



# Sports



State title hopes dashed

## Nationals defeated by Shippensburg, 5-3

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Back Mountain National Senior Girls All Stars hopes for a state softball title were squashed on Saturday when the local girls lost, 5-3, to Shippensburg in the Section finals at Shippensburg.

Losing pitcher Lori Cannon gave up only three hits, but walked nine which, coupled with errors by the Nationals, decided the game.

The local All Stars outthit their opponents, but were unable to put everything together to score runs.

"Our girls didn't seem to be up like they should," said Coach Charlotte Slocum. "I believe we were the better team, but we didn't play like we were on Saturday. I'm proud of the girls, however, for going as far as they did. Until this last game, they played almost errorless ball, chalking up only one error before Saturday."

The Nationals had nine hits off winning hurler Stacy Hockenberry, who gave up five walks. Susie Slocum and Noelle Kuznicki had two singles each, Joyce Tinner knocked out a double, Pam Coolbaugh, Tracy Hunter, Paula Sweitzer and Lori Cannon each had a single.

Despite getting the hits, the local girls were unable to score on the bases. Two runners were called out for leaving the bases too soon and they left one runner on base in the third, two on in the fourth, one on in the fifth, two on in the sixth and, with the bases loaded in the seventh, the Nationals were able to score only one run.

"It was just one of those days," said Slocum. "It's hard to say whether they were trying too hard or not hard enough."

The win by Shippensburg advances them to the state tournament in Newville, near Carlisle, which opened Tuesday.

### DEFEAT TRAIL

Earlier last week, Pam Coolbaugh pitched a 4-0 shutout over Roosevelt Trail at the Dallas field. The game went four innings before either team scored.

In the top of the fourth inning, Joyce Tinner hit a double down the leftfield line and stole third on Kuznicki's grounder to the shortstop. Kuznicki's ball was too hard for shortstop Kelly Goodman to hold on to and Kuznicki was safe on first.

Paula Sweitzer tapped out an infield single and the bases were loaded with nobody out. Tracy Hunter was at the plate with a 1-0 count when Tinner started home as Roosevelt's catcher threw the ball back to the pitcher. Pitcher Debbie Pickett threw the ball back to catcher Chrissie Stevens but it was too high and too late and Tinner scored. Kuznicki scored the second run when Hunter grounded out.

Susie Slocum scored a third run in the fifth inning after she took first on a single, then came home on a double throwing error. In the sixth inning, Lori Cannon drove out a long sacrifice fly to send home Sweitzer.

Roosevelt outthit the Back Mountain Nationals, but was unable to get their runners home, leaving nine on base. In the first inning, they had the bases loaded on three singles and only one out, but Coolbaugh forced the next two hitters into a pop-up and a short fly to right field.

The local girls had three stolen bases in the game and Roosevelt Trail had two. Coolbaugh fanned nine and walked only one in picking up the win, using a rising fastball throughout most of the game.



### Earlier victory

Members of the Back Mountain Nationals Girls' All-Star team congratulate each other Tuesday evening following their 4-0 victory over Roosevelt Trail at the Back Mountain Little League Field. The locals were stopped in their quest for a state title on Saturday, however, when they were defeated, 5-3, by Shippensburg. (Photo by Ed Campbell)

## Locals participate in Keystone State Games

The following Back Mountain residents are participating in the Keystone State Games on August 9-11 at Penn State University.

They are:  
Marc Ramirez, 45 W. Center St., Shavertown, baseball; Jonathan Dombek, 52 Wyoming Ave., Dallas; John Sheehan, Box 132 Overbrook Rd., Dallas, field hockey; Susie Slocum, RD 2, Dallas; Maureen Wisniewski, 216 Chestnut St., Shavertown; Linda King, 239 Huntsville Rd., Dallas, field hockey.

Also, Jill Radzinski, 207 W. Center Hill Rd., Dallas; Cristi Strauser, 7 Pear Tree Lane, Dallas, field hockey; Mike Cramton, 13 Kenilworth Road, Shavertown; Matthew McLaughlin, 100 BVirch Hill Lane, Dallas, ice hockey; Mark McLaughlin, 100 Birch Lane, Dallas, ice

hockey; Chris Saul, 6 Raintree Road, Dallas, soccer; Kelly Wandel, Rd 4, box 305, Dallas; Cindy Slocum, Rd 2, Box 381, Dallas; Joyce Tinner, Robbins Road, Dallas, softball.

Also, Chris Kukosky, RD 1, Sweet Valley; Rocky Lopasky, RD 2, Dallas; Mark Major, Huntsville Road, 2225, Shavertown; Kirk Vandermark, RD 2, Box 360E, Dallas, volleyball; Eden Phillips, RD 1, Box 352 A, Dallas, volleyball; Ed Stratford, RD 1, Box 24, Baird St., Harveys Lake, wrestling; Gerald O'Gurkis, Overbrook Road, Dallas; Neil Gordon, Rd 3, Benton, wrestling; Rick Finnegan, Box 360 CC-1/4, RD 2, Dallas; Charles Jacoby, 114 Valleyview Trailer Park, Dallas, wrestling.

## Locals in city tournament

Back Mountain Baseball has entered the 11 and 12 year old Wilkes-Barre Recreation League Tournament for the first time.

Players selected to represent Back Mountain are Ray Russin, Pete Kerdesky, Brian Miller, Larry Dymond, Steve Oliver, Emery Yurko, Jeff Dover, Brett Gauntlett, Neil Kaiser, Eric Paczewski, Lenny Kelley, Hugo Selenski, Jeff Bankovich and Sam Gorgone.

A win in yesterday's game (Tuesday, July 30) will have Back Mountain playing home games on Friday, Aug. 2 and Tuesday, Aug. 6. A win in both those games would lead to the finals on Thursday, Aug. 9 at St. Therese's LL Field.

This single elimination tourney has all games beginning at 5:45 p.m. with the exception of the final game scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. under the lights.

## Little League sets meeting

Back Mountain Baseball will conduct a meeting on Monday, Aug. 5, beginning at 8 p.m. for all managers and coaches of Little League

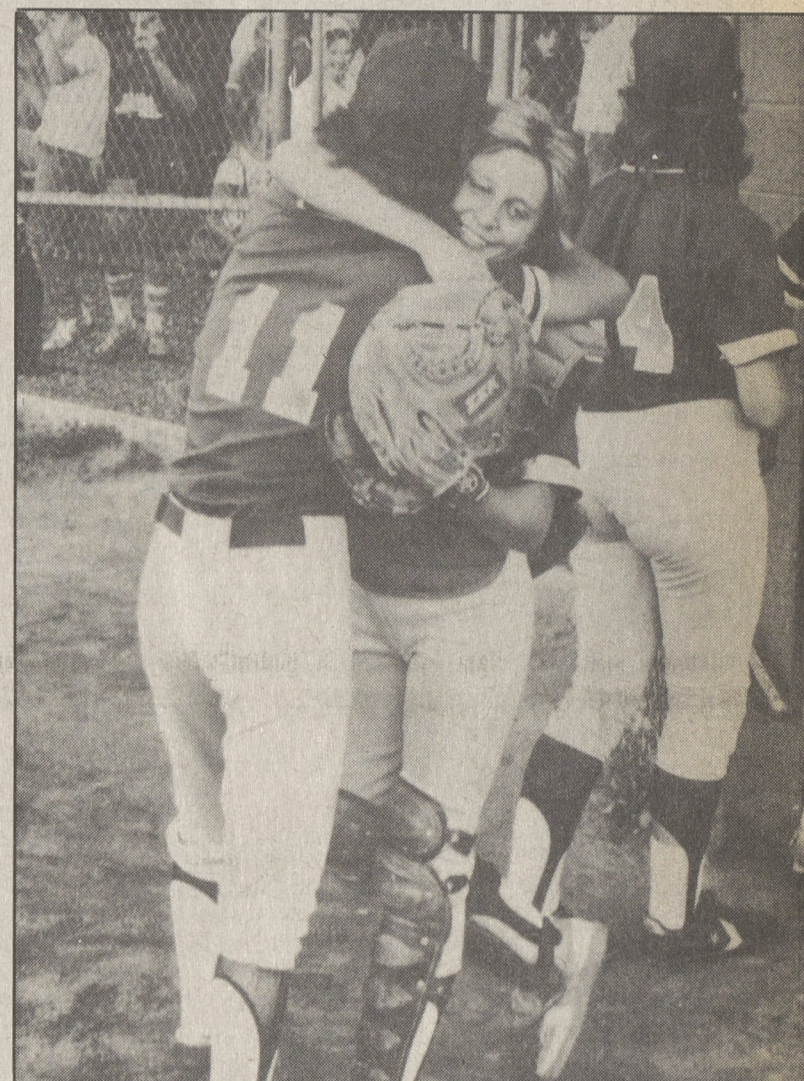
and Girls Softball teams.

Nominating committee for next year's officers will be selected.



### Family hugs

Mother and daughter are just as happy in this photo as Back Mountain Nationals Girls' All-Star manager Charlotte Slocum hugs her daughter, Susie, following the locals' 4-0 victory over Roosevelt Trail Tuesday evening. Notice the game ball in Charlotte Slocum's softball hat.



### Elated battery

The pitcher-catcher combination in Tuesday's winning game congratulate each other following a 4-0 victory as Pam Coolbaugh, left, pitcher for the Back Mountain Nationals Girls' All-Star team, hugs her catcher, Tracy Hunter.



### Boys victorious

Back Mountain National captured the Lower Valley Tournament by first defeating Hanover Green which allowed entry into the final series of the tournament against Nanticoke. The Back Mountain team was composed of 10, 11 and 12 year olds and included John Lukas, Michael Sholtis, Eric Pieczynski, Chris Opalicki, Keith Kozel, Bob Casterline, Stan Gulbush, Jamie Moyer, John Pomrinke, Don James, Dave Podel, Chuck Finn, Jeff Malak, and Joe Kelley. Managers were Paul Malak and Joe Sholtis, coach P.J. Malak, and scorekeeper was Gary Scruitsky. Hanover Green was the tournament host this year. The Lower Valley Tournament will be held next year at the Back Mountain Field. Tournament highlights included home runs by Jamie Moyer and two by John Lukas. Winning pitchers were Don James, Keith Kozel and Eric Pieczynski.

## Back Mountain teeners win

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Back Mountain American defeated East End American, 13-9, Sunday, at Coal Street and the Back Mountain Nationals, 4-1, Saturday, to advance to Thursday's game with Mountaintop at 5 p.m. in the opening rounds of the Teeners League Tournament.

Pitcher Rick Jurosky paced the Americans to their win on Sunday, fanning six and walking only two while driving out a triple and two doubles to help in picking up the win.

The Americans jumped out to an early lead when they scored four runs in the top of the first but the East Enders came back with two runs in the bottom half of the first frame.

The Back Mountain nine iced the win in the fifth frame when they batted round with 10 men facing East End's hurlers Shirk and Suda. The Americans scored six runs in that inning and added three more in their half of the sixth.

East End scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth and made a strong comeback in the seventh, scoring five runs before the Americans retired their opponents with a double play.

The Back Mountain team hit Shirk and Suda for 17 hits with Jurosky going three-for-four, Bill Millham hitting three-for-three, Jon Wagner, three-for-four and Wade Wright hitting two-for-three, one of them a double. Perlis and Fetterman also knocked out doubles for the Americans. Millham had four RBI's in the game.

East End hurler Shirk struck out six and walked five, Suda struck out two and walked none.

In Saturday's opening game, Back Mountain American defeated their brother team, Back Mountain Nationals, 4-1, behind hurler Scott Francis, who struck out nine at the plate while walking only two. Losing pitcher was Andy Prebola, who gave up only five hits.

The Americans took a two-run lead in the first inning on back-to-back singlets by Tom Perlis and Jon Wagner. Perlis scored the first run on a single by Scott Francis and Wagner came home on a long sacrifice by Jurosky.

The Americans scored their final two runs in the third frame when Jerome Matthey singled home Francis and Matthey scored on a throw to second.

Don Spencer scored the lone run for the Nationals in the fifth inning. Spencer took base on a single and went to third on a hit by Scott Wright. Wright tried to

stretch his single into a double and while the infield got him out in a rundown between first and second, Spencer scored.

The Americans stopped the Nationals in the final inning with a double play from third baseman Matthey to second baseman Wagner to first baseman Sean McGovern.

The loss dropped the Nationals to the losers bracket where they played Pittston, Sunday at 5 p.m., losing 7-4, at Pittston.

Pittston scored three runs in the bottom half of the first inning and singles in the second and third to give them all they needed for the win. They insured the win by crossing the plate with another run in the fourth and a final one in the sixth.

Both teams had nine hits but the Nationals were unable to put theirs together to score enough runs. Losing hurler Zacharias fanned four and walked two while relief hurler Hessen fanned three and walked four.

J. Krupa went four-for-four for the Nationals, one of them a long triple. Hitting singlets were Konopki, shortstop; Loposky, first base; Zacharias, first base; Love and Pari, fielders.

Winning pitcher Angellela fanned seven and walked four and aided in the win by going two-for-three at bat, tapping out two singlets.

In the 13-year old Teeners Tournament at Fort-Swoyer Teener Field held Sunday, the Back Mountain nine defeated Nanticoke 12-7, to take the championship in the 8th Annual Forty Fort Lions Tournament.

Pitcher Rob Michaels gave up only five hits, fanned eight and issued six walks in collecting the win over Nanticoke's Jason Keber. Michaels also aided his own win by driving out a grand slam in the sixth inning. Keber gave up 11 hits to the Back Mountain team.

Brody went two-for-two, third baseman James hit three-for-five and Bob Barbacci drove out a double. Hitting singlets were catcher Masley, second baseman May, left fielder Grundowski, and first baseman Jones.

Back Mountain took a five run lead in the bottom of the second inning and added three more in the fourth before Michaels drove in the final four with his grand slam in the sixth.

Nanticoke scored a run in the top of the third, one in the fourth and sent two across home plate in the fifth. After scoring a single run in the sixth, pitcher Keber knocked out a two-run double in the seventh before Michaels retired the side.