

Sports Week

Champions all!



Mounts use air attack in Old Shoe victory

The Dallas Mountaineers' 28-7 victory in the 52nd Old Shoe game proved to be much more than just that. With the win, Dallas won the Wyoming Valley Conference Division II title with a 6-1 league record and a 9-1 overall mark.

The game was expected to be close, but Dallas didn't see it that way. The Mountaineers scored first midway through the first quarter when sophomore quarterback Chuck Suppon hit senior receiver Randy Knappman on a 41-yard crossing pattern. Then in the second quarter Dallas increased its lead to 14-0 when Jason Race dove into the end zone to pull in a Suppon pass from 34 yards away. Suppon finished the day 4-for-5 for 115 yards, with each pass going to a different receiver.

Matt Jackson added a 19-yard touchdown run before the half to give the Mountaineers a 21-point halftime edge. Shortly after that, Lehman quarterback D.J. Kapson was injured and did not return during the game, putting the Black Knights at an even greater disadvantage.

Matt Acri's 31-yard scamper early in the fourth closed the Dallas scoring. Lehman's lone score came midway through the fourth period when Troy Long scored on a 20-yard blocked punt return. The Black Knights end the regular season 6-2 in the league and 7-3 overall.

Lehman's Rich Patton was the leading rusher in the game with 94 yards on 12 carries. Travis McRoy, who was the top Lehman rusher going into the game, was held to 33 yards on 11 carries. Lehman didn't complete a pass on eight attempts.

For Dallas, Acri had 67 yards on 10 carries, while Jackson rushed for 62 yards in 17 tries.

Dallas will host Pittston Area (5-2 WVC, 8-2 overall) Saturday at 1 p.m. in the first round of District 2 playoffs.

At left, Jason Race dove to snag a pass from Chuck Suppon for the second Dallas touchdown.

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Youth basketball opens season

Fieldhouse 55 - Eastern Penn Supply 37

Matt Wilson scored 19 points and Matt Kelly 9 points as the Fieldhouse used its running game to defeat Eastern Penn in week one of the DYB 7th/8th Grade Boys League. Jon Baker and Chris Kester added 8 points each for the Fieldhouse, which is coached by Chuck Wilson.

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Eastern Penn was led by Tim Kerestes with 20 points and Phil Miller with 12 points. Eric Baltimore added 5 points while A.J. Musto led the defense. Eastern Penn is coached by Joe Kerestes.

Ann B. Dipietro, DDS 36 - Intermetro Industries 27

Eric Mahle scored 19 points and Joe Wyberski 12 as Ann B. Dipietro, defeated Intermetro. Mike Race, added 3 points and Chris Roman 2 for the winners, while Zach Turchin led the defense. Ann B. Dipietro, is coached by George Gracely. Tyler Dropers and Carl Seitz combined for 17 points for Intermetro, while Frank Buzin and John McGeehan chipped in with 4 points each. The team is coached by Kent Dropers.

Pace Physical Therapy 38 - Bonner Chevrolet 23

Cory Schultz and Jeff Pace scored 12 points each and Elijah Miller added 10 as Pace defeated Bonner. D.J. Tasselmyer led the rebounding for the victors. Pace is coached by Jeff Pace. Bonner was led by Tim Crossin with a

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Mt. View ends Knights' season

Defending district champion Mountain View eliminated the Black Knights 2-0 from contention in the AA District 2 tournament on Saturday. Senior co-captain Jen Frank three points including a service ace, a kill, an assist, and a dig in her final appearance for Lake-Lehman. Christine Hudak added three points and two digs for the Knights, while Sarah Davis ended with two service points including an ace, an assist, and a dig. Lehman's season ends with a record of 9-8.

Knights top Crestwood to claim district championship

The Black Knights scored three first-half goals en route to another District 2 championship in a 3-1 win over Crestwood Oct. 27 evening at Lackawanna County Stadium. Melissa DeCesaris opened the scoring with a goal at 5:54 of the first half. Alyson Bevan scored a pair of unassisted goals later in the half. The Lehman defense held Crestwood to a single first half goal, even though the Comets ended the game with 30 shots to the Knights' 13, and 13 corners compared to six. Lehman keeper Janel Janiczek stopped 13 Crestwood shots.

The Knights' record heading into Tuesday's first-round state playoff game was 22-0-1.

At right, Alyson Bevan, Janelle Perlis and Jackie Scott celebrated after the win, with head coach Jean Lipski right behind.



Mounts face tough foe in first playoff

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DALLAS - Fresh off an impressive win in the 52nd Old Shoe game, the Dallas Mountaineers will face their toughest test of the season in the first round of District 2 playoffs.

Dallas, which finished 6-1 in conference play and 9-1 overall, will host Pittston Area Saturday at 1 p.m. "We feel they're the best team we've seen all year," said head coach Ted Jackson Monday night, just after watching film of three Pittston games. "They're just an outstanding team."

Pittston only lost twice during the regular season, to Berwick and to Valley West, and both were close games. Jackson says the Patriots have no weaknesses, with tailback Kevin Shotwell leading a rushing attack and quarterback Steve Pisano the second-rated passer in Division I. Shotwell scored two touchdowns last weekend against Wyoming Area, bringing his season total to 18. His 102 yards put him over 1,000 on the season.

Dallas counters with pretty impressive players of its own. Tailback Matt Jackson scored his 18th touchdown against Lake-Lehman, and signal caller Chuck Suppon was 4-for-5 for 115 yards and two touchdowns. Jackson became the only Dallas runner to top 4,000 career yards earlier in the season.

The two teams are ranked second in total defense in their divisions, while Dallas averages about 70 more yards a game in total offense. But Jackson says he won't let Pittston's lower numbers fool him. "They can be high scorers," he said.

If Saturday's game was any indication, the Mounts are ready. By halftime they had turned what most observers had thought would be a close game into a near rout, hitting paydirt three times while keeping Lehman out of sync on defense. "It was a great win for us," Jackson said. "I though we

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Dallas wins district title

Dallas won the rubber match between the two schools this season when Jesse Williams nailed the final shot in a shootout played Thursday at King's College Betzler Fields in the District 2 AA championship game. Sophomore Paul Shiber scored the opening goal of the game for Dallas in the sixth minute on a pass from Adam Clay. Lehman's lone goal came in the 25th minute of the first half when David Walters took a direct kick that ended up going to Chip Harrison, who slipped the ball into the bottom corner of the net. The teams then played a scoreless second half, two 10-minute overtimes and two 5-minute overtimes before the mandatory shootout was played. David Walters, Russ Mosier, and Tony Van Scoy made their kicks for Lehman, while Ricky Branco, Adam Clay and Paul Shiber, converted for the Mountaineers before Williams kicked in the game-winner.

Dallas took 16 shots to Lehman's seven and had four corners to none. Nate Hoffman stopped five Lehman shots in goal, while Russ Mosier stopped seven Mountaineer shots.

At left, Ricky Branco, left, and Chris Kaboski raced for the ball.