

MU cheerleaders are fourth best

The Misericordia University cheerleading team finished fourth at the Universal Cheerleading Association National Championships on Jan. 19 at the HP Field House at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, FL.

The Cougars of coaches Tara Sinclair and Courtney Coletti entered the final round in fifth place, but moved ahead of Riverside (CA) City College to place fourth and record their second consecutive top five finish.

Misericordia advanced to the finals, thanks in part to a perfect crowd score in the semifinal round.

"I am incredibly proud of this

young team," said Sinclair, whose squad featured 10 team members making their first appearance at nationals. "Our upperclassmen, especially seniors Alyssa McEntee and Amber Schmidt, did an amazing job guiding our first-year members."

"Each year, the team improves its competitive ability and this year was no different," said Schmidt, a team captain. "Our team put a really solid and difficult routine together this year. The growth I have experienced and witnessed during my time at MU is indescribable. We proved that with dedication, hard-work and determination goals are achievable."



Members of the Misericordia University cheerleading squad are, from left, first row, Alyssa McEntee, Amber Schmidt, Jessica Mierzejewski, Nicole Grim, Darlene Poust, Erica Moore. Second row, Cara Hill, Alysha Marzani, Alyssa Auer, Emily Ritterbeck, Danica Kuti, Sarah Richard, and Brittany DeLancey. Third row, Jerica Gariano, Kelsey Wolsiefer, Megan Zelonis, Brianna Oswald, Jessica Reuther, Gina Balamonte, Mallory Loughman and Kelly Keener.

DALLAS MOUNTAINEER AQUATIC CLUB

Swim club posts first-ever victory over rival CYC team

The Dallas Mountaineer Aquatic Club girls and boys posted its first-ever victory against rival Wilkes-Barre CYC on Saturday, Jan. 19, securing first place in the Southern Division of the Northeast PA Age Group Swim League.

The following swimmers placed in their events:

GIRLS

- 8 & UNDER**
- 25 Free - Gabriella Spaciano, first
- 50 Free - Gabriella Spaciano, second
- 25 Fly - Amanda McGurk, third
- 25 Back - Gabriella Spaciano, second
- 25 Breast - Brook Martin, second

- 10 & UNDER**
- 100 IM - Emma Thomas, third
- 50 Free - Sydney Bittner, second
- 50 Fly - Sydney Bittner, second
- 50 Back - Melissa Leonard, first; Hannah Kline, third
- 50 Breast - Kaitlin VanEtten, first; Jordan Stefanowicz, third
- 100 Free - Melissa Leonard, first
- 12 & UNDER**
- 100 IM - Abby Zolner, first; Madison Federici, third
- 50 Free - Holly Holthaus, first; Peyton Ross, third
- 50 Fly - Abby Zolner, first; Hunter Kline, third
- 50 Back - Jordan Miller, first; Peyton Ross, second
- 50 Breast - Madison Federici, first; Jessica Ravert, third

- 100 Free** - Annalise Cheshire, first; Ava Baur, third
- 200 Free - Ava Baur, first; Abigail Bartuska, third
- 14 & UNDER**
- 200 Free - Julia Baur, first
- 50 Free - Annalise Cheshire, first
- 100 Fly - Madison Hurst, second
- 100 Free - Julia Baur, first
- 100 Back - Madison Hurst, second
- 100 Breast - Krista Vivian, first; Holly Holthaus, second
- 200 IM - Krista Vivian, second

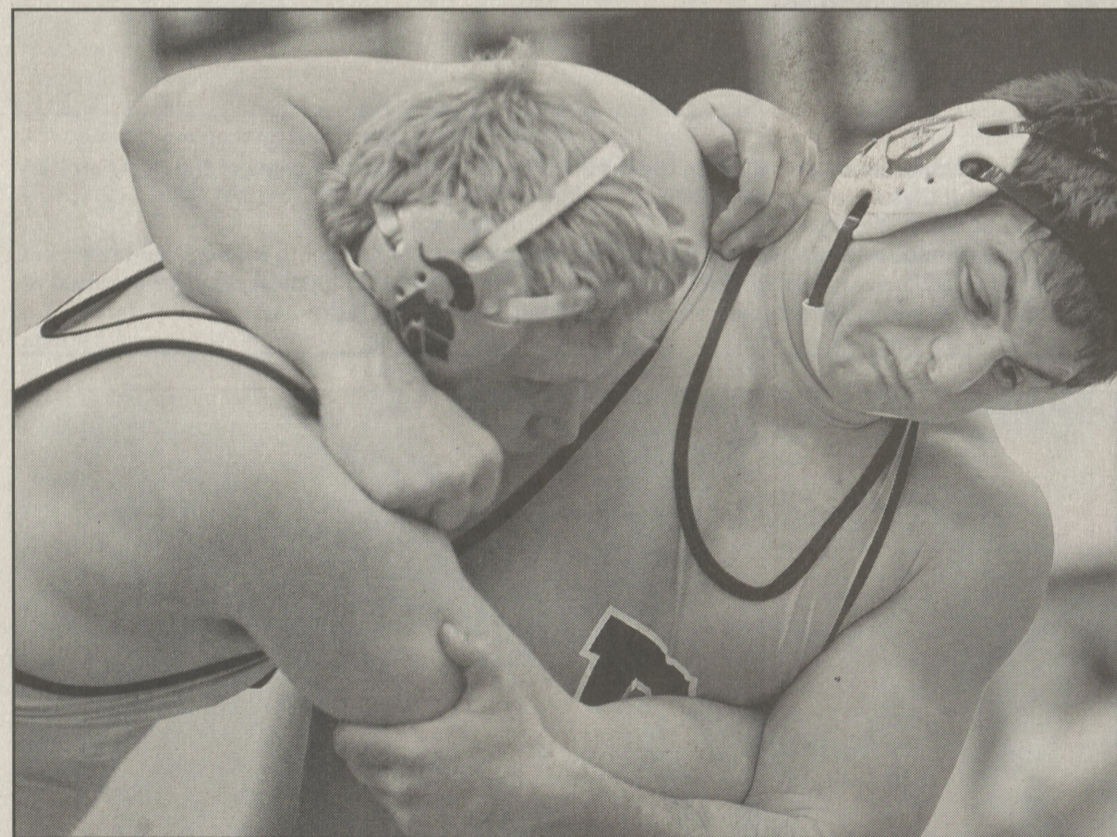
BOYS

- 8 & UNDER**
- 25 Free - Gary Weaver, first; Jakob Baur, third

- 25 Fly - Thomas Doran, first; Tanner Manzoni, third
- 50 Free - Gary Weaver, second; Tanner Manzoni, third
- 25 Back - Thomas Doran, second; Stephen Brdaric, third
- 25 Breast - Tal Richards, first; Richard DeLuna, third
- 10 & UNDER**
- 50 Free - Shane Szczecinski, third
- 50 Fly - Bryce Burgit, third
- 100 Free - Shane Szczecinski, third
- 50 Breast - Logan Stambaugh, first

- 50 Back - Zachary Blockus, second; Trent Szczecinski, third
- 100 IM - Logan Stambaugh, third
- 12 & UNDER**
- 100 IM - Mikail Krochta, first; Evan Sabecky, third
- 50 Free - Dylan Lisnow, first; Garrett Pall, second
- 50 Fly - Garrett Pall, first
- 100 Free - Donovan McCall, first; Bobby DeLuna, third
- 50 Back - Dylan Lisnow, first; Bobby DeLuna, third
- 50 Breast - Mikail Krochta, first; Evan Sabecky, second; Mat-

- thew Duffy, third
- 200 Free - Donovan McCall, first; Tyler Christian, third
- 14 & UNDER**
- 200 Free - Thomas Manzoni, second
- 50 Free - Tyler Manzoni, second
- 200 IM - Porter Luksick, first
- 100 Fly - Troy Reinert, second; Thomas Manzoni, third
- 100 Free - Porter Luksick, first; Andrew Herrick, third
- 100 Back - Troy Reinert, second
- 100 Breast - Porter Luksick, first; Tyler Manzoni, third



Mountaineer Ryan Monk tries to take down Dustin Jones, of Lehman, in the 285 lbs bout. Monk won, 3-2.

KNIGHTS

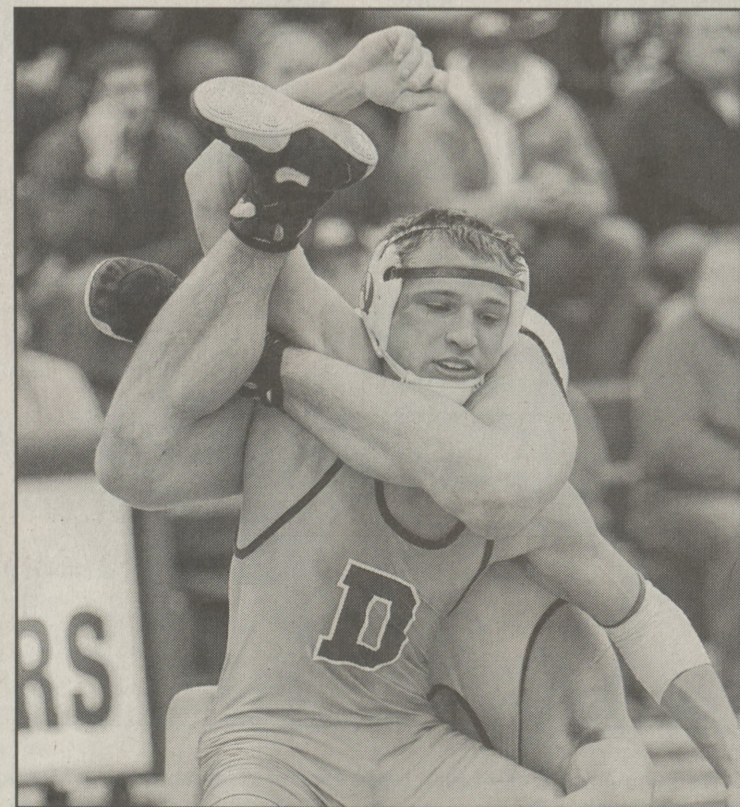
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Lehman. This time, Sayre defeated Cole Dixon, 3-1, to give Lake-Lehman the six-point advantage and put Dallas in the position where it had to have a pin in the final bout.

The win was the 13th straight by Lake-Lehman, which is unbeaten in Division 2 and improved to 14-2 overall.

Dallas dropped its second straight, including a match against Wyoming Valley West for its only loss in Division 1 competition.

Dallas wrestler Zach Macosky gets his head wrapped up with the legs of Lehman's Bobby Wright in the 160 lbs. bout. Macosky won, 2-1.



Four of the winning contestants in the 2013 Father O'Leary Knights of Columbus #8224 Free Throw Championship are shown with council volunteers who assisted in making the event successful. From left, first row, are Gabrielle Sabatini, Megan Borton, Alex Charlton and Ben O'Connell. Second row, Stan Zamerowski, Marty Lucas, Jim O'Donnell, event chairman; Bill Roberts and Jack Cacoza, Grand Knight. Absent at the time of the photo was Paul Zablotney.

Free throw winners are announced

Three boys and two girls from the Back Mountain area were named local winners of the 2013 Father O'Leary Knights of Columbus #8224 Free Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at the district level in February 2013.

The Back Mountain Knights of Columbus sponsored the local competition at the Gate of Heaven gymnasium. All area youngsters ages 10 to 14 were eligible to participate.

Gabrielle Sabatini was the 10-year-old girls champion and Megan Borton took the girls 11-year-old championship. Alex Charlton was the 12-year-old boys winner with Ben O'Connell taking the championship in the 13-year-old boys division. The 14-year-old boys bracket was won by Paul Zablotney. Each contestant was allowed 15 free throw attempts in the contests. Ties were settled by successive rounds of five free throws per contestant until a winner emerged. Each of these winners will compete in the district competition to be held on Feb. 10 at West Side Career & Technology Center, Evans Street, Pringle with an eye toward moving on to the state and international levels.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Rock Rec basketball season begins

The Rock Recreation Center is accepting registration applications for the 2013 Upward basketball season. The league is open to girls and boys Pre-K through sixth grade.

The final game is set for Saturday, March 16.

For more information, contact The Rock Rec Center at 696-2769.

Fastpitch players

sought

The Endless Mt Blas U14 travel fastpitch program is still looking for a few qualified players to round out its teams for the upcoming season.

Anyone interested is asked to call 840-6433 or email ronh@sbsmod.com.