

# Sports

## Black Knights get first victory

By JOHN KILDUFF  
Staff Writer

"It was a great, all-around team effort. I think my kids played well in all phases of the game."

That is how Lake-Lehman's head football coach Rich Gorgone responded this past Sunday in reflecting on his team's 25-6 victory over the Northwest Rangers Saturday afternoon.

The win placed the Black Knights in sole possession of first place early this season in Division III of the Wyoming Valley Conference. The victory, played in sweltering temperatures hovering in the mid-90's, was also Gorgone's first as the new mentor at the Back Mountain school since returning to Lake-Lehman after a seven-year absence.

"It is really nice and it is good for the kids," Gorgone said of his first victory this season. "That first game (Lake Lehman's 7-6 loss to Carbondale on opening day last week) is behind us and now we are taking each game at a time. We cannot look ahead," Gorgone said.

The Black Knights again relied on the strong running game anchored by senior halfback Bill George. George scampered for 115 total yards, including two touchdown runs, against Northwest.

Lehman opened the scoring Saturday late in the first period when freshman quarterback Len Annetta fired a nine-yard TD pass across the middle to senior tight end Jeff Ruzicki. The PAT by sophomore Scott Shafer was good and Lake Lehman led 7-0.

The Black Knight defense, anchored by senior Chris Kurkosy, held the Rangers in check for most of the first half giving the offense good field position.

"Our defense played very well," Gorgone said. "It would be very tough to point to any single player and say he did the job. We played a lot of kids and they all played a tough defensive game."

Lehman used the strong defense to its advantage by stopping the Rangers repeatedly near mid-field. On their second offensive possession, the Lehman boys grinded out 66 yards, enroute to a 13-0 lead. Half back George took a second down hand-off from Annetta on the Ranger 25 yard-line and rolled in for a TD and the game's longest run from scrimmage.

The beginning of the second half again saw tough defense and good field position to set up two Lehman touchdowns.

After junior split-end Chris Landmesser took a Ranger punt on the 40 yard-line and returned it to the Northwest 22 yard-line, the Lehman back-field of George and full-back Jeff Martin took over. George got the call for the third Lehman TD taking it over right tackle from one yard out. Lehman led, 19-0. The PAT was missed.

Northwest took the kick-off and was stalled by the Black Knight defense again, forcing a punt which the Lehman took at the Ranger 47 yard-line.

Following a 20-yard completion to Ruzicki and two first down runs by Martin and George, George tallied the final Lehman TD with a four-yard off tackle plunge giving the Black Knights a 25-0 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Northwest scored on a 77 yard drive in the fourth quarter after Gorgone pulled his starting defensive players in favor of underclassmen. Ranger's sophomore quarterback John Kalbach engineered the final drive with four completions for 55 yards. Kalbach scored the lone Ranger tally with a one-yard quarterback sneak with 4:13 remaining in the game. The score ended with Lehman on top 25-6.

Lehman is now 1-1 overall and 1-0 in Division III of the Wyoming Valley Conference. This Saturday the Black Knights will host Tunkhannock at 2 p.m. The game is expected to be a tough test for the young Lehman squad.

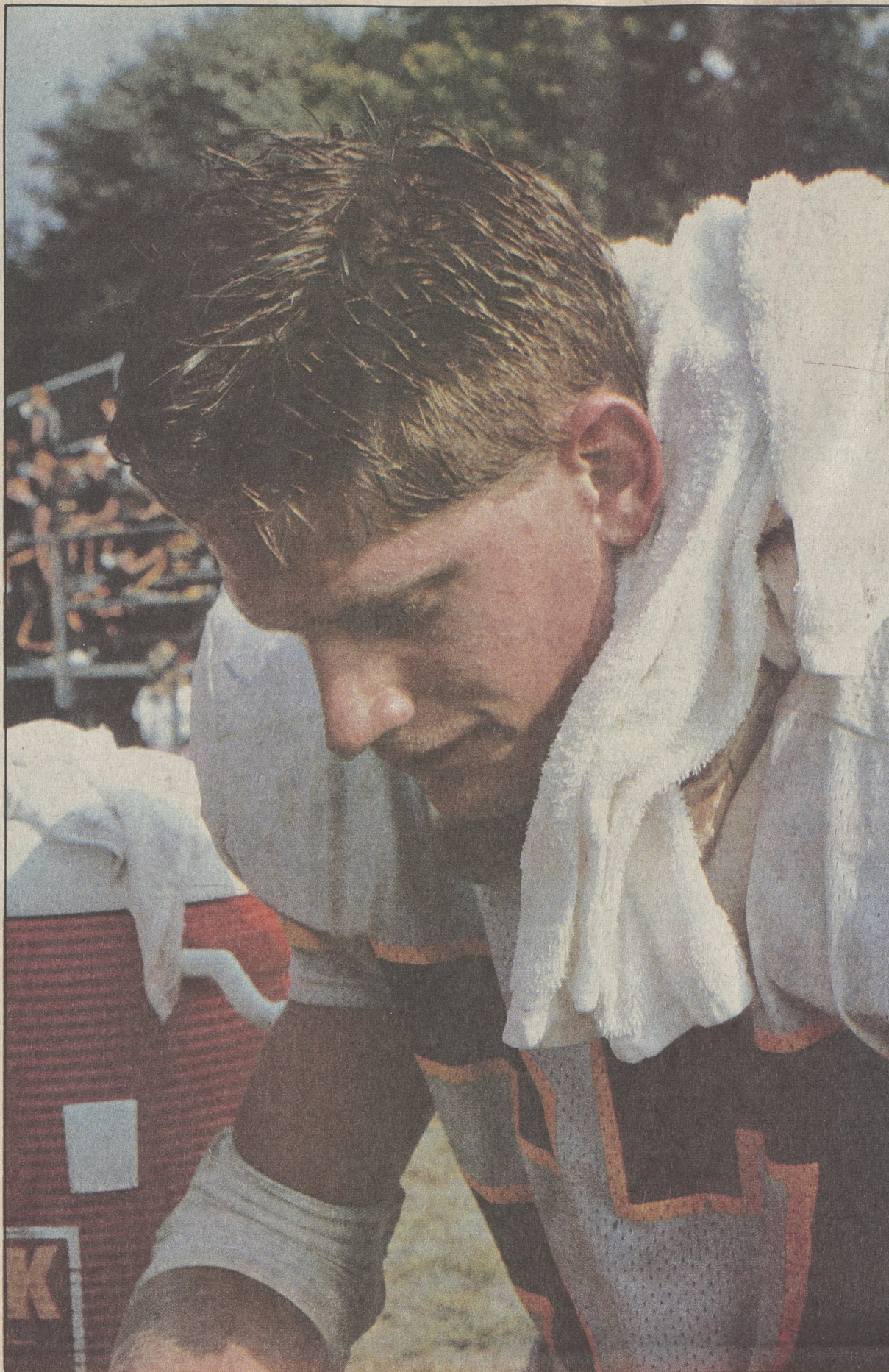
"They are a real big team," Gorgone said. "They are gigantic in size, which could be a big factor in the game," said Gorgone.

The offensive and defensive lines of Tunkhannock average over 230 pounds. Lake Lehman up-front, average about 205 pounds.

"With their size advantage we are looking at possibly opening up our offense," said Gorgone. "We might have to open it up and pass the ball a bit more."

Lehman, early this season, has been content with grinding out yardage with 202 pound full-back Jeff Martin and 185 pound half-back Bill George. Tunkhannock might force Gorgone to change his early season strategy.

"I am not sure right now, but we might have to open it up a little more this Saturday," said Gorgone.



### Warm Knight

Chris Kukosky takes a breather on the sidelines during Saturday's football game between Lake-Lehman and Northwest. The Knights grabbed their first gridiron victory of the season, but were forced to play in 75-degree heat. Kukosky is a senior member of the Lehman football team.

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## Rebels garner title

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Coach Flossie Finn's team took the national championship in the Class B Fast Pitch competition played at the Drifton Softball Complex, Aug. 31 through Sept. 1.

Seven teams participated in the tournament with the Rebels playing six games in two days to take the championship. They played the Jeddo Stars three times in copping the title.

In their first game, the local girls went against the Maryland Blockbusters defeating them 7-5 behind Pitcher Kim Eckley's seven strikeouts. Cindy Slocum drove out a homerun collecting three RBI's.

Cheryl Travis knocked out two singles, Slocum had two, Kim Menkavitch hit two and Diane Kinney, Maureen Ryneski, Sally Galka and Debbie Cox hit one each.

The Rebels scored five of their runs in the third inning, added another in the fifth and one in the sixth.

The Blockbusters scored all of their runs in the fifth inning and had five hits in the game. Their losing hurler, C. Snoots fanned seven and walked six of the Rebels.

In the second game which was called in the fifth inning under an eight run rule, the Rebels shut out Kings Korner, 9-0.

Travis, Cox and Eckley drove out two hits each for the Rebels while their team mates Menkavitch, Ryneski and Kinney had one each.

Eckley was the winning pitcher fanning one and walking two. The losing hurler was B. Long, who struck out two and walked three.

The Rebels suffered their first loss in the third game against the Drifton Jeddo Stars. The 4-1 defeat dropped them to the losers bracket in the competition.

Jeddo scored all four of their runs in the fifth inning aided by nine hits.

The Rebels scored their lone run in the first inning on Travis triple and a hit by Diane Kinney.

Jeddo put in a pinch runner in the second inning but the Rebels picked her off on first base. Losing pitcher Kim Eckley struck out one and walked three.

Jeddo's winning hurler Josie Evans fanned one and walked six in picking up the win.

In Game Four, the Rebels went against Tedd's Tavern of Harrisburg and nipped them 1-0 in eight innings of play. Tedd's Tavern are the Class B State Champs that defeated the Rebels at Marcus Hook. Defeating Tedd's at Drifton put the Rebels in the National Championship game.

In a close game, the score was 0-0 going into the bottom of the eighth when Galka hit a single to go to first. Eckley laid a sacrifice bunt down to third and the third baseman overthrew first allowing Galka to cross home plate with the winning run.

Eckley was the winning pitcher, striking out three. Losing pitcher S. Kocher fanned six and walked only one.

The win advanced the Rebels to meet the Jeddo Stars again in the fifth game. They avenged their only loss to them by winning 6-1. The local girls scored two runs in the fourth, three in the fifth and one in the seventh to clinch the game.

C. Slocum drove out a home run collecting three RBI's and Travis, Slocum and Galka had two hits each. Beth Hess and Menkavitch collected one. Jeddo's only score was a homerun by Pat Spock.

The Rebels handed Jeddo Stars their first loss so another game for the championship had to be played.

The final game went 10 innings before the Rebels edged Jeddo, 3-2. The Rebels scored one run in the first inning and one in the third before scoring the winning run in the 10th.

In the 10th, Beth Hess went to first on a single, followed by Debbie Cox and Diane Kinney. Maureen Ryneski went to first on a fielder's choice while Hess was out. Then Cheryl Travis sacrificed to center-field sending Cox across with the score.

The Rebels held Jeddo in the bottom of the 10th to take the game.

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## Kingston Twp. teams win two

In Back Mountain Mini-Football action this past weekend, Kingston Township teams recorded two victories over Lake-Lehman as the A Team won, 6-0 and the B Team picked up a 20-0 victory.

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## SOCCER NEWS

Following are results of games played last week in the Back Mountain Youth Soccer Organization:

### U-10 DIVISION

Strong competition continued in Division U-10 play on a hot, muggy weekend.

Randy Slaff's 2 goals led the Sockers to a 3-1 victory over the Sting. Jeremy Fleeger added a goal for the Sting and Michael Petruska scored the lone Sting goal.

The Cosmos came back from a 2-goal deficit to win 3-2 over the Rowdies Danny Moses, Jennifer Jones and Sean Callahan scored for the Cosmos and Brad Barket and Eddie Thomas scored the early goals for the Rowdies.

Kevin McDonald, Nick Sabatini and Rick Klick led the Fury to a 5-0 win over the Roughnecks. Steve Batory, Alisa Merolli, Dan Dixon, Alex Valentine excelled on defense.

The Strikers squeaked by with a late 4th quarter winning goal by Keith Garcia to defeat the Kicks 4-3. Eric Dieffenbacher was the other Striker goalkeeper. Goals for the Kicks were made by Rob Kane, Brian Burkhardt and Scott Walters.

Tuesday night in a tremendous defensive struggle, the Arrows beat the Sting 1-0, on a goal by Shannon Stair. Eddie Mattie played a great game in the goal for the winners.

The Chargers tied the Comets with goals by Terry Jared and outstanding play by Tony Cox.

GAME SCORES: Rowdies 12, Express 3; Cosmos 3, Wings 1; Strikers 3, Aztecs 2; Kicks 4, Lancers 2; Stallions 9, Sockers 5; Roughnecks 0, Comets 0; Fury 1, Chargers 1; Sockers 3, Sting 1; Cosmos 3, Rowdies 2; Fury 5, Roughnecks 0; Strikers 4, Kicks 3; Chargers 1, Comets 1; Express 1, Wings 0; Aztecs 9, Lancers 0; Stallions 6, Arrows 1.

### U-12 DIVISION

In the U-12 Division Matt Sleightholm led the Chargers to another victory, this time over the Comets 7-1. Skightholm scored twice in the first quarter and David Fisher added one to make it 3-0 at half-time.

The Comet's lone goal came from Greg Choi in the third quarter.

In the fourth the Chargers ran away with it when Matt Sleightholm, David Fisher, David Seidel, and Leann Simon added one a piece.

Chris Boraski and Jeremy Williams led the defense. The Chargers goalie played an outstanding game under repeated attacks by the Comets offense.

In other action the Aztecs shut out

the Lancers 3-0 with Billy Johnson tallying 2 and Jeremy Saltze adding the other goal. Saltzer was excellent as goalkeeper for the first half. Mike Schrlau kept the Lancers scoreless for the second half.

The Express and Wings also battled to a 3-0 score. Ned Palka had two for the Express and David Holdredge had the other goal. Express goalies for the shutout were Tommy Hite and Mark Medura. Wings goalie Jerry Pollick played tremendously under numerous Express attacks on goal.

In a surprise win the Fury upset the undefeated Roughnecks 6-4 with single Fury goals by Susie Richardson, Bill Richardson and Bruce Nutaitis. Steve Rosenthal scored 3 times for the Fury.

The Stallions edged the arrows 3-2 with two Arrows goals by David Fosco and one from Todd Paczewski. Matt Samuel and Scott Cox were tough defenders for the Stallions.

The Cosmos had a big win over the Rowdies 8-3. Shawn Scavone had two for the Cosmos while John Kachurick, Patricia and Jack Sordani, Tudor Jones, Jason McDade and Kevin Burke scored one each. Scorers for the Rowdies were Rob Beretski with two and Ron Hoyt with one.

The Sting and Sockers went goal for goal with a final 4-4 tie score. Both teams played excellent ball.

GAME SCORES: Express 8, Rowdies 1; Wings 5, Cosmos 3; Aztecs 4, Strikers 3; Kicks 4, Lancers 2; Arrows 8, Sting 2; Stallions 4, Sockers 0; Roughnecks 3, Comets 0; Chargers 7, Fury 2; Chargers 0, Comets 1; Aztecs 3, Lancers 0; Express 3, Wings 0; Fury 6, Roughnecks 4; Stallions 3, Arrows 2; Cosmos 8, Rowdies 3.

### U-14 DIVISION

In the Sockers vs. Chargers game, John Bacoanski had the only goal during a tight first half. But the Sockers caught fire after an unassisted 30 yard goal by Brian Hampel.

The fourth quarter saw three more goals from Sam Gorgone, Ken Klimovitch and Brian Hampel. Brian had a great day as he assisted Sam and Ken with their goals.

Valiant efforts by the Chargers failed to produce any goals as the Chargers fell to the Sockers in a 5-0 game.

GAME SCORES: Sting 1, Cosmos 0; Comets 1, Roughnecks 0; Fury 3, Rowdies 2; Kicks 2, Strikers 1; Sting 1, Chargers 0; Sockers 1, Comets 0; Cosmos 2, Kicks 0.

	Dotty MARTIN (5-5)	Ed CAMPBELL (7-3)	John KILDUFF (3-7)	Charlot DENMON (5-5)	Joe GULA (8-2)	GoalPOST PETIE (8-2)
Dallas/Crestwood	Crestwood 21-6	Dallas 13-6	Dallas 18-14	Crestwood 14-7	Crestwood 7-6	Crestwood 14-10
Tunkhannock/Lake-Lehman	Lehman 28-14	Lehman 7-6	Tunk 24-12	Tunk 28-6	Lehman 21-14	Lehman 10-7
W. Side Tech/Hanover	Hanover 21-0	Hanover 17-6	W. S. Tech 14-12	Hanover 12-6	Hanover 7-0	Hanover 21-0
Valley West/GAR	WWW 14-12	WWW 14-7	WWW 21-7	GAR 21-13	WWW 28-14	WWW 14-7
Penn State/Temple	Penn State 28-14	Penn State 21-14	Temple 28-24	Penn State 28-7	Penn State 14-12	Penn State 21-7
Notre Dame/Michigan	Notre Dame 21-14	Notre Dame 27-17	Michigan 17-16	Notre Dame 24-21	Notre Dame 14-6	Notre Dame 21-14
Pittsburg/Ohio State	Pittsburg 7-6	Pittsburg 21-14	Pittsburg 21-17	Ohio State 28-14	Pittsburg 7-6	Pittsburg 17-10

## Gula, Petie tied after two weeks

Joe Gula moved into a tie with GoalPOST Petie after picking all five games correctly. Both Gula and Petie sport 8-2 records with Petie losing on the Bishop O'Reilly/Weatherly match-up.

Ed Campbell also picked up five victories last week to move into second place with a 7-3 slate while the two female prognosticators, Dotty Martin and Charlot Denmon, are deadlocked at 5-5. Staff writer John Kilduff, with a 3-7 slate, is having a difficult time getting started in his new role as a Post prognosticator.

This week, the Post prognosticators are split on their decisions for the Dallas and Lake-Lehman teams. Campbell and Kilduff are remaining loyal to the Mountaineers while Martin, Denmon, Gula and Petie think the Comets of Crestwood have a better shot at a victory in that clash.

In the Lake-Lehman/Tunkhannock game, Kilduff and Denmon are leaning toward Tunkhannock while the rest of the prognosticators give the Black Knights a slight edge.

Kilduff favors West Side Tech over Hanover while the rest of the prognosticators are going with the Hawkeys. Denmon is the only one

giving GAR an edge while the rest of the crew favors the Spartans of Wyoming Valley West in that Wyoming Valley Conference.

Kilduff likes Temple over Penn State while the other five think the

Nittany Lions can pull off a victory. Kilduff also likes Michigan over Notre Dame while the others go with the Fightin' Irish. Denmon is alone in choosing Ohio State over Pittsburgh.

## Strikers set to begin season

The Strikers Wrestling Club will open its season of elementary wrestling on Oct. 1, 1985 at the Old Noxen School located in Noxen. You may register on opening night from 7-9 or there will be a pre-registration on Sept. 21 from 4-6 p.m. at the Noxen School.

All elementary boys in the Lake-Lehman, Dallas or Tunkhannock school districts are welcome to attend. Parents who would like further information may contact Mrs. Kocher at 639-2158 or Mrs. Ron Swingle at 298-2212.

## YMCA sets gymnastic tryouts

The Greater Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA will be holding tryouts for their gymnastics team on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. Tryouts will be held in the YMCA auditorium.

The Y Gymnastics Competitive Team will consist of two teams. The competitive team will be made up

of the more advanced gymnasts who have already competed and the Pre-team will prepare the gymnast for competition. Those eligible for tryouts are any boy or girl age 6 through 18 years of age.

For further information contact the Wilkes-Barre YMCA at 823-2191.

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