

Maybe next year

After beating Wyoming Area twice in the regular season, Lake-Lehman couldn't get by them in the first round of playoffs, losing 64-59. Faith O'Dell (41) controlled the ball early in the game, with Darby Wolfe right behind her. Mandy Kehler (50) is in background. O'Dell was hurt when she took a charge and the Warriors' player's elbow rammed her in the chest, pushing in her rib cage and sternum. The bones popped back in place, though, and she is sore but appears to suffer no serious damage.

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3-4 boys

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points, and Jesse Reese 1 point. Playing good defense was Brendan Delaney, Jared Daniels and Jesse Shrader.

SEMI-FINALS

Franklin First Savings 23 - Dallas Rotary 22

Kevin Hossen and Jesse Reese scored 4 points apiece in the first quarter to take an 8-4 lead after one quarter. Brendan Delaney scored 4 in the second, while the Franklin First defense played strong to take a commanding 14-8 Franklin First lead at the half. The third quarter was all Ben Thomas as he scored 8 of his

game high 14 points to tie the game 16-16 after three quarters. The fourth quarter was back and forth until Jared Daniels hit one of two at the free throw line which proved to be the difference and a 23-22 Franklin First Savings win. Franklin First was led by Brendan Delaney 8 points, Joshua Reese, Kevin Hossen, Jesse Reese, all with 4 points and Jared Daniels with 3 points. The defense was led by Christopher Tooley, Brendan Carr and Jesse Shrader. Dallas Rotary was led by Jeremy Weinstock with 8 points, while the defense was led by Jeff Decker, Robert Monk, John Thompson, Adam Besecker and Eddie Daris.

Girls

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phalt to just four points before O'Brien sank the game winner.

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III Guys Pizza 21 - E.M. Video 17

Meredith Lacey scored all of III Guy's points in the first period to give her team an early 7-6 lead. In the second period the defense stole the show with both teams netting only five points combined leaving the score 11-7 at the half. Lacey hit another hot streak scoring all 6 of her team's points in the third period while E.M. Video's Shannon Thomas responded with five. Thomas and Kristy Schmidt combined for all of E.M. Video's points with Thomas ending the night with 12 and Schmidt five.

Team #4 turned around a 18-15 deficit entering the final period to take a 22-21 victory and advance to the finals. Jill Youngblood put Team #3 up early with 8 first half points to give her squad a 14-9 lead at the half.

Team #4's defense turned up the heat in the second half allowing Team #3 just two points from the field. Amanda Donahue displayed her mastery of foul shooting, converting 7-of-8 from the line including five points in the second half to keep her squad in the hunt. Despite being held silent in the first quarter Team #4 chipped away at the early deficit in the final three periods thanks to steady offense by Nancy Levinson with a team high 9 points, Brandy Rickaby with 8 and Jaimie Sickler with 5.

SEMI-FINALS

7 - 8 Grade

Team #1 43 - Team #2 34

Carla Blase was on fire with a game high 22 points including 7-of-7 from the line as Team #1 ousted Team #2 from advancing. After capturing a 20-17 lead at the half, Team #2's demise came in the third period as they were held to just two points allowing team #1 one to take the lead for good. It was neck and neck in the final stanza but Team #2 was unable to close the gap sending Team #1 to the finals.

Team #4 22 - Team #3 21

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Team #4 38 - Team #1 36

Team #4 benefitted from having three players score in the double digits to take the 7 and 8th grade championship over Team #1 38-36. Team #4's Nancy Levinson led her team with 13 points followed by Brandy Rickaby with 12 and Jaimie Sickler with 11. Susan Banks and Jen Lewis provided outstanding defense for the victors. Karla Blase netted nearly all of Team #1's points ending the evening with 30 while Nicole Bostock added 4 and Rebecca Rowett added 2.

Basic boating course at Dallas

PA Fish & Boat Commission Basic Boating course to be held at the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northeast Regional Office, Rt. 415, Dallas, March 15, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration is required for the course, seating is limited. Interested parties should call 717-477-3960 or e-mail safeboating@juno.com (Name, phone number, number of attendees) for a reservation.

Lunch will not be provided. A lunch break will be given around noon time and, those attending should bring a box lunch and refreshments.

For your information, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission voted at its January meeting (PFBC Press Release 98-S-02) to move forward with a plan to require all operators of personal watercraft obtain and carry a boating safety education certificate in order to legally operate. This would apply to all persons regardless of age. Certificates are issued upon successful completion of an approved boating safety course. The Commission is encouraging operators to seek voluntary courses now in the event this becomes mandatory.

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 Barbacci, 45 lbs., 3rd place.

Midget: Brian Goeringer, 80 lbs., 1st place; Mike Stolarick, 85 lbs., 1st place; Matt Dragon, 90 lbs., 1st place.

Final registration for BMT Baseball, Softball

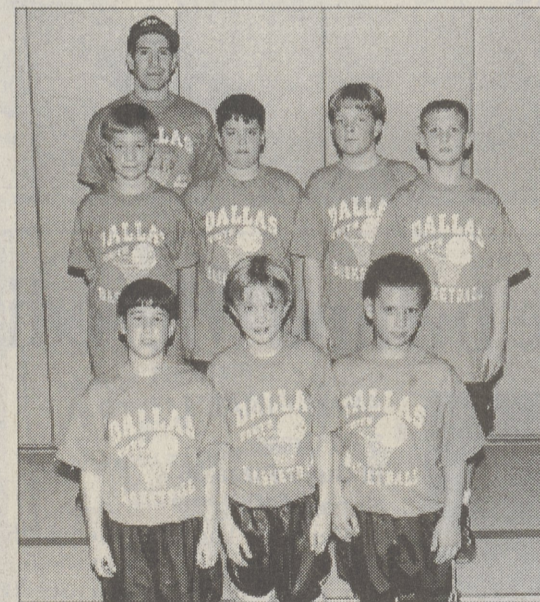
Back Mountain Baseball and Softball will conduct its monthly general meeting and final player registration for the 1998 season on Monday, March 2 at the Dallas American Legion. From 7-8 p.m. registration will be held for all children age six and older who wish to participate in T-ball, major and minor league baseball, major and minor league softball and all teen programs. All prospective players should bring in their Social Security numbers to registration. Any child who has not previously participated in Back Mountain Baseball and Softball should bring his or her birth certificate to registration as proof of age. The cost of registration is \$35 for the first child in a family, \$15 for the second child and \$10 for each additional child. All baseball and softball managers for the 1998 season will be announced at the general meeting which is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.



Freedom wins U-10 tournament

The Freedom U-10 Soccer team recently won the Wyoming Valley Sports Dome Tournament. Other teams participating were: Schuylkill County force, Columbia Clash, Tulpehocken and the Back Mt. Blues. Freedom outscored its opponents 20-3 and went undefeated.

Players seated from left, Michael Molitoris, Ronnie Shiner, Katie Parsnik, Kenneth Suchoski, Mike Dougherty. Standing: Nate Carr, Eric Weiscarger, Andrew Long, Bobby Lenahan, Ben Thomas, Adam King, Eric Domzalski and Coach Mary Suchoski.



DYG 5th Grade Green, from left, kneeling: Ryan Marascio, Ryan Harvey, Eric Samanas. Standing, John Yanik, Steven Fritz, Jonathan Pall, Steven Wengen. Background, George Gracely, coach.



DYB 6th Grade Blue, from left, kneeling: Tim Kerestes, Elijah Miller, Jeff Pace. Standing, Jeff Pace, coach, Chris Higdon, Erich Mahle, Tyler Droppers. Absent, Kevin Domzalski, Sam Brown, Mitch Mitchell, and coaches Joe Kerestes and Guthrie Mitchell.

Bankers lose top shooter, and championship game

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T.G.I.Fridays 55 - Mellon Bank 51

For the second day in a row Mellon Bank came out shooting, with Todd Kerestes, Andrew George and Matt Mark providing the scoring power. T.G.I.F.'s Herb Bressler scored 10 of his game-high 39 points in the quarter to keep the game close. Mellon led T.G.I.F. 17-12 at quarter's end. Mellon continued their scoring attack in the second quarter with Curtis Keiper, Mark and George leading the way. Mellon outscored T.G.I.F. 14-10 to take a 31-22 halftime lead. Mellon continued to score at will in the third quarter, when disaster struck. Mellon's Andrew George picked up his fourth foul and on the same play was assessed a technical foul. George was out of the game with his fifth foul. T.G.I.F. took advantage of Mellon's big man on the bench and narrowed Mellon's lead to 41-35 at the end of the third quarter. T.G.I.F. outscored Mellon 20-10 in the final quarter to win the game. In the fourth quarter T.G.I.F. was 10 of 14 on the charity stripe. T.G.I.F.'s offense was led by Bressler with 39 points, followed by Donny Murray with 8 points and Ryan Love with 4 points. Mellon's offense was led by Andrew George with 17 points, followed by Matt Mark with 11 points and Todd Kerestes with 10 points.

SEMI-FINALS

T.G.I. Fridays 51 - Dr. Jack Ellis 46

Both teams came out shooting in the first quarter, with Dr. Jack Ellis's Mike Dombroski and Andrew Dale leading the scoring attack for their team, while T.G.I.F.'s Herb Bressler and Donny Murray provided their teams' scoring punch. At the end of the first quarter T.G.I.F. held a two-point lead at 18-16. The second quarter was a carbon copy of the first with Dr. Jack outscoring T.G.I.F. 17-16 to narrow T.G.I.F. lead at halftime to 34-33. Mike Dombroski, Andrew Dale and Peter Miller put on a fine display of shooting in the second quarter for their team, however T.G.I.F. countered with a scoring drive of their own, with Donny Murray scoring 9 points in the quarter. Both teams slowed the pace in the third

quarter, with Dr. Jack Ellis outscoring T.G.I.F. 5-4 in a very defensive quarter. At the end of the third quarter it was all knotted up at 38 apiece. Herb Bressler took control in the final quarter and scored 8 points of his game high 22 to seal the win for T.G.I.F. T.G.I.F.'s offense was led by Bressler with 22 points, followed by Murray with 17 points and Josh Rice with 5 points. Dr. Jack Ellis' offense was led by Dombroski with 19 points, followed by Dale with 13 points and Miller with 6 points.

Mellon Bank 68 - Quality Collision 40

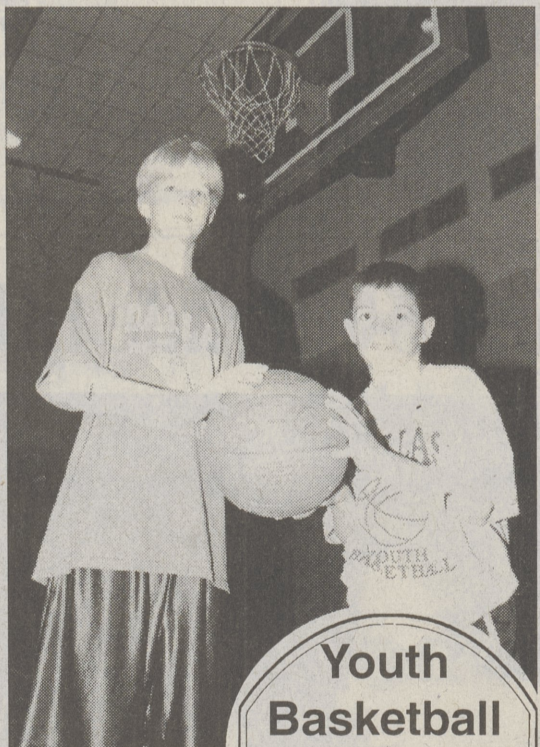
Mellon Bank came out on fire in the first quarter, and outscored Quality Collision 21-10. Matt Mark, Andrew George, and Ryan Cryskevicz provided their team's scoring punch, while Quality Collision's John Simonitis kept his team in the hunt by scoring 8 points in the quarter. The teams traded baskets in the second quarter, with each team scoring 13 points. Quality Collision's Jordy Spencer, Angelo Recchia and Chris Arnaud scored key baskets while George, Mark and Cryskevicz continued to provide Mellon Bank with a solid offense. At halftime it was 34-23 in favor of Mellon Bank. Mellon outscored Quality 13-8 in the third quarter, to increase their lead to 47-31. Mellon continued the scoring attack in the fourth quarter, with Andrew George, Todd Kerestes and Brian Dempsey leading the way. Mellon Bank's offense was led by Andrew George with a game high 25 points, followed by Matt Mark with 19 points and Cryskevicz with 17 points. Quality Collision's offense was led by Simonitis with 22 points, followed by Jordy Spencer with 6 points and Kevin Arnaud with 5 points.

I would like to thank all of our players, coaches and assistant coaches, commissioners, board members, and parents for making this a very successful and enjoyable season. Remember our year end banquet will be held on Sunday, April 5 at Genetti's Best Western. All D.Y.B. players go for free, with a paying adult. Tickets can be purchased by calling 675-8788.

Dave Domzalski.

Dallas Soccer Boosters will meet

The Dallas High School Boys Soccer Booster Club will hold their monthly meeting on Tues., March 3 at the Dallas Family Practice Conference Room. Final details for the March 22 Craft Show will be discussed. Elections will also be held. All soccer parents are strongly encouraged to attend.



Youth Basketball Tournament

Dallas Youth Basketball will hold its first boys invitational tournament at the Dallas Middle School beginning Friday, Feb. 27. The action will continue all weekend and will finish the following weekend.

The format will be double elimination with eight teams in both fifth and sixth grades. Team and player trophies will be given for first and second place in both grades.

Scheduled first-round matchups in the fifth grade division are Dallas Blue vs. Lehman-Jackson; Dallas 3rd/4th grade vs. Gate of Heaven White; Dallas Green vs. St. Hedwig's, and Gate of Heaven vs. Tunkhannock. In the sixth grade division, Dallas Blue will meet Gate of Heaven, Dallas Green plays Lehman-Jackson, Tunkhannock Black faces Northwest, and Tunkhannock Orange plays St. Hedwig's.

Games are scheduled Friday from 6:15-10 p.m.; Saturday from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m.-10 p.m.



DYB 5th Grade Blue, from left, kneeling: Colin Baird, Matt Kelly, Tom Hadzor. Standing, George Gracely, coach, Ryan Murray, Matt Daube, John Paul Parulski. Absent, Michael Lloyd, Andrew Gramps.



DYB 6th Grade Green, from left, kneeling: Cory Schultz, Matt Rattigan, Gene Lispi. Standing, Jeff Pace, John McGeehan, Bruce Deeble, Adam Schoonover, Frank Buzin. Absent, Joe Wyberski, Andrew Gialanella.

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