

## Mountaineers

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cautious Jackson noted. "If they start to play well together, then we feel that we have the backs to get the job done."

The Mountaineers do have some key returning personnel. Valvano and Townsend, along with other seniors split end/defensive back Brian Pietracchi (6'2", 220), tight end/linebacker Mark Kashenbach (6'3", 220) and quarterback/safety Billy Puchalsky (5'11", 170), make up the group of veteran players that Jackson expects to perform well.

**"We'll be bigger than we have been in the past. But we have some green guys on the line."**

**Ted Jackson**  
Dallas football coach

For Billy Puchalsky, the days of playing backup to quarterback Ted Jackson, Jr. are over. Jackson Jr.'s graduation allows Puchalsky to finally take the reins as Dallas' field general. Coach Jackson voiced his confidence in Puchalsky's status. "Billy is a consistent quarterback who can run and throw. He played a little for us last year as a backup, and we expect him to do well for us this year."

With consistent play from his quarterback, big holes from his offensive line and powerful running from his backs, Jackson may soon see what he calls his "cautious optimism" become fulfilled expectations.

On the defensive side of the ball, expect Dallas to be equally strong with Hazeltine and Perkoski at tackles, Townsend and Lenny Dorrance (6'4", 225) at defensive ends, Kohli and Kashenbach at inside linebackers, and Valvano and Dennis Wengryzneck at outside linebackers.

Dallas is known for its hard-hitting secondary, and this year should be no exception. Cornerbacks Brian Pietracchi, Kevin Kozel (5'10", 170), and Eric

Jancik (5'10", 150), along with safety Puchalsky will all come up and hit you.

Jackson's game plan will remain mostly the same as in past years, but why fix something that isn't broken. "Offensively, we'll try to mix it up a little with multiple formations, some wing-T and some I-formation. On defense, we'll stay in our 4-4 and be ready to hit," Jackson said.

### 1996 DALLAS MOUNTAINEERS

#	Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Year
3	Brian Pietracchi	SE-DB	6'2"	185	12
5	Frank Valvano	TB-OLB	6'3"	220	12
7	Kevin Kozel	SE-DB	5'10"	170	12
8	Mark Kashenbach	TE-LB	6'3"	220	12
9	Rick Loran	SE-TB-DB	5'11"	160	11
10	Matt Jackson	TB-OLB	6'0"	175	9
11	Billy Puchalsky	QB-S	5'11"	170	12
14	Matt Barnard	QB-S	5'11"	165	10
15	Billy Plasta	QB-S	5'10"	171	11
21	Jerry Delescavage	TE-OLB	5'8"	160	12
22	Paul Onzic	FB-LB	5'11"	150	10
23	Eric Jancik	WB-DB	5'10"	150	12
24	Matt Acri	TB-DB	5'10"	160	9
25	Ron Seleniski	SE-DB	5'9"	160	10
26	Brian McDonald	WB-DB	5'10"	150	10
27	Jeff Suponovic	SE-DB	5'9"	165	10
31	Eric White	TB-LB	6'1"	180	11
32	Jim Krispin	RB-DB	5'9"	160	10
33	Fran Brown	FB-LB	5'10"	185	12
35	Dennis Wengryzneck	FB-OLB	5'9"	190	11
43	Billy Duda	G-DE	5'11"	160	10
52	Jason Nuliche	G-OLB	5'8"	185	12
54	Brad Kohli	C-LB	6'2"	215	12
55	Matt Gingo	C-LB	5'8"	190	10
56	Mike Schatovone	G-LB	5'9"	190	11
60	Rick Macri	G-DE	5'8"	180	11
61	Blake Bicking	T-DT	5'8"	190	10
62	Jason Henry	T-DT	6'2"	235	12
63	Mike Ferko	G-LB	5'11"	190	10
65	Gerry Sgroi	T-DT	5'8"	170	12
67	Jake Laynon	T-DT	6'2"	275	11
68	Joe Stuppino	C-DE	6'1"	175	9
70	Lenny Dorrance	T-DE	6'4"	225	11
72	Harry Hazeltine	C-DT	5'11"	220	12
73	Gary Youngblood	G-LB	5'11"	180	11
74	Bryan Banks	G-LB	5'11"	180	11
77	Frank Perkoski	T-DT	6'2"	290	10
78	Scott Townsend	G-DE	6'2"	240	12
80	Jon Saba	TE-DE	6'3"	195	10
81	Jeff Beisel	WB-DB	5'10"	165	12
86	Joe Kulcosky	SE-DB	5'10"	135	11
88	Chris Tucker	SE-DB	5'10"	140	10
89	Jesse Yarnal	WB-CE	6'2"	185	10

Head coach: Ted Jackson. Ass't coaches: Tom Yoniski, Bill Sliwi, John McNeil, Pat Patte



**Black Knight coaches**, from left: Bob Roberts, Bob Langon, Rich Gorgone, Don Spencer, Scott Kerkowski.

### Black Knights

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be right there in contention like always, G.A.R. will be tough, too.

Consistency might be a key term in the Black Knights' playbook. Gorgone said, "I believe that we have to be very balanced. We have to be able to run and pass equally well in order to mix up our playcalling effectively. The key for us is going to be up front. The play of the offense and defensive line is really important. If they can get the job done, we feel that we have some good kids at the skill positions that can score."

Playing in one of the toughest conferences in the state can be difficult at times, but Gorgone has established a tradition at Lake-Lehman in which the team prides itself in always being in contention.

"We always shoot to win it all; that's always the goal. We've lost some good players, but don't underestimate what this group of kids can accomplish."

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## Graduation took 10 stars, but more step up

BY VITO QUAGLIA  
Sports Writer

Lake-Lehman Field Hockey coach Jean Lipski begins her 14th year with high expectations. Last year's squad finished third in the state, and with the help of some key returning performers, this year's team hopes to continue the success.

"We lost 10 seniors including Jonelle Elgaway, Cathy Dymond, Erin Edwards and Beth Turner. They were some outstanding players," Lipski said. Lehman definitely lost some talent, but the team is still laden with stellar players.

Lipski will look to senior links Kacy Ziomek, Debbie White and Adrienne Miroslaw to control the tempo of the game, both defensively and offensively. "Those girls, along with some others, definitely have the talent to play at the Division I level."

The other players who Lipski speaks especially highly of are senior center halfback Mary Britlin who will anchor the defense; junior forward Sara Casper, who tied as the top scorer in the league last year; and sophomore forward Jen Johnstone, who

### Lake-Lehman FIELD HOCKEY

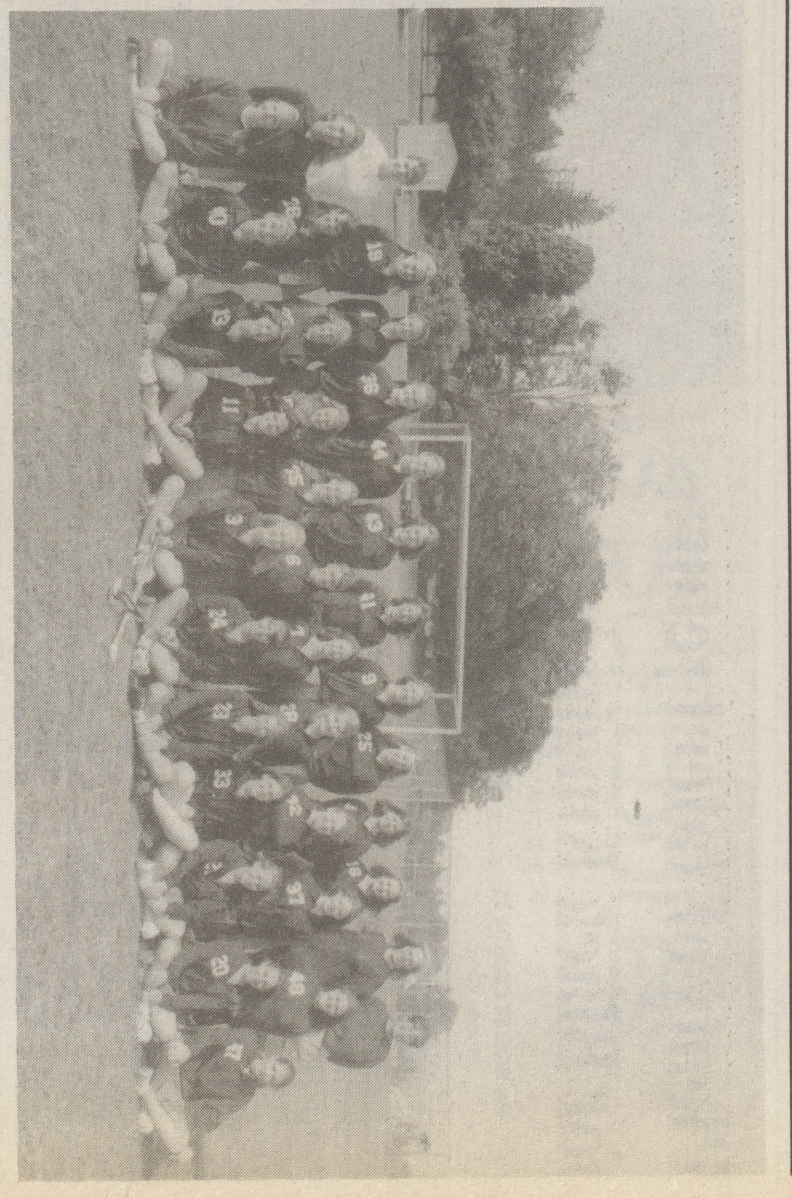
scored the winning goal which beat Dallas last year.

Other players to watch are, on defense, seniors Jeanette Thrash, Erin Snell, and Amanda Shissoon; goalies Joanne White and Colby Smith; and Erica Hodick, Lauren Jones and Tiffany Vanscoy.

Lipski says that Crestwood is always the team to beat. "They have such a winning tradition up there, you know they'll always be in contention for the championship." Also, the Lehman mentor named Wyoming Seminary and Wallenpaupack as tough opponents.

Last, but not least, there is other: The Black Mountain team. "Dallas is always a rivalry, regardless of the talent level or records of either team, the players always get up for that game."

With a strong nucleus of players on her team, coach Lipski has good reason to have high expectations. And with some scoring and good defense, maybe this year's team could equal last year's success, or even achieve more...



**Lake-Lehman Field Hockey** - From left, first row: Kim Gaylord, manager, Amanda Shissoon, Jeanette Thrash, Mary Britlin, Tiffany Vanscoy, Kacy Ziomek, Erin Snell, Marie Manzoni, Debbie White, Adrienne Miroslaw, Tanya Veritya. Second row: Laura Castellano, Teresa DeCesaris, Janelle Peris, Becky Keele, Jen Nangle, Courtney Bouthot, Sandy Lowery, Jen Johnstone, Erica Hodick, Colby Smith, Lauren Jones. Third row: Virginia Heacock, manager, Joanne White, Leigh Ann Isaac, Kim Parsons, Jill Marchiklus, Rachel Kasper, Melissa DeCesaris, Sara Kasper, Nikki Yobionski, Susie Walters, Jen Wrobel, Sandy Boyle, Jean Lipski, head coach.


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