

SportsWeek

Rangers break Little League NL title streak

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The Rangers beat the Phillies 6-3 last Thursday to break a four-year National League hold on the Back Mountain Little League championship.

The Rangers and Phillies won the playoff championships in their respective divisions as Back Mountain Baseball Inc. completed their 1994 post season baseball action. The Rangers, under manager Tom Evans, won the regular season American League title and then captured the AL playoff championship with a 9-6 win over the Tigers in the title game. The Rangers, had advanced to the championship contest with an 11-1 win over the Red Sox in one semi-final, while the Tigers advanced with 25-3 win over the A's in the other.

In the National League, the Phillies, under manager Dave Konopki, won the NL playoff title with a 10-5 win over the Dodgers. The Phillies, who shared the regular season championship with the Dodgers and Giants, advanced to the NL title game with a 13-0 win over the Reds. The Dodgers advanced with an 11-9 win over the Giants.

Last Thursday night, the two playoff champions squared off with the Rangers capturing the overall playoff championship with a 6-3 win over the Phillies. The Rangers ended their season with a record of 20-2. Last season, the team finished second in the American League, with a 21-1

record, th only loss coming in the league title game.

The Phillies won 11 of their last 13 games to finish with a 16-6 mark.

Members of the American League champions include Mike Faneck, Matt Wycallis, Tim Faneck, Darrell Evans, Billy Evans, Nate Hoffman, Brian Vetter, Dennis Brown, Frank Martino, Brian Dempsey, Jake Walter, Chris Organeck and Dan Engler. Assistant coaches were Bob Faneck and Jerry Wycallis.

Members of the National League champions include Chuck Whitehead, Ryan Sorber, Josh Lesinski, Josh Katyl, Matt Hoover, Jesse Schechtman, Jacob Swartwood, John Slaby, T.C. Harding, Ryan Murphy, Colin Donnelly and Joel Lesinski. Assistant coaches were Doug Whitehead and Mike Lesinski.

Playoff Championship RANGERS 6 - PHILLIES 3

The Rangers scored five runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to erase a one-run deficit and capture the Back Mountain Major League baseball playoff championship. Mike Faneck picked up the win, striking out nine in going the distance. Trailing, 2-1, the Rangers parlayed two walks, singles by Darrell Evans and Mike Faneck and an inside-the-park home run by Matt Wycallis into the five runs. Brian Vetter finished the contest with three hits of the Rangers' seven hits. Faneck added a pair of hits, including a double.



VICTORY TROT - Rangers pitcher Mike Faneck leaves the mound after his team claimed the Little League playoff championship with a

6-3 win over the Phillies. Faneck went the distance, striking out nine, and giving the Rangers their 42nd win in the past two years.

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National League Championship

PHILLIES 10 - DODGERS 5

Matt Hoover and Ryan Sorber each had three hits and winning pitcher Chuck Whitehead struck out 12 batters in six innings to lead the Phillies to the National League playoff championship. Whitehead scattered six hits while striking out the side in the third and fifth innings. Josh Katyl added a pair of doubles for the Phillies, who had 13 hits, while

Josh Lesinski and Whitehead also had a double apiece.

Ben Brown led the Dodger offense with two hits and knocked in four of the five Dodger runs. T.J. Dougherty added a double for the Dodgers while Jared Harteis, John Isaac and Steve Moyer had the other hits for the Dodgers, all singles.

American League Championship

RANGERS 9 - TIGERS 6

Matt Wycallis used his arm and his bat to lead the Rangers over

the Tigers in the AL playoff title contest. The Rangers grabbed a 6-0 lead after one inning and never looked back. Wycallis picked up the mound win, striking out eight and walking just one in five innings.

At the plate, Wycallis collected two hits along with teammate Tim Faneck. Mike Faneck added a double for the winners. For the Tigers, a trio of players had two hits apiece. Justin Tamanini, Randy Knappman, and Brian Phillips each had two hits, including a second inning home run by Tamanini.

Senior League Baseball

STANDINGS

Pittston	11-0
Braves	11-2
A's	8-5
Bob Horlacher	6-5
Blue Jays	6-7
Pirates	6-7
Harveys Lake	5-6
Avoca/Dupont	4-7
Indians	4-9
Rockies	0-13

least two hits, including three by winning pitcher Sam Spencer, to lead the Jays over the Rockies. Joining Spencer with three hits was Harry Hazeltine, including a double. Josh Butler added two doubles for the winners while Frank Valvano and Dan Nichol had two hits apiece. John Barilla led the Rockies with three hits, including a double while Vince Vurakewicz and Corey Stanislow added three and two singles, respectively.

BLUE JAYS 13 - HARVEYS LAKE 10

Frank Valvano tossed a complete game, striking out 11, to lead the Blue Jays over Harveys Lake. Josh Butler had three hits, including a double, for the Jays while Valvano (double), Matt Barnard (double, triple) and Jeff Faneck had two hits apiece. Brian Wesley had a fine game for Harveys Lake, collecting three hits including a triple. Baker added a pair of hits for Harveys Lake.



U-11 boys finish third

The Back Mountain Super Sonics U-11 boys team recently took the Bronze Medal at the 15th Annual Lehigh Valley Soccer Tournament held in Bethlehem, Pa. The team finished third, after losing one match to teams such as Lower Merion, East Penn, Northeast Attack, Parkwood, and Tri-Boro in the two day tournament. Pictured, kneeling, from left, are T.J. Daugherty, Kevin Callahan, Josh Katyl, Brook Kryston, Paul Shiber. Standing: Coach Duane Sprau, B.J. Lewis, Colin McHale, Pat Barnard, Keith Sprau, Eddie O'Dell, Assistant Coach Ed O'Dell. Absent from photo, J.B. Bucha.

Poynton, Cougars rolled up top stats

The College Misericordia softball team and senior standout Laura Poynton were among the national leaders in several categories, according to the final NCAA Division III softball statistics.

Misericordia completed the season at 27-5 and earned a spot in the ECAC playoffs, finishing among the national leaders in four team categories: top 10 in batting average, runs per game, slugging percentage and winning percentage.

The Cougars were third in the country in team batting at .397, sixth in the nation in winning percentage at .844, and eighth in runs scored with 8.84 per game and ninth in slugging percentage at .501.

Poynton, a second baseman/pitcher, was ranked 10th in batting with a .515 average, was fifth in runs scored with 1.69 per game and tied for fourth in saves with three.

Local athletes honored at Misericordia

Three former area high school athletic standouts were honored at the annual College Misericordia Winter/Spring Athletics Banquet. Dallas High School graduates Laura Poynton and Jim Reynolds and Jen Smith of Lake-Lehman were among 15 athletes in seven sports to receive Most Valuable Player or Coach's Awards.

Poynton was named softball team Most Valuable Player, while Smith was presented with the Coach's Award. Reynolds received the golf team Coach's Award.

All three players helped their respective teams to Pennsylvania Athletic Conference championships.

Poynton and Smith have also been named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III South All-Star team.

Senior League Baseball District 16 All-Stars

BACK MOUNTAIN: Fran Brown, Gerry Delescavage, Aaron Getz, Tom Klimek, Brad Kohli, Bill Pulchalsky, Justin Jumper, John Martin, Ed Piekara, Brian Pietraccini, Joel Withers, Jeremy Carsman, Kevin West, Frank Valvano. Manager: Steve Withers; Coach: Greg Kohli.

BOB HORLACHER: Armand Alexeev, David Gozikowski, Mike Hollos, Lynn MacMillan, Percy MacMillan, Steward Moyer, Mike Moyer, Tracy Price, Charles Scott, Mark Steele, Josh Sitkowski, Carl Wisnesky. Manager: Carl Wisnesky, Sr.; Coach: John Hollos.

HARVEYS LAKE: Aaron Baker, Joe Halowich, Darrell Hogan, Mike Kenny, Chris Matzel, Richard Patton, Chris Price, Jacob Rambus, Ed Sichler, Shaun Titus, Ned Walsh, Brian Weaver, Brian Wesley. Manager: Larry Titus; Coach: Rich Titus.

Junior League Baseball District 16 All-Stars

BACK MOUNTAIN: Matt Barnard, Kyle Droppers, Josh Dukas, Neil Dymond, Chuck Fehlinger, Justin Hoover, Sean Hoskins, Ed Ishley, Matt Marchakitus, Kevin Pizzano, Jayson Pope, Jonathan Saba, Rich Samanas, J.J. Smith. Manager: Russ Hoover; Coach: Carl Dymond.

BOB HORLACHER: Jonathan Weaver, Mike Konnick, Joe Smitka, Aaron Hosier, Carson Hawke, Joe Kukosky, Steve Fisher, Tom Bean, Jessie Searfoss, Randall Everette, Mike Galka, Jeff Bierlein, Ryan McGrady. Manager: Mike Konnick; Coach: Chuck Bierlein.

HARVEYS LAKE: Palmer Edwards, Paul Kapral, Chris Matzel, Richard Patton, Eric Pimm, Chad Sorber, Jerel Titus, Sam Saylor, Clay Cadwalder, Matt Magee, Eric Rambus. Manager: Dick Patton; Coach: Brad Edwards.

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Mark Steele in Keystone Games

Mark Steele II of Harveys Lake will be among more than 7,000 Pennsylvania amateur athletes to compete in the 13th annual Keystone State Games Summer Games finals August 3-7, in the Greater Harrisburg Area. Steele has entered the soccer competition - Junior Division in the Pocono Region.

Steele is an eighth grade student at Lake-Lehman Middle School. He is the son of Mark and Michele Steele.

KT Raiders junior football clinic July 26

Kingston Township Raiders Junior Football will sponsor a mini-football clinic for children ages 7-13 on July 26 at the Dallas High School. Coach Ted Jackson and the 1993-94 State Champions, the Dallas High School Mountaineers will teach skills and drills to the participants.

Fee is \$15, including lunch and a T-shirt. Pre-registration is required. For more information and/or registration forms, call 675-0066 or 696-4394.

Participant does not need to belong to a mini-football team to attend.

Volleyball camp at Penn State

Penn State Wilkes-Barre will be offering its third annual volleyball camp, August 1 through August 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It will cover the fundamentals and techniques of winning volleyball. Coach John Baranowski of Lake-Lehman High School will return to instruct this year.

The camp is for male and female players for grades seven through 12. For information or to register please call Damian White at 675-9100 after 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Openings in Dallas Jr. Football

Dallas Jr. Football Association still has openings for anyone interested in joining the "A" Team football or "A" Squad Cheerleading. Football players may not exceed the weight limit of 140 pounds nor age limit of 14 by August 1, 1994. Cheerleaders that have tried out for the Jr. Squads may also return or cheer for both. Head coaches will be Denise DeLuca, cheerleading; Bill Haddle, football. Any questions contact president Tim Carroll, 675-5873, or Denise DeLuca, 675-8662, Public Relations Committee.

Sports camps at Penn State

Penn State Wilkes-Barre announces its summer sports camp schedule: soccer: grades K-8, July 11-15; basketball camp, grades 2-12, July 25-29; volleyball camp, grades 7-12, August 1-5; field hockey camp, grades 6-12, July 18-22; golf camp, grades 6-12, July 5-8; tennis camp, grades 6-8, July 5-8 and sports variety camp, grades 4-5, July 18-22.

For a brochure or to reserve a spot, call Penn State Wilkes-Barre at 675-9114.

L-L Football Club sponsors Phillies drawing

The Lake-Lehman Football Club is sponsoring a drawing for four Phillies box seat tickets in Section 205 for the Labor Day Weekend game, Saturday, Sept. 3, Cubs vs. Phils. Donation \$3.00. Proceeds to benefit Lake-Lehman Football Club. For tickets contact Rich Kindler, Club president, 1596 Chase Road, Shavertown, 18708, 696-3695.

Drawing will be on August 25. Prize includes gasoline (\$25 limit), beverages, hoagies, Turnpike tolls and stadium parking.