

# The boys are champs!



**OUT AT FIRST**--Second baseman Mike Janosik was really serious when he threw the East Scranton player out at first in Monday night's game. (Photo by Mark Moran)

In the game between the Back Mountain National All Stars and East Scranton played Monday night at Scranton, the Nationals won the close contest by a 4-2 score.

East Scranton's pitcher, Tim Lutz appeared to have everything under control for his team as he limited the powerful hitters of the Back Mountain National All Stars to one hit and no runs for the first four innings of the game.

The East Scranton boys went on the board in the first inning when Joe Keenan scored on Rich McCroney's double with two out. The District 17 team added another run in the third when Dana Howard led off with a walk, stole second and went to third when Ellis Wilner grounded out to first. Lutz walked and Howard scored on a long sacrifice fly.

Going into the fifth inning with the East Scranton All-Stars leading 2-0, Mark

Steinkirshner led off by reaching first on an error and stole second before Bill Boyle went to first on an error. Steinkirshner moved to third on the play.

Jim Boughton walked to load the bases and pitcher Chris Wargo went to first on an error while Steinkirshner crossed the plate with Back Mountain's first run. Catcher Chris Michael drove a double to right centerfield scoring Boyle and Boughton. The fielder's throw to the plate went high over the pitcher's head and Wargo came in with a run to give the Nationals a 4-2 lead which they held.

In July 25 game with Dupont at the Dallas field, the Back Mountain Nationals defeated the team 21-0 to win the District 16 title.

Dr. Herbert Oliver, District 16 administrator, presented the District 16 championship banner to

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**OH NO!**--Pitcher Chris Dombek throws her hands up in dismay as Guilford's third baseman tags her out at third in the game at Tunkhannock Saturday evening. The local team won 12-5. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

# The girls are champs!

Back Mountain American All-Stars girls softball team left for Williamsport Wednesday to compete in the state championship after defeating Guilford All-Stars, Saturday afternoon, at Tunkhannock.

The 12-5 win over the District 14 team gave the Back Mountain girls the sectional title after they took the District 16 by defeating Mountaintop 5-4, West Pittston 5-2, and the Back Mountain National All-Stars 19-7.

The Americans defeated Canton 12-2, District 17 champions before defeating Guilford of District 14 for the Regional 3 championship.

The Back Mountain team put two runs on the board in the bottom half of the first winning paced by Tammy Letteer, who led off with a triple and then stole home. Letteer went 2-2 at the plate.

Guilford scored two runs in their half of the third to tie the game at 2-2 but the local girls came back in the bottom half of the inning and scored two runs to move in front 4-2. They scored two more runs in the fourth to go ahead 6-2.

Guilford came on strong in the top half of the fifth to come within one run of a 6-6 tie when they scored three runs but the local team rallied for four runs in the fifth and iced the game with two more in the sixth for the 12-5 win.

Debbie Shone drove in two runs with a long double to the outfield. Coleen Leaf and Kin Reese had two singles each and Leaf knocked in three runs. Carie Lehon also had a single for the Americans.

Chris Dombek picked up the win. Lori Schewkper was credited with the loss.

On Wednesday evening, July 25, the American All-Stars defeated Canton 12-2 at the Dallas Little League field.

Tammy Letteer picked

up the win giving up only four hits while fanning four and walking four. Lisa McMurray was the losing pitcher for Canton.

Setting the pace for the local team were Tammy Letteer with two hits, two stolen bases and one RBI; Tammy Sutton with a double.

Others starring at the plate for the Back Mountain team were Kim Reese with a single two RBI's, Debbie Shone, one hit, one RBI, Coleen Leaf, one hit, one RBI, Susann Gomba, one hit, one RBI,

Lori Lehon, one hit, and Barb Eyt, a hit.

The Back Mountain Americans will meet Minersville, representing Section 4, Thursday at 11:30 a.m. If victorious they will play for the state title Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

The winner of Saturday's game will advance to the Eastern Regionals. The loser of Thursday's game will play Friday afternoon in a consolation game.

Bob Shotwell is coach of the Back Mountain team, assisted by Janice Phillips, manager, and Jim Reese, statistician.

## Sports



**DISTRICT CHAMPS**--Back Mountain National Little League All Stars proudly display the District 16 championship banner they won by defeating Dupont last week. Kneeling are Mark Steinkirshner, Chris Michael; first row, Jim Boughton, Earl Weidner, Steve Wilson, Gil

Roosen, Paul Malak, Billy Boyle, Mark Farrell, Mike Janosik, Mike Burba, Craig Rome; back row, Ed Janosik, coach; A. J. Bittner, Chris Wargo, Joe Boyle, coach. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

## Back Mt. Hawks bow 12-8 to Twin Cities

The Back Mountain Hawks failed to break the spell cast over them by the league-leading Twin Cities team of the Tri-County League last Saturday as they went to

### Masotti's hole-in-one recognized

Joseph V. Masotti of 106 Franklin Street Dallas, Pa is eligible to win a free trip to Scotland and \$1,000 as a result of scoring a hole-in-one at the Eagles Mere Country Club.

Mr. Masotti's ace qualified him for the 19th annual Rusty Nail Hole-in-one Sweepstakes, a national competition sponsored by the Drambuie Liqueur Company of Edinburgh, Scotland.

The winner will be announced early next year.

defeat by a 12-8 score. Jim Mahon started for the Hawks and fanned five at the plate before he was relieved in the top half of the eighth inning by Vince Stryjewski.

Twin Cities went in front 2-0 in the top half of the second. Craif Yanchik, Don Spencer and Chris Yanchik paced the Hawks to a four-run rally in the third to give the

Back Mountain team a 4-2 lead.

The Hawks hopes for a win over the Twins were short-lived when the league leaders pushed six runs across the top of the fourth to go ahead 8-4. They added one run in the sixth, one in the seventh and two in the top of the ninth leading 12-4 going into the bottom half of the final inning.

The Hawks erupted for four runs in the ninth inning but were stopped cold by the Twin Cities defense.

Twin Cities goes into the playoffs this weekend with a 20-0 record while the Back Mountain Hawks and Mifflinville were scheduled to play Tuesday night to determine the second place team. Both have a 14-6

record.

Winner of Tuesday night's game will have the home field advantage in the best two out of three playoff series. North Berwick will meet Twin Cities in the playoffs while the Hawks and Mifflinville meet.

Winners of these games will play each other to determine the season championship.

## Dallas Baptist, Sweet Valley lead in Bible Fellowship

Regular season honors in the Bible Fellowship Softball League will be riding on the outcome of the game Tuesday evening between Dallas Baptist and Sweet Valley Church-one of three contests scheduled in the final frame of regular season games in the league.

Sweet Valley and Dallas Baptist at the end of last week were tied for top place in the loop with

records of seven wins and a loss. Tuesday evening, Sweet Valley played at Noxen and Dallas Baptist journeyed to Roaring Brook. In the other game scheduled Tuesday, July 31, Dallas Community played at Centermoreland against Northmoreland Baptist.

In other games scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, Bloomingdale will be guests of Dallas Community and Noxen

will travel to Roaring Brook with Northmoreland Baptist having the bye.

Postseason championship playoffs in the league will get underway on Tuesday, Aug. 13. Rev. Wayne Brooks of Dallas, league coordinator, stated, with all seven teams competing.

Initial round of playoff games will send team finishing in the No. 2 spot against the No. 7 team;

Team No. 3 will play team No. 6, and teams No. 4 and No. 5 playing each other. Team No. 1 will have a bye for the initial round. Winners will play semi-final round of games on Saturday, August 19, and the championship finals will be played on Tuesday, August 20.

Here's how the standings of the teams shaped up at the end of last week's play: Sweet Valley and Dallas Baptist 7-1 each; Dallas Community 5-3; Bloomingdale 4-5; Northmoreland 3-6; Noxen Independent Bible Church 3-7, and Roaring Brook 1-7.

### Missed photo

In the photo run last week of the Division II Senior Girls Yankee Softball team. Alissa Woicicki was absent when the picture was taken.

## State tourney next



**MISSED**--Third baseman Coleen Leaf goes to the ground and misses the ball as she stops it from going into the outfield but the Guilford player is safe on third in the Back Mountain American All Stars game with Guilford last Saturday won by the local girls 12-5. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)



**SAFE ON THIRD**--Back Mountain manager Janice Phillips roots for the next American All Star batter as a team member is safe on third on a steal from second in the game with Guilford on Saturday. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

## Handicapped riding school seeks help

Red Rascal and Page V are just two of the hunters at Borrowdale Acres' Stables, Lower Demunds Road, Dallas. They have earned many ribbons and trophies in the showing and now they are being trained for a different task; a task which will not led to blue ribbons or

bronze trophies, but will make them true champions in the eyes of a handicapped rider.

Red Rascal and Page V are part of the newly organized Borrowdale Acres Exceptional Riders' School at the Dallas location. The school which hopes to

open in August will provide handicapped children and adults with the chance to learn to ride in a safe, controlled setting, leading where possible to independent riding.

Georgann Kostenbauer, of Dallas, the program's director, was

introduced to riding for the handicapped, while doing independent research projects at Penn State University.

Eventually, Ms. Kosenbauer studied under the directors of various NARHA approved

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