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## Lehman takes Invitational title

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**DALLAS** — Without an individual champion, the Lake-Lehman Black Knights, who garnered one second place, three thirds, two fourths and a pair of fifths, won the Times Leader Invitational Wrestling Tournament for the first time in the event's 16-year history.

With 192 points, Lake-Lehman outdistanced its nearest competitor, Wyoming Valley West, by a whopping 47 points. Palisades was third (142), Council Rock fourth (141.5) and Meyers fifth (138) in the tourna-

ment, formerly known as the Mountaintop Invitational. This year's event was held Friday and Saturday in the Anderson Center on the campus of College Misericordia.

Lehman, which led by just 11 points after Friday's first day of competition, placed 10 Black Knights in Saturday morning's quarterfinals. After a bleak showing there, many of them wrestled all the way back to pick up valuable points for placing.

"This sort of has me in awe," Lehman coach Phil Lipski said. "It's quite humbling to know a team like this can control a tournament. With the top quali-

ty teams and individuals here, to have no gold medals and still take home the team title trophy is a tribute to the entire program."

The lack of individual champions was part of a day where anything seemed possible. Lehman's Willie Weber, the fifth seed, was one of a handful of lower seeded wrestlers — the 15th, ninth and seventh seeds in different brackets were the others — to make it to the finals. Weber took second as he was pinned in the 152-pound title bout by Council Rock's Jon Kokinda.

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Willie Weber, left, was second at 152 lb., the Black Knights' best finish. A strong team performance gave them the team title.

## Times Leader Invitational results

### Team standings

1. Lake-Lehman (LL) 192;
2. Wyoming Valley West (WVW) 145;
3. Palisades (Pal) 142;
4. Council Rock (CR) 141.5;
5. Meyers (Mey) 138;
6. West Scranton (WS) 138;
7. Berwick (Ber) 112;
8. Stroudsburg (Str) 107.5;
9. Crestwood (Cre) 100.5;
10. North Star (NS) 97.5;
11. Pennridge (PR) 95.5;
12. GAR (GAR) 89;
13. Hanover Area (Han) 88.5;
14. Line Mountain (LM) 78.5;
15. Shamokin Area (Sha) 73.5;
16. Allentown-Dieruff (AD) 71;
17. Coughlin (Cou) 67.5;
18. Scranton (Scr) 58;
19. Blue Ridge (BR) 57.5;
20. Reading (Red) 51;
21. Hazleton Area (Haz) 41;
22. Elk Lake (EL) 36;
23. Montrose (Mon) 31

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## Broker boys fall for 1st time

Robbie Myers and Robbie Tomko combined for 25 points as Gordon Insurance (5-3) handed Morgan, Stanley, Dean Witter (7-1) its first loss of the season, 44-43. Myers scored 13 points, while Tomko added 12. Joe Bailey chipped in six points, while Tom Parrish and Glen Bynon finished with four points apiece. Ben Thomas scored a game-high 19 points for Morgan, Stanley, Dean Witter. Sean McAndrew added 13 points, while Adam Singer finished with nine.

### House of Nutrition 43, Eye Care Specialist 32

Chris Parrish scored a game-high 20 points as House of Nutrition defeated Eye Care Specialist. Nick Samanas added nine points for the winners, who raised their record to 5-3. Jesse Swartwood finished with seven points, while Steve Zubko added four. Eric Domzalski led Eye Care Specialist (5-3) with 20 points. Teammate Alex Kish finished with eight.

### PNC Bank 46, Sneaker King 28

Brad Fagula scored 15 points as PNC Bank raised its record to 5-3. Teammates Mike Clemente and Jeff Clemente added seven and five points, respectively. Billy DeAngelo, Kyle Hazleton, Andrew Kirk and Brenden Carr scored four points apiece for the winners. Sneaker King's Mark Covert and Robert Monk combined to score 21 of their team's 28 points. Covert scored 11 points and Monk added 10 for Sneaker King, which dropped to 2-6.

### Wilkes-Barre Pallet 46, Gilroy Realtors 23

Bobby Lenahan scored a game-high 17 points to lead the winners, who raised their record to 3-5. Connor Lenahan added nine points, while Brandon Wills and Jeremy Weinstock finished with six and five points, respectively. Teammate David Hanadel added four points. Mike Race led Gilroy Realtors (0-8) with 10 points. Adam King added six points and Mike Wyberski finished with four.

## CDI comes back to chomp Burger King

Lisa Giacometti and Stephanie Konecke scored key baskets in the final 40 seconds as CDI defeated Burger King, 33-28, in Dallas Youth Basketball's seventh and eighth grade girls division. Giacometti led all scorers with 15 points while Konecke finished with 12. Caitlin Green added six points for CDI. Nikki Pisacano and Suzy Krogulski led Burger King with 12 points each. Teammate Lauren Yurko added four.

### Robin Hill Florist 35, Rosenn, Jenkins, Greenwald 24

Sara Swepston and Jessica Jones combined for 31 points to lead the winners. Swepston led all scorers with 17 points, while Jones added 14. Teammates Carla Reino and Jackie O'Brien scored two points each. The winners took a 9-0 lead after one quarter, but Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald outscored Robin Hill Florist, 8-4, in the second quarter to make it 13-8 at halftime. Rachel Schaub scored 14 to lead Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald. Lind-

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## Lady Knights win

Lake-Lehman beat Tunkhannock 53-45 Monday night to bring their season record to 5-1. During the action, clockwise from above: Lisa Wasser lost control on a drive; Tracy Hudak tried a fancy move; Kari Maskalis drove around a pick set by Kim Jones; Danielle Kern tried to force a Tiger out of bounds.

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## Walters commits to Penn State

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### Lake-Lehman star also named to All-American team

**LEHMAN** - Soccer standout David Walters has given a verbal commitment to accept a scholarship offer from Penn State University. He will officially sign with the school on national letter of intent day in February.

"The package they put together, the school, being close to home but not too close," said Walters of his reasons for choosing Penn State. "I know a lot of people that go there and when I went there to take a visit I really connected with some of the players."

"I hope to go down there and definitely make an impact."

David Walters  
Lake-Lehman senior

Walters also got word last week he was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Adidas All-America Team. Only 58 players nationally are chosen for the team and this was the second consecutive year he made the squad.

Walters was a four-year starter for the Black Knights, amassing 55 goals and 75 assists. He led his team to the District 2 Class 2A final this season. He was a three-time first-team all-state choice and a four-time Wyoming Valley Conference All-Star selection.

Academically, he carries a 92 average out of a possible 100 and scored 1,160 on the SAT.

He plans to major in business and chose Penn State over North Carolina, Stanford and the University of Pennsylvania. The Nittany Lions finished 15-5-1 this year and earned a berth in the NCAA playoffs.

"They're losing their two starting center midfielders," he said. "I hope to go down there and definitely make an impact. I don't know about starting, but I hope to try and see what I can do there."

David is the son of Hank and Linda Walters. His brother, Nathan, 21, is also a student at Penn State.

## DHS Soccer Booster Club alumni game on Dec. 22

The Dallas High School Soccer Booster Club will hold an alumni game on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. Newman Field, weather permitting. For information call Chris Chapple, 674-4974 or Richard Love, 675-1513.

## Pirates win a pair

Drew Slocum was the winning goaltender in both games as the Pocono Pirates Pee Wee ice hockey team won twice last weekend. Slocum recorded 20 saves Saturday in the Pirates' 5-3 win over the Pennsbury Falcons at the Ice Box in Pittston. Rick Rose, Shavertown, scored one of the Pirates' goals.

The squad traveled to Elmira Sunday, where they skated to an easy 8-2 win. Slocum stopped 10 shots in that game.

The Pirates host the Delaware Ducks Saturday at the Ice Box.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Seton Catholic 72, Dallas 70 (OT)

Dallas led by 31-27 at half and 51-45 after three quarters, but Seton Catholic made a 19-13 run in the fourth, tying the game at 64 and forcing overtime. The Mountaineers were outscored 8-6 in the extra period, leading to the disappointing defeat. Chuck Suppon led Dallas with a game-high 26 points. John Simonitis added 19 points, and Paul McCue scored 14 including two treys.

#### Bishop O'Reilly 47, Lake-Lehman 36

For Lehman, Joe Walko was the only Black Knight in double figures, scoring 10 points.

#### Dallas 68, Wyoming Seminary 51

The Mountaineers had an 18-5 run in the second period, leading to a 37-15 halftime lead. Dallas continued to dom-

inate, winning with a 17-point margin. Chuck Suppon scored 26 points, and John Simonitis had 11.

#### Elk Lake 54, Lake-Lehman 38

Lehman was outscored 15-6 in the second and trailed 36-18 at halftime. Jason Sadowski led Lehman with 13 points, including one three-point goal.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Dallas 59, GAR 36

Dallas led by 31-13 at halftime after an 11-3 second quarter run. Shannon Thomas scored a game-high 27 points, including three treys. Jackie Hardwick added 10.

#### Dallas 52, Hazleton Area 49

Improving their record to 5-2 overall (1-0, division), the Lady Mounts trailed by 10 at halftime (28-18), but they bounced back in the second half for the

win. Rosalyn Wentko led Dallas with 16 points, including two three-pointers. Shannon Thomas netted 12 points and also scored two three-point goals.

#### Lake-Lehman 53, Tunkannock 45

Leading by seven at the half (26-19), the Lehman ladies held on through the second for the win. Danielle Kern scored a game-high 22 points. Casey Horvath added 10. Lehman's record is now 5-1 overall, 1-0 in the division.

### WRESTLING

#### Lake-Lehman 39, Hanover Area 21

Jeremy Schutz (135) had the fastest pin of the night in 43 seconds. John Houssock (112) and Matt Carey (HWT) also recorded pins. Matt Dragon (130) won by technical fall, Ed Becker (189)

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