

# Sports Week

Section 2

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**Ted Jackson** received a dousing or juice after his Dallas team defeated Lake-Lehman 28-7 last year.

## 53<sup>rd</sup> Old Shoe Game kicks off Saturday

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year. "Other than Wyoming Valley West and Berwick, we've pretty much been in every game," he said. Even better, "We haven't turned the ball over very much." Jackson agrees. "They're doing great," he said, after watching several films Sunday. He also was able to catch a view of Lehman when they played Coughlin Oct. 7, a game the Knights won 19-0.

If Lehman can duplicate that defensive effort against the Mountaineers, the 53rd Old Shoe Game could be a low-scoring affair. Dallas gave up an uncharacteristic 41 points to North Pocono Saturday, and you can bet Jackson won't let his team do that again anytime soon. "As usual, they're a very physical team defensively," Langan said, despite having to replace many starters due to injury through the season.

On offense, look for both teams to mix

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up their play calling and throw in a few new twists. At this point, the offenses have shifted 180 degrees since the first game of the year. "As the season has progressed, we've thrown the ball more," Langan said. "(Zack) Ragukas has played well." Ragukas, a junior, is starting at quarterback for the first time, and aside from running the offense well, has turned the ball over very little, Langan said.

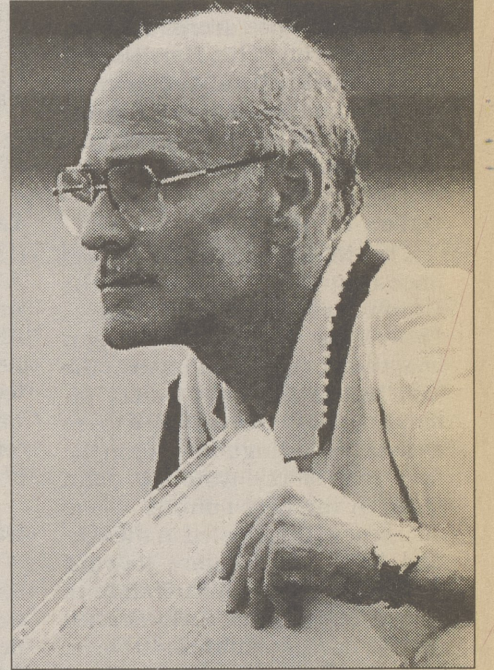
Dallas has moved the other way, keeping the ball on the ground more. "We

know we'll have to throw the ball against Lake-Lehman to win," Jackson said. "They're playing hard on defense."

Langan says John Sharkus and Chris Teetsel "are my mainstays" on defense. Sharkus has played several defensive positions, including end and linebacker. Langan had wanted to put him at tight end on offense, but has had to move him back to guard, his position from last season.

Both teams are in decent physical shape, with just a couple of players questionable. If there are keys to victory, Langan and Jackson aren't giving details. Both say they'll have to mix up the run and pass in order to keep the opposing defense off balance.

"We look forward to a great game," Jackson says. "I'm sure the kids will go after each other, as usual."



**Bob Langan** is at the helm of Lake-Lehman this year.

### Old Shoe scores

There have been 52 Old Shoe Games, starting in 1948, when three Back Mountain high schools played. The trophy originally was presented to the team with the best record. Only later, particularly after school consolidation, did a single game determine the holder of the Old Shoe trophy.

There have been three ties, in 1956, 1982 and 1988. More than half the time, the losing team has not scored, and there was a streak of eight shutouts from 1989 to 1996. Three games have been decided by a single point: 1953, 1977 and 1980. The largest winning margin was a 50-0 victory by Dallas in 1972.

In the 13 years during which three teams played, Dallas won only once. Since then, Dallas has won 31 times, Lehman eight.

### Scores of the Old Shoe Game 1948-1997

1948	Kingston Twp. 14, Dallas 0
1949	Lehman 7, Dallas 0
1950	Lehman 20, Dallas 0
1951	Dallas 20, Westmoreland 19
1952	Westmoreland 19, Dallas 0
1953	Lehman 21, Dallas 20
1954	Lehman 12, Dallas 0
1955	Westmoreland 6, Dallas 0
1956	Tie, Lehman, Westmoreland and Dallas each suffered one loss against the other teams.
1957	Lehman 13, Dallas 6
1958	Lehman 26, Westmoreland 6
1959	Lehman 37, Westmoreland 0
1960	Westmoreland 20, Lehman 7
1961	Dallas 18, Lehman 7
1962	Dallas 14, Lehman 0
1963	Dallas 19, Lehman 0
1964	Dallas 18, Lehman 6
1965	Dallas 31, Lehman 0
1966	Dallas 35, Lehman 14
1967	Lehman 25, Dallas 0
1968	Lehman 23, Dallas 0
1969	Lehman 28, Dallas 8
1970	Dallas 24, Lehman 14
1971	Dallas 45, Lehman 0
1972	Dallas 50, Lehman 0
1973	Dallas 34, Lehman 6
1974	Dallas 12, Lehman 7
1975	Dallas 15, Lehman 7
1976	Dallas 13, Lehman 7
1977	Dallas 7, Lehman 6
1978	Lehman 42, Dallas 14
1979	Lehman 14, Dallas 7
1980	Dallas 20, Lehman 19
1981	Dallas 34, Lehman 6
1982	Dallas 16, Lehman 16
1983	Dallas 16, Lehman 0
1984	Lehman 33, Dallas 0
1985	Dallas 7, Lehman 0
1986	Dallas 15, Lehman 2
1987	Dallas 27, Lehman 0
1988	Dallas 21, Lehman 21
1989	Dallas 6, Lehman 0
1990	Lehman 7, Dallas 0
1991	Dallas 42, Lehman 0
1992	Dallas 21, Lehman 0
1993	Dallas 21, Lehman 0
1994	Dallas 19, Lehman 0
1995	Lehman 9, Dallas 0
1996	Dallas 21, Lehman 0
1997	Dallas 20, Lehman 12
1998	Dallas 20, Lehman 0
1999	Dallas 28, Lehman 7



### Homecoming upset

Dallas was upset in overtime Saturday, as North Pocono was able to punch in a touchdown, then kept the Mounts out of the end zone.

In photos, clockwise from left: quarterback Chuck Suppon tried to find an opening in the Trojans line; Cory Gallant broke away from would-be tacklers; Blake Saba stretched out in hope of making a reception.

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## Black Knights humbled by Valley West



**Chris Teetsel**, above, looked for running room against Valley West, while quarterback **Zack Ragukas**, right, scrambled from a defender.



### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### FOOTBALL

#### North Pocono 41, Dallas 34 (OT)

The Mountaineers saw their six-game winning streak come to an end in falling in overtime to the Trojans of North Pocono Saturday at home. The Mountaineers gave up 307 yards and two touchdowns through the air but gave up a rushing touchdown in overtime before being stopped on offense to give the win to North Pocono. Cory Gallant rushed for a career-high 265 yards in the loss. In all the Mountaineers gained 403 yards on the ground. After falling behind 14-0 early, Dallas managed to cut the deficit to 17-14 by halftime. Gallant scored from 75 yards out shortly after halftime, but the extra point was not converted, so Dallas led only 20-17. After a North Pocono touchdown, Dallas scored again when Chuck Suppon hit Jeremy Harris from seven yards out to give Dallas a 27-24 lead. North Pocono got a touchdown at the end of the third, and Dallas answered back midway through the fourth when Suppon ran in from a yard out. A Trojan field goal with 2:40 tied the game and eventually sent the battle to overtime.

#### Wyoming Valley West 42, Lehman 0

The Spartans easily handled the Black Knights Saturday in Lehman Twp. with a 42-0 rout of Lake-Lehman. All the Spartan scoring came in the first half. With the loss the Black Knights dropped to 2-6. Lehman mustered just 26 yards of total offense in the first half when Valley West scored its six touchdowns. Josh Kuwaye ran in from 72 yards away late in the third quarter, but the touchdown was negated by a holding penalty on the offensive line.

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### Kaschenbach will return

Former Dallas High School wrestling coach Steve Kaschenbach is coming out of retirement for a year or two to keep the wrestling program going until a new coach could be found. "He didn't want the program to suffer or the children to suffer," said Dr. Gil Griffiths, Superintendent of Schools. The district had been advertising for a wrestling coach for some time, to no avail, which led to the possibility of the wrestling program being cancelled.

### PA Game Commission will release pheasants

The Pennsylvania Game Commission began releasing ringneck pheasants in anticipation of the upcoming small game hunting seasons, according to Steve Smithonic, Federal Aid Supervisor for the agency's Northeast Region. Over the next several weeks,

Game Commission Wildlife Conservation Officers, Deputy WCOs and Food and Cover Corps personnel will release approximately 28,000 pheasants throughout the Northeast Region. Possible stocking area in Luzerne County include: SGL 91, SGL 187, Farm-Game Projects 6 &

156, and Safety Zone Cooperators in Exeter, Franklin, Huntingdon, Lehman, Kingston, Plymouth, Ross and Salem Townships, and New Columbus Borough. Farm-Game projects 226 in southeastern end of county and 187 along the Nescopeck Creek.

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