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for the first half against Nanticoke.

Senior tailback Mike Pitcavage scored the game's only touchdown in the first quarter of play. An 11-yard punt by the Mountaineers gave Lehman good field position on the Dallas 34. Quarterback John Oliver and the Black Knight offense then put together a six-play drive that concluded with a 2-yard scamper off right tackle by Pitcavage with 58 seconds remaining in the quarter. The highlight of the march was a 19-yard completion from Oliver to junior wide-out Chris Bath. The two point conversion failed.

"Our kicking game hurt us a little bit," said Dallas coach Ted Jackson. "We picked to be against the wind in the first quarter and punted the ball only a few yards. We probably should have went for it."

Senior punter Jeff Kunkle was banged up and didn't punt at all. He played sparingly at his familiar wide receiver and defensive halfback positions.

For Lehman, senior punter/fullback Mike Adamshick played very little and totaled just seven yard on two carries. He hurt his shoulder against Nanticoke but should be near 100 percent for the Wyoming Area contest.

"We figured we'd play him in run situations, but they picked

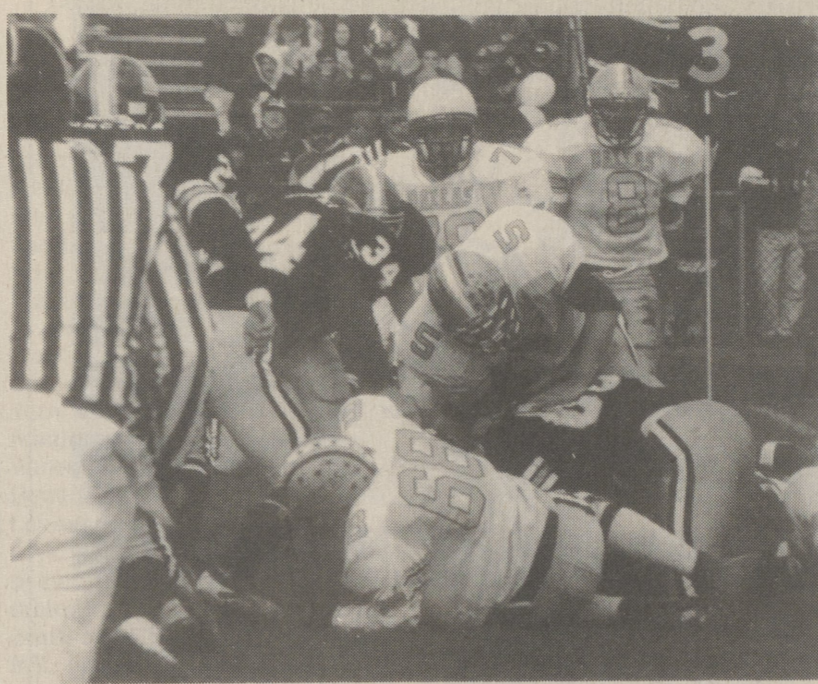
up on that very quickly," said Gorgone. "Backup Tony Tereska was doing the job and we were moving the ball, so we stayed with that."

The Dallas offense was able to move the ball, but couldn't come up with clutch plays. The Mountaineers put together a number of drives of over seven minutes, but the stingy Lehman defense refused to break. Three key interceptions, one each by Pitcavage, Mike Woronko and Mark Ronczka stalled Dallas.

"We couldn't finish any drives," Jackson said. "We did o.k. in spots, but weren't consistent enough to win. Lehman capitalized on their opportunities to score and we didn't. You have to give them credit."

The contest was reminiscent of some of the Old Shoe games of the past played on Thanksgiving Day; tough physical football dominated by the defense on a cold, crisp November afternoon. Saturday's high temperature was 41 degrees at 2:30 and temperatures took a nosedive during the fourth quarter.

It was during the final stanza that Oliver put some insurance points on the board with a 25-yard field goal with 6:38 remaining. The score was set up by the defense as Woronko, the Lehman safety picked off an errant pass



Defense won the day for the Black Knights. Frank Valvano, the star Dallas running back, was stopped on this play by Jason Adamski (34) Tony Tereska.

from Ted Jackson Jr.

With Adamshick sidelined, Pitcavage was the workhorse with 88 yards on 31 carries. Oliver chipped in 45 yards on seven carries.

Junior tailback Frank Valvano paced the Mounts with 77 yards on 23 carries. Tight end Mark

Kaschenbach was on the receiving end of three Jackson passes for 30 yards.

Both teams put together a solid season in what might be the toughest division in the state, and Gorgone and Jackson both think their teams can play at a higher level.

"The nice thing about the playoffs is you get a second chance," Gorgone said. "We lost a tough game to Hanover the year they were state champs. It was our only loss, this situation gives us another opportunity."

"We made one of our goals, but we didn't win our division," Jackson said. "Hopefully we'll be lucky enough to beat Dunmore and get a second chance at one of the teams that beat us."

That would be the Wyoming/Lehman winner. The Black Knights get an immediate crack at revenge this weekend. The Warriors knocked off the Knights 21-13 the third week of the season. That game was tied at 7 going into the final period.

Lehman fans can expect another defensive battle this weekend. Wyoming allowed its opponents just 77 points all season, and Lehman only 83. The only other conference team to give up fewer than 100 points was Berwick (71) and they're ranked number one in the nation.

On offense the Warriors stunt a lot, but it's a sure bet that Paul Marranca's team will run the ball. Lehman will need to slow down tailback Ben Kopka as well as the Warrior fullbacks.

Dallas will have it's hands full Saturday as well. Dunmore finished in a three-way for first in the

Big 11 (7-1, 8-2 overall) by knocking off previously unbeaten Valley View 14-13 last Friday. The Bucks play a very physical 5-3 defense and are strong at every position offensively.

"They're a very similar team to Wyoming Area, with maybe a little bit more size," Jackson explained. "They're capable of throwing, but they would rather run."

Dallas may also have to contend with a fired up Dunmore squad. Head coach Jack Henzes became ill late in the game Friday and had to leave via stretcher. On Sunday his condition was upgraded and the popular coach was moved out of Scranton's Mercy Hospital's coronary care unit to the telemetry unit.

"If I know Jack, he'll be there on Saturday," said Jackson.

Jackson and Gorgone agree that the Class AA bracket in District 2 is probably the best in the state. If either Dallas or Lehman makes it through unscathed, they'll be a true, deserving champion.

"The winner of that bracket, if they come out healthy, has a real good shot in states," Gorgone said.

Best of luck to both Back Mountain schools this weekend, with any luck the two will battle it out for the district championship.

Can you imagine two Old Shoe games in the same year?



Tim Rich, Ned Friar, Fred Maier and Dean Evans carried the banner for the Mounts.



Dorothy Metzger, and daughter Lisa, a band member, before mom headed out to make lasagna for the band.



The Dallas Mountaineer, alias Jeff Townsend, did his best to fire up his team.



Co-captain Marisa Bevan cheered on her Black Knights.



Anna Appel, left, cheered while Ann Lynn Mizenko wailed on the sax in support of their Dallas Mountaineers.



Danielle Pall snuggled up against Corey Makarewicz trying to beat the cold wind during Saturday's Old Shoe game.



Jeanette Humphrey waited for the signal to pound the drums for Dallas.

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Ann Marie Stajewski and Karen Kukosky cheered for Dallas from the top bleachers.