

Sports



Jackson named Dallas grid coach

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Ted Jackson, the newly appointed head football coach at Dallas Senior High School, has some very definite goals set for his new position, he said following the announcement of his appointment at a press conference, Thursday, Feb. 14.

The first item on Jackson's agenda is to set up a meeting with the candidates for next season's team. He will use that time to introduce his assistant, Andy Kuhl, to the boys and also explain what he expects from his athletes.

"I understand there are 23 underclassmen who lettered last season, and if they have any talent, they will form a good nucleus for a decent team," said Jackson.

"I can't make any predictions until I have seen future candidates in action. I don't know any of them, not even their names at this point which is the way I like it," he added.

Jackson said he has no idea what any of the players have done in the past. He will wait to see them run, throw, tackle and go through other assignments before he comes to any conclusions.

Secondly, the new coach plans to meet with former assistants at Dallas to determine whether or not any of them are interested in returning. If not, he will recruit other assistants, just as he recruited Andy Kuhl to come with him as an assistant. Kuhl most recently served as an assistant coach at Coughlin with Jackson.

Jackson will begin a weightlifting and agility program this week and says it will be a mandatory program. In the past, the football coach has been in charge of the weightlifting pro-

gram, but it has never been a mandatory program. Recently, due to the resignation of former football coach, Ron Rybak, the position was posted and at last Monday's school board meeting, faculty member Lew Isaacs was appointed as weightlifting coach. Isaacs, however, for personal reasons, resigned the position the following day.

Acting Superintendent Gerald Wycallis stated the position will be posted this week, but it is very likely that, as in the past, the board will appoint Jackson. In any event, Jackson may initiate his own program immediately. School district officials plan for the program to become a mandatory one for all athletes from January through July 1.

The 34-year old Jackson, who resides in Shavertown with his wife, Sandy, and sons Matthew and Ted, is a teacher at Plains. He has been a teacher in the Wilkes-Barre Area District for the past 12 years and is certified in health, physical education and driver education. His wife is also a teacher in the Wilkes-Barre District.

He has been an assistant coach in football at Coughlin for nine years and presently has been first assistant and defensive coordinator for Coughlin's varsity team under head Coach John Joseph.

After coaching for seven years at Coughlin, Jackson left the sport in 1982 and 1983 following the treatment he got when he applied for the head coaching position at Tunkhannock. He applied for the position in 1980 and the night before the board meeting, Jackson was notified that he had the job. The news was published in a Tunkhannock paper the next day, but that night the board meeting was postponed because of inclement weather. When the board met the following week, someone else



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New coaches

Ted Jackson, left, and Andy Kuhl, right, will be the new faces on the football field next year when the Mountaineers start the 1985 gridiron season. Jackson was recently named head coach while Kuhl will serve as an assistant.

was appointed to the position.

At the time, Jackson was also coaching wrestling and baseball, so he gave up football until last season when Joseph, a close friend, was named head coach at Coughlin, replacing J.P. Meck. Jackson said that was the chief reason he returned to football. When asked what Joseph said about his leaving Coughlin's staff, Jackson said "He is sorry to have me leave but he is happy that I got the opportunity to do what I have dreamed of — head varsity coaching."

It was Jackson's attitude and expressed dedication that impressed the Dallas Board, according to Wycallis.

"He told us he believed the kids should participate in more than one sport and he displayed a positive attitude," said Wycallis. "These qualities impressed the directors."

Wycallis said there were 10 applicants for the position. These

were Jackson, William Jones of Hanover; Nick Ametrano, Bishop Hoban; J.P. Meck, former Coughlin Coach; Charles Pirello of New Jersey; William Noll Klank; William Silvi, former assistant at Dallas; a gentleman by the name of O'Malia; an applicant named Tucker; and former Lake-Lehman coach, Rich Gorgone. These were narrowed down to Jackson, Jones and Ametrano who were all interviewed by the board.

That Jackson has a long road ahead of him, he is well aware. "It will take time," he said. "I have to get used to the kids, probably change some goals and ideas, and they have to get used to me."

Jackson said that in his dealings with former coach Ron Rybak, he found him to be an excellent coach and a gentleman with great dedication. He said he was a victim of circumstance as he (Jackson) understands it.

Gavigan guides Mounts to title

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In a game lacking excitement, the Dallas girls' basketball team downed a young Northwest team, 61-25, and took the overall Division 2 title Saturday morning at the Rangers' gym. The win gave Dallas an 8-1 record and Champions for the first time in nearly 10 years.

Cheryl Gavigan led the scoring with 15 points but none of the starting five played more than 14 minutes. There were 10 players with eight or six points.

Coach Kit Karuza emptied his bench and, at one time, an entire team was comprised of substitutes. Karuza said this is seldom done but Northwest has a young and inexperienced team.

DEFEAT TECH

The night before (Friday), the Lady Mountaineers defeated West Side Tech at the Dallas court, 65-49. The Dallas team scored 27 points in the second period, playing one of the finest quarters they have this season. Cheryl Gavigan put in 14 of her game high 22 points and Joann Cook who tossed in all of her eight points in the second period.

Both teams played to a 10-10 tie in the first period but Gavigan and Cook sparked the girls to outscoring the Titans 27-10 in the second. Gavigan also had four key steals in the entire team playing tremendous defense.

Karen Vloedman added 16 points.

BEAT CRESTWOOD

The key game for Dallas was last Tuesday against Crestwood when the Lady Mounts gained the edge by downing Crestwood 62-44 with Gavigan, Angie Kern, Eileen Walsh and Karen Vloedman hitting in double figures.

As they have done all year, Coach Karuza's girls played with total team effort. Gavigan and Kern gave outstanding offensive and defensive play and Gavigan set the pace with 14 points. Kern added 13 and Walsh gave 12. Vloedman followed with 10 points.

LEHMAN ENDS SEASON

Lake-Lehman girls finished the season, last Friday with an 83-19 romp over Northwest. Pam Solinski, Sandy Dicton and Lori Lopasky scored 61 points combined total to finish their senior year in league play. The Lady Knights will be Number One seed from Wyoming Valley in AA District 2 playoffs, March 1.

Lopasky led the scoring with 21 points. Solinski and Dicton had 20 points each.

The Knights outscored the Rangers 21-4 and 17-2 in the first half to lead 38-6 going into the lockerroom. In the third period they outscored Northwest 26-3 but in the final period they scored only 19 to Northwest's 10 points. The Rangers are a young team with only one senior player.

SOLINSKI LEADS

Solinski hit 28 points on Wednesday for Lake-Lehman to lead the team in defeating Hanover 61-46. Sandy Dicton scored 19 points, putting in 10 of them in the final period.

The score was tied at 38-38 at the end of the third period but in the final period, the Lady Knights poured in 23 points to Hanover's eight.

LOSE TO MEYERS

The Meyers Mohawks, led by Rosalind Reeves, pulled an upset over the Knights Tuesday afternoon, at the Mohawks court, downing Lake-Lehman 63-52.

The Meyers girls played strong defense and led 38-37 after three periods. Reeves scored 18 points, putting in 14 of them in the final period to lead the way to the upset. The Mohawks scored 25 points in the period while they held Lake-Lehman to only 15.

Sandy Dicton scored 20 points for Lake-Lehman. Pam Solinski followed with 16.

Dionne Serafini added 17 to Reeves 18 points for Meyers. Lake-Lehman ended the second half in Wyoming Valley Conference with a 6-3 record.

Misericordia women need one more win for NAIA playoffs

The Lady Highlanders lost a squeaker on the road to Elmira College of New York by a score of 58-52. Although outscoring their opponent 46-38 from the field, they were outscored 20-5 from the charity stripe.

Led by Kim Stetzar's eight first half points and Sue Sharp's six, the Blue and Gold led by 2 at half 23-21.

The second half went back and forth but Elmira won it from the foul line as they outshot the Highlanders 7-5.

Kim Stetzar led Miseri with 16 points, Sue Sharp added 14 and Liz Eife 10 points.

SHARP LEADS

Their next game saw the Highlanders take on Lycoming College. Led by Sue Sharp's eight first half points, they led 31-19 after the first 20 minutes.

Coming back strong behind All-American Cathy Apert's game high 26 points (14 in the second half) the Warriors of Lycoming cut the lead to four, 56-52 with 4:08 left. However, Misericordia broke it open to record a 63-56 final victory.

In their third game of the week the Highlanders traveled to Gwynedd Mercy's hardwoods.

Paced by Sue Sharp's 32 points, Misery upped its record to 10-4 with a 78-56 victory. Terri Middleton added 12 for the Blue and Gold.

NEED ONE MORE

One more win for the Lady Highlanders will place them in the N.A.I.A. playoffs for the first time in the school's history.

MEN LOSE

Sharp shooting, point guard, Lee Radick poured in 28 points in 30 minutes to lead Spring Garden to an 88-61 victory over the men of Misericordia.

Strong inside play by Monte Deyo kept the Highlanders close for the first 13 minutes of play, then Garden took charge going into the lockerroom at the half leading 47-24.

Misericordia never came closer than 20 points in the second half losing by a final score of 88-61. Deyo dropped in 21 points for Miseri. Phil Quare tallied 11 and Gregg Kupp 10.

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Rodgers on sports

His money's on Ted

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The hot topic in the sports circle of the Back Mountain area obviously is the hiring of Ted Jackson as head football coach at Dallas High School.

For the few who haven't heard already, Ted comes from a semi-secluded status as assistant coach at Coughlin High School. Although, as in most cases, Ted was not in



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the limelight or, for that matter, even noticed by many, but I'm sure all his peers in the Wyoming Valley Conference will vouch for his abilities as a teacher, mentor and leader in the sport of football.

Jackson was an assistant for seven years (1974-1981) under Bill Yeomans and then J.P. Meck. During these years, Coughlin was a perennial power, capturing Conference District titles and playing in state (Mythical) championship games.

Ted took a two-year sabbatical in 1982-1983 from coaching and returned, through persuasions of Coughlin Coach John Joseph in 1984.

Ted, in my standings, was an excellent assistant and will be a welcomed addition to Dallas and the W.V.C. Head Coaching ranks.

If you can imagine this, I label him as a cross between a John Madden and a Dick Vermeil. He's an emotional-type coach, who can, and will, get everything out of his players both on and off the field. He doesn't demand anything — he earns it. He's both a strategic and mental coach, usually stressing defense as the key.

It should be interesting, however, to see how he will adjust to the change. That, being from a school who dresses anywhere from 60 to 80 players easily, and has a well established weightlifting program, to a school who sometimes finds difficulty in dressing 40 to 45 players and has a lifting program just in its fundamental stages.

If I were a betting man, I would have to put my money on Ted and his staff. I would tend to believe he will give Dallas and the Back Mountain Area a well-respected winning program.

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Dallas boys get second seeding

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After losing 54-50 to the Crestwood Comets last Tuesday, Feb. 13, Coach Clarence Ozgo's cagers knew they had to defeat West Side Tech and Northwest if they wanted to be certain of a good seeding in the District 2 playoffs. The boys rose to the challenge and defeated the Titans, 74-48, Friday, then edged Northwest, 43-36, at Dallas, Saturday afternoon, in a game charged with excitement.

A win by Northwest would have put them in a two-way tie for first place with G.A.R. The loss gives the Grenadiers the overall Division 2 title and the Mountaineers second seeding in the playoffs. They will go against the Number Three team from Lackawanna County, Feb. 28, in the top half of the doubleheader.

The win gave the Mountaineers a 7-2 record, identical to the first half.

DEFEAT TITANS

On Friday night, Dallas took an easy 74-48 win from West Side Tech paced by Farrell's 23 points. Farrell scored 17 of his points in the first half, nine in the first period and eight in the second to lead the Mountaineers to a 35-20 score at halftime. He hit 11 goals from the field and went one-for-one from the foul line.

LOSE TO CRESTWOOD

Strong scoring by Rich Loomis and Tom Benz led the way for

Crestwood's 54-50 win over Dallas last Tuesday night at the Comets gym. The loss all but dashed the Mountaineers hopes for the second half title, putting them at 5-2 while GAR had 7-1 with only one game remaining.

LEHMAN LOSES THREE

Lake-Lehman's young Knights lost their final three games of the season last week despite Bill Bearde's collecting 50 points in the three contests. They dropped a 69-60 game to Hanover, Saturday afternoon at the Knights gym.

Bill Bearde showed the way for the Knights with 20 points and Earl Weidner add 12 tallies.

RANGERS WIN

In a game with Northwest played Thursday night on the Knights court, Northwest continued in a tie for first place with G.A.R. by taking a 44-38 win from Lake-Lehman. The Rangers dropped to a tie for second with three other teams when they lost to Dallas on Saturday.

MOHAWKS STRONG

Lake-Lehman jumped out to a 12-7 first quarter lead over Meyers on Tuesday night but the Mohawks poured it on in the second period outscoring the Knights 21 to 12 to hold a 28-24 lead at halftime.

Tony Caffrey hit 13 goals from the field and one-for-three from the foul line to score 27 points, scoring 17 of them in the second half with both teams playing on an even keel after the first half.

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