

Sports

Mountaineer booters lose out on state title bid

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The Dallas High School soccer team lost its bid for a state title Monday at Allentown when District 1's Harrington team shut out the Mountaineers, 6-0, in the Eastern quarterfinal.

The Mountaineers held Harrington scoreless the first quarter but five minutes into the second quarter, Harrington's Paul Auday scored off an assist by Jon Goodman to give the Rams a 1-0 lead. The Rams went out in front 2-0 with only

two minutes remaining in the first half when Skip Hollingshead kicked in a score unassisted, and with only seconds on the clock Mitch Rose broke down the Mountaineers defense when he

gave the Rams a third goal.

The Rams went in front 4-0 at the 7:46 mark in the third period when Goodman scored again unassisted, then they picked up two additional scores in the final period to shut out the Mountaineers 6-0.

Harrington's goal tender played an outstanding game turning away nine Dallas shots in the first three periods.

Dallas Coach John McCafferty said after the game that the third score by Harrington broke down the Mountaineers, who were very much in the game up until then.

The Mountaineers advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating Notre Dame of East Stroudsburg, 4-3, in a game at Memorial Stadium in Scranton that lasted nearly two hours. The

Dallas team won in a shoot-out.

Prior to the 4-3 win, the Mountaineers defeated Wyoming Seminary 1-0 to take the Wyoming Valley Conference title earning the chance to meet Notre Dame.

Dallas finished the season with a 16-4 record and is the first Wyoming Valley team to make it past the first round of the PIAA playoffs.

It was Mountaineer Eric Marshall who scored the winning shot for Dallas in the shoot-out period of the Notre Dame game as he kicked the ball past the Notre Dame goalie to the right.

Each team made its first two shots when Mountaineer Bruce Weaver missed his shot, giving Notre Dame a chance. Notre Dame's Chris Lovecchio took his turn to shoot but Dallas goalkeeper John Sheehan knocked the shot away.

Dale Morris made his score for Dallas and Paul Reiger put his shot in for Notre Dame.

Marshall made his shot to give the Mountaineers a 4-3 lead. Then Notre Dame's John Peeney tried to put a grounder past Sheehan but Sheehan smothered it and kept the win for Dallas.

The Mountaineers played an aggressive game from the beginning and tried to shake up Notre Dame but the players came right back at Dallas with their own attack and appeared to try to intimidate the Mountaineers.

Notre Dame's physical aggressiveness did not appear to rattle the Mountaineers and Sheehan, who had 10 saves, had a key save on a three-on-three breakaway by Notre Dame to hold the score at 0-0.

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get our kids ready. If their performance rises to their enthusiasm, they will take the Old Shoe."

He knows they'll have to do a better job of stopping the run against Dallas than his Knights did Saturday night in their game with Bishop Hoban. They will also have to avoid holding penalties such as they had against the Argents.

The Knights looked good in the first half. They moved the ball well and their defense held the Argents from picking up first downs. Scott Shafer put the Knights on the board first when he kicked a 33-yard field goal at 5:25 in the second quarter. Following a blocked punt and a face mask penalty called on the Argents, the Knights had the ball at the 25-yard line of the Argents. Bishop Hoban started to move in the closing minutes of the second quarter and when the whistle blew for the half,

they were on the Knights two-yard line.

"In the second half they came right at us," said Gorgone. "They did nothing physical - just plain, basic football. They're very physical up front and our kids weren't able to stop Sal Montagna.

On their opening possession in the second half, the Argents marched 57 yards to the two-yard line where Joe Dougherty took the ball in for six points. Dave Suda kicked the extra point to give Hoban a 7-3 lead. On their next possession, the Argents came right back and drove 68 yards to the 27-yard line on the first play of the fourth quarter and Dougherty picked up his second score of the game. Suda again made the extra point and the Argents took a 14-3 lead.

"Our kids drove the ball but they made too many mistakes," said Gorgone. "They're up on one play, then down on the next.

They're inconsistent and I can't figure them out, it's not anything average."

The Knights got back in the game in the fourth quarter when Annetta passed for 80 yards in six plays with the final pass a hit to Billy Davis, who went in for a Knight score. Annetta's try for two with a pass to Chris Landmesser and the score was 14-9.

The last score of the game was Argent George Strish's screen to Montagna who carried the ball up the sidelines for a 63-yard touchdown. The Knights blocked the Argents kick and the game ended with a final 20-9 score.

"We can't be inconsistent and we have to play flawless ball if we're going to beat Dallas," said Gorgone. "Scott Francis is on a roll and playing a fantastic game from his position," Gorgone added.

Dallas stickers kiss title good-bye

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After defeating Allentown Allen, 4-3, in PIAA interdistrict AAA competition on November 4, the Dallas girls' field hockey team lost its bid for a state title Thursday when West Chester East defeated the locals, 3-1, in the quarterfinals at Nazareth High School.

West Chester scored two goals in the first half while holding the Lady Mountaineers scoreless. The Mountaineers came back strong in the second half and took heart when Joyce Tinner scored unassisted to bring the Mountaineers within one of the 2-1 score.

Coach Robyn Jones said after the game that the team had played an up and down game most of the season which was of major concern to her. She said her girls were reacting throughout the game instead of acting and playing aggressively throughout.

After the first 10 minutes in the first half, West Chester took the ball and was in control most of the time. In the second half, Dallas became more aggressive and played with more momentum but it was too late for them to score the points they needed to win.

West Chester scored first on a goal by Karen Gottshall at the 7:15 mark in the half. Dallas tried to get the ball past West Chester's defense but failed. Jodie Browne scored the second goal for West Chester to make the score 2-0. Following Joyce Tinner's goal to make the score 2-1, Anita Santucci scored a third goal for West Chester to put the final score at 3-1.

In the game with Allentown Allen, both teams played a game as close as could be.

Dallas took the lead 1-0 when Shannon Cleary scored unassisted at the 3:50 mark. The Mountaineers held the 1-0 lead until the final minutes of the second half when Allen's Denise Oswald scored with an assist by Carmen Aguilla.

With the score tied at 1-1, the two teams played to a 20 minute stalemate before they went to the flickoff to break the tie.

The first five girls on each team went through the flickoff without either side scoring. The second five girls also went scoreless so the game into sudden death.

The first girl shot and her opponent had to match it. If the opponent missed, the first girl's team won. Maureen Wisniewski was the first girl up for the Mountaineers and smashed the ball past goalie Amy Vokeit.



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