

Sports Week

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

FOOTBALL

Dallas 42, Meyers 7

Senior captain Jon Saba intercepted a pass to set up the Mounts' first score, Matt Jackson's first of three rushing touchdowns, and it didn't get any better for Meyers (3-4 WVC, 4-5 overall). The victory wrapped up the Wyoming Valley Conference Division II championship for the Mountaineers.

Quarterback Chuck Suppon and backup tailback Cory Gallant also scored on short runs, and fullback Matt Acri added a 91-yard scoring gallop to put the game way out of the Mohawks' reach. Matt Douglas hit all the point-after kicks.

Acri gained a total of 142 yards on seven carries, Jackson ran 27 times for 76 yards and Gallant ended with four runs for 31 yards. Suppon was 3-for-5 in the air for 66 yards, including a 55-yard completion to Chris Tucker.

Lehman 40, Crestwood 6

Tuning up for the Old Shoe Game, Lehman gave up a first-quarter touchdown, but that was all. Rich Patton ran for touchdowns on 2, 9, 2 and 8 yards to lead the Black Knights' scoring. Travis McRoy scampered 87 yards for a score, and Floyd McRoy took it in from 2 yards out.

Lehman more than doubled the Comets (1-6 WVC, 1-8 overall) in first downs, 27 to 13 and gained a monstrous 428 yards on the ground. Quarterback D.J. Kapson was 5-for-12 in the air for 121

yards. Patton ended the day with 108 yards on 16 carries, and Travis McRoy went 84 yards on 13 carries.

Lehman is now in a three-way tie for second place in Division II, with a 5-2 conference record. On paper, the other two teams, Hanover and Wyoming Area, have easier games this week, while the Knights will travel to Dallas.

CROSS COUNTRY

Joe Maskalis led the Back Mountain contingent in the District 2 Boys Cross Country Championships Oct. 28. He and teammate Jason Lyons qualified to run in the state meet, which will be held Nov. 7 at Penn State University. Matt Schweitzer was the only qualifier from Dallas.

VOLLEYBALL

Lehman 2, GAR 0

Faith O'Dell led the Knights with 12 service points, nine assists, eight kills and four aces, as Lehman rolled 15-2, 15-6. Rachel Bouthot had five service points, Melanie Steele had three kills and an ace, and Becky Kaufman chipped in three kills and an ace.

Nanticoke 2, Dallas 0

The Mounts kept it close in the first game before losing 15-12, then dropped the second 15-2. Tara Holly had seven kills and three aces and Jacey Peterson had four service points and three kills.



Schweitzer hits goal, qualifies for state x-country meet

Matthew Schweitzer achieved a personal goal in the District 2 high school cross country championship. By finishing 20th out of 193 runners, he qualified for the state meet, to be held Nov. 7 at Penn State University.

This was only Matthew's second season in cross country. A junior, he became interested in running last fall. "Swim coach Matt Stretanski had us running in pre-season to get in shape for swimming," he said. "The cross country guys saw me running and told me to come out for the team."

While he likes swimming best, he enjoyed running, but his season last year was cut short when he developed a stress fracture in his lower leg. He stayed in shape by swimming until being allowed to run again this spring.

Matt, a junior, placed first in the district swim meet and participated in the state meet in February. He said the experience will help "calm the jitters" when he gets to the state cross country meet.

Reggie Thomas, the Dallas cross country coach, was not surprised by Matt's performance.

"I expected him to place somewhere between 19th and 24th," Thomas said. "He had a great season, taking first or second place in all our meets except one."

Matthew's goals for the remainder of the year include having a good swim season and winning a medal at states. "I'd also like to qualify for states in track. If that doesn't happen, there's always next year."



MATT SCHWEITZER

Knights top Trail, play for title

The Lake-Lehman Knights got started early when Janelle Perlis powered a shot into the goal after only minute and a half of play, but Lackawanna Trail proved they're no pushover by responding with a goal and stopping the Knights for the rest of the half. A tightly defended second half yielded one more goal for Lehman and none for Trail, ending the Lions' season. Melissa DeCesaris, who passed to Perlis for the first goal, scored the second on a feed from Leighann Isaac, and the Lehman defense did the rest of the work. Lehman shot 22 times and had nine corners. Colby Smith was called on to make only one save. Lehman (19-2) meets Crestwood (20-1) today (Nov. 4) at Lackawanna County Stadium to decide the District 2, Class AA championship. Lehman handed the Comets their only loss this season. Left, Janelle Perlis smashed a shot toward the goal.

The Old Shoe Game; 50 years and counting

There have been 50 Old Shoe Games, starting in 1948, when three Back Mountain high schools played. The trophy originally was presented to the team with the best record. Only later, particularly after school consolidation, did a single game determine the holder of the Old Shoe trophy.

There have been three ties, in 1956, 1982 and 1988. More than half the time, the losing team has not scored, and there was a streak of eight shutouts from 1989 to 1996. Three games have been decided by a single point; 1953, 1977 and 1980. The largest winning margin was a 50-0 victory by Dallas in 1972.

In the 13 years during which three teams played, Dallas won only once. Since then, Dallas has won 29 times, Lehman seven.

Scores of the Old Shoe Game, 1948-1997

- 1948 Kingston Twp. 14, Dallas 0
- 1949 Lehman 7, Dallas 0
- 1950 Lehman 20, Dallas 0
- 1951 Dallas 20, Westmoreland 19
- 1952 Westmoreland 19, Dallas 0
- 1953 Lehman 21, Dallas 20
- 1954 Lehman 12, Dallas 0
- 1955 Westmoreland 6, Dallas 0
- 1956 Tie, Lehman, Westmoreland and Dallas each suffered one loss against the other teams.
- 1957 Lehman 13, Dallas 6
- 1958 Lehman 26, Westmoreland 6
- 1959 Lehman 37, Westmoreland 0
- 1960 Westmoreland 20, Lehman 7
- 1961 Dallas 18, Lehman 7
- 1962 Dallas 14, Lehman 0
- 1963 Dallas 19, Lehman 0
- 1964 Dallas 18, Lehman 6
- 1965 Dallas 31, Lehman 0
- 1966 Dallas 35, Lehman 14
- 1967 Lehman 25, Dallas 0
- 1968 Lehman 23, Dallas 0
- 1969 Lehman 28, Dallas 8
- 1970 Dallas 24, Lehman 14
- 1971 Dallas 45, Lehman 0
- 1972 Dallas 50, Lehman 0
- 1973 Dallas 34, Lehman 6
- 1974 Dallas 12, Lehman 7
- 1975 Dallas 15, Lehman 7
- 1976 Dallas 13, Lehman 7
- 1977 Dallas 7, Lehman 6
- 1978 Lehman 42, Dallas 14
- 1979 Lehman 14, Dallas 7
- 1980 Dallas 20, Lehman 19
- 1981 Dallas 34, Lehman 6
- 1982 Dallas 16, Lehman 16
- 1983 Dallas 16, Lehman 0
- 1984 Lehman 33, Dallas 0
- 1985 Dallas 7, Lehman 0
- 1986 Dallas 15, Lehman 2
- 1987 Dallas 27, Lehman 0
- 1988 Dallas 21, Lehman 21
- 1989 Dallas 6, Lehman 0
- 1990 Lehman 7, Dallas 0
- 1991 Dallas 42, Lehman 0
- 1992 Dallas 21, Lehman 0
- 1993 Dallas 21, Lehman 0
- 1994 Dallas 19, Lehman 0
- 1995 Lehman 9, Dallas 0
- 1996 Dallas 21, Lehman 0
- 1997 Dallas 20, Lehman 12



Mounts blast past Montrose

It seemed like a struggle, but in the end Dallas put away Montrose 4-1 in a first round playoff game Friday. Andrew George opened the scoring early in the match off a corner kick from Mike Cleary. About 20 minutes later, Jesse Williams took another Cleary corner and put it in the goal. Rich Samanas headed in the Mounts' third goal of the first half, and Samanas fed Justin Hoover with seconds to go in the game for the final Dallas score.

The Mounts shot three times as often as the Meteors, 18 to 6, and had 11 corners to one. Nate Hoffman saved three shots in goal. Dallas (15-4) met Valley View (14-0) Tuesday at King's College fields in a semifinal match. Results were not available in time for this issue. Above, Rich Samanas raced for the ball.



Sting wins U-10 girls tournament

Back Mountain "Sting" recently won the U-10 girls Campbelltown-Palmyra Soccer Blast Tournament. In four games the "Sting" scored 15 goals and had none scored against them. Pictured, from left, 1st row, Katie Goode, Devin Lacey, Kensie Kerestes, Jaime Lipski, Ellen Williams; row 2, Kelsey Moody, Jackie Thomas, Jessicca English, Molly Kalish; 3rd row, Caroline Boris, Emily Deubler, Stephanie Pace, Maggie Guntli, Krissy Stanks, Sting Fan, Megan Deubler; 4th row, Coach Jeff Pace.



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Lehman blanks Mt. View

Lehman scored twice in the first half and once in the second, while limited Mountain View to three shots and one corner. Jeff Welby struck first, off an assist from Dave Walters, Russ Wenrich knocked in the second Black Knights score, Tim Brislin assisting, and B.J. Lewis fed Andrew Verdekal for the third goal.

Lehman had 13 shots while holding Mountain View to only three, and had seven corners to one. Russ Mosier recorded two saves.

Lake-Lehman (18-0-1) met Wyoming Seminary (12-2) in a semifinal match Tuesday at Wilkes University. Results were not available in time for this issue. Above, Jeff Welby got down to stop a Mt. View pass.

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