

Sports Week

Section 2

Wednesday, February 10, 1998



Matt Gingo held up the cup for being 1998's Unsung Hero.



Kyle Droppers was a finalist for male student-athlete.



Stephanie Potisek with her plaque as the top female student-athlete.

Back Mountain tops list of area's best student-athletes

Back Mountain athletes were high on the list of award winners at the awards banquet held Saturday night by the Killer Bees Athletic Club. Stephanie Potisek, a Dallas High School senior, was the winner of the female Student-Athlete Award. She is a member of the field hockey and track teams, and is the Mountaineers top diver. She ranks first in her class and carries a 3.95 grade-point average, taking many honors classes. She attended the Governor's School for Agricultural Sciences, the Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference, the Rotary Leadership Camp, Junior Leadership Wilkes-Barre, the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine and the National Youth Summit. Stephanie is a member of the school's math team that place first in a national competition last year, and serves as a math tutor in addition to giving time to charitable and school organizations.

To be eligible, students needed to keep an A average and earn a letter in a sport. Academics were the first requirement, followed by extracurricular activities, which included athletics. Matt Gingo of Trucksville was given the Tom McLaughlin Unsung Hero Award. A starter on both offense and defense for the Dallas football team, Gingo played nearly every minute of every game last season. Kyle Droppers of Dallas was a finalist for the male Student-Athlete Award. He starts in three sports at Wyoming Seminary and carries a 3.9 grade-point average. Other Back Mountain student-athletes who figured in the awards were Janelle Perlis and Kelly Spencer of Lake-Lehman, who were semi-finalists for the Scholastic Female Athlete Award.

Area skiers take medals at Keystone State Winter Games

Several Back Mountain athletes were winners in the Keystone State Winter Games skiing competition, held last weekend at Montage Mountain.

J.B. Bucha of Dallas was named the Outstanding Youth Male Athlete after he won two gold medals and a silver. Bucha won the Modified Giant Slalom and Dual Slalom, and finished second in the Giant Slalom for 13-15-year old males.

Other Back Mountain medal winners were:

- GOLD**
- Kelsey Maas**, Dallas - Novice, female 6 and under
- Maria Maas**, Dallas - Novice, female 7
- Bobby Stanton**, Sweet Valley - Novice, 10-11 male
- Devin Kelley**, Dallas - Novice,

male 12-15

Charles Tyrell, Shavertown - Dual slalom, 16-19 male

Matthew Harostock, Shavertown - Dual slalom, male B 10

Danny Kozar, Dallas - Dual Slalom, male B 12

SILVER

Christina Harostock, Shavertown - Dual slalom, female 12 and under

Dan Kozar, Dallas - Dual slalom, male B 35-39

BRONZE

Chris Borthwick, Dallas - Novice, 12-15 male

Garrett Speace, Shavertown - Dual slalom male B 11

Graydon Speace, Shavertown - Giant slalom, 13-15 male

Chris Nattress, Shavertown - Giant slalom, 16-19 male

Balanced attack gives bankers a W

Luzerne National Bank's Halli Williams and Brooke Blase teamed up for a 32-29 upset over Back Mountain

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Leader with 10 and 8 points respectively. Nicole Martin, Jessie Karasek and Caitlin Dukas all chipped in with 4 points apiece, followed by Erin Swebston with 2 points and Jennifer Konopki also contributed for the win. Rachel Kukosky's 25 points were not enough for the Leader. Loni Piekansky and Jonelle Dickson each hit for 2 points, while Jaime Youngblood and Julena Haines, Kimberly Toussaint and Samantha Simmonette also contributed for the Leader.

Suppon all contributed for Josie's Italian Water Ice. III Guy's Pizza was led by Meredith Lacey 16 points, followed by Rosalyn Wentko 8 points, Katie Smith and Lauren Noreika 2 points apiece. Also contributing for III Guys were Kara Ringler, Amanda Reese and Sylena Marmo.

Penn State Seed had a bye in the first round of playoffs. They will meet Luzerne National Bank in the semi finals Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Dallas Middle School at 7 p.m. Members of Penn State Seed are Shannon Thomas, Nicole Bostock, Laura Stark, Jaime Sulewski, Ashley Razawich, Katie Tomek and Mel Novitski.

Dallas Rotary had a bye in the first round of playoffs. They will meet Josie's Italian Water Ice in the semi-finals Sat., Feb. 20, at the Dallas Middle School at 8 p.m. Members of Dallas Rotary are Kelly Brzozowski, Sheree Senausky, Krista Carpenter, Kristy Schmid, Mallory Carey, Susan Banks, Nicole Macri and Lauren Macri.

Josie's Italian Water Ice 40 - III Guys Pizza 28

Ashleigh King and Jackie Hardwick explode for 38 points, 20 and 18 respectively in the first round of playoffs. Jessica Roberts also contributed 2 points, while Gabriella Hugh, Nicole Klepar, Alyssa Austin and Lauren

Blacktoppers claw back to win

American Asphalt led after the first quarter 8-6 on the shooting of Jon Barbose.

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Gilroy Realtor fought back and took a 25-22 halftime lead on the shooting of Charlie Stajewski and Chase Susko. Gilroy continued the scoring pace and led after the third quarter 34-29. Asphalt fought back and came away with the 52-51 win. Asphalt's offense was led by Barbose with 30 points, followed by Brian Dempsey with 15. Gilroy's offense was led by Susko with 27 points and Stajewski with 17.

18-9 in the third quarter. InterMetro fought back in the fourth quarter but came up a little short.

Chatham Tech. 41 - Pioneer Const. 17

Chatham outscored Pioneer 12-2 at the end of the first quarter. Chatham extended their lead at halftime to 20-4. It was much the same in the last two quarters. Pioneer Const. were without their two leading scorers, Mike Fehlinger and Kevin Domzalski who were both out hurt. Chatham's offense was led by Kevin Arnaud with 16 points, followed by Jeff Dickson with 12 and Greg Mascioli with 9 points. Pioneer offense was led by Chris Hidgon with 9 points, followed by Gene Lispi with 4 and Eric Domzalski with 3.

Eastern Penn 54 - Dallas Chiropractic 52

Eastern Penn led at the end of the first quarter 12-10 on the shooting of Paul McCue and Brett Sprau. Dallas Chiropractic fought back in the second quarter and led at halftime 25-20 on the hot shooting of Adam Tkaczyk and Donny Murray. At the end of the third quarter the score was all knotted up at 37. Eastern Penn got some great shooting from McCue in the fourth quarter to seal the win. Eastern Penn's offense was led by McCue with 39 points. Chiropractic's offense was led by Murray with 25 points, followed by Tkaczyk with 14 points.

NAPA Auto 45 - InterMetro 39

NAPA's Eric Mahle turned in a fine game offensively with 22 points. Mike English followed with 22 points. InterMetro's Tom Mulhern scored 22 points. InterMetro led at the end of the first quarter 11-8. InterMetro held a one point lead at halftime 18-17. NAPA outscored InterMetro

Pace Therapy 51 - Burger King 42

Pace led after the first quarter with David Lohin and Stephen Luksh leading the way. Pace continued the scoring in the second period with Lohin and Jeff Pace leading the way. Pace led at halftime 23-15. Burger King regrouped in the third quarter and outscored Pace 15-10, on the shooting of Ryan Gryskavicz and Sam Brown. Pace was too much for Burger King in the fourth quarter. Pace's offense was led by Lohin with 28 points, followed by Pace with 9 points. Burger King's offense was led by Gryskavicz with 32 points.

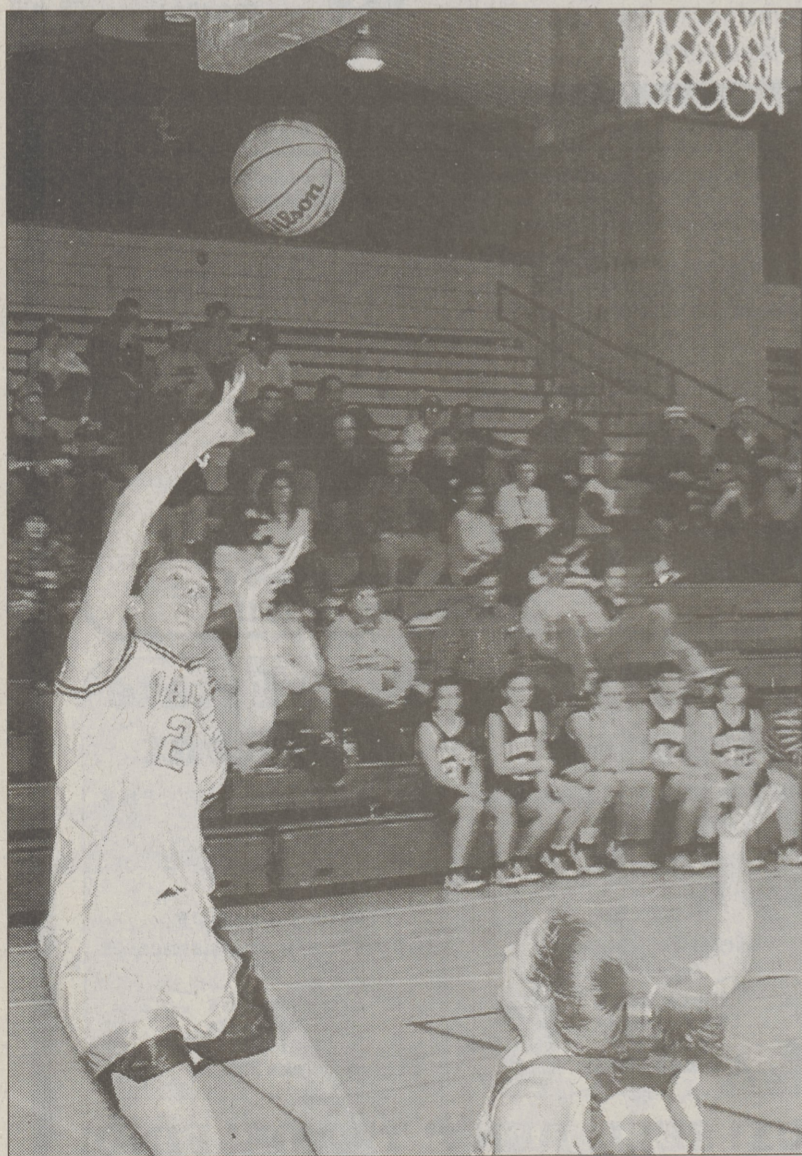
Playoffs start this week, with skills competition being held on Sunday, Feb. 14.

Banquet tickets will go on sale starting this week.

Basic boating course at Dallas

Pa Fish & Boat Commission Basic Boating course will be held at the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northeast Regional Office, Rt. 415 in Dallas on Sun., March 14, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration is required for the course. Seating is limited. Interested parties should call 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.



Coming back

POST PHOTOS/JIM PHILLIPS

As they have in past seasons, the Dallas High girls basketball team is bouncing back from a so-so first half to be near the top of the standings in the second half of the season. The Lady Mounts beat Wyoming Area 63-41. Katie Austin, looking for an opening to the hoop in right photo, was top scorer with 21 points, including three 3-



point shots. Stephanie Simonitis tossed up a shot in the photo at left. She had 15 points. Dallas is 4-2 in the second half after beating Crestwood Monday. That puts them at the top of the second half standings, tied with Wyoming Area, after going 2-6 in the first half of the season.