

# Sports Week



Dallas players hoist the Old Shoe trophy high as they celebrate a fourth consecutive victory in the rivalry game.

## Slow to start, Mountaineers grind out Old Shoe game victory

Staff report

DALLAS TWP. — Neither team's offense had much to say in the first and fourth quarters of the 6th Old Shoe game, played Nov. 7 at Mountaineer Stadium under brilliant skies. But Dallas was able to score twice in each of the middle two quarters, while Lehman could break the goal line only once each period, leading to a 28-14 Dallas victory.

The Dallas offense had the ball only five of the first 34 plays in the Back Mountain rivalry.

But that sluggish Mountaineers' start was just a memory by mid-way through the third quarter, after running back Doug Harris rushed for three touchdowns during the second and third quarters, and quarterback Matt Kelly had a

critical one-yard touchdown run just before halftime.

Despite the victory, Dallas did not gain a postseason birth. Wyoming Area's 15-7 loss to Pittston Area on Saturday eliminated the Mountaineers (7-3) from Eastern Conference playoff contention.

Several Dallas players ended their seasons with spirited efforts, including Harris, who rushed for 177 yards on 25 carries. He had touchdown runs of 3, 34 and 19 yards. And Kelly stayed in the game even after being shaken up on a defensive play late in the second quarter.

Kelly helped keep Lake-Lehman's ball-control offense off the board during the first quarter by intercepting a Ryan Arcangeli pass at the Mountaineers' 2-yard

line, ending a 16-play Black Knights' opening drive. He also put Dallas ahead for good with his touchdown run late in the second quarter.

With the score tied at 7, the Mountaineers gained possession at the Lake-Lehman 47-yard line after a squib kick. Dallas then drove for the go-ahead score on five plays, including passes of 17 and 27 yards to Mike Race. On third and goal from the 1, Kelly rolled left and sprinted to the end zone.

"Matt made a great play out of it, like he always does," said Dallas coach Ted Jackson.

The Mountaineers extended the margin just three plays into the second half. Starting from its own 49 after another short Black



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Derek Shurmanek punched in a second quarter Lake-Lehman touchdown to knot the score at 7.

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## Misericordia falls in NCAA women's soccer championships

The College Misericordia women's soccer team lost Nov. 10 to Ithaca, 4-1, in the first round of the NCAA Division III Championships.

CM grabbed a 1-0 halftime lead on a rebound goal by Cole Vennie. Miki Bedics assisted on the goal.

The Cougars faced a tough wind in the second half and were unable to generate any offense.

Misericordia defeated Wesley College on Nov. 6 to advance to the tournament.

After the Cougars tied the game at 1-1 midway in the second half on a Miki Bedics goal, two scoreless 10-minute overtimes forced the game to be decided on penalty kicks.

Raye Stewart, Carolyn Muller and Allison Martin all drove their shots home to give Misericordia the victory, and the conference title, by a penalty kick score of 3-2.

Cougars' keeper Kathleen Schwarz won Most Valuable Player honors for her work in regulation, and two critical saves she made in the penalty kick session. Schwarz finished the game with five saves.

Misericordia outshot Wesley 14-7, and held a 4-1 advantage in corner kicks. In addition to her key penalty kick score, Muller also assisted on Bedics' game-tying goal.

## Flag football for a cause

Dallas High School juniors Ben Thomas and Jeff Decker have organized a flag football tournament for Saturday, Nov. 27 that will benefit The Luzerne Foundation. Games will be played at the high school football field. Teams can be composed of eight players, boys or girls age 14 and over. The donation is \$80 per team.

The entry deadline is Nov. 20. For a registration form and rules, call Thomas at 417-4049 or Decker at 905-0126.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL SUPER BOWLS



Kingston Township C team players ganging up on a Durvea runner were Chris Hood, Jesse Shaffer, Neil Shaver, Matt Doggett and Domenic Oliveri.

## Dallas A comeback falls just short

Dallas A team boys finished their season Nov. 7 in the Super Bowl at the Lackawanna County Stadium. Forty Fort took a 20-0 lead at the half. The Dallas boys rallied in the second half with a third quarter touchdown by James Rosencrans and another score by Mitchell Artsma that brought Dallas within eight points. A fourth quarter score by

Forty Fort and a touchdown by P.J. Precone from Dallas ended the game at Forty Fort 26, Dallas 18.

## Dallas too much for Raiders in B game

The Dallas Junior Mounts B team went undefeated with a 12-0 record and a 36-12 Super Bowl victory over the Kingston Township Raiders on Nov. 7. Brett Wanek scored the opening

touchdown to put Dallas on the scoreboard 6-0, followed by a 2-point conversion by Adam Goeringer. The offensive line consisting of Zack Dirs, Darran Otway, Chase Benson, Kevin Muldoon, Anthony Lafratte, Paul Brace, J.D. Mead, David Gallagher, Shane Kalna, Matt Regan and F.J. Costantino did an outstanding job holding off the Raiders defense.

Tyler Shutlock and Adam Goeringer to score two more touchdowns in the first half of the

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### FOOTBALL

#### Tunkhannock 26, Crestwood 20

Nov. 5 — Ryan Alfieri scored the game-winning touchdown with less than a second left to lead the Tigers past Crestwood. Ryan McClain and Andrew Solanick also ran for a touchdown apiece. Alfieri hit Corey Cook in the end zone late in the fourth quarter on a 39-yard touchdown pass. The ensuing two-point conversion failed. The Tigers would regain the ball after a three-and-out for the game-winning drive. Alfieri passed for 124 yards and rushed for 32. Mike Ross rushed for 97 yards in the Tigers' win. Tunkhannock finished with 157 overall rushing yards.

### CROSS COUNTRY

#### Dallas girls finish 4th in state

Nov. 6 — The Dallas girls' cross-country team took fourth place overall at the PIAA Cross Country Championships in Hershey. Lisa Giacometti earned the highest place of the 29 Wyoming Valley Cross Country League competitors, finishing 17th in 19:43. Jessica Jones finished 44th in 20:25, Kenslie Kerestes finished 56th in 20:41 and Hillary Adams placed 77th with a time of 20:58 for the Mountaineers. Robin Razawich placed 168th in 22:03, Kasia Szulborski finished 211th at 22:48, and Katie Gilligan finished 221st at 23:04 for Dallas. Kelcey Cole finished 136th at 21:47 for Lake-Lehman, Sarah Austin placed 169th in 22:04 and Courtney Matus finished 179th at 22:09 for the Black Knights. Ryan Bloom finished 192nd in 18:41 for Lehman for the boys.

### SOCCER

#### Dallas 3, Meyers 2

Nov. 3 — Andy Besecker scored the game-winning goal in a shoot-out period penalty kick in the Mountaineers' Wyoming Valley Conference junior high championship win over Meyers. Steph Ashley scored as did Kevin Pierce in the win. The teams tied through two five-minute overtime periods, after which the game went to a shootout period. Both teams scored three times in the shoot-out to stay tied, which led to the sudden-death goal by Besecker.

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