

Back Mountain athletes place in Keystone Games

- DOWNHILL**
15 and Under Male
 2nd, 112.82, Chris Nattress, 15, Shavertown.
16-19 Male
 7th, 114.14, Charles Tyrell, 16, Shavertown.
16-19 Female
 3rd, 118.93, Stacey Wagner, 16, Shavertown.
 4th, 125.96, Megan McGilvrey, 15, Harveys Lake.
GIANT SLALOM
13-15 Male
 6th, 77.84, Chris Schneider, 15, Trucksville.
13-15 Female
 3rd, 84.93, Megan McGilvrey, 15, Harveys Lake.
16-19 Male
 5th, 72.90, Charles Tyrell, 16, Shavertown.
16-19 Female
 2nd, 79.68, Stacey Wagner, 16, Shavertown.
MODIFIED GIANT SLALOM A
Male 12 & Under
 8th, 75.17, Michael Harostock, 12, Shavertown.
Male 13-15
 1st, 53.68, Chris Nattress, 15, Shavertown.
 4th, 64.36, Chris Schneider, 15, Trucksville.
Female 13-15
 2nd, 65.36, Megan McGilvrey, 15, Harveys Lake.
Male 16-19
 1st, 55.83, Charles Tyrell, 16, Shavertown.
Female 16-19
 1st, 60.89, Stacey Wagner, 16, Shavertown.
Male 50-59
 4th, 75.54, John Murray, 59, Dallas
MODIFIED GIANT SLALOM B
Male 9 & Under
 7th, 90.91, Matthew Harostock, 8, Shavertown.
 8th, 145.00, Brian Goeringer, 9, Dallas.
Male 10-12
 1st, 68.89, Mark Kertesz, 12, Shavertown.
 6th, 79.69, Danny Kozar, 10, Dallas.
 9th, 87.40, John Hall, 11, Shavertown.
 10th, 148.53, Eric Goeringer, 11, Dallas.
Female 12 & Under
 2nd, 76.06, Sherie Senausky, 11, Trucksville.
 4th, 85.70, Christin Harostock, 9, Shavertown.
Male 13-15
 1st, 65.64, J.B. Bucha, 13, Dallas.
 11th, 78.81, Karl Kvashay, 14, Dallas.
Female 13-15
 3rd, 77.13, Jannell Bucha, 15, Dallas.
 4th, 77.93, Jessica Fields, 14, Dallas.
Male 16-19
 3rd, 87.02, Jonathan Kertesz, 16, Shavertown.
 4th, 92.18, Matthew Kertesz, 16, Shavertown.
SPEED SKATING
Male, 5 & 6
 2nd, Kyle Williams, Shavertown
Male 13 & 14
 3rd, Kyle Reid, Trucksville.
Male 15 & 16
 2nd, David Kowalek, Shavertown.
DUAL SLALOM A
 3rd, 77.72, Michael Harostock, 12, Shavertown.
Male 13-15
 5th, 132.12, Chris Schneider, 15, Trucksville.
Female 13-15
 2nd, 65.30, Megan McGilvrey, 15, Harveys Lake.
Male 16-19
 1st, 55.11, Charles Tyrell, 16, Shavertown.
Female 16-19
 1st, 61.63, Stacey Wagner, 16, Shavertown.
DUAL SLALOM B
Male 9 & Under
 7th, 90.38, Matthew Harostock, 8, Shavertown.
Female 12 & Under
 2nd, 88.28, Christin Harostock, 9, Shavertown.
Male 13-15
 1st, 63.60, J.B. Bucha, 13, Dallas.
 8th, 140.73, Carl Goeringer, 15, Trucksville.
Female 13-15
 1st, 79.37, Jannell Bucha, 15, Dallas.
Male 16-19
 3rd, 84.28, Brad Jumper, 16, Dallas.
Male 25-29
 1st, 79.26, Michael Ostrowski, 28, Harveys Lake.
Female 40-44
 1st, 64.92, Sharon Krawetz, 41, Dallas.
SNOWBOARD PARK JAM
Male 13-15
 8th, 27.5, Cory Shultz, 10, Dallas.
Male 18-19
 4th, 30.5, Adam Richards, 18, Dallas.

Gator girls rack up 100th win

The Eighth Grade Girls Varsity of Gate of Heaven School, Dallas, recorded their 100 win Feb. 11 at home.

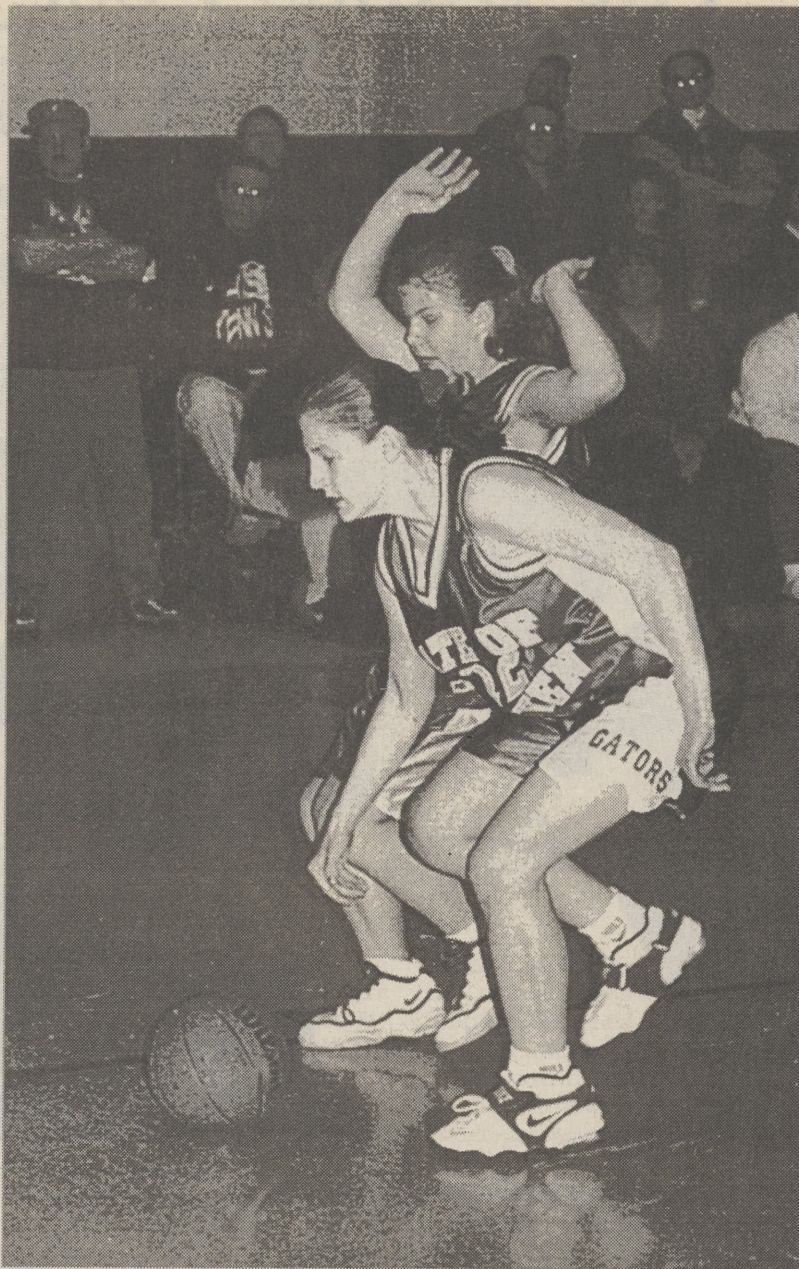
In front of a record crowd, the Lady Gators methodically put point after point on the board to defeat Regis Academy of Swoyersville. Ironically the Lady Gators only defeat came at the hands of the same Regis team three years ago.

After a quick bucket to open the game by Katie Guntli, Shannon Leary, starting point guard for the Gators scored the 500 point of her career. Leary ended the game with 13. Chelsey Ostrowsky was the game high scorer with 23.

Teamwork has been the key for the Lady Gators and tonight was no exception. Six Gators scored, but defense was the name of the game.

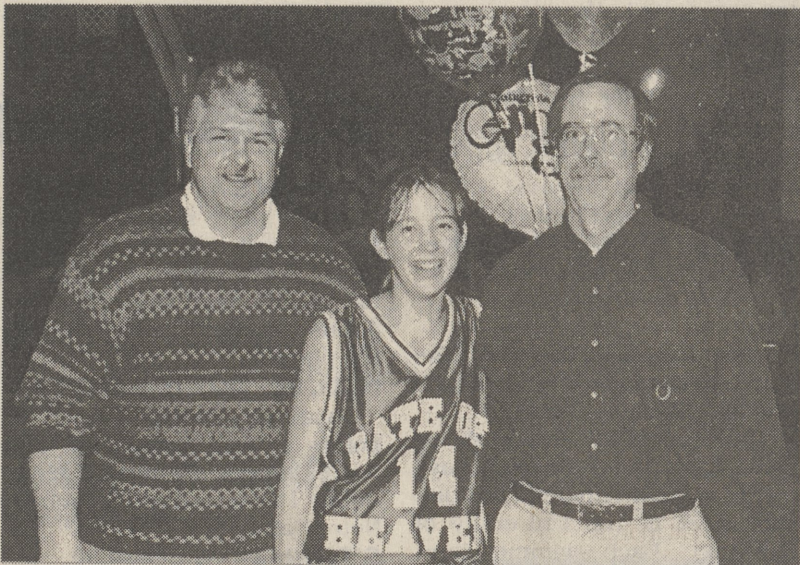
Shannon Lupien, Alison Hutch and Jocelyn Kozik provided the spark time and time again. Jessica Holton came in strong off the bench.

The Kingswomen of Regis were paced by Lauren Williams with 12. She was seven from eight from the free throw line. This leaves the Lady Gators at 21-0 this year and 100-1 overall.

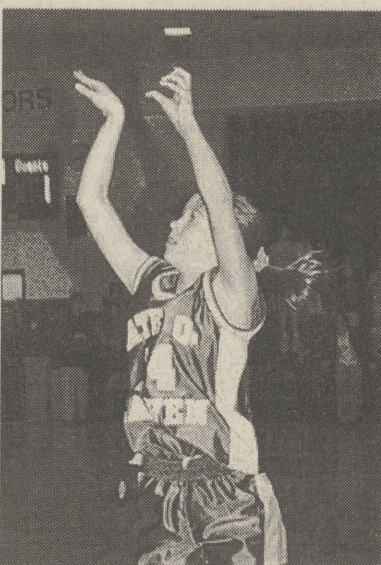


Shannon Lupien beat a Regis defender to the ball during Gate of Heaven's 100th win last week.

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Shannon Leary scored her 500th point on Feb. 11, at home against Regis Academy. Shannon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Leary of Dallas. She is a honor student at Gate of Heaven School. She is active in Girl Scout Cadette Troop #677 and was a successful participant in the Johns Hopkins Search for Talented Youth Program. Shannon is the starting point guard for the Lady Gators and the undefeated Bishop O'Reilly Junior High girls basketball team. She is shown putting up the shot in right photo. In left photo, Ed Ostrowsky, coach, Shannon and Joe Leary.



Lady Knights play Friday

The Lake-Lehman girls' basketball team will play Valley View Friday at 8 p.m. at Pittston Area High School. This is the first-round game in the District 2 Class AAA playoffs. If they win, they'll play the second round Wednesday, Feb. 26.

BMT wrestlers place at Berwick

Wrestlers from the Back Mountain Wrestling Club recently participated in the Berwick Elementary wrestling tournament. Wrestlers from the club finished as follows: From left, James Sutton, Peewee 40, 4th place; Matt Davis, Midget 90, 1st place; Matty Simms, Peewee 40, 2nd place; Jessee Cooper, Bantam 40, 1st place; Kyle Wardell, Bantam 50, 3rd place; Jonathan Schutz, Junior 70, 4th place; Derek White, Midget 80, 2nd place.

Dog licenses available in Back Mountain or by mail

Luzerne County Treasurer, Michael L. Morreale, would like to remind dog owners that 1997 dog licenses are available by mail. Please note the new fees:

The regular rates are \$8.00 for males or females; \$6.00 for neutered males or spayed females. The rates for senior citizens are \$6.00 for males or females; \$4.00 for neutered males or spayed females. Seniors must be 65 years of age at the time of the purchase in order to be eligible for the discount.

For those who wish to obtain

licenses through the mail, please use the application below. Be sure to include a self addressed envelope with 55 cents postage or include the postage in the amount of the check for the license. Mailing address is Luzerne County Treasurer, Courthouse, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711.

Licenses may be obtained locally at the office of The Dallas Post, Main Rd., Dallas; at the Office of the Tax Collector, Dallas Township, 675-5217 or Sweet Valley True Value, Main Road, Sweet Valley, 477-2232.

GOH boys win two, drop one

On Feb. 3, St. Johns beat Gate of Heaven 68-51 to win the West Side Catholic League Championship. The Gators were led by Brad Feleccia 17 points and J.C. DeRojas 13 points. Playoffs start this week.

On Feb. 8, the Gators beat Meyers Gold team 66 to 27. Andrew Lohin had 25 points, Brad Feleccia 23 points and J.C. DeRojas 17 points.

The Gators extended their win streak in the W.B. Rec League by beating GAR Blue team 41 to 30. The Gators were led by Lohin 16 points, Feleccia 9 points and J.C. DeRojas 8 points.

The Gators play Wyoming Valley West on Feb. 22.

Oliver

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they think that highly of me. However, I wasn't named in Baseball America. That has given me even more incentive to get things done."

During the off season, getting things done has meant lifting weights four days a week at Ernie's Health Club in Dallas with strength guru Ernie Baul. "I've gotten a lot stronger and added some muscle to my frame," said Oliver, who has added 15 pounds of muscle to his 6'3" frame and now weighs 197 pounds. "My bench press has increased by 75 pounds and I've put on some weight. I plan on reporting to camp at around 205 pounds."

Oliver also spent some time working out with San Diego Padres' pitcher Andy Ashby. A former Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Baron, Ashby underwent shoulder surgery in the fall and was rehabilitating at College Misericordia with Mark Lombardi, president of the Sports Injury Treatment Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Besides learning some lessons about the work ethic of a major leaguer, Oliver also got a glimpse of what big league pitching looks like.

"I got to see firsthand the hard work that you have to put in to get to the majors and stay there," explained Oliver. "The best part for me was standing in the box while he threw and seeing a live major league pitcher. It was a

"I'm pumped up and ready to go."

John Oliver

Headed for Plant City March 7

great experience for me."

While he learned from a current major leaguer this winter, Oliver was tutored by former Reds' slugger George Foster in Florida Instructional League last fall. "The Instructional League was exciting," said Oliver. "It was good to compete with the prospects in the organization and I had the pleasure of working with George Foster. He knows a lot about hitting and taught me so much."

A few of the tips from Foster included taking a shorter swing, eliminating an uppercut and using the hips and legs. "I developed an uppercut in high school to try to hit home runs," explained Oliver. "I also learned that I was only using my arms in my swing. I've eliminated the uppercut and am using my hips and legs in my swing to drive the ball."

In addition to added strength, Oliver has improved his speed to 6.4 seconds in the 60-yard dash. "I run three days a week on a program from the Reds," he explained. "I run a mile to warm up and then do sprint work before doing another mile to cool down."

7-8 ball

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end the regular season with a 9-3 record, while the Bulls record goes to 8-4.

SIXERS 36 - HEAT 34

In the third game of the afternoon, the Sixers defeated the Heat in a close game 36-34 on a driving layup by Danny Krause. The first quarter belonged to the Sixers on the shooting of Danny Fetko and David Finn. The Sixers outscored the Heat 11 to 6 in the first quarter. The Heat tried to adjust to the Sixer defense, but were outscored 8 to 7 in the second quarter. The Sixers led at halftime 19-13. The Heat came to life in the third quarter on the hot shooting of Mike Domzalski, who scored 8 of his game high 17 points in the quarter. The Heat outscored the Sixers 13 to 5 in the third quarter to take the lead at quarter's end by a slim 26-24 margin. The fourth quarter showdown was about to begin. Each team traded baskets and with three minutes left in the game, the Sixers big man Dave Finn recorded his fifth foul. The Heat tied the game at 34 with about a minute to play. The Sixers, with 45 seconds to play, took a shot that went off the rim and into the hands of the Heat. The Heat immediately called time out to set up their strategy. With 40 seconds left to play the Heat inbounded the ball, and proceeded to freeze the ball to take one last shot. With 10 seconds to go, the Heat put up a shot that bounced off the rim and into the hands of Danny Krause. Krause drove the length of the court made a layup to win the game. The Sixer offense was led by Danny Fetko

with 12 points followed by Dave Finn with 10 points and Buddy Shaw with 8 points. The Heat offense was led by Mike Domzalski with a game high 17 points, followed by Jason Race with 7 points. The Sixers with the win captured first place, while Heats record drops to 8-4 and a fourth place finish.

MAGIC 46 - 'BLAZERS 40

In the last game of the afternoon, the Magic defeated the Trailblazers 46-40. John Nackley led the first quarter attack for the Blazers. Nackley scored 9 of his game high 22 points in the quarter. The Trailblazers outscored the Magic 9 to 4. The second quarter, in contrast, was all Magic. The Magic outscored the Trailblazers 12 to 4 on a well balanced scoring attack. The Magic led at halftime 16-13. In the third quarter, the Magic continued to score at will on the hot shooting of Jay Carroll. The Trailblazers mounted a comeback in the fourth quarter, but fell short. The Magic's offense was led by Jay Carroll with 20 points, followed by Chris Heister with 10 points. The Trailblazers offense was led by John Nackley with a game high 22 points, followed by Andrew George with 8 points. The Magic finishes with a record of 8-4 and a fifth place showing. The Trailblazers record falls to 2-10 and finish in 7th place.

First round playoffs will start Sunday, Feb. 23 with the Sixers vs. Warriors at 1:00; Heat vs. Magic at 2:00; Bulls vs. Hornets at 3:00 and the Trailblazers vs. Celtics at 4:00.

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