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McCue leads scoring as Mountaineers top Knights

Pat McCue had a team-high 18 points, including four threes, and Chuck Suppon added 15 as Dallas defeated rival Lake-Lehman 63-46. John Simonitis added 10 points for the Mountaineers, while Joe Yankoski had 12 points, including three treys, to lead the Black Knights.

**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

Dallas 63, Berwick 44

Dallas led 35-23 at halftime, and never looked back, as the Mountaineers defeated the Bulldogs. Paul McCue led Dallas with 16 points, including three treys, and Chuck Suppon added 12 in the winning effort.

Valley West 39, Lake-Lehman 38

Jared Sadowski and Dwayne Kalinay each scored eight points, but it was not enough as Wyoming Valley West defeated the Black Knights. Lehman led 32-30 in the third quarter, but the Spartans pulled ahead, and held on for the one-point victory.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Valley West 58, Lake-Lehman 34

Casey Horvath had a team-high 10 points, but Wyoming Valley West used a late 10-2 run to defeat the Black Knights. Lehman led 35-22 at the half, but the Spartans shut down the Black Knight offense.

Berwick 47, Dallas 44

Berwick capitalized on a 15-7 fourth quarter to come from behind and defeat the Mountaineers. Jackie Hardwick led Dallas with 14 points, and Shannon Thomas added 12.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Dallas 104, Wyoming Area 82

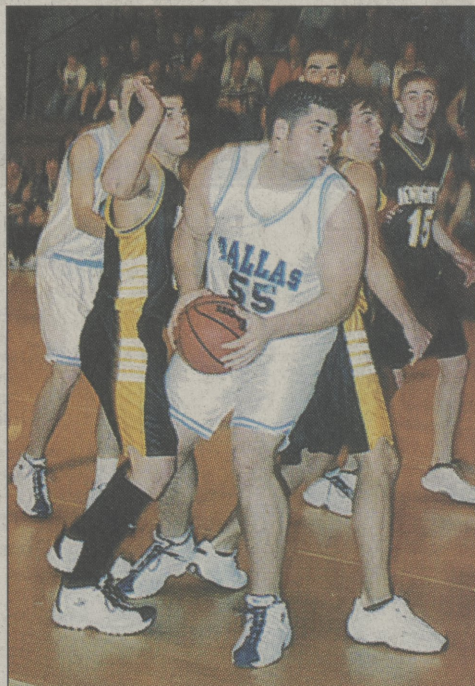
Annie Savage won the 200 Free and the 500 Free and Lacey Cooper won the 200 IM and the 100 Free to lead Dallas past Wyoming Area. Both girls contributed to team relay victories in the 200 Medley, 200 Free and 400 Free Relays.

WRESTLING

Lake-Lehman 47, GAR 15

Jon Schutz (119-lbs.), Matt Dragon (125) and Aaron Moyer (145) each recorded recorded pins as Lehman defeated GAR. Willie Weber (152) and Matt Carey (HWT) each won by major decision.

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In top photo, Andy Coombs of Lake-Lehman feels the pressure from the Dallas's Chuck Suppon in action at Dallas High School on January 5. Above left, Dallas center John Simonitis (55) takes it strong to the basket against Lake-Lehman. The Mountaineers defeated the Black Knights 63-46. Above right, Lake-Lehman's Joe Yankoski (45) tries to pass over Blake Saba of Dallas (44).

Six from Back Mountain are Hoinski award semifinalists

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**BACK MOUNTAIN** — Six Back Mountain student-athletes have been named finalists for the Joe Hoinski Memorial Awards for Excellence in Athletics.

Ricky Branco and John Simonitis from Dallas, Lake-Lehman's David Walters and Wyoming Seminary's Samantha Lloyd, Lauren Powley and Bonnie Kretchik have made the list of semifinalists.

Branco was a first team all-state soccer standout for the Mountaineers, and is the team's all-time leading scorer, while Simonitis, who is headed to the University of Pittsburgh on an athletic scholarship, is a first team Associated Press Big School All-State first team football selection, and a Big 33 candidate.

Walters was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association/Adidas All-America team. He will be attending Penn State University in the fall on a soccer scholarship.

Powley and Lloyd were key players on the Blue Knights' state championship run this fall. Powley was a member of the U.S. U-19 National Team in field hockey that won a gold medal at Montreal Cup in July. She was recently named to the U.S. U-19 team for 2002. She was named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-America team and is a first team all-state selection. Lloyd was first team all-state selection for the second consecutive year.

Kretchik was the top finisher from the Wyoming Valley Conference with a seventh-place finish at the PIAA state cross country meet, and finished sixth

at the Seven Horse Show, a competition in which the top 30 equestrians in the country are invited to compete.

The semifinalists were picked by a selection committee. Three finalists and a winner will be determined by the vote of a panel comprised of local media and club members.

The awards will be given out at the Killer Bees Athletic Club's Awards banquet at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9 at Genetti Hotel and Convention Center in Wilkes-Barre.

Tickets for the banquet are \$30 and are available from any club member.

Hoinski semifinalists

Scholastic Male Division

- **Ricky Branco**, an all-state soccer player who is Dallas High School's all-time leading scorer.
- **John Simonitis**, a two-way football star at Dallas High School who is headed to the University of Pittsburgh on a scholarship.
- **David Walters**, an All-American soccer player at Lake-Lehman.

Scholastic Female Division

- **Bonnie Kretchik**, the Wyoming Seminary senior is a nationally ranked equestrian. She had the best local finish with her seventh place finish at the state cross country meet.
- **Samantha Lloyd**, an all-state field hockey player at Wyoming Seminary who is also an all-star in soccer and a standout in ice hockey.
- **Lauren Powley**, an All-American in field hockey who helped Wyoming Seminary win a state championship. She is also a standout in soccer.

Eastern Penn wins with balanced attack

Hillary Adams scored a team-high eight points to lead Eastern Penn to a 25-22 win over Pace Physical Therapy in a game that wasn't decided until the final seconds. Teammates Jessica English and Brittany Prater added four points apiece, while Megan Baker and Jackie Lowe each scored two points.

**DYB 7-8 GIRLS**

Pace Physical Therapy used a solid defensive effort in the second quarter to keep the game close. Alyse Miller scored a game-high nine points to lead Pace. Kelsey Moody and Stephanie Pace added four points apiece, while Megan Baker and Jackie Lowe each scored two points.

Eastern Insurance Group 44, Pierce Drug 41

Eastern Insurance scored 17 points in the final quarter to overcome a three-point deficit to post the victory. Brittney Allan led a balanced scoring attack with a team-high 15 points for Eastern Insurance. Cassie Snider and Kelli Crossin added 12 points apiece, while Kasey Corbett chipped in five. Katie Hession scored a game-high 21 points for Pierce Drug. Robin Razawich added 16 points, while Alicia Evans and Kenslie Kerestes each had a basket.

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Burger King 29, Robin Hill Florist 26

Nikki Pisacano scored 10 of her game-high 19 points in the final quarter as Burger King rolled to a 29-26 win against Robin Hill Florist. Robin Hill Florist came out strong and held the

Black Knights must rebound after loss to Dallas

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**LEHMAN TWP.** — Dallas's win over backyard rival Lake-Lehman last week moved the Mountaineers closer



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to the top of the conference.

But for Black Knights, the loss has serious implications.

Lehman, down 20-18 at halftime, was outscored 24-15 in the second half as Dallas defeated the Black Knights 44-33 in a key Wyoming Valley Conference matchup.

"This loss was big for us," said Lehman head coach Rob Wilson. "We have to come out and win our next four games to even have a chance at anything more."

The loss gives the Black Knights an 8-3 overall record, 2-2 in the WVC, which is enough for a tie for third in the division, while the Mountaineers move to 9-2 on the season and 3-1 in the conference, putting them in the driver's seat.

Rosalyn Wentko scored a game-high 14 points and Shannon Thomas added 12 to lead Dallas, while Danielle Kern poured in 13 points, including the only trey of the game, to lead the Black Knights.

The loss was another blow dealt to Lehman this season, which started with a lot of promise. Veteran Kari Maskalis is out of the lineup with an injury, forcing Wilson to put together a lineup that does not have much experience together.

"The chemistry on the team has been better this season than in years past," said Wilson. "We have Danielle Kern and Lisa Wasser from last year's team in the starting lineup, but the rest of the starters were on Junior Varsity last season."

"It is going to take a while." The key for Lehman will be over the next four games, where the Black Knights will need to win all four to stay in the hunt in the conference.

"We have to come out and hope we win the last four games of the half to have a chance for the first half title," said Wilson. "We have to hold on to third place. First and second are a little bit of a long-shot, but third is where we need to be."

In photos, from left: Shannon Thomas (3) drives the ball upcourt as Lehman's Lisa Wasser (22) and Tracey Hudak (32) follow. Dallas won the game 44-33. Dallas's Rosalyn Wentko (30) takes a shot over Black Knight defender Megan Decesaris (20) from the corner.

