



Lake-Lehman's Pete Borum (No. 55) eyes the basket after an offensive rebound against Dallas in the inaugural Black and Blue rivalry basketball game.



Lake-Lehman's Pete Borum, right, grapples with Dallas' Darik Johnson.

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## Arch rivals meet on the hardwood

Pete Borum scored a game-high 22 points to lead Lake-Lehman to a 63-47 boys basketball victory over Dallas in the inaugural Black and Blue Rivalry Game on Dec. 22. Omar Nijmeh scored 19 points to pace the Dallas effort.



Dallas' Stephen Wempa, right, drives past Lake-Lehman's Jared James.



Dallas' Allen Fell, left, goes in for a shot as Lake-Lehman's Jared James defends.

### DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

## Tough schedule lies ahead

By TOM ROBINSON  
For the Dallas Post

The Dallas wrestling team spent the first month of the season hitting a demanding tournament trail in preparation for the more challenging league and district schedule ahead.

"We're trying to wrestle a tough pre-conference schedule to get ourselves ready," coach Mike Richards said. "We made the jump to Triple-A so that's going to be an adjustment."

The Mountaineers, who open their Wyoming Valley Conference dual-meet schedule Wednesday at Berwick, went from being one of the largest Class AA schools to being one of the smallest Class AAAs in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association's reclassification that takes place every two years. Along with the change in classification, Dallas jumps up from Division 2 to Division 1 of the WVC.

"It's going to be a little tougher in Triple-A because we are a smaller school, but you have to step up and wrestle tougher competition," Richards said. "With the kids we have, I think we're as good as anyone in the conference."

Dallas returns 10 starters, but opened the season forfeiting the two lowest weight classes (106 and 113 pounds). The Mountaineers fixed that problem in time for the Buckskin Classic at Conestoga Valley during the holiday break.

Dominic DeGraba, a District 2 and Northeast Regional champion in Class AA last season, dropped to 113 and finished sec-



Kris Roccogranti of Dallas takes Johnate Nelson of Meyers to the mat in the 145 lb. bout in District 2 Duals Tournament in Pittston.

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ond in the 25-team event. The Mountaineers otherwise struggled in the event, finishing 19th in the team standings with only Kris Roccogranti joining DeGraba in the top six of a weight class.

DeGraba posted 42 wins last season. Roccogranti, Stephen Mingey, Zach Makosky and Ryan Monk are all back after winning 20-plus bouts a year ago.

Roccogranti won at 171 pounds and Monk finished second at 285 when the Mountaineers finished ninth out of 28

teams at the Penn Manor Tournament in Millersville.

Dallas is 2-9 after going just 1-4 in both the Boyertown Duals and Berwick Duals.

"We have wrestled some of the better teams in the state and competed pretty well," Richards said.

The Mountaineers went 5-1 in Division 2 and 17-11 overall last season.

Aaron Klimovitch and Jimmy Caffrey are two more veterans following DeGraba in the lower

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### LAKE-LEHMAN HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

## Champion grapplers return

By TOM ROBINSON  
For the Dallas Post

Lake-Lehman graduated three of its four individual district champions, but the Black Knights return many other key performers from their latest championship wrestling squad.

Two-time district champion Austin Harry is back after finishing eighth in the state at 126 pounds. He helped Lake-Lehman win the Wyoming Valley Conference Division 2 title and take the District 2 Class AA team championship by a point over rival Dallas.

"We lost three district champions, but we have a nice nucleus coming back," said Tom Williams, who is in the third season of his second stint as Black Knights coach. "This group is ready to pick up where we left off last year."

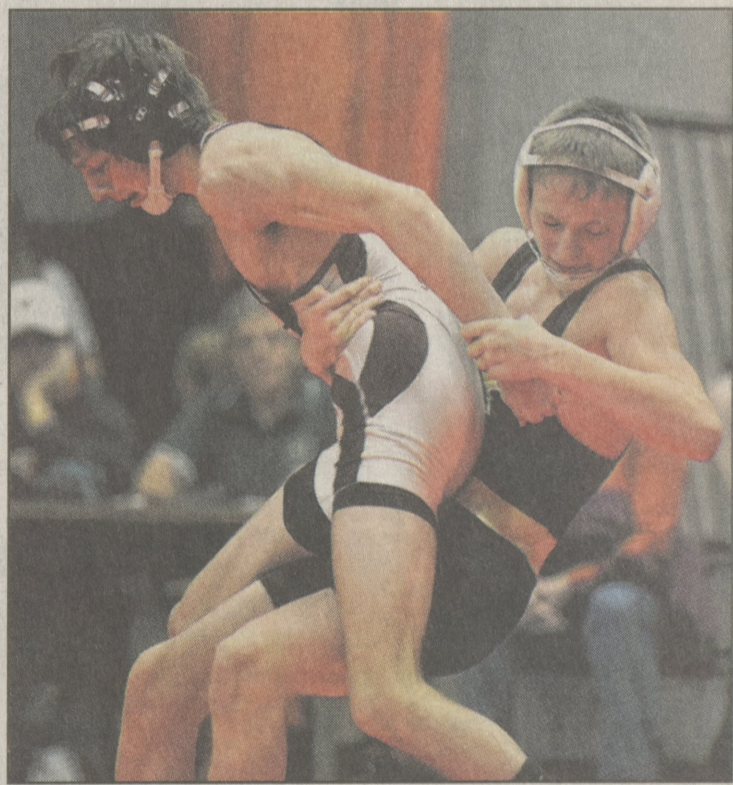
Harry and Jimmy Stuart, a district finalist at 113 last season, will work around the 132-pound weight class. Four-year starter Zeb McMillan is also around 126 or 132.

"There's going to be some movement from our early-season lineup," Williams said.

The Black Knights opened the season by going 2-3 at the Catawauqua Dual Meet Tournament.

"We were missing two or three weights, but we've got that covered up now," Williams said. "We lost two matches by a point and a third by three points. We were competitive in the all the matches."

The Black Knights ended December by taking seventh place out of 21 teams at the Tunkhannock Kiwanis Tournament. Har-



Lake Lehman's Jimmy Stuart takes down Kyle Montague of Warren County, VA.

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ry won the 132-pound title at Tunkhannock. Brady Butler finished second at 182 pounds.

John Tomasura was fourth at 113 pounds at Tunkhannock, while Josh Sayre (138), Josh Winters (145) and Robert Wright (152) took fifth and Derek Draggon (170) and Phillip Hettes (220) placed sixth.

Williams has some less-experienced wrestlers that he's working with to fill varsity spots with the hope of entering all 14 weight classes.

Tomasura is back at 113 after finishing fourth in the district at 106 last season as a freshman.

Becca Wright may join the li-

neup at 106 and freshman Mark Gray should be at 120.

MacMillan, Harry and Stuart provide the strength of the lineup in the next few weight classes. They are followed by Sayre, who had a winning record last season as a freshman.

Winters, a three-year starter, is at 145 and 152 along with Robert Wright, who started much of last season. Josh Bullock is also getting some time there. They could also spend some time at 160, along with freshman Tommy Williams.

Richard Emel and newcomer

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