havoc for opponents.

And that was before the ball was snapped. Angelo was second only to teammate Jason Adamski in tackles and would have led most other squads in the conference. DeCesaris tallied 74 solo tackles along with 20 assists. He also recorded 12 tackles for loss, three sacks and an interception.

"Hitting is the best part of the game," said DeCesaris. "It's a great feeling when you knock a guy backwards."

On the other side of the ball, he made a solid contribution at the tight end position. At one point he helped out by playing an interior line position while a teammate was recovering from an injury.

His biggest contribution could very well have been in the leadership department. He's one of those rare athletes who not only leads by example, but constantly cheers on or chews out fellow team members. It all reverts back to work ethic.

"I'm a blue collar player," explained DeCesaris. "I go to every practice. I work hard at getting better and lift weights in the off season. I go 110 percent all of the

time."

It was a ton of hard work that transformed him from contributor to starter. As far as technique goes, Angelo has no particular weakness, but realized after his sophomore season that he needed to become stronger. He worked extra hard on strength and had gained 25 pounds by the time his junior season came around. It's also helped his hoops career.

"On the basketball floor, I'm one of the stronger guys at my position," DeCesaris said. "At small forward there's not a lot of guys that can match up to me physically."

This winter he's become coach Rodger Bearde's most reliable scorer on the hardwood. Averaging close to 14 points per game, he's among the top five scorers in division two of the WVC.

Basketball has also supplied his greatest thrill in a Black Knights uniform. On January 30th he helped Lehman down arch rival Dallas 70-50 by scoring a career high 26 points. He also fired in five treys.

"It was the best game that I played," DeCesaris said. "It helped that it was against Dallas."

Next year Angelo is going to college and will play football. Although his field of study will officially read undecided, he's leaning towards a business degree. He may be given the opportunity to play Division II or III football within an hour's drive of home. Angelo's been in contact with Bloomsburg University and Kings College. The list of possibilities also includes Millersville, Delaware Valley and Wiedner. In the near future he'll be visiting Lycoming and Moravian.

Angelo has three younger sisters, Theresa, Melissa and Megan. A member of student council, he's also one of the athletic department's biggest supporters. He's visible at many Lehman events, cheering on his classmates. More than anything he's going to miss the friends he's made at Lehman over the years.

"I miss football already," DeCesaris said. "I miss being with the guys in the locker room, in the weight room. I miss the comradery."

## 7-8 ball

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all. The Celtics owned the final quarter outscoring the Bulls 17-12. The Celtics had a well balanced scoring attack, led by Matt Eyet, with 14 points, followed by Jay Carroll with 13 and Jeff Parrish with seven points. The Bulls' offense was led by Mike Regan with a game high 37 points, followed by Lloyd Droppers with seven points. The Celtics' Buddy Shah recorded two three-point goals. The Celtics record improves to 5-3, while the Bulls drop to 1-7.

The final game of the afternoon had the Heat beating up on the Trailblazers 62-39. The first quarter was close, with the advantage going to the Heat 15-12. The Heat

pulled away in the second quarter with a 15 to 8 run. The third quarter was much the same with the Heat keeping up the pressure on the Trailblazers. The fourth quarter was a disastrous one for the Trailblazers, with the Heat outscoring the Blazers 18 to 10. The Heat offense was led by Danny Fetko with 16 points, followed by Jared Karalunas with 12 points. The Trailblazer offense was led by Chad Woolbert with a game high 18 points, followed by Tom Byron with 17 points. Jared Karalunas and Kevin Yurko each recorded two three-point goals. The Heat record improves to 5-3, while the Trailblazers drop to 1-7.

## Boating course at lake Feb. 23-24

A boating course will be held at the American Legion Post 967, Rt. 415, Harveys Lake, on February 23, 6-10 p.m. and February 24, 1-5 p.m.

This course will allow a person 12 to 15 years of age operate a motorboat or personal watercraft without having an adult on board. The course is free but registration is required. Please call 717-477-2996 for a reservation.

## Lipski, Williams notch 100th win

Lake-Lehman co-coaches Phil Lipski and Tom Williams reached a milestone when their Black Knight wrestlers defeated Crestwood 45-15 Saturday afternoon. It was the duo's 100th career victory at the varsity level.

At the start of the week their dual meet record stood at 101-16-2 including a 79-4-2 mark in the Wyoming Valley Conference. Now in their seventh season, they've guided Lehman to four overall WVC titles, five West division titles as well as five District 2, Class AA crowns. Lehman also captured Northeast Regional Championships in '91 and '95.

Prior to taking over the varsity the two shared the Lake-Lehman junior high coaching post for five seasons.

## Oliver, Kelly honored by Killer Bees

Two Back Mountain residents were honored as the area's top amateur athletes by the Killer Bees Athletic Club Saturday night. The 13th annual presentation was held at Genetti's Convention Center in Wilkes-Barre.

John Oliver, a three-sport star for Lake-Lehman High School, received the Hoinski scholastic male award, while Brian Kelly of Shavertown won the Hoinski open male award. The awards are named for Joe Hoinski, a Killer Bees member who was killed in a motorcycle accident.

Oliver, the son of John and Carol Oliver of Dallas, is a standout for Lehman in football, basketball and baseball. Currently rated the 19th best high school baseball prospect in America, he's accepted an athletic scholarship to play baseball at Clemson University.

Kelly, a junior attending Duke University and former star for Lake-Lehman, is the son of Mark and Linda Kelly of Shavertown. He helped lead the Duke soccer team to the NCAA Division I National Championship game this past fall.

Matt Guerin, another Lehman alumnus, was a finalist for the open male award. Presently wrestling for Lock Haven University, the 177 pounder is ranked seventh in the nation by Amateur Wrestling News.

Other nominees from the Back Mountain included: Scholastic Male: Ted Jackson Jr., Dallas High School. Open Male: Matt Sleightholm, Dallas, Virginia Tech. Open female: Heather Grey, Sweet Valley, Bloomsburg University. Karen Stefanowicz, Loyalville, Trenton State.

Heather Dougherty, the assistant swim coach for Dallas high school and presently a member of the College Misericordia team was also nominated for open female.

## Dallas Gridiron Club Football Banquet



Attending last Sunday's banquet were, from left: Griffin Bicking, named Sportsmanship Player of the Year; Dan Pohdel; Joe Noon; and Dan Natitus, who shared Hit of the Year honors with Connor Ennis.



Connor Ennis, left, who shared Hit of the Year honors; Rich Klicik; Jeff Kunkle; and Ted Jackson Jr., Offensive Player of the Year. Other award winners were Chris Kuderka, Defensive Player of the Year; and Frank Gesky, Unsung Hero.



Joining in the Dallas Gridiron Club salute to the 1995 football team were, seated, Jean Piccolo, left, and Diane Noon. Standing, from left; Frank Natitus, George Curry, Ted Jackson, Len Dorrance.

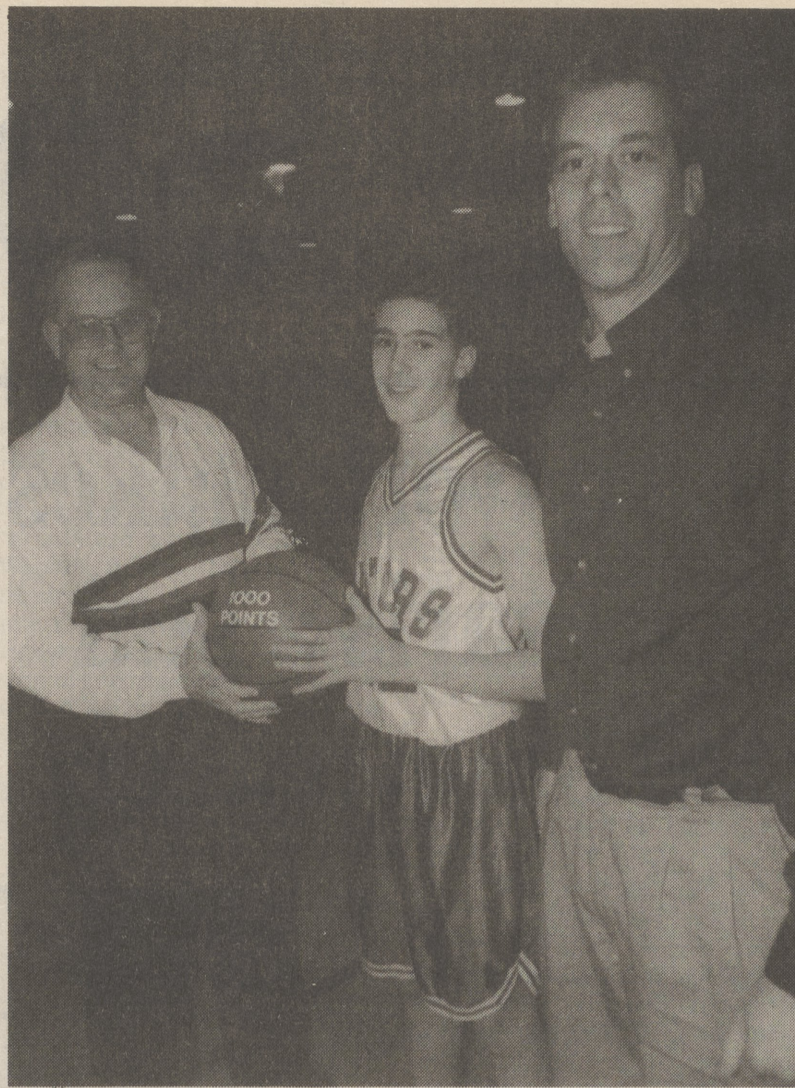
## 3-4 ball

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eight points and 14 rebounds, Brian Gage with six points and eight rebounds and Joe Bednash with two points and five rebounds. Virginia was led by Gene Lispi with eight points, Doug Zaruta and Nathan Yoh had six points each for Virginia.

Duke (1-7) won its first game by defeating Maryland (5-3).

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## He scored a grand

Mike Regan, center, scored his 1000th point Jan. 31 as a member of the Gate of Heaven boys' basketball team. He was flanked by his coach, Jim Keiper, and his father, Jim.

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