

# THE DALLAS POST Sports

## Jones: GAR will be tough

The Mountaineers have a tough game ahead of them this weekend, according to Coach Jack Jones.

The Dallas team will meet GAR at Meyers Stadium Saturday night in a contest which will decide the Division II title. The Mountaineers have an overall record of 6-0-1, 2-0 in Division II; the Grenadiers record for the season is 5-3 and 3-0 in Division II play.

"GAR is a strong club. They're strong and like to use physical strength. We don't have one boy on our team to match Tomko's 6'2", 230 pounds; or Kashada's 6'4", 270. The rest of their team is generally the same size as our boys," said Jones.

They have a fine fullback in George Suda. He plays a good game. They have a bunch of flanker backs. Jim Elmy is only 5'5" and weighs 125 pounds but he's fast. He runs so fast he doesn't leave footprints. "They'll be playing inspired ball but I hope our boys will be doing the same. It's win or lose all the marbles for the team who takes this one. If we play the kind of football we played against Meyers who will be in good shape."

Coach Jones said he takes one game at a time and practices for each contest as though the upcoming game is the toughest and well each might be.

In the game against Bishop O'Reilly last Saturday which the Mountaineers won 27-0, Jones said that the team played a very bad first half. The players' timing was off, their execution was poor, nothing clicked. He is firmly convinced it was due to their layoff and lack of competition.

Leading only 7-0 at the half, the Mountaineers came back in the second game and played an entirely different ball game. They played inspired football. Their passing and blocking were better.

Since Jones made very few adjustments at half time, it was a matter of playing better football.

Jones stated that this year he has seen some of the worst officiating in his 24 years of coaching. He said deliberate spearing was not called during the O'Reilly game until the very end of the contest when a Queensman was ejected by the officials.

The officials let one go which invited a second spear. The second attempt injured a player and hit a few inches lower could have been a severe injury. A spear is a deliberate and malicious blow with the helmet to any person clearly out of play or to a person who is being held back by another player and unable to go ahead.

Before the game the tactics were discussed with the officials and the fact that coaches in the conference have been complaining about it. Officials were supposed to watch for it but did not call spearing until the closing minutes of the game.

Jones was not alone in his opinion. Many spectators felt there were similar illegal attempts earlier which were not called.

Jeff Supulski scored the first touchdown of the game on a pass from Steve Skammer with 10:09 remaining in the first half. Pete Shiner kicked the extra point to put Dallas in front 7-0. The score was set up after Frank Hazeltine recovered a

Queensmen fumble.

With 8:58 on the clock in the third period a Queensmen fumble gave the Mountaineers the ball and three plays later Brian Sickler passed to Skammer for the six point score. Sickler's pass to Supulski for two points was good and Dallas went ahead 15-0.

Dallas scored three points on Sickler's field goal from the 39 yard line after Joe Shurites recovered a Queensmen fumble on the kickoff.

With three minutes left in the quarter, O'Reilly

attempted to punt. The pass from center went through the end zone to give the Mountaineers a two-point safety, and a 20-0 lead.

An eight play, 80 yard drive with nine seconds left in the game set up Dallas for their final score when Sickler hit Skammer who went for the touchdown. Brian Dennis kicked the extra point.

In addition to his two touchdown passes, Sickler had an outstanding afternoon punting. One went for 85 yards, one went

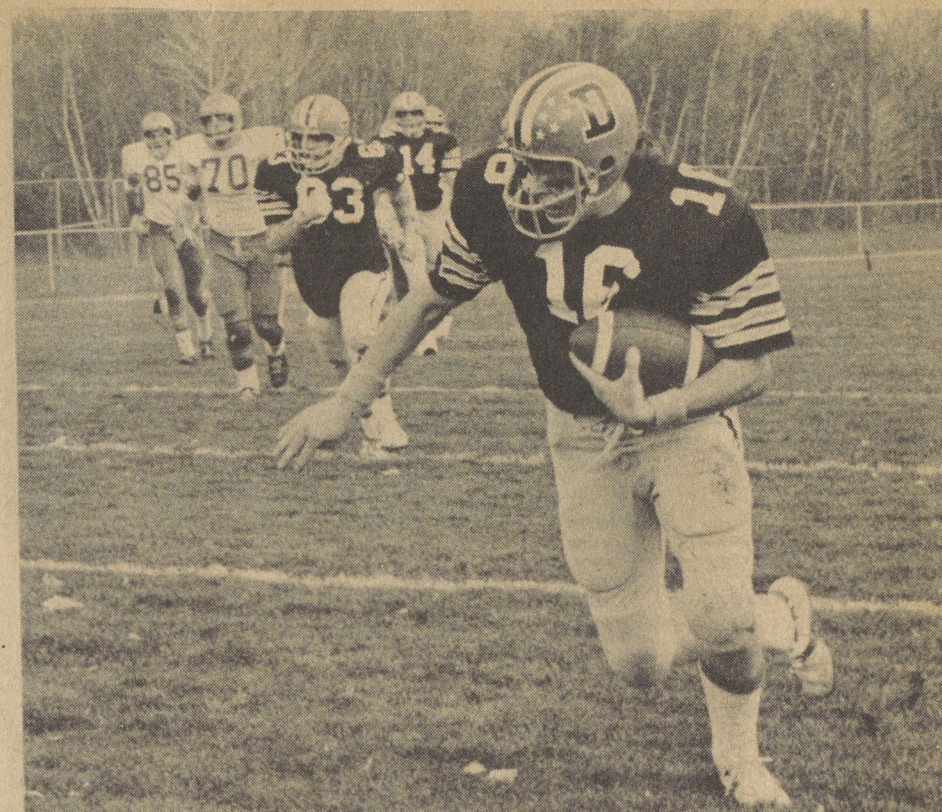
for 70 and one for 51.

The strong Dallas defense proved too much for the Queensmen who gained only 56 yards rushing and 34 yards in four out of eight passes.

The Mountaineers picked up 247 yards, 101 rushing, 146 in the air.

### Lake-Lehman

The Lake-Lehman-Bishop Hoban football game which was to be played at Meyers Stadium Saturday at 2 p.m. has been moved to Plains Stadium, same time.



HE'S OFF—With 16 seconds remaining in the game, the Mountaineers Steve Skammer takes Sickler's pass and runs for a touchdown. He was away before O'Reilly men could get near him.

## Knights have 'worst-best' game in one night

"We had our worst and best showing of the year against Coughlin," summarized Lake-Lehman Coach Rich Gorgone, following his 27-21 defeat by the Crusaders last Friday night.

"The first half was the worse we've played since I've been here," the coach stated. "We panicked. We had a total letdown in the first half. It was kind of like they intimidated us in the first half and we fell apart."

As a result of the Lake-Lehman first half "letdown", the larger Crusaders romped to a 27-0 lead by the intermission. Said Gorgone, "About 75 per cent of Coughlin's total offense of 180 yards came in the first quarter. And of 11 first downs, nine came in the first quarter."

But something happened to the Knights at halftime, the Lake-Lehman eleven roared back to score 21 second half points while holding their hosts to only one first down and no score in the entire second half. And the one first down

came on a fumble which took a Coughlin bounce, according to the Lake-Lehman coach.

What happened at halftime? "We had a nice talk at halftime. We talked about not quitting and that was when men were made," Gorgone said. "There were no x's or o's in the talk, no plays. The game could have just as easily been a 50-0 Coughlin win at that point."

"And the team came back with the greatest half of high school football I've seen," the coach said. "They made what looked like a disaster into a heck of a football game."

"We turned the corner as a football program (with that halftime) Gorgone said. "We found out that mental attitude was more important than anything. The first half we just weren't coming off the blocks and missed so many tackles."

The Lake-Lehman coach said he felt that Coughlin's initial drive against the Knight defense seemed to break his team down. And

dropped passes hurt his team a time or two.

A relatively sparse crowd saw Coughlin Quarterback Mike Monahan direct his team for a 67-yard touchdown drive early in the game. Paul Carroll's point-after kick was good. After holding the Knights, the Crusaders regained possession and moved to their opponent's 38 where Ron Filipksi tossed a 36-yard touchdown pass to Cliff Jones.

Then Lehman fumbled the kickoff and Coughlin recovered deep in Lehman territory. Monahan hit Ed Pesotki for a 19 yard TD with seconds left in the first quarter. An aroused Lehman defense blocked the point after attempt this time.

Monaghan hit Pesotski again shortly before the half for a 34-yard touchdown. And Monaghan himself ran the two-point conversion. All this was before Lake-Lehman really got into the game.

Chris Yanchick

engineered most of the Knight comeback in the second half. Using his running backs Mark Kalish and Mark Decesaris and connecting with Tom Snell to move the ball.

Decesaris score the first Knight TD when he took a Chris Yanchick pitch-out and ran the ball in from the seven during the third quarter. Then on the first play in the fourth quarter, the Knights capitalized on a 23-yard pass gainer from Yanchick to Tom Snell. Yanchick moved the ball in from the two-yard line.

Late in the final quarter, Coughlin fumbled on their own 24 and Lehman again was in good position to score. Two plays later Chris Yanchick hit Decesaris for an eight-yard TD.

Craig Yanchick successfully converted all three, points after for the Knights.

"Mark Decesaris probably had the best game of his life," Gorgone said, crediting the underclassman with 120 yards gained. The coach

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praised Decesaris' play both offensively and defensively.

The coach was also high on Snell's play. "If he's not the best wide receiver in the valley, they're gypping him," Gorgone said.

The coach also had praise for the line play of Dave Mahle and Rich Perrego and noted that Bob Cumens played his usual good game. He was pleased that early season stand-out Bill Lavelle was able to return from an injury and see some action, primarily at a guard spot on offense.

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### 'Y' starts wrestling

Walter Hennebaul, Wilkes-Barre YMCA grade school wrestling coach, announces that the first wrestling team practice will be held at the Central YMCA on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 2 p.m.

Eligible to compete on the squad are boys in first through sixth grades. No prior experience is necessary and according to Hennebaul no one will be dropped from the team.

For further information contact Ernie Bretzmann at the Central YMCA.

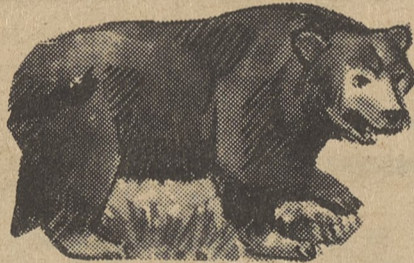
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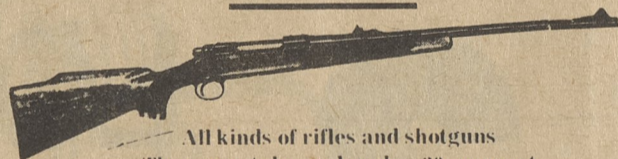
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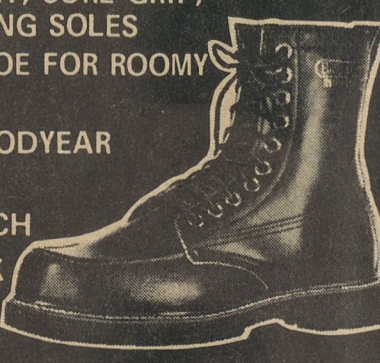
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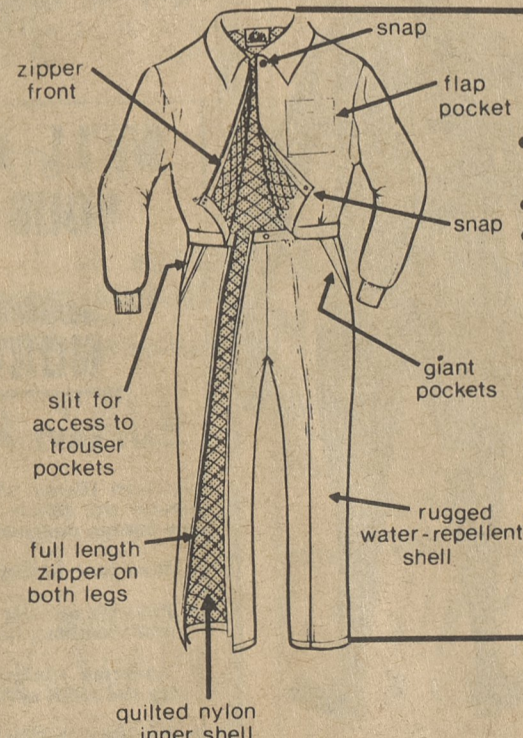
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