

# Sports

## Cross-country coach

### Don Hosey overcomes giant obstacles to win

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When Don Hosey was appointed Dallas Senior High School Cross Country coach just several days before the season opened on August 10, he had no idea of the work he had ahead of him.

Hosey had applied for the positions of assistant soccer coach and cross country coach during the summer, but had come to the conclusion both positions were filled.

He came into the position fully expecting to have at least 20 candidates out for the cross country teams and was puzzled at the looks he received from several secretaries when he requested at least 20 permission forms.

Several days later, it was Hosey's turn to be surprised when he called practice and the first day had only two boys show up. Mark Wright, a junior; and Bill Gabel, a sophomore.

Hosey immediately began some intensive recruiting to obtain a sufficient number of members for a team. A quiet, but determined young man, he refused to give up and, by the time the Mountaineers' opening meet with GAR rolled around, Hosey had four runners — Wright, Gabel, Walt Lasecki and Bob Oliver.

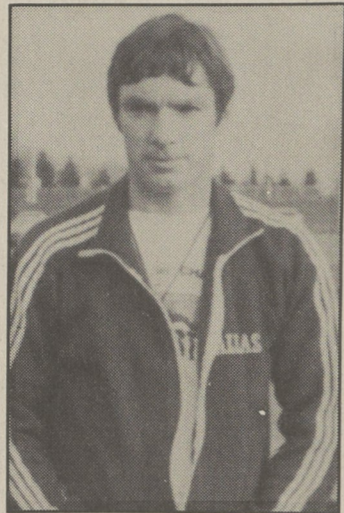
Although he did not have a full team, the boys ran and made a good showing, despite their knowing they could not win. He had no girls out for the team at the time, although Amy Aston was a potential member.

"The problem was," said Hosey, "Amy had been training all summer and she was so far advanced, the other girls couldn't compete or train with her."

Hosey continued to recruit and, with the aid of high school wrestling coach Larry Schuler, had a full team of five boys by the second meet which was with Coughlin. Joe Patts, a wrestler, came out and, for the first time, ran in the cross country race.

Before the Mountaineers' meet with Wyoming Area, a sixth runner, Paul Gritman, came out to run.

Things began to look up for Coach Hosey when two girls, Heather Natrass and Kim Culp, joined the team. Later, two more joined in Chris Bolinski and Kim Parulis. These four, with Amy Aston, gave Dallas a five-member girl team. Seldom did these girls run as a team this season since most of the other schools did not have a full team. Hosey hopes to have a larger group out for next season. With more time for recruiting and preparation, Hosey is positive Dallas can have a strong team,



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able to give any school stiff competition.

Despite the many setbacks, under Hosey's coaching, the boys finished with a 7-9 record - a record that could be considered a winning season, taking into consideration they had no full team for the first meet.

One of the first tasks Hosey accomplished this year was to change the course to make it safe and more of a challenge.

When he found it necessary to recruit to obtain a sufficient number for a team, Hosey had no idea he would be sending a runner to states. He considers Wright's feat a bonus to this season and next year looks forward to having Wright repeat as well as have other runners qualify.

Hosey is looking forward to planning for next season, organizing, recruiting and pre-season training. He is an avid supporter of running and has participated in triathlons as well as run for recreation. He has taken part in the Back Mountain Triathlon and the Tioga Lakes Triathlon where he was a member of a team.

Originally a native of the West Side and Harveys Lake, Hosey graduated from Bishop O'Reilly and is now a resident of Orange. He received a degree in physical education and health from Lock Haven State College. Hosey has done substitute teaching in Wyoming Valley West and Wilkes-Barre School Districts and has submitted his name to Dallas and Lake-Lehman Districts.

Dallas junior Mark Wright holds the record of 18:04 over the new Dallas course of 3.2. Amy Aston ran the course in 19:54, finishing the course ahead most of the boys in the final meet of the season.

Hosey hopes to be back at Dallas next season with a full squad of boys and girls. He is optimistic that with the nucleus he has and those moving up that he will have a good turnout.

"Next year I plan to need those 20 permission forms," said Hosey.



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### Arch-rivals battle

It was a battle of the arch-rivals last week when the Dallas and Lake-Lehman girls' field hockey teams met and played to a 1-1 tie. The above photos capture some of the game's action. In the photo at left, Lake-Lehman's Billie Jo Sorber takes a crack at the ball while two Dallas players give chase. Lehman's

Deena Knorr (No. 3) battles the Dallas goalie Karen Wall in the photo at right while teammate Sandy Dicton approaches to help. The Knights finished the season at 14-2-2 and advanced in inter-district competition while the Dallas girls finished their season with a 12-3-3 slate.

	Joe GULA (48-30)	Dotty MARTIN (56-22)	Lee RICHARDS (56-22)	Ed CAMPBELL (51-27)	Charlot DENMON (55-23)	GoalPOST PETIE (56-22)
Lake Lehman/ Wyoming Area	Wyoming 35-13	Wyoming 42-6	Wyoming 28-7	Wyoming 27-14	Wyoming 44-12	Wyoming 28-7
Dallas/ Valley West	WWW 44-7	WWW 35-3	WWW 27-7	WWW 21-6	WWW 36-6	WWW 36-0
O'Reilly/ Carbondale	Carbondale 27-13	Carbondale 28-12	Carbondale 14-7	Carbondale 24-10	Carbondale 21-7	Carbondale 18-7
W. Side Tech/ Honesdale	Honesdale 32-19	Honesdale 28-6	Honesdale 28-7	Honesdale 34-6	Honesdale 14-3	Honesdale 21-13
Seminary/ Dunellen	Seminary 34-7	Seminary 35-14	Seminary 20-19	Seminary 17-10	Seminary 21-12	Seminary 19-6
Pitt/ Tulane	Pitt 27-17	Pitt 28-21	Tulane 17-13	Pitt 21-9	Tulane 17-7	Pitt 19-7

### Jill Radzinski leads Mounts

Dallas Senior Jill Radzinski gave the Mountaineers a 1-0 lead at 8:55 in the second half to move her into a tie with Wyoming Seminary's Donna Zavada for the Wyoming Valley Conference scoring title. Both girls finished with 34 points, Radzinski with 26 goals and eight assists and Zavada with 28 goals and six assists.

Sue Slocum, with an assist by Sandy Dicton, scored a goal at 13:13 into the half to tie the score at 1-1.

Dallas goalie Karen Wall had eight saves for the Mountaineers; Cindy Slocum had three for the Knights. The Knights had eight shots on goal; the Mountaineers had seven. Lake-Lehman had eight corners; Dallas had six.

The Knights finished the season with a 14-2-2 slate, while the Mountaineers enjoyed a 12-3-3 slate.

Radzinski was the Mountaineers' outstanding offensive player and the only senior on the team. The Mountaineers started their season with four seniors but three dropped after the first several games. It was Radzinski who helped pull the younger girls together to play as a team and after the first four games the change in attitude was apparent to the spectators.

Radzinski went through the season as the team leader and, despite the Mountaineers finishing in runnerup position, Jill's leadership has paid dividends for her. Several coaches are interested, among them a Division 1 college in which Jill is interested.

She plans to attend college, play field hockey and major in a sports major.

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### Three prognosticators tied for first

It looks like Dallas and Lake-Lehman will return to the losers' column this week as both Back Mountain teams go up against tougher Wyoming Valley squads. The Black Knights will face league-leading Wyoming Area while Dallas goes against the fighting Spartans

of Wyoming Valley West. The Dallas Post prognosticators are unanimous that the locals will go down to defeat.

Both Kingston teams are expected to lose, also, as Bishop O'Reilly goes against Carbondale and West Side Tech plays Honesdale. Both of

these games are unanimous as the Post prognosticators predict victories for the out-of-town teams.

It's also unanimous that Wyoming Seminary will squeak by Dunellen but the prognosticators are split on the only college game of the week, between Pitt and Tulane.

Last week's games saw sports columnist Lee Richards racking up seven victories to just one defeat while everyone else picked up six victories while suffering two losses.

With just one week of football predictions remaining, a three-way tie exists between editor Dotty Martin, Richards and GoalPOST Petie who all sport 56-22 records. Sportswriter Charlot Denmon fills the second place spot with a 55-23 slate, followed by photographer Ed Campbell's 51-27 record and West Side correspondent Joe Gula's 48-30 slate.

### Who is GoalPOST Petie?

The moment Back Mountain football fans have been waiting for will come to reality next Wednesday when The Dallas Post reveals the identity of GoalPOST Petie.

GoalPOST Petie, born this year with the institution of The Dallas Post prognosticators and their weekly football predictions, will appear in real life in the November 14 issue of The Dallas Post.

A Back Mountain resident, Petie hasn't done too badly for himself in his debut as a football prognosticator. With just one week of football predictions remaining, Petie finds himself in a three-way tie with Dallas Post editor Dotty Martin and sports columnist, Lee Richards.

Now, after having made area football players, coaches and fans either happy or upset with his weekly predictions, GoalPOST Petie is going to have to take the flack as his identity will be revealed to the public.

Watch next week's Dallas Post for the real GoalPOST Petie.

### Amy Aston finishes fourth

Dallas High School senior Amy Aston placed fourth in the Division AA State Competition held at Lehigh University last Saturday.

Dallas junior Mark Wright placed 4th in a field of over 300 runners

in Division AAA and Lake-Lehman's John Rosencrans came in 150th in approximately the same number of runners in Division AA. Rosencrans is a sophomore at Lake-Lehman High School.

### 'Masters Holiday Plunge' set

The Wilkes-Barre YMCA Masters Swim Club will sponsor the 1984 "Masters Holiday Plunge" on

Sunday, Nov. 25 at the Dr. David Kistler Pool.

The meet will be open to all Master swimmers and is sanctioned by the U.S.M.S. Deadline for entries is Monday, Nov. 12.

For detailed information sheet contact Sybil Nudo, 240 Scott St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18702 or call Ms. Nudo at (717) 829-3091.

The meet facilities include a six lane, 25 yard pool, complete locker rooms, spectator seating as well as free parking. The public is welcome.

### All-stars named

Girls field hockey coaches of the Wyoming Valley Conference met last week to select the Division AA and Division AAA Girls All Star teams, who will compete with one another, Nov. 19, tentatively set for a site in the Pittston area.

Seven Back Mountain girls were named to the Division AA team including Jill Radzinski, Dallas; Sandy Dicton, Billy Jo Sorber, Deanne Williamson, Pam Solinski, Donna DiGennaro, and Lori Lopasky, all of Lake-Lehman.

Lake-Lehman Coach Jean Lipski and her assistant, Lynn Coury, were named to coach the AA team.

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