

Knights' fumbles costly

"We fumbled twice and set up their touchdowns." That was Lake-Lehman Coach Rich Gorgone's summation of his team's Monday evening loss to a big Nanticoke team. The Knights eleven, ending in a 17-14 Knight defeat.

The loss moved the Knights to 1-2 on the year. They meet Bishop O'Reilly at Lake-Lehman Saturday afternoon.

Nanticoke began the Monday evening scoring in the first quarter after Lake-Lehman gave up the ball on a fumble. At first it appeared that the Knights defense, which has been the team's mainstay all year, would hold. But the home team tried a desperation halfback option pass on fourth down and the bigger receiver outjumped the Knight defender to catch the ball and put Nanticoke on the scoreboard.

Trailing 7-0 in the second quarter, the Knights came alive on good runs by Quarterback Chris Yanchik and Running Back Mark Kalish. Chris Yanchik then scored on an option and his twin Craig, split the uprights to tie the score, 7-7.

The Knight defense held the Nans again in the quarter then put together a strong 86 yard drive, depending primarily on quick drives and option

runs to harass a Nanticoke defense which was effectively rushing the Knight's passing attack. Again, it was Chris Yanchik who crossed the goal line for the visitors this time on a bootleg. Craig Yanchik again added the point after and the Knights led their hosts, 14-7.

The advantage was short lived. With a minute-and-one half left in the first half, a Knight receiver dropped a Nanticoke punt. The home team capitalized on the miscue with a razzel-dazzle halfback to quarterback pass which advanced the ball to the Lake-Lehman 10 and Nanticoke just before the half ended to tie the score. Gorgone said he felt his

team ran the ball well in the first half, accumulating near 200 yards rushing during the period.

"But they dominated us in the second half," the coach said. "They wore us down with their size. We wouldn't let them score offensively we just didn't get the ball a lot."

In the third period, Pete Petulak kicked a 37-yard field goal to give Nanticoke the victory edge, 17-14. Defense by both teams took control of the game from then on...although the Nanticoke offense had considerably more success moving the ball than did the Knights.

What does Gorgone expect from O'Reilly this Saturday?

"They're a downright physical team," he said.

"They're a stubborn iron horse team. They haven't got a lot of kids, but what they have are good."

Gorgone expressed his admiration for O'Reilly stars Mark Resater, a 200 pound fullback; Brian Judge, an outstanding running back; and Joe Onzik a tough linebacker and halfback. The coach also noted that Lake-Lehman's offense and defensive line star, Bill Lavelle, would be lost to the team for the remainder of the year.

Gameland tour

The Gameland tour of Harveys Lake Rod and Gun Club planned for Oct. 5th has been postponed indefinitely, because of flood wash out of bridges and roads. Watch for a later rescheduling.

RICHARDS ON SPORTS

Pittston Area refuses to play

by Lee L. Richards

A funny thing happened to Dallas Coach Jack Jones on Monday. When he contacted Pittston Area to arrange for the make-up date from Saturday's washout because of the threat of the flood, the Pats told Dallas officials they didn't want to play Monday night.

While it's hard to write a story of this nature without the other guy's version, it appears from here that Pittston Area took that old walk to the "Apple Orchard."

Sure they've got a game with Valley West on Friday, but if they can call off a game or make it a "no-contest," who's to say that any other team in the league when faced with a toughie can't do the same.

When Dallas officials contacted Charlie Hensley, who's supposed to be the boss of the Wyoming Valley Conference, he passed the buck to Bob Thomas (he's the secretary) of Valley West. Since Valley West was involved because they refused to move this Friday's Pittston game back to Saturday night, Thomas also passed the buck. Where does the buck passing stop???

Dallas should be awarded a forfeit. They were ready to play, but the bid Division I school from up the line wasn't. Pittston had everything to lose and nothing to gain. So did Dallas.

Let's put things in a proper perspective. The Wyoming Valley Conference in football has been on a decline since about 1965. It lacks intelligent leadership, people with a knowledge of the game, qualified coaches and not guys

just out to pick up a fast buck at the expense of a bunch of athletes.

The Wyoming Valley Conference has become a bush league operation simply because it's directed by unqualified people.

Did you know that every high school sends out a contract for the football games?? They aren't worth the paper they're written on after this jerk-water maneuver.

Dallas is supposed to play Meyers this week. We don't believe Coach Mickey Gorham will cancel out. Could you see this happening in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio or Texas?? Only in Wyoming Valley—formerly a good football area when the WVC was one league and nobody heard of A and B Divisions.

LAKE-LEHMAN DROPS ANOTHER CLOSE ONE

Things have just got to get better for the Lake-Lehman football fortunes. Coach Rich Gorgone is wondering when his lads are going to emerge with a triumph in a close encounter. They bowed to Dallas last Turkey Day, 12-7; bowed to Meyers this year, 12-7—and Monday night dropped a toughie to a bigger Nanticoke Area eleven, 17-14.

Both teams scored twice in the first half. Chris Yanchik scored both of Lake-Lehman's touchdowns on short runs. His first came on an option and the second on a bootleg.

A dejected Coach Gorgone said, "Chris is becoming a stellar quarterback. He's moving our club. He's become our leader on the field. I just

can't say enough about the little things he's done. He has been reading the opponents defenses and executing well."

What really has Coach Gorgone down is the close losses. Two turnovers led to the Trojans' touchdowns in the first half.

We're still makin that crucial miscue that's killing our consistency. Still, our kids hang in there and play with abandon. We just got outmuscled again," Gorgone pointed out.

Nanticoke Area did have a heap of miss-matches and they knew just where to attack.

Lake-Lehman has Bishop O'Reilly at home Saturday and they face another big and strong club that is physical. Lake-Lehman obviously is hurting without Bill Lavelle in the middle.

Mark Kalish again ran well for the Knights and Bob Cummings played his usual strong game as the hub of the defense.

CLIPBOARD NOTES: Senior golfers at Irem Temple will hold their own tournament on Saturday and it could prove quite interesting considering the condition of the course.

Because of the recent rain the fairways are very lush and there isn't any roll. So

the short knockers are in for a bit of trouble...Shot-gun even slated for this Sunday at Irem has been moved back until the 12th-weather permitting...Many Penn State fans were peeved at the Nittany Lions' ranking in the polls. State did play tough against Ohio State, yet were dropped out of the Top 10. State will be back in the top 10 shortly. Kentucky, Saturday's foe, is a good running club, but can't throw the ball. If you can't throw the football, you can't beat the Lions...Don't be too surprised if Jimmy Cefalo isn't red-shirted. While Joe Paterno is building up to the move, he claims he doesn't like the practice of having a player sit out a year???

Whatever happened to the Phillies?? Reds and the Bucs should have a good playoff, but the Pirate pitching can't compare to the Reds. In a short series it's the people on the mound that's going to control things. Get 'em Bucs...Like to see the young Bosox deck the A's, too...When are local stripe-shirts (officials) going to start to enforce the spear-throwing rule and throw those flags? We often wonder if they're aware of the termination of the rule???

Bowling News

D. Purvin's 221 (600) paced Harris Associates to shutting out Dallas Nursery in the George Shupp League. Teammate A. Wendel helped with 211 and J. Guido gave 209. T. Doughton rolled 565 to help Daring's Market blank Irene's Bar. George's Auto picked up 3 points from Fino's Pharmacy and F.T.A. Corp. earned 3 points from Stanton TV.

In the Ladies Country League A. Hospodar scattered pins for 183 (509) to lead Daring's Market in shutting out G.H. Harris. Luzerne National copped 3 points from David Ertley with R. Radzinski rolling 172. Fashion Vending took 3 points from Ghotto Pizza. Orange A dropped 3 points to Mt. Zion men in the Back Mountain Church League despite Hennessy's big 231 (568). W. Heck scattered wood for 212 (590) to lead Carverton A to

a 2-2 split with Dallas A. G. Brobst registered 223 for the Dallas five. W. Watkins tumbled pins for a 227 game to help Shavertown C blank Dallas B. Trucksville C took all from Trucksville A despite the A's Baer's 218. The Lutherans shut out Maple Grove paced by C. Glasser's 206 (573). Shavertown A and Orange B divided evenly. S. Fielding scored 219 to aid Shavertown B in a 3-point win over East Dallas. Carverton B and Trucksville B split 2-2.

In the Back Mountain Neighborhood League C. Kazokas hit 212 (562) to register high for Roth Novelty who took 3 points from Men's Fellowship. He was aided by T. Toughton's 211 and Gino's 209. Disque's Funeral Home dropped 3 points to Club Lee and Treat Drive Inn did the same with Castle Inn. Offset Paperback picked up 3 points from Automatic Cigarette Service.

The Hub Caps earned 3 points from the Wheel Bearings in the CTC. Mixed League with no one able to find the strike zone. Brake Shoes made it 3 points over Accelerators. The Oil Gauges took 3 points from the Shocks and the Bumpers shut out the Flat Tires.

In the Crown Major League Chris Sunoco blanked Dallas Shopping Center aided by K. Youngblood's 214 (587) and L. Christensen's 209 (558). Opponents B. Harris rolled 210 and C. Williams scored a 552 series. Hasay Chevrolet dropped 4 points to Wesley Cigo fy forfeit. Gebhardt's Bowling Supplies blanked Shavertown Lumber. R. Bonomo Jr. hit the pins for 209-219 (62). Vanguard Security lost all to Elby's Restaurant.

Crown Imperiale League had Dallas Dairy shutting out Lombardo Bakery. Goodman Florist blanked Fairview Shoe Store. Carmen's Pizza took all from Ralph Fitch & Sons and J. Frantz' 182 (484) was wasted as Joe & Joe's dropped 3 points to Lahr's Arco whose B. Brobst hit 171.

Baseball to elect

Back Mountain Baseball for Boys and Girls will hold its last meeting of the 1975 season on Monday, Oct. 6, at the Dallas Legion Home.

Election of officers for the 1976 season will be held.

Duncan has 183 in Sunday bowl

The results of the Sunday night league for the past week were: Michael 4, Aicher 0; Duncan 4, Ratcliffe 0; Shaver 2 1/2, Roth 1 1/2.

Standings are Michael 6-2, Duncan 5-3, Shaver 4 1/2-3 1/2, Aicher 3-5, Ratcliffe 3-5, and Roth 2 1/2-5 1/2.

M. Duncan had a high single 183 and J. Williams and R. Maturi each had a high single 179.

Lake-Lehman football moms to meet

The football mothers of Lake Lehman high school will meet Monday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. at the Lehman High School.

All football mothers are invited to attend.

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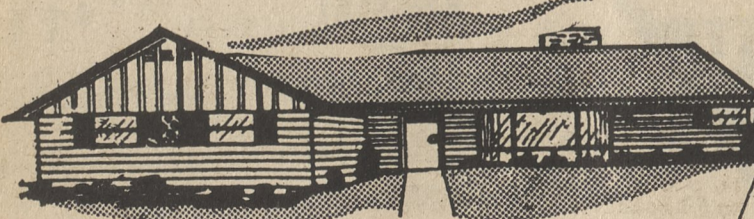
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