

Sports

Lehman outlook

Knights know they have a tough job

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The Lake-Lehman Knights will have their work cut out for them when they take to the field against the Dallas Mountaineers in the Old Shoe game Saturday, but Knights coach Rich Gorgone doesn't plan to change his team's game plan.

"If our kids play up to their potential and with the enthusiasm and confidence they had in the opening games of the season, they'll be able to defeat the Mountaineers and take possession of the Old Shoe," said Gorgone.

Lake-Lehman, 3-1 in Division II play and 4-5 overall, is a much better team than its record indicates. The Knights won their first several games of the season and it was not until the Meyers game when Senior Don Spencer was injured that they began to falter. The Knights are a young team and play a tough defense but their offense plays erratically. That's been the story with the Knights since their 42-0 loss to Nanticoke followed by their three-week layoff before coming back to lose 20-0 to Crestwood.

Gorgone has one of the best quarterbacks in the conference in sophomore Lenny Annetta, but his receivers will have to be more alert than in the past two games and the defense will have to turn in a flawless performance.

Dallas Mountaineers are on a roll and Scott Francis is having a great year, throwing the ball well and also running well. Francis' passing is a big part of the Mountaineers offense.

Coach Gorgone knows that

and he also knows that his defense will have to stop Francis as well as Ryan Holthaus, Ed Kwak and the Williams twins.

"The Mountaineers are playing with great confidence, they're an experienced team and surprised several of their opponents this season," Gorgone said. "We'll use a balanced attack against them, mixing up the passing and running. We are a young team and our kids make mistakes but if they want to win this one, they will have to play flawless ball."

Gorgone said he is more caught up in the rivalry over the game this season. He and Dallas Coach Ted Jackson live in the same neighborhood in the Dallas area and are close friends. Gorgone's daughter, Megan, is a senior and a cheerleader at Dallas and he knows a lot of the football players.

Gorgone said that there is great rivalry between the kids from both schools. The players have been in Little League together, in mini-football and some are related. Cousins play against cousins and Rich James, starter on the Knights team, is a nephew of Ted Jackson. There is also a keen rivalry in the Gorgone household as all of the Gorgone children, with the exception of Sam, are students in the Dallas District. Sam is a student at Lake-Lehman.

"Anything can happen when Dallas and Lake-Lehman play," the Lehman coach said. "Throw away the season's records — this game is the entire season wrapped in one. Both teams will be out to win. My assistants are working tirelessly with me to (See LEHMAN, page 12)



FLOSSIE FINN...alias GOALPOST PETIE

Petie's identity revealed

This is the week we reveal to Back Mountain fans, GoalPOST Petie — the person who, since the start of the football season, has been predicting area gridiron winners.

Her identity concealed throughout the year, she now comes forward in time for the final games of the year. Who is GoalPOST Petie? None other than Flossie Finn, guidance counselor and girls' softball coach at Lake-Lehman High School.

Mrs. Finn, faculty member at Lake-Lehman for 25 years and coach of the softball team at Lake-Lehman since it was first introduced in the district, is an enthusiastic sports fan and accepted the role of GoalPOST Petie graciously at the start of the season, admitting she was not an ardent football fan.

She has performed the role of GoalPOST Petie conscientiously for the past weeks, studying the games each week and selecting her choices objectively despite her loyalty to Lake-Lehman. A graduate of Dallas High School as well as a resident of that borough, it was not always easy for Mrs. Finn to make her selections.

She kept her identity successfully from most of the Back Mountain residents with none of her fellow faculty members aware of her role. Although many fans may have disagreed with GoalPOST Petie's predictions, her record-to-date attests to the fact that she has selected her choices wisely.

Dallas outlook

Mountaineers hope to end with 8-3 slate

By JOHN HOINSKI
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Whenever Dallas and Lake Lehman square off on the football field there is no need for pre-game hype. That, like the rivalry itself, is a natural. Saturday's meeting will be no exception.

"It's a war for the kids," said Dallas coach Ted Jackson. "The students get excited. The schools get excited. It's definitely the biggest game of the year."

"A lot of people from the two schools know each other," the Dallas coach added. "In fact, Gorgone's daughter (Lake Lehman football coach Rich Gorgone) is a cheerleader for Dallas and I have a nephew (Rich James) who is a linebacker for Lake-Lehman. I was kidding him the other day. I told him I hope he scores a touchdown, but that they lose the game. It would make their season if they beat us."

And it would make Dallas' season, too, if the Mounts could come up with a win. Dallas gave the Black Knights the boot last year, winning 7-0, to capture the "Old Shoe" trophy and a victory at Lehman on Saturday would cap off a fine season for the Mountaineers.

"We're looking to finish the year with an 8-3 record," Jackson said. "We haven't played well on the road this year. That's why this win over Pittston Area was so big. (The Mountaineers slipped by the Patriots, 9-7, Friday evening.) It should give us a lot of confidence."

Indeed it should. Although the Pats were just 1-8 going into Friday night's game at Charlie Trippi Stadium, a number of

those defeats came by just a few points against good teams. The time seemed right to pick up their second win of the year against the Mounts.

Dallas did not look sharp in its two road losses to Meyers and GAR, and to add to their problems, the Mountaineers were going without running back

Mike Koprowski who received a head injury against Bishop Hoban the week before and is out for the remainder of the season.

"Certainly, it was a big concern," Jackson said. "He's (Koprowski) our leading rusher and he is a very good special teams player. But Jerry Ogurkis stepped in and did the job."

Not only did Ogurkis fill the hole, picking up good yardage with twisting, pounding runs, he provided the winning 9-7 margin by kicking a 30-yard field goal on a wet field late in the second quarter.

"I swear to God, he hasn't kicked in about a month," Jackson said. "He tore a quadriceps muscle earlier in the year so we have been using Scott Francis on the PAT's. But Jerry is still our field goal kicker."

The rest of the job was left to the defense. All season long the strong point of this year's team has been the play of the defense. And against Pittston Area, the defense proved to be the difference again, harrassing Patriot quarterback Tom Musto into a 6-for-23 passing performance while sacking him a number of times.

All of which means Dallas should retain the 'Old Shoe' for another year when the Mountaineers tangle with their Back Mountain rivals on Saturday afternoon. But don't bet on it!

1948 Kingston Township team first to win 'Old Shoe'

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The Old Shoe trophy up for grabs this Saturday when the Dallas Mountaineers meet the Lake-Lehman Knights at the Edward Edwards Stadium is currently in possession of the Dallas Mountaineers, who won last season's game by a 7-0 score.

The bronzed shoe originally belonged to a member of the 1948 Dallas Township team coached by retired Dallas Senior High School Principal Robert Dolbear. The idea of the Old Shoe Game was introduced by Dallas Rotary Club member Francis "Red" Ambrose to promote friendly rivalry between the teams of the Back Mountain Schools. Ambrose discussed the

idea with Dolbear, who after discussing the idea with coaches of the other schools and gaining their approval, went ahead with the project. Dolbear had his team members throw their shoes in a pile, he pulled one out of the pile, gave it to the Rotary Club members. They had the shoe bronzed attached to a plate.

The first team to win the Old Shoe was Kingston Township in 1948, reported to have been coached by Thomas Jenkins. In 1949 and 1950, Lehman coached by Tony Marchakitis took the Old Shoe and, in 1951, Dallas Township, under Coach Robert Thomas, won the trophy.

Westmoreland, coached by W. Seiple, took the Old Shoe in 1952; and in 1955, won it again coached by Ted Poad. In 1953 and 1954, Lehman-Jackson-Ross, coached by Marchakitis, won the trophy. There was a three way tie in 1956

between Lehman Jackson, coached by Edw. Edwards; Westmoreland, by Ted Poad; and Dallas-Franklin, by Tony Roan.

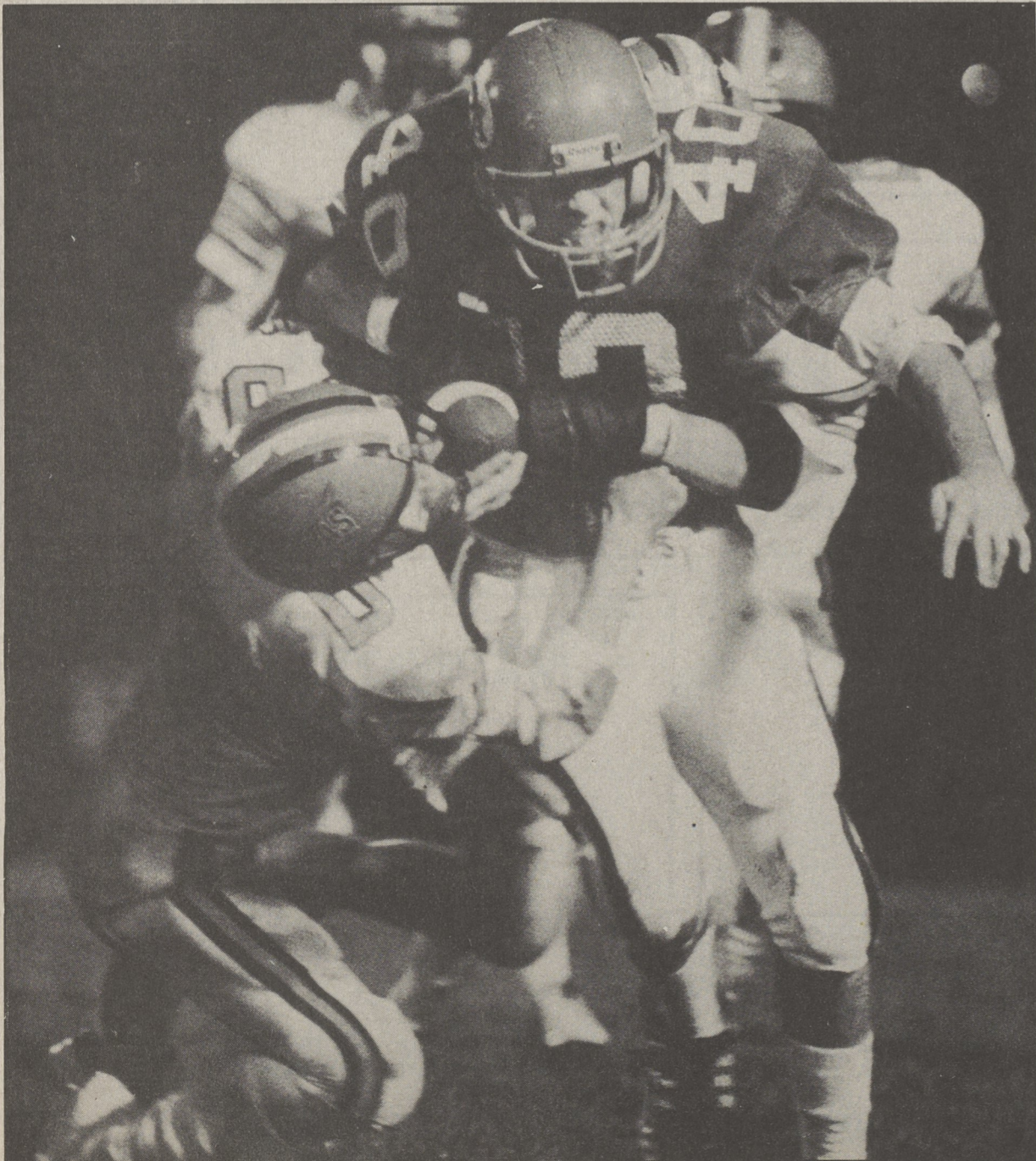
Winners of the Old Shoe for the years 1957, 1958 and 1959 were Lehman-Jackson-Ross, then Lake-Lehman, with Edwards at the helm for the three years. In 1960, Westmoreland under Edw. Brominski took the trophy, then under the new jointure, Dallas Senior High, coached by Brominski, took the Old Shoe for 1961, 62, 64, 65 and 66.

Coach George Curry, now at Berwick, led his Lake-Lehman Knights in taking the Old Shoe in 1967, 1968 and 1969. From 1970 through 1977, Dallas Mountaineers under Coach Jack Jones kept possession of the Old Shoe but in 1978 Coach Rich Gorgone and his Black Knights took the Old Shoe to Lehman, and in 1979, the Knights

kept the Old Shoe under Coach Tom Hisiro.

With Ron Rybak at the helm, Dallas Mountaineers regained possession of the trophy in 1980 and kept it through 1981. In 1982, under Coach Rybak and Lake-Lehman Coach Mark Kirk, the two teams played to a tie with each team keeping the trophy for six months. Still coached by Rybak, Dallas won the trophy in 1983 but in 1984, Lake-Lehman took it home under Coach Kirk. Last year with Coach Rich Gorgone back at Lake-Lehman and Coach Ted Jackson taking over at Dallas, the Mountaineers regained possession of the Old Shoe, with the game played at Dallas.

This year, under the leadership of the same head coaches, Dallas and Lake-Lehman will compete this Saturday at Lehman for the coveted Old Shoe trophy.



Dallas Post/Jack Stebinski

Stopping the opponent

Eric Olsen of Dallas stops Pittston Area's Rodney Poceschi dead in his tracks as Poceschi attempts to break through the Mountaineer defense. Olsen and his teammates played tough, bringing home a 9-7 victory Friday evening.

Prognosticators split on big game

Charlot Denmon continues to be the top-ranked Dallas Post prognosticator with a five-game lead over Dotty Martin, GoalPOST Petie and Jack Jones who make up second place with 45-18 records.

Denmon picked up five victories to just one defeat this week, losing the Lake-Lehman/Bishop Hoban contest where the Knights were surprised with a 20-9 defeat at the hands of the Argents. Denmon, however, was not alone as all prognosticators had given Lehman the edge last week.

Denmon and Jones were the only winners in the Dallas/Pittston Area game, correctly predicting the Mountaineers to win. Dallas handed the Patriots a stunning 9-7 defeat.

All prognosticators were correct on the Penn State/Maryland game where the Nittany Lions

picked up a 17-15 squeaker, the Notre Dame/Southern Methodist game where the Fighting Irish handed their opponents a 61-29 crushing, Seminary and Lawrenceville which saw the locals grab a 14-7 victory and Pittsburgh/Miami where the Hurricanes got a 37-10 victory.

This week, John Oliver and GoalPOST Petie are remaining true-blue to their schools as both prognosticators give Lake-Lehman the edge over Dallas in the Old Shoe game.

The only other game the six prognosticators don't agree on is the Pittsburgh/Rutgers game as GoalPOST Petie gives Rutgers a slight advantage over the Panthers.

The prognosticators are unanimous on the Bishop O'Reilly/Bishop Hoban game, giving Hoban the victory and Penn State/Notre Dame game, expecting the Nittany Lions to win.

	Dotty MARTIN (45-18)	John HOINSKI (43-20)	Charlot DENMON (50-13)	John OLIVER (43-20)	Jack JONES (45-18)	GoalPOST PETIE (45-18)
O'Reilly/Hoban	Hoban 28-7	Hoban 20-7	Hoban 21-6	Hoban 27-6	Hoban 12-6	Hoban 20-10
Dallas/Lake-Lehman	Dallas 14-13	Dallas 19-6	Dallas 17-7	Lehman 14-0	Dallas 18-6	Lehman 14-13
Penn State/Notre Dame	PSU 28-7	PSU 24-17	PSU 24-13	PSU 24-14	PSU 24-20	PSU 21-3
Pittsburgh/Rutgers	Pitt 21-14	Pitt 17-10	Pitt 23-17	Pitt 24-24	Pitt 18-14	Rutgers 21-15

McCarthy at Rosemont

Caroline McCarthy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee McCarthy of Dallas, and a 1984 graduate of Wyoming Seminary was a member of Rosemont College's 1986 Varsity Field Hockey Team. The team finished the season with a winning record of

8-3-1 this season. Caroline, currently a junior at Rosemont, has played her second consecutive year on the team. She was also the team's second highest goal scorer with 10 goals.



CAROLINE MCCARTHY