

District champs

Play Towanda Wed. in first sectional game

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While sports such as football and soccer are preparing for their coming seasons, the Back Mountain American Little League all-star team knows one thing: This is still baseball season.

And after making history last week, they aren't quite ready to hang up their gloves and spikes just yet.

Back Mountain American captured their first-ever District 16 championship with a 5-0 win over Edwardsville/Larksville last Wednesday night at the W.W. Kubis Memorial Field. Back Mountain had won two previous District 16 titles; one by the National League in 1990 and the other by the 1962 state championship team before the league split into two separate leagues.

With the win, the Americans advance to sectional play and will travel to Towanda on Wednesday for a 5:30 p.m. contest against the District 15 champs. Towanda, a gutsy team that plays hard according to scouting reports, advanced to the game with a 7-3 win over District 17 champion Taylor on Monday.

"We have a group of boys who love to play baseball," said manager Herb Fehlinger, whose team went through the double-elimination District 16 tourney unbeaten. "When our practices are over they want to keep playing. The parents end up sitting there for an extra 25 or 30 minutes waiting for us to get done. The kids don't want the season to end."

In the district playoffs, the players knew they represented the Back Mountain community. Now, they represent the entire district, one of the largest in the state.

"We owe it to the district to play well," said Fehlinger. "We not only represent the Back Mountain but now we represent everyone in our area. We won't have a



DISTRICT 16 CHAMPS - The Back Mountain American all-stars are the champions of Pennsylvania District 16 Little League teams. They are, first row, from left, John Zimmiski, Mike Faneck, Michael Cleary, Marcus Sowcik, Justin Hoover, Chris Tucker, Jonathon Kanarr, Aaron Katyl. Second row, Chuck Fehlinger, Neil Dymond, Matt Barnard, Kyle Droppers, Kenin Pizzano, Sean Hoskins. Third row, coach Russ Hoover, manager Herb Fehlinger, coach Mark Sowcik.

home game the rest of the season. We'll have to travel. But our kids know what it's going to take to win."

With the championship, the Americans have accomplished the first of two goals they set before the post-season began.

"We told the kids after the Ed/Lark game that they've achieved the first of our two goals," explained Fehlinger. "Our first goal was to win the district title. Now, we want to make it into the state playoffs."

In order to do that, the Americans will have to win two games in their section (Section 3). Section 3 covers the greater Wyoming Valley (including the Hazleton area) and extends south to the Maryland border.

There are just 16 teams remaining in the hunt for the Pennsylvania State Championship.

And now, for the first time in their 20-plus-year history, Back Mountain American is one of them.

Members of the team include: Matt Barnard, Mike Cleary, Kyle Droppers, Neil Dymond, Mike Faneck, Chuck Fehlinger, Justin Hoover, Sean Hoskins, Jonathan Kanaar, Aaron Katyl, Kevin Pizzano, Marcus Sowcik, Chris Tucker and John Zimmiski. Manager Herb Fehlinger is competently assisted by Mark Sowcik and Russ Hoover.

Little League tournament results

Lower Valley 11-12 tournament

BK. MT. NATIONAL 6-MOUNTAINTOP 5

Mickey Snyder singled home Charles Whitehead with the winning run in the fifth inning to lift National past Mountaintop in the semi-final of the Lower Valley 11-12 year old Tournament. National trailed 5-4 entering the fifth before Whitehead knotted the game with an RBI double and advanced to third on an error, setting up Snyder's heroics. Jim Davis got the mound win, striking out nine and walking just one. He also had two hits, including a double. Snyder had two hits while Russ Eyet added a double.

W.W. Kubis Tournament BK. MT. NATIONAL 3-SWOYERSVILLE 2

The Nationals scored three runs in the fifth inning and then withstood a Swoyersville comeback to advance in the winner's bracket of the W.W. Kubis Memorial Tournament for 11 year-olds. Jonathan Habrack picked up the win, striking out six in going the distance. Josh Lesinski had two of the National's four hits. Charles

Whitehead and Dan Fauerbach had the others.

HARVEYS LAKE 14-HANOVER 2

In first-round action, Harveys Lake defeated Hanover 14-2. D.J. Kapson had a no-hitter for five and two thirds inning before Jesse Sayre singled for Hanover. Kapson struck out 16 batters while walking four. Leading Harveys Lake hitting attack was Greg Woronko with a double, two singles, while D.J. Kapson and Gary Sagan both had two singles.

HARVEYS LAKE 18-BACK MT. AMERICAN 0

In a winners bracket matchup, Harveys Lake exhibited strong pitching, hitting and defense to down Back Mountain American 18-0. Greg Woronko pitched the shutout while striking out 10 and walking two batters. He gave up only two singles, both to Matt Wycallis. Al Pisaneschi took the loss. He struck out seven and walked three. D.J. Kapson led Harveys Lake 16-hit attack with a homerun, three singles, and four RBI's. Greg Woronko helped his own cause with a double, two singles and five RBI's. Russ Mosier and Gary Sagan both had two

singles and Paul Santarelli had a double.

District 16 Junior League championship

BACK MOUNTAIN 5 - BOB HORLACHER 4

Jeff Faneck scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning on a fielder's choice by Joe Tarrity to give Back Mountain the District 16 Junior League title in the best-of-three series.

Ed Piekara picked up the win in relief of Josh Butler, who struck out nine batters in seven innings. John Barilla had two hits for Back Mountain while Butler, Harry Hazeltine, Faneck and Piekara each had singles. Carl Wisnesky had two hits for Horlacher while Percy MacMillan added a triple.

In the first game, Back Mountain pounded Horlacher, 15-1, behind the pitching of Jeremy Carsman, who twirled a one-hitter, striking out eight. Rick Lorah had two hits for Back Mountain while Frank Terescavage, Josh Butler and Dan Tomedi had hits. Jacob Lucas had the lone hit for Horlacher, a first inning single.

14 Little Boys

14 little boys with a star on their hat
On one hand a glove, the other holds a bat

14 little hearts beating ever so proud
As the National Anthem is played and sung by the crowd

14 little boys who have so much to give
It's the summer of '93 and it's for baseball they live

14 little boys get ready to play
A few bow their heads and take a moment to pray

14 little boys standing ever so tall
Waiting for the umpire to say "Play Ball"

14 little boys with a dream that's come true
Standing so proudly in their uniform of white and blue

This is the time they have worked so hard for
Always playing their best, but wanting to give more

They're hoping and praying that the game will be won
For along with all the hard work the road has been fun

And they never want this road to end
Because they are not only teammates, but the very best of friends

For Back Mountain American these All Stars just beam
They're not individual players - they are a Great Team!

Back Mountain American
All-Star Parents

Huntsville Golf Club front 9 nearly ready

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Fifteen months ago, the nearly 500 acres of woods were just like a lot of land in the Back Mountain; unused and unnoticed.

Today, that land is on the verge of becoming one of the most beautiful golf courses in Pennsylvania.

Construction on the Huntsville Golf Club in Lehman Township began in April of 1992, the brainchild of local businessman Richard Maslow. A five-pin placement practice area opened last week for unlimited use by the club members and the course will be ready for nine-hole play this September. The \$10 million, 473-acre facility is expected to be completed by the spring of 1994.

"I'd say we're pretty much right on schedule," said the club's marketing and membership director Paul Lumia. "There were times we had the weather with us and times it was against us. Our ultimate goal was to have nine holes completed by September and 18 (holes) by the spring of 1994, so I'd have to say we're on schedule."

The par-72 course is capable of playing at 7,100 yards and is equipped with a state-of-the-art computerized irrigation system. Right from the start, the directors of the club, and others involved, wanted to make it something special.

"We want to try to make it something that is better than what

is already here (in Northeast PA)", explained Lumia. "A lot of the courses around here are a little smaller, a little shorter. Here, we want to offer everything to all levels of golf. We want to offer the premiere practice facility, the variety of the course itself and the amenities of the clubhouse. We wanted this to be a special place."

It doesn't take long for a visitor to become overwhelmed by the beauty of the course, which was designed by Rees Jones of New Jersey, who is considered one of a handful of top golf course designers in the world. Even the practice facility, surrounded by picturesque natural rock formations, shows off the grandeur of the facility.

The club's membership currently stands at 175, and Lumia is hoping for that number to reach the target of 200 by September. The majority of the members reside in the Back Mountain and Kingston areas but the club has members from as far away as Philadelphia.

Even before ground was broken, planners of the facility believed the people of this area were looking for a first-rate club.

"I think this is a good golfing community," said Lumia. "I think it's probably above-average. We

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Kevin McDonald in Keystone Games

Kevin McDonald of Dallas will be among more than 7,000 Pennsylvania amateur athletes to compete in the 10th annual Keystone State Games Summer Games finals scheduled for August 4-8 in the Greater Harrisburg Area.

McDonald has entered the baseball competition, Junior Division in the Pocono Region.

McDonald is a freshman student at Dallas Senior High School. He is the son of James and Carol McDonald.

BMT Baseball, softball awards picnic

Back Mountain Baseball's annual awards picnic will be held at Irem Temple Outdoor Pavilion Sunday, August 1. Awards presentations will start at 1 p.m. (Note time change). Food will be served immediately following the awards. Donation, \$5 per family.

Pre-swim safety program at Misericordia

College Misericordia will offer a pre-swim and safety program for children during August.

Open to children two - 4 years old, the "Little Lappers" program will be offered in five 45-minute sessions, August 2-6 and August 9-13.

Classes will be held in the Anderson Sports-Health Center pool and will feature floating, breath holding, water safety and games.

Cost of the one-week program is \$33. For more information, call 675-3862.

Dallas High School fall sports physicals

Bob Cicon, Director of Athletics at Dallas Senior High School, announces the following schedule for Fall Sports Physicals:

Thursday, July 29, Football and Golf at 7:45 a.m.; Boys' Soccer and Boys' Cross Country, 11 a.m.

Thursday, August 5, Field Hockey and Girls' Cross Country 8 a.m.; Girls' Volleyball and Cheerleaders, 11 a.m.

Irem member-member results

Irem Temple Member-Member winners:

The team of Joanne Freeman, Arlene Rothstein, Joyce Shaw and Evelyn Eck won first place. On a match of cards, the second place winners were, Betsy Thomas, Kay Goodman, Jane Malpass and blind partner. Third place winners were Leah Flock, Sun Hee Koo, Dale Davis and Estelle Laux.

Putting prize went to Kay Shynn "A" class, Jane Malpass "B" and Ruth Post in "D".

Dallas Middle School fall sports physicals

Bob Cicon, Director of Athletics at Dallas Middle School, announces the following schedule for Fall Sports Physicals.

Wednesday, August 11, Boys at 8 a.m.; Girls at 9 a.m.

Wednesday, September 15, Make-up physicals for all sports.

Lake-Lehman field hockey camp

Registration for Lake-Lehman Field Hockey camp will be held August 9-13. Forms may be picked up at the high school or call Maureen Isaac at 675-5705 after 5 p.m.

Cristy Shamus in Keystone Games

Cristy Shamus of Harveys Lake will be among more than 7,000 Pennsylvania amateur athletes to compete in the 10th annual Keystone State Summer Games finals scheduled for August 4-8 in the Greater Harrisburg Area. Shamus has entered the field hockey competition, Scholastic Division in the Pocono Region.

Shamus is a senior student at Lake-Lehman High School. She is the daughter of Ed and Candy Shamus.

Dallas jr. cheerleaders gymnastics class

Dallas Jr. Cheerleaders beginner and intermediate gymnastics classes will combine to form a "Tumblers I" class. Class will begin 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Advanced class will be called "Tumblers II" and begin at 8:20 till 8:50 p.m.

All classes are on Tuesday at the Dallas Township Gym. Cost will remain the same. This will take effect immediately and begin August 3.

Uniform handouts for Dallas Jr. Cheerleaders will be July 28, 7-8 p.m.

Uniforms will only be handed out to a parent or guardian over the age of 18. If unable to attend, arrangements must be made in advance.

Debona's 32 points leads Dugan's to win

Play continued last week in the Dallas Borough Recreational Basketball League with six games on Wednesday. Dugans Pub stayed unbeaten, thanks largely to Frank Debona's 32 points, as the pubbers drilled Stegmaier 1857 82-56. Jim Jaster had 19 for the winners while Mike Luksic had 23 for Steg.

The Fieldhouse nipped Payne Printery 63-60 behind Lou Woychick's 26 points. Paul Jobson added 15 while Rob Wilson and Jeff Tinner had 20 each for Payne.

Jim-Jon had no trouble with the Mounts and won by a score of 77-54. Ryan Swank led the way with 20 and John Thomas had 15

outdueling cousin Ed Thomas who led the Mounts with 10.

Earlier in the week Stegmaier nipped Payne 74-57 behind Jim Listers 20 points. Dugan's Pub ran over the Fieldhouse 71-51 with Nafty Hage banging in 23, and Team Straigs tripped Jim-Jon 77-70 with Jay Straigs having a fine night and finishing with

32.

STANDINGS

Dugans Pub	7-0
Stegmaier 1857	4-3
Fieldhouse	4-3
Jim-Jon	3-4
Payne Printery	3-4
Team Straigs	2-4
Mounts	2-5