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Gate of Heaven's Allison Hutch tried for a block in the seventh grade playoff game against Dallas. The Gators won handily, 58-25, and went on to win the championship against Regis Academy.

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that much more successful. She more than likely would have been of the top defenders in the league in field hockey, and one of the leaders on a team that finished runner-up in District 2 to arch rival Lehman.

The basketball team is still alive in the playoffs at the state level, but could have been even more dangerous with another offensive threat from the outside. The Lady Mounts lost a couple of close games during divisional play this past winter, in which a couple of 3-pointers could have made the difference.

If she could have had just one moment to shine this year, like Kirk Gibson's pinch hit game-winning home run during his only appearance in the 1988 World Series, it would have been to bail out the Dallas hoopsters.

"The last few games of the basketball season and even in the playoffs I would ask coach Barbacci to put me for the last 20 seconds and let me shoot a 3-pointer," Carrie said. "Every game she just says 'No, Fetterman.'"

Carrie's first major injury also rearranged her plans for college. "I was just hoping that some college would notice me," she said "Basketball or field hockey, it didn't matter. Right now I'm working on making a decision, I can't put it off any longer."

Part of the commitment problem is she's also undecided on which field of study to enter. It seems every week her position changes on what she'd like to do

"Just watching I know I could help and just wish I could play."

Carrie Fetterman
Dallas senior

after college. Carrie may enter college undeclared while also trying to earn at least a partial scholarship as a walk-on.

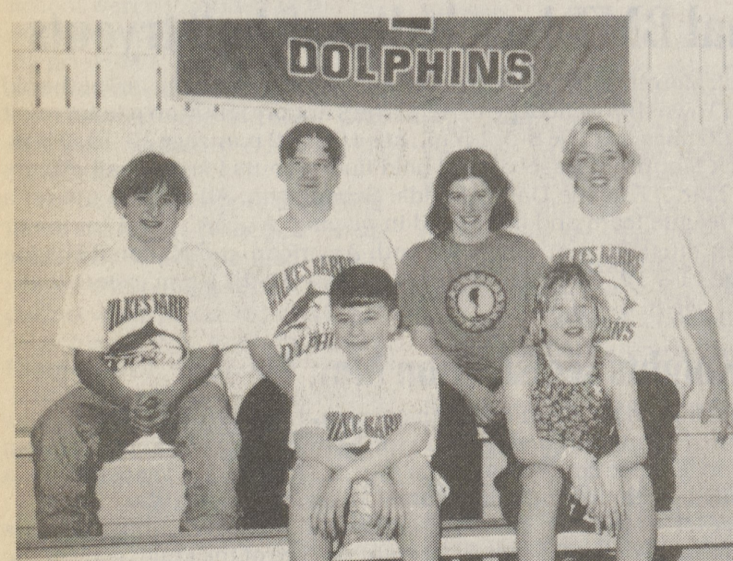
Because of her experience with the Keystone State Games, field hockey probably comes out on top as her favorite sport.

"Whatever season it is I seem to like that sport better," Carrie said. "I always liked basketball, but maybe lean a little towards field hockey. I like hitting a little ball with a little, skinny stick."

It's certainly not the type of year she had planned, but Carrie carries a very positive attitude and believes good has resulted from the ordeal.

"I can now sympathize with people who get hurt," she said. "I realize sports isn't always everything and I've really been working on academics this year."

In addition to excelling in three sports, Carrie is a member of the Dallas yearbook staff and was involved with student steering in the past. The daughter of John and Elizabeth "Cookie" Fetterman of Dallas, Carrie has two older brothers, Curt and Chris.



Swimmers qualify for YMCA championship

Eight Back Mountain swimmers from the Wilkes-Barre YMCA Dolphin swim team have qualified to compete in YMCA Eastern District Championships at LaSalle University, March 15-17. A swimmer must attain a competitive time equal to, or below, a set league time in a specific event during a sanctioned league meet to be eligible to swim that event in District Competition. competing in the 10-and-under division are Andrew Schweitzer, 50 Back, 100 Free and Christina Hobbs, 50 Fly. 12-and-under qualifiers are Justin DeSalvo, 50 Breast and Carey Fetting-Smith 50 Fly, 200 Medley Relay. 14-and-under are Matthew Schweitzer, 200 I.M., 200 Free, 500 Free; Connor Fetting-Smith, 100 Fly; Shannon Gaffney, 50 Free, 100 Fly, 200 Free Relay. Open division swimmers are Kyle Baker, 50 Free, 100 Breast; Dean Evans, 100 Back.

Team members are, Andrew Schweitzer, Christina Hobbs; back row, Justin DeSalvo, Matthew Schweitzer, Carey Fetting-Smith Shannon Gaffney.



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The champs

Gate of Heaven won the seventh grade championship at the girls' tournament Mar. 10. Celebrating were, from left, kneeling: Laura Charnick, Shannon Lupien, Jackie Reisser. Second row, Beth Charnick, Allison Hutch, Katie Guntli, Samantha Leandri, Jamie Pikul, Chelsey Ostrowsky. Rear: Jacelyn Kozick, Shannon Leary.



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1000 points

Chelsey Ostrowsky was honored Mar. 9 for scoring 1000 points in a Gate of Heaven uniform. She is shown with her dad, Bob, brother, Brian and mom, Marianne.



Nattress earns invitation to Okemo

Since opening day in early December, Chris Nattress skied through frigid temperatures, rain, snow and sleet in a quest for an invitation to the PARA Mid-Atlantic J3 Championships. Training involved four to six days a week at Montage, endless gates and lunches eaten on the lift.

On Feb. 22, his goal was realized when he skied the first of seven races at Seven Springs, PA sponsored by the Pennsylvania Alpine Racing Association.

A total of 60 men and 40 women, ages 13 and 14, are selected for competition on the basis of performance in preliminary races throughout the season. The competition involves ski races from eight states, from Pennsylvania to North Carolina. PARA is the only racing circuit sanctioned by the United States Ski Association.

Nattress won third place in the Super-G competition on the first day. He placed 12th in the Slalom series on Saturday and 10th in the Giant Slalom series on Sunday. His ranking was 12th overall, the best PARA finish for any Montage racer since the Mountain has been open.

What started out as a goal, however, has become another step on the competitive ladder. Chris' performance earned an invitation to compete at Okemo, Vermont, at the USSA Eastern Finals on March 15-17. On this occasion, he will race against the best skiers from 14 states, from Maine to North Carolina.

Dallas, Gate of Heaven win tournament titles

The fifth annual Gate of Heaven Girls' Tournament concluded March 10. This tournament has teams from all of the Back Mountain organizations (Gate of Heaven, Dallas Youth Basketball and Lake-Lehman) which offer basketball for girls. During the two-week tournament, 22 teams competed in five different grade classifications. The sixth, seventh and eighth grade divisions were completed Sunday.

The eighth grade championship was won by Dallas Youth Basketball with an exciting win over Gate of Heaven by a score 46-32. Jen Noon led Dallas with 20 points. Kendall Santarelli added 13. Maria Wright had 18 points and Bridget Narcum had seven points for Gate of Heaven. In the third place game, Regis Academy beat Lake-Lehman 52-24. Julie Vercinski had 12 points and Maria Vercinski had 11 points for Regis. Janelle Perlis led Lehman with 13 points. In Saturday's games, Dallas (Kendall Santorelli - 14 points, Jen Noon - 12 points) beat Regis (Renee Lowjeski - 11 points, Janelle Hook - eight points) by a score of 44-36. Also, Gate of Heaven (Maria Wright - 26 points, Bridget Narcum - eight points) beat Lake-Lehman (Janelle Perlis - 13 points) by a score of 50-32.

In the seventh grade division, Gate of Heaven won the championship with a convincing 50-24

win over Regis Academy. Leading scorers were Chelsey Ostrowsky - 16 points, Katie Guntli - 12 points and Shannon Leary - 10 points. Mary Tabit had six points for Regis. In the third place game, Dallas Youth Basketball beat Lake-Lehman by a score of 37-30. Denise Kovaleski (DYB) had 17 points and Sara Davis (Lehman) had 11 points. In first round games, GOH (Katie Gunli - 14 points, Jessica Holton - 12 points, and Chelsey Ostrowsky - 12 points) beat DYB (Denise Kovaleski - eight points, Jessica Puz, six points) by a score of 58-25. Also, Regis (Bridget Coolick - nine points) beat Lehman (Sara Davis - eight points) by a score of 27-11.

In the sixth grade division, Gate of Heaven finished first with a victory over Regis 16-10. Jennifer Bjelich and Sarah Armand led GOH with six points each. Allison Zekoski had five points for Regis. In the third place game, Lehman beat DYB by a score of 43-20. High scorers were Danielle Kern (Lehman) with 16 points, Kari Maskalis (Lehman) with 10 points and Rachel Kukosky (DYB) with 10 points. In the openers, Regis (Allison Zekoski - 10 points) beat DYB (Karla Blase - six points, Nancy Levinson - six points) by a score of 18-16. Gate of Heaven (Sarah Armand - eight points, Katie Delaney - seven points) beat Lake-Lehman (Danielle Kern - six points) by a score of 19-14.

GOH boys win league title

On Sunday, March 10, the Gate of Heaven JV boys team beat St. Nick's Red team 61-56 at Bishop O'Reilly High School to capture the West Side Catholic League Championship.

Gate of Heaven was led by Brad Feleccia's 34 points, J.C. DeRojas' 11 points and C.J. Adamchak, nine points. The Gate of Heaven team trailed through the first three quarters and finally went ahead in the fourth quarter.

The team got the first place trophy and each player received an individual trophy. The JV team is coached by Joe Lohin and Dr. Juan DeRojas.

GOH JV tops Holy Child, varsity loses

On March 4, the Gate of Heaven junior varsity boys team beat Holy Child by a score of 56-30. The Gate of Heaven team was led by J.C. DeRojas, with 16 points, and L.J. Adamchak, nine points. The J.V. boys team now advances to the semi-final championship game against St. Jude's Green team. Andrew Lohin was awarded a ball when he scored his 1000th point.

The varsity team lost to Holy Child by a score of 57-77. Gate of Heaven was led by Mike Regan with 16 points. Due to the loss the Gate of Heaven varsity team is out of the Final Four championship game.

Gators beat St. Boniface twice

The Gators of coaches Russ Susko and Bill Wagner defeated St. Boniface of Wilkes-Barre twice in both home and away games, 51-37 and 56-49 respectively. In the first game, the scoring was led by C.J. Adamchak with 19, Mike Kashnicki 16, and Rob Bradbury eight. In the second game P.J. Spigarelli scored 15, C.J. Adamchak 14 and Bryan Wagner six.

The Green team enters their own basketball tournament St. Patrick's weekend with 18 victories.

Sixth grade girls basketball split four games.

In March madness, the Lady Gators lost by two points to Regis Purple JV's, lost to St. Nick's (A) in Regis League action and won the sixth grade Gate of Heaven Tournament defeating Lake-Lehman and Regis White in the championship game. Scoring in the four games were Jennifer Bjelich, Chrissy Crboni, Katie Delaney, Jeanne Herman, Lauren Davis, Sarah Armand and Laura Krakosky.

8th grade girls take record to 15-1

The Gate of Heaven Gators girls' 8th grade varsity had their last home game of the season March 5, against St. Nick's-St. Mary's of Wilkes-Barre.

Gate of Heaven was victorious with with a score of 44-21, which takes their record to 15-1.

High scorers for Gate of Heaven were Maria Wright with 17 and Veronica McRipley with 10 points.

Gia Jackson had five for St. Nick's-St. Mary's.

The Gators last game was March 7, against Regis Academy in Swoyersville.



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Grand total

Andrew Lohin scored his 1000th point for Gate of Heaven last week. He is shown with his parents, Joe and Ann.

Davis advances in tennis

Fran Davis, a University of Pittsburgh sophomore from Dallas out of Wyoming Seminary, advanced to the finals of the Flight "A" singles round of Pitt's Women's Tennis Invitation at the Cost Sports Center. Davis defeated C. Ciuffo, of Robert Morris, 6-0, 6-1, and Youngstown State's Santi Nallur 7-6 (13-11), 2-6, 6-4. In the finals, Davis was beaten by Duquesne's Marianna Gundin 6-0, 6-3.