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55th Old Shoe Game Saturday

The 55th Old Shoe football game will be played Saturday at Dallas, with the two Back Mountain teams coming in with more divergent records than any year in recent memory. But don't let the numbers fool you — records don't predict anything in this game.

Dallas won last year's game 21-14, avenging a 12-7 upset in 2000. The Moun-

taineers have to be favored Saturday, given their 6-3 record, but they may be tired after a hard-fought win over Berwick last week. The Black Knights, on the other hand, appear to be playing their best football of the season, winning their last two games while allowing no points.

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Black Knights post second consecutive shutout victory

By JOHN ERZAR
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WRIGHT TWP. — The Lake-Lehman Black Knights scored the game's only touchdown via a fumble return to defeat Crestwood 10-0 Saturday in a Wyoming Valley Conference Division 2 game.

Lehman improved to 1-4 in the division and 2-7 overall. Crestwood fell to 0-4 and 2-7. The Black Knights posted both their second consecutive victory and shutout.

"The guys have shown a lot of character," said Lehman coach Bob Langan. "I told them it's like going to work for seven weeks without getting paid. I give them a lot of credit for hanging in there."

Crestwood's first play from scrimmage, from its 1-yard line after a Lehman punt, led to the only touchdown. Lehman's Brandon Burkhardt forced a fumble, and Dave Strenfel grabbed the loose ball and

lunged over the goal line.

Throughout the rest of the game, Crestwood and Lehman seemed on the verge of getting something started offensively. Turnovers, penalties and big defensive plays stymied all threats.

Lehman tailback Dave Harris rushed for 143 yards on 32 carries and helped place the Black Knights in scoring position a few times. But two late second-quarter possessions ended at the Crestwood 19. Crestwood's Jason Prushinski picked off a pass in the end zone to stop the first, and the other ended on a missed 36-yard field goal.

Lehman took a 10-0 lead on its first drive of the third quarter when Phil Kasper booted a 21-yard field goal. Harris's 12-yard run and Greg Pimm's 21-yard rush were the key plays.

"We struggled early in the year and gave up a lot of points," Langan said. "Now we've pitched eight quarters without giving up any points. Obviously, our defense has done a nice job."

Mounts send Berwick to Dawghouse

By DAVE KONOPKI
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BERWICK — Dallas quarterback Ryan Gryskevicz scored from inside the 1-yard line and Kevin Arnaud added the extra point as Dallas defeated Berwick, 20-19, in a thrilling double-overtime game last Friday night. The win kept the 6-3 Mountaineers' District 2 Class 3A playoff hopes alive and will shut the 4-5 Dawgs out of any playoffs for the first time since 1986.

Berwick coach George Curry and Dallas coach Ted Jackson had different views of the touchdown.

"He was clearly not in," said Curry of Gryskevicz. "He never saw the goal line. Our kid hit him high and he actually lost a half-yard."

"Our kids are celebrating, the quarterback crawls forward and the umpire says 'touchdown.' I mean, c'mon guys, that's what happened."

Jackson saw the play differently. "Gryskevicz was definitely in," said the Dallas coach. "I ran onto the field right after the play and (Gryskevicz's) upper body and the football were hanging over the goal line. It was a touchdown."

The call was made about 20 seconds after Gryskevicz's forward progress was stopped, as players from both teams started unspilling off the Mountaineer signal-caller. Both coaches agreed it would have been better if the touchdown was called a little earlier.

The teams entered the overtime tied at 7-7. Dallas scored in the second quarter on a 43-yard punt return by Ryan Bolton and Berwick answered in the third on a 29-yard touchdown pass from Frank Jankowski to Jon Banyas. The Berwick extra-point hit the crossbar and bounced over it to tie the game.

In the first overtime period, Dallas

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Ryan Bolton (5) celebrates his touchdown after returning a punt 41 yards in the first half in Friday's game against Berwick. With Bolton is teammate Steve Salavantis.

Ashton-Rome defends title at Frances Slocum Park

Staff report

KINGSTON TWP. — Amy Aston-Rome, the 35-year-old from Dallas who has won more local races this season than any other female, added another victory, finishing eighth overall in 37:33, successfully defending her crown Sunday in the Wyoming Valley Strid-

ers 15th annual Fall Trail Run at Frances Slocum State Park.

"It went OK," said Aston-Rome. "It was a little wet out there — a little treacherous on the hills. But I survived — didn't fall."

Aston-Rome trailed Michelle Wolyniec, 24, of Plains Township, throughout the first half of the race. And it was about half way up

the mountain — just after the runners move from the pavement onto the grass — when Aston-Rome caught and passed Wolyniec.

Sunday's win was her third in the fall race. That's quite an achievement, considering she won the Great Pumpkin 5K road race in Berwick on Saturday in 18:02.

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S. JOHN WILKIN/FOR THE DALLAS POST

Lake-Lehman's Dave Harris tried to escape the grasp of a Crestwood defender Saturday. The Black Knights won 10-0, posting their second consecutive shutout.

SOCCER

Black Knights will advance

By DAVE KONOPKI
Special to The Dallas Post

DALLAS TWP. — Nate Carsman scored the game-winning goal with 55 seconds remaining as the Black Knights defeated Meyers, 2-1, in a District 2 Class 2A semifinal Monday at College Misericordia.

Lake-Lehman is expected play for the title at 6 p.m. Friday at home. The opponent will be the winner of a semifinal match between Bishop Hannan and Mountain View.

The win also secures a berth for the Black Knights (9-5) in the PIAA Class 2A state playoffs.

"It was a big game for the seniors," said Carsman. "We've never been to the state playoffs before, and that was one of our goals this season."

With just about one minute remain-

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Phil Kurello, Lake-Lehman goalkeeper, looked to kick to with the game tied.

FIELD HOCKEY

3-2 shootout win advances Lehman to district title game

Staff report

WRIGHT TWP. — Lake-Lehman prevailed 3-2 in a shootout Monday to knock off Crestwood and advance to the District 2 Class 2A field hockey championship game. The Black Knights played Wyoming Seminary Wednesday for the title. Results were not available in time for this issue, but regardless of the outcome, both teams advance to the state championship playoffs.

"For the seniors," said Carla Chiampi, "we didn't want this to be our last game."

After Lisa Wasser, Megan DeCesaris and Chiampi scored during the shootout, Tracey Hudak stopped Crestwood's final shot, giving Lehman a victory in the final step of the tiebreaking procedure for playoff games.

Meredith Edwards scored in the first half for the Black Knights, and that goal

was matched by a goal from Samantha Parks of Crestwood with just under three minutes left in regulation. The teams played four scoreless overtimes after that before the game went to a shootout. The final score was recorded as a 2-1 victory for Lehman, as it won the shootout, 3-2.

"Our motto for today was refuse to lose," Lehman coach Jean Lipski said. "Crestwood gave us all that we wanted. The play was highly skilled, it was ferocious, it was furious. Every kid stepped up and had a shining moment."

Lehman, which finished as runner-up to Sem in last year's District 2 and PIAA state playoffs, hopes this is the springboard to bigger and better things.

"This could have been the best thing that could happen to us," Lipski said. "We know we can make strokes. We know Tracey can stop them. We know we can do this if we have to do it again."