



Back Mountain Bobcat quarterback Zachary Connolly (3) picks up 25 yards with a little help from teammate Cody Long (43) during a C team game.

## Bobcats sink Sailors in mini football action

The Back Mountain Bobcats won two of their three games against the host Swoyersville Sailors in Wyoming Valley West Junior Football League action. Back Mountain posted wins in the B and C divisions, with the C division team remaining undefeated.

The Bobcats will host rival Kingston Township this afternoon behind the Dallas High School. Action begins at 12:15 p.m., with a pair of unbeaten C teams battling each other for first place in the league.

Here's a look at last week's games:

### A DIVISION

Jake Simon scored a pair of touchdowns and Adam Goeringer added two 2-point conversions, but it wasn't enough for the Back Mountain Bobcats in a 20-16 loss against the Swoyersville Sailors. With his team trailing 8-0, Simon capped a long drive with a touchdown run. The offense line of Zach Dirs, Brian McDonnell, Tony LaFratte, Justin Brobst and Derrick Ellard provided the blocking. Goeringer scored on 2-point run to make it 8-8.

Swoyersville scored prior to halftime to make the score 14-8 and added another touchdown in the third quarter to increase the lead to 20-8. Simon took the kickoff following the third-quarter score and ran 68 yards for a touchdown. Goeringer's 2-point run provided the final score.

Chase Benson, F.J. Constitino, J.D. Mead and Goeringer played well defensively for Back Mountain.

### B DIVISION

The Back Mountain Bobcats remained in the playoff hunt with a 24-0 win against Swoyersville. The offense gained more than 200 rushing yards as Back Mountain raised its record to 2-2-1. No other information was provided.

### C DIVISION

Running back Justin Mucha scored three touchdowns as the Back Mountain Bobcats remained unbeaten with a 24-6 win against the Swoyersville Sailors last weekend in Swoyersville. Quarterback Zachary Connolly opened the scoring on a 3-yard run, which was set up by his own 25-yard run. Mucha scored the first of his three touchdowns early in the second quarter on a 53-yard run to make it 12-0. Swoyersville scored before halftime to cut the deficit to 12-6.

The Bobcat defense led by Devin Dickson, Jeremy Burton, and Dan Sweeney did a good job keeping the Sailors scoreless for the remainder of the game. Mucha scored his second touchdown in the third quarter on 70-yard run and he finished the scoring on a 15-yard burst early in the fourth quarter. The final touchdown capped a 78-yard drive that consumed more than seven minutes.

The offensive line play of P.J. Connick, Jacob Corey and Zach Haddle, along with the running of Rich Demarchis and Cody Long also contributed to the win. The Bobcats will host Kingston Township at 12:15 p.m. today in a battle of unbeaten teams.

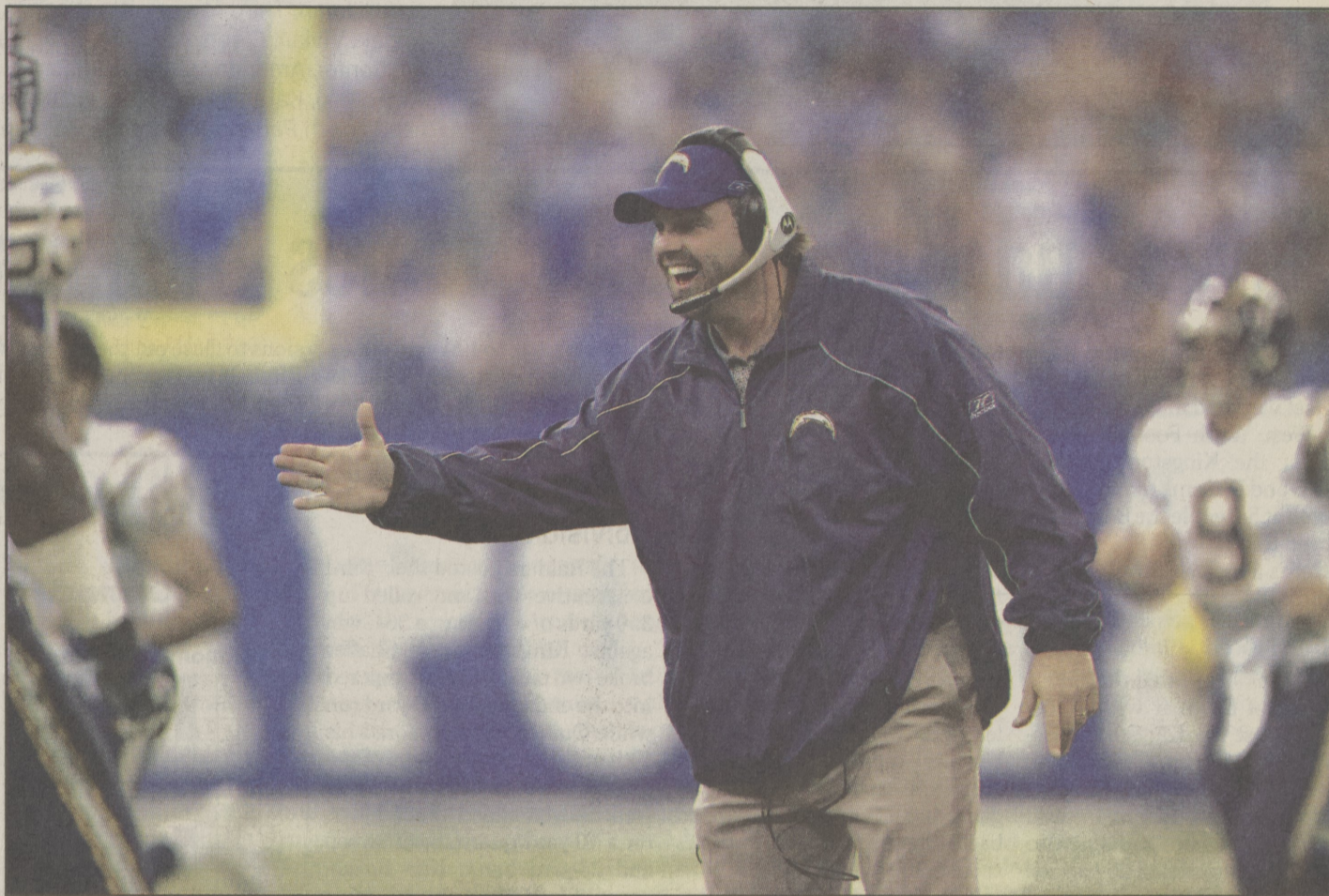
### D DIVISION

The Back Mountain Bobcats suffered a tough 22-20 loss against the Swoyersville Sailors. Stone Mannello scored three touchdowns and Cameron Brennan added the two-point conversion to account for Back Mountain's scoring.

Sean Mikovitch, Bradley Adams, Christopher Allen, Erik Sweppenheiser and Owen Morgan played well on offense for Back Mountain, while Nathan O'Donnell, RJ Dirscoll, Nathan Hazeltine, Hunter Landon and Nick Whitesell played well defensively.

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Greg Manusky  
On reaching the Super Bowl



Former Dallas High School standout Greg Manusky is in the midst of his 18th NFL season, including his sixth year as linebackers coach for the San Diego Chargers.

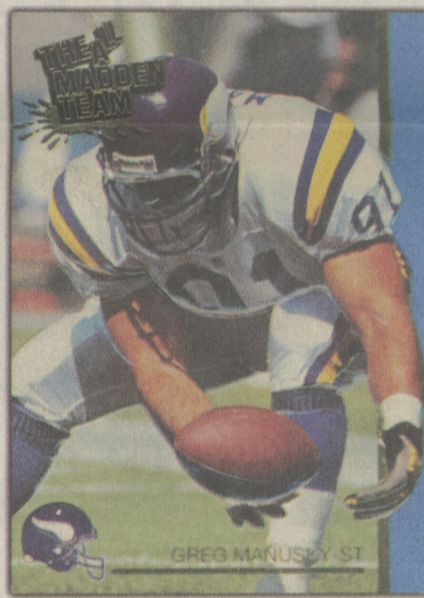
## For Greg Manusky, the defense never rests

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There's a special place in Greg Manusky's heart for the people of the Back Mountain. There's a special place in his life for his family. And there's a special place on his finger for the only thing missing from a long and illustrious football career.

A Super Bowl ring. "It's always my goal," said the former Dallas High School standout, who's enjoying his fifth season as the linebackers coach for the San Diego Chargers and his 18th overall season in the National Football League. "It's the goal of every player and coach. I've been looking forward to putting a ring on my finger for a long time. I really hope to be a part of one of those suckers. We're going to keep working hard and hope it can happen in the near future."

Unless you've been hiding in a cave with Osama Bin Laden, you know Manusky's unparalleled work ethic began while he was a standout linebacker for head coach Ron Rybak at Dallas in the mid-1980s. He continued his success at Colgate University, where he was a four-year letterman, a Colonial League all-star selection and the league's Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. Manusky was also a success in the classroom, graduating with honors while earning degrees in education and geology.



A demon on special teams, Greg Manusky was chosen to the prestigious All-Madden team in 1991.

After being snubbed during the 1988 NFL draft, Manusky signed with the Washington Redskins as a free agent. He played in the league for 12 seasons, earning a reputation as a no-nonsense, throwback-style linebacker and a fearless special teams player. Manusky played in 113 consecutive games at one point, a streak spanning seven sea-

sons. He played for the Redskins (1988-1990), Minnesota (1991-93) and Kansas City (1994-99) before retiring as a player. He was selected to the prestigious All-Madden Team in 1991.

In 2001, then-head coach Marty Schottenheimer offered Manusky a job as the Redskins linebackers coach. When Schottenheimer was fired by Washington owner Daniel Snyder in 2002, he took over as the head coach in San Diego.

And he made sure Manusky made the trip west with him.

"It's been an amazing ride," said the son of Frank and Nancy Manusky, who celebrated his 40th birthday last month. "The time goes by super-fast. I can't believe this is my 18th year."

Manusky has molded the Chargers linebackers into one of the best units in the NFL. Under his guidance, Donnie Edwards led the team in tackles last season, Randall Godfrey finished second and Shawne Merriman was named NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year. Five different linebackers have made the Pro Bowl while being coached by Manusky.

"It's always good to see them get those accolades," he said, referring to his players. "It doesn't mean as much to me as it does to them. I'm happy as heck for them."

This year's defense has allowed just seven points in two games.

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## Dallas Jr. Mounts A and C teams roll; D squad fit to be tied

The Dallas Junior Mounts won two games and earned a tie in another during its four games against the Duryea Wildcats in Wyoming Valley West Junior Football League action last weekend. Dallas posted wins in the A and C divisions, while the D team battled to a 6-6 tie.

The Junior Mounts A team remained in first place in the conference, staying unbeaten with an impressive 34-0 win against the Wildcats. Here's a look at last weekend's games:

### A DIVISION

Tyler Shutlock and Kevin Muldoon each scored two touchdowns as the Dallas Junior Mounts remained perfect with a 34-0 win against the Duryea Wildcats. Brett Wanek opened the scoring on a 60-yard run, while Shutlock reached the endzone twice before halftime. Wanek added a 2-point conversion to make it 20-0 at the break.

Bubba Felker started the second half with a 10-yard touchdown run, followed by a pair of touchdown runs and



Jackson Shaver (91) leads the Dallas Junior Mounts D team onto the field.

a 2-point conversion run by Muldoon. Jacob Titus recorded an interception for the Dallas defense, which dominated the Wildcats throughout the game.

### B DIVISION

The Junior Mounts suffered a 36-0 loss against Duryea last weekend. Michael Gallis provided a defensive highlight with 9-yard sack and Ryan Zapoticky caught a 37-yard pass from Alex



The Dallas Junior Mounts D team cheerleaders provided some enthusiasm during a game last weekend.

Barilla to lead the offense. Zack Macosky and Logan Brace played well defensively, while John Hutchins and Jeremy Geisinger played well on the offense line.

### C DIVISION

Mikey Shutlock and Cole Dixon each scored a touchdown as Dallas raised its record to 3-2 with a 14-6 victory against the Duryea Wildcats. Dixon threw a pass to Jude Moran to complete a 2-point conversion. Matt Harrison and Dixon each recorded a fumble recovery, while Ryan Monk, Ryan Cheski-

icz, Paulie Zabloutney, Shane Pitts, Colin Ryniec, Justin Sweeney, Chris Rosencrans, Jack Tomko and Chad Phillips also played well on defense.

### D DIVISION

Two evenly-matched teams battled throughout the game, with Dallas and Duryea finishing with a 6-6 tie. Xavier Barber provided the only scoring for the Junior Mounts on a 70-yard touchdown run. Mike Farrell, Ryan Phillips, Connor Phillips, Justin Hutchins and Barber played well defensively for Dallas.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Ice hockey program holding registration

The Back Mountain Ice Hockey organization will hold registration from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28 and Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Ice Box in Jenkins Township. Players in grades 7 through 12 are eligible. A \$150 deposit is due at registration. For more information, call 675-4459.

### Federici, Simons, Kruska lead Newberry ladies

The Newberry Ladies Golf League recently held its September outing at Applewood Golf Club. Winning team was Ruth Federici, Kay Simons, and Marie Kruska. Honorable mention team was comprised of Lillian McManus, Terry Cook, Joyce Lloyd and Sharron Davis. Closest to the pin award went to Ruth Federici.

Chairpersons were Peg Thomas and Susan Berdis. League officers are Joann Campbell, president; Ruth Federici, vice president; Janet Dent, Treasurer; Jane Jones, secretary.