

Gorgone looking to top 6-5 slate

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After coaching at Coughlin High School and Wilkes College for five years, Rich Gorgone returned to Lake-Lehman as head football coach in 1965 and led a young and inexperienced team to a 6-5 record for the season.

He returns this season for the second consecutive year with the hope that his Black Knights will finish the season at the top of their division.

Gorgone, a resident of Shavertown, is entering his 18th year as a coach. A graduate of West Pittston High School where he played in the backfield and Lock Haven College where he played on the varsity as a running back, football runs in Gorgone's blood.

"I dreamed of the day that I could coach football," said Gorgone. "There is

nothing more rewarding than working with these kids, helping them to achieve their potential and become good athletes."

When Gorgone graduated from college, he first taught and coached in New Jersey. In 1974, he came to Lake-Lehman where he first taught history in the junior high school and coached the football team for five years.

In 1979, he left the coaching position at Lake-Lehman and served as an assistant coach at Coughlin High School for a year. The following year, he accepted a position as assistant coach at Wilkes College where he remained until he returned as head coach at Lake-Lehman last year.

This season Gorgone has been moved to the senior high school where he will teach the history classes.

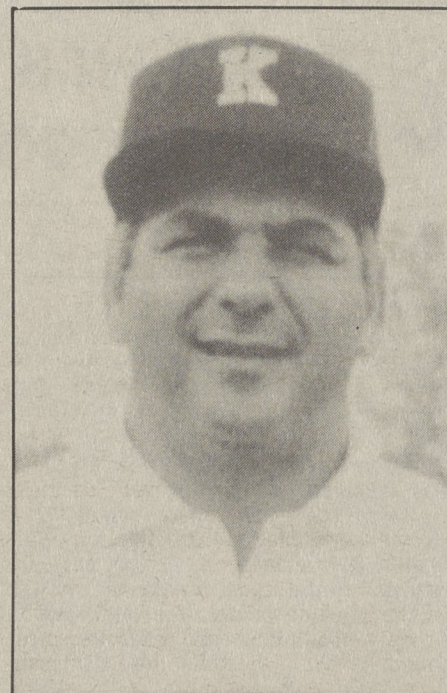
Gorgone and his wife, Drena, are the parents of four children — Megan, a senior at Dallas High School and this year's Prom Queen; Sam, an eighth

grade student at Lake-Lehman because he wants to play football under his dad's coaching and also plays baseball and mini-football; Sara Beth, a third grade student, and Toni, a first grade student, both at Dallas. Sam played soccer for years but gave it up in order to play football.

Gorgone's enthusiasm for the game of football is easily transferred to the members of his team, who quickly assume the same positive attitude of their coach. He is the first to tell you that his priority in coaching is to try to be positive. He said he tries to teach his team members to use their mental abilities as well as their physical abilities in the game.

"I want my players to play tough on the field but to play intelligently, not play to hurt someone," said Gorgone.

Gorgone is excited about this season. He believes the year's experience and the enthusiasm of the players will keep them keyed in to finishing on the top.



RICH GORGONE



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LEHMAN COACHING STAFF — From left, Bob Langan, Bob Roberts, Rich Gorgone, Mark Boyle and Jeff Smith.

1986 Lake-Lehman Knights

Eric Maruca 6'1" 165 SE S
Jason Cadwalader 5'11" 170 WB S
Rocky Lopasky 5'8" 150 SE H
Rich Hillman 5'8" 140 WB H
Scott Wascalus 5'9" 175 HB LB
Len Annetta 6' 162 QB S
Robby Michaels 5'8" 155 QB H
Frank Coslett 6'1" 170 QB S
Ed Radzinski 5'10" 135 SE S
Bill Davis 5'10" 174 HB H
Don Spencer 5'9" 170 WB LB
Rick Davis 5'10" 150 WB LB
Chris Frederick 5'9" 165 HB LB
Mark Bullock 5'8" 135 WB H
Paul Bullock 5'7" 135 SE H
John Walsh 5'8" 155 HB LB
Rich James 5'8" 165 HB LB
Daryl Bonsavage 5'10" 180 HB DE
Jim Roberts 5'10" 160 TE DE
Beau Kreller 5'10" 155 TE LB

Dave Womelsdorf 6' 180 G DE
Scott Shafer 5'10" 210 T LB
Ed Hosey 5'7" 180 C LB
Jason Pish 6'2" 160 T T
Ed Hummel 5'8" 160 G T
Gerry Gizenski 5'11" 175 G DE
Steve Whittaker 5'9" C LB
Scott Schultz 5'10" 225 T DE
Chris Engle 5'10" 208 T T
Stanley Sims 6'2" 285 T T
Scott Kerkowski 5'9" 235 G T
Pat Monaco 5'8" 215 T T
Jim Sabol 5'10" 225 T DE
Chris Landmesser 5'11" 155 SE H
Brian James 6'1" 195 TE DE
Allen Andes, 6' 175 TE DE
Jamie Spencer 5'10" 150 SE H
Craig Ruzicki 5'8" 140 TE DE
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