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Nov. 24, 1976

More than 3,200 fans on a cold, snowy morning saw Dallas quarterback Steve Skammer lead the Mounts to a 13-7 victory over Lehman and turn in a tremendous performance. He totaled 128 yards on six of 15 passes and was the game's leading rusher with 90 yards. Steve Asby also turned in a fine performance catching three of Skammer's passes for a total of 97 yards including a perfect 80-yard strike for the game's first score. Skammer put the Mounts up by 13 on a 13-yard keeper for the second score. With less than four minutes remaining Mark DeCesaris brought the Knights within six as he threw a perfect strike to Bert Ballet for the touchdown. Bob Weidner's kick was good to cut the lead to 13-7. This would be the last year the two teams would face each other on Thanksgiving morning.

Dallas 7, Lehman 6 Nov. 19, 1977

The Knights were in front 6-0 at the end of the half by virtue of Bert Ballet's score on a Dallas fumble near the end zone. Dallas' Frank Kozak recovered a Knight fumble in the second half and ran it in to even the score, but it was the "golden" foot of Brain Dennis which was the deciding factor as he put the pigskin between the uprights for the extra point which gave Dallas the Old Shoe for another year. Dallas Coach Jack Jones said after the game, "Brian Dennis was the difference in the game. His shoe shouldn't be bronzed, it should be gilded in gold. He's made the difference in our past three games."

Dallas 12, Lehman 7 Nov. 28, 1974

With under two minutes remaining Mel Wynn scored the winning touchdown on a four-yard run to give Dallas a 12-7 victory over Lehman at Dallas stadium. After a scoreless first half Lehman quarterback Mark Kalish tossed a 16-yard completion to Craig Yanchick for an early Knight lead. Mel Wynn brought Dallas to within one after an 11-yard score on the last play of the third quarter but the opportunity to go ahead was denied as Len Martin dropped Brian Siskler at the one-yard line. With one minute and forty seconds left in the game Jeff Supulski caught an 18-yard pass to set up the Wynn go-ahead score.

Dallas 15, Lehman 7 Nov. 27, 1975

Jeff Supulski, third string quarterback for the Mountaintainers turned in a solid performance to lead Dallas to a 15-7 victory over Lehman at the losers' field. Variety sensation Steve Skammer was still not recovered from an injury he took Craig Yanchick's punt back 66 yards for a touchdown. With 26 seconds remaining in the half Dallas went ahead 9-0 when Pete Shiner kicked a 33-yard field goal. Lehman opened the second half with a 95-yard drive for their only score but Siskler put the game away as he hit Jeff Supulski for an eight-yard touchdown pass to end the game at 13-7.

Dallas 13, Lehman 7

Lehman made it two in a row following a 14-7 victory over Dallas early in the season. Jim Michaels set up the game's first score as he went to the air and hit Wayne DeCesaris to put the Knights at the Dallas four-yard line. It took three plays before Jim Hurley was able to dive over the line from the two. Hurley

scored again in the final seconds of the third quarter and Michaels kicked the PAT to move ahead 14-0. In the fourth quarter the Mountaintainers broke loose when Norm Bordley broke out for a 32-yard touchdown run through the middle. With only minutes remaining and Dallas threatens Ed Parsons sacked the Dallas quarterback to turn the momentum and allowed Lehman to take over on downs and run out the clock.

Dallas 20, Lehman 19 Nov. 8, 1980

With less than one minute to play the Lake-Lehman Knights were in front of Dallas 19-14. But a blocked punt that rolled from the Lake-Lehman 30 to the seven yard line with only 54 seconds remaining set up Dallas quarterback Dave Oster's five-yard touchdown and the 20-19 win for Dallas. Touchdowns by Dan Haeefe, Mike Leskowsky, and Tom Hillman put the Knights in the lead. Norm Bordley kept the Mounts in the hunt with touchdown runs of 48 and 1-yards.

Dallas 34, Lehman 6 Nov. 14, 1981

Norm Bordley, who scored the first two touchdowns for the Mountaintainers, hit the 3,000 yard mark on his three-year carry of the career on his fourth carry of the game. That carry netted the Mounts their first touchdown and Bordley the Old Shoe for another year. Dallas five yard line where the Dallas five yard line where four plays later Austin went over from the one. Andy Manuskus scored the Mounts final touchdown when Kurt Goeringer hit him with an aerial in the end zone.

Dallas, 16, Lehman 16 Nov. 20, 1982

With no decisive champion in the Back Mountain due to a 16-16 standoff the "Old Shoe" will spend half of the year at Dallas and the second half at Lehman. The game had plenty of excitement and big plays including the fact that both teams were successful on two, two-point conversions. Que Walczak, behind some crisp blocking scored the Knights first TD and followed up with a 2-point scramble to put Lehman up 8-0. Jerry Rollman responded with his own trip to glory with a 7-yard punch for Dallas' first score. Joe Simon evened the score on a two-point conversion. A John

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Williams to Bob Miller 70-yard strike put Lehman ahead again before Chris Williamson upped the lead to 16-8. Walsh put Dallas back in the contest with a connection to Ray Pickanski for a 44-yard score. Walsh evened the score with a successful two-point conversion to big Steve Thomas.

Dallas 16, Lehman 0 Nov. 19, 1983

Mike Borton scored on Dallas' first two possessions as the Mounts put together a 16-0 shutout of Lehman to take back the

Lehman 33, Dallas 0 Nov. 17, 1984

Chris Van Gorder led the Knights with two first half touchdowns as the Knights squashed

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Tie - Nov. 29, 1986

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Lehman Twp. 13, Dallas Twp. 6 - Sept. 28, 1957

Although the final score was 13-6 it does not show the complete mastery of the game by the Scotties. Lehman scored its first touchdown in the first when Joe Lopasky and Idd combined a passing attack that split the Dallas

defense wide open. Dallas scored at the start of the second quarter when Brad Updyke picked up a long lateral and ran 35-yards to score. The point after failed. In the second half Dallas set up the same play that got them on the boards earlier but an alert Ted Tohuba picked up the loose lateral and ran to the six-yard line. Two plays later Lopasky penetrated the end zone, the point after attempt failed and the score remained 13-6 to the end.

Lehman 26, Westmoreland 6 - Sept. 27, 1958

"Joltin'" Joe Lopasky seamed for three touchdowns for Lehman to take a 26-6 victory over newly formed Westmoreland High School. Bob Shotwell was Westmoreland's only ray of light after grabbing an interception and reeling off thirty yards to the end zone. Although Lopasky and Donny Walters were the big threats much credit went to the defense as they were breathing down the loser's backs and scooping up fumbles. This is the first year Dallas has joined Kingston Twp. to form Dallas Area School

district. The new team will nickname the Mountaintainers and play from Westmoreland High School.

Lehman 37, Westmoreland 0 - Sept. 26, 1959

With Ed Lopasky and Larry Thomas scoring twice and Pete Rittenhouse recovering three fumbles and intercepting a pass for a touchdown, Westmoreland was no match for the Scotties. Westmoreland, under new coach Ed Brominski, made a few serious scoring threats including a drive from their own 35 to the Lehman 15 before a fumble recovered by Dick Disque stopped the threat. Lehman Coach Eddie Edwards used his reserves for most of the action in the fourth quarter including Ben Rusiloski who completed four of five aerials to place the ball on the three from where he busted through the end zone for the final score.

Westmoreland H.S. 20, Lehman 7 - Sept. 24, 1960

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Dallas Sr. High 18, Lehman 7 - Sept. 23, 1961

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Dallas 19, Lehman 0 - Sept. 28, 1963

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Dallas 18, Lehman 6 - Sept. 26, 1964

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the winner earning Back Mountain 'bragging rights'

tered the game with a 5-4 record while Dallas carried an impressive 7-1 tally.

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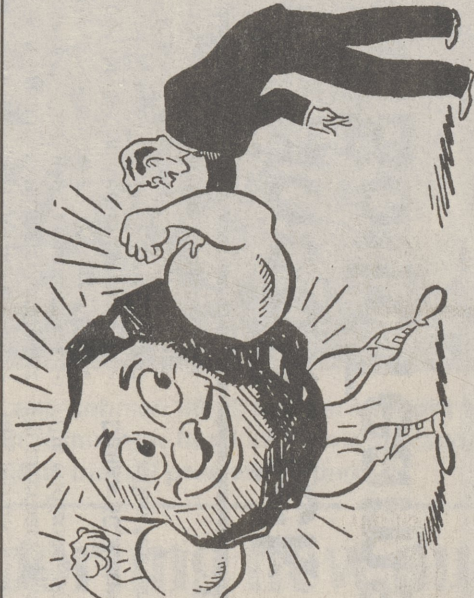
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