

# The Sports Post

## Wilkes-Barre Fats

### Helmet Buster Friday Night

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Dallas and GAR will clash on Friday night for the 16th time. The Grenadiers hold a wide

edge in the series, winning 11, while the Mountaineers have four victories. Dallas won four of the first seven games played, but has lost the last eight in a row which

surprised me somewhat. Dallas' last two triumphs in 1972 and 1973 were two of former Coach Jack Jones better clubs. I've discussed the upcoming game with

several local coaches. From what I've learned, I'll attempt to give an insight into what to look for Friday.

Both teams are very similar in the way they move the football and that's with little finesse and a heap of muscle up front. Both enter the game 4-0 and have three common foes, all dominated.

GAR rates a slight edge in overall team quickness and the kicking game. Both have about the same size and strength.

Coach Ron Rybak and Charlie Fick had an extra week of preparation in getting ready. That means both could add a different wrinkle or two.

Neither team has shown any consistent air game, but neither has really been forced to put the ball up. That could be one of the keys.

Rybak claims his club can and will throw if the need presents itself. Fick says his club has a very capable passing game.

Dallas QB Steve Federici is the catalyst. He's most dangerous running the football and has the ability to make things happen. GAR will gear its defense to keep him in check. Federici's best play is the option. However, he's got two bullish runners Matt Moran and Greg Kravitsky. Paving the way up front are guards Jerry Rollman and Greg Dukinas.

Most observers believe Dallas will have to throw the football. Ray Pickanski and Steve Thomas are the receivers.

Meanwhile, GAR is led by QB Dave Roebuck. He's got a fine arm and likes to go to SE Bob Wren in the clutch. A.J. Kovalchik is a solid TE. However, the Grenadiers have had most of their success with the run. Leading the way is game-breaker Tony Tolbrt. Bernie Kuskavitch and Rick Macko are two hard-nosed blockers and runners.

Clearing the way up front are Joe Wielgopolski and Tony Khalife, whom many regard as the top blockers for the Blue & Gray.

Dallas likes to blitz

from its 4-4, but will have to zero in on Tolbert. GAR has put the ball on the turf and this could be a factor.

Both defenses has shown the capacity to get physical and converge on the football.

GAR's Joe Ruane is a threat to kick a field goal, too.

GAR's defense last week recorded 11 sacks against a very mediocre Valley West team.

Coach Fick says, "Dallas and GAR have had some outstanding games. This year's Dallas team is a gutsy group. We have a lot of respect for them. They swarm to the ball defensively. Offensively, they will take it right to you. I'm sure they can throw the football."

Overall, I look for a close game with the team making the proper adjustments early and executing its offense emerging the victor. GAR will throw the football. Dallas is going to have to throw medium-range passes early to get its offense in gear. Both teams must present threat of the pass and early.

Both teams have some competitive people and it should be a thriller!

CLIPBOARD NOTES--the last time Dallas beat GAR was in Meyers Stadium in 1973, 26-22. Dallas widest margin of victory was in 1970, 28-0. GAR's biggest win was in '76 by 28-0. Last year's score was 13-6.

-Pitt Coach Foge Fazio told me last week Panthers still have not put it all together offensively. He says Panthers not realizing their potential as of yet, but when they do, look for an explosion! -When is Valley West Coach Jim Fennell going to cease with all of the alibies. The Spartans not in very good condition and there's no excuse for not lining up properly.

-Most of grid buffs I've talked with are backing the NFL owners in the strike. Some feel the owners should write-off the season and start from scratch next summer.

-Did you see where Billy Martin may come back to Yankees? Billy would be nuts to work for George again.

My Super Seven in College Football: 1-Alabama, 2-Pitt, 3-PSU, 4-North Carolina, 5-Nebraska, 6-UCLA, 7-Hershal Walker.

My Schoolboy Fabulous Five: 1-Coughlin, 2-Pittston Area, 3-GAR, 4-Wyoming Area, 5-Dallas.

We might mention that for the third straight week, Lake-Lehman gridders hve extended another of the top teams (and for the third straight week, the opponent's coach claims his team didn't perform up to expectations). Maybe Lake-Lehman's all out effort has had something to do with it?



Lake Lehman Junior football player, Frank Coslett of Jackson Township has blood pressure taken by Ann Rowlands, R.N., co-ordinator of Back Mountain Mobile Intensive Care Unit. William Ulichney, E.M.T. with the M.I.C.U. records readings.

## Gridders get physicals

Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in conjunction with the Back Mountain Medical Center, Lehman-Dallas recently conducted free physical examinations for 80 youngsters, including cheerleaders, interested in the Lake-Lehman Junior Football Program.

The Dallas Family Practice Associates, Inc., including Dr. Irvin Jacobs, Dr. Alan L.

Boonin, Dr. of Osteopathy, Dr. Thomas M. Campbell, and Dr. Charles A. Krivenko donated their time to conduct the tests on the youngsters who were aged 7 to 13 years, according to Bill Bevan, President of the Lake-Lehman Junior Football league.

The youngsters received comprehensive physical examinations

and an extensive health questionnaire drafted by Dr. Jacobs. The doctors were assisted by two pediatric nurses, Sally McGinley, R.N. and Nancy Hassay, R.N. and three physical therapy personnel, Carol Scraff, registered physical therapist, Gene Toth, and Jim Hockenbury of Nesbitt Memorial Hospital's Physical Therapy Department.

## Dallas Cross Country Runners take Seton, fall to Tigers

Dallas High School cross country runners took a 16-46 meet from Seton Catholic but dropped a 22-35 contest to the Tunkhannock Tigers in a triangular race over the Mountaineers course Thursday.

In the Tunkhannock meet, the Tigers took the top three places with Rich Stark coming in first with 15:46.

### Girls defeat WWV Lady Mounts in second place

Coach Robyn Jones, Dallas High School girls hockey team took over sole possession of second place in Division A of the league by defeating

Wyoming Valley West 2-1. The win puts Dallas two points behind Coughlin, who leads 7-0-2 with 16 points. The Lady Mounts

Dave Thomas had the fastest time for the Mountaineers with 15:51, Chriss McDonald took fifth for Dallas in 16:05 and Mark Drasnin was sixth with 16:10. Dallas' John Burke was eighth with 16:37.

In the contest with the Eagles, Thomas, McDonald, Dresnin and Burke took the first four

places. Bill Fath was fifth for the Eagles with 17:05. Mounts Joe Dollard (17:06), T.J. Bagley (17:25) were sixth and seventh, Rusty Baer (18:06) and Matt Pretko (18:23) were ninth and 10th.

The split put the Mountaineers at 4-2 tied for third with Crestwood and Bishop Hoban.

## Dallas Golfers split week

Dallas High School golfers handed the Tunkhannock Tigers a 14-7 loss over the 12 hole course at Irem Temple Country Club last Thursday.

Mount Cameron Spivey tied with teammate Sean Havey for top medalist honors at 55 over par 48 course.

State qualifier senior Spivey defeated Tunkhannock's Glenn Stark 3-0, Havey took Rob Shaw 3-0 and Mount Dave

Aicher posted 3-0 over Jay Lefchak.

Tunkhannock's Dave Price defeated Darren Spivey 2 1/2-1/2 and Glenn Layou took a 2 1/2-1/2 win from Chris Michaels.

The Mountaineers have an outside hope of making the playoffs with three matches to go. They are one and a half games behind Coughlin and Pittston Area tied at 10-2 for third.

Dallas High School golfers saw their chances dim for a playoff spot

when they lost to the undefeated Hawkeyes last week.

Hanover's Ted Tryba took medalist honors with a four over par for a 56 to lead his team to their ninth consecutive win. His teammate Paul Skrip was second with 59 while the Mountaineers' Key Adams shot a 62 for the third medal.

The loss put the Mountaineers record at 7-3 in the conference with little chance of overcoming the top leaders.

## Dallas runners place three, Mounts beat Warriors

Dallas runners placed three men in top positions in last Monday's race as they defeated Wyoming Warriors 17-40.

Chris McDonald came

in first for the Mountaineers with a time of 16:26 over the three mile course at Frances Slocum. Dave Thomas came in second for Dallas

and Mount John Burke took third.

Warriors Mark Kusma came in fourth as top runner for the team.

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