

BMWC WRESTLERS NAMED TO ALL-STAR TEAM



The Back Mountain Wrestling Club concluded its season in the Penn Elementary Wrestling League by placing 12 wrestlers on the league's all-star team. Selection to the team was determined by the results of a league meet held in February at GAR High School. The team will compete against the Northern League all-stars on Sunday, Feb. 19 at Penn State Wilkes-Barre and against the Tri-Valley and East Penn all-star teams Feb. 26 in Quakertown. Members of the all-star team, along with their respective finishes and weight classes, from left, first row are Charles Harry, second place, unlimited; Jaren Moran, fourth place, 50 pounds; Justin Hutchins, second place, 50; Joe Daniels, fourth place, 46. Second row: Sal Moran, fourth place, 98; Kris Rosencrans, third place, 62; Jude Moran, second place, unlimited; Cole Dixon, first place, 66; and Nick Luzetski, second place, 82. Third row: Connor Martinez, second place, 91; Billy Dixon, fourth place, 82; and Matt Doggett, first place, 86.

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shape. I believe in these kids. I now we'll have a great meet." The coach was thrilled with the performance of his boys team against Valley West - and during the regular season. Despite having just 10 swimmers, Dallas finished with a 7-5 record in the WVC. And that doesn't include senior Alaric Eby, the defending Class 2A state champion diver. Eby set a pool record at Valley West last week. "I'm really proud of them,"

said Stretanski, referring to the boys team, which will also compete in the district championships. "They had a great (regular) season. Every guy on the team has gone faster than last year or bettered his district time from a year ago. You can't ask for more than that."

Stretanski is hoping the Mountaineers - boys and girls - can end the season on a high note.

"We'd love to be able to hang a team championship banner in our pool," he said. "It's in the making. We're almost there. It's just a matter of the kids really wanting it."

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7TH/8TH GRADE GIRLS

Ellen Arnaud scored a game-high 30 points as Integrated Power defeated Burger King 55-33. Sara Muldoon added 10 points for the winners, while Jessica Bolton chipped in six. Dee Szatkowski scored four points and Taylor Kapral and Melissa Snyder added two points each. Lauren Skudalski led Burger King with 16 points and Ashleigh Napierkowski finished with 12. Teammate Samantha Martin scored five points.

5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS

Hayden Jenkins lead all scorers with 14 points as Dr. Kish used a balanced scoring attack to post a 44-26 win against M&T Bank. Tim Kennedy, Shane Jacobson and Nathan Kish scored eight points each, while John Paul Bath and Matt Diaco added four and two points, respectively. M&T Bank was led by the hot shooting of Ryan McCarthy with 12 points, while teammate Robby Hoffman added six.

• Jason Simonovich scored 22 points as the Dough Company posted a 46-28 win against Dr. Jack Ellis. David Miller added nine points for the winners, while Logan May and Rudy Georgetti chipped in four points each. Michael Banas led Dr. Ellis with 11 points, while Buddy Shutlock added six points. Greg Selenski and John Murray chipped in two points each.

• James DelPrior nailed a key basket with less than a minute remaining as Brace's Orchard defeated Rosenn, Jenkins and Greenwald, 34-33. Paul Brace and Dylan Pilger led the team offensively while Michael Gallis and Craig Skudulski led the defense. Jack Matusiak and Brett Wanek combined for 20 points to lead Rosenn. Shane Panagokus played well defensively.

• Shane Dunn scored 13 points and Austin Smith added 12 to lead Eastern Penn Supply Co. to a 36-22 win against PNC Bank. Anthony Gialenella added seven points for the winners. Garrett Artsma led PNC Bank with eight points, while teammate Corey

Eyerman finished with six.

• John Murray scored 14 points and Chris Ostrum chipped in 12 as Gordon Smith Insurance/Eyecare Specialists defeated Drs. Scott and Clements 39-28. F.J. Constantino added seven points for the winners. Ryan Zapoticky scored 12 points to lead the doctors. Teammate Danny Saba added nine points.

5TH/6TH GRADE GIRLS

Sabrina Zurek scored 10 points as The Fieldhouse defeated the Center for Diagnostic Imagery, 16-8. Ashley Dunbar added four points, while Alyssa Belskis chipped in two. Jessica Hiscox, Erica McCabe, Danielle Olinginski and Amelia Pietraccini scored two points each for Diagnostic Imagery.

• Sabrina Zurek scored 15 points and Ashley Dunbar added 10 as The Fieldhouse defeated Eye Care Specialists, 29-26. Jessica Missal and Jacquie Graham added two points each, while Alyssa Belskis, Liz Kravitz, and Jen Yannuzzi played well defensively. Tanner Englehart led Eyecare Specialists with 12 points. Katie Yanchuk added 10 points and Bryanna Latona chipped in four.

3RD/4TH GRADE BOYS

The Fieldhouse clinched the regular season championship Saturday, posting a record of 11-1. The team will open the playoffs at noon Saturday, Feb. 25 at Wycallis Elementary, the site of all playoff games. McCarthy Tire will be the second seed and will open the playoffs at 1 p.m. Feb. 25. The play-in game between the eighth and No. 9 seeds has Pompey Dodge facing Dallas Rotary at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

The records of other teams in the division are Darling Graphic Design, 6-5; Drs. Banas, Byron, Kim, 5-5; MetLife Securities, 5-5; Medico Industries, 5-6; and Quad Three Group, 5-6.

LAKE-LEHMAN PTO/PTA

The Lake-Noxen Shorties held off a furious comeback attempt by previously undefeated Ross

Elementary to post a 26-25 win in Lake Lehman PTO/PTA fifth and sixth grade boys basketball action.

Lake-Noxen grabbed a 10-point lead early in the game before Ross attempted to come back in the second half. Christopher O'Connor scored 14 points to lead Lake-Noxen. Christopher Edkins added six points, while Ryan Higgins and Jarred Orlando scored four and two points, respectively.

Jared Novitski scored a game high 21 points for Ross, while Zack Mangarella added two points. Ross Elementary finished the regular season with an 8-1 record and will face the Lehman-Jackson champion in a semifinal

game. The game will be played at Lake-Lehman High School, but a time and date was not announced.

• Cody Poepperling scored a game-high 29 points as Lehman-Jackson Gold posted an exciting 36-35 win against the Lake-Noxen Shorties II in Lake-Lehman PTO/PTA fifth and sixth grade basketball action. Kevin Bohan chipped in with six points for the winners, while Alex Draghicescu added a basket.

Chris O'Connor led the scoring for Lake-Noxen with 14 points. Ryan Higgins added nine and J. Orlando finished with six. Kevin Katchko and Chris Edkins chipped in four and two points, respectively.



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Adam Singer of Dallas, left, fights for control of the ball while being defended by Lake-Lehman's Chris Vrabel.

MADNESS

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likely face No. 13 seed West Scranton (2-13), which knocked Dallas out of the district playoffs last year.

Head coach Dave Clancy's Lake-Lehman squad should enter the 2A tourney as the No. 10 seed with a 4-8 league record and an overall mark of 4-18. The Black Knights are expected to

face either No. 7 seeded Blue Ridge (7-8) or Carbondale (6-8).

The Dallas girls, under head coach Joe Noon, finished league play with a 5-8 record and should enter the playoffs as the No. 7 seed. If so, the Mountaineers (10-12 overall) will face No. 10 West Scranton (4-11).

Head coach Jim Spencer will most likely take his Lake-Lehman (15-9, 4-7) squad into the playoffs as the No. 8 seed. If so, the Black Knights will host Tunkhannock (4-10).

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Mr. Malak practices in the areas of general civil litigation, business and corporate law, estate planning and administration, estate and other orphans' court litigation, and municipal, zoning and land use law.

Mr. Malak serves as corporate general counsel for the Polish Union of the United States of North America, a national fraternal life insurance company, and is a member of its Board of Directors. Mr. Malak also serves as Solicitor to the Jackson Township Board of Supervisors and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Estate Planning Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania and the Luzerne County Orphans' Court Rules Committee.

A cum laude graduate of Wyoming Seminary, Mr. Malak received a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences of The Johns Hopkins University and both a Juris Doctorate and Master's Degree in Public Administration and Management from The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University. Mr. Malak is admitted to practice before all Pennsylvania and New Jersey courts, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. He is a member of the American, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Luzerne County Bar Associations, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Solicitors, and Middle District (PA) Bankruptcy Bar Association.

Mr. Malak, a resident of the Back Mountain, is a member of the Holy Name Saint Mary's Parish Community in Swoyersville.

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