

Baseball

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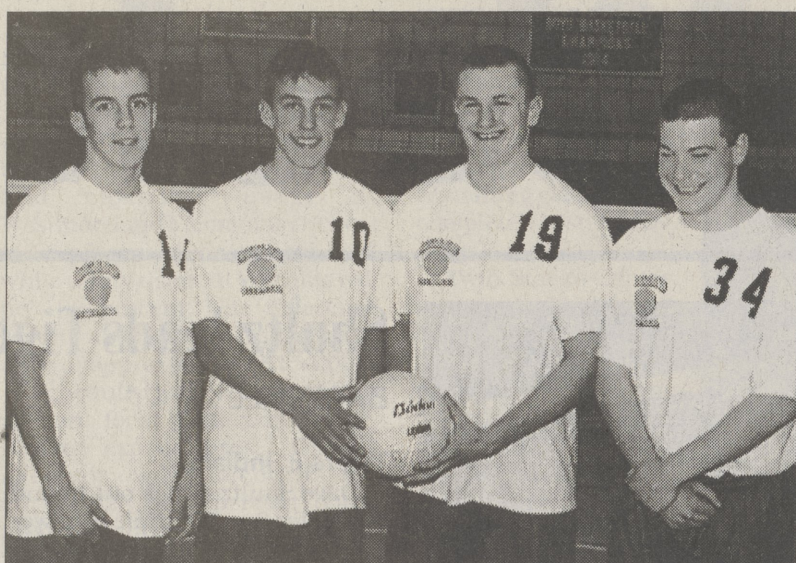
other returning starters from last season's squad. All three are doing very well this season with the added responsibilities. Dougal has broken 100 kills already for the season. Last year senior Peter Redmond had 150, including the playoffs, so Dougal is within reach of that distinction.

"Justin is the brains of the team and the floor leader. Rich is our power and Seth is our best passer," Straka said. "Our team is always on top of things mentally out on the court since we're solid all-around."

With only three seniors starting, a lot of underclassmen are depended upon to contribute substantially. Straka uses a nine-man rotation, using only the three seniors at all positions. "Every rotation is perfectly balanced. We have a nice blend of talents on this season's team," he said. "The middle, the blocking, and the hitting have all improved, and that opens up the outside for us." Jeff Levinson plays the three positions in the back and has emerged as a solid passer for the Mounts.

"Jeff has shown a lot of improvement this season. I think all his work with the senior group has really made him a lot more confident," said his coach.

The team currently stood at 9-2 heading into Monday's senior day match against Bishop O'Reilly. Dallas must win Thursday (May 13) at Tunkhannock to ensure making the district tournament. If it loses, the team can still qualify but will probably need to win a special playoff match to earn the wild card berth. The top two teams from the Wyoming Valley Conference and the top team from the Northern Athletic Conference au-



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Senior players were honored before Monday's game against O'Reilly. From left, Justin Hoover, Seth LaJeunesse, Rich Dougal, Chris Henderson.

tomatically qualify for the District 2 tournament. The team in either division with the next-best winning percentage decides the fourth and final entry into the district tournament.

The Mountaineers have had to show all the qualities that make a team successful several times throughout the season. Undeclared Lake-Lehman, the Mountaineers' Back Mountain rival, was the second match of the spring.

"We had momentum in the Lehman match. We ended up losing 15-12, 15-10 and showed tremendous heart," Straka said. "That was the best performance any of my teams have had against a Lehman team. I knew from then on that this would be a special team."

This Mountaineer team has displayed the "it's not over until

it's over" philosophy to win two big matches after being down in the third game. Against North Pocono, Dallas dropped the first game 15-5 and looked to be very sluggish. The Mounts came back to win the second game 17-15 and hung in to win the third game by a score of 15-13. "We just hung in there and things worked out. Several matches this season could have gone either way, but fortunately for us, we have come out on top," Straka said.

Against a Hazleton team, Dallas was losing 13-10 and served a ball into the net to return possession to Hazleton, giving them the opportunity to serve out the match. Again, Dallas showed it could respond when its back is to the wall. The Mounts won the next five points to take the third

game and the match. In a match against Abington Heights, Dallas trailed 14-8 in the second game after winning the first, but rallied to win that game and the match with a second game score of 17-15.

"People thought this would be a rebuilding year for us, and our kids just would not let that label be given to us," Straka said. "A good team can come from behind, and with North Pocono, Hazleton, and Abington Heights, we showed we are capable of doing just that."

Dallas played in a tournament earlier this season where it went up against Cambridge Springs, ranked number 14 in the state. Dallas lost the first game 15-4 and trailed in the second 10-2, but rallied to earn a respectable 15-12 loss in that second game.

"With that near comeback against a team in the state rankings, we proved we can play with the best. With the playoffs hopefully in our near future, that match in the beginning of the season should benefit us greatly since it gave us experience," Straka said.

"We graduated our three best hitters last year, but this team is picking up right where they left off. This bunch is very dedicated and very exciting to watch. (Assistant) Coach Gavin and I could not have asked for a better group of kids to coach."

After beating O'Reilly 2-0 Monday, the Mounts have a 10-2 record, and are in third place in the Wyoming Valley Conference, behind unbeaten Lake-Lehman and Tunkhannock. Dallas plays at Tunkhannock Friday, in a game that could decide their playoff chances.

Roundup

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VOLLEYBALL

Lehman 2, North Pocono 0

Lehman remained unbeaten in league play by beating North Pocono 15-8, 15-2 in a WVC match. Josh Baranowski had 10 service points while Noah Pickett (10) and Tom Brislin (9) led the way with kills.

Dallas 2, Coughlin 0

Dallas cruised by host Coughlin 15-3, 15-5. Rich Dougal had six kills for Dallas while Seth LaJeunesse had nine assists and Captain Justin Hoover had four kills and four assists. Jeff Levinson had four aces.

TENNIS

Dallas 4, Wyoming Area 3

Dallas won two of the three doubles matches after splitting in singles to earn a tough 4-3 over Wyoming Area. Carl Goeringer and John Winter won in both singles and doubles for the Mountaineers.

Berwick 7, Lehman 0

The Knights had some encouraging efforts against Berwick, but

could not come up with a single set win as the Bulldogs beat Lehman in straight sets during each of the seven matches.

GIRLS TRACK

Crestwood 90, Dallas 42

Stacey Wagner won the 100 and 300 hurdles and Aileah Kvashay won the shot put and discus for the Mountaineers in a loss to Crestwood.

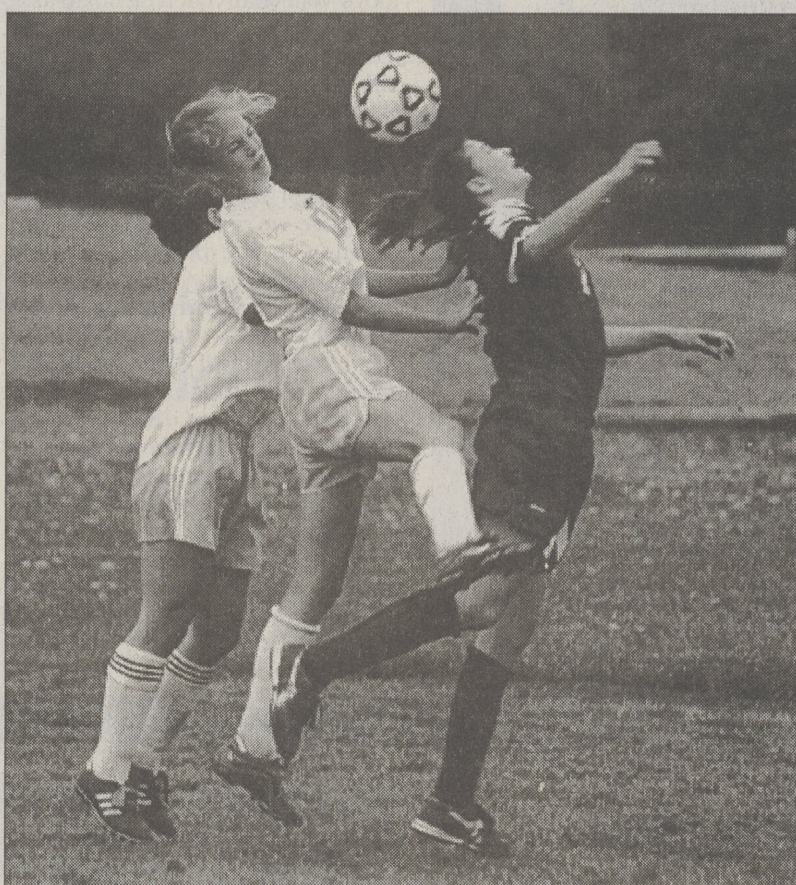
BOYS TRACK

Crestwood 91, Dallas 59

Dallas got individual first place finishes from Eric George (100 dash), Justin Tamanini (discus), and Mark Mittrick (javelin) but still fell short against the Comets.

Lehman 95, Hanover 54

Lehman swept a tri-meet and in the process broke a school record. The 1600 relay team made a time of 44.5 seconds to break the old mark. Members of the team were Justin Brink, D.J. Harris, Jeff Peiffer, and Floyd McRoy.



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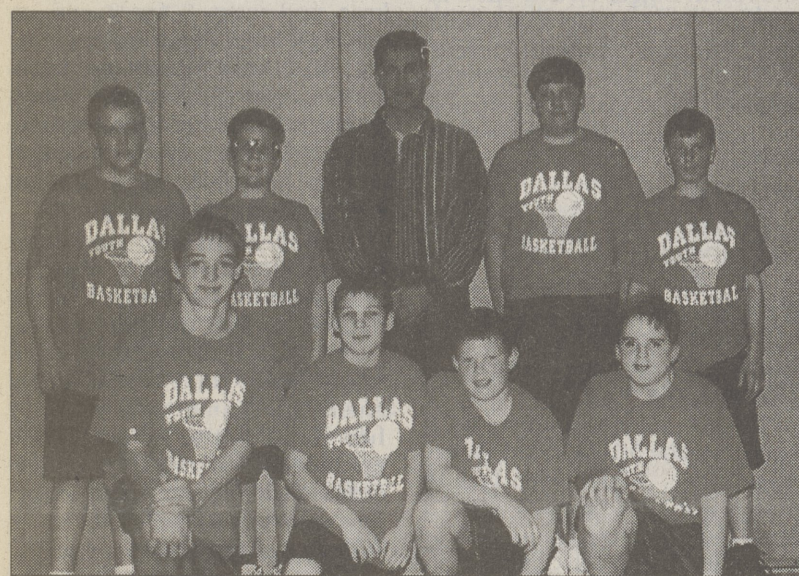
After falling behind in the 14th minute, Dallas scored three times to earn a 3-1 win over Abington Heights last week. Dallas got goals from Laura Loeffler, Jesse Tarity, and Holly Shiber. Melonie Sappe made 13 saves in goal. Above, Jill O'Brien battled for a loose ball.



United wins U-9 championship

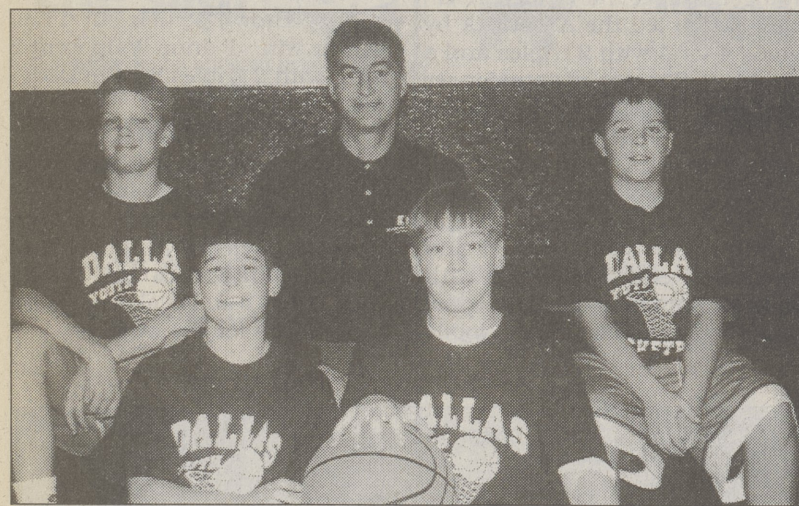
The Back Mountain United U-9 Boys Travel Team placed 1st in the recent U-9 indoor season at the Wyoming Valley Sports Dome. The United was undefeated for the season and had no goals scored against them during the playoffs.

Members of the team are, first row, Jake Precone, Scott Summa, Michael Lipski, David Luksh, Kyle Arnaud, Daniel Taroli, Joshua Clay, and Chris Klais. Second row, Coach Tom Wignot, Michael McGarrity, Tommy Oswald, Steven Bell, Matt Ruch, Owen Wignot, John Bailey and Coach Jim Luksh.



Dallas Chiropractic runner-up in DYB

American Asphalt 68 - Dallas Chiropractic 59
American Asphalt coached by Tony Barbose, won the 7th-8th grade DYB championship by defeating Dallas Chiropractic Center, coached by Don Murray, 68-59. American Asphalt stormed back in the fourth quarter behind the hot shooting of Brian Dempsey with 14 of his 30 points and Jon Barbose who finished with 35 points. Dallas Chiropractic was led by Donny Murray with 43 points and Adam Tkaczyk with 10 points. Pictured are the runnersup, from left, 1st row, Donny Murray, Eric Dalsanto, Adam Schoonover, Chad Narcum; 2nd row, Adam Tkaczyk, Joe Bednash, Don Murray, Peter Yurchison and Elijah Miller.



Volleyball tournament at Dallas

On May 15 Dallas High School will host the 1999 M & T Bank underclassmen's volleyball tournament. This year's event will be unique as the Wyoming Valley Conference (WVC) and the Northern Athletic Conference (NAC) teams will combine to form the first true District 2 Underclassmen Tournament.

All 22 teams in the WVC and NAC are eligible and a minimum of 15 teams will compete. There will be two courts in Dallas High School and one court in the new Elementary Gym. Food and refreshments will be available during the competition at the High School Gym. The gyms will be open at 8 a.m. and play will start at 9 a.m.

Admission to the event is free thanks to a contribution from M & T Bank. Some events featuring our young people would not be possible without the involvement of our community leaders such as M & T Bank.

Gridiron Club honors Student-Athletes

The following Dallas High School football players were recognized for either making the honor roll or improving their GPA by .5.

Matt Barnard, Bill Duda, Mike Ferko, Jon Saba, Chris Tucker, Gary Youngblood, Matt Acri, Matt Douglas, Matt Jackson, Randy Knappman, Nick Lopuhovsky, Jeff Mattie, Mike Senausky, Matt Simpson, Joe Stuppino, Jake Walter, Kevin Yurko, Matt Eyt, Luke Miller, Joe Rogers, Ben Russoniello, Joe Youngblood, Chuck Suppon.

The were honored May 4 in the Scholar-Athlete Program of the Dallas Gridiron Club.

Irem Women open season

The Irem Women's Golf Association held their first Locker Room meeting of the season May 4 followed by a Scramble Tournament.

Winners were: first place, Kay Goodman, Estelle Laux, Doris Parsons, Ann Nicholson.

Second place, Bok Choi, Corrine Sgarlat, Shirley Evans, Connie Lizardas.

Third place, Gail Killeen, Jane Kopp, Theresa Balliet.

L-L Football Boosters to meet May 13

The Lake-Lehman Football Boosters will meet Thursday, May 13 at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake at 7:30 p.m. All parents of football players and cheerleaders are encouraged to attend.

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e-mail to: dalpost@aol.com

Eye Care runner-up in DYB

Temple coached by Bill Race recently defeated Eye Care coached by Don Murray, 43-38 for the championship of Dallas Youth Basketball 5th-6th grade. Temple was led by Matt Daube with 36 points and Mike Race with 7 points. Eye Care was led by Ryan Murray with 13 points, Ryan Marascio with 10, Curtis Montz with 7 points, Sean Leary with 4 points, Colin Baird with 3 points, and Gracjan Kraszawski with 1 point.

Pictured are the runnersup, from left, 1st row, Ryan Marascio, Ryan Murray; 2nd row, Gracjan Kraszawski, Don Murray, Sean Leary. Absent from photo are: Colin Baird, Curtis Montz, Justin Orlandini and Adam Snider.

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