

# Sports Week

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

## JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

### Lake-Lehman wins WVC championship

The Lake-Lehman Jr. High wrestlers edged previously unbeaten Hazleton 47-45 to capture the Wyoming Valley Conference title. The Black Knights built up a 43-18 lead on pins by Dave Heller, 165; Mike Prater, 185; Wally Simko, 210; Shane Stark, 100; and Chris Barbacci, 105. The Cougars, 2004 WVC champions, stormed back, winning five straight matches to get within a point, 43-42, with two bouts remaining. Lehman managed to swap decisions in the final bouts with Chad Brudnicki (20-2) scoring a major decision at 145 to give the Knights the victory margin.

Key to the victory were wins won by Simko, Brudnicki, Stark and Andrew Chorba over highly-ranked opponents. At 210 lbs. Simko (23-2) came back from an 8-point deficit to score two nearfalls of his own and a third period pin over Hazleton's Brandon Fennell (20-5). Chorba (20-3) moved up a weight to earn a 4-0 decision over Mike Volciak (20-5) in the 80-pound class. Stark (20-5) controlled Hazleton's Rich Besedesky (21-3), scoring a fall in the third period. At 145 lbs. Brudnicki's major decision came over Hazleton's Dave Oberender (21-5). Also crucial for the Black Knights was a major decision victory by first-year wrestler Frankie Castrignano (9-6) at 95-pounds.

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### Mounts way ahead in Back Mountain Cup

The race for the 2004-05 Back Mountain Cup appears to be all over but the cheering. Dallas has taken a commanding 11-3 lead in the annual competition, which is decided by the record in regular-season meetings between the Dallas and Lake-Lehman varsity sports teams.

The Black Knights have managed to win only at girls volleyball, field hockey and wrestling, all their traditional power sports. There also was a tie in boys cross country, with Dallas winning the match on a tiebreaker.

Other than wrestling, the Mountaineers swept the winter season, but the Lady Knights made things interesting in both girls basketball matchups. On Jan. 7, Dallas pulled out a 57-54 win, and things were even closer on Jan. 31, with the Lady Mounts winning a 52-50 squeaker.

It's still mathematically possible for Lake-Lehman to turn things around by sweeping the spring sports.

Lake-Lehman won the inaugural 2002-03 year of the Cup, riding a strong fall sports showing in which they lost only one match to a 14-9 victory margin. Dallas finished the 2003-04 race with double wins in baseball and softball to claim the trophy by a 15.5 to 6.5 advantage.

The handsome Back Mountain Cup trophy is the

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Mallory Kern finished second in the 200 freestyle for Dallas during last week's meet against Wyoming Valley West, won 110-76 by the Spartans. She also was second in the 500 free.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Dallas 78, Western Wayne 48

Feb. 16 — Sophomore Brad Fagula led Dallas with 22 points, Ryan Nemetz added 13, and Robbie Myers had 11 in a District 2 Class 3A first round playoff game. Matt Wilson canned a pair of 3-point shots for the Mountaineers.

### Wyoming Seminary 63, Lake-Lehman 59, OT

Feb. 16 — Seminary had five players in double figures and made all 10 of its free throws in overtime to down Lake-Lehman in the Class 2A playoffs.

Chris Boyle scored a game-high 28 points for Lake-Lehman, which ended the season with a 6-17 record. Caleb Piatt added 15 points and Alan Sheridan added six. Boyle hit four 3-pointers.

### Tunkhannock 76, Lake-Lehman 67

Feb. 14 — Spencer Lunger led the Tigers with 27 points, hitting five 3-point shots. Brendan Mulhern added 14 points.

Chris Boyle led Lehman, also scoring 27 points, and hitting



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Bishop O'Reilly's Tim Crossin moves the ball around Bishop Hoban's Kyle Flemings in the Feb. 14 special playoff game, which O'Reilly won 57-47.

seven 3-pointers. Caleb Piatt scored 12 points, Kevin Racemus had 11 and Alan Sheridan scored 10 for the Black Knights.

### Bishop O'Reilly 57, Bishop Hoban 47

Feb. 14 — All-state guard Tim Crossin led the defending state

champion Queensmen to victory before a near-capacity crowd at Hazleton Area High School's gymnasium. The victory gave O'Reilly the overall title in the Wyoming Valley Conference Division II.

Crossin scored a game-high 23 points, and came up with three

big steals to go along with a pair of long-range bombs and one acrobatic drive to the hole during a rally in the first and second quarters, leaving the Argents looking flustered and out of sync.

Junior center Josh Aciukewicz scored 15 points for O'Reilly, and Chris Kester added eight, including two 3-point shots.

### Bishop Hoban 57, Bishop O'Reilly 54

Feb. 12 — The Argents won the fourth quarter and the game to force a special playoff game. Chris Kester scored 12 points for O'Reilly, Josh Aciukewicz had 11, Tim Crossin scored nine and Chris DeRojas had seven.

Sean O'Leary scored seven points for Hoban and Brian Ostrowsky chipped in five.

### Dallas 81, Lake-Lehman 49

Feb. 11 — Dallas' Robbie Myers led all scorers with 21 points, as the Mountaineers dominated their Back Mountain rivals. Matt Kelly scored 18 for Dallas, including two 3-point shots; Brad Fagula had nine points and Ryan Nemetz scored

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## Harveys Lake Little League registration

Registration for the 2005 season of Harveys Lake Little League will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harveys Lake Borough Building, across from the police station. Children ages 5 to 16 who live within Harveys Lake Borough and Lake Township Little League boundaries are eligible to enroll to play baseball or softball. Registration is required even if the child has played in the past.

At least one parent or legal guardian must be present with three proofs of residence and an original or state-certified copy of the child's birth certificate. The documents will be inspected and returned at registration. For more information, including a description of the boundaries, call Harveys Lake Little League at 639-1988 or visit [www.harveyslakell.com](http://www.harveyslakell.com).

## Penguins and Geisinger host hockey clinic

Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center Sports Medicine and the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins are partnering to offer a free youth hockey clinic, Wednesday, March 2 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Wachovia Arena in Wilkes-Barre. Participants must be between the ages of 6 and 18 and have their own helmet, stick and ice skates.

Participants will learn training tips and receive hands-on instruction from professional hockey players including skating, shooting and stick skills. Prizes will be given to all registered participants, and a parent, guardian or coach must accompany all participants to this event. The clinic will be separated into 90-minute sessions by age group.

Call 826-7717 by Monday, Feb. 21 to register or to obtain further information.

## Jr. Knights football/cheer signups

Lake-Lehman Junior Knights football/cheerleading program has scheduled registration for the 2005 season. Returning participants can register on Tuesday, March 8, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Lake-Lehman High School cafeteria. New participants will register on Tuesday, March 15, at the same time and place. There is a \$40 registration fee per child and copies of birth certificate, insurance coverage and a recent photo of the child must be provided at signup. Participants must be age 7 by August 1, 2005.



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## Back Mountain rivalry, junior version

The Dallas and Lake-Lehman junior high school boys basketball teams tangled Feb. 11 at the Black Knights' court. Dallas won, but no other results were made available.

In photos, clockwise from top left: Jayme Bronson, Lake-Lehman, tangles with and fouls Eric Tucker of Dallas; Lake-Lehman's Scott Summa can't get around Eric Tucker and Mark Covert of Dallas; Pat Murray puts up a short jump shot for the Mountaineers.

## Kingston Twp. Raiders football, cheerleading registration

Registration for the 2005 season for the Kingston Township Raiders football and cheerleading will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Kingston Township Municipal Building on East Center Street in Shavertown. Any boy or girl ages 5-14 living in Kingston Township, Franklin Township, Harveys Lake, Jackson Township, Lehman Township, Exeter Township or Wyoming may register with the Raiders. The team plays a 10-game season, with one home game played at Lackawanna County Stadium.

Parents should bring their child (for uniform sizing), a copy of their child's birth certificate, a recent photograph, and medical insurance information to registration. For further information, contact Lori Monk at 696-1307, or Bob Gawlas at 696-4519.

The Kingston Township Raiders play in the Wyoming Valley West Youth Football and Cheerleading Conference. The B, C, and D football teams went to the 2004 Superbowl and the Competition Cheer Squad won more than 10 trophies, including overall best squad at the league cheer competition.