

## SportsWeek

## Black Knights take quarterfinal match

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The Lake-Lehman Black Knights moved to the semifinal round of the state soccer playoffs by defeating Christopher Dock Mennonite 4-0, Saturday, November 14.

The Black Knights were then scheduled to meet Holy Ghost Prep Tuesday, Nov. 17.

"It feels really exciting to be in the semi-finals. No other team in the school's history has gone this far and only Dallas has gone this far in soccer. It's nice to represent the Wyoming Valley Conference, the Back Mountain and northeastern Pennsylvania," coach Bill Tooley said.

Junior fullback Mike Petruska, coming into this game with only one goal, began the Lake-Lehman scoring. Petruska was in the right places at the right times, shifting to the inside as Lehman went on their offensive attack. "I have been up there before. Today my man was playing up more and the first time I scored it was exciting," Petruska commented.

Petruska scored when senior Jason McDade took the corner kick and put the ball in front of the goal. A Christopher Dock player and Chris Salko were trying for possession of the ball as Petruska booted the ball in the goal at 5:49 in the first quarter.

Senior Ken Miroslaw was next to score for the Black Knights. He sent in a shot from the center of the

field from about 20 yards out to make the score 2-0, Lehman at 41 seconds in the second quarter.

"We had a lot of determination in this game. We really wanted it. No one was ready to hang up their shoes. It was just pure determination and desire," Miroslaw said of the game.

Then it was time for Petruska to score his second goal of the game and only his third of the year. He scored at 7:04 of the second quarter, increasing the Black Knights lead to 3-0. Brian Kelly recorded the assist on the play.

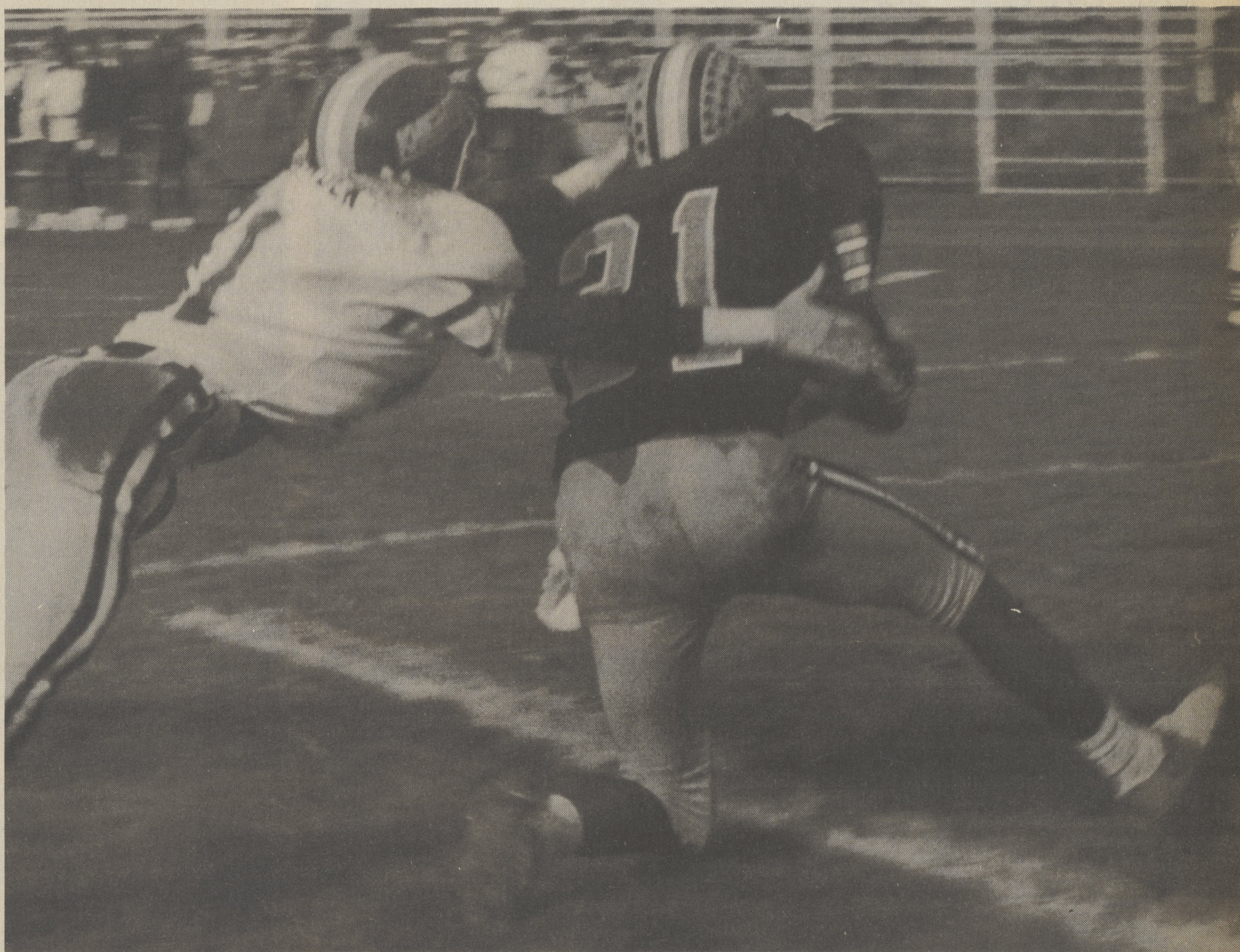
"On the second goal I just couldn't believe it went in. It was really exciting" Petruska said.

Brian Kelly finished off the scoring to give the Knights a 4-0 lead as he rifled in a shot from far out to record his 43rd goal of the season.

"Our defense played so well, so tough. They really came together so that the offense could net four goals," Kelly said.

Senior Kevin Lowery recorded his second post-season shutout. Lowery made incredible saves throughout the game recording six saves in all. He kept the Knights safe from any Christopher Dock scoring threat.

The Knights now move on to semi-final competition. "This team has the experience needed that last year they didn't have. We have confidence and experience which makes us a little better," Tooley said.



REELING IT IN - Dallas split end Todd Pacewski grabbed a pass from Brian Brady just as Lake-Lehman defender Clive Lankwarden

began to wrap him up. More photos from the Old Shoe game on page 10. (Post photo/Charlotte Bartizek)

## Mounts face Montrose in Eastern Conference playoff

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At a time when change appears to be sweeping throughout the nation, it's nice to know that some things remain the same.

Enter the Dallas Mountaineers. It's been three years since the Mountaineers have been to the Eastern Conference football playoffs. But the trademarks of the Ted Jackson administration, a smothering defense and a high-powered offense, still remain the same.

The Mountaineers, 10-1, host Montrose, 10-0-1, in the Eastern Conference semi-final this Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. at the Dallas High School field.

The Mountaineers used a strong defense and a balanced offense en route to capturing back-to-back EC crowns in 1987 and 1988.

Now, they're hoping history repeats itself.

Dallas, co-champions in the Wyoming Valley Conference Division II, has rolled over its opponents this season, led by the WVC Division II's leading rusher and passer.

Senior tailback Brian Burd has rushed for more than 1,400 yards this season while junior quarterback Brian Brady has thrown for nearly the same amount of yardage. Burd also captured the WVC Division II scoring title with 90 points.

While the offense has racked up the yardage and the points, the defense has been just as impressive. The Mounts led the WVC Division II in defense, yielding just

73 points in 11 games. Dallas has posted five shutouts this season and their starting defensive unit has given up just two touchdowns in the past 20 quarters of football.

Not too bad for a team that has overcome injuries to Burd, Brady and defensive standout Rich Butcofski and the loss of five players, including three starters, for the season due to disciplinary problems.

"This has been an incredible season, especially when you consider the problems we've had," said Jackson. "But these are a great bunch of kids. The seniors are real nice kids and they're fun to be around. They don't talk much, they just go out there and do their job."

The Mountaineers are coming off a 21-0 win over Back Mountain rival Lake-Lehman. The Dallas defense was overwhelming, allowing just 122 yards of total offense and not allowing the Black Knights to cross the Dallas 40-yard line. Rob Spencer capped off a fine season for the Black Knights in the game, however, going over the 1,000-yard mark for the season.

While Dallas and Montrose have both won at least a share of their respective division titles, that's where the similarities end.

Dallas has diverse offensive attack, the Meteors know just one way to move the football - on the ground. Montrose likes to run the football. They love to run the football.

How much? Let's just say that Montrose passes are one of a few things on Earth with less air time than an

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Iraqi Air Force pilot. A sailor on liberty throws more passes than the Montrose offense. Elizabeth Taylor has had more receptions than these guys.

But while they may be predictable, they're also successful.

The Meteors average nearly 290 yards per game on the ground led by running back Josh MacNamee. The 5-8, 160-pound senior with deceptive speed and strength has rushed for more than 1,400 yards this season. He is joined by senior quarterback Brad Todd (6-2, 185), senior fullback Jack Keel (5-11, 190) and senior wingback Jim Patton (6-2, 180) in the backfield.

"We like to run the football," said Meteor head coach Tom Lucenti, who is in his seventh season as head coach at Montrose. "We run the ball about 96 percent of the time. That's no exaggeration. But we've been doing it for years and we've been successful. We like to control the football. We feel that if we can do that, we have a better chance to win the game."

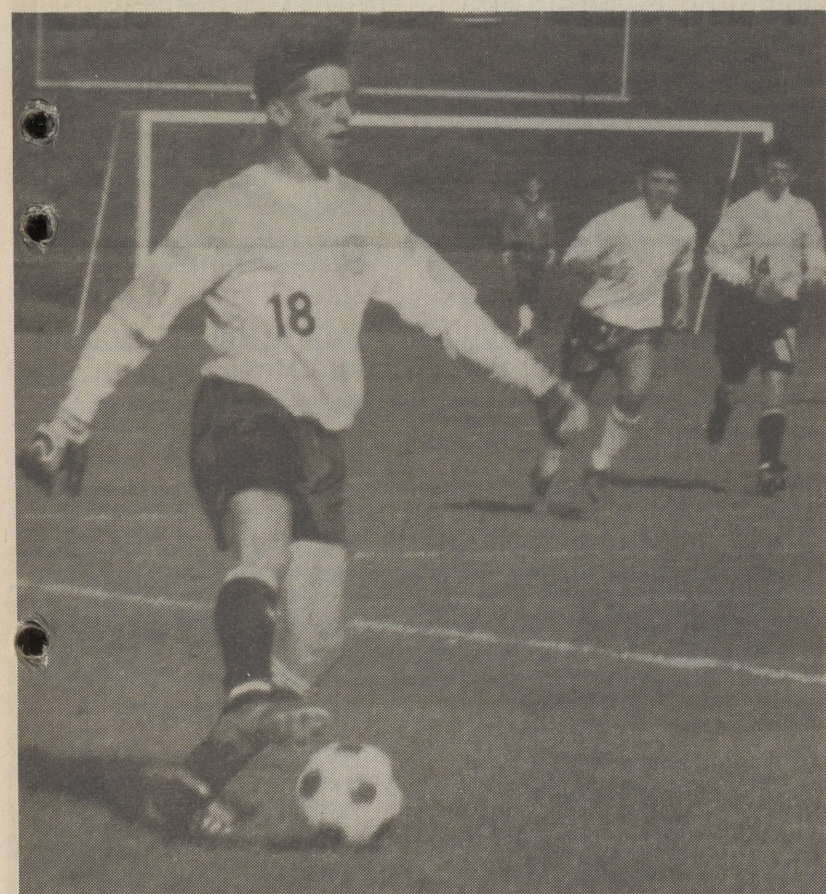
"I really don't know that much about Dallas," admitted Lucenti, who guided the Meteors to the Suburban Conference and District 12 titles this season. "We have a tape of their game against Hanover and we'll be studying that. But we do know that they come from a good league and with a record like that, they have to be a good foot-

ball team."

Like many Class AA teams, numbers are a problem for Montrose. The Meteors dress just 34 players and all but three play both ways. One of those players is Division-I college prospect Dan Rounds. The 6-3, 255 pound tackle anchors the Meteor line which averages 212 pounds. Larry Farr (6-0, 220), John Hunley (5-10, 190) and Mike Fletcher (5-11, 220) also handle the trench duties for Montrose.

"We haven't seen any of their film yet," said Jackson as of presstime. "But with a 10-0-1 record, they have to be good. I understand that they run the ball well. We'll have to tighten things up and play good defense. We know that we have to beat Montrose before we can play Valley View. But we won't be looking ahead. How can you overlook a team that's undefeated?"

**PREDICTION:** Much like Hanover Area, the Meteors will try to control the football and time of possession, thereby keeping the ball out of the hands of the talented Dallas skill people. A date with Valley View and a possible state playoff berth looms on the horizon for the Mountaineers. The Dallas seniors will most likely be playing their final home game of their careers. Regardless of classification, the Dallas defensive unit is one of the best in the state. The Mountaineers may only get six possessions, but they'll make the most of them. **DALLAS 27, MONTROSE 6.**



WINNERS - Will Woronko and his Black Knight teammates won their quarterfinal soccer match Saturday. (Post photo/Chris Conrad)

## Mounts lose close field hockey playoff

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Despite the loss, Ron Moran has reason to smile. Despite the disappointment, he has reason to be proud. And despite the adversity, he has reason to feel satisfied.

The Dallas High School field hockey coach saw his team's quest for a Pennsylvania State Class AA championship come to a heart-breaking end last Saturday afternoon as they lost a 1-0 overtime decision to Lackawanna Trail in the state quarterfinals.

But despite the loss and the adversity his team has endured this season, Moran knows this was a successful season for the Mountaineers.

"We won the district title and nobody thought we could do that," said Moran, who guided the Mounts to a 14-2-1 mark in his first season as head coach. "We had a great season. The girls worked very hard this season and it paid off. It was a great learning experience. It was a very enjoyable season."

The Mountaineers lost team leader Theresa Mathers to a knee injury three-quarters through the season and then had a couple of players, including goalkeeper Abby Russin, involved in a car accident just days before the state playoffs began. No one was seriously injured but Russin did receive bumps and bruises.

"Despite the adversity, they played great," said Moran, who also coaches Dallas's girl's soccer team. "They could have let it affect their game, but it didn't. Winning the district title was a thrill. The girls felt great and it was the highlight of our season."

Moran had nothing but praise for the play of his departing seniors.

"They were the leaders of this team," said Moran of the seniors. "Nina Mathers and Becky Yurko were our leaders on the field. Patrice Shovlin was playing her first year of field hockey and she did a great job. Jill Kowalski was the most improved player on our team and Karen Wisniewski did a great job for us, moving from the front line to midfield. Before she was hurt, Theresa Mathers was one of the best players in the conference."

Moran, who gave credit to assistant coach Nancy Shaw, has a good nucleus returning next season including standouts Kelly Janosky and Russin.

"We have five starters who will be back next season," added Moran. "But you're never assured of anything in this league. I think it's one of the toughest in the state. But I think that with getting to the state final last year and the quarterfinals this season, we have the respect of the league."

And the people of the Back Mountain.



## Geisinger Soccer Classic to benefit charity

The Geisinger Senior Soccer Classic scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 22, beginning at 2 p.m. at Wilkes University's Ralston Field will benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses in Danville and Scranton. Sponsored by the Geisinger System of health care, the contest will match 18 of the best high school senior soccer players from District II's Wyoming Valley Conference and 18 of the best players from District IV's Multi County League.

Tickets which cost \$3 for adults and \$1 for students, are available through any of the Wyoming Valley Youth Soccer organizations, the Wyoming Valley Soccer Coaches Association, or by calling Geisinger Wyoming Valley Public Affairs Department at 826-7890. Shown with Ronald McDonald himself are some of the players expected to compete in the contest, from left, Matt Sleightholm, Dallas, Brian Kelly, Lake-Lehman, Ronald McDonald, Tim Norconk, Lake-Lehman and Matt Bailey, Dallas.