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Eagles fans threaten riot in streets of Dallas

Demand name change in advance of Eagles/Cowboys game October 5

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Nestled in a quiet community, the people of Dallas go about their daily lives, oblivious to the hostility that grows a little more than 100 miles to the south. The people of Philadelphia are furious with this community. This week the hostility reached a fever-pitch.

It's not that the people of Dallas have purposely done anything to arouse the ire of the City of Brotherly Love. It's just that this community bears a name that boils the blood of many Philadelphians - especially Eagles fans.

It all began on Monday morning, the day after the Philadelphia Eagles inflicted a sound thrashing on the Denver Broncos. Talk in Philadelphia quickly turned to the Eagles next game, Monday night, October 5 against the Cowboys - that's right the Dallas Cowboys.

The Dallas Post received a call from a gentleman in Levittown, Pa., Hank Scrocca, who is familiar with the Dallas area. Scrocca stated that Philadelphia's all-sports radio station, WIP-AM 610, was "trashing" the

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Angelo Cataldi
Sports show host on WIP-AM in Philadelphia

city of Dallas, Pennsylvania. The station was apparently having fun with Philadelphia businesses that had the word "Dallas" associated with them. Then, one caller told the hosts of the show, Angelo Cataldi, Tony Bruno and Al Morganti, about a small city in Northeastern Pennsylvania named Dallas.

The fun started from there. On Tuesday morning, the Dallas Post had an exclusive interview with the trio, live on WIP.

"We've done our best to quell the situation here," said Cataldi, tongue-in-cheek. "But a lot of people are upset just with the name Dallas, with the big game coming up here. We won't be able to help it if there is rioting in the streets."

Cataldi says there is just one way to prevent an ugly situation.

"We want you to change the name of your city,"

said Cataldi. "There is no way that there should be a city named Dallas in Pennsylvania."

When asked what suggestion they would have for a name change, Bruno was quick to respond.

"You've got to keep it topical," said Bruno. "How about Quayle, Pennsylvania?"

The interview was held at the studios of WKRZ-FM/WILK-AM. Ironically, WILK, 980 AM, is a member of the Dallas Cowboy Radio Network and broadcasts all of their games live.

When Philadelphia broadcasters heard that, the interview took a nasty turn.

"What kind of losers live there," snapped Cataldi. "Who wants to listen to Dallas Cowboy football? What kind of turncoats are these people."

"You mean to tell me that there is no hue and cry in this stinkin' Dallas, Pa. to stop this infiltration," added Cataldi. "Pennsylvania is Eagles' football country. It's bad enough that we have a Dallas in Pennsylvania and now you're telling us that they're a bunch of stinking turncoats who listen to the Dallas Cowboys and you're doing nothing about it."

The trio concluded the interview by restating their

demands.

"We want the name changed," said Cataldi. "There can't be any Dallas in our area. We will not tolerate it. Because I'll tell you something right now. We cannot be held accountable if there is rioting in the streets of Dallas over this and it could happen."

Meanwhile, the people of Dallas go about their daily business, proud of their community's name and the tradition associated with it.

But don't be too surprised if, in the next two weeks, a man rides horseback throughout the Dallas area shouting, "To arms, to arms. The Philadelphians are coming! The Philadelphians are coming!"

What do you say?

Dave Konopki will be calling WIP-AM on Monday morning, September 28 for a live follow-up interview. If you have something special you would like to say to Mrs. Cataldi, Bruno, Morganti, call Dave at 283-5532 before 10 p.m. Sunday.

KT Raiders B-Team wins, A-Team loses to Swoyersville

The Kingston Township Raiders B Team defeated the Swoyersville Sailors B Team.

In the first quarter Matt Jackson scored the first touchdown with a successful two point conversion by Matt Jackson. On a 65-yard punt return, Chris Tucker scored the Raiders second touchdown in the second quarter along with Joe Kuskosky who made the third touchdown and the two point conversion on the two point conversion on the third touchdown by Joe Kuskosky.

Matt Jackson scored two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter with Chris Hann making the two point conversion on the Raiders final touchdown.

The final score Raiders 26 - Sailors 0.

The A-Team Raiders were unsuccessful in defeating the Sailors. The final score Raiders 0 - Sailors 34.

Next Sunday, Sept. 27, the Raiders will be playing the Plymouth Indians with kickoff at 12 noon for the C-Team. Game will be played at Plymouth.

Raiders C-Team tops Swoyersville

Once again, the K.T. Raiders C-Team were victorious. They defeated the Swoyersville Sailors with a final score of 12-0. John Martin, offensive coordinator, was extremely proud of the effort made by the line. Swoyersville has an excellent defensive line and the local young men pounded away at it all day.

Coach Mark Kerpovich's offensive squad managed to virtually shut the Sailors down. Two interceptions were made by rookie Bobby Zaruta. Scott Miller seemed to be able to break through their defense at will. He was responsible for making several key tackles.

As in previous games, the relentless spirit of the C-Team Raiderettes played a key factor. They were able to get the band of supporters involved in the game.

Next Sunday, the team travels to Plymouth for the "Battle of the Undeclared". Kingston Township goes to Plymouth with a 4-0 record while Plymouth is having a 3-0 season.

Last year, in the same situation, non-football related injuries to two key players hampered KT's efforts.

Irem Women's Golf news

The Irem Womens Golf Association held a Locker Room meeting on September 15 followed by a draw for partners tournament. Winners were Leah Flock, Arlene Rothstein and Jane Kopp. On September 22 a Better Ball of Partners Tournament was held with a shotgun start at 9 a.m.



Dueling in Dallas

Cindy Maier of Dallas, #13, battled for the ball during the Mountaineers match with Northwest. The Mounts won 4-1. (Post photo/Christina Conrad)

Sports roundup

Cross Country KNIGHTS LOSE CLOSE MEET TO PITSTON

On September 14, the Lake-Lehman cross country team lost a close match to Pittston by the score of 29-26. However, finishing first for Lehman was Allen Scott who had a time of 17:34. Coming in fourth for Lehman was Jason Case.

MOUNTS RUN PAST VALLEY WEST

The Dallas Mountaineers beat the Wyoming Valley West Spartans easily on September 14, by the score of 41-17. Finishing in the top three positions were Matt Samuel, Mike Licon and Sean Miller.

SAMUELS RUNS FIRST, BUT MOUNTS LOSE

The Dallas Mountaineers cross country team experienced its second defeat on September 17 to Bishop Hoban by the score of 31-26. However, Dallas' Matt Samuels finished first with a time of 17:01.

Field Hockey

MOUNTS TOP NORTHWEST 4-1

The Dallas field hockey team defeated Northwest by the score of 4-1 on September 16, with goals by Nina Mathers, Karen Wisniewski, Patrice Shovlin, and Kelly Janosky.

BARBER'S GOAL LEADS LEHMAN OVER MEYERS

The Lake-Lehman Knights' Ann Barber lifted the Knights to a 1-0 victory over Meyers on Wednesday, September 16. Lake-Lehman's goalie, Stephanie Whitesell, had two saves for the Knights.

MOUNTAINEERS BLAST GAR BY 12-0 SCORE

The Dallas Mountaineers bounced back quickly from a loss to defeat GAR by the score of 12-0 on September 14. The Mountaineers saw three goals from sophomore Katie Sallitt. The Mountaineers had 27 shots on goal while GAR had no shots on goal.

Soccer

KNIGHTS BLANK VALLEY WEST 4-0

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights beat Wyoming Valley West at their field on September 15, by the score of 4-0. Scoring for the Knights were Chris Salko, Brian Kelly, Will Woronko, and Mike Petruska. Goalie Kevin Lowery had nine saves for the Knights in the contest.

SEMINARY SQUEAKS BY DALLAS 1-0

On September 15, Wyoming Seminary beat the Dallas Mountaineers by the score of 1-0. The goal occurred with only five minutes gone in the fourth quarter. Pat Scoble had six saves for the Mountaineers.

Kowalski, Cleary playing at Wake Forest

Junior Amy Kowalski and Freshman Kelly Cleary, both of Dallas, are members of the field hockey team at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem North Carolina. This is Kowalski's second year on the team.

Strumski makes all-tournament team

College Misericordia freshman Courtney Strumski of Tunkhannock was chosen to the all-tournament team at the Luzerne County Recreational Board volleyball tournament at King's College.

College Misericordia placed third in the tournament which was held on September 12.

Volleyball

PITSTON STOPS MOUNTS IN TWO

The Dallas Mountaineers were defeated by the scores of 15-2 and 15-1 by Pittston Area in Wyoming Valley Conference Girls' Volleyball action on September 14. The Mountaineers' record now drops to 0-2 but will look for a win against visiting Coughlin next.

LAKE-LEHMAN BEATS PITSTON 2 OF 3

The Lady Knights volleyball team defeated Pittston Area 8-15, 15-5 and 15-2, on September 18. The Knights were led by Jill Smigelski, Erin Loftus and Stacy Pacalavich.

Football

RIVERSIDE TOPS LEHMAN 20-13

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights experienced their first loss, to Riverside on September 18. The Knights lost by a score of 20-13. However, two impressive scores for the Knights came from Seniors Clive Lankwarden and Gary Cavill.

Lehman explodes to rout Dallas 6-2 in soccer match

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It is very obvious that the Lake-Lehman versus Dallas soccer rivalry is an important one in the Back Mountain.

So important that last year's contest left players lying on the field one moment and in the doctor's office the next. A game so important that players play not only for the record but for pride.

There was a great deal of pride and important standings to consider as Lake-Lehman defeated Dallas 6-2 on Thursday, September 17. The score may sound like a blowout but when pride is on the line a big margin may never be enough because when playing for pride players can do amazing things.

The first quarter began with the usual Lehman vs. Dallas physical play going back and forth trying to get an edge. The balance tipped towards Lehman at 9:16 in the first quarter when junior Will Woronko scored the first goal of the contest to put Lehman up 1-0.

"I shot after I spun off and I was surprised the shot was on goal. I didn't think it was going to go in. I was surprised when it went into the goal", said Woronko of his first quarter score.

However, Lehman should not have been surprised that Dallas would be ready to respond. Matt Sleightholm came right back to score for Dallas at 2:55 in the second quarter. The Mountaineers and Knights went into halftime with a 1-1 tie and Lehman's flow of momentum in the second quarter slowly drifted to Dallas. Lehman's desire became so questionable that senior Tim Norconk wanted to know, "Do these guys know we are playing Dallas?"

With the start of the third quarter there were no more questions. At 16:13 of the third quarter Lehman's Chris Salko was in the right place at the right time and ready for the unexpected as he scored on a dropped ball by the Dallas goalie and easily booted it in to give the Knights a 2-1 lead.

"I was just following up someone else's shot and I was able to put it in," said senior Salko.

Good fortune had turned Lehman's way, although at the time they might not have been thinking so. Chris Salko had another break away down field but just missed his shot. And junior Will Woronko's shot on goal hit the cross bar. Lehman was just missing

but Brian Kelly would not.

At 1:19 in the third quarter Kelly took a pass from teammate Tim Norconk and rifled a 35-yard shot into the net. The shot left the players on the field stunned and even Dallas fans in the crowd echoed "Can you believe that kid?" as Kelly did his celebration dance and ran towards his teammates.

"I try to get just one of those a game, right?" Kelly said as he smiled. He went on to comment about the Dallas Lehman rivalry, "It creates more intense and exciting games. You won't find more skillful play anywhere else in the Wyoming Valley Conference."

From then on Dallas just couldn't get it together.

Will Woronko scored again at 18:03 after a collision with Dallas goalie Pat Scoble "I knew I had a 50-50 chance when we collided. The goalie got hurt so I just picked up the ball and scored," said Woronko of his goal.

Kelly scored again at 12:19 when he got a small break away from a Dallas defender. He faked left and went right as he let a little dribbler roll by the defense into the goal. "Once you score you get a hunger to score again," said Kelly of his second goal. The Knights scored using three people with two goals apiece.

To finish out the scoring for Lehman and to tally his second goal, Chris Salko scored at 9:56 with an assist by Kelly. "I think we all played well today. It was a more physical game but you play through that. It was motivational to beat Dallas," Salko said.

Maybe Salko had senior goalkeeper Kevin Lowery in mind when he was thinking of the word motivational. Lowery played inspired soccer versus Dallas making many incredible saves during the contest. Again, Lowery made it look easy and said after the game, "We played great. We did not come here to lose and the defense picked us up."

Norconk played exceptional defense as well as keeping his team motivated. "We just have to take it one game at a time and have the defense keep the goals down. We seem to be moving better and we are winning head balls more often, which is vital."

The players from Lehman were very happy about this win. However, they know Dallas is not a team to take defeat lightly. Lehman won the first battle but the war is not over yet.

Sorber a third year starter for Mansfield University field hockey

Mansfield University Junior Becky Sorber began her third year as a starter for the school's field hockey team. Sorber, a 1989 graduate of Lake Lehman High School, plays forward and wing positions and is the daughter of Chip and Vera Sorber of Dallas.

Wells plays field hockey for Bucknell

Sue Wells of Wyoming is on Bucknell University's Field Hockey team. Wells is a senior and a graduate of Dallas High School.