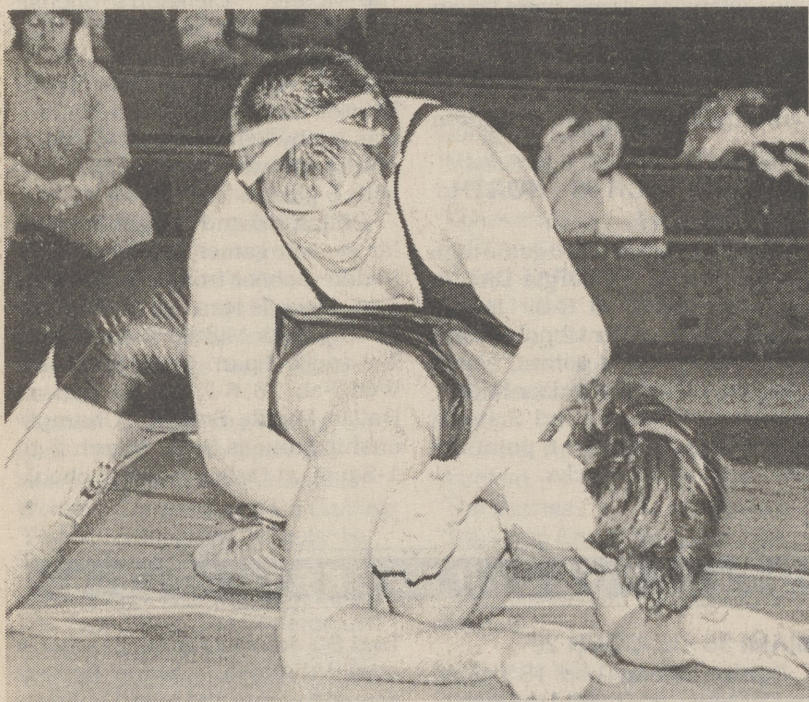


# SportsWeek

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**Matt Gingo**, only a sophomore, is a sparkplug of the Dallas High School wrestling team. He is shown in action in December.

## Sophomore Matt Gingo is team leader

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**DALLAS** - Striving to always do better and being very motivated are some of the ways to describe Dallas Mountaineers' wrestler Matt Gingo. Only a sophomore, he may already be the leader on the team.

"I just try to be a leader by example," explains Gingo.

Although the team is suffering through another losing season, Gingo was quick to point out that in the future the team will be very competitive.

"I think we are going to surprise many people," said the 16 year old. "I'm very optimistic and there is quite a

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bit of good young talent and our coaches, Eric DeRemer and Hank Aftewicz are very interested in this team."

Matt wrestles at 160 pounds. He may not be in the top five wrestlers in the conference, but he has had a fine season and competes in one of the toughest weight brackets in the league.

Starting to wrestle at an early age has helped Gingo's career a lot. "I started when I was about four or five and it

just stuck. My older brother, Aaron, was the one who had gotten me interested," Gingo said.

Gingo came up to the team as a freshman last year and really impressed the coaches, although it was tough for him as the team was not at its best.

"The key to my success is not getting frustrated," added Matt. "It can kill your stamina."

Dan Gable, wrestling coach

of the Iowa Hawkeyes, has had an influence on Matt in the way he feels about the sport of wrestling. "He revolutionized the sport," Gingo said. While not on the wrestling mat, Matt plays football for the school, lifts weight, hangs out with his friends, and most importantly stays in shape for both sports.

"I do what most other teenagers do to get away from sports, go out and have a good time," said Matt with a laugh.

Matt's family has really supported him. He lives at home with his parents. His other siblings — Eric 26, Rebecca 24, and Aaron 19 — all have moved out of the house, but still continue to keep up to date on their younger brother's progress.

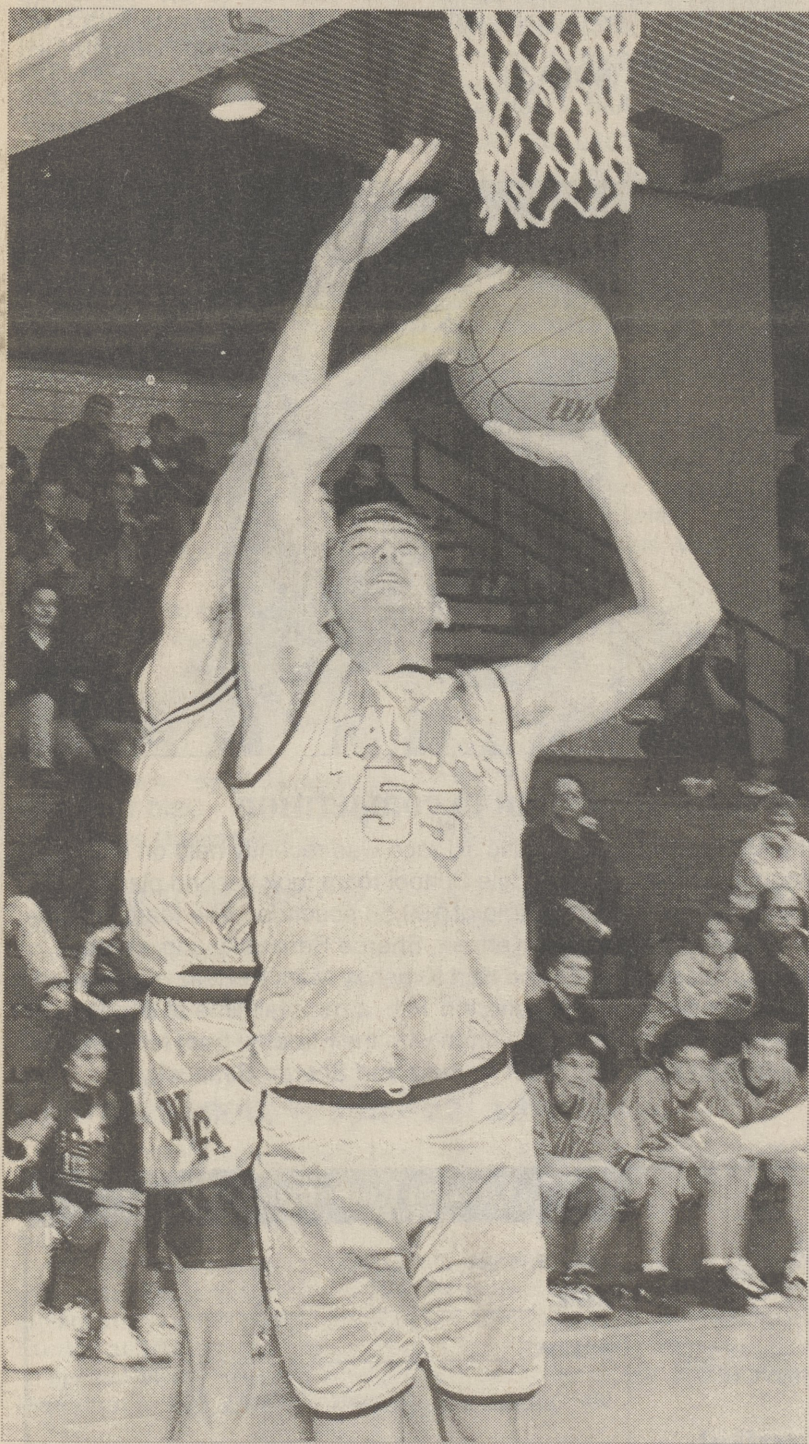
## HANGING TOUGH

Dallas lost a heartbreaker in overtime to Wyoming Area last Friday. After coming back in the second half to knot the score at 56, the Mounts couldn't hang on, and lost 66-63 to the first-place Warriors.

Ed Piekara led the Mounts with 24 points, followed by J.J. Smith with 19.

At right, John Sabawent up for two as Piekara, left, and Matt Jackson watched for a rebound. Below, Saba went to the hoop.

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## Sixers take first place

After this past Sunday the Sixers emerged as the lone team atop of the Dallas Youth Basketball 7th and 8th grade league with a win over the Trailblazers.

**SIXERS 35 - TRAILBLAZERS 30**

The Sixers opened the afternoon with a hard fought 35-30 victory over the Trailblazers. The Sixers outscored the Trailblazers in the first quarter 11-4 on a well balanced scoring attack. The Trailblazers countered the Sixers in the second, by putting a 11 to 4 run, to go into halftime all knotted at 15 apiece. The Sixers regrouped in the third quarter on the shooting of David Finn and Danny Fetko to outscore the Trailblazers 8 to 4 at quarters' end. The fourth quarter had each team trading baskets and the Sixers held on to win. The Sixers' offense was led by David Finn with 16 points followed by Danny Fetko with 10 points. Danny Krause and Nate Hoffman played a fine defensive game for the Sixers. The Trailblazers' offense was led by John Nackley with 10 points, followed by Andrew George with 8 points and Blake Saba with 6 points. Randy Schoonover had a fine defensive game for the Trailblazers. The Sixers record goes to 8-2 while the Trailblazers record falls to 2-9.

**CELTICS 42 - WARRIORS 34**

In the second game of the afternoon, the Celtics put on a late fourth rally to defeat the Warriors 42-3. Both teams started off slow, with the Warriors outscoring the Celtics in the first quarter 6-4 on the shooting of T.C. Harding. The Warriors kept up the scoring attack in the second quarter and outscored the Celtics 10-7, to go into halftime with a 16-11 lead. The Celtics came alive in the third quarter on the shooting of Jared Karalunas to outscore the Warriors 10 to 5 and to knot the score at 21. The Celtics exploded in the fourth quarter on a well balanced scoring attack, outscoring the Warriors 22-13 to seal the win and stay one game back of the league-leading Sixers. The Celtics' offense was led by Jared Karalunas with 13 points followed by Matt Eyet with 12 points and Seth Yeager with 7 points. Doug Yeager and John Lukasavage played a fine defensive game for the Celtics. The Warriors' offense was led by T.C. Harding with 12 points, followed by Vito Recchia with 11 points and Justin Bicking with 8 points. Paul Grundowski and Joe Rodgers played a fine defensive game for the Warriors. The Celtics record goes to 7-3 while the Warriors drop to 0-10.

**BULLS 41 - HEAT 39**

In the third game of the afternoon, the Bulls held on to beat the injury riddled Heat 41-39. For the third week in a row the Heat lost a key member of their team to a hand injury. In the first quarter each team started slow, but the Bulls picked up the pace to outscore the Heat 8-4. With the Heat's big man, Mike Domzalski picking up his third foul early in the second quarter, the Bulls went

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## SPORTS SHORTS

### GIRLS SWIMMING

**Dallas 125, Tunkhannock 62**

Alisa Harris motored to four first place finishes as Dallas sank Tunkhannock 125-62 at Tunkhannock Jan. 29. Harris placed in the 50- and 100- freestyle and contributed to the success of the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay. Shannon Gaffney followed with a three win performance in the 400 free relay and 200 and 500 freestyle events.

**Dallas 99, Berwick 87**

The Lady Mounts improved to 7-2 with a 99-87 win over Berwick Feb. 1. Shannon Gaffney placed in the 200 and 500 freestyle and 400 free relay. Michelle Molesky won the 100 breaststroke.

### BOYS SWIMMING

**Wyo. Seminary 51, Dallas 48**

Seminary broke a 48-48 deadlock in the final meet to take a 51-48 victory from Dallas Jan. 31 in

Kingston. Despite the close score the Mounts were only able to place first in two events. John Fagan captured first in the 50 freestyle and Brad Jumper won the 100 breast stroke.

### WRESTLING

**Lehman 46, Berwick 12**

The Knights tallied three pins in a row at 130, 135 and 140 to topple Berwick 46-12 Jan. 29 and clinch the WVC West Division. Matt McGee, Sam Saylor and Eric Maciejczak accounted for the three pins. Jason Maciejczak (112) and Pat Rogowski (189) also scored falls for Lehman.

**Tunkhannock 54, Dallas 12**

Randy Evans and Damien Temperine got the Mounts off to an early 12-0 lead but the Tigers swept the rest of the meet as Tunkhannock dropped Dallas 54-12 Jan. 23. Evans put the Mounts

up 6-0 with a 21 second pin at 103 and Temperine followed with another at 112 to end the Mounts scoring.

**Lehman 63, Dallas 6**

Randy Evans accounted for Dallas' only victory of the night with a pin at 103 and it was all Lehman from there as the Knights dumped the Mounts 63-6 Feb. 1. Jason Maciejczak (112), Bill Brehra (119), Eric Maciejczak (135) and Joe Halowich (145) all had pins for the victors. Matt Magee scored a major decision at 130.

**Dallas 36, W.S.Tech 27**

Dallas' Steve Tomasura had a pin at 140 but there was little other action on the mats as the Mounts claimed five of the eight matches which were decided by forfeit pushing Dallas past Tech 36-27 Feb. 1.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Dallas 60, Wyoming 54**

Sara Barlow pounded the boards for 21 points as Dallas kept their second half win streak alive with a 60-54 win over Wyoming Jan. 31. Adrienne Camp showered 16 points of her own including a three-pointer.

**Lehman 50, Meyers 43**

Kelly Spencer pumped in 16 points as Lehman flattened Meyers 50-43 Jan. 31. Spencer nailed the long shot with two three-pointers. Adrienne Miroslaw kept in pace with 10 points.

**Dallas 44, Hanover 34**

Adrienne Camp and Sara Barlow combined for 28 points to lead the Mounts past Hanover 44-34 Feb. 3. Camp launched a game high 15 points and Barlow chipped in 13. Dallas' record improves to 6-0 in Div II second half action.

**GAR 69, Lehman 65**

Lehman dropped to 4-2 in Div.

II second half standings after a 69-65 loss to GAR Feb. 3 in Wilkes-Barre. Kelly Spencer paced the Knights with 16 points and Darby Wolfe hit 12.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Meyers 88, Lehman 57**

The Knights were unable to overcome a 50-19 deficit at the half as Meyers toppled their hosts 88-57 Feb. 1. James Lyons and James Loftus found success on the outside each hitting two three-pointers. Lyons ended the night with a game high 21 points.

**Wyoming 66, Dallas 63**

Ed Piekara and J.J. Smith combined for 43 points to get the Mounts into overtime but did not have the endurance to drop Wyoming as the Warriors bested Dallas 66-63 Feb. 1. Piekara hit a game high 24 while Smith bucketed 19. Dallas was 14 of 20 from the line.