Jackson hopeful for Dallas to repeat

BY CHARLOT M. DENMON Staff Writer

cautiously optimistic' about this year's Dallas football coach Ted Jackson is

"We lost a lot of leaders from last year's championship team but we have some good kids returning this year and we have some strong leaders among

them," Jackson said.
""Our team last year wasn't an outstanding bunch of players but they were hungry to win and they went out and did just that. Whether we win this

want to do. If this year's kids are not satisfied with just the 1987 champion-ship they can go out and do what their teammates did last Fall."

Jackson said he has less depth than he had other years but this year's team is the biggest he has had since at Dallas and he has good speed in spots. Going into the opening game of the season September 3 against the Coughlin Crusaders, Jackson was pleased with the way his players were working.

"They are doing everything we are asking them to do. We have some

talented kids and six kids that are proving to be outstanding leaders," Jackson said.

Jerry Ogurkis, Jay Cherup, Ron Post, Scott Starbuck, Shawn Ruth and Chris Lesjak are the six athletes Jackson expects to fill leadership roles

though Ogurkis was out much of last season from a knee injury which doctors predicted would end his football career. Ogurkis, Ruth, Cherup and Lesjak are team captains and with Postand Lesjak play an important part

Cherup has been tapped as starting quarterback but junior Jay Straigis, 6 foot, three, 190 pounds, will be able to fill in if Cherup is injured. Straigis, who showed talent last season, surprised the Dallas coaching staff with the way he improved over the summer.

Ogurkis will play tailback on offense and will be backed up by junior Barry Miller. Chris Lesjak will be spelled by senior Bob Barbacci at fullback. Starbuck, who Jackson says is the best receiver in the league, is top wingback in the Mountaineers multiple formation offense. Jim Lister, Dave Mayer and Clark VanOrden, seniors, and Sam Jayne, junior, will fill in the wide redeiver spots.

With only 39 candidates out this depth is a problem for the

center spot and Jackson is expecting strong performances from 225 pound junior guard Tony Nadzan and 235 pound senior Scott Horoshko. Seniors Ruth will be at guard and Post will start at tight end. Phil George played last season and will play at tackle. Mark Paczewski, senior, and Dave Armone, junior, can both fill the

"We're strong up the middle on defense and we have two of the best inside linebackers in the conference in Ruth and Lesjak," Jackson said. "Barbacci, Ogurkis, or junior Sam Jayne will play the two outside linebacker positions.

ter, Mayer and Miller were competing for the other two starting positions.

Cherup will do the punting and Ogurkis the kicking for the Mountain-

Defensive tackle spots will be filled by Nadzan, George and Joe Piscorik, a senior, and Post and Seth Roskos will

be one of the three starters in the secondary while Straigis, VanOrden, Lisplay defensive end positions.
Going into September 3's game with
Coughlin, Starbuck was expected to Jackson's concern is that his Mountaineers get through their first four games without injuries.

"We play four larger Class A schools in four of our first five games; Coughlin, Wyoming Area, Meyers, Tunkhannock, and Pittston. If we get through these we will be all right," Jackson said. "We are the team the other teams want to beat this season. They want to get even."



Dallas Mountaineer coaches

Silvi, Jackson, Tony Chiarucci and Paul Brown. has been playing. Jackson is shown above with his assistants. From left are Bill Coach Ted Jackson gives much of the credit to his assistants for the way his team

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Boyle expects them to play key roles on

and inexperience on defense," Boyle explained, "When it comes to carrying the ball we will rely on senior Rob Roberts. He will have the ball about 60 percent of the time." "Our weak spots are lack of depth ince on defense," Boyle

players from the Back Mountain on their roster, including Jack Jones, Mike Mascali, Bob Casterline, Kevin Sult, Joe Patton, Joe Kristan, Adam Morris, Mark Stella and Tom Finarelli.

"We're not eligible for a champion-

ship this year, "explained Coach Boyle. "We don't play all of the Class B teams, just Northwest, Hanover, Crestwood and Lake-Lehman. We also play Bishop Hafey, Freeland, Columbia-Montour-Tech, Jim Thorpe and Bishop Hoban. Eventually, I would like to get our team in the Suburban League." the Suburban League

assistants who are working individually with the athletes in the various positions. They are Joe Geiger, Kevin Gilpin and Roy Wall who are giving a lot of time to helping the Queensmen. Boyle gives a lot of credit to his sistants who are working individu-

Gorgo ne coaches his son this year

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Knights coach Rich Gorgone has a new challenge this football season; one of the players on his Lake-Lehman team is his son, Sam, a sophomore. This is Sam's first year on the varsity. "Sam has a lot of experience in the game," said Gorgone. "He played minifootball and on junior varsity. He is a great athlete, not only in football but in other sports as well.

"The fact that he is a good athlete helps take the pressure off me as a coach. The other kids know him and have played baseball and football with him. They all seem to like him."

Gorgone said he and his son have a good relationship with one another

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and that Sam is coachable and listens well, not only in football but in all

varsity material because he is technique-oriented," Gorgone said about son but not a lot. I can see where next year could be tougher when he is a starter on the team. I believe he will be "Sam will see some action this sea

Gorgone, who lives with his family in the Dallas School District, transferred his son to Lake-Lehman when Gorgone accepted the position as coach in 1985. He said he believes he made the right move for Sam, who has played baseball and other sports with students from Lake Lehman some of dents from Lake-Lehman.

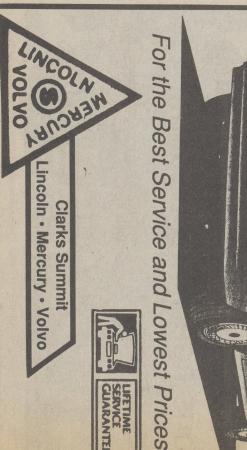
gone said. whom are now on the football team.
"I don't foresee any problems," Gor-

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Rich Gorgone, Lake-Lehman coach and Sam Gorgone, his son

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