

Sports Week

CROSSIN TOURNAMENT

O'Reilly storms to tourney win

Dallas overwhelms Black Knights to take third spot.

Staff report

PLYMOUTH — Bishop O'Reilly junior center Josh Aciukewicz teamed with senior guard Tim Crossin to lead Bishop O'Reilly to an impressive 58-48 victory over host Wyoming Valley West in the championship game of the Crossin Tournament.

Dallas captured third place with a 62-42 victory over Lake-Lehman in the consolation game.

Aciukewicz, the tournament's Most Valuable Player, scored a game-high 23 points and Crossin tallied 14 points for the Queensmen.

"Josh works hard, and it showed tonight," said O'Reilly coach Mark Belenski, who is usually reluctant to talk about individual players. "He was like the Energizer Bunny. He just kept us going and going and..."

The Spartans were in control most of the first half, racing out to a 24-10 lead midway through the second quarter.

Crossin's three-point play cut the margin to 24-16 with 1:36 left in the second. O'Reilly drew to within 24-21 at halftime on five consecutive points by Chris Kester.

Then, Aciukewicz took over. The 6-foot-5 junior scored the first five points of the second half, giving O'Reilly a 26-24 lead, which it never relinquished.

Aciukewicz scored at will, inside the paint and from the perimeter. He was unstoppable, despite being pounded on all night by Valley West's 6-6, 275-pound-center Kurt Mattes.

"It was a very physical game," Aciukewicz said. "Mattes is a really tough player."

Aciukewicz' most impressive play was a riveting, left-handed dunk late in the third quarter that gave the Queensmen a 35-33 lead after receiving a circus pass from Crossin.

"Sometimes Timmy's passing is crazy," Aciukewicz said. "You don't know where he's going to throw the ball."

O'Reilly (9-1) took a 43-33 lead on Aciukewicz' three-point play to begin the fourth quarter, but the Spartans hung tough. They cut the lead to 44-41 on a trey by Jason Mikus with 5:07 remaining. However, the Queensmen surged ahead 47-41 on a long-range three by Aciukewicz.

Dallas 62, Lake-Lehman 42

Dallas outscored Lake-Lehman 40-27 in the second half to win the opener. Matt Kelly paced the Mountaineers with 14 points, and three other players hit double figures; Brad Fagula and Robbie Myers with 13 each and Ryan Nemetz with 10. Caleb Piatt led the Black Knights with 19 points.

The All-Tournament Team included Crossin and Aciukewicz of O'Reilly, Piatt of Lake-Lehman and Myers of Dallas.



Tim Crossin of Bishop O'Reilly was fouled by Al Clocker of Wyoming Valley West as he drove to the basket during the Crossin Tournament championship game.

JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

Black Knights top Mountaineers

Lake-Lehman's Jr. High wrestling team improved its dual meet record to 9-1 with a victory at Dallas Dec. 22. The Black Knights' Mike Prater, Chad Brudnicki and Shane Stark pinned their opponents while Chris Barbacci added a technical fall. A.J. Thomas and Scott Dauber pinned and James Rosencrans scored a technical fall for the Mountaineers.

Lake-Lehman 59, Dallas 29

- 75 K. Shefler (L-L) won by forfeit
- 80 J. Rosencrans (D) tech fall W. Howell, 17-0; 4:30
- 85 K. Sulewski (D) dec. A. Chorba, 4-2 OT RO
- 90 A.J. Thomas (D) pinned M. Pachamovitch, 4:23
- 95 D. McMahon (D) won by forfeit
- 100 S. Stark (L-L) pinned J. Eisenhower, 0:48
- 105 C. Barbacci (L-L) tech. fall F. Macosky, 15-0; 2:59
- 110 A. Shefler (L-L) dec. M. Artsma, 3-2 OT RO
- 115 J. Giunta (L-L) dec. M. Szot, 7-0
- 120 D. Fetchko (D) dec. M. Lipski, 7-5
- 130 N. Walsh (L-L) won by forfeit
- 138 J. Hossage (L-L) won by forfeit
- 145 N. Dierolf (L-L) dec. J. Osik, 7-3
- 155 C. Brudnicki (L-L) pinned K. Piazza, 0:46
- 165 M. Prater (L-L) pinned J. Brennan, 0:06
- 185 D. Heller (L-L) won by forfeit
- 210 W. Simko (L-L) dec. C. Nillson, 12-5
- 250 S. Dauber (D) pinned J. Pfeiffer, 2:22

K of C free throw contest Jan. 15

Back Mountain Knights of Columbus Council 8224 will hold a basketball free throw contest on Saturday, Jan. 15, from noon to 2 pm, at the Gate of Heaven Church gym, Machel Ave., Dallas. All boys and girls between the ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate. The winner from each of the 10 age/gender categories will advance to regional competition.

DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL

Dallas Rotary 58, D.J. Charlie Hayes 49

Scott Skammer and Andy Besecker led the Rotary with 20 points each.

DYB 7-8 Boys

Bryan Weaver followed with 12 points while Taylor Dunn chipped in four and Christo Iliadis added two points for the winners.

Mike Mazur and Steve Meskers led the D.J. with 19 points each, followed by Ryan Urzen with eight points and Josh Stephens with two.

Dr. Jack Ellis 53, Burger King 49

Jackie Ellis led the Docs with 25 points, followed by Chris Ellis with 11 and John Prater with eight points. Shane Dunn had four, Brad Johnson chipped in three and Jordan Stevens added two for the winners.

Scott Gallup and Brian Haughwout led Burger King with 18 points each, followed by Chris McAndrew with six points and Vincent Oliveri with four. Jimmy McAndrew chipped in two and Tyler Patton added a point.

III Guys Pizza 19, Met Life 16

Sarah Kneal's 19 points combined with solid defense from Alison Parkhurst and

DYB 5-6 Girls

Brittany Tackacs gave III Guys the win over a tough Met Life team. Met's scorers were Allison Hardwick with eight points, Stephanie Dosiak with four, Arielle Belskis with two, and Shannon Brobst with two.

Arris Engineering 25, Darling Graphic Designs 13

The balanced offense of Demetra Sztatowski with 10 points, Melissa Snyder with six, Meghan Gallis with five and Chelsea English with four continued Arris' winning streak.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

GIRLS BASKETBALL

N. Schuylkill 57, Bishop O'Reilly 49

Dec. 28 — North Schuylkill pounded on O'Reilly inside players Erin Chesnavich and Janelle Zabresky early, creating an uncomfortable situation for the Queenswomen and a double-digit lead.

O'Reilly recovered and cut the deficit to 21-19 late in the second quarter, but the Queenswomen continued to play catch-up the rest of the game.

Zabresky scored 18 points and Chesnavich added 11, and both were named to the all-tournament team.

Bishop Hoban 60, Dallas 45

Dec. 28 — The Lady Argents led throughout. Melissa Gorski led the scoring for Dallas with 13 points, and Cassie Snider and Cory Patton had 11 points each.

Bishop O'Reilly 60, Bishop Hoban 33

Dec. 27 — Host Bishop O'Reilly jumped out quickly on Bishop Hoban, scoring the game's first 15 points in a 60-33 victory in the opening round of the Yoziwak Tournament.

O'Reilly center Erin Chesnavich set the pace early, scoring seven of her 13 points in the first quarter as the Queenswomen took a 13-0 lead into the second. Fellow center Janelle Zabresky dominated the second and third quarters with 24 of her game-high 26 points in that span.

N. Schuylkill 77, Dallas 31

Dec. 27 — In the opener of the Yoziwak Tournament, North Schuylkill pulled away in the second quarter for a 77-31 win over Dallas. Melissa Gorski led Dallas with 12 points.

Lake-Lehman 52, Blue Ridge 34

Dec. 27 — Sheree Horvath scored 14 points and Jessica Turak added nine to lead Lake-Lehman past Blue Ridge in the Lady Mohawk Classic.

Lake-Lehman led 12-7 after the first quarter and 23-13 by halftime.

Lake-Lehman 78, West Side Tech 11

Dec. 22 — Sheree Horvath scored 18 points and Jess Turak added 13 to lead Lake-Lehman past West Side Tech. Savannah Coombs added 10 points for Lehman.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wyoming Valley West 50, Dallas 48

Dec. 23 — The Mountaineers rally fell just short in the first round of the Crossin Tournament. Brad Fagula hit a three-point shot with 12 seconds left to bring Dallas within five points, then Matt Wilson hit a trey with five seconds on the clock. A last-second try by Ryan Nemetz fell just short.

Fagula and Robbie Myers hit 11 points each in a balanced Dallas attack, followed by Wilson with nine.



Bishop O'Reilly's Janelle Zabresky put up a shot against Hoban in the opening-round game of the Yoziwak Tournament. She was the leading scorer with 26 points.



Cassie Snider of Dallas drove around a North Schuylkill defender in a first-round game of the Yoziwak Tournament.

Bishop O'Reilly 67, Lake-Lehman 49

Dec. 23 — The Queensmen pulled away after leading by only four points at the half. Josh Aciukewicz led O'Reilly with 21 points, and Tim Crossin scored 13.

For the Knights, Chris Boyle hit four 3-pointers on the way to scoring 16 points, Alan Sheridan scored 12 and Kevin Racemus scored 10.

WRESTLING

Lake-Lehman 51, Dallas 19

DALLAS — Ed Donahue (112), Jeremy Schutz (140), Kevin Butler (145), Andy Josuweit (152), Matt Dragon (160), Joe Klemunes (189), Stan Brudnicki (215) and Brandon Burkhardt (275) won by pin for Lehman in the victory.

John Hettes (130) had Dallas' lone fall. Also for Dallas, P.J. Precone won a 9-6 decision over Donovan White at 103, Sean McMahon decided Joe Taylor 8-3 at 135 and Brian Goeringer won a 14-3 major decision over Brandon Brown at 171

BOYS SWIMMING

Berwick 94, Dallas 86

Dec. 22 — Alaric Eby, diving, and the 400 free relay team recorded the only wins for the Mountaineers.

Tunkhannock 123, Elk Lake 21

Dec. 22 — Steve Van Duzer (200 IM, 100 free) and Garrett Lech (200 free, 100 fly) won two events apiece to lead Tunkhannock to a 123-21 victory against Elk Lake on Wednesday in boys swimming.

Miguel Echavarria (50 free), Tom Kolodzieski (diving), Tim Fetko (500 free), Ethan Gaverick (100 back) and Ryan Goble (100 breast) also won for Tunkhannock.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Dallas 123, Berwick 55

Dec. 22 — Dallas got victories from Kira Szulbroski (50 free, 100 back), Whitney Bolton (diving), Hillary Smith (100 free), Mallory Kern (500 free) and swept the relays.

Tunkhannock 129, Elk Lake 41

Dec. 22 — Laura Murray (200 free, 100 fly), Adrianna Boylan (diving), Jessica Shaw (100 free), Amanda Faux (500 free) and Courtney Austin (100 breast) won for Tunkhannock.

The Tigers also swept the three relay races.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lake-Lehman 45, Wyoming Area 27

Dec. 20 — Gabby Olshemski led the Black Knights with 17 points. Beth Carey scored nine points and Brooke Matza hit for seven.