

Athlete of the Week: Ross Fauquier



On Tuesday, Jan. 27, Lackawanna Trail's Ross Fauquier scored the 1,000th point of his career by sinking two free throws in a 74-53 win over Mountain View. Fauquier currently leads the team with 237 points and averages 15 points-per-game. For his accomplishments, Fauquier has been named the Wyoming County Press Examiner's Athlete of the Week.

Class, age, hometown: Senior, 18, Nicholson.

Family: Jason, father; Linda, mother; Cali, sister, 13.

Other sports I play: Football and baseball

Favorite Movie: "The Wolf of Wall Street"

Favorite TV show: "Breaking Bad"

Favorite band/artist: Michael Bublé

Favorite food: Wings

One word to describe me: Persistent

Three people I'd like to have dinner with: "Coach K (Mike Krzyzewski), Derek Jeter and Liam Neeson."

Biggest role model: "(Seattle Seahawks quarterback) Russell Wilson because I really enjoy how he carries himself on and off the field."

Post graduation plans: "I just got my acceptance letter to my number one school, Salisbury University in Maryland. It's still up in the air if I'm going to play basketball or not."

Superstitions or rituals: "I always listen to music about three minutes before we leave locker room because it gives me a little boost of energy."

What were some of your main goals coming into the season? "Individually, always getting better. You have to outwork competition every day. Another goal was 1,000 points because it's a nice achievement to have. For the team, it's winning the district and maybe even win the league."

What was the transition like under new head coach Christian Sunseri? "With him being around (as assistant) last year and coming back as head coach, it made it easier for all us. He's younger, too, so he can relate to us easier and knows what we're going through."

What was your 1,000th point game like? "I told my coach right before the game that I hadn't been that nervous for a game since freshman year. Coming out of halftime, I heard that I needed just two points, so that made it even worse. I missed three wide-open layups but ended on the free throw line. It was a rough two points but it was really nice to make it when the game was stopped."

And the icing on the cake, you won the game. "That was huge, and it just made that night that much more sweet for me and made it better for the team."

You also played the whole game with an ingrown toenail? "Once the game started and with all the adrenaline, I didn't really feel it until the third quarter when it got stepped on. It's something you've got to play through because you've got to be out there with the team."

What do you think the team is capable of for the rest of the second half? "We just need to win every single game from here on out. The second half title isn't out of reach yet, so we just need to go out and play every game like it's our last chance."

What's been your favorite part of being on the team? "After four years of playing at Lackawanna Trail, it's really opened my eyes to how great a school we have. The community, the fans and the school, it's just really awesome to play for them. I've really become great friends with the guys on the team and I think of them all as my family."