

# Sports Week

Section 2

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## Mountaineers' attitude good, but team's short on numbers

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**DALLAS** - Although there are only 12 members of the Dallas High School wrestling team, second-year coach Eric DeRemer is pleased with his what he has seen in the early portion of the 1997-98 season.

"Their attitude is 100 percent better than a year ago," said DeRemer, a 1983 PIAA state champion at Wyoming Valley West. "The

kids are more aware of what I expect and they are working hard to meet those expectations. They know I expect them to work hard and drill hard and that it will pay off for them on the mat."

The two primary obstacles facing the Mountaineers are depth and experience. "We only have 12 kids and nine of them are freshmen and sophomores," said DeRemer. "We lost our 112 pounder (Randy Evans) for the season and we'll have to forfeit the

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first two weights. It's hard to overcome that against good teams."

The Dallas lineup will look like this: 119 - Lewis Spurlin, freshman; 125 - Joe Saraka, sophomore; 130 - Damian Temperine,

sophomore; 135 - Ken Hoover, senior; 140 - David Spurlin, sophomore; 145 - Mike Vaccarro, sophomore; 152 - Bill Duda, junior and Brett Larson, sophomore; 160 - Jamie Raub, sophomore; 171 - Jake Walter, sophomore; 189 -

Matt Gingo, junior; and 275 - Frank Perkoski, junior.

"We'll be able to compete with some teams in the league, but we're not ready to challenge the top teams," said DeRemer. "I've told our guys to concentrate on individual success this year and build for the future."

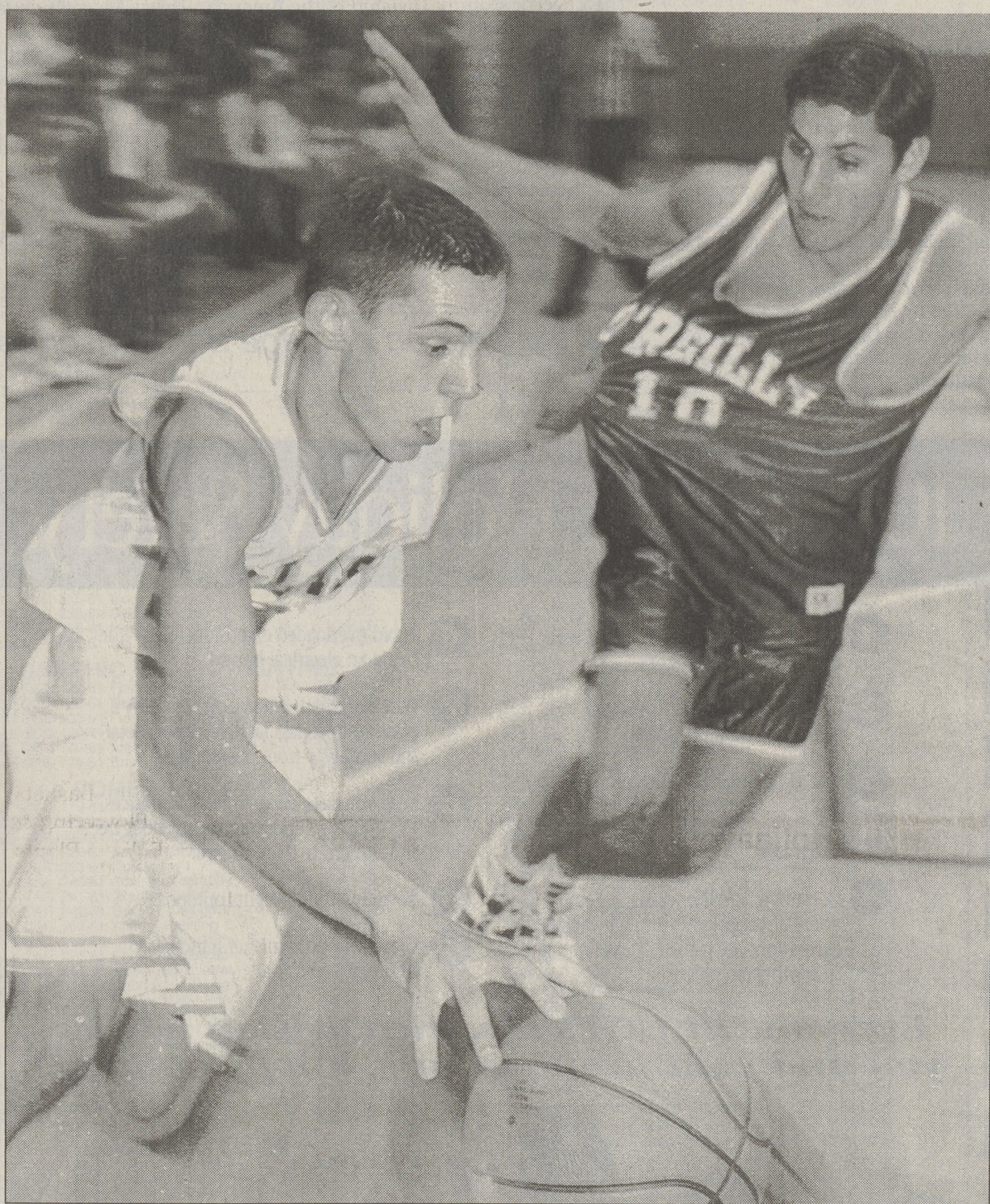
"Our goal is to practice hard and get better throughout the season and be ready for districts," DeRemer explained. "We would like to get some guys to regionals

this season. I think we have some kids who are capable of that."

The trio of Lewis Spurlin, Matt Gingo and Frank Perkoski have provided the most highlights after one dual meet and two tournaments.

Gingo was the champion at the Bloomsburg Tournament and finished third at the Dalton Lions Tourney. Perkoski has a third-place finish while Spurlin has a

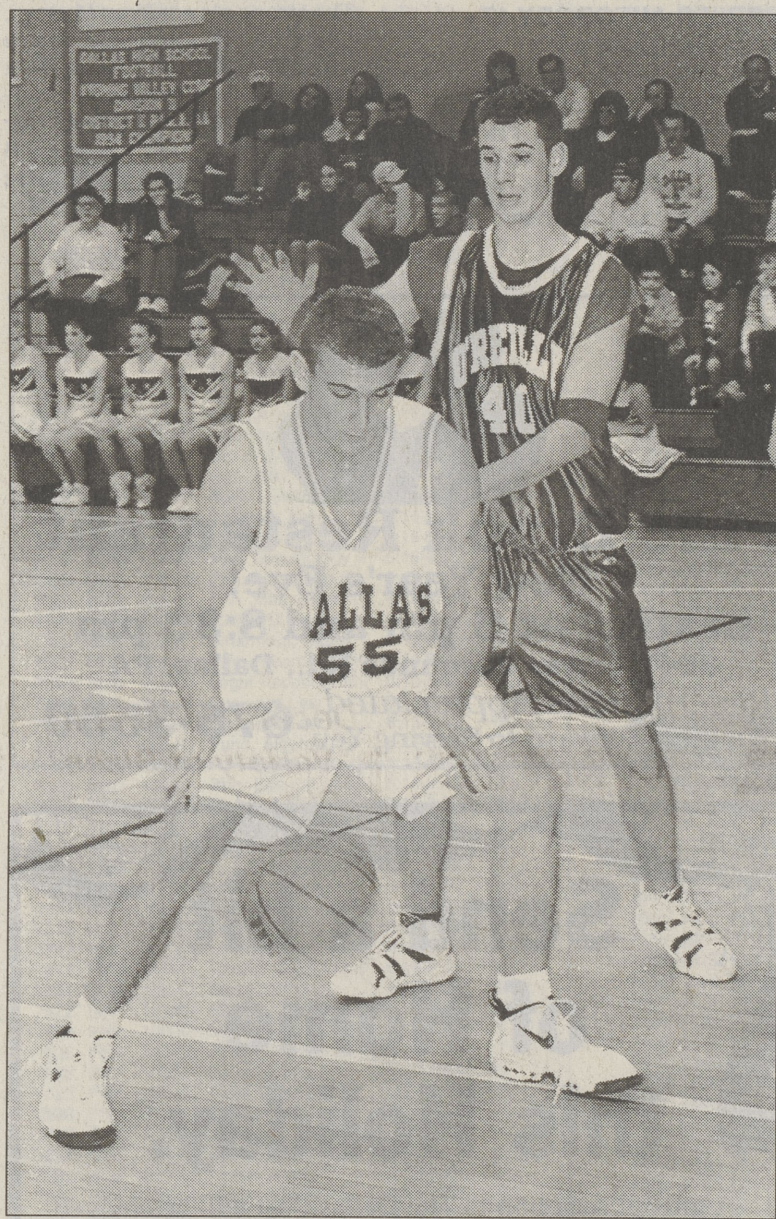
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### GIVING HIMSELF A HAND

Dallas forward Ed Piekara reached into an O'Reilly defender in Saturday's game (left photo). Piekara scored 10 points in the game. Jonathan Saba (below) got control of the ball. He scored eight points, but the Mountaineers lost 76-60.

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## Thomas hits for 15 but Team 1 wins

**TEAM #3 BLASE 22 - TEAM #1 THOMAS 19**

Team #3 took a 4-0 lead to start the game. Then Team #1 went on a 10-0 run with Shannon Thomas hitting for 8 points of her game high 15 to end the first quarter. The second quarter Alyssa Austin and Brooke Blase hit a field goal each for Team #3 while Shannon Thomas hit a three pointer for the only scoring of the second quarter for Team #1 to lead 13-8 at the half. Team #3 exploded for 10 points in the third quarter. Jodi Dickson's 4 points came in this period with Caitlin Dukas having 4 of her 8 points and Sydney Guelich having 2 of her 4 points, while holding Team #1 scoreless to take a 18-13 lead at the end of three. Team #1 came up with 6 points but Caitlin Dukas hit a huge field goal while Team #1 was playing great shut out defense. Jennifer Konopki hit 2 key foul shots to seal the victory for Team #3. Team #1 was led by Shannon Thomas 15 points, Kristen Schmid and Sarah Pieczynski had 2 points each. Team #3 is coached by Rob Blase and Team #1 is coached by Lew and Cindy Thomas.

**TEAM #2 LACEY 20 - TEAM #6 YOUNGBLOOD 15**

Offense for Team #2 was led by Meredith Lacey with 8 points, Rosalyn Anne Wentko 6 points and Jamie Flack with 6 points. Tam Morris led the defense for Team #2. Team #6 was led by

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## Balanced offense gives Dr. Jack Ellis a win, and tie for 1st place

**DR. JACK ELLIS 49 - DALLAS LIONS 36**

Both teams came out slow and at quarter's end it was 8-5 in favor of Dr. Jack Ellis's team. Frank Oatridge provided the spark for Ellis in the second quarter and then widened their lead at half-time 17-10. Jonathon Barbose led the Dallas Lions attack in the third quarter, scoring 8 of his game high 24 points, but Mike Dombroski and Tim Faneck answered back with key baskets and Ellis led 27-20. Ellis kept up the scoring attack in the fourth quarter, and leading the way was Dennis Ellis with 10 points to seal the

win. Dr. Jack Ellis's offense was led by Dennis Ellis with 12 points, followed by Dombroski with 11 points, Oatridge with 9 points and Tim Faneck with 6 points. The Lions offense was led by Jonathon Barbose with 24 points, followed by Chase Susko with 6 points.

**NAPA AUTO PARTS 38 - GROTTO PIZZA 27**

NAPA Auto Parts exploded in the first quarter behind the shooting of Blake Saba and Paul McCue to take a 14-7 lead at quarter's end. The pace of the game slowed in the second quarter with each team sinking a basket. Both teams

caught fire again behind Mike Fehlinger for NAPA Auto, and Ryan Morgan for Grotto Pizza. NAPA led 27-17 at quarter's end. Grotto put on a fourth quarter run, with John Pambianco and David Lohin leading the way. NAPA's Blake Saba countered with 8 of his game high 16 points to seal the win for NAPA. NAPA's offense was led by Blake Saba with 16 points, followed by Paul McCue with 15 points and Mike Fehlinger with 5 points. Grotto's offense was led by Ryan Morgan with 10 points, followed by John Pambianco with 7 points.

**MELLON BANK 50 - KINGSTON METAL SPEC. 18**

Mellon Bank used a well balanced scoring attack, led by Andrew George to take a 10-4 lead at quarter's end. Mellon's Brian Dempsey and Andrew George kept up the scoring attack in the second quarter. Mellon took a 23-8 halftime lead. Ryan Gryskewicz and Matt Mark led the way for the bankers to blow the game wide open with a 41-14 led at the end of the third quarter. Mellon kept up their scoring pace in the fourth quarter and went on to an easy win. Mellon Bank's offense was

led by Andrew George with 16 points, followed by Ryan Gryskewicz with 14 points and Matt Mark with 13 points. Kingston Metal's offense was led by Jeff Dickson with 8 points.

**T.G.I. FRIDAYS 58 - QUALITY COLLISION 49**

Both teams came out shooting in the first quarter, with T.G.I.F.'s Herb Bressler scoring 12 of his game high 35 points and Quality Collision's, John Simonitis scoring 11 points. Quality Collision led at quarters end 15-14. Each team traded baskets in the sec-

ond quarter with T.G.I.F.'s Herb Bressler and Quality's Jordy Spencer leading the way. The game at halftime was all knotted up at 25 apiece. T.G.I.F.'s exploded with 21 third quarter points. Leading the attack was Don Murray and Herb Bressler. T.G.I. Fridays led at the end of the third quarter 46-

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## Hardware ekes out 1-point win in opening contest

**DALLAS HARDWARE 22 - AMERICAN LEGION 21**

Week one started out with the first game of the season being the closest back and forth game. Dallas Hardware was led by a game high 12 points by Bradley Fagula, followed by Kyle Mahle with 8 and John Durr had 2 points. Adam King led the charge for the American Legion with 11 points and many big rebounds. Robbie Tomko followed with 4 points, Darrell Rodgers, Kyle Hazleton and Mike Wyberski, all contributed 2 points. Dallas Hardware is coached by George Gracely and American Legion is coached by Bob Tomko.

**DALLAS ROTARY 22 - FAMILY PRACTICE 17**

Dallas Rotary held Family Prac-

tice scoreless in the fourth quarter for the victory. At the end of the first quarter Ben Thomas had 8 of his 12 points to take an 8-6 lead at the end of one. Jeffrey Decker had the only field goal of the defensive second quarter and Dallas Rotary had 14-6 to lead at the half. The third quarter was all David Harding as he poured in 11 of his 17 points to take a one point advantage after three, 17-16. The defensive fourth quarter was led by Ben Thomas, John Thompson and Adam Besecker. Eddie Daris, Jeremy Weinstock and Ben Thomas had a basket each to score 6 big points and the 22-17 win for Dallas Rotary. Dallas Rotary is coached by Lew Thomas and Family Practice is coached by Dave Parrish.

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### Black Knights 3rd in 'Tipoff Classic'

The second annual Wyoming Valley West "Tipoff Classic" was recently held at W.V.W. High School in Plymouth. The invitational tourney featured girls' teams from Lake-Lehman, Pottsville Nativity, Delaware Valley and the host team, W.V.W. Pictured in photo are the members of the Lake-Lehman Lady Knights accepting the trophy for a third place finish. From left, Marisa Michaels, Mandy Kehler, Kelly Spencer, John Gavenonis, president of Plymouth Rotary Club, sponsor of the "Tipoff Classic" and Darby Wolfe. Ms. Wolfe accepted a medallion from Gavenonis for being named to the "All Tournament Team." Pottsville Nativity defeated W.V.W. in the championship game.

## Fahnestock wins behind Crossin, Kelly

**FAHNESTOCK 55 - EASTERN PENN 33**

Tim Crossin and Matt Kelly combined for 41 points and Conor Judge led a strong defense as Fahnestock defeated Eastern Penn Supply 55-33 in Dallas Youth Basketball 5th/6th grade action. The red hot shooting of Fahnestock was the deciding factor in this matchup of two of the leagues quickest teams. EPS Co was led by Gene Lispi with 13 points and Tim Kerestes with 12. D.J. Tasselmyer led the defense.

**FIELDHOUSE 36 - INTERMETRO 31**

Matt Daube scored 12 points to lead the Fieldhouse over

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## 9 field hockey players earn all-state and academic honors

Five Lake-Lehman field hockey players have been named to a state all-star team, and another three were included on the Academic All-Star squad, along with Jen Hite of Dallas, who is also an honorable mention the hockey all-star. Three of the Black Knights, Sara Kasper, Jen Johnstone and Joanne White, were named to the first team and academic squad. Janelle Perlis was named to the all-star second team, while Nikki Yoblonski was named an honorable mention choice. Carrie Race, Val Fiore and Laura Castellano made the academic squad.

The Academic all-star team is comprised of senior players who carry an A average.