

Sports Victory No. 2

Ogurkis boots field goal to lift Dallas, 9-7

By JOHN HOINSKI
Staff Writer

Saturday afternoon's football game between Dallas Area and Crestwood was important to the Mountaineers and head coach Ted Jackson for several reasons.

First, they were going up against a good Comet team that had trounced a talented Meyers club two weeks before and that was again being highly touted after winning the Eastern Conference Class B championship last year. Secondly, there was a revenge motive on the part of Dallas which suffered a controversial 3-0 setback last year. And third, and perhaps most importantly, the game would determine how good the Mounts really were.

"This game was going to determine how well we are going to do the rest of the year," Jackson stated following the Mountaineers' thrilling 9-7 win on sopho-

more Jerry Ogurkis' 25-yard field goal with 18 seconds left to play. "Hanover was a good team but we knew Crestwood was going to be strong. We have Meyers this week and Tunkhannock the next, so this game was going to tell us how good we are."

Judging not only by the outcome, but by the desire and intensity Dallas showed in the comeback win, the Mountaineers must now be considered as legitimate contenders for the Wyoming Valley Conference Division 11 title.

Constantly on the defensive for the first half, Dallas was forced to contend with a Crestwood offense that started three drives inside the Mountaineer 50 yard line. But they played well enough to allow just one touchdown on Jeff McGovern's two yard run. Meanwhile, the offense never did get on track and crossed mid-field only once, that coming with 16 seconds left.

"They controlled the ball," Jackson explained. "It wasn't anything fancy, just straight ahead on those quick openers. We were expecting them to throw the

ball, but they ran right over us."

Refusing to buckle, Dallas not only challenged in the second half, they dominated both offensively and defensively. Still, they were unable to score, and for the second year in a row it looked like Dallas would outplay the Comets but would have only a loss to show for it.

"Yeah, I thought it was going to happen again this year," Jackson said. "It just seemed like we weren't going to score no matter what we did."

That was the case last year when Dallas had the ball inside the 10 on three different occasions, although the Mountaineers never did put up any points.

Last Saturday it appeared as if the same thing would happen. But, oddly enough, the Mounts showed their true character not in their domination, but in their ability to come back after their own mistakes.

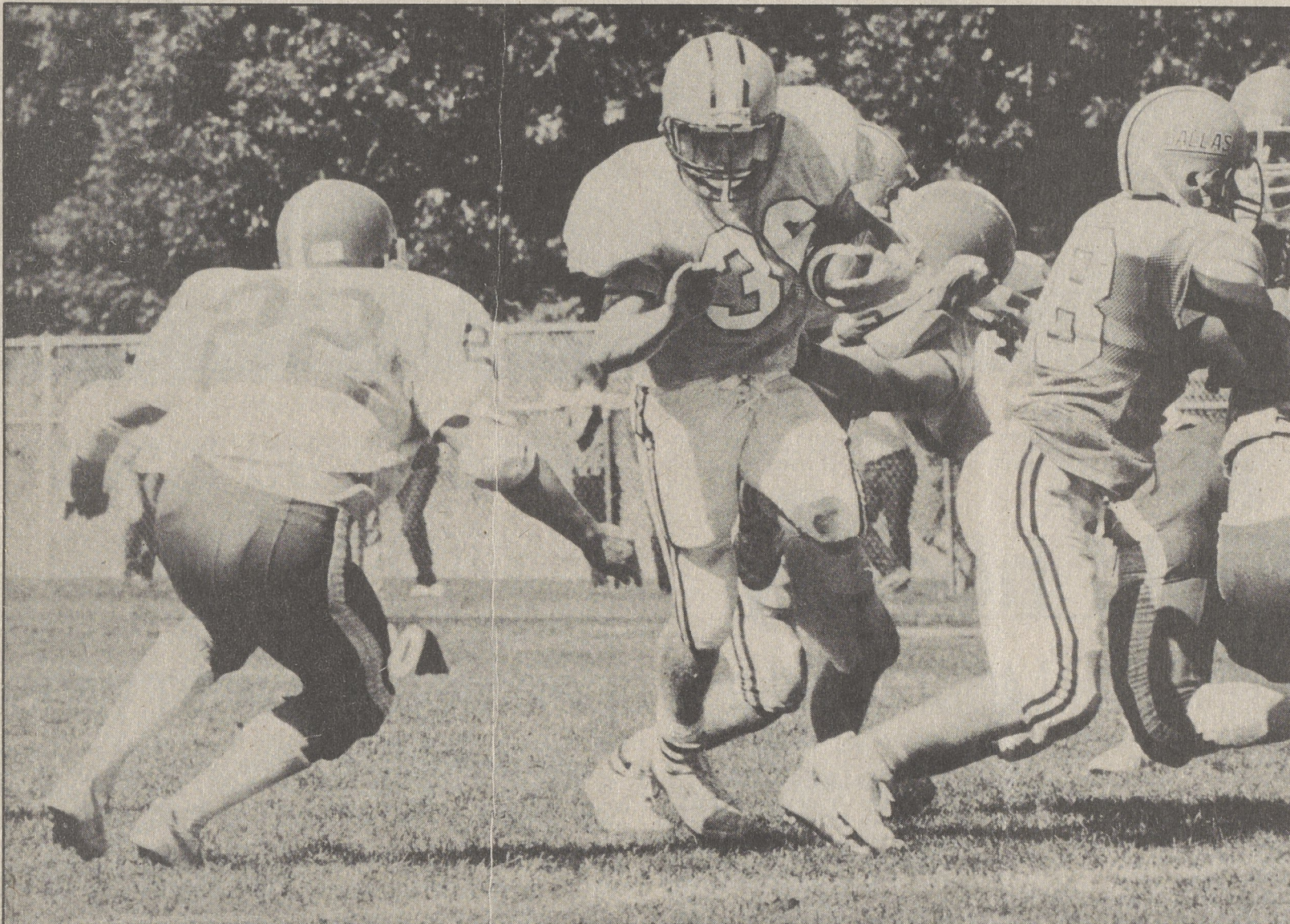
Dallas threatened the first three times they had the ball in the second half, but fumbled away one opportunity on the one, suffered an interception on the

24 on the next and completed the hat trick by fumbling again, this time on the 13.

Finally with five minutes left to play, Mike Koprowski, who played with the heart of a lion, singlehandedly breaking several tackles on a number of occasions on the scoring drive, carried the ball to the five before Ryan Holthaus, who duplicated Koprowski's effort on the defensive side, plowed in from the two. But when the two-point conversion failed, it looked like Crestwood would hold on for the win.

Instead of hanging their heads after their fourth failure of the half, however, the defense shutdown Crestwood cold and left it up to the offense and quarterback Scott Francis for one more try. They did their job and Ogurkis did his, rocketing a 25-yard field goal with 18 seconds left to play.

"You can't give a team like Dallas that many chances to win," said Crestwood coach Bill Jones. "They deserved to win that game."



Koprowski bulls through

mountaineer Mike Koprowski attempts to bolt through the Crestwood defensive line while Comet Jeff McGovern (No. 22)

prepares for the tackle. Dallas slipped by their Wyoming Valley Conference counterparts, 9-7.

Dallas Post/Jack Steblinski

Tigers much too big for Knights

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
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Coach Rich Gorgone's Lake-Lehman Knights knew they were up against a physical team when they traveled to Tunkhannock to meet the Tigers last Friday, but they played to win and nearly did pull it off — if it hadn't been for Mike Grohs.

Grohs intercepted Knight Len Annetta's strikes three times, the third time with only 35 seconds remaining, the one that saved an 18-13 win for the Tigers.

Grohs was all over the field for the Tigers on both the offense and defense. He scored the Tigers' first touchdown early in the first quarter, taking the ball in from the one-yard line to give Tunkhannock a 6-0 lead. Grohs picked up his first interception less than three minutes into the first quarter and carried the ball to the one-yard line. On the next play he went around the right side for the score. Kevin Hutchins' kick for the extra point went wide.

The Black Knights took a Tiger punt on their own 40-yard line with less than six minutes on the clock in the first quarter and five plays later scored when Bill Davis took a handoff from Annetta, then threw a lateral pass to Annetta, who in turn threw down the field to Chris Landmesser. Landmesser caught the ball and raced into the endzone for the Knights' score. Scott Shafer's kick

went through the uprights and Gorgone's Knights took a 7-6 lead into the locker room at halftime.

The Knights' defense stopped a Tunkhannock threat halfway through the second period when they stopped Brian Mast on a fourth down and one play.

On the first play from the line of scrimmage in the second half, Knight Scott Wascalus fumbled and Tunkhannock's John Daniels recovered the ball at Lake-Lehman's 25-yard line. Joe Nally carried the ball to the 14-yard line before he was downed by a Knight. Tunkhannock's G. Brennan threw to Grohs on the next play, who stepped into the endzone for the Tigers' second touchdown. The try for two points failed and Tunkhannock took a 12-7 lead.

In the fourth period Grohs intercepted Annetta's pass to set up the final Tunkhannock score. The Tigers moved down field from the Knights' 43-yard line to their own one-yard line in six plays. On the next play, Mast took the ball into the endzone for the score.

The Knights refused to give up and Chris Landmesser took a 39-yard hit from Annetta and carried it into the endzone for his second touchdown of the game and moved the Knights within five points of the Tigers with the score 18-13, when Annetta's try for two points failed.

In the final minute of the game, the Knights had a chance to move in (See TIGERS, page 10)

Richardson, Morris lead way for Dallas kickers' fourth win

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Mark Richardson and Dale Morris led the Dallas soccer team to its fourth consecutive win on Thursday, defeating Lake-Lehman, 6-1, in the Wyoming Valley Conference. Earlier in the week, the aggressive Mountaineers shut out Wyoming Valley West, 8-0, despite Coach John McCafferty's Dallas team playing a sloppy first half.

Coach Ray Dennis' Knights defeated the young Tunkhannock team, 13-3, on Tuesday at the Knights' field to pick up a second win before going down to defeat to a more experienced Dallas team on Thursday.

With only 1:30 off the clock in the first period in Thursday's game with the Knights, Dallas' Dale Morris scored the first goal with a penalty kick while Jim Lister, with an assist by Mark Richardson, scored a second goal for Dallas at 8:05 into the quarter.

In the second period, Richardson scored two goals for Dallas, the first unassisted, when he dribbled the ball in from the 30-yard line and the next goal on an assist by Lister to move the score to 4-0 for Dallas.

Neither team scored in the third period, but at 3:45 into the fourth period, Richardson again scored unassisted and Morris scored the sixth goal for the Mountaineers on a penalty kick.

Knight Rick Parry shot the ball in for Lake-Lehman at 13:45 into the final period on an assist by Aaron Dennis off a corner kick.

Dallas had 31 shots at goal, Lake-Lehman had 11. Dallas goalie John Sheehan had five saves, Lake-Lehman's Mark Rogowski had seven.

In the Dallas/Wyoming Valley West game on Tuesday, both teams went scoreless until the second period when Lister scored two goals, on unassisted,

and the other goal with an assist by Richardson. Eric Rosentel scored the other goal for the Mountaineers in the second period.

Coach McCafferty said that his team played listlessly in the first period and probably were taking the Spartans too lightly. Lister appeared to be taking the game seriously and kept urging the Mountaineers throughout the game.

In the final period, they came to life and rallied for five goals — two of them by Dallas exchange student, Joel VanDen Hoogen, from Holland. He scored one goal unassisted and a second one on an assist by Brent Snowdon with 15:07 remaining in the game.

Matt Lipo scored an assist at 4:47 remaining. Snowdon scored off an assist by VanDen Hoogen at 2:53 remaining and Dave Morris scored the final goal off a penalty kick with 2:04 remaining.

Lake-Lehman scored only one goal in the first period in their game with Tunkhannock and the score was tied at 1-1 going into the second period. The Knights came out strong in the second period and erupted with six goals, four more in the third period and two in the final period to take home a 13-3 win.

Knight Rick Parry scored the first goal for Lake-Lehman at 9:25 of the first quarter. Both teams played defensively until 19:42 into the quarter when Tiger Chad Stuckey hit a long drive in to score.

The second quarter started like the first quarter but at 7:25, Parry scored his second goal off a shot from the right corner which slid by the Tigers goalkeeper. Two minutes after Parry scored, Knight Jody Hummel scored off an assist by Chris Scharff. He did the same play again at 10:05 of the quarter to give the Knights a 4-1 lead. Less than a minute later, Rick Titus, with an assist by Hummel, scored and with only one minute left in the quarter, Missy Gooch scored on a penalty kick. At 19:45 into the quarter, Parry scored unassisted to give Lake-Lehman a 7-1 lead at the half.

	Dotty MARTIN (8-5)	John HOINSKI (9-4)	Charlot DENMON (11-2)	John OLIVER (9-4)	Jack JONES (11-2)	GoalPOST PETIE (11-2)
Dallas/Meyers	Dallas 21-7	Dallas 22-13	Meyers 14-12	Dallas 14-13	Dallas 30-6	Dallas 13-6
Lehman/Hanover	Hanover 7-6	Lehman 20-7	Lehman 14-7	Lehman 17-6	Lehman 14-7	Lehman 12-6
O'Reilly/Wallenpaupack	O'Reilly 14-12	O'Reilly 10-7	O'Reilly 7-6	O'Reilly 7-0	O'Reilly 7-01	Wallen 12-0
W.S. Tech Bishop Hoban	Hoban 28-0	Hoban 35-6	Hoban 24-6	Hoban 28-07	Hoban 28-74	Hoban 18-7
Wyo. Sem. Hill School	Wyo. Sem. 21-6	Wyo. Sem. 21-14	Wyo. Sem. 14-6	Wyo. Sem. 13-6	Wyo. Sem. 18-6	Wyo. Sem. 28-7
Penn State Boston Col.	PSU 35-12	PSU 31-13	PSU 21-14	PSU 35-17	PSU 30-17	PSU 35-12
Pittsburgh Purdue	Pitt 24-13	Purdue 24-17	Pitt 14-12	Purdue 24-12	Pitt 25-17	Pitt 27-17
Notre Dame Michigan St.	ND 21-6	ND 27-21	ND 17-14	ND 21-14	Michigan 30-28	ND 21-17

Denmon forces three-way tie

Staff correspondent Charlot Denmon picked up four victories this past week to force a three-way tie among herself, Jack Jones and GoalPOST Petie as all three prognosticators sport 11-2 slates.

Staff writer John Hoinski grabbed three victories to only two defeats, moving himself into a tie for second place with John Oliver as the two hold 9-4 records.

Executive Editor Dotty Martin grabbed only two wins while losing three this week and fell to last place with an 8-5 mark.

Denmon, remaining true blue to the Mountaineers of Dallas last week, fooled all of her counterparts as she

got a victory when the Dallas boys defeated Crestwood, 9-7. Oliver's downfall was staying with the Knights of Lake-Lehman who lost to Tunkhannock, 18-13.

Nobody predicted the Bishop O'Reilly/Northwest game correctly as the Rangers stormed into town and trounced the Queenswomen, 24-7, while everybody got a victory on the 14-14 tie played by Pittsburgh and North Carolina State.

Martin was the only one stumped in the Notre Dame/Michigan game as the Fightin' Irish were defeated, 24-23.

Youth soccer roundup

U-10 DIVISION

The Chiefs shut out the Sting, 3-1 in a mid-day contest. Besides giving an outstanding defensive performance, Jeff Kunkle also starred on offense, scoring two goals for the Chiefs. Another strong player, Stuart Graham, also scored for the Chiefs. The defensive teamwork of the Chiefs kept pressure on the opponents' goalie and thanks to hard work by Ryan Dauksis, Robin Holeman, Lisa Wall and Michael Woronko, the Sting were overcome. Nick Santarelli made th Sting's lone goal.

When the Stoners triumphed over the Stompers, 13-1, goals were made by Mike Vigione, three; Kevin McDonald, three; Jeremy Fleegeer, two; Mike Heffron, two; Mike Vozniak, two; and Kali Bagby. Trying to rally his team, Dan Poedhl scored for the Stompers.

In a fiercely competitive battle, the Hurricanes blew away the Timbers, 4-1. The Timber goal was scored by Robbie Kohli, while Hurricane teammates Chris O'Brien, John Oliver and Rocco Policarne brought their team to victory. O'Brien scored two goals.

In the late afternoon, the Strikers squeezed out a win over the Sockers, 3-2. Adam Yarnal, Ryan Bombick and Patrick Stoltz were scorers for the Strikers while Eric Dffenbacher and Suzanne Mugford brought in goals for the Sockers.

Scores for the week: Tornadoses 7, Rowdies 2; Stoners 13, Stompers 1; Hurricanes 4, Timbers 1; Strikers 3, Sockers 2; Roughnecks 1, Express 0; Chiefs 3, Sting 1; Comets 2, Kicks 0.

U-12 DIVISION

In Saturday's soccer action in the U-12 Division, Amy Trynoski of the

Sting scored a winning fourth quarter goal to lead that team over the Chiefs in a tight 4-3 battle.

Shawn Scavone led the STings' offensive drives which resulted in goals by Steve Barkley, Ben Brown, Jason Matthey and Trynoski.

The Chiefs' Seth Marlatt scored two and Ken Chapple one to keep the score tied throughout most of the game. Assisting on the goals were Chapple, Jack Sordoni and Matt Bailey. Bailey also contributed to good defensive play by the Chiefs, along with Casey Kernag and Eve Figueroa.

However, it was the defensive teamwork of the Sting's Ben Brown, Melissa Brown, Jason Poplaski and Jeff Shaw which held tight for the win.

In another close U-12 game, the

(See YOUTH, page 10)

Conway's predictions

(Jim Conway of Wilkes-Barre has devised computer software that enables the computer to predict the outcome of football games. Handicapping sports events with a computer and computer data is the most comprehensive way for figuring probabilities and for keeping absolutely current in the ever-changing world of sports. Since no system can predict the outcome of a football game precisely, Conway's Computer System provides the fan with basic estimates and encourages the fan to draw on his knowledge of the game and employ his own judgment in weight all the influencing factors which will enable the fan to derive greater overall pleasure and satisfaction for the upcoming week.)

NCAA PREDICTIONS
Penn State 28, Boston College 21
Syracuse 24, Virginia Tech 24

North Carolina State 27, Wake Forest 21
Oklahoma State 30, Houston 18
Purdue 23, Pittsburgh 23
Dartmouth 25, Penn 25
West Virginia 24, Maryland 23
Cornell 27, Princeton 22
Michigan State 25, Oregon State 17
Georgia 30, Clemson 19
Alabama 27, Florida 23
Ohio State 27, Colorado 22
Harvard 29, Columbia 20
Brown 27, Yale 23
Baylor 26, USC 22
Indiana 27, Navy 24
Oklahoma 29, Minnesota 15
Michigan State 25, Notre Dame 21
Missouri 26, Texas 24
Army 25, Northwestern 23
Arkansas 32, Tulsa 20
Air Force 28, Wyoming 19
California 28, Washington State 21
Arizona 29, Oregon 19
Washington 28, Brigham Young 23

Nebraska 26, Illinois 20
Virginia 25, Georgia Tech 25
Florida State 26, North Carolina 24
Vanderbilt 26, Tulane 23
TCU 31, Kansas State 16
UCLA 25, San Diego 24
Arizona State 24, SMU 24
NFL PREDICTIONS
Dallas over Atlanta by 14
San Diego over Giants by 2
Denver over Eagles by 3
Buffalo over St. Louis by 5
San Diego over Washington by 7
Chicago over Green Bay by 16
Detroit over Tampa Bay by 11
Raiders over Pittsburgh by 1
Los Angeles over Colts by 6
San Francisco over New Orleans by 21
New York Jets over Miami by 7
New England over Seattle by 4
Cincinnati over Cleveland by 2
Kansas City over Houston by 7