

SPORTS

Dallas tops Riverside 28-7, goes for title next

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Quarterback Jay Cherup's three touchdown passes and a strong Mountaineer defense led the Dallas Mountaineers to a 28-7 win over Riverside Saturday afternoon at the Vikings Memorial Stadium in Taylor.

Lake-Lehman Coach Rich Gorgone, who was at the game said he wasn't surprised that the Mountaineers won.

"Dallas has a fine team. They don't get the credit they should by the fans. I have said all season that Dallas was the team to beat and they showed it Saturday," Gorgone said. "They are a very well-balanced team and their offense has great potential. Cherup is the best quarterback in the league. Chris Lesjak

and Jerry Ogurkis are excellent on the run and Scott Starbuck and Jim Lister are great on Cherup's passing. They have the ingredients of a fine football team. There's Phil George, Shawn Ruth and Tony Nadzan; they have great skill and balance."

The win advances the Mountaineers to the Eastern Conference Class II championship game Saturday against Danville at Danville at 1 p.m.

"Danville is going to be tough, they have a good quarterback, a good wide receiver and a good line. They were rated high at the beginning of the season. They're rated the best defense and the second best offense in their conference."

In the opening of last week's game, it looked as though the Vi-

kings were everything sportscasters had predicted when quarterback Ellio Domenick led a 69-yard drive downfield ending in a touchdown into the endzone from the one-yard line.

Coach Ted Jackson showed some concern when the Vikings scored so quickly but his young athletes came right back and tied the score at 7-7 in the first quarter when Cherup hit Scott Starbuck for a 13-yard touchdown pass and Ogurkis kicked the extra point.

Starbuck, who scored two touchdowns in the game, said in the opening minutes of the game the Vikings seemed tough as they drove down the field. "Our defense wasn't ready yet on that first drive, but after they scored our offense came right back and did a good job.

"Our offense did a great job against the Vikings who are supposed to have the best defense in the Big 11. After the opening drive our defense held them well the rest of the game," Starbuck said.

Cherup contributed a fine passing attack, going five for five on his first attempts.

A fumble by the Vikings gave the Mountaineers the opportunity for their second score. Clark Van Orden recovered the ball at the Riverside 38 yard line and six plays later, Cherup hit Starbuck from the seven yard line for his second touchdown pass. Ogurkis' kick was good and Dallas was in front 14-7.

Cherup knew before the game that Dallas would have to use the pass because the Vikings were a good running team, so he went to

the pass in the first half knowing that any score they got on the run would be gravy.

"We played a good game," said Shawn Ruth. "After the first series our defense came alive and we went into the second half with the lead. In the third quarter we kept control of the ball most of the time. We came out more fired up than they did in the second half," Ruth said. "We were expecting them to be tougher and, at first, I thought it would be a closer game than it was."

Dallas did control the ball in the third quarter, running off 19 plays, 17 of them on the ground while the Vikings had only five plays. The second drive by the Mountaineers in that quarter ended in Cherup hitting Jim Lister with a 29-yard touchdown strike and Ogurkis' kick

gave Dallas a 21-7 lead with less than a minute on the clock in the quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Mountaineers kept to their running game and with less than six minutes remaining in the game Ogurkis went 40 yards outracing two Riverside players to go down the right side for a touchdown. His kick was good to give Dallas their 28-7 win.

Dallas's defense took over from there and held the Vikings in check until the end of the game.

"Our kids played well," Jackson said. "They were a little light in the beginning, but Cherup had a great passing game. Our offensive line did a great job and our defense came alive after that first touchdown by Riverside. Starbuck, Lister and Ron Post played very well.



Basketball clinic at Lake-Noxen

The Misericordia men's basketball team and their coach Al Clocker recently held a clinic at Lake-Noxen Elementary School. During the session the Cougars helped the younger students practice their basic basketball skills.

Kneeling, is Cougar head coach, Al Clocker, discussing shooting strategies. Watching, from left, are Daniel Bender, Jackie Giainella, Jennifer Sandstrom, Nick Loscalzo, Farrah Wall, Christy Jo Welter, Jenny Shook, Geoff Engle and Jolene Schooly.

Renee Balberchak will play in national field hockey tournament

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Misericordia Student

Misericordia freshman Renee Balberchak plans to spend Thanksgiving at the University of California-Irvine, where she will play on the Mid-East II Sectional team of the U.S. Field Hockey Association's National Tournament. A graduate of Dallas High School, Balberchak is the first Misericordia student to reach that level of competition.

At Dallas High School, Balberchak lettered in field hockey for three years and was an instrumental part of the Dallas 1985-1986 District Champion Team. Balberchak said of Robyn Jones, her high school coach, "Coach taught me everything. She stressed conditioning, and that helped prepare me for the tournament."

Coach Robyn Jones responded saying she wasn't surprised to hear of Renee's success. "She was always a pleasure to coach. She is the type of player who improves on a daily basis." Jones also credited much of Renee's success to hard work. First year Misericordia coaches Kim Fey and Margaret Kerrick both received a lot of credit from Balberchak for helping her adjust to the college game.



Renee Balberchak

good players," Balberchak added. The players at this level are mainly members of club teams. These players have been out of college for a few years and represent the next step in competition after college in American field hockey.

Recruited by such schools as Michigan, Connecticut, Shippensburg and Lock Haven, Balberchak elected to stay home and play for Misericordia. Despite the fact that she had been moving to playing forward—a position she had never played before—Balberchak helped to lead the Cougars to a 7-4-1 record. The season's results were the most successful in the college's history.

Balberchak feels that field hockey more than anything has taught her how to discipline her time. She is going into the tournament with a positive attitude saying, "It's (the tournament) going to be fun." When asked what the key to her success is, she explained that conditioning, sprinting and running during practice is very important.

Balberchak says next year's national tournament will be on the East Coast. So if she or any of her teammates are chosen for national play, they can at least spend Thanksgiving a little closer to home.

Strike & Spares

By CHARLOT M. DENMON

Castlettes continued to hold their first half lead in Ladies Country League last week by taking three points from Back Mountain Bowl paced by L. Cyphers 176. G. H. Harris girls lost ground by losing four to Fashion Vending five who are making a try for second. The fashion team were led by E. Roberts 177-199 (530) and J. Haefele's 171-175 (497). Grotto Pizza managed to continue in third by picking up three points from Faux Inn aided by N. Kozemchak's 188-177 (534) and M. Faux's 184 (482). R. Gula rolled 204 and N. Stredny hit 177 to help C. Smith take one. Smith hit pins for 186-182 (502).

In the Back Mountain Farmers League Longhorns shut out the Barn Cats aided by M. McAndrews 181-181 (507) and D. Neiman's 172 (488). Thoroughbreds took three from Ugly Ducklings without any high scores and Turkeys copped three from the Mules paced by D. Williams 226 (579) and A. Hospodar's 480. L. Coolbaugh posted 523 and L. Lanning contributed 508 for the Mules.

Black Sheep picked up three from the Chickies led by M. Delaney's 544 and W. Wesley's 525.

Suds blanked the Beer Bowlers and Alley Cats took all from the Wild Pins in Native Textile League with high games rolled in both matches. F. Genovesi hit 231-243 (644). B. Perrego rolled 528, Mary Perrego scored 173, D. Williams hit pins for 546, J. Teetsel posted 523 and E. Smith hit 525. Ringers took three from Big Blue Boomers, sparked by J. Brady, Jr.'s 244 (624) and Pinheads copped three from Ballbusters led by R. Strazdus' 222-211 (622). Bad News Bowlers were led to three from Road Runners by R. Clemow's 213 (594) and K. Clemow's 511. D. Stuart's 523 was high for the runners. Besta and Sandbaggers divided equally with L. Morris rolling 223 (503) for the Sandbaggers and S. Johnson hitting 178 (488).

In the Back Mountain Barriette League, X Marks the Spot girls took four from Goody Two Shoes paced by B. Clemow's 202 (538) and T. Williams 211-193 (552). Alf took three from Monday Nite Blues and

Desirables picked up three from Tiger Lillies. S. Johnson rolled 188-180 (514), B. Cicero hit 173, M. Faux posted 183 (503), E. Feher hit pins for 194 (510) and Bonni Price added 190 (490). B. Ishley scattered pins for 203-176 (527) and E. Watson rolled 171.

In the Roth Novelty/Back Mt. Classic League Team No. 5 shut out Gino's Shoes while Locker Room took all from Noon's Service Station. Valley Chevrolet blanked Triangle Building while Back Mt. Coffee took two from Fieldhouse Sporting Goods. Bonanza Beverage copped two from Team No. 7 with little trouble. High rollers were B. Searfoss 212-225 (624), J. Kurent 225 (527), D. Williams 512, J. Roan 584, S. Vigorito 231 (582), K. Orkwis 578, L. Lavelle 537, K. Blight 523, R. Shoemaker 593, W. Wesley 573, J. Deitz 550, J. Brady 215 (591), R. Clemow 555, Glen Mazer 550, Tom 597, D. Purvin 545, W. Moore 215-232-246 (693), B. Considine 212-217 (598), F. Tregan 569, Gary Mazer 534, M. Schmoll 256 (640), and T. Shalata 226 (575).



Dallas Cross Country teams hold banquet

Pictured at a recent Dallas High School Cross Country banquet, (girls seated), row 1, from left, Kerry Burke, Gretchen Schuler, Sherry Terescavage, Lynn Baluh, Kelly Terescavage. Row 2, (boys seated), John Aston, Jamie Strange, Walt Fader, Chris Kuhar, Steve Oliver. Row 3, Mike Farris, Chuck Clothier, Nico Caspari, Coach Bill Kvashay, Jared Samuel, Mike Dzanko, Hugh Mundy, Jim Evans. Absent, Lynn Baluh, Tracy Karuza. Awards were presented by Coach Kvashay to all members participating for the full season. A plaque in recognition of his teams' outstanding record was presented to Coach Kvashay. Coach Jackson Horner addressed the group of the history of cross country running in Pennsylvania. Mr. Horner, the head cross country coach at State College, has been involved in the sport for more than 30 years.

L-L Football Mothers name raffle winners

The Lake-Lehman Football Mothers would like to thank all the people who sponsored raffle tickets, both who donated and who purchased tickets. We are proud to announce the list of winners.

All sport quilt, Tonie Rydzewski; \$25.00 cash, E. Wilkie; 20 lb. gas tank, Helen Krause; 1 lg. pizza & soda, Barbara Hagen; 1 mo. Fitness Plus, W. Andraska; AM-FM radio, Walter Sorber; \$15.00 cash, Allen Stash; \$25.00 gift certificate, Jim Knight; 2 dinners, Jim Davis; chaise lounge, Edward Miller; \$10.00 gift certificate, A. Magda;

Also, case oil, Larry Hillman; watch, Rosemary Denisco; \$20.00 gift certificate, Bittenbender; 2 breakfast, Joan Luck; \$25.00 cash, Gail Thomas; Hair dryer, Brian Gouger; 5 qt. ice cream, Joleen Dimaggio; \$25.00 gift certificate, Gene Bieschke; 1 mo. Fitness Plus, Louis Mark; \$15.00 cash, Butch Denesco; 1 lg. pizza & soda, Heather Williams; \$25.00 cash, Jim Roberts; apple wreath, M. Hosey; 2 pizzas, Chris Hampel.

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