

# Sports Week

Section 2  
February 17, 1999



## Blacktoppers pull out last minute win to advance

Playoffs - 2nd Round - Sunday

**American Asphalt 29 - Pioneer Const. 27**

American Asphalt outscored Pioneer 6-0 in the first quarter on the shooting of Jon Barbose, Brian Dempsey and Francis Shovlin. Pioneer outscored Asphalt 9-6 on the shooting of Kevin Domzalski who recorded all of his team's 9 second points including a three point basket with 2 seconds remaining before halftime. Asphalt led at halftime 12-9. Pioneer outscored American Asphalt 12-9 to tie the game up at 21 at the end of the third quarter. Leading the way for Pioneer was Gene Lispi, Chris Higdon and Domzalski. Asphalt down by 2 points with less than a minute and a half remaining went to their big man Barbose who sealed the win for Asphalt. Asphalt's offense was led by Barbose with 22 points, followed by Dempsey with 5 points. Pioneer offense was led by Kevin Domzalski with 13 points followed by Gene Lispi with 6 points.

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**Dallas Chiropractic 65 - Pace Therapy 56**

Pace Therapy outscored Dallas Chiropractic 18-16 at the end of the first quarter on the shooting of David Lohin, Chris Mounce and Joe Wyberski. Pace continued to score in the second quarter with Stephen Luksh and Jeff Pace leading the way. Pace led at halftime 35-28. Chiropractic chipped away at Pace's lead in the third quarter on the shooting of Donny Murray and Adam Tkaczyk. Pace led at the end of the third quarter 50-27. Chiropractic exploded in the final quarter and outscored Pace 18-6 to come from behind and record the win. Chiropractic's offense was led by Murray with 32 points, followed by Tkaczyk with 21 points, and Elijah Miller with 8 points. Pace's offense was led by David Lohin with 27 points, followed by Stephen Luksh with 11 and Chris Mounce and Joey Wyberski with 6 points apiece.

**Burger King 45 - Gilroy Realtor 34**

Burger King, coming off a win on the day before, continued where they left off, outscoring Gilroy 13-7 in the first quarter on the shooting of Ryan Gryskewicz and Matt Pieterzak. Burger King continued to put up points in the paint and led at halftime 23-19. Burger King outscored Gilroy 10-6 in the third quarter on the shooting of Carl Seitz, Gryskewicz and Pieterzak. The Burger Boys didn't look back in the final quarter and coasted to a 45-34 win in the second round of playoffs. Burger King's offense was led by Gryskewicz with 21 points, followed by Pieterzak with 8 points and Seitz with 7 points. Gilroy's offense was led by Charlie Stajewski with 16 points followed by Chase Susko with 11 points.

**Sat., Feb. 20 - Semi Finals**

3 p.m. Burger King vs. Dallas Chiropractic

4 p.m. American Asphalt vs. Eastern Penn

Sun., Feb. 21, Championship game at 3 p.m.

**Eastern Penn Supply 61 - InterMetro 35**

Eastern Penn outscored InterMetro 14-4 at quarter's end on the shooting of Paul McCue and Brett Sprau. Eastern Penn continued the scoring pace in the second quarter with Tim Kerestes and McCue leading the way. Eastern Penn led at halftime 29-11. InterMetro came alive in the third quarter and outscored Eastern Penn 14-12 on the shooting of Matt Rattigan and Andrew Sweitzer. McCue sank four three point baskets in the final quarter to seal the win for Eastern Penn. Eastern's offense was led by Paul McCue with 39 points, followed by Joel Lesinski and Kerestes with 6 points apiece. InterMetro's offense was led by Keiper with 13 points, followed by Andrew Sweitzer with 8 and Christian Cobleigh with 7 points.



## Lady Knights knock off Dallas

If there's one game a Back Mountain team wants to win each season, it's the meeting with the cross town rival. That's just what happened Monday night, as the Lake-Lehman girls basketball team won its only game of the season's second half, beating Dallas 49-47 in a game that was tight from start to finish.

Kieran Lucarino and Jen Frank led Lehman with 13 points each. Melissa DeCesaris had 12 and Danielle Kern hit for 9. Katie Austin shot the lights out from 3-point territory, hitting four bombs on the way to



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a game-high 18 points for Dallas. She was helped by Stephanie Simonitis with 14 and Jenn Noon with 5.

Despite the loss, Dallas finished the second half tied with Nanticoke for the top spot in Division II, and was scheduled to meet the Trojans later this week in a tiebreaker. Should Dallas win that game, they would play Nanticoke again for the overall title.

Melissa DeCesaris knifed between Erika Turner, left, and Stephanie Simonitis, top photo. DeCesaris outran Jeanie Drier to the hoop, above left. Above left, Katie Austin looked for a way around Sarah Lozo.

## 1999 Wilkes-Barre Triathlon gains elite international status

The Wilkes-Barre Triathlon will host the 1999 International Triathlon Union-North American Championships.

"Hosting the North American Championships elevates Wilkes-Barre to the upper echelon of triathlon," said Jim Harris, Race Director. "This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the

area to see and experience a true international event."

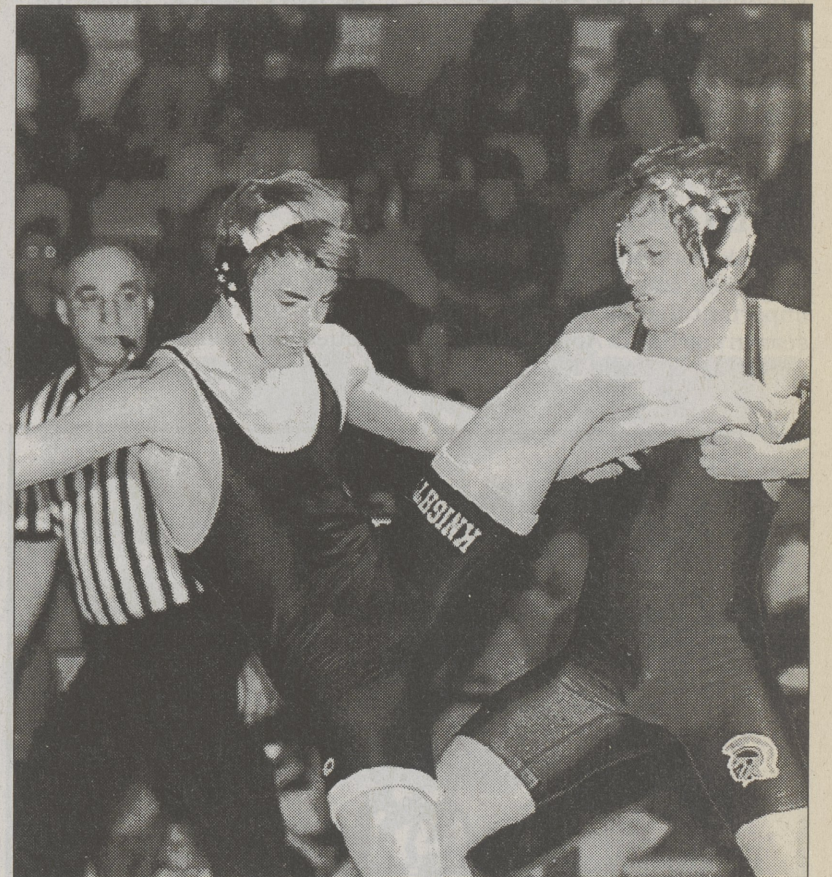
Harris expects elite triathletes from Bermuda, Mexico, Canada and the United States to be on hand competing for the title of North American Champion. The Wilkes-Barre Triathlon is also an ITU Olympic Qualifier for professional triathletes looking

to earn a spot in the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

The 18th Wilkes-Barre Triathlon is slated August 8. The Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus at Lehman will again host the event. An awards ceremony and pierogy party will complete the day's festivities.

The success of the Wilkes-Barre Triathlon depends on volunteers who assist with registration, campus set-up and course management. To volunteer or obtain more information on the events scheduled for this year's Triathlon, call the race hotline at (570) 822-2025.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP



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**Jim Higgins**, wrestling at 135, tried to escape from Valley West wrestler John Meade last week. The Black Knights lost, and shared the regular season title.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Dallas 61, Hanover 60**

After battling back from a 27-24 halftime deficit, J.J. Smith put in a rebound with seconds left to seal the Dallas win. The Mounts went into the final quarter two points down, and both teams scored at will. Bruce Kunkle led Dallas with 21 points, followed by Jay Carroll with 12, Jon Saba with 10 and Matt Jackson with 7. Carroll hit two 3-pointers, including one that brought the Mounts to 60-59 with less than a minute remaining. Kunkle and Russ Eyet also had 3-pointers.

**Crestwood 66, Lehman 28**

In a dismal performance away, the Black Knights played the whole roster, but could manage only 28 points. Bob Baird's 12 points led the Knights, and Dom Castrigano had 8. Baird hit two 3-pointers, and Castrigano and Matt Dunn had one each.

**Nanticoke 70, Lehman 48**

The Black Knights couldn't handle division leading Nanticoke at home Feb. 9. Bob Baird had 15 points for Lehman, followed by Dave Hage with 13 and Dom Castrigano with 12. Hage and

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