

Sports

Chargers surprise Lake Lehman, 7-6

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With the Lake Lehman Black Knights holding a 3-0 lead over the Carbondale Chargers at the outset of the fourth quarter Saturday afternoon and in possession of the football on the Charger 11-yard line, Head Coach Rich Gorgone must have been anxiously anticipating his first win of the year.

However, four plays later, after flubbing three straight running plays, the 17-year veteran coach opted for sophomore soccer-style place kicker Scott Shafer. The snap, the kick is up from 30 yards out. It's gooooood. Lake Lehman takes what seemed to be a safe 6-0 lead. After all, neither team had mustered even 100 yards during the entire first half of play. It was a typical defensive struggle. A 6-0 lead seemed safe in the hands of a tough Black Knight defensive unit.

Wrong!!! Charger Head Coach John Lescavage took two fourth down chances mid-way through the last stanza, one a 37-yard heart-stopper from mid field to senior halfback Jerry Slick. A few plays later from the Lake Lehman 18-yard line, Lescavage gambled again on a fourth and one, handing the ball to senior work-horse fullback Joe Pavalone who picked up two yards and a first down on the Knight 16-yard line.

After a false-start penalty against Carbondale, pushing the Chargers back to the Lake Lehman 23-yard line, quarterback Gary Deriche

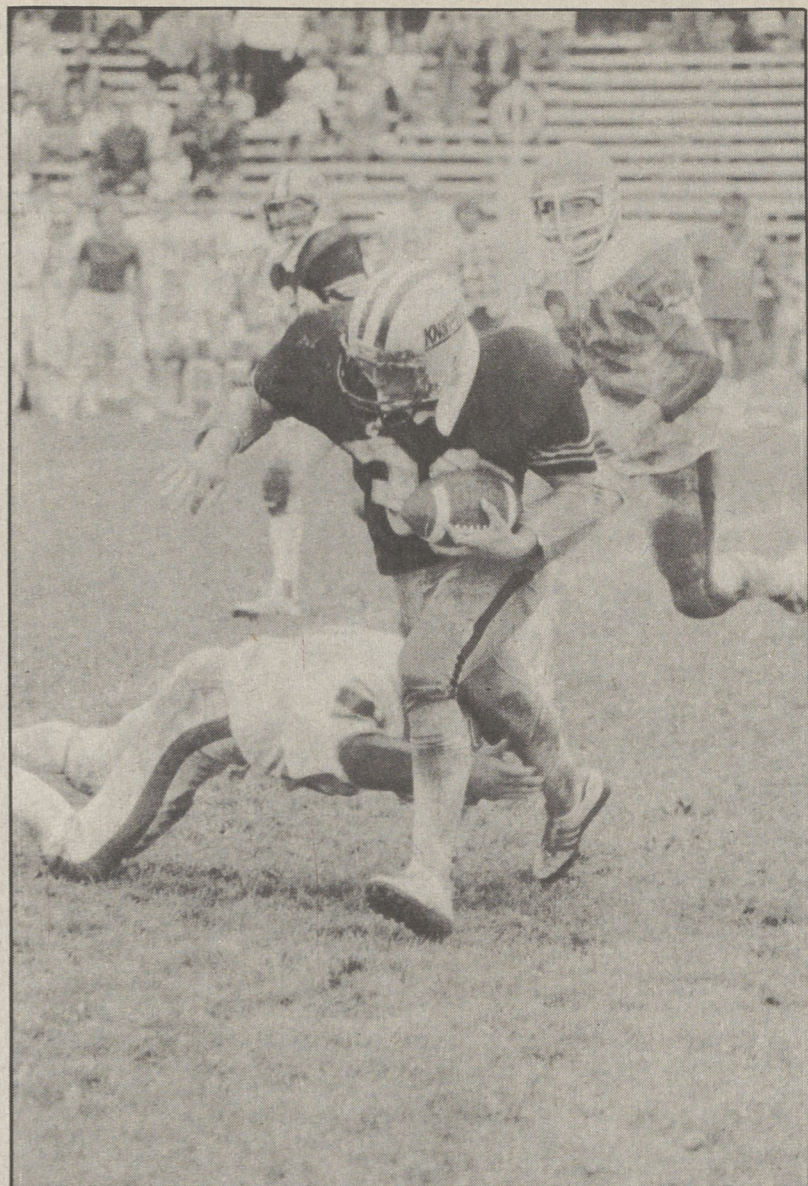
found senior split end Mike Ramanyszyn wide open and connected at the Lehman 5-yard line.

Two plays later Charger quarterback Deriche handed off to running back Jerry Slick over left tackle for a two-yard TD run. The all-important extra point by senior place-kicker Tony Inbalzar was good and the Carbondale Chargers suddenly were in command 7-6 with only a 1:52 remaining in the contest.

The game ended with Lake Lehman struggling to complete desperation passes from near mid-field and ruined Head Coach Rich Gorgone's debut as the Black Knight mentor for the 1985 Wyoming Valley Conference season. For Lake Lehman the loss was disappointing after a valiant effort by senior halfback Bill George. George carried for a total of 67 yards, all of which were hard-nosed yards off tackle. George's hard running figured in four of the Black Knights five second-half first downs.

For the approximately 800 fans, it seemed like a return to "old-style" football with both teams featuring strong running games. George was the work horse for Lake Lehman with wingback Bill Davis running the ball wide. Senior Jim Kull of Carbondale, carried the ball almost exclusively for a total of 81 yards on 20 carries.

Carbondale was penalized 40 yards while Lake Lehman was tagged just 15 yards. Lake Lehman opens its Wyoming Valley Conference play this Saturday at 2 p.m. at Northwest.



Battered knight

Lake Lehman lost the season opener despite the hefty 67 yards totaled by halfback Bill George.

Dazzling debut Dallas puts down Hanover, 29-13

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Post correspondent

Dallas Mountaineer Coach Ted Jackson used a running game in the Mountaineers' opening game of the season against the Hanover Hawk-eyes and the new Dallas coach proved his boys could put it all together as they scored a convincing 29-13 win over the Hawkeyes.

Senior back Ron Ostrowski led the scoring for Dallas going over the goal line for the first two scores. John Harris scored the third touchdown on a three-yard run and Steve Brace added a fourth on a 25 yard run in to the end zone.

The three Mountaineers totaled more than 70 yards each as the Mountaineers took charge in the second half to come out with the

win. Neither team was able to mount a drive in the first half which was filled with fumbles and penalties for 72 yards.

"We had a lot of fumbles and off-sides in the first half," said Jackson. "I believe the kids had a case of first game jitters but at halftime, they got their heads together and although they made a few mistakes they ran the ball well and our line did some super blocking and broke open some big holes.

"We would have liked to pass more but we weren't getting the pass protection we needed so we had the kids run the ball. They proved they could do a good job. I'm very pleased with their performance."

Jackson also gave a lot of credit

to his assistants. Paul Brown, Gerry Rollman and Bill Silvi. He said they did an excellent job in preparing the kids for the game and also on the phones during the game.

After Dallas went in front 14-0, Hanover came back when Tony George picked up the ball on the ensuing kickoff and went 67 yards for a Hawkeye touchdown. Tom Cavanaugh kicked the extra point and the score was 14-7. On the next kickoff, the ball grazed a Mountaineer and Harry Daugherty recovered the fumble for Hanover. The Hawks took advantage of the fumble and three plays later, with 8:57 remaining in the fourth quarter, Brian Hughes went 28 yards for a Hawkeye score. The try for extra point went wide and the score was 14-13, Dallas.

With their backs to the wall, Jackson called a time out and talked to his players. They came back with scores by Harris and Brace. Harris ran 23 yards to the three yard line, then took the ball in from the three yard line. Jerry

Mihalick's kick was good and Dallas led 21-13. With less than two minutes remaining, Steve Brace broke loose and scampered in from the 25-yard line to put the score at 27-13. Mark Konopki's pass to Harris was good for two points and the game ended with the score 29-13.

Tim Lyons 24-yard pass to Marc Ramirez set up the first Dallas pass on the five yard line. Three plays later, Ostrowski went over from the one to give Dallas six points. Mihalick kicked the PAT. Early in the fourth quarter, the Mountaineers drove 35 yards in six plays to the two yard line from where Ostrowski took it in for the second score. Again Mihalick kicked the PAT.

It was a big day for Jackson in his first game at Dallas as head coach. "Those kids showed a lot of character. When they were only in front 14-13, they came back with determination and put the game out of reach." The Mountaineers are idle this weekend, then meet Crestwood, Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Comets field.



Dallas Post/John Kilduff

No fish story

Dallas Post courier Joe Marcelonis of Kunkle shows off 67 pounds of Chinook Salmon he recently caught in Lake Ontario. The two fish were snagged 12 miles out from shore in 80 feet of water using "flasher" bait with a "squib" attached. Marcelonis said, "It took me over a half an hour to pull them in. I was really sweating it!"

High School Soccer Club to meet Thursday

The Dallas Senior High Soccer Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 5 in the Dallas Twp. School cafeteria. The club's activities for the coming

year are in the planning stages. All parents of soccer team members are invited to attend.

Dallas' Jackson tells folks '85 football team

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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"Come out and support your

team. They are a hardworking bunch of kids and they are dedicated to winning this season. Your support will be a big help," Dallas Coach Ted Jackson told the parents

and friends of the Gridiron Club, Aug. 29, at the "Meet the Team" night at Dallas Senior High School.

Jackson introduced the members of this year's team and his assistant

coaches, Paul Brown, Gerry Rollman and Bill Silvi.

He also explained their goals for the season.

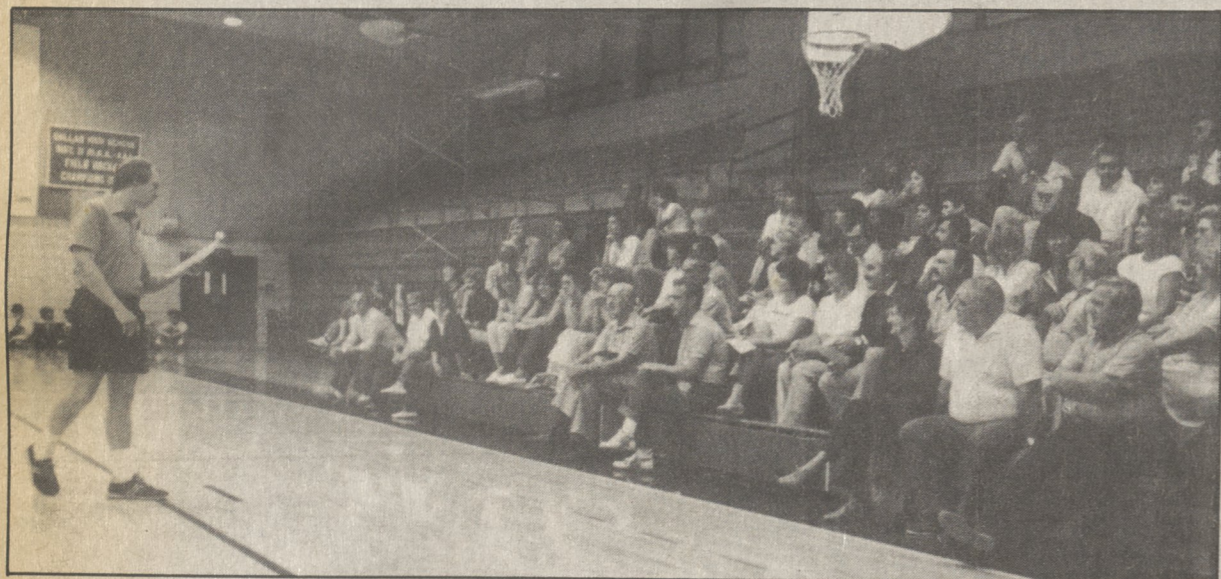
Ron Ostrowski, president of the Gridiron Club, welcomed everyone and gave a brief explanation of the club's organization and its annual projects for the boys such as presenting jackets to the seniors on the team, sponsoring a trip for the boys to either a college or pro game each year; buying fruit for the players for their consumption at halftimes, and sponsoring the films shown after each game.

He also explained the various fundraising projects of the club held during the season to help finance events for the team members.

Edward Lyons was introduced as chairman of the ticket sales. These tickets will be sold throughout the season and prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$90 will be awarded at the Lake-Lehman game.

Sheila Bonawitz, varsity cheerleader advisor, introduced members of the squad, with each group giving a short demonstration.

Following the meeting in the gym, everyone went into the cafeteria where they were served refreshments.



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Introductions

Dallas Head Coach Ted Jackson discusses the potential of this season's teams with the Gridiron Club at "Meet the Team" night.

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