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Dallas wins Crossin tourney

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PLYMOUTH — Matt Wilson, Bob Zaruta and Dan Wilson all came off the bench to score seven fourth-quarter points collectively, leading the fabled Mountaineers to a 65-56 victory against Wyoming Valley West in the championship game of the 20th Annual Dr. Robert M. Crossin Memorial Basketball Tournament.

"Our kids that came off the bench did it for us," McCue said. "We have not used that lineup ever, but I now feel comfortable with using it throughout the season."

Northwest defeated Lake-Lehman 35-33 in the consolation game.

Valley West took a 6-2 lead early in the first quarter, but the Mountaineers went on a 13-4 run to make it a 15-10 game.

The Spartans regained the lead late in the first half with two free throws by Brian Mattes to make it 22-21, but Suppon, Simonitis and Paul McCue each hit baskets to give the Mountaineers a 28-22 lead right before the half.

Dallas held the lead until early in the fourth quarter when Chris Sipsky hit a bucket to close the gap to 44-41, but with Suppon and Simonitis back in the game, the Mountaineers shut down the Valley West offense and went on for the win.

Simonitis led Dallas with 14 points, Suppon added 13 and Mulhern had 12.

Lake-Lehman's Jared Sadowski, Simonitis, Suppon and Mountaineer teammate Blake Saba were named to the all-tournament team, with Simonitis named tournament Most Valuable Player.

Dallas had beaten Lake-Lehman 57-36 Thursday to advance to the finals. Simonitis scored 22 points in that game and Suppon had 16.

Joe Walko led Lehman with 16 points and Jared Sadowski chipped in with nine.

Northwest Area 35, Lake-Lehman 33

Keith Mazonkey scored a game-high 13 points to lead Northwest Area past Lake-Lehman in the consolation game.

Jared Sadowski led the Black Knights with 11 points.

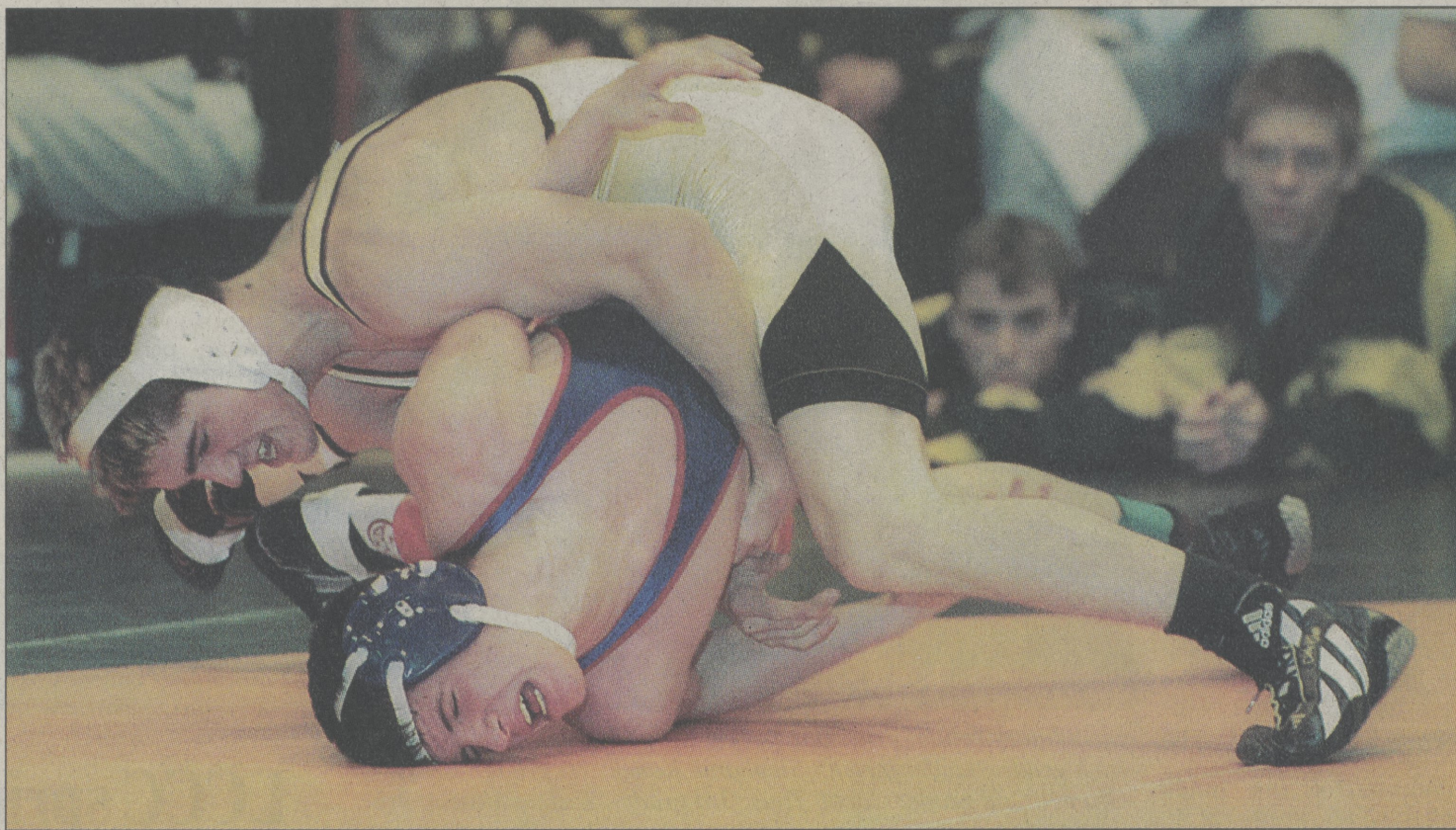
2002 Harveys Lake Little League registration

Registration for the 2002 season at Harveys Lake Little League will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 16, and Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Harveys Lake Municipal Building and Saturday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harveys Lake Recreation Building.

Children ages 5 to 16 that live in Harveys Lake Borough and Lake Township are eligible to register to play baseball or softball.

The registration fee is \$30 per child or \$40 per household. Parent or guardian must have photocopy of every player's birth certificate at the time of registration (even those players who have enrolled in the past) and insurance information.

For more information, call Harveys Lake Little League at 639-1988.



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Lake-Lehman finishes 2nd at Tunkhannock

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights gave up an 11.5 point leading going into the final round, and finished second to Wyalusing at the Tunkhannock Kiwanis Wrestling Tournament. Lehman finished with 200.5 points, Wyalusing, the six-time defending champions, scored 207.

Heavyweight Matt Carey won a 5-1 decision in Saturday's finals, to be the only Lehman winner. John Houssock (112) and Matt Dragon (130), lost their final bouts and finished second. Kelby Morgan (103), Aaron Kubasik (119), Jeremy Schutz (135), Willie Weber (152) and Ed Becker (189) won third place in their weight categories, with Joh Schutz finishing fourth at 125.

In photo above, Lake Lehman's Aaron Kubasik takes control of the match against Pittston Area's Phil Dunn in Saturday's 119 lbs. semifinal at Tunkhannock High School. Dunn won 16-7.

Lehman girls cruise at Trail

Lake-Lehman pasted Lackawanna Trail 56-25 December 27 in a non-league game played at Trail. Danielle Kern led all scorers with 21 points as the Lady Knights jumped out to a 30-8 first quarter lead and never looked back. Later in the week, Lehman beat GAR 40-27, with Kern again the leading scorer with 14. Jackie Paul had seven and Lisa Wasser, right, scored six.

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Above, Danielle Kern brought the ball up court early in the game. At left, Casey Horvath put up some tough defense.

Mounts' 'Fab Five' pace win at Munley

By KELLY CARR
Special to The Dallas Post

WRIGHT TWP. - Five Dallas sophomore starters, who have been playing together since the third grade, jelled to defeat Coughlin 69-32 and clinch the Munley Tournament championship on Thursday.

Mountaineers Ashley King, Meredith Lacey, Rosalyn Wentko, Jackie Hardwick and Shannon Thomas began their careers together in the Dallas youth basketball program. As freshmen, they were the same five starters on last year's Dallas team, which finished 13-12.

"Everyone knew these girls were coming," said Dallas coach Joe Noon. "We will see what they can do from here. Everyone on any given day can be beat. They still make some mistakes from immaturity."

Dallas, which defeated Crestwood

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55-40 on Wednesday to advance to the final, built a commanding 22-7 lead after the first quarter. Hardwick scored eight points, while Thomas added five.

Thomas scored three more times in the second quarter and Cory Patton fired in four points as Dallas jumped ahead 38-17.

In the third quarter, Lacey scored 10 points for Dallas as it put the game away by building a 61-26 lead.

Thomas, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, finished the game with 15 points. Hardwick added a game-high 16 points, while Lacey had 15. Hardwick joined Thomas on the all-tournament team.

"Shannon does it all. She is the hardest worker on the team," said Noon.

"She leads with her play. The girls all fall behind and back her."

Coughlin's Kerri Buckman finished with a team-high nine points to lead the Crusaders, while Santina Vinciarelli added seven.

"Buckman is an outstanding player," said Noon. "She has the best athletic ability I have ever seen in a girl. It is too bad it is her senior year."

Dallas K of C Youth Free Throw Championship

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2002 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition, sponsored by Dallas Knights of Columbus Council 8224, will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at 12:30 p.m. at Gate of Heaven Gymnasium, Machell Ave., Dallas.

This is an annual event with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. All boys and girls, ages 10 to 14 are eligible to compete in their respective age divisions. This is free of charge to the public; trophies and certificates will be awarded. Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate.

For entry forms or additional information, please contact Grand Knight Barry Cawley at 696-5032.

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