



Matt Jackson was wrapped up by Steve Arnold after a short gain.



Quarterback Chuck Suppon gave head coach Ted Jackson a dunking as the game came to an end.

Old Shoe Game scenes



Lehman quarterback D.J. Kapson launched a pass early in the game. He was injured and didn't play the second half. Nick Lupuhovsky (54) was charging in.



Lake-Lehman field hockey players turned out to support the football team. From left: Carrie Thorne, Rachel Kasper, Terri Peiffer, Alyson Bevan, Janelle Perlis, Melissa DeCesaris.



Bobby Lenahan, Mike Race, Ben Thomas and Ryan Gilroy came to cheer on the Mounts.

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played outstanding defense in the first half."

On offense, Suppon went to the air early, hitting Randy Knappman for a 41-yard touchdown in the

first quarter, and laying out a pass that Jason Race stretched to haul in at the goal line in the second. "Lehman made us do that," Jackson said. "They made

it difficult to run."

The Mountaineers were glad to have linebacker Jeff Parrish on the field after missing much of the season with an injury. He should

play Saturday, Jackson said, even though he's not yet full strength. "We've got some guys nicked up," he said, but everyone should be ready to play.

Stands were awash in hope, confidence

LEHMAN - While the players were battling out the Old Shoe game on the field, the bleachers were filled with fans who turned out on a clear, crisp day to cheer on sons and grandsons, or just to enjoy a Back Mountain tradition.

This reporter spent the first half on the Lake-Lehman side, which just by coincidence has the sun at fans' backs. Linda Schuler of Harveys Lake had a front-row seat, though not because she arrived extra early. She and daughter Caitlin, a sixth grader at Lake-Noxen Elementary, saw some open seats and Schuler said to herself, "They're mine." This was only her second Old Shoe game, and she was there in part to support her other daughter, Ainsley, who is a junior high cheerleader.

A little further back, with headphones securely clasped over his ears, was Dave Kapson of Loyalville, father of Black Knights quarterback D.J. Kapson. Sitting with his wife, Gail and D.J.'s grandparents, John and Terri Sagan, the senior Kapson was forced to admit he had played in three Old Shoe games in the mid 1960's — for Dallas. The Knights were down a touchdown at the time we talked, which suggested D.J. might put the ball in the air. "I hope so," said Dad Kapson. "It's been awhile."

Charlotte and Earl Puterbaugh of Tunkhannock were on hand to cheer on their grandson, Troy Long. It was their first Old Shoe game, and they weren't concerned about a 14-0 deficit. "I just think it's going wonderful," said Charlotte. "I just know they're going to win."

Ann Marie Hackling was seated close by. "I was Troy's baby sitter," she announced proudly. Now she works at Lake-Lehman. She came

with Kathy McCormack, who said she had attended about 10 of the traditional meetings between Lehman and Dallas.



Manny Senausky came to support Dallas and his son, Mike.

Fans on the Dallas side were upbeat after the second half started with the Mountaineers ahead 21-0. Joe Zuba of Dallas has missed only one game this year, that one because he had to work. "But I listened to it on the radio," he added quickly. His three daughters graduated from Dallas, and he said this was at least his 30th Old Shoe game. He sat with Bob Law, who runs the clock when the Mounts play at home, and Jim and Marguerite Fry: She works in the Dallas cafeteria. "I feed them real well," she said of the Dallas players.

Ann and Joyce Ostrum were cheering Joe Saraka, Ann's grandson and a Dallas back. At 5' 6" and 150 lb., he's the smallest player on the Mounts' roster. "He goes up against those big guys," Ann said.

And way up at the top of the stands, Manny Senausky stood out with his blue and white face paint with the number 52 on his cheeks. His son Mike is a senior lineman/linebacker, and Manny said he was enjoying the game, "as long as they win."

Even though their boys have long since graduated, Frank and Marsha Paciewski came to see the 52nd Old Shoe game. "Maybe 30 plus," Frank said when asked how many Old Shoes he had seen. "I may have missed a couple," since moving to the area 35 years ago, he admitted. Marsha said she thought the game would be closer. "But I'm glad it's not," she said without a hint of

remorse.

by Ron Bartizek



Linda Schuler and daughter Caitlin showed their disappointment when Dallas scored its first touchdown in the Old Shoe game.



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Stadium action

Janelle Perlis (13) and Terri Peiffer (41) defended against Crestwood last week, top photo. At left, Rachel Kasper raced for a takeaway. Lehman played Tuesday in a game too late for this issue.



Dallas wins it all

The Mountaineers avenged last year's loss to Lehman in the district championship game. At left, Lehman players celebrated after Chip Harrison slipped in the Black Knights' goal in regulation. Below, Andrew George beat Matt McMahon to the ball. In lower left photo, Josh Katyl slipped inside of McMahon to gain control. Dallas played Tuesday in a game too late for this issue.

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