

SPORTS

Black Knights fall to powerful GAR 33-13

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"We went into the game with GAR expecting the big play," said Coach Rich Gorgone following his Lake-Lehman Knights 33-13 loss to the Grenadiers. "GAR is an explosive team and we knew we had to contain them in order to prevent turnovers and we knew if they broke loose they had the speed to go all the way.

The score was 19-13 with five minutes remaining in the game and we knew we had a chance to go ahead but our lack of experience in those final minutes hurt us. Penalties and turnovers hurt us in the final minutes. Injuries to J.J. Konigus and Ed Kelly didn't help either. I have to give our kids credit, they put forth great effort and they ran the ball well but the Grenadiers are a smart team. They jumped our receivers and their inexperience got to our kids and they fell apart."

This week the Knights play Northwest and Gorgone said it's always a tough game, a real rivalry.

"We have to build on our mistakes and also take one game at a time," Gorgone concluded.

The game was a better game than the score indicates. GAR was not without mistakes, they turned the ball over seven times with three interceptions and four fumbles. They were able to get some big

plays which made the difference in the score.

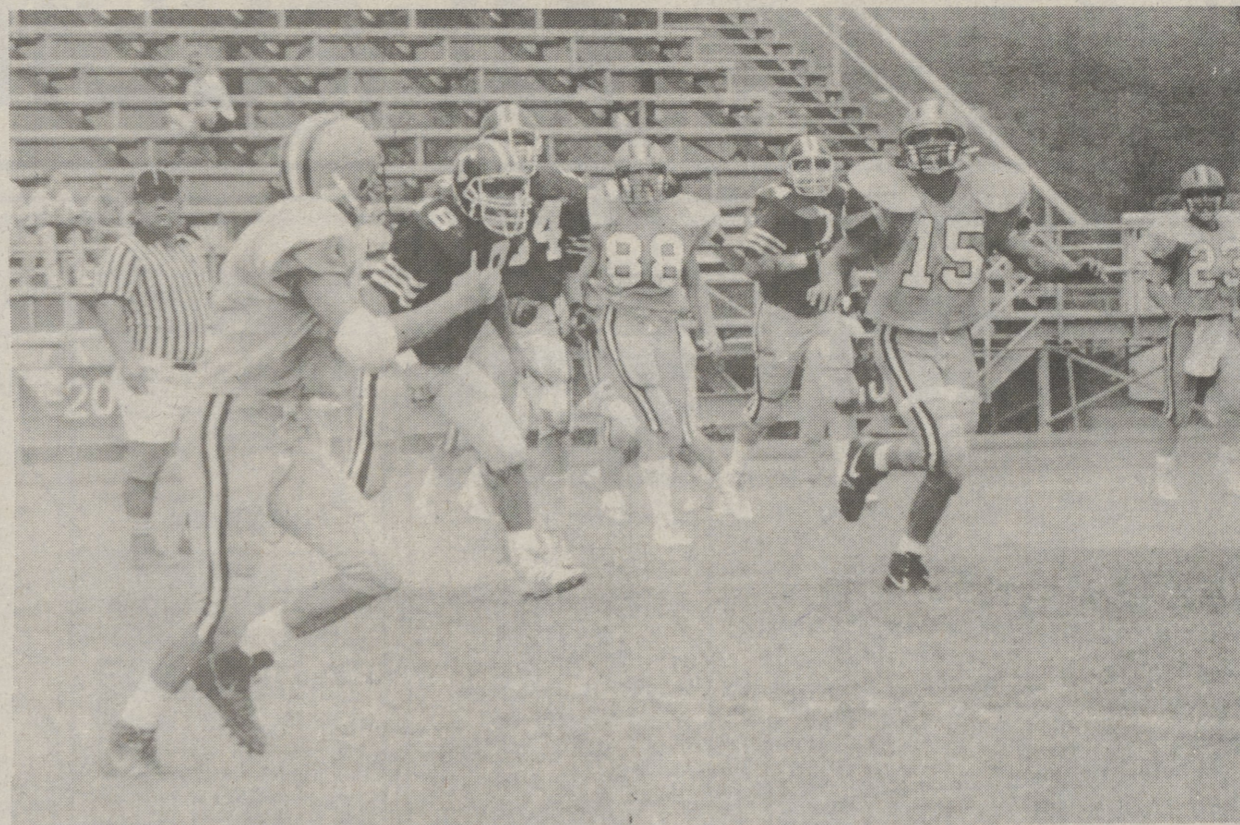
They took the lead in the first quarter when they took advantage of a blocked punt to set up a 45 yard run for a touchdown although their offense was cold in the beginning.

The Knights made the score 7-6 in the second quarter when Ed Spencer recovered a GAR fumble on the GAR 20 yard line and four plays later Terry Martin took the ball over for a touchdown. The kick for the extra point failed.

Before the end of the first half the Grenadiers scored a second touchdown when Quarterback Santayana John scored from the 39 yard line. In the third quarter the Grenadiers took the opening kickoff and in three plays went 60 yards to score a touchdown. GAR tried for two points but failed to make them and they went in front 19-6.

The Knights came right back with a 57-yard drive and Terry Martin went into the endzone on a four-yard run. The kick for extra point was good and the Knights cut GAR's lead to 19-13. The Knights had two opportunities to score again in the third quarter but couldn't get a first down and were forced to punt both times. Forced to punt from the endzone, punter J.J. Konigus fumbled on the snap and was tackled in the endzone for a safety.

In the final quarter the Grenadiers scored two more touchdowns to end the game with a 33-13 win.



MILLER GOES FOR 1ST DOWN - Mountaineer Barry Miller runs for a first down in the Nanticoke game Saturday as Wayne Post (88) and George Ladamus run interference for him. Miller took the ball in from the seven yard line on the next play. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

Mounds blow out Nanticoke for first win Miller runs for three touchdowns

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"It was a nice way to start the season," said Dallas Coach Ted Jackson after the Mountaineers 28-0 win over the Nanticoke Trojans last Saturday. "It gives the kids the confidence going into the year.

"Jay Straigis did a great job at quarterback and proved he could lead the team on the field, and Barry Miller made some excellent runs going for three scores. The offense did some fine blocking for Barry. The guards got in front of him and George Ladamus had some nice blocks."

Jackson said he was also pleased with the Dallas defense against Nanticoke. Nanticoke is a good football team and Jackson said they have some strong linemen and a good quarterback as well as some big backs.

"We were concerned coming into the game," Jackson said. "Our kids played a great game. Sam Jayne, Wayne Post, Emery Yurko, Jeremiah VanOrden and Eric Paczewski made some key plays for us."

"This week we play Wyoming Valley West which will be a real challenge for us. They have more sophomores out for the team than we have players on our entire team. Their kids are big and have speed. We have to prepare for them and just take one game at a time," Jackson concluded.

Miller ran for a total of 143 yards and scored his three touchdowns on runs of 81, 10 and seven yards, with Chris Williams kicking the extra points. Miller also caught two passes from Straigis, who completed eight passes for 120 yards and scored the Mountaineers fourth touchdown on a

10-yard run.

Dallas scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, the first one on their first possession of the ball which Miller carried into the endzone on an 81 yard run. The Mountaineers ran the score to 14-0 before the first quarter ended after Straigis hit Wayne Post with a 23 yard pass then hit Miller for two more to move Miller to the 10-yard line from where he went over for the score.

The Mountaineers moved the score to 21-0 by mixing running and passing for 58 yards to move to the seven yard line from where Miller scored. Straigis scored the final touchdown for the Mountaineers in the third quarter when he took the ball in from 10 yards out on a keeper.

Chris Williams went four-for-four kicking the extra points.

Knights golfers lose two

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The young Lake-Lehman Knights got off to a slow start last week in their opening golf games losing 194-211 to Crestwood and 189-207 to Tunkhannock.

Knight Jeff Hynick was low scorer for the Knights in the match with Crestwood at Irem Temple

Country Club, hitting a 49. Dan Payne and Ryan Leahey hit identical scores of 52 and Brett Babcock shot a 58.

In the match with Tunkhannock at Shadowbrook Ryan Leahey was a low scorer for the Knights with 50 and Dan Payne and Jeff Hynick shot 51's. Jesse Sorber followed with 55.



READY TO CHEER - Dallas cheerleaders get in formation at Saturday's game with Nanticoke as they get ready to cheer. (C.M. Denmon Photo)

Dallas, Lake-Lehman prep for soccer season

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The increasing interest in high school soccer brings with it stronger competition and predictions of conference champions become more difficult. This year there are 21 teams in the Wyoming Valley Conference, which has been split into three divisions-Southern, Central and Northern.

Dallas, Wyoming Seminary, Lake-Lehman with many of their boys returning, Bishop Hoban, Abington Heights and Coughlin appear to be the teams to beat. Dallas, Lake-Lehman and Wyoming Seminary are in the southern division, Bishop Hoban and Coughlin in the central division and Abington Heights in the northern division.

Despite Dallas losing Matt McQuide, an All Star in his senior year, the Mountaineers Coach John McCafferty always fields a strong team. He manages to pull plays from out of nowhere which keep his athletes strong on offense and defense.

This season senior John Masley will be back to lead a strong defense and senior Eric Ursiak will make the Dallas defense tougher than ever.

The Mountaineer offense always moves the ball well and continuously attacks their opponents goals. McCafferty will count on Jeff Tinner and Darren Michael in this corner and Ken Klimovitz will be on the front line. Patrolling midfield will be Kenn Rozelle and Eddie Reabuck.

Matt Butler will be the Mountaineers goal keeper this year and fullbacks will be Keith McDonald, Brian Felt and Ned Polka.

The Mountaineers are always in the thick of things and expect them to be again this season.

Lake-Lehman has not played soccer for as many seasons as the Mountaineers but Coach Ray Dennis has brought his Knights a long way in the past several years.

Dennis has P.J. Goodwin and Mike Doerfler returning and Goodwin will be stopper while Doerfler will be sweeper. Rob Mirowslaw is back and his experience and balance will serve well at midfield.

Fullbacks Jeff Fritzen and Jeff

Sands will provide help to goal keeper Greg Dobash. Junior Jim Manzoni should be strong at midfield and Coach Dennis is counting on Jason Turner for midfield.

Mike Saneholtz, Rich Lamoreaux and Eric Stogoski are expected to strengthen the Knights as forwards.

Dallas will open its season with Wyoming Seminary September 12 at the Mountaineers field in a game which usually goes down to the last seconds. The Knights will open with Bishop O'Reilly the same day. The Queensmen can prove to be a surprise as they have been in the past.

Dallas golf team off to good start with two wins

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Dallas golfers got off to a good start last week with wins over Hanover Area at the Wyoming Valley Country Club and Bishop Hafey, Tuesday at Irem Temple Country Club.

High school junior Paul Deeble gained medalist honors in both matches shooting a 41 in the Mountaineers 184-195 win over

Hanover and scoring a five over par 41 in the team's 185-192 over Bishop Hafey.

In the Hanover match Mike Prokopchak fired a 45, John McKeever hit a 47 and Jim Reynolds finished with 51.

Jim McKeever shot a 43 in the Bishop Hafey match while Mike Prokopchak hit 50 and Jim Reynolds 51.

Jaycees bass tournament results

The Back Mountain Jaycees recently held their Annual Bass Fishing Tournament on Lake Carey in Tunkhannock on Sunday, August 20. Jaycee Project Chairman George Hanadel announced the following winners of the event.

1st Place and Luncheon Awards totaling \$320 were presented to Don Rowlands and Dave Klings of Tunkhannock. The total weight of their catches tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 5 oz. and their luncheon weighed in at 2 lbs. 13 oz.

The 2nd Place Award was presented to Ken Rowlands and Bob Yanachko of Scranton. The total weight of their catches weighed in at 3 lbs. 13 oz. Garnering the 3rd Place Award was Mike Yanachko of Dickson City and Pat White of Rushville with a total weight of 3 lbs. 12 oz.

Hanadel also announced that in 4th Place was Steve Kozemko of Mehospenn and Dave Dorman of Springville with a total weight of 3 lbs. 11 oz. and Luncheon of 2 lbs. The annual event is sponsored by the Back Mountain Jaycees, in cooperation with local fishing enthusiasts.

The Jaycees are a community oriented leadership training organization that involves men and women from 21 to 40 in the community. The next Jaycee project is a refreshment and game stands at the Luzerne County Fair Sept. 6-10, Rte. 118 in Lehman.

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