

## 49 years of Old Shoe games, with one to go this week,

*Editor's note: This roundup of 49 years of Old Shoe games was compiled by Jill Griener from the files of The Dallas Post.*

### Kingston Twp. 14, Dallas Twp. 0 - Nov. 25, 1948

A tight hard fought game was broken up in the final quarter when Kingston Twp. exploded for two touchdowns to take a 14-0 victory over the Dallas Twp. Redskins in front of nearly 2,000 fans on Thanksgiving morning. The ancient Statue of Liberty play enabled Kingston Twp. to score its first TD. End Bob Morgan came around from the left side and took the ball running to his right and just before reaching the line of scrimmage tossed a perfect 30-yard pass to Dick Handley who crossed the goal untouched. The final score came following the interception of a Dallas Twp. desperation pass when MacAvoy plunged over from the one-yard line. The victory gives the Kates possession of the first leg on the Dallas Rotary Club Trophy which the Rotary will award to the team having the best win and loss record among Back Mt. teams including Dallas Twp., Lehman Twp. and Kingston Twp. (Westmoreland H.S.).

### Lehman Twp. 7, Dallas Twp. 0 - Oct. 29, 1949

In a bruising but smoothly played game which lived up to all its expectations, Lehman's snappy Red and Blue chalked up an all-important 7-0 victory over the Dallas Twp. Redskins to cop the Back Mountain football championship before a large crowd on the Dallas gridiron. The victory added to its earlier 27-7 win over Kingston Township gives Lehman possession of the "Golden Football Shoe" emblematic of the Back Mountain championship. The first half was even with both teams threatening, but with neither having the scoring punch. Late in the third quarter, however, Lehman's passing attack finally paid dividends, advancing the ball 70 yards on a Mont to Ron Hutchinson pass to the Dallas 10 yard line. Two plays later Mont slammed over from the four for the deciding touchdown. Defensively the hats went to both lines with Dallas Twp. ends, Jack Lancia and Bill Heminger, outstanding.

### Lehman Twp. 20, Dallas Twp. 0 - Oct. 28, 1950

The Scotties won their second consecutive Back Mt. championship with a 20-0 victory over Dallas Twp at Lehman. Late in the first half following a Dallas fumble deep in Scotties' territory, Lehman's Ron Nuss scored the first touchdown on a quarterback

sneak from the 2-yard line. The Scotties went to work in the second half with Jack Graham doing most of the carrying, advancing to the Dallas 30-yard line. Graham then faded back and spotted Dick Kern all alone on the Dallas 15-yard line and completed a beautiful pass play for a touchdown. Graham again featured in the final touchdown which came during the closing minutes of the game. This late TD was scored on a beautiful exhibition of single wing power with Graham carrying on an off-tackle slant from the 5-yard line. Lehman eliminated Kingston Township from the running for the "Shoe" with an early season 13-0 triumph.

### Dallas 20, Westmoreland 19 - Nov. 22, 1951

Dallas Township Redskins scored a tremendous upset over the highly favored Westmoreland by a 20-19 count on Thanksgiving morning to garner the prized Golden Football Shoe. Pre-game forecasts placed Dallas Township a two to four touchdown underdog to the highly touted Westmoreland powerhouse. Bob

Bellas, who worked behind a fiercely playing forward wall, took personal charge of the game as he scored all of Dallas' twenty points via three touchdowns and two extra points. Bob Harris and Roy Carr individually were standouts for the Redskins. Carr with his sharp clean slashing tackles and Harris' alert and brilliant defensive maneuvers accounted for a large slice of Dallas' defensive play. Jack Richards, Westmoreland's top-notch backfield ace, stood out even in defeat with his amazing passing. Dallas and Kingston Townships first met on the gridiron Thanksgiving Day 1932. Dallas has won only two games, 1940 and 1941, but this has not dimmed the color and drama of this football treat.

### Westmoreland H.S. 19, Dallas Twp. 0 - Nov. 27, 1952

The highly favored Mustangs travelled to Dallas Township Thanksgiving morning, where they knocked down the Indians 19-0. Westmoreland opened the scoring when Gail Spare took a Dallas punt on his own 30-yard line and raced all the way to pay dirt with

the aid of beautiful blocks. Westmoreland held on to a 7-0 lead at the half. In the third period Harold Rose came to life and took a pitch-out from Richard Evans and galloped 40-yards for the score. When the fourth period opened the Redskins got desperate and quarterback Karl Landmesser started heaving passes. Trailing 13-0, Landmesser stepped back and tossed a fatal pass to Westmoreland's Ray Hartman who paced off 80 yards for the final touchdown. Earlier in the season, the Mustangs, led by Don Purvin and Dick Evans, beat edged Lehman 14-13 in the first round of "Golden Shoe" action.

### Lehman over Dallas Twp. - Oct. 1953

Lehman knocked Westmoreland out of the running with a slim 21-20 victory in late September. All the way down to the gun it was a nip and tuck duel but Lehman's extra points proved to be the deciding factor. Lehman clinched the championship with a victory over Dallas Twp. later in the season.

### Lehman Twp. 12, Dallas Twp. 0 - Oct. 23, 1954

For the fourth time, and twice in succession, the coveted Bronze Shoe went to Lehman-Jackson-Ross Township high school squad. The Scotties upended Dallas' undefeated season with a stunning 12-0 upset at Lehman. Lehman's first score was set up when Ernie Slocum intercepted a pass and raced 34 yards before he was stopped at the Dallas 7 yard line. Bill Lopasky crashed over for the touchdown. The try for the extra point was unsuccessful. The final score was made in the fourth period when Bill Lopasky passed to Bob Norris for the touchdown, the play covering 20 yards. The extra point was blocked.

### Westmoreland H.S. 6, Dallas Twp. 0 - Nov. 24, 1955

Westmoreland High School behind the winning arm of Steve Batur defeated Dallas Township 6-0 for the Back Mountain championship on Thanksgiving morning in Kingston Township. Paul Heslop made the winning touchdown for Westmoreland who en-

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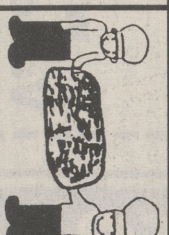
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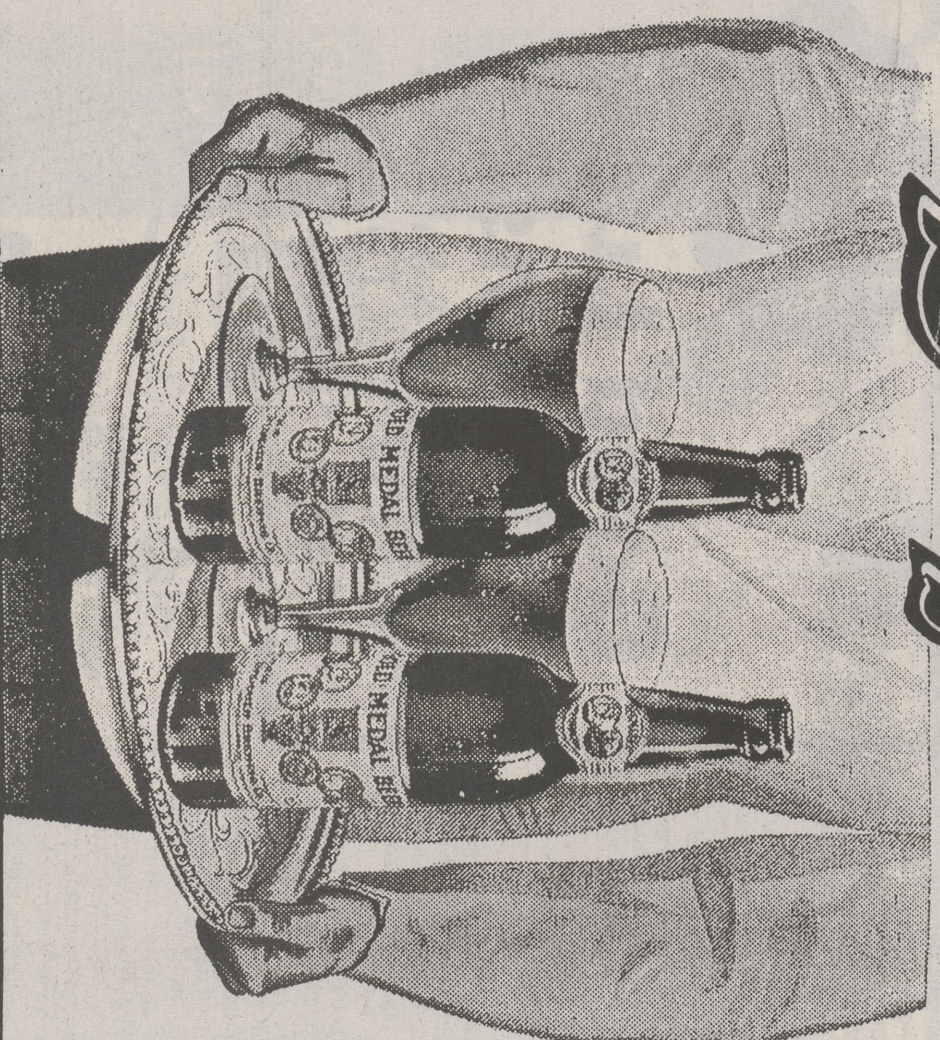


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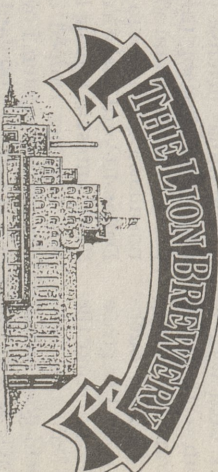
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