

OLD SHOE GAME YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

- 1948 - Kingston Township 14, Dallas Township 0
- 1949 - Lehman Township 7, Dallas Township 0
- 1950 - Lehman Township 20, Dallas Township 0
- 1951 - Dallas 20, Westmoreland 19
- 1952 - Westmoreland 19, Dallas Township 0
- 1953 - Lehman 21, Dallas Township 20
- 1954 - Lehman Township 12, Dallas Township 0
- 1955 - Westmoreland 6, Dallas Township 0
- 1956 - Three-way tie (Westmoreland, Lehman and Dallas)
- 1957 - Lehman Township 13, Dallas Township 6
- 1958 - Lehman 26, Westmoreland 6
- 1959 - Lehman 37, Westmoreland 0
- 1960 - Westmoreland 20, Lehman 7
- 1961 - Dallas 18, Lake-Lehman 7
- 1962 - Dallas 14, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1963 - Dallas 19, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1964 - Dallas 18, Lake-Lehman 6
- 1965 - Dallas 31, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1966 - Dallas 35, Lake-Lehman 14
- 1967 - Lake-Lehman 25, Dallas 0
- 1968 - Lake-Lehman 23, Dallas 0
- 1969 - Lake-Lehman 28, Dallas 8
- 1970 - Dallas 24, Lake-Lehman 14
- 1971 - Dallas 45, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1972 - Dallas 50, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1973 - Dallas 34, Lake-Lehman 6
- 1974 - Dallas 12, Lake-Lehman 7
- 1975 - Dallas 15, Lake-Lehman 7
- 1976 - Dallas 13, Lake-Lehman 7
- 1977 - Dallas 7, Lake-Lehman 6
- 1978 - Lake-Lehman 42, Dallas 14
- 1979 - Lake-Lehman 14, Dallas 7
- 1980 - Dallas 20, Lake-Lehman 19
- 1981 - Dallas 34, Lake-Lehman 6
- 1982 - Dallas 16, Lake-Lehman 16 (tie)
- 1983 - Dallas 16, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1984 - Lake-Lehman 33, Dallas 0
- 1985 - Dallas 7, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1986 - Dallas 15, Lake-Lehman 2
- 1987 - Dallas 27, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1988 - Dallas 21, Lake-Lehman 21 (tie)
- 1989 - Dallas 6, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1990 - Lake-Lehman 7, Dallas 0
- 1991 - Dallas 42, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1992 - Dallas 21, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1993 - Dallas 21, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1994 - Dallas 19, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1995 - Lake-Lehman 9, Dallas 0
- 1996 - Dallas 21, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1997 - Dallas 20, Lake-Lehman 12
- 1998 - Dallas 20, Lake-Lehman 0
- 1999 - Dallas 28, Lake-Lehman 7
- 2000 - Lake-Lehman 12, Dallas 7
- 2001 - Dallas 21, Lake-Lehman 14
- 2002 - Dallas 35, Lake-Lehman 0
- 2003 - Dallas 34, Lake-Lehman 7
- 2004 - Dallas 28, Lake-Lehman 14
- 2005 - Dallas 19, Lake-Lehman 16 (OT)
- 2006 - Dallas 35, Lake-Lehman 0

BLACK KNIGHTS LOOK TO AVENGE LAST YEAR'S LOSS



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Members of the Lake-Lehman football team are, from left, first row, first row: Ken Pollock, Remington Boyd, Matt Sikora, Dan McHugh, Wally Simko and Eli Foss. Second row, Bill Evans, Roger Jayne, Cody Lamoreaux, Vinny Johnstone, Scott Hizny, Joe Harrison, Ronnie Coolbaugh, Keith Roberts and Aaron Setzer. Third row, Tom Kanios, Steve Olschanski, Thomas Smith, Greg Josuweit, Adam Holena, Cody Stark, Nathan Volkel, Josh Brucher, Thomas Stepanowski and Tyler Barrall. Absent at the time of the photo were Dave Heller, Tom Tomolonis, Zach Cragle, Chris Fedak, Cody Komrowski, Pat Moss and Chris Prater.

MOUNTAINEERS HOPE TO RETAIN POSSESSION OF OLD SHOE TROPHY



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Members of the Dallas High School football team are, from left, first row Ryan Bump, Jim Monk, Chris Scharff, Tyler Patton, Chad Labar, Joe Murray, Neil Harris, Andrew Ondish, Sam Van Horn, Eric Baines, Mike Adams, Cody Plesnar and team manager Johnny McNeil. Second row, coach Kevin Arnaud, Mason Bullock, Damon Marth, Nick Lombard, Dean Chopka, Derek Martin, Scott Daube, Nick Mihal, Scott Gallup, Steve Meskers, Mark Szot, Taylor Dunn, Chris Pollick and coach John McNeil. Third row, coach Ted Jackson Jr., coach Mike Dunn, head coach Ted Jackson, Andrew Judge, Joe Hayes, Anthony Rubbico, Pat Murray, Fred Mihal, Kyle Arnaud, Joe Collini, Vito Recchia, Matt Luksic, Steve Pearson, Jeremy Fike, coach Bob Mahle and coach Clark Van Orden.

This back yard rivalry is one of oldest in area

In football, offense sells tickets, but defense wins championships - and the Old Shoe Game.

Last year's 35-0 win by Dallas marked the 29th time in 59 years the losing team has been held scoreless. And the losing team has been held to a touchdown or less in 47 of the 59 games.

In a 14-year period from 1983 to 1996, the losing team failed to score a touchdown in 13 games. Since that time, however, there have been only three shutouts. Dallas posted nine shutouts in head coach Ted Jackson's first 12 Old Shoe Games.

Speaking of Jackson, the veteran head coach has, by far, won the most games by any head coach in the Back Mountain rivalry. Jackson has compiled an 18-3-1 record in Old Shoe Games, including 11 shutout victories.

The longest winning streak - eight games - in the Old Shoe Game belongs to Dallas. The Mountaineers defeated Lake-Lehman every game from 1970-77. Dallas is approaching that streak, entering this year's contest with a six-year winning streak. The Black Knights last Old Shoe



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTO/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

The Old Shoe sits in a trophy case at the Dallas Senior High School after the Mountaineers won the 2006 match-up between Dallas and Lake-Lehman with a 35-0 victory.

victory took place in 2000, a 12-7 win at Dallas.

The Mountaineers have a 14-2 record in the game since 1991.

The first touchdown scored in an Old Shoe Game took place when Kingston Township receiver Bob Morgan took a handoff on a reverse and threw a 30-yard pass to teammate Dick Handley. The play led Kingston Township to a 14-7 win

against Dallas Township.

Last year, Lake-Lehman head coach Carl Kern became the first person to participate in the Old Shoe Game as a player and a head coach. The former Black Knight standout played for George Curry from 1967-69, with Lake-Lehman winning all three Old Shoe contests. The Black Knights outscored the Mountaineers by a combined score of 76-8 in the three games.

Lake-Lehman hasn't won as many games as Dallas since the Old Shoe Game began in 1948, but the Black Knights have been downright dominant in some games. Lehman has won the game by at least 25 points six times in the game's history, including a 33-0 win in 1984 and a 42-14 win in 1978.

The most lopsided Old Shoe Game took place in 1972, with Dallas posting a 50-0 win against the Black Knights. Lake-Lehman's biggest win since Dallas Township, Westmoreland and Dallas Borough high schools combined to form Dallas High School in 1961 was a 33-0 win

against the Mountaineers in 1984.

There have been three ties in Old Shoe history, but only two on the field. The Black Knights and Mountaineers battled to a 16-16 tie in 1982 and a 21-21 draw in 1988.

Three teams - Westmoreland, Lehman and Dallas - finished with identical records in 1956, so the trophy spent part of the next year at all three schools. The trophy was originally given to the team finishing the season with the best record against Back Mountain opponents.

Over the years, several players from the former Kingston Township High School have laid claim to being the one whose bronzed football cleat sits atop the Old Shoe trophy. The cleat most likely belonged to the late Dean Johnson, a 1950 Kingston Township graduate. The shoe was chosen by Kingston Township head coach Ted Zella from a pile of shoes worn by his players. Johnson passed away in 2001.

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Forget about Kern's record at Lake-Lehman. This guy can coach.

Last year, he took over a program that graduated 18 seniors from a 31-player roster. This year, despite having just six seniors, the Black Knights have been more than competitive in almost every game. With a few breaks,

Lake-Lehman could have easily been 7-2 or 6-3 entering the Old Shoe Game.

INTANGIBLES

Make no mistake, a win against Dallas would go a long way in helping the Black Knights forget about some of their misfortune this season. And, though it appears the Mountaineers will be competing in the District 2 or Eastern Conference playoffs, don't expect Dallas to be looking past its Back Mountain rivals. While Mountaineer seniors

such as Mihal, Murray and Hayes would love to keep their winning streak against Lake-Lehman alive, Black Knight seniors such as Pollock, Dan McHugh and Remington Boyd would love to walk off the field with the biggest win of their high school careers.

Two years ago, the teams


played in an epic contest - arguably the most exciting Old Shoe Game since its inception in 1948. On a beautiful fall night, with an overflow crowd packing the stadium, Dallas escaped with a 19-16 overtime win against Lake-Lehman.

If both teams play up to their

potential - and the weather cooperates - this year's game could be another classic.

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