

SPORTS

Come from behind victory

Dallas takes Class II title second consecutive year

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There was no one in the Back Mountain as proud of the Dallas Mountaineers last weekend than head football coach Ted Jackson.

For the second consecutive year his athletes took the Eastern Conference Class II title. Last year was a great achievement for the Dallas gridder. This year was even more fantastic for there were many predictions at the beginning of the season that the Mountaineers couldn't repeat. These same fans pointed out that Jackson had lost outstanding athletes through graduation, that his 1988 team lacked experience, lacked ability.

This season's Mountaineers proved those fans and many

sportscasters wrong. They played a tough schedule from the beginning of the season going up against some of the strongest Division I teams in the conference, then captured the Division II title by playing to win each of the necessary games in their own division at the end of the season.

"These kids were great, I couldn't ask for more," said Jackson after Saturday's 27-24 win over a determined Danville team. "They're a great bunch of kids, they've got great character with a lot of heart. They never gave up throughout the entire year. These kids never quit and they made a great comeback against the Ironmen. They were fantastic, just fantastic."

"The defense let up in the first half but we made a few minor adjustments at halftime and everybody gave their best. It was a

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great team effort. We told our defense we could win if they played well and they went out and did that in the second half.

"Our coaches are a great mix, too, and I give them a lot of credit for the work they've done with these athletes all year. Paul Brown, Bill Silvi and Tony Chiarucci helped put us where we are today," Jackson said.

Jackson had every right to be happy and proud of his boys. They

outscored Danville 20 to 3 in the second half in overcoming the Ironmen's 21-7 halftime lead to forge ahead to 27-24 and take the title.

Quarterback Jay Cherup had a superb second half, hitting on five of eight passes and running for a score himself. Backs Jerry Ogurkis and Barry Miller led the offense, Ogurkis scoring two touchdowns in the second half and Miller running 34 yards for the only Dallas score in the first half. Ogurkis had a total of 61 yards and Miller rushed for 92 yards.

Jim Lister, who until this year, played on Dallas's winning soccer team received a 29-yard strike to give Dallas a first down at Danville's 15-yard line in the fourth quarter.

"We played rough in the first half," Lister said. "Everything we did

seemed to go wrong. We never gave up and after the coaches talked to us we went out and did what we knew we had to do. We proved again that we never give up.

"It was fun playing soccer and being on the winning team last year and it was fun this year playing football. Both sports are exciting. I had a lot of pleasure playing football and winning the Eastern Conference Class II title feels good," Lister said.

Junior Barry Miller, who has been the heart of the Dallas team all season wasn't happy with the attitude the first half.

"We weren't playing as a team the first half," Miller said. "It seemed as though everyone was waiting for the other one to do the job. The coaches remarks helped at the half and then

everything came together. We came out in the second half determined the game was going to be ours and we played that way. The outcome speaks for itself," Miller ended.

Jackson was right, the game was one great team effort. Ogurkis, Lister, Miller, Cherup, Tony Nadzan, Jr., Ron Post, Chris Lesjak, Shawn Ruth, Phil George, Scott Horoshko, Mark Paczewski, Dave Pitcavage, Joe Piskorik, Sam Jayne, each contributed to their team's win with recoveries, fielding a punt, sacks, running, a key tackle in a tight situation; each did his share even those on the bench who cheered their teammates all the way.

Despite winning the game, the Mountaineers had great respect for Danville particularly their fullback John Brent, leading rusher in the game with 99 yards.

Back Mountain soccer teams win in County championship

The 6th Annual Luzerne County Cup Championship was held recently with the finals being held November 19 at the Airport Fields in Wyoming, with over 2,000 youngsters participating. Winners and runner-ups were presented with trophies by Russ Arnone, Luzerne County Director of Supplies and Property, Michael Haydu, District Soccer Commissioner and Joe Gula, Luzerne County Recreation Department Sports Supervisor. The

Commissioner's Cup was also presented to the winners by Russ Arnone. They will keep it for a year.

John Charles, Luzerne County Recreation Department Executive Director would live to thank everyone who participated and helped to make this year's Soccer Cup Tournament another success.

Game scores: Under 16 Division: (champions) Back Mt. Spirit 5 - Back Mt. Force 1.

Under 14 Division: (champions)

Back Mt. Infernos 3 - Back Mt. Lancers 1.

Under 12 Division: (champions) Plains I Birchwood 3 - Plains III Goalbusters

Pictured from left, Joe Gula, LCRD; Andy Miroslaw, coach of U-16 Back Mt. Spirits, receiving Commissioners Trophy from Russ Arnone L.C.; Charles Hemple, Back Mt. Soccer President; Michael Haydu, District Soccer Commissioner.



Dallas Middle School PhysEd winners

Mrs. Ann Seitz, Dallas Middle School physical education instructor, is pleased to announce that the following students have earned the Presidential Award for Physical Fitness. The students had to attain certain levels of achievement in various physical activities to be eligible for recognition. Earning the awards were Wendy Cave, Rene Zeglin, Lisa Ford, Nick Sabatini, Eric Williams, Dave Fisher, Pat Joyce, Pete Kerdesky, Pat Scoble, Lee Waver, Dave Rhodes and Jason Case. From left, Mrs. Ann Seitz, Eric Williams, Rene Zeglin, Dave Fisher, Lee Weaver, Pat Scoble, Jason Case, Patrick Joyce, Dave Rhodes, Wendy Cave, and Nick Sabatini. Absent Lisa Ford and Pete Kerdesky.

Strikes & Spares

By Charlot M. Denmon

Castlettes remained in first place in the **Ladies Country League** by taking three points from G.H. Harris paced by L. Cyphers 192 (487) and A. Tregan's 180 (470). Faux Inn climbed up a spot by shutting Fashion Vending, whose E. Roberts rolled 202-170 (504). C. Smith led the inn team with 179 (490) and N. Stredny contributed 170 (486). Back Mountain Bowl divided evenly with Grotto Pizza. The pizza girls were aided by N. Stredny's 201 (490) and M. Faux's 183 (473). K. Scavone topped the bowl team with 171 (476).

In the **Back Mountain Farmers League** Ugly Ducklings shut out the Turkeys paced by T. Ruger's 553. A. Hospodar rolled 173 (477) for the

Turkeys. Mules took all from the Thoroughbreds sparked by L. Coolbaugh's 542 and J. Lanning's 171. Chickies took three from the Longhorns and the Black Sheep picked up three points from the Barn Cats. W. Wesley led the cats with 243 (582), M. Delaney added 535 and W. Lathrop rolled 516.

Wild Pins shut out Roadrunners in **Native Textiles League** led by L. Wolfe's 209-209 (601) and Ida Engleman posted 187-170 (504). D. Stuart's 520 was high for the losing five. Big Blue Boomers blanked the Pin Heads with no one hitting high games. R. Clemow's 222-214 (631) helped Bad News Bowlers take three from the Alley Cats, whose J. Teetsel hit 551 and D. Williams adding 529. The Suds copped three points from

the Ringers whose J. Brady, Jr. topped everyone on the team with 514. Sandbaggers earned three from the Ballbusters despite the busters G. Schooley's 538, Sally Johnson's 175-191 (526) set the pace for Besta's three points from the Beer Bowlers whose Brian Perrego rolled 222 (512).

In the **Quartets League** Hi Fives blanked Jane's Guys aided by Kathy H.'s 177 and Mike Y.'s 204. J. Cummings 526 series was not enough for the guys team to win. Rolling Stones Edward C.'s 537 led the team to three points from Chosen Few.

Several leagues did not bowl last week because of the Thanksgiving Holiday and others taking off to their cabins for deer hunting.

Misericordia soccer completes first season

The College Misericordia soccer team closed its first season on Saturday, Oct. 29, with a home game loss against Beaver College. The Cougars went into the game with a 1-3 record. The team, in its first

year, is made up of two seniors, two sophomores and 10 freshmen. Members of the team include: Mark Oberstaedt, Lou Gauthier, Ty Taylor, Chris Biblehelmer, Peter Brassington. Standing: Coach John

Howe, Jennifer Mooney, Mark Fung-a-Fat, Joe Simpson, Jeff Jadcak, Jim Coyle, Dave Morris, Jason Maniskas, Karen Carey and Kevin Sullivan.

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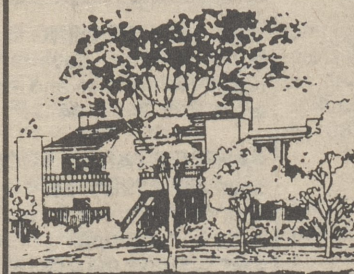
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