

SPORTS BRIEFS

Dallas softball holding clinic

The Dallas High School softball team will hold a clinic for girls ages 7-14 on Sunday, March 25 in the Dallas Middle School gymnasium.

Instruction for offense and defense will be held from noon to 3 p.m., while instruction for pitchers and catchers will take place from 3-4 p.m.

The clinic will be under the direction of Dallas head coach Joyce Tinner, a former standout at Dallas and Penn State University.

The cost is \$20 for the offense/defense clinic, \$10 for the pitchers/catchers clinic, or \$25 for both.

Participants should bring their own gloves and wear comfortable clothing.

Sneakers are required on the gym floor.

Food and sports drinks are prohibited, but water is allowed.

For more information, call 696-0951.

KT Raiders set registration

The Kingston Township Raiders will hold registration for football players and cheerleaders from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4 at the Kingston Township municipal building on East Center Street in Shavertown.

The Raiders compete in the Wyoming Valley West Youth Football and Cheerleading Conference.

Any boy or girl age 5-13 who resides in Kingston Township, Beaumont and Lehman Township are eligible to register.

Each team plays a 10-game season.

Parents should bring a copy of their child's birth certificate, a recent photograph, and medical insurance information to the registration.

For more information or questions regarding Kingston Township territory, call Jeff Doggett at 696-5610.



Katie Darling goes up for a shot while being defended by Melissa Snyder, left, and Sarah Kneal during the Dallas Youth Basketball seventh and eighth grade girls playoff championship game.



Tanner Englehart attempts to drive around Melissa Snyder during the championship game.

March madness begins

Brendan Baloh and Jesse Goode led a second half comeback as Duke's Construction defeated Intermountain Health, 31-22, to claim the No. 2 seed in the playoffs in Dallas Youth Basketball's third and fourth grade boys division. Dylan DeArmitt played well defensively for the winners. Omar Nijmeh led Intermountain with 12 points. Chad Phillips added eight points while Jacob Ondish and Cory Metz played well defensively. Intermountain will be the No. 3 seed and will play No. 6 seed Bishop Photo.

Jonathan Sabatini scored seven points and Spencer Bowanko added six as C&C Sheetmetal edged Quad Three, 24-22. Eric Pincofski added five points for the winners. Jake Archer led Quad Three with eight points and Aaron Yurko added seven. Kyle Archer and Jeff Strazdus chipped in five and two points, respectively. C&C will be the top seed in the playoffs and open against No. 8 seed CDI. Quad Three will be the fifth seed and will play fourth seed D.J. Charlie Hayes.

Allen Fell scored nine points and Adam Niznik added eight as D.J. Charlie Hayes escaped with a 24-22 win against The Fieldhouse in double overtime. Daniel Minge added six points and Chandler Caruso played well defensively. Brian Drouse and Jonathan Wilson led the scoring for The Fieldhouse. Connor Motley added a basket. The Fieldhouse will be the No. 7 seed in the playoffs and will open against No. 2 seed Duke's Construction.

7TH/8TH GRADE GIRLS

Dallas Youth Basketball held its playoff championship for seventh and eighth grade girls with Brace's Orchard coming away with a 32-24 win against Darling Graphic Design. Details from the game were not provided.

LAKE-NOXEN PTO

Morgan Decker scored 22 points as the Quality Collision Hustlers defeated the Bodacious Babes, 29-17, to capture the Lake-Noxen PTO basketball fifth and sixth grade girls championship. Jolisa Copeman chipped in three points for the winners. The Babes were paced by Bethany Williams and Kahli Kotulski with five and four points,



Kaitlyn Maria goes up for a shot during the Dallas Youth Basketball seventh and eighth grade girls championship game.

respectively.

In the boys fifth and sixth grade championship, Tom Chipego scored eight points in a balanced attack to lead the Sanitary Bakery Suns to a 22-20 win against the Athletic Image Inferno. Josh Winters added six points for the winners and Justin Winter added four. Chris Edkins scored a game-high 12 points and Jarred Orlando tossed in six to lead the Inferno.

The boys and girls winners will face the Lehman-Jackson champions for the right to play the Ross Elementary champs for the district title.

WRESTLERS MAKE ALL-STAR TEAM



The Back Mountain Wrestling Club recently concluded its season in the Penn Elementary Wrestling League by placing nine wrestlers on the league's all-star team. Selection to the team was determined by the results of a league meet with 550 competitors at West Scranton High School. First place winners were Xavier Barber (66-pound, 8 and under division), Cole Dixon (74, 8 and under), Connor Martinez (105, 10 and under), and Nick Luzetski (91, 10 and under). Second place finishers were Jerry Ogurkis (70, 8 and under) and Matt Doggett (91, 12 and under). Finishing third were Michael Doggett (50, 6 and under), Justin Hutchins (54, 8 and under) and Jude Moran (105, 10 and under). Making the all-star team, from left, first row are Michael Doggett, Barber, Dixon, Ogurkis and Hutchins. Second row: Moran, Matt Doggett, Martinez and Luzetski.

RUCH HONORED FOR SCORING 2000TH CAREER POINT



Stephen Ruch, an eighth grade student at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas, recently scored his 2000th career point as a member of the Gators. The son of Ted and Dianne Ruch was given a ceremonial game ball in recognition of the accomplishment. Attending the ceremony, from left, are Ted Ruch, Stephen Ruch, Dianne Ruch and brother Matthew Ruch.