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Schutz, Dragon win at TL invitational



FOR THE POST/NIKO J. KALLIANIOTIS

Lake-Lehman's Jeremy Schutz wrestles with Dan Vogel of Western Wayne, in the 135-pound championship match. Schutz won with a fall at 2:26.

Knights lead WVC squads

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DALLAS TWP. — Lake-Lehman was the top Wyoming Valley Conference team, placing sixth (140.5) at the Times Leader Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Black Knights Jeremy Schutz (135) and Matt Dragon (145) won gold medals.

The expanded TL tourney, with a record 42 teams and more than 500 wrestlers, was everything as advertised at College Misericordia's An-

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FOR THE POST/FRED ADAMS

Lake-Lehman's Jared Kopetchne tried to turn Blue Ridge's Harold McKinney in a 118-pound bout at the Times Leader Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Back Mountain well represented in Killer Bees semis

Staff Report

Three student-athletes from the Back Mountain have been named semifinalists for the Killer Bees Athletic Club's Joe Hoinski Memorial Awards for Excellence in Athletics.

The club recently named 32 semifinalists, eight in each of four divisions, from nominations it received from the public and members of its selection committee. The names and accomplishments of the eight semifinalists in open male, open female, scholastic male and scholastic female will be placed on ballots and distributed to members of a voting committee. The results of the balloting will determine the three finalists and the winner in each division.

The finalists in each division will be invited to the club's award banquet, where the winner will be announced. The banquet is set for 6 p.m. Jan. 31 at Genetti Hotel & Convention Center in Wilkes-Barre.

The Hoinski Awards, given to the area's top amateur athletes, are named in honor of a club member who was killed in a motorcycle accident. The club also hands out student-athlete and Board of Governor awards at its banquet. The student athlete semifinalists and Board of Governor winners will be announced at a later date.

Open Divisions

This year the Open Division was modified to include all student-athletes who compete at area colleges. Previously, only area residents were considered.

Penn State soccer standout David Walters, a Lake-Lehman graduate, was on the list for the Open Male division. Walters won the award last year.

Willie Chandler, a record-setting scorer for the College Misericordia men's basketball team, is also eligible for the Open Male award.

Scholastic Divisions

The scholastic male semifinalists include Rich Eckman, an all-state soccer player for Lake-Lehman.

Lisa Giacometti, who led the Dallas cross country team to a state title, is a scholastic female semifinalist.



POST PHOTOS/JIM PHILLIPS

Hayden Jenkins tried to get a shot up as Tunkhannock's Skyler French looked to block during a game played December 19 in the Dallas Youth Basketball Holiday Tournament. The two teams met again in the final, with Dallas winning 40-31. More photos on page 11.

Scholastic Roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dallas 69, Pittston Area 43

Dec. 22 — Leading by a point at halftime, Dallas turned on the pressure and outscored Pittston 34-17 in the second half. Meredith Lacey led the Lady Mounts with 15 points, Rosalyn Wentko added 14, and Shannon Thomas put in 12. The Lady Mounts hit seven 3-point shots, three by Lacey, two for Ashleigh King and one each for Thomas and Cory Patton.

Tunkhannock 46, Lake-Lehman 39

Dec. 22 — Jamie Morrison scored 11 points and teammate Alissa McMickens added nine to lead Tunkhannock over Lake-Lehman.

Sheree Horvath scored a game-high 13 points for the Black Knights. Jill Chocallo scored nine points and Savannah Coombs had eight.

Bishop O'Reilly 61, Hanover Area 25

Dec. 22 — O'Reilly jumped out to a 21-5 lead after one quarter and cruised past Hanover. Janelle Zabresky led the Queenswomen with 16 points and Lindsey Williams and Erin Chesnavich each added 13.

Bishop O'Reilly 61, Bishop Hafey 19

Dec. 20 — Erin Chesnavich scored a game-high 16 points, and teammate Janelle Zabresky followed with 14 as the Queenswomen routed Bishop Hafey in a WVC Division III game.

Hazleton 67, Dallas 43

Dec. 18 — Hazleton Area's Jenna Palumbo dropped in a school-record eight three-pointers as the Cougars cruised to a surprisingly easy 67-43 victory December 18 over previously undefeated Dallas in a Wyoming Valley Conference girls basketball game.

Dallas led just once, when Jackie Hardwick hit a free throw for the game's first point.

Shannon Thomas had 12 points and Cory Patton added 11 for Dallas. Patton canned three 3-point shots.

Tunkhannock 62, Crestwood 57

Dec. 18 — Jessica Wildrick and Alissa McMickens each scored 16 points to lead Tunkhannock. Krista Flaherty added 12 points for the Tigers.

Bishop O'Reilly 62, GAR 19

Dec. 18 — Bishop O'Reilly dominated GAR, outscoring the Grenadiers 32-6 in the half.

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BMT Pizzazz 2nd in County Cup

Back Mountain Pizzazz recently captured 2nd place in the U-11 championship game of the Luzerne County Cup Tournament.

They defeated several teams to place them in the final round of the A bracket tournament. Members of the Pizzazz team are, from left, first row: Samantha Martin, Ali Snider.

Second row: Alyssa Charney, Amanda Harris, Cassandra Cragle, Katrina Harrison, Allison Smith, Abigail O'Connell
Third row: Scott Snider, coach, Selena Adamshick, Allison Hardwick, Shelby Smith, Jessica Demuro, Meghan Martin, Leighanne Knauer, Alison Parkhurst, Ann Charney, coach

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DYB Tournament Dallas tops Tunkhannock in championship contest

Jimmy Brown scored a game-high 14 points and D.J. Berley added 11 as Dallas defeated Tunkhannock 40-31 in the championship game of the Dallas Youth Basketball 6th grade Holiday tournament. DYB defended the championship they won last year and remained undefeated in DYB tournament play. Chris Ellis scored 6 points on his birthday while Chris Dailey was the defensive star with numerous blocked shots and rebounds.

Dallas reached the final by topping St. Mary's of Avoca 71-26. Chris Ellis and Chris Dailey scored 13 points each, while Tyler Patton and Hunter Englehart added 6 points each. Michael Diaco also scored 10 points while Marc Noyalis added 4 and Eric Baines controlled the rebounding. Dallas is coached by Fred Berley.