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knights at their own 45-yard line. Bearde put the game out of reach with two touchdown receptions of 21 and 37 yards from quarterback Willy Cadwalder. Dave Marland completed a 61-yard drive in the final stanza with an 8-yard run to put the game out of reach 33-0.

Dallas 7, Lehman 0

Nov. 18, 1985

Dallas used an impressive 15-yard drive at the outset of the third quarter Monday afternoon to score the game's only points in a 7-0 victory over the Black Knights. Scott Francis engineered a five and a half minute drive, culminating with an eight yard pass to junior wingback Ed Kwak. Senior placekicker Gary Whalick's PAT was good and Dallas took a 7-0 lead with 6:33 left in the third quarter. The game was postponed from Saturday to Monday because of the cold, wet weather but the postponement did not dampen the enthusiasm of the players nor the fans.

Dallas 15, Lehman 2

Nov. 15, 1986

After battling in the mud at Edward Edwards stadium in the season finale, Dallas emerged the victor for a second straight year with a 15-2 victory over host Lehman. Dallas quarterback Scott Francis, who was the first Dallas player to throw for over 1,000 yards in a season, led the Mounts to victory while Ryan Hollhaus and Kyle Boudreaux mastered the ground game.

Dallas 27, Lehman 0

Nov. 21, 1987

Dallas ended their season undefeated with a 27-0 victory over Lehman in the battle for the "Old Shoe". The Mounts hung on to a 7-0 lead at the end of the third period and exploded for three final period touchdowns to keep the "Shoe" in Dallas trophy case. Dallas used the victory as a stepping stone to the Eastern Conference Class B championship which they won two weeks later.

Dallas 21, Lehman 21

Nov. 12, 1988

Jerry Ogurkis' field goal attempt with only seconds remaining would have given Dallas the game but his kick went wide to end the game with a 21-21 tie. Dallas scored first on a Jay Cherup to Scott Starbuck 59-yard touchdown with Ogurkis' PAT to give a 7-0 lead. After failing to make the first down on the Dallas 26, Lehman went into field goal formation with Chris Engle in position for the kick. Instead he took the snap and rolled to the right where he hit Rob Michaels in the endzone for a score. The point after was

championship game but was denied the crown after a 34-13 loss to Valley View.

Dallas 21, Lehman 0

Nov. 13, 1993

A suffocating Dallas defense created six Knight turnovers, scored one touchdown and set up another easy one as Dallas kept possession of the "Old Shoe" for another year. The Mounts first two touchdowns came within a span of 16 seconds. Buddy Rhoades put the Mounts on the board with an eight-yard run following a fumble recovery by Matt Williams. Williams picked up a fumble on the Knights next possession and ran 11 yards for the score. Both teams enter the District 2 playoffs but Lehman got knocked off in the first round by Wyoming Area. Dallas went on to take the state championship, the first in school history.

Dallas 6, Lehman 0

Nov. 11, 1989

Chris Ruth intercepted a Sam Gorgone desperation pass in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter to seal the Mounts victory over their back yard rival 6-0. Dallas broke open a scoreless game in the fourth quarter when Jay Straights called a keeper and took the ball in from the six. Chris Williams' extra point attempt bounced off the goal post to keep the score 6-0.

Lehman 7, Dallas 0

Nov. 12, 1990

Terry Martin's first quarter touchdown combined with Lehman's stingy defense gave the Knights possession of the "Old Shoe". Martin's 29-yard cut through the middle was the only score of the afternoon. Dallas made some noise early in the fourth quarter but a Dallas fumble was recovered by Randy Parry to end the threat.

Dallas 42, Lehman 0

Nov. 9, 1991

Dallas quarterback John Morris led the Dallas offense to a 42-0 thumping of Lehman to take back the Back Mt. Championship. Morris was in perfect form, nailing 10 of 10 passes including five touchdowns. Morris completed scoring passes to Dave Podehl and Todd Paczewski twice and Dave Puz once. Lehman's Rob Spencer provided a little spark with a 50-yard run but Dallas' line put up a wall and took over on downs.

Dallas 21, Lehman 0

Nov. 14, 1992

The Dallas defense was overwhelming, allowing the Knights just 122 yards of total offense and not allowing Lehman to cross the Dallas 40-yard line in a one-sided 21-0 contest at Dallas. Lehman's Rob Spencer capped off a fine season in the game, however, going over the 1,000 yard mark for the season. Brian Burd did most of the ball handling for Dallas and he hit Rob Michaels in the endzone for two touchdowns. Dallas advanced to the E.C. cham-

post-season runs were stalled by semi-final losses in District playoffs.

Dallas 21, Lehman 0

Nov. 2, 1996

Dallas regained the "Old Shoe" following a 21-0 victory over the Black Knights. Several Knights

Founders pleased tradition has lasted so long

BY CHRIS BELL
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The folks involved in the early rivalry didn't have any idea what they were starting 50 years ago. While the games were fiercely competitive, the coaches didn't dream the tradition would be as powerful as ever half a century later.

Bob Dolbear, who coached at Dallas Township along with John Rosser when the first "Old Shoe" game was played in 1948, didn't think at the time they were starting something that would become one of the biggest annual sporting events in the area.

"It was just an idea to recognize the best football team in the Back Mountain," said Dolbear. "We didn't realize that it would continue for 50 years."

In the early years, Lehman, Dallas Township and Kingston Township high schools competed for the "Old Shoe" with the trophy going to the team with the best record against the other two

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"Your season could be a success or a failure based on one game."

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Former Dallas coach

counterpart at Kingston Township, is also proud. "I surprised to have been a part in the beginning of such an exciting tradition. "Everybody looked forward to the game," he explained. "It was the game of the season. There were some personal rivalries and bragging rights at stake. It was good friends having fun."

One of McCutcheon's favorite aspects of the game is the impact on the community. "I think the excitement the game generates is great," he said. "People look ahead to this game. You can go anywhere in the area and people will be talking about the game."

McCutcheon also appreciates Bowman's Restaurant (now Jersey Shore). It made for some good competition," said McCutcheon. "There

is always a question mark about who is going to win the game and it is usually a very well played game."

Edward H. Edwards, the man whose name adorns the Lake-Lehman stadium, was an assistant coach under Tony Marchakitus when the "Old Shoe" rivalry began. Fifty years later, he can still be seen on the sidelines at Black Knights games.

"I think this is a great game," said Edwards. "The kids on both sides always put forth an outstanding effort. I can't remember a Lehman/Dallas game that didn't feature good football. Even bad teams seem to play good football in this game."

"I remember one year when there was a three-way tie," explained Edwards. "Dallas wanted Lehman and we beat Kingston Township. Going into the last game of the year, everybody figured Dallas would pound KT since they only one or two wins. But Kingston Township won the game and created the tie. That's the way the rivalry has

always been." While the intensity of the rivalry has been maintained throughout the years, there have been a few changes. "The teams are much bigger now," said Dolbear. "The schools were much smaller in those days. You were lucky to have 20 players on your team."

According to McCutcheon, budgets have grown with the roses. "The equipment has changed and there is a lot more money put into the game," he said. "Most guys played both ways since teams didn't have enough players."


If Edwards and his colleagues had their way, one aspect of the rivalry would never have changed. "To me, there isn't anything like a good football game on Thanksgiving," said Edwards. "It's still a big game because of the state playoffs, but that made it really special."

"Everyone looked forward to going to the game Thanksgiving morning," said McCutcheon. "It's too bad they lost that tradition."

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