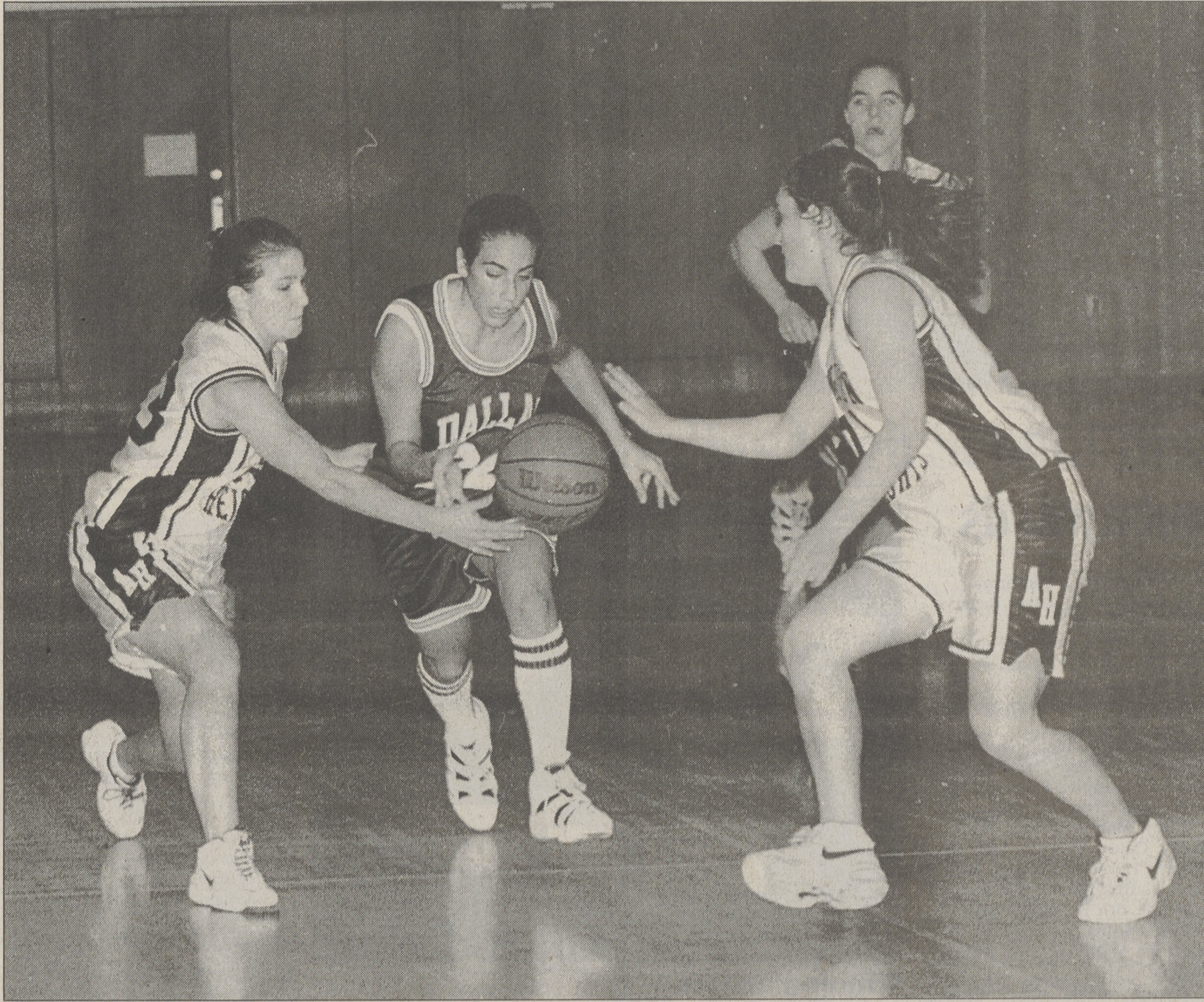


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Mounts are young but talented, quick and deep

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DALLAS - Despite having just one senior on the roster, Dallas High School girls' basketball Kim Barbacci believes her team can get back to their customary position of making the playoffs.

Barbacci led the Mounts to the District 2 playoffs in each of her first three seasons, but Dallas missed the post-season a year ago.

Although the top two scorers from last season have graduated, Barbacci thinks her team can be in the hunt at playoff time.

"We finished 15-9 and missed the playoffs by one game last season," said Barbacci. "I think we can compete for a playoff berth again this year."

While the Mounts are young, there are a few experienced players on the roster. Nicky Nackley, the lone senior on the team, is a returning starter at guard along with junior Katie Austin. Sophomore Stefanie Simonitis is a returning starter at forward.

Nackley averaged 6 points per game a year ago while Austin averaged 10 and Simonitis 6.

"The key to our success will be on offense," said Barbacci. "We need someone to step and provide some consistent scoring."

Jen Noon, a sophomore who was the team's sixth-man a year ago, will likely start at guard this season.

The team's fifth starter will be either sophomore guard Jeannie Dreier or sophomore center Erika Turner, a first-year varsity player. Junior guard Beth Carey will see plenty of time along with a few freshmen.

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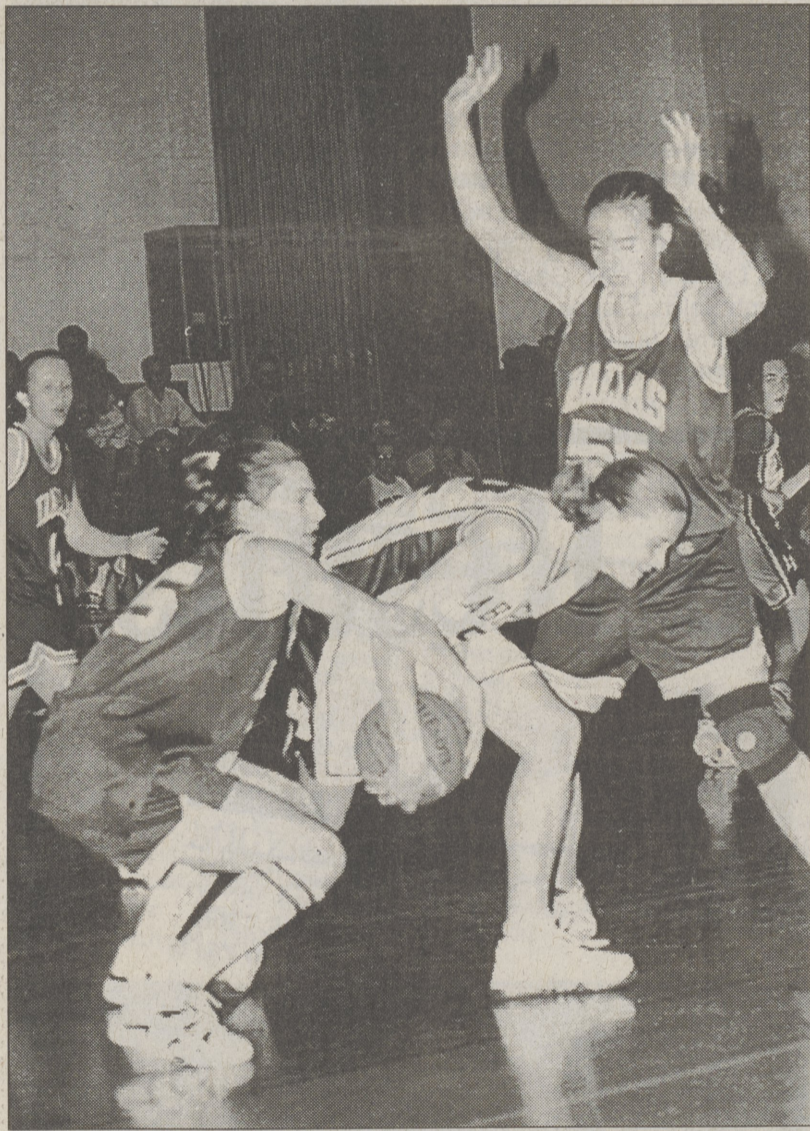
Barbacci will try to take advantage of her team's strength at the guard positions. "Our best players are guards," explained Barbacci. "We will play three guards, sometimes four."

With so many guards on the floor, the Mounts will rely on their quickness. "We will try to play a variety of defenses and look to run," said Barbacci. "We have good quickness which should help our defense create some offensive opportunities."

Barbacci, who will be assisted by Martha Kerrick, likes her team's defensive approach. "We're very aggressive on defense," she said. "We will look to play tough defense and scrap for rebounds."

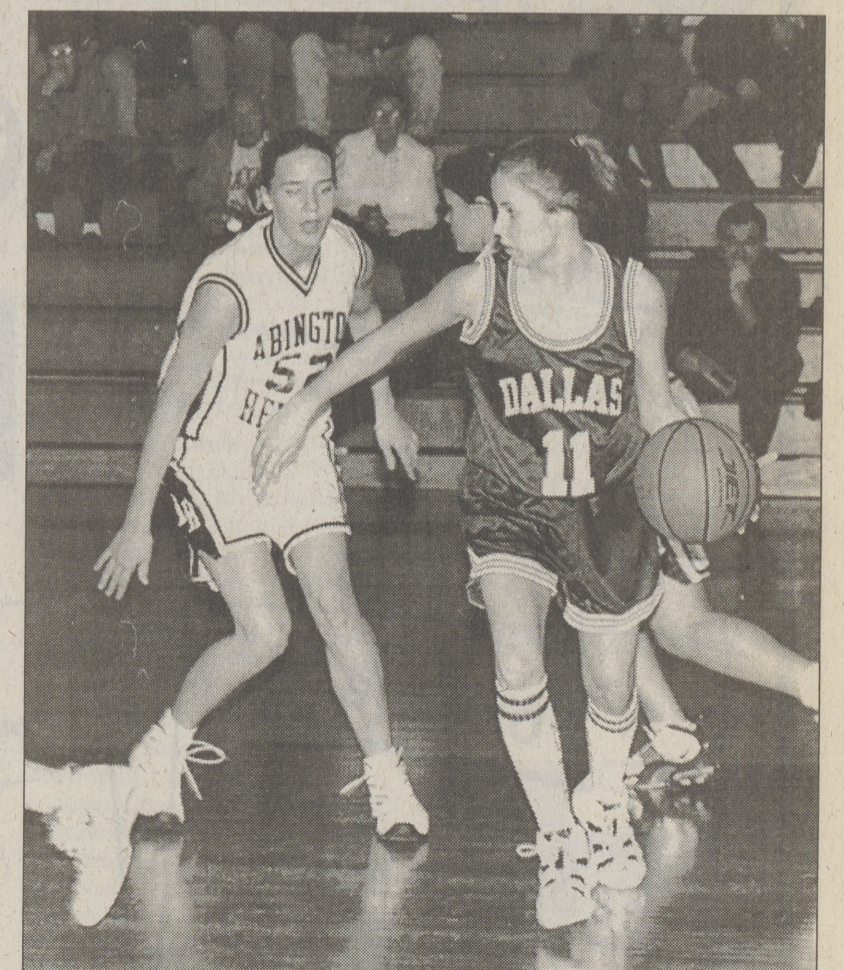
On offense, the Mounts will look to develop a balanced attack. "We need to concentrate on team scoring," said Barbacci. "We need scoring from everyone. We won't be able to rely on one person to score."

The most important thing the Mounts need is game experience. "The kids have a great attitude and are working very hard," said Barbacci. "We just need to get more experience. I think we'll get better as the season progresses and have a chance at the playoffs."



The Dallas Mountaineers girls basketball team opened their season in the Abington Rotary Tip-Off Tournament in Clarks Summit. Dallas lost to host Abington Heights 51-36 Saturday in the first round, then dropped a 40-38 game to Montrose in the consolations Monday night.

Shown in action Saturday, Nicky Nackley raced two Abington Heights players to the ball (top photo). In lower left photo, Stephanie Simonitis, left, tried to strip the ball as Erica Turner defended. Simonitis raced down court (lower right photo) with Turner right behind. Katie Austin (below) led Dallas in both games, scoring 17 points Saturday and 18 Monday. POST PHOTOS/MONICA MARZANI



Fleeger named all conference in soccer

Two former Wyoming Valley Conference High School standouts were among five College Misericordia men's soccer players who have been honored with All Conference status by the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference.

Mike Fleeger, a Lake-Lehman product and Crestwood graduate Mike Blasi were named to the first team along with Stephen Pill while Matt Shoener and Ryan Foley received honorable mention.

In addition, head coach Chuck Edkins was named coach-of-the-year after leading the Cougars to their best season ever with an 18-4-1 record and their second consecutive PAC championship.

Fleeger, a junior midfielder, was named to the first team for the second consecutive season after scoring eight goals and adding 11 assists.

DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL

George cans 33 points to lead Mellon to 1st win

Mellon Bank 83 - Grotto Pizza 46

Mellon Bank's Andrew George scored 14 of his game high 33 points, to give Mellon Bank a 23-14 first quarter lead. Mellon kept up the scoring attack in the second quarter, on a well balanced scoring attack of Matt Mark. Ryan Gryskiewicz and Andrew George led at halftime 52-24. It was much the same the next two quarters, with Mellon scoring at will. Mellon Bank's offense was led by George's 33 points, followed by Mark with 25 points and Gryskiewicz with 17 points. Grotto offense was led by Christian Cobleigh with 20 points, followed by John Pambianco with 11 points. Mellon Bank's record goes to 1-2, while Grotto's record drops to 0-3.

Quality Collision 41 - Dr. Jack Ellis 31

Both teams came into this contest with undefeated records, but Quality Collision with a late fourth quarter surge came out on top. At the end of

the first quarter both teams were knotted up at 8 apiece. The second quarter was much the same, with the teams trading baskets. Quality Collision's Jordy Spencer scored 6 points in the quarter to give Quality Collision a 19-16 halftime lead. Dr. Jack Ellis's team fought back in the third quarter and took the lead 24-23, on the shooting of Mike Dombroski. Quality Collision big man John Simonitis caught fire in the fourth quarter, scoring 14 of his game high 19 points to lead Quality Collision to the victory. Quality Collision was led by Simonitis with 19 points, followed by Spencer with 10 points. Dr. Jack Ellis offense was led by Mike Dombroski with 16 points. Quality Collision goes to 3-0, while Dr. Jack Ellis drops to 2-1.

T.G.I. Friday's 42 - NAPA Auto Parts 32

T.G.I.F., on the shooting of Herb Bressler and Don Murray, jumped to a 13-5 lead over NAPA Auto Parts at the end of

the first quarter. T.G.I.F. continued the scoring attack in the second quarter and went into halftime with a 21-14 lead. Paul McCue for NAPA Auto and Herb Bressler of T.G.I.F. traded baskets in the third quarter. T.G.I.F. led at quarter's end 31-22. It was much the same in the final quarter, with each team showing well balanced team scoring. T.G.I. Fridays' offense was led by Bressler with a game high 26 points, followed by Murray with 9 points. NAPA Auto Parts offense was led by Paul McCue with 16 points including 2 three point shots, followed by Blake Saba with 14 points. T.G.I. Friday's record goes to 2-1, while NAPA Auto Parts' record drops to 0-3.

Kingston Metals Spec. 61 - Dallas Lions 49

Kingston Metals' Chris Heister and Dallas Lion's Jonathon Barbose led their respective team's offense in the first quarter. Kingston Metals led 15-13 at the end of the first quarter. Kingston Metals used a well balanced scoring attack

in the second quarter, to go into halftime leading 29-19. Both teams scored at will in the third quarter. At quarter's end it was Kingston Metals 53 - Dallas Lions 38. The Lions mounted a comeback with Jonathon Barbose scoring eight of his game high 23 points, but fell short. The Metal men's offense was led by Heister with 21 points, followed by Bobby Zaruta with 15 points, Brett Sprau with 10 points and Jeff Dickson with 8 points. Dallas Lions offense was led by Barbose with 23 points, followed by Bobby Gebhart with 12 points, and Chase Susko with 7 points. Kingston Metals Spec. record goes to 3-0, while Dallas Lions drops to 1-2.

STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Quality Collision	3	0	1.000
Kingston Metals	3	0	1.000
Dr. Jack Ellis	2	1	.667
TGIFriday's	2	1	.667
Dallas Lions	1	2	.333
Mellon Bank	1	2	.333
NAPA Auto Parts	0	3	.000
Grotto Pizza	0	3	.000