

BOBCATS

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Nick Whitesell found Stone Mannello for another Bobcat touchdown. With just minutes left in the half, Exeter scored again, inching its way to an 18-12 margin.

The Bobcats came out strong and Mannello scored again, putting the Bobcats ahead, 24-12.

The defensive line of Kayla Bidding, Zack Hil, Quinten Huey, Marcus Steele, Jack Symeon and Ryan Wolken kept the Panthers from scoring in the second half.

During the fourth quarter, both Nick Whitesell and RJ Driscoll had touchdowns for the Bobcats to give them their second win of the season.

C TEAM

Kingston Township 32 Ed/Lark 6

The Kingston Township Raiders C team improved to 4-1 on the season with a convincing 32-6 victory over the Ed/Lark Hurricanes.

Mason Gattuso scored two touchdowns, including a long interception return for the Raiders. Derek Answini got KT on the board first with an early touchdown run and Michael Starbuck added the final score.

Conversions were made by Michael Anderson, Matt Maransky, Gattuso and Kyle McAndrew.

The offensive line was effective all day with some key blocks by Dylan Schuster, Christian Motley, Elliot Bowden and Troy Turinski.

Defensively, the Raiders played equally as well with some nice tackles made by Michael Doggett, Scott McGlaughlin, Michael Christman, Josh Balara and Devon Butwin.

Back Mountain 18 Exeter 12

The Bobcat C team won its second straight game with an 18-12 win over the Exeter Panthers.

The offensive line, led by

Darren Wyfells, Brian Morio, Dakota Heinrich, Josh Durling, Tommy Michak, Billy Martin, Sean Sabaluski, Brandon and Garrett Porasky, Nico Giambra and Brice Taylor, handled the rushing attack.

Michael Lee, Lenny Kelly, Dan Meuser and Holly Ondish all had huge gains running the ball. Lenny Kelly had two touchdowns for Back Mountain and Dan Meuser added the third touchdown.

The defense was led by Matt Schnable, Cole Robbins, Ben Yanchik, Davey Janorski, Gavin Wolken, Billy Martin, Josh Durling, Michael Lee, Dan Meuser and Dakota Heinrich.

Dallas 30

Tunkhannock 14

The Dallas Jr. Mounts C team improved to 5-0 with a 30-14 victory over Tunkhannock.

The Dallas defense confused the Tigers by giving them a number of different looks as everyone on the team played defense at some point in the game.

Jack Zeyher, Hunter Love, Cole Dewees and John Cantando were in the Tigers backfield all day.

The offense was led by Steven Newell, Todd Phillips, Jacob Esposito and Sean Cuba.

D TEAM

Dallas 26

Tunkhannock 6

The Dallas defense, led by Colby Klinetob, Matthew Esposito, Nick Biniek and Ethan Sult, held its ground all day, allowing only a second-half TD.

Along with their work on defense, Mike Ropietski and Joey Peters also had a great running day for Dallas.

The Dallas Junior Mounts D-team took control of the game with a touch down run by Jared Adamski on its first play.

Brennan Eggleston scored two touchdowns and Lucas Shultz added another as Dallas improved to 3-1-1.

Matthew Lukasavage converted the only 2-point conversion for the Jr. Mounts.

Alex Hajkowski, Scott Siglin, Mark Karcutskie and Josh Peters paved the way for the running backs all day long.



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Back Mountain Bobcats B Team defensive back Kayla Bidding talks about playing on a typically all boys' youth football team before a game against Edwardsville-Larksville.



Back Mountain Bobcats C Team running back Holly Ondish heads to the sideline during a game against Edwardsville-Larksville.

LADIES

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the team, but has already fallen in love with the sport. The Wycallis Elementary student from Dallas enjoys being "one of the boys" and her mother couldn't be more proud.

"Win or lose, I'll bet you she'll be wearing that jersey tomorrow at school," said Marilyn Bidding, Kayla's mom.

The petite tackler now looks forward to playing football in high school because of her experience with the Bobcats. Her dedication is unwavering - she even blew off her 11th birthday to practice plays with her brother Ernie in the Biddings' backyard.

"This is her passion," said Marilyn. "She found her niche."

This fearless fifth-grader got her start admiring the Steelers' strong safety Troy Polamalu, whose long and lustrous locks made Bidding think he was a fellow female player.

"She told me, 'Mom, I want to be just like him,'" said Marilyn, also an avid Steelers fan.

Bidding didn't back down

when she started playing the game and credits wrestling with her brother as having prepared her for the necessary roughness of the sport.

"It can get tough, but once you get taught how to do it, it's easy," she said.

Bidding's brother, Ernie, plays for the A Team and is excited for his little sis to excel at the sport. Bidding and her 13-year-old brother are so close, she chose the number 97 to reflect his birthday.

"I think it's downright awesome," he said. "It's fun to watch another person in the house play football."

Football is a big deal for the whole family. Bidding's twin sister Dasha is a cheerleader on the B Team who didn't want to see her sister get hurt on the field.

"At first, I thought she was crazy (for wanting to play football)," Dasha said of her sister. "Now, I'm not worried."

Bidding feels it doesn't matter who wants to play football, as long as the player is passionate about the game.

"As long as you have the heart and the courage, you can do it," she said. "You can do anything you put your mind to."

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