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Knights blank Meyers

Stay unbeaten in conference play

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LEHMAN - After shutting out Meyers despite a listless first half, the Lake-Lehman Black Knights are looking ahead to a Hoban team that hasn't had any success this season.

Marc Ronczka rushed for 196 yards and three touchdowns as Lehman blanked Meyers 20-0 in a Wyoming Valley Conference Division 2 game Saturday. Ronczka scored on two 62-yard touchdowns and a one yard plunge, all in the third quarter.

Coming into the game against the winless Mohawks, Lehman coach Rich Gorgone felt that his team hadn't practiced well. "Practice had us concerned all week. We seemed laid back," Gorgone explained.

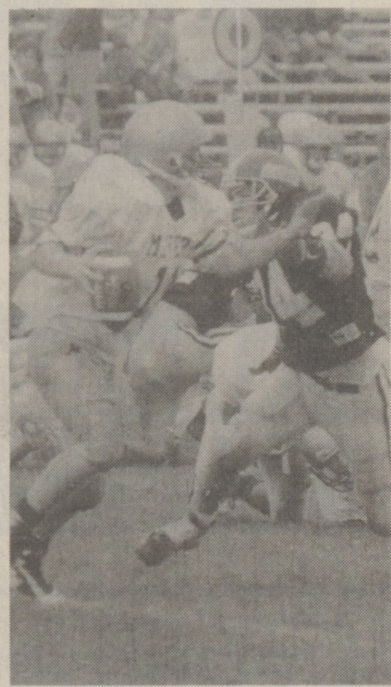
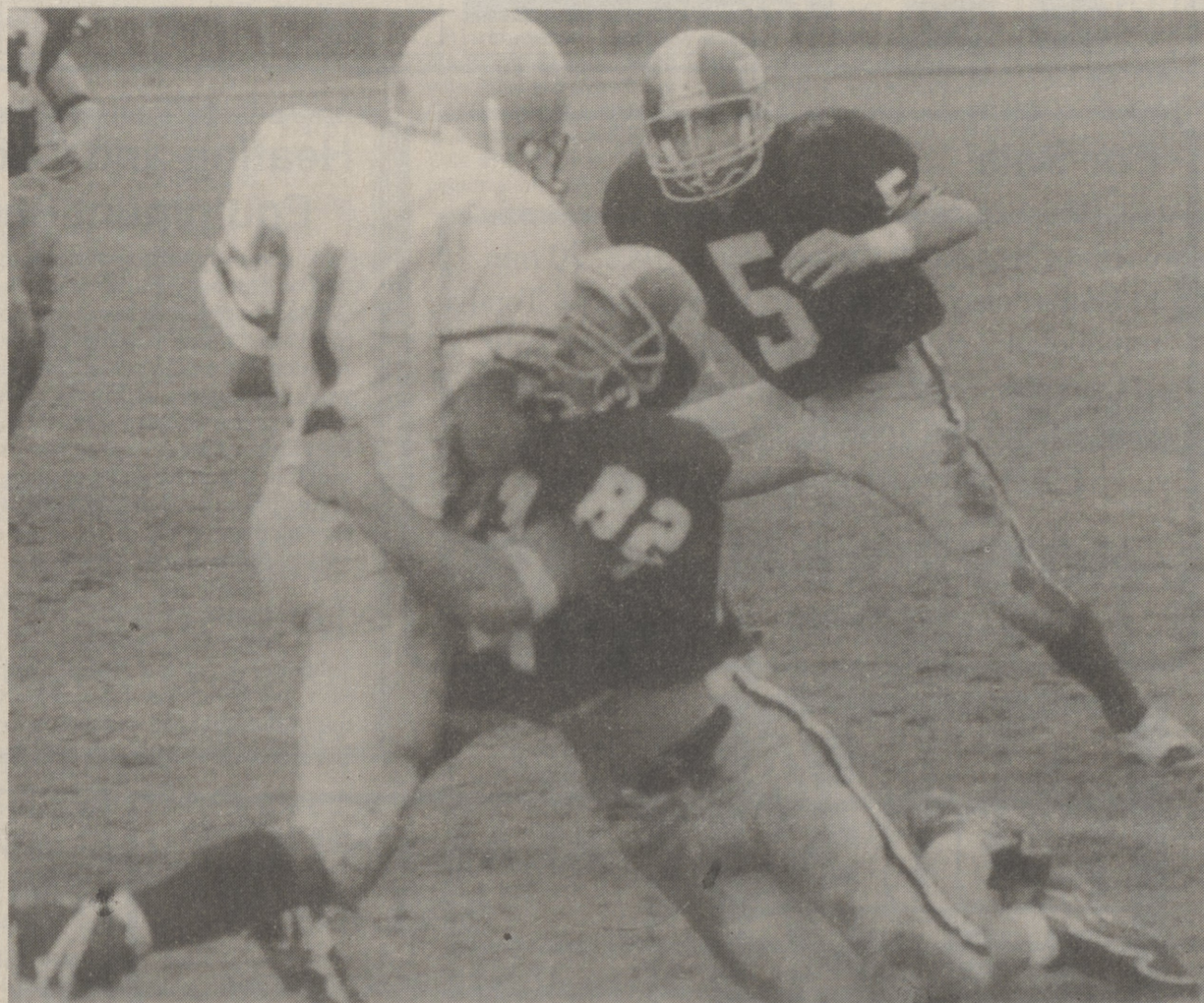
That lackadaisical attitude might have been the reason behind the scoreless first half of play on Saturday. Unfortunately for Meyers, the Knights, who are now 3-0 in the conference and 4-1 overall, woke up in the second half and paced the game in the third period.

All three of Lehman's touchdowns were the results of big plays. On its first possession of the second half, Lehman marched 88 yards in five plays, the last being a 62-yard jaunt in which Ronczka bounced off the right side and outran the Mohawk defense to the end zone.

Ronczka's next score was set up by fullback Kevin Whipple's 50-yard scamper. Ronczka again found room off the right side and raced 62 yards to paydirt to close out the scoring with 2:09 left to play in the third period.

Gorgone was proud of his team's defensive effort, especially in the second half, when the Knights stopped Meyers on fourth down twice deep inside their own territory. "I think we came out to play in the second half, and it showed," said Gorgone.

On the afternoon, the Knights rushed for over 300 yards, with



Chris Bath wrapped up a Meyers runner during Saturday's game, as Randy Moyer moved in to help, top photo. Above left, Marc Ronczka on one of many solid gains. He rushed for 196 yards on the afternoon. Ebin Walter (76) set up for a block. Above right, Mick Konigus put pressure on the Meyers quarterback.

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Ronczka and Whipple combining for 276 yards. On a day best suited for ducks, quarterback Mike Woronko couldn't get much going through the air, and had only two completions for 16 yards. Luckily, the ground game was intact and the Knights now will look ahead to Bishop Hoban.

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Hoban is coming off a 50-0 drubbing at the hands of G.A.R. The Argents have had their difficulties handling the running attacks of Hanover Area, Wyoming Area and the Grenadiers. Hoban's charitable defense should have Whipple and Ronczka licking their lips.

SPORTS SHORTS

SOCCER

Hoban 2, Dallas 1

Dallas could not overcome two first half goals by their hosts as Hoban downed Dallas 2-1 Sept. 24. Josh Dukas booted Dallas' lone tally off a pass from Rich Semanis in the fourth. Keeper John Fagan denied Hoban 11 times.

Meyers 3, Lehman 2

The Mohawks snapped a 2-2 deadlock in the second overtime to defeat Lehman 3-2 Sept. 24. Eric Rittenhouse sank the first goal off a penalty kick in the first but Meyers retaliated with two goals of their own to go ahead 2-1 at the half. Mark Steele then evened the match with an unassisted shot in the fourth to send the game into overtime. Meyers grabbed the win on a penalty kick in overtime.

Coughlin 4, Dallas 1

Dallas could only muster up one goal as Coughlin routed the Mounts 4-1 Sept. 26. Mike Cleary cleared the only Dallas goal off a pass from Kevin Pizzano in the second. The Crusaders outshot Dallas 21-16.

Valley West 5, Lehman 0

The Knights outshot Valley West 20-18 but could not convert any as the Spartans blanked Lehman 5-0 Sept. 26. Keeper Russ Mosier tallied six saves for Lehman.

VOLLEYBALL

Dallas 2, Lehman 0

Dallas ended a 10 year painful drought as they bested back yard rivals Lehman 15-2, 15-11 for the first time in a decade. Lehman could not overcome the sizzling service of Dallas lead by Angie Austin with four aces and Lori Buzin with five. Emily Schweitzer commanded the net with five kills.

N. Pocono 2, Dallas 1

North Pocono cooled off a hot Dallas squad 15-5, 4-15, 15-6 Sept. 24. Lori Buzin continued her fine service game dishing out 11 service points followed by Emily Schweitzer with seven.

Lehman 2, Hanover 0

Faith O'Dell ten aces and Heidi Sprau's six boosted the Knights past Hanover 15-0, 15-5 Sept. 24. Mandy Kehler spiked three kills as Lehman's record increases to 4-2.

N. Pocono 2, Lehman 0

A valiant effort came up short for the Knights as N. Pocono swept two in a row from Lehman 15-13, 15-10 Sept. 26. Kelly Spencer set up 12 and Faith O'Dell spiked nine.

Wyoming Area 2, Dallas 1

The Mounts snatched the first game 15-12 but dropped the next two to Wyoming Area 16-14, 15-7 Sept. 26. Emily Schweitzer pounded down 13 kills while Lori Buzin continued her fine play from the line serving up six aces.

FOOTBALL

Dallas 61, Crestwood 7

Frank Valvano racked up 152 of the Mounts 400 total rushing yards en route to a 61-7 romp over Crestwood Sept. 28 at Dallas. Valvano went to work early getting the call all four straight times during their first drive before a five yard jaunt to the end zone. On the ensuing drive quarterback Billy Puchalsky scampered 32 yards to put the Mounts up 13-0. By the end of the half Valvano reached the end zone three times and put Dallas ahead 40-0. Jason Nutche ended the Mountaineer, scoring with an 18 yard touchdown run in the fourth. Dallas now faces GAR Oct. 4 in Wilkes-Barre.

CROSS COUNTRY

Lehman 17, Nanticoke 50

Jason Lyons (17:08), Joe Maskalis (17:09), and James Lyons (17:09) finished one, two, three as Lehman left the Trojans in the dust 17-50 Sept. 25. Nick Long (18:09) also had a strong day finishing fourth trailed by Will Bloom (18:10), sixth and Bill Brehra (19:06), seventh.

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BMT YOUTH SOCCER

BMT Supersonics 6, West Side United 0

The Sonics controlled the game from the start, allowing only four shots on goal. Back Mountain opened the scoring on a penalty kick by John Isaac. Josh Katyl led the scoring attack with three goals, and J.B. Bucha and Keith Sprau rounded out the scoring. The Sonics improved their record to 4-0 in U-14 play.

BMT Thunder 2, Wilkes-Barre Cosmos 2

Back Mountain (U-13) fell behind early, trailing 2-0. But great defense by Linsey Boris and Maura Goodwin stopped the Cosmos attack. BMT goalie Jennifer Toth's clearing kick set up the first goal by Stephanie Kutza, assisted by Katie Delaney. With time running out, Nancy Levinson intercepted a Cosmos pass, headed to their goal and scored from 22 yards out as the game ended.

STICKIN' IT

The Dallas field hockey team convincingly defeated an overmatched Meyers squad 8-2 on Friday in Wyoming Valley Conference AA action. Michelle Molesky, Mary Ann Selenski and Heather Wilt led the attack, scoring two goals apiece for Dallas. Molesky also had a pair of assists. Dallas led 5-0 at the break, and Meyers never mounted much of a threat until it was out of reach in the second half. Heather Wilt took control in the left photo, and Melanie Getz fought for the ball in front of Mary Ann Selenski.

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Keeping up with Natalie

As soon as she was substituted for near the end of the game, Natalie Temperine changed from her spikes into her running shoes and looked at her watch. The other girls put on sweatshirts to fight off the fall chill. Some even sat on extra jackets on the ground, cheering on their teammates. Natalie cheered her teammates on, too. But she had somewhere else to go very soon. After the game, she went over to her father. He congratulated her on the win, and asked what time she had to meet the other members of the cross country team.

"Right now," Natalie said, "I have to go." The Dallas cross country team participated in an invitational meet on Saturday, and they had to meet with the coach at 5:30 Friday. So, there wasn't all that much time for Natalie to celebrate this victory, she had to run.

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