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Mounts win crosstown matchup

**LEHMAN TWP.** — Paul McCue scored 15 points and Matt Kelly and Mike Racoski added 14 and 10 points, respectively, as Dallas extended a three-point halftime lead into a 63-55 win over Lehman.

Lake-Lehman's Dustin Kapson poured in a game-high 24 points, while teammate Andy Coombs chipped in with 15. The Black Knights hit seven 3-point shots, two each from Chris Coombs and Chase Krasniak, and one apiece by Kapson, Andy Coombs and Chris Boyle.

The win, coming on the heels of a girls' victory Monday night, brought Dallas closer in the race for the Back Mountain Cup.

*In photo at right, Paul McCue (15), went up for a rebound Tuesday night in the game between the Dallas and Lake-Lehman boys basketball teams. The senior captain has been the Mountaineers' leader.*

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Hard work pays off for Dallas's McCue

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**DALLAS** — Senior player, leader, friend, shooting guard and captain of the Dallas High School basketball team, Paul McCue has exploded this season and for good reason.

"From the time he came into the program, he's always worked hard" says his coach and cousin Pat McCue.

Continuous improvement is always something young Paul has strived for. The coach says Paul is a quiet type with a lot of inner strength, but that his game "speaks volumes" about the work he's done.

Opponents seem to agree. "Whenever we play, they (opposing teams) really have to concentrate on him defensively," says the coach. That is very easy to understand, considering Paul is averaging 24 points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals a game. "He brings so much to the game," continues the coach, "that they need to spend a lot of time working on him."

Paul says he always tries to practice and get as much playing time as he can. Leading by example, he shows that practice and hard work are the best things a young athlete can do to put himself in good playing form. "I play basketball every day," says Paul. "And that helps out a lot."

The big-time scorer also credits the encouragement he's received from his parents as a major contributor to his

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Paul McCue  
Dallas captain

current success. "My parents have supported me and helped make it a good time getting to where I am."

Several nights ago, Paul and his teammates beat the Crestwood team that leads Division II of the Wyoming Valley Conference. He feels the team played really well and that hard fought games are his favorite kind.

"That's the most fun I've ever had," says Paul. "Tough teams that give us good competition are the best games."

The Dallas captain likes the kind of games where he and his teammates can band together through adversity and win in a close game. "It's always fun to be up 30 or 40 points, but it's a lot better to win a tough, competitive game."

Paul McCue started playing with the squad as a sophomore after playing for the junior varsity. He worked incredibly hard to move up and play with a senior squad that was very good, according to the coach. "He's where he is now because of the work he's done."

The coach praises Paul's work ethic,

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Dallas tops Lehman 54-44

*It was a close game from the start, but the Dallas girls extended a four-point halftime lead to a 10-point victory Monday night.*

*Shannon Thomas scored 18 points and teammate Jackie Hardwick added 13 to lead the Mountaineers. Rosalyn Wentko added eight points and Meredith Lacey scored seven. She and Thomas each hit a 3-point shot.*

*Lisa Wasser led balanced Lake-Lehman scoring with 10 points. Next were Megan DeCesaris and Tracey Hudak with seven each, followed by Sheree and Casey Horvath with six apiece.*

*In top photo, Rosalyn Wentko tried to block a driving shot by Lisa Wasser. At left, Sheree Horvath drove around Rosalyn Wentko.*

Dynamic duo leads Snyder & Clemente

Brad Fagula scored 22 points and Jeff Clemente 15 as Snyder & Clemente defeated Wilkes-Barre Pallet 58-50 to remain undefeated. Brendan Carr added 7 points. W-B Pallet was led by David Luksh with 26 points and Connor Lenahan with 16, while David Caruso added 4.

Fieldhouse 43, Summit Pointe Builders 38

Mark Covert scored 12 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter to lead The Fieldhouse over Summit Pointe Builders 43-38. Doug Harding added 8 points for Fieldhouse, while Adam Besecker and Chuck Youngman scored 2 each. Myer Messinger led Summit with 24 points, while Bobby Vojtko added 2.

Burker King 52, CSI Int. 31

Billy DeAngelo scored 13 points and Mike McAndrew 9 as Burger King ran away from CSI, International 52-31. Garrett Zobel added 8 points. CSI was led by Peter Filak with 14 points.

Snyder & Clemente 59, Gordon Insurance 30

Mike Gergel had 11 points and Alex Zamojski 10 as Snyder & Clemente topped Gordon Insurance 59-30. Joe Bevevino led Gordon with 14 points while Matt Alfano chipped in with 6.

Quality Collision 42, Sneaker King 22

Josh Backes scored a game-high 18 points to lead Quality Collision over Sneaker King 42-22. Chad Gelso scored 10 points and Kevin Buckman 9 for Quality Collision.

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Free Throw Tourney Saturday AT GOH

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.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bishop O'Reilly 54, Seton Catholic 52

**KINGSTON** — O'Reilly's David Lohin led all scorers with 20 points as the Queensmen pulled out a win in the fourth quarter. Tim Crossin added 14 for O'Reilly.

Bishop O'Reilly 59, Northwest Area 54

**SHICKSHINNY** — Bishop O'Reilly's Tim Crossin nailed four three-pointers and scored 14 of his game-high 25 points in the third quarter. Matt Flanagan added six points for the Queensmen.

Nanticoke Area 61, Lake-Lehman 38

**NANTICOKE** — Chase Krasniak led the Black Knights with 10 points in a game that was never close. Andy Coombs and Jared Sadowski scored nine points each.

Dallas 55, Crestwood 48

**DALLAS** — Dallas bounced back from last week's loss to Nanticoke with a 55-48 victory against Crestwood, which had been unbeaten in Wyoming Valley Conference Division II.

Paul McCue led Dallas (2-3, 3-9) with 22 points. He had all nine Dallas points in the first quarter, when Crestwood (4-1, 9-3) led 12-9.

McCue added nine more points in the second quarter, as the rest of the team came alive. Four more players got on the board for the Mountaineers. And

with the score tied at 18, Dallas went on a 13-4 run to close out the half on top, 31-22.

Two young players stepped up for the Mountaineers to stop a Crestwood comeback. Freshman Robbie Myers scored eight of his 12 points in the fourth quarter, trading baskets with the Comets to keep Dallas on top.

Sophomore Matt Kelly iced the game for the Mountaineers, making one of two free throws, but then stealing a pass in the backcourt for an easy layup to give Dallas a 54-47 lead.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bishop O'Reilly 56, Seton Catholic 43

**PITTSSTON** — Lindsey Williams tied for game-high

scoring honors with 13 points and teammate Molly Guntli added 11 to pace Bishop O'Reilly, which outscored Seton Catholic 22-10 in the fourth quarter to pull away.

Lake-Lehman 53, Crestwood 33

**LEHMAN TWP.** — Lisa Wasser and Tracey Hudak scored nine points apiece and Megan DeCesaris and Casey Horvath added eight each as Lake-Lehman pulled away from Crestwood in a Division II game.

The Black Knights (5-1, 10-3) led 14-13 after the first quarter, but outscored the Comets 17-9 in the second to take control.

Bishop Hoban 62, Dallas 56

**WILKES-BARRE** — Led by its

guards' defense, Bishop Hoban stopped the Mountaineers Jan. 10 in a key Wyoming Valley Conference Division II game.

"Our coach said that defense was going to win the game," said Hoban's Stefanie Galeano, who attended Gate of Heaven School. "With a team like (Dallas), you can never let down. They're a great team and have a great coaching staff, and I've been playing against them since I was in third grade. I know these girls, and they wanted it as bad as I did."

Hoban's Meredith Alexis, a James Madison University recruit, scored 39 points, including all 15 Argent points in the third quarter.

Alexis's final two baskets of

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