

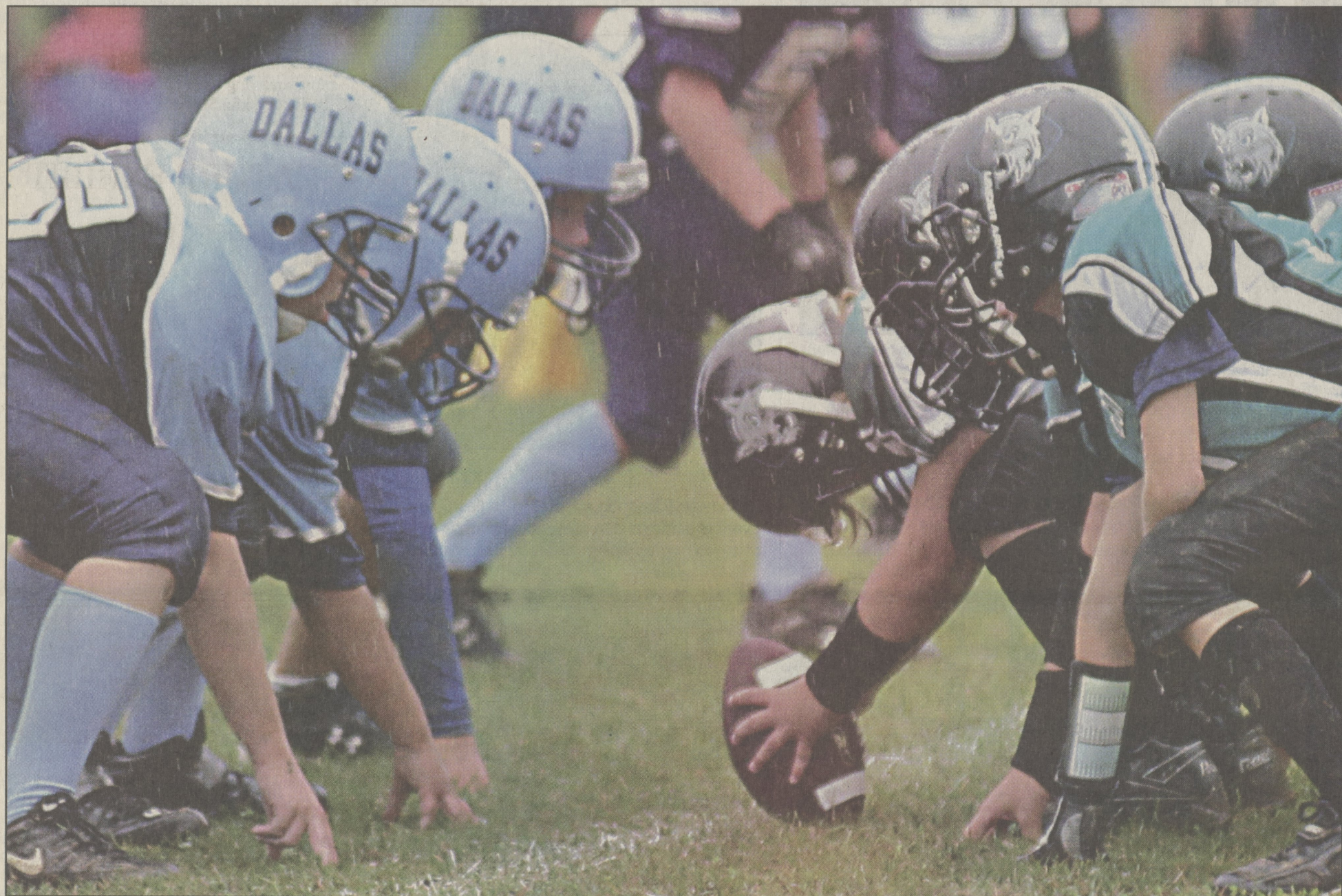
Sports Week

Bobcats begin their prowl in conference

Youth football team makes local debut



Ryan Zapoticky runs the ball for Dallas B team. The 10-11-year-olds played against the newly-formed Back Mountain Bobcats.



The Back Mountain Bobcats and Dallas Junior Mounts went head-to-head last weekend.

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The newly-formed Back Mountain Bobcats junior football program played its first games in the Back Mountain last weekend. The Bobcats battled the Dallas Junior Mounts in the Wyoming Valley West Junior Football League.

A DIVISION

Tyler Shutlock scored two touchdowns, while Dustin Siperko, Brett Wanek and Kevin Muldoon each scored one as the Junior Mounts cruised to a 34-8 win against the Bobcats. Shutlock scored on runs of 10 and four yards. Siperko scored on a 50-yard fumble return, Wanek scored from 15 yards out and Muldoon registered a 60-yard touchdown run.

Jake Simon scored a touchdown for the Bobcats, while

Adam Goeringer added a two-point conversion.

B DIVISION

The Back Mountain Bobcats and the Dallas Junior Mounts battled to a 26-26 tie last weekend at the high school field. Dallas opened the game with a 12-0 lead before Back Mountain battled back to make it 12-12. The score stayed that way until the fourth quarter and at the end of regulation the game was tied 20-20. Each team scored a touchdown in overtime but neither could score in double-overtime.

Dallas took an early lead on a 50-yard touchdown catch by Alex Barillo. Michael Gallis added another touchdown on a 1-yard run. Ryan Zapoticky scored two touchdowns for Dallas, an 84-yard kickoff return and a 1-yard run. Logan Brace had a key interception and Zach Macosky re-

covered a fumble for Dallas.

C DIVISION

The Back Mountain Bobcat C team remained undefeated by outlasting the Dallas Junior Mounts, 8-6, in a hard-fought battle last weekend.

The Bobcats took the lead on their first offensive play from scrimmage, a 50-yard run by tailback Justin Mucha. Mitchell Benson added the 2-point conversion to make the score 8-0. For the remainder of the game both teams played outstanding defense.

With less than four minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, Dallas quarterback Cole Dixon ran for 45 yard to set up a 5-yard touchdown run by Ryan Checkiewicz to make it 8-6. The conversion attempt failed as the Bobcat defense stopped Dallas inches short of the endzone.

The Bobcats sealed the win

when Mucha made a first down on fourth-and-12 with less than a minute to play. Sam Parente and brothers Adam and Jeremy Burton played well defensively for the Bobcat defense. The team travels to Edwardsville today with kickoff set for 12:15 p.m.

D DIVISION

Three different players scored touchdowns as the Dallas Junior Mounts D team raised its record to 2-0 with a 30-14 win against the Back Mountain Bobcats. Conner Phillips and Ray Centanni each scored a touchdown while Xavier Barber had a pair, including a 75-yard scamper.

The offense line was led by Ryan Phillips, Sterling Barnes, Josh Lydon and Izaiah Calpin. The defense allowed one touchdown in the first half and one in the second.

The defensive was led by Cole Wyffels, Connor Maloney, Charles Harry, Mike Sebolka, Ben Kincaid, Dylan Lisnow and Chris Chivara.

KT RAIDERS

The Kingston Township Raiders posted a 2-2 record against the Wyoming Valley West Youth Football League. The A and B teams lost, while the C and D teams posted their second wins of the season.

In the A division game, the Raiders posted a 20-0 win behind an outstanding defensive game led by Jason Anderson. Anderson forced a Wildcat fumble and scrambled 98 yards to put the Raiders on the board in the first quarter.

In the second quarter Anderson repeated the feat this time re-

turning the ball for 45 yards and another Raiders score.

Ricky Morgan added a two-point conversion. In the fourth quarter Ricky Morgan ran for the final touchdown.

In the C division game, the Raiders posted a 20-8 win as Corey Patrick accounted for all three Raiders touchdowns on scoring runs of 42, 47 and 61 yards. He finished with more than 200 yards rushing. Defensively, Mike Olinginski and Omar Nijmeh forced two fumbles and combined for three sacks. Kyle Piscorik and David Edwards added 75 yards of rushing for the Raider attack.

In the B division game, Quincy Patrick and Neil Shaver each scored a touchdown in a 30-12 loss. Patrick scored on a 55-yard run, while Shaver scored from one yard out.

Dallas resident Merissa Konnick cheers for the newly-formed Back Mountain Bobcats.



Olivia Thomas of Shavertown leads a cheer.