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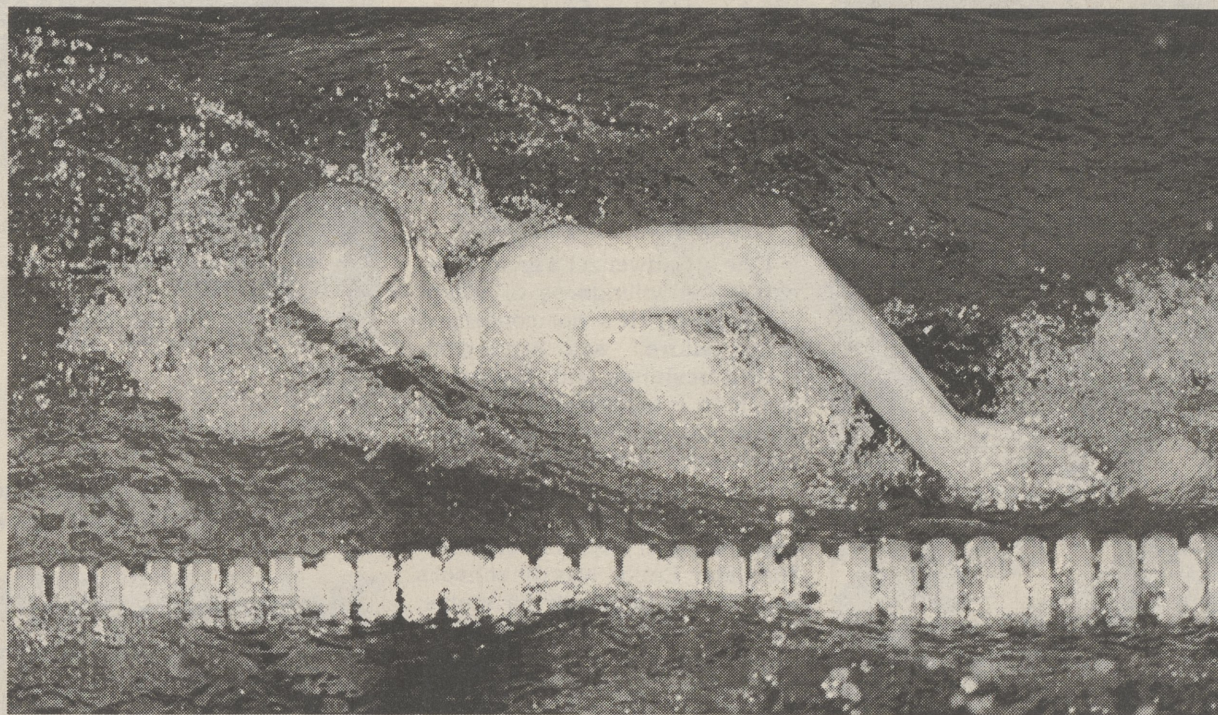
Districts bring out best in Mounts

Matt Schweitzer earns trip to states

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DALLAS - Having only started their swimming and diving program three seasons ago, the Dallas Mountaineers boys and girls teams put up excellent competition for other area teams throughout the 1996-97 season. The teams continued to impress by the number of swimmers, 23, that qualified for the district meet last Friday at the University of Scranton.

"The kids swam wonderfully," said a very pleased head coach Matt Stretanski. "Many of the swimmers broke their own indi-



POST PHOTO/MONICA MARZANI

Matt Schweitzer will swim in the 500 meter freestyle at the state championship swimming meet. He qualified at districts last Friday, setting a school record in the process.

vidual record times."

Of the 45 events the boys and girls teams swam in, 42 of the times were season bests. Many of the swimmers earned their best time, but did not finish as well as their seeding due to the tremendous competition. "On the girls side, I did not know what to expect from Delaware Valley because we had never raced against them

before," adds Stretanski. "It's good in a way that the other teams did better than us during the season, in that it gives us something to shoot for. If we were the best team, I think we would get too comfortable and it would be hard to focus on the district meet."

Of the 23 swimmers that swam in the district meet, only three girls will be lost to graduation.

One Mountaineer will be competing in the State Championship swim meet in State College, PA on Sat., March 15. Along with diver Stephanie Potisek, Matt Schweitzer will participate in the 500 freestyle. Matt, who started swimming when he was seven years old, broke the school record

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Trio of Black Knights heading to state meet

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WILLIAMSPORT - Three Lake-Lehman wrestlers earned berths in the PIAA state wrestling championships by placing in the top four in their respective weight classes at the Class AA Northeast Regional Tournament last weekend at Williamsport High School. Senior Ned Walsh and junior Eric Maciejczak both finished third while sophomore Nick Raczkowski placed fourth to qualify for states.

"Going into regionals, we thought we might get five guys to states," said Lehman co-coach Tom Williams. "But, it is an extremely tough tournament and we're very excited to have three qualifiers, especially since two are underclassmen."

Raczkowski rebounded from an opening round loss to finish fourth at 103 pounds. After losing to Jon Shilling of South Williamsport, 7-2, he won by default over Hanover's Vince Carbonaro and defeated Wyalusing's Kent Muench, 3-1, with a state berth on the line.

He lost to Nick Leshock of Southern Columbia, 15-1, in the consolation finals.

Now, he'll make the transition from fan to competitor at states after watching older brother Matt reach the finals in Hershey a year ago. "Regionals was a lot tougher than I thought it would be," Raczkowski said. "It hasn't really sunk in yet that I'm going to states. I'm just glad I made through."

Maciejczak finished third at 130 pounds with two consecutive wins after dropping a semi-final bout to eventual champion Tommy Wulff of Wyalusing, 6-1. Maciejczak pinned Brad Keister of West Snyder and handled Jeremy Betz of Warrior Run, 13-0, in the consolation finals.

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Ned Walsh

regionals," said Maciejczak. "The competition was a little tougher than I expected. It was hard to come back after losing in the semi's, but I wanted to go states. I'm excited about going to Hershey. I just want to win as many matches as possible."

Walsh gave the Knights their third state qualifier with a third place finish at 152. After being pinned in the semi-finals by two-time state champion Mike Shingara of Line Mountain, Walsh won two straight bouts, including a pin over Jim Geiger of Meyers, to finish third.

"I had nothing to lose against Shingara so the loss didn't really faze me," said Walsh, who missed a trip to states a year ago by one place. "My eyes were focused on Hershey. This was my last chance to get there and I was going to do whatever it took."

The trio will open state competition Thursday at 8 a.m. All three will face returning state qualifiers who failed to win a match at Hershey a year ago.

Raczkowski will face Aaron Diehl, a senior from Girard who was the Northwest Regional champion.

Maciejczak faces the Southeast Regional runner-up Keith Bloese, a junior from Northern Lehigh.

Walsh meets East Juniata senior Adam Dimrn, the South Central Regional champion.

"It doesn't really matter who

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Heat stops Bulls 55-46 to claim championship

In the finals of the Dallas Youth 7th-8th grade basketball league the Heat defeated the Bulls 55-46 to take the league title.

The Bulls opened the game with a fine display of inside shooting by Paul Dougal and Lloyd Droppers. The Heat countered with a well balanced scoring attack led by Jason Race and Kevin Piekara. The Heat outscored the Bulls 15-13 in the first quarter.

The Heat and Bulls traded baskets in the second quarter. The Heat's scoring came from Mike Domzalski and Luke Miller, while the Bulls Danny Laurenzi and Josh Rice led the way. Both teams scored 12 points and at halftime the Heat led by 2 points 27-25.

Domzalski caught fire in the third quarter scoring 11 of his 22 points to give the Heat a 17-11 advantage over the Bulls. The score at the end of the third quarter was the Heat 44 - Bulls 36. After the Bulls' big man Lloyd Droppers fouled out, Paul Dougal stepped up like he has done all year and scored 10 points, but the Heat used their height advantage and put the game away.

The Heat's offense was led by Mike Domzalski with 22 points, followed by Fran Yanik with 10 points, Jason Race with 8 points and Kevin Piekara with 5 points. The Heat is coached by Dave Domzalski.

The Bulls' offense was led by

Paul Dougal with 28 points, followed by Lloyd Droppers and Danny Laurenzi with 8 points apiece. The Bulls are coached by Ken Droppers.

Semi-finals

Dallas Youth Basketball 7th-8th grade league had its own March Madness, with two semi-finals games this past Saturday. It was the Heat matching up against the Sixers and the Bulls up against the Celtics.

HEAT 49 - SIXERS 41

In the first game of the afternoon, the Heat defeated the Sixers by a 49-41 score. In the first quarter, both teams used their inside and outside game effec-

tively. The Heat outscored the Sixers 17-12 on the fine shooting of Jason Race, Mike Domzalski and Luke Miller, while the Sixers scoring came from Danny Fetko and David Finn. The pace slowed in the second quarter with the Heat outscoring the Sixers 7-2. Arthur Redmond and Frank Oatridge both sank three point shots before halftime to extend the Heat's lead to 24-14. Both teams came out shooting in the third quarter. The Heat outscored the Sixers 13-8 on the shooting of Jared Flowers and Fran Yanik. The Sixers countered with Danny Fetko. Early in the 4th quarter

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DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL 3-4

Georgia Tech tops Maryland for title

Georgia Tech scored 11 of its 20 points in the second quarter to defeat Maryland 20-16 for the Grade 3-4 championship in Dallas Youth Basketball. The first quarter ended with Maryland leading 5-4. With a very strong second quarter by Georgia Tech the half ended 16 to 8. Georgia Tech tried slowing the game down allowing Maryland to score 6 points and Georgia Tech went scoreless to end the quarter 16-14 Georgia Tech. The fourth quarter was controlled by Georgia Tech scoring 4 and playing a very strong defensive game to hold Maryland to only 2 points for the win. Georgia Tech was led by Timmy Crossin's 15 points and 5 rebounds with 11 points coming in the big second quarter. Ben Thomas scored 2 points and 4 rebounds, Bobby Lenahan 2 points 5 rebounds, Robbie Tomko 2 rebounds, Ronnie Shiner 2 rebounds and Justin Orlandini 1 rebound. Maryland was led by Ryan Murray 10 points 2 rebounds, Matt Daube 4 points 14 rebounds, Ryan Marascio 2 points and 1 rebound, Ryan Harvey 2 rebounds and Steve Brett 1 rebound.

GEORGIA TECH 16 - WAKE FOREST 14

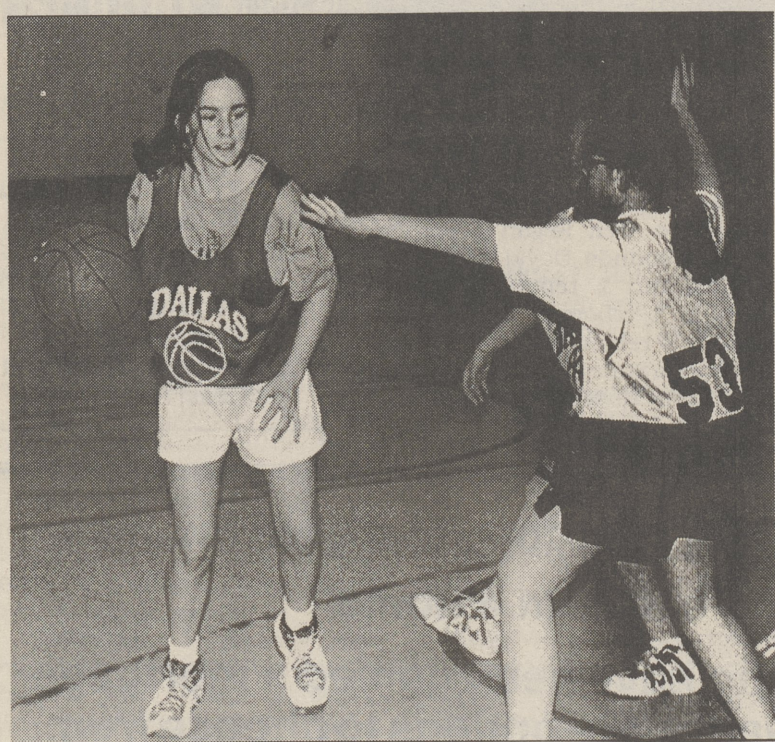
This was a very close game that went back and forth the whole game before Georgia Tech finally held on for the win. The first quarter ended 3 to 2 in favor of Georgia Tech. The second quarter stayed the same way as a defensive game as both teams only scored 2 points apiece to end the half 5-4 Georgia Tech. The third quarter started out much faster

and the offense picked up for Wake Forest as they scored 6 big points to take the lead at the end of the third quarter 10-9. But in the fourth quarter Georgia Tech came up with their biggest offensive quarter to win the game by scoring 7 in a 16-14 win. Georgia Tech was led by Timmy Crossin 6 points and 7 rebounds, Bobby Lenahan 6 points, 1 rebound, Ben Thomas 2 points and 2 rebounds, Justin Orlandini, 2 points 4 rebounds, Ronnie Shiner 1 rebound, Mike Hazleton 2 rebounds, Robbie Tomko, 1 rebound, and Andrew Hiller. Playing a very strong defensive game for Georgia Tech were Ben Thomas, Justin Orlandini and Ronnie Shiner. Wake Forest was led by Mike Race 6 points and 2 rebounds, Matt Wilson 6 points, Matt Adler 3 rebounds, Jonathan Baker 2 points, Justin Singer 2 rebounds. Also playing for Wake Forest are Ryan Gilroy, Chris Parrish and Ian VanKryk

MARYLAND 17 - FLORIDA STATE 15

It took two overtimes before Maryland finally was able to beat a very good Florida State team. At the end of a very good defensive game each team traded baskets to end the 1st quarter 2 to 2. The second quarter Florida State caught on fire as they scored 8 points holding Maryland to only 4 points to take a 10-6 lead at halftime. The third quarter was controlled by Maryland outscoring Florida State 6-3 to be down only by 1 point at the end of the third quarter 13-12. The fourth quarter was a defensive quarter once

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POST PHOTOS/IRON BARTIZEK

Rachel Kukosky, guarded by Stephanie Yachim, in left photo, led her team to the championship Sunday night. In right photo, Meredith Lacey brought the ball up around Lindsey Kelly.



Team 5 wins Dallas Youth Basketball girls' championship

In the finals it was too much Rachel Kukosky as she hit for 17 of DYB #5's points to seal the victory 21-15. Also scoring for DYB #5 were Hallie Williams with 2 points and Lindsey Kelly with 2 points. Playing a good defensive game for the winning team were Bridget Henry, Ashley Marcey, Chen Yang and Amanda Cowles. Leading the way for DYB #2 were Meredith Lacey hitting for 9 points, Holly Swartz 3 points, Ashleigh King 2 points and Jessica Karasek with 1 point

TEAM #5 26 - TEAM #3 16

Rachel Kukosky was once again too much to handle as DYB #5 won 26 to 16 to move into the finals to meet DYB #2. DYB #5 was led by Rachel Kukosky's game high 14 points, followed by Hallie Williams and Chen Yang with 4 points each and Bridget Henry and Lindsey Kelly each had 2 apiece. DYB #3 was led by Caitlin Dukas hitting for 7 points, Kristy Schmic 4 points, Susan Banks 3 points and Sheree Senauysky 2 points. Defensively for DYB #3 Brooke Blase and Katie Smith played a strong game.

TEAM #2 15 - TEAM #1 14

It took overtime before Holly Swartz hit the only field goal of overtime to win the game 15 to 14. DYB #2 was led by Holly Swartz with 7 points, Janelle Dickson hitting for 4 points and Sidney Guelich pouring in 4 points. Playing a strong defensive team for DYB #2 were Meredith Lacey, Ashleigh King, Katie Lawrence and Stephanie Yachim. DYB #1 was led by Shannon Thomas with 7 points, Nicole Bostock had 6 points and Jackie Hardwick with 1 point. Playing a strong defensive game for DYB #1 was Jen-

nifer Konopki, Kara Ringle, Jamie Youngblood and Amanda Hayes.

TEAM #5 26 - TEAM #4 22

Rachel Kukosky had a game high 18 points to lead DYB #5 to a 26 to 22 win over DYB #4. Also scoring for DYB #5 were Hallie Williams with 6 points and Chen Yank with 2 points. Leading the way for DYB #4 were Jaime Sickler 7 points, Erin Kotchin 7 points, Laura Stark 6 points and Alyssa Austin 2 points. Playing a good defensive game for DYB #4 was Krista Carpenter, Rana Razavi and Chelsea Coslett.