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Pitching duel tops LLeague action

Eight games, including an outstanding pitching duel, were decided by three runs or less in the fifth week of action in Back Mountain major league play.

The Rangers remained unbeaten at the halfway point of the season, leading the American League with a 10-0 mark. The Astros were the only National League team not to lose a game last week and took sole possession of first place with an 8-2 record.

STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Rangers	10-0
Indians	8-2
A's	7-3
Red Sox	4-6
Orioles	2-8
Tigers	2-8
Yankees	0-10

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Astros	8-2
Cardinals	7-3
Reds	7-3
Dodgers	4-6
Pirates	4-6
Giants	2-8
Phillies	2-8

SCORES (Week ending May 22)

Astros 2 - Indians 0
Red Sox 8 - Dodgers 6
Harveys Lake Pirates 7 - Pirates 0
Reds 2 - Athletics 0, nine innings
Rangers 9 - Cardinals 6
Phillies 10 - Yankees 9
Pirates 13 - Yankees 3
Indians 6 - Dodgers 5
Astros 11 - Tigers 6
Red Sox 10 - Reds 8
Rangers 20 - Phillies 0
A's 12 - Giants 10, seven innings
Giants 8 - Orioles 4

REDS 2 - ATHLETICS 0

In a game described by many witnesses as the best Little League game in the Back Mountain in recent years, David Jumper belted a two-run single to give the Reds a 2-0 win in nine innings.

The Reds' Jonathan Habrack and the A's Kyle Droppers hooked up in a classic pitchers duel for six innings with Habrack tossing a no-hitter while striking out 12 and Droppers yielding just one hit, striking out 10.

Blake Bicking led off the ninth with a single and with two outs, Justin Bicking walked. Jumper then delivered a two-out, two-strike blast to leftcenter field, scoring both Bickings. Josh Dukas took the win, striking out six in three innings. Larry Wesley, Matt Jackson and Chris Banks had the lone hits for the A's.

PHILLIES 10 - YANKEES 9

The Phillies jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first inning and then withstood a furious Yankee rally en route to the win. Winning pitcher Mike Brown struck out 10 and allowed just one hit in four innings. Charles Whitehead had two hits for the Phillies, including a double. Brown had a triple while Matt Hoover, Josh Katyl and Corey Makarewicz each added doubles.

J.T. Wisniewsky pitched well for the Yankees, striking out 11 batters in five innings of relief work. Lykon had the lone hit for the Yankees.

ASTROS 2 - INDIANS 0

Matt Morris tossed a complete game one-hitter, striking out 14 and walking just two, to lead the Astros over the Indians. Damian Temperine and Russell Wenrich belted doubles for the Astros.

Chuck Fehlinger struck out 10 batters in relief work for the Indians while teammate T.J. Amico had the Indians' only hit of the contest.

RED SOX 10 - REDS 8

The Red Sox parlayed good defense with timely hitting to beat the Reds. Seth LaJeunesse picked up the mound win for the Red Sox and helped himself with a triple at the plate.

Josh Dukas had a pair of hits, including a double, while teammate James Davis belted a triple for the Reds, who staged a seven-run, fifth-inning rally that just



POST PHOTO/RON BARTIZEK

YOU'RE OUT - The Tigers' Sarah Rodgers slapped a tag on an Astro runner during last Saturday's Little League game between the two teams. The Astros went on to win 11-4 and move into sole possession of first place in the National League.

ASTROS 11 - TIGERS 4

Rich Samanas picked up the mound win and also had a pair of hits at the plate to lead the Astros. Damian Temperine also had a pair of hits for the Astros while Taylor Wielage and Russell Wenrich belted a double and triple, respectively. Jason Baker led the Tigers offensive attack with a pair of doubles.

RED SOX 8 - DODGERS 6

Mike Longfoot tossed a complete game, striking out eight, to lead the Red Sox. Brett Larson and John Lukasavage each belted doubles for the Dodgers. Lukasavage finished the game with a pair of hits.

Matt Loftus led the Dodgers with a pair of hits, including a triple, while teammate Mark Chopyak also smacked a triple. Jonathan Saba struck out 10 batters over six innings despite the loss.

RANGERS 20 - PHILLIES 0

The Rangers scored five runs with two outs in the third inning to break a scoreless tie and then pulled away for an impressive win. Matt Wycallis picked up the win, striking out five in three innings. Mike Faneck struck out six over the final three innings.

Mike Faneck, Matt Gingo and Darrell Evans each had a pair of hits for the Rangers. Gingo, Aaron Katyl and Mike Ferko each had doubles. Matt Hoover and Charles Whitehead had the lone hits for the Phillies. Whitehead struck out seven in four innings of work despite the loss.

PIRATES 13 - YANKEES 3

E.J. Ishley, Jason Lazinski and Adam Pelak each had three hits to lead the Pirates over the Yankees. Danny Fauerbach had a pair of triples for the Pirates while Lazinski picked up the win, striking out five in three innings. J.T. Wisniewsky blasted a triple for the Yankees while Lycon, Cromer and Sabatura had the other hits for the Yankees.

INDIANS 6 - DODGERS 5

Brian Endrusick blasted a double in the bottom of the sixth to score Paul Hiller and break a 5-5 tie to lead the Indians. Sean Hoskins and Chuck Fehlinger had two hits apiece for the Indians while Mike Cleary and Chris Tucker each added doubles. Hoskins picked up the win, striking out seven in five innings of work.

RANGERS 9 - CARDINALS 6

The Rangers jumped out to an 8-0 lead and then held on a Cardinal rally in the sixth inning en route to the win. Kevin Pizzano picked up the win, striking out 12 in five innings and helped himself, getting three hits, including two doubles, at the plate. Mike Ferko had two hits, including a double, while Aaron Katyl added a two-bagger.

For the Cardinals, Danny Nichol belted a triple while teammates Justin Kenning and Scott Walsh each hit doubles. Matt Marchakitus and Walsh combined to strike out 11 batters.

A'S 12 - GIANTS 1

The Athletics scored seven runs in the top of the seventh and then withstood a fierce Giant come-

back in the bottom of the inning to win a see-saw contest in extra-innings. Neil Dymond and Chris Banks led the A's with Hoover and Kyle Droppers each added two hits.

Brock Siegel led the Giants with three hits while J.J. Smith had two hits, including a double, and Matt Eyet added a double and triple.

GIANTS 8 - ORIOLES 4

J.J. Smith fired a complete game five-hitter, striking out 12, to lead the Giants. Russ Eyet was the big hitter for the Giants, belting a single and a three-run triple. Matt Barnard led the Orioles, belting two doubles, and struck out seven despite the loss.

HARVEYS LAKE METS 18 - BK. MT. TIGERS 0

Greg Woronko and D.J. Kapon combined to throw a no-hitter against the Tigers while striking out 12. Palmer Edwards led the Mets hitting attack with three hits, while Sam Saylor and D.J. Kapon each had two hits including a double. Gary Sagan saved the no-hitter by making a diving stop of a hard-hit grounder late in the game. The Mets, involved in interleague play with Bk. Mt. and Bob Horlacher Leagues, are undefeated and have a record of 8-0.

BACK MOUNTAIN SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Red Sox	5-0
White Sox	3-1
Phillies	3-3
Dodgers	2-3
A's	2-4
Cardinals	1-4

CARDINALS 14 - BOB HORLACHER A'S 7

Cardinals' pitcher Katie Natus claimed victory over the Bob Horlacher A's during Monday night's game. Becky Miller and Monica Fallon both had excellent four for four batting performances, with Miller claiming one RBI and Fallon with 2 RBIs.

RED SOX 20 - DODGERS 5

Pitcher Jennifer Noon's performance on the mound added yet another victory for the undefeated Red Sox. Contributing to the winning team included Amanda Stolarick and Maureen Paley with three hits each, including a double by Paley, as well as a triple blasted by Amy Kapral.

The Dodgers' Kourtney Koslosky added to her team's effort with a double as well as a single.

A'S 10 - CARDINALS 9

An exciting game took place on Saturday as the Cardinals had a disappointing loss to the A's. The score was tied at the bottom of the

sixth inning, but the A's scored once and won the game. Shelley Alters was the winning pitcher, and also exhibited her batting talents with two hits, as did Annette Marino and Jillson Bryant.

For the Cardinals, Becky Miller led her team with two doubles and four RBIs, with Monica Fallon contributing three hits and Melissa DeCesaris with two hits.

WHITE SOX 18, BOB HORLACHER WHITE SOX 2

Two hits was all Robyn Considine would allow in an outstanding mound performance against the Bob Horlacher team, following a no-hitter until the top of the sixth inning, including eight strikeouts. Adding to her pitching excellence was a two-run home run. Teammates Kristen Czwalina and Katie Austin had three singles each, including a triple by Austin. Becky Weiss contributed to the Bob Horlacher White Sox with a single.

RED SOX 16 - BOB HORLACHER A'S 1

Maureen Paley not only went four for four in an outstanding batting performance, including a double, but also led her team to victory pitching a non hitter against the A's, with 17 strikeouts. Amanda Stolarick belted a three-run home run.

BOB HORLACHER YANKEES 29 - DODGERS 10

The young Dodgers team made a last ditch effort in the final inning to try to overtake the powerful Bob Horlacher team, but to no avail. Dodgers' Jesse Tarity had a strong batting performance with three hits, as well as Mandy Marx with two hits, including doubles from both players. Kristen Insalaco made her attempt with two singles.

Sherri Kuderka, Lyndsay Faux, and Denise Kovaleski lead their team with home runs, while Kristen Race belted a triple and a double. Segan Millington, Ilea Kravashy, and Desiree Dymond also contributed to the team's efforts with doubles of their own. Winning pitcher for the Yankees was Denise Kovaleski with five strike outs.

CARDINALS 16 - DODGERS 7

The Cards played a great defensive game as they went on to defeat the Dodgers. Monica Fallon claimed the winning pitcher slot, as Becky Miller slammed a double and two singles to lead in the batting attack. Miller also stole home twice for two runs.

For the Dodgers, Kourtney Koslosky went three for three with singles, with April Adelson, Christy Hiller and Krystal Olivarez helping their team with two hits each.

Spring sports teams turned in strong records

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Sports Correspondent

The seasons may have changed but the success remains the same.

Lake-Lehman and Dallas High schools combined to win no less than six Wyoming Valley Conference and/or District 2 titles during the fall and winter sports seasons.

This spring they've added four more. And they may not be done just yet.

The Lake-Lehman boys' volleyball team, under head coach John Baranowski, recently captured both the WVC and District 2 titles. The Dallas boys' track team, under the direction of head coach, Bill Kvashay, did the same.

The Lehman softball team clinched the WVC regular season title last week as did the Dallas girls' soccer team. Both teams still have District 2 and possible state playoffs ahead of them.

The Lehman volleyball team ripped through the WVC with relative ease, losing just two games en route to posting a 14-0 record. The Black Knights lost just one game in district play and capped off an outstanding season by finishing in the Final 8 during the state playoffs.

"The kids put in a lot of hours this season," said Baranowski, whose Knights won their ninth District 2 title since Baranowski began the program in 1976. "They were very dedicated and did everything I asked them to do. Because they worked so hard, they were successful."

The veteran coach, who is assisted by Bob Rogers and volunteer assistant coach Chuck James, had plenty of praise for his six seniors and the leadership they provided this season.

"The seniors knew what it took to win," said Baranowski, of seniors Rob Spencer, Chris Salko, Tony Scavone, Tim Norconk, Dave Larkins and Brian Kelly. "Rob and Tony were always 1-2 in kill and block leaders. Tim is one of the best defensive players and passers to ever come out of Lake-Lehman."

"Chris is a level-headed kid and was a steady player," he added. "Brian played great defense and made some tremendous plays because of his athletic ability. And Dave did a good job of blocking on the right side. He improved quite a bit throughout the year."

Spencer was named to the all-state second team. Baranowski also complimented the play of several underclassmen who he will be counting on next season.

"Jarrod Baranowski gave us a lot of production during the year," said the coach, of his junior son, who was named all-state honor-able mention. "He was our best all-around player. He never came off the floor. Jason Sutliff showed vast improvement in ability and confidence. Mike Callahan (setter) did a good job and Jeremy

Baranowski, Jeremy Fleeger and Dan Lukasavage did a good job coming in for us. They are going to be a force to be reckoned with next year. We're looking for some of these kids to have a big year next season."

But for now, the Lehman coaching staff and players can enjoy the success they worked so hard to obtain.

"I don't know if they realize what they have accomplished," said Baranowski, whose Knights advanced further than any other Black Knights boys' volleyball team in Lehman history. "I told them how proud I am of them and that they should be pleased with themselves. I'm very happy with the way this team played this season."

The Black Knights have now won 11 WVC titles and qualified 12 times for state playoffs. Baranowski's teams have an 18-year record of 198-16.

Coming into this season Lehman softball coach Rose Ragnacci was looking forward to a pretty successful season.

She got more than she hoped for.

The Lady Knights have posted a 14-0 record so far this season in the WVC and clinched the North Division title last week. The Black Knights will advance to the district playoffs on June 1.

"I'm still in shock," admitted the nine-year Lehman head coach. "I thought we'd be competitive but we've really played well, especially against some of the good teams. We were hitting the ball early in the season and then when we didn't, we played good defense. It's really been a nice surprise."

What hasn't been a surprise is the pitching of senior Cherub Honeywell. The all-around athlete has tossed four no-hitters this season.

"We knew Cherub was going to have to have a good year if we were going to be successful," said Ragnacci. "She's a much better pitcher now than she was in the middle of the season. She's the most valuable player. Without her, we're a winning team, but not a championship team."

But Ragnacci also noted that while Honeywell may be the most valuable, this is certainly not a one-player team.

"The seniors took their leadership role," said Ragnacci, who is assisted by Kim Barbacci and Heather Ruger. "They've really encouraged the younger players. Noell Brooks (outfield) and Christina Conrad (catcher) have really played well. So have Bridgette Hozempa (outfield), Mindy Main (shortstop), Heather Gray (second base), Amy Rogers (third base), Julie Babcock (pitcher-outfield) and Kelly Spencer (first base)."

"The girls are enjoying themselves and winning at the same time," concluded Ragnacci. "They're playing well and I think we're peaking just at the right time. We'll have to see what happens."

Brakettes star to coach at BMT softball camp

Back Mountain Baseball, Inc. will hold its third annual softball day camp June 21-25 at the Little League field on Church Road in Dallas.

Instructors for the camp include Melissa Jarrell, head coach at the University of Rhode Island; Cheryl Travis, assistant coach at Trenton State College and a former coach at Lake-Lehman High School; Flossy Finn, former head coach at Lake-Lehman with a 203-46 career record; Marge Kelly, head coach at Wyoming Valley West; Denise Davis, Lake-Lehman graduate and NCAA player at Rutgers University; and Donna Harris, player for the internationally-known Raybestos Brakettes and former College Player of the Year.

Girls between the ages of 8 and 19 as of June 21 may attend, but

high school graduates may not. Campers will be grouped according to age and ability.

Morning sessions will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, with a lunch break from Noon to 1 p.m. Afternoon sessions run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. There will be morning half-day beginner sessions for girls ages 8-10 and 10-12, which will be separate from the older groups.

The cost for a full week is \$90, including instruction and a camp t-shirt. A \$10 discount each will be given for two or more attendees from the same family. Insurance is not provided and a release form must be signed. Proceeds from the camp will go to benefit Back Mountain Baseball, Inc.

For registration information, call Flossie Finn at 675-5129, or write Joan Conrad, 3224 Chase Road, Shavertown, PA 18708.

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Irem Women Golfers results

Results of Irem Women Golfers for Tuesday, May 18. A flight was won by Angela Kimm, B by Bok Choi, and C by Arlene Hemenace, D by Evelyn Eck. Putting prize A. Angela Kim; B. Sun-Hee Koo; C. Louise Moore; and D. by Edith Jones.

On June 22 there will be an Invitational Tournament, the Dorothy Roberts Memorial. Mrs. Ronald Ertley and Mrs. John McKeage are the chairmen.