

Shannon Cleary scores to give Dallas AAA title

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Dallas High School junior Shannon Cleary took a pass from Lori Warnecka at 29:57 into the second half and hit past Tunkhannock's goalkeeper Lara Lord to give the Lady Mountaineers a 2-1 win over the Tigers in the Wyoming Valley Conference AAA Division field hockey finals.

The win advanced the Mountaineers to Tuesday's interdistrict play against the second place team from District 11 at Nanticoke High School. Tunkhannock also advanced to play the District 11 champion at Nazareth High School, Tuesday.

The Lady Mountaineers scored first in the game with the Tigers when Maureen Wisniewski hit a penalty play into the cage for a score at 12:02 into the first half.

It was only seconds later that the Tigers

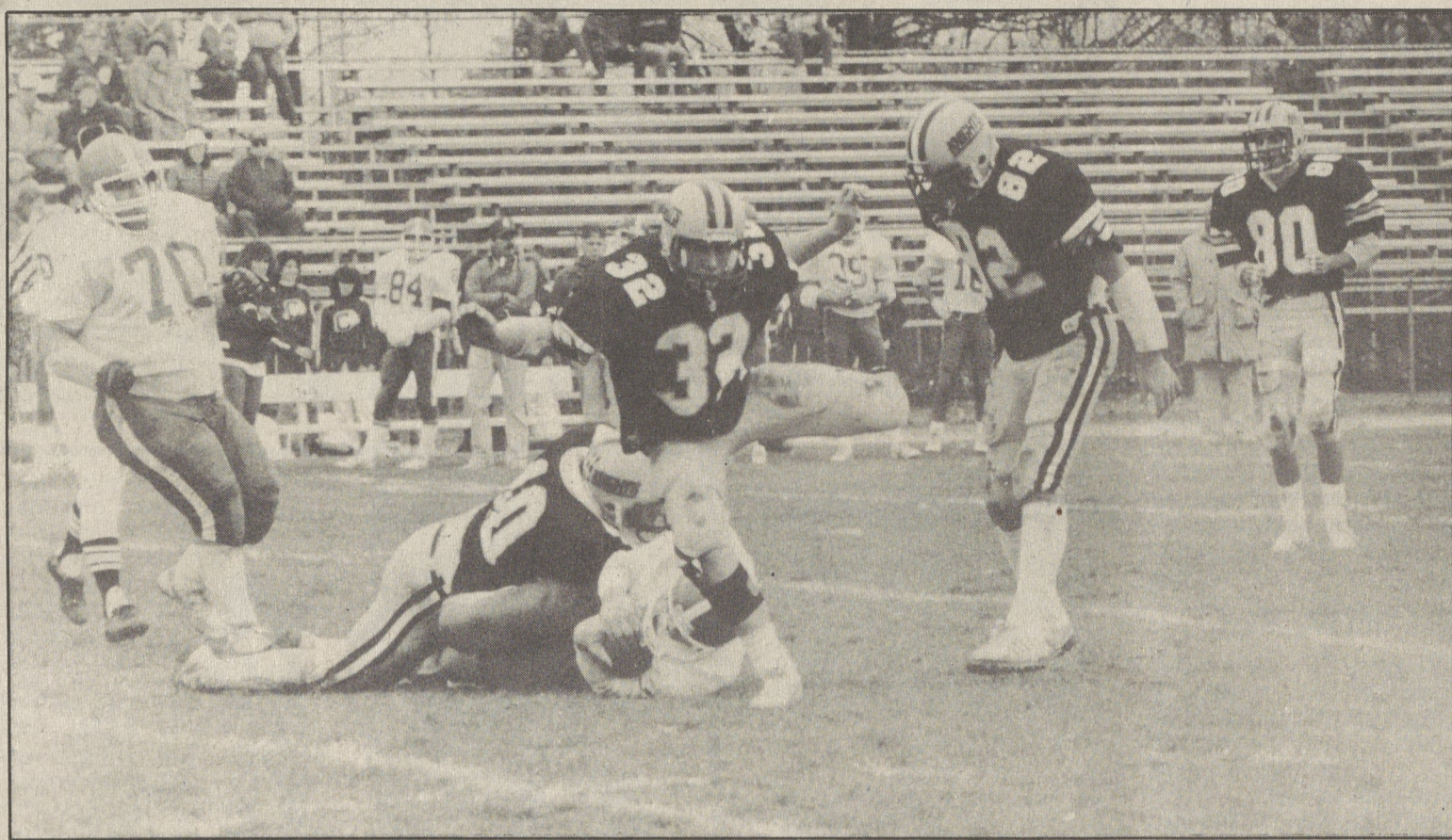
Brenda Miller shot a penalty stroke past Dallas goalie Eileen Walsh to tie the score at 1-1.

Coach Robyn Jones' Mountaineers were outplayed most of the game by the Tunkhannock team, appearing to play with too much complacency. In the second half, Tunkhannock controlled the ball most of the time but in the closing minutes, the Mountaineers rallied and kept the play at their end of the field.

They kept the ball to the right and capitalized on the circle with Cleary coming through when it counted with only three seconds remaining in the game.

Tunkhannock outplayed Dallas with 18 corners to the Mountaineers nine but had only 19 shots at goal to the Mountaineers 25. Dallas goalkeeper Eileen Walsh had five saves, Tunkhannock's Laura Lord had four.

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Outa my way!

Knights Scott Wascalus (10) stops Crestwood's ball carrier at midfield which teammate Rich James (32) dances to avoid a

pile-up in the Lake-Lehman/Crestwood game, Saturday afternoon, at Lehman. The Comets shut out the Knights, 20-0, to take the Division III title and spoil Lake-Lehman homecoming.

Hopes of three victories dashed

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The Lake-Lehman Knights' hopes for the Wyoming Valley Football Conference Division III title were dashed last Saturday when the Crestwood Comets shut them out, 20-0.

The Knights, who were 3-0 going into Saturday's game, had high hopes of defeating Crestwood in their division to take the title, then defeating Bishop Hoban this week and go on to defeat Dallas in the big game of the season.

The Comets, coming into the game with a 4-0 record in Division III, had other ideas and set out to prove it early in the game. For the first time since the Comets played Meyers in the beginning of the season, they had their complete starting lineup in the game.

Senior fullback Jim McGovern led his team in total yardage with 78 yards in rushing and added 36 yards more by catching two of Bill Chesna's passes. His teammate Scott Rutkoski carried the ball for 39 yards and scored two of the Comets three touchdowns.

On their second possession in the first period, the Comets took over at the Knights' 40-yard line and in nine plays moved to the five-yard line where Rutkoski went in for the score. Chesna's kick for the extra point was wide but the Comets took a 6-0 lead.

Despite the Comets' 20-0 score, the Knights played a strong defense but their offense was unable to move the ball

against their opponents defense. In the first period, Knight Chris Frederick dropped Rutkoski in the backfield for a nine yard loss and in the second half when the Comets moved the ball from their own 16-yard line to the Knights 33-yard line, the Knights defense held and turned back the Comets attempt to score.

Two of the Comets' touchdowns came as result of pass interceptions. Mike Simco intercepted Knight QB Len Annetta's pass in the third quarter and carried it to the seven-yard line. Three plays later, Rutkoski took the ball into the endzone for his second score of the game. In the fourth period, Simco intercepted another of Annetta's passes at the Knights 38-yard line and carried it to the 30-yard line. Five plays later, Chesna passed to Eric Kutz for the score. Rutkoski ran the ball into the endzone to give the Comets their 20-0 win.

The Knights intercepted three of Chesna's passes but were unable to take advantage of them to score.

Coach Rich Gorgone said after the game the Comets offense played a much better game.

"They controlled our line of scrimmage throughout the game," said Gorgone. "I was disappointed in our offense. They made some key mistakes on the field. Our defense did a good job and turned back a number of chances Crestwood had to score."

Gorgone said perhaps the three-week layoff did some damage because the boys weren't as sharp as they had been in the past. He also said that the fact that Don Spencer is out for the year may dampen

the kids spirits.

"Donny is a great kid," said Gorgone. "He is an excellent student and a great leader. I believe the kids miss him in the game."

Gorgone said the coaches' job now is to get the kids up and get to work for their game with Bishop Hoban this Saturday night at Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium. The Knights need to defeat Bishop Hoban and Dallas the following week to finish above .500. He believes if they work hard and try when they get on the field Saturday night, they can win.

Don Spencer, senior, who is sitting out for the rest of the season with an injury, is a great athlete, according to Gorgone. "If there's a play to be made, he'll make it. He's knowledgeable and tough. His loss has had a definite effect on the team. He's a good student and a nice kid all-around," said Gorgone.

And how does Don Spencer feel about it? He says as much as he loves football, he has to live with the fact that he can't play. He doesn't believe his inability to play has hurt the team and feels everybody on the team wants to win but he thinks the big loss to Nanticoke got the team down. He also believes that the three-weeks layoff hurt.

"The team needs to re-group and get ready for Bishop Hoban and then the Old Shoe Game with Dallas. That's their important goal now-that game is the whole season in four 12 minute quarters. Capturing the Old Shoe is as good as a Division title," said Spencer.

Mountaineers not taking Pittston Area rivals very lightly

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Judging by team records, Dallas should have no problem with Pittston Area on Friday night when the Mountaineers and Patriots tangle at Charlie Trippi Stadium in a Wyoming Valley Conference inter-divisional game.

Dallas is a respectable 6-3 on the year and has come up with wins over Tunkhannock and Crestwood, the conference's Division III winner and came within a whisker of dumping Wyoming Area.

Pittston Area, on the other hand, stands at 1-8 on this season and had been ousted from the playoff picture weeks ago. But Mountaineer coach Ted Jackson isn't about to let his squad enter the game thinking they have won No. 7 in the bank.

"They have to be the best 1-8 team in the state," Jackson said. "They are very physical. They have two unbelievable linebackers in John Wojick and Chris Phillips and they have the best passer in the league in Tom Musto."

In a season of futility, coach Bob Barbieri's squad dropped another decision last Friday night, losing to Pottsville, 23-21, on a 20-yard field goal with 20 seconds left to play.

"I saw them play against Pottsville and they looked good," Jackson said. "And they were tough against Berwick, too. They just haven't been able to win many games."

Jackson did not reveal specifically what his game plan will be against the Patriots, but said his team would have to avoid turnovers, something Dallas wasn't able to do against the Bishop Hoban last week.

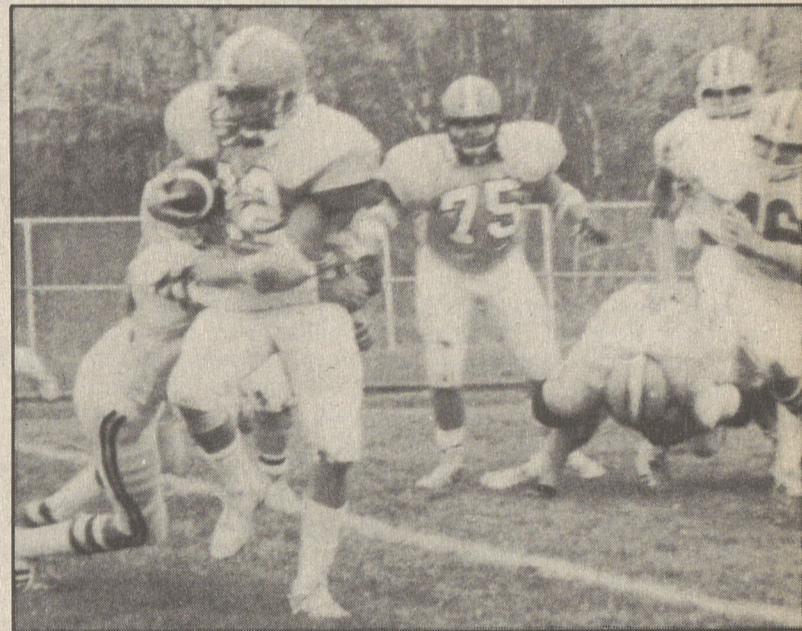
The Mountaineers turned the ball over five times (three interceptions and two fumbles) but managed to keep Hoban at bay, maintaining a slim but comfortable eight point margin throughout most of the second half.

The Argents gained 60 yards rushing and 30 passing in the opening half, but were held to minus eight running and eight passing in the second.

"They were using a single wing in the first half and they caught us off guard," Jackson noted. "We adjusted in the second. I thought our defense play very well." Ryan Holthaus, who has played a big part in that defense this year, led the effort by coming up with two interceptions in the third quarter to keep Hoban bottled up in its own territory.

The 5-9, 180-pound senior, also scored a touchdown along with Ed Kwak, Scott Francis and Mike Koprowski. But Koprowski suffered a head injury during the game and will be sidelined for the rest of the season.

Koprowski complained of a nauseous feeling in the fourth quarter, left the game, and then returned. After the game, however, he again complained of the same symptoms and was later taken to Nesbitt Memorial Hospital in Kingston.



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A gain for Ryan

Ryan Holthaus of the Dallas football team attempts to gain some yardage in Saturday's WVC football contest while a Bishop Hoban defender goes along for the ride. The Mountaineers won a 26-12 victory in front of a Parents Day crowd.

Dallas booters grab AA D-2 title

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Dallas High School soccer team took the Division AA District 2 title last Thursday by defeating Wyoming Seminary, 2-1, in the second overtime period. The win advances Coach John McCafferty's team to the interdistrict competition where they will play the District 12 champion, Notre Dame of East Stroudsburg Nov. 5, at Scranton Memorial Stadium.

The Mountaineers advanced to Thursday's game with Wyoming Seminary by defeating Bishop Hoban, 2-0, last Tuesday at Ralston Field, scoring both goals in the fourth period.

Wyoming Seminary's Dave Heydt gave Seminary the lead in the first period on a penalty kick past Dallas goalie John Sheehan. Throughout the rest of the first half, both teams played flawless ball using aggressive

attacks. With Seminary leading, 1-0, at the beginning of the second half it appeared the game would be a repeat of previous matches where Seminary won by a one point margin. The Mountaineers played without giving up and, when Dale Morris was fouled in front of the net at 19:30 into the third period, he scored on his penalty kick to tie the game at 1-1.

The Mountaineers kept pressure on the Blue Knights throughout the game, taking them out of their usual style of play. It paid off when the Blue Knights were unable to score after their opening goal.

Wyoming Seminary had a chance to win the game in the fourth quarter on a score which was charged a penalty by the officials and the game went into the first overtime.

Both teams battled through (See BOOTERS, page 10)

Denmon continues in the lead

Five out of six Dallas Post prognosticators picked up five victories to just two defeats in last week's contests as the crew heads into the final two weeks of football predictions.

Charlot Denmon, who was running way ahead of the pack last week, is still out in front by four victories as she sports an impressive 45-12 slate. Behind Denmon are Dotty Martin and GoalPOST Petie who are tied at 41-16.

Jack Jones fills in at third place with a 40-17 slate while John Hoinski and John Oliver are tied at 39-18.

Martin and Oliver were alone in predicting the Bishop O'Hara/Bishop O'Reilly game which saw the Queensmen defeated, 39-8. All six prognosticators got the Dallas/Bishop Hoban game correct when the Mountaineers took a 26-12 victory.

All six were correct in the Penn State/West Virginia contest, the Wyoming Seminary/Perkiomen contest and the Notre Dame/Navy contest which saw the former win in all three cases.

Lehman is unanimous favorite

	DOTTY MARTIN (41-16)	JOHN HOINSKI (39-18)	CHARLOT DENMON (45-12)	JOHN OLIVER (39-18)	JACK JONES (40-17)	GOALPOST PETIE (41-16)
Dallas/Pittston Area	PA 12-10	PA 14-13	Dallas 24-20	PA 24-21	Dallas 14-7	PA 7-6
Lake-Lehman/Bishop Hoban	Lehman 21-14	Lehman 20-12	Lehman 14-13	Lehman 21-0	Lehman 14-7	Lehman 14-7
Penn State/Maryland	PSU 21-14	PSU 27-10	PSU 24-7	PSU 35-6	PSU 20-7	PSU 21-3
Notre Dame/Southern Methodist	ND 14-12	ND 23-17	ND 21-15	ND 28-21	ND 10-7	ND 21-14
Wyo. Seminary/Lawrenceville	Sem 28-7	Sem 28-6	Sem 26-13	Sem 18-6	Sem 14-7	Sem 10-0
Pittsburgh/Miami	Miami 35-14	Miami 35-7	Miami 27-12	Miami 45-14	Miami 42-0	Miami 14-7

And all six were skunked on the Pittsburgh/Syracuse game where the Orangemen took a 24-20 victory from the Panthers. Three of the prognosticators were also skunked on the Lake-Lehman/Crestwood game when the Black Knights were shut out, 20-0, giving only Hoinski,

Denmon and Petie wins.

Denmon and Jones are going with Dallas to defeat Pittston Area this week while their four counterparts are giving the edge to the Patriots. Lehman is a unanimous favorite to defeat Bishop Hoban as is Wyoming Seminary to beat Lawrence-

ville.

The prognosticators are all in agreement with the three college contests this weekend as Notre Dame is chosen to defeat Southern Methodist, Penn State is selected to handily defeat Maryland and Miami is expected to trounce Pittsburgh.