

Sports



Comets edge Dallas by three

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The 3-0 score at the end of the fourth quarter left no doubt that the Crestwood Comets had defeated the Dallas Mountaineers in Saturday's contest up on the mountain, but the statistics didn't bear out the score.

Both teams played great defense and the Comets deserve much credit for holding a strong Dallas offense for in rushing and passing the Mountaineers held the edge.

"It was our mistakes that cost us the game - too many mistakes," said Dallas Coach Ted Jackson after the game. Neither was he happy with the call made by the officials on Gerry Mihalick's kick for a field goal as the seconds ran down at the end of the first half. The officials ruled the clock had run out as Mihalick kicked what could have been the tying score of the game.

The Mountaineers had 13 first downs to the Comets eight, and went down to scoring position numerous times, but they were unable to get through the Comets defense.

In rushing and passing, Dallas outnumbered the Comets by about 60 yards, but interceptions and fumbles hurt them on several occasions. Both teams had the same number of turnovers on fumbles, however, the Mountaineers had three passes intercepted by the Comets.

The most costly interception in the game for the Mountaineers was in the final minutes of the fourth quarter when Crestwood's J. McGovern picked off a Mountaineer

pass on the Comet 40-yard line and took off down the field for a score.

Mountaineer Steve Brace downed McGovern at the Dallas three-yard line but two plays later the Comets fullback crossed the goal line but the play was called back because of a motion penalty. The Mountaineers stopped the Comets on the seven yard line.

Earlier in the fourth quarter, Crestwood's coach opted for a fourth and one which paid off when Ambosie made the first down and kept possession. The Comets carried the ball to the Dallas 24-yard line before a Mountaineer intercepted the ball and started down field.

The three point field goal that won the game for the Comets was kicked by Gordon Kutz in the opening minutes of the second quarter. With Crestwood deep in Dallas territory, comet Coach Bill Jones decided on a field goal and Kutz' 30-yard kick put the ball through the uprights.

The Mountaineers completed 15 of 28 passes for 119 yards while the Comets completed only six for less than 50 yards.

The loss put the Mountaineers at 1-1 in league play.

This Saturday they are scheduled to play the Meyers Mohawks, coached by Mickey Gorham, at home. Game time is 2 p.m.

"Meyers looked great against Naticoke the other night," said Coach Ted Jackson. "They threw the ball well and they're a wide open team. They can come at you with a lot of different plays. They're hard to prepare for. They have a good coach and they will be tough. We have our work cut out for us this week."



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Outa my way, bud!

Bill George of Lake-Lehman evades one tackler and prepares to bypass another as he gains yardage for the Black Knights against Tunkhannock Saturday afternoon. George's efforts were in vain, however, as the locals suffered a defeat at the hands of the Tigers.

Knights defeated by gigantic Tigers

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Last week Lake-Lehman Head Coach Rich Gorgone said the Tunkhannock Tiger "team size" would play a major role in whether or not the Black Knights could garner their second victory this season.

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

Well, the Tigers' "team size" proved to be more than the young Black Knight team could handle Saturday afternoon as coach Tom Oldziejewski's team pounded Lake-Lehman, 34-6.

The Tunkhannock loss dropped Lake Lehman's overall record below .500 to 1-2. However, the Black Knights remain 1-0 in Division III of the Wyoming Valley Conference, despite the loss.

Tunkhannock used its size and poise early on in the game as senior quarterback Rich Appleby engineered a 12-play drive, culminating in a six yard TD run by Tiger fullback Kevin Gilpin. The Tigers led 7-0.

Gilpin, behind a dominating offensive line averaging over 220 pounds, rambled for 93 yards on 24 carries. The Tiger line opened gaping holes all day long for Tunkhannock's running game of Gilpin and halfback Brian Mast.

Appleby also had a banner afternoon as he passed for over 100 yards with two TD passes.

Lake Lehman's offense sputtered on its first possession and was forced into a punt formation at their own 35-yard line. The snap from center Kevin Gibson was lofted over the head of punter Scott Shaffer's head and after a scramble for the loose ball, the Tigers recovered the ball on the Lake Lehman seven yard line.

The Black Knights' defense

stopped the powerful Tiger running game on three straight plays. However on fourth down from the Lake Lehman three yard line, coach Oldziejewski opted for the TD attempt instead of a sure field goal.

Tunkhannock quarterback Appleby dropped back in the pocket with good protection and fired a perfect pass to split-end Donnie Nowells for a 14-0 lead. The Tigers had gained an early first quarter lead as well as momentum as the ensuing kick-off revealed. (See KNIGHTS, page 10)

Trap Shoot set for Saturday

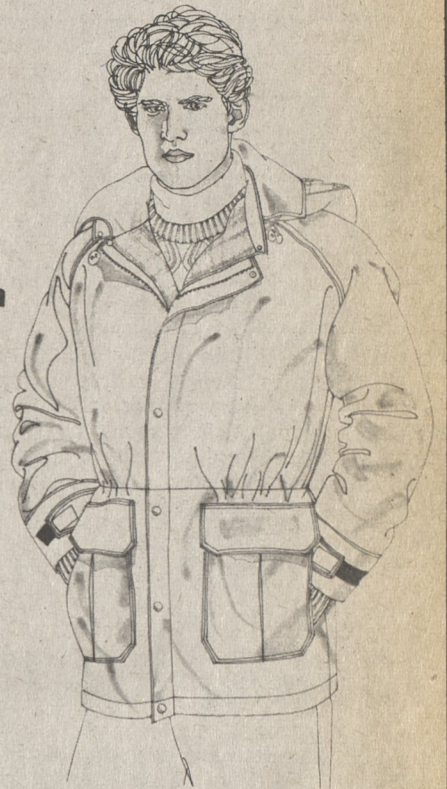
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Fancy stickwork

Susie Slocum of the Lake-Lehman girls' field hockey team displays some fancy stickwork during a Wyoming Valley Conference game last week against Tunkhannock High School. (Story, page 10)

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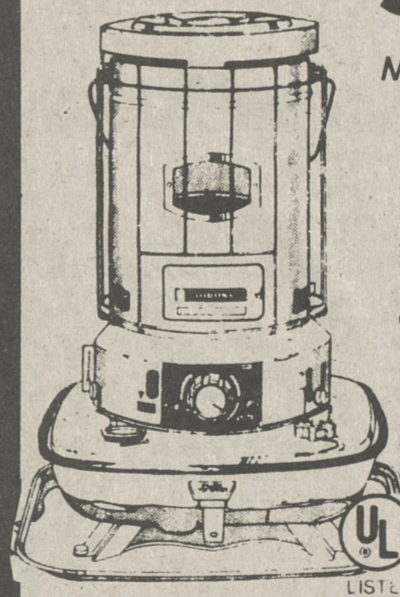
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