

SPORTS

Girls' 12-Year-Old Back Mountain teams eliminated from tourney

The Back Mountain National Girls' 12-Year-Old team was eliminated from the District 16 playoffs Saturday when they were overwhelmed by Mountaintop by a 17-4 score.

The Back Mountain girls were held to seven hits and the four runs by Mountaintop pitcher Christine Gensil, who helped her own cause by going 4 for 4 at the plate. Gensil walked only two batters, while striking out six.

Back Mountain was never in the game, as Mountaintop spurred to a 5-0 lead in the first inning. The Back Mountain team finally got on the board in the fifth when they scored all four runs. Caroline McLaughlin, Alison Milunic and Cathy Dymond each singled in that inning.

BIG WIN TOOK TEAM TO DISTRICT 16 FINALS

Back Mountain National Girls Major League All Stars defeated Bob Horlacher 21-10 Thursday night behind the pitching of Katie Sallitt who struck out 10 and walked 15 while giving up only four hits.

Carolyn McLaughlin was the power at the plate hitting three-for-three and driving in five runs for the Nationals in the District 16 second round.

Amy Rogers drove out two doubles for the Back Mountain team and Cathy Dymond played outstanding defense in leftfield saving two runs with exceptional catches.

The Nationals win advanced them to the finals in the 12-year-old competition.

AMERICAN ELIMINATED BY MOUNTAINTOP

Mountaintop defeated the Back Mountain American team 13-8 Thursday night in the major league, eliminating the American team from the competition.

Mountaintop's Christine Gensil helped in the win with two hits and a run scored. Kate Orloski was the winning pitcher.

Theresa Paxton, A Russin and M. Kaleta knocked out singles for the Back Mountain team.

HARVEYS LAKE BOWS

Harveys Lake girls were also eliminated when they bowed 7-2 to the Avoca-Dupont girls.

Erin McDermott was the winning pitcher and was the power at the plate with two doubles and a single.

Carol Llewellyn was the losing pitcher for the Harveys Lake team and Judy Sichler and Jen Sandstrom had two hits each.

HARVEYS LAKE WINS CLOSE ONE 3-2

Harveys Lake 12-year-olds downed Ashley-Newton 3-2 at Ashley to advance to the semi-final round Thursday.

Jennifer Birt did the mound work for the Lake team, giving up

only two hits and striking out 15. She also knocked out a single scoring Carrie Long who reached base on an error, then Birt scored a run on Jessica Radley's fielder's choice. Jennifer Reno scored what turned out to be the winning run in the second inning on Judy Sichler's fielder's choice.

Ashley-Newton took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning when Amy Snyder drove out a long triple and came home on a double steal. They gave up the lead in the bottom of the first when Harveys Lake scored two runs.

Carrie Llewellyn reached on an error and scored on a single by Jennifer Birt. Birt scored later on a fielder's choice.

The losing team rallied in the sixth inning but were able to send only one run home.

AMERICAN BLOWS OUT NEWPORT 19-3

The Back Mountain American girls trounced Newport 19-3 behind the two-hit pitching of Nicole Naugle who also struck out two. They had a powerful night at the plate driving out 11 hits, two of them two-run homers by Abby Russin and Theresa Paxton. Russin led in the hitting with her homerun in the third and a single. Paxton also had two hits, her homerun and a single and Michelle Miller had two hits. Kelly West had three RBI's.

NATIONAL SCORES LOPSIDED WIN

Back Mountain National girls rolled over Exeter 27-1 with Bridget Temprine giving up only one hit and the girls collecting 20 hits.

The Nationals took a 3-0 lead in the first inning and in the second inning scored eight runs on six hits and four errors.

In the fourth inning the Nationals had 17 batters up with Carolyn McLaughlin hitting a single and a double to send home two runs, Diane Alters hitting an RBI single, Alison Milunic driving in a run, Carrie Fetterman hitting an RBI single and Tara Dymond also hitting a run-scoring single. Temprine hit her second hit of the game a two-run triple and scored on a triple knocked out by Amy Rogers.

Leading in the power at the plate were McLaughlin with four-for-four, Temprine four-for-five and Rogers three-for-four.

Hunters bag bear in Canada

Harold Elston of Huntsville, Keith Trumbower and Britt Trumbower of Muhlenburg have returned from a hunting trip to Quebec, Canada. Harold Elston and Britt Trumbower each came back with a bear.



Not quite enough

Former U.S. Olympic cyclist Dave Lettieri of Scranton finished a surprising second last week in the Harveys Lake Time Trial. He was upset by New Jerseyan Paul Stevenson, who set a new record for the race. (Photo by Ed Campbell)

Area athletes in Keystone

Matt Sleightholm of Kingston Township will be among 6,000 Pennsylvania amateur athletes to compete in the 1989 Keystone State Summer Games finals scheduled for August 9-13 in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Sleightholm has entered the soccer competition, Junior Male Division for the Pocono Region.

Sleightholm is an 8th grade student at Dallas Junior High School. He is the son of David and Patricia Sleightholm.

The Keystone State Games are patterned after the Olympic program and will award gold, silver and bronze medals in each division of 31 sports at the finals competition.

Jay Witkowski of Dallas, will compete in the 1989 Keystone State Summer Games finals scheduled for August 9-13 in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Witkowski has entered the Dallas Scholastic Division for the Pocono Region.

Witkowski is an 11th grade student at Bishop Hoban High School. He is the son of Jerry and Ellen Witkowski. He is a cook at Kimberly's, Dallas.

Keith McDonald of Dallas, will compete at the Keystone Games, in the soccer competition Junior

Division for the Pocono Region.

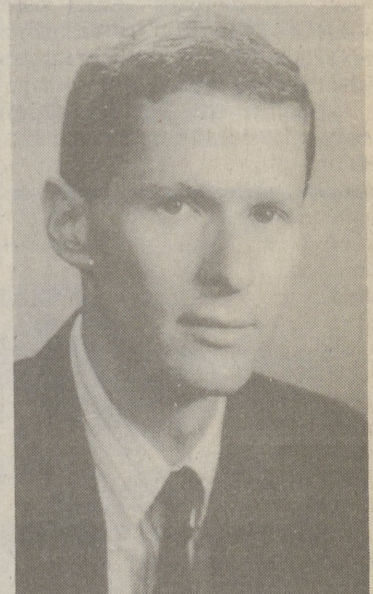
McDonald is a ninth grade student at Dallas Junior High School. She is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald.

Jessica Wallace, of Dallas will be among 6,000 Pennsylvania amateur athletes to compete in the 1989 Keystone State Summer Games final scheduled for August 9-13 in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Wallace has entered the soccer competition, Junior Division for the Pocono Region.

Wallace is a ninth grade student at Dallas Middle School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Noble. Wallace is a National Junior High School Society member.

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BOSTON BOUND? - Mark Konopki of Trucksville signed with the Boston Red Sox organization last week. Shown above at a press conference to announce the signing, front row, left to right; Mark Konopki and Phil Rossi, Red Sox scout. Mr. and Mrs. John Konopki, Sr. are looking on. (Photo by Charlot M. Denmon)

Mark Konopki signs contract with Red Sox

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Mark Konopki of Trucksville, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Konopki, Sr., signed a contract with the Boston Red Sox at his home last Thursday and left Saturday, July 15, to report to the Red Sox farm team in Elmira, New York.

In announcing his decision to go with the Red Sox, Konopki said he expects to pitch sometime this week.

The 6'2", 170-lb. Konopki is a graduate of Dallas High School where he posted a three-year record of 17-5 with a 10-2 record in his junior year under coach Jack Wolensky. He was a six letter winner at Dallas.

Konopki attended Wilkes College as a freshman where he had a 5-2 record with two shutouts under Coach Bob Deliba. In his sophomore year, he attended College Misericordia where he had a 10-1 record including 84 strikeouts and a 1.26 ERA in 92 innings. He also gained status as a NAIA All American under Coach Dennis Fisher.

Konopki attended Old Dominion University in his junior year and posted a 6-5 record for the Monarchs. He led the university staff in innings pitched, strikeouts, shutouts and complete games pitched under head coach Mark Newman.

Konopki pitched for the Back Mountain American Legion team for three years and had a record of 25-6 including a 13-1 record as an 18-year-old, and in 1987 he was

named Most Valuable Player. His overall record is 63-18.

Konopki, who was disappointed when he was not taken in the recent draft, was recruited by Red Sox scout Phil Rossi, who said the Boston Red Sox were pleased to recruit a player of Konopki's caliber.

Konopki said he was also approached by Kansas City, but decided on Boston because he has always been a fan of the Red Sox. Playing for the Sox also meant he would be playing closer to home.

Konopki said the Red Sox will pay him a starting salary of \$850 monthly plus an incentive package and a bonus, enough to get him through his senior year of college.

"I'm also happy I am reporting to Elmira and I'm skipping the instructional league," Konopki said. "I'm 20 years of age and single and I can make it faster into the pros playing with college kids instead of at the high school level. My goal is to make it in two to five years and I want to make progress going as a starter."

Konopki told the press that he plans to work on his fastball, that he has been throwing in the high 80's and low 90's and wants to better that. He expressed his appreciation to his former coaches Fisher, Deliba, Newman, Fisher, Farr and Wolensky, all of whom helped him along the way he said.

"I believe I am ready mentally for the pros," Konopki said. "Coach Newman did a good job of preparing us to be tough mentally."

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