

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS HONORED BY SALVATION ARMY



Several Back Mountain organizations were among the service clubs that recently received awards from the Salvation Army. Honored by the organization, from left, are Mary Theresa Pitcavage, Wyoming Seminary; Loree Levulis, The Laurels; Jean Zaleskas, Cub Scout Pack 693; Carolyn Connell, Citizens Bank; Rose Engel, Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary; Dorothy Coach, Rainbow Seniors; and Charlotte Marchakitus, Patriotic Brotherhood. Second row: Herb Godfrey Jr., Christmas chairperson; Mary Ann Amesburg, Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians; Edward Novinski, Wilkes-Barre Housing Crime Watch; Jim Becker, Dallas Rotary Club; David Yefko, Plymouth Rotary; Tom Walent, St. Vincent DePaul Knights of Columbus; Michele Bellitto, Clem Mar House; Ann Grozalis, Swoyersville Kiwanis; Angela Rackleff, Wilkes-Barre Rotary; Gilbert Parkhurst, Salvation Army. Third row: Gerald Flynn, Plymouth Christian Church; Earl Johson, Dieu Le Veut Commandry 45; Brian Corbett, Corbett Insurance; Richard Kramer, Wilkes-Barre Kiwanis; Jim Snyder, Dallas Kiwanis; Stacy Orr, College Misericordia Circle K; and Steve Stepko, Clem Mar House.

DYB eighth-graders win tournament

Marc Noyalis scored 16 points and Kevin Muldoon added nine to lead the Dallas Youth Basketball's eighth grade boys tournament team past Gate of Heaven, 55-38, in the championship game of the annual DYB tournament. Stephen Zapoticky added eight points and Austin Carr chipped in four for the winners.

In pool play, DYB edged Lehman-Jackson, 59-45, behind 13 points from Travis DeBona. Robbie Evans led Lehman-Jackson with nine points. In other action, Gate of Heaven broke open a close game against Lehman-Jackson in the third quarter to post a 60-36 win. Steve Ruch scored 19 of his game-high 33 points in the quarter and teammate John McCarthy added 11 points.

Paul Brace scored 21 points and Bobby Saba added 14 as the DYB seventh grade team

defeated Lehman-Jackson, 50-40, in the championship game. Dallas went unbeaten in pool play, defeating St. Al's, 37-15, behind eight points from Hayden Jenkins. The team also defeated Lehman, 62-28, behind 12 points from Garrett Artzma, 10 points from Donnie Behm and seven from Shane Dunn. The team also defeated the Dallas sixth grade squad, 65-32, as Jordan Stephens scored 15 points and Aaron Weir added 13.

5TH/6TH GRADE BOYS

Brian Stepniak scored 11 points as the Dallas Lions used a balanced scoring attack to beat No. 1 seed Integrated Power, 23-21, and win the championship of the Dallas Youth Basketball fifth and sixth grade boys division.

Stepniak also pulled down

15 rebounds. Mark Michno added six points, while Chris Reimand and Joey Kimball finished with four and two points, respectively. Drew Harding recorded 10 rebounds for the winners.

Integrated Power's offense wasn't as balanced, with Jason Siminovich scoring 17 of his team's 21 points. Josh Evans and Nick Michalson added two points each to round out the scoring. Rudy Georgetti and Ryan Georgetti played well defensively.

In a semifinal game, Stepniak scored 27 points as the Lions edged Gem Therapeutics, 39-38. Michno, Kimball and Reimand scored two points apiece for the winners. John Murray scored 24 points to lead Gem. Dylan Pilger added eight points and Mike Kapral finished with four.

DRAGON

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the final 33 seconds for a 10-3 victory.

As usual, there was little celebration out of Dragon, who barely pumped a fist after his victory.

"He has tremendous poise and confidence," Quakers coach Zeke Jones said. "He's learned how to deal with difficult and championship situations."

That's why Dragon has been able to turn the negative of his shoulder injury into a positive.

Dragon, who has a tilt that is second to none and has been his bread and butter since he wore a black and yellow singlet in the Back Mountain, has become an even more effective wrestler over the past two months. Dragon has learned to attack with both arms and hands, to stay in better position and to counter offensively.

"I can't look to score as much from top," Dragon said. "I can still hit the tilt; it's just not as effective."

Dragon entered Penn with high expectations - and as arguably the best wrestler in recent District 2 history.

Dragon left Lake-Lehman as the all-time winningest wrestler in district history. He was a Class A state title at 152 pounds in 2005.

The four-time District 2 Class 2A champion was coached by Phil Lipski at Lake-Lehman.

Dragon was 32-8 as a freshman and reached the round of 12 at nationals, but did not place. His road this weekend starts with a major obstacle in top-seeded Trent Paulson of Iowa State. Paulson is a two-time All-American, having placed fourth at NCAAs the past two seasons, and is riding a 10-bout win streak.

Dragon's strategy is simple, especially considering he left the national tournament last year one win away from All-American status.

"Leave no regrets on the mat," Dragon said. "Every time I'm on the mat, that's what I'm thinking of, being one match away."

Jones is pleased with Dragon's progress. He said Dragon is emerging as a leader in the Quakers' wrestling room because of how vocal and hard-working he is. Jones also said Dragon is well-liked for his sense of humor.

"We need more guys like him," Jones said.

However, Dragon is still a few wins away from achieving the goals of himself and his team.

"He's certainly on track," Jones said. "Something in my heart and mind tells me he can upset (Paulson). He's capable. Mentally and physically, he has himself in position."

SCHOOL

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The Friedman Observatory at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman Township offers opportunities to view the night sky through a computerized 16-inch Meade telescope. The observatory is open to the public starting one hour after sunset on clear Mondays. If Monday is not clear, the observatory will be open Tuesday at the same time.

John Rovnak, acting director of the observatory, and her assistants will be on hand to answer questions. Rovnak is an amateur astronomer, retired aerospace engineer, and Penn State graduate. Small

groups are welcome on public nights. Larger groups, such as Girl and Boy Scout troops, are invited to call for a private session.

The observatory opened in 1990 and the computerized Meade Schmidt-Cassegrain reflecting telescope is the only one of its kind in the region. The rural setting provides a perfect opportunity for star-gazing away from city lights. For more information regarding viewing opportunities, contact Thomas Winter at 675-9278 or txw2@psu.edu; and Rovnak at 925-2561 or jer32@psu.edu. Information is also available on college's Web site at www.wb.psu.edu. Go to the quick links for the Friedman Observatory.

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