

Sports Week

Section 2

September 20, 2000

Dallas runners set course records in opening meet

The official start of the Wyoming Valley Conference Cross Country Season began under perfect running conditions Wed., Sept. 13. The low humidity and warm sun provided optimum conditions for the Dallas High School Boys and Girls in their pursuit of the conference title. The Mountaineers began at the Luzerne County Recreational Complex near the Forty-Fort airport against the Warriors of Wyoming Area. Their 3.1 mile course provided a fast and flat start around the soccer field area with the last mile being lrun up and over the dike to a half mile finish between the parking lot and soccer fields.

In the boys race, Pete Miller (Jr.) of Dallas (1-0) led from start to finish with a course record time of 16:57. Dallas dominated the field taking positions 3 thru 8 to defeat Wyoming Area 19-44.

Dallas finishers: 1. Pete Miller 16:57. 3. Jim Appel 18:33. 4. Matt Mark 18:35. 5. Floyd Mattie 19:01. 6. Mike Hiscox 19:01.3. 7. Jerry Appel 19:18. 8. Lee Griffin 19:25. 11. Patrick Haradem 21:20. 12. Chris Mounce 21:32. 17. Pete Van Loon 23:45.

In the girls race, Wyoming Area's WVC All Star, Megan Torbik, led the way until the final half mile when Dallas freshman, Whitney Adams surged ahead to gain the victory in 19:27, also a course record. Outstanding performances for Dallas (1-0) were turned in by Jill Youngblood, Jamie Bozentka, Maria Bednash, Maureen McGuire, and Rhonda Shahin to lead the team to a 22-34 victory.

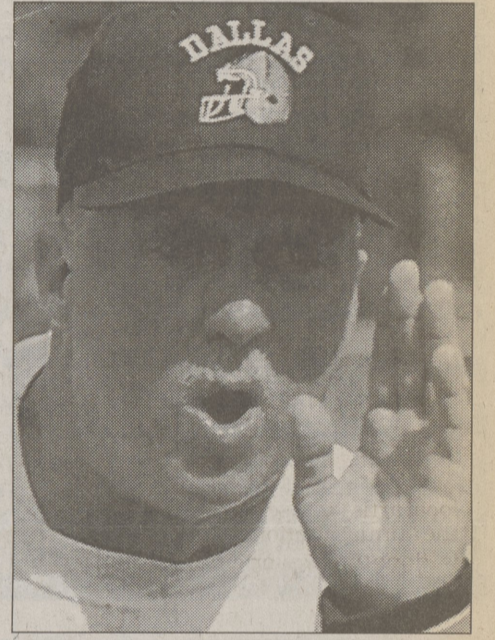
Dallas finishers: 1. Whitney Adams 19:27.3. Jill Youngblood 21:41. 4. Jamie Bozentka 21:45. 6. Maria Bednash 22:33. 8. Maureen McGuire 23:56. 11. Rhonda Shahin 25:00.



Big 'D' for Defense

Dallas tacklers swarmed a Pittston runner during Saturday's game (left photo). The Mountaineers hung on for a 14-12 victory against a game Patriots squad. In photo, Nick Harris (25), Luke Miller (23) and Brian Vetter (15) converged on the hapless back. In lower left photo, quarterback Chuck Suppon looked for a way around the Pittston pursuit. The normally active junior was held to a single yard rushing. Below center, Jason Race tries to hang on to a pass. He scored the second Dallas touchdown on a 23-yard pass play. Corey Gallant, below right, led the Dallas ground game with 64 yards against a tough Pittston rush defense. Head coach Ted Jackson, below, shouted instructions to his squad.

Dallas plays at Coughlin Friday night.
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Ertley a stroke shy of NPWGA title

Sis Ertley, playing out of the Huntsville Golf Club, came in second in the Northeastern Pennsylvania Women's Golf Association Championship with a 77. The champion, Fran Durkin, beat Ertley by one stroke. Jane Feinstein, also of the Huntsville Golf Club, made the first low net in the first flight with a 71.



SIS ERTLEY

Boyer 5th at AGA champion tournament

Justin Boyer came in 5th at the Anthracite Golf Association's annual Junior Tournament of Champions with a score of 38-38-76. The tournament was held on July 28 at the Glen Oaks Country Club. Boyer is a member of the golf team at Lake Lehman High School, which he attends.

Golf tourney benefits Gate of Heaven School

The Gate of Heaven School Athletic Committee will hold their annual golf tournament Sunday, Oct. 8, at Four Seasons Golf Club, Exeter. The \$55 per person fee includes 18 holes, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. The format of play will be Captain and Crew. Four vacation packages will be awarded for the first hole-in-one on four designated holes.

Lunch will be at noon, with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Children over 6 years may enter, if playing with their parents. For further information, or to register, call Jim Reino at 696-4966 or Mark Sobek at 639-5515.

Lake-Lehman Football Club meeting

The Lake Lehman Football Club will meet on Thursday, Sept. 21 at Grotto Pizza, Harveys Lake at 7:30 p.m. Plans for the Berwick game will be finalized. The film from the Wyoming Area game will be shown after the meeting. Parents of football players and cheerleaders are asked to attend.



Mounts lose heartbreaker

Wyoming Valley West began its sweep of Back Mountain teams by beating Dallas 2-1 Sept. 14. Ryan Love, below, celebrated the Mounts' lone goal, which he scored on a penalty kick. At right, Ricky Branco had his eye on a header.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

BOYS SOCCER

Dallas 2, Coughlin 1 (OT)

Ryan Love's unassisted goal five minutes into the first overtime gave Dallas an overtime win over Coughlin on Tuesday of last week. The defense then held the Crusaders' offense in check over the final minutes of overtime. Andrew George scored the first Mountaineer goal, an unassisted score in the first half. Coughlin's goal came in the second half.

Wyoming Valley West 2, Dallas 1

The Spartans' 2-0 lead eventually stood as they took command of the division by defeating the Mountaineers 2-1 on Thursday in Dallas. Ryan Love scored the lone Dallas goal, a penalty kick with about five minutes remaining before halftime. The second half saw no scoring despite several scoring chances for the Mountaineers. Valley West improved to 4-0 with the win, while Dallas fell to 3-1.

Lake-Lehman 3, Coughlin 0

David Walters had a goal and an assist to lead Lehman's cause in a 3-0 win over Coughlin, marking the Crusaders' second loss this week to a Back Mountain school. Tyler Van Scoy got the scoring going in the first half, scoring off a Walters pass. Jason Mahle then scored after

halftime to push the lead to 2-0. TJ Dougherty had the assist. Walters' goal closed the scoring for the game and made the lead too much for Coughlin to overcome. The defense of Lake-Lehman shut down any hope Coughlin would have to even net one goal in the game.

Dallas 12, Seton Catholic 0

Dallas took out its frustration after the Valley West loss by blowing out Seton Catholic on Friday. Ryan Love earned a hat trick in the contest, as did fellow junior Ricky Branco. Love scored the first, sixth, and seventh goals of the game before being removed. Branco scored the third, ninth, and eleventh goals for Dallas. Senior midfielder Adam Clay had a pair of goals in the contest. Andrew George assisted three times from his midfield position. John Isaac had an unassisted goal plus three assists, while Tim Faneck nailed a penalty shot and assisted on one of Love's goals. Captain Josh Katyl had two assists. Paul Shiber and freshman Tim Kerestes scored the remaining two goals. The Kerestes goal was his first in varsity action.

Valley West 2, Lake-Lehman 1

The Spartans completed a back-to-back sweep of their closest competitors