

# Sports Week

Section 2

Wednesday, March 17, 1998



The winning team, from left, first row; Pat Mahon, Ryan Maye, Ryan Bloom, Caleb Piatt, Eric Kurello. Second row; Joe Shiskowski (coach), Brandon Burkhardt, Matt Staub, Matt Shiskowski, Chad Casterline.



## Lehman takes GOH 6th grade title

Lake-Lehman won the 6th grade championship in the William F. Cusick tournament at Gate of Heaven. The Knights beat Dallas 44-37 in the championship game. Caleb Piatt was the leading Lehman scorer with 13 points, followed by Brandon Burkhardt with 10 and Matt Staub with 7. Dallas was led by Matt Daube and Matt Kelly, each with 8 points, and Eric Samanas with 7. In left photo, Matt Shiskowski broke for the basket. Above, Ryan Bloom put up a runner.

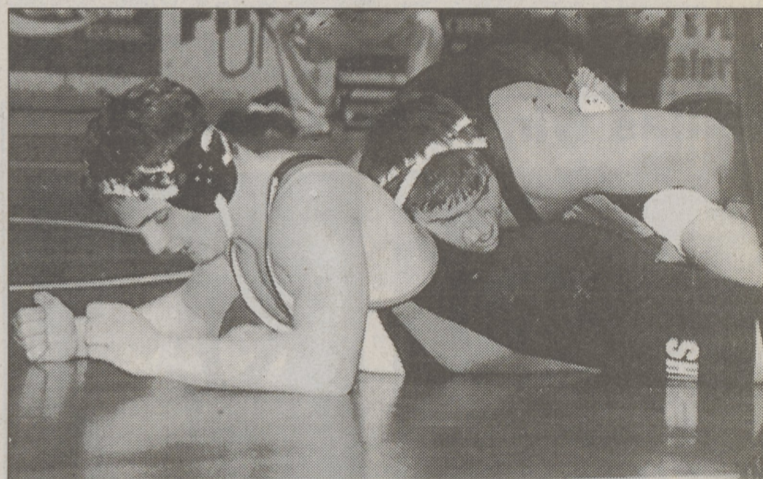
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## Gingo returns from states with medal

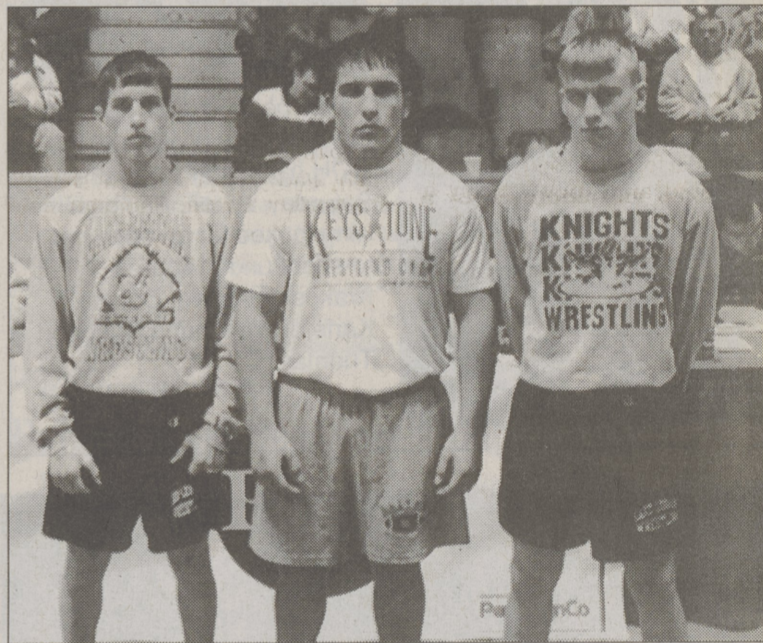
Matt Gingo, Dallas, was the only Back Mountain wrestler to come back from the state wrestling meet with a medal, for seventh place at 189 lb. Gingo, who suffered his first defeat of the season at the Northeast Regionals, won his preliminary bout at Hersheypark Arena with a come-from-behind 8-7 victory over Aaron Cantafio of Brockway. Friday was harder; Gingo dropped a 9-2 decision to the eventual state champion, Derek Tipton, in the quarter finals, then decisioned Ryan Wetzel of Lewisburg 5-2 in the second-round consolations.

The day ended with a 7-3 loss to Eric Fehnel, leaving Gingo to wrestle Saturday for seventh or eighth place. Saturday, Gingo's scheduled opponent could not wrestle, so he won seventh by forfeit.

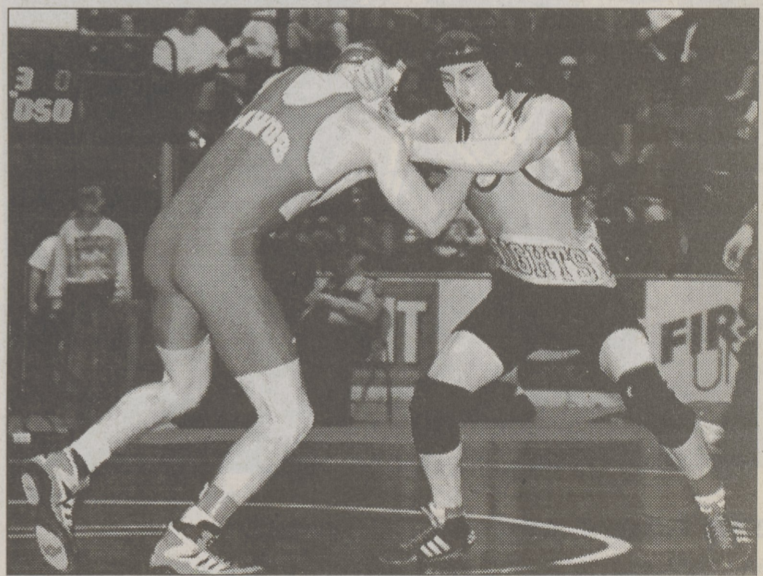
Lake-Lehman sent two wrestlers to states, but neither reached the top eight. Nick Raczkowski (112) won his preliminary bout Thursday, but lost two in a row Friday to be eliminated. Matt Magee (125) bounced back from a loss in the prelims to win Thursday afternoon, but lost a second-round consolation match Friday.



Matt Gingo got control of Aaron Cantafio of Brockway. After falling behind 4-1, Gingo fought back to win 8-7 in his preliminary bout.



State competitors, from left, Nick Raczkowski (112), Matt Gingo (189), and Matt Magee (125).



Nick Raczkowski battled Matt Schomburg of Freedom, eventually losing 8-5 in a hardfought consolation match.

## DYB 7 and 8 girls win league championships

Dallas Youth Basketball girl's 7th grade travel team and 8th grade travel teams each won the championship of the Wyoming Valley West League playoffs. Playing for the 7th grade team are Brooke Blase, Caitlin Dukas, Rosalyn Wentko, Lauren Suppon, Kristy Schmid, Kara Ringler, Jaime Youngblood, Katie Smith and Lauren Noreika. Playing for the 8th grade team are Shannon Thomas, Meredith Lacey, Jackie Hardwick, Halli Williams, Ashleigh King, Rachel Kukosky, Jonelle Dickson, Nicole Bostock and Kelly Brzozowski. Other teams participating in the 7th grade are Hanover, Wyoming Valley West (maroon & gold), Pittston Area, Lake Lehman and Wyoming Area. Other teams participating in the 8th grade are Hanover Area, Wyoming Valley West (white & maroon), Nanticoke, Gate of Heaven and Lake-Lehman. Both teams are coached by Lew Thomas, Mark Lacey and Joe Noon.

good defense for the winning team were Kristy Schmid, Katie Smith and Lauren Noreika.

### DYB Girls 8th Grade 31 - Lehman 17

Shannon Thomas led all scorers with 13 points and helped her team win the 8th grade championship. Other scorers for the winners were Jackie Hardwick 6 points, Krelly Brzozowski 4 points, Meredith Lacey, Ashleigh King 3 points apiece and Rachel Kukosky 2 points. Playing a good defense were Nicole Bostock, Halli Williams and Jonelle Dickson.

### Semi-Finals DYB Girls 7th Grade 33 - WVV (Maroon) 29 OT

Rosalyn Wentko led the balanced scoring attack with 10 points and many rebounds, followed by Caitlin Dukas, Lauren Suppon 6 points apiece, Brooke Blase 5 points, Kara Ringler, Kristy Schmid and Katie Smith 2 points apiece. Lauren Noreika and Jaime Youngblood played a good defense.

### DYB Girls 8th Grade 50 - WVV (white) 39

Shannon Thomas had a game high 20 points including 3 of 4 three pointers. Other scorers for Dallas Youth Basketball were Jackie Hardwick, 8 points, Rachel Kukosky 7 points, Ashleigh King 6 points, including a three pointer, Meredith Lacey 3 points, Halli Williams and Jonelle Dickson 2 points apiece. Nicole Bostock played a good defensive game.



Dallas Youth Basketball Girl's 7th Grade Travel Team champions in the Wyoming Valley West League: 1st row, Coach Mark Lacey, Brooke Blase, Caitlin Dukas, Lauren Suppon, Jaime Youngblood; 2nd row, Coach Lew Thomas, Kristy Schmid, Kara Ringler, Lauren Noreika, Rosalyn Wentko, Katie Smith and Coach Joe Noon.



Dallas Youth Basketball Girl's 8th Grade Travel Team champions in the Wyoming Valley West League: 1st row, Coach Mark Lacey, Rachel Kukosky, Kelly Brzozowski, Nikki Bostock and Jonelle Dickson; 2nd row, Coach Joe Noon, Jackie Hardwick, Ashleigh King, Meredith Lacey, Halli Williams, Shannon Thomas and Coach Lew Thomas.

## BMT Baseball, Softball tryouts this week

Back Mountain Baseball and Softball will conduct tryouts for the 1999 season on March 17 and March 20. Softball tryouts for players new to the program or for players moving up to major league or senior league competition will be held from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17 at the Dallas Township school gym. Baseball tryouts for new players and all those who wish to move up to major league competition or play on minor league teams, ages 8 to 12, will be held at the Dallas Middle School gym on Saturday, March 20. American League tryouts will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. while National League tryouts will take place from 1-5 p.m.

## Sign up for trip to Women's World Cup

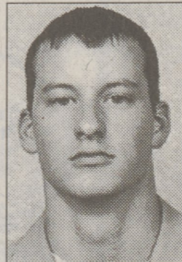
The Back Mountain Freedom Girls U-12 Soccer team is sponsoring a bus trip Saturday, June 19 to the Women's World Cup Opener at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands. The package includes a ticket to the opening ceremony, the official opening doubleheader, and transportation on an air-conditioned video bus. The first game features USA vs. Denmark, followed by Mexico vs. Brazil. Cost is \$50 per person and trip is limited to 50 people. For reservations or more information contact Bill Tooley at 675-9515.

## Oldham earns letter for Merchant Marines

Doug Oldham, a sophomore defensive back, earned his first varsity letter with the US Merchant Marine Academy Football Team, this past fall. Oldham, who played in seven of the Mariners' nine games, tallied 10 tackles, an interception, a pass break-up, and a forced fumble.

The US Merchant Marine Academy Football Team wrapped up the 1998 season with a 6-3 overall record and a second-place finish in the Freedom Football Conference with a 4-2 mark.

Oldham, a graduate of Wyoming Seminary, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Oldham of Shavertown. He is a Marine Transportation Major at the Academy.



## Easter tournament at Four Seasons

Four Seasons Golf Club, Exeter, will be holding their 8th annual Easter Tournament on Sunday, March 28, with tee times starting at 9 a.m. The format will be "Captain & Crew." Entry fee of \$30 per person includes 18 holes, meal, beverages, prizes for flight winners and contests held on the course. To reserve a tee time, call 655-8869.

## BMT Baseball and Softball tryouts this week

Back Mountain Baseball will conduct tryouts for the 1999 season on Saturday, March 20 at the Dallas Middle School gym for new players and all those who wish to move up to major league competition or play on minor league teams. The tryout schedule is as follows:

### American League

- 9 a.m., 11 and 12 year olds
- 10 a.m., 10 year olds
- 11 a.m., 9 year olds
- 12 p.m., 8 year olds and 7 year olds who wish to play above the T-ball level

### National League

- 1 p.m., 11 and 12 year olds
- 2 p.m., 10 year olds
- 3 p.m., 9 year olds
- 4 p.m., 8 year olds and 7 year olds who wish to play above the T-ball level.

American League players unable to attend this Saturday may try out Saturday, March 27 from 9 to 10:30. National League players unable to attend this Saturday may try out Saturday, March 27, 10:30 to noon.

Softball tryouts for players new to the program or for players moving up to a major league or senior league competition will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 17 at the Dallas Township School gym adjacent to the football field.