

Sports Week

Celtics, Heat share league lead with one loss apiece

Going into the new year three teams were tied for first place, after this week there are only two. **Celtics 51 - Magic 44**

The first game of the afternoon had two of those teams squaring off with one another. It was the Celtics holding off a late rally by the Magic to come away with the victory by a score of 51-44. The first quarter belonged to the Celtics, by outscoring the Magic 14-4. The Magic regrouped in the second quarter and narrowed the Celtic lead at halftime to 23-19. The third quarter was all Celtics, outscoring the Magic 16-6 at quarter's end. The Magic caught fire in the final quarter, and outscored the Celtics by a 19-12 margin, but it wasn't enough to speak by. The Celtics offense was led by Matt Eyt with a game high 24 points, followed by Jared Karalunas with 11 and Seth Yeager with 10. The Magic's offense was led by Jay Carroll with 20 points, followed by Herby Bressler and Chris Heister with 10 points apiece. The Celtics record goes to 5-1, while the Magic record drops to 4-2.

Sixers 47 - Hornets 39

In game two, the Sixers defeated the Hornets by a score of 47-39. The Hornets were on fire outscoring the Sixers 16-2 in the first quarter. The Sixers got back on track in the second quarter and narrowed the Hornets' halftime lead 23-18. In the third quarter the Sixers outscored the Hornets 12-8 to make it a one point Hornet lead after three quarters. In the fourth quarter the Sixers had a well balanced scoring attack to seal the win. The Sixers offense was led by Danny Petko with a game high 23 points, followed by Danny Krause with 9 and David Finn with 7. The Hornets' offense was led by John Simonitis with 14 points, followed closely by Pat Barnard with 13. The Sixers record goes to 4-2, while the Hornets drop to 2-4.

Bulls 56 - Trailblazers 39

In the third game of the afternoon, the Bulls defeated the Trailblazers by a score of 56 to 39. In the first quarter both teams traded baskets, with the Bulls holding a 9-6 lead after one quarter. The

Bulls kept up the scoring attack in the second quarter and outscored the Trailblazers 12-8 to take a 21-14 lead at halftime. In the third quarter the Bulls put the game further out of reach by outscoring the Trailblazers 20-12. The fourth was much the same, with the Bulls scoring at will and controlling the boards. The Bulls received a well balanced scoring attack from Paul Dougal with a game high 21 points, followed by Lloyd Droppers with 19 and Danny Laurenzi with 10. The Trailblazers offense was led by John Nackley with 16 points followed by Andrew George with 12 and Jonathan Saba with 7. The Bulls record goes to 4-2, while the Trailblazers drop to 0-6.

Heat 45 - Warriors 32

In the final game of the afternoon the Heat defeated the Warriors by a score of 45-32. In the first quarter each team had a balanced scoring attack with the edge going to the Heat at quarter's end 10-6. The Warriors stepped up to the challenge in the second quarter and narrowed the gap at halftime to a one point Heat lead. The third quarter proved to be sluggish for both teams, and at quarter's end the score was knotted up at 25 apiece. The Heat came out red hot in the fourth quarter, led by Fran Yanik and Mike Domzalski to outscore the Warriors 20-7 to put them in a two-way tie for first place with the Celtics. The Heat offense was led by Mike Domzalski with a game high 22 points, followed by Fran Yanik with 12. The Warriors' offense was led by T.C. Harding with 14 points followed by Justin Bicking with 9. Jason Race and Kevin Piekara for the Heat and Vito and Angelo Recchia of the Warriors had a fine defensive game. The Heat's record goes to 5-1, while the Warriors drop to 0-6.

Note: Next games are scheduled for Jan. 12 with the Trailblazers vs. Warriors at 1:00; Magic vs. Heat at 2:00; Bulls vs. Hornets at 3:00, and the Celtics vs. the Sixers at 4:00. All games are played at the Dallas Middle School. The public is welcome.

Dallas Youth Basketball, grade 5-6 action

Seton Hall 29 - Villanova 25

Jeff Dickson had 10 points and 7 rebounds to lead Seton Hall over Villanova 29-25 in Dallas Youth Basketball 5th/6th grade action. Ryan Gryskewicz scored 7 with 8 rebounds. Gene Lispi scored 8 and Matt Pietrzak had 4 and 5 rebounds for the Pirates (2-1). Villanova (1-2) was led by Erich Mahle with 8 and 8 rebounds, John McGeehan with 6 and 6 rebounds. B.J. Lewis led the defense for the Wildcats.

U. Conn 33 - Syracuse 29

Brian Dempsey scored 14 points to lead U. Conn (3-0) to a dramatic 33-29 overtime victory over Syracuse (1-2). Charlie Stajewski had 6 with 5 rebounds for the Huskies. Syracuse was led by Sean Jones with 8 points and 4 rebounds and Mitch Mitchell with 7 and 6 rebounds. Phil Saxon led the defense and rebounding for the Orange.

Miami 47 - Boston College 21

Miami opened the new year with a 47-21 victory over Boston College. Miami was led by Donny

Murray with 23 points, Chase Susko with 9 and Elijah Miller with 7. Jim Larson had 8 rebounds for the Hurricanes (2-0). Boston College (0-3) was led by Mike English, Jason Dennick and Mike Yurchak.

St. John's 21 - Pitt 20

David Lohin stole the ball and scored with 8 seconds left to lead St. John's (3-0) over Pittsburgh 21-20. Mark Kertesz had 8 points, Brett Sprau 6, and D.J. Tasselmyer 2 for St. John's. Pittsburgh (0-3) was led by David Hiester, Brad Hubbard and Tyler Droppers.

Georgetown 34 - Notre Dame 18

Paul McCue had 12 points while Greg Mascioli and Curtis Keiper scored 8 each to lead Georgetown (2-0) over Notre Dame 34-18. Also scoring for the Hoyas were William Siglin and Matt Muldoon. For the Fighting Irish (0-3), Bobby Hadzor had 11 points, Matt Moser 4, Sam Brown 2 and Kevin Domzalski 1.

Baseball clinics at Misericordia

The College Misericordia baseball team will host two youth baseball clinics, Saturday, Jan. 25 and Sunday, Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Anderson Center.

The sessions are open to boys from 8-14 years old and will feature a hitting clinic Sat. and defensive clinic Sun. Cost is \$25 per clinic or \$45 for both.

The instructional staff includes Chuck Edkins, Misericordia head baseball coach, Kevin Sponzo, Misericordia assistant baseball coach, and Dr. Michael Mould, Misericordia athletic director and former head baseball coach at Keystone Junior College.

To register or obtain more information, contact Chuck Edkins at 674-6397.

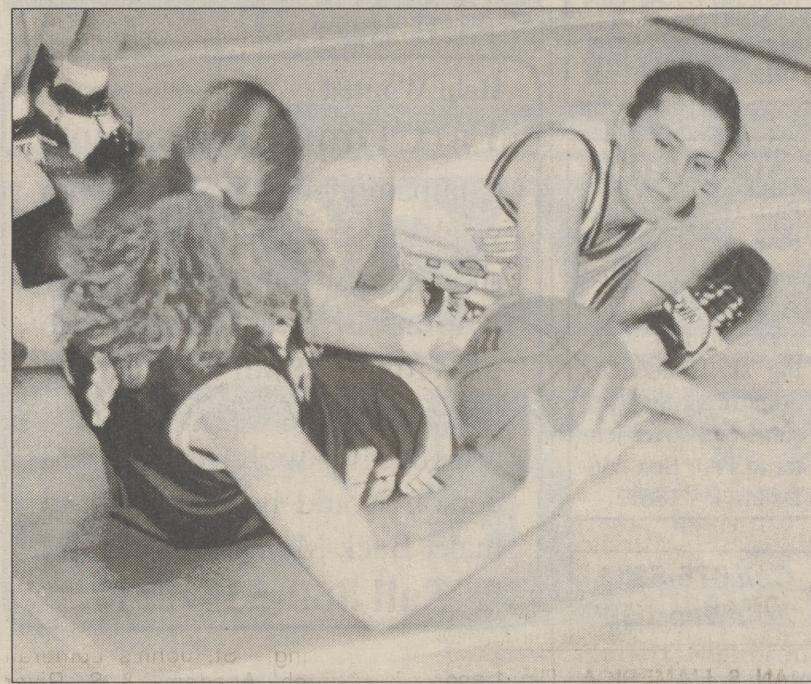
Goose season begins Jan. 15

The late season for resident Canada geese will open throughout most of northeastern Pennsylvania beginning Jan. 15 through Feb. 15. Throughout the Northeast Region the season will be open West of I-81 and North of I-80. The daily bag limit is five geese, 10 in possession. It is suggested that hunters seek out local flocks of resident geese that may be causing problems for landowners.



POST PHOTOS/RON BARTIZEK

Dallas coach Kim Barbacci went over the game plan with her squad before last week's game against Wyoming Area. The Mounts couldn't close the gap after jumping to an early lead, and lost 59-51.



Stephanie Simonitis fought for a loose ball in the game against Wyoming Area. She scored five points. Adrienne Camp led all scorers with 23.

Barbacci optimistic despite slow start

By CHRIS BELL
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DALLAS - Although they lost six seniors from last year's state playoff team, the Dallas High School girls' basketball team has worked to remain competitive through the early portion of the 1996-1997 season.

The Mountaineers of fourth-year head coach Kim Barbacci were 7-6 overall and 2-4 in the Wyoming Valley Conference Division II after Monday's game against Hanover.

Despite being in last place in the five-team division, the Mounts have played tough in each of their games and Barbacci is optimistic about the second half of the season.

"We've been in every game," said Barbacci. "We've been close heading into the fourth quarter. We need to capitalize on some opportunities and turn some of those close games around."

With just two seniors on this year's 11-player roster, Dallas has battled inexperience and a lack of depth thus far. Seniors Adrienne Camp and Sara Barlow are the only returning starters from a year ago, while sophomore guard Katie Austin is the only other returnee who saw varsity action last season.

"With just three letterwinners returning, we're better than I thought we'd be at this point," said Barbacci. "We were very inexperienced at the beginning of the season, but we are starting to work together as a unit. If we continue to play hard, we will win some games."

Camp, Barlow and Austin are joined by junior point guard Nicky Nackley and freshman forward Stephanie Simonitis to round out

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the starting lineup. Freshmen Jen Noon, Jeanne Dreier and Kendal Santarelli have also seen plenty of varsity action.

"Since we are so young, we need Adrienne Camp and Sara Barlow to continue to be our leaders," said Barbacci. "They have done a good job so far. They need to look to score and do a lot of rebounding as we prepare for the second half of the season."

However, with just 11 players on the roster, and one of them out with an injury, many of the players are forced to play junior varsity as well as varsity.

"It's good in a way because a lot of young players are getting varsity experience," said Barbacci. "But, some of the kids aren't quite ready for varsity. So, they have to play both."

With first half action concluding Mon., January 20 against Lake-Lehman, Barbacci is hoping the Mountaineers can continue to improve.

"One of our goals is to have a winning season," Barbacci explained. "That is still a realistic goal, especially if we continue to get better. We need to play aggressive defense and utilize our quickness by running on offense. I think we can surprise some people in the second half of the season."

SPORTS SHORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Hanover 60, Lehman 39

Lehman dropped to 3-1 in Division II play with a 60-39 loss to Hanover Jan. 2 at home. Matt Morris was high for the Knights netting 12 points followed by Dave Milunic with 11. Hanover also won the JV game 60-38.

Meyers 80, Dallas 51

The Meyers offense ran up a 53-14 advantage at the half and hung on to down Dallas 80-51 Jan. 2. J.J. Smith scattered 12 for the Mounts who have yet to pick up a win this season.

Wyoming Area 67, Dallas 52

Dallas trailed by just four points entering the final period but were outscored 24-13 in the final minutes as Wyoming knocked off the Mounts 67-52 Jan. 4. Ed Mickara was high for Dallas with 18 points followed by J.J. Smith with 16.

Meyers 68, Lehman 33

The Mohawks held the Knights to points in single digits in the second and third periods as Meyers doubled up on Lehman 68-33 Jan. 4. Lehman was able to net only five points in the second and six points in the third in the setback. James Lyons was high for Lehman with nine points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hanover 51, Lehman 49

Kelly Spencer beat the buzzer and sank a three point shot with just two seconds remaining to

pull the Knights within two points but Hanover took over and ran out the clock to take a 51-49 game from Lehman Jan. 2. Spencer ended the night with 20 points and four three pointers. Darby Wolfe had 12 and sank 3-of-4 from the line.

Meyers 46, Lehman 40

Meyers capitalized on a number of fouls to take a 46-40 game from Lehman Jan. 4. The Lady Mohawks stepped up to the line 19 times converting 12 times. Marisa Michaels lead the Knights with nine points.

Lehman 60, GAR 52

The Lady Knights pulled off a stunning upset Jan. 6 with a 60-52 victory over conference powerhouse GAR. Kelly Spencer paced the spoilers with 22 points aided by Darby Wolfe with 15 and Mandy Kehler with 10. The Knights held GAR to just 11 points in the second half. Lehman now shares four way tie in Div. II with a 4-2 record. The Knights host Wyoming Area Thurs. Jan. 9.

Hanover 58, Dallas 43

The Mounts dropped to 2-4 in Div. II after a 58-43 loss to Hanover Jan. 6. Adrienne Camp hit a high 17 points for Dallas followed by Katie Austin with 11. Dallas now faces GAR in Wilkes-Barre Thurs. Jan. 9.

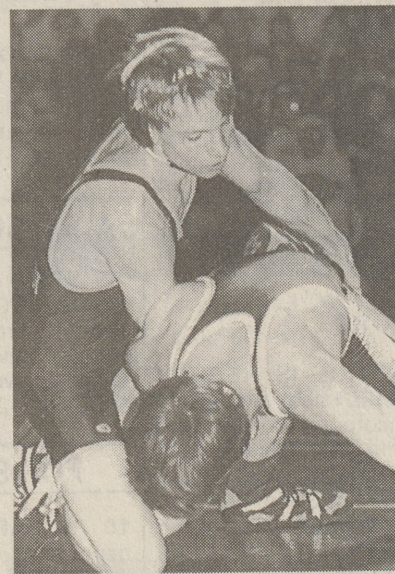
WRESTLING

Lehman 39, Valley West 18

Nick Raczkowski (112), Bill Brehm (119) and Eric Maciejczak (135) each supplied pins as Lehman knocked off Valley West 39-18 Jan. 3 at home. Butch Ruger won by forfeit to put the Knights up quick 6-0. Sam Saylor (140), Joe Halowich (145) and Ned Walsh (160) had major decisions for the Knights.

Berwick 49, Dallas 20

Berwick capitalized on four pins to topple Dallas 49-20 Jan. 3. The Mounts had a pin of their own as Matt Gingo flattened his opponent at 160. Ken Hoover had a technical fall at 145 while heavy weight Harry Hazletine won a 9-7 decision to end the match.



POST PHOTO/JIM PHILLIPS

Jason Maciejczak worked on a Wyoming Valley West opponent last week. He won on a pin.



Back Mountain Blast, from left, 1st row, Brian McMahon, John Pambianco, Ryan Martin, Chip Harrison, David Walters, Adam Burkland, Ricky Branco. Back row, Jason Mahle, Tim Faneck, Andrew George, Wally Karl, Jamie Rhodes and Ryan Love.

Blast finishes season undefeated

The Back Mountain Blast U-13 Boys Travel Soccer team has wrapped up an extremely successful '96 outdoor season. Most recently, Blast finished in first place in the Northeast Travel League defeating Abington 6-0 in the championship game. Blast went undefeated throughout the course of the regular season.

In addition Blast took first place in the George Pratt Memorial Soccer Tournament held at Cape May, NJ with a 4-0 record, defeating Southern Lehigh Storm, West

Chester Chargers, Freehold Bandits and Towamencin Tomahawks. Another first place spot was won at the Al Perlini Soccer Tournament held at Warminster, PA with a 3-1 record. Blast defeated West Chester Raiders, Warminster Wolverines and Southampton Blast.

Currently, Blast is gearing up for the '97 indoor soccer season, with a busy schedule of regular league and tournament play planned.

Dallas Youth Basketball, grade 3-4 results

North Carolina 39 - Virginia 24

North Carolina evened its record with a victory. They were led by a game high 20 points and 7 rebounds by Tommy Hadzor. Adam King followed with 8 and 8 rebounds while Eric Samanas had 6 and 6 rebounds. The rest of North Carolina's team all contributed in the win. Virginia was led by Brian Feleccia with 8 points, Jonathan Pall, 7 and Andrew Gramps, 6.

Georgia Tech 26 - Florida State 19

Week one Georgia Tech and Florida State both had convincing wins. This game was two undefeated teams playing. Georgia Tech stayed in control most of the game for the win. Leading the way for Georgia Tech was Tim Crossin with 11 points, Bobby Lenahan with 9 and Ben Thomas with 6. Playing a strong game for Florida State was Ken Regan with 12 points and Eric Domzalski with 7.

Maryland 19 - Wake Forest 14

In a defensive contest Maryland came back from a half time deficit to beat Wake Forest 19-14. Leading the way for Maryland was Ryan Murray with 8 points, Ryan Marascio with 5, Conner Judge with 4 and Matt Daube contributed with 6 rebounds. Wake Forest offense was led by Matt Wilson with 8 points. Justin Singer chipped in with 2. Ryan Gilroy and Ian Van Kryk helped out with the defense.

Duke 26 - Clemson 21

With a very close first half which Clemson led 13-12, Duke took over in the third quarter to hold Clemson off with a 26-21 win. Duke was led by Sean Leary with 14 points, Matt Kelly had 8 and Colin Baird and Steve Fritz both had 2 and big rebounds. For Clemson, Brian Kelly had 7 points, Mike Lloyd had 8 and Steven Wengen had 4. Ryan Ulbrich had 8 steals and 2 points.