

THE DALLAS POST

# SportsWeek

Section 2

## Pittston wins Monday afternoon football

From staff reports

**DALLAS** — Matt Pisano's 88-yard touchdown run with 1:43 to play sealed Pittston Area's 23-13 victory over Dallas Monday afternoon, in a game postponed from Saturday due to wet field conditions.

The run gave Pisano a season-best 259 yards on 31 rushes for the game. It also left him 50 yards shy of 1,000 for the season.

"He's a horse. One guy can't take the kid down," Dallas coach Ted Jackson said. "He runs hard on every play, he's physical, he plays defense and returns kicks. He's the ultimate high school football player."

The run came two plays after defensive back Joe Consagra intercepted a Dallas pass in the end zone, quelling a Mountaineer drive that started at the Dallas 8-yard line. The Mountaineers also moved into Pittston Area territory midway through the fourth quarter, but Patriot defensive tackle Nick Levy stalled the drive with a sack on a third-and-8 play.

"It was very similar to Wyoming Area," said Jackson, referring to a 6-0 Dallas loss on Sept. 13. "We couldn't make the plays in the fourth quarter to win the game."

Dallas moved within 16-13 with 1:48 left in the third quarter. Ryan Bolton returned a punt 36 yards to the Patriot 18 and scored on the next play on a pitch from shotgun formation. Downfield blocks by receivers Mike Racoski and Jon Barbose cleared Bolton's path to the end zone.

Dallas had envisioned the 6-foot-4 Racoski and 6-foot-3 Barbose creating mismatches against the Pittston Area secondary. And while the Mountaineers had some success, they never fully exploited the height differential.



Mike Racoski shook off a Pittston tackler during Monday's game. He had five catches for 68 yards in the game.



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Brandon Burkhardt lofted a pass to Jim Mahon off the half-back option, which resulted in a 46-yard gain.

## Black Knights keep heads up through poor start

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Though at this point the Lake-Lehman football team doesn't expect to make the playoffs, they haven't lost their spirit. Coach Bob Langan is proud of the way his troops have stayed positive through the adversity they've faced this season. "I'm pleased with the way the guys are hanging in," said the coach. "Attitude is really good and spirits are high."

The team, which was inexperienced early on in the backfield, has improved greatly and continues to do so each week. However, due to a large number of mistakes that are still being made, the team is facing a difficult march toward the playoffs. "With five losses in AAA," says Langan, "it will be difficult to make it." The coach says they'll be looking to win every one of their remaining games and expects that those wins will fuel the team's confidence whatever happens. "You never know what the other teams will do coming up," said the coach when asked about his team's chances.

Lake-Lehman will face Hanover Saturday on the road, which will pose a difficult challenge for the team. "They're (Hanover) 4-1 right now," Langan said of Hanover, "8-2 last year with a lot of experienced returners." The coach expects the team to eliminate mistakes continually as they move on and thinks that, if they do, they should have a chance to win. According to Langan, there have been a great many critical turnovers thus far and not enough big plays. "To win, you have to make big plays," he believes.

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Bob Langan  
Lake-Lehman coach

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### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### Back Mountain Cup Lehman takes 6-0 lead in competition

Lake-Lehman teams topped Dallas in cross country, golf and tennis last week to take a commanding 6-0 lead in Back Mountain cup matchups. Each win by a varsity team in head-to-head regular season games counts as one point toward the Cup record, and a tie would give .5 point to each team.

Points will be awarded throughout the school year, with the winning school treated to a barbecue and possession of the Cup trophy until the completion of the next school year.

The next meeting between Dallas and Lake-Lehman squads will be Friday, Oct. 11 on the Dallas soccer field.

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#### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Baird shatters record

**DALLAS** — Lake-Lehman's Brad Baird shattered the course record, winning on the tough 3.1-mile layout at Dallas High School in 16:45, as the Black Knights got some revenge against Dallas in a 22-27 victory in Wyoming Valley Cross Country League Division II action.

The Mountaineers beat the Black Knights on the final day of the regular season last year to win the D-II crown.

Baird bested the mark of 17:37 held by Dallas's Ryan Dimmick,

#### Dallas and Lake-Lehman Fall Sports Standings

Date	Sport	Location	Winner	Standing
Sept. 5	Golf	Huntsville	Lehman	LL 1 - D 0
Sept. 9	Field Hockey	Dallas	Lehman	LL 2 - D 0
Sept. 20	Boys Soccer	Lehman	Lehman	LL 3 - D 0
Sept. 25	Golf	Irem	Lehman	LL 4 - D 0
Sept. 25	Boys Cross Country	Dallas	Lehman	LL 5 - D 0
Oct. 1	Volleyball	Lehman	Lehman	LL 6 - D 0
Oct. 11	Boys Soccer	Dallas		
Nov. 2	Football	Dallas		

who took second in 17:56. Kelby Morgan finished third in 18:29. Competing in his first high school cross country meet, Richard Eckman took fifth for Lake-Lehman in 19:10, as the Black Knights swept the 5-8 spots.

For Dallas, Mike Hiscox was fourth in 18:58.

#### GOLF

##### Lake-Lehman 170, Dallas 177

**DALLAS** — Lehman's Dustin Kapson fired a 2-over-par 38 for medalist honors at Irem Temple Country Club. Justin Boyer followed with a 41, followed by Steve Cardillo (46) and Dave Piazza (47).

Dan Smith led Dallas with a 42. Mike Fehlinger shot 43, Todd Kerestes had a 46 and Mike Peeler shot 47.

#### FIELD HOCKEY

##### Lehman 6, Honesdale 0

**LEHMAN TWP.** — Allison Boris and Lisa Wasser scored two goals apiece as Lake-Lehman defeated Honesdale.

Trai Ragukas had a goal and an assist for the Black Knights, Amy Ruda scored a goal and Megan DeCesaris had a pair of assists.

#### SOCCER

##### Coughlin 4, Dallas 0

**WILKES-BARRE** — After limiting the Crusaders to one goal in the first half, Coughlin exploded for three in the second. Dallas managed only seven shots, while goalie Jeremy Moore stopped five.

##### VVV 5, Lehman 0

**KINGSTON** — The Black Knights couldn't convert on 15 shots, while goaltender Phil Kurello stopped that many Spartans shots.

##### Wyoming Seminary 6, Dallas 0

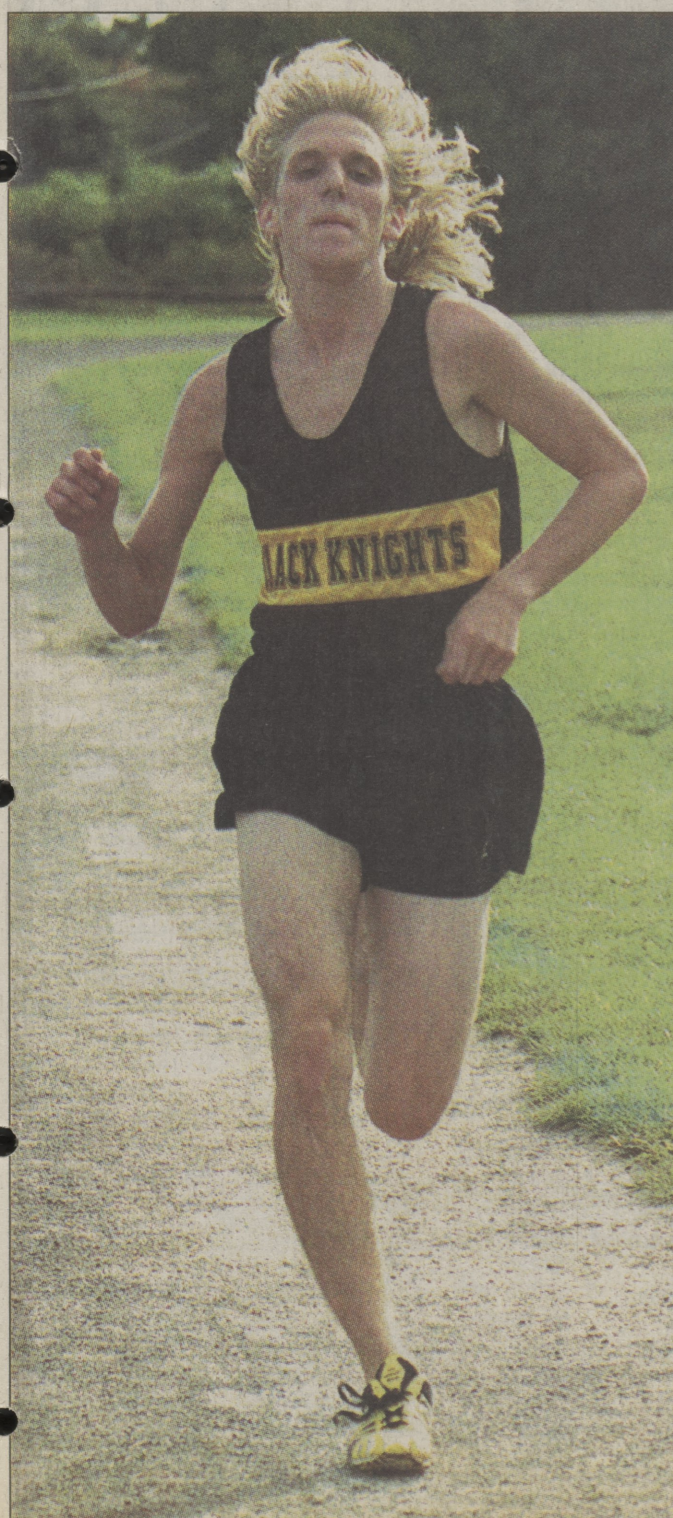
**DALLAS** — The Mountaineers managed only five shots as Sem scored twice in the first half and four times in the second. Brian Dempsey scored three times and Josh Morgan scored twice for Sem.

#### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

##### Lake-Lehman 2, Dallas 0

**LEHMAN TWP.** — Lake-Lehman won by scores of 15-10 and 15-2. Tiffany Hettes had eight

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Brad Baird of Lake-Lehman (left photo) coming in for the win at Dallas High School during the cross country meet between the two schools Sept. 25. He set a new course record of 16:45. Ryan Dimmick of Dallas comes in second during the cross country race.