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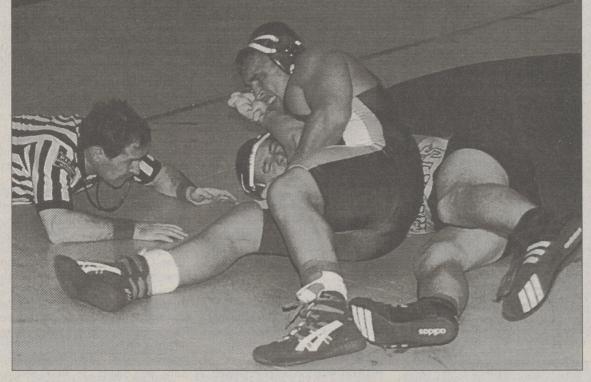
Wrestlers qualify for regional meet

Lake-Lehman swept the first three weights and then had to wait until the final match of the District 2, Class AA wrestling championship to find out they were team champions for the sixth straight year. Lehman won by a single point, 182-181 over Meyers, which had beaten the Knights twice during the regular season. Dallas finished 10th with 78

points

Aaron Kubasik won the 103 lb. class, finishing with close decisions in the semis and finals. Nick Raczkowski, who won at 103 last year, was taken into overtime in the final at 112, but prevailed 6-4. Jason Maciejczak, the defending champion at 119, won two decisions to claim the title again. Then it was up to the wrestlers in the consolation matches to put enough points on the board to give Lehman a chance. Matt Kehler; who came into the meet seeded third at 275, pinned Teddy Yanus of Wyoming Area in the consolation quarterfinals, pinned Steve Sorenson of Montrose in the semis and won by a 5-3 decision in the consolation final. Sam Saylor won his consolation matches at 140, and Justin Harris won at 145.

For Dallas, Damian Temperine was the champion at 145 and Matt Gingo swept his matches to



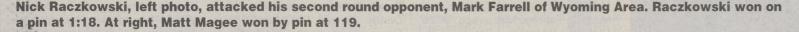
Matt Gingo pinned his opponent in the first round at 189 lb.

win the title at 189. Gingo is now unbeaten in 19 matches. Temperine, who was seeded fifth, beat the two top seeds Saturday. The top three finishers at each

weight will compete at the Northeast Region meet in Williamsport this weekend.

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Byron leads Hoban girls to district swimming title

Liz Byron of Dallas, a student at Bishop Hoban High School, won gold medals in 50 and 100 freestyle and was a member of the winning 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams at the District 2, Class AA swimming championships held last week. Byron and her teammates qualified for the state meet in those races, as Hoban handily won the team District title.

Dallas finished third among eight girls teams and eighth among nine boys teams. No Dallas girls won gold medals

Erin Allardyce finished second in the 100 meter breaststroke and third in the 200 individual medley. Jacey Peterson took fourth in the 100 breaststroke and sixth in the 200 individual medley. Shannon Gaffney was fourth in both the 200 and 500 freestyle. Sara Scott finished fifth in the 500 freestyle, and Lacey Popson was eighth in 100 butterfly.

Among other Back Mountain swimmers, Kourtney Koslosky of Shavertown, swimming for Wyoming Seminary was a member of the winning 200 freestyle relay team and finished fourth in the 100 freestyle.

Kristen Clay, also swimming for Sem, was also on the 200 freestyle team and finished third in the 500 freestyle.

On the boys side, Matt Schweitzer won the 200 freestyle and qualified for states. He also took second 500 freestyle. Rob Neil was third in the 100 butterfly and fourth in the 100 backstroke. Rich Dougal was fifth in the 100 butterfly.

DYB 5-6 boys tourney will wrap up this weekend

Fourteen games were played Trail 46-10. last week in the Second Annual Dallas Youth Basketball 5th/6th Grade Boys Tournament. Dallas fifth grade and Back Mt. Red sixth grade emerged as strong favorites to defend the championships they won earlier this season at the DYB Holiday Tournament.

In the 5th grade division, Dallas 5th grade opened the tournament with a 51-16 win over CSI. Mike Race scored 21 points for Dallas while Dylan Seeley and Brendan Delaney scored 4 points each for CSI. Lackawanna Trail topped Lehman 25-12. Alan Sheridan had 5 points for Lehman. Patrick Foley scored 8 points to lead Gate of Heaven over Dallas 3rd/4th grade 28-17. David Luksh led Dallas with 9 points. Chris DeRojas had 7 points to lead CSI past Lehman 25-14. Tunkhannock topped Dallas 3rd/ 4th grade 48-11. Connor Lenahan had 6 points for Dallas, J.J. Durr scored 6 points to lead Gate of Heaven over St. Mary's 23-21. St. Mary's defeated Tunkhannock 40-38 earlier in the tournament. Adam King scored 8 points to lead Dallas 5th grade over Lackawanna

In the 6th grade division, Lehman topped Northwest 34-16 as Matt Shiskowski scored 9 points and Matt Straub 6. Spencer Lunger had 8 points to lead Tunkhannock Black over Tunkhannock Orange 30-28. Brendan Mulhern led Orange with 9 points. Tim Crossin had 18 points as Back Mt. Red topped Valley West 59-53. Valley West rebounded with a 54-13 win over Northwest. Matt Wilson scored 17 points as Back Mt. Red defeated Tunkhannock Black 58-32. In the biggest upset of the tournament so far, Lehman defeated Dallas 27-26. Lehman was led by Brandon Burkhardt with 9 points. Ryan Murray and Matt Kelly scored 7 points each for Dallas. On Friday, March 5, the four undefeated teams will play. Dallas 5th grade will face Gate of Heaven at 8 p.m., followed by Back Mt. Red facing Lehman in the 6th grade winners bracket final. Eight games are scheduled for Saturday. The championship games will be played on Sunday, March 7 beginning at 4 p.m.

Burger King reaches semifinals

Burger King recently completed a successful season in the 7th/8th Grade Boys Division of Dallas Youth Basketball. The team reached the semi-final round of the playoffs. Shown kneeling, from left, Ryan Gower, Frank Buzin, Carl Seitz, Sam Brown. Standing, Bruce Deeble, Nikolai Filak, Ryan Gryskevicz, George Gracely, Coach, Matt Pietrzak.



Justin Jumper on all-academic team

Justin Jumper former golf and baseball standout at Dallas High School was named to the 1998 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference All Academic Golf Team.

Justin, who finished fifth at the 1998 MAAC Men's Golf Championship with a two day total of 151, held the highest academic average on the team with a perfect 4.0.

Justin is a sophomore at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, majoring in chemistry.

Mount comeback falls just short

The Dallas boys basketball team played perhaps its best game of the season in the first round of Class AAA playoffs Friday, but came up short of a win over Hanover. Dallas trailed by three at the half and five after three guarters, but drew back to lead 57-56 before the Hawks came alive to claim a 65-59 win. In left photo, Jon Saba had his eye on a rebound. Below, Jay Carroll drew a bead on a jumper. Carroll hit three 3-point shots on the way to scoring 11. Saba had 13 and Bruce Kunkle was the game's leading scorer with 24, including four 3pointers.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Valley View 54, Dallas 47

A fourth-quarter charge was too little, too late for the Lady Mountaineers, as they fell to the Cougars in a first round District 2, Class AAA playoff game. Dallas fell behind by five after one period, seven at the half and 14 after three quarters before outscoring Valley View 23-14 in the final stanza. Katie Austin hit five 3-

point shots on the way to scoring a game-high 25. She was followed by Jenn Noon with 11 and Stephanie Simonitis with 10. Noon hit two 3-pointers.

Mountain View 64, O'Reilly 41

Maria Wright was O'Reilly's high scorer with 12, Theresa Guntli hit for 11 and Katie Guntli had six, as the Queenswomen were in trouble from the start. Wright hit two 3-point shots and Theresa Guntli had one.



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Saba to Shippensburg

Dallas senior Jon Saba, a standout in football and basketball, signed a letter of intent to accept a football scholarship to Shippensburg University, a Division II school Saba may have a chance to play at defensive end his first year, since only two other players are currently available for the position. Before choosing Shippensburg, Saba considered scholarship offers from the University of New Hampshire,

Shown during a signing ceremony at the Dallas library, from left, seated; Blake Saba, Jon Saba, Bonnie Saba. Standing; principal Frank Galicki, basketball coach Paul McCue, football coach Ted Jackson and athletic director Jack Wolensky.

