

Sports Week

Section 2
March 31, 1999

Dallas 8th grade girls 2nd in GOH tourney

Dallas Youth Basketball defeated Gate of Heaven 48-44 in the first round of tournament play. Leading the way scoring were Rachel Kukosky 22 points, Nicole Bostock, Sheree Senausky 6 points apiece, Kelly Brzozowski, Jaime Sulewski 4 points each, Jonelle Dickson and Jessica Ikarasek 2 points apiece.

Dallas Youth Basketball finished in second place after a 48-35 loss in the finals by Regis Academy. Leading scorers for Dallas Youth Basketball were Rachel Kukosky 17 points, Kelly Brzozowski, Krista Carpenter, Jaime Sulewski 4 points each, Nicole Bostock, Jonelle Dickson and Sheree Senausky 2 points apiece. Playing a good defense for Dallas Youth Basketball were Laura Stark and Erin Sweptston. Coaches for Dallas Youth Basketball 8th grade are Lew Thomas, Joe Noon and Mark Lacey.

Trout stocking

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission Bureau of Law Enforcement, Sweet Valley, announces in-season trout stocking:

Frances Slocum State Park, April 19; Lake Took-A-While, April 19, 26; Moon Lake, May 24; Mountain Springs, May 24, Harveys Lake, May 17; Harveys Creek, April 19, 26, May 3, 10; Pine Creek, May 17.

Fly casting seminar

April 10

The Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold a fly casting seminar on Saturday, April 10. The seminar will be held at Kirby Park pond at 1 p.m. It is open free to the public. Reservations to attend the seminar may be made by contacting Scott Brady at 696-1883 or Michael Romanowski at 3287-2127.

Strikers place at Crestwood

The Strikers wrestled at Crestwood Sunday, March 21. Those who placed were:

PeeWee: Keith Sulewski, 50 lbs., 2nd place; T.J. Pearson, 55 lbs., 2nd place; Adam Goeringer, Hwt., 1st place; Danny Kaskus, Hwt, 2nd place.

Midget: Rick Bower, 65 lbs., 2nd place; Tom Parrish, 65 lbs., 3rd place; Adam Sulewski, 75 lbs., 4th place.

Junior: Brian Goeringer, 85 lbs., 1st place; Andrew Shaw, 85 lbs., 3rd place; John Hettes, 90 lbs., 1st place; Josh Anderson, 100 lbs., 4th place.



DYB 5th grade boys win 2 titles

Dallas Youth Basketball recently participated in the Dallas Youth Basketball Tournament and the Gate of Heaven tournaments and outscored opponents by an average margin of 35 points per game. They went 4-0 in the DYB Tournament, beating CSI 51-16, Lackawanna Trail 46-10, Gate of Heaven 66-14, and Tunkhannock 67-37 to win the championship. They went 2-0 in the Gate of Heaven Tournament, beating Gate of Heaven 46-10 and Regis Academy 39-19 to win the championship. Total points and averages for Dallas Youth Basketball in the two tournaments combined were Mike Race 69 points, (11.50) average per game, Bobby Lenahan 68 points (11.33), Ben Thomas 52 points (8.67), David Harding 46 points (7.67), Kyle Mahle 26 points (4.33), Eric Domzalski 21 points (3.50), Adam King 20 points (3.33), and Ronnie Shiner 12 points (2.00) average per game. Pictured first row, Ronnie Shiner, Bobby Lenahan, Ben Thomas and Kyle Mahle. Second row, Adam King, Mike Race, Eric Domzalski and David Harding. Third row, coaches Joe Noon, Bob Lenahan and Lew Thomas.



Lehman girls win freshman title

The Lake-Lehman girls freshman basketball team recently captured the division I-II titles with a thrilling 29-27 victory over the Lady Spartans of Wyoming Valley West. The victory gave the Lady Knights back to back division II titles for the first time. The Lady Knights once again accomplished this feat by playing 7th and 8th grade students in a predominately freshman league. The Lady Knights are coached by Rob Wilson, assisted by Brian Coombs and Barry Horvath. In winning back to back titles the Lady Knights have compiled a record of 36-9 the past two seasons. Members of this year's championship team are, kneeling from left, Vanessa Wengen, Lisa Wasser, Lorraine Lovecchio, Kara Makarewicz, Tricia Coombs, and Patti Manzoni. Standing from left to right, head coach Rob Wilson, asst. coach Brian Coombs, Stephanie Frank, Megan DeCesaris, Casey Horvath, Jackie Pall, Tracey Hudak, Deidre Wengen, Kim Jones, and asst. coach, Barry Horvath.



7th grade girls win GOH tournament

Dallas Youth Basketball Girl's 7th grade team defeated Regis Academy 43-28 in the first round of tournament play. Leading the way scoring were Meredith Lacey 15 points, Jackie Hardwick 13 points, Shannon Thomas 9 points, Kristy Schmid 4 points and Halli Williams 2 points. DYB won the championship with a 48-30 victory over Gate of Heaven. Scoring for DYB were Meredith Lacey 18 points, Shannon Thomas 15 points, Jackie Hardwick 6 points, Ashleigh King 4 points, Caitlin Dukas, Katie Smith 2 points apiece and Rosalyn Wentko 1 point. Playing good defense were Brooke Blase, Kara Ringle, Jaime Youngblood, Lauren Suppon, and Laurie Noreika. Above, from left, kneeling; Mark Lacey, coach, Brooke Blase, Caitlin Dukas, Ashleigh King, Meredith Lacey. Standing; Joe Noon, coach, Rosalyn Wentko, Lauren Suppon, Halli Williams, Shannon Thomas, Jackie Hardwick, Kristy Schmid, Lew Thomas, coach.

BMT athletes honored at Ebenezer Faith

Back Mountain residents receive athletic awards at Ebenezer Faith Christian School, Plymouth.

In girls' soccer, the Best First Year Player was sixth grade Amber LaBar, daughter of Lawrence and Karen LaBar, Dallas.

In girls' basketball the Most Improved Player was freshman Dane LaBar, daughter of Donald LaBar, Dallas.

Junior golf league at Four Seasons

Four Seasons Golf Club will be starting its Junior Golf League Monday, April 5, with registration at 3 p.m. The cost is \$10, which includes 9 holes, pull cart and handicapping. The league is intended for experienced junior golfers between the ages of 8 and 15. Non-experienced golfers may inquire about the "Golf School" program. Call 655-8869 to sign up for either program.



David Lohin hits 1000

David Lohin, second from left, recently was honored for scoring 1000 points for Gate of Heaven basketball teams. He was presented a commemorative ball by Jim Keiper. Also in the photo, Ann Lohin, Joe Lohin and Jim Chupka, coach.

Boys travel teams win in State Challenge Cup

The Back Mountain boys fared much better than the girls in last Saturday's EPYSA State Challenge Cup competition held throughout Eastern Pennsylvania.

Arsenal wins 3-2

Jarren George scored all three goals to lead Back Mountain Arsenal U-13 Boys to a 3-2 away victory over the Manheim Twp. Avalanche. Arsenal fell behind 1-0 before George tied the match with a goal just before the half. Two more George strikes in the second half were all Arsenal needed before yielding a late goal to Manheim. Arsenal's next match is Saturday, April 10 at 3:30 at Newman Field (Dallas Middle School) against Buckingham Wednesday. Buckingham dropped their opener to Capitol Area 6-0.

Gyory leads Blue

Two second-half goals by Johnny Gyory propelled the Back Mountain Blues U-11 Boys to a 3-2 away victory over the Havertown Fireballs. The Blues trailed 1-0 when Harry Flack scored on a long cross from the right side that was misjudged by the Havertown keeper. Havertown went ahead with a goal 30 seconds before the half. Gyory saved the day, scoring twice from acute angles on the right side. His first bounced into the net off of the far post to tie the score and the second found the side netting with less than 10 minutes to play. The Blues next take on the Greater Chester Valley Twisters at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 10 at Neuman field, in a game that should determine who advances beyond group play. The Twisters won their first match 2-0 over the Exeter Eagles.

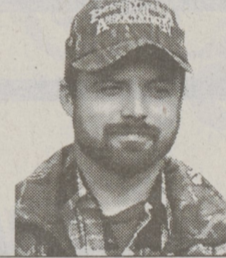
Freedom falls 2-0

The Back Mountain Freedom U-12 girls were not as fortunate, falling 2-0 to the Bethlehem Blizzard in Bethlehem. The Freedom, playing on a cold and windy morning with only one substitute gave up the first goal with 10 minutes remaining in the first half. The Blizzard continued to dominate play in the second half and scored their final goal with less than five minutes to go on a counterattack. While the Freedom pushed forward in hope of getting the equalizer, the Blizzard got the insurance they needed on a controversial shot that may not have crossed the goal line. The Freedom does not play their final group match until Saturday, April 17 at 10:30 a.m. against Capitol Area in Harrisburg.

Early goal sinks Legacy

A goal just 30 second into the match was all it took for the East Brandywine Wildcats to defeat Back Mountain Legacy U-11 Girls 1-0 in Chester County. The Legacy could not muster much offense all game long and probably need to win their remaining two games for any hope of advancing in the tournament. Next up for Legacy is a trip to the Buckingham Bulldogs on Saturday, April 10 at 1 p.m.

Bmt outdoors



Chris Denmon

As the majestic bald eagle soared through the air, its mere presence alerted the snow geese that were peacefully grazing in the field below. In an instant, every goose was aloft and the sky had become filled with thousands of beautiful white birds.

I had never seen such an awe inspiring sight, a sight that can make you sit back and remember all that you are thankful for. Fortunately, this is a scene that any of us can experience and we don't have to travel far or spend lots of money to see it. The place is called Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area.

For the first time in my life I had made the trip to Middle Creek, which is located in Lebanon County. I had been invited by the Audubon Society to accompany them on one of their bird watching field trips.

The purpose of the field trip was to see the snow geese and tundra swans that stop off at Middle Creek while on their spring migration. Hopefully, we would also have the opportunity to observe the pair of bald eagles that are nesting there for the first time.

I joined Sandy Goodwin and Bob Wasilewski on this trip. Sandy and Bob are both members of the local chapter, currently serve as officers in the Audubon Society's Wyoming Valley Chapter, and are extremely avid bird watchers.

Middle Creek is comprised of 6,254 acres and offers everyone the chance to observe thousands of birds with easy accessibility. There have been 281 different species of birds observed within this area, 205 species of which are breeding there.

During our day, we encountered nearly 40 different species of birds. We observed bald eagles, harriers, great blue herons, and several different species of ducks, geese and song birds.

This management area is home to nearly 3,400 Canadian geese. During the spring migration, the snow geese can be observed in numbers exceeding 60,000 birds.

Nature's magnificence on the wing

The tundra swans can be distinguished by their especially long necks, and are usually in numbers not exceeding 6,000 birds while in Middle Creek.

The number of predatory birds and songbirds is phenomenal. If you truly have a fascination for hawks, falcons or any kind of waterfowl, this is the place to go.

The game commission usually opens this area to the public around the last week of February. It is usually shortly after the area is opened that the snow geese and tundra swans return. If you missed them this year, you will have to wait until next year. The fall migration route for these birds is different from their spring route and won't bring them back through this area until next March.

The visitor's center is open Tuesday through Saturday 8-4 and Sunday noon to 5. I would highly encourage visitors to walk through the center to examine the exhibit that is inside. If you are new to bird watching, it would be best to go there first. The exhibit has many displays that show the different kinds of birds you may encounter while there.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about Middle Creek there are several books that can be obtained from Barnes and Noble. If you have internet access, you can obtain up to date information about this area by accessing the Pennsylvania Game Commission's web site at <http://www.pgc.state.pa.us>

The Audubon Society has field trips like these on a regular basis and members also participate in bird counts every year. It is through the help of these dedicated bird watchers that a close eye is kept on bird populations to determine which species are declining in numbers and which ones are thriving.

If you are interested in learning more about the Audubon Society or wish to join the local chapter of the Audubon Society, they have first-year membership specials which are \$20, and you can contact them by mail at: The Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society, PO Box 535, Dallas, PA 18612.