

Sports



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Tucker is MVP

Dallas football coach Ron Rybak, right, presents a Most Valuable Player Award to Tony Tucker for his efforts in the Mountaineers' game against the Crestwood Comets on Sept. 3. Tucker scored three touchdowns, was responsible for four critical offensive blocks and seven tackles, leading Dallas to a 32-7 victory in their season opener.

Rybak comments

Hanover is just like Nanticoke

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"Hanover's team can be classified the same as Nanticoke," said Dallas Coach Ron Rybak as he looked ahead to this weekend. The Mountaineers were defeated, 24-21, by Nanticoke last Saturday and currently sport a 1-1 record for the 1983 football season.

"The Hawkeyes have 30 kids back from last season, all of whom have played. They're veterans, while our kids are still inexperienced. Hanover kids are bigger and faster and it will take a great team effort on our part to get past them. I hope last Saturday's loss to the Trojans will help our kids get their heads on straight and come along. There is no doubt we will have to make some changes both on our offense and defense. The Hawkeyes have an excellent quarterback and a great split end. Hanover will be tough but we can beat them if the kids don't break down."

The Mountaineers were leading the Trojans 14-7 at halftime but the Trojans played catch-up ball in the second half and, with only 2:45 remaining in the game, Aaron Higgins kicked a field goal to give Nanticoke the win.

"I believe our kids let down mentally after we scored the second touchdown," said Rybak. "We were leading 21-7 in the second half but the Trojans wanted to win more than our kids did."

"It was complimentary to us that Nanticoke used our basic defense to stop us. It surprised me that our kids weren't able to stop the Trojans because we practiced against that defense. Nanticoke found our weak spots with A.J. Bittner and Tim Grove out of the game. We thought we had shored up those positions but they broke down."

The Trojans were bigger and quicker than Dallas and the Mountaineers appeared to the onlookers as though they broke down after the Trojans blocked a Dallas punt.

"Bernie Walsh played a super game and so did Mike Borton. Kids covered their passing well but coming out of the backfield," Rybak added. "He did great job for us. Our Nanticoke got a couple good breaks."

Patriots defeat Lehman

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights were defeated, 14-0, by Pittston Area Saturday night on the Patriots' home field.

After playing scoreless football for two quarters, the Patriots used a 96-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Nick Bisconti to Bob Lombardo in the third quarter and a 32-year Bisconti to Lombardo pass in the fourth quarter to put themselves on the board. The second pass completion set up a 2-yard touchdown run by Dave Burns.

Lehman is now 0-2 on the season after dropping a 12-0 decision to Tunkhannock in the season opener.

Lake Lehman hockey team prepares for WW, Comets

After losing to Dallas last week, the Lake-Lehman field hockey team has been working hard in preparing to meet Valley West and Crestwood. The Lady Knights scrimmaged the Valley West Spartans earlier in the season, so they have some idea of what to expect.

"The Spartans are a well-coached team and we will have to play them aggressively," said Jean Lipski, Lake Lehman coach. "Everyone knows Diane Madl of Crestwood and she is the one we will have to try to shut down and keep her from breaking away."

"After our win over Abington Heights, I believe we were riding too high and were over-confident going against Dallas. I didn't expect Dallas to be so aggressive but I should have realized it, because I know Coach Jones."

Lipski said she was very impressed with Cristi Strauser, and the outstanding game she played. During the first half, the Knights kept up with their Dallas opponents but missed several opportunities near the goal.

Lady Mountaineers face tough schedule

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"This week brings us against two strong teams, Abington Heights (Monday) and Nanticoke Area on Thursday. They're both Division AAA teams and we have to get by them to stay in the running in that division," said Dallas Field Hockey Coach Robyn Jones. "We're going to continue, as I stated earlier during pre-season, and just play for one team at a time."

"Following our 2-0 loss to Wyoming Seminary in our season opener, we had to make some changes and add some new things in order to defeat Lake-Lehman last week. We weren't as prepared for Seminary as I thought. Against Lake-Lehman, it was our balanced scoring attack that helped."

The Lady Knights opened the scoring in the match against Dallas with Sandy Diction putting the ball in just 20 minutes and 30 seconds into the first half.

Christi Strauser scored, assisted by Jill Radzinski, 25 minutes into the first half. In the second half, Strauser, assisted by Radzinski, scored another goal for Dallas 16 minutes and 15 seconds into the half. Both of Strausers goals were on penalty corners.

Linda King scored a third goal for Dallas, 18 minutes and 45 seconds into the second half and Jill Radzinski, unassisted, scored the Lady Mounts final goal, 28 minutes and 30 seconds into the half one-on-one with the goalie.

"Both teams played well. It was an exciting match," said Coach Jones.

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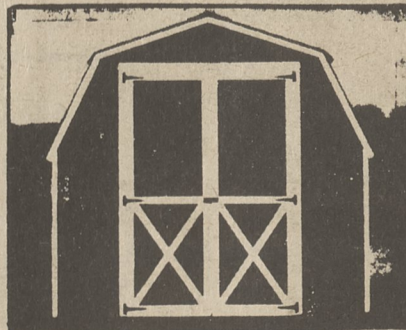
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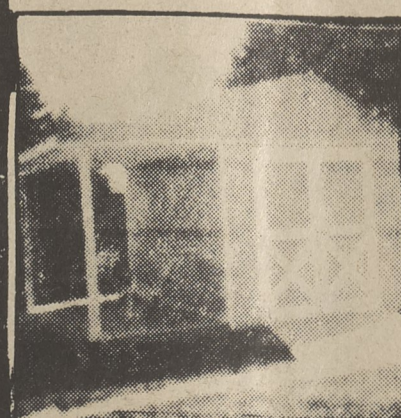
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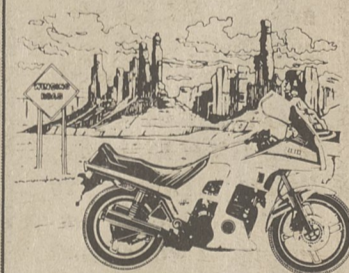
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