

# SportsWeek

Section 2

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## Boys' basketball preview

### Mounts have new a coach, little experience

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**DALLAS** - The Dallas Mountaineers boys basketball program has a new mentor. Stuart Tripler, who served as an assistant in the Mountaineer program for two years, was named head coach in the beginning of November.

The first year head man has a great deal of work ahead of him. Tripler has only one returning letterman in sophomore J.J. Smith. The rest of the Dallas squad has little or no varsity experience.

Despite having to develop a team from a group of inexperienced players, Tripler has reason to be optimistic. "I coached the seventh and eighth grade team for the last two years, so the younger

*"We want to be competitive, but we have a lot to learn."*

Stuart Tripler  
Dallas coach

guys are familiar with my coaching style," said Tripler. "There's a good bunch of young guys here, and I'm sure we will grow together. We have to develop a winning attitude."

Tripler said that he will utilize an eight or nine man rotation this season. With only three seniors on the team, he will have to look to those younger players whom he

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### Seniors expected to lead Black Knights on court

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**LEHMAN** - The Lake Lehman boys basketball team will be looking to their seniors to lead them as they seek to improve on last year's 10-14 campaign. Coach Rogder Bearde has two returning starters in senior forward Dave Milunic and senior guard George Frank.

Bearde hopes to see major production from Milunic. "Dave Milunic averaged in double figures for us last year and this year we expect him to put up some big numbers," said Bearde. At almost 6'5", Milunic will try to utilize his height and athleticism to lead the Knights.

Senior Andy Loughney will join Milunic at the other forward posi-

*"If we survive December we will be okay."*

Rodger Bearde  
Lake-Lehman coach

tion, while senior Mike Conte will anchor the center spot. Freshman James Lyons will get the nod at point guard.

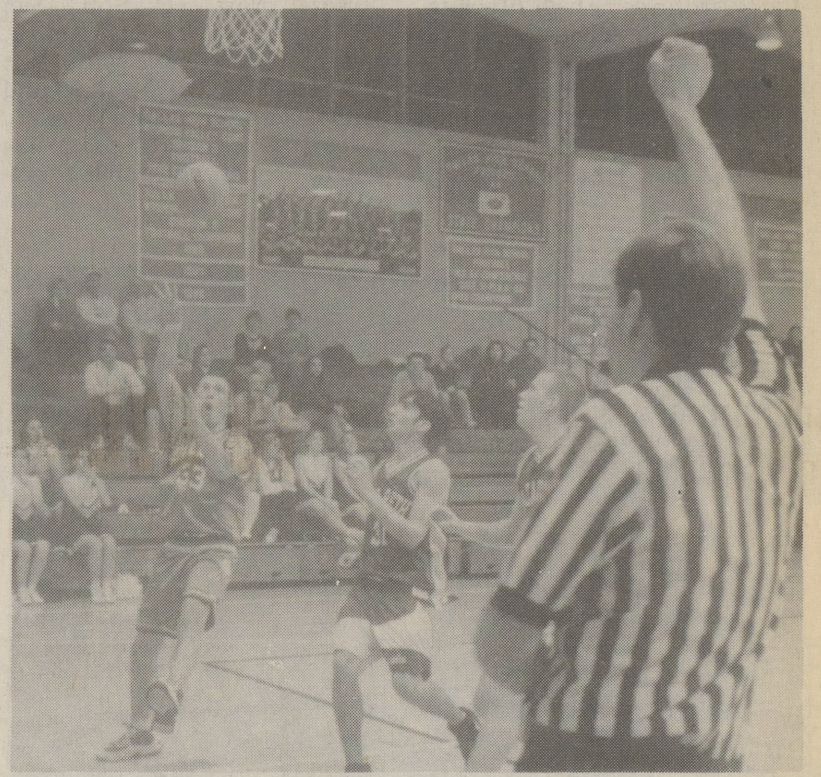
Seniors Mike Faillace and Brad Dieffenbacher will also be trying to break into the lineup. This will be the first year that Dieffenbacher has come out for the team. The soccer all-star has a 6'10" frame and great athletic ability, and ac-

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### SOARING

Jonathan Saba pushed in a rebound in the Dallas game against Nazareth Friday night, top photo. Dan Nichol, far right, watched for another rebound. Saba scored 11 points, and Nichol added four for the Mountaineers. At right, J.J. Smith let loose a running one-hander. He led Dallas with 17 points. Nazareth came away with a 57-44 victory in the exhibition game. Dallas hosts Bishop Hoban Thursday, then travels to Bishop O'Reilly Saturday night for the opener of their WVC schedule.

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### Grade 5-6 basketball opens season

Dallas Youth Basketball held their first games on Dec. 4, in the 5th/6th Grade Boys Division.

#### VILLANOVA 22-PITT 20

Stephen Luksh scored 12 points and John McGeehan had 9 rebounds to lead Villanova over Pittsburgh 22-20. For Pittsburgh, Adam Tkaczyk had 8 points, Tyler Droppers 6 and Tom Dougal 5. Villanova is coached by Brad Arnaud, while Pittsburgh is coached by Chet Hiestler.

#### GEORGETOWN 31-SYRACUSE 24

Paul McCue had a game high 17 points to lead Georgetown over Syracuse 31-24. Greg Mascioli

scored 10 points and Curtis Keiper 4 for the Hoyas. The Orangemen were led by Christian Cobleigh with 10 points, Mitch Mitchell with 8 points and 8 rebounds, and Sean Jones with 4 points and 5 rebounds. Georgetown is coached by Paul McCue, while Syracuse is coached by Guthrie Mitchell. League director is George Gracely.

#### MIAMI 44-NOTRE DAME 12

Donny Murray, had 20 points and 7 rebounds to lead Miami over Notre Dame 44-12. Chase Susko had 12 points and Jim

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### Flames take third in U-12

The Back Mountain Flames and the Wilkes-Barre Cosmos Express, two U-11 girls' soccer teams, teamed up and placed 3rd in the Western Lehigh Fall Festival. While playing "up" in the U-12 Division, they won their first three games. A win in either of their last games would have taken first place.

From left: first row, Meredith Lacey, Chrissy Hobbs, Callie Carsman, Jamie Compton, Caitlin Klish, Jennifer Drury; second row, Jill Albee, Shannon Thomas, Lizzy Martin, Katie Rhodes, Michelle Swiatek, Lauren Stefaniak, Gloria Pleban; third row, Coach, Sandy Rhodes.

### GOH, St. Nicks split three games

The Gate of Heaven Boys Varsity basketball team lost to St. Nick's Red on Dec. 1, by a score of 69-59. The GOH team played without Brad Feleccia and C.J. Adamchak due to injuries. The GOH team was led by Andrew Lohin, 25 points and J.C. DeRojas, 16 points. Russ Susko contributed 8 points.

The Gate of Heaven JV Boys team lost to St. Nick's Blue Team

on Dec. 4, 45-30. The GOH team was led by David Lohin, 10 points and Colin Donnelly, 9 points.

The Boys Varsity team beat St. Nick's Blue Team 59 to 41. The GOH team was led by J.C. DeRojas, 14 points, Andrew Lohin, 14 points and Nick Andrusian, 10 points. The GOH team played excellent defense and controlled the boards. Both JV and Varsity teams played St. Jude's on Dec. 9.

### Bulls outscore Magic, stay unbeaten at top of league

The Bulls polished off the Heat to stay undefeated, at top of standings in week three of 7th and 8th grade Dallas Youth Basketball. They'll face the Magic this weekend.

#### BULLS 43 - HEAT 31

In week three, the Bulls defeated the Heat by a score of 43-31 to take sole possession of first place. The Bulls came out with a well balanced scoring attack, and led the Heat 8-3 after the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Heat traded baskets with the Bulls and the halftime score was 20-15 in favor of the Bulls. The Heat narrowed the gap in the third stanza, however the Bulls pulled away in the fourth quarter to record the victory. The Bulls offense was led by Paul Dougal with a game high 17 points, followed by Lloyd Droppers and Danny Laurenzi with 8 points apiece. The Heat offense was led by Mike Domzalski with 13 points, followed by Fran Yanik with 8 points. The Bulls record goes to 3-0, while the Heat drops to 2-1.

#### CELTICS 26 - WARRIORS 20

In the second game of the afternoon, the Celtics defeated the Warriors by a score of 26-20. The Celtics jumping out to a 8-2 lead at quarter's end. The Celtics continued their scoring attack in the second quarter, leading at halftime by a score of 13-6. The third quarter was much the same, with the Celtics outscoring the Warriors 9-4. The Warriors put on a late fourth rally, but fell short. The Celtics offense was led by Matt Eyet with 12 points, followed by Jared Karalunas with 8 points. The Warriors offense was led by Justin Bicking with 12 points.

followed by Vito Recchia and T.C. Harding with 4 points apiece. The Celtics record goes to 2-1, the Warriors drop to 0-3.

#### SIXERS 54 - BLAZERS 35

The third game of the afternoon featured the Sixers turning back the Trailblazers by a score of 54-35. The Sixers had a well balanced scoring attack against the Trailblazers in the first quarter. The Sixers led 12-4 after the first quarter. The Sixers continued their scoring ways in the second quarter, and led at halftime 24-13. The third quarter was a slow scoring quarter for both teams. However, both teams caught fire in the final stanza, with the Sixers outscoring the Trailblazers 21-17. The Sixers offense was led by Buddy Shah, Danny Fetko and Dave Finn, with 13 points apiece, followed by Danny Krause with 9 points and Jonathan Lorah with 6 points. The Trailblazers offense was led by John Nackley with a game high 24 points, followed by Andrew George with 6 points. The Sixers record goes to 2-1, while the Trailblazers fall to 0-3.

#### MAGIC 55 - HORNETS 49

In the final game of week three, the Magic defeated the Hornets by a score of 55-49. The Hornets came out smoking, by outscoring the Magic in the first quarter 13 to 8. The Magic regrouped in the second quarter and outscored the Hornets 14 to 6 to take a 22-19 halftime lead. The third was a slow starter with each team trading baskets. The Hornets rallied in the fourth quarter but came up short, with the Magic making some key baskets to seal the win. The Magic's offense was led by Jay

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### Arsenal wins Fall Travel Cup

The Back Mountain Arsenal recently defeated Bloomsburg 2-1 to win the Fall Travel Cup. Bloomsburg scored first to take an early 1-0 lead. William Gagliardi tied the contest five minutes into the first half. The game remained tied until Tim Kerestes scored the game winner with under two minutes to play keeping the Arsenal's undefeated spring and fall seasons intact.

Pictured kneeling from left, Kevin Domzalski, William Gagliardi, Joseph Wyberski, Tim Kerestes, Gene Lispi, and Frank Buzin; 2nd row, Nate Yoh, Sean Gilroy, Greg Andrusian, Jeff Pace, Phil Kurello, Tyler Van Scoy, Richard Eckman, Brian Gage, Greg Kostrobala; 3rd row, Frank Buzin, assistant coach; Joe Kerestes, coach; Allan Gage, assistant coach; Jeff Pace, assistant coach.