

One to go

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hopes of a possible WVC championship. Now, they're playing for the state title. Incredible.

Washington and Dallas have given us some classic games at the professional level. This should be one on the high school level.

Washington is big and fast. They have a 1,000-yard rusher and a 1,000-yard passer, and they have a handful of Division 1 college prospects.

But guess what, they're human.

The Little Prexies have had a tough time holding onto the ball this season. They've thrown a dozen interceptions. In one game, they turned the ball over seven times. Their kicking game has been erratic. Their placekicker is an impressive 3-for-3 in field goal attempts, but has missed 14 of 36 extra points. Their offense reminds me of Wyoming Area, but with a little better quarterback. Their defense looks a lot like Dunmore, but with more size.

But if the Dallas Mountaineers come ready to play, they'll win the football game. I truly believe that. The way they played against Wyoming Area, Dallas could have beaten any team in the state—at any level.

The community support for the team has been tremendous during the post season. Large parades have greeted the team on their return from the WA and Bermudian Springs games. Let's hope support continues for one more week. The game should be over by 8:15. After media interviews and a quick shower, it's a 3 hour, 15 minute trip back.



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THE LEADERS - Dallas head coach Ted Jackson is shown with his senior captains after the team's victory in the state playoff semifinals. Kneeling, from left, Greg Nazdan, John Howe. Standing, Ted Jackson, Brian Brady, Ed Mattie.

Where, when to buy tickets

Tickets for the Dallas-Washington state title game will be on sale at the Dallas Middle School and at the high school's athletic office Wed., Dec. 8, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday, tickets will be available at the Middle School from 8 a.m. to noon, and at the High School from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Scoring may be at a premium and special teams may play a pivotal role in the outcome. It's going to take one more great defensive effort for the Mountain-

ers to win. But, you know what? They can do it! YOU GOTTA BELIEVE! Did someone say there's a party after midnight? **DALLAS 14-WASHINGTON 9.**

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Dugan's Pub	5-0
Greyhounds	4-1
Philadelphia Subs	3-2
Bassler Equip.	2-3
Allen Construction	1-4
Lion Inc.	0-5

Greyhounds - 91

FG	F	Tot.
Coslett**	13	20
Obeid	2	4
Pincofski	4	12
Bonchefski	4	8
McCarthy*	7	16
Phillips****	5	14
Parsons	1	3
Crocker	3	6
	39	81

Dugan's Pub - 65

FG	F	Tot.
Debona***	3	16
Hage	2	4
Jaster	8	18
Straigis*	3	10
Hosey	3	7
Carey	1	2
Messinger	3	8
	23	65

Philadelphia Subs - 83

FG	F	Tot.
Gebhart*	11	30
Swank**	7	21
Kepp*****	9	26
Feddock	2	6
	29	83

* Denotes 3 point goal
 ** Denotes 4 point goal

Dec. 12 Schedule

12:30 - Allen Construction vs. Philadelphia Subs
 1:30 - Lion Inc. vs. Dugan's Pub
 2:30 - Bassler Equipment vs. The Greyhounds

Lion Inc. - 63

FG	F	Tot.
Luksic	5	10
Cuff	6	18
Dente	5	13
Lister	2	6
Welgosh	3	7
Lamoreaux	4	9
	25	63

Allen Construction - 42

FG	F	Tot.
Hook	0	0
Conforti	4	9
Reidinger*	5	11
Sinkulak	5	16
McCue	1	2
Hraboski	2	4
	17	42

Bassler Equipment - 77

FG	F	Tot.
Millington	1	2
Woychick	3	6
Sutliff	3	6
Darling	11	22
Farrell***	5	13
Flaherty*****	9	26
Race	1	2
	33	77

Coslett's 30 points lead Greyhounds to easy win

Rick Coslett fired in 30 points to pace the Greyhounds to a 91-63 win over The Lion in the Dallas Adult Basketball League. John McCarthy helped the cause with 16 and Jeff Phillips 14 for the Hounds now 4-1. Bill Cuffed the Lion, 0-5 with 18 points.

Dugan's Pub remained unbeaten by besting Allen Construction 65-42. Jim Jaster had 18 and Frank Debona 16 for the Pubbers while Joe Sinkulak had 16 for Allen. Dugan's improved to 5-0 while Allen dropped to 1-4.

Philadelphia Subs got back on the winning track by nipping Bassler Equipment 83-77. Rick Gebhart ripped the Chords for 30 points. Frank Kepp had 26 and Ryan Swank 21 for the winners who moved to 3-2 with the win. Bassler got 26 from Pat Flaherty and 22 from Joe Darling in the loss. Bassler now drops to 2-3. Play continues on December 12 with three games at Dallas High School beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Washington hungry for title

By DAVE KONOPKI Sports Writer

They've knocked on the door many times before. But this time, someone answered.

The Washington High School football team has come close to making the state playoffs before, but bad luck or bad timing has stood in the way of winning the title.

This season, they were determined not to let that happen again. The number two-ranked Class AA team in the state, according to the Harrisburg Patriot News Poll, will face number one Dallas on Friday night at 6 p.m. at Mansion Park in Altoona for the Pennsylvania Class AA state championships.

"We had three goals before the season began," said Washington head coach Guy Montecalvo. If that name sounds familiar to avid Penn State fans, it should. Montecalvo was a defensive back for the Nittany Lions from 1973-1977. "One of those goals was to win the state championship. We've been close the last two years. We've been knocking on the door."

In 1990 the Little Prexies, a member of the Three Rivers Conference in District 7, lost 21-20 in the final minutes to conference rival Canevin Catholic. Canevin advanced to the state final where they lost to Hanover Area in overtime.

Last year, Washington was eliminated in their conference final on a controversial touchdown pass with 10 seconds remaining in the game. According to Montecalvo, game film clearly showed the receiver out of bounds on the winning reception.

The Little Prexies wanted to take matters into their own hands

this season and, for the most part, have done just that. Washington lost just once this season, 24-6 to West Allegheny, but avenged that loss with a 17-14 win over West in the District 7 Class AA semi-final. Washington survived a scare midway through the season when they squeaked by Sto-Rox, 9-7. Sto-Rox, a perennial Class AA power in D-7, finished this season with a record of 1-9.

Washington advanced to the state final with a 12-7 win over a strong Riverside (near Pittsburgh) team in the District 7 final and a 21-0 blanking of Forest Hills in the western final.

They've done it with strength and speed. The Little Prexies are anything but what their nickname may suggest. Washington's offensive line averages 233 pounds while their defensive line averages 240 pounds per player. But Dallas can match size with their western opponent. Dallas's four defensive linemen average 221 pounds per man while their offensive line averages 225 pounds per man with junior tackle Marty Straigis in the lineup.

Washington has some fine skill people led by senior tailback Steve Pirris. Pirris has rushed for 1,360 yards on 181 carries (7.5 avg.) even though he missed three games due to an injury. Aaron Gatten (109-593) and fullback Joseph Evans (82-505) each have rushed for at least 500 yards this year.

Senior quarterback Mike Bonus has completed 92-of-179 (51 percent) passes this season for 1,189 yards and 15 touchdowns. Tight end Brian Pelkey has caught 20 passes for 278 yards and seven touchdowns this season, while

split ends Andy Molinaro (22-243) and Chris Dimmack (20-295) round out a balanced receiving corps.

Defensive end and offensive tackle Jamaal Edwards verbally committed to Penn State early in the season and Pirris (Kent State, Ohio University), Bonus (William & Mary, Colgate), guard Rahmaire Brooks, (North Carolina, Virginia, Bowling Green) and tackle Jonathan Miles (UVA, Ohio State, Indiana) all have colleges seeking their services after high school.

Although his team has averaged nearly 305 yards per game this season, Montecalvo knows his team faces a stern test this Friday night.

"We've told the kids that this will be the best defensive team we've faced all year," said the 14-year head coach. "Dallas plays the 4-4 defense as well as any high school football team I've seen in quite a while. I was very, very impressed with the way their two down linemen (Greg Nazdan and Marty Straigis) anchored the line, the speed of their defensive ends (Steve Button and Ed Mattie) and the hitting of their linebackers and defensive backs. I think Dallas has a great defensive football team."

Like the Mountaineers, Montecalvo and the Little Prexies would like to take advantage of the opportunity at hand.

"We've come up short so many times. We may never get this opportunity again," said Montecalvo. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most of the kids. But in order to accomplish our goal, we'll have to beat Dallas. And they'll be the best team we've faced all season."

Stacey Suda runs well in AAU national c-c meet

Dallas High School sophomore cross country standout Stacey Suda finished 70th out of approximately 350 runners in the AAU Nationals held December 5 in San Antonio, Texas.

Suda qualified for the national meet by finishing 6th of 200 runners in the 15 to 16-year-old category at the Mid-Atlantic regional meet November 20 at West Chester University. Her 9th-place finish in the district meet, despite having a 103° temperature and being bitten by a dog the previous day, qualified Stacey for regional competition.

Suda's trip to San Antonio was made possible by the generous donations from the community, said her father, David Suda.



U-10 Girls 1st Place Cardinals

Front row, from left, Erin Swepston, Julie Howell, Alison Taroli, Jessica Althoff, Courtney Colletti. Back row, from left, Jonelle Dickson, Laura Sands, Kendra Fuller, Christine Dempsey, Jill O'Brien, Kate Benedetti, Joyce Dempsey, coach. Not shown, Lauren Miller, Rogert Howell, coach.

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