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count the number of times he's lost a diving match in the conference during the last four years on one hand.

"There's no one in our conference or district that can touch him," said Dallas diving coach Kim Kuzma. "It's like comparing apples and bananas. I've seen him grow immensely over the past three years. He's even a better diver than he was last year. He dives bigger and he dives harder.

That's not too bad for someone who began diving at Moon Lake as an eighth-grader. Eby took the words of advice from a park lifeguard and began taking diving seriously, training with Rob Jacobs of the Fast Swim Club at Wyoming Valley West High School.

He was a district champion less than 12 months later.

"At first, I was just messing around trying to have fun and I didn't win all of the time," said Eby. "But once I started diving for the school (team), I started working harder and harder."

Among Eby's most prestigious accomplishments is his district championship during his sophomore year. At that meet, the Dallas senior broke the longtime record of former Bishop Hoban diver Mike McGinley. Eby's winning score of 482.60 points broke McGinley's mark of 478.48 points set in 1975. It was the longest-standing swimming or diving record in District 2.

"It was definitely one of my highlights," said Eby. "Breaking that record wasn't a goal of mine. It never crossed by mind. It was shocked when my coach told me I broke the record."

Eby is trying – and accomplishing – dives far beyond the high school level. His inward 2½ has a degree of difficulty of 3.1 and his reverse 2½ has a degree of difficulty of 3.0. Kuzma put those dives in perspective.

"There are only a handful of Division II college divers who can handle a reverse 2½," she said. "Alaric has the potential to make 50 to 60 points in one dive. Most high school divers earn 25 to 35."

The coach also sees her student having success on the collegiate level.

"He has the drive," said Kuzma, a former Clarion University standout. "Diving is 99 percent mental and one percent athleticism. If you have it in your head, you can do it. He's going to be very successful in college."

For now, Eby is focused on states. "I'm ready," he said. "I'm looking forward to it."

PLAYOFFS

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winner. Tyler Shutlock scored 18 points to lead D.J. Charlie Hayes, followed by Marc Noyalis' 15 points and Jacob Simon's four counters.

- Chris Dailey and Tyler Patton combined for 39 points and Jordan Stephens added eight as second-seeded Digital Print Services defeated Quad Three, 47-37. Jimmy Brown scored 27 points to lead Quad Three, while Dustin Siperko added eight.

- Griffin Adams scored 13 points and Joey Murray added 11 as third seed Offset Paperback defeated sixth seed McCarthy Tire, 41-24. Andrew Ondish added eight points for Offset. Kevin Gilbert and Austin Carr led McCarthy Tire with nine each.

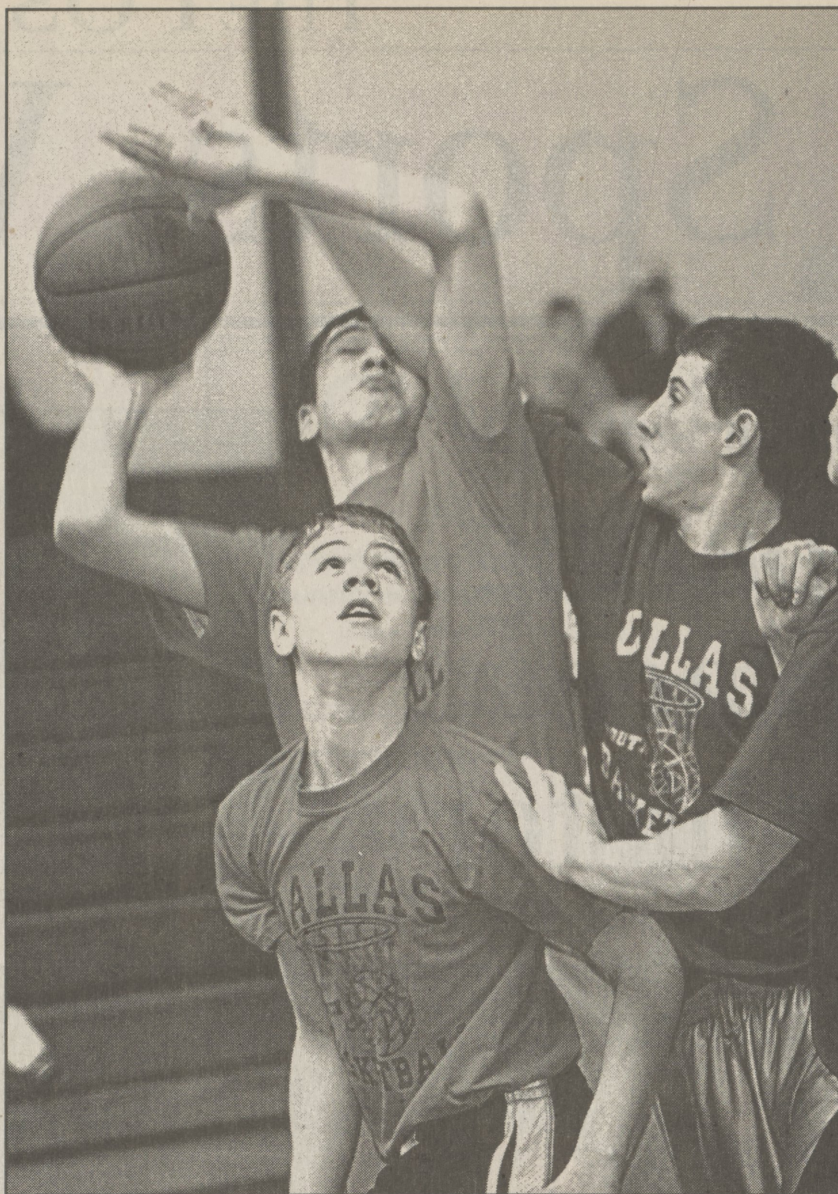
- Hunter Englehart scored 23 points to lead fourth-seeded Bishop Photo against fifth seed Karchner Refrigeration, 55-33. Mitch Cohen added five points and Brian Wise chipped in four for the winners. Nick Lombard led Karchner with 12 points. Hayden Jenkins added 10 points and Jeremy Roberts finished with two.

- Dallas Youth Basketball will be selling tickets for its annual banquet from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1 at the Dallas Elementary gymnasium, and from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Wycallis. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$12 for children 10 and under, and \$5 for players. Everyone attending the banquet must purchase a ticket. The event will be held on April 2, with doors opening at 5:30 pm. All tickets must be purchased by March 27.

7TH/8TH GRADE GIRLS

Sara Kneal scored a game-high 16 points as Burger King posted a 25-24 win against Bishop Photo. Samantha Martin and Ashley Napierkowski added four points each as Burger King took possession of first place. Sarah Konopki played well and scored a team-high 12 points for Bishop Photo. Dana Krawetz added 10 points.

- Intergrated Power defeated Dallas Lions 39-23. Intergrated Power's top scorers were Ellen Arnaud scored 25 points, Sara Muldoon's six points, and Melissa Snyder's two points. Dee Szatkowski also scored six points. Crystal Razawich scored eight points for the Lions, while Jamie Ratowski and Taylor Dougherty scored seven points and six points, respectively.
- Bishop Photo posted a 27-14 win



Mark Noyalis and Tyler Dunn fight for possession of the ball under the while Tyler Shutlock and Ryan McAndrew look on.

against Drs. Scott and Clements as Sabrina Zurek scored 10 points and Dana Krawetz added seven. Sarah Konopki and Mary Kate Osick chipped in six and four points, respectively. The doctors were led by Julia Clements, who scored eight points. Danielle Harding added four points and Catherine Clement chipped in two.

5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS

Dr. John Kish defeated Brace's Orchard, 32-25. Jason Schilling led Dr. Kish with nine points and Shane Jacobson added seven. Nathan Kish and Tim Kennedy also combined for seven points. Paul Brace led Brace's Orchard with 15 points, while Michael Gallis had four points.

- PNC Bank defeated Rosenn, Jen-

kins and Greenwald, 42-23. Garrett Artsma led the way with 15 points while Ryan Hanson added eights. Josh Shalinski and Joe Delamater combined for six points. Brett Wanek and Brian Stepniak combined for 20 points to lead the lawyers.

- M&T Bank defeated Dough Company, 57-47. Jordan Stephens hit for a season-high 30 points while Ryan McCarthy added 12. James Kelly scored six points and Robby Hoffman tossed in seven points for the winners. Donnie Behm scored 29 points and Jessie Reese hit a bucket for Dough Company.

- Eastern Penn Supply Company defeated Gordon Smith Insurance/Eyecare Specialists, 43-37. Aaron Weir and Shane Dunn each had 12

points to lead Eastern Penn, while Austin Smith had six key points. Alex Zubko scored 16 points and Chris Boland had four points in the paint for the regular season champs, Gordon Smith Insurance.

- In overtime, Drs. Scott and Clements won a wild one against Dr. Jack Ellis, 53-51. Bobby Saba played well and scored 28 points while Ryan Zapoticky added nine. Alex Rubbico led both teams in steals. Michael Banas had 14 points and Kohnor Rice hit for 26 to lead Dr Jack Ellis.

3RD/4TH GRADE BOYS

Justin Brojakowski scored 12 points and Nigel Stearns added five as Dallas Rotary defeated Pompey Dodge, 27-18, in an opening-round playoff game. David Matcho added four points and Curtis Evans finished with two for Rotary, which will play top-seeded Fieldhouse Sporting Goods in the quarterfinals. Will Akins scored five for Pompey Dodge, followed by Brian Butler with four and Zach Connolly with three.

Other quarterfinal matchups will see second seed McCarthy Tire play Metlife Securities, third seeded Drs. Banas, Byron and Kim playing Quad Three Group, and fourth seed Darling Graphic Design against fifth seed Medico Industries.

4TH GRADE TOURNAMENT

The DYB fourth grade boys tournament team recently participated in the annual Newport Biddy Tournament. The team defeated Watsonstown, 41-11, behind Mariano Medico's 11 points. Chris Behm added six points, followed by Justin Brojakowski and Matt Saba with four points each.

Shamokin edged Dallas, 33-31, as Blake Williams led DYB with nine points. Brian Drouse led the team in rebounding. Dallas also lost a close game to Newport, 30-28. Kyle Razawich led the way with 16 points, and Nigel Stearns added four.

LAKE-LEHMAN PTO/PTA

Lehman-Jackson Gold advanced to the second round of playoffs by defeating Lehman-Jackson White, 39-13. Cody Poepperling led the scoring for the Gold team with 25 points. Kevin Bohan added 10 and Brandon Kelly and Hunter Lefkosky chipped in two apiece. Lehman-Jackson White was led by James Wright with six points and Cody Fox with four. Jason Daron had two points and Alex Muller added one.

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