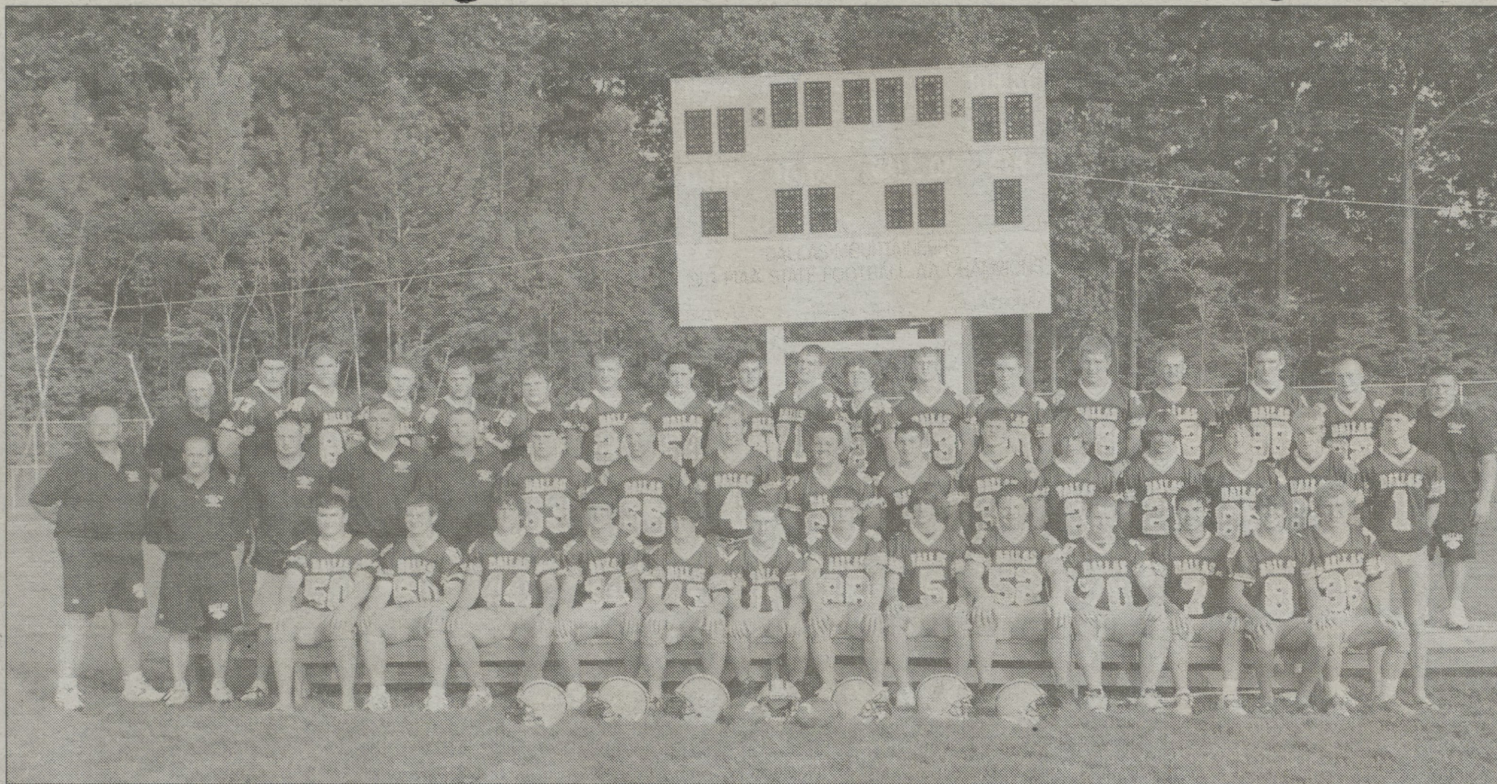


## Dallas Mountaineers

From left, first row seated: Nijmeh Giryes, Sam Perry, Nick Onzik, Joe Lambert, Rob Tomko, Nick Samanus, Dan Considine, Mike Race, D.J. Anderson, Andy Hiller, Rob Santillana, Chris Parrish, Josh Anderson.

Second row: Coaches John McNeil, Bob Mahl, Dan Natitus, Steve Wengen; Casey Husted, Alan Pugh, Doug Harris, Curt Montz, Matt Kelly, Matt Brokenshire, Jim Schwerdtman, Kyle Lewis, Jake Devlin, Brian Goeringer, Rob Lenahan.

Third row: Head coach Ted Jackson, Matt Daube, Jeff Bernosky, John Yanik, Buddy Kocher, Tom Van Horn, Doug Zaruta, Ryan Mark, John McGeehan, Adam Schoonover, Elijah Miller, Alex Oko, Marty Murray, Steve Wengen, Kyle Zapoticky, Nick Major, coach Matt Gingo.



# Mounts must grow up fast

By KEVIN KAZOKAS  
Post Correspondent

## Dallas FOOTBALL

My, how fast they've grown! Those are words Dallas head coach Ted Jackson probably hopes he could say about most of his football players by the end of the season.

After losing a host of last year's seniors to graduation, the Mountaineers must count on several young and somewhat inexperienced athletes to lead the way in 2003.

"We need our young skill people to develop quickly," Jackson said. "This is the smallest group of seniors we ever had. We only have eight seniors on the team. So we're going to be playing with a lot of guys that are underclassmen. We need them to grow up fast."

Jackson estimated the Mountaineers lost about a dozen players to graduation from last year's club, a team that went 7-4 and fell to Selinsgrove, 28-14, in the Eastern Conference Division III semifinals.

The list of those gone includes key players quarterback Ryan Gryskevicz and defensive lineman Steve Salavantis.

In total, Dallas returns only three starters apiece on offense and defense.

But Jackson believes that if his young players can gain some maturity and limit mistakes, the Mountaineers could remain a force in the tough Wyoming Valley Conference.

**QUARTERBACK:** Dallas will turn to junior Matt Kelly to

guide the offense. Kelly has seen playing time in the past as a wide receiver and kick-returner. He also served as backup quarterback the last two seasons.

"We think Matt's a real good athlete, a real tough kid," Jackson said. "He's worked real hard in the off-season to improve his strength."

**RUNNING BACKS:** Junior Doug Harris will step in at tailback along with senior Ryan Mark. Jackson said Harris did get some playing time last year. Meanwhile, junior Buddy Kocher, a backup fullback last year, will take over the starting role at that position this season.

**WIDE RECEIVERS:** Dallas lost some size and experience in the passing game with the graduations of Jon Barbose (6-3) and Kevin Arnaud (6-0). However, Mike Race, a 6-1 sophomore, returns as a starter at split end. Seniors Adam Schoonover and Elijah Miller, both 6 feet, will play wingback.

Jackson said juniors Jeff Bernosky and Kyle Zapoticky could battle it out for tight end.

**OFFENSIVE LINE:** A veteran group of players will provide the protection up front. Three-year starter Doug Zaruta, a 215-lb senior, returns to anchor the line at center. A pair of three-year starters comes back on the right side in guard Marty Mur-

ray (265 lbs) and tackle John McGeehan (270). Both are seniors. Junior Matt Daube (295), a two-year starter, mans the left tackle position. Jackson also listed juniors John Yanik (215) and Steve Wengen (230) as seeing time at guard.

**DEFENSIVE LINE:** Dallas will count on returning starters McGeehan, Daube and Murray. Also look for Yanik, Wengen and Zapoticky to see action.

"We have some nice size up front, but we're not going to be as quick as we have been," Jackson said.

**LINEBACKERS:** Harris and Kocher will play the middle, while Ryan Mark and junior Matt Brokenshire patrol the outside. All of them saw playing time last year, but not as starters.

**SECONDARY:** Expect the skill players to serve as defensive backs, with Schoonover and Miller playing the corners, and Kelly at safety. All three enter their first season as starters in the secondary.

**KICKING:** Race will handle both the punting and placekicking duties. He played backup at both positions last season.

**OUTLOOK:** Jackson said he has never suffered a losing season during his previous 18 years as Dallas head coach. The Mountaineers will try to keep that streak alive for his 19th season in 2003. But with key games on the horizon against conference powers like Wyoming Area and Berwick, that will not be an easy task.

## 2003 Dallas Mountaineers

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr
1	Rob Lenahan	QB/SE	6-3	170	So.
2	Jim Schwerdtman	SE	6-1	170	Jr.
3	Matt Kelly	QB/S	5-8	160	Jr.
4	Doug Harris	TB/LB	6-1	190	Jr.
5	Mike Race	SE	6-1	180	So.
7	Rob Santillana	QB	5-11	170	So.
8	Chris Parrish	QB	6-0	165	So.
11	Nick Samanus	WB	5-9	175	So.
21	Kyle Lewis	WR	6-0	160	So.
22	Adam Schoonover	WB/CB	6-0	170	Sr.
23	Elijah Miller	WB/CB	6-0	185	Sr.
24	Tom Van Horn	FB	5-10	195	Sr.
26	Buddy Kocher	FB/LB	5-10	225	Jr.
30	Alex Oko	TB	6-1	195	Sr.
31	Ryan Mark	TB/OLB	6-0	190	Sr.
32	Nick Major	TB	6-0	170	Jr.
33	Matt Brokenshire	OLB/FB	6-2	195	Jr.
34	Joe Lambert	TB	6-2	190	So.
36	Josh Anderson	FB	6-0	180	So.
43	Rob Tomko	WB	5-10	175	So.
44	Nick Onzik	FB	5-11	185	So.
50	Giryes Nijmeh	T	5-11	215	So.
52	D.J. Anderson	C	6-1	230	Fr.
54	Doug Zaruta	C/LB	6-1	215	Sr.
55/80	John Yanik	DL/G	6-1	215	Jr.
60	Sam Perry	T	5-10	225	So.
62	Steve Wengen	DL/G	6-2	230	Jr.
63	Carl Husted	T	6-0	215	So.
64	Paul Daniels	G	5-11	180	So.
65	Curt Montz	C	5-11	215	Jr.
66	Alan Pugh	T	6-1	225	Jr.
70	Andy Hiller	T	5-11	190	So.
71	John McGeehan	DT/T	6-2	270	Sr.
72	Dave Perschar	T	5-10	270	Sr.
77	Matt Daube	DT/T	6-5	295	Jr.
78	Marty Murray	DT/G	6-3	265	Sr.
81	Joe Austin	TE	6-1	185	Sr.
82	Brian Goeringer	WR	6-0	170	So.
86	Jake Devlin	WR	5-10	170	So.
88	Dan Considine	WR	5-11	170	So.
89	Jeff Bernosky	TE	6-3	210	Jr.
99	Kyle Zapoticky	TE/DE	6-2	195	Jr.

**Head Coach:** Ted Jackson Sr.

**Asst. Coaches:** John McNeil, Ted Jackson Jr., Bob Mahle, Steve Wengen, Dan Natitus, Matt Gingo