

## Sports

## Girls All-Stars advance in D-16 playoff action

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Back Mountain Division II All Stars got off to an early start Friday evening, scoring 11 runs in the first inning against Avoca in the first round of the District 16 senior softball division. The win advanced the Back Mountain girls to the second round in the semi-finals Monday when they went up against the Bob Horlacher All-Stars.

Kim Schultz pitched a no-hit game for the Back Mountain team, striking out 16 of the 23 girls who faced her, to lead the team in their 22-0 shutout. She walked only four, gave up two ground ball outs and one pop-up fly.

The local girls scored their 11 runs in the first inning on six hits with one of them a long triple by Schultz to left centerfield. Lori Cave, Tracy Hunter, Lori Piatt, Jean Stahovec and Jill Urbanis also collected hits in the inning.

The girls did some outstanding base stealing in the game using their speed and aggressiveness to advance to second or third nearly everytime they got on base.

**SCORE THREE MORE**

With the score 11-0, the Back Mountain All Stars scored three more runs in the second inning, two in the third, three in the fourth and added three more in the sixth. Schultz added a second triple in the third inning and Holly Bachman and Hunter drove out triples in the sixth inning.

Back Mountain's Coach Mary Meighan said she expected her girls to play a good game because they have the power, speed and the confidence on the field. She wasn't surprised at Schultz's performance because the girl practices every day no matter what goes on and instead of the 100 pitches Meighan told the team's pitchers they would throw each day in practice, Schultz threw 200 pitches every day when practicing with her father.

Amy Salerno was the losing hurler for Avoca, giving up 19 runs before she was relieved in the fourth inning by Julie Martin. She walked 11, gave up 11 hits and fanned none. Martin gave up two hits and three runs and walked two.

**NO DIVISIONS**

In past years, the Back Mountain All Stars were divided into two teams, the Americans and Nationals but this season fielded only the one team in the All-Stars, a move former softball coach Charlotte Slocum said in her opinion was a good one.

Stahovec drove out a double and a triple in the game. Laura Poynton slammed out one double and Hunter hit a triple, as did Bachman, as well as Schultz knocking out two in the cause.

**NEWPORT RALLIES**

In the game with Newport Township, the Back Mountain National All-Stars held a 16-4 lead going into the sixth inning but Newport rallied to score four runs on two hits, an error and a sacrifice before the Nationals cooled them off.

The Nationals manager Warren Rogers said he thought his team had some advantage because it had played a first-round game while Newport drew a bye. The Back Mountain girls played as a team and held up behind pitcher Jennifer Gabel who gave up eight runs on four hits. She walked five, three consecutively in the third inning to start Newport's four run rally. The

Newport team was behind 5-0 at the time.

The Nationals scored 11 runs in the third inning, putting together four hits, seven walks and taking advantage of seven Newport errors to score the runs.

Noel Brooks, Cheryl Gunn, Gable and Tracy Krupa had the hits in the third inning. Brooks was 2 for 4 with an RBI in the game. Megan Sheehan hit a two-run single in the first inning to start the Nationals five-run first inning.

**EDGE OUT NANTICOKE**

In Friday's game, the Nationals edged out Nanticoke 6-4 scoring all six runs in the first inning. Gornick and Mandy Jones knocked out two RBI hits to lead the team, after Nanticoke took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first.

Cheryl Gunn, 3-for-3, hit a single and Gable got on base on an error by the shortstop and Gornick drove in two runs. Lee Ann Rogers walked and Krupa took base on an error. Jones hit a two RBI single but was out at third. The Nationals scored two more runs before the inning ended.

Krupa pitched the entire game for the Nationals striking out eight and walking 13. She gave up only two hits.

**PLAY EACH OTHER**

The Back Mountain Nationals were scheduled to meet the Back Mountain Americans in the championship game this Tuesday, July 15, at Mountaintop.

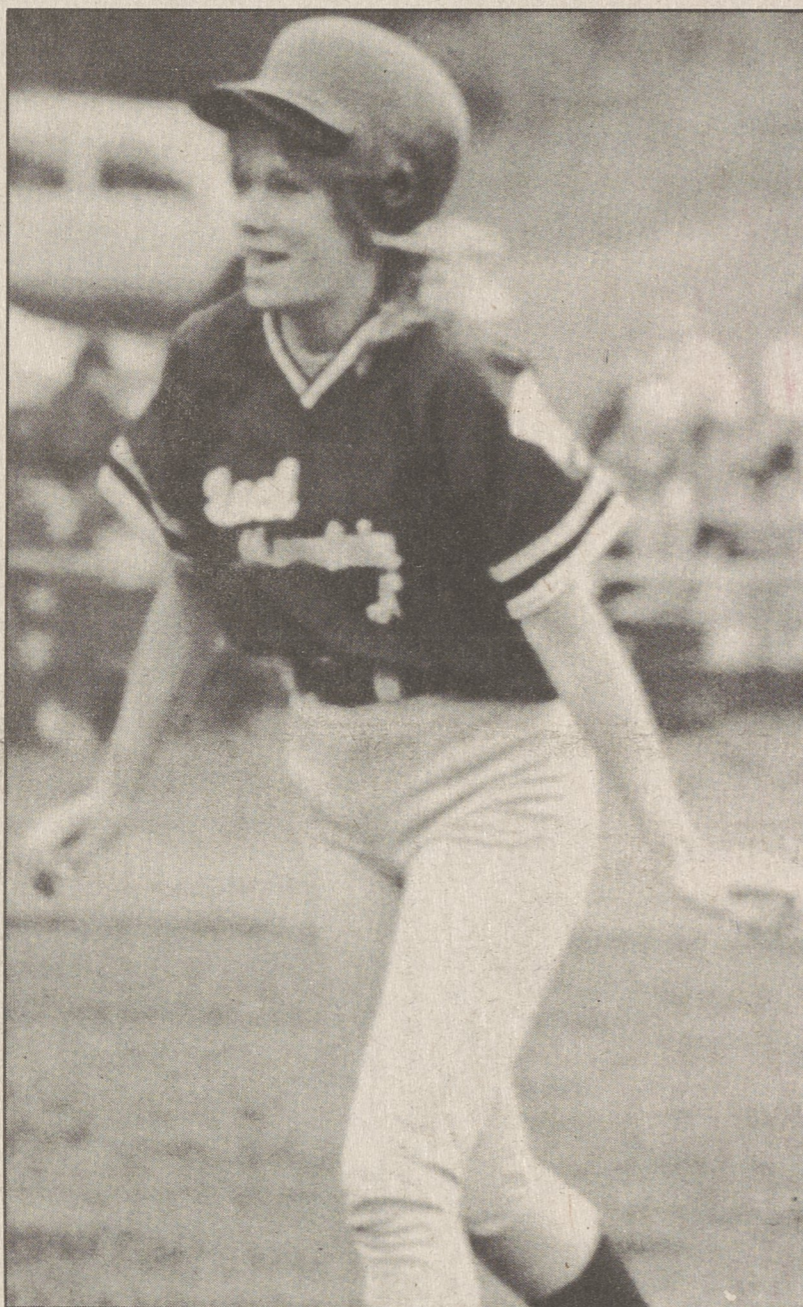
**HL GIRLS ELIMINATED**

Harveys Lake girls team was eliminated when Mountaintop ran over the local girls 27-0, Friday. Gail Tereshak pitched a no-hit game against the Division 2 13-15 year old girls.

Back Mountain American All-Stars edged out Harveys Lake 2-1, Wednesday night led by Melanie Marino whose single knocked in two runs in the top of the sixth inning to break a 0-0 tie. The win advances the Americans into the semi-finals with Mountaintop.

Jodi Ward led off the inning with a single then with two out Andrea Shone singled, followed by Marino's winning-run single.

In the bottom of the sixth, Harveys Lake threatened as pitcher Denise Wysocki walked the first two batters and Tracy Hummel hit an RBI single. Wysocki bore down, however, and with two runs on base with nobody out, she struck out three batters to retire the side. She had 13 strikeouts in the game and allowed only one hit.

**Girls still in action**

The Back Mountain Little League Girls' Softball All-Stars saw action this past weekend and were scheduled to meet each other last evening at Mountaintop to determine whether the National team or the American team would advance in All-Star action.

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**Racing car**

This 1986 red Corvette is the car former Dallas resident Chuck Stevens spends a lot of his leisure time in these days.

## Second childhood

## Former Dallas resident into sports car racing

By JOHN HOINSKI  
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Chuck Stevens, a Dallas native now living in Charlotte, North Carolina, has entered into his second childhood.

That's not to say he has given up on life and regressed to his earlier days. On the contrary, the 39-year-old Dallas High School graduate is the president of three very successful real estate and building enterprises, has a wife and five kids, and now finally has the time to enjoy them.

At times, the family has gone snow skiing, camping and traveled, among other activities. But it is their involvement in another sport — road racing — a venture Stevens was so successful at during his childhood and teen years, that is probably the glue to the family.

"We're known as the 'six-pack of the Carolinas,'" Stevens said, in reference to Kenny Rogers' movie, 'Six-Pack.' "It's a lot of fun and it's something we can all do as a family."

With Dad behind the wheel, each member of the "Stevens Racing Team," his wife, Patricia, and their children, ages 12-18, often clad in identical outfits, are assigned specific tasks during each race.

The team, which began competing late in the season in Showroom Stock events (cars that are raced in essentially the same form as they were purchased in at the showroom) won the highly acclaimed South Atlantic Road Racing Championship, placing first in their class, first overall, and established a new track record. The team set another track record during the year and finished third in points for the entire Southeast Region.

In 1986, the family plans to participate in 15 events in the southeast region of the country,



CHUCK STEVENS

plus an appearance in the Poconos in July.

"The sport has always been in my mind," Stevens said. "But in 1971, I moved to North Carolina and went into real estate. We started raising a family and I just didn't have time for racing. But now I do. Instead of golfing like so many other people do, I got back into racing."

And if he performs anything like he did in his younger days, he may have to add another room onto the house to store his trophies.

At the age of eight, Stevens began competing in quarter midget races in the Back Mountain and eventually started racing at tracks in Berwick, Allentown, Reading, Sunbury, Williamsport and other spots.

By the time he was 15, he won the East Coast Championships and held the Northeast Region points Championship. During that span, in which he held a number of other track records, he accumulated 312 trophies,

including 189 first place finishes.

Following that era, Stevens, who also excelled in football, basketball, track and golf during his high school days, got into drag and road racing while building V-8 engines for friends at the same time.

He continued road racing and hill climbs following graduation, but ceased shortly after because of business pursuits.

He proved just as successful there, too. Currently he is president of the Carolina Land Development Inc. in Matthews, N.C., a corporation formed to develop land for residential and commercial uses, and the Chuck Stevens Company, another business formed to build homes under "Signature Homes by Chuck Stevens," which received six state awards for excellence in design and quality standards, including two Grand awards in statewide competition. He also heads a general brokerage company called Stevens and Associates.

Still, despite those business-filled years, racing never left his system and, after encouragement from a friend here in the valley, Stevens decided to get back into the sport and purchased a 1986 red Corvette that he races today.

"I talked to Oscar Koveleski about it," Stevens stated. "He said, go ahead, why not give it a try?"

Immediately, he entered the Performance Driving School to have his old skills evaluated, and joined two other schools following that. After receiving top scores, Stevens again began competing.

In Solo I competition at Roebing Road, he set a new track record, and then followed that performance with a third place finish in the Rockingham Double Regionals.

## Nationals shutout Ashley-Newton

Back Mountain National Little League All-Stars shut out Ashley-Newton 6-0 last Tuesday, then defeated West Pittston 6-4, Thursday night to advance to the third round of the District 16 playoffs Saturday, July 12, where they play the Heights team, who downed Swyersville 8-7.

The National All-Stars were led in their win over Ashley-Newton by pitcher John Morris who struck out 12 and gave up only two hits in shutting out the opposing team.

Morris also aided in the win by collecting two hits, one of them a home run. Hugo Selenski and Chuck Finn also had two hits each for the Nationals.

**GAME TIED**

In Thursday's game with West Pittston, the Nationals were tied with West Pittston 4-4 going into the bottom of the fifth.

Relief pitcher Tony Finarelli knocked out a two run single to drive in two runs which were enough to give the Nationals the game. He also struck out nine at the plate in picking up the win.

Finarelli came in to relieve starting pitcher Stan Gubish in the

second inning and pulled his team out of a bases-loaded situation.

Selenski and Morris had two hits each for the team. Facciotti was the losing pitcher for West Pittston.

**AMERICANS ROMP**

The Back Mountain American All-Stars, after losing 4-1 to North End last Tuesday dropping them to B division, came back, Thursday night, to trounce a visiting Mayflower team 16-p2 behind a no-hit game pitched by Brian Miller. Miller struck out 11 at the plate and let only two runs score in the game, one in the first inning on a passed ball and one in the third on an error.

The Americans had 11 hits paced by Scott Bearly and Silas Fernandez with a single and a double. Jeff Masley drove out a triple and Brian Karuza and Mark Medura each had a double.

In Tuesday's game, the Americans were held to two hits by George Howe whose superb pitching aided by the shortstop, Chris Warmen's backhand catch on a ground ball and a throw to third to force out the runner saved the win.

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**Barket wins gold**

Nine-year-old Brad Barket, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Barket, Dallas, captured a gold medal in the boys bantam division of the AAU-USA Junior Olympics regional competition conducted Sunday, July 6, at Largo, Md. Brad finished 1st in the 3000 meter run with a time of 12:03. He's now eligible for the national finals to be held at the University of California-Riverside, Riverside, Cal., on July 29, and also was invited to compete in the International Youth Meet of Champions set for August 2-3 in Plainfield, N.J. Brad will enter fourth grade at Wyoming Seminary in the Fall.

## Rogers on sports

NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle has really stepped in it this time. You would think this guy is having enough problems with the USFL anti-trust case to be looking for anymore headaches. Apparently not.

Last week, the King of the NFL decreed his program of mandatory drug testing for all football players.

**The Players**

Association

said no, and

pointed to the

collective-

bargaining

agreement

they have with

the owners.

Under it, they

claim, the

league cannot

do this kind of

thing without the approval of the

1,600 players in the NFL.

Rozelle protested. The players

held firm and began to talk of a

strike. Although some of the players

said publicly that they welcomed

the chance to be tested, Gene

Upshaw, union chief, stood firm.

Who wins will be decided in

September by a mediator.

Although Upshaw and the Players

Association will be painted by the

Commissioner, the owners and the

public as condoning drug use in the

NFL, any kind of an objective look

at the positions of the players and

the league will indicate one thing:

Rozelle is trying to pull a fast one

with players' rights and he thinks

he can get away with it because of

public sentiment.

Up until this time, I have been

fully in favor of mandatory drug

testing. That drugs in sports is the single greatest threat to the integrity of all sports in America is a fact, save one.

But there is always the wrong way to go about anything, even something obviously good.

What Rozelle is trying to do is change the rules in mid-stream. There is a collective-bargaining agreement between the players and the Management Council, not with Rozelle. But he sees that public opinion swinging his way and unilaterally decides to impose testing.

Simply, it is not fair, and no union in the country would accept this kind of action. It is the most obvious form of opportunism.

But the question of mandatory drug testing goes far beyond the 1,600 players that might be affected if the ruling is upheld.

This whole question has to do with personal rights.

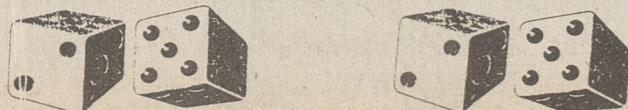
Are football players entitled to the same rights of privacy as the rest of us; or because of their status as something of role models and heroes, do they forfeit some of their rights? And if the NFL can require its employees to take drug tests, are other employers entitled to the same rights?

In the words of Upshaw, "He does it with drugs (meaning ruling that testing is necessary), when does it stop? It could be anything."

The only thing more deadly than drugs in this country is the loss of freedom in the name of getting rid of drugs.

THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT.  
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