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Leadings stats, Milunic wants team to succeed

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LEHMAN - Five years ago, Lake-Lehman Black Knights basketball star Dave Milunic was not even on the school's seventh grade basketball team. Now, he is the leading scorer in the Division 2 Wyoming Valley Conference.

"It feels great," says Milunic excitedly. "I have come a long way."

His 18.5 points per game average as of Saturday leads the conference, but might be easily overlooked as the Black Knights struggled in the first half of this season.

"I know we have been losing quite a bit, but we have really come together the past few games and are starting to play like a winner," said the senior center.

Milunic is more concerned with a team effort than himself and he will try to do whatever possible to help the Knights win. Whether it be rebounding, blocking shots, or scoring points, Dave has always tried to put team first.

Dave did not become interested in basketball until fifth grade, when he joined Lehman's PTA (Parent Teacher Association) youth basketball league.

"I was semi interested and I played mainly because many of my friends did," Dave said. The turning point in his career came when he was in ninth grade playing for the school team, and had his best year to that point.

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then, Jim Spencer," remarked the 18-year-old. "He really had a great influence on me and made me realize my potential."

Since his tenure began in tenth grade with the high school team, Dave has improved a great deal. Lehman's assistant coach, Clarence Ozgo, was quick to point out how well Milunic has bettered his offensive skills.

"He has really improved his shooting range," said Ozgo, who is in his sixth year as a coach for the Black Knights. "He used to only be able to shoot 15 feet away from the basket; now he can make a three pointer, if needed."

Dave was one of two returning starters on the Knights and the team has built around him for the future, as there is one sophomore and one freshman in the starting lineup.

"He has been our go-to guy," added Ozgo. "He has matched up well against the other centers in the league in which I think is a very strong position in the conference."

Milunic, among other things,

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Dave Milunic went up ro two of his game-high 17 points Saturday against Seton. He is the leading scorer in Division 2 of the Wyoming Valley Conference.

Carroll scores 31 as Magic downs Warriors

Going into week number eight, there have been five teams tied for first place, after this Sunday there is now, a four-way tie for first place; the Heat, Celtics, Sixers and Magic.

CELTICS 54 - HORNETS 41

In the first game of the afternoon, the Celtics defeated the Hornets by a score of 54-41. In the first quarter, both teams utilized their big men inside. Matt Eyt and John Simonitis respectively. The first quarter ended with the score tied at nine apiece. The second quarter was much the same for both teams, with the Celtics outscoring the Hornets 13-12, for a one point Celtic lead at halftime. In the third the Celtics changed their strategy and started to use their outside game and opened the game by outscoring the Hornets 1-9 to 8 in the third quarter. In the fourth quarter each team traded baskets and the Celtics came away with a hard-fought victory. The Celtic offense was led by Jared Karalunas with a game high 22 points, followed by Matt Eyt with 15 points and Seth Yeager with 9 points. The Hornets offense was led by Patrick Barnard with 17 points, followed by John Simonitis with 14 points. The Celtics record goes to 6-2, while the Hornets record drops to 2-6.

SIXERS 46 - BULLS 37

In the second game the Sixers defeated the Bulls by a score of 46-37. The Sixers outscored the Bulls in the first quarter by a score of 10-7. The Sixers' Danny Fetko caught fire in the second quarter scoring nine of his game high 20 points. The Sixers outshot the Bulls in the second quarter 16-7, to take a 26-14 halftime lead. The Sixers continued their hot shooting and stingy defense in the third quarter to extend their lead 42-22 at quarters end. The Bulls mounted a comeback in the fourth quarter on the torrid shooting of Paul Dougal. The Sixers still managed to hang on for the victory, even through the Bulls

outscored the Sixers 15-4 in the final quarter. The Sixers offense was led by Danny Fetko with a game high 20 points, followed by Danny Krause with 15 points. The Bulls offense was led by Paul Dougal with 18 points, followed by Lloyd Droppers with 8 points. The Sixers record goes to 6-2, while the Bulls record drops to 5-3.

MAGIC 54 - WARRIORS 42

In the third game of the afternoon, the Magic kept up their winning ways by defeating the Warriors 54-42. The Magic exploded in the first quarter on the shooting of Jay Carroll, who scored 15 of his game high 31 points, to give the Magic a 20-9 first quarter lead. The Warriors played some tough defense in the second quarter. The Magic led the Warriors at halftime 31-17. The Warriors put on a nice display of shooting in the third quarter to narrow the Magic lead at the end of the third quarter to 41-31. The Magic kept up the scoring attack in the fourth quarter and coasted to an easy victory. The Magic offense was led by Jay Carroll with a game high 31 points followed by Herby Bressler with 13 points. The Warriors' offense was led by Justin Bicking with 15 points followed by T.C. Harding with 14 points. Vito and Angelo Recchia played a fine defensive game for the Warriors. The Magic's record goes to 6-2, while the Warriors' record drops to 0-8.

HEAT 41 - BLAZERS 16

In the final game of the afternoon, the Heat overcame a slow start to coast to a 41-16 win over the Trailblazers. The Heat outscored the Trailblazers 6 to 2 in the first quarter. The Heat opened up the game in the second quarter with their inside game. The Heat outscored the Trailblazers 8 to 2 in the second quarter, to give the Heat a 14-4 halftime advantage. The Heat exploded in the third quarter by scoring 17

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Lake-Lehman freshman basketball team, kneeling from left, Matt Dunn, John Bebey, Gary Sagan, Dave Hage. Standing, Drew Salko, Greg Woronko, Chuck DePiero, Eric Messerle and Coach Jim Spencer. Missing from the photo: Brian Noler, Matt McMahon, Asst. Coach Jayme Spencer, Nafty Hage, Sandy Rhodes and Joe Decesaris.

Knight freshmen win tourney

The Lake-Lehman freshman basketball team recently won the first annual Tunkhannock Christmas Basketball Tournament. The Knights defeated Montrose Area in the finals 44-38. Lehman was led by Greg Woronko with 14 points in the championship game. Chuck DePiero and Eric Messerle chipped in 12 points each. It was a total team effort as Matt Dunn and Dave Hage led the team in passing and defense. Gary Sagan, John Bebey and Drew Salko did the job off the bench to lead the Knights to victory. Coach Spen-

cer said that it was a great team effort: "These kids are a great bunch. They give their all and do what it takes to win games. And, they have fun doing it."

Lehman advanced to the finals by beating Wyalusing 48-36. Greg Woronko led the Knights in the first game with 20 points. Tunkhannock finished third by defeating Wyalusing in the consolation game.

The freshman team would like to thank Coach Rodger Bearde for his help and support.

Manorek named all-tourney, ECAC honor roll

Jeanette Manorek of Shavertown, a freshman on the College Misericordia women's basketball team, was named to the all-tournament team at the Patient Care/Lady Monarch Invitational at King's College over the weekend. A forward out of Bishop O'Reilly, Manorek was also named to the Holiday ECAC Division III South weekly honor roll. She averaged 11 points and seven rebounds per game as the Cougars finished second in the tournament. She is averaging 5.5 points and 3.9 rebounds per game in eight collegiate games. Misericordia is 5-3.

Strikers place six at Towanda

The Noxen Strikers wrestled in the Towanda tournament on Jan. 11 and placed six wrestlers.

In the Bantam division, Chris Barbacci took third at 40 lbs. and Michael Stolarick took first at 70 lbs.

In the Midget division, Andrew Shaw took second place at 70 lbs.

In the Junior division, John Housock took first at 65 lbs., Perry Coolbaugh took third at 85 lbs. and Ryan Post took fourth at 85 lbs.

BMT Baseball, Softball signups

Back Mountain Baseball and Softball will hold registration Saturday, Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Dallas Middle School. Registration fee will be \$25 per child or \$40 per family, due at registration. A birth certificate is required for all new registrants. A separate fund raising fee will be collected at registration from those choosing not to sell fund raiser material. An \$18 fee is required for players up to Junior and Senior leagues. The fee for Jr./Sr. league players will be \$20. (A separate check is required for fund raising.) Registration for adult volunteers for coaching, field maintenance, refreshment stands and umpiring will also be accepted at this time.

BMT Baseball/Softball slates meeting

Back Mountain Baseball and Softbal will hold a general meeting Wed., Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. at the Dallas American Legion.

Horlacher Little League signups Jan. 22, 25

Bob Horlacher Little League will hold registration Wednesday, Jan. 22, from 6-8 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at the old Beaumont School. Registration will include T-Ball, thru senior league. New players need to bring a copy of their birth certificates. Players must turn 5 on or before August 1. There is also a new division this year for girls. It will consist of 8 and 9 year olds. This will be a minor league.



BMT wrestlers place at Towanda

Wrestlers from the Back Mountain Wrestling Club recently participated in the Towanda Elementary Wrestling Tournament. Wrestlers from the club finished as follows: Kyle Wardel, Bantam 50, 2nd place; Derek White, Midget 80, 3rd place; Marty Simms, Pee wee 40, 1st place.

DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL 5-6

ST. JOHN'S 31 - SETON HALL 17

Brett Sprau had 10 points and 5 rebounds to lead unbeaten St. John's over Seton Hall 31-17. David Lohin had 8 points and Mark Kertesz 7 for St. John's (5-0). Seton Hall (3-2) was led by Ryan Gryskewicz with 5 points, 10 rebounds and 3 blocked shots and Gene Lispi with 6 points. Nate Yoh led the defense.

Georgetown 32 - Pitt 29.

Paul McCue scored 14 points and Greg Mascioli 10 to lead Georgetown over Pitt 32-29. Also scoring for the Hoyas (3-2) were William Siglin, Matt Muldoon and Eric Petrow. Pitt (0-5) was led by Adam Tkaczyk with 14 points and Tyler Droppers with 9.

BC 38 - U. CONN. 26

Jon Barbose had 27 points and 16 rebounds to lead Boston College over U. Conn. 38-26. Mike English had 7 points and Corey Hine led the defense for B.C. (2-3).

U. Conn (3-2) was led by Todd Kerestes with 16 points and Charlie Stajewski with 6 rebounds.

MIAMI 48 - SYRACUSE 20

Miami stayed unbeaten with a victory over Syracuse. Miami (5-0) was led by Donny Murray, 26 points, Chase Susko 15 and Cory Schultz. Syracuse (1-4) was led by Mitch Mitchell with 6 points and 4 rebounds, Phil Saxon with 6 points and 8 rebounds, Christian Cobleigh 5 points and Joe Austin with 2 points and 4 rebounds.

VILLANOVA 27 - NOTRE DAME 19

Stephen Luksh had 12 points to lead Villanova (3-2) over Notre Dame (0-5). The Wildcats were also led by Andrew Gialanella, B.J. Lewis and Phil Miller. The Fighting Irish were led by Kevin Domzalski with 8 points, Bobby Hadzor with 6 and Sam Brown with 4.

DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL 3-4

WAKE FOREST 22 - DUKE 18

Wake Forest came up with their first win of the season with a strong offensive game by Mike Race scoring 14 and Matt Wilson with 8 points. They were led defensively by Ian Van Kryk and Chris Parrish. Wake Forest led after one, 9 to 4. Duke came back with 6 in the second to only be down one at half time. The third quarter went back to Wake Forest scoring 4 to keep the lead at 15-12. Both teams came out scoring in the fourth as Wake Forest held on for the win. Duke was led by Sean Leary with 14 and Colin Baird with 4 points. The boards were controlled for Duke by Ben Barbose with 7.

MARYLAND 35 - NORTH CAROLINA 18

Maryland defeated North Carolina to stay undefeated. They were led by Matt Daube with 10 points and 8 rebounds. Ryan Murray contributed 11 points and Ryan Marascio had 8 points. Conor Judge and Steve Brett led the way defensively. North Caro-

lina was led by Tommy Hadzor with 12 points and Kyle Mahle had 4 points. Adam King led the defense for North Carolina.

GEORGIA TECH 24 - CLEMSON 15

Georgia Tech went 4-0 led by Ben Thomas with a game high 17 points. Tim Crossin had 5 points and Bobby Lenahan had a good defensive game along with Justin Orlandini. Clemson was led by Mike Lloyd with 8 points and Steve Wengen with 4 points. Brian Kelly and Jeremy Weinstock played a strong defensive game.

FLORIDA STATE 34 - VIRGINIA 9

Florida State had a great offensive game by Ken Regan with 20 points to go to 3-1. Eric Domzalski poured in 10 and David Harding had 4 points. Mike Wyberski played a good defensive game. For Virginia, Andrew Gramps, 1 point and 7 rebounds. Jonathan Pall 4 points and 4 rebounds. Nick Verella 2 points and 2 rebounds and John Yanik had 6 rebounds.