

## Raiders go 3-1 in opener; Dallas B team wins

The Kingston Township Raiders youth football program went 3-1 last weekend to open the Wyoming Valley West Youth Football League season. The A-Team fell, 22-16, while the B-team, C-team and D-team all posted wins.

### D TEAM

**Kingston Township Raiders 20  
Plymouth Shawnee Indians 12**

The Raiders D team rode a strong performance from Devin Robbins with three touchdowns to a 20-12 victory over the Plymouth Shawnee Indians. Robbins scored on touchdown runs of 46, 44 and 42 yards. Mason Gattuso added a two-point conversion to round out the scoring.

Defensively, the Raiders were led by Michael Doggett with a fumble recovery and tackles for losses by Matt Maransky, Andrew Grabowski and Joshua Holdredge.

### C TEAM

**Kingston Township Raiders 12  
Plymouth Shawnee Indians 6**

The Kingston Township Raiders defeated the Plymouth Indians, 20-0, in the season opener on Sunday.

Tanner Gattuso scored three rushing touchdowns on runs of 2, 50 and 35 yards facilitated by key blocks by Mitch Kelly, Christian Roberts and Ricky Morgan. Peter Capitano ran for a successful two-point conversion.

The Indians were held scoreless as a result of a solid overall effort by the de-

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fensive line led by Jason Anderson and Ryan Martin resulting in five turnovers: Nick Mathers (one interception and a fumble recovery), Brett Storrs (fumble recovery), Christian Roberts (fumble recovery) and Connor Motley (fumble recovery).

### B TEAM

**Kingston Township Raiders 24  
Plymouth Shawnee Indians 6**

The Kingston Township Raiders utilized touchdown runs from four different players while rolling to a 24-6 victory against the Plymouth Shawnee Indians. Michael Olinginski, Jesse Shaffer, Chris Knecht, and Corey Patrick scored touchdowns for the Raiders behind the blocking of Kyle Kotulski, Joey Stier, Robert Wargo, Brian Vojtko, and Jason Morgan. The defensive effort was led by JT Ca-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jim Roccogranti (#47) cuts back a run during the Kingston Township Raiders A-game against Plymouth last Sunday. Tyler Bulford (#59) clears a path through the defense while John Dougherty (#2) trails the play.

rey and Omar Nijmeh, each with two sacks, along with Aaron Kliamovich and Shawn Spencer recording four solo tackles.

### A TEAM

**Plymouth Shawnee Indians 22  
Kingston Township Raiders 16**

The Kingston Township Raiders came up short in its opening game against Plymouth this past Sunday. Plymouth scored on its first possession

with a 40-yard TD pass to Lucky Williams followed by a two-point conversion. KT's Jim Roccogranti answered with an 80-yard kick-off return for a touchdown. Roccogranti added the conversion.

Plymouth scored in the second period with touch down runs of 20 and 15 yards, including a two-point conversion, all by Lucky Williams.

The KT raiders held Plymouth score-

less in the second half and had a 15-yard touchdown by Jim Roccogranti followed with a two-point conversion. The offensive attack was lead by Jim and Kris Roccogranti, John Dougherty and Nathan Kish.

The KT defense was led by Luke Edwards and John Dougherty with a total of 18 solo tackles. Kris Roccogranti had an interception that led to the second KT touchdown.

### DALLAS B TEAM WINS

The Dallas B Team started the season strong with an impressive 34-6 win over Exeter.

Early in the first quarter, Ryan Zapoticky connected to Nick Luzetski for a 15-yard touchdown pass and John Hutchins followed for the two-point conversion.

Zapoticky also used the "air attack" passing to Mike Boland for over 75 yards and a touchdown. The offense also included touchdowns from Zapoticky scoring from 25 yards out, Aaron Napkora from 15 yards and Mark Michno breaking free for a 45-yard touchdown. Chris Beam scored the two-point conversion after the Michno touchdown. Ryan Cheskiewicz also added to the offense with 45 yards rushing.

Exeter's Marty Michaels scored a touchdown with seconds left in the game to put Exeter on the board.

The Dallas defense was led by Ryan Monk, Ryan Cheskiewicz, Logan Brace and Chris Beam.

## Black Knights very optimistic

Lehman gridders confident they'll get first victory under current head coach

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It's no secret the Lake-Lehman High School football team had a rough season last year. A new head coach came in, only a few seniors were on the team, and the boys did not win one game. But after a year of rebuilding and hard work, the Knights are strong, confident and ready to win.

This year's team was on the field in uniform Wednesday, preparing for the fast-approaching season.

Carl Kern took the head football coaching position at Lake-Lehman last year after former coach Greg Myers left to become a coach at Crestwood. A resident of Lehman Township, Kern played on the Lake-Lehman team in high school. He has been an assistant coach at Berwick and Lake-Lehman.

Kern says this season will be a good one because the team is stronger and has more speed, elements which he feels were lacking last year. The team strengthened five days a week during the off-season.

"We knew what our problem was and we knew we couldn't fix it last year," Kern said. "I think we'll be very, very respectable this year." The coach says his team is capable of at least a 5-5 record, if not better, this fall. He's not sure when exactly he and the team will celebrate their first victory together, but he's almost certain it will occur this season.

"I know for the kids it's going to feel great," said Kern. And, even though the team did not actually win a game last season, the coach says the players learned a lot. The boys faced humility on the field repeatedly and remained dedicated, showing up for practices and games. The losing season made the players better athletes and better people, according to Kern.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

Captains of the 2007 Lake-Lehman Black Knights football team are, kneeling, Nathan Volkel. From left, standing, Roger Jayne, Cody Lamoreaux, Ken Pollock and Boyd Remington.



Lamoreaux McHugh



Senior members of the Lake-Lehman football team are, from left, kneeling, Wally Simko, Eli Foss and Boyd Remington. Standing, Matt Sikora, Ken Pollock and Dan McHugh.

quarterbacks are Chris Prater, Thomas Stepanski and Nathan Volkel.

Carl Kern serves as the head coach and Dan Johnson is assistant coach.

The 2007 Lake-Lehman football team roster is as follows: Remington Boyd, Eli Foss, Dan McHugh, Ken Pollock, Matt Sikora, Wally Simko, Tyler Barrall, Josh Brucher, Ronnie Coolbaugh,

Joe Harrison, Dave Heller, Scott Hizey, Roger Jayne, Vinny Johnstone, Cody Lamoreaux, Keith Roberts, Aaron Setzer, Thomas Stepanski, Bob Tomolonis, Nathan Volkel, Zach Cragle, Bill Evans, Chris Fedak, Adam Holena, Greg Josuweit, Thomas Kanios, Cody Komrowski, Pat Moss, Steve Olshemski, Chris Prater, Thomas Smith and Cody Starck.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

FOR THE TIMES LEADER/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK Joe Bevevino, Dallas, chips out of the sand on the ninth at Fox Hill Country Club

## Brown wins Tryba title; Dallas best team

Tunkhannock's Dakota Brown shot a 2-over 72 to win the individual medal in the Wyoming Valley Conference's Tom Tryba Pre-season Invitational Tournament at Fox Hill Country Club.

Dallas took home the team championship.

Brown beat out Dallas senior Joe Bevevino and Holy Redeemer's Michael Napkori who both fired 74s. Bevevino, who won the tournament as a freshman in 2004, and Napkori both had identical scores of 37 on their front and back nine.

While the individual top scores were tight, the race for the team championship was even closer.

Even though Bishop Hoban merged with Bishop Hafey, Bishop O'Reilly and Seton Catholic to form Holy Redeemer High School, the Wilkes-Barre school's competition with Dallas remains.

That was evident as Dallas, which has won the last two WVC



Dakota Brown, Tunkhannock, reads the ninth green at Fox Hill Country Club.

championships, beat Redeemer by one stroke to claim the team title with a score of 310.

Helping the Mountaineers to the title were Steve Sabol (76), Chris Skevofilax (79) and Andrew McCabe (81).