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Crossin Tournament

Mountaineers come up short in final

2nd half scoring stalemate can't make up deficit

Staff report

PLYMOUTH — Northwest disposed of Dallas 60-49 in the Crossin Tournament finals Tuesday night at Wyoming Valley West High School.

The Northwest offense produced just enough behind a 26-point performance by tournament MVP Vince Scalzo. The defense made key stops in the third and fourth quarters to keep Dallas from fulfilling two rallies.

After Dallas whittled a 37-25 half-time deficit down to 42-35 with just under three minutes left in the third quarter, Northwest's Jesse Miller plucked a defensive rebound over a Dallas player, leading to a three-point basket by Nick Buerger. In less than two minutes, the defense helped the Rangers go on a 7-0 run.

The Rangers offense managed just two field goals in the fourth quarter, but down the stretch the defense stiffened and it led to several free throws to end another Dallas threat.

Early on, Northwest had trouble

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FOR THE POST/NIKO J. KALLIANIOTIS

Dallas's Robbie Myers whipped a pass around Northwest's Keith Mazonkey.

H.S. Wrestling

Dragon and Schutz win at Tunkhannock

Staff report

TUNKHANNOCK — Lake-Lehman had a pair of titlists in Jeremy Schutz (135) and Matt Dragon (145) at the 26th annual Tunkhannock Kiwanis Wrestling Tournament on Tuesday. Schutz earned the tournament award for most pins in least time (four in 5:23).

Andy Josuweit was runner-up at 140, losing a wild decision to Pittston Area's Phil Dunn.

Dunn scored two first-period take-downs to stake a 4-2 lead. Dunn started the second on bottom and scored a reversal at the 1:48 mark, but seven seconds later, Josuweit hit a reversal of his own.

Before the match was over, they'd exchange two more reversals each, with Josuweit landing the final one with 17 seconds remaining in the third to draw within 10-9. Josuweit put pressure on Dunn's head and neck but couldn't get him turned and that's how it ended.

Schutz faced a familiar foe in the final, Western Wayne's Dan Vogel. Schutz pinned him in the finals of the Times Leader Invitational on Dec. 20.

Dragon got a measure of revenge against Pittston Area's Steve Barber, who pinned the Black Knight two years ago in a dual meet the Patriots won. Dragon was in control the whole way, earning the technical fall in 4:07 (15-0).

DYB 7-8 Boys

Pompey Dodge 49, Renaissance Center 46

Pompey was led by Doug Harding, Tommy Youells and D.J. Berley with 9 points apiece. Michael Tonart and Kyle Piazza followed with 7 points each while Russell Jenkins added 6 for the winners. Eric Tucker led Renaissance Center with 20 points, Chris Dailey had 12, and Joey Collini 10. Scott Gallup and Devon O'Brien added 2 points each.

Plains Solomon League

Dallas 7th Grade 70, Gate of Heaven 7th Grade 26

Tom Youells led Dallas with 21 points followed by Scott Skammer with 15 and Josh Backes' 14 points. Ryan Urzen scored 8, Henry Messinger 6, Jackie Ellis 5 and Steve Meskers added 3.

Dallas 8th Grade 42, Gate of Heaven 21

Pat Murray led Dallas with 8 points, Joe Bevevino and Myer Messinger followed with 4 points each.

DYB 3-4 Girls

Dr. Ellis defeated Quad III Group

Dr. Ellis was led by Jessica Hiscox with 10 points while Amelia Pietracinni added 8 points and Tamara Nijmeh added 2 points. Quad III Group was led by Alissa Monaghan with 6 points.

Arris Engineering defeated Russell Auto Sales

Arris Engineering was led by Sabrina Zurek with 10 points, while Chelsea English added 8 points. Sarah Lowey scored 6 points and Sarah Zabolotney added 2 more points. For Russell Auto Destiny Lombardo scored 4 points and Sidney Myers added 3 points.

R.J. Green defeated Bishop Photo

R.J. Green was led by Sara Flathery with 12 points, with Jennifer Lloyd adding 8 points. Alyssa Charney and Bridget Boyle each added 2 point apiece. Bishop Photo was led by Colleen McDonald with 6 points while Chelsey Conahan added 4 more points. Brooke Evans and Tanner Englehart each added 2 points.

CDI defeated Met Life Securities

CDI was led by Lauren Scafidi with

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Munley Tournament



FOR THE POST/AIMEE DILGER

Bishop O'Reilly's Matt Flanagan passed out of a tight spot during the Munley Tournament championship game.

Crossin 'clinic' leads O'Reilly

Staff report

WRIGHT TWP. — Bishop O'Reilly's Tim Crossin put on a shooting clinic Tuesday night, leading the Queensmen to an easy 70-41 victory over Crestwood in the championship game of the Munley Tournament.

The 6-foot-1 junior guard poured in a game-high 32 points — scoring from everywhere imaginable — and was named the tournament Most Valuable Player.

It marked the second time in four days the Queensmen KO'd the Comets. The prior Saturday, O'Reilly posted a 55-44 win on the Queensmen's home court.

"It's tough to beat a good team like Crestwood twice in such a short period of time, but we were up to the task," Crossin said.

Bishop O'Reilly's victory Tuesday foiled Crestwood's bid to win the Munley Tournament for the seventh consecutive year. The Comets had won 13 straight games in Munley Tournament play.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of Crossin's performance is that he was relatively quiet in the first quar-

ter, scoring just five points.

Teammate Matt Flanagan took center stage in the early going. Flanagan poured in 14 points in the opening period as O'Reilly (11-1) shot out to a 19-6 lead.

Crossin took charge of the game in the second quarter. He stretched the lead to 21-8 on a basket with 7:18 left in the half. The Comets drew to within 23-16, but O'Reilly widened the gap to 29-16 when Crossin made a steal and turned it into a three-point play.

The Comets got within 34-23 with 7:16 remaining in the third period.

"We knew they were going to make a run in the second half," Crossin said. "They did, and I had to kind of get us going."

Crossin single-handedly kept Crestwood (7-4) at bay the remainder of the quarter, scoring nearly every time he touched the ball — including an eye-catching turnaround 12-foot jumper with two defenders draped over him.

The fourth quarter became the Tim Crossin Show. He opened the stanza with a trey, and Flanagan followed with a three-point bomb to

extend the lead to 52-36.

Then Crossin finished off the Comets by hitting an NBA-range trey, and made a steal and a layup, putting Crestwood into a 59-38 hole with 3:45 left.

Crossin said Bishop O'Reilly is on a roll. "We're starting to climb the mountain."

Tunkhannock captured third-place, defeating Seton Catholic, 72-58, behind Kyle Wilson's 22 points.

Crossin was joined on the All-Tournament team by teammates Flanagan and Josh Aciekewicz, and Tunkhannock's Wilson.

O'Reilly 74, Tunkhannock 51

Dec. 29 — In the first round of the 32nd annual Munley Tournament at Crestwood High School.

Matt Flanagan scored 17 points and Tim Crossin added 12 as O'Reilly jumped out to a 23-6 lead in the first quarter and cruised to the win. Sophomore center Josh Aciekewicz added 10 points for the Queensmen.

Kraig Givens, Colin Hopkins and Brendan Mulhern each scored eight points each to lead Tunkhannock.

Bishop Photo 19, Frank's Manufacturing 16

Leading Bishop Photo was Sarah Gallis with 8 points. Also helping was Mary Kate Osick with 7 points and Meghan Gallis with 4 points.

DYB 5-6 Girls
Kristen Yavorski, McKenzie Kelly, Samantha King, Vanessa Wells and Lynn Davis all added to the teams victory. For Frank's Manufacturing the leading scorers were Taylor Millington, Aleona Chinikaylo and Blair Costantino, each with 4 points. Meghan Martin added 3 points.

Darling Graphic Design 28, Dr. Scott & Clements 14

Emily Banas led her team to a victory with 10 points. Katie Darling and Jackie Pearson added 8 and 6 points respectively. Amanda O'Brien and Danielle Shaver each added 2 points. For Dr. Scott & Clements Jamie Ratowski scored 14 points. She was helped by Nicole Sobocinski, Catherine Clements, Carly Tomko, Kaitlin Kennedy and Amanda Thompson.

Arris Engineering 18, Martz Group 12

Dominique DeAngelo led her team to victory with 10 points. Shannon Brobst added 4 points, and Dana Krawetz and Ashleigh Napierkowski each scored 2 points. Chelsi Hunter, Demetra Szatkowski and Amber Mulhern played well. For Martz Group, Sarah Krogulski scored 6 points, while Sara Kneal, Gianna DeGraba and Heather Lasco each scored 2 points. Briani Zabolotney, Stephanie Dosiak, and Alison Parkhurst played a great game for their team.

Fieldhouse 16, Summit Pointe Builders 12

For the Fieldhouse Allison Hardwick led with 8 points, while Sarah Konopki added 6 more points, Jen Rutalis scored 2 points. Sara Kohli and Eden May both played great defensively to aid in their team's victory. Both Sarah Muldoon and Lauren Sudalski led their team with 6 points. Colleen Pike, Dana Martin, Crystal Razawich, Rachel Nilsson and Cortney O'Brien played a good game.



Clemson earns Black Belt

Nicole Clemson, a student at Dallas Middle School, recently passed 90 minutes of physical and mental tests to earn a Black Belt in American Kenpo Karate.

Clemson, a seventh grader, has been studying with Sifu Gary Barnes for six years.

She also participates in softball, basketball, soccer, field hockey, Girls Scouts, Science Olympiad, Jazz Band, Piano and many school clubs. She lives with her parents, Trudy and Paul Clemson.