

# Sports

## Little League playoffs begin

### Three softball teams win opening games

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Three Back Mountain girls softball teams won their opening games in District 16 Division 1 playoffs Monday night to advance to second round action.

Tracy Krupa went six innings to lead the Back Mountain National to a 6-3 win over Wyoming-West Wyoming girls. She struck out eight while picking up the win.

Bridget Hozempa and Leanne starred at the plate

with each driving in two runs. Mandy Jones, Chris Gornick also led in the hitting and Krupa knocked out a hit to help win her own game.

The win advances the National girls to the second round tonight, July 9, when they will host the Newport Township team at 6 p.m.

Their sister team, Back Mountain American girls, took a decisive 22-5 win from Avoca led by Andrea Shone and Denise Wysocki, who each drove in four runs. The game was played at the Back Mountain field with the local team named visiting team.

Wendy Cave went the entire route in pitching the American team to their win.

The local girls scored in each of six innings, pushing four runs across in the top of the first. Avoca came back in the bottom of the first to tie the game at 4-4 but the Back Mountain team pushed across three runs in the second to go in front and stayed there the rest of the way. They scored two more in the third, five in the fourth, one in the fifth and came on strong in the sixth inning, scoring seven runs before the inning ended.

Shone drove out two doubles and Wysocki and

Jennifer Coon each smashed out sixth inning home-runs. Coon also picked up three RBI's. Jodi Ward knocked out a double and accounted for two runs.

Harveys Lake hosted Exeter and defeated the visiting team 7-4 to advance to the second round of play.

Karen Halowich went the distance for the Lake girls and aided her cause by knocking out two hits.

Karen Zier, Karen Stefanowicz and Jenny Smith led the girls at the plate, helping them score five runs in the third and two more in the fourth.

Back Mountain Americans and Harveys Lake will play Wednesday, July 9, at the Lake field.

## German soccer club to play here

By JOHN HOINSKI  
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The German Sports Club of Fulda, West Germany will take on the Greater Pocono Mountain Soccer League All-Stars tomorrow night at 6 p.m. at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus field at Lehman.

The team has been touring the Eastern United States and recently played in Allentown after its initial stop in Philadelphia. Following the two games here, which will be free of charge, the club will leave for Atlanta, Georgia on Friday.

The area all-star squad will be made up of members from 10 different teams, most of whom will be from the Back Mountain.

Approximately six years ago the West German club blasted the locals, 14-2, but then suffered a 4-2 loss themselves in a return visit three years ago. The turnaround may or may not mean anything. But all-star coach Jay Harvey predicts another close game this time, too.

"I really don't know why we got beat so bad the first time," Harvey, who also pilots the Wyoming Seminary Lower School team, said. "I don't know if they were just that good or if it was that we were not that organized. I wasn't too familiar with the program back then. But this should be a good match."

Still, even though Harvey says interest in the sport has grown here in the United States, it can't compare to the fevered pitch it has reached in other countries.

"You have to remember that the ability of a 15-year old player over there is probably equal to that of a 19-year old over here," Harvey explained. "They start playing over there when they are four years old, whereas here they might not start until they are about six, seven or eight."

"We have bulk and size and speed, but we are not as skilled and we don't have the ball control they have. They are solid at every position," he continued.



## Zarno wins low gross

Low gross honors went to Jack Zarno, who shot a 72, and Len Kaminski had low net honors with a 71, in the First Annual Penn State Open Golf Tournament held recently at the Wyoming Valley Country Club. The \$20,000 Custom Penn State Van offered for a hole-in-one on No. 13 went unclaimed, but more than \$20,000 worth of prizes were awarded. 52 player competed. Flight winners were: Flight 1, Jack Serafin; Flight 2, James Lentini; Flight 3, Bill Davidovitz; Flight 4, Paul Klug; Flight 5, Harry O'Neill; and Flight 6, Chris Borton. Shown are special prize winners and tournament committee members. From left, first row, Dennis Puhalla, closest to the pin on No.

13; Rob Schuster, closest to the pin on No. 7; Niranjan Idgunji, tournament committee; Jack Zarno, low gross; Jack Monick, Penn State Wilkes-Barre Athletic Director; Len Kaminski, low net; Jack Serafin, tournament committee, and Leo Corbett, closest to the pin on No. 15. Second row, Dave Korba, closest to the pin on No. 5; Pete Korba, longest drive on No. 1; Dennis Garvey, tournament committee; and Chuck Youngman, tournament committee. Penn State Wilkes-Barre would like to thank all the sponsors who contributed to the tournament's success. All proceeds go to the benefit of the Penn State Wilkes-Barre Mountain Lion Booster Club.

## Rogers on sports

All-star voting is a lot like democracy; maybe it's not the most efficient system around, but it keeps the public fairly happy and announces to athletes and politicians something they too often forget or ignore — if it weren't for us, they'd have to get real jobs.

Well, it's All-Star time, that time of year when the fans pick who they want to see play in the mid-summer classic and then get to hear all about the lousy choices they made and how they abuse the privilege by selecting



RICK ROGERS

For one thing, the public has every right in the world to choose whomever quickens their pulse or sets their hands to clapping.

This business about the average fan not knowing enough about the abilities of the ballplayers to make a good voting decision is irrelevant and not true.

It comes down to this. The opinions of the fans means less than tobacco juice for 181 of the 182 days of the baseball season. On only one day a year do they have a voice on who plays and who sits. Players should accept the tide of public opinion, shut up and play ball. The ones that don't might have all-star ability, but their character is minor league all the way.

**The All-Star Vote:**  
Looking at the probable starting lineups for the All-star game, I don't see that much to carp about. Although there is a week of voting to go and some heavy ballot stuffing could make a difference, here's an idea of what you can expect.

**National League:**  
First base - Keith Hernandez,

**New York Mets**  
Second base - Ryne Sandberg,  
**Chicago Cubs**  
Shortstop - Ozzie Smith, St. Louis Cardinals

**Third base** - Mike Schmidt, Philadelphia Phillies  
**Outfield** - Daryl Strawberry, Mets; Dale Murphy, Atlanta; Tony Gwynn, San Diego Padres  
**Catcher** - Gary Carter, Mets  
**Pitchers** - Most of the Met staff

**American League:**  
First base - Wally Joyner, Angels  
Second base - Lou Whitaker, Tigers  
**Shortstop** - Cal Ripken, Orioles  
**Third base** - George Brett, Royals  
**Outfield** - Reggie Jackson, Angels; Ricky Henderson and Dave Winfield, Yankees  
**Catcher** - Lance Parrish, Tigers  
**Pitcher** - Roger Clemens of the Red Sox is enough.

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## Bass tournament benefits MDA

The Back Mountain Jaycees recently held a Bass Tournament at Frances Slocum State Park. The proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy

Association.

The first place team with a catch weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. went to Joe Dwojewski and Dave Fenton. Joe

caught the lunker of the day, a nice 22 inch largemouth bass that tipped the scale at 5 lbs. 1 oz. A special hand goes to Joe for releasing the fish back into the lake. This first place team caught their fish on pro-line spinnerbaits.

The second place team consisted of Rick Lavelle and Jeff Copach. Their catch of bass weighed 2 lb. 6 oz. they caught the fish on buzzbaits. Congratulations to those four people and thank you to everyone for participating.

The Back Mountain Jaycees would like to thank the Eastern Bass Association for all of the gifts. They would also like to thank Fish Formula and Product Worms for their donations as well as all those at Proctor & Gamble for the monetary donations.

## Cosmos win championship

The Penn State/Wilkes-Barre Youth Soccer League playoffs were held on June 29. The Cosmos won the championship in a three team round robin playoff. The Cosmos won both their games 3-2 against the Jammers and 1-0 against the Mob.

In the other game the Jammers and the Mob tied 1-1.

In the Cosmos 3-2 victory over the Jammers, Schroder, Richardson and Jones scored for the Cosmos and Springer and Pavloski for the Jammers.

Against the Mob, Jones scored the winning goal for the Cosmos. In the Jammers-Mob tie, Choi scored for the Mob and Pavloski for the Jammers.

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