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Lehman faces tough test in district final

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LEHMAN - Fresh off a big win over GAR, the Lake-Lehman Black Knights will head north Friday night to meet Montrose for the District II Class AA championship. The last time the two teams met, in the 1994 Eastern Conference title game, Montrose prevailed 36-31 in a game played on a cold, windy hilltop practice field.

The conditions will be better this week, but the Meteors will again present a stiff test for Lehman. Rich Gorgone, the Black Knight head coach, said Montrose is big, strong and physical. "The kind of team we have trouble with."

The game will be played under the lights on a new field that is more sheltered from wind.

Lake-Lehman (7-4) will have to contend with a team that does "nothing fancy," Gorgone said. They have big, powerful runners who are more inclined to try to run over tacklers than around them. The contrast will be evident. "We're more wide open, run and gun," Gorgone said, a style that gave the Knights perhaps their most important win last week.

Montrose is 'big, strong and physical' says Gorgone

The Black Knights used big plays and a defense that gave up a lot of yardage but only two touchdowns to beat GAR 20-12 in last week's district semi-final at Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium. Gorgone praised his players' grit in coming away with the win. "They never quit, they just keep coming," he said.

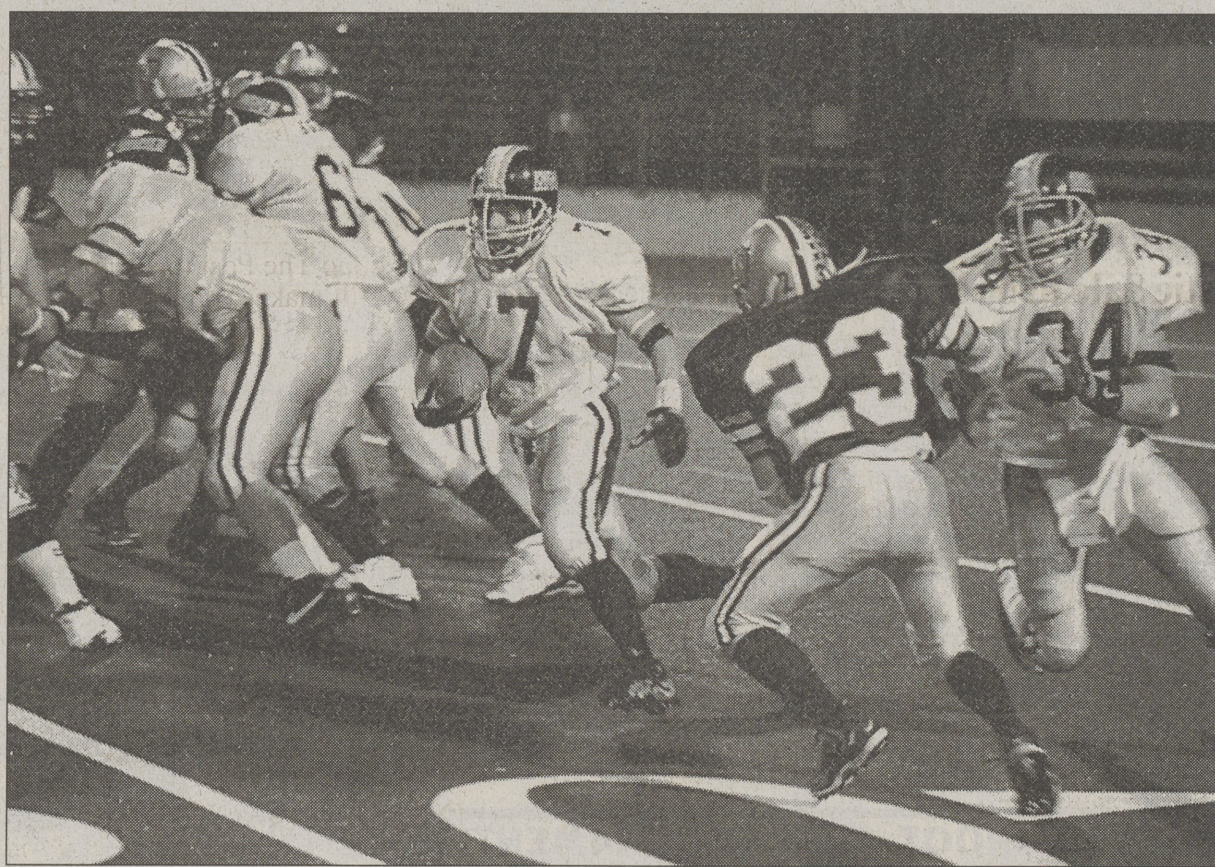
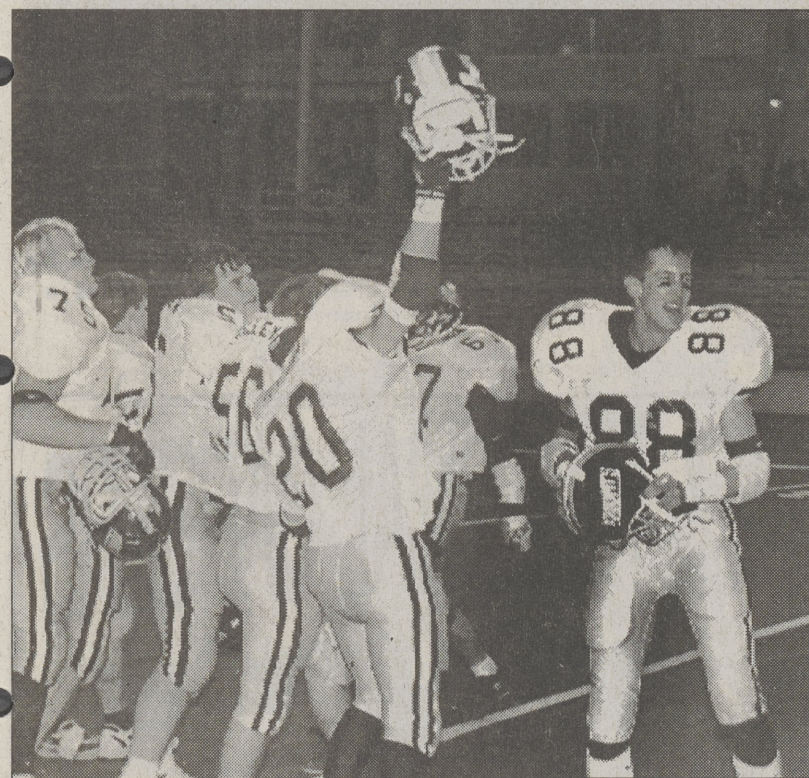
Matt Morris made the biggest of the big plays when he took a GAR punt at the Black Knight 13-yard line, scampered up the left sideline, crossed back to the right side and was tackled by the punter at the GAR 11. It was a play that shouldn't have happened. "I was yelling at him to let it go into the end zone," Gorgone said.

Morris had other key plays, including a fourth quarter reception that set up the Knights' last score, and an interception inside the GAR 10-yard line with about three minutes remaining.

Gorgone said his team's half-time strategy paid off. The coaches debated whether to take the second half kickoff or pick which end of the field to defend. They chose to go against the wind in the third quarter so it would be at their back in the fourth. The tactic worked, as the Black Knights held GAR scoreless while adding two touchdowns, one in each quarter.

Floyd McRoy pulled in his second TD reception in the third, and Mick Konigus went untouched around the left side to score in the

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GAR player later in the fourth quarter. Morris had several key plays for the Knights. Tim Swire (7), above right, busted through the line early in the game. The Knights celebrated after the victory, which sends them to a Friday night matchup with Montrose for the District II Class AA championship.

KNIGHT TIME

Lake-Lehman earned its first district championship berth by coming from behind to top GAR 20-12 Friday night at Wilkes-Barre Memorial Stadium. There was some concern about a recurrence of the fighting that ended the last Lehman-GAR game, but the contest was played cleanly. In top photo, Matt Morris offered a hand up to a

Local riders win awards at state 4-H horse show

Thirteen Luzerne County 4-H members received awards at the 38th annual State 4-H Horse show held Oct. 24-26 at the State Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

County winners in the 4-H performance classes were: Rebecca Conyngham, Dallas, 1st in Hunter Under Saddle Ponies; 4th in Hunter Seat Equitation, Jr. Division and 4th in Hunter Hack Ponies. Amanda Adamitz, Shavertown, 4th in English Grooming and Showmanship, Sr. Division. Devon Lewis, Harveys Lake, 7th in Open Trail Horses. Raegan and Sydney Guelich, Dallas, placed 10th in Pleasure Pairs.

In 4-H Horse production classes, members breed and raise their own project animal. Placing in the Production classes were: Rebecca Conyngham, 1st in Yearling Gelding/Two-Year Old Gelding.

Several other Luzerne County horse club members received recognition in the state contest. They were Kate Conyngham,

Dallas, Jessie Conyngham, Dallas and Tiffany Cyprich, Dallas.

The primary purpose of the 4-H program is to develop life skills in youth and skills in horse management. Through competition, the 4-H'ers develop riding skills, gain self-confidence and learn proper care of animals.

The state show culminates the year for approximately 7,500 Pennsylvania 4-H members enrolled in horse and pony clubs. To be eligible for this show, 4-H'ers had to advance through qualifying competitions at county, regional and district levels. More than 800 winners from county and district competitions vied for awards. Events tested skills in showmanship, equitation, pleasure, jumping, driving and timed events.

For more information on the 4-H horse program in Luzerne County contact Donna Grey, 16 Luzerne Ave., Suite 200, West Pittston, PA 18643 or phone 825-1701 or 602-0600.

Mountaineers no match for Wyoming Area

Wyoming Area dominated the Dallas Mountaineers in a way seldom seen, as the Warriors won Friday night's District II Class AAA game 23-0. Dallas was able to eke out

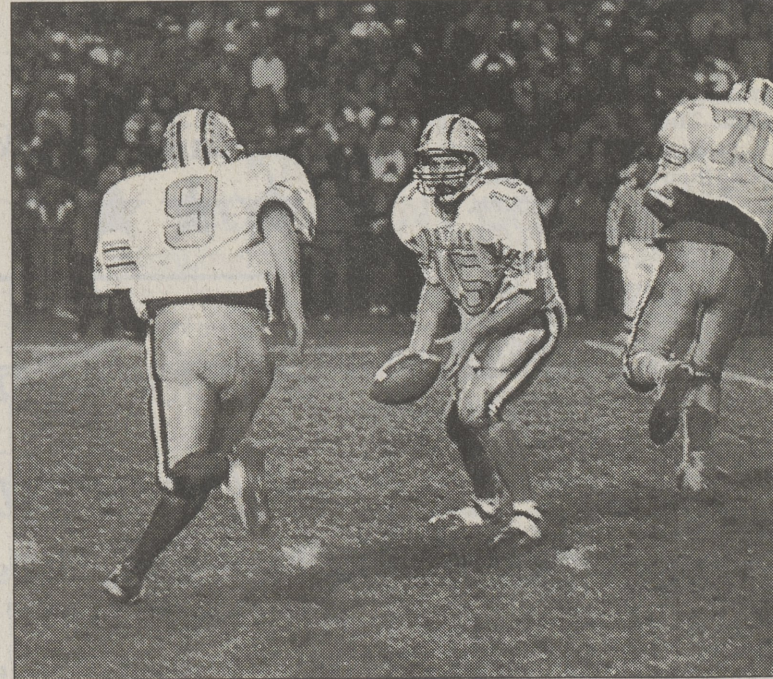
only two first downs the entire game, and gained only 60 yards as the Warrior line stopped the Mountaineers cold. Matt Jackson, who has been the Dallas rushing leader all year long, was

held to only 25 yards, as Wyoming Area stacked the line against a Mount offense that has leaned heavily on the run all season.

Eric White gained 22 yards, Adam Onzik added 28 and quar-

terback Bill Piasta was 3-for-10 for only two yards in the air.

It was a disappointing end for the Mounts, who finish the season 9-2, with Wyoming Area accounting for both losses.



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At left, Rick Lorah scrambled away from a Wyoming Area tackler. Bill Piasta handed off to Matt Acri, right photo.

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