

Sports

Two No-Hitters Bring Titles To Back Mtn.



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Members of the District 16 Girls' Senior League All-Star championship team from the Back Mountain National League display their championship banner after they topped Mountaintop 10-0 for their second straight District title. The game was played at the Back Mountain field.

Beth Finn Fans 13 To Pace Girls To Second-Straight Title

Back Mountain National made it two in a row as Beth Finn pitched a no-hitter to lead the locals over Mountaintop 10-0 for Back Mountain's second straight District 16 Girls' Senior Little League title. Finn struck out 13 and walked just one in her no-hitter, and she benefited from a bad day on the part of Mountaintop's pitchers and from an outstanding hitting attack by her

own team. Mountaintop committed five errors behind Patsy Rinehimer and Lori Pleiscott, who walked 16 Back Mountain batters between them. The champions scored three runs in the first inning, two in the second and four in the third to put the game away early. Joyce Tinner had two hits, including a double, to lead the Lady

Mount attack. Noel Kuznicki, who caught the no-hitter, had three RBI, two of them coming in the second inning with a two-out double.

Pam Coolbaugh drove in two of the three first-inning runs with a single. Pleiscott pitched most of the game in relief of Rinehimer, who walked 11 in three innings. Lori gave up no earned runs, but by then Mountaintop was too far behind to catch up.

Mountaintop was victimized by the no-hitter, but it came close to hitting Finn a few times. In the second inning, Sue Butler laced a pitch to second base, but was called out at first. She also lined one right to the first baseman, who caught the stinger and stepped on the bag. Kathy Hudock nearly had a hit also when she bunted, made it to first safely, but was called out by the home plate umpire for interference.

Marcie Turnie cracked a long fly to deep center, only to have it caught by a Back Mountain fielder. Lori Pleyscott, Kelly Kraynak, Karla Remensnyder and Lori Hollock also just missed getting a hit. The closest Mountaintop came to scoring was when Kathy Hudock got hit by a pitch, stole second and then ran to third on an infield out.

It was, to say the least, a rarity.

On one day, two Back Mountain youngsters provided their All-Star teams with Little League District 16 titles in extraordinary fashion, both pitching no-hitters as the Back Mountain National Boys' Little League team and the Girls' Senior team in a row.

As a result of their wins, both Back Mountain National teams advance into interdistrict play. The boys will play Aug.

1 against an opponent to be named. The girls will play against an opponent to be named as well. from the same league claimed championships.

Todd Sallo pitched his second no-hitter in two weeks, facing the minimum number of batters as the boys beat Nanticoke 6-0 to win their title.

Meanwhile, Beth Finn no-hit Mountaintop 10-0 to give the girls their second title

Sallo Faces Minimum As Boys Claim District Crown

Back Mountain National Little League boys' All-Star Team had its biggest test so far when it faced "always tough" Nanticoke on their home field.

A very confident Todd Sallo took the mound and quickly struck out the first two batters he faced, Dreyfus, Nanticoke's big gun, then came to the plate and he was gone looking at a third strike.

Lead off hitter Sallo came up in the bottom of the inning and hit the Nanticoke pitchers first pitch out of the park to get the only run Back Mountain would need to win the ball game. Five more runs and no hit pitching by Sallo gave the Nationals a very sweet 6-0 win.

Back Mountain added one more run in the first when B.J. Mannix slammed a double to score Eric May to make the score 2-0 in favor of Back Mountain.

In the second, the only walk allowed by Sallo was erased when the next Nanticoke batter lined a hot-shot back to the mound, and Todd quickly threw to first for a double play. Back Mountain sewed the game up with three runs in the fourth. J.J. Straigis nailed a single and Sallo walked. One run was driven home by Eric May's double, and two more runs scored after a passed ball and a throwing error on the catcher. Sallo later drove in the sixth run with a double to center scoring Eddie Reabuck.

Next game for the Back Mountain team will be on Wednesday, August 1 at a site to be determined. A win in that game will have them playing on Friday, August 3.

Back Mountain National got into that game and continued its quest for the district crown by downing Avoca 14-0 at the Pittston Twp.

Little League field. The Avoca all-stars had the unpleasant task of facing "fire-baller" Keith Schultz on the mound who proved his worth by mowing down 15 batters while walking only three. A two out sixth inning single was the only hit Schultz allowed on the night.

Back Mountain set the tempo early in the game with homeruns and continued throughout sending the ball out of the park five times. Keith Schultz helped his own cause going one for three at the plate including a two-run homer. Todd Sallo, Eric May, Bob Barbacci and Brian Hampel each chipped in with homers to help the teams cause.

Darren Michael came through with a double, and Rich James scored twice after reaching base three times on walks.

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Pro Golfers Really Know How To Put On A Show

BY LEE L. RICHARDS
Sports Columnist

For the fourth straight year it was back to Williamsburg, VA, for some relaxation and walking around the annual Anheuser-Busch Golf Classic. Each year the competition gets better and better.

The folks running the tourney go out of their way to make the media people feel right at home. Overall the hospitality is top-shelf.

Rain turned a usually tough track into a birdie-shoot as the greens held just about any type shot.

While I predicted either Curtis

Strange or Lanny Wadkins would cop the title, Strange was third and Lanny in the top 25. I couldn't imagine three players tying the course record of 63 set by Wadkins last year.

Early leader Willie Wood, a 5-7 145-pounder, knocked down the flag the first round, while Wayne Levi turned the trick the second day. Levi's was something considering the wet conditions and steady rain. Finally, Ronnie Black, who trailed by seven shots going into the final round, shot lights out and won the title when Wood could muster only a 72, one over par.

Records on and off the course

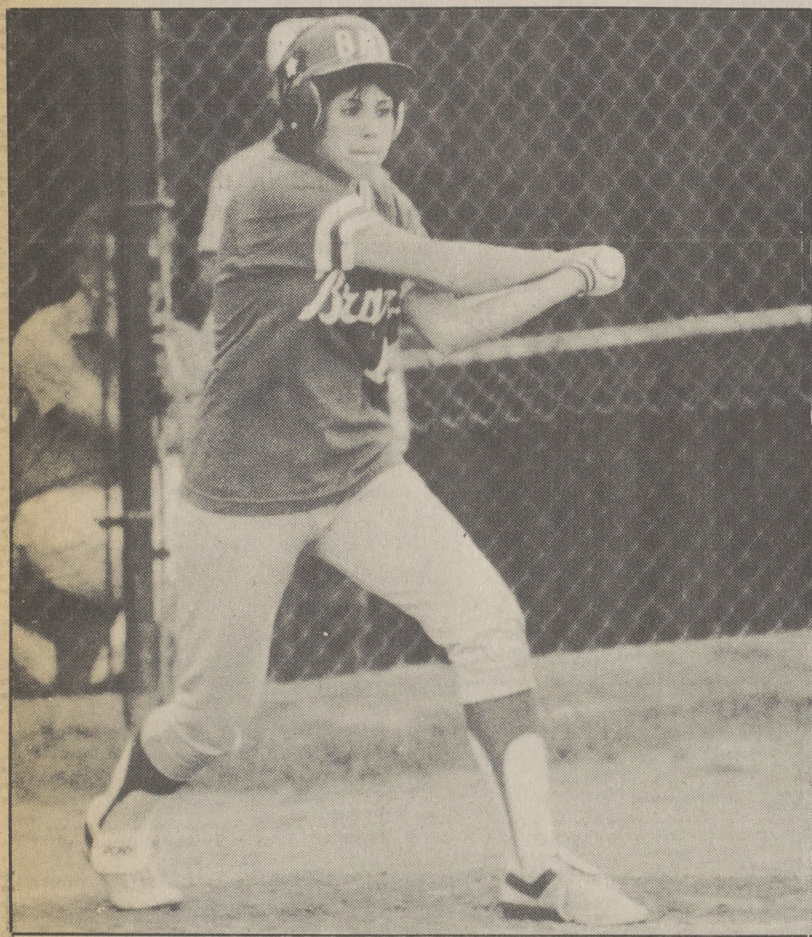
were established during the week much to the delight of the Kingsmill crew. Attendance was up over 10,000. Media coverage was the best I've seen.

The performance by the various players was exceptional as so many carded below par rounds.

While some people complained about many name pros not participating, I told them the field was not lacking anything. The younger players coming up are going to be great. Most have been through quality junior programs and the NCAA competition is keener every year. The equipment today is better and consequently the scores are going to be better.

While I've been an avid golf buff since the early 60s, at the present time the caliber of golf on the PGA Tour is simply remarkable. No one player is going to dominate like

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Beth Finn, who pitched a no-hitter for Back Mountain National, last Thursday in the District 16 championship game, takes a swing at a Mountaintop pitch during a break in the pitching action. Beth was 1-for-4 at the plate.

Pocono Downs Sets \$15,000 Trot

Nine of the top trotters in the nation have been nominated for the inaugural edition of the \$15,000 added Commonwealth Trot, to be held Saturday night, Aug. 25 at Pocono Downs.

The Commonwealth Trot is an event for Pennsylvania sired trotters, three-years-old and up. It will be the second event in Pocono Downs Summer Late Closing Program.

Among the nominees are a pair of entries from the James Simpson Stable, trained by William Arthurs. The entry consists of Hambletonian eligible Jacinto and stablemate Carry On Newton. Both are three-year old sons of Florida Pro.

Two other Florida Pros (Sam Newton & Supreme Hanover) are entered in the Commonwealth field as well as three sons of Super Bowl (Dough Bowl, Hap Bob Bobby & Sandy Casey.)

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