

Mounts crush Tunkhannock in tuneup for key game at Berwick

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TUNKHANNOCK — The Dallas Mountaineers kept their district postseason hopes alive Friday night by defeating Tunkhannock, 35-0, in a Wyoming Valley Conference non-divisional game.

The Mountaineers moved the ball well. Dallas senior quarterback Ryan Gryskewicz threw for 162 yards, going 14-of-24. Running back Ryan Bolton and fullback Chris Hayes combined for 89 yards on the ground.

Dallas (5-3) looked sharp, coming off a 25-7 loss on Monday to Wyoming Valley West.

The Mountaineer defense held Tunkhannock (2-6) to 114 yards.

"Sometimes a short week is good after you play poorly," said Ted Jackson, Dallas head coach, whose team needs to win its final games against Berwick and Lake-Lehman, as well as receive some help to make districts. "It gets the next positive thing here in a hurry and I thought our kids responded well."

Jackson also was thrilled with his squad's defensive performance.

"They're a good football team to shut out," Jackson said. "They can throw the ball and (Tunkhannock) has played everyone tough."

Dallas got things going on its first drive after forcing the Tigers to go three-and-out on their first possession.

On a third-and-25 from the Tiger 35-yard line, Gryskewicz dropped back and fired a perfect spiral to 6-foot-4 220-pound wide receiver Mike Racoski, who caught the pass in the back of the end zone for a 7-0 lead with 7:19 remaining in the quarter.

The Mountaineers didn't wait long to add to their lead, as they forced Tunkhannock to go three-and-out again on its next possession. On the punt, Bolton fielded the ball at his 45 and used a wall of blockers down the left sideline for a 55-yard punt return touchdown and a 14-0 Dallas lead with 5:32 left in the first.

Dallas added another score with 3:30 remaining before half when Gryskewicz connected with freshman receiver Mike Race in the left side of the end zone for a 14-yard score and a 21-0 lead.

The Mountaineers extended their lead on the first possession of the second half as they marched 69 yards on 11 plays. The drive was capped by a Hayes 5-yard run for a 28-0 cushion with 7:51 remaining in the third.

Dallas scored its final touchdown of the game on an end around reverse, which saw receiver Jon Barbose score from 22-yards out, thanks to a key block thrown down field by lineman Marty Murray.

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Lisa Wasser hugged Allison Boris after Boris scored a goal against Crestwood Monday.

L-L field hockey

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Knights' home field in the first tiebreaker. The winner of that contest was scheduled to play Wyoming Seminary at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Betzler Fields in Wilkes-Barre Township for the title.

The district semifinals will be played Monday, with the championship game set for Wednesday, Oct. 30, creating the possibility that the Black Knights will play four rugged games in the span of eight days.

"That is going to help us," said Lehman forward Meredith Edwards, who had a goal and two assists on Monday. "It'll be tough playing so many good teams in a row, but when we go into states, which I hope we do, we'll be used to it and we know we can do it."

The state playoffs start Nov. 5. Seminary was last year's 2A state champ, and Lehman was runner-up.

"It is a very challenging week," Lipski said of her team's upcoming schedule, "but our kids are up to it."

Crestwood, which entered the game unbeaten in 2A competition, looked as if it would win the title outright after dominating the first half, and then grabbing a 1-0 lead on a goal by Jess Lawton at 4:19 of the second half.

The Black Knights started to seize control when Amy Ruda scored off an assist from Edwards just one minute after the Comets had taken the lead.

"We're a slow-starting team sometimes," Edwards said. "Be-

ing down, it finally hit us that we could lose this game. We got really psyched and fed off one another."

Allison Boris scored the first of two goals when she deflected in a free hit by Carla Champi at 8:20. Boris made it 3-1 off a feed from Edwards at 9:56, giving Lehman three goals in a span of just under five minutes.

"Once they scored, we knew we had to turn it on," Boris said. "We didn't want to keep playing defense. We had to stay strong on offense."

Edwards finished the scoring with a rebound of Ruda's shot at 18:02.

"That first goal was a real adrenaline rush," Edwards said. "We kept going from there."

FIELD HOCKEY PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Wyoming Valley Conference and District 2 field hockey play-offs

CLASS 2A
Wednesday
WVC tiebreaker
Crestwood at Lake-Lehman, 4:15 p.m.
(results not available in time for this issue)

Friday
WVC title game
Crestwood-Lehman winner vs. Wyoming Seminary, 2:30 p.m., Betzler Fields, Wilkes-Barre Township (admission \$3 adults, \$2 students)

Monday, Oct. 28
District 2 semifinals
Lackawanna Trail at Friday's winner, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday's loser at Friday's loser, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 30
District 2 championship
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m., Lackawanna County Stadium, Moosic (admission \$5 adults, \$3 students)

Pee Wee A splits pair on the road

The Pocono Pirates Pee Wee A team started out last weekend slow, but turned on their speed and scoring to win 9-4. Kevan Nagle again had a hat trick with assists from Sean Davis, Kevin Hanlon and one unassisted. Graham Speace assisted by Kevin Hanlon also scored. Chris O'Hara had 27 saves of 31 shots on goal.

The second game against Haverford AA was a non-league game. The Pirates played hard, but lost 4-1. Kevin Hanlon scored from Graham Speace and Nick Lieback.

McGrath scores for B

Thomas McGrath, Shavertown, scored one of the Pocono Pirates Pee Wee B team's goals in a 7-3 loss to the Hudson Valley Polar Bears Oct. 19.

Chris Bell, Dallas, shared the goaltending duties.

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gram at 5-foot-8, 140 pounds, but is probably two or three inches shorter and 10 pounds lighter, entered the game needing 176 yards to reach the 1,000-yard mark for the season. After finishing the first half with 137 yards on 14 carries, the Lake-Lehman senior wanted to achieve the milestone in a big way.

"I wanted to reach it with one big play," said Harris, who carried the ball from his own 10-yard line to the GAR 35 to reach the mark in the third quarter. "My goal at the beginning of the season was to get over 1,000 yards. I was able to accomplish my goal because of everyone that believes in me."

Despite his size, "I hear about it every day," said Harris, who finished with 205 yards despite not playing in the fourth quarter. "It doesn't matter and it doesn't bother me. I know how hard I work. But all of my success goes to our coaches and the offensive line."

After not scoring in the first quarter, the Black Knights scored three times in the second quarter to take a 20-0 halftime lead. Quarterback Josh Cragle, who finished with two rushing touchdowns and one passing score, pushed his way in from 1 yard out and threw a 10-yard scoring pass to Phil Kasper in the period. Senior quarterback Brian Cornia, one of 17 seniors playing in their final home game, also scored on a 1-yard run.

Lehman broke open the game in the third quarter, with Harris

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scoring on a 5-yard run and Ryan Mully returning an interception 54 yards for a touchdown.

Ryan wasn't the only Mully to reach the end zone. His brother, Mike, scored on a 3-yard run in the final quarter.

GAR tailback Justin Kennedy, making his first start, led the Grenadiers with 46 yards on 17 carries. Junior quarterback Sam Jefferson added 44 yards on 14 carries. Junior defensive back Mark Wojtowicz had an interception to stop a Black Knight drive late in the second quarter.

It was a memorable game for Lake-Lehman coach Bob Langan, who was an assistant coach with the Black Knights for 16 years before taking over the program two years ago.

"This was an incredible night," said Langan. "This is as nice a complex as you can find in Northeast Pennsylvania. I'm really proud of our kids. They've been playing hard all season and they never quit. I can't say enough nice things about these players."

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Xtreme 2nd at Western Lehigh

The Back Mountain Xtreme took second place in their U-12 girls bracket at the Western Lehigh Women's 4 Game Fall Festival on Columbus Day Weekend in Lehigh County. After the first game was rained out, Xtreme won their remaining games by scores of 2-1, 6-0, and 2-1.

Shown from left, first row: Megan Hine, Jill Jackson Second row: Colleen Lehigh, Jessica Jaikes, Samantha Backus, Katee Pelleschi, Erica Meiler, Catherine Sullivan Third row: Renee Vrhel, Katie Confer, Lindsay Dunsmuir, Cara Wengen, Amy Panzetta, Marina Orrson Fourth row: Dave Orrson (asst. coach), Fred Sullivan (head coach).

CROSSWORD CORNER

Super Crossword TOOTH PASTE

ACROSS

1 Self-confidence
7 Lady of the house
12 Pacific archipelago
16 Fill — fiddle
19 Not as affluent
20 Let up
21 East of Eden
22 Negligent character
23 Start of a quip by Ogden Nash
25 Massachusetts
27 Kind — Drag
28 Little fox
29 Does some cobbling
31 Jannings or Gilels
32 Pequot captain
34 Whippet or wolf
37 Raptor feature
39 Dugong, for one
42 Salon offering
43 Faint
44 Fashionable Emilio
45 Part 2 of quip
51 Agatha's colleague
52 Hardly NASA
54 affirmative
55 — vera
56 Revolt
58 Prop for Figaro
61 Make murky need
62 Alpine area
63 Soccer superstar
64 Gounod opera
65 "Fantasia" frame
68 Part 3 of quip
73 Narcs' org.
74 Old Testament character
76 Jet-setter's
77 Spine-lingling
79 Middle Eastern money
80 Play ground?
82 Cajole
86 Cry of dread
87 — Na Na
88 Tuscan town
89 Surfieit
90 Part 4 of quip
95 Prepare the champagne
96 Vintage
97 62 Across sight
98 Grown-up
99 Cum in coriander
102 Pieces
103 Noisy birds
104 Tibia
105 Walker's "The —"
107 Kennel feature
108 Catchall abbr.
111 Flirt
113 End of quip
119 Burmese statesman
120 TV's "Life"
121 Early computer
122 Pianist Jose
123 Billy — Williams
124 Scent
125 Musical movement
126 Get in shape
DOWN
1 Lhasa —
2 Magic-show sound
3 Linda, CA
4 Zinc or copper
5 Ran into
6 NBC newsmen
7 Actor Damon
8 Dhabi
9 Historic org.
10 Had some halibut
11 Handel oratorio
12 Tale
13 "Dies —"
14 Control lever
15 Office-holders
16 Battle site of 1836
17 Fancy fabric
18 Salchow
24 Spare part?
26 — Aviv
30 — in America ("63 tune)
32 Say yes
33 — polloi
34 Proof-reader's mark
35 Sailed through
36 Tang
38 Orthopedists' org.
39 Detailed description
40 Continental currency
41 Bill of Rights grp.
42 Femme — copper
43 Couturier Christian
46 — Vicente, Brazil
47 Zhivago's love
48 Audibly
49 Din
50 Actress Burke
52 Long lunch?
53 Mighty mite
57 Satellite —
58 Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde"
59 Soprano
60 Zuider —
63 Bluenose
64 Move like a hummingbird
65 Chocolate substitute
66 Yale or Root
67 Incline
69 Palindromic name
70 Most modern
71 MTV viewer
72 Precinct
75 Stony line
76 Decorates glass
80 Wearing saddles
81 Author Amy
82 Places
83 Came down to earth
84 Droop
85 Howard or Petty
87 Chose
88 Bacteriologist Jonas
91 Ad — committee
92 Repeat
93 Mitty's creator
94 Harrison's role
95 Dodger
98 Good name for a raccoon
99 Radiated
100 Stimulate
101 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
102 Weather word
103 Roast beef
104 Move quickly
106 Football Hall of Famer Jim
107 Puerto —
108 To be, to
109 Forbiddance
110 Overcharge
112 Inflatable item?
114 Lennon's widow
115 Canterbury can
116 "I've been —"
117 Ike's domain
118 Sister

ANSWERS ON PAGE 2

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DIRECTIONS
Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
• Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.
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Today's Challenge
Time 6 Minutes
7 Seconds
Your Working Time Minutes
Seconds

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ACROSS

1 2002 PGA champ Rich
5 Violinist's need
8 Will - -wisp
12 Mater preceder
13 One of the Gershwins
14 Restaurateur Toots
15 Ride a wind-jammer
16 Pennsylvania campus
18 Whole
20 Fishing nets
21 Money
23 Diving bird
24 California campus
28 Fallacy
31 Intention
32 Superman comparison
34 Eggs
35 Squad
37 New York campus
39 Fix, as in "Quiz Show"
41 Walkman manufacturer
42 Piano style
45 Castor and Pollux's constellation
49 New York campus
51 Loutish one
52 Look lasciviously
53 Performance
54 Infinitesimal bit
55 Binge
56 "Comin' Thro' the -"
57 Actress Turner
58 known element
9 Bread-and-butter note
10 Sewing machine inventor
11 Blunders
17 Teachers' org.
19 Gridiron arbiters
22 Deuces' beaters
24 Perched
25 Dead heat
26 Texas city
27 Belittle
29 Living-room sets?
30 Possess, to Burns
33 Freeway division
36 Stately dance
38 Percussion disc
40 Ruby, for one
42 Highlander
43 Comic-strip possum
44 Ski lift of a sort
46 Greek vowel
47 High time?
48 "La Douce"
50 Unfriendly

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