

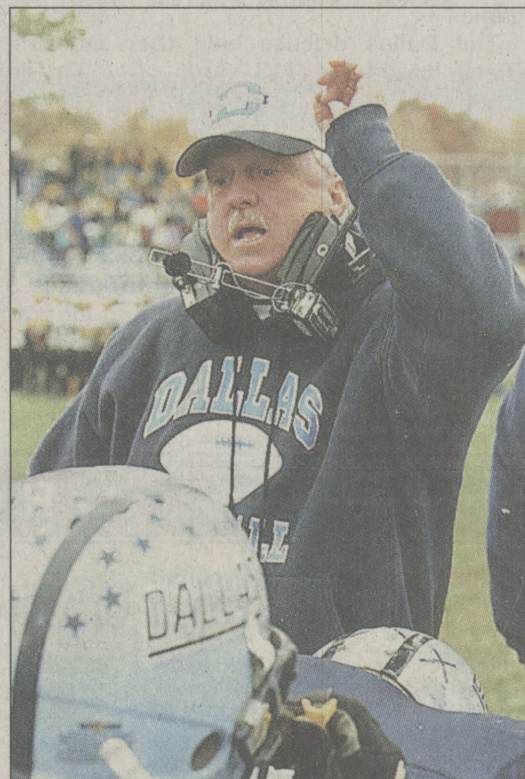
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Old Shoe action. Clockwise from left: Ryan Bolton turned upfield in front of Brandon Short's block; Dallas quarterback Ryan Gryskewicz dived toward the goal line in the grasp of Matt Gemberling; Dallas head coach Ted Jackson laid out the game plan to his team.



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Lehman wins first round of field hockey state playoffs

By MATT CORBETT
Special to The Dallas Post

LEWISBURG — Trailing by a goal at halftime, Lake-Lehman roared back with three second-half scores to knock off Middleburg, 3-1, in a PIAA Class 2A first-round game Tuesday.

With the come-from-behind victory, the District 2 runner-up Black Knights (17-3) advanced to a quarterfinal matchup on Saturday against Palmyra at a site and time to be determined. Palmyra, the District 3 champ, advanced with a 1-0 victory over ELCO in its first-round game.

"Often this team has been a second-half team, and our offense just turned it on in the second half," Lehman coach Jean Lipski said. "Our seniors really stepped up. They started going to balls instead of waiting, and I think that's what made a big difference, that we just got to the balls harder and faster."

The Knights had come close to scoring on each of their three first-half shots, yet trailed 1-0 at the break. At the 13-minute mark of the first half, Amy Ruda's shot from the stroke line went just wide left, and Meredith Edwards's follow bounced over the cage. Another shot hit the cage's left post and caromed away.

"We talked to them at halftime about that, that we had more shots on goal but that they had just been fortunate to get one in," Lipski said. "This is a game of inches, like when we hit the post, and we told them to just keep doing what they were doing. Just get it on cage, and it

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Lake-Lehman coach

will work.' And it came true."

Those near-misses became not-misses in the second half. Just more than five minutes in, the Knights earned a corner, one of their three on the afternoon. Megan DeCesaris's shot from the left wing was headed wide right, but Edwards stopped and controlled it at the right post, then put it in for the tying score.

Lake-Lehman took the lead with 12:05 remaining, when Traci Ragukas crossed from the right wing into a crowd in front of the cage. Ruda came up with the ball and beat Middleburg keeper Kristin Yetter to make it 2-1.

Allison Boris provided the clincher with 2:21 remaining, off an assist from Ragukas.

"The thing they do so very well is fly to the cage when the ball gets in the circle," Middleburg coach Matt Soto said. "They're good and they're aggressive. You have to give them credit. They made a couple of goals that way."

The game was a rematch of last year's PIAA Class AA semifinal, when the state runner-up Knights defeated the Middies 3-0 to reach the title game.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Dallas girls finish 6th at states

Staff report

HERSHEY — Dallas accomplished its goal of cracking the top 10 among Class 2A girls teams at the PIAA Cross Country Championships, held Saturday.

Two Dallas runners, freshman Lisa Giacometti and junior Whitney Adams, just missed out on medals. Giacometti was 26th (20:21) and Adams 27th (20:26). The team was bolstered by junior Jamie Stanish (115th, 21:31) and freshman Robin Razawich (131st, 21:43).

The Mountaineers, like the Lake-Lehman boys, were shooting for the top 10 a week after winning their first district team title since 1995, but Saturday's outcome still surprised coach Reg Thomas.

"I figured if they could run comparable times at districts, they were definitely a top 10 team," said Thomas. "But when I saw in the race they weren't near that I thought they were in trouble. So I am thoroughly astonished that we came out with a sixth-place finish. The conditions were tough and considering that, they did well. I'm very proud of them."

Lake-Lehman's Brad Baird, ninth a year ago, earned a medal (18th place, 16:49.5) in the boys 2A race, but was disappointed he didn't come near his goal, the

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top five. Lehman, the District 2 Class 2A runner-up, finished 12th as a team.

PIAA Cross Country Championships

Class 2A Girls

26. Lisa Giacometti, Dallas, 20:21; 27. Whitney Adams, Dallas, 20:26; 115. Jamie Stanish, Dallas, 21:31; 131. Robin Razawich, Dallas, 21:43; 186. Jamie Bozentka, Dallas, 22:31; 257. Nikki Appel, Dallas, 28:32.

Class 2A Boys

18. Brad Baird, Lake-Lehman, 16:49.5; 82. Rich Eckman, Lake-Lehman, 17:40.9; 128. Kelby Morgan, Lake-Lehman, 18:03.5; 159. Corey Norton, Lake-Lehman, 18:20.9; 226. Jerry Mikielski, Lake-Lehman, 19:26.6; 228. Ryan Bloom, Lake-Lehman, 19:31.5; 260. Brian Rigez, Lake-Lehman, 21:45.8.

Mounts win Old Shoe, make EC playoffs

By DAVE KONOPKI
Special to The Dallas Post

DALLAS TWP. — Four seniors scored touchdowns, three coming off passes from senior quarterback Ryan Gryskewicz, leading Dallas to a 35-0 victory against Lake-Lehman.

Tailback Ryan Bolton scored two touchdowns, and fellow seniors Jon Barbose, Chris Hayes and Mike Racoski also reached the end zone.

The Mountaineers (7-3 overall, Wyoming Valley Conference Division 2) will play at 7 p.m. Friday at Selinsgrove (7-3) in an Eastern Conference playoff game. Lake-Lehman ends its season at 2-8 and 2-3.

"We're thrilled," said Dallas coach Ted Jackson after his team received the Old Shoe Trophy from Bob Dolbear, who coached at Dallas Township High School in 1939 and was

"We got tired of hearing all week about how records don't matter. We believe records do matter."

Ted Jackson
Dallas coach

one of the founders of the annual game. "After a terrible second half (in a loss) against Wyoming Valley West, we talked about playing well in our last three games and possibly making the playoffs.

"Beating Tunkhannock 35-0, beating Berwick in two overtimes, and winning the Old Shoe Game 35-0 is a great way to end

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Back Mountain Cup 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	Lehman	LL 7 - D 0
Nov. 2	Football	Dallas	Dallas	LL 7 - D 1

Dallas claims first win over Lehman in race for the Back Mountain Cup



The Dallas Mountaineers' victory in the Old Shoe Game had extra significance, since it was the first and only time Dallas beat Lake-Lehman in a varsity fall sport this season.

The Back Mountain Cup will be awarded to the school that has the best record in head-to-head, regular-season meetings throughout the school year. The Black Knights have jumped to a substantial — although not insurmountable — lead at the end of the fall sports season.

Should the teams meet in pre-season or playoffs, those games will not be counted. So, going into the winter season, the pressure will be on the Dallas basketball squads to come up with wins, which could be significant since the teams play twice in both boys and girls games.

Dallas playoff tickets on sale

Tickets for the Dallas vs. Selinsgrove football game on Friday at 7 p.m. at Selinsgrove will be on sale at the Dallas Middle School from 8-11 a.m. and the Dallas Athletic office from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday Nov. 7. Adult tickets are \$4 and advance student tickets are \$2. All tickets at the gate are \$4.

Jayhawks win at Hazleton

The Jayhawks recently won the Hazleton AAU Basketball Tournament. The Jayhawks defeated Momouth Power AAU from New Jersey in the Championship Game 47-44. The Jayhawks are pictured below.

From left, first row: Ben Thomas, Kyle Flemings, Ryan Nemetz, Mike Clemente. Second row: Coach Ron Winters, Timmy Crossin, Robbie Myers, Josh Aciukewicz, Coach Rick Nemetz. Missing from photo, Coach Lew Thomas.



Black Knights fall in soccer playoff

HERSHEY — Casey Clauser scored three goals to lead District 3 champion ELCO to an 8-0 victory against Lake-Lehman in the first round of the PIAA Class 2A playoffs at Hersheypark Stadium.

Goalkeeper Phil Kurello made eight saves for District 2 runner-

up Lake-Lehman, which ended its season at 9-7. The Black Knights managed only two shots on the ELCO goal and a single corner kick.

ELCO (23-4-2) led 5-0 at halftime. The Raiders will face Selinsgrove in Saturday's semifinals.

Kuwaye scores TD for Lackawanna

Lake-Lehman graduate Josh Kuwaye scored Lackawanna College's only points in a 34-6 loss on Saturday at Nassau (N.Y.) Community College.

Kuwaye had a 4-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter and had 11 yards on three carries. Coughlin graduate Mike Sklarosky had two tackles in the game for the Falcons (6-3).