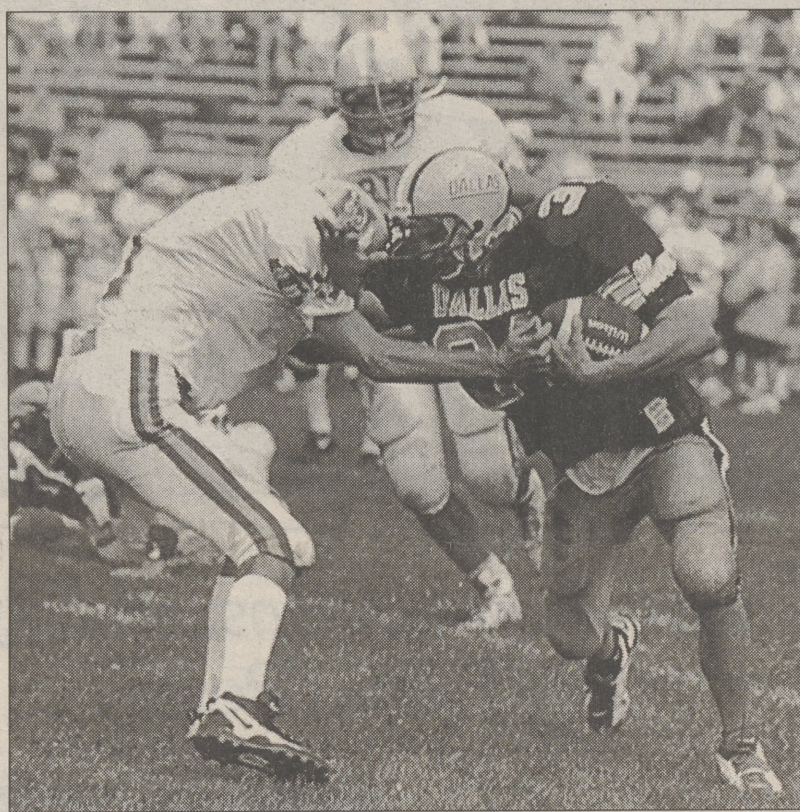
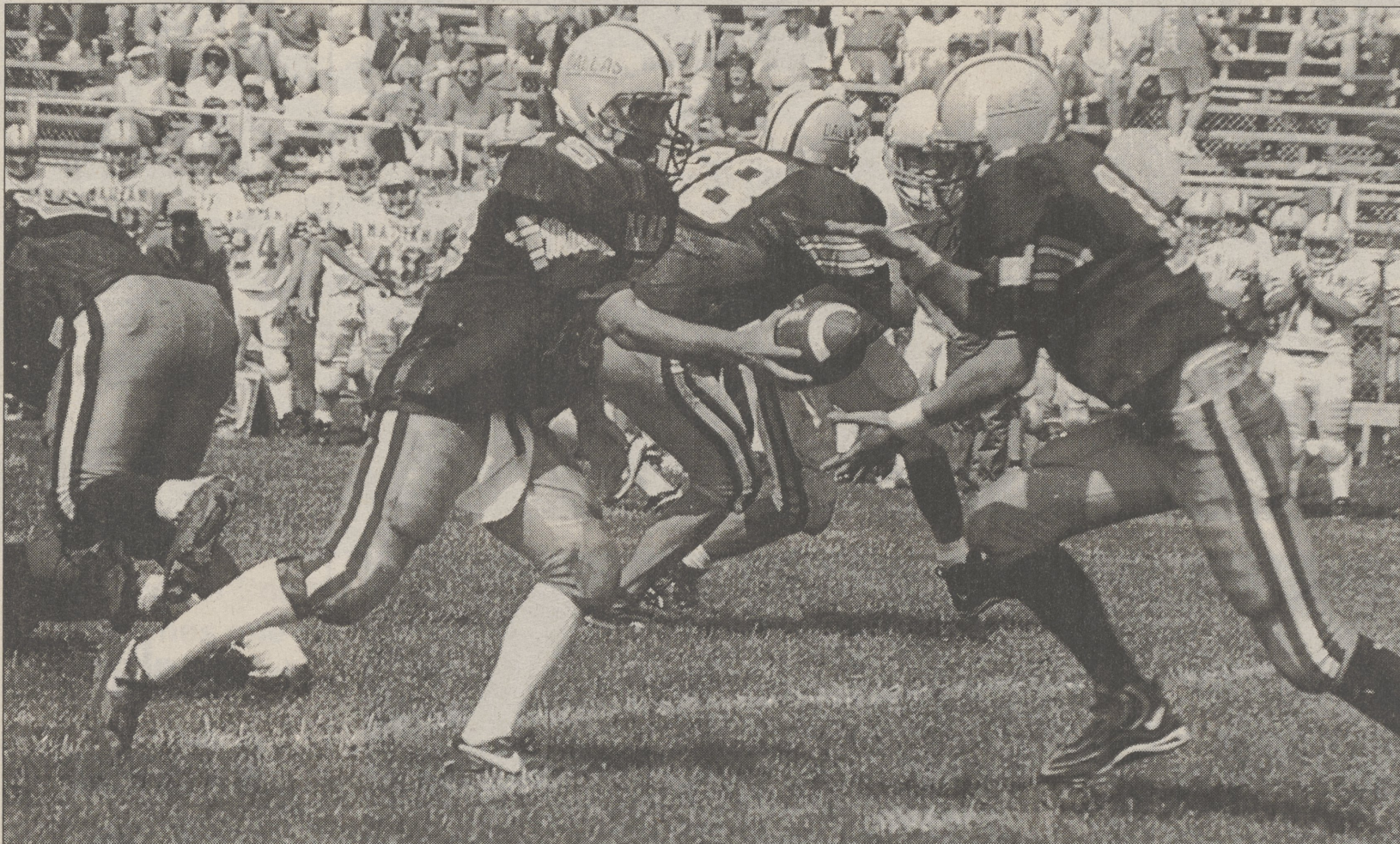


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Dallas quarterback Bill Piasta handed off to Matt Jackson (top photo) in Saturday's game against Marian Catholic. Piasta was shut out passing, but scored two of the Mounts' touchdowns. Jackson turned the corner on another possession (left photo). Above, Eric White, who led all runners with 95 yards, fought off a would-be Marian tackler. Dallas avenged the loss that opened the 1996 season by holding on for a 20-16 victory. They host Meyers Saturday.

Mounts avenge loss that opened '96 campaign

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Lehman drops home opener, pg 10

BACK MOUNTAIN - Stung by last season's 39-19 opening-game loss to Marian Catholic, the Dallas Mountaineers weren't about to let the Pottsville squad get out of the Back Mountain on the win side. But it wasn't easy.

The Dallas trademark defense seemed to be absent in the first half as Marian took a 16-13 lead on the arm of quarterback Brent Andrew. To add insult to injury, the Colts punched in a two-point conversion on each of their touchdowns, while the Mountaineers were stopped on an extra point attempt.

But the second half looked nothing like the first, as a fired-up Dallas defense stopped Andrew and his teammates cold, and Mountaineer quarterback Bill Piasta, who didn't complete a pass in six attempts, scored the winning touchdown from the 1-yard line. Piasta had scored the first Dallas touchdown on a 7-yard run in the opening period.

Dennis Wengrynek put the Mounts ahead in the second period when he picked up a punt that had been blocked by Frank

Perkoski and ran it in for the score. But Marian came back on a 69-yard pass play to take the half-time lead.

While the Dallas passing game was ineffective, the Mounts piled up 252 yards on the ground, led by Eric White's 95 yards on 22 carries. He was followed by Paul Onzik with 69 yards on seven carries, Matt Jackson with 37 yards in 13 tries and Piasta with 36 yards on eight carries including the two touchdowns.

Marian won the overall yardage contest with a total of 312 yards, but gained only 174 on the ground. Dallas had 17 first downs to the Colts' 12, and lost only one of five fumbles while recovering two of Marian's four drops.

In a rematch that could have turned ugly after last year's meeting in Pottsville was marred by shouts and fighting, only 12 penalties were called, five on the Mounts.

Dallas will host Meyers Saturday at 1 p.m. in the league opener. Meyers lost to West Scranton 28-12 last weekend.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Raiders A tops Edwardsville

Raiders A-Team used a balance offensive attack on its way to an exciting 27-20 victory over the Edwardsville Eagles. QB Justin Sayre's first three touchdowns on the afternoon was set up by two key pass completions to Steven Salavantis and Jonathan Nutche. Bobby Hivish kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead. After the Eagles narrowed the margin to 7-6 with a TD of their own, Salavantis hit paydirt for the Raiders with a nifty 15-yard scamper on a pass completion. Sayre added the two point conversion. Again the Eagles responded with a TD of their own making the score 15-12 at halftime.

Behind some powerful running by fullback Bobby Zaruta and the blocking up front by Mike Burns, Nick Mathewson, Doug Zaruta, Marty Murray and Billy Youells on the offensive line, the Raiders increased their margin to 27-12 with Sayre scoring two second half touchdowns. Following the last Raider's score the Eagles returned the kick-off for a touchdown and added the two point conversion for a 27-20 game.

The Eagles recovered a Raider fumble on the next possession and started to drive for the winning score late in the game when linebacker Bobby Zaruta snagged an interception to seal the victory. Turning in fine performances on the Raiders defense were A. J. Rosencrans, Bobby Hivish, Paul Saxon and David Rowett.

Raiders B blinds Eagles

The Raiders B-team opened with a 22-0 win at home against Edwardsville at Dallas on Sunday. The Raiders were led by Matt Brokenshire at QB as he directed a potent running game. Elijah Miller had a two touchdown afternoon scoring from 30 and 57 yards. Brian Ostrowsky stuffed one in the end zone and added a two-point conversion. Defensively Ken Regan, Chris Higdon, Steve Wengen and Ostrowsky kept Edwardsville out of the end zone all day. Other solid performances were turned in by James Delaney with two sacks and Matt Kelly with a great job on both sides of the line. Captains for the game were the starting offensive line, led by Curt Montz, David Judge, Jake Kovalchik, Pat Rother and Jonathan Miller. Next game is Sunday at Larksville.

Jr. Mounts open season

On Sun., Aug. 31, the A, B and C Squads of the Dallas Junior Mounts had their opening game against the Kingston Huskies. Cheers were offered by fans and cheerleaders for each squad with unfortunate results. The Huskies defeated C. Squad with a score of 46-24. B Squad was also beaten by a score of 44-0. A Squad won by forfeit.

Next Sun., Sept. 7, the Junior Mounts will be at home against the Edwardsville Eagles.

'Buick Open' for Irem Women

The Irem Women's Golf Association participated in the Buick Open Tournament which was sponsored by Community Motors of Kingston. Prizes featured a Jamaican vacation for a hole in one on the seventh hole and a new Buick for a hole in one on the 17th hole. Gifts and prizes were donated by Community Motors.

Winners were: first place: Louise Moore, Cindy Dexter, Arlene Hemenace, Sandy Richardson; second place, Estelle Laux, Dorothy Harding, Janet Miller, Jean Edwards; third place, Jane Lloyd, Corrine Sgarlat, Ann Nicholson, Connie Lizzdas; fourth place: Sun He Koo, Julie Conklin, Jane Koppe, Kate Ichter. Dorothy Harding and Doris Parson had chip-ins.

Oldham playing at King's Point

Doug Oldham of Shavertown, a 1997 graduate of Wyoming Seminary, is playing defensive back on the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy football team. The team plays in the Freedom Football Conference, and was last year's champions in the ECAC Southwest division with a record of 7-3. Home games are played at the campus at King's Point, New York.

Exciting races, gusty winds mark Yacht Club's finale

The last sailboat race of the season was by far the most exciting and colorful for the Harveys Lake Yacht Club. The sky was blue with white patchy clouds emanating from the southwest. The wind averaged eight knots with gusts to 12 knots. Race chairman Frank Wadas designed a course of six miles utilizing all points of the wind to bring out the resourcefulness of the sailors.

Commodore David Delaney posted the following results: first place, Dave Hoffman sailing a Phantom; second place, Rep. Kevin and Beth Blaum; third place, Drs. Lane Giddings and Fred Shaefer, fourth, Dr. Karl Arbogast and crew, Karen and Mark Arbogast sailing Mobjack #162; fifth Dr. John Alaimo and Ellen as crew; sixth, Dr. Henry

Steuben and Kyoko, crew; seventh, Joan Williams and Jane Harter, DNF, eighth; Captain John Ryder and Barry Rosen crew, sailing the O'Day-"Odd Couple". DNF.

The Comet class winner was Lane Giddings with Fred Shaefer, second place went to the Alaimo team, third place was taken by the Henry Steuben team. The Williams team did not finish.

Race Chairman Wadas was assisted on the committee boat by Ted Struthers. Time Keeper was Sam Alaimo.

A brunch for the sailors was held at the conclusion of the race. This is an annual event to bring the competitive group together for the last time in the season. The day's race was discussed and preliminary plans for the next season were formulated.



U-11 girls finish 2-1-1 at Pocono Cup

The Northeast Travel U-11 Girl's Select soccer team, made up of players from different teams in the area, went to the Pocono Cup in July. It is a tournament for select and premier teams that draws the best teams from the Mid-Atlantic region. They did very well with a record of 2-1-1.

From left, first row, Jessica Scalzo; second row, Marina Scalzo, Meredith Lacey, Caitlin Dukas, Jamie Compton, Shannon Thomas, Gloria Pleban, Jill Albee; third row, Katie Lykon, Katie Rhodes, Lizzy Martin, Megan Pierce, Lauren Stefaniak, Brittany Davis, Michelle Swaitek, Hallie Williams.

Craft show will help Dallas soccer

The Dallas High School Soccer Club is sponsoring the annual Fall Craft Show on Sun., Sept. 28 at the Dallas Senior High School from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 100 vendors from Pennsylvania and New Jersey will be represented, selling various crafts including semi-precious gemstone jewelry, needlework, candles, ceramics, potpourri, quilts, stencilled lamp shades, woodcrafts, wreaths, handmade dolls and homemade candy. Soccer Club members will be selling lunch and baked goods throughout the day. There is no admission charge.

Youth basketball registration

Dallas Youth Basketball will hold signups for its 1997-98 boys and girls winter leagues on Sat. Sept. 20 from 9 - 11 a.m. and Mon., Sept. 22, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Dallas Middle School Cafeteria. Students in grades 3-8 who reside within the Dallas School District are eligible. Price is \$35 per player or \$50 per family. Plus a \$15 fundraiser fee with the option to sell calendars. Applications will be taken on a first come first serve basis. For more information, call Dave Domzalski at 675-8788 (boys league) or Peggy Lacey at 696-4603 (girls league).