

Sports Week

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Makowski sparks team to DYB title

Chase Makowski scored 17 points and Chad DeBona added 13 as McCarthy Tire outlasted Fieldhouse Sporting Goods, 40-36, in the thrilling championship game for the Dallas Youth Basketball third and fourth grade boys title. Joey Kimball added eight key points for McCarthy Tire.

Kyle Razawich led the Fieldhouse with a game-high 26 points, while Blake Williams added eight and Michael Mihal chipped in two. The Fieldhouse edged Medico Industries, 26-22 in the semifinals, while McCarthy Tire advanced with a 39-21 semifinal win over MetLife Securities.

DYB TOURNAMENT

In the sixth grade division, Jason Simonovich scored 12 points, while Chad DeBona and Michael Gallis added three each to lead the DYB fifth-graders to a 34-28 win against the DYB sixth-graders in the championship game. Danny Saba added a key basket for the fifth graders, while the sixth grade was led by Paul Brace's eight points. Bobby Saba and Shane Dunn with added seven and six points, respectively.

The sixth-graders advanced to the final with wins against Lehman-Jackson and Northwest. The fifth grade edged Northwest, 30-26, to advance to the final. John Murray led the way with 10 points and Ryan Zapoticky added six.

In the eighth grade division, St. Nick's defeated Dallas, 48-43, in the championship game. DYB was led by Chris Dailey's 13 points. Tyler Patton and Jimmy Brown added seven each, while Joey Murray chipped in six. DYB reached the final with a 48-33 win against Lehman. Ryan McAndrew led the way with eight points, while Griffin Adams added four.

5-6 GRADE GIRLS

The Fieldhouse Sporting Goods defeated Philadelphia Hair, 24-21, to claim the championship. Leading the way for the winners were Sabrina Zurek with 14 points and Ashley Dunbar with nine points. Sarah Flaherty scored 13 points for Philly Hair. Tamara Nijmeh added seven points.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Soccer signups set for March 25

The Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association will hold registration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 25 in the Dallas Middle School cafeteria. A Certificate of Intent to Register and payment must be done at the registration. New players must present copy of birth certificate.

All players must be registered through the new online registration system. If you do not have access to the Internet, visit the library or ask a friend for assistance. The Web site is www.bmysa.org

Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association accepts 5-year-old children into its Soccer Start Program. The child must be 5 before Aug 1. Other divisions include U-7 thru U-18. The deadline for all applications is Dec. 1.

Trout stocking details available

Trout stocking schedules are available at the district offices of state Rep. George C. Hasay. The office is located at 5313 Main Road in Sweet Valley. For more information, call 477-3752.

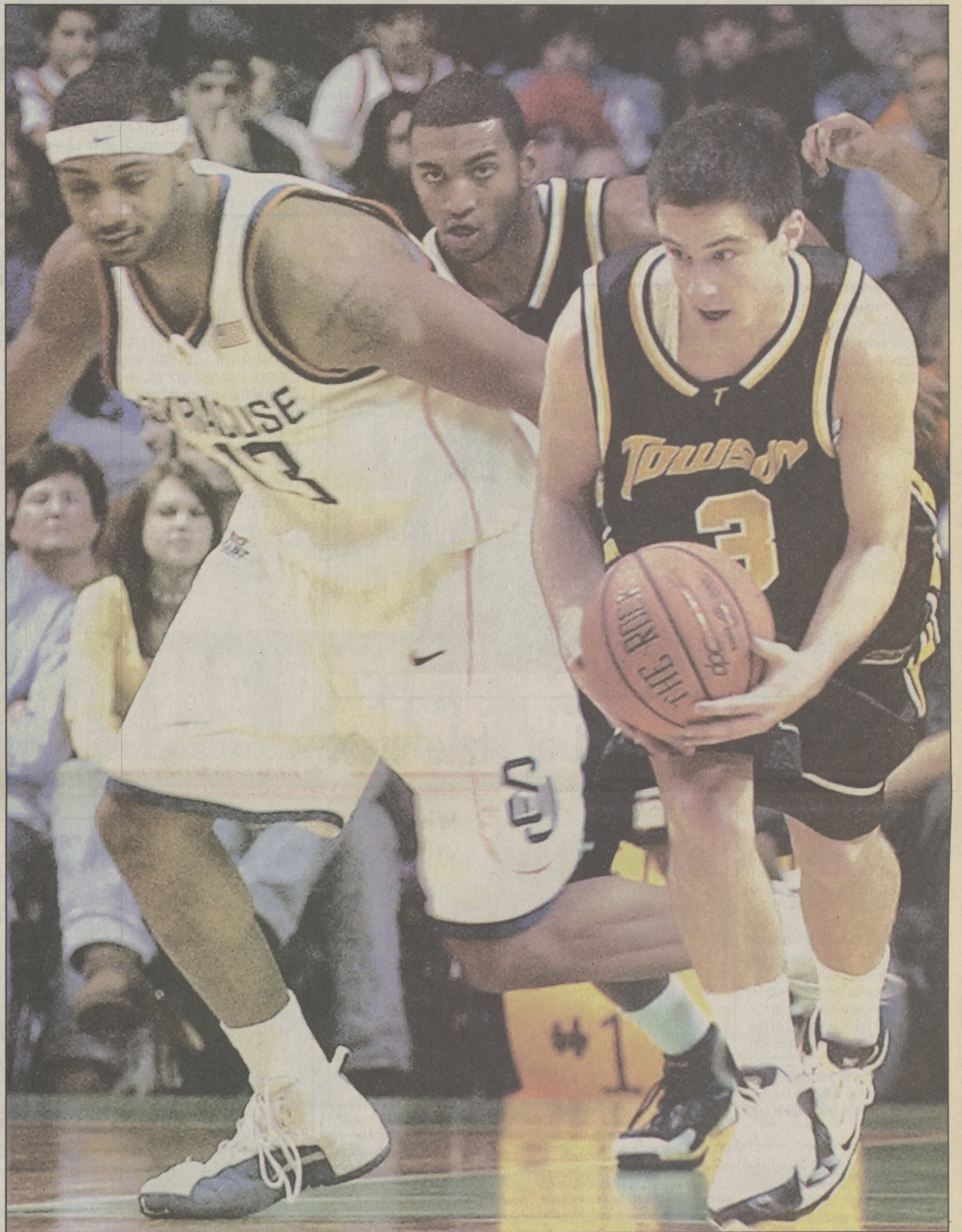
A total of 600 streams and 123 lakes will be stocked as a part of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's 2006 adult trout stocking program. Stocking occurs year-round, with a total of roughly 4.2 million trout being stocked this year.

In most instances, the exact day those waters will be stocked is being announced; however, due to traffic safety concerns, some dates are not being released, and the commission is not widely publicizing the exact spots where stocking trucks will stop along stream sections.

To make the stocking schedules more convenient, all stockings scheduled throughout the year on all waters are listed in one consolidated, easy-to-read listing. There will no longer be separate preseason and in-season schedules.

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Trucksville native Tim Crossin, right, has been named the Colonial Athletic Conference All-Rookie team.

Removing all doubt

All-star Tim Crossin proves he can play Division I basketball

By DAVE KONOPKI
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Tim Crossin never heard the words. *A step too slow. Can't jump. Not strong enough.*

But he knew that's what coaches were thinking. That's why only one NCAA Division I-A basketball program offered him a full athletic scholarship.

Undeterred, the son of Tom and Eileen Crossin of Trucksville accepted the offer from Towson University and started his mission to prove the other coaches wrong.

And that's what he did. The former Bishop O'Reilly standout was recently named to the Colonial Athletic Conference All-Rookie team. The freshman point guard started all 27 games at point guard this season. He received the news about making the team during a banquet before the start of the CAA tournament.

"I thought I had a good freshman season, but I was still a little surprised," said Crossin. "When I was being recruited, none of the coaches said anything to me, but I knew what was going through

their minds. Most of them are looking for pure talent. They didn't think I had enough quickness or great jumping ability. They didn't think I was big enough. It didn't matter to me. I knew I could play at this level."

But Crossin didn't expect to play so often so quickly. A couple of injuries during the off-season forced head coach Pat Kennedy to move Crossin from shooting guard to point guard.

"Coach (Kennedy) helped me through the early stages," he said. "He told me to play every game like it was a state championship. I think I've improved a lot from last year. Coach is happy with my progress and I'm more confident in my ability."

During the season, Crossin was a three-time selection as the CAA Rookie of the Week. He averaged nine points per game and was second in the CAA with an average of five assists per game. Crossin was third in the conference with 1.8 steals per game and ranked fourth in assist-to-turnover ratio.

While at Bishop O'Reilly, Crossin was a deadly outside shooter. He continued to shoot well on the collegiate level, finishing the season as one of the top three-point field goal shooters in the CAA.

Despite being only a freshman, Crossin led the Tigers in playing time and was sixth in the CAA with an average of 34.2 minutes per game.

"I thought I played smart this season," he said. "I made smart decisions. I learned that if you take care of the ball, you can play with anyone. That was my role on the team this season. Every team needs someone like that."

Despite being upset in the first round of the CAA tournament by Georgia State, Crossin says the Towson players and coaching staff are upbeat about the future. The Tigers will lose two players to graduation, but two high-profile players have signed to play at Towson next year — an outstanding junior college transfer from Texas and the high school player of the year in the Baltimore area.

"We hope to contend for a championship next year," said Crossin, whose parents attended all of his home games this season. "Everyone's excited."

With one season in the books, Crossin is thrilled with his decision about where to play college basketball.

"I'm thrilled to be here," he said. "We play in a great atmosphere. Not many people get the chance to play in an atmosphere like we play in every night."

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