

Sports

Dallas stickers advance in playoffs

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Dallas girls' field hockey team defeated Honesdale, 4-0, Saturday at Wilkes-Barre to advance to a game with Tunkhannock tonight at 8 p.m.

The Lady Mountaineers scored all of their goals in the first half then played a below average second half in picking up the win. Coach Robyn Jones stated the Lady Mountaineers made too many mistakes and played without aggressiveness in the second half.

Lori Warnecka, Sue Wells, Joyce Tinner and Shannon Cleary scored the goals for Dallas and making the assists were Leigh Pawling, Warnecka and Wells.

Dallas had 25 shots at goal, 21 corner shots and one save by Eileen Walsh. Honesdale had three shots at goal, three corner shots and 15 saves.

Earlier in the week, the Dallas Mountaineers won first seed in the AAA division by defeating Wyoming Valley West 3-0. The girls performance on Monday was a total team effort with every member giving full support throughout the game.

Shannon Cleary on an assist by Lori Warnecka scored first at the 5:19 mark of the first half and knocked it by Spartan goalkeeper Sherri Kuchinskis at the 26:43 mark.

In the second half, Cleary scored a second time on Warnecka's assist at the 20:43 mark of the half.

The Lady Mountaineers finished the season with a 10-2 record.

KNIGHTS UPSET

In Lake-Lehman's first round of the AA playoffs, they were upset, 2-1, by the Northwest Rangers whom the Black Knights had trounced earlier in the season.

The Rangers scored two goals in the first half to eliminate the Knights from the playoffs.

Susie Slocum gave the Knights a 1-0 lead off an assist by Sue DeGennaro at 11:30 into the first half but the Rangers Jennifer Bomboy tied the score at 1-1 with three minutes remaining in the half. With only 30 seconds on the clock Marcy Davis scored to put the Rangers in front 2-1.

The Lake-Lehman girls outshot the Rangers 25-15 but could not get the ball in the cage for a score.

SHUT OUT GAR

In Monday's game with GAR, the Knights shut out the Grenadiers, 5-1, to take the AA division title in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

GAR held Lake-Lehman to a 1-1 score in the first half but in the second half the Knights (See DALLAS, page 12)

Seminary defeats Dallas; robs locals of league title

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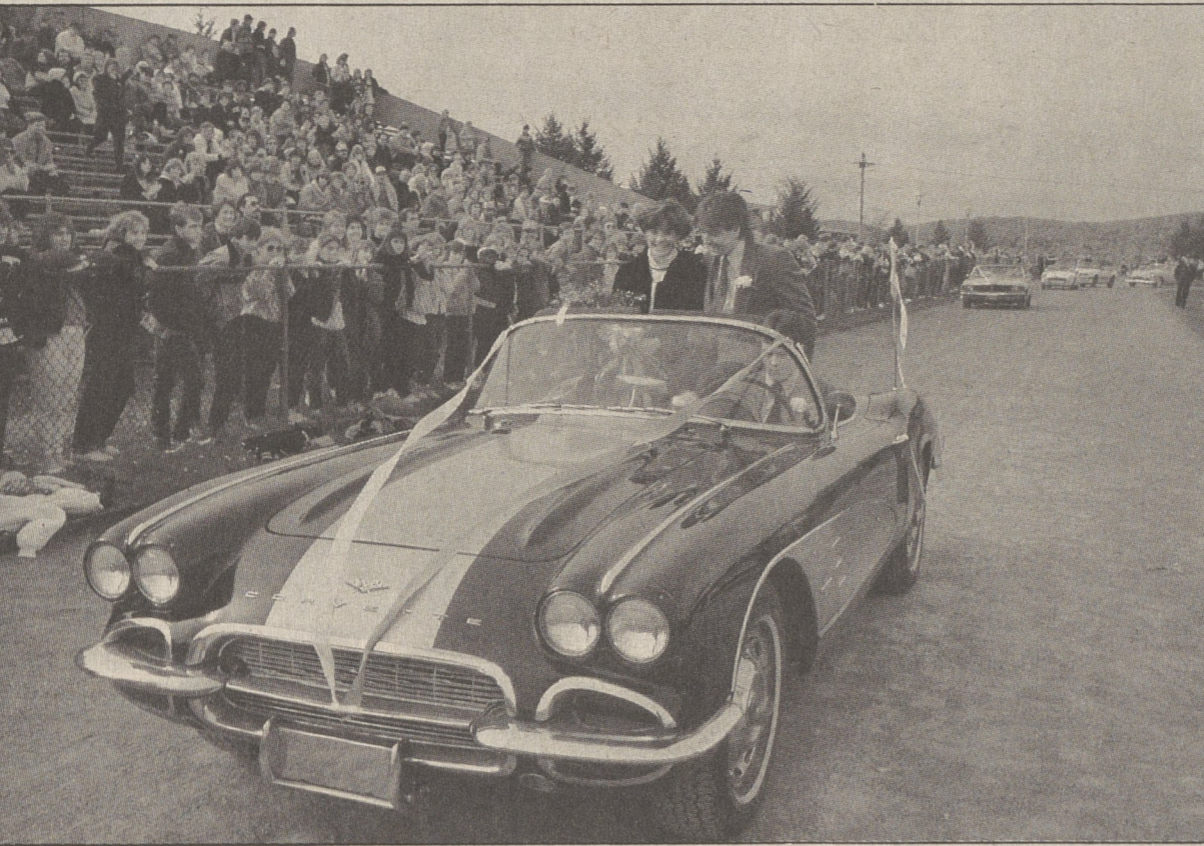
Dallas Mountaineers were unable to get past Seminary's goalkeeper Jeff Metz in last Wednesday's game at the Blue Knights' field and the Knights won the WVC East Division title by defeating the Mountaineers, 1-0.

The Seminary goalie played a key role in the Blue Knights' sixth consecutive shutout by coming through with seven saves. Dallas goalkeeper John Sheehan also played a strong defense but a bad Mountaineer pass at midfield accounted for the Blue Knights lone score.

Mark Richardson made a bad pass that was taken by Sem's Tyler Wilson, who gave it off to Dave Heydt who was successful in getting it past Sheehan at the 5:30 mark in the third period.

In a well-played game by both teams, there were only a total of 31 shots by both teams and the Blue Knights held the Mountaineers to only six shots in the second half. Eric Rosental had an opportunity to score for Dallas in the beginning of the second half but Metz turned it away. With only six minutes remaining in the final period Metz saved a shot made by Mount Jeff Tinner.

Both teams' defense played an aggressive game throughout but



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Homecoming Queen

1986 Dallas High School Homecoming Queen Leigh Pawling enters the Dallas football field Saturday afternoon. Miss Pawling, who was escorted by Steve Cominsky, was crowned Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies of the Dallas/Nanticoke football game. Miss Pawling and Mr. Cominsky were driven to the ceremonies by A.J. Crahal in a Corvette owned by Joseph Cominsky of Dallas.

Time away from field gives Knights more fight

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Following the Lake-Lehman Knights' big loss to the Nanticoke Trojans last week, coach Rich Gorgone's major concern was his team's three week layoff. With a week layoff, then a second week off due to West Side Vo-Tech's withdrawal from the Wyoming Valley Conference, Gorgone wasn't too happy with the fact his boys would be idle coming off a 42-0 loss.

Gorgone gave it a lot of thought over the first weekend and came up with a plan. He discussed his plan with his coaching staff and, with their approval, he put it into effect.

He did something most coaches seldom do. When his athletes reported for practice Monday he told them to go home. "Take the week off," Gorgone told them. "Go home, enjoy yourself — relax, go out, forget about football for this week but report back here next Thursday ready for some hard work." He did the same thing with his coaches.

The athletes did some lifting to keep in shape but on their own time, nothing formalized nor routine. The coaches spent that first week spending time with their families, catching up on duties they had let slide

during the season.

That Thursday, players and coaches reported to practice. The kids worked out, ran and practiced. The coaches sat down, looked at past performances and evaluated the games coming up.

Gorgone, with his assistants, divided the team into two squads, the black and the gold, evenly matched, equal strength, equal experience, and held an inner-school game.

The Black team worked out at one end of the field under Coach Gorgone; the Gold team worked out at the other end of the field under Coach Bob Roberts.

Each team named their captains and on Wednesday, one team in home uniforms, the other in away uniforms, played a regular game with the final score 29-22. "It broke up the monotony of regular drills and workouts," said Gorgone. "It was great, the kids played with as much enthusiasm as in a regular game. They had fun as well as a good workout with actual plays. They hit one another just as they would in an official game."

This past Thursday, the Black Knights started working out for their game with Crestwood coming up Saturday. Everyone but the seniors scrimmaged with West Side Tech Friday. It (See KNIGHTS, page 12)

Thriller! Mountaineers hang tight; slip by Nanticoke, 15-12

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The Dallas Mountaineers play football a lot like the Boston Red Sox play baseball. The longer the game goes on, the greater the chances are something wrong will go against them.

So, although Dallas was holding onto a slim 7-6 lead over Nanticoke in last Saturday's 15-12 heart-stopping win with five minutes left to play, and with its defense turning in another strong performance, you just knew something was going to go wrong.

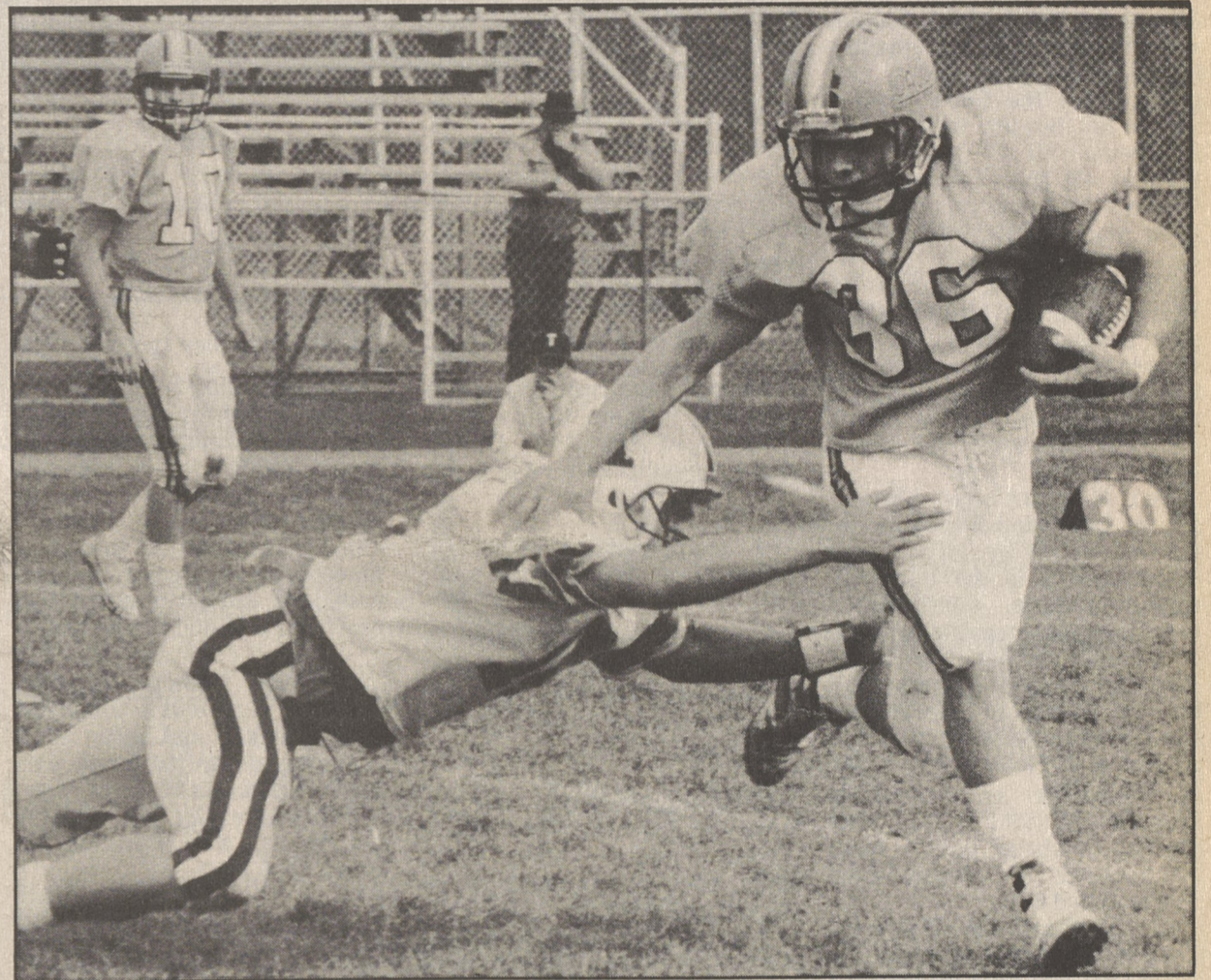
It did two weeks before when Wyoming Area marched 82 yards in the last minute of play for the winning score on its only drive of the day, and it nearly happened in three other contests where the Mounts fumbled with their destiny at various times.

Last Saturday afternoon you could even sense it coming. First, quarterback Scott Fran-

cis came within a whisker of being sacked in the endzone for a safety. Two plays later, on a fourth-and-one situation, Francis stood in punt formation, hurried back to his QB position, then handed off to a running-back who picked up the first down. But the play was nullified due to a delay of game penalty. By this time you could predict what would happen next.

For the past few weeks, the Mounts had been having trouble with long snaps from center. And with Francis back in punt formation again, this time on his own 10 yard line, what better time to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. On cue, the snap was high enough so that Francis could not handle the ball cleanly and Nanticoke recovered on the two. Four plays later it was 12-7, Trojans.

But no one or no team could possibly have as much misfortune as the Red Sox, and on just two plays, including a 65-yard (See THRILLER, page 12)



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Slip slidin' away

Mike Koprowski of the Dallas High School football team gets away from Trojan defender Jim McDermott during Saturday's Wyoming Valley Conference game between the two schools. The Mountaineers rallied to pick up a 15-12 victory.

Chiefs and Stoners battle head-on in youth soccer league

U-10 DIVISION

The U-10 "Big Four" playoffs on Saturday saw a fiercely contested battle between the Chiefs and the Stoners. In this fast-paced game, the two teams matched each other goal for goal until the third quarter when the Stoners took an unbeatable lead. Final score was 8 to 4 and goals for the victorious Stoners were scored by Kevin McDonald (4), Jeremy Fleegeer (2), Mike Heffron and Mike Vozniak. The iron leg of sweep Kali Bagby saved the day with his gigantic kicks almost the length of the field. Chiefs goals were brought in by Jeff Kunkle (2), Mike Adamchick and Mike Woronko.

In the second game the Hurricanes shut out the Timbers 3 to 1. All the Hurricanes goals were brought in by John Oliver and a penalty kick enabled Timber Mike Tribendis to score for his team. Defensive players giving outstanding performances were Alan Mosca and Carrie Llewellyn for the Timbers and Michael Lycon for the Hurricanes.

Sunday's final contest was fought on a wet and sloppy field of mud. In this hard fought game, the Stoners jumped ahead 2 to 0 in the first half with goals being scored by Jeremy Fleegeer and Mike Viglione. Then Hurricanes teammates John Oliver and William Saba tied it up. The game went into two overtimes without a score. They then had a dramatic shootout and the Hurricanes eked out a victory 3 to 2. Shootout goals were scored by W. Saba, John Oliver and Wayne Lycon for the

Hurricanes and Mike Viglione and Jeremy Fleegeer for the Stoners. Outstanding defensive play for the Stoners was given by Gail Morris, Kali Bagby, Melissa Miller and Mike Kernag.

Youth soccer

U-12 DIVISION

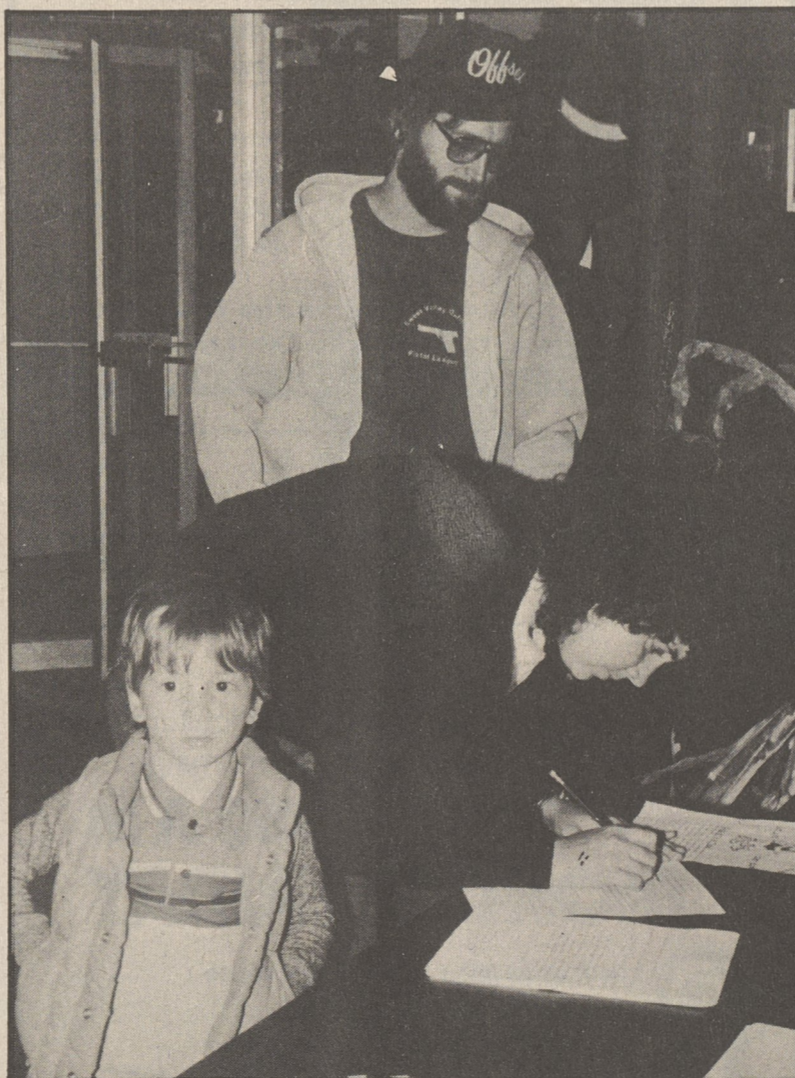
The Chiefs defeated the Sting 6-0 and the Strikers outlasted the Rowdies 3-2 to get the U-12 Back Mountain Soccer championship game on Sunday.

Matt Bailey led the Chiefs with a hat trick in their 4-1 win over the Strikers. Holly Mannear also hit the net for the winners. Goalie Brian Matosky led the defense, assisted by Jason Bowen, Casey Kernag and Brad Fleegeer.

The lone goal for the Strikers came on a 30 foot penalty kick from Charlie Sigin. Tracy and Megan Heffron, Joe LaNunziata and Matt Myers played an excellent defensive game for the Strikers.

U-14 DIVISION

The Hurricanes emerged as the champions in the U-14 Division by defeating the Sockers 4-1 in a hard-fought battle in wet conditions. Rich Wasilius put the Hurricanes up early with two goals in the first quarter. Mark Medura added to the lead in the second quarter banging one into the net for a 3-0 score. Neil Kaiser punched one home a few minutes later putting the Sockers (See SOCCER, page 12)



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Wrestling sign-ups

Joe Maskalis Sr. and his wife Debbie, of Meeker, lend some assistance to their son, Joe Jr. as they register him for participation in the Back Mountain Wrestling Club. The local grappling organization held sign-ups last Wednesday evening at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.