

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.

Basketball shootout being held March 18

The Kingston Township Recreation Commission will hold its 12th annual Back Mountain Basketball Shootout Competition at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 18 at the Dallas Middle School gym. The free throw and three-point shooting competition is open to boys and girls between the ages of 7-14.

Each event will have multiple age flights with shooting distances modified accordingly. Prizes will be presented to the top finishers in each flight and overall champions. There will also be a parent-child team shooting competition giving parents and their children an opportunity to compete with each other.

Registration and warm-ups will begin at noon. For more information, call Bob Zaruta at 675-0066.

Dallas 8th, 7th grade girls win hoop titles

The Dallas Middle School eighth and seventh grade girls basketball teams recently captured the championship in their respective divisions of the East-West League. Both teams defeated Tunkhannock in the championship game. Mary-Kate Osick was selected Most Valuable Player in the eighth grade division and Sabrina Zurek was selected as MVP in the seventh grade division.

Members of the eighth grade team were Katie Darling, Sara Flaherty, Taylor Kapral, Sarah Konopki, Kelly Mazur, Erika McCabe, Tamara Nijmeh, Mary-Kate Osick, Jackie Pearson, Lauren Scaffidi, Melissa Snyder, Melissa Tucker, Katie Yanchuk and Sabrina Zurek.

Members of the seventh grade team were Allie Griswald, Sarah Lowery, Jessica Missal, Cassandra Michno, Melissa Tucker, Leah Zumchak, and Erika McCabe, Chelsea English, Tamara Nijmeh, Sara Flaherty, Katie Yanchuk Lauren Scaffidi, and Sabrina Zurek.

The coaches of the teams were Mark Lacey, Kelly Martin-Johnson and Maureen Kenney.



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Former Lake-Lehman standout Matt Dragon with wrestling with the University of Pennsylvania at the NCAA National Championships this weekend.

Dragon wrestling with pain

By JOE PETRUCCI
For The Dallas Post

Matt Dragon needs just one word to describe his sophomore season wrestling for the University of Pennsylvania: long.

That's not to say it hasn't been a success. The former state champion at Lake-Lehman stormed to his second-consecutive Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association title two weeks ago at East Stroudsburg University to earn another ticket to nationals.

And that's not to say the toil of being an NCAA Division I athlete and attending Penn's Wharton Business School has

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taken a toll on the always hard-working Dragon.

It's that for the first time in awhile, Dragon has had to make major adjustments to his repertoire because of a right shoulder injury he suffered early in December. Dragon termed the injury a "muscle tear" and said it would require

surgery after the season.

It's with more well-rounded technique and the same old determinedness that Dragon will try to make his season even longer at the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships, which are taking place this weekend at the Palace of Auburn Hills in Michigan.

"I struggle every day," said Dragon, who is 24-9 on the year and ranked 20th in the country at 157 pounds. "I'm learning how to wrestle with the injury. I haven't had to do that."

Still, Dragon recorded one of the two most convincing wins at the EIWA finals on March 3. After giving up a takedown 30 seconds into the second period of his championship bout with Navy's John Jarred, Dragon responded with a four-point move late in the period. The top seed added another four-point move in

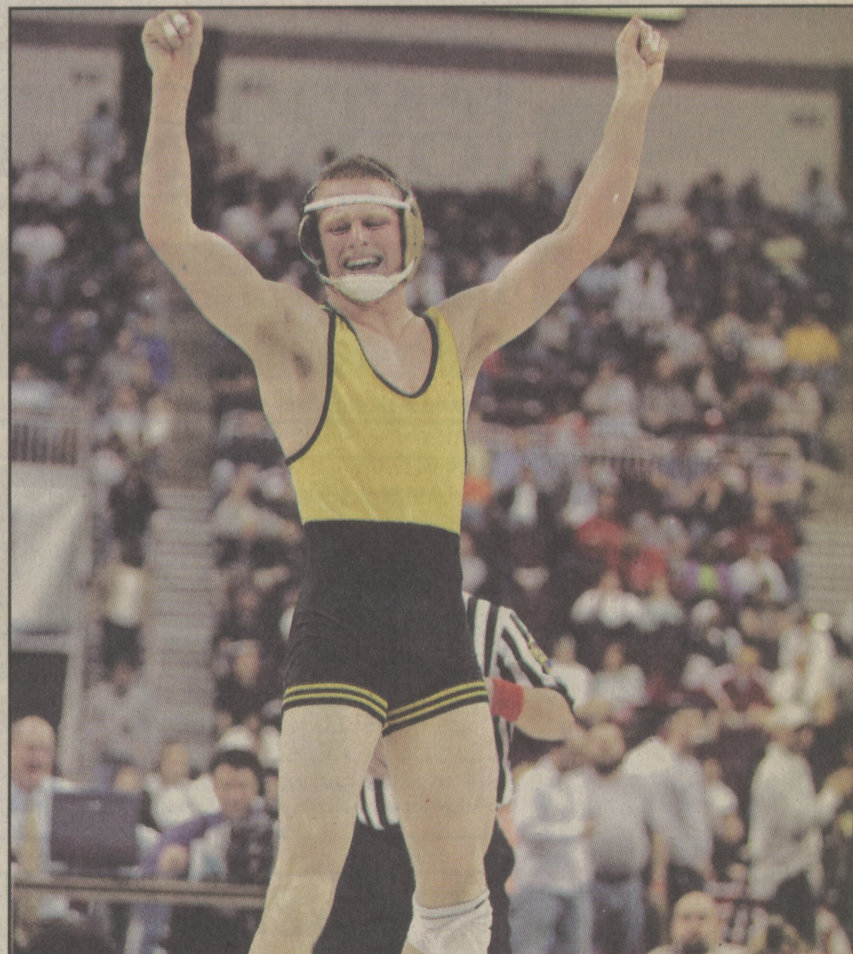
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KUKOSKY SCORES 500TH CAREER POINT



Gate of Heaven School seventh grade student Jared Kukosky recently scored the 500th point of his career as a member of the Gators. The son of Tom and Gail Kukosky received a ceremonial game ball to mark the milestone. Tom Kukosky is also the team's coach. Attending the ceremony, from left, are Tom Kukosky, Jared Kukosky and Gail Kukosky.

WEARING - AND WINNING - THE GOLD



Lake-Lehman wrestling standout Scott Davis brought a gold medal back to the Back Mountain last weekend after capturing a state championship in the 140-pound division at the 70th annual PIAA Class 2A Wrestling Championships in Hershey. Davis defeated Northeast Regional champion Joey Anceravage in the championship bout. The Lake-Lehman senior finished with only two losses this season, one to Coughlin 3A standout Justin Accor-dino and the other to Towanda's Mike Mauer. Davis redeemed himself for the loss to Mauer by defeating him in the state semifinals.