

Sports Week

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dallas 76, Lake-Lehman 64

Jan. 18 — Matt Kelly scored 16 points and Dallas placed four players in double figures to defeat archrival Lake-Lehman.

The Mountaineers took a 39-23 halftime lead and kept the Black Knights at bay in the second half.

Matt Wilson scored 13 points, while Eric Domzalski, Ryan Nemetz and Brad Fagula each added 12 points for Dallas.

Chris Boyle paced Lehman with a game-high 27 points, including five 3-point shots. Alan Sheridan scored 13 points and Caleb Piatt added 11.

Bishop O'Reilly 52, Bishop Hoban 51

Jan. 18 — Tim Crossin scored his 1,500th career point in the first quarter and Bishop O'Reilly grabbed a free-throw rebound at the buzzer to hold off Hoban.

Crossin finished with a game-high 21 points. He hit his milestone with a three-pointer in the first quarter, but Hoban took a 27-14 lead into halftime. The Argents also led 39-37 at the end of the third quarter.

Josh Aciukewicz scored 14 points for O'Reilly and Chris DeRojas added seven. Crossin hit three 3-point shots.

Tunkhannock 42, Hazleton 41

Jan. 18 — Brendan Mulhern scored 16 points, helping Tunkhannock edge Hazleton Area. Spencer Lunger added nine points for the Tigers.

Wyoming Area 74, Tunkhannock 71 (OT)

Jan. 15 — Brendan Mulhern's three-pointer at the buzzer for Tunkhannock forced the extra period. Colin Hopkins led the Tigers with 20 points, Mulhern had 17 and Spencer Lunger 15.

Bishop Hoban 56, Dallas 52

Jan. 14 — Dallas led 26-25 at halftime, but Hoban rallied to take a 39-37 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Dallas was led by Ryan Nemetz, who scored 15 points. Center Robbie Myers added 12, while Matt Kelly and Chris Wilson scored seven each.

Crestwood 55, Tunkhannock 53

Jan. 14 — Tunkhannock's Brendan Mulhern scored 12 of his game-high 15 points in the fourth



Brad Fagula goes up for a shot over Lake-Lehman's Bob Schobert in last week's game between the Back Mountain rivals. Dallas held off a late Lehman charge to win, 76-64.

quarter, but it wasn't enough as Crestwood held off the Tigers.

Andy Skrysiak and Spencer Lunger both posted 12 points for Tunkhannock.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Nanticoke 75, Lake-Lehman 35

Jan. 17 — Savannah Coombs led the Black Knights with 10 points, hitting two 3-point shots. Jess Turak scored eight points, Tina

Watkins had six and Sheree Horvath followed with five.

Dallas 50, Hanover Area 37

Jan. 17 — Dallas outscored Hanover 20-2 in the final quarter to rally for the win. Cassie Snider scored 16 points, Melissa Gorski 11 and Cory Patton 10 for the Mountaineers. Snyder canned four 3-pointers.

Lake-Lehman 48, GAR 39

Jan. 13 — Lake-Lehman won its

first game of the season by jumping out to a 26-14 lead at half and holding off GAR.

Tina Watkins led the Lady Knights with 13 points and Marissa Harrison added 11. Lehman also made 13 more free throws than its opponent (16-3).

In the junior varsity game, Lake-Lehman gave coach Barry Horvath his 100th win, walloping GAR 58-20.

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100 wins great, but John Hettes has another goal

The senior 130-pounder could set an all-time win mark. But he'd most like to get to the state tournament.

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When it comes to Dallas High School wrestling, John Hettes may not be in a class by himself, but it certainly doesn't take long to call the roll.

The 130-pound senior became just the second wrestler in school history to eclipse the 100-win mark for his career with a 16-1 technical fall of Nanticoke's Steve Haas on Jan. 14.

Hettes and 2003 graduate Perry Coolbaugh are the only two wrestlers ever surpass the 100-win plateau for the Mountaineers.

While 100 wins are impressive enough, the accomplishment is even more astonishing when you consider that former Dallas standouts Jerry Ogurkis, Craig Rome, Sean Kavanaugh and Brian Corbett failed to reach the milestone.

"It's exciting to reach 100 wins, but I'm glad it's finally over," said Hettes, who has wrestled for three different head coaches during his varsity career. "It's a huge relief to have and now I can concentrate on the rest of the season."

With a career record of 100-28, Hettes is also closing in on Coolbaugh's school record for career victories (106).

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Area athletes are finalists for Killer Bees awards

Student-athletes from the Back Mountain have been named finalists for two awards that will be presented Jan. 30 by the Killer Bees Athletic Club.

Tim Crossin, Brian Ostrowsky and Caroline Byron are among 12 finalists for the Joe Hoinski Memorial Awards for Excellence in Athletics. The awards are named in the memory of a club member who was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1985.

Byron and Lake-Lehman senior Allison Boris are finalists for the Student-Athlete Award, given to a student who maintains an "A" average in the classroom and earns a varsity letter for any sport. The award is sponsored by the Times Leader.

Crossin, Bishop O'Reilly basketball, and Ostrowsky, Bishop Hoban football, are finalists in the Scholastic Male division. Crossin helped Bishop O'Reilly win the PIAA Class A title, becoming the first Wyoming Valley Conference boys team to win a state championship since 1961. Ostrowsky led the

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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

L-L crowns 4 champs, win team title at Meyers

The Black Knights had eight finalists and crowned four individual champions to capture the 27th Annual Meyers Holiday Wrestling Tournament team championship, held on Jan. 8.

Nathan Walsh, 130 lb.; Chad Brudnicki, 145 lb., and Mike Prater, 185 lb., each pinned their way through the finals. Walsh and Prater are now two-time Meyers champions and three-time place winners. Adam Shefler remained undefeated at 13-0 while claiming the title for the 110 lb. weight class.

At 115 lb, Jordan Giunta had a big semifinal win over defending District 2 champion Dino Gagliardi from Abington Heights on his way to a second-place finish. Andrew Chorba, 80; Aaron Setzer, 155, and Dave Heller, 165, each took runner-up honors with two pins on their way to the finals.

Three Knights — Shane Stark, 100, Neil Dierolf, 138, and Wally Simko, 210 — scored victories in the consolation finals to cop third place honors.

The team title was the first in more than a decade for Lake-Lehman in a tournament that hosts a field that includes perennial District 2 powerhouses Wyoming Valley West, Abington Heights, Coughlin and West Scranton as well as Shamokin, Wyalusing, and Benton from District 4.

Lake-Lehman rallies to beat Berwick

Despite missing two starters from the line-up, the Black Knights overcame a 36-6 deficit Jan. 12 to post a 53-42 victory and run their record to 12-1 and remain unbeaten against District 2 opponents. The unlikely heroes were first-year wrestlers Andrew Payne and Justin Hossage who, finding themselves thrust into starting roles, managed to earn

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Not junior in pain

The Tunkhannock Tigers junior high school wrestling team traveled to Dallas last week for a meet. In photo above, in the 110 lb. weight class, Dallas' Mitchell Artsma put the hurt on Tunkhannock's Matt Generotti. Squaring off at 115 lb. were Nathan Reeves, of Tunkhannock, left, and Mark Szot for Dallas.

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DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL

Flash! Photo men edge the Dodge boys by a point

D.J. Berley led Bishop Photo to a 53-52 win over Pompey Dodge with 17 points. He was followed in scoring by Lee Culver with 13, Jonathan Orlando with 10 and Chris Dailey with eight points. Ed Stredney chipped in a three pointer and Griffin Adams added two for the winners.

DYB 7-8 Boys

Kevin Pierce led Pompey with 23 points, Tommy Youells followed with 17 points. Mike Diaco and Joe Murray chipped in with five points apiece, and Cody Plesnar added two.

Fieldhouse 54, D.J. Charlie Hayes 32

Josh Backes led the Fieldhouse with 22 points, followed by Eric Cannon with 14 points and Hunter Englehart with eight. Preston Balavage and Andy Ondish chipped in four points each and Matt Shaver added two for the winners.

Peter Recchia led the D.J.'s with nine points, Mike Mazur, Steve Meskers and Ryan Urzen scored six points apiece. Josh Stephens chipped in five.

Dallas Rotary 62, PNC Bank 48

Scott Skammer led the Rotary with 25 points, followed by Andy Besecker with 16 points and Eric Fritzges with 11 points. Taylor Dunn chipped in six points, while David Carey and Bryan Weaver added two points apiece for the winners.

Henry Messenger led PNC with 15 points, followed by Casey Judge with 12 points, Konrad Kraszewski with 11 and Gary Verazin with eight points. Joe Evans added two.

Januzzi's Pizza 42, Dr. Jack Ellis 36

Derek Martin led Januzzi's with 17 points, followed by Nick Lombard with nine points. Ryan McAndrew and Devon O'Brien scored seven points each. David Zurek added two for the winners.

Jackie Ellis led the Docs with 21 points, followed by Chris Ellis with seven points. Aaron Bulter and

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