

# Sports Week

Section 2

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## Lehman girls peak for playoffs

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**LEHMAN** - No matter what happens in their Wyoming Valley Conference playoff game with Meyers this week, the Lake-Lehman girls basketball team is headed for the PIAA playoffs.

The Knights, 16-9 and the first-half champions of the WVC Division II, clinched a District 2 Class AAA playoff berth and will battle five other teams for the district title beginning February 19.

The Black Knights used balanced scoring and a fourth-quarter comeback to beat Dallas 56-52 Monday night. Meyers topped GAR 55-49 to win the second-half title outright.

The rest of the field includes Berwick, Nanticoke, Valley View and Wallenpaupack with Scranton Prep, Wyoming Area and Western Wayne in the hunt for the final berth.

The Knights are where head coach Richard Morgan thought they would be prior to the season. "At the beginning of the season, I thought we'd be in the hunt for a playoff spot," said Morgan. "We've had a few ups and downs along the way, but we're pleased to be in this position. We're playing really well right now."

Lehman got to this point behind the play of the senior quartet of Kelly Spencer, Marisa Michaels, Darby Wolfe and Mandy Kehler.

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Katie Austin (11) drove up court against Lehman defenders Kelly Spencer (35) and Darby Wolfe (top photo). Below, Jen Noon and Wolfe battled for a loose ball. Black Knight coach Dick Morgan, right, has coached his team to the district playoffs.

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## Domzalski's 18 leads Central Clay

**Central Clay 32 - Dallas Rotary 18**

Eric Domzalski's game high 18 points was too much for Dallas Rotary as Central Clay knocked down the #2 seed for the playoffs. Adam Singer had 10 of his 12 game points in the first quarter

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as Central Clay started out strong from the start with a 10-5 lead after one. Eric Domzalski scored 9 in the second to lead 19-9 at the half. The third quarter was no different for Domzalski as he punched in 9 more driving to the hoop and the Claymen took a commanding 30-14 lead at the end of three quarters. Central Clay slowed the game down and played defense to end the game 32-18. Also scoring for Central Clay was Ryan Konopki with 2 points. Dallas Rotary was led by Ben Thomas 8 points, Jeremy Weinstock 6 points, Eddie Daris 2 points, Jeff Decker and Robert Monk 1 point apiece, while the defense was led by John Thompson and Adam Besecker.

**Ann B. Depietro DDS 33 - Dallas Rotary 12**

Bobbie Lenahan's game high 21 points was all Ann B. Depietro DDS needed to end the regular season 8-0 and the #1 seed going into the playoffs. Ronnie Shiner followed with 6 points, and Connor Lenahan, Billy DeAngelo and Donald Cowels had a bucket each. Jeremy Weinstock led the scoring for Dallas Rotary with 10 points, he was followed by Robert Monk with 6 points. John Thompson and Adam Besecker played good defense for Dallas Rotary.

**Commonwealth Telephone 34 - American Legion 25**

Mike Race led the way for Commonwealth Telephone Co. with 21 points, followed by Nick Samanas, Brandon Phillips and Chris Larson with 4 points apiece and Chad Gelso had 1 point. Billy

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## Thomas hits for 19, EM Video rolls over Sneaker King 27-18

Shannon Thomas hit for a game high 19 points to keep E.M. Video a game up on III Guy's Pizza and avenge their only loss of the season. E. M. Video's defense was very strong in the first quarter, holding Sneaker King to 3 points while Sneaker King countered and held E. M. Video to only 4 points. Thomas lit up the board for 8 in the second and Kristy Schmidt followed with a bucket and outscored Sneaker King 10 to 2

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## Mountaineers play hard but fall to GAR

Dallas hosted league-leading GAR last Friday, and came up on the short end of a 73-48 score. The Mounts kept things close in the first half, but couldn't contain the Grenadiers the rest of the way. In right photo, Jon Saba drove and dished to a teammate. Ed Piekara, below, went up for a jump shot. Former GAR star and current Cleveland Cavalier was in attendance. Photo on page 11.

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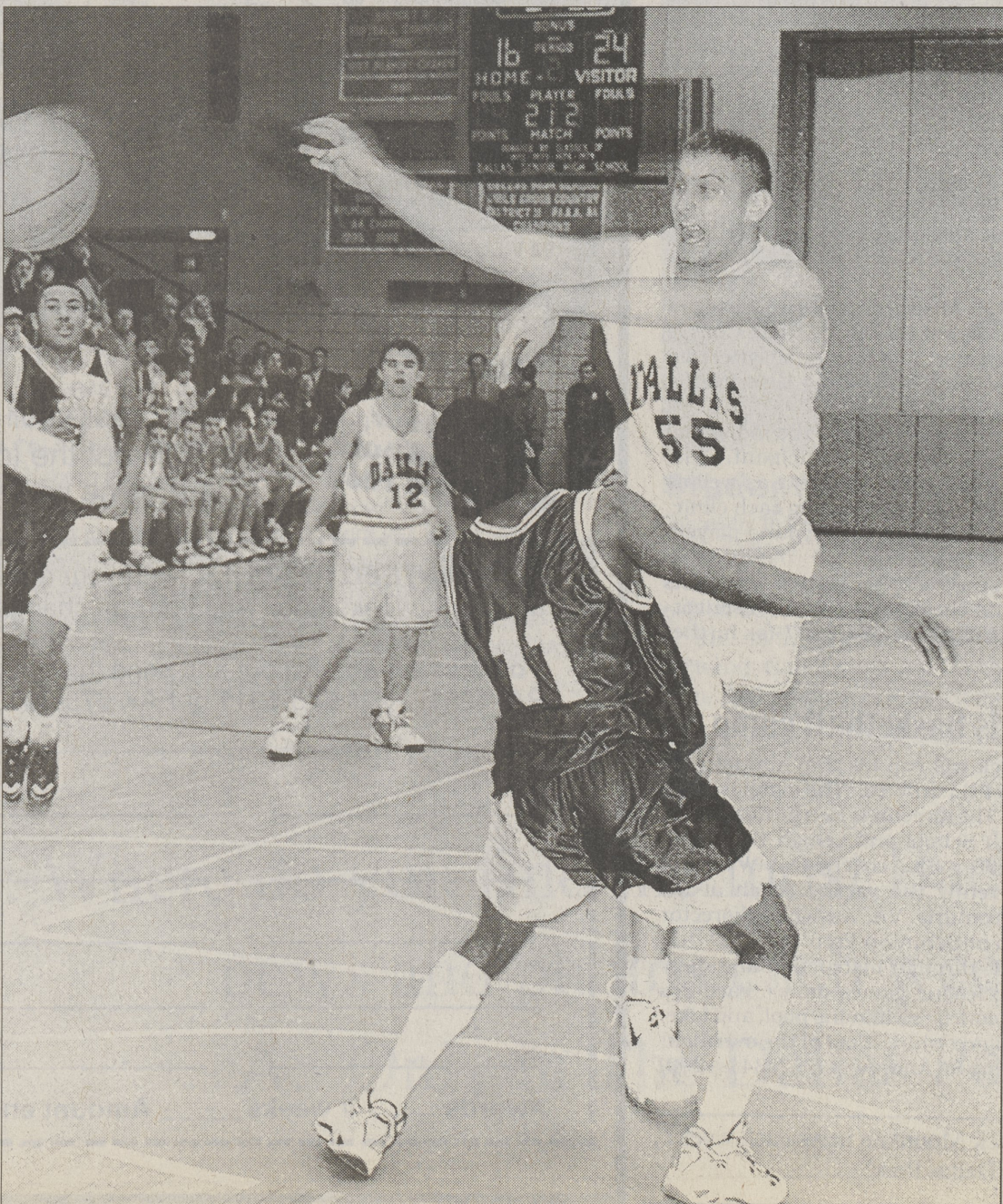


for a commanding 14-5 lead at the half. Sarah Pieczynski hit a bucket in the third to go with 7 team points and a 23-9 third quarter lead. Jodi Dickson scored all 5 of her points in the fourth period as Sneaker King fell 9 short of the win. Kristen Schmidt contributed with 6 points for E. M. and Lauren Norika, Nicole Martin, Samantha

O'Brien, Shoshanna Gitlin and Tiffany Gergel played good defense. Also scoring for Sneaker King were Sydney Guelich, 4 points; Alyssa Austin, Alison Walker, and Jessica Kostrzewski, each scoring 2 points and Brooke Blase with 1 point.

**SNEAKER KING 30 - III GUYS PIZZA 15**

Brooke Blase had a game high 16 points to knock off III Guys



## Car guys hold on for 59-51 win over TGIF

Quality Collision jumped out to a 18-8 lead at the end of the first quarter on the shooting of Jordy Spencer and Ryan Balara. T.G.I.F. battled back in the second quarter and outscored Quality 15 to 11 to narrow Quality's lead to 29-23 at halftime.

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Quality stepped up the attack in the third quarter on the shooting of John Simonitis and Spencer, while T.G.I.F. kept the game close with the shooting of Herb Bressler and Mike English. Quality Collision outscored T.G.I.F. in the third quarter 14-9 to extend their lead to 43-32. The final quarter had a fine display of offense and defense on both sides of the court. Quality Collision's John Simonitis and Chris Arnaud led their teams' offense, while Charlie Stajewski and Donny Murray led T.G.I.F. scoring. Quality Collision's offense was led by Jordy Spencer and John Simonitis each with 23 points, followed by Ryan Balara with 6 points and Chris Arnaud with 5 points. T.G.I.F.'s offense was led by Herb Bressler with 21 points, followed by Mike English with 14 points, Donny Murray with 18 points and Charlie Stajewski with 5 points.

**Mellon Bank 62 - Kingston Metals 36**

Mellon Bank's offense exploded in the first quarter, with Andrew George and Matt Mark combining for 22 points. Mellon outscored Kingston Metals 24 to 8. The second quarter was much the same with Mellon getting their scoring from six players, who outscored Kingston Metals 16 to 4, to take a commanding 40-12 lead at halftime. The Bankers continued the scoring attack in the third and fourth quarters to seal the win. Mellon Bank's offense was led by Matt Mark with 18 points, followed by Andrew George with 16 points, Curtis

Keiper with 10 points and Ryan Gryskevich with 8 points. Kingston Metal's offense was led by Bobby Zaruta with 11 points, followed by Jeff Dickson with 9 points and Greg Mascioli and Mike Smith with 8 points apiece.

**N.A.P.A. Auto Parts 54 - Grotto Pizza 35**

Both teams came out shooting in the first quarter, with Blake Saba, Mike Fehlinger and Paul McCue leading the offense for N.A.P.A., while, Ryan Morgan and David Lohin provided the offense for Grotto Pizza in the first quarter. N.A.P.A. led at the end of the first quarter 17-12. N.A.P.A. continued the scoring attack in the second quarter with Fehlinger, Saba and McCue leading the way. N.A.P.A. led at halftime 32-19. Grotto's John Pambianco and Arthur Redmond kept their team in the hunt, but N.A.P.A.'s run and gun offense was too much for Grotto. It was N.A.P.A. 45, Grotto Pizza 27 at the end of the third quarter. N.A.P.A.'s offense was led by Blake Saba with a game high 25 points, followed by Paul McCue with 15 points and Mike Fehlinger with 10 points. Grotto's offense was led by John Pambianco with 9 points, followed by David Lohin and Arthur Redmond with 8 points apiece.

**Dr. Jack Ellis 38 - Dallas Lions 28**

Dr. Jack Ellis's team outscored the Dallas Lions 13 to 6 at the end of the first quarter, behind the shooting of Andrew Dale and Tim Faneck. The Lions fought back in the second quarter, with Jonathan Barbose and Chase Susko leading the offense. The Lions narrowed the lead of Dr. Jack Ellis to 17-13 at halftime. Both teams traded baskets in the third quarter, with Dr. Jack Ellis's Frank Oatridge and Dennis Miller lead-

## Droppers hits 20 to lead InterMetro

Tyler Droppers scored 20 points to lead Inter-Metro Industries to a 56-49 win over Fahnestock to clinch the regular season championship in Dallas Youth Basketball's 5th/6th grade division. Adam

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Schoonover added 9 points and John Paul Parulski 8 for Inter-Metro. Tim Crossin scored 25 points for Fahnestock while Nate Yoh led the defense.

**AMERICAN LEGION 39 - FIELDHOUSE 36**

Erich Mahle scored 26 points to lead the American Legion to a 39-36 victory over the Fieldhouse. Chris Higdon and Curtis Montz added 4 points each. The Fieldhouse was led by Matt Wilson and Matt Daube.

**EASTERN PENN 43 - LUZERNE NATIONAL 41**

Gene Lispi and Tim Kerestes combined for 34 points to lead Eastern Penn Supply to a 43-41 win over Luzerne National Bank, who were led by Sam Brown with 15 points, Eric Dal Santo with 5 points, and the defense of Adam Snider.

**DOUGH COMPANY 30 - PACE THERAPY 26**

Carl Seitz, Mitch Mitchell, and Joe Wyberski led the Dough Company to a 30-26 win over Pace Physical Therapy. Kevin Domzalski scored 17 points while Matt Empfield and Zach Turchin led a strong defense for Pace.

**HERBIE'S AUTO BODY 37 - ROSENN JENKINS 33**

Frank Buzin scored 15 points to lead Herbie's Autobody over Rosenn, Jenkins, and Greenwald 37-33. Jason Demnicki and Phil Miller led the rebounding for Herbie's, while Rosenn, Jenkins was led by Jason Slavoski and Andrew Van Loon.

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