

Rivals meet Saturday

Old Shoe is up for grabs

By CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Correspondent

The Old Shoe trophy will be up for grabs this Saturday when Dallas and Lake-Lehman play their annual football game at the Mountaineers' field.

The bronzed shoe, which is held for a year by the winner of each season's contest, is presently in the possession of the Lake-Lehman Knights who won last year's game by a 33-0 score. It originally belonged to a member of the 1948 Dallas Township team coached by retired Dallas Senior High School Principal Robert Dolbear.

The idea of the Old Shoe Game was initiated by Dallas Rotary Club member and president Francis "Red" Ambrose in 1948 to promote a friendly rivalry between the teams of the Back Mountain Schools. During the 1940's there was intense competition between Dallas Township, Kingston Township and Lehman Township and the Rotary Club members decided to do something to honor the Back Mountain team who took the township.

Ambrose discussed the idea with Dolbear and after gaining the approval of the other schools coaches, Dolbear had his team members throw their football shoes in a pile and he pulled a shoe from the pile and gave it to the Rotary Club members. They had the shoe bronzed and attached to a plate.

The first team to win the Old Shoe was Kingston Township in 1948,

reported to be coached by Thomas Jenkins. Lehman took the Old Shoe in 1949 and 1950, coached by Tony Marchakitis and in 1951, Dallas Township, coached by Robert Thomas, won the trophy. During the years from 1952 to

1959, Westmoreland won the shoe twice, in 1952 coached by W. Seiple and in 1955 by Ted Poad; Lehman-Jackson-Ross won it three times, 1953 and 1954 coached by Tony Marchakitis, and in 1957, coached by Edw. H. Edwards. There was a three way tie in 1956 between Lehman-Jackson, Westmoreland and Dallas-Franklin with the teams coached by Edw. H. Edwards, Ted Poad and Tony Roan, respectively. Lake-Lehman, coached by Edward H. Edwards, won the shoe in 1958 and 1959 and Westmoreland, coached by Edward Brominski, took the Old Shoe in 1960.

Since that time, the Old Shoe has been played annually between Dallas Senior High School and Lake-Lehman Senior High School with Dallas, coached by Brominski, winning the shoe each year from 1961 through 1966.

In 1967, 1968, and 1969, Lake-Lehman coached by George Curry, now coaching at Berwick, regained possession of the coveted shoe.

During the years 1970 through 1977, Coach Jack Jones directed the Dallas team in taking the Old Shoe but in 1978, Lake-Lehman's Rich Gorgone coached his team to a win and possession of the shoe.

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Sports

Family squabble

Dallas varsity cheerleader Megan Gorgone battles with her dad, Lake-Lehman Football Coach Rich Gorgone, for the Old Shoe trophy. Megan is certain the Mountaineers will regain possession of the Shoe while her Dad is hoping the Black Knights can keep the trophy in the

Big D' carries **Knights**

By JOHN F. KILDUFF Staff Correspondent

At the beginning of the 1985 Wyoming Valley Football Conference season, Lake-Lehman Head Coach Rich Gorgone firmly stated that defense was the hallmark of his Black Knight team. Gorgone said, "We have always had good defensive teams here at Lake Labman. L think that

Lake-Lehman. I think that (defense) will be our strong point again this year."

Gorgone's fortune telling proved correct this past Saturday afternoon as the Black Knight defensive squad held Bishop Hoban offense to only total 184 yards.

Lehman chalked-up its sixth vic-tory of the season in a tough 7-0 win, thanks to the "Big D."

"I'm very proud of our team, especially coming back after last week's loss," said Gorgone following the game. "We played tough defense and our offensive line paved the way for Billy (fullback, Bill George)," Gorgone continued. "I'm just pleased we came away winners.

The Black Knight tally, the only score of the game, came suddenly in the second stanza when senior fullback Bill George took a second down and eight hand-off and popped through the middle of the Argent defense for a 35 yard TD run.

Junior soccer-style kicker Scott Shafer added the PAT to give Gorgone's team a 7-0 lead. "All year long I have been pleased in how well we have played overall," said Gorgone. "We have done a few things consistently this year and I would have to say Billy beload would have to say Billy helped greatly in the running game," Gorgone said.

The first half ended with Lehman clutching to the game's only score,

The second half opened much the same as the first period with Lake-Lehman dominating on defense.

The Argents did, however, mount their only serious offensive attack mid-way through the third period. Head Coach Sal Montagna's team drove 52 yards to the Lehman 13 yard line but were stopped by a holding call which pushed the Argents back to the Black Knight 23-yard line. Lehman's defense stopped the Argent attack on three straight plays to take over on downs

The gameended with both teams struggling at mid-field. When the final gun fired, Lake-Lehman

| | F | ormer Old Shoe | winners |
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| | YEAR | TEAM | COACH |
| | 1948 | Kingston Twp. | Tom Jenkins |
| | 1949 | Lehman Twp. | Anthony Marchakitis |
| | 1950 | Lehman Twp. | Anthony Marchakitis |
| | 1951 | Dallas Twp. | Robert Thomas |
| | 1952 | Westmoreland | W. Seiple |
| | 1953 | Lehman/Jackson/Ross | Anthony Marchakitis |
| | 1954 | Lehman/Jackson/Ross | Anthony Marchakitis |
| | 1955 | Westmoreland | T. Poad |
| - | 1956 | Three-way tie | and the second |
| | | Lehman-Jackson | Edw. Edwards |
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| <u>þ</u> | | Dallas/Franklin | Tony Roan |
| 1- | 1957 | Lehman/Jackson/Ross | Edw. Edwards |
| - | 1958 | Lake-Lehman | Edw. Edwards |
| | 1959 | Lake-Lehman | Edw. Edwards |
| | 1960 | Westmoreland | Edw. Brominski |
| | 1961 | Dallas Senior High | Edw. Brominski |
| | 1962 | Dallas Senior High | Edw. Brominski |
| | 1963 | Dallas Senior High | Edw. Brominski |
| | 1964 | Dallas Senior High | Edw. Brominski |
| | 1965 | Dallas Senior High | Edw. Brominski |
| | 1966 | Dallas Senior High | Edw. Brominski |
| | 1967 | Lake-Lehman | George Curry |
| | 1968 | Lake-Lehman | George Curry |
| | 1969 | Lake-Lehman | George Curry |
| | 1970 | Dallas Senior High | Jack Jones |
| | 1971 | Dallas Senior High | Jack Jones |
| | 1972 | Dallas Senior High | Jack Jones |
| | 1973 | Dallas Senior High | Jack Jones |
| | 1974 | Dallas Senior High | Jack Jones |
| | 1975 | Dallas Senior High | Jack Jones |
| | 1976 | Dallas Senior High | Jack Jones |
| A SAC | 1977 | Dallas Senior High | Jack Jones |
| | 1978 | Lake-Lehman | Rich Gorgone |
| | 1979 | Lake-Lehman | Tom Hisiro |
| | 1980 | Dallas Senior High | Ron Rybak |
| | 1981 | Dallas Senior High | Ron Rybak |
| | 1982 | Tie | |
| | The second | Dallas Senior High | Ron Rybak |
| | The state | Lake-Lehman | Mark Kirk |
| - | 1983 | Dallas Senior High | Ron Rybak |
| | 1984 | Lake-Lehman | Mark Kirk |

Lake-Lehman trophy case.

Old Shoe

Game

Joe

GULA

(55-20)

Dallas

17-14

Coughlin

28-21

Hoban

26-13

24-21

Penn State

GoalPOST

PETIE

(54-21)

Lehman

10-7

WVW

14-7

O'Reilly

Notre Dame

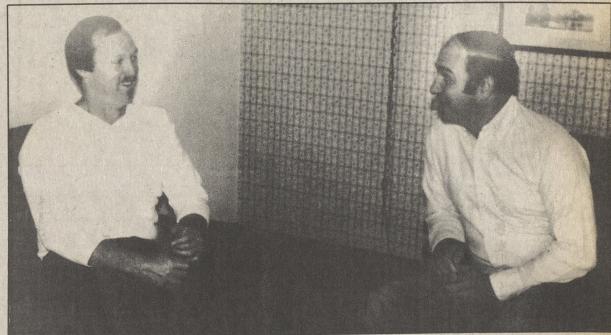
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21-14

Dallas football field Annual

walked off the field with a 7-0 win. Gorgone said, Monday, he was pelased with his team's effort in the wake of last week's 62-7 thrashing

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Dallas Post/Ed Campbell

Dallas Post/Charlot M. Denmor

Coaches are friends

Lake-Lehman Coach Rich Gorgone discusses the Old Shoe game with his friend and neighbor Dallas Coach Ted Jackson. Neither coach would predict the winner of this Saturday's contest.

Prognosticators locked

Ed

(55-22)

Lehman

14-13

Coughlin

14-7

Hoban

17-10

21-17

Penn State

CAMPBELL

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MARTIN

(53-22)

Dallas

Coughlin

28-14

Hoban

Penn State

6-0

28-21

7-6

Dallas/

Lehman

WVW/

Coughlin

O'Reilly/

Penn State/

Notre Dame

Hoban

Ed Campbell, Joe Gula and Charlot Denmon are all locked at 55-20, going into the final week of football predictions.

Campbell and Denmon scored perfect 7-0 records on last week's games while Gula slipped out of first place when he lost the Lake-Lehman-Bishop Hoban game. Gula, however, came rather close on the Notre Dame-Mississippi game, giving Notre Dame a 35-14 victory when the Irish actually defeated Mississippi, 37-14.

GoalPOST Petie, aka Joseph "Red" Jones of Lake-Lehman, also garnered a perfect week, picking seven of seven contests correctly. He is currently in second place with a 54-21 slate.

Dotty Martin falls into third place at 53-22, while John Kilduff continues to hold up the rear at 35-40.

The troops are split on the Old Shoe Game this weekend, with some going with the Mountaineers and others going with the Black Knights. Tradition has always been that either team, regardless of seasonal performances, can win this rivalry.

John

(35-40)

Lehman

17-10

WVW

17-10

Hoban

12-7

24-21

Norte Dame

KILDUFF

Charlot

(55-20)

Dallas

10-7

Coughlin

21-13

Hoban

Penn State

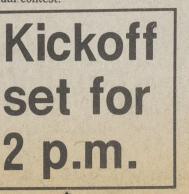
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21-7

DENMON

Coughlin gets the edge over the Spartans of Wyoming Valley West while Hoban is expected to defeat O'Reilly in the Battle of the Bish-

Kilduff is remaining true blue to the Irishmen of Notre Dame, however, the Penn State Nittany Lions are heavily favored to win that annual contest.



Petie revealed

Now is the time for Back Mountain fans to meet GoalPOST Petie-the individual, who for the past 10 weeks has been predicting area football teams.

After keeping his identity care-fully concealed he now makes himself known in time for the final games of the season. Who is GoalPOST Petie? None other than Joseph "Red" Jones, vice president of Great Northern Press and Llewellyn Bros. Inc.

Jones, who is currently the president of the Lake-Lehman School Board and was recently re-elected to another term, accepted the task of assuming the role of GoalPOST Petie cheerfully at the beginning of the 1985 football season.

He has played the role of GoalPOST Petie very capably for the past 10 weeks, studying the contests each week and selecting his choices very carefully. GoalPOST Petie kept his ident-

ity a secret from most Back



JOSEPH "RED" JONES

Mountain fans but no doubt had many of them disagree with his predictions. His record to date in selecting winners each week attest to the serious consideration he gave to the task.

Who will win? Just try tossing a coin

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The contest for the Old Shoe will end the Wyoming Valley Conference competition for the Back Mountain Schools with the winning team taking possession of the Shoe until they play again next year.

Who will win the Shoe this Satur-day at 2 p.m. at the Mountaineers Stadium? The Lake-Lehman Knights hold a 4-1 record in Division AAA of the Conference and the Dallas Mountaineers are 4-1 going into the Old Shoe Game. They are the Division AA Champions in the Conference. Last season the Knights completed the league season with a 3-4 record and the Mountaineers in Division AA.

The Knights took home the Shoe after last season's game by shutting out the Mountaineers 33-0.

Realignment of the Conference into three divisions rather than two resulted in the teams being placed in different divisions. Lake-Lehman was in Division AAA with Crestwood, Bishop Hoban, Bishop O'Reilly, Northwest and West Side Tech while Dallas was in Division AA with GAR, Meyers, Nanticoke, Tunkhannock and Hanover Area. Despite the fact that both teams outside of their divisions it would be impossible to predict the outcome of the Old Shoe game based on those results since, in most cases, the teams were not similar in number, size, experience, or strengths. Most Back Mountain fans are reluctant to ended with a 1-6 record, both teams predict because they know that the (See WHO, page 14)