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Western Wayne's Dan Vogel in the 152-pound final and was named the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler.

Dragon and six other local wrestlers earned places in this weekend's Northeast Region tournament at Williamsport High School. The top three finishers in each weight class at districts advanced to regionals. Results were not available in time for this issue.

Dragon's Lake-Lehman teammates Jeremy Schutz and Andy Josuweit won the 140- and 145-pound classes, respectively. Dallas' John Hettes captured the 130-pound championship.

Third-place winners were Joe Hayes (112) and Brian Goeringer (171) of Dallas, and Lake-Lehman's Stan Brudnicki (215).

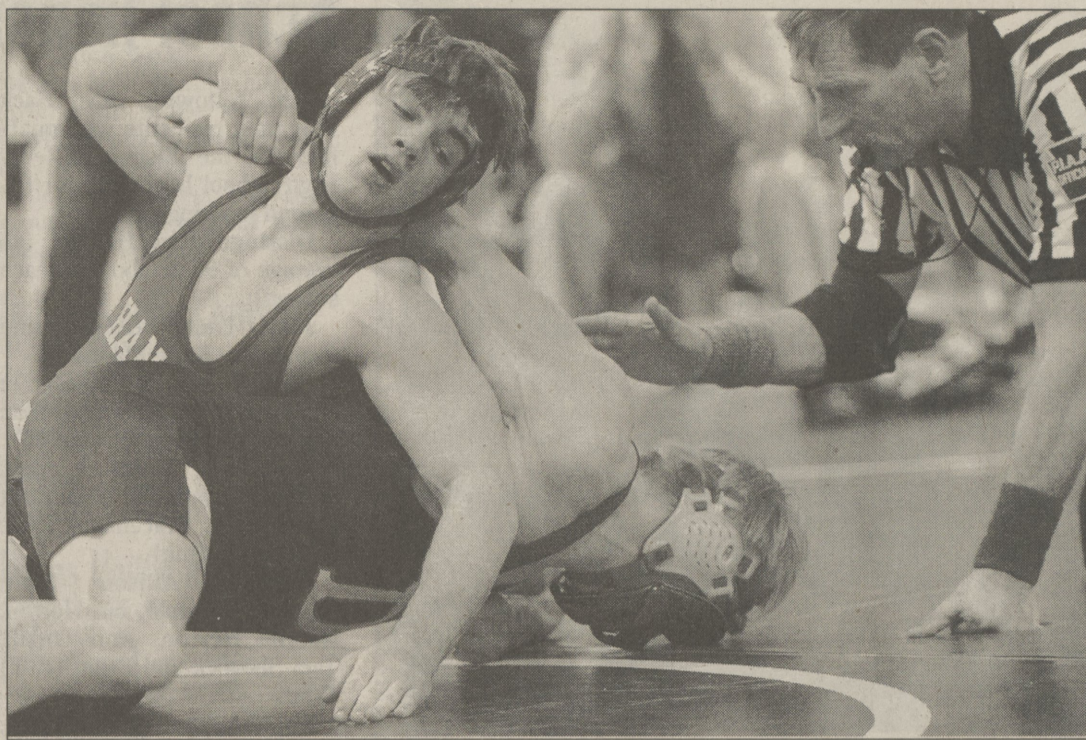
Hettes beat top-seeded Louis Villella of Blue Ridge in a battle of two returning district champs. The second seed trailed early in the match before using three back points to even the score at 5-5. Villella escaped to make it 6-5, but Hettes recorded a two-point takedown with 37 seconds left in the match to earn the title.

"I knew I had to do whatever I could to get the job done," said Hettes, who won a Class 3A championship last year.

Schutz began the parade of Lake-Lehman champions to the winner's podium. The top-seeded senior pinned No. 2-seed Jim Histed of Western Wayne in 1:13 for his second consecutive title.

Josuweit followed with another dominating performance, capturing his third district championship with a 3:58 pin of Mountain View's Greg Nixon.

The performance by the Lake-Lehman senior trio almost allowed the Black Knights to capture the team championship. West Scranton had a comfortable lead before Lehman began



FOR THE POST/DON CAREY

Brian Goeringer of Dallas struggled against Hanover's Dan Paveletz during their 171 lb. match during the District 2 Class 2A Wrestling Championships. Paveletz won this bout, but Goeringer bounced back to take third place and earn a trip to regionals.

chipping away in the consolation rounds.

The Invaders finished with 156 points to Lake-Lehman's 139. Dallas finished a respectable seventh in the 16-team field.

Hayes earned his trip to regionals with a 4-2 overtime win over Lake-Lehman's Ed Donahue. Goeringer recovered from a technical fall loss to pin Scranton Prep's Jess Cornachione in the third-place final match.

Brudnicki wrestled back to the third-place match and won an 8-5 decision over Chris Cavanaugh of Susquehanna.

Finishing in fifth place were Lake-Lehman's Brandon Brown (171) and Joe Kleumunes (189), and Dallas' John McCue (215) and Alan Pugh (275).

Tunkhannock's Brent Richter won third place at 189 lb. in Class 3A, earning a spot at regionals.

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In addition to eclipsing the 100-win plateau earlier this season, Schutz entered the Northeast Regional tournament with 99 career pins to his credit. "He is so tough on top. He is never out of a match because of his ability to pin anybody," said Lipski.

Unlike his classmates, Josuweit didn't compete at the varsity level as a freshman and won't reach 100 career victories. "Andy went to states as a sophomore and is really coming into his own this season," said Lipski. "He has the potential to place high in Hershey."

Lipski has tried his best to prepare his team for the rigors of the post-season. "We tried to wrestle the best competition

"They have been leaders and motivators and have really raised the bar for the future."

Phil Lipski
Lake-Lehman coach

throughout the year. I think the kids are ready. They know this is their last opportunity."

In addition, the trio has earned added confidence from grappling with each other in practice throughout their careers. "It's a great asset for them to know they face some of the best wrestlers in the state every day at practice," said Lipski.

Golf tournament aids autism fight

Wilkes University students, working for the student-run Zebra Communications firm, will assist the Autism Golf Classic planning committee with its marketing and promotions effort in 2005. The golf event, scheduled for Monday, June 13 at the Huntsville Golf Club, will benefit the John Heinz Institute Autism program.

Members of the 2005 Autism Golf Classic planning committee are: Stuart Bell, Tom Bevevino, Jim Brogna, Lee Eckert, Mark Korlishin, John McCarthy, Bob Morgan, Tom Pugh, Mark Rowan, Mike Raymond, Alex Rogers, Jack Simpson, Doug Straub, Phil Straub and Susan Yelen.

Proceeds from the event will once again benefit the charitable services and technology investments in the Pediatric Autism Program at the John Heinz Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine. The golf event has raised nearly \$200,000 over the past eleven years for pediatric services at John Heinz Institute.

In addition to the golf tournament, a silent auction will be held during the event, featuring a golf trip to the Villa at the Westin Resort in Hilton Head, South Carolina, donated by Michael Raymond, Ph.D.

For more information on the Autism Golf Classic or auction, call 826-3836, or e-mail Jim Brogna at jbrogn@allied-services.org.



Wilkes University students, representatives of the Zebra Communications organization, met with members of the planning committee for the 2005 Autism Golf Classic to be held at Huntsville Golf Club on June 13. From left, seated, are planning committee members John McCarthy, Jack Simpson and Alex Rogers.

Standing: Wilkes University students Neil Nowakowski, Katie Thompson, Jennifer Marks and Bridget Giunta, with committee members Tom Bevevino, Stuart Bell, and Mike Raymond.

Volleyball tournament at LCCC

The Luzerne County Community College Health and Physical Education Department will hold its 19th annual volleyball tournament on Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at the college's gymnasium.

Saturday's tournament will be co-ed with at least two females per team. An all-male tournament will be held on Sunday. The tournament will be round-robin play followed by single elimination play-offs. Teams may be responsible for supplying up and down officials.

Tournament cost is \$100 per team, per day. For more information, or to register, call LCCC at 740-0237 or 740-0566 or e-mail egurtis@luzerne.edu



FOR THE POST/PETE G. WILCOX

Chris DeRojas, above, of Bishop O'Reilly flies past Nico Fricchoine of Bishop Hannan during the boys District 2 Class A basketball final at King's College on Feb. 18. Tim Crossin puts up a runner during the game. He led Bishop O'Reilly with 35 points.



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layup just before the buzzer.

Aciukewicz, a 6-5 junior center, scored 15 points in the first half, and Crossin had 14.

O'Reilly extended the lead to

64-46 after three quarters.

Crossin was a one-man show in the final period. He scored the first five points of the frame and his three-point play gave the

Queensmen an 81-56 lead.

Crossin likes O'Reilly's chances of repeating as state champs. "We're just as good as last year's team."



Black Knights sixth graders win two titles

The sixth grade Lake-Lehman Knights recently won championships in the Holy Trinity Youth Basketball League and the Lake-Lehman Youth Basketball League.

From left, kneeling: Brandon Roberts, Zack Yursha, Adam Weaver, Justin Cornell. Standing: Coach Dan Yursha, Chad Wandel, Chad Carey, Andrew Sabol, coach Mike Carey.

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