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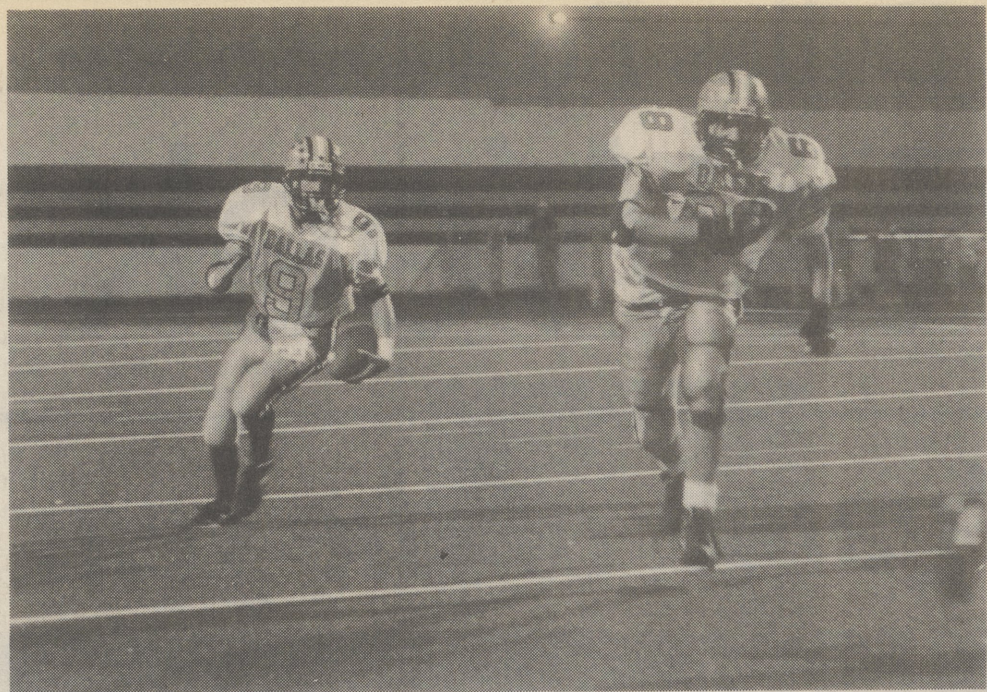
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A botched snap on the extra point forced Jackson, also the team's holder, to throw an incomplete pass. Meyers tied the contest in two plays but Jeff Carlo's extra point attempt was wide right.

Meyers then grabbed a 36-30 lead in the second overtime, but another extra point attempt failed when the Mounts Cody Friedel blocked the kick. Jackson tied the game, this time on third down with a six-yard scamper into the left side of the end zone. Kunkle's extra point was dead center, giving Dallas the victory.

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Quarterback Ted Jackson Jr., in left photo, ran behind the blocking of Dan Podelh. Jackson ran for two scores, and passed for another. In right photo,



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Chris Kuderka headed for the end zone after breaking through the line, leaving a trail of Meyers defenders behind.

After pulling ahead 24-17 with 2:27 left in regulation Friday, Dallas allowed Meyers to tie the game in just one play and 13 seconds.

"Defensively, our inexperience and our lack of size has shown," said head coach Ted Jackson. "We gave up a lot of big plays, especially this past week. If our defense doesn't improve we're not going anywhere. We can't get by with 37-36; that's not Dallas football."

Jackson doesn't need to sell his thinking to the team. At Monday's practice every varsity player seemed determined to put the vaunted Dallas defense back on the right track.

"Our defense isn't what it should be," said linebacker Connor Ennis. "We still have a tough schedule with Wyoming Area, Lehman, and Nanticoke. We just have to work on basics, tackling and getting to the ball."

"From what I've seen we need to work on tackling," said Chris Kuderka. "We missed a lot of tackles on Friday. We're not as excited as we're supposed to get."

After posting a season-opening shutout over Marian Catholic the defense has been allowing 15.8 points per game. Another senior defender admits lack of size has been hurting Dallas this year. Eduardo Lopez has been working extra hard in practice to help the team and keep himself in the lineup.

"We all need some more work," said Lopez, a defensive lineman. "I haven't played my best. I've been trying to get free more often and trying to hard to stay low and make more tackles."

Offensively things are brighter for Dallas. Tailback Frank Valvano leads Division II teams in both scoring (78 points) and yards rushing (791). Tight end Mark Kaschenbach, a transfer from Wyoming Seminary, has blended well with the offense. The offensive line and fullback positions appear to be improving weekly. Kuderka made some tough runs during the Meyers contest and scored a 15-yard touchdown from the fullback position. Jackson is among the league's best passers and a strong leader on the field.

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able to get to me right before I shot and all three of us collided. I was lying on the ground, but managed to kick it in at the end. This is our last game against Dallas and I wanted to leave with a win."

Determination and hard play guided Dallas back into the game during the second half. The 11 a.m. start and a hard fought 2-1 victory over Berwick on Friday night factored in the Mounts slow start.

"We were a little tired, but Lehman played well," said Mountaineer coach Paul Callahan. "We fought back in the second half and missed some opportunities."

Dallas broke the shutout at 14:41 of the third quarter. A long pass from J.P. Cosgrove allowed Quinn Cavanaugh to beat everybody down field and set up a one on one situation with Lehman goalkeeper Mike Trebendis.

A boot off the foot of Cavanaugh short hopped Trebendis as he tried to grab it. The Mountaineer senior kicked one in off the bounce to cut the lead in half.

Dallas appeared to have enough firepower to tie the game in the fourth, but they were hurt by three offside calls.

"In the first half we kept the pressure on and kept play in their half of the field," said Lehman mentor Mark Stroney. "We dropped in the third period and in the fourth we played to keep the lead. We lost some legs and went into a defensive mode."

The elder Jackson would like to see some improvement in the passing department. Young Ted and Rich Klick, who suffered a broken leg during the team's opener, figured to be a deadly combination. Kevin Kozel and Brian Pietraccini have replaced the three sport letterman at the split end position.

"They've done an admirable job," said Jackson. "They haven't hurt us by giving up any big plays. They certainly don't have as much to offer as Rich. He may have been one of the finest we ever had here."

Kunkle, the team's other wide receiver has since become Jackson's favorite target.

"I've contributed when I could," said Kunkle. "Certainly I can still get better as we all can. I'm working on the basic patterns and blocking downfield; nothing fancy."

Kunkle also said the team needs to avoid the close games for a while. As the kicker he's responded well to the pressure. He lifted the team over Meyers Friday and his field goal paced the squad over Crestwood, 17-14 earlier this season. A first quarter Kunkle punt, downed on the one-yard line also set up a safety this past Friday.

"Jeff's been a key for us," Jackson said. "He's not really a punter, but he's doing a great job. He's a gamer. Our special teams haven't been bad, but that could improve too."

The offense is averaging 33.7 points a contest and can beat opponents in any number of ways. They're undefeated and determined to improve. Jackson refers to them as overachievers, but that in itself is the beauty of this team. Their attitude and work ethic makes a post-season berth possible. Playing in the tough division II of the WVC may pay some dividends if the Mounts make the playoffs.

"I said it the last couple of years, I think Division II is probably the best in the state of Pennsylvania," said Jackson. "If there's five better teams out there this year in any league, I'd have to see them."

Both coaches praised the efforts of their defensive people. Trebendis racked up four saves and sweeper Jeremy Baranowski constantly frustrated the Dallas attack.

"Jeremy is definitely a player who is not happy with a loss," said Stroney, "that's just not in his vocabulary. He's a smart player, physically tough and Dallas tried to stay away from our middle."

The Black Knights had 10 shots at goal and five corners. Dallas finished with seven shots and two corners. Maier recorded six saves.

"Freddie is always strong in the goal," said Callahan. "He usually keeps us in the game. Defensively we played fairly well, but our transition game was ragged."

If Dallas is to make the playoffs they'll have to go after everybody on the remaining schedule and not allow any easy goals.

Stroney will feel better about Lehman's playoff chances after this week's killer schedule. Thursday's home contest with Wyoming Seminary will be the third of the week for the Black Knights. Stroney has also been making an honest effort to play as many of his younger, inexperienced players as possible.

"A lot of them can't stay up to play physically," Stroney explained, "but we'll have only one senior next season. These younger kids are going to be key players next year."

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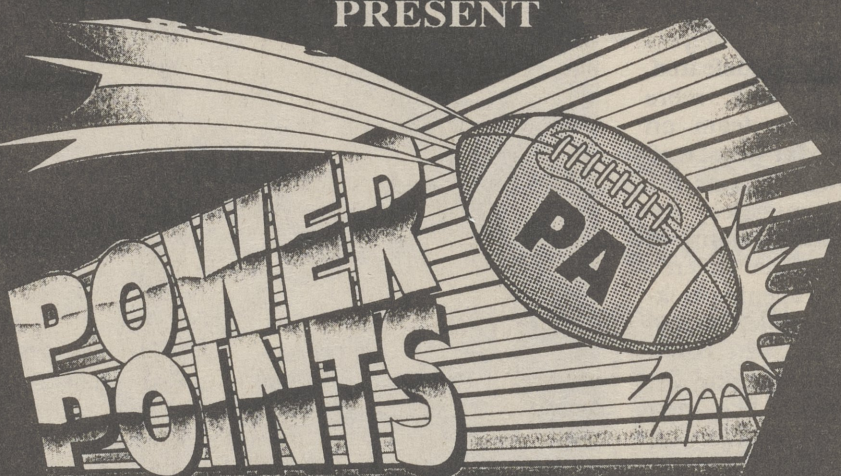
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Select a winner from each of the week's games, listed below. Select in descending order of your CONFIDENCE in your choices. Win points at left for each correct selection toward possible total of 136 points. See complete rules below. You must be at least 8 (eight) years old to enter. To enter, clip along dotted line, then place game entry in POWER POINTS container at co-sponsor's retail outlet(s). Entrants must list name, address and phone number below.

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TIEBREAKER 1  Total points scored (both teams) in EAGLES game.

TIEBREAKER 2  Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

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| Chicago at Jacksonville     | San Francisco at Indianapolis |
| Dallas at San Diego         | Seattle at Buffalo            |
| Detroit at Green Bay        | Washington at Arizona         |
| Miami at New Orleans        | Oakland at Denver             |
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