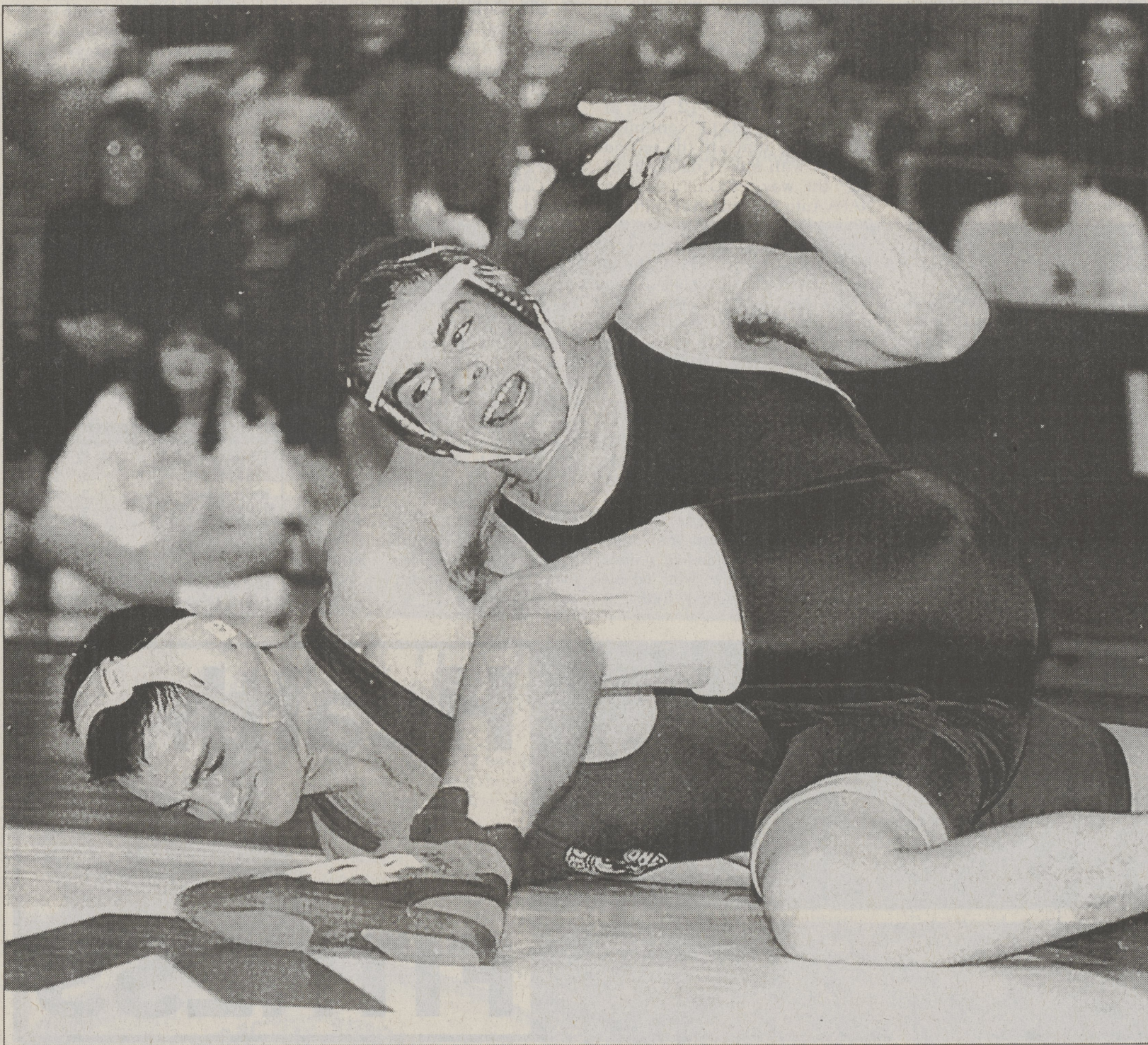


# Sports Week

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## ONE FOR LEHMAN

Mick Konigus grappled with Jeff Hoover in last week's meet against Wyoming Area. Konigus won an 8-7 decision.

## Black Knights in hunt for 4th consecutive title

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**LEHMAN** - With at least a tie for a fourth consecutive Wyoming Valley Conference West Division championship almost secured, the Lake-Lehman High School wrestling team will soon be turning its attention to the post-season.

The Black Knights are 8-4 overall and 5-0 in the WVC West heading into Wednesday's showdown with Berwick. With a victory, Lehman would remain undefeated in the division with next week's match against Dallas the only division contest remaining. A Lehman loss to the Bulldogs would likely create a three-way tie atop the division between the Knights, Berwick and Pittston.

"We're thrilled to be in this position," said Lehman co-coach Phil Lipski. "It's exciting to have the opportunity to win a championship. The Berwick match is a chance to win the division and get us ready for the post-season."

Lipski and his partner, Tom Williams, are especially excited to be in this situation since they really didn't know what to expect at the beginning of the season. "We've already overachieved," said Lipski. "We thought we'd be good enough to beat the best teams in the league on any given night. But, we also thought we were weak enough to get upset some-

*"We've had a different hero every night. It's been a total team effort."*

Phil Lipski  
Lake-Lehman co-coach

where along the line."

The upset came last Wednesday against Coughlin when the Knights lost on a tiebreaker after battling to a 33-33 draw. "Coughlin wrestled a tough match," said Lipski. "We had pulled out a few close matches earlier and this one just got away."

Lehman visits Towanda Friday, and will host state powerhouse Wyalusing Saturday, before concluding the WVC season against Dallas and Crestwood, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Then it's on to the post-season which begins with the District II Dual Meet Tournament, Saturday, Feb. 7. The Knights won the District Dual Meet title last year. "We're looking forward to defending our championship," explained Lipski. "Our goal, as always, is to win everything. It starts with the division crown and works up to states. The team tourney is a chance to achieve another goal."

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Seton 81, Lehman 72**

Lehman chalked up their first loss in the second half standings following a 81-72 defeat to Division III powerhouse Seton Catholic Jan. 24. Darby Wolfe fashioned 19 points and Kelly Spencer chipped in 15 for the Knights.

**Lehman 45, Hafey 44**

The Lady Knights emerged unscathed from a daunting 45-44 game Jan. 22 with Bishop Hafey. Thanks to an early lead Lehman held off Vikings despite being outscored 31-25 in the final half. Kelly Spencer led Lehman with 13 points including a three pointer. Darby Wolfe netted 12. Hafey outscored

**Seton 72, Dallas 49**

Seton never looked back from a 23-10 lead at the end of the first period en route to a 72-49 thrashing of Dallas Jan. 22. Katie Austin led the effort for Dallas with 29 points.

**Lehman 56, Hanover 52**

After scoring only four points, a third period slump nearly cost Lehman a victory but they came back to redeem themselves with a 19-13 advantage in the final stanza to drop Hanover 56-52 Jan. 26. Marissa Michaels put on a long ball seminar draining five from three-point territory and ended the night with 19 points. Kelly Spencer ended the night with 15 points.

**Meyers 46, Dallas 36**

The Lady Mounts drop to 1-3 in second half standings following a 46-36 loss to Meyers Jan. 26. Katie Austin was the only Mountaineer to score in double digits ending the evening with 16 points.

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Dallas 90, Seton Catholic 85**

Dallas took a 10-5 advantage in the third overtime to ultimately extinguish Seton 90-85 Jan. 24. J.J. Smith sacked a game high 30 points while Ed Piekara pitched in 18 and Jonathan Saba 17. The Mounts benefitted from 49 trips to the free throw line converting 34 while Seton was 20 of 32 from the line.

#### Dallas High Soccer Club meets Feb. 3

The Dallas High School Boys Soccer Booster Club will hold their monthly meeting on Tues., Feb. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Dallas Family Practice conference room. Plans for the March 22 craft show will be discussed, also the election of officers will take place. All soccer parents are asked to attend.

#### Bishop Hafey 53, Lehman 47

The Knights came alive in the fourth quarter netting a 20-13 advantage but their effort was unsuccessful as Hafey held off Lehman 53-47 Jan. 22. James Lyons led the Knights' attack with 19 points while Matt Loftus drained 15.

#### WRESTLING

**Hanover 59, Dallas 8**

The Hawks went on an 11 bout run before Dallas got their first decision as Hanover upended Dallas 59-8 Jan. 21. Matt Gingo (189) and Frank Perkoski (hwt) prevented the Mountaineers from being shutout with a major decision apiece in closing bouts.

**Coughlin 33, Lehman 33**

Both squads ended the night with identical 33 point scores but Coughlin took the decision on criteria after winning seven bouts to Lehman's six Jan. 21 in Wilkes-Barre. Both teams traded victories in the first four bouts before the Crusaders bounced back with a pin and a decision to take the early lead. The Knights then won three in a row as Jason Harris and Eric Maciejczak both secured pins and Sam Saylor a decision before Coughlin leveled the next two. Mick Konigus won the 189 by forfeit before Steve Sarbaugh polished off the Knights with a decision in the heavyweight round. The loss gives the Knights (6-1) their first blemish on a previously undefeated season.

**Pittston 53, Dallas 24**

Pittston chalked up five pins to take a 53-24 victory over Dallas Jan. 24. Dallas reaped pins of their own from Joe Saraka (119), Dave Spurlin (135) and Frank Perosky (hwt).

**Lehman 65, Wyoming 6**

The Knights won all but one bout to run up a 65-6 score and cruise past the Warriors Jan. 24. Pins by Jason Maciejczak (125), Eric Magee (140), James Saylor (145), Clay Cadwalder (152) and Matt Kehler (hwt) expanded Lehman's score. The Knights also secured decisions by Justin Harris (135) and Mick Konigus (189).

## Thomas, Schmidt lead E.M. to 30-27 win over Am. Asphalt

**E.M. Video 30 - American Asphalt 27**

Shannon Thomas and Kristen Schmidt's inside outside game combined for 25 points as E.M. Video stayed tied for first place with III Guys Pizza. The first quarter scoring explosion had Thomas hitting for 7 of her 5 points. E.M. Video's Lauren Norika's strong defensive play held American Asphalt to 4 points but Katie Smith's good defense held E.M. Video to 4 points to end the half 16-14 E.M. Video, American Asphalt's Lauren Suppon hit for 2 of her 6 points to end third quarter to stay within 4 at the end of three 24-20. American Asphalt came within 1 in the fourth quarter but the inside play of Krisen Schmidt was too strong as E.M. Video picked up the victory. E.M. Video's defense was led by Tiffany Gergel, Samantha O'Brien and Shosanna Gitlin. American Asphalt's Jamie Youngblood scored 2 points and Crystal Derhammer had 2 points.

**DYB 5-6 GIRLS**

**Eastern Insurance 16 - Sneaker King 15**

Halli Williams, lit up scoreboard with 14 of her team's 16 points and Eastern Insurance held on to win the game 16-15. The defensive first quarter ended with Sneaker King up 4-2. Williams scored 6 points, while holding Sneaker King to a single bucket by Brooke Blase to go with her 6

#### Back Mountain Baseball meeting

Back Mountain Baseball and Softball will conduct a general meeting on Monday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. at the Dallas American Legion. All individuals interested in coaching baseball or softball in 1998 who have not submitted a letter indicating their interest to Jack Snyder should do so at the meeting, or mail the letter to: Back Mountain Baseball, c/o Jack Snyder, PO Box 22, Dallas, PA 18612. All managers and coaches must grant permission for a background check. All board members, managers, and volunteers are expected to attend.

#### Strikers place at Abington Heights

At Abington Heights on Sat., Jan. 17, the Striker Elementary Club placed the following wrestlers.

PeeWee: Jake Winters, 35 lbs., 1st place; Danny Ayers, 40 lbs., 1st place; Keith Sulewski, 45 lbs., 4th place. Bantam: Chris Barbacci, 45 lbs., 2nd place. Midget: Brian Goeringer, 80 lbs., 2nd place; Mike Stolarick, 85 lbs., 3rd place. Junior: Andrew Shaw, 76 lbs., 3rd place.

## Gibbons hits with 2 seconds to give Pace a one-point victory

**Pace Physical Therapy 23 - American Legion 22**

Shane Gibbons hit the game-winning shot with two seconds remaining to give Pace Physical Therapy a 23-22 win over American Legion. Kevin Domzalski had 15 points and Jeff Race 4 points with 7 rebounds for Pace Physical Therapy. American Legion was led by Erich Mahle and Boomer Coslett.

**DYB 5-6 BOYS**

**Fieldhouse 37 - Rosenn, Jenkins 33**

Matt Wilson's 19 points and the defense of Andrew Gramps led the Fieldhouse to a 37-33 win over Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald, who were led by the play of Elijah Miller and Jason Slavoski.

**Inter-Metro Industries 46 - Luzerne National Bank 34**

Tyler Droppers scored 23 points to lead Inter-Metro Industries over Luzerne National Bank 46-34. Bruce Deeble had 8 points and Brian Parrish led a strong defense for Inter-Metro. Luzerne National Bank was led by Ryan Murray with 13 points and Eric Dal Santo

**DYB 3-4 BOYS**

## Thomas hits for 22 in Rotary win

**Dallas Rotary 26 - Gilroy Real Estate 6**

Ben Thomas scored a game high 22 points, while Eddie Daris and Jeremy Weinstock chipped in 2 apiece for the victory. Dallas Rotary's defense was led by Jeff Decker, Robert Monk, John Thompson, Adam Besecker and Robert Smith. Joseph P. Gilroy Real Estate was led offensively by David Luksh, Guy Carpenter and Alex Baltimore with 2 points each, while the defense was led by Dan Savage, Greg Jerzag, Eric Razawich, Ryan Gilroy and Lee Eisenberger.

**DYB 3-4 BOYS**

**Dallas Hardware 38 - Dallas Rotary 26**

Kyle Mahle scored a game high 20 points to upset Dallas Rotary.

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**Fahnestock 41 - Herbie's Autobody 28**

Tom Hadzor, Matt Kelly and Ryan Harvey led Fahnestock to a 41-28 win over Herbie's Autobody. Herbie's was led by John McGeehan with 17 points, Jason Demnicki with 5 and Frank Buzin with 4.

**Eastern Penn Supply 57 - Dough Company 37**

Tim Kerestes scored 32 points and Gene Lispi had 17 as Eastern Penn Supply topped the Dough Company 57-34. Matt Tucker and Matt Moser led the rebounding for Eastern Penn. For the Doughco, Mitch Mitchell scored 17 points and Joseph Wyberski 13. Michael Weaver played a strong defensive game.

#### DYB GRADE 5-6 STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	Pct.
InterMetro	6	1	.857
Fahnestock	6	1	.857
American Legion	5	3	.625
Eastern Penn	5	3	.625
Luzerne Nat'l Bank	4	3	.571
Fieldhouse	4	3	.571
Herbie's Autobody	3	3	.429
Pace Therapy	2	5	.286
Dough Co.	2	6	.250
Rosenn, Jenkins	0	8	.000

Also scoring for Dallas Hardware were Brad Fagula 14 points and John Durr with 4 points. Dallas Hardware's defense was led by Mike Gergel, Zaekery Luzzi, Ian Van Kuyk, Daniel Anderson, and Glen Bynon. Dallas Rotary was led by Ben Thomas with 19 points, followed by Jeremy Weinstock 3 points, Robert Monk and John Thompson with a bucket each. Dallas Rotary's defense was led by Eddie Daris, Jeff Decker and Adam Besecker.

**Central Clay 34 - Commonwealth Telephone 21**

Commonwealth Telephone's Michael Race and Nick Samanas combined for 7 first quarter points, to give their team a 7-4 lead over Central Clay at the end of the first

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