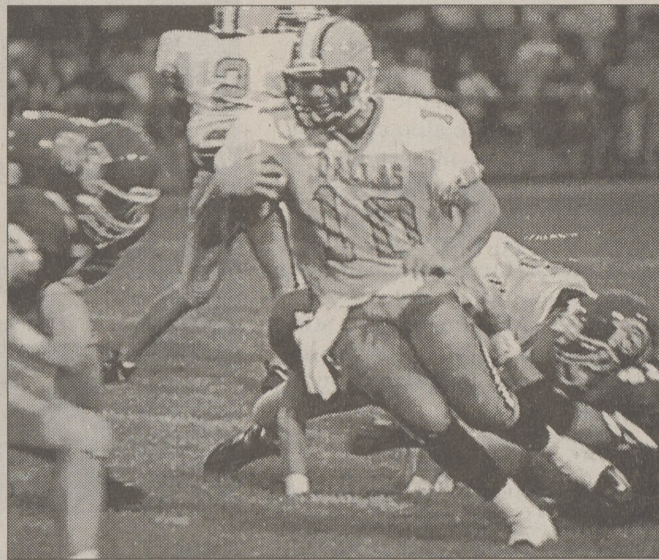
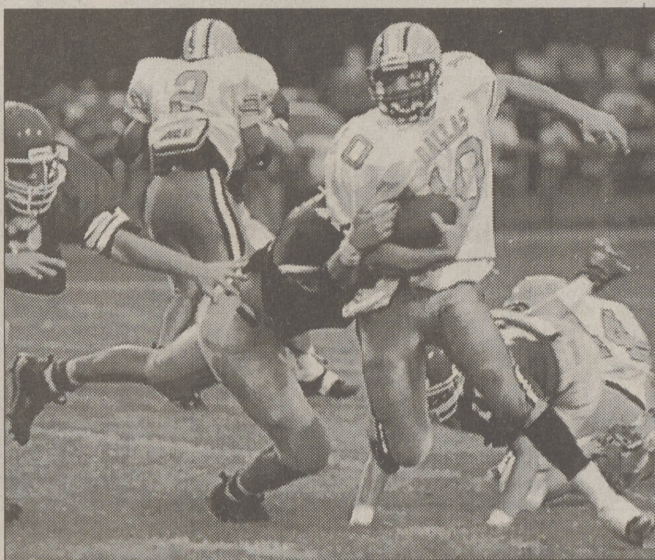
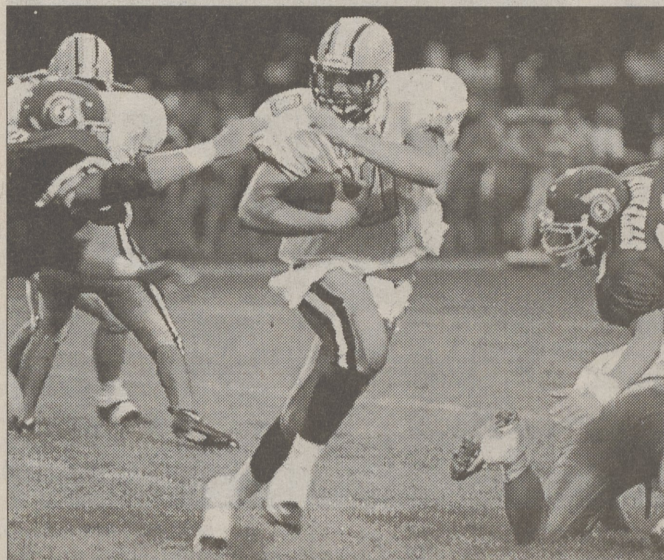


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IT'S A FIRST! Dallas girls tennis not without experience

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In the expansion era of sports, fans are accustomed to seeing leagues such as professional hockey and basketball grow in size. Now the Dallas High School athletic program is expanding with the addition of girls tennis.

The team's birth had been in the works for years, but this fall the team will finally debut in the Northeast Pennsylvania Tennis Conference south division. Sharon Bartolini becomes the first coach in Mountaineer history, a position she is taking very seriously.

"We're new to the league, so we don't really want to emphasize wins and losses."

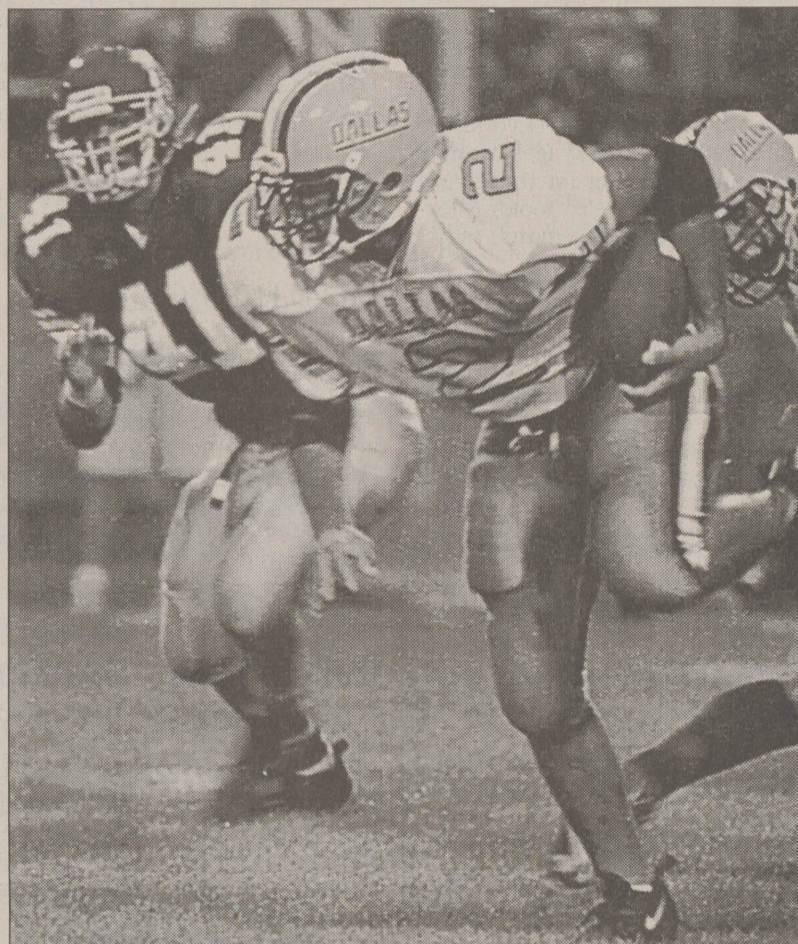
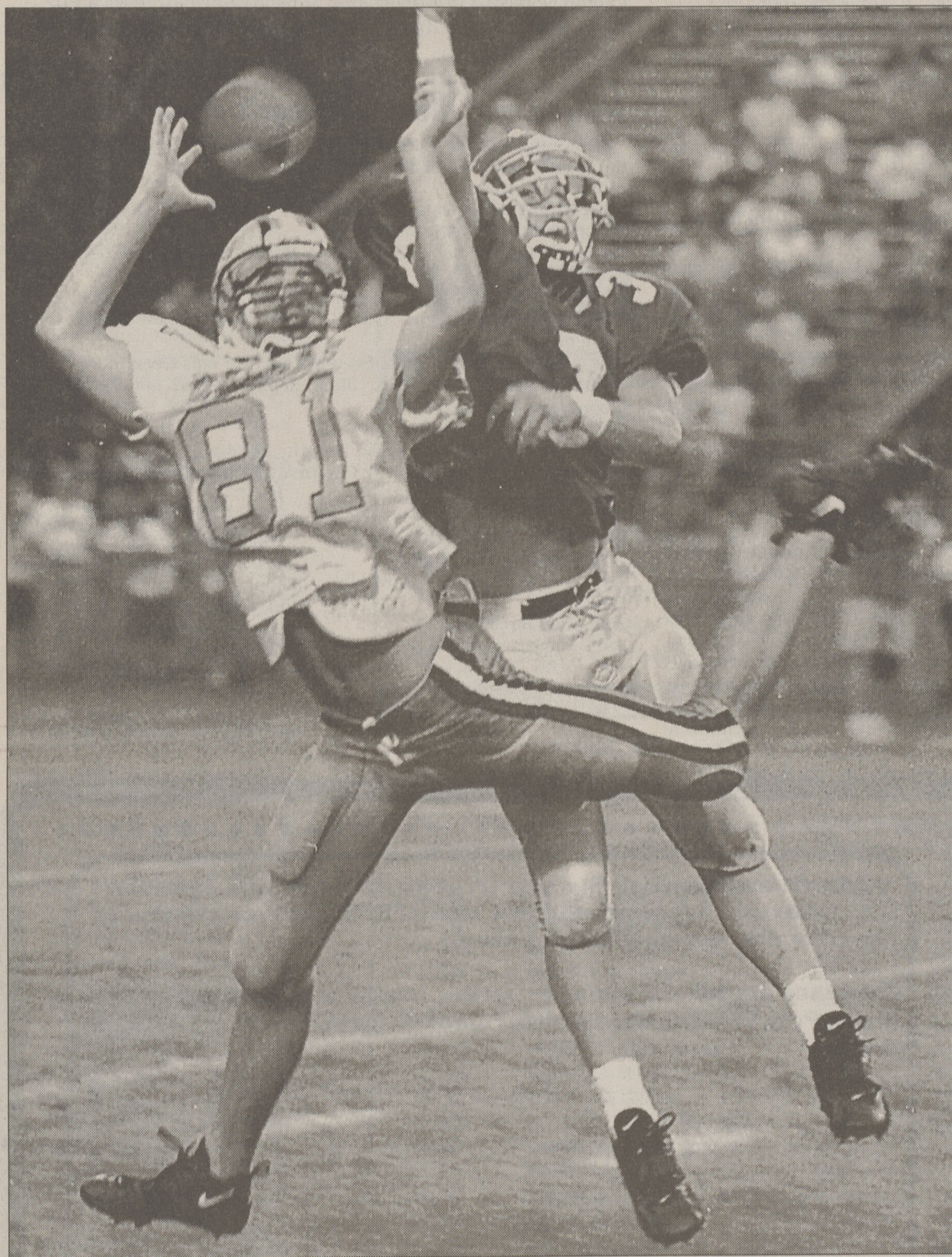
Sharon Bartolini
Tennis coach

"I have a few things I'd definitely like to accomplish this season. Among those are helping the girls learn to play tennis competitively, seeing them have fun and enjoy what they're doing, and creating memories that they can look back on when their season ends," she says.

With some goals in mind, Bartolini has had the team truly work at becoming a team. "Team spirit in tennis is something difficult to build," she says. "With so much emphasis on singles or doubles, it's hard to actually get tennis players to think they are part of a team sometimes."

With the emphasis on basic tennis skills, the coach is looking for contributions from experienced players. Senior Erin Cooper played on the boys team for three seasons and brings possibly the most competitive background of any girl on the squad. Other

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Rough start in new conference

The Spartans had five touchdowns on the board before Dallas finally got some points in cruising to a four-touchdown victory over the Mounts Friday night. Cory Gallant's 29-yard touchdown run with a minute left in the third quarter accounted for all the Mountaineers' scoring. Gallant finished the game with 112 yards on the ground on a dozen carries. Dallas was plagued by eight penalties and six fumbles, three of which were lost. Quarterback Chuck Suppon completed six of 13 passes for 60 yards, but was sacked five times. Backup Ryan Gyskewicz completed two of five for 30 yards.

In photo sequence at top, quarterback Chuck Suppon tucked the ball in and headed around left end. At left, Jason Race was denied a catch by a tight WWV defense. Cory Gallant, above, ran for 112 yards and the Mountaineers' lone touchdown.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

FOOTBALL

Hazleton 27, Lake-Lehman 12

Lake-Lehman Head Coach Bob Langan had a strong showing in his debut, but eventually the Black Knights did fall to the Cougars of Hazleton Area by 15 points Friday night. A Josh Kuwaye 3-yard touchdown run pulled the Knights to within two points early in the fourth quarter, but the conversion failed, and Hazleton Area went on to tack on two more touchdowns to account for the 15-point margin of victory. Lake-Lehman held its own despite going up against a team with triple the enrollment, outgaining Hazleton Area on the ground by a 221-147 margin. After the Cougars held a 7-0 lead after one period, junior fullback Chris Teetsel broke through the line for a 57-yard run to the end zone to cut the deficit to 7-6. Kuwaye's fourth quarter touchdown was the only other scoring for the Knights, who fell to 0-1 under new head coach Langan.

GOLF

Hanover 171, Lake-Lehman 183

Hanover got consistent scoring from its four low men in defeating visiting Lake-Lehman on Tuesday of last week. Justin Boyer was the low scorer for the Knights, finishing with an 8-over par 43. Dustin Kapson followed with a 46, and Luke Casper and John Baranoski were right behind with 47s.

Nanticoke 172, Lake-Lehman 180

Lake-Lehman fell again on the road, this time to Nanticoke by eight strokes. Again leading the way for the Knights was Justin Boyer. He co-medaled at 41. Dustin Kapson followed with a 42. Ryan Spencer (48) and Josh Baranowski (49) turned in the remaining two Lake-Lehman scores.

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Crossin named 'outstanding'

ProShot Basketball Camp held a basketball camp August 9-11. ProShot specializes in basketball shooting and offensive skills. Each camp features competitions, games, as well as instruction. Tim Crossin was the winner in the Knockout, Dribbling and HotShot competitions and received the Outstanding Player Award. ProShot Basketball Camp is located in the Pocono Mountains and the camp director is John Szela. For information call 842-7044. ProShot accommodates resident and commuter campers and is for both boys and girls.

From left: Curtis Montz, Tim Crossin, Jeff Hartley (counselor).

Basketball camp for kids at Dallas

A Dallas Basketball Mini Camp will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Dallas Senior High School for kids in 3rd through 6th grade.

The camp will be run by the Dallas varsity coach Pat McCue and the J.V. coach Mike Fulton, with help from their players.

The camp will cover proper shooting technique, ball handling, passing, positions, and defense.

Each participant will be taught skills which they can take home and practice to help them become better players. The camp will also

prepare them for the upcoming DYB season.

The cost of the camp is \$10, and will go to the boys Basketball Booster Club.

Please send the child's name, grade, phone number and a check payable to Dallas Basketball Booster Club, to: Dallas Basketball Booster Club, P.O. Box 272, Dallas, PA 18612.

Registration forms must be received by Sat., Sept. 16. For questions call Paul McCue, Basketball Booster Club President in the evening at 675-6442.

BMT Baseball meeting Monday

Back Mountain Baseball will conduct a general meeting at the Dallas American Legion on Monday, Sept. 11 at 8 p.m. All board members, coaches, umpires and volunteers are asked to attend.

DYB registration Sept. 16, 19

Dallas Youth Basketball will hold signups for its boys and girls winter leagues on Sat., Sept. 16, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and on Tues., Sept. 19, from 7-9 p.m. in the middle school cafeteria. Players in grades 3-8 who reside within the Dallas school district are eligible. For more information, call Lew Thomas (boys) at 675-7230 or Peggy Lacey (girls) at 696-4603.

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