

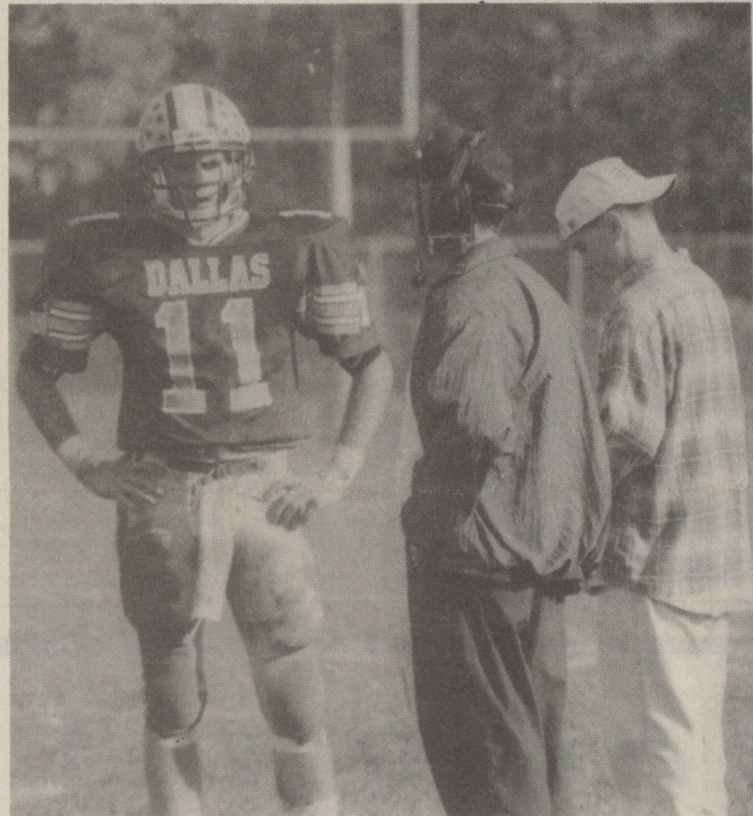
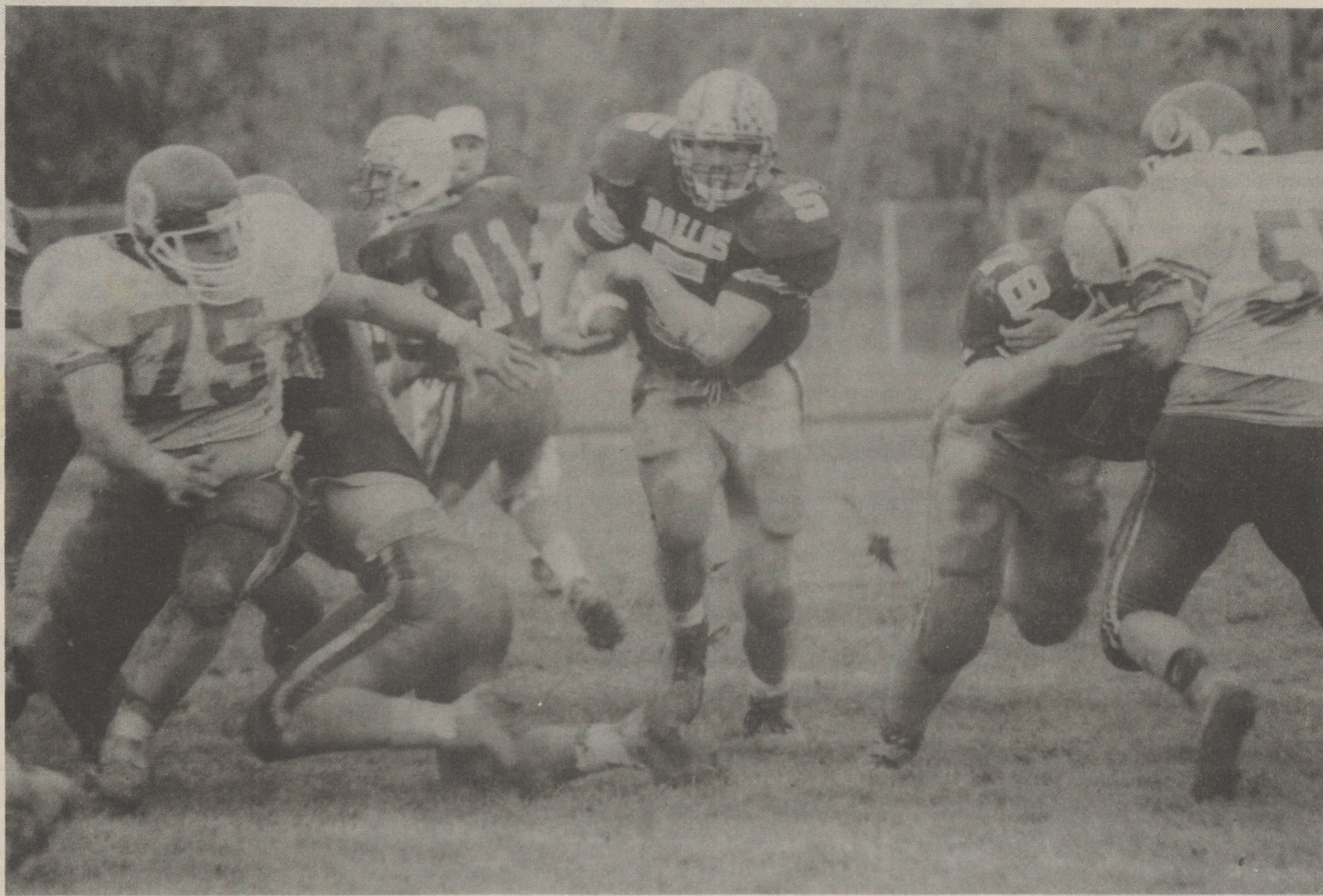
Sports Week

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Sports View

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HOME BUT NOT HAPPY

Shamokin capitalized on three early turnovers to put the Indians ahead 21-0 with 3:19 remaining in the first quarter to set the tone for a 48-19 whipping of Dallas Oct. 21. Shamokin recovered one loose ball for a 34-yard fumble runback and had two 40-yard interception returns to take the early lead before Frank Valvano scampered across the line for a 2-yard Mountaineer touchdown. Rich Douglas' kick was good to shorten the gap 21-7. On their next series Dallas quarterback Billy Puchalsky threw a rocket to Kevin Kozel for a 81-yard touchdown score. The PAT failed. Shamokin was able to squeeze out one more big play in the half, when with two seconds left the Indians opened up the left side for a 58-yard ramble to the endzone for a 28-13 advantage at the break. The Indians scored two times in the third quarter and once more in the fourth before Mark Onzik busted through the line for a 8-yard score in the final quarter to end the Mount scoring. Dallas now faces Hanover Oct. 26 at home for Parents Day.

Frank Valvano, top photo, broke through the line in the Mountaineers' homecoming game against Shamokin Monday. Scott Townsend (78) helped open the hole. In lower left photo, Dennis Wengrzynek (35) and Kevin Kozel (7) gripped an Indian runner as Lenny Dorrance (70) closed in. Head coach Ted Jackson talked things over with quarterback Billy Puchalsky in the lower right photo. Puchalsky tossed one touchdown pass, but Dallas was burned for two scores off interceptions by the Indians.

If you've kept up with news reports, you've seen the story: Coach suspended due to charges of excessive discipline by irate parent. Why was a former Dallas football hero accused of player mistreatment? Is Brady just a pawn in one man's attempt to oust the head coach? Or is Brady really guilty of doing something wrong?

In our search for answers, let's look at the program that produced and employs Brian Brady, the football program of coach Ted Jackson.

Ted Jackson. You either love him or you hate him. For Jackson it is either black or white. You might not agree with what he says, but you don't have to ask him to define his position on a subject.

It has been said that the parent in question wants to see Ted Jackson removed as the head football coach due to something from years ago involving another son. If this is the case, I hope he isn't using his son and coach Brady as means to a very selfish end.

As a former football player and coach of a team that has been the opponent of Dallas under Ted Jackson, I have come to realize one thing about the man: Teddy Jackson is the kind of coach that you hate when you play against, but you would love to play for. That is because he is so intense about his sport, and so good at it.

What makes Jackson a good coach? Ask his fellow coaches in the W.V.C. and they'll say it's Jackson's disciplined approach that makes Dallas a great football program. In *The Prince*, a book written in the 16th century, Machiavelli stressed that it is better to be feared than to be loved. I'd bet that Ted Jackson would agree with that philosophy.

As a sport, football is primitive and aggressive in its design. Some might even argue that the concept of men in helmets running full speed at one another is brutish. Yet, it is its archaic notions that make football so endearing.

Football players must adhere to the ideas that you should align yourself in certain formations, that you should listen to a certain cadence, that on any given play you should sacrifice your body for the team, and that the coach is always right.

The coach is always right. This is the one that players must remember foremost. It is closely related to that old idea that many of us were brought upon: the teacher is always right. Remember being afraid to go home after getting into trouble at school because you knew that the punishment you got from the school was nothing compared to what your father was going to do when he found out.

On the Dallas football team, and any other successful team throughout the free world, the coach is always right. That's the way it has to be to instill discipline. If a coach is questioned or, worse yet, second-guessed by players or anyone else, you lose the discipline. Lose the discipline and you might as well give up football.

When an angry parent has the power to sway a school board to discipline a coach without any review or hearing, it is time to be scared. If the suspension of Brian Brady was upheld last Friday night, it would have set a very nasty precedent. It would open the door to suspending or firing any school employee who had made a parent angry. Your kid's not playing enough, go to the board. Your kid's not the quarterback, go to the board. That is not what needs to be done. I applaud the Dallas school board for reinstating Brian Brady. On the other hand, there is no place in football for excessive discipline by a coach who is out to make an example of a certain player. My definition of excessive discipline is physical punishments that go beyond what is needed or any demoralizing, degrading verbal abuse. Good coaches know the difference.

If Brian Brady is found guilty of some type of excessive discipline, then something should be done. Until then...

GAME NOTES

As far as wildlife foods are concerned, no one can beat the old-fashioned crab apple, which the Northeast has in many varieties throughout its Game Lands. Everything from bear and deer to chipmunks, squirrels and shrews, eat apples! Why, I even had an old German shorthair pointer that would supplement his Gravy Train with fallen apples in the yard near his pen. I have also seen bluejays pecking apples on the tree outside my office for the pulp. At first I thought they were after the seed, but all of the wapples are only partially eaten. After all, an apple a day...LMGS John C. Shutkufski

It has been said many times that a Conservation Officer can do just about anything. Recently I almost had the chance to add something new to that list. While preparing for a program at a local park I set up a video projector and VCR and previewed the video, only realize that when I left home, I mistakenly picked up my wife's instruction step aerobics tape in addition to my wildlife video. I'm glad I had the right tape in my vehicle because I was wearing the improper footwear for step aerobics. WCO Joseph G. Wenzel

On a recent fishing trip to Canada, my buddy Gene said he was going to wear his SPORT cap and change his luck. He didn't catch any mroe fish but the hummingbirds sure liked that fluorescent orange. LMGS Chester J. Harris.

Recently, I worked my annual stint at the Bloomsburg Fair manning the Commission's exhibit, which displayed many interesting mounted animals, including a large black bear. We talked to people from all over Pennsylvania and even other states and countries, the majority of whom spoke

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Raiders will face Indians in rematch to make playoffs

The Kingston Twp. Raiders B Team was defeated by the Plymouth Indians 26-22 in an exciting, hard played game. Both the Raiders and Indians finished the regular season with 5-3 records and will face off again on Sunday with the winner advancing to the league playoffs. The Raiders offense was led by the rushing of Matt Rondina, who gained 102 yards and 10 carries. Scoring touchdowns for the Raiders were Billy Youells, Bobby Zaruta and Stven Salavantis. Also playing well were Marty Murray, Nick Mathewson, Jonathon Barbose and Pat Harmon.

The Raiders will play the Indians on Sunday at noon at the Duryea field.



Women's tennis team qualifies

The Women's 3.0 team from Kingston Indoor Tennis recently competed in the USTA Middle States Regional championship at Princeton, New Jersey. The team qualified by winning the Eastern Pennsylvania Division which is comprised of teams from Clarks Summit, Reading and the Poconos. In Princeton the team finished in third place losing matches to teams from New Jersey and Philadelphia, the winner, who advanced to the national championships in Tucson, Ariz. First row, from left, Cynthia Eckman, Anita Muhlauer, Beth Ward, Karen Ryan, Cynthia Das. Second row, Blanche George, Judy Bouthot, Margaret Bakker, Peggy Gleva, Margaret Manka, Sue Leonard. Not in photo: Carmela Chimento, Jan Labbate and Sharon Bartolini.

SPORTS SHORTS

SOCCKER

Lehman 6, Crestwood 0
The Knights never looked back from Eric Diefenbacher's score at 2:25 in the first quarter as they lambasted Crestwood 6-0 Oct. 16. Eric Rittenhouse had a hat trick with a goal in the second and two in the third quarter assisted by Dan Dulebohn and Andy Verdekai. Favio Marques and Russ Wenrich had the remaining goals for the spollers.

Hazleton 4, Dallas 2
With Lehman's victory the same day the Mounts 4-2 loss to Hazleton Oct. 16 puts them in a tie with the Knights for the final remaining Dist 2 playoff spot. The Mounts jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first quarter off of goals from Richard Douglas and Mike Cleary but the defense fell apart late in the game giving up three unanswered goals in the third and one in the fourth. Both Dallas and Lehman have identical 7-9 records.

Dallas 2, Hoban 1
Rich Semanis booted the game winner in overtime for the Mounts to take a 2-1 victory from Hoban Oct. 18. The win puts Dallas (8-9) in sixth place a full game ahead of Lehman for the final District II playoff berth. Justin Hoover scored in the first for the Mounts off a pass from Kevin Pizzano not to be matched until the fourth quarter when Hoban's Mike Augustine sank the equalizer. Semanis' goal in o.t. was assisted by Hoover.

Meyers 2, Lehman 1
Nate Walters got the Knights on the board first in the third quarter off a pass from Brad Diefenbacher but the Mohawks came back to tie it up just two minutes later and eventually take the game from Lehman 2-1 Oct. 18. Russ Mosier had seven stops in the cage for Lehman but was unable to divert the game winner just three and a half minutes into the fourth quarter from Moses

Ngolo. The loss drops Lehman to 7-10 and dims the Knights hopes for a playoff spot.

FIELD HOCKEY

Lehman 5, Nanticoke 0
Sara Kasper's two goals in the first half paved the way for the Knights to walk away with a 5-0 victory from Nanticoke Oct. 16. Kasper then assisted on goals in the second half by Janelle Perlis and Jen Johnstone. Marie Manzoni notched the remaining tally off a pass from Adrienne Miroslaw. Lehman pumpled the Lady Trojan's cage with 46 shots on goal.

Dallas 2, Berwick 0
Marianne Selenski and Natalie Temperine assisted on each others goals as Dallas vanquished the Bulldogs 2-0 Oct. 16 at Berwick. Jen Janczewicz recorded the shutout with six saves.

O'Reilly 3, Dallas 2
Heather Will scored two goals in the first half but O'Reilly responded with two of their own and the game winner early in the second half to take a surprising 3-2 victory from the Mounts Oct. 18. Dallas still keeps hold of their No. 3 seed Dist. 2 playoff spot despite the setback.

Lehman 4, Meyers 0
The Lady Knights secured their first WVC overall title since 1986 with a valiant 4-0 victory over Meyers at home. Tiffany Van Scoy put Lehman up quickly in the first assisted by Jen Johnstone. Debbie White then increased the lead off a pass from Adrienne Miroslaw to put the Knights up by two at the half. Johnstone and Marie Manzoni both had goals in the second half.

VOLLEYBALL
Lehman 2, Pittston 0
The Knights, lead by the strong arm of Faith O'Dell with 10 kills manhandled the Patriots in straight sets 15-4, 15-4 Oct. 15.

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