

Sports Week

Section 2

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

DYB girls tournament draws 100's crowns champions

Over 1,000 people came through the doors of Penn State Lehman to watch 32 teams participate in a double elimination girls basketball tournament with teams from Dallas, Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming Valley West, Nanticoke, Tunkhannock, Northeast Bradford, Gate of Heaven, Hanover, Lehman and Saint Al's. Four divisions—5th grade, 6th grade, 7th grade and 8th grade having 8 teams in each division.

First round play started March 19 and March 20 and continuing March 21 with final rounds Sun., March 22.

Trophies were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams and individuals. There were also 5 all-stars picked from each division and one most valuable player of each division.

Newport 28 - Tunkhannock 21

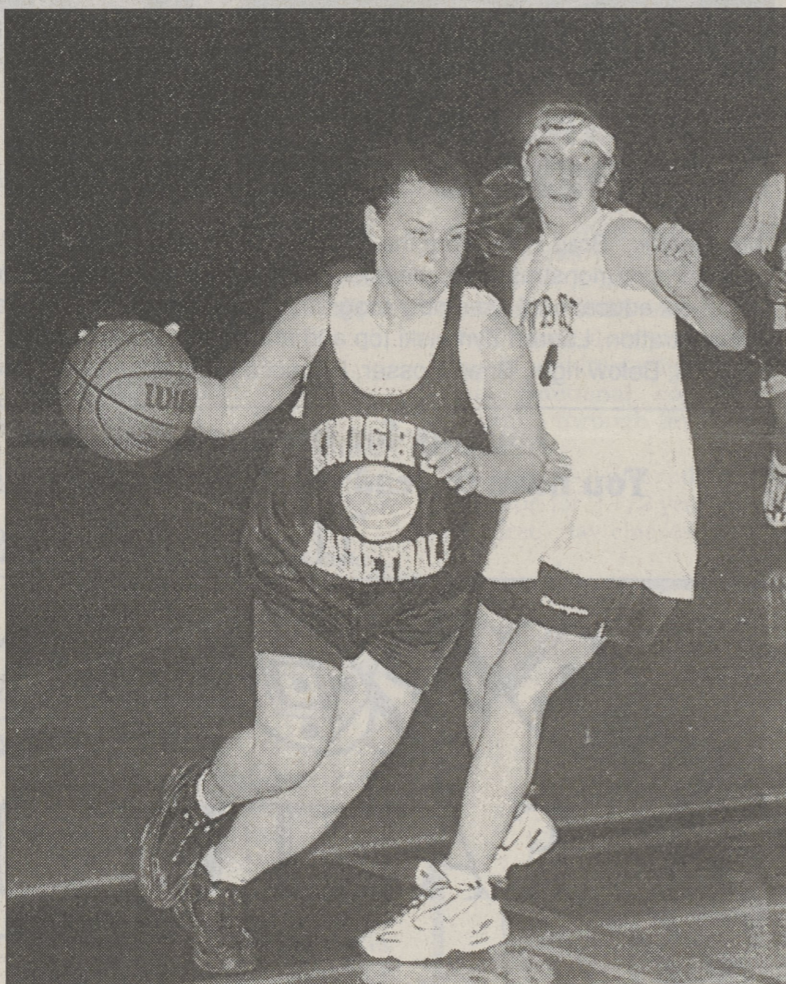
In the 5th grade division Newport beat Tunkhannock 21 to claim the title. Newport's well balanced scoring attack was led by Courtney Pinka and Jessica Koslowski with 7 points apiece, followed by Caitlin Klish and Danielle Warren with 6 points apiece and Nicole Washik with 2 points. Tunkhannock's Kalen Kropa led all scorers with 17 points. Also scoring for Tunkhannock were Katie Starzee and Chawndeale Adams, 2 points each. Wyoming Valley West maroon team took third place honors.

Dallas Youth Basketball 39 - Tunkhannock 16

Dallas Youth Basketball ruled the 6th grade division with a convincing 39-16 victory over Tunkhannock. Leading scorers in the championship game were Halli Williams', 14 points, Meredith Lacey, 13 points, Shannon Thomas, 8 points, Jackie Hardwick, 4 points with lots of big rebounds and Ashleigh King, 2 points. Tunkhannock was led by Angie Edwards, 5 points, Jaime Morrison, 4 points, Linsey Roarke, 3 points and Ashley Ritz and Stacey Szychowski, 2 points apiece. Newport finished third to bring home trophies.

Gate of Heaven 35 - Wyoming Valley West 1 32

Gate of Heaven won the 7th grade division with a 35-32 win over Wyoming Valley West 1 team. Gate of Heaven was led by Caitlin Ward, 10 points, Morgan



On the run, Lehman's Janna Elston, top photo, drove past a Newport defender. Danielle Kern, left photo, did the same. Lehman won the 8th grade title. Nora Stepanitis, below, a Gate of Heaven 7th grader, kept a rebound out of a WVW player's hands. Gate of Heaven won the 7th grade championship.

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Carey, 8 points, Jane Clements, 7 points and Molly Guntli and Andrienna Gilbert, 5 points apiece. Wyoming Valley West 1's Annie Ritsick led all scores with 15 points, followed by Jessica Schofield, 10 points, Darcey Lantz, 3 points and Maribeth Brozena and Alexis Moreck, 2 points each. Finishing third place in the 7th grade division was Dallas Youth Basketball.

Lehman 16 - Newport 14

Kari Maskalis nailed a jumper with seconds remaining to claim the crown for Lehman over Newport in the 8th grade division by the score of 16-14. Maskalis and Danielle Kern hit for 6 points apiece, while Gina Coombs added 4 points to lead Lehman. Newport's Lauren Kurkowski led all scorers with 7 points, followed by Jan Walters, 3 points and Nancy Wiatrowski and Erica Roback, 2 points each. Wyoming Valley West finished with third place honors.

All Stars

5th grade All-Stars were Caitlin Klish, Danielle Warren and Jessica Kosloski from Newport, Melissa Stefaniak, Wyoming Valley West maroon and Sara Confer Wyoming Valley West gold. The Most Valuable Player in 5th grade is Kalen Kropa from Tunkhannock.

6th grade All-Stars were Meredith Lacey and Halli Williams, Dallas Youth Basketball, Jaime Morrison Tunkhannock, Lauren Stefaniak, Wyoming Valley West and Candice Geseckie from Newport. The Most Valuable Player in the 6th grade is Shannon Thomas from Dallas Youth Basketball.

7th grade All-Stars were Morgan Carey and Molly Guntli from Gate of Heaven, Annie Ritsick and Darcey Lantz, Wyoming Valley West, Megan Bross of Newport. The Most Valuable Player in the 7th grade is Rachel Kukosky from Dallas Youth Basketball.

8th grade All-Stars were Jessica Ohrin, Wyoming Valley West, Sarah Armand, Gate of Heaven, Lauren Kurkowski and Jan Walters of Newport and Danielle Kern from Lehman. The Most Valuable Player in the 8th grade is Kari Maskalis from Lehman.

Tournament directors are Lew Thomas, Joe Noon and Mark Lacey.

KT Shootout draws 90

The Kingston Township Recreation had a record turnout with more than 70 boys and girls and more than 20 adults participating in its annual basketball shooting competition.

Free Throw winners per age group were: (7 & 8) Doug Harding; (9 & 10) Bobby Lenahan; (11 & 12) Tim Kerestes; (13 & 14) Brad Lothridge; and (15 & 16) Dan Fauerbach.

Three Point winners per age group were: (7 & 8) Doug Harding; (9 & 10) David Harding; (11 & 12) Adam Schoonover; (13 & 14) Bobby Zaruta; and (15 & 16) Dan Fauerbach.

Overall Shooting Champs were: Doug Harding, Timmy Crossin, Adam Schoonover, Bobby Zaruta, Dan Fauerbach, and Stephanie Simonitis.

New for this year was a parent/child team shooting competition that turned out for more than 20 teams of dads, moms and their children. The father/son team of Dan and Ryan Marascio took honors with Jim and Doug Harding finishing second and Dave and Dan Fauerbach capturing third place.

Strikers advance to AAU Regionals

Twenty nine Noxen wrestlers advance to AAU Regionals which are to be held at Shamokin, on March 28 and 29. They are:

Bantam: Chris Barbacci, 1st place; Ethan Shaw, 3rd place; Matthew Shaw, 2nd place.

Midget: Mike Stolarick, 1st place; Brandon Higgins, 3rd place; Tom Parrish, 3rd place.

Junior: Brian Goeringer, 2nd place; Matt Dragon, 3rd place.

Intermediate: John Houssock, 1st place; Kelby Morgan, 2nd place; Dale Radginski, 3rd place; Perry Coolbaugh, 3rd place; Ryan Post, 1st place; Willie Weber, 3rd place; Todd Jones, 1st place; Jeff Taylor, 2nd place; Jason Mitkowski, 3rd place; Robert Morris, 2nd place; Dave Strenfel, 3rd place.

Advance: Aaron Kubasik, 1st place; Tim Shaw, 2nd place; Rich Maciejczak, 3rd place; Louie MacMillan, 1st place; Justin Harris, 3rd place; Ricky Hislop, 3rd place.

Open: Gary Harris, 3rd place; Brian Butler, 1st place.

Ronald Swingle, is Strikers' head coach.



Lake-Lehman Jr. High Girls team, standing from left, Head coach, Rob Wilson, asst. coach Brian Coombs, Megan DeCesaris, Katie Pitcher, Ashley Yanchik, Danielle Kern, Kari Maskalis, Casey Horvath, Jackie Pall and asst. coach Barry Horvath. Kneeling, Tracey Hudak, Adrienne Fallow, Lisa Wasser, Gina Coombs, Janna Elston and Angela Harris.

Lake-Lehman Jr. High girls win Division II championship

The Lake-Lehman Girls Jr. High basketball team recently completed its finest campaign ever by winning the Division II title with a 35-30 victory over the Hanover Area Lady Hawks. Kari Maskalis led the way with 10 points and Gina Coombs added 9. The Lady Knights also received key contributions from Danielle Kern, Janna Elston, Angela Harris, and Ashley Yanchik.

Two days later the Lady Knights met the Trojanettes from Nanticoke Area and won the Wyoming Valley Conference overall title by a score of 28-27.

It once again was a complete team effort with the Lady Knights placing five players in the scoring column.

Danielle Kern led Lehman with 10 and Kari Maskalis scored 6. Angela Harris, Gina Coombs, and Janna Elston scored 4 each.

The Lady Knights finished the season with a record of 17-3. The girls playing in a freshman league accomplished this feat with a team of all 7th and 8th grade students. The Lady Knights are coached by Rob Wilson and assisted by Brian Coombs and Barry Horvath.

PA Fish and Boat Commission plans boating course in Dallas

The PA Fish and Boat Commission Basic Boating course will be held at the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northeast Regional Office, Rte. 415, Dallas, Sun., April 26, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Registration is required for the course. Seating is limited. Interested parties should call 717-477-3960 or e-mail safeboating@juno.com with name, phone number and 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.

The course will acquaint experienced boaters with many aspects of boating they are not aware of as well as changes in current regulations. The course is open to everyone 12 years of age and older. This course will allow individuals 12 to 15 years of age to satisfy the mandatory minimum age requirements for the operation of a motorboat and the new age requirements for personal watercraft in Pennsylvania. It is recommended that parents take the course along with their children.



5th grade Gate of Heaven White team

The Gate of Heaven 5th grade White team finished second in the Dallas Youth Basketball tournament. From left, front row; Justin Singer, Michael DeRojas, Connor Judge, Greg Suhocki, Johnathon Stevens. Back row; ass't coach Juan DeRojas, Robert Bauer, Ryan Ward, Ken Regan, Steven Goode, ass't coach Jim Regan, head coach Chuck Wilson. Absent from photo, Jimmy Dereemer.



Slocum honored for 300th victory

College Misericordia softball coach Charlotte Slocum was presented with a plaque recently from the National Fastpitch Coach's Association in recognition of her 300th career victory. Now in her 18th season at Misericordia, Slocum reached the milestone last year and is 12th among active Division III coaches with a career winning percentage of .683. With a career record of 313-145, Slocum is ninth among active Division III coaches in career victories. Seen during the presentation ceremony are: Charlotte Slocum, Misericordia softball coach, and Dr. Michael Mould, Misericordia athletic director.

Baseball, softball equipment day Saturday

Back Mountain Baseball and Softball will distribute balls, bats and other equipment to all teams this Sat., March 28. Coaches for all baseball, softball and tee-ball should pick up their equipment at the refreshment stand between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Any questions regarding the equipment distribution should be directed to vice president for equipment Bob Peron at 696-4788.