

**Kern's Homerun
Tops Williamsport
Gordon Miller Loses
No-Hitter In Sixth**

Shortstop Charlie Kern blasted a mammoth home run in the bottom of the sixth inning to put Back Mountain in the leads in the State Championship with a 2-1 win over Williamsport Friday.

Williamsport's Gordon Miller, pitching superbly for five innings and fanning fourteen of a possible fifteen hitters not only lost his bid for a no-hitter on Kern's clout but also the ball game.

Williamsport finally broke the ice after Miller and Dubil had hurled three innings of shutout ball against each other with a run in the top of the fourth.

After Miller struckout to start the inning, Bloom stroked a two-strike pitch to center, Welliver was safe on an error by Townsend before Welteroth struckout for the second out. With a 3-0 count on Ranck, manager Sponseller ordered an intentional walk, loading the bases. Buss then hit a grounder to Morris which he kicked around allowing Bloom to score before Dean Shaffer fanned to end the rally.

Miller recorded his tenth strikeout to start the fourth, but Townsend was safe on an error by Ranck for the fourth Back Mountain base-runner. Miller's three wild pitches before striking out Jones brought Townsend around with the tying run to set the stage for a possible extra inning game.

Kern Homers
After Dubil retired the side in order in the top of the fifth, Cook broke Miller's string of twelve straight strikeouts by hunting but was thrown out, pitcher to first. Miller then followed with his 13 and 14th strikeouts.

Dubil again retired Williamsport in the top of the sixth.
Back Mountain at the top of its batting order with Kern, Dubil and Townsend scheduled to bat in the last of the sixth meant that Miller had his work cut out for him even though he had handled them all previously without too much trouble.
Kern, first man up, wasted no time in settling the issue when he picked out an 1-0 pitch and laced it some 230 feet over the right centerfield fence to "bring home the bacon" in the semi-finals. ONE MORE TO GO!

Game Highlights

Miller unable to have much success with his fastball, curved the Back Mountain hitters to death getting them to bite at several offerings in the dirt.

Back Mountain probably saw the best pitching it will see from here on out after the way Miller pitched. He also issued 3 walks.

Dubil, on the other hand, walked one while whiffing eleven and threw the Williamsport hitters off stride with his baffling change-up following fastballs.

Williamsport			
Turi, 2b	AB	R	H
Den Shaffer, 1b	3	0	0
Miller, p	3	0	0
Bloom, c	3	1	1
Welliver, cf	3	0	0
Welteroth, rf	3	0	0
Ranck, ss	1	0	0
Buss, lf	2	0	0
Dean Shafer, 3b	2	0	0
TOTALS	23	1	2
Back Mountain			
Morris, 3b	AB	R	H
Martin, rf	3	0	0
Kern, ss	3	1	1
Dubil, p	2	0	0
Townsend, 1b	1	1	0
Jones, cf	1	0	0
Parry, 2b	1	0	0
Jenkins, lf	2	0	0
Cook, c	1	0	0
TOTALS	17	2	1

**DALLAS CHAMPS WILL
HAVE MASSACHUSETTS
FANS AT GAME TODAY**

Back Mountain All-Stars will have a family of Massachusetts rooters this afternoon at the Little League game in Medford, when Mrs. T. M. B. Hicks' daughter, Persis, conveys three Little Leagueers of her own to the stands.
Dick, Scotty and Kim will cheer for the Back Mountain boys. Scotty and Dick both played on championship teams in Boulder, Colorado, last year. Kim, pint size, is coming up in the world of sports. Persis has another potential Little League coming along. Colin, who lacks a year of being old enough for even the Pee-Wee team. Their father, Captain Charles Scoggins, has been playing ball with his boys ever since they could stand up.

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New Champs Of Back Mountain Teener's League



The East Dallas winning team pictured here, kneeling in the front row, left to right: Robert Stanton, David Caffrey, Mike Bell, Jim Steinhauer, and Bill Roberts; third row, Roy Supulski, Scholl and Tom Harris; second row, Martin, Fred Gosart and manager, Curt Bynon. Absent when picture was taken was Gene Shelly.

**East Dallas Wins Teener's League Title
With Impressive 14-1 Season's Record**

**Don Martin Is
Outstanding Pitcher**
Fans who followed teen-age baseball this season know that in Don Martin, East Dallas pitcher, the area may have the finest pitcher that has come along in several years. Combining great speed and unusual control for a young pitcher, Don has been able to baffle the big bats of opposing teams all season. With proper handling Don can make a name for himself in the baseball world.

On the strong right arms of pitchers Don Martin and Mike Bell, coupled with a flock of stolen bases, the East Dallas Teener's team surged to victory in the long, 15-game season to win their first pennant in many years.
Pitcher Don Martin was a stand-out on the mound ending the year with a perfect 10-0 record and Mike Bell came through with a 4-1 total. Martin averaged 10.4 strikeouts per game, Bell 7 per game.
The team leads the league in stolen bases as Gosart stole 28, Harris 22, Bachman 20, Shelly 15, Supulski 12 and Martin 16.
The booming bats of the league leaders were more than the opposing teams could handle as most every game was won by a lopsided score, the biggest being a 16-run total for East Dallas. Tops in the batting column were Gosart, batting

Trophies On Display

The three beautiful trophies won by Back Mountain All-Stars in Little League competition so far this year are on display in the lobby of Dallas Branch of Miners National Bank. The trophies represent Anthracite Championship, District Championship and State Championship.

LL Play-off Highlights

By GEORGE McCUTCHEON
In Friday's win over Williamsport one of the less talked about feats was First Baseman Townsend's speed in getting around with the tying run. If he had not scored that run it could easily have been an extra inning game.
Two fellows who were not fooled by Miller's curves in the Williamsport game were Cook and Townsend. They stood in close to the plate and got wood on the ball.
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Mellman were present to root for the local lads.
Kopp, Phoenixville's pitcher, surprised a lot of local fans with his easy motion and seemingly "nothing ball. This young guy had a sinker that dropped a foot away from the hitter as was evident as he fanned thirteen.
Our boys faced two pitchers who did nothing with a plain old fashioned fast ball. The Williamsport hurler, Miller, and Kopp of Phoenixville, hurled curves all day. Can't help but wonder how long their arms can take that at their age. Miller grabbed his arm in pain during the second inning of play on Friday.
Williamsport managers and fans howled loud and long that Kern had stepped out of the batter's box when he hit his homer in the climactic sixth. They stated that they wouldn't play the consolation game on Saturday as a result of league officials refusing to recognize their beef about Kern's homer. They played however when the realization that a refusal to play would eliminate them from any chance for Little League playoff competition in the future.
When our boys went over to the Williamsport dugout after the victory they received the cold shoulder from the losers. Our own manager, Bill Sponseller, told the Williamsport manager and players that if he lost on Saturday he wouldn't disgrace the series by poor sportsmanship. After the game on Saturday, the Phoenixville coach was one of the strongest supporters in the cheers for our local victors. A distinct contrast from the previous day.
Thornton, shortstop for Phoenixville, was the most feared hitter in series play. He looked like Ernie Banks at the plate and played a beautiful game all short.
The smallest All Star we have seen to date was Turi of Williamsport. This mighty mite stood all of four feet if he was an inch. He was used as a lead off hitter and had many walks in that capacity as rival hurlers found the strike zone so small to hit. Dubil had no trouble with it and got him out every time.
Dubil's change up is something most fans are not recognizing. He had the Williamsport batters off stride all afternoon. In fact he had Miller, his opposing hurler fooled so badly, that he swung early and hit the ball with his fist coming around in front of his body.
Kern didn't need a changeup. He merely overpowered the opposition and that was that.
Seems like some parents are hurting the hitters of the Little League, by offering dollars for homers. That has some of the boys swinging for the fences and hitting nothing. Why not do this. Let's give a boy a half dollar for every hit; a nickel for every put out, a nickel for every

**Little League All-Stars Win
Penna. State Championship**

Back Mountain Little League All-Stars became the first team from Luzerne County to capture the Pennsylvania Little League State Championship Saturday afternoon at Williamsport.

Back Mountain beat Phoenixville, the favorite in the playoffs, 1-0 behind the strong right arm of Charlie Kern who just the day before put the locals lads into the final with a dramatic last inning homer to beat Williamsport Memorial 2-1.

Local teams making the tournament in the past include North End (2), Pittston and Plains. North End advanced to the finals in 1956 only to drop a 4-1 decision to Upper Darby.

Having gained the championship of Pennsylvania, Back Mountain is participating in the Eastern Regional Play-offs in an attempt to gain a berth in the Little League World Series in Williamsport next week.

Phoenixville, an early favorite, was a heavy favorite after shellacking Carmichael 12-1 in the first semi-final game Friday afternoon.

Fans after observing the way Phoenixville hitters feasted on 3 Carmichael hurlers Friday, figured their team would have little trouble backing into championship, but they got the surprise of their life when the fastballing Kern breezed pitch after pitch past each batter. Seldom did the boys from Valley Forge area get the wood around in time to get a piece of the ball.

First Inning Tells Tale
Back Mountain scored the only run of the game in the first inning and that told the story as Kern pitched another strong game to blank the opposition.

Morris fanned to start the game for Back Mountain but Martin followed with an infield hit down the third base line, beating Byrne's throw to first by a step. Dubil followed with a hot smash off the third sacker's glove putting runners on first and second. It looked as though Phoenixville's pitcher Kopp might be out of a jam after striking out Kern, but Townsend was safe on an error by shortstop Thornton, loading the bases. Kopp then proceeded to walk Jones to force in the winning run.

Gets Stronger
Back Mountain failed to get a hit off the young righthander after the first frame as he got stronger, recording 13 strikeouts while walking 3, almost good enough pitching to win any ball game.

Back Mountain had two other mild scoring threats, in the second when Jenkins walked and moved to third on two wild pitches but Kopp fanned the next three hitters; then in the sixth Townsend was safe on an error and stole second only to be stranded as Jones fanned and Parry was out when Labosh knocked down a hard smash and stepped on first.

Kern In Control
Kern was in control of the game most of the way allowing only one runner to reach second base, Johnson in the fourth.

After Phoenixville lead-off batter singled over second to lead off the first, Kern bore down to fan Reifanyder and Labosh before Jim Johnson fled to Jones in center.

Phoenixville got its last hit when Nattle poked a 2-strike pitch to left-field to lead-off but again Kern fanned the next two hitters and Reifanyder popped to Townsend for the final out.

After Labosh struckout for the second time to lead off the fourth, Jim Johnson walked and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Kern regained using all his Moxie fanned Byrne and Kopp when it looked as though Phoenixville might tie the game at 1-1.

In the bottom of the sixth Kern had his work cut out for him facing the top of the order, Thornton, Reifanyder and Labosh.
Thornton hit a smash to Morris and the third sacker threw out the speedy colored boy by a half stride for the first out.

With the Back Mountain rooters cheering with his every pitch Kern calmly whiffed Reifanyder and Labosh to wrap up the title.
Labosh, the big first-sacker for Phoenixville, went down via the strikeout route three times. Going into the contest, he had connected for 15 homeruns in Little League seasonal and play-off games.

Fanfare
Kern, Dubil and Gordon Miller, Williamsport pitcher who lost a 1-

hitter, 2-1 in the semi-finals Friday, were by far the fastest hurlers to date in the play-offs witnessed by Back Mountain fans.

Charlie Kern and Eddie Dubil made the front page of the Williamsport Sun-Gazette after the dramatic 2-1 win Friday. Mary Louise Reidy sang the National Anthem prior to the championship game Saturday. Miss Reidy is a music instructor in Williamsport schools and is blind.
Back Mountain now has swept past nine opponents, five wins being by one run margins. Steve Townsend was the only Back Mountain hitter that did not strikeout in the 2 play-off games.

Huge Parade
Over 1,000 fans made the trip to Williamsport to see the Little Leagueurs in action but the boys probably got one of the biggest thrills when they arrived at the foot of Lehman Hill, on route 118 where seven fire trucks met them along with a huge crowd.

The boys were put on the trucks and a caravan stretching at least two miles paraded down the Highway around Harveys Lake back to Dallas, Shavertown and Trucksville then back to Dallas where the boys were treated to a meal at Colonial Restaurant compliments Wilson Gardner of Dallas Dairy.

Back Mt.

Morris, 3b	ab	r	h
Martin, rf	3	0	1
Dubil, ss	3	0	1
Kern, p	3	0	0
Townsend, 1b	3	0	0
Jones, cf	1	0	0
Parry, 2b	3	0	0
Jenkins, lf	1	0	0
Cook, c	2	0	0
TOTALS	22	1	2

Phoenixville

Thornton, ss	ab	r	h
Reifanyder, lf	3	0	0
Labosh, 1b	3	0	0
J. Johnson, c	1	0	0
Byrne, 3b	2	0	0
Kopp, p	2	0	0
S. Johnson, rf	2	0	0
Nattle, cf	2	0	1
Morrow, 2b	2	0	0
TOTALS	20	0	2

Champs Acclaimed At "Great Day For Back Mountain"

By LEIGHTON SCOTT
"Back Mountain State Champs", "Back Mountain Strikes Again", "All The Way, Back Mountain All-Stars", "Pittston Booze Back Back Mountain".
Most of the "State-Champ" signs were tucked discreetly in trunks till after the show. But there was no question where our hearts were. Back Mountain roared together at the Little League State Championship game at Williamsport Saturday, as it had Friday in the elimination game, and the kids took the title.
I don't know how you felt, but while I nibbled at my hamburger at ten minutes to the national anthem, I began to lose my nerve as a spectator. Phoenixville murdered Carmichael 12-1, eh? "Don't worry", sneered Jim Lohman, "that Carmichael pitcher was a candy-arm".
After the game started, all I could do was smirk sinistery every time Kern cooled another one past the bewildered batter.
Report from the photographers box to the right of homeplate: Photographer for the Phoenixville paper was very quiet. The last words I got out of him were "Where about is Back Mountain?" I guess we showed him.
Phoenixville stands didn't hold a candle to Back Mountain for making "noise for the team." Our fans were all-stars themselves.
Williamsport, fresh from the close loss Friday and the close-win consolation game Saturday morning, were hopping mad at Back Mountain, alleging that Kern stepped out of the box en route to powdering Friday's game out of the park. They leaned over the Phoenixville fence, insulted the umpire, and blew a assist, a dime for every run batted in and any other ideas you can think of.
We don't agree with paying boys to do these things but if you are going to do this then let's be fair to the coaches and don't have these kids looking only for a homerun ball. How can Cook, Parry and some of the other boys hope to grab that dollar with their size.
In one of the games at Williamsport, one of the hitters refused to bunt when the sign was given. The reason, you guessed it, he was looking for that homerun ball for his dollar.
To give you an idea of the type of pitching our boys faced get this record of Williamsport's pitcher Miller: Before our game he had fanned 49 hitters out of the 68. After our game his record was 63 out of 83.
Phoenixville hitters had amassed twelve homers in playoff competition going into the fray against Kern.
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