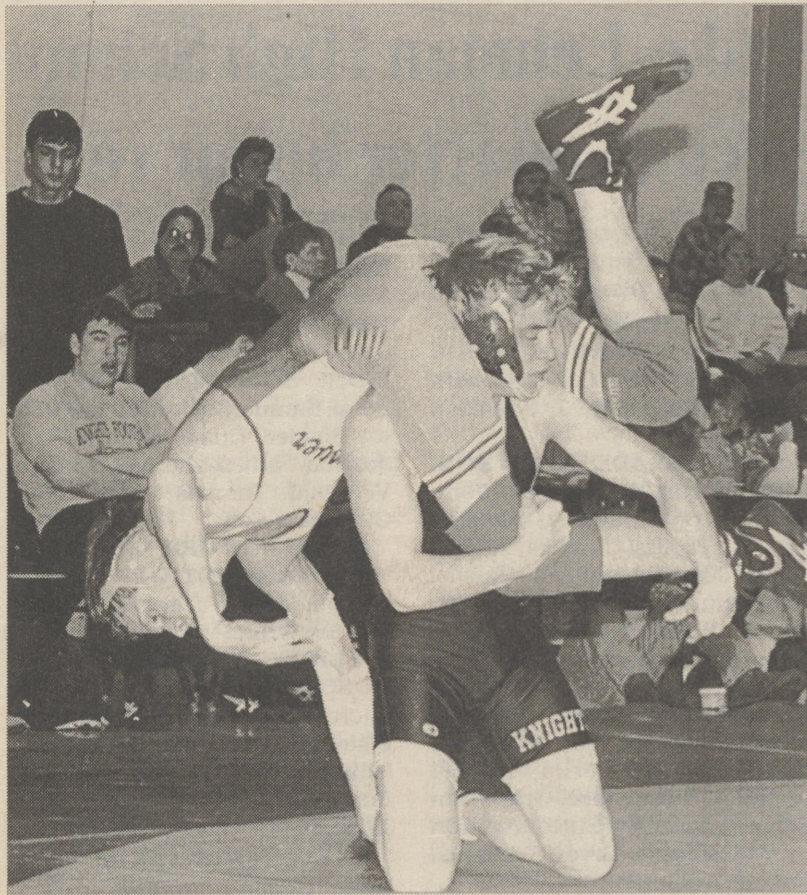


Sports Week

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POST PHOTOS/RON BARTIZEK

Sam Saylor upended Jim Zeske in Lake-Lehman's victory in the semifinals of the District 2 AA Dual Meet championships Saturday. Saylor won all three of his matches in the one-day tournament.

Black Knights #1 on mat again

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LEHMAN - One thing is for sure this high school wrestling season, the Lake-Lehman Black Knights are going to the top again. Lehman swept the inaugural District 2 Dual Meet championships, with three team victories Saturday.

The Knights, along with Meyers, Hazleton Area, and Crestwood, were among the final four teams in the 16 team (eight AA, eight AAA) meet.

The Knights defeated Elk Lake 38-24 in the first match and then walloped Hanover Area 56-5. Both matches were held at Lehman. Lehman then traveled to Wyoming Valley West High School to beat Meyers 42-19 to take the AA title.

Knights' coach Phil Lipski liked the new system that lasted just one day. "The system worked out well, but I think we need more publicity in the newspapers and television," added Lipski. "I was disappointed that the crowd was sparse, however, the matches were

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Phil Lipski
Wrestling co-coach

great competition for us."

Lipski was quick to mention that he really did not have to motivate the team for the meets. He said they know where they want to be, at the top. "You don't win the conference and then get beat," said Lipski.

Starting their preparation early was a key factor for the team. The Knights were getting ready for the Dual Meet two weeks before Saturday. Practice included double workouts, which meant running early and then wrestling.

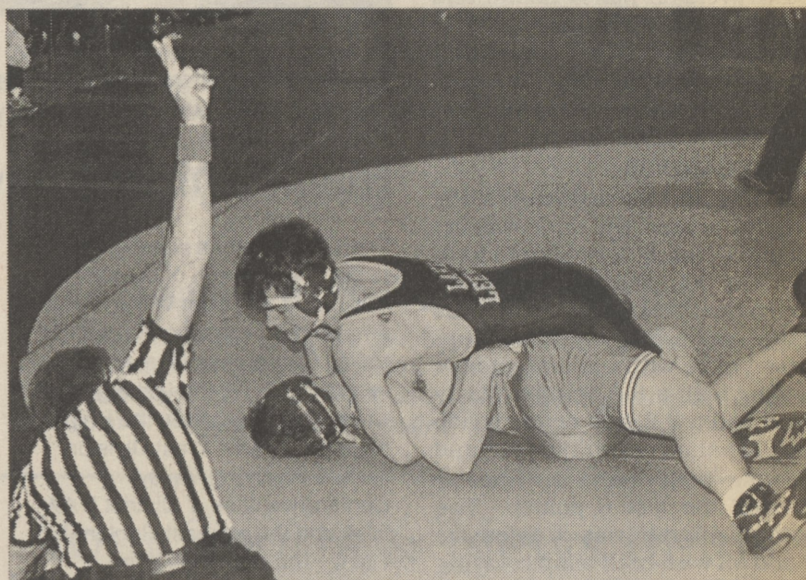
Looking ahead, Lehman will be preparing the next week and a half for the Division 2 district meet on the weekend of February 21 and 22. "We will be doubling up practices the next two weeks, practicing five days in that time

span," added Lipski. "We will certainly speed up competition in these practices." He said that Wyalusing and Line Mountain will be the teams to be beat at districts.

Throughout the season, Lipski

has been very impressed with the attitude of the team as well as their determination and effort. "The kids are peaking now and that's good, because they know where they are and know where

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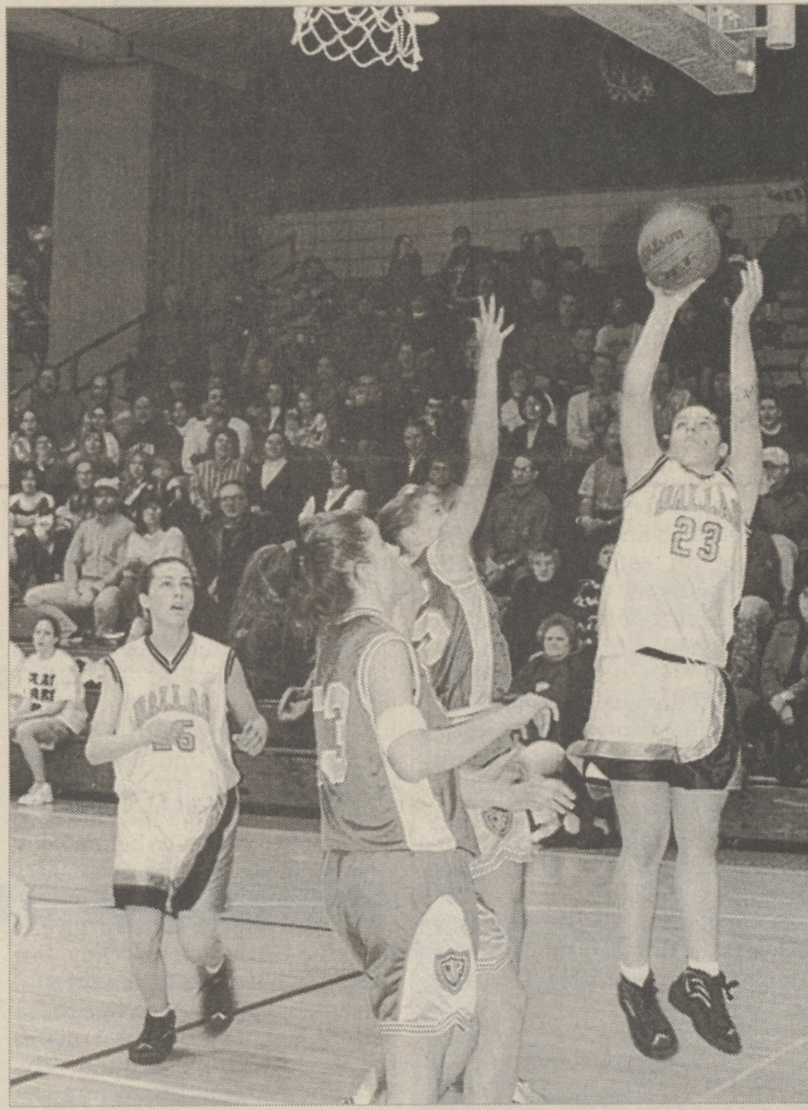


Mick Konigus had Drew Karpovich under control in his match at 171 pounds. He won on a pin.

Hoop Dreams

POST PHOTOS/JIM PHILLIPS

Dallas coach Kim Barbacci, left photo, rallied her troops in the Mounts' game with GAR last week. A win would have given Dallas a shot at the second-half championship. At right, Sarah Barlow puts up a shot with Stephanie Simonitis closing in for the rebound.



Sixers hang on to 1-game lead in 7-8 basketball

With one week left to go in the Dallas Youth 7th and 8th grade league, the Sixers hold a one game lead over the Bulls, Celtics and Heat.

HEAT 51 - HORNETS 37

In the first game of the afternoon, the Heat defeated the Hornets by a score of 51-37. The Hornets came out strong in the first quarter behind the shooting of Pat Barnard and John Simonitis but the Heat countered with a well balanced scoring attack. After the first period the Hornets led 13-11. The Heat used their big men Mike Domzalski and Fran Yanik to outscore the Hornets 17 to 6 in the second quarter to take a 28-19 halftime lead. The Hornets regrouped in the third quarter behind a fine defensive effort by John Pambianco and Pat Barnard to outscore the Heat 12 to 5 in the third quarter, and narrow the Heat's lead to 33-31. The Heat exploded in the fourth quarter on the fine shooting of Kevin Piekara, outscoring the Hornets in the fourth quarter 18 to 6 to seal the win. The Heat's offense was led by Kevin Piekara with 16 points, followed by Mike Domzalski and Fran Yanik with 14 points apiece. Arthur Redmond played a fine defensive game for the Heat. The Hornet's offense was led by Pat Barnard with a game high 17 points, followed by John Simonitis with 8 points. The Heat's record goes to 8-3, while the Hornets record drops to 2-9.

BULLS 46 - MAGIC 44

In the second game of the afternoon, the Bulls came away with a hard fought 46-44 victory over the Magic. The Magic outscored the Bulls 12-9 in the first quarter on the shooting of Herby Bressler and Jay Carroll. The Magic kept up the scoring attack in the second quarter to take a 20-15 halftime lead. The Bulls' big men got on track in the third to combine for 16 points. The Bulls outscored the Magic in the quarter by a 17 to 7 margin to take a 32-27 lead after the third quarter. The Magic fought back on the shooting of Jay Carroll, who scored 15 of his 32 points in this quarter, but it wasn't enough to squeak past the Bulls. The Magic had a game-winning shot bounce off the rim in the final seconds of the game. The Bulls' offense was led by Lloyd

Droppers with 21 points followed by Paul Dougal with 18 points. The Magic offense was led by Jay Carroll with a game high 32 points. The Bulls record goes to 8-3, while the Magic drops to 7-4.

CELTICS 35 - BLAZERS 33

In the third game of the afternoon, the Celtics defeated the Trailblazers by a 35-33 score. The Celtics came out strong in the first quarter outscoring the Trailblazers 11-4. The second quarter was much the same for the Celtics, with Matt Eyet and Seth Yeager leading the way. The Celtics outscored the Trailblazers 18 to 12 to take a 29-11 halftime lead. The third quarter was all Trailblazers. The Trailblazers outscored the Celtics 12 to 0 in the third quarter to narrow the Celtic lead to 29-23. The Trailblazers continued their scoring attack outscoring the Celtics 10 to 6, but the Celtics hung on to win and remain tied for second place. The Celtics' offense was led by Matt Eyet with 18 points followed by Seth Yeager with 11 points. The Trailblazers' offense was led by John Nacklek with 24 points. The Celtics record goes to 8-3, while the Trailblazers record drops to 2-9.

SIXERS 43 - WARRIORS 30

In the final game of the afternoon, the Sixers defeated the Warriors 43-30. The Sixers used a well-balanced scoring attack in the first quarter to outscore the Warriors 10-5. The Sixers kept up their scoring attack in the second quarter, and went in at halftime with a 18-11 lead. The Warriors kept it close in the third quarter. The Sixers outscored the Warriors 10-7. The fourth quarter was much the same with the Sixers continuing their scoring attack. The Sixers' offense was led by Danny Fetko with a game-high 19 points, followed by Dave Finn with 14 points. The Warriors' offense was led by Justin Bicking and T.C. Harding each 11 points. Included in Justin's 11 points were 3-three-point goals. The Sixers record goes to 9-2, while the Warriors record drops to 0-11.

Next games are scheduled for Feb. 16 with the Hornets vs. Warriors at 1:00; Bulls vs. Celtics at 2:00; Heat vs. Sixers 3:00; and the Trailblazers vs. Magic at 4:00.

DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL 5-6

BC 29 - VILLANOVA 25

Jon Barbose scored 27 points to lead Boston College over Villanova 29-25 in Dallas Youth Basketball 5th/6th grade action. Also scoring for B.C. were Mike Yurchak and Jason Deminicki. Villanova (4-4) was led by John McGeehan with 10 points and Erick Mahle with 6.

ST. JOHNS 44 - GEORGETOWN 26

David Lohin scored 19 to lead

St. Johns (8-0) over Georgetown 44-26. Also scoring for St. Johns were Brett Sprau and Mike Fehlinger. Georgetown (3-5) was led by Paul McCue, 14 points and Greg Mascioli with 12.

BC 36 - PITT 32

Boston College defeated Pitt 36-32 to finish its regular season at 6-3. Pitt (1-7) was led by Adam Tkaczyk, 10 points, Tyler Droppers 7 points and Brad Hubbard 6 points.

SPORTS SHORTS

BOYS SWIMMING Scr. Prep 109, Dallas 74

Dallas dropped to 3-9 following a 109-74 loss to Prep Feb. 5 in the pool in Wilkes-Barre. Tim Herbert and Matt Schweitzer were dual winners for the Mounts. Herbert won the 200 freestyle and 100 fly while Schweitzer took the 200 ind. medley and 500 freestyle.

Dallas 116, Dunmore 41

Rich Dougal and Matt Schweitzer paced the lanes with four victories apiece as Dallas took their fourth win of the season with a 116-41 victory over Dunmore Feb. 6. Dougal won the 50 and 100 freestyle events and

contributed in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays. Schweitzer went the distance in the 500 freestyle and all three relays.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Dallas 121, Scr. Prep 65

Michelle Molesky set the tempo for the Dallas squad with victories in three events as the Mounts whipped Prep 121-65 Feb. 5. Molesky won the 200 ind. medly, 100 breast stroke and contributed in the 200 medly relay. Stephanie Potisek won the diving competition.

Dallas 99, Abington 87

Michelle Molesky was a triple winner as Dallas soaked Abing-

ton Heights 99-87 Feb. 7 in Clarks Summit. Molesky split the water in the 200 ind. medley, the 100 breast stroke and the 400 free relay. Shannon Gaffney took two victories in the 100 butterfly and 500 freestyle. Alisa Harris won the 100 freestyle and 400 free relay.

WRESTLING

Nanticoke 54, Dallas 9

The Mounts could only scrape together one decision as Nanticoke grounded the Dallas matmen 54-9 Feb. 5 at home. Randy Evans accounted for Dallas' only victory on the mat with a 6-4 decision at 103. Damien Temperine (119) won

by forfeit.

Lehman 50, Towanda 9

Nick Raczkowski (103) set the tone for the Knights with a lightning quick 23 second pin as Lehman rolled past Towanda 50-9 Feb. 5. Jason Maciejczak and Bill Brehia followed with pins of their own at 112 and 119 respectively to put the Knights up 18-0. Justin Harris and Eric Maciejczak tacked on pins at 130 and 135.

Dallas 43, S. Prep 16

Bill Duda (152) and Matt Gingo (160) had back to back falls for the Mounts as Dallas toppled Prep 43-16 Feb. 8 at home. Randy

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Super Sonics U-14 takes travel title

Back Mt. Super Sonics U-14 Travel Soccer Team recently won the Northeast Travel Soccer Championship by defeating the East Mt. Eagles 2-1. The team coached by Duane Sprau was undefeated in their division.

Team members are from left, 1st row, John Isaac, Aaron Moyer, JB Bucha, Michael Son, T.J. Dougherty, Kevin Callahan and Brook Kryston; 2nd row, Goalie Colin McHale, B.J. Lewis, Sean Lykon, Stephen Moyer, Vito Recchia, Josh Katyl and Keith Sprau. Coach Duane Sprau. Missing was injured player Paul Shiber.

