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## Dallas, Lehman girls hoop teams at top of their games

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The girls' basketball teams of Lake-Lehman and Dallas high schools will face worthy opponents next Monday — each other. Last year in district playoffs, a 23-4 Mountaineer squad was defeated by a 16-8 Knights team that advanced to the state playoffs. "So far," says Lehman coach Rob

Wilson. "We're not too bad." The Knights have a 4-0 record in their own division and are 9-3 overall. "The hardest part of the schedule is coming up though," the coach admits. "We've been playing mediocre teams so far."

Over the next few weeks, Lehman's girls will face off against the "big teams" where they will really be tested. "Then we'll better know where we're at," Wilson believes. "We can play sev-

*"Our height is certainly an advantage but they [Dallas] are good."*

Rob Wilson  
Lake-Lehman coach

eral combinations with 10 of our girls and not really lose a thing."

Joe Noon, Dallas coach, thinks his team also is doing pretty well. At this point, his squad has faced and lost to "some real hard teams" like Abington Heights and Marion Catholic. "We lost by three to Abington and I think by four to Marion."

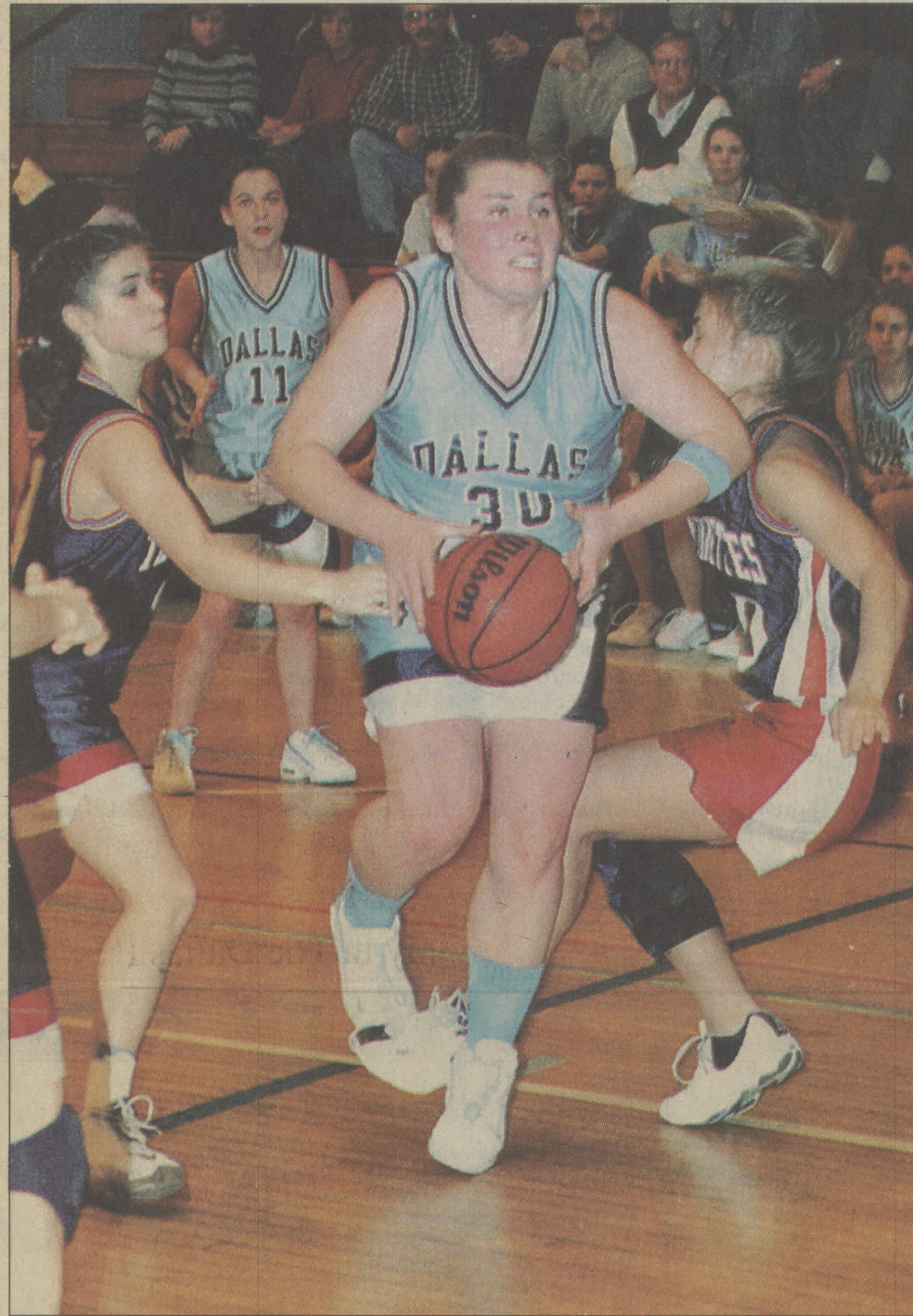
Noon doesn't think the losses so far will hurt them overall, especially since every girl is pumped by the recent Christmas tournament. "We beat Steel-

ton Highspire and then East Juniata in the championship game," says the coach. "And we were some 80 miles from home."

"Lehman is a tough school who always gives us a hard time," says Noon. "They always come and compete."

From the coach though, "the only way you get better is to face better competi-

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Rosalyn Wentko split two Nanticoke defenders during Monday night's game. She led Dallas with 16 points.

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## Mounts dispose of Nanticoke with defense

By JOHN ERZAR  
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**DALLAS TWP.** — The Dallas girls basketball team changed up the defense Monday night, then got enough offense going to claim a 54-41 victory over Nanticoke Area in a Wyoming Valley Conference Division II game.

Dallas (3-1 Div. II, 8-3 overall) kept pace with front-runners Bishop Hoban and Lake-Lehman, each 4-0 in the division. Nanticoke fell to 2-2 in

the division (6-4 overall) and saw its first-half division title hopes dealt a setback.

"Every game for us is critical," Dallas coach Joe Noon said. "We can't afford to lose a game, because we lost to (Division I) Hazleton. That hurt us. I thought we could have beaten them."

And for the first two quarters, Dallas was unsure if it would defeat Nanticoke. Center Sara Brace was strong inside in the early going, helping the

Trojanettes to a lead four times. Dallas, though, took a 21-20 advantage into halftime.

"We couldn't get our outside game going at all and probably shot like 30 percent in the first half," Noon said. "That's what really hurt us. We couldn't get anything to drop."

So the solution was to prevent Nanticoke from getting anything to drop either. The Mountaineers did so by

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Head coach Joe Noon talked things over with his players late in the game.



### Back Mountain Cup standings

Date	Sport	Location	Winner	Standing
Sept. 5	Golf	Huntsville	Lehman	LL 1 - D 0
Sept. 9	Field Hockey	Dallas	Lehman	LL 2 - D 0
Sept. 20	Boys Soccer	Lehman	Lehman	LL 3 - D 0
Sept. 25	Golf	Irem	Lehman	LL 4 - D 0
Sept. 25	Boys Cross Country	Dallas	Lehman	LL 5 - D 0
Oct. 1	Volleyball	Lehman	Lehman	LL 6 - D 0
Oct. 11	Boys Soccer	Dallas	Lehman	LL 7 - D 0
Nov. 2	Football	Dallas	Dallas	LL 7 - D 1

## Next week's games mark renewal of race for Back Mountain Cup

Monday's game between the Dallas and Lake-Lehman girls basketball teams renews the winter series of contests between the two schools. Lake-Lehman jumped to a 7-1 lead in fall sports, winning every meeting except the Old Shoe football game, and beat Dallas in wrestling on December 4.

Both the boys and girls basketball teams will play twice, giving Dallas a chance to tighten up the race before the end of the winter schedule. The boys will play Tuesday night and will meet again on February 7, a day after the second game between the girls'

teams.

The Back Mountain Cup, sponsored by The Dallas Post, tracks all regular-season varsity meetings of the two local high school teams. Pre- and post-season games aren't included. The winning school will be treated to a victory barbecue and claim ownership of the Cup until the completion of the next season. A collection of non-perishable food items will be held in connection with that event. The general public and local sports celebrities will be invited to attend, in a spirit of healthy celebration.

## Gators nipped by Dallas in tourney

The GOH 8th grade boys team beat GAR 36-25 in the Solomon League. The Gators were led by Chris DeRojas, 15 pts. and Jeff Clemente, 8 pts.

The Gators beat Lake-Lehman 50-25 in the GOH basketball tournament, advancing to the final game against Dallas. The Gators were led by Chris DeRojas, 13 pts. and Keith Hizney 8 pts. In the final game Dallas beat the Gators 68-62. Dallas was led by Brad Fagula 22 pts. and Adam Singer 19 pts. The Gators were led by Chris DeRojas, 22 pts and Jeff Clemente 17 pts.

## Slocum saves a tie

Goaltender Drew Slocum recorded 33 saves as the Pocono Pirates Bantam A ice hockey team tied the Glaciers 4-4 at the Ice Box in Pittston. The Pirates are in fifth place in the 26-team Bantam A division of the Delaware Valley Hockey League.

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

##### Bishop O'Reilly 62, Wyoming Seminary 61

Morgan Carey's game-high 25 points weren't quite enough for Wyoming Seminary, as Bishop O'Reilly nipped them January 6 on late-game foul shots.

Both teams had big fourth quarters, with O'Reilly and Sem scoring 31 and 26 points, respectively.

Carey's 11 fourth-quarter points pulled Sem within 61-57 with 19 seconds to play.

Devin Carey secured two points at the foul line and Jamie Flack made a follow-up basket for the Blue Knights at the buzzer, but Nina Williams hit 5-of-8 foul shots in the final 1:01 to give O'Reilly just enough of a cushion.

Although its fourth-quarter shooting almost won the game, it wasn't as helpful early on for the Blue Knights.

In the first half, Bishop O'Reilly limited Blue Knights aces Carey and Kristen Krisulevich to just six points. The Queenswomen took a 34-25 halftime lead thanks to accurate shooting from Williams and Molly Guntli.

Guntli, who Williams passed to con-

sistently under the basket, scored 18 points for O'Reilly.

Williams finished with 13 points, while Janelle Zabresky scored 12 for Bishop O'Reilly.

##### Lake-Lehman 47, Wyoming Area 31

**EXETER** — Sheree Horvath scored a game-high 12 points and Lisa Wasserer added 11 as Lake-Lehman outscored Wyoming Area 25-11 in the second half. Johanna Tripler hit a 3-pointer and scored nine points.

##### Dallas 64, Pittston Area 38

**YATESVILLE** — Dallas jumped out to a 37-5 lead and cruised to the victory behind Jackie Hardwick's 20 points and Rosalyn Wentko's 16. Shannon Thomas contributed 14 points and Cory Patton had 12, including two 3-pointers, for the Mountaineers.

#### WRESTLING

##### Lake-Lehman 63, Hazleton Area 9

**LEHMAN TWP.** — Kelby Morgan (112) and Jeremy Schutz (140) registered pins in less than a minute to

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## Black Knights pin Berwick

By JOE PETRUCCI  
Special to The Dallas Post

**LEHMAN TWP.** — Chad Derhammer pinned Berwick's Nick Tsirgosis in 49 seconds at 171 pounds, clinching a 42-27 Black Knights victory over Berwick Tuesday night to give Lehman a big leg up in the WVC West Division title race.

Derhammer's pin closed a tremendous bonus-point run by Lehman (7-0, 7-0 WVC), during which it won five of six matches by fall to build a 42-6 lead. Lehman's six total pins was the difference in what wound up being an even match — each team won seven bouts.

The match's intensity on the mat was matched in the stands, as an overflow crowd had fans both standing and sitting wherever there was free space. Also, there were two near-fights involving Lehman fans and two

Berwick wrestlers, necessitating a small police presence.

After his hand was raised, Derhammer jugged off to the mat and was met by jubilant Lehman coach Phil Lipski, who uncharacteristically hugged Derhammer, yelled approvingly at him and picked him up over his shoulders.

"We knew that one was important. It could've went either way," said Lipski. "I was a little pumped up ... a little. I haven't been that excited for a while."

Lehman's John Houssock started the match with a pin at 119. Berwick's Nick Yalch had sucked down to 125, and a showdown with Lehman's Matt Dragon did not materialize. Yalch, a three-time district champion, nearly lost but scored a reversal

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## Free Throw Tourney Jan. 18 at Gate of Heaven

The Knights of Columbus Council #8224 Father John O Leary is holding the Annual Free Throw Tournament at the Gate of Heaven gym on January 18 at 12:30 p.m. Registration will be held between 12 and 12:30 p.m. The event is open to boys and girls between the ages of 10-14. For information please call Barry Cawley at 696-5032.