

Sports

Conway's picks

Sept. 3	John HOINSKI (00-00)	Dotty MARTIN (00-00)	John OLIVER (00-00)	Jack JONES (00-00)	Charlot DENMON (00-00)	GoalPOST PETIE (00-00)
Northwest/Lehman	Lehman 20-6	Lehman 7-6	Lehman 21-0	Lehman 28-6	Lehman 24-7	Lehman 21-7
W.S. Tech/Hanover	Hanover 27-6e	Hanover 21-0e	Hanover 28-6	Hanover 18-0	Hanover 14-0	Hanover 28-0
PSU/Temple	PSU 24-17	PSU 28-12	PSU 21-12	PSU 30-27	PSU 14-12	PSU 28-7

Computer picks winners of local, college gridiron games

It should be known from the outset that no system can predict the outcome of a football game precisely. The Conway Computer System provides the fan with basic estimates which is better known as the "Instant Pre Play." Thus, the Conway System encourages the fan to draw on his own knowledge of the game and employ his own judgement in weighing all the influencing factors which will enable the fan to derive greater overall pleasure and satisfaction for the upcoming season.

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 A) The point differential is only to be used as a handicap... (against the line)
 B) Star picks only indicate substantial points between the computer and the line.
 C) Super picks or locks occur when the computer indicates a minus situation and the line indicates a positive situation.

Different ways to read and achieve success with the Conway system:

When the spread indicates a line lower than the Computer's Prediction, we find a high degree of success, yet the rule of thumb is no less than four points and no more than ten points for this to be effective.

The other trick is to find the reverse play from the Computer against the Line. A good example would be when the Computer indicates Penn State to win by 5 yet the Line is Pitt -11. This is a reverse of six points and when this occurs this system is on fire. The rule of thumb in this case is no less than six points and no more than ten points.

Computer's College Top Ten:

1. Penn State
2. Oklahoma
3. Texas A & M
4. Miami (Fla.)

5. Alabama
 6. Michigan
 7. Nebraska
 8. U.C.L.A.
 9. Florida State
 10. Tennessee
- Computer's N.F. L. Odds to the Super Bowl:
 Chicago 9-5
 N.Y. Giants 5-1
 Denver 5-1
 New England 5-1
 Miami 6-1
 San Francisco 6-1
 L.A. Raiders 6-1
 Dallas 6-1
 Washington 8-1
 Philadelphia 10-1
 N.Y. Jets 10-1
 L.A. Rams 10-1
 Seattle 11-1
 Cleveland 15-1
 San Diego 15-1
 Pittsburgh 15-1
 Detroit 15-1
 Cincinnati 18-1
 Green Bay 18-1
 St. Louis 25-1
 Kansas City 30-1
 Houston 30-1
 Tampa Bay 40-1
 New Orleans 75-1
 Indianapolis 75-1
 Minnesota 100-1
 Atlanta 100-1
 Buffalo 150-1
- Conway's predictions can be read every week in the sports section of the Dallas Post.

Dallas squeaks 7-6 win over powerful Hanover Hawkeyes

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

The best word to describe the opening weekend of football in the Wyoming Valley Conference is "upset."

No less than three teams posted improbable victories, including Tunkhannock's thumping of Wyoming Valley West, Nanticoke's ousting of Pittston Area and Crestwood's explosion against Meyers. Down south, Berwick, a perennial power, also fell prey to the upset bug. Fortunately, Dallas avoided being part of that list—but just barely.

Regarded as a strong contender for the WVC division 11 title, the Mountaineers were not supposed to struggle as much as they did on Saturday with Hanover Area, a team that won just once a year ago, and this is probably still a year away from seriously challenging for the crown. But Dallas didn't look as sharp as its pre-season billing read, and Hanover was stronger than anyone expected. Combine the two

and what you get is a 7-6 Dallas victory that could have easily turned in favor of the Hawkeyes.

"Maybe it was the first game jitters but our offense just didn't execute," Dallas coach Ted Jackson said. We did well on our opening drive, and I felt if we could take it in for a score, that might have changed the game a little."

Indeed it might have. The Mounts picked up 43 yards on their first series alone. But after that drive fizzled out, so did the offense. Dallas gained just 24 yards the rest of the half and, with the exception of Ryan Holthaus' 33-yard burst to open the fourth quarter, just 38 more in the second.

Fortunately, Dallas did have two elements in its favor. First, a Hanover offense that was too young and inexperienced to challenge for a score, and second, a solid Mountaineer defense to make sure it didn't. "I was pleased with our defense," Jackson said. "They kept us in the game."

And they practically won it for them, too. It became apparent that neither team was going to be able to

sustain any long drives, and that the outcome would probably be decided on a turnover.

The Mounts had one opportunity and they made the most of it. Eric Olsen recovered a fumble on the Hanover 15-yard line on the opening kickoff of the second half. Five plays later quarterback Scott Francis hit Ed Kwak with a five yard touchdown pass and Jerry Ogurkis added the crucial PAT. The Hawkeyes, on the other hand, had three chances but only made good on one of them on a five yard touchdown reception by Jason Martinez.

But the two-point conversion attempt was thwarted thanks to hard Dallas rush, and Kyle Boudreaux, who batted quarterback Joe Ropietski's pass away in the endzone to preserve the win.

But Jackson and his team won't have much time to celebrate. In two weeks they play host to Crestwood, a team that walloped a talented Meyers club, 42-22, and a team that beat them 3-0 in a controversial game last year.

This time the motivation should be there.

Lake-Lehman dashes O'Hara score with fourth quarter TD

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
For The Dallas Post

Lake-Lehman's Black Knights were down 6-3 in the first half and with 11:28 left on the clock in the fourth quarter, it appeared Bishop O'Hara was going home with a victory. Lenn Annetta had other ideas and led his team down field with a 10-play 68-yard drive with Knight Scott Wascalus going in from the five for the winning touchdown.

Highlight of the drive was Quarterback Annetta's 30-yard hit to

Kevin Carey that set up Wascalus' score.

The Lake-Lehman Knights came hungry for the win and they played tough. Scott Kerkowski and Steve Whittaker did a good job holding the Bruins fullback Mark Caputo and Kerkowski and Stan Sims forced O'Hara's Quarterback Steve Rainey to throw two incomplete passes in the final two minutes of the game.

"It was a great win for us," said elated Knights Coach Rich Gorgone. "We had the open date and we believed it would be a great opportunity for the kids to open with a game against a team like Bishop O'Hara. They played tough, although they made a few mistakes in the first half. Then they settled down and the kids played well."

The Black Knights did not have an easy time against a strong and determined Bruin team. With only 1:36 remaining in the game Scott Shafer kicked a punt that went out of bounds at the Bruins seven. O'Hara's quarterback completed four passes to move his team to the Knights' 35-yard line. It was then that Kerkowski and Sims exerted pressure forcing Rainey to throw two incomplete passes.

The Knights took over and played out the clock, winning 9-6.

The Knights took the ball on the opening kickoff and in four first downs reached the Bruins 16-yard line. On fourth and three Knight Bill Davis was thrown by the Bruins, who took over and went the length of the field for the first score of the game. O'Hara's Mark Caputo capped their drive with a 41-yard

touchdown drive to give the Bruins a 6-0 lead.

Both teams went scoreless for the rest of the first quarter. It was with only 2:52 left on the clock that sophomore Len Annetta hit Spencer with a 40-yard strike that put the Knights within scoring distance but they had to settle for a field goal to move the score to 6-3.

"Our defense could have been better," said Gorgone. "The kids didn't settle until the second half. O'Hara forced us to the air which was fine because Annetta was throwing well and a lot of our new kids did a good job for us."

The Black Knights play Northwest this week.

"We can't discount Northwest," said Coach Gorgone. "They have a lot of kids coming back and they have a super athlete in Lane. We have looked at the films and we know what we have to work on this week. We'll continue to take one game at a time, there are too many balanced teams in the league."

Molina, Bulman winners of Triathlon

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

Ken Glah and Juli Brening are recognized as two of the top triathletes in the world. But whenever they compete in the same race as Scott Molina and Liz Bulman, they are automatically cast in the role of underdogs.

That was the case last Sunday in the 5th Annual Greater Wilkes-Barre Triathlon, and predictably, the results were no surprise. But while Molina, 26, of Boulder, Colo., breezed to an easy win to capture the \$5,000 first place prize in the mens competition, Bulman needed a late spurt, after trailing the entire race, to do the same in the women's division.

It was Molina's 16th victory in his last 19 tries, this time in a 1:56:05 clocking. Bulman, who

notched her seventh win this year, topped the women's bracket with a time of 2:08:50. Glah finished second in 1:56:05 while Brening crossed the finish line in 2:09:09.

Although Glah, 22, of West Chester, could not catch Molina on Sunday, he has defeated him twice this year.

"He doesn't have any weaknesses," Glah said. "In order for you to beat him, he has to run a mediocre race and you have to run a great one. But he motivates you to improve."

That doesn't mean, however, that Molina's lofty status causes him to loose concentration during competition. "It's not hard to concentrate when the difference between first and second place is \$3,000," said the No. 1 ranked triathlete in the world.

For Brening, who finished behind Bulman for the third time this month, the defeat was particularly frustrating. With approximately

one-quarter of a mile to go to the finish, Bulman, 27, of Columbia, Mo., raced by her coming through the arches of the College Misericordia entrance to post the win.

Asked what her reaction was when Bulman passed her by, Brening laughed, "I called her a bitch." Actually the two are good friends and they talked about each others skills.

"She's a better biker, but I'm a better runner," Bulman explained. "But now she is improving in her running and I'm improving on my biking."

"Last year she was beating me by a lot more," the 26-year old Brening from Kirland, Wash., said. "But now the races are getting closer and closer."

The four will go at it again in September at Hilton Head, South Carolina, at the USTA national championships. Glah and Brening already know where they stand.

Locals tell why they compete in grueling event

By JOHN HOINSKI
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It is easy to understand why a triathlete would push their body to the limits of endurance when the reward is monetary. But why would a person who knows they have no chance of winning do the same.

"I think it's a great workout," said Paul Goeringer, 31, of Dallas who finished in 2:48:08. "When you run, you are just exercising your legs. But with this, you give your whole body a workout."

His wife, Lori, who attended Sunday's race but did not participate, is also into conditioning. "Last year I hurt my leg so I wasn't able to enter. This year I was just lazy,"

she laughed.

For Steve Tuttle, 33, of Lehman, he also believes it's a good workout, but there are other reasons, too. "I think it is a great way to keep in shape, but it's good to set goals for yourself," said Tuttle, who finished his first triathlon in 2:33:17. "When I hurt my foot in college, I took up swimming, and I've been running for about 13 years and biking for six. I'm not real good in any one of them, but when you put all three together, you can become pretty competitive."

Maureen Connolly, 23, of Harveys Lake has yet another reason. "I'm really racing against the clock," said Connolly, who finished her fourth triathlon. "I know I'm not going to beat any professional, so I

just try to beat my time from the year before."

She finished ten minutes better than her performance in 1985.

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