

Dallas suffers defeat by Nanticoke, 27 - 21

by Jon Jay LaBerge

The Trojans of Nanticoke Area rallied with three touchdowns in the second period to beat the Dallas Mountaineers 27-21 last Saturday night at Nanticoke's stadium.

Dallas got the ball on the opening kickoff and moved 46 yards in four plays, but were stopped on the Trojan 26 by a fumble. Four plays later, Dallas' big tight end, Ray Goeringer, covered a Nanticoke fumble to regain possession for the Mounts. Midway through the first quarter, Ray Kuderka plunged over from the two to cap a 35 yard seven play drive for Dallas' first touchdown. Kostrabola added his first of three consecutive conversions to make the score 7-0.

The Mountaineer defense led by Mark Steele, Ray Kuderka, and Ray Goeringer, forced Nanticoke to punt on the next series of downs. Dallas running backs Kuderka Griffin, and Engler took the ball 55 yards in the next 12 plays where Engler added Dallas' second score of the half on a two yard run.

On the following series, a 17 yard pass on a fourth down play kept the Nanticoke drive alive, and moments later Trojan quarterback Greg Snyder threw to Lukashefski for two yards, and Nanticoke's first score.

After a Dallas punt, Snyder again went to the air and hit Bargalla for a 58 yard scoring pass. The conversion was missed to make the score 13-14, Dallas.

Dallas lost its second fumble of the evening deep in their own territory, and the Trojans took advantage and scored again on a pass, this time for 18 yards from Snyder to Metusek. The score came seconds before the end of the half, and with a successful two point conversion, the score read Nanticoke 21, Dallas 14.

The Trojans were forced to punt following the second half kickoff but a fumble on the return enabled Nanticoke to regain possession on the Dallas 34. Three plays later the Trojans scored their final touchdown when Vopicelli scored on a two yard run. The attempt for a two point conversion failed when Mountaineer Ed Labatch batted down Snyder's pass.

A blocked Mountaineer punt gave Nanticoke the ball on the Dallas 26, but an interception by Gary Kostrabola ended the Trojan threat. After a pair of Nanticoke punts, two Dallas fumbles, and a Dallas interception by Ed Labatch, the Dallas passing attack came to life with a 33 yard pass from Gary Arcuri to tight end Ray Goeringer. The next play, Arcuri ran the remaining 10 yards for the final score of the game.

Dallas' attempt at an onside kick failed and Nanticoke ran out the remaining 1:37 to make the final score 27-21.

Dallas, now four wins and two losses, faces Hanover this Friday at 7:45 at Hanover, while Nanticoke, five wins, one loss and one tie, faces Wyoming Area.



Members of the football team from Big "D" Country and the Lettermen Booster Club posed with happy smiles before embarking recently on a trip to Franklin Field, Philadelphia.

Knights bow to Wyoming A.

by Tony Ferrara

The Wyoming Area Warriors of Coach Tom Vaxmonsky, kept their winning streak of 7-0 by running through the Black Knights of Lake-Lehman by a score of 36-12. The Warriors displayed very tough ball control on a very slippery playing field at West Pittston stadium Friday night.

The Knights found it hard to control Langan, an outstanding Warrior running back who scored three of their five touchdowns with runs of 15 yards, 41 yards and one yard.

Scoring came very early in the first period for Wyoming Area. When the Knights could not move the ball in their first series of downs for the night, Newhart punted, getting it to their own 47. The first down of the series found Warrior John Smith running the whole length of the field for the first and discouragingly early tally against the Knights.

Langan found some running room with 4:50 left in the first quarter, scoring a TD on a 41 yard scamper for the Warriors. On both these tallies the conversions were good and kicked by Pace.

At this point in the game it looked as if the Warriors were going to blow the Knights right off the field, but some costly mistakes on their part encouraged the Black Knights. In the very beginning of the second period, Knight Charlie Evans picked up his first of two fumble recoveries from Wyoming. The loose ball was snagged by Evans at the L-L 15. The Knights then trampled 85 yards with the passing of fieldmaster Tony Stevens and the running of Bob Engle. The last of this series saw Bill Kern hitting paydirt on a Stevens' four yard pass play. The conversion attempt was in vain, tallying the score at 14-6. (It is interesting to note here that Wyoming did not get a first down until about one minute left in the first half despite their good control.)

The Knights kicked-off to the Warriors in the opening of the second half. It was taken by Beghini on the five yard line, thus yacing down the sideline and missing many tackle attempts by the Knights. With a great deal of luck, he eluded the Knight attack and went all the way only to be called back by the officials at the 27 yard line where he stepped out of bounds. Five plays later, Langan ran the ball in from the one yard line for his second score with 9:30 left in the third quarter. The two point conversion attempt was good making the score 22-6.

The Warrior boot to L-L was onside and was picked up by Wyoming on their own 37. The Knight defense held them from driving downfield and the Warriors punted back to the Knights. They were unable to move the ball and were faced with a fourth down punting situation. Before the punt, the snap went over the head of Rick Newhart, and he was ditched on the 15 yard line. Wyoming gained control of the ball and on the first play of this series, Langan ran the 15 yards for his last tally of the night. The PAT was hit by Pace.

Not long after this Warrior tally, another followed. When the Knights fumbled the wet and slippery football, Wyoming regained control on their own 47. Two plays later, QB Pagliarini ran the ball in on a keeper

from the one yard line. The PAT was good, making the score 36-6.

The Black Knights of George Curry, although down, did not stop fighting. Their second and final score of the game was the result of another sensational drive by Stevens and company. The last of this series was another Stevens to Kern toss from the 14 worth six points with about eight minutes left to play. The two point conversion pass was intercepted, setting the final scoring at 36-12.

An outstanding fact of this game is that while the Knights suffered only 10 yards of penalization, Coach Vaxmonsky's squad was set back 105 yards total.

This was the second taste of defeat for the Knights, setting their record at 4-2. Their next competition will be Nov. 7 against GAR.

Statistics: L-L-first downs, 11; passes att., 24; passes comp., 8; intercepted by, 3; fumbles, 3. WA-first downs, 10; passes att., 11; passes comp., 5; intercepted by, 2; fumbles, 5.

Oct. 31 for small game

Pennsylvania's regular small game season will open Saturday, Oct. 31, at 9 a.m.

Species which will become legal targets Oct. 31 include cottontail rabbits, male ring-neck pheasants, wild turkeys and bobwhite quail. The early small game season for grouse and squirrels opened Oct. 17.

The seasons for all of these species, except turkeys, will continue through Nov. 28. Turkey season ends in this area Nov. 14.

All pre-season reports indicate there will be an adequate supply of all small game species.

Bowers reminds hunters that NO wild birds or wild animals, including migratory birds, may be hunted before 9 a.m. Oct. 31 anywhere in Pennsylvania. Shooting ends at sunset daily.

A winter season for cottontail rabbits, squirrels and grouse will open Dec. 26 and close Jan. 21.

Big "D" team travels to Philly

A breakfast at the Brothers Four Restaurant in Dallas was the first event in a fun-filled day for members of the Dallas High School football team who journeyed to Franklin Field in Philadelphia Oct. 17.

Traveling in comfort aboard Martz Trailways buses, the team watched a college double-header between the University of Pennsylvania and Lafayette, then Lehigh and Drexel. Of special interest to the Big "D" players was the Astro turf which Franklin Field is covered.

Following the games, the team returned to Wilkes-Barre for a buffet dinner at Gennetti's.

The day's activities were sponsored by the Dallas Area Lettermen-Booster Club in keeping with that organization's policy of honoring the various athletic teams of Dallas High School. Tentative plans are now being made to send the girls hockey team to Allentown, to witness Cedar Crest College's hockey team play a British girls' hockey team Nov. 12.

combination guns ok

It is unlawful to use a rifle for hunting waterfowl or other migratory game birds.

However, the Game Commission says that combination rifle-shotgun firearms are not prohibited for hunting these birds so long as the rifle portion is not used in any manner.

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