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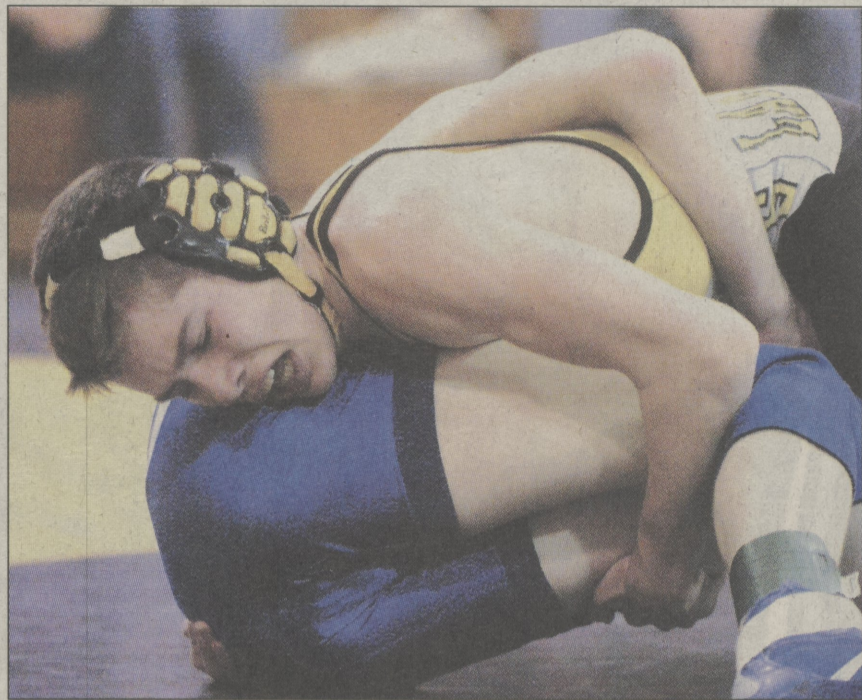
DISTRICT 2 CLASS 2A WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Back Mountain schools send six to regionals

Dragon, Josuweit and Schutz win district titles, two Dallas wrestlers place third.

Staff report

Feb. 26 — Lake-Lehman senior Matt Dragon took his place in area wrestling history by winning his fourth consecutive District 2 Class 2A championship at Scranton Preparatory School. Dragon coasted to a 15-5 win against



Ed Donahue of Lake-Lehman battles Jeff Konetski of Hanover Area in their 112 lb. match during the District 2 Class 2A Wrestling Championships, Feb. 19 at Scranton Prep.

Lake-Lehman trio leave lasting legacy

By CHRIS BELL
Post Correspondent

Another chapter in the illustrious history of Lake-Lehman wrestling will come to a close next weekend as senior standouts Jeremy Schutz, Andy Josuweit and Matt Dragon end their high school careers.

Schutz, Josuweit and Dragon have combined for nearly 400 individual victories while leading the Knights to three District II championships and three District II Team Duals titles.

"These guys have been special," said coach Phil Lipski. "We can fill their spots in the line-up, but we won't be able to replace what they've meant to our program. They have been leaders and motivators and have really raised

the bar for the future."

Dragon will conclude his spectacular career as one of the winningest wrestlers in state history and has his sights set on claiming a state title after two near misses in the last two seasons.

All three wrestlers competed at the Northeast Regional Tournament Friday and Saturday. Results were not available in time for this issue.

"Matt is the guy to beat this year," said Lipski. "He's been through this before and knows that every match is a battle at this time of year. He is a tireless worker and it would be fitting for him to end his career with a state title."

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DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL

Rotary wins championship

In the Dallas Youth Basketball championship game, Dallas Rotary defeated PNC Bank 55-39. Scott Skammer led the Rotary with 23 points, followed by Eric Fritzges and Andy Besecker with 12 points apiece. Taylor Dunn had a three pointer while Eric Baines and David Carey each scored two points for the champions. Rotary is coached by Bob Besecker and Steve Skammer.

Konrad Kraszewski led PNC with 14 points, followed by Gary Verazin with 10 points. Henry Messinger had five points, while Jeremy Kaleta chipped in a three pointer and Jim Amarndo and Garrett Hann added two points apiece. PNC is coached by Mike Judge and Gary Verazin.

SEMI FINALS

PNC Bank 50, Bishop Photo 47

Casey Judge led PNC with 18 points, followed by Henry Messinger with 12. Konrad Kraszewski added eight points, Joe Evans had four points while Jeremy Kaleta chipped in a three pointer and Garrett Hann and Gary Verazin added two points apiece for the winners.

D.J. Berley led Bishop Photo with 20 points, followed by Jonathan Orlando with 10 points. Lee Culver and Tony Bevevino had six points apiece (Bevevino hit two 3-pointers) while Chris Dailey chipped in five points. Bishop Photo is coached by Fred Berley and Craig Williams.

Dallas Rotary 49, Fieldhouse 45

Andy Besecker led the Rotary with 17 points, followed by Eric Fritzges

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PNC Bank's Garrett Hann reaches in on Scott Skammer as he drives to the hoop.

DISTRICT 2 DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mountaineers win half the medals

Dallas divers win both boys and girls championships.

Supczenski, Bishop Hoban, fourth; and Adriana Boylan, Tunkhannock, eighth.

Feb. 26 — Dallas won six of 12 medals at the District 2 Class 2A Diving Championships, including both gold medals and a sweep of the top three girls places.

Junior Alaric Eby won the boys title for the third consecutive year with a dominating performance that led second-place finisher Cullen Boyle of Bishop Hoban by 84 points. Michael Glicini won fifth place in the boys competition.

Whitney Bolton, a senior, won the girls title, followed by Erica Lisses and Sarah Rupert. Shannon Dingle finished sixth.

Eby, Bolton and Lisses will advance to the PIAA State Championship meet, March 16-19 at Bucknell University, Lewisburg. Eby finished fourth in the state last year and Bolton was 14th.

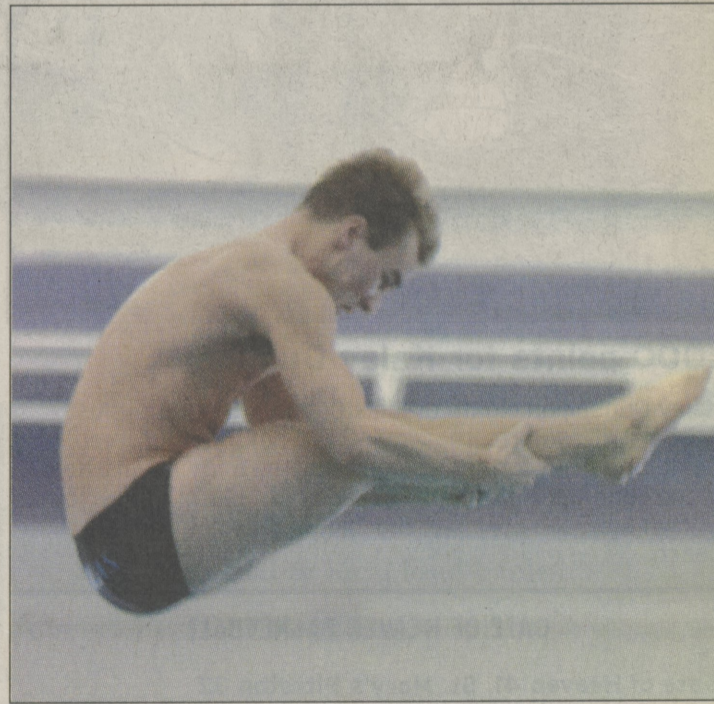
Other local medal winners were Tom Kolodzieski, Tunkhannock, sixth; Melissa

CLASS 2A BOYS

1. Alaric Eby, Dallas, 454.30; 2. Cullen Boyle, Bishop Hoban, 370.45; 3. Scott Iseman, Meyers, 292.30; 4. Hunter Lear, Berwick, 278.75; 5. Michael Glicini, Dallas, 275.20; 6. Tom Kolodzieski, Tunkhannock, 230.80; 7. Cosmo DeGennaro, Berwick, 224.05; 8. Chris Carsia, MMI, 217.00; 9. George Kavulich, Valley View, 185.65.

CLASS 2A GIRLS

1. Whitney Bolton, Dallas, 352.15; 2. Erica Lisses, Dallas, 337.45; 3. Sarah Rupert, Dallas, 327.95; 4. Melissa Supczenski, Bishop Hoban, 322.30; 5. Desiree Finley, Hanover Area, 300.20; 6. Shannon Dingle, Dallas, 287.85; 7. Danielle Bryden, Wyoming Area, 284.20; 8. Adriana Boylan, Tunkhannock, 273.55; 9. Sara Metzger, Bishop Hoban, 255.55; 10. Meghan Davis, Valley View, 242.95; 11. Michelle Harhut, Valley View, 226.95.



Alaric Eby of Dallas won the District 2 Class AA boys diving championship for the third straight year. The event took place Feb. 26 at the Wilkes-Barre CYC.

DISTRICT 2 BOYS BASKETBALL

Dynamic duo lead O'Reilly

Tim Crossin catches fire for 35 points in final, Josh Aciekewicz adds 21 for defending state champs.

Staff report

Feb. 25 — Tim Crossin poured in 35 points, 13 in the fourth quarter, and Josh Aciekewicz added 21 as Bishop O'Reilly cruised to an 85-63 victory over the Bishop Hannan Golden Lancers to win the District 2 Class A championship before a packed house at Scandlon Gymnasium.

Bishop O'Reilly (25-4) faced District 11 runner-up Pius X (19-8) in the first round of the state tournament Saturday. That game took place too late to be included in this issue.

Crossin, a 6-1 senior all-state guard, said the Queensmen are just as hungry to win a state

title as they were last year.

"We were expecting them to play an up-tempo game and we were ready," Crossin said. "We're used to that style of play."

After Hannan took a 9-3 lead at the start of the game, O'Reilly surged ahead 12-11 on Aciekewicz's putback basket. The Queensmen led 19-14 after the first quarter, and took control of the game with an impressive run in the final three minutes of the second quarter.

Hannan led 26-25 at the 3:12 mark, but O'Reilly went ahead 28-26 on Crossin's three-point play that triggered a 15-0 run by the Queensmen.

During that stretch, Crossin hit a pair of long three-pointers, Aciekewicz converted a three-point play and B.J. Solack made a steal and hit a

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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.

Youth basketball tournament

North American Youth Sports is holding a spring basketball tournament at the University of Scranton for boys and girls in grades five through 12. Games will be held March 11, 12, and 13. There will be a \$100 entry fee, per team, and each team is guaranteed two games. Medals will be awarded for first and second place. Call Lew Thomas at 814-5477 for entry forms.

River Street Run/Walk April 3

The Jewish Community Center of Wyoming Valley will hold its annual Wilkes-Barre River Street 3 Mile Run and Walk on Sunday, April 3, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Awards will be presented to age group winners in male and female divisions for both walk and run. First place winners will receive a watch courtesy of the race sponsors, Bartikowsky Jewelers, Boscov's Department Store and Advanced Pain Management Specialists. All prepaid participants will receive t-shirts. For more information and entry forms, call 824-4646.