

Sports

Knights squash Dallas, 33-0

'Old Shoe' moves to Lake-Lehman

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Lake-Lehman Knights will wear the "Old Shoe" for a year, taking it from the Dallas Mountaineers via a 33-0 shutout Saturday afternoon at the Edward Edwards Stadium at Lehman. The Lehman victory marks the first time in five years the Knights have taken the Shoe, their last possession of the trophy coming in 1979.

It was a more experienced Knights team carrying the edge on height and weight that went against the Mountaineers this year, a reverse of the past several years when it was the Dallas gridders who came on with the experience, height and weight in their favor.

Those factors proved important in Saturday's game as 225-lb. Chris VanGorder, 187-lb. T. Willy Cadwalader, 173 lb. Earl Weidner, 181-lb. Ed Gavlick, 183-lb.

Bill George, 153-lb. Bill Bearde and 163-lb. Bill Boyle pooled their efforts to bring home the win. Van Gorder and Bearde each had two touchdowns and Martin scored one for the Knights.

In the opening play of the game, both teams kept the ball on the ground with Cadwalader throwing only one pass until the second period. Mountaineer Tim Lyons intercepted that pass and Dallas took over. On the Mountaineers' first play, Lyons pass was intercepted by Van Gorder on his own 44 yard line. A 15-yard penalty put the ball back at the 26-yard line.

The Knights continued to drive and, on fourth and less than a foot, Van Gorder carried the ball for long yardage and a first down for the Knights.

The Knights continued their drive and gained ground when a 15-yard pass interference was called against Dallas. George took the ball to the 4-yard line from where Van Gorder went over for a score with 9:03 remaining in the half. Weidner kicked the extra point

and Lake-Lehman went in front, 7-0.

Later in the second period, the Knights tried for a field goal, but it was not good and the Mountaineer took over on their own 21-yard line. But a Dallas fumble gave the ball back to the Knights when Gavlick recovered for Lake-Lehman. Three plays later, Van Gorder went into the endzone from the 8-yard line and Weidner kicked the extra point to give Lake-Lehman a 14-0 lead with 4:00 remaining in the half.

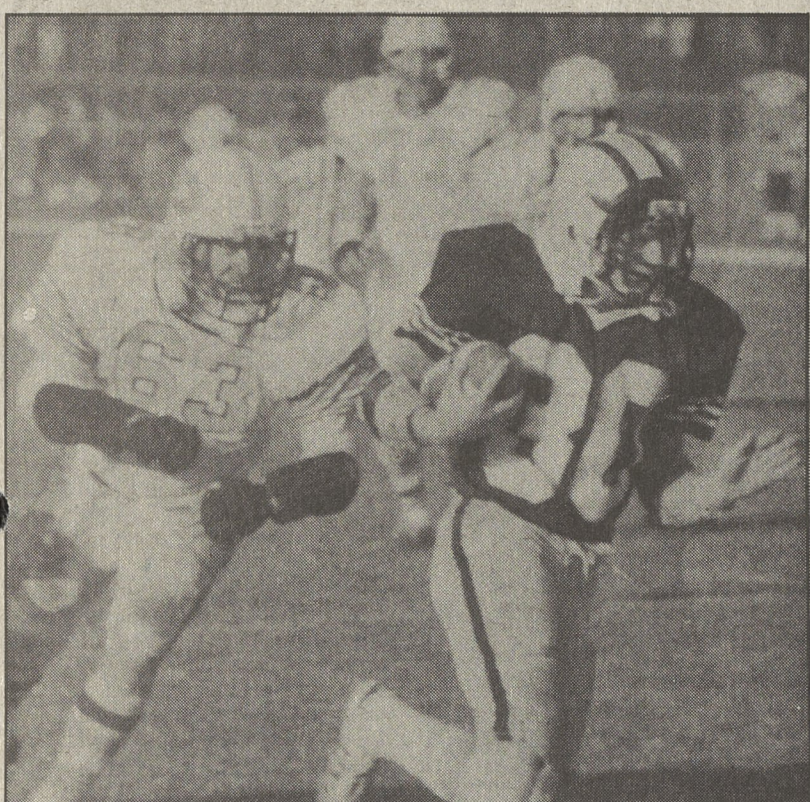
In the third quarter, Bearde intercepted Dallas QB Mark Konopki's pass at the Knights 45-yard line and ran it back to the Dallas 47-yard line. George made two consecutive runs to take the ball down to the 37-yard line. On the next play, Cadwalader hit Bearde with a 37-yard pass in the endzone with 2:45 on the clock. Weidner's kick was good and the Knights went in front, 21-0. The Knights went for another score in the third period when Cadwalader hit Bearde again for a 51-yard touchdown pass from the Knights 49-yard

line. The try for extra points failed and the Knights were in front, 27-0, with 20 seconds remaining in the period.

In the final period, the Knights drove 61 yards to the 8-yard line from where Dave Martin ran the ball in for a score with 7:09 remaining on the clock. Weidner's kick for the extra point failed and the score went to 33-0.

The Mountaineers tried for a score in the final period when Mike Janosik took a Knight pass in the endzone and went 95 yards for a touchdown. The officials called pass interference on the play and the score didn't count.

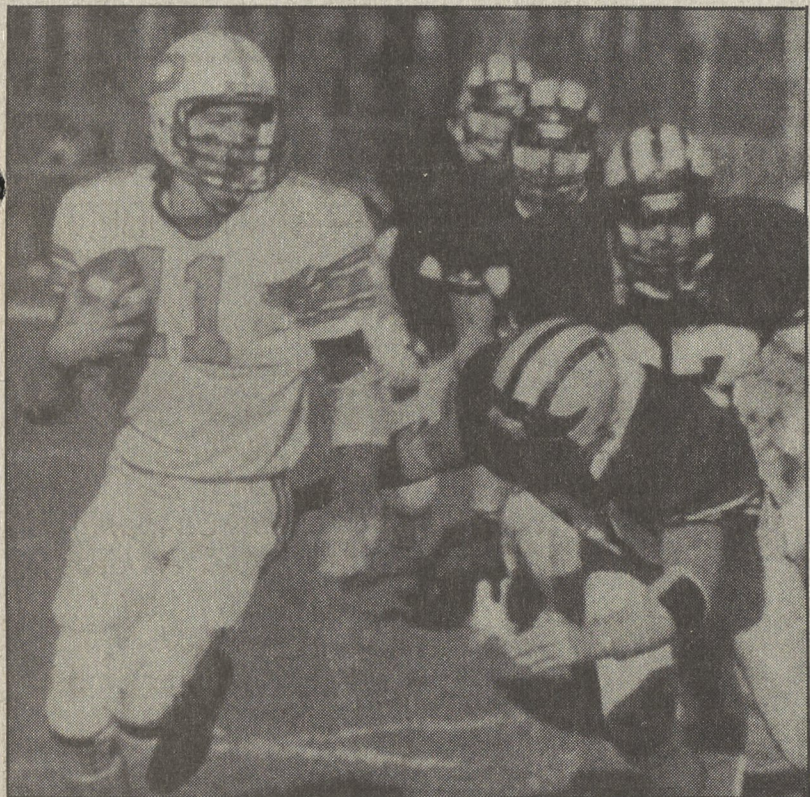
The trophies awarded by IGA Market of Dallas to the outstanding players on offense and defense were presented to Mount Glenn Eyet on defense and to Knight Chris Van Gorder on offense. The players were chosen by Coaches Ron Rybak and Mark Kirk.



On his way

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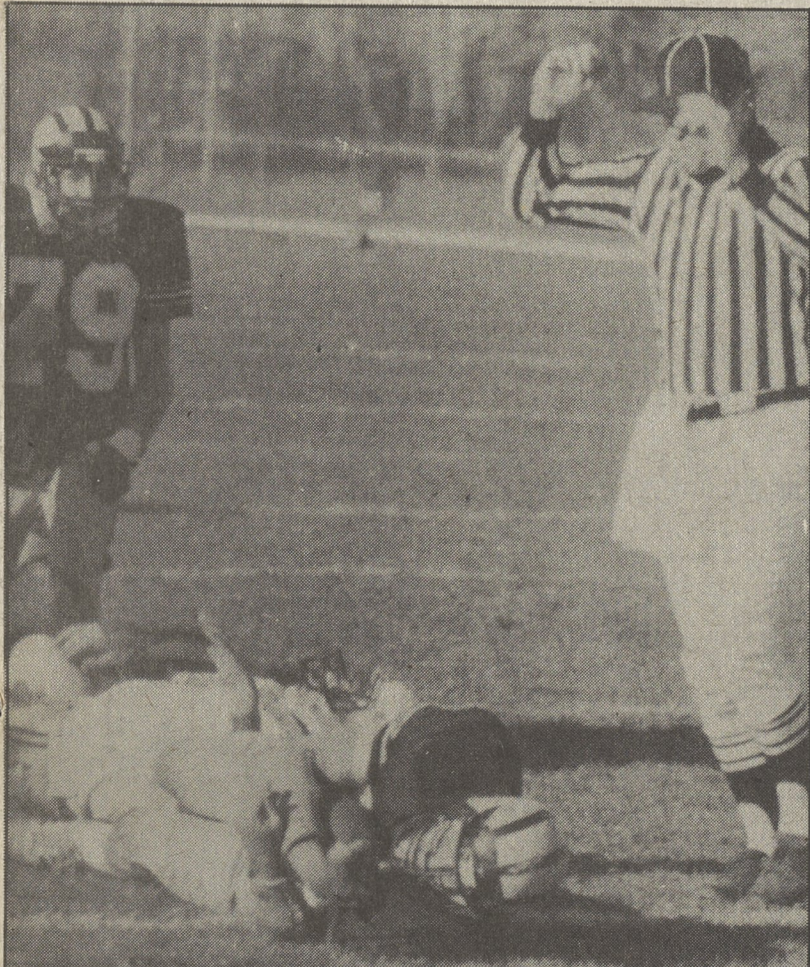
Bill George (30) scampers for some Black Knight yardage while being chased by Mountaineer Glenn Eyet in Saturday's Wyoming Valley Football Conference between the two Back Mountain schools. George has a busy day Saturday, racking up yardage for the winning Knights.



He's quick

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Dallas quarterback Tim Lyons had to be quick Saturday against a tough Lake-Lehman defense. Here, Lyons scampers to shake a would-be Lehman tackler during the annual Old Shoe Game.



Mr. Touchdown!

Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

It's touchdown time for Lake-Lehman's Chris VanGorder as the senior runningback crosses the end zone in Saturday's Old Shoe Game. Waiting for the official's signal is Lehman's Ed Gavlick. The Black Knights took possession of the Old Shoe trophy with a 33-0 trouncing over their arch-rivals from Dallas High School.

Yes, sir, it was a great day for football

By DOTTY MARTIN
Editor

While the battle for the Old Shoe Trophy was being hammered out between the football teams of Dallas and Lake-Lehman High Schools on the Edward E. Edwards Football field Saturday afternoon, all the pomp and circumstance that goes with a football game was being carried on outside the realms of the 100-yard field itself.

The cheerleaders, the bands, the smell of hot dogs, the rooting and chastising of fans and parents — it was all there. Saturday's football game between the two Back Mountain rival schools had all the makings of a real football game. Why, even the air was brisk enough to fill the stands with rosy cheeks and frostbitten fingertips — things you usually find at a real football game.

Yes, sir, football was in the air at Lake-Lehman Saturday — from the opening kickoff to the presentation of the 36-year-old Old Shoe Trophy to the Black Knights following their 33-0 rousing of the Mountaineers of Dallas High School.

The marching bands of both Dallas and Lake-Lehman High School provided very exciting and very competitive shows. The Marching Black Knights, who recently captured first place in both Tournament of the Bands competition and Cavalcade of Bands competition, opened the festivities with the pregame show while the Marching Mountaineers of Dallas thrilled the fans at halftime.

The cheerleaders of both schools also got involved in the competition with the results of a year-long "penny contest" announced at halftime. As the cheerleaders of the two schools conducted a contest between the two squads by offering anyone a chance to vote for either squad by paying one penny with the totals being added up before the Old Shoe game, the Dallas girls won the contest hands down, having garnered 20,000 and some votes to just 8500 for the Lady Knights of Lake-

Lehman.

Both schools enjoyed all kinds of festivities during the week prior to the Old Shoe Game. Last Tuesday was "Turn-Dallas Inside Out" day at Lake-Lehman as the Lehman students wore t-shirts turned inside-out to school that day. An "Almost Anything Goes" assembly was held at Lake-Lehman Wednesday afternoon, continuing the fun of the week.

Football players at Dallas removed one shoe on Friday and hobbled to classes most of the day. A contest by the cheerleaders at the Friday afternoon pep rally at Dallas saw senior football player Eric Supey as the recipient of a shirt that read "I played in the Dallas/Lake-Lehman football game" on the front and "And all I got was this Old Shirt" on the back. Rumor has it that Mr. Supey thrilled the crowd at the assembly by removing his football jersey and donning his newly-acquired t-shirt.

Parents even got involved in the frivolity of it all. Stories were told at the game about some parents and how they went all out for their football player sons by decorating the house in school colors to "pep up" the kids before the big game. And parents who had difficult times attending most games all year long because of the work schedules and what have you, pulled out all the stops to get to the Old Shoe Game on Saturday.

Parents were cheering as loudly as anyone could possibly cheer, too, very often drowning out the attempts of the school cheerleaders to keep the crowd psyched, despite the sub-zero chill factor.

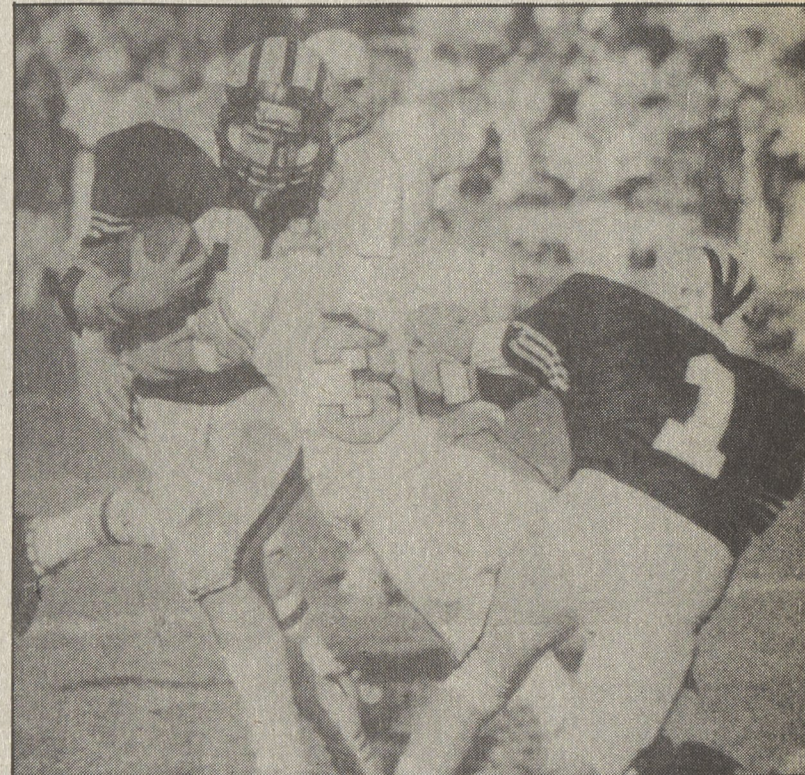
The crowd, although somewhat sparse for a contest of as much arch-rivalry as the Dallas/Lehman game, was alive throughout most of the game, and even more alive on Lake-Lehman's side of the field. But the Dallas following got a single chance to jump to its feet when senior Mike Janosik, in a moment of glory, intercepted a T. Willy Cadwa-

lader pass and scampered 95 yards for what was initially believed to be a Mountaineer touchdown. A pass interference penalty, however, took the ball back to Lehman territory and the Dallas crowd back to its seats.

All in all, it was a great day for a football game. It was a greater day for Lake-Lehman fans than it was for football fans, but, then again, imagine how Coach Joe Paterno and the Nittany Lions of Penn State felt when they were embarrassed by a team they were supposed to clobber. The Mountaineers struggled

through a rebuilding year, the kind of year no football fan likes to even think about, let alone live through. The Mountaineers were not expected to beat Lake-Lehman. They were simply expected to show up and play their best — and they did!

Yes, it was a great day for football. The pomp and circumstance was there, the weather, although somewhat chilly, was definitely football weather, and the smell of hot dogs and hot chocolate was even stronger with the blowing of the wind.



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Get him, Eric!

Dallas senior Eric Supey (30) gets a hand on Lehman's Bill George to stop the Black Knight runningback in his tracks. Attempts to lend some assistance to his teammate is Lehman's Bill Boyle. Supey, a defensive end, was responsible for several tackles during Saturday's Old Shoe Game.



Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Happy girls

The Lake-Lehman cheerleaders had plenty to cheer about Saturday as their football team took a big 33-0 victory in the annual Old Shoe Game and recaptured the Old Shoe Trophy for a year.



Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Pre-game excitement

Members of the Dallas football team break through a paper sign designed by the Mountaineer cheerleaders prior to Saturday's Old Shoe Game. The Dallas gridders were psyched for the annual rivalry game, but had their hopes dashed early when the Black Knights of Lake-Lehman dominated the game early and took home a 33-0 victory.

Martin tops Post prognosticators

Editor Dotty Martin topped her competitors and finished the football season with a 64-23 record to capture the top slot in the first year of The Dallas Post prognosticators. The Post prognosticators, instituted at the onset of the 1984 football season, have challenged each other as well as the armchair quarterbacks of the Back Mountain community with their high school and collegiate football predictions week after week.

Martin, who entered last week's games tied with GoalPOST Petie (alias Johnny George), actually garnered the championship last Friday evening when the Spartans of Wyoming Valley West handed Coughlin a 19-7 defeat. Petie, who predicted the Crusaders would beat Valley West, finished his prognosticating debut tied with sports columnist Lee Richards at 63-24 for the second place slot.

All six Post prognosticators were skunked on the Penn State/Notre Dame game last week when the Fightin' Irish shocked the Nittany Lions and raised the eyebrows of the football world with a 44-7 embarrassment of Joe Paterno's charges.

The Post prognosticators were all right on the money for the Old Shoe Game as they all went with the Black Knights of Lake-Lehman and watched the Lehman boys pull off a 33-0 victory in the Back Mountain rivalry contest.

Photographer Ed Campbell sided with Petie and the Crusaders against Valley West and thus suffered two losses this week, bringing his final slate to 58-29 or fourth place. Sportswriter Charlot Denmon finished the season in third place with a 62-25 record while West Side correspondent Joe Gula fell into fifth place with a 56-31 record.

The Dallas Post prognosticators will return next year at the beginning of the football season. Also scheduled to return next year is GoalPOST Petie, who lives anonymously throughout the entire football season within a member of the Back Mountain community.

The Post prognosticators would like to extend a hearty round of applause to all area high school football teams and wish them the best of luck in seasons to come.



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