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# SportsWeek

Section 2

## Meyers claims tight win over Mounts in season opener

**WILKES-BARRE** — Meyers edged the Mountaineers, 64-60, in a season-opening contest between many observers' favorites to win Wyoming Valley Conference Division II and III.

The defending D-III champions literally had a tall task ahead of them in the form of the Mountaineers' 6-6 center John Simonitis and 6-6 power forward Chuck Suppon. Both players excelled — Suppon scored 16 points and Simonitis added 13 and 13 rebounds — but the Mohawks kept them on the bench because of foul trouble down the stretch and compensated with a well-balanced offensive attack.

The Mohawks biggest player, 6-3 center Chris Cresci, played a key role as well, scoring 12 points and notching two key blocks. Teammate Scott Mudzik put up a game-high 17, Mickey Dudish scored 13 and Ken Kruk had 12. Blake Saba added 11 for Dallas.

A Cresci layup gave the Mohawks a 55-53 lead with less than four minutes left in the game. Dallas never took the lead, but the Mountaineers made it interesting. Simonitis made two foul shots and added a layup to bring Dallas within two points at the one-minute mark.

After Suppon's layup made it 60-59 Meyers, the senior fouled out and the momentum seemed to go Meyers' way. Mudzik nailed both free throws for a 62-59 lead and Dallas had its last legitimate shot to tie the game when guard Paul McCue missed a shot with 1.2 seconds left. Meyers' Chris Lauer came down with the rebound, drew a foul and made both shots to seal the victory.

Dallas used a 12-0 third-quarter run to go up 49-45 before two Mudzik free throws eventually knotted it at 49. Another key sequence occurred when Cresci blocked a shot, and on the ensuing fast break, Mudzik found Jared Carol with a perfect behind-the-back pass, and Carol converted, giving the Mohawks a 53-51 lead with 5:26 left to play.

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Chuck Suppon of Dallas was trapped by Chris Cresci of Meyers underneath the basket in Friday's game at Meyers.

## Samans, Zubko team up for 40 points in Eye Care victory

□ *Lenahan hits for game-high 27 in losing cause*

Nick Samanas and Steve Zubko scored 21 and 19 points, respectively, as House of Nutrition raised its record to 4-2 by edging Wilkes-Barre Pallet 60-57. Chris Parrish added 10 points, while Brian Feleccia finished with six. Bobby Lenahan scored a game-high 27 points to lead Wilkes-Barre Pallet Company. Connor Lenahan and Jeremy Weinstock added 11 points apiece and Brandon Wills chipped in with six.

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added eight points for the winners, who raised their record to 4-2. Brad Fagula led PNC Bank with a game-high 34 points.

**Sneaker King 55,  
Gordon Insurance 42**

David Harding scored a game-high 30 points to lead Sneaker King's upset of Gordon Insurance. David Luksh added 16 points for the winners, while Max Millington finished with eight. Robbie Myers scored 19 points to lead Gordon Insurance. Robbie Tomko added 13 points, while Tom Parrish finished with seven.

**Dean Witter 43,  
Gilroy Realtors 37**

The winners overcame a 12-point deficit to remain undefeated. John Ashley led a balanced scoring attack with 11 points. Sean McAndrew added nine points, while Ben Thomas chipped in eight. Teammate Adam Singer finished with six points. Mike Race led Gilroy with 17 points. Adam King added six points, while Ryan Konopki and Ryan Gilroy finished with five points each.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

**GAR 74,  
Lake-Lehman 41**

The Grenadiers jumped out to an overwhelming 20-5 first quarter lead and the Black Knights never had a chance. Dwayne Kalinay led Lehman with 11 points, including three 3-pointers.

**Northwest 50,  
Dallas 45**

The Mountaineers couldn't make a 24-15 halftime lead stick as the Rangers came back strong in the closing periods. Chuck Suppon led Dallas with 12 points and Paul McCue had 11, including two 3-point baskets.

**Lake-Lehman 60,  
Seminary 55**

At halftime, Seminary led 27-26, but Lehman outscored them 18-11 in the third. Lehman persevered through the fourth quarter for the win. Dwayne Kalinay led the Black Knights with 20, and Jared Sadowski scored 16.

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Dallas 40,  
Central Columbia 31**

The Lady Mounts took charge in the first half, leading 22-11 at halftime. They stayed on top through the second half for the victory. Dallas was led by Rosalyn Wentko with 10 points. Freshman Cory Patton scored nine, and Meredith Lacey added eight.

#### WRESTLING

**Lake-Lehman 59,  
Benton 17**

The Black Knights won 10 matches, including pins by Houssock (112), Kubasik (119), Dragon (130), JeSchutz (135), Post (140), Stuart (160), and a technical fall by Becker (189). Three other matches (103, 171, and heavy-weight) were won by forfeit.

**Dallas finishes 8TH of 16  
at Bloomsburg Tournament**

At 153, Perry Coulbaugh won the title. At 119, John Hettes finished third. At 145, Todd Jones finished third. At 171, John Walter finished fourth.

## Lady Knights win tourney

Although Dallas led by two at halftime (28-26), Lehman dominated the third quarter with a 19-0 run on the way to a 64-45 victory in the championship game of the inaugural Rodger Bearde Memorial Tournament. The fourth quarter began with a score of 47-26, and the Lady Mounts could not overcome such a large deficit, leading to the Lehman victory. Danielle Kern, tournament MVP, scored 20 points. Kari Maskalis had 19 points, and Horvath scored 14 points. For Dallas, Rosalyn Wentko scored 13 points, while Shannon Thomas added 10.

In photos, clockwise from left: Kari Maskalis looked for a lane around a defender; Kelly Brzozowski kept her eye on the ball; Danielle Kern and Kari Maskalis fought for a loose ball in Lehman's first-round win over Wyoming Seminary; Jackie Hardwick tried to squeeze out a shot in Dallas's opening round win over Marian Catholic.

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## Wyoming Seminary state field hockey champions from the Back Mountain

Wyoming Seminary finished their season undefeated by beating Lake-Lehman 2-0 in the state championship game at Messiah College in Grantham, November 17. Wyoming Seminary's record for the season was impressive 24-0-2. Pictured are the varsity players from the Back Mountain coached by Karen Klassner and Kim Barbacci, Orange.

From left, first row: Lindsay Romanowski, Shavertown; Meghan Maculloch, Dallas; Jessica Banks, Dallas; Caitlin Conyngham, Huntington Mills. Second row: Tamra Morris, Dallas; Whitney Pollock, Dallas; Samantha Lloyd, Captain; Shavertown. Not pictured are: Zoe VanJura, Shavertown; Jessica Smallwood, Dallas; Jamie Flack, Dallas; Lauren Collini, Dallas; Alana Allan, and Nicole Allan; Shavertown.

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