

Sports



To Hoban, 6-2

Defense improves; Dallas loses

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The Dallas Mountaineers defense played a much improved game Saturday night at Plains stadium in spite of losing 6-2 to Bishop Hoban, which won its first game since 1982.

The Mountaineers held the Argents offense throughout the first half until, with 4:29 remaining on the clock, the failure of the Mountaineers to fill their right positions allowed the Argents Pat Merkel to go 63 yards for a touchdown.

On the play, the Argents received the third Dallas punt of the first half on their own 37-yard line. On the next play, Merkel veered to the left, went back inside through a hole made by his blocker and ran 63 yards with no one able to catch him. The kick for the extra point failed and at the end of the half the Argents led, 6-0.

Neither team showed good offense with the Mountaineers collecting only 44 yards total in the first half and the Argents, excluding Merkel's touchdown run, picking up only 38.

In the second half, the Mountaineers controlled the ball most of the time but they were unable to break the Argents defense to get deep into their territory.

The Argents offense did even

worse against the Mountaineers, picking up only three first downs for the entire game, none in the second half, and gaining only 43 yards for the second half. It was the big play on the punt return that gave them the winning touchdown.

The Mountaineers offense was not much better. In the second half they had excellent field position, starting inside Hoban's territory at least five times on punt returns. The closest they came to scoring was in the fourth quarter when Charlie Arnone went through from the 29-yard line and headed for the endzone. Hoban's Mark Gillen stopped Arnone from scoring when he tackled him from behind on the Argents 12 yard line.

The Mountaineers picked up their two points on a safety when Hoban's Mark Ciacci took a snap from center and stepped into the endzone for two.

When the Mountaineers took possession, quarterback Mark Konopki began to move his team downfield, but Steve Teller intercepted his pass attempt to D. Jubis to dash the Mountaineers hopes for a touchdown and a win.

The Argents Coach Sal Montagna gave credit to his defense for the win, saying that he had eight starters from last year's squad. Montagna has been building his strength

around the defense while working on his offense.

Dallas Coach Ron Rybak said he could see a definite improvement in his defense over last week's game with Hanover, but that the offense still needs a lot of work.

"We have a young and inexperienced team," said Rybak. "And it's going to take time to get them to think fast out on the field. Our quarterbacks are inexperienced. When they practice they have no pressure on them and do very well but when they get in the game, it's another story."

Rybak said Bishop Hoban played well, but he pointed out that Charlie Arnone and Mark Chester played great games for Dallas and Rich Long was fantastic.

"We have 53 kids on the roster," said Rybak. "And they're all a great bunch. They're giving me a 110 percent, but they need time to gain experience and they need that one big play or break to give them confidence. This week we play Pittston. They are always a good team so we have our work cut out for us this week. Our defense can't do it alone, we have to work on the offense."

(NEXT GAME: Dallas will be at Pittston Area Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m.)



Gaining yardage

Dallas runningback Jeff Spudis gains yardage Saturday night against Bishop Hoban at the Plains football stadium. Spudis, who plays both offense and defense for the Mountaineers, was one of the bright spots for the Back Mountain boys during their loss to the Argents.

Going nowhere

Dallas quarterback Tim Lyons (11) didn't get far Saturday night as he prepares here to go down at the hands of a Bishop Hoban defender. Mountaineer Phil Brown (55) watches the action. Lyons guided the Dallas boys during the first half before relinquishing the quarterback duties to teammate Mark Konopki for the second half of the game. The Mountaineers lost, 6-2, handing Bishop Hoban its first football victory since 1982.

Mohawks run all over Lake-Lehman

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Knights quarterback T. Willy Cadwalader, playing with an injured ankle, connected for 16 of 34 passes, totalling 230 yards in Saturday's game with Meyers, but it was the Mohawks' running game that gave the Wilkes-Barre boys a 36-0 win

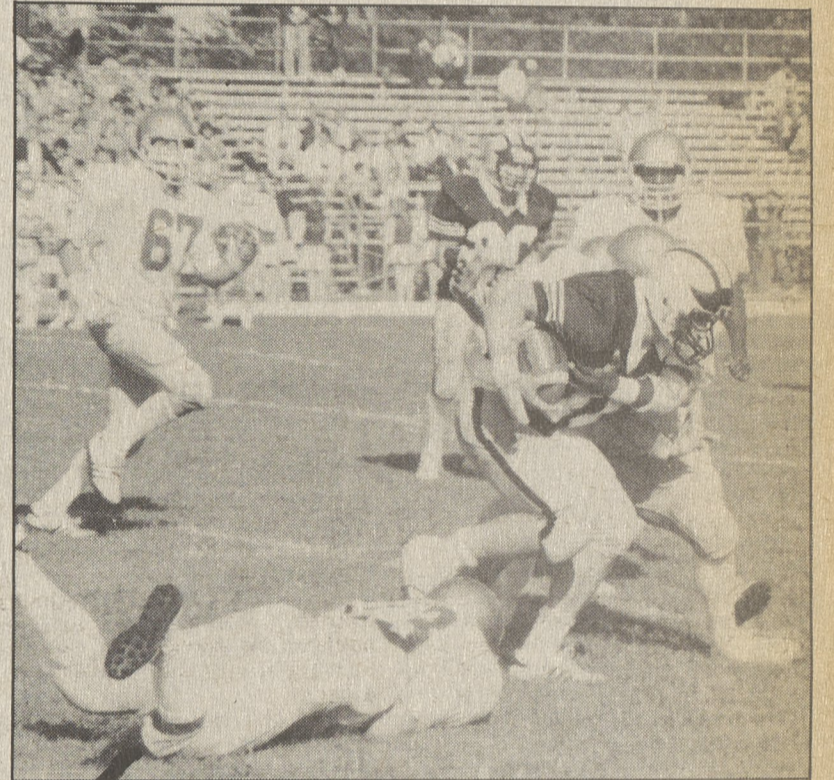
over Lake-Lehman. Cadwalader's pass was intercepted by Lott, who played an outstanding game for Meyers. Penalties against the Knights helped move the ball down the field for the Mohawks until they were inside the Knights 30-yard line. When the Knights defense held, the Mohawks tried for a field goal but it failed. Another bad snap caused Boich to run and Lake-Lehman took over.

Meyers quarterback Gene Maffei hit nine for 14 in the air for 188 yards, but on the ground, the Mohawks piled up 200 yards to the Knights' 58. Both teams had an equal number of first downs, 16, but it was Meyers who came up with the big plays when needed. The Mohawks defense came through for them when the Knights started to

move the ball.

Daryl Boich made the first big play for Meyers in the first quarter when he recovered a Lake-Lehman fumble on the Mohawks 43-yard line. The Mohawks, using four plays to drive down to Lake-Lehman's 28-yard line from where Maffei, hit split end Mike Schwab with a touchdown pass. On the Mohawks first bad snap for a point after touchdown, Boich tried to run the ball in, but failed.

The Knights started to move the ball against the Mohawks, but Cadwalader's pass was intercepted by Meyers defender while Mohawk Carl Snook (67) comes in to assist. The Black Knights were trounced, 36-0, by the city boys.



Martin stopped

Lake-Lehman's Jeff Martin is stopped in his tracks by an unidentified Meyers defender while Mohawk Carl Snook (67) comes in to assist. The Black Knights were trounced, 36-0, by the city boys.

	Bill SAVAGE (8-5)	Dotty MARTIN (7-6)	Lee RICHARDS (8-5)	Ed CAMPBELL (6-7)	Charlot DENMON (7-6)	GoalPOST PETIE (8-5)
Lehman/Tunkhannock	Lehman 14-6	Lehman 7-6	Lehman 14-7	Lehman 14-10	Tunk 16-7	Lehman 18-6
Dallas/Pittston Area	PA 21-6	PA 21-6	PA 21-14	Dallas 10-7	PA 21-16	PA 19-0
WVW/GAR	WVW 12-6	WVW 14-7	WVW 20-13	WVW 21-14	WVW 20-14	WVW 20-13
O'Reilly/Blue Ridge	O'Reilly 24-0	O'Reilly 7-0	Blue Ridge 14-0	O'Reilly 19-7	O'Reilly 20-7	O'Reilly 12-6
Tech/Wallenpaupack	Wallen 18-6	Wallen 21-7	Wallen 35-7	Wallen 27-10	Wallen 17-13	Tech 13-6
Penn State/Iowa	Iowa 35-28	Penn State 21-14	Iowa 21-20	Penn State 21-6	PSU 20-14	Iowa 24-7
Pitt/Oklahoma	Pitt 21-20	Oklahoma 14-6	Oklahoma 28-13	Oklahoma 14-10	Pitt 22-7	Oklahoma 27-19
Notre Dame/Michigan State	Notre Dame 14-13	Notre Dame 21-6	Notre Dame 24-21	Notre Dame 17-10	Notre Dame 24-13	Notre Dame 21-7

Prognosticators split on local games

Following Dallas' loss to Bishop Hoban last week, cameraman Ed Campbell is the only Dallas Post prognosticator who is remaining true-blue to the Back Mountain boys this week. Campbell picks the Mountaineers to edge by Pittston Area, 10-7, while the remaining five Post pickers are siding with the Patriots.

Sportswriter Charlot Denmon, on the other hand, is the only Post prognosticator going against the Black Knights of Lake-Lehman this week as she feels the locals will go down to defeat at the hands of Tunkhannock. The rest of the pickers are sticking with Lehman, even if only by a few points.

The decision on the Valley West/GAR game is unanimous with everybody predicting a Spartan win while sports columnist Lee Richards

is the only one to pick Blue Ridge to defeat Bishop O'Reilly.

Wallenpaupack is the winner over West Side Tech with the exception of GoalPOST Petie who likes Tech, 13-6. Notre Dame is a unanimous winner over Michigan State.

The prognosticators, however, are split on the other two college games with Iowa getting the nod over Penn State from Bill Savage, Richards and Denmon are the only ones to go with Pitt over Oklahoma.

The Post prognosticators took a beating last week with Savage and GoalPOST Petie doing the best with four wins apiece. Editor Dotty Martin and Campbell picked up only two wins each while Denmon added three victories to her record. Currently tied for first place are Savage, Richards and GoalPOST Petie with records of 8-5.

The Post prognosticators will see a new face next week as our West Side correspondent Joe Gula takes over for Bill Savage. Savage, who is leaving The Dallas Post to join the sports staff at The Wilkes-Barre Times Leader, will leave Gula with his impressive 8-5 slate.

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