

Mike Metz

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loves so.
"I'm looking to achieve what I haven't in the past," said Metz. "Win a district championship and qualify for the state level."

Last year Mike followed up districts with another second place finish at pre-regionals. Needing a top three finish at regionals to make the trip to states, Mike fell one win short of competing in the consolation bracket.

Mike has lost just one league match this winter while spending the majority of the season competing at 119. He moved back to 112 recently. You'll have to wait until Friday night to find out where Mike will be competing this post-season.

When not wrestling for Steve Kaschenbach's Mountaineers, Metz is active in Greco-Roman wrestling. Greco-Roman wrestling limits the use of a wrestler's legs. The following are forbidden: Seizing an opponent's legs, gripping an opponent with the legs, using the legs to push, lift or exert pressure when they are touching an opponent's body.

"It's my favorite type of wrestling," said Metz. "It's more up-

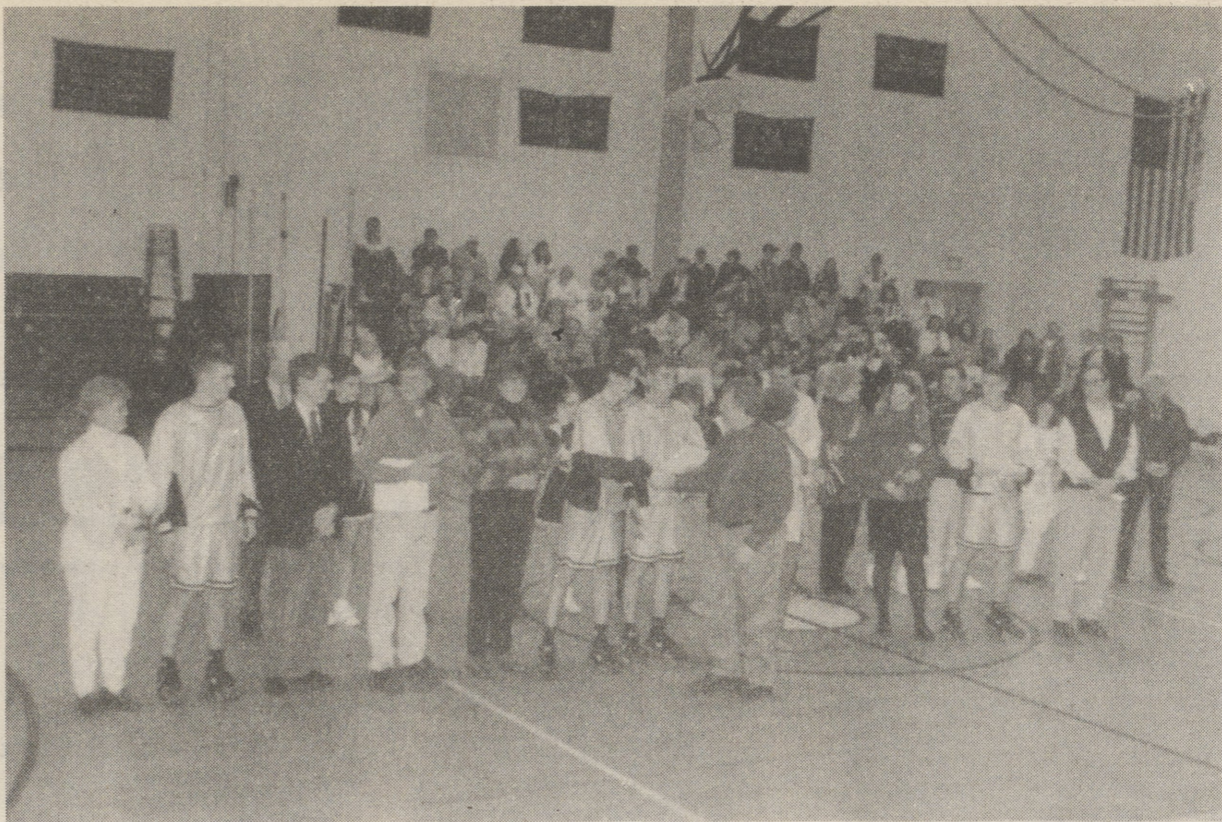
beat and more intense."

Metz has been successful in that wrestling atmosphere as well the past three years. He's placed second at the Northeast Regional Championships, been invited to wrestle in Sweden and qualified for nationals two years ago. He's also a member of the Pennsylvania state team.

Mike is also a member of American Literature Field Studies at Dallas and has a younger brother, Matt. Matt plays baseball for the Back Mountain Little League and is a member of the Back Mountain Wrestling club. So far the younger grappler has been able to follow his brother's winning ways.

Next fall, Mike will be attending Lock Haven University to begin study in elementary education. More than likely he'll be a member of the renowned Lock Haven wrestling team, but figures on redshirting next season to get more time to adapt to life on campus.

"I'd like to wrestle for them after my freshman year," Metz said. "After that I hope to do more freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling on the international level."



Honoring seniors

Lake-Lehman boys' basketball senior players, cheerleaders and their families were honored at a ceremony before the Feb. 8 game. From left, Denise Miscavage, Jeff Castellano, Dr. Thomas Castellano, Scott Spencer, Jill Spencer, Sam Spencer, John Oliver Jr., John Oliver, Carol Oliver, Donna DeCesaris, Angelo DeCesaris Jr., Angelo DeCesaris Sr.

7-8 ball

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Woolbert and Tom Byron with 14 points apiece, followed by Mike Barlow with 10 points. The Bulls' offense was led by Mike Regan with a game high 19 points, followed by Randy Knappman with nine points and John Lukasavage with eight. The Trailblazers improve their record to 2-7.

Baseball clinic features Oliver

A baseball clinic will be held at Lake-Lehman High School, featuring high school All-American John Oliver, March 9, 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$10 if pre-registered, \$15 at the door. Open to students in grades 3-12.

Mail pre-registration to: Chip Sorber, 20 Maple Tree Road, Dallas, PA 18612. Phone 477-2303. Make checks payable to Lake-Lehman Baseball.

Staff includes all Lake-Lehman baseball coaches and senior high baseball players.

Erin Edwards

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Edwards continued her winning ways at the 9th annual event Friday by taking the elite giant slalom in her age group. She posted two runs of 39.47 and 39.04 seconds for the fastest aggregate time among females, 78.51 seconds.

Erin hails from a skiing family and has spent considerable time on the slopes since the age of three. Occasionally she'll get there on a weekday, but every winter weekend is set aside for her favorite pastime. Practice typically runs from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Then she'll free ski until 4 p.m.

"Most of my time is spent training," Edwards said, "but all skiing is fun."

The daughter of Ralph and Patricia Edwards of Shavertown credits a great deal of her recent success to coaches Gary Robb and Carrie Molnair. She's a member of the Jack Frost Ski Team as well as the Pennsylvania Alpine Racing Association.

"I thought about skiing in college, but right now it looks like I'll be playing field hockey," said

"Most of my time is spent training, but all skiing is fun."

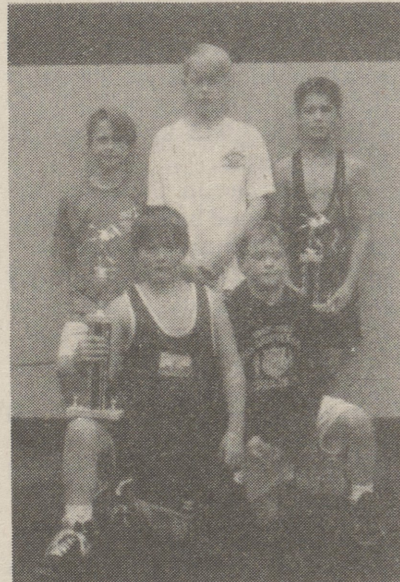
Erin Edwards
Champion skier

Edwards. "I'd definitely like to play field hockey at a school that also has a ski club."

Edwards, a senior, was one of four girls to see action as a starting forward for a Lehman hockey team that went as far as the class AA state semi-finals this past fall. She recorded four goals and an assist during the regular season for the District 2 champions and assisted the only goal in Lehman's eye-opening quarter-final victory. That helped the Knights hand Jenkintown, ranked number one in the state at the time, their first defeat of the season. Erin is a member of the Lady Knights soccer team in the fall and also serves on student council.

BMT wrestlers place at YMCA tourney

Wrestlers from the Back Mountain Wrestling Club recently participated in the YMCA's annual Turkey Shoot Tournament. Members from the club finished as follows: First row, Matthew Davis, Bantam 85, 1st place; Andrew Shaw, Midget 60, 2nd place. Second row, Marc Shaw, Junior 65, 3rd place; Lewis Spurlin, Junior 85, 2nd place; Aaron Kubasik, Junior 70, 3rd place. Absent from photo: Andrew Gramps, Bantam, 2nd place.



Close games mark grade 3-4 action

Doug Zaruta scored eight points and Nathan Yoh and Eric Baltimore led the defense as Virginia topped Florida State 15-14 in Dallas Youth Basketball grade 3-4 action. Florida State was led by David Heister, John McGeehan and Andrew Giananella.

Erich Mahle scored six points and had eight rebounds to lead Maryland over North Carolina 12-1. Also scoring for the Terps were Jason Demnicki and Michael Early. North Carolina was led by Bryan Kelly and Bruce Deeble.

Kevin Domzalski scored a game high 14 points to lead Florida State over Georgia Tech 27-18.

Lady Knights

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boards and by ballhawking. The Lady Knights committed just five turnovers in the first half, but equaled that number in the final 3:30 of the contest.

Lehman was outscored 5-2 during the span accounting for the three point loss.

"We knew when the season started that all of the other teams had most everybody back," Morgan said. "We did too, but we have a lot of underclassmen. I still thought at some point we'd beat a Hanover, a Dallas or a Meyers. We lost two three-point games to Meyers."

Steven Wengen led the defense for State. For Tech, Brian Gate had six points with eight rebounds, while Jeff Pace scored four with seven rebounds.

Tyler Droppers had 11 points with nine rebounds to lead Georgia Tech over Duke 21-18. Also scoring for Tech were Sean Leary and Colin Baird. Duke was led by Sam Brown and Ben Barbose.

Standings after nine games:
Florida State 7-2
Maryland 6-3
Georgia Tech 6-3
North Carolina 4-5
Virginia 3-6
Duke 1-8

The Lady Grenadiers also spoiled senior night for Rachel Kaufman and Jan Morgan. The good news, however, is that Lehman has lost just three players over the past two seasons. Next year's roster will be loaded with experience as Morgan and assistant coach Mike Sharok regularly play as many as 12 girls per contest.

Kelly Spencer led the Lehman scoring attack with 12 points and added six steals. Adrienne Miroslaw added nine while Michaels scored eight.

Lehman won the j.v. contest

Keystone Games Back Mountain Medalists:

Downhill
Male 16-19, 1st, **Josh Van Jura**, Trucksville
Female 16-19, 1st, **Erin Edwards**, Shavertown
Giant Slalom
Female 13-15, 3rd, **Stacey Wagner**, Shavertown
Female 16-19, 1st, **Erin Edwards**, Shavertown
Moguls Freestyle
Female, 15-19, 3rd, **Shannon Kane**, Dallas
Modified Giant Slalom, A Division
Female, 12 & under, 1st, **Sherry Senausky**, Trucksville
Male, 13-15, 1st, **Charles Tyrell**, Shavertown; 3rd, **Chris Schneider**, Trucksville
Female 13-15, 3rd, **Stacey Wagner**, Shavertown
B Division
Male 12 & under, 1st, **John Bucha**, Dallas
Dual Slalom, A Division
Male 13-15: 1st, **Chris Nattress**, Shavertown; 2nd, **Charles Tyrell**, Shavertown; 3rd, **Chris Schneider**, Trucksville
Female 13-15, 3rd, **Stacey Wagner**, Shavertown
Male 25-29, 2nd, **Robert Lamb**, Harveys Lake
B Division
Male 12 & under, 1st, **John Bucha**, Dallas
Female 13-15, 2nd, **Jannell Bucha**, Dallas

Strikers place at Clarks Summit, Endicott

Noxen Wrestlers placed in two tournaments this weekend. On Saturday, Feb. 3 they were at Clarks Summit and placed Bantam: Adam Sulenski, 50 lbs., 4th; Mike Stolarick, 60 lbs., 1st; Matt Dragon, 70 lbs., 1st. Midget: Brad Tompsom, 55 lbs., 1st; John Houssock, 60 lbs., 1st; Kelly Morgan, 75 lbs., 4th. Junior: Perry Coolbaugh, 76 lbs., 1st; Dale Radginski, 76 lbs.,

2nd; Matt Metz, 85 lbs., 1st. On Sunday, Feb. 4, they placed at Union Endicott, NY: Pee Wee: Rick Bower, 50 lbs., 2nd. Bantam: Mike Stolarick, 50 lbs., 2nd; Brian Goeringer, 65 lbs., 3rd; Matt Dragon, 75 lbs., 3rd. Jr. High: Scott Healy, 112 lbs., 2nd; Jason Wood, 112 lbs., 3rd; Richie Patton, HWT, 4th.

SPORTS SHORTS

GOH 8th grade girls win twice, record 9-1

The Gate of Heaven Gators Girls' 8th grade varsity had their 10th game of the season February 6 at St. Al's.

Gate of Heaven was victorious with a score of 41-19 which takes their record to 9-1.

The high scorers for Gate of Heaven were Maria Wright with 14 points, and Lindsay Mace with 10 points. Laura Harkins and K.C. Boback came off the bench to score some points for the Gators.

Jan Kalafut had six points for St. Al's.

The Gate of Heaven Gators Girls' 8th grade varsity had their 11th game of the season Feb. 11, at Pope John Paul in Nanticoke.

Gate of Heaven was victorious 43-20, which takes their record to 10-1.

The high scorers for Gate of Heaven were Lindsay Mace with 10 points, Bridget Narmac with nine points, Maria Wright had several assists. Christina Lopez had nine points for Pope John Paul. The Gators' next game is Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Regis Academy in Swoyersville.

JV boys top St. Judes, varsity falls

The Gate of Heaven JV boys team beat St. Jude's gold team on Feb. 7 at St. Jude's gym by a score of 46 to 35. The JV team was led by J.C. DeRojas, 15 points, and Andrew Lohin, 14 points. Their record is 11-0.

The Gate of Heaven varsity team lost to St. Jude's by a score of 88-46. Their record is 5-6.

GOH boys Green splits pair of games

Gate of Heaven 7-8th grade boys Green basketball team defeated Wyoming Seminary and lost to Wyoming Area. Leading the scoring in the WS game was C.J. Adamchak, 15; Rob Bradbury, 12 and Lorne Trapani, six.

In the Wyoming Area game, Russell Susko and Lee Stevans led the offense helped by steals by Mike Kashnicki. Assists from Rob Neher and rebounding by Joe Latosek and Rob Neher and P.J. Spigarelli. Brian Wagner played outstanding defense.

6th grade girls miss win by single point

In an exciting game, the 6th grade Lady Gators lost by one point to St. Al's of Wilkes-Barre in Regis League action. High scorers were Katie Delaney and Jennifer Bjelich. The team lost to Pope John Paul II at Nanticoke. Leading the scoring were Sarah Armand and Courtney Dombroski. Rebounding by Lauren Davis, Monica Latoaek, and Ce-Ce Moen Williams. Megan Peeler, Kim Celusniak and Jeanne Herman led the defense.

St. John's, Miani vie for top seed in grade 5-6 playoffs

Miami coached by Joe Kerestes and St. John's coached by Herb Fehlinger had a game that lived up to expectations in grade 5-6 play Feb. 12. For the second time this year, the game was decided by a single point; this time Miami won 23-22. Blake Saba led Miami with nine points and Chris Heister had eight including the game winner with four seconds left. Matt Carey, Christian Cobleigh and Tim Kerestes also scored. For St. John's, Herb Bressler had a game high 15 while Mike Fehlinger added seven. Brian Downey had five blocked shots and a fine defensive game.

Georgetown coached by Paul McCue, defeated Boston College, coached by Tony Barbose, by a score of 39-23 with Donny Murray scoring 15 points. John Simonitis and Paul McCue each added 10 points. Others who contributed to the win were Angelo Recchia, Frank Oatridge, and Bobby Hadzor. John Barbose scored a high of 14 points for Boston College with Mike English scoring eight points and Ryan Mark adding a basket. Kevin Arnaud had a good defensive game.

Pittsburgh coached by Mike Dombroski, beat Syracuse coached by George Gracely, 29-25. Mike Dombroski led the game with 13 points while Ryan Love added eight. The high scorer for Syracuse were Bobby Zaruta and Bobby Gebhart.

Seton Hall, coached by John Pambianco, won its seventh game against Villanova, coached by Dr. Jack Ellis, 34-7. High scorer for Seton Hall was John Pambianco with 12 points, Tim Faneck added nine points. Dennis Ellis was the top scorer for Villanova with six points, B.J. Lewis added three points and Ben Coslett had one point. Mike Smith had a good defensive game.

Blake Saba proved to be un-

stoppable as he poured in 22 points to lead Miami over Seton Hall 36-25. Matt Carey and Chris Heister both chipped in with six points while controlling the boards. Tim Faneck and John Pambianco played five games for Seton Hall, with Pambianco scoring 11 points and Faneck scoring nine.

St. John's kept a one game lead over Miami as Herb Bressler had the hot hand, scoring 18 points to lead St. John's over Boston College 28-15. Mike Fehlinger played a fine game chipping in with six points. For Boston College Jonathan Barbose and Chris Smith each scored four points and had 13 rebounds between them.

Georgetown used a balanced scoring attack to beat Pittsburgh 41-34. Donny Murray had a game high 16 points, followed by John Simonitis with 14 points. Frank Oatridge chipped in with five points. Pittsburgh had a fine game from Ryan Love with 13 points, Mike Dombroski 11 points and Andrew Dale eight points to keep the game close.

Bobby Zaruta proved to be too much to handle as he had a game high 21 points to lead Syracuse over Villanova 36-28. Bobby Gebhart and Jeff Singer played well for Syracuse, scoring eight points and four points respectively. Villanova was paced by Dennis Ellis, who scored 12 points, while teammates Greg Mascoli and Mike Smith scored eight points and four points respectively.

STANDINGS

St. John's	10-2
Miami	9-3
Georgetown	8-4
Seton Hall	7-5
Pittsburgh	6-6
Boston College	5-7
Syracuse	3-9
Villanova	0-12

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