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Alana Anzalone smashes Sem record

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other road meet. Finally this season came the home pool record with an incredible score of 252.75. The old record, which she was really excited about breaking, had stood since 1980 when a Blair Academy diver earned a 219.00.

Successful athlete usually usually have a good coach behind them. Seminary coach Joe Scrabola believes strongly in her ability to be very successful in the future. "She is a natural diver, and she works very hard to be able to be at the point where she is today," he said. Scrabola was a three-year undefeated district diving champion for Wyoming Area from 1980-82.

"She matured a lot this year," added Scrabola.

Concentration and individual motivation are key attributes in diving, and Alana developed these two qualities early in life when she began participating in gymnastics in second grade. She earned a state championship in the sport in eighth grade. Mrs. Anzalone adds, "Her diving ability partly comes from all the years she was involved with gymnastics 20 hours a week. It's natural that her success in gymnastics carried over to diving."

Alana said she made the transition after watching an older cousin take the same route, starting with gymnastics then diving for Scranton Prep. She said back dives, such as a 1 1/2 somersault, were her best. Her weakest? "Usually anything front, like a front 2 1/2 or double," she said.

Alana is also a very skilled field hockey player for the Blue Knights. A forward, she finished 10th in the league in scoring last fall and earned all-star and all-state recognition.

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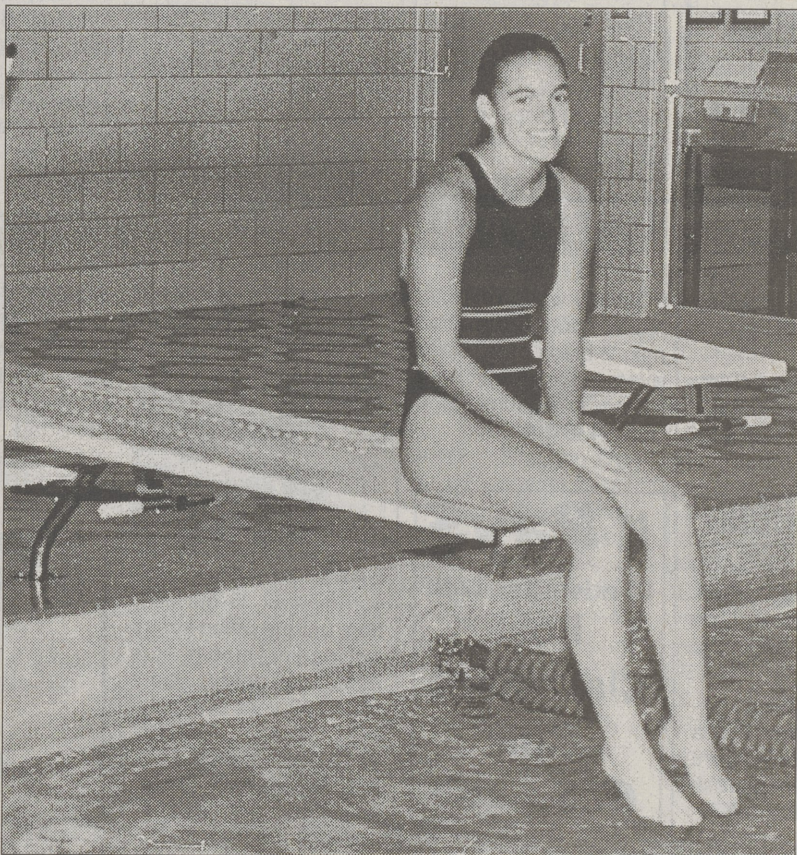
Joe Scrabola
Sem diving coach

ognition. In the spring she is an all-star center fielder for the Seminary softball team. She has earned Athlete of the Week honors at

Seminary with both diving and softball. She credits her success in all three sports to her motivation and dedication.

Outside of sports, Alana participates in such organizations as peer group, AIDS awareness, and drug and alcohol awareness and prevention. She is a solid dean's list student and is considering physical therapy or sports medicine as possible careers. She's still only a junior however, and has another four and a half high school sports seasons left in her.

Back dives, right, are her strength, Alana Anzalone says.



Dallas gets jump on spring with big-league clinics

The Dallas baseball program will start the new year with a clinic featuring Greg Biagini, former batting coach for the Baltimore Orioles, and now manager of a AAA team in the Texas Rangers organization.

High school head coach John Bittner was able to bring Biagini in because of his personal friendship with Biagini, who played professionally for 10 years in the Montreal Expos organization, leading the International League in home runs and runs batted in one season. Biagini also managed the Rochester team, and was named IL manager of the year.

The high school middle school coaching staffs will be on hand to instruct. Bittner said every member of the staff is a Dallas graduate with college playing or coaching experience. Steve Federici played at Penn State main campus; Bob Ashworth was MVP at Dallas and played at Luzerne County Community College; Ryan Flynn was a four-year starter at Wilkes University, was a Wilkes captain, and played for the Scranton Wilkes-Barre Twins. Bittner has coached Little League through college, has scouted for

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Huntsville will host U.S. Open qualifier

Huntsville Golf Club will host a qualifying tournament for the 1999 U.S. Open Championship on May 24. Huntsville will also be the site of the Pennsylvania Golf Association Better-Ball Championship on June 7 and 8.

The 7,154 yard long par 72 Huntsville Course was designed by Rees Jones and opened officially on July 1, 1995. The facility covers nearly 500 acres of varied terrain and the course rambles between farmlands, wooded hill-sides, protected wetlands, streams and ponds and offers the championship caliber golfer a difficult but fair challenge.

Huntsville was rated 23rd among America's best 100 modern courses in 1997 by *Golfweek* magazine and received several other distinctions from golfing publications for design variety, including being singled out in 1995 by *Golf Digest* as the 2nd best new private course in America.

The tournament, which will be open to all golf professionals and

amateur golfers with a certified USGA handicap index of 1.4 or better, will be contested over 18 holes of stroke play at the par 72 layout.

Officials from the North Central Pennsylvania and Anthracite Golf Associations will assist with the tournament.

1997 was the first year the USGA conducted a U.S. Open local qualifying event in the northern part of Pennsylvania, according to Jeff Ranck of Lewisburg, the USGA Sectional Affairs Committee representative for the area. Williamsport Country Club hosted that event and 22 players competed for two qualifying spots.

"I felt that it was in the best interest of the game to try to alternate this qualifier between north central and northeastern Pennsylvania", said Ranck. "Huntsville is a remarkable golf course and they seemed eager to get involved", he added.

The U.S. open will be played at Pinehurst #2 in Pinehurst, North Carolina on June 14-20.

Susko cans 45 points in Gilroy romp

Both teams came out shooting in the first period, with Gilroy's Chase Susko and Eastern's Paul McCue leading their teams offensively. Gilroy led 12-7 at quarter's end.

Gilroy outscored Eastern 12-8 in the second period, with Sean Gilroy leading the way. Gilroy continued their scoring ways in the third and fourth quarters to record the 63-44 win. Gilroy's offense was led by Susko with 45 points, followed by Charlie Stajewski with six points. Eastern Penn's offense was led by McCue with 33 points, followed by Joel Lesinski with seven points.

American Asphalt 61 - NAPA Auto Parts 22

American Asphalt started the new year off with a bang, by outscoring NAPA Auto 11-2 in the first quarter on the shooting of Brian Dempsey and Jon Barbose. American Asphalt continued to

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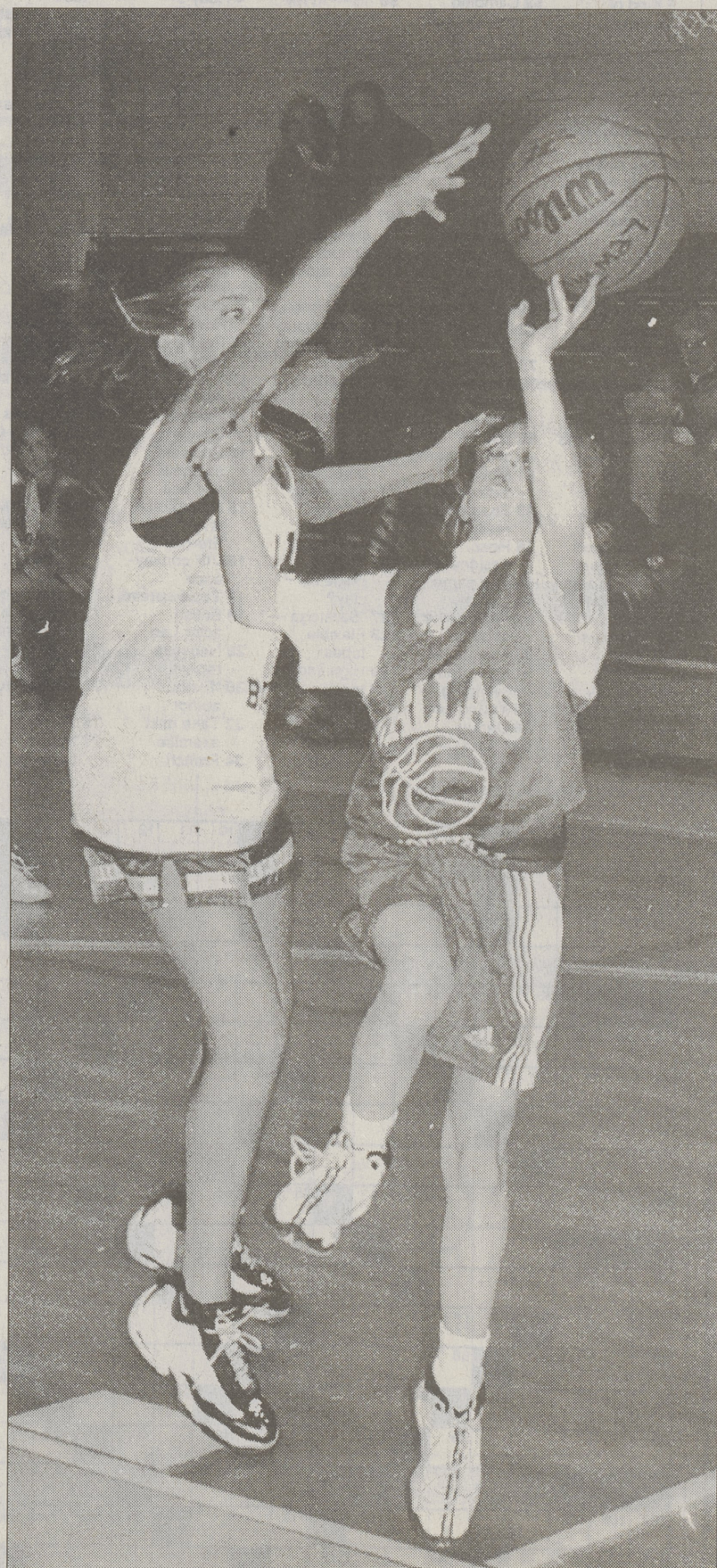
dominate the game in the second quarter with Francis Shovlin and Timmy Crossin hitting some key shots. American Asphalt led at halftime 28-7. Asphalt continued to score at will in the third and fourth periods and went on to record the win. Asphalt's offense was led by Jon Barbose with 28 point points. NAPA's offense was led by Eric Mahle with 14 points.

Pace Physical Therapy 42 - Chatham Tech 32

Pace Therapy came out strong in the first period on the shooting of Stephen Luksh and Chris Mounce. Pace led at the end of the first quarter 13-2. Chatham Tech caught fire in the second period and outscored Pace 15-10 to narrow Pace's lead at halftime to 23-17. Jeff Dickson and Johnny McGeehan led Chatham Tech in the second quarter. Both teams traded baskets in the third period

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PS Seed prevails after 5 overtimes



Shannon Thomas reached to block a shot by Caitlin Dukas in the 5 overtime game between Penn State Seed and Luzerne Nat'l Bank.

Shannon Thomas and Nicole Bostock led Penn Seed to six wins and no losses after five overtimes, finally stopping Luzerne National Bank 35-33. Thomas started the first quarter out with 10 quick points, followed by Bostock with two points. The defense of Penn State Seed held Luzerne National Bank's Halli Williams and Brooke Blase to a

single basket and a commanding 12-4 lead after one quarter. The second quarter was a defensive struggle as Thomas hit a three pointer, while Luzerne Bank's Williams hit a field goal and Erin Sweptson was one for two at the free throw line to end the half 15-7 Penn Seed. Penn Seed had eight third quarter points, Thomas and Jaime Sulewski four points apiece. Luzerne Bank closed the gap with Jessica Karasek leading the way with six points, followed by Williams and Caitlin Dukas two points each and one point by Sweptson to end the third quarter 13-18. Williams had a hot hand offensively and defensively coming up seven points, while the bankers played defense holding Penn Seed to a single basket by Thomas and a 25-25 tie after regulation. The first overtime was a defensive two minutes while each team held the other scoreless. The second overtime Penn Seed went to the inside game with Bostock coming up with four points. Luzerne Bank's Williams and Blase followed up with a basket apiece to end the second overtime 29-29. Dukas got the tap of the third overtime and went in for a lay-up to take an early two point lead for the bankers, but Thomas kept Penn Seed in the game with a bucket and a 31-31 tie after three overtimes. The fourth overtime was once again very defensive as Williams intercepted a Penn Seed pass and put in the go ahead basket

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Slocum stops 9 shots as Pirates shut out Glaciers

David Rothenberg of Clarks Summit scored three goals and had one assist as the Pocono Pirates mite B ice hockey team defeated the Warminster Glaciers 5-0. Kevin Nagle of Wilkes-Barre started the scoring in the first period with an assist from Alex Slocum of Shavertown and Rothenberg. Nagle then returned the favor, setting up Slocum for the next goal. Rothenberg then scored three unassisted goals to finish the scoring for the Pirates. Drew Slocum stopped nine shots on goal for the shutout.

Also helping the offensive and defensive effort for the Pirates was Ricky Rose of Shavertown.

Chatham Technologies 18 - Rosen Jenkins Greenwald 7

Chatham was led by Jodi Dickson and Sam Decker with eight points each. A fine defensive performance was turned in by Jessica English, Rosen, Jenkins and Greenwald were led by Alyse Miller with four points. Melissa Evans played solid at both ends of the court. Chatham Technologies are coached by Dave English and Rosen, Jenkins & Greenwald by Rick Evans.

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Savage Eye Care Specialist 18 - The Fieldhouse 13

Tam Morris led all scorers with 12 points. Kim Durr led The Fieldhouse with seven. Shannon Dingle and Cassie Snider both contributed with good defensive efforts. Savage Eye Care Specialist is coached by Steve Morris and Don Savage. Dave Whalen and Ken Krogulski coach The Fieldhouse.

TGI Friday 28 - Dr. Jack Ellis 16

TGI Friday's high scorers were Caitlyn McGuire and Nicki Gelsco, with 16 and eight points. Dr. Jack was led by Robin Razawich with eight points. Laura Morgan, Sarah Pieczynski and Jackie Opel had excellent defensive games. Charlie Gelsco coaches TGI Fridays and Mark Hession coaches Dr. Jack Ellis.

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