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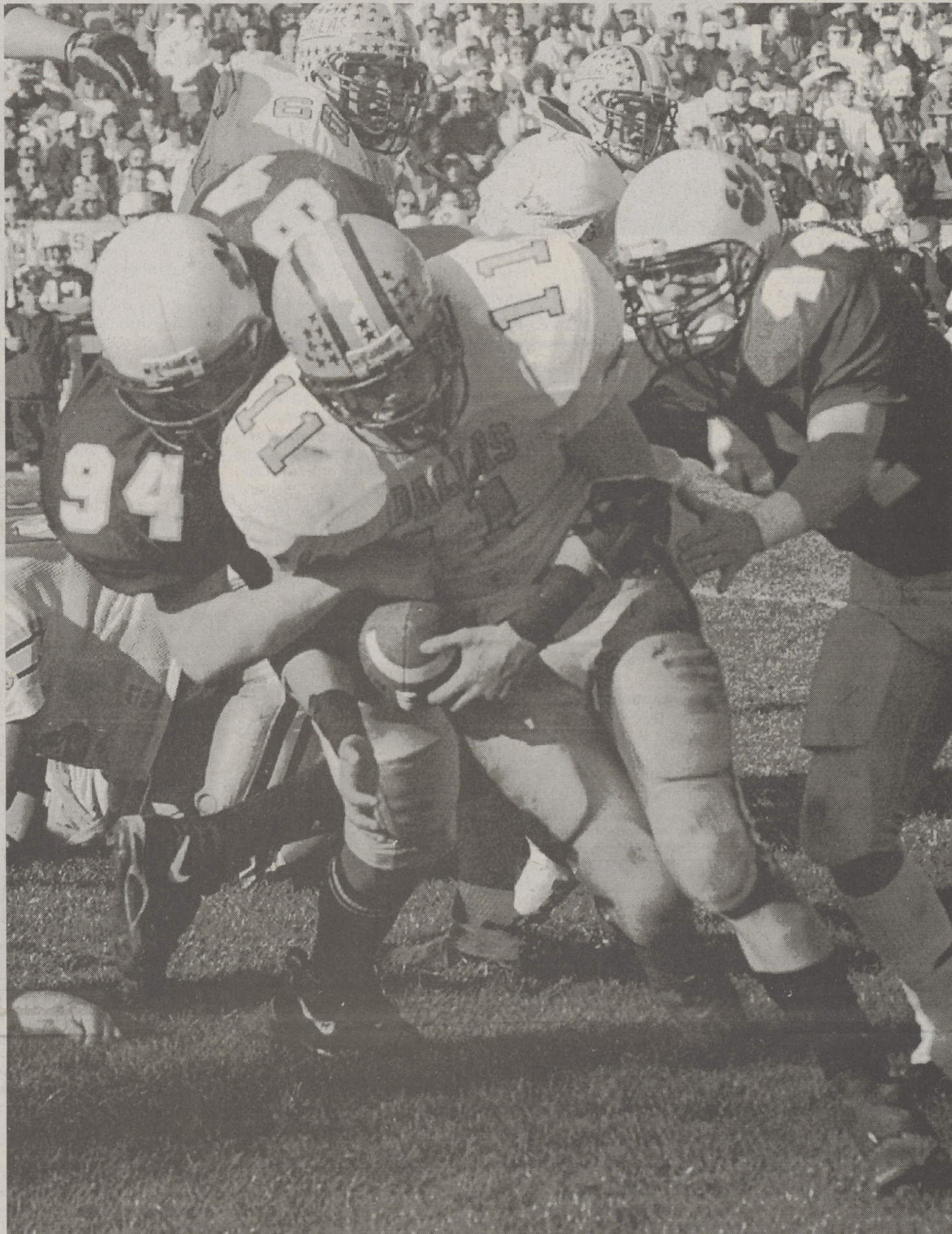
Section 2

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Mounts play hard start-to-finish against Dawgs

Few people expected the Dallas Mountaineers to leave Crispin Field with a victory Saturday, but everyone familiar with the Dallas program knew the team would play a full 48 minutes of hard-nosed football. That's exactly what happened, and the Mounts, while on the short end of a 42-13 score, came away unbowed. The score wasn't a fair representation of the play of the Dallas rush defense, which held Berwick to 151 yards on the ground. But Dawgs quarterback Jeff Marshman riddled the Mounts for 206 yards in the air and three touchdowns. Another two Berwick scores came after interceptions. Matt Jackson, who gained 48 yards on 17 carries, scored both Dallas touchdowns on short runs. Matt Acri gained 61 yards on seven carries and freshman quarterback Chuck Suppon was 7-of-14 for 79 yards. Chris Tucker caught six passes for 73 yards, and Acri gained 16 yards on a pass from punter Matt Douglas on fourth down. In right photo, Matt Jackson tried to make his way through the Berwick backfield. Below, Matt Acri cut after taking a handoff from quarterback Chuck Suppon. More photos on page 10.

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DYB 7-8 GIRLS

Shannon Thomas leads PS Seed to 2-0 record

Penn State Seed 22 - Luzerne National Bank 18
Shannon Thomas led all scores with game high 14 points and a Penn State Seed team victory. Thomas set the tone in the first quarter scoring six points with Nicole Bostock adding a bucket for Penn Seed. Jessica Karasek hit two of her four points in the first quarter as Penn Seed had a 8-2 first quarter lead. The second quarter Halli Williams kept the game close with four points followed by a bucket by Jennifer Konopki. While Penn's Bostock was in control of the board with many big rebounds and Ashley Razawich played a solid defense with Thomas adding four points and a 12-8 Penn Seed half-time lead. Laura Stark, Thomas and Bostock hit for a balanced two points apiece in the third quarter and Melissa Novitski played a good defense holding Luzerne National Bank to a single basket by Jessica Karasek and a 18-10 Penn lead after three. Jaime Sulewski hit a big bucket to go along with her strong defensive game to hold off Williams and her six point fourth quarter surge for Luzerne National and a 22-18 Penn victory. Penn State Seed had Bostock with four points and Katie Tomek playing a good defense. Luzerne National was led by Halli Williams with 10 points while Erin Sweptston and Nicole Martin played a good defensive game. Caitlin Dukas had two points for the Bank. Penn Seed is coached by Lew Thomas and Luzerne National is coached by Rob Blase.

Back Mountain Leader 28 - Josie Italian Water Ice 24

Rachel Kukosky and Jonelle Dickson had all 28 points 16 and 12 respectively to lead Back Mountain Leader over Josie Italian Water Ice 28-24. The first quarter Kukosky hit for six while Dickson followed with two for the Leader. While Jackie Hardwick kept Josie close with six first quarter points along with Ashleigh King's one free throw and a tight 8-7 Leader first quarter lead. Kukosky came out strong in the second quarter with lots of offense pouring in eight points. Holly Swartz kept the Josie Ice in the game with four second quarter points and her team trailing by five 16-11 at the half. Jessica Roberts played a strong game along with four third quarter points and Hardwick adding a bucket to stay within three

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Knights drop EC playoff to Central Columbia, 16-7

Lake-Lehman never fumbled, sacked the opposing quarterback three times and made 13 first downs against Central Columbia. But that wasn't enough to overcome personal fouls at key moments Friday night, as the Black Knights lost 16-7 in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Central Columbia jumped out to a 9-0 first quarter lead before Lehman quarterback D.J. Kapson found Matt Morris for a 13-yard passing touchdown.

After a scoreless third quarter, Central Columbia punched in a 2-yard touchdown in the final period to secure the win.

Kapson finished the night 11-for-26 for 127 yards, but threw three interceptions. He spread the ball around nicely; he went to Morris three times for 39 yards; D.J. Harris had two for 39 yards; Travis McRoy caught three for 24 yards; Gregg Woronko had two for 22 yards, and Floyd McRoy caught one pass for three yards.

Rich Patton gained 40 yards on six carries, followed by Travis McRoy, who carried seven times for 37 yards.



Roughnecks win U-12 County Cup

The Roughnecks, U-12 Boys representing the Back Mountain Soccer League recently captured the Luzerne County Cup championship. They defeated Plains and Nanticoke in the semi-finals, then defeated the Back Mountain Express in a match that went into two overtimes and a seven kick shoot-out before the Roughneck's captured the cup. Bottom row, from left, Ryan Ruda, Zach Evans, Steve Goode, A.J. Musto, Benny Rother, John Foster, Ryan Maye, Jason Jolley. Top row, Andrew Van Loon, Robert Baur, Josh Aciekewicz, coach Steve Goode, Caleb Platt, Mark Kornoski, Steven Ide. Absent, Allen Gonczol, Ryan Beberus.

DYB 7-8 BOYS

Domzalskis lead E Penn past Pioneer

Eastern Penn Supply Co. 34 - Pioneer Const. 31

Both teams came out shooting in the first quarter, with Todd Kerestes leading the way for Eastern Penn, while Gene Lispi and Kevin Domzalski drilled some key baskets for Pioneer. It was all tied up at the end of the first quarter at eight. Penn outscored Pioneer 15-9 on the hot shooting of Paul McCue and Tim Kerestes while Eric Domzalski (5th grade substitute player) kept Pioneer in the game by scoring six of his team's nine points. Eastern Penn's lead at halftime was 23-17. Each team traded baskets in the third quarter, with Eastern Penn holding a 30-23 lead at quarter's end. Pioneer outscored Eastern Penn 8-4 in the fourth quarter with great

defensive plays of Mike Fehlinger, Domzalski and Lispi. Pioneer had two shots in the final 10 seconds to tie the game but came up short. Eastern Penn's offense was led by Paul McCue with a game high 15 points, followed by Todd Kerestes with six points and Joel Lesinski with five points. Pioneer's offense was led by Eric Domzalski with 10 points, followed by his brother Kevin with eight points and Mike Fehlinger with five points.

NAPA Auto Parts 41 - Burger King 22

NAPA Auto's Mike English and Eric Mahle combined for 11 first quarter points, to give their team a 14-4 lead at quarter's end. En-

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Sting takes 2nd in U-10 tournament

Back Mountain "Sting" recently placed second in the Dillsburg Shootout Soccer Tournament. There were 16 teams in their U-10 Girls Division. Pictured from left: 1st row, Krissy Stanks, Ellen Williams, Devin Lacey, Kenslie Kerestes, Molly Kalish, Jacqueline Thomas, Katie Goode; 2nd row, Jessica English, Stephanie Pace, Molly Guntli, Caroline Boris, Emily Deubler, Jaime Lipski, Kelsey Moody; 3rd row, Coach Jeff Pace.

SPORTS TALK

Injured athlete still was big factor in Dallas season

Editor:
Some of what is meaningful about high school athletics is not reflected in wins and losses or statistics. I would like to share one of these experiences. Football fans who follow the W.V.C. undoubtedly know the name of Paul Onzik. As a junior he was a consensus all-conference selection, who was a bruising fullback and hard hitting linebacker, whose bone-crushing tackles are legendary at Dallas. Last summer Paul was involved in a serious motorcycle accident that resulted in a broken leg. Those of you who participated in high school sports know how much your senior year means and with Dallas hoping to make a run at a league championship, one can not imagine how Paul felt.

As the games began there was Paul on the Dallas sideline in his number 22 jersey. His reaction to this huge setback and total loss of his final year was nothing short or remarkable. Never did I hear him complain about his fate or feel

sorry for himself or even ask "why me?"

These are things that most of us would do. Instead he spent the entire season doing the only thing he could; cheering, cajoling, instructing his replacements, anything to support the team in any way he could. I'm sure it broke his heart not to be playing, but he never let any of his teammates see that. He contributed in ways we can't measure and even though he didn't make one tackle or gain one yard he was a valuable part of the championship season for the Dallas Mountaineers.

There is an old eastern proverb that says "When life throws you a dagger, there are two ways to catch it either by the blade or the handle." Paul definitely chose the latter and in doing so taught all of us associated with Dallas Athletics a valuable lesson for all of life's disappointments.

Jack Wolensky
Athletic Director
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Curry epitomizes sore winner

Editor,
Congratulations to Dallas Football Team for a successful season. Your perseverance yielded the Div. II AA title and the praise of local sportswriters for your showing of fortitude in the Berwick game. The unsportsman like conduct penalty goes to George Curry.

1. who would not send films of the three games to our school because he already scouted all of

Dallas games.
2. who would not shake hands with our coach Ted Jackson after the game.

3. who taught his offensive line how to hold for three quarters of the game and not get caught.

4. who taught his players to trip the receiver if he gets away from you on a pass play.

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