

WYOMING VALLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Near-perfect Bobcats grab commanding victory over Rams

A TEAM

**Back Mountain 38
West Pittston 0**

The Bobcats played a near-perfect game against the West Pittston Rams last Sunday and came away with a commanding 38-0 victory.

The Bobcats' offensive line, led by Cody Long, Evan May, Adam Simmonette, Joey Vigil, Elija Vigil, Matt Druling and Pete Konnick, did an outstanding job opening holes for the running backs. The back field, led by Justin Butler, Dylan Pilger, Willy Mucha, Randy Zacharias, Brian Durling, Paul Ciaccia and Angelo Baltier scored five touchdowns and four two-point conversions.

Dylan Pilger led the team in rushing and had one touchdown and two two-point conversions. Willy Mucha and Justin Butler followed with two rushing touchdowns and two two-point conversions.

The defense, led by PJ Konnick, Austin Parry, Chris McCauley, Randy Zacharias, Elija Vigil, Brian Durling, Paul Ciaccia, Angelo Baltier, Justin Bulter, Dylan Pilger and Willy Mucha, turned in a flawless performance.

CJ McCauley and Angelo Baltier each recovered a fumble and Angelo Baltier added an interception for the Bobcats.

**Kingston Township 44
Swoyersville 0**

The Kingston Township Raiders A team improved their record to 2-0 as they defeated the Swoyersville Sailors, 44-0.

Matt Karuza and Shawn Spencer penetrated the backfield with an unrelenting pass rush, forcing the Swoyersville quarterback to throw two interceptions which were returned for touchdowns by JT Carey and Omar Nijmeh.

Kyle Kotulski and Cody Stenrich combined for 95 yards rushing behind the key blocking of Corey Stegman who also contributed with six solo tackles and a sack.

Matt Ross and Edmund Mesczynski kept pressure on the quarterback, neutralizing the Swoyersville passing assault.

B TEAM

**West Pittston 12
Back Mountain 6**

Despite putting up a gallant fight, the Bobcats suffered their second loss of the season.

The Bobcats' offense of Owen Morgan, Bob Oakley, Eric George, AJ Spears and Connor Kerkowski made great plays. Stellar defensive performances were turned in by Eric George, Devin Dickson, Cameron Brennan, Bob Oakley and Jack Tomko.

Standing strong defensively in the second quarter for the Bobcats were Zack Gabel, Artie Coolbaugh, Devin Dickson, Anthony Grandinetti, Adam Rosencrance, Erik Sweppensheiser and Tom Piatt.

After half-time, carries by Cameron Brennan and RJ Driscoll allowed Stone Mannello to score a 55-yard touchdown on a quarterback sweep. The two-point conversation attempt was unsuccessful and the Rams scored again to end the game.

**Kingston Township 38
Swoyersville 0**

The Kingston Township Raiders B Team defeated the Swoyersville Sailors, 38-0, in their first home game of the season, giving them their second consecutive shutout.

The defensive effort was led by Ricky Morgan with two interceptions, one going 40 yards for a touchdown. Nicholas Mathers and Peter Capitano added two more. The defensive line kept the Sailors' running game in check for most of the afternoon. This effort was led by Conner Motley and Jason Culp. There was solid linebacker play from Kyle Piskorik and Brett Storrs while Matthew Mathers and Christian Roberts were solid at corner all afternoon.

Several players factored into the Raiders' scoring. Brett Storrs had a 45-yard touchdown run against a stubborn Sailors' defense. Ryan Martin scored on a quarterback keeper. Michael Golden had a blast up the middle for a touchdown. Peter Capitano had a 30-yard run for a score. Mitch Kelly topped things off with a 10-yard quarterback keeper.

There was solid blocking all afternoon led by Abdul Almecky, David Edwards and Michael Golden.

C TEAM

**Back Mountain 12
West Pittston 0**

The Bobcats got their first victory of the season with a 12-0 defeat of the West Pittston Rams.

The Bobcats' defense came out strong, keeping the first half scoreless. During the first half, Zach Hill recovered a fumble for the Bobcats while Huey Quentin, Gage Mitchell, Cole Robbins, Cole Wyfells and Hunter Landon turned in stellar defensive performances.

Nick Whitesell scored first for the Bobcats early in the second half. The two-point attempt was unsuccessful but the Bobcats were up, 6-0.

The offensive efforts of Bradley



Stone Mannello (No. 4) breaks a tackle to score for the Back Mountain Bobcats in B team action.

Adams, Zach Bloom. Joseph Deyo, Josh Durling, Ian Evans and Nate Hazeltine, coupled with fourth-quarter carries by backs Nat O'Donnell and Nate LaBar, led to the Bobcats' success.

Whitesell scored again in the fourth quarter for the Bobcats, assuring the Back Mountain victory. Injured player Ryan Wolken served as water boy for his teammates.

**Dallas 16
Plymouth 8**

Josh Lydon and Todd Phillips each scored a touchdown and a two-point conversion against Plymouth as the Jr. Mounts defeated the Shawnee Indians, 16-8. Ethan Mooney, Joe Brennan and Michael Huntington provided armored support for the ball control running game.

Colin Dempsey, Austin Goldsmith and Blaine Rex anchored the defense. Dalton Simpson and Ethan Zawatski made big plays on both sides of the ball.

**Dallas 20
Kingston 6**

The Dallas Jr. Mounts grabbed an opening weekend 20-6 win

over the Kingston Huskies.

Jay Bittner sprinted for three touchdowns and Joshua Lydon added a two-point conversion to lead the Jr. Mounts. Jerry Ogurkis, Sean Henninger and Jake Weiland led the offensive charge by creating plenty of running room all day.

The defense put in a strong effort led by the play of Drew Patton, Connor Maloney and Steven Newell who all registered tackles for a loss.

**Kingston Township 22
Swoyersville 0**

The Kingston Township Raiders C team improved to 2-0 on the season with a convincing 22-0 victory over the Swoyersville Sailors.

The Raiders got touchdown runs from Devin Robbins, David Schuster and Michael Doggett. Christian Motley had a conversion run as well.

Leading the way up front with some strong blocking were Carl Markowski, Moustafa Almecky and Max Dzugan. Defensively, KT was just as strong behind the

solid tackling and pressure of Kyle McAndrew, Connor Markham, Justin Finarelli and Chris Carver.

Derek Answini had an interception, a fumble recovery and a two-point conversion for the victors.

D TEAM

**Dallas 30
Plymouth 8**

The Dallas Jr. Mounts played a tough game against the Plymouth Indians last week, taking home a 30-8 victory.

Dallas took an early lead on a touchdown run by Freddie Lombardo after key blocks by Josh Peters and Christian Sebastianelli sprung Lombardo free for a 60-yard run around the right end.

Plymouth came right back with a 12-play touchdown drive of its own. The Dallas defense, led by Ethan Sult, Ryan Maloney and Jared Adamski, then took over, shutting down the Indians for the balance of the game.

The Dallas offense would add two more scores by Hunter Love and Jack Gallis.

**Kingston Township 24
Swoyersville 8**

The Raiders beat the Swoyersville Sailors, 24-8.

Swoyersville struck first with a potent passing game; however, with strong performances from Jason Puza, Blake Perrego and Scott McClaughlin, the Raiders held off a strong second-half drive.

Offensively, the Raiders' line held tough behind great blocking by Jackson Wydra, Andrew Gryskewicz, Jacob Sorber who gave the running backs some breathing room and made scoring possible.

**Back Mountain 20
West Pittston 6**

The Back Mountain Bobcats were victorious over the West Pittston Rams, 20-6.

Bobcat touchdowns were scored by Daniel Meuser and Leonard Kelly while centers Kyle Sweppenheiser and Gavin Wolken did a great job snapping the ball for the quarterback.

Defense standout was Bryan Morio.

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAM



Members of the Dallas High School dance team are Irina Ackerman, first row. From left, second row, Olivia Sod and Amanda Kornak. Third row, Caitlyn Metz and Masha Ackerman.

SPORTS BRIEFS

DYB sets registration

Dallas Youth Basketball will hold registration for its boys and girls winter leagues from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 15, and Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Wyalis Elementary cafeteria.

Players in grades three through eight who reside in the Dallas School District are eligible.

Call George Gracely at 406-8642 with questions.

Stingrays seek soccer players

Anyone interested in joining the Back Mountain Stingrays U11 girls travel soccer team is asked to call Dennis at 760-4893.

Makowski is champion

Chase Makowski successfully defended the Jr. Club Championship at Lehman Golf Club by shooting a 74 on Saturday and one over par 69 on Sunday. A member of the Lehman Golf Club and the Wyoming Valley Country Club, Makowski is an eighth-grade student at Gate of Heaven School.

DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS



Members of the Dallas High School 2009-2010 cheerleading squad are, from left, Samantha Tencza, Samantha Lentz, Bryann Cave, Erika Sims, Jennifer Yannuzzi and Kelsie Sincavage. Second row, Bethany Fiorello, Alyssa Charney, Megan Johnson, Amelia Pietraccini, Amanda Mikolaitis, Lauren Gallagher and Sara Evans.