

Swimmers

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facility the school district built this season, crediting the new pool for some of the team's success.

"It's great," says captain Joe Stredny. "Before this year we were always on someone else's schedule." Stredny emphasizes the importance of the squad having its own practice and workout space that allows them to improve faster and farther.

Seeded second in the butterfly event for upcoming district meet, the senior says he couldn't even swim before freshman year and now he looks forward to competing in college. If Stredny wins at districts, he will qualify for states.

"In ninth grade I didn't even think about making states," he said. This year, Joe reached a major goal when he broke the pool record in the butterfly event.

Bob Murphy, who is also a team captain, says he believes that "if the team goes out and really swims their best" at districts they could do very well and possibly reach the state championships in several events.

"I really hope to get to states in my senior year," says Murphy. "It would be the culmination of four years hard work."

Captain Lacey Cooper has also been with the team since freshman year and holds her own in several events. Cooper is now considering two of three college choices that would see her swimming after high school.

Another team captain, senior Jen Arthur, consistently wins two or more events at each meet and is one of the top swimmers in the league.

"I've been getting better and better at every meet," says

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Joe Stredny
Dallas swimmer

Arthur. "As a sophomore I was a finalist in state competition and I hope to equal that this year."

Jen says that throughout her four years on the squad, her teammates and the coaches are really what made the sport worth coming back to each season.

Stretanski attributes much of the team's success to the influence of the swimmers who stuck it out and were patient while waiting for the pool to be ready.

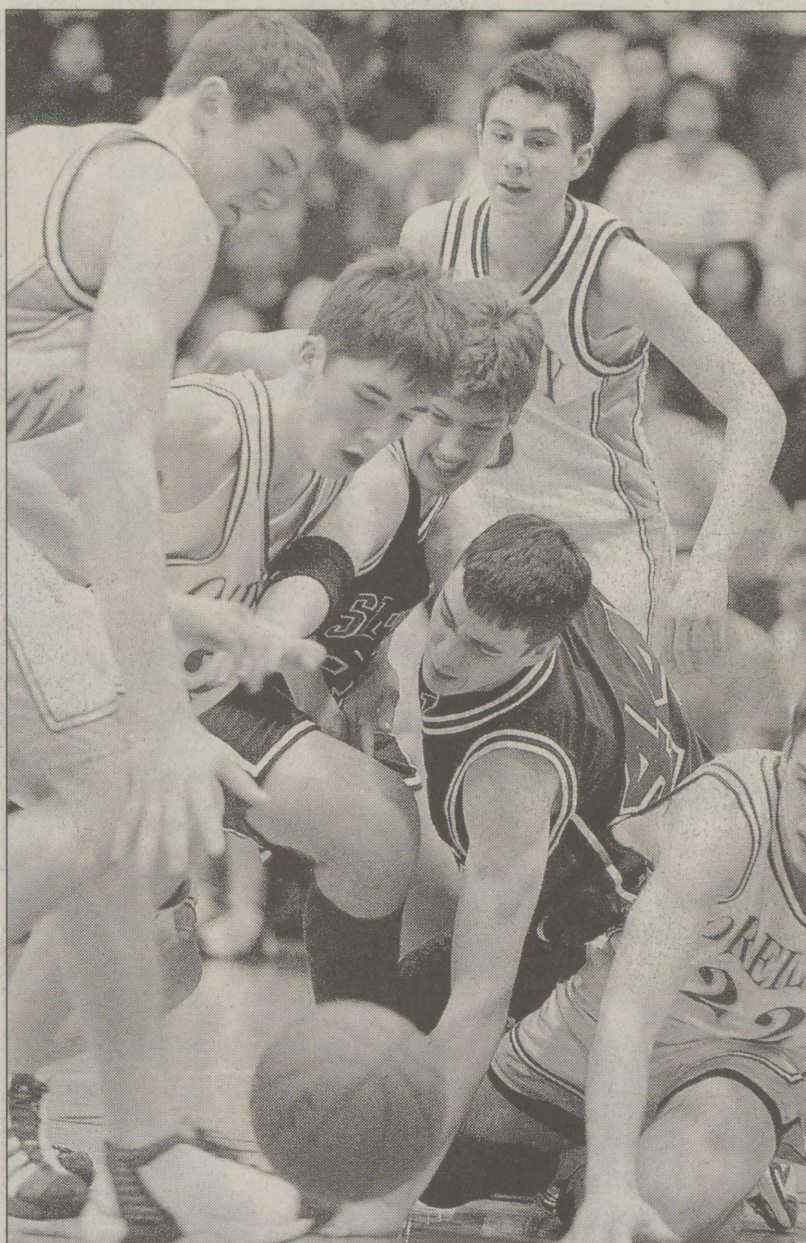
Dallas also has a top performer in diving, freshman Alaric Eby. He won the district meet last week, while teammate Alex Tasco finished third.

In diving, schools must be concerned with safety and because of strict rules it is extremely difficult to qualify for districts. Divers must be able to do all 11 dives extremely well in order to make it.

"There are only three boys divers league-wide who qualified for districts," says Stretanski. "And we have two of them."

Whitney Bolton was fifth at the district girls diving meet.

Other seniors who, in the words of Stretanski, have all had "great seasons" and are "great kids," are Mark O'Brien, John Gilligan, Steve Losh, Annie Savage, Lynn Kirkwood, Dan Piccillo, Meg Riley, Rob Guard and Pete VanLoon.



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Bishop O'Reilly players David Lohin, left and Matt Flanagan try to steal the ball as Seton Catholic players scramble for control. Looking is Tim Crossin, background.

Crossin leads O'Reilly to win

Staff report

YATESVILLE — Bishop O'Reilly sophomore guard Tim Crossin scored a game-high 18 points in leading the Queensmen to a 63-47 victory over Seton Catholic Saturday in a District 2 Class A boys quarterfinal at Pittston Area High School.

O'Reilly will meet the winner of the Bishop O'Hara-Forest City quarterfinal game in the semifinals at a site to be determined.

The Queensmen (17-8) controlled the game with a strong defense that at one point held seventh-seeded Seton (7-18) without a field goal for more than 10 minutes during the first and second quarters.

With the Queensmen holding an 11-6 edge at the start of the second quarter, Crossin made the first of his two three-pointers, making the score 14-6. The basket launched Bishop O'Reilly on a 7-1 run.

Queensmen senior center David Lohin scored 15 points and junior forward Matt Flanagan added 10.

Crossin's efforts played a critical role in helping O'Reilly establish a lead it would not relinquish. The Queensmen, who led 23-17 at the half, relied on their tri-captain for 10 first-half points.

BMT Little League registration

The Back Mountain Little League will hold their final registration on Monday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at the Dallas American Legion. For more information, call Jack Snyder 675-0939.

Raiders begin sign-ups

The Kingston Township Raiders Junior Football Organization announces registration on March 8, from 10 a.m.-12 noon, at the Shavertown Fire Department on Main Street in Shavertown. Any boy or girl, ages 6-14 as of August 1, who would like to be a football player or cheerleader should bring a copy of his or her birth certificate, a recent photograph, and medical insurance information. The Raiders are seeking football and cheerleading coaches for A, B and C Teams. Those interested should inquire about these positions at registration. For further information, contact Dorothy Backes at 696-0128.

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BOWLING RESULTS

BACK MOUNTAIN BOWL

Back Mountain Church League, Dallas 19-9, Orange 15-13, Shavertown B 14-14, Shavertown A 14-14, Maple Grove 12-16, East Dallas 10-18.

Top Scorers: John Franchella 202-268-222-692, Bob Stair 653, Rich Dougal 625, John Ziminski 621, Jack Cobleigh 601.

Back Mountain Farmers, Longhorns 22-6, Flaming Eagles 19-9, Peacocks 15-13, Turkeys 15-13, Thoroughbreds 14-14, Ugly Ducklings 13-15, Mules 11-17, Black Sheep 11-17, Hayseeds 10-18, Broncos 10-18.

Top Men Scorers: Matt Fritz 225-623, Glen Mazur 221-612, Clem Kopko 214-595, Tim Berti 219-584, Mike Handly 211-583.

Top Women Scorers: Mickey Handly 235-611, Connie Doty 192-506, Patty Reed 168-486, Wendy Strunk 161-480, Mary Satkowski 168-449.

Ladies Country League, Trailblazers 19-9, Town Cars 17-11, Corvettes 15-13, Mustangs 14-14, Hot Rods 10-18, Thunderbirds 9-19.

Top Scorers: Heather Patton 258-181-249-688, Mindy Schuler 190-196-190-576, Vi Artsma 195-170-151-516, Suzi Thompson 183-143-182-508, Rose Radzidski 156-202-127-485, Marge McCarty 140-160-177-481.

Native Textiles, All Hung + 1 25-3, Ball Busters 21-7, Old Timer + 4 19-9, What's That 16-12, Nobodys 14.5-13.5, Just Us 14.5-13.5, Strike Force 12-16, Needy 12-16, The Family + "T" 10-18, The Erasers 9-19, 4 K's and a C 6.5-21.5.

Top Scorers: Clem Kopko 268-679, Karl Milcavage 257-617,

Joe Reilly 238-616, Gary Schooley 210-602, Rob Castano 221-601, Annette Dunn 258-617, Barb Kopko 189-546, Ann Chester 175-473, Kim Jaonis 156-460, Cheryl Kaschak 183-457.

Our Gang, Chubbys 17-7, Spikes 16-8, Worms 16-8, Alfalfas 14-10, Wheezers 13-11, Mickeys 13-11, Stymies 12-12, Darla 11-13, Buckwheats 10.5-13.5, Butchs 8.5-15.5, Spankys 8-16, Porkys 5-19.

Top Men Scorers: John Teetsel 220-221-237-678, Lou Hall 204-244-204-652, Jack Baines 605, Bryan Mock 204-220-601, Bob Harris 202-204-599.

Top Women Scorers: Christa Seward 553, Terri Novak 203-518, Tina Crispell 486, Shirley Hoopengardner 472, Lynn Petroski 465.

Sunday Night Mixed Couples, Nice's 19-9, Strazdus' Greg 16-12, Welitchko's 14-14, Shaver's 14-14, Strazdus' Rich 14-14, Gula's 12.5-15.5, Palmer's 12-16, Strazdus' Ray Sr. 10.5-17.5.

Top Men Scorers: Greg Strazdus 190-189-559, Paul Nice 191-187-554, Frank Roginski 223-186-552, Ray Strazdus Sr. 190-174-527, Steve Welitchko 188-172-517.

Top Women Scorers: Michelle Faux 167-163-505, Carole Williams 182-157-492, Sally Dawn Shaver 178-155-483, Gert Owens 171-159-476, Barbara Zimniski 170-165-463.

Leading Averages (Men): Paul Nice 180, Dan Palmer 175, Hall Shaver 169, Greg Strazdus 169, Rich Strazdus 166, Ray Strazdus Sr. 165.

Leading Averages (Women): Chris Pizzano 163, Betty King 162, Marie Nice 161, Connie Bolcarovic 152, Gert Owens 147.



Bandits take 2nd in championship

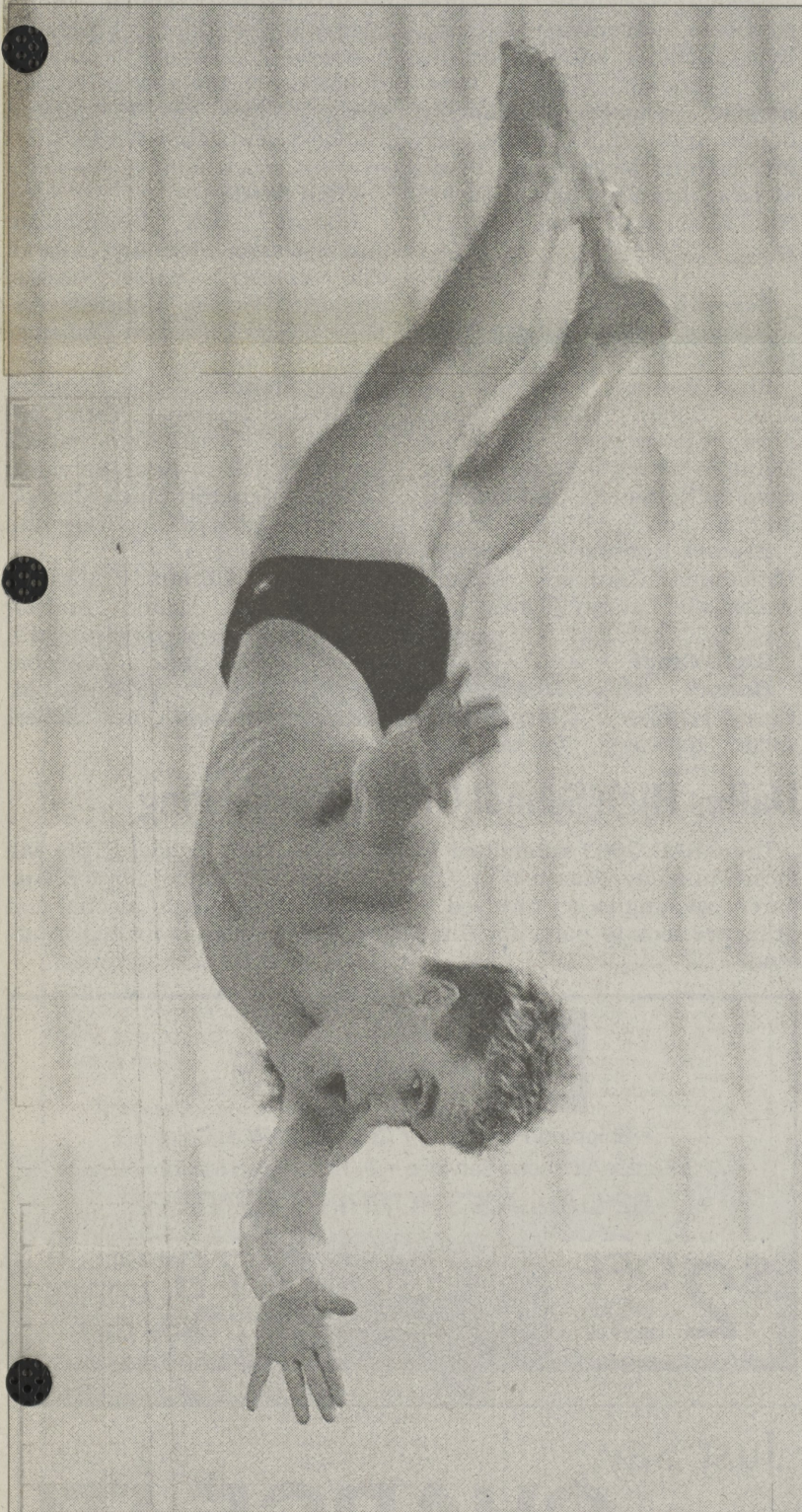
The Back Mountain Bandits U-8 co-ed soccer team recently captured 2nd place in the Wyoming Valley Sports Dome Championship. The Bandits are coached by Dawn Harding, Brian Harding, and Bruce Barre.

Shown are Bandits team members: From left, first row, kneeling: Jonathan Barre, Brian Stepniak, Aaron Napkora, Dylan Pilger, Michael Pierce, Talia Szatkowski, an Molly Van Scoy. Second row: Ryan Zapoticky, Drew Harding, Brandon Scharff, Brian Goode, Alyssa Barre, and Chad Debona.

Preseason Trout Stockings

Back Mountain pre-season trout stockings will be at the following times and locations:

Mar. 7, 12:30 p.m. at Harris Pond parking lot, for Harveys Creek 02, 600 fish and Harveys Creek 04, 700 fish; Mar. 15, 12:30 p.m., Harris Pond parking lot, for Harveys Creek 05, 4,200 fish; Apr. 4, 12:30 p.m., Harveys Lake PFBC parking lot, for Harveys Lake, 4,100 fish.



FOR THE DALLAS POST/FRED ADAMS

Dallas freshman Alaric Eby twists during a dive on Saturday during the District 2 Class 2A Diving Championships at the Kistler Pool. Eby won the boys competition.

Eby wins district diving title

Staff report

WILKES-BARRE — Dallas freshman Alaric Eby rallied in his final three dives to win gold in the District 2-4 Class 2A regional boys diving championship at the Kistler Pool, edging out Hanover Area senior Joey Ruane, who had held a slight lead after the first eight dives.

Eby trailed Ruane heading into the final round, but hit his final two dives to win with 313.95 points. Eby said his best effort was one that combined 1 1/2 somersaults with a one-half twist.

"I've always done that well and I like it," Eby said. "That was my last dive."

It was good enough to edge Ruane, who finished with 302.55 points.

Dallas sophomore Whitney Bolton (283.65) finished fifth in the girls meet, and Bishop Hoban sophomore Melissa Supczenski (280.15) was sixth. Both will receive medals for their performance.

Dallas freshman Alex Tasco (215.70) finished third in the boys division.

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