

# Sports Week

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## Teams prep for playoffs

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**BACK MOUNTAIN** - With the 50th Old Shoe game behind them, the Dallas and Lake-Lehman football teams can look ahead to district playoffs, and both face challenges.

Lehman (6-4 overall, 5-3 in the WVC) will meet Wilkes-Barre GAR (7-3 overall, 6-2) Friday night at Memorial Stadium in Wilkes-Barre. This rematch of an ugly contest played two weeks ago brings together two potent offenses, and some bad blood, the result of an attack on a Lake-Lehman player that caused the last game to be suspended with 18 seconds on the clock.

But the way it ended wasn't all that was memorable about the matchup. "The game had a little bit of everything," said Lake-Lehman head coach Rich Gorgone. GAR scored three touchdowns off defensive plays, one on an interception, one on a Lehman on-side kick and another following a fumble recovery, on the way to a 42-35 win. One of the Black Knights' touchdowns came on a blocked GAR punt.

"They're explosive," Gorgone said of the Grenadiers. "They have a great back, a scatback type in Dave Myers." He said a 230 lb. fullback and a quarterback who can throw adds more punch to the GAR offense. But Gorgone doubts the score will be as high as last time.

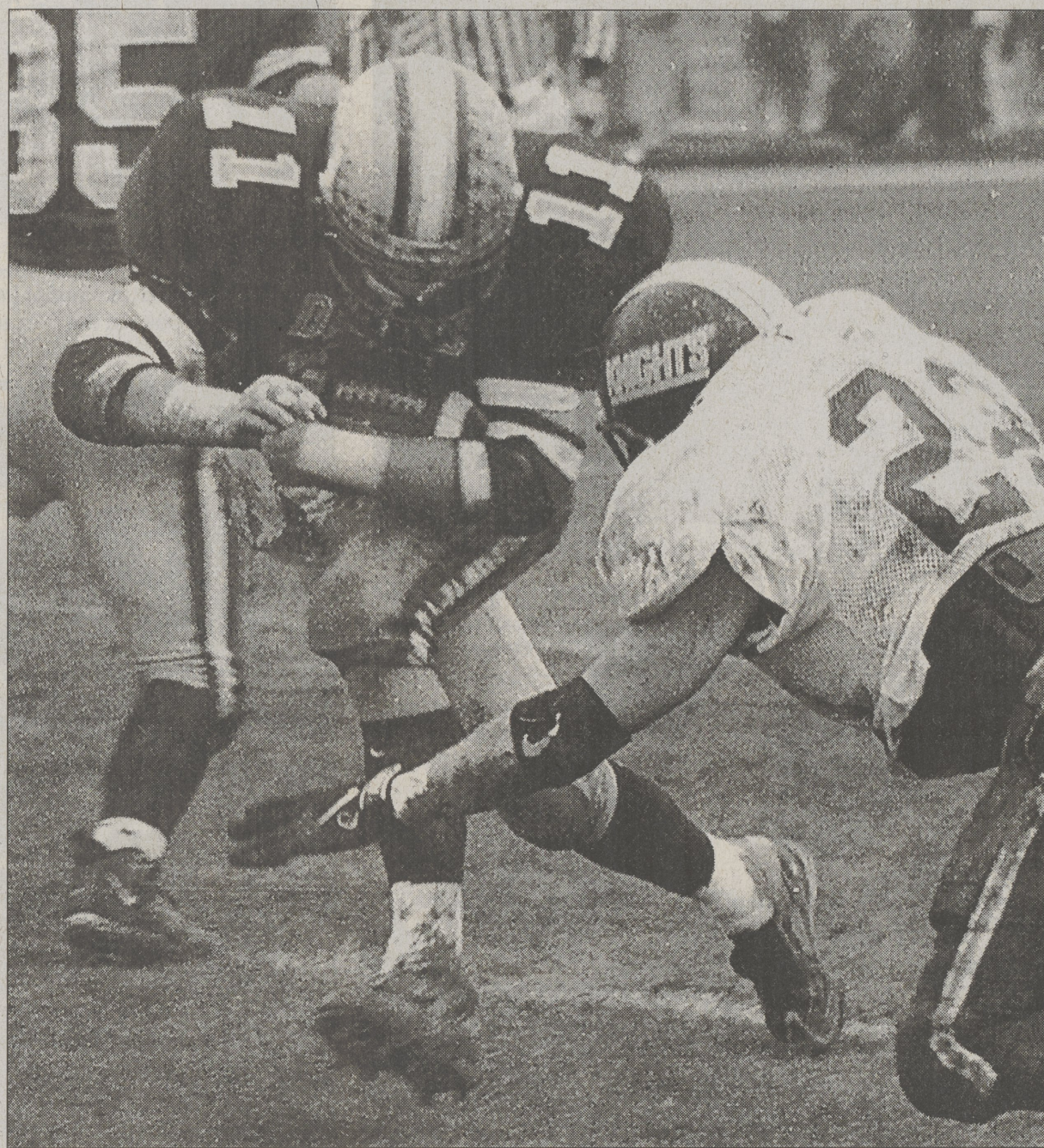
This is Lehman's fourth trip to playoffs in five years, and the Knights are healthy if a little banged up after a tough game against Dallas. "The key is to get in the playoffs," Gorgone said. Then anything can happen.

The Mountaineers (9-1 overall, 7-1) are riding high after beating Lehman 20-12 Saturday. The problem is they started the week unsure of who they would play in the first round, Wyoming Area (10-0, 8-0) or Berwick (8-2, 6-1). The answer came Monday night when Allentown Central Catholic beat Bethlehem Catholic in a game postponed from Saturday, sending Dallas against the Warriors Friday night.

Dallas head coach Ted Jackson took the chance it would be Wyoming Area all along, spending five to six hours Sunday and again Monday preparing for the Warriors.

Jackson was pleased with his team's performance against a gritty Lake-Lehman squad. "It was

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Lake-Lehman linebacker Rich Patton hit Dallas tailback Matt Jackson in the Old Shoe game. Jackson ran for over 100 yards and scored two touchdowns.



Bob Dolbear flipped the coin as Tony Marchakitus called it. Dolbear, Marchakitus, George McCutcheon and Edward Edwards were guests of honor at a pregame breakfast held Friday morning at Irem Temple Country Club.

## Knights fight hard, but Mounts prevail

The Lake-Lehman Black Knights scored first, but the Dallas Mountaineers scored most on the way to a 20-12 victory in the 50th annual Old Shoe game Saturday at Dallas.

A special coin toss opened the game, with former Dallas coach Bob Dolbear flipping the coin and Lake-Lehman coach Tony Marchakitus calling it. They were joined by George McCutcheon, former Kingston Twp. coach and Edward Edwards, another former Lehman coach.

Lehman wasted no time scoring on its first possession, a 66-yard drive capped by Mick Konigus's 1-yard plunge to paydirt. The big play in the series was a 37-yard reverse run by Randy Moyer. A missed extra point left the score at 6-0.

But Dallas responded, as it did all afternoon. Bill Piasta hit Eric White on fourth down and White ran the ball into the end zone. It was Piasta's only pass in the game. The extra point kick gave Dallas the lead, and the teams went to the locker room with the score Dallas 7-Lehman 6.

As the day wore on, the skies became darker and the field more slippery. The rain and wind caused problems for Lehman, which re-

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lies more on passing than Dallas.

After the teams traded possessions to start the third quarter, the Black Knights struck again when D.J. Kapson hit Floyd McRoy for 50 yards and a touchdown. The kick failed again, and Lehman had a 12-7 lead, but not for long.

Dallas went ahead to stay on their next series, when tailback Matt Jackson rambled 39 yards for a touchdown late in the third quarter. The two-point conversion attempt failed, and the Mounts had a 13-12 lead. Jackson scored again in the fourth quarter, and with the extra point the score was 20-12.

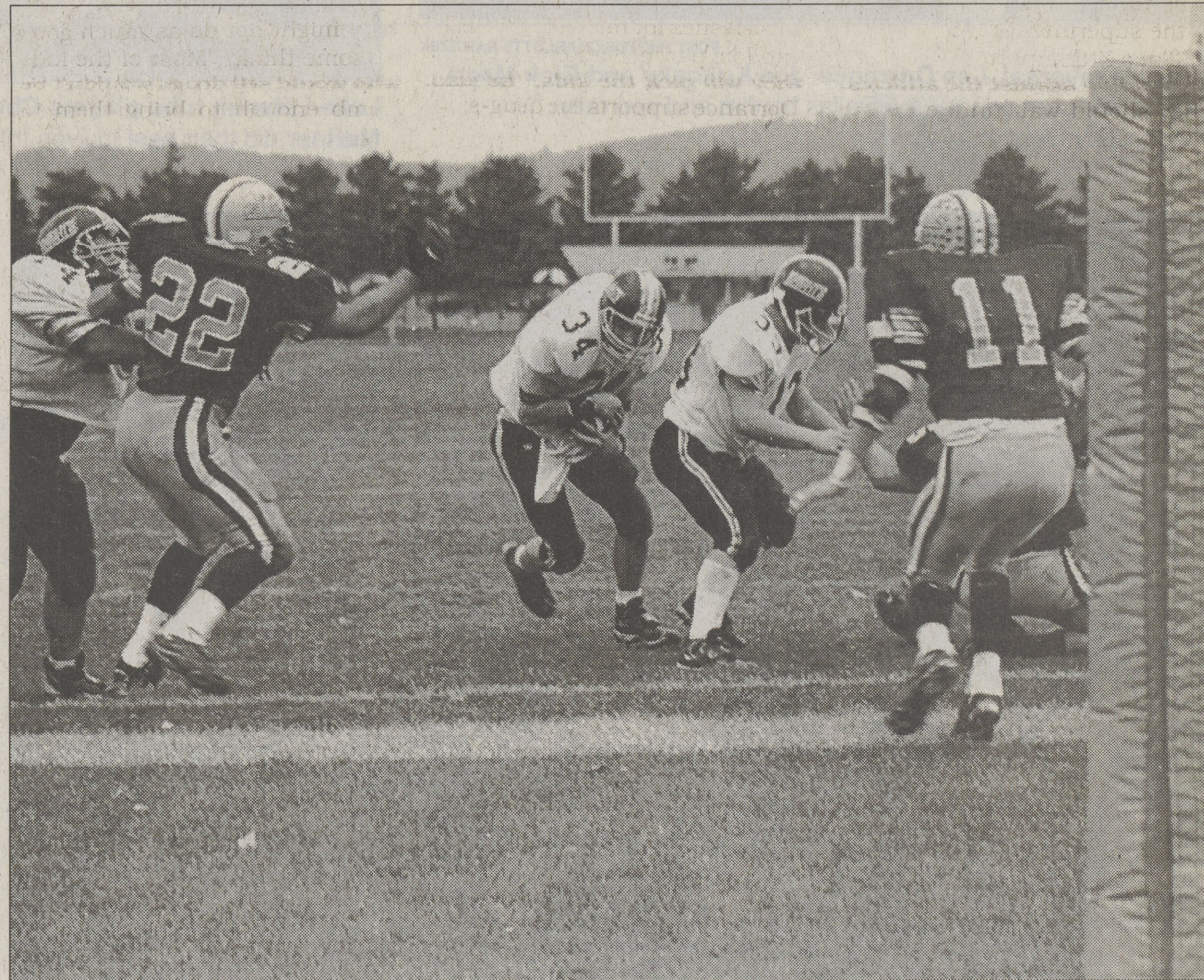
Lehman tried gamely to get back in the game, but two interceptions, the last with just over 40 seconds on the clock, stopped whatever hope they had.

"It was a great, hard-fought game," Jackson said Sunday.

For the first time in recent memory, the Old Shoe trophy was presented to the winning team on the field at the conclusion of the game. Melissa Saxon, president of the Dallas Rotary Club, which sponsored the trophy, made the presentation.



Players received a commemorative medal



The Lake-Lehman line opened a big hole for Mick Konigus as he scored the first Lehman touchdown, capping an opening 66-yard drive.



## Knights win District title

Lake-Lehman scored once, and that was enough to beat Dallas for the District 2 soccer championship match, held Friday at Monarch field in Wilkes-Barre. In left photo, Lehman goalie Russ Mosier prepared to gobble

up Justin Hoover's shot. Closing in, Mike Kostrobala, left, and Mark Steele. Dallas goalie John Fagan grabbed a Black Knight corner kick, right photo. Sean Killeen was behind. Lehman played Fleetwood Tuesday in the first round of state playoffs.



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### POST SEASON ROUNDUP

#### VOLLEYBALL

##### Lehman 2, Lack. Trail 1

The Knights captured their first District II Class AA title since 1991 following an upset over No. 1 seed Lackawanna Trail Nov. 1 on the court at Scandlon Gymnasium. Lehman jumped ahead with a 15-6 game one victory but dropped the second 9-15 to force a third and deciding game. Mandy Kehler put the match away with a kill and an ace to end the final game at 15-10. Junior Faith O'Dell landed four aces for Lehman while Mandy Kehler displayed her prowess at the net with six kills. Kim Halowich pumped out 11 service points. Earlier in the day Lehman advanced to the district final game with a 15-8, 15-5 semi-final victory over Blue Ridge. The Knights will advance to State regional play with a 14-3 record on Saturday at Hazleton Area High School with tournament action starting at 9 a.m.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY

Despite less than ideal conditions at the PIAA State Cross Country Championships at Penn

State on Saturday Lake-Lehman sophomore James Lyons finished 30th out of a field of 209 with a time of 16:57:16 on the 3.1 mile course. His time was just over a minute longer than the winner who recorded a time of 15:44:78. Team mate Joe Maskalis captured 45th place with a time of 17:07:03 while Jason Lyons finished the course in 17:42:60. On the girls side Nadalie Temperine of Dallas finished her scholastic cross country career in the rain and mud with a time of 21:52:31 and a 149th place finish.

#### SOCCER

##### Dallas 2, Hoban 1

Justin Hoover dropped a goal and an assist to eliminate Hoban on Oct. 29 to advance Dallas to the District final game with Lehman on Friday. Hoover's first goal came in the first half following a deflected shot by Mike McHale while Mike Cleary increased the lead nine minutes later off an assist from Hoover. Hoban cut the lead to one following a goal in

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