

# Sports Week

Section 2

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## Quality Collision comes back to win by 2

Kingston Metal's Chris Heister and Jeff Dickson combined for 9 first quarter points to give Kingston Metal a 13-11 lead. The Metalmen continued to pound Quality Collision's big man, John Simonitis, kept the game within reach by scoring 10 of his game high 32 points in the quarter. Kingston Metal led at halftime 31-21. Quality Collision outshot Kingston Metal 12 to 6 in the third quarter to narrow the game to 37-33 in Kingston Metal's favor. Quality Collision's offense got a well balanced scoring attack from Jordy Spencer, Simonitis and Chris Arnaud to outscore Kingston Metal 16-10 in the final quarter, and record a hard fought, come from behind victory. Quality Collision's offense was led by John Simonitis with a game high 32 points, followed by Jordy Spencer with 10 points and Angelo Recchia chipped in with 4 points. Kingston Metal's offense was led by Jeff Dickson with 18 points, followed by Chet Heister with 13 points and Bobby Zaruta with 10 points.

DYB 7-8

### DR. JACK ELLIS 51 - NAPA AUTO PARTS 31

Both teams came out shooting in the first quarter, with Paul McCue and Mike Fehlinger leading the way for NAPA Auto, while Mike Dombroski and Frank Oatridge led Dr. Jack Ellis in first quarter scoring. Ellis led at the end of the first quarter 11-8. Ellis's Tim Faneck had the hot shooting hand in the second quarter, scoring 10 points for his team, enroute to a 23-12 halftime lead over NAPA. The teams traded baskets in the third quarter, with Blake Saba leading the way for NAPA. Dr. Ellis led 31-20 at the end of the third quarter. Dr. Jack Ellis's team outshot NAPA 20-11 in the final stanza to record the win. Dr. Jack Ellis's offense was led by Mike Dombroski with a game high 19 points followed by Tim Faneck with 14 points, and Andrew Dale with 12 points. NAPA Auto Parts offense was led by Paul McCue with 12 points, followed by Blake Saba with 9 points and Mike Fehlinger with 4 points.

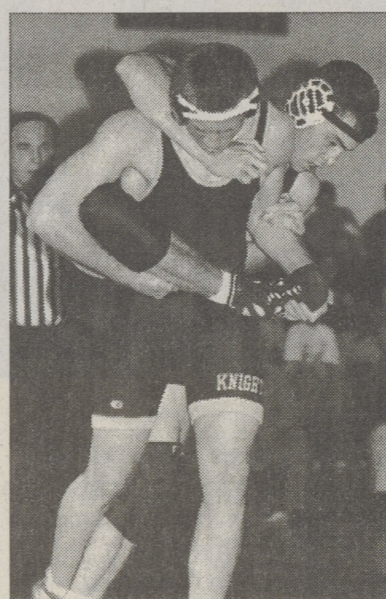
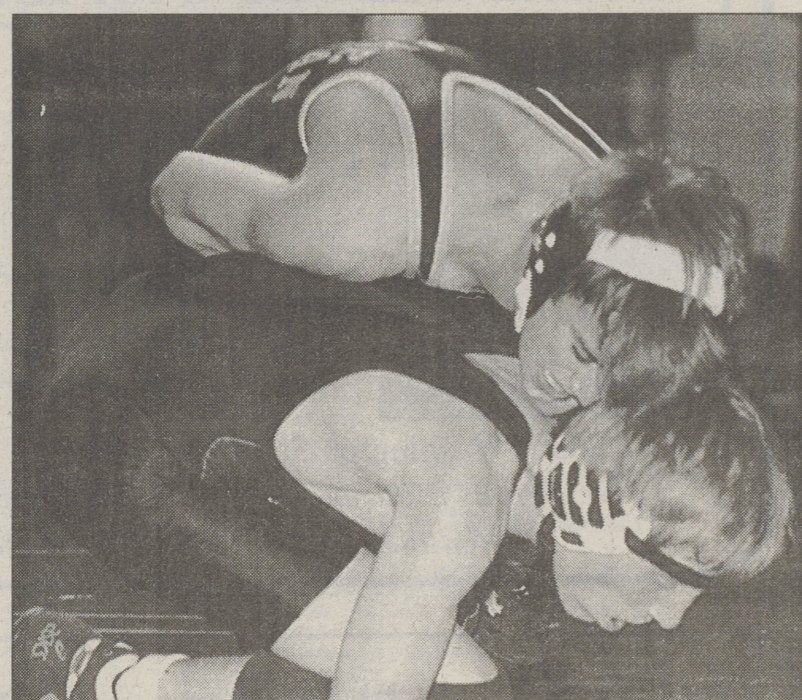
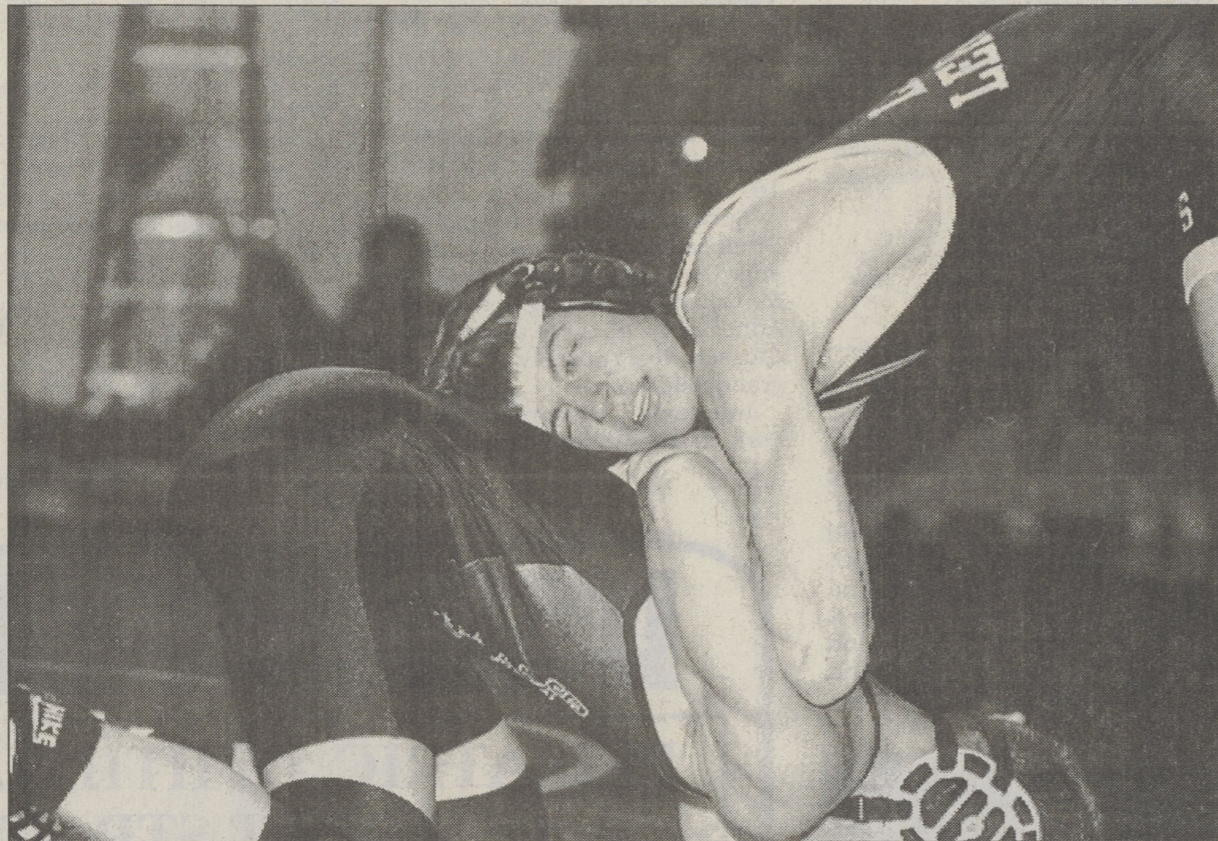
### T.G.I. FRIDAY 57 - GROTTO PIZZA 37

T.G.I. Friday's Herby Bressler scored 10 of his game high 22 points in the first quarter to give his team a 14-3 lead at quarter's end. The second quarter was all T.G.I.F., with Mike English and Bressler leading the way. T.G.I.F. led at halftime 24-9. In the third quarter T.G.I.F.'s Don Murray had the hot hand, scoring 10 points, while Grotto Pizza's John Pambianco scored 6 points. T.G.I.F. led at the end of the third quarter 44-19. Both teams put on a shooting drive in the fourth quarter, with T.G.I.F.'s Charlie Stajewski, Ryan Love and Joshua Rice leading the way. Grotto Pizza's Christian Cobleigh, Joe Buczko and Tommy Dougal figured in the attack. T.G.I.F.'s offense was led by Herby Bressler with a game high 22 points, followed by Don Murray with 15 points, Mike English with 9 points and Ryan Love with 8 points. Grotto Pizza's offense was led by John Pambianco with 12 points, followed by Joe Buczko with 8 points, and Christian Cobleigh with 7 points.

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#### DYB GRADE 7-8 STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	PCT.
Dr. Jack Ellis	5	1	.833
Kingston Metals	4	2	.666
Quality Collision	4	2	.666
TGIFriday's	4	2	.666
Mellon Bank	4	2	.666
Dallas Lions	2	4	.333
NAPA Auto	1	5	.167
Grotto Pizza	0	6	.000



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## GRAPPLING ACTION

Lake-Lehman hosted Hughesville last week, in a battle of perennial wrestling powers. The Knights got off to a good start but dropped four of the last five bouts, coming up short on a 34-27 score. In top photo, Jason Maciejczak worked on Jason Smith. Maciejczak won a 12-5 decision. Jim Higgins, lower left photo, was on top of Luke Temple, but eventually lost a tight 8-6 bout. Dave DeLong tried to get away from Harry Byerly, lower right photo, in the 160 lb. bout. Byerly won by 13-2.

### DYB 5-6 GIRLS BASKETBALL

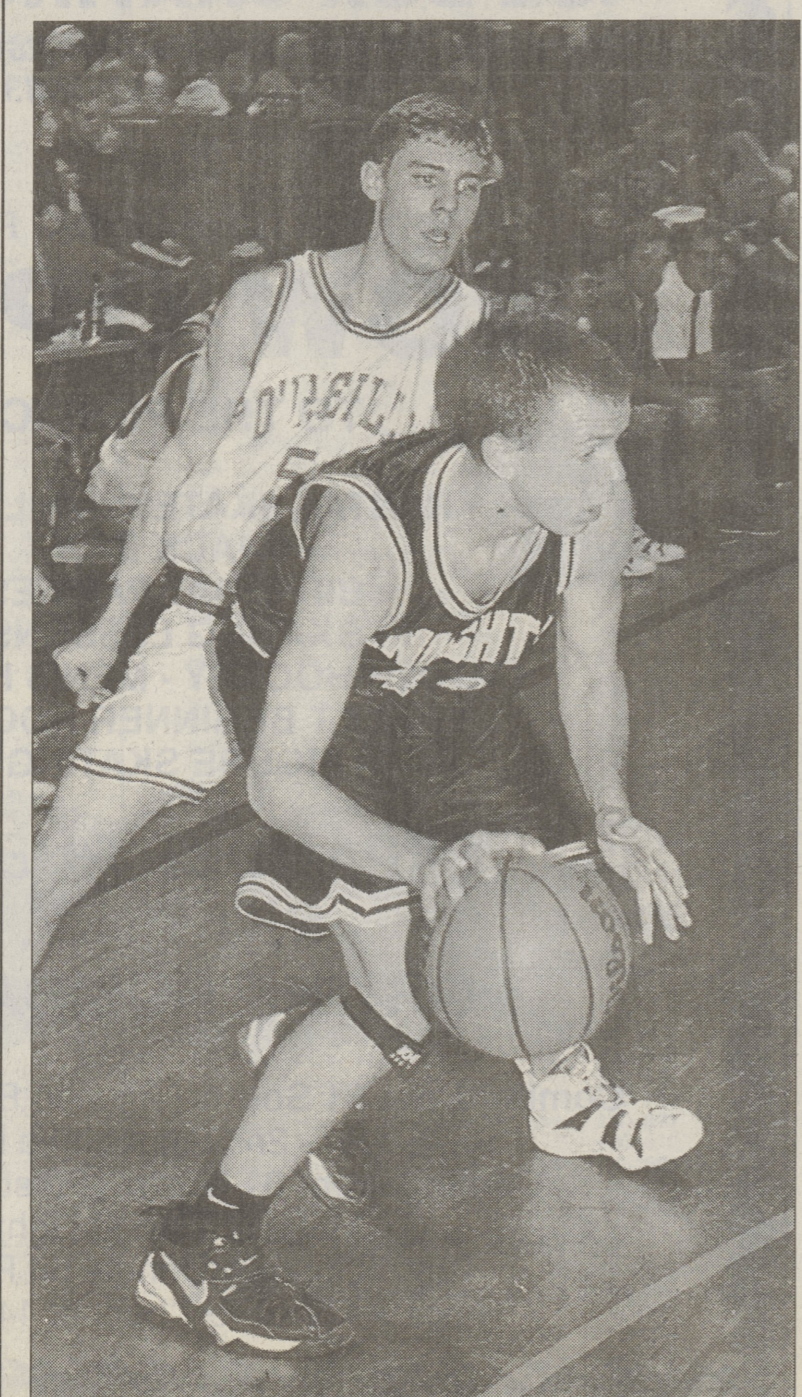
#### TEAM #1 THOMAS 16 - TEAM #4 CORBETT 12

Team 4 started the game off with a strong defensive stand, holding Team 1 scoreless after one, while scoring 5 points of their own to lead at the end of the first quarter 5-0. Team 1 answered the defensive call in the second quarter holding Team 4 scoreless while Shannon Thomas hit two

field goals to go with her game high 8 points to trail 5-4 at half. Once again both teams played a strong defensive quarter in the third with Sarah Pieczynski and Shannon Thomas hitting a bucket each while Halli Williams scored the only basket for Team 4 and Team 1 took the lead for the first time, 8-7 after three. The fourth quarter belonged to Kristen

Schmid as her inside game gave her 6 points and lots of rebounds as Team 1 scored 8 while holding Team 4 off for the 16-12 victory. Team 1 defensively was led by Nicole Martin, Tiffany Gergel, Lauren Norika, Samantha O'Brien and Shoshanna Gitlin. Team 4 was led offensively by Halli Will-

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## Dallas swimmers making a splash

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Sports Correspondent

DALLAS - In just their fourth year of varsity competition and only their second season as a member of the Wyoming Valley Conference, the Dallas High School swimming teams are progressing nicely.

"We're coming along just as I had hoped," said head coach Matt Stretanski, who has been with the Mountaineers from the beginning. "I've learned that all great traditions take time to develop. I'm learning to be patient with myself and with the kids. We'd like everything to go our way, but we're all learning that it takes time to build a program."

A year ago, most things seemed to go the Mounts way as the girls team finished 12-3. This season, the Mounts are 2-2 heading into the holiday break. "We surprised some people last season," said Stretanski. "This is a different season. We lost some key seniors and some teams are looking for some revenge against us."

With 44 team members (28 girls and 15 boys), the Mounts won't be outnumbered. "I'm very pleased with our turnout," said Stretanski. "It is a tremendous advantage for us to be able to fill all the lanes."

Another advantage for the girls team is junior diver Stephanie Potisek, a district runner-up and state qualifier last season. "As far as I'm concerned, Stephanie is the best diver in the league right now," said Stretanski.

Since Dallas's practice facility

"We'd really like to get some more kids to the state meet. That is the ultimate goal."

Matt Stretanski  
Dallas swim coach

(College Misericordia) doesn't have a diving board, Potisek and her diving teammates practice at Wyoming Valley West or Kistler Elementary school. "It's a challenge to have to practice at different sites and times," said Stretanski. "It really makes for some long nights for me."

The girls team is anchored by a trio of seniors; Nadalie Temperine, Annie Bishop and Melissa Wilcox. "We only have three seniors," explained Stretanski. "With so many younger team members, they have been outstanding role models."

The Mounts have also been paced by juniors Jacey Peterson (breaststroke and individual medley) and Lacey Popson (backstroke and freestyle), and sophomores Erin Allardyce (breaststroke, individual medley), Abbie Pisacano (backstroke, freestyle) and Shannon Gaffney (freestyle and butterfly).

"This group has done a good job for us so far," said Stretanski. "Honestly, everyone on the team has a job to do and we talk about that before every meet. Our lineup changes from meet to meet as we

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## Claymen blast Hardware

### CENTRAL CLAY 32 - DALLAS HARDWARE 12

Dallas Hardware jumped out to a 6 to 4 lead, at the end of the first quarter on the shooting of Bradley Fagula. Central Clay rebounded in the second quarter to knot the game at 10 points at half time, on the shooting of Eric Domzalski. Central Clay blew the game wide open, outscoring Dallas Hardware 9 to 2 in the third quarter, on the shooting of Ryan Konopki and Adam Singer. Central Clay, used a well balanced

offense and strong defense in the fourth quarter to outscore Hardware 13 to 0. Central Clay's offense was led by Eric Domzalski with 12 points, followed by Ryan Konopki with 8 points, while Adam Singer and Brandon Rice chipped in 4 points apiece. Dallas Hardware's offense was led by Bradley Fagula with 8 points, while John Durr had 4. Hardware was led defensively by Glen Bynon and Zack Luzzi.

### JOSEPH GILROY R.E. 9 - FAMILY PRACTICE 4

Gilroy Real Estate gained its first victory in DYB third and fourth grade competition on Saturday. A total team effort helped achieve the victory with scoring contributions made by Alex Baltimore, Ryan Gilroy, David Luksh and Dan Savage. A strong defensive effort was turned in by Lee Eisenberger and Guy Carpenter. Eric Razavich controlled the offensive boards leading the team in rebounds. Gilroy Real Estate held a 3 point lead after the first quarter and went on to win the game 9-4.

### COMMONWEALTH TEL. 26 - DALLAS ROTARY 24

Commonwealth held a 6-4 lead after a very close defensive first quarter. Mike Race and Nick Samanas went wild in the second quarter, with Race hitting for 10 of his 16 game points while Samanas had 6 of his 8 points to end the half 22-6. The third quarter belonged to Ben Thomas as Rotary mounted a comeback with Thomas hitting for 8 of his 16 point game, and holding Commonwealth to a single field goal, cutting the lead to 8, (24-16). Rotary came out playing a very strong defensive fourth quarter led by John Thompson and spread the offense around with baskets by Eddie Daris, Robert Monk and Ben Thomas with two, falling one basket short of the victory. Brandon Phillips also contributed an important first quarter bucket for Commonwealth Telephone. Rotary's Jeremy Weinstock had 4 points and rebounded strong. Jeffrey Decker and Adam Besecker also played a good defensive game for Dallas Rotary.

ANN B. DIPIETRO 18 - FRANKLIN FIRST 13

## PLAYING HARD

Lake-Lehman visited O'Reilly last week, and got a rude welcome from the Queensmen. O'Reilly took a 77-52 win from the Black Knights. In left photo, Russ Mosier held off an O'Reilly defender. Mosier scored 23 points. James Lyons, below, drove for the hoop.

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