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Back Mountain Baseball opens 1993 season

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A no-hitter, some titanic home runs and a few blowouts highlighted play as Back Mountain Baseball's major league division opened their 1993 season.

Both returning champions, the Rangers in the American League and the Reds in the National League, began the defense of their titles with perfect 2-0 marks. The Rangers, under direction of manager Tom Evans and his efficacious assistant coach Bob Faneck, edged a strong A's team, 4-3.

The Indians, who were 17-2 last season, and the Cardinals proved to be teams to be reckoned with as they also logged a perfect 2-0 week.

Here are the standings through April 25 and a recap of available games (two games were not played to their conclusion and will be completed at a later date):

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Indians	2-0
Rangers	2-0
A's	1-1
Orioles	0-1
Red Sox	0-1
Tigers	0-1

Yankees 0-1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cardinals	2-0
Reds	2-0
Astros	1-1
Dodgers	1-1
Pirates	1-1
Giants	0-2
Phillies	0-2

RANGERS 4, ATHLETICS 3

Mike Ferko delivered a clutch two-out single in the bottom of the sixth to score Matt Gingo and give the Rangers a come-from-behind win. The A's scored single runs in the first and third to take a 2-0 lead. After the Rangers tied the score at 2-2, Neil Dymond singled, stole second and scored on a Matt Jackson single to give the A's a 3-2 lead.

Mike Faneck and Kevin Pizano combined to strike out 12 batters, each striking out six in three innings. Gingo had a pair of hits for the Rangers while Faneck added a double. Justin Hoover and Kyle Droppers led the A's with a pair of hits apiece.

INDIANS 11, RED SOX 5

Sean Hoskins and Chuck Fehlinger combined on a three-

hitter with 11 strikeouts to lead the Indians. Fehlinger and T.J. Amico led the Indians with three hits apiece, including a pair of doubles by Amico. Hoskins added a pair of hits, including a triple.

Jonathan Knarr, Chuck Spurlin and Ron Selenski had the lone hits for the Red Sox. Seth LaJeunesse struck out 10 batters for the Red Sox in going the distance.

PIRATES 20, PHILLIES 2

The Pirates scored 11 runs in the last inning en route to a lopsided win. Tom Roche led the Pirate attack with four hits, all singles while Mike Kashnick and Nathan Walters added a pair of hits. E.J. Ishley picked up the win, striking out six in three innings.

Mike Brown led the Phillies with two hits, including a double and Josh Birth had the only other hit for the Phillies.

ASTROS 10, DODGERS 3

Matt Morris opened his 1993 mound campaign with a complete game no-hitter for the Astros. Morris also helped his own cause with a double. Russell Wenrich had a pair of hits for the winners.

Mike Domzalski struck out six batters in three innings for the

Dodgers while John Saba and Johnny Isaac scored runs for the Dodgers.

CARDINALS 3, PIRATES 2

Jesse Yarnal singled in Matt Marchakitis with the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning to give the Cardinals an exciting win. Scott Walsh picked up the win, striking out five. Mike Regan got the Cardinals out of trouble in the third inning when he turned a double play with the bases loaded. Regan also had a double for the Cards.

E.J. Ishley pitched three strong innings for the Pirates and helped himself with a double at the plate.

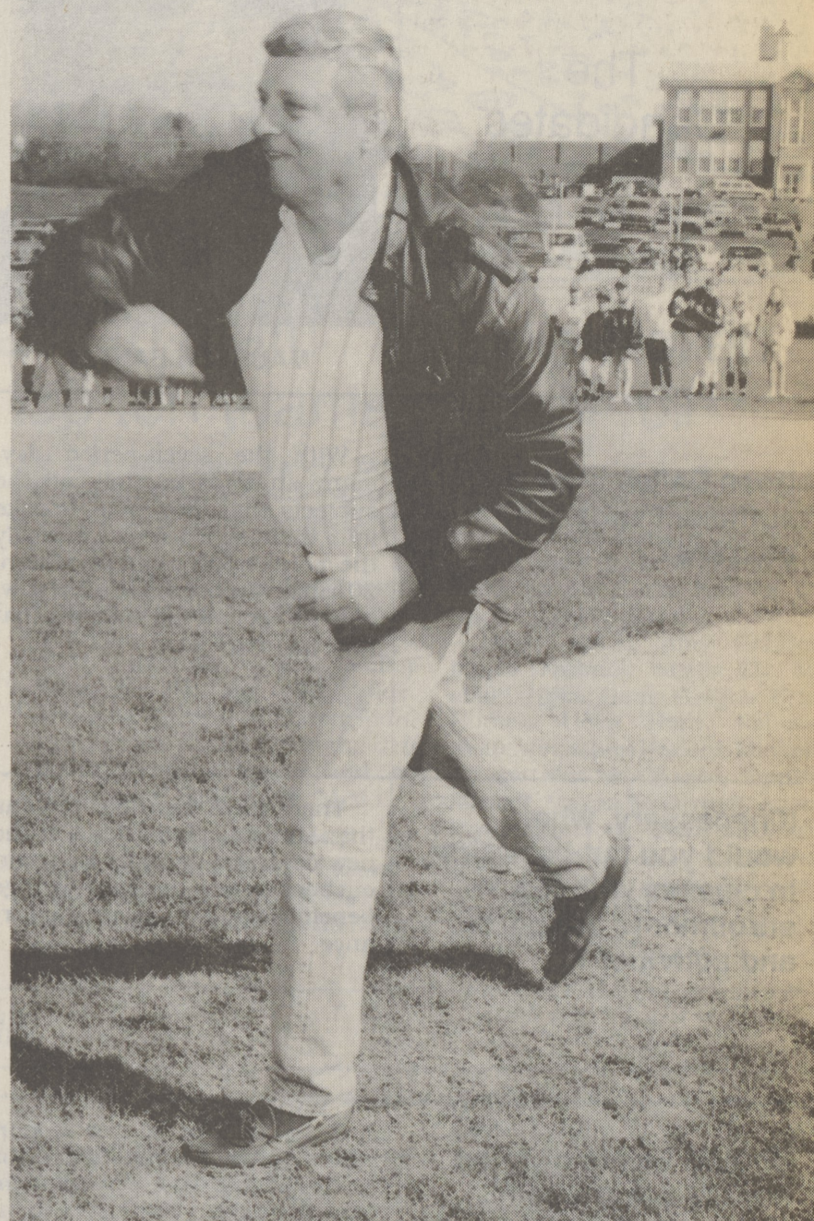
DODGERS 14, GIANTS 3

Mark Chopyak struck out 15 batters in going the distance and the Dodgers broke open a close game with nine runs in the third inning. Jon Saba led the Dodgers with five hits while Collin McHale added a pair of hits. Seth Moyer had a double for the Dodgers.

J.J. Smith pounded a two-run home run for the Giants and teammate Jason Pope added a double.

REDS 7, ASTROS 5

James Davis tossed a complete game and three teammates had a



First ball

Bob Casterline, a recipient of the Ed Lyons Award for service to Back Mountain Baseball, tossed out the first ball.

pair of hits to lead the Reds over the upstart Astros. Davis struck out six and walked three. Jonathan Habrack, Blake Bicking and Justin Bonito each contributed three hits for the Reds.

Matt Morris led the Astros with a double and a single while Russell Wenrich added a pair of singles.

Rich Semanas struck out eight and walked just one despite the loss.

INDIANS 11, PHILLIES 5

The Indians erupted for nine runs in the first two innings en route to the win. Chuck Fehlinger led the Indian attack, blasting a two-run home run in the first and later adding a double. Mike Cleary had two hits for the Indians.

Matt Hoover led the Phillies with two hits, including a double and scored two runs. Charles Whitehead kept the Phillies in the game, pitching the third, fourth and fifth innings, yielding just one base hit and striking out seven.

REDS 5, GIANTS 1

Josh Dukas got the upper hand on a pitcher's duel, tossing a two-hit complete game, striking out 13 batters and walking just one. Jonathan Habrack led the Reds with three hits, including a solo home run. Dukas added a double.

J.J. Smith took the tough loss, striking out 13 batters and walking just two in going the route. Smith and Jason Pope had the lone hits for the Giants.



State champs

Larry Lettie and Joan Conrad displayed the state championship banner won by last year's Big League softball team.



Senior League champs

The 1992 Back Mountain Senior League softball team took the District 16 title. Holding the banner, Larry Lettie, left, president of Back Mountain Baseball, and Joan Conrad, vice president of softball.



Major League champs

Showing off the District 16 championship banner were, from left, Carri Cave, Larry Lettie and Rebecca Beisel.



BMT Baseball board of directors

The board of directors of Back Mountain Baseball, Inc., are, kneeling from left, Doug Whitehead, Rich Jumper, Dave Katyl, Herb Fehlinger, Lynn Jumper, Debbie Bayer, Stephanie Faerber (national anthem singer), Joan Conrad. Standing, from left, Larry Lettie, Kevin Stolarczyk, Scott Yoh, Bob Bayer, Dave Konopki, Tom Balutis, Barry West, Joe Lohin.

BMT Soccer sign-up Saturday

Back Mt. Youth Soccer Association will hold registration for the upcoming Fall '93 Intramural Soccer season on Saturday, May 1, at the Dallas Elementary School Cafeteria from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Registration will be limited to the number of coaches that sign-up. Register early.

The age divisions are: U-8 coed, U-10 Girls, U-10 Boys, U-12 girls, U-12 Boys and U-14 girls and U-14 boys. All first time registrants must have a copy of their birth certificate and all who are registering must have their Social Security number.

SportsShorts

Gauntlett off to good start on mound

Junior lefthander, Brett Gauntlett of Dallas has become a solid hurler for the Hampden-Sydney Tigers so far this season. He is currently 1-0 and is second on the squad with a 2.70 ERA. He is part of a strong H-SC pitching staff that has a 2.72 team ERA. The Tigers are currently 8-2 overall and 3-1 in ODAC play.

Golf schools to start at Four Seasons

Golf Schools starting at Four Seasons Golf Club, Exeter: Ladies starting Tuesday, May 4; Mens starting Wednesday, May 5; Juniors starting Friday, May 7. Each school will consist of four sessions from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Golf Schools will be instructed by Rick Rydzewski who is Certified PGA Golf Professional and a graduate of Wilkes University. Rick competed an Advanced PGA Professional Training School and a Psychology of Playing Seminar and recently completed a PGA Teaching Seminar in Philadelphia. To register call the pro-shop at 655-8869.



Dallas High School graduates on LCCC softball team

Tiffany Owens, Ann Fauls and Stephanie Kriner, all graduates of Dallas High School, are members of the 1993 Luzerne County Community College women's softball team. Owens serves as one of the captains of this year's team and plays third base for the Minutemaids. Fauls also serves as one of the team's captains and plays left field. Kriner is a pitcher. The Minutemaids hosted Bucks Community College for a doubleheader on Tuesday, April 13. Shown are, from left, Tiffany Owens, Shavertown; Ann Fauls, Harveys Lake; and Stephanie Kriner, Trucksville.

Grover the hound is found

Luzerne County - On March 30 at 10 p.m. the Northeast Region Game Commission dispatcher received a phone call from a concerned resident of Dallas, whom, along with his wife, had heard "crying" from a small patch of woods along their road. The caller stated that he did not go in to see what it was but thought perhaps it was an injured or trapped animal. The dispatcher contacted Deputy Jerry Kapral and explained the situation to him. Jerry went out to investigate, not sure of what he would find. To his surprise, he found "Grover", an 11-year-old hound who is quite feeble, who had wandered off from his invalid owner, fell into a hole just off the road and could not get out. By 10:30 p.m. Grover and owner were reunited. Grover was lucky, he had a passerby that heard his cries and called. He had a current license which enabled Deputy Kapral to locate the owner and most important, I have a deputy who cared enough to lend a helping hand and gave Grover a ride home. - WCO Donald R. Burchell, Dallas.

From the Pennsylvania Game Commission notes.