

SPORTS BRIEFS

Girls soccer team conducting tryouts

The USTA Strikers U-11 girls soccer team is currently conducting tryouts for players looking to play in the 2009 spring and fall travel league seasons. Premiere level training from a professional and licensed coaching staff is offered with a strong emphasis on individual player development.

Participants born after August 1, 1997 are eligible to try out. Registration fees will be waived for players chosen from the tryout sessions.

Serious soccer players should contact United Soccer Training Academy at 466-0262 or visit www.unitedsoccertrainingacademy.org for more information.

Rock Solid basketball tryouts are scheduled

Rock Solid AAU Travel Basketball Program will hold tryouts for the 2009 season according to the following schedule:

Sunday, Feb. 22 - 4 to 6 p.m., boys 12U and 13U; 6 to 8 p.m., boys 15U and 16U; Sunday, March 1 - 4 to 6 p.m., girls 12U and 13U; 6 to 8 p.m., girls 14U, 15U and 16U.

All try-outs will be held at the Rock Recreation Center, 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. For more information, call Doug Miller at 696-2769.

Cagers to face faculty, fathers on March 7

The Dallas High School boys basketball team will play against the Dallas faculty and fathers of players from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at the Dallas Senior High School.

Donation is \$3 and tickets will be available at the door or from any Dallas Boys basketball team member. Refreshments and a 50/50 drawing will also be available.

Soccer booster club plans craft show for March 29

The Dallas Boys Soccer Booster Club will hold its Spring Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, at the Dallas Senior High School.

Over 100 vendors from PA, NY and NJ will sell hand-crafted items such as jewelry, wooden items, candles, Easter and spring decorations, doll clothes and homemade candy and fudge.

Admission is free, however, food, beverages and a bake sale will be available. An all-cash raffle will also be held.

For more information, contact Katie at ktyou@aol.com or 675-0138.

Nathan Kish, left, and John Murray examine their medals after winning the Wyoming Valley Conference eighth grade title with a 21-16 victory over Crestwood.



Dr. John Ellis holds his team's trophy after the Dallas 8th grade boys basketball team defeated Crestwood, 21-16, to grab the conference championship.

Another DMS cage title

It has become almost commonplace for the Dallas eighth grade boys basketball team to win championships and this year is no different.

The Mountaineers, led by coach Dr. John Ellis, defeated Crestwood, 21-16, Tuesday evening at Wyoming Seminary to capture their fifth straight overall Wyoming Valley Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Conference championship.

Ellis has coached the Dallas team for the past six years and has led the team to an 84-7 overall record over the past five years. The team currently has a 40-game winning streak.

Tuesday's victory was led by Jason Simonovich who dumped in nine points. Brian Stepniak, John Murray and Danny Saba all had four points each while point guard Ryan Zapoticky directed the offense.

Other members of the championship team are Rudy Georgetti, Greg Petorak, Nathan Kish, Felix Dolman, John Murray, Eric Zawatski, Mike Carey, Nick Pearce, Alex Rubbico, James Duffy, Brian Goode, Jesse Bynon, Mike Capral, Kyle Zymchak, Nick Ondish, Darren Dixon, Chris Reinard, Zach Stritzinger, Chris Schmid and Mike Gallis.



Brian Stepniak advances the ball for the Mountaineers.



John Murray turns the corner for Dallas.

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Doleman's 23 leads Brawlers past No. 1 seed Grotto Pizza

3rd & 4th GRADE BOYS

Grasshopper Lawns 21
Coon Industries 20

Grasshopper Lawn defeated Coon Industries, 21-20.

Leading Grasshopper Lawn was Adam Borton with 12 points, Ben O'Connell with six points and Dalton Simpson with three points. Anchoring their defense was Chris Sedeski, Josh Wyandt, Zack Bloom, Sam Kravitski and Ty Madden.

Leading Coon Industries' offense was JD Barrett with 12 points, Evan McClain with four points. Matthew Dillon and Jacob Besecker each added two points. Kyle Besecker played a tough defense for Coon.

Pizza Perfect 28

Frontier Communications 24

Pizza Perfect defeated Frontier Communications, 28-24. Leading the offense for Pizza Perfect was Michael Farrell with 16 points, Tyler Cavanaugh with four points, Josh Lydon with four points, Moustafa Almeky and Jay Bittner with two points each. Andy Zeyher and AJ Spears played good defense.

Leading Frontier Communications' offense was Matt Mathers with 14 points and David Chopyak with 10 points. Michael Mesko, Garrett Pall, Jacob Faber and Larson Rice played strong defense.

3rd & 4th GRADE GIRLS

Corbett Insurance 18
Dallas Lions 9

The Corbett Insurance Tar Heels beat the Dallas Lions, 18-9. Sara Lojewski led the Heels with eight points while Rachel Maniskas scored six, Megan Meyer scored two and Mikayla Sowga scored two. Their defense was led by Carley Perloff, Sam Delamater, Jolee Treslar and Frankie Treslar. The Dallas Lions' leading scorer was Leah Gorr with eight while Maria Ostrum chipped in with one point. Their defense was led by Kaitlyn Pelchar, Sam Banks, Jackie Dottor and Katie Romanoski.

5th & 6th GRADE BOYS

Gattuso Group 34

Eye Care specialists 28

Jake Archer scored 15 points as Gattuso Group edged Eye Care Specialists, 34-28. Spencer Bowanko had 10 points for Eye Care.

UGI/ Penn Natural 40

Dallas Rotary 32

Griffin Stone, Brendan Balara and Cory Metz had key baskets to lead UGI/ Penn Natural Gas over Dallas Rotary, 40-32. Rotary was led by Jamie Flores with 12 points.

Bishop Photo 27

Smith Insurance 19

Omar Nimjeh led the scoring for Bishop Photo as it topped Smith Insurance,

27-19. Zach Connolly had nine points for Smith.

Fieldhouse 31

DeLuca Law 9

Ryan Cheskewicz controlled the boards to lead the Fieldhouse over DeLuca Law Offices, 31-9. Tim Elston led the scoring for DeLuca Law.

Dallas Rotary 43

Eye Care Specialists 24

Ryan Martin led the offense as Dallas Rotary defeated Eye Care Specialists, 43-24. Aaron Yurko and Jack Tomko combined for 12 points for Eye Care.

Gattuso Group 33

Fieldhouse 27

Tanner Gattuso had eight points to lead Gattuso Group over Fieldhouse, 33-27. Brenden Baloh had six points for Fieldhouse.

Bishop Photo 42

Gattuso Group 37

Daniel Mingey had eight points in a 42-37 Bishop Photo win over Gattuso Group. Tanner Gattuso netted 19 for Gattuso Group.

UGI/ Penn Natural 42

Smith Insurance 32

Jonathan Sabatini led UGI/Penn Natural Gas to a 42-32 win over Smith Insurance by scoring 15 points. Justin Sweeney played well for Smith Insurance, scoring four points.

CHAMPIONS

Dallas Rotary and Gattuso Group finished tied as regular season champions with a coin toss, giving Rotary the top seed for the playoffs.

7th & 8th GRADE BOYS

Gallas Insurance 56

Grotto Pizza 41

The Brawlers from Gallis Insurance beat the Number 1 seed Grotto Pizza, 56-41.

The Brawlers were led by Felix Doleman who scored 23 points. Brian Banas played great at the point, scoring eight and assisting in eight more. John Murray drove to the hole, netting nine and JT Carey handled the boards, tossing back 12.

John Murray from Grotto led a furious second-half comeback, scoring 23 from the outside. Blake Williams and Brenden Ehret played well, with both adding six points. Mike Carey added four.

Bishop Photo 47

Medico Industries 45

Bishop Photo nips Medico Industries, 47-45.

Rudy Georgetti was on fire, scoring 24 points. Brian Stepniak played great on the boards, scoring in 12. Alex Rubico played well, adding nine. Steve Wempa played an outstanding game, scoring 14. Nigel Stearns was hot from the left side, tossing in 15. Ryan Zapoticky added 10.

DeLuca Law 39

Luxury Limousine 28

DeLuca Law Offices stopped the limo drivers from Luxury Limousine, 39-28. Eric Zawatski led all scorers with 23 points. Aaron Napkora played tough, adding 13 points and 10 rebounds. Dominic Deluca played well, adding eight. Nathan Kish led the limo drivers with 18 points. Michael Boland played well, adding three.

Dr. John Kish 28

Drs. Byron, Banas & Kim 27

Dr. John Kish nips Drs. Byron, Banas & Kim, 28-27.

John Kane came up big with 12 points. Chad Debona was hot from the three-point area, tossing in nine. Justin Brojakowski led the doctors, scoring eight. Curtis Evans played great defense and added four.

7th GRADE TOURNAMENT TEAM

The seventh graders split a pair of games over the weekend in the Plains-Solomon League.

Dallas Youth Basketball defeated Northwest, 55-15, behind 19 points from Kyle Razawich and 12 from Justin Brojakowski. Chris Behm added six points, Chad DeBona had five and Nigel Stearns four.

The DYB team was defeated by GAR, 45-35. Blake Williams and Aaron Napkora had six points, followed by Matt Saba with three and Jory Brezinski with two.