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State Champs!

Mounts ruled league, playoffs

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WE'RE NUMBER ONE!!!
The Dallas Mountaineers capped off a season destined to go into the football history books as one of the most dominating performances in the storied history of tradition-rich Northeastern Pennsylvania by winning the Pennsylvania Class AA state championship last Friday at Mansion Park in Altoona.

The Mountaineers, who won the eastern championship one week before, rode the strength of ferocious defense and an opportunistic offense to post a convincing 31-7 rout over western champion Washington High School. The win gives Dallas their first state championship since a statewide playoff system was introduced in 1989.

"This is just incredible, unbelievable," said an emotional Dallas head coach Ted Jackson. "It was one of the most dominating performances by a team in a big game that I've seen in my 20 years of coaching football. I can't describe the feeling. It probably won't sink in for quite some time. There are 140 Class AA teams



From fear to title for Jackson

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He stood beneath the bleachers on the visiting side of Mansion Park, leaning against the steel girders supporting the structure. His hat dripped with the rain that had fallen on the field in Altoona, was pulled down, nearly covering his eyes.

He held his new bundle of joy the way a father holds a newborn child. With adoration, pride and joy. In fact, next to his three children and his wife, Sandy, this was probably the most proud possession Ted Jackson had ever cradled in his arms.

Just minutes before, his Dallas Mountaineers had captured the PIAA Class AA state championship and carried him off the field in an incredible emotional scene which will be forever engraved in the hearts of Dallas fans who witnessed it.

And now Jackson, the architect of Pennsylvania's fastest-rising state football power, was holding the hardware. It brought to mind memories of Michael Jordan's historical trophy-bug-ting scene after he won his first NBA championship.

Getting the gold

Dallas co-captain John Howe shakes hands with PIAA District 2 champion James E. Davis as co-captain Ed Mattie (30), Brian

Brady (15), and Greg Natzan (72) look on. The Mountaineers scored a decisive 31-7 victory over Washington for the state title.

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