

48th Old Shoe Game looks like even match

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BACK MOUNTAIN - The cheerleaders shout a little louder. The first trumpet player makes an extra special effort to hit a crisp "E" flat above the register. There's a flamboyant battle on each sideline to charge up the crowd between the Mountaineer mascot and the Black Knight.

The battle for the Old Shoe trophy between the Lake-Lehman and Dallas football teams is always a fun time in the Back Mountain. The students and fans, directly involved with the game make a real effort to outduel their rival, but when the final gun sounds peace is restored for another year, no matter what the

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outcome.

Unless of course you're a senior member of the football team. Folks tend to forget how many members of the marching band get out of step, but the players are faced with the burden of upholding the honor of their class.

"I've played here since I was a freshman," said Dallas senior Joe Noon. "Every year we've won the Old Shoe. It's my final year and I'd like to keep it here."

"Personally I have to play the greatest game ever."

Angelo DeCesaris
Lake-Lehman senior

"It's a big rivalry," said Lehman senior lineman Chris Swire. "It's been a long time since we've beaten Dallas and we really want it."

The 48th Old Shoe game will be played at Lake-Lehman's Edward Edwards Stadium this Saturday. Kickoff is set for 2:00 p.m.

Playoff positions on line

Wyoming Area clinched the Wyoming Valley Conference Division II title with it a win over

Meyers last week. A victory by the Mountaineers on Saturday allows them to hold onto sole possession of second place. Dallas carries a 8-1 record, 6-1 in the Conference and along with Wyoming and Dunmore, has clinched a District 2, Class AA playoff position. The Mountaineers still have an outside shot at the number one seed, but first they'll need to knock off the Black Knights.

"This year the game means a little more than usual with the playoffs on the line," said Mountaineer lineman Dan Podehl. "Some of your friends are over there and it's a tradition. We want to win this one." By beating Dal-

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A little Old Shoe history

The Old Shoe began in 1948, when the Dallas Rotary Club announced: "In a concerted effort to bring Back Mountain communities into closer relationship with one another, Dallas Rotary Club will sponsor a football trophy to be awarded each year to the outstanding football team in the area."

At the time there were still several separate high schools in the region. The first winner was decided by the Thanksgiving Day game between Dallas Township and Kingston Township. Kingston Township came away with a 14-0 win, helped by a touchdown on a Statue of Liberty play. Left end Bob Morgan swung around, took the ball from the quarterback and tossed a 30-yard pass to right end Dick Handley for the score.

The bronzed football shoe that is the trophy was suggested by Rotarian Donald Clark.

"Rotary hopes by creating this award to develop a stronger competitive feeling among Back Mountain teams, and at the same time to help them to know their neighboring communities much better," said an article in the November 19, 1948 issue of *The Dallas Post*.

New Kings of the (Back) Mountain

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EDWARDSVILLE - The Lake-Lehman field hockey team combined strong offensive pursuit with tremendous hustle and desire to dethrone 5-time defending champion Dallas at the District 2, Class AA field hockey championship Saturday. The Lady Knights shut out their arch rivals 2-0 in a game played at Ralston Field, Kirby Park.

"We have really worked on conditioning and it came out today," said Lehman head coach Sean Lipski. "This team has intense desire, they're focused and they have a great maturity. It showed on the field today; they were just incredible."

The victory allows Lehman to advance to the state playoffs for the first time since 1989. State playoff action kicks off Tuesday, November 7th with the round of "Sweet 16." Sixteen teams in both Class AA and AAA will have earned to right to advance to Pennsylvania's finale. Only the champion from District 2 moves on, and the Lady Knights will host a fourth-place team from District 3. The "home" game will be played at a yet undetermined field within the District 2 area.

It's the first district title for Lake-Lehman field hockey since 1984. The squad, loaded with underclassmen, was thrilled to finally put the jinx to rest.

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Beth Turner, left, battled Michelle Molecky during last week's District 2 championship match.

Black Knights in district soccer final

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The Lake-Lehman boys' soccer team advanced to the District 2 Class AA championship game with an overtime victory over top-seeded Bishop Hoban Monday night at Wyoming Valley West Stadium in Kingston. The 3-2 victory improves the Black Knights' record to 8-8-2.

Lehman will play Meyers (13-3-1) for the district championship, Thursday night at 8 p.m. at Valley West Stadium.

Phil Snyder scored the deciding goal at 6:46 of the first overtime period. Snyder booted in a goal off his own rebound after

receiving a pass from teammate Mike Colletti.

Ryan Bomblick put Lehman of the scoreboard first with an unassisted goal early in the second period. Snyder scored his first goal of the night following a penalty kick in the third period.

Scoring has been a perplexing problem all season long as the Knights scored three goals for just the third time this season. After losing four of their last five regular season games, three via shut-out, the Knights appear to be peaking at the right time.

Lehman defeated Nanticoke Area 2-1 at home on Saturday to set up Monday night's matchup with the Argents.

Junior Knight B team advances to 'Super Bowl'

The Knight's B-Team and A-Team played their playoff games Sunday, Oct. 29 at Pittston. The B-Team Knights will be in the Super Bowl game next Sunday, Nov. 5.

The B-Team started out with the Knights Zach Ragukas kicking off to the West Pittston Rams and making the tackle. Chris Teetsel, Lenny Hungartner and Nick Stanisheski all had tackles. The Rams scored an early touchdown with the Knights' Jeff Taylor blocking the extra points. Gaise Lacek received the kick and Chris Teetsel ran a Knights touchdown.

In the second quarter the Rams were in possession, fumbled the ball and Galen Waltman recovered it. The Rams scored another touchdown with the Knights blocking the extra points.

The third quarter began with Gaise Lacek receiving the ball and Chris Teetsel and Josh Marth both making a first down for the Knights. In the pouring rain, Chris Teetsel ran a touchdown and scored the extra points for the Knights. The Rams fumbled the ball and the Knights recovered it with Chris Teetsel and Josh Marth on the carry.

In the fourth quarter, the Rams fumbled the ball again and Chris Teetsel ran the Knights first down. Zach Ragukas made an interception, and with two minutes left in the game Chris Teetsel made a first down.

Zach Ragukas ran another touchdown and scored the extra points for the Knights. The final score for the B-Team was West Pittston Rams 12 - Knights 22.

Congratulations B-Team We will see you at the Super Bowl next Sunday.

The Knights A-Team took a beating in the first half of the game, with David DeLong getting injured and Jonathan Bird receiving a hard blow. Richard Blaine and Mike Crispell made good tackles with D.J. Harris blocking a Panther pass. The Panthers made a touchdown with the Knights blocking their extra points. Joey Shurmaitis received the ball with Harold Newell and DJ Harris on the carry. Jesse Bixby, Jonathan Bird, and Warren Vogel had good tackles and the Panthers ran a touchdown that was called back.

The second quarter the Panthers had the ball, ran a touchdown that was again called back.

With two minutes left to halftime the Panthers ran a successful touchdown and scored extra points.

In the third quarter Warren Vogel ran the Knights only touchdown of the game and brought in the extra points. RJ Krum made a good tackle and Harold Newell caught the ball when kicked with a flag being thrown on the Panthers. Warren Vogel and Troy Long both had a carry. The fourth quarter started out with a penalty on the Panthers. With two minutes left in the game, the Panthers made another touchdown.

The final score for the A-Team was Pittston Panthers 20 - Knights 8. You did a good job guys. Best wishes and we hope you have a fast recovery to David DeLong.

Carr scores hole-in-one on 17th at Irem

Dr. Joseph Carr of Shavertown shot a hole-in-one at Irem Temple Country Club Oct. 25. Carr used an 8 iron for the ace, on the 17th hole, which was playing at about 150 yards. His playing partner, Dr. Keith Ferrell, witnessed the shot. Both golfers' tee shots were close to the pin, and they didn't know which was in the hole until identifying the ball. It was the first ace in Carr's 25 years' playing golf.

John Slaby claims local prize in Power Point contest

John Slaby of Dallas was the local winner in the ninth week of the 1995 Power Points football contest. His score of 104 points topped all local entries.

Slaby will receive \$25 cash from The Dallas Post and a free month of HBO from Tele-Media, the contest co-sponsor.

The statewide winner, with 127 of a possible 136 points was Shirley Raffensberger of Mount Union. The 60-year-old widowed

grandmother is retiring Friday, so she'll put the prize money to good use. The statewide top prize is \$1,000 cash.

The Power Points contest will run until the end of the NFL regular season. Entries must be deposited by 2 p.m. Fridays at either the office of The Dallas Post at 45 Main Road in Dallas, or Tele-Media on the Harveys Lake Highway. There is an after-hours drop box at the front of The Post's building.

SPORTS SHORTS

Punt, Pass Kick set for Nov. 4

The Kingston Township Recreation Commission has re-scheduled the Punt, Pass and Kick Competition for November 4, at 10 a.m. at the Center Street Park in Shavertown.

Trophies will be awarded in the 7-9, 10-11, and 12-13 age groups. Registration will be prior to the event.

The competition is open to the residents of Kingston Township only. For further information, contact Tony Barbose at 696-2804.

Rain date will be November 5, at 1 p.m.

Strikers place at Lock Haven

On October 21, the Noxen Strikers wrestled in the Lock Haven University Fall Classic. Those who placed are as follows:

Bantam: Josh Ross, 40 lb., 2nd place; Ricky Bower, 45 lb., fourth place; Mike Stoloric, 60 lb., 2nd place.

Junior: Dale Raginski, 70 lb., fourth place; Todd Jones, 80 lb., fourth place.

Jr. High: Jason Wood, 115 lb., fourth place.

U-10 soccer tryout Nov. 4 in Shavertown

The Back Mountain Youth Soccer program will hold a tryout for their U 10- Boys Travel team (Birth dates between 8/1/85 and 7/31/86). Tryout will be held at the Kingston Township field located on East Center St., Shavertown, starting at 2 p.m. promptly on Saturday, Nov. 4. Rain date is set for Sunday, Nov. 5 (2 p.m.). Players should wear a colored uniform, with a number on back. For more information, contact Joe Kerestes, 675-2803 or Allan Gage, 675-2736.

Knights fall to Nanticoke

Mike Pitcavage drove for some yardage in last week's Lake-Lehman game against Nanticoke. An inspired Trojan squad upset the Knights 30-23. After trailing 18-7 at halftime, it looked like Lehman would come back to win after they outscored Nanticoke 13 to 6 in the third quarter. But the Trojans would not fold, and scored their fifth touchdown in the final quarter while Lehman managed only a field goal.

