

# Mountaineers Cop Title in Big Victory

## Dallas Captures Old Shoe

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Three plays moved the ball six yards where on fourth and four Gary Arcuri ran a quarterback sneak which exploded for 27 yards and Dallas' sixth TD.

With their star running back Bob Engle out of the game with a separated shoulder, Lehman looked to sophomore quarterback Gary Baker to generate some offense. Lehman moved for their longest drive of the game, 31 yards, and their deepest penetration, the Dallas 42, before they again were forced to punt.

Rob Goeringer and Gary Arcuri combined for 58 yards in five plays, aided by a penalty on Lehman for a late hit, to run up Dallas' final score. The TD came on a run by Arcuri around the right end for 13 yards. Through the third period Dallas had averaged nearly 11 yards per rush.

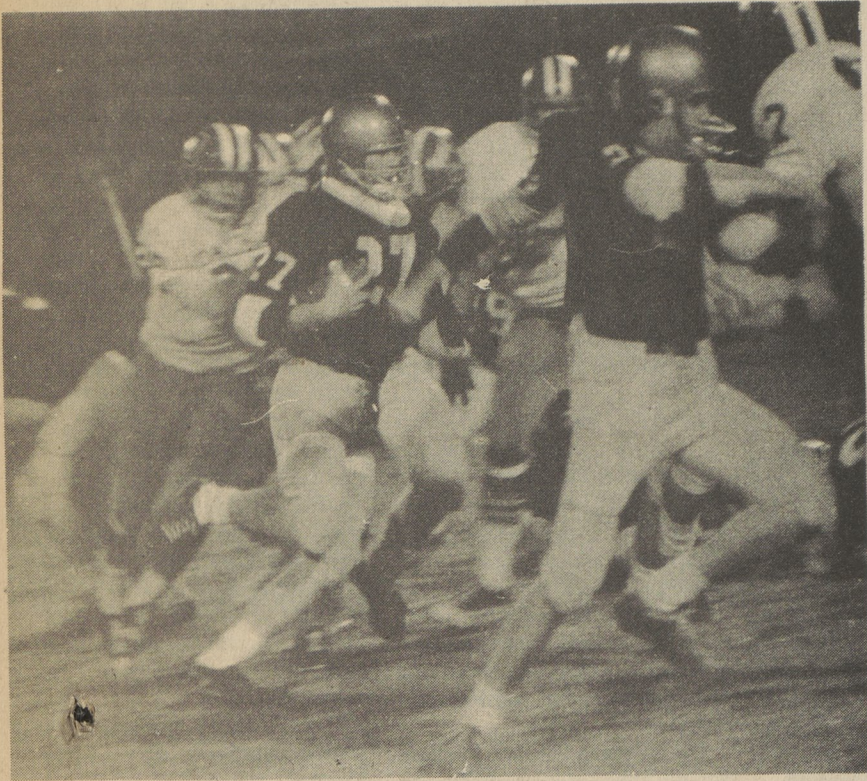
From this point both teams substituted freely and many second and third stringers saw action.

The ball exchanged hands five times as the game moved toward its end. With less than four minutes remaining, Dallas had possession on their own 46. Wayne Evans moved it down to the 24 and Chuck Wilson added another 16 yards to move Dallas to the eight. Four plays could only gain seven yards and Lehman took over on their own one, where they allowed the clock to run out.

Dallas' running attack accounted for 329 yards on 47 rushes for an 8.1 yard average. Arcuri ran for 127 yards on eight carries for a 15.9 yard average, and Goeringer added 126 yards and a 7.0 yard average. Wayne Evans accounted for another 50 yards on six carries.

Lehman gained 47 yards on three passes, two of which went to Mark Bogdon to 16 and 13 yards. The running attack accounted for only 27 yards and with 20 yards in penalties, Lehman netted only 54 yards.

The victory brought the Wyoming Valley Football Conference "B" Division title to Dallas as well as retaining possession of the "Shoe" for Dallas.



Bob Engel, Lake-Lehman No. 27, left the game early when he suffered an injury which sent him to the hospital.



Lake-Lehman halfback Mark Bogdon picked up 16 and 13 yards on two passes in the Old Shoe game last week.



It was a cold, cold night and the cheerleaders found interludes between cheers almost unbearable.



Dallas No. 23, Wayne Evans runs interference on teammate Gary Arcuri, No. 16. Arcuri ran for 127 yards on eight carries in last Wednesday's conference tilt with Lake-Lehman.



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Tony Stevens, Lake-Lehman quarterback, was out of commission only long enough to be assured there were no broken bones.



Rob Goeringer, No. 21, and Gary Arcuri, No. 16, rush in for the pigskin. The two Dallas backs combined for 58 yards in five plays to run up Dallas' final score in the traditional Turkey Day game held a week late.

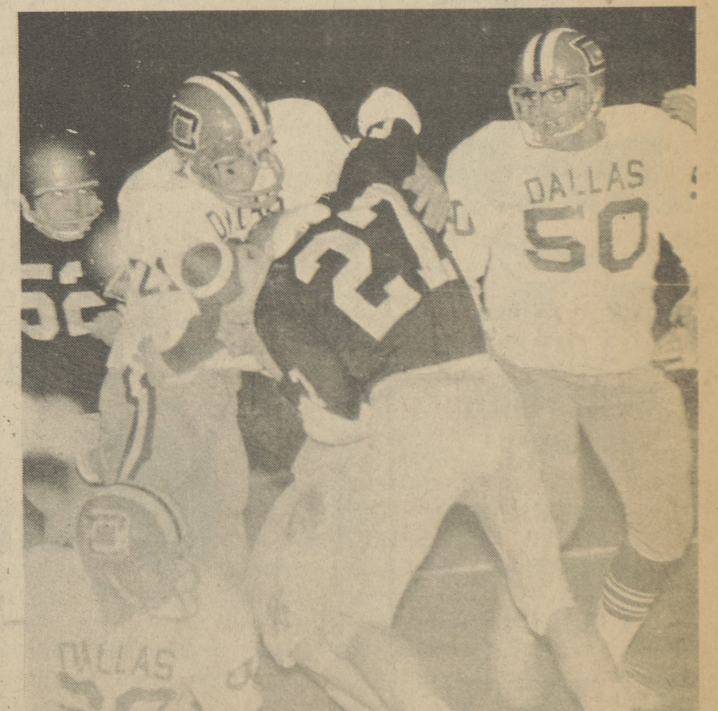


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Rob Goeringer carries 51 yards on a delay for Dallas' fourth touchdown in the big "rival" game last week. He ran for 126 yards, a 7.0 yard average.

## True Grid

It's really too bad that Hawaii did not defeat Nebraska because it would have made Upset Weekend complete. (Although when you think about it, any football team nicknamed the "Rainbows" should not win except maybe against an all-star team from the Gay Liberation League.) Yes folks—as you may detect—True Grid has decided to laugh off these late season surprises. An inspired Tennessee defense actually outscored the nation's number one offensive team from our own state. In the Empty Bowl, a lethargic Syracuse team also played inspired football and shut out favored Miami.

These developments paled by comparison to the craziest weekend in pro-football. Things appeared to be in order on Saturday as the Dallas Cowboys snuffed Joe Namath's bid to rekindle the flickering aspirations of the New York Jets with a 52 to 10 victory. Yes, it appeared that all was in order. However, the resurgent (hairless) Philadelphia Eagles (sentimental favorites of right wing America) staged an amazing comeback to apparently knock Detroit out of a playoff berth. However, Detroit was to receive an 11th hour reprieve as the hapless San Diego Chargers scored 30 points against the best defense in pro football to beat the offensively impotent Minnesota Vikings.

Meanwhile, back in the East, the New England Patriots easily whipped the once beaten Miami Dolphins 34 to 13. It appeared that Buffalo might do the same to Baltimore, but when the Miami score was announced in Baltimore the Colts were inspired to score 24 second half points to defeat Buffalo. The Oakland Raiders also had a chance to move ahead of Kansas City in their contest for the playoffs. This too evolved into another major upset as the young Atlanta Falcons surprised the Raiders by a 24 to 13 margin.

Meanwhile, back in the West, the Pittsburgh Steelers, who needed a victory to stay alive against Cleveland in the Central Division, played a Houston team that had only won one game all season. The result—a 29 to 3 victory for Houston, of course. True Grid has anticipated victories by Chicago over Denver and Cincinnati over Cleveland but these teams lost by three and four points respectively. True Grid also picked St. Louis over Green Bay but a last second field goal gave the Packers a 16 to 16 tie.

As a result of these experiences True Grid contemplated professional hari-kari—yes, he was going to send his records and rating to Major Hoople! As the feelings of paranoia diminished, True Grid decided to try again. If worse comes to worse, we can always change the name of the column to the Fallible Football Forecaster or something catchy like that.

Now to bring our records up to date: After the last weekend here is the collegiate and professional breakdown. College: 603 right, 193 wrong, 11 ties for a

75.8 percentage. Professional: 80 right, 51 wrong, 7 ties for a 61.1 percentage.

There is only one post season college bowl game of interest to eastern fans this weekend. In a game which matches the top contenders for eastern small college supremacy, C.W. Post will meet the University of Delaware in the Boardwalk Bowl. Delaware (9-1) is the perennial power of the eastern small college division. The Blue Hens have defeated teams like Villanova and Rutgers and their only loss was a heartbreaker to Temple by a 32 to 27 score. C.W. Post lost to Lehigh and Hofstra while soundly beating all other opponents. Delaware has a balanced and potent offense while C.W. Post with an outstanding quarterback relies on the pass. Delaware should win this game by a comfortable margin—at least 20 points!

In next week's issue I will take a look at the 11 major bowl games during the holiday season. As most football fans know, the upset probability in bowl games is appreciably increased due to the additional variables involved—especially the time available for preparation. Despite this challenge, True Grid remains confident of his ability to decipher the developments of football fortune at the collegiate level.

For this week's pro games I thought I would adopt a new format for a change of pace. Perhaps a more positive approach may be a catalyst for more positive results. Yes, for the first time, True Grid is going to predict the relative margin of victory as well as the victor.

Dallas 34, New York Giants 10; In characteristic fashion the Cowboys are making their late season surge with five in a row. The Giants with decimated ranks are now in last place and should remain there.

Detroit 17, Minnesota 13: If Landry can play, the Lions should be able to take advantage of their second chance. The Vikings are all defense and you must score to win.

San Francisco 27, Atlanta 17: This is a must for the 49ers. A Falcon victory would also keep them in the race. However, S.F.'s experiences and overall balance should be the difference.

Green Bay 17, Chicago 10: The score could be even lower between these two traditional rivals. Chicago's defense is strong but the offense has only generated nine points in the last three games. Bart Starr returns for his final appearance at Green Bay.

San Diego 20, Denver 9: The Chargers have played inconsistent ball offensively and defensively. Denver is consistently inept offensively. If Hade is on, the Chargers will have more scoring punch than the Broncos.

In other games: Kansas City 27, Oakland 17; Los Angeles 20, Washington 10; New York Jets 27, New England 17; Philadelphia 24, St. Louis 20; New Orleans 30, Cleveland 27; Houston 23, Buffalo 21; Cincinnati 28, Pittsburgh 20; Baltimore 20, Miami 17.

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