

## Swimming

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Stretanski. "They help each other and they realize that helps us get better as a team. I expect all four of them to have a shot at the top 12."

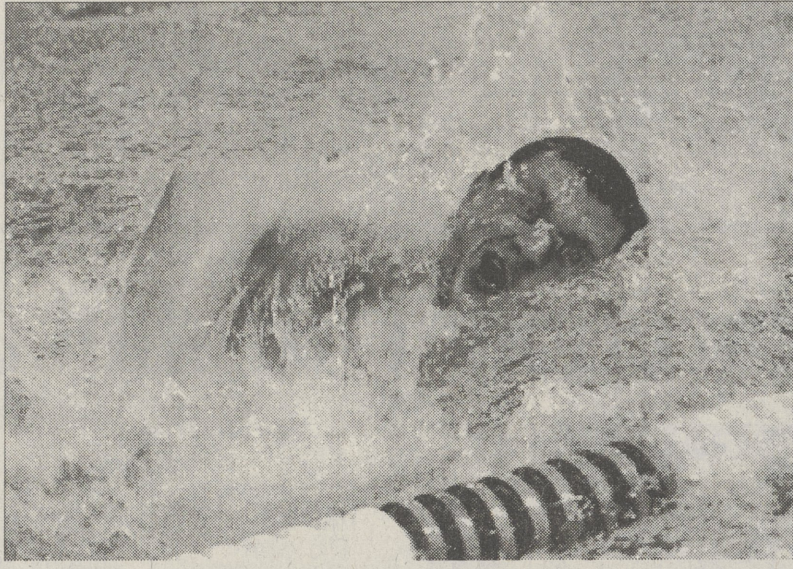
In the boys competition, junior Matt Kertesz is in his first district diving competition. "So much of diving is mental and Matt has a great attitude," said Stretanski. "This is the first year that he's focused on diving and it has really paid off for him."

In the swimming events, Stretanski expects the relays to be the strongest for the Mounts. "We're going to be strong and we hope to break some school records in the relays," he explained. "We hope to get in the top three in some relays."

While the lineups aren't etched in stone, some combination of Matt Schweitzer, a returning state qualifier, Robbie Neal, Jason Vodzak, Tim Herbert, Rich Dougal, Andy Popielarz and Kertesz will likely represent the Mounts in the 200 Medley, 200 Freestyle and 400 Freestyle relays.

The girls relay teams could include Sarah Scott, Lacey Popson, Shannon Gaffney, Jacey Peterson, Erin Allardyce and Aileah Kvashay. Potisek and Cooper might also be included in the relays.

In the girls individual events, the best hopes for the Mounts are Gaffney (200, 500 free), Scott (200



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**Rich Dougal** swam the 50 freestyle against Wyoming Valley West last week. He will probably swim the 50 free, the 100 butterfly and relays at the district meet.

free, 100 fly), Allardyce (200 IM, 100 breast), Peterson (200 IM, 100 breast), Popson (100 back, 200 IM) and Cheryl Kirkwood (200 IM, 100 fly).

"We will have three or four girls in every event," explained Stretanski. "We're looking forward to swimming our best. In order to be successful in the team standings, it's important for everyone to swim well and try to get in the top 12 to score points."

The boys will be led by Schweitzer (200 free, 500 free), Herbert (100 fly, 200 IM), Vodzak

(100 free, 100 breast), Dougal (100 fly, 50 free), Neal (100 back, 100 fly), Brad Jumper (100 breast), Carl Wilcox (200 IM, 100 breast) and Bobby Duris (200 free, 500 free).

"This is what it's all about," said Stretanski. "It's nice to win a league championship, but the bottom line is the district meet and getting kids to states. Our goal is to swim some personal bests and see what happens. We got two kids to states last year and it would be great to get more than that this year."

## 7-8 ball

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Arnaud and Angelo Reccia with 4 points apiece. The Lions offense was led by Barbose with 9 points, followed by Gebhart with 8 points, Susko with 6 points and Tkaczky with 4 points.

### T.G.I.Fridays 59 - Kingston Metals 31

T.G.I.F.'s Herb Bressler scored 9 of his game high 31 points in the first quarter and gave his team a 14-7 lead at quarter's end. Bressler scored 15 points and Charlie Stajewski chipped in with 4 points in the second quarter to give his team a 33-15 lead at halftime. T.G.I.F. continued the scoring attack in the third and fourth quarters with Mike English, Donny Murray, Doug Yeager and Josh Rice providing the offensive power, while Kingston Metals' Bobby Zaruta, Jeff Dickson and Brett Sprau provided their team's offense. T.G.I.F.'s offense was led by Bressler with 31 points, followed by Stajewski with 10 points, Murray with 7 points and Yeager with 6 points. Kingston Metal's offense was led by Zaruta and Jeff Dickson with 8 points apiece, followed by Sprau with 7 points.

### Mellon Bank 63 - NAPA Auto Parts 41

The teams traded baskets in the first quarter with Andrew George and Ryan Gryskevich leading the way for Mellon Bank, while Blake Saba and Paul McCue and Tyler Karalunas provided NAPA Auto with the offensive power. At the end of the first period it was tied at 10 apiece. Mellon caught fire in the second period with Matt Mark and Andrew George combining for 14 points to give Mellon a 24-14 lead at halftime. NAPA Auto's McCue and Jimmy Larson provided their team's offense in the third quarter, but Mellon Bank countered with Todd Kerestes and Brian Dempsey to extend their

lead to 41-24 at quarter's end. The fourth quarter was much the same, with Mellon Bank's Curtis Keiper scoring 6 points in the final quarter to seal the win. Mellon Bank's offense was led by Andrew George with a game high 38 points followed by Matt Mark with 15 points and Curtis Keiper with 6 points. NAPA Auto Parts offense was led by Blake Saba with 20 points and a fine display of three point shooting in the fourth quarter, canning (5) three point shots. Paul McCue recorded 13 points for NAPA Auto.

Dallas Youth Basketball year-end banquet tickets can be purchased from Diane Domzalski at 675-8788.

## Clinic Sunday for BMT Baseball coaches

Back Mountain Baseball will sponsor a clinic for all of its baseball coaches Sunday, Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at the College Misericordia gymnasium. The clinic will be conducted by College Misericordia baseball coach Chuck Edkins and his staff. Financial support for the clinic has been provided through Procter and Gamble. The clinic is mandatory for all minor league coaches and recommended for major league coaches.

## 8th seed Franklin First upsets DePietro in first playoff round

### Franklin First Savings 37 - Ann B. Depietro 36 OT

Brenden DeLaney scored 22 and put away the #1 seed of the tournament in the upset of the year. This was coach Bob Lenahan's first loss in two years of coaching, winning the championship last year and going unbeaten both last year and this year until #8 seed Franklin First Savings stopped the chances of a repeat. Bobby Lenahan scored 10 of his game high 28 points in the first quarter and Depietro had a 10-5 lead after one. Brenden DeLaney scored 8 along with Kevin Hossen's 4 points in the second to give Franklin First their first lead in the game at the half 17-16. DeLaney stayed hot in the third, scoring 6, while Lenahan countered with 7 as Franklin First held on to the lead 25-23 after three. The fourth quarter went back and forth until Ann B. Depietro was down by 2 with seconds remaining and Billy DeAngelo hit his only bucket of the game to tie the score and force overtime. Franklin First controlled the tap of the jump ball to start overtime as Josh Reese tipped the ball to DeLaney and he went down for the layup and the only field goal of overtime. Franklin First was also led by Kevin Hossen, 6 points, Josh Reese 5 points and Jared Daniels, 4 points while the defense was led by Brenden Carr, Jesse Reese, Chris Tooley, and Jesse Shrader. Also scoring for Ann B. Depietro were Ronnie Shiner, 4 points, Conner Lenahan 2 points. Their defense was led by Jeff Kelly, David Hanadel and Donald Cowles.

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points helped #5 seed Dallas Rotary put #4 seed Hardware away and set up a semi-final game with Franklin First Savings Wednesday at 6 p.m. Thomas and Jeremy Weinstock hit for 4 and 2 points respectively, while Kyle Mahle scored 3 points to give Rotary a 6-3 lead after the first quarter. The second quarter was all Thomas as he hit for 10 of his team's 12 points including as half court buzzer shot to end the half 18-12 Rotary. Robert Monk hit a huge bucket in the third as Dallas Hardware mounted the comeback attempt with John Durr hitting for 4 of his 6 points and a 24-22 Rotary lead after three. Brad Fagula scored 4 of his 12 points from outside shooting along with John Durr's bucket, while Dallas Rotary hit for 7 points and the victory 31-28. Dallas Rotary was also led offensively by Jeremy Weinstock with 6 points, while the defense was led by Jeff Decker, John Thompson and Adam Besecker. Dallas Rotary is coached by Lew Thomas. Dallas Hardware was also led by Kyle Mahle 10 points, while the defense was led by Mike Gergel, Ian Van Kuyk, Daniel Anderson and Glen Bynon. Dallas Hardware is coached by George Graceley.

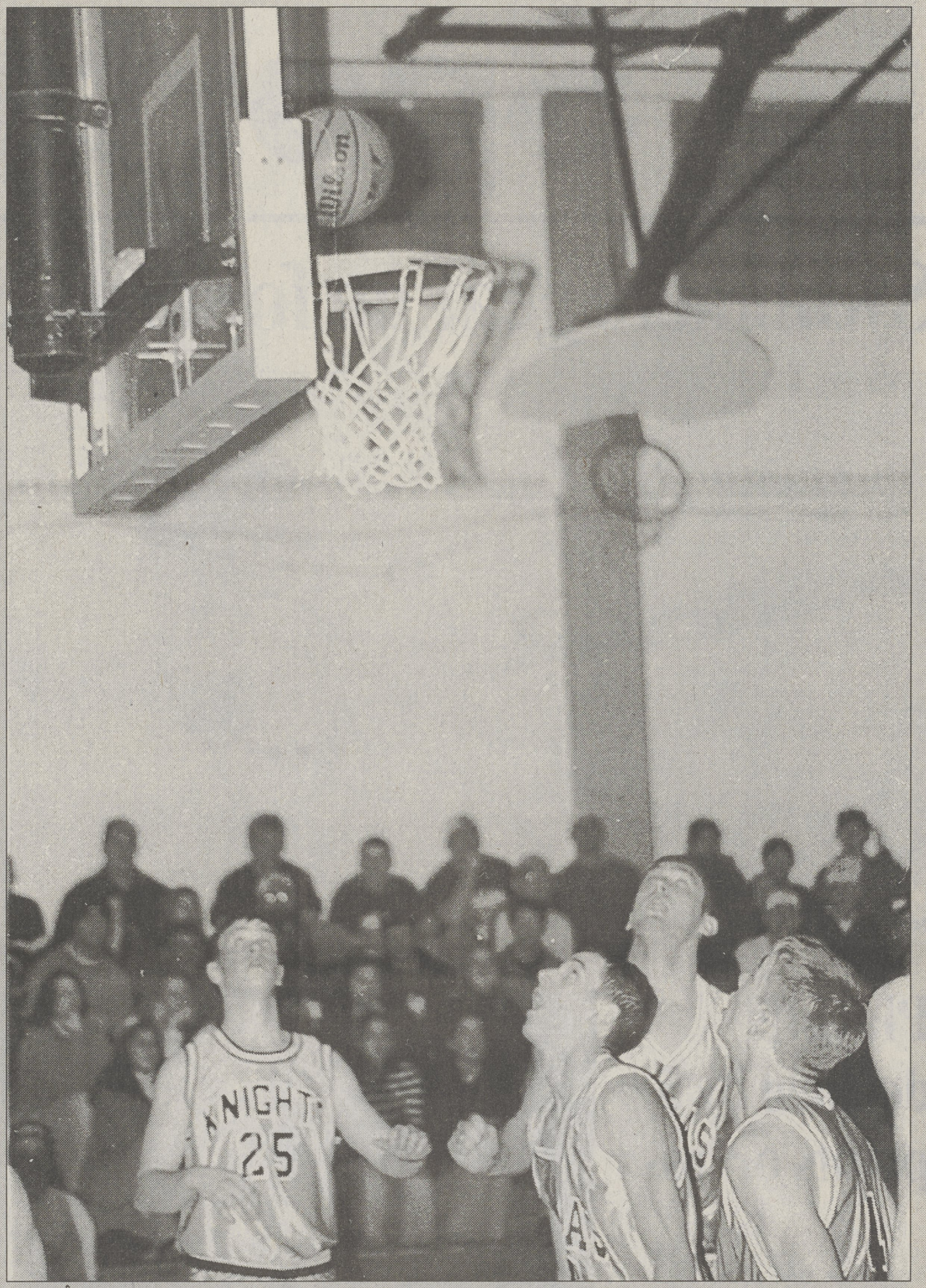
### Franklin First Savings 29 - Gilroy Real Estate 14

Jared Daniels and Brenden DeLaney combined for 18 to lift #8 seed Franklin First Savings into the second round of playoffs beating #9 seed Joseph P. Gilroy Real Estate 29-14. Franklin First scored 4 points in the first quarter while the defense held Gilroy to a single bucket. Brenden DeLaney scored 4 of his game 8 points in the second along with 4 other team points, while again the defense held Gilroy to a single bucket and a 10-4 half time lead. The third quarter was all Jared Daniels

as he nailed 8 of his game high 10 points, and the defense only allowed a single field goal for a commanding 21-6 third quarter lead. David Luksh attempted a fourth quarter comeback scoring all 6 of his points in the fourth quarter along with 2 other team points, but Franklin First scored 8 of their own to pick up the victory. Also contributing for Franklin First were Kevin Hossen, 5 points, Josh Reese 4 points and Jesse Shrader 2 points. Playing a good defense for Franklin First were Brenden Carr, Jesse Reese and Christopher Tooley. Franklin First is coached by Jim Carr. Joseph P. Gilroy was led by Eric Razavich, 4 points, Alex Baltimore and Guy Carpenter, 2 points apiece. The defense was sparked by Dan Savage, Greg Jerzak, Ryan Gilroy and Lee Eisenberger. Joseph P. Gilroy is coached by Guy Carpenter.

### Commonwealth Tel. Co. 40 - Family Practice 24

Mike Race's game high 27 points was all #3 seed Commonwealth Telephone needed to put away #6 seed Family Practice and set up the showdown with #2 seed Central Clay Wednesday at 7 p.m. Nick Samanas scored 6 of his 13 points while Dave Harding scored 6 of his 16 points to give Telephone Co. the lead after one, 10-8. The second quarter was all Mike Race as he hit for 15 and a commanding 25-10 to lead at the half. Family Practice's David Harding hit for 8 in the third along with Chris Parrish with a bucket, while holding Commonwealth Telephone to only 5 points as Family Practice came within ten, 30-20 after three. Race hit 8 in the fourth along with a bucket by Nick Samanas, while Bobby Redinski and Chris Parrish had a bucket apiece. Commonwealth Telephone was led defensively by



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## EYES UP

Dallas and Lake-Lehman players waited to see if the ball would drop when the teams met last week. From left, Ed Sichter, Lehman; Ed Piekara, Dallas; Jonathan Saba, Dallas, and Bruce Kunkle, Dallas.

## BMT Wrestling Club tournament

The Back Mountain Wrestling Club will host its 1998 tournament Feb. 22 at Dallas High School. Divisions are elementary through junior high school. Early weigh-ins are Saturday, Feb. 21 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Dallas Middle School. Teams may pre-register by contacting Dan White at 477-2003.

## Strikers place at Bloomsburg

Strikers went to the Bloomsburg Tournament. Placing were: Pee Wee: Jake Winters, 40 lbs., 4th place; Tyler McDonald, unl, 3rd place. Bantam: Chris Barbaacci, 45 lbs., 3rd place. Midget: Brian Goeringer, 80 lbs., 1st place; Mike Stolarick, 85 lbs., 1st place; Matt Dragon, 90 lbs., 1st place.

## U-10 travel league

The Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association is sponsoring a U-10 Spring Travel Soccer League for boys and girls born between Aug. 1, 1987 and July 31, 1989.

All travel games will be played on Sunday afternoons beginning April 19.

Interested U-10 coaches who need more information should call Bill Tooley at 675-9515.

A registration meeting will be held on Sun., Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake.

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With this win Central advances in the playoffs, and will face Commonwealth Telephone on Wednesday in the second round.