

Scott Daube of Dallas won his 215-pound match against Lake-Lehman's Chad Brudnicki, but the Black Knights won the match.

Knights pin backyard rival

Editor's note: Due to a problem contacting several coaches, the preview of the Dallas and Lake-Lehman boys and girls basketball teams will appear in the Dec. 31 edition of The Dallas Post. We regret any inconveniences.

The Dallas wrestling team ended Lake-Lehman's winning streak against its Back Mountain rival last season. This year, the Black Knights wanted to make sure the Mountaineers didn't start a streak of their own.

Lake-Lehman jumped out to a 26-0 lead and held on for a 35-23 win against Dallas in a battle between the neighborhood rivals last week. The Mountaineers reeled off 17 consecutive points to cut the deficit to 26-17, but the Black Knights split the final four bouts to earn the win.

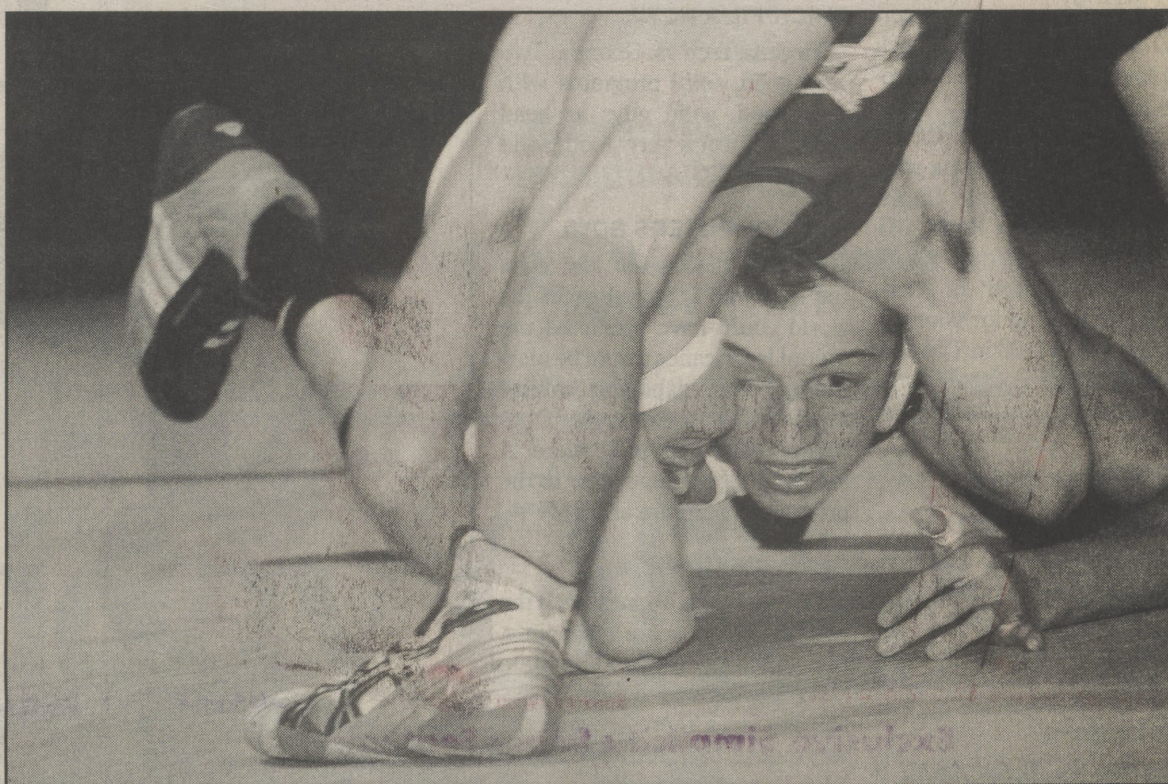
The Black Knights recorded three pins en route to the win and - per-

haps as important - no Lake-Lehman wrestler lost by pin.

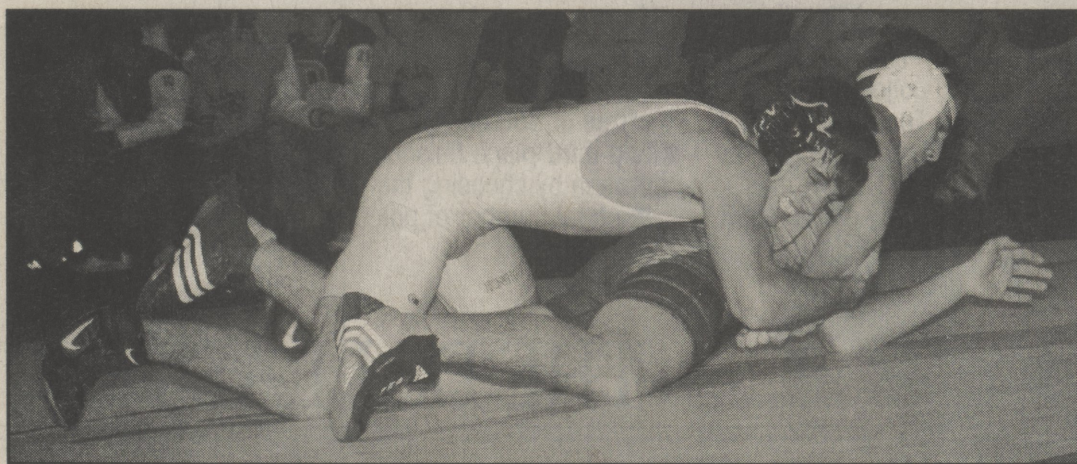
Tyler Lutinski (125 pounds), Joe Taylor (160) and Jared Kopetchne (171) each recorded a pin for the Black Knights, while Scott Davis (145) won by technical fall. Chris Barbacci (135) and Nathan Walsh (152) won by decision.

For Dallas, Craig Nillson (275) won by technical fall while P.J. Precone (112), Mitch Artsma, Joe Hayes (140) and Scott Daube (215) each registered a decision.

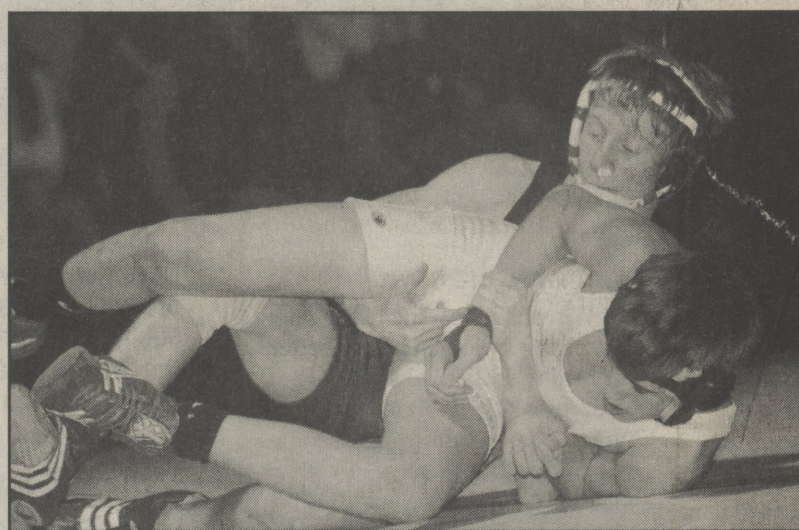
Following a break for Christmas, Lake-Lehman and Dallas wrestlers will compete in the annual Tunkhannock Kiwanis Tournament on Dec. 27-28 at Tunkhannock High School. The Black Knights and Mountaineers return to Wyoming Valley Conference action Jan. 3. Lake-Lehman travels to GAR, while the Mountaineers host Hazleton Area. Both matches begin at 7 p.m.



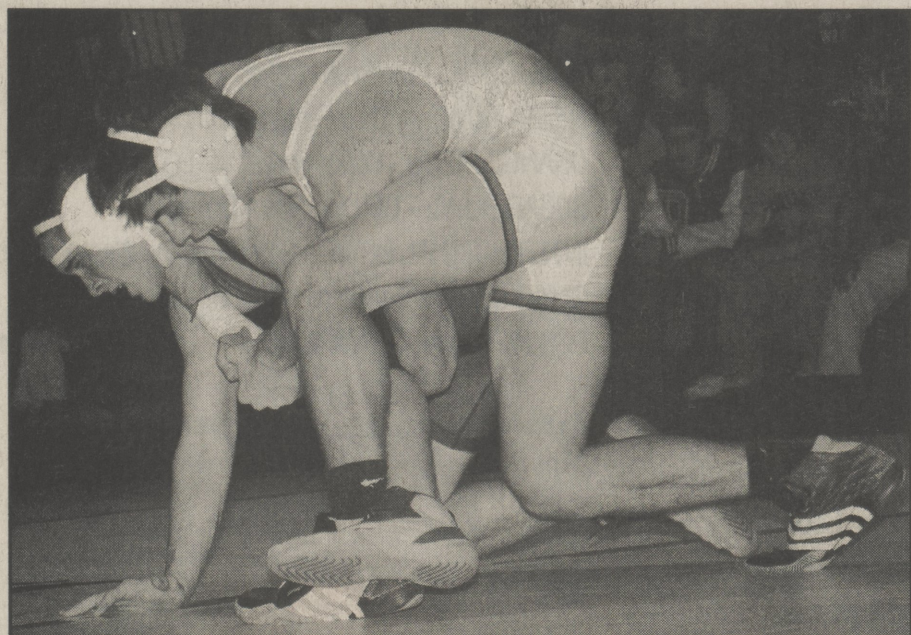
P.J. Precone of Dallas, left, won a decision against Lake-Lehman's James Rosencrans in the 112-pound bout.



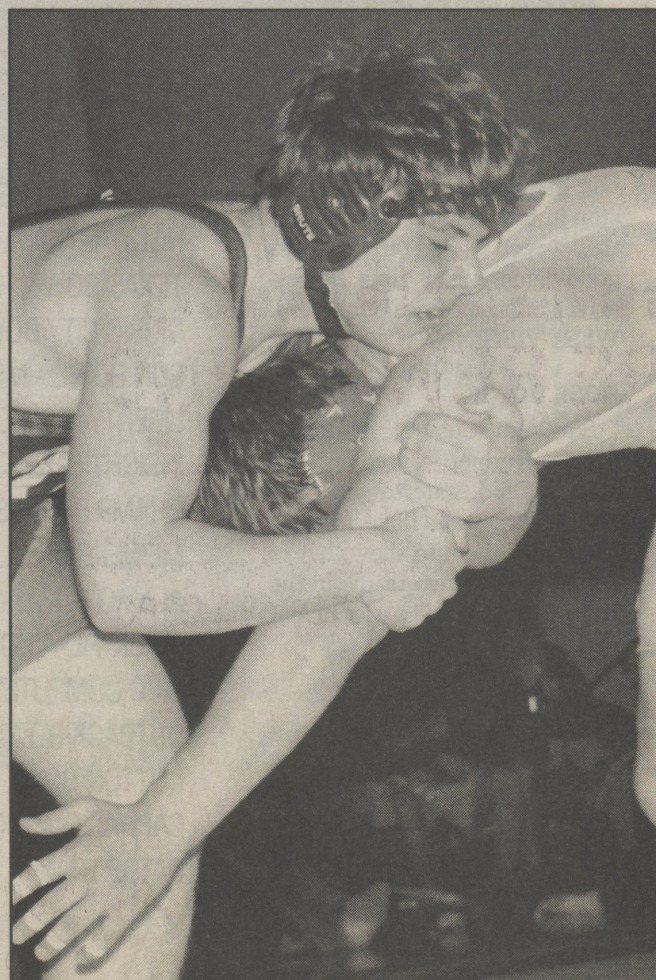
Lake-Lehman's Nathan Walsh stays in control of Dallas opponent Mark Szot en route to a decision.



P.J. Precone of Dallas and Lake-Lehman's James Rosencrans battle in the 112-pound weight class.



Joe Taylor of Lake-Lehman stays on top of Joe Osick of Dallas in the 160-pound match. Taylor won by fall.



Dallas' Scott Daube and Chad Brudnicki of Lake-Lehman compete in the 215-pound weight class during last week's meet.

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