

# Sports Week

## Big start for Crossin

Trucksville native earns Rookie of Week honors at Division I Towson State.

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His uniform is a different color. The opposing players are bigger, stronger, faster. The arenas are bigger. And crowds are larger.

A year ago, Tim Crossin was an outstanding basketball player, showcasing his skills and drawing rave reviews.

And that's something that hasn't changed.

The collegiate career of the 18-year-old Trucksville native has gotten off to a storybook start at Division I Towson University. Crossin has started all six games and played nearly every minute of every contest for head coach Pat Kennedy's Tigers.

The son of Tom and Eileen Crossin followed a tremendous week with a 15-point performance in a loss against Northeastern on Wednesday night. Last week, Crossin was named the Colonial Athletic Association Rookie of the Week after leading the Tigers to wins against Morgan State and William & Mary. In a three-game period, the former Bishop O'Reilly standout averaged 14.3 points and 5.3 assists per game. He also recorded 10 steals.

"It's been incredible, I'm really enjoying it," said Crossin during a telephone interview from his dorm room at the Baltimore-area school. "It's a lot different than high school. The players are a lot stronger and the game is a lot faster. You have to be in good shape."

Before the season began, Crossin expected to get some playing time off the bench at the No. 2 (shooting guard) position. But that changed when fifth-year senior Kantrell Fletcher — the team's starting point guard — tore an ACL during pre-season and was lost for the season.

"Coach Kennedy asked me if I was OK with playing point guard and I told him that I was," said Crossin, who added 18 pounds of muscle to his 6-foot-1, 160-pound frame during the off-season. "Actually, I think I'm better at that position. I was given a great opportunity and I'm trying to make the most of it."

After scoring eight points in



Former Bishop O'Reilly standout Tim Crossin (3) makes a pass to a Towson University teammate during a recent game. Crossin is enjoying early success on the Division I college level.

each of his first two games, Crossin has scored in double figures in each game since to become Towson's second-leading scorer. He's also ranked in the top five in the conference in steals and assists per game.

Crossin's best game of the young season came against William & Mary, when he pumped in a his college career-high 19 points. He shot an impressive 7-of-8 from the floor, including a 5-for-6 effort from three-point range. He also dished out seven assists, pulled down six rebounds and recorded six steals.

"The first couple of games, I just wanted to get my confidence level up," said the two-time all-state selection and Pennsylvania's Class A Player of the Year a year ago. "Coach Kennedy has given me the green light and I'm shooting the ball a little more. He encourages me

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Towson University head coach Pat Kennedy — a former player and assistant coach at King's College — talks to Trucksville native Tim Crossin during a game. Despite being only a freshman, Crossin is the second-leading scorer on the team.



Lake-Lehman's Joscelyn Mahon makes her way past Mountain View's Chelsea Marcho Friday night at Lake-Lehman.

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## Lake-Lehman wins tourney, Horvath named Tip-Off MVP

Led by tournament MVP Sheree Horvath, the Lake-Lehman girls basketball team cruised to a 62-47 win against Wyoming Seminary in the championship game of the Times Leader Tip-off Classic.

The Black Knights posted a convincing 54-18 win against Mountain View in the semifinals.

Tina Watkins scored a game-high 20 points and was joined on the all-tournament team by Horvath (18 points, 13 rebounds) and

teammates Marissa Harrison and Joscelyn Mahon. Harrison also received the Rodger Bearde Sportsmanship Award, which is named after the late longtime boys basketball coach and athletic director.

A preview of the Lake-Lehman and Dallas boys and girls basketball teams will be published in the Dec. 18 edition of The Post. Wrestling previews will appear in the Dec. 25 issue and swimming previews will be published Jan. 1.



Lake-Lehman's Marissa Harrison drives past a Mountain View defender for a layup during Friday night's game in the Lady Knights' Times Leader Tip-Off Classic.

## McAndrew, Rice and Dunn score in boys bball; Dunbar and Medico tops for girls

Ryan McAndrew scored 23 points and Taylor Dunn added 11 as Dr. Jack Ellis defeated DJ Charlie Hayes, 52-36, in Dallas Youth Basketball's seventh/eighth grade boys division. Kevin Muldoon added five points for the winners. Tyler Shutlock scored 13 points to lead the DJs. Stephen Zapoticky added 10 points, while Kurtis Manganella and Chris Dillon finished with seven and two points, respectively.

• Jimmy Brown scored 22 points, leading Quad Three Group to a 37-24 win against Karchner Refrigeration Service. Jon Lando added four points for the winners. Nick Lombard scored 10 points and Jeremy Roberts chipped in four for Karchner.

• Travis DeBona and Austin Carr combined for 30 points as McCarthy Tire cruised to a 54-28 win against Quad Three Group. Kevin Gilbert added 11 points and Brandon Harding chipped in eight for the winners. Dustin Sierko scored 12 points to lead Quad Three. Nick Zabriski and Jon Lando added eight points apiece.

• Nick Lombard scored 17

points and Hayden Jenkins added 10 as Karchner Refrigeration Service defeated Bishop Photo, 49-28. Scot Riccetti and Ethan Pensak chipped in nine and five points, respectively for the winners. Gary Verazin led Bishop with 17 points. Brian Wise added six points, while Spencer Youngman and Adam Vercinski finished with two points each.

• Ryan McAndrew scored 22 points and Chris Ellis added 14 as Dr. Jack Ellis rallied for a 43-41 overtime win against Offset Paperback. D.J. Berley scored a team-high 17 points for Offest, while Andrew Ondish and Griffin Adams finished with seven and six points, respectively.

### 7-8 GRADE GIRLS

• Dana Krawetz scored a game-high 10 points and Blair Costantino added nine as Bishop Photo posted a 37-16 win against The Fieldhouse. Mary Kate Osick and Sarah Konopki added eight and six points apiece, respectively. Nicole Sobocinski chipped in five points for the winners. Sara Krogulski, Colleen Pike and Becky Sweetra scored four points apiece for The Fieldhouse.

• Jennifer Rutalis scored a game-high 10 points as Darling Graphic Designs posted a 28-24 win against Medico Industries. Taylor Millington added nine points and Rachel Buckman chipped in three for the winners. Sarah Gallis,

Carly Tomko and Briana Zabolney led a balanced scoring attack for Medico, finishing with six points each.

### 5-6 GRADE BOYS

• M&T Bank rode the inside play of Jordan Stephens, who finished with 21 points, to a 43-26 victory against PNC Bank. Brothers Harry and George Parkhurst combined for 16 points, while Ryan McCarthy pulled down 12 boards for the winners.

Corey Eyerman used an outside shooting touch to score 12 points for PNC. Ryan Hanson added eight points and Josh Shilanski chipped in four.

• Bobby Saba made a couple of key shots in double-overtime as Drs. Scott & Clements posted a thrilling 39-37 win against Dough Company. Ryan Zapoticky scored 15 points for the winners. Bobby Saba added 10 points, while Danny Saba

chipped in nine. Greg Petorak led both teams in assists.

Jason Simonovich had 15 points and Donnie Behm scored 14 points for Dough Company, while David Lasco played a solid inside game.

• Kohnor Rice scored a team-high 26 points as Dr. Jack Ellis posted a 57-47 come-from-behind win against Eastern Penn Supply Co. Michael Banas used a strong inside game to score 18 points, while John Murray added eight.

Shane Dunn scored a game-high 39 points for EPSCO, while Aaron Weir added six points and Ryan Thomas played well defensively.

• Paul Brace had 12 points and two key baskets down the stretch to lead Brace's Orchard to a 38-36 win against Dr. John Kish.

Craig Skudulski added 10 points while Michael Gallis chipped in six. Hayden Jenkins used good outside shooting to score a game-high 18 points in leading Dr. Kish. Nathan Kish added 12 points while John Bath and Matt Diaco combined for six points.

• John Murray scored 10 points as Gordon Smith Insurance defeated Rosenn, Jenkins

and Greenwald, 32-20. Alex Zubko, Chris Ostrum and FJ Constantino added six points apiece. Brian Stepiak scored 11 points to lead RJG, while Johnathan Barre added six.

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Ashley Dunbar scored 12 points as The Fieldhouse cruised to a 30-7 win against Gordon-Smith Insurance. Sabrina Zurek added six points, while Jacquie Graham and Jessica Missal chipped in four points each for the winners.

Alyssa Menzel scored three points for Gordon Insurance. Lauren Scaffidi and Allison Spencer added two points apiece.

### 3-4 GRADE BOYS

• Chris Behm scored seven points, while Mark Michno added six points and 10 rebounds to propel Quad Three Group to a 17-7 win against Pompey Dodge. Allen Fell and Vinny Parente added two points apiece. Matt Ross scored five of his team's seven points for Pompey. Will Akins added two points and Frank Hulihan played well defensively.

• Michael Boland scored a game-high 13 points as Darling

Graphic Design posted a 22-19 win against McCarthy Tires. Joe Mozden added six points for the winners, while Dominic Deluca and Brendan Ehret played well defensively.

Chad DeBona led McCarthy with 11 points. Chase Makowski added six points, while Michael Homa played a solid inside game.

• Mariano Medico scored a game-high 22 points as Medico Industries cruised to a 36-8 win against MetLife Securities.

Zack Goodwin added 12 points, while Eric Pincofski chipped in two and Josh Weaver played well defensively.

J.T. Carey scored four points for MetLife, while Rosario Bevevino added two.

• Kyle Razawich scored a game-high 20 points as The Fieldhouse defeated Banas, Byron and Kim, 42-26. Blake Williams added 10 points, while Michael Mihal chipped in eight 8 points and played well defensively.

Matt Saba and Michael Pierce combined for 25 points for the doctors.

Saba scored 13 points and Pierce chipped in 12. Donald Michalisin and David Pomfret played well defensively.