

## Rangers repeat! Come from behind to win crown

The Rangers successfully defended their Back Mountain crown with a hard fought, come from behind 5-2 victory over the Giants June 22.

Giants starting pitcher Mike Domzalski allowed only two hits and one walk through the first four innings while striking out eight. But the Rangers reached reliever Jimmy Belles for three runs in the fifth on doubles by Tim Faneck, Brian Vetter, Billy Evans and Shawn Whalen's second single of the game.

The Giants took the lead in the top of the first when Jared Karalunas reached on the first of his two hits, then scored on Domzalski's double. Domzalski's RBI triple in the third extended the Giant lead to 2-0. But the Rangers took advantage of shoddy fielding in the bottom of the third to score two runs without any base hits.

The Giants stranded 10 base-runners and the lack of timely hitting was costly. The key to the game was in the top of the second inning when the Giants loaded the bases with no outs; but Ranger starter Darrell Evans retired three straight to escape with no runs.

Brian Vetter shut out the Giants in the last three innings to seal the win.



**DARRELL EVANS, left, and Billy Evans talked over strategy with coach Tom Evans when the Giants threatened to blow the game open in the second inning.**

### Giants hitting leads to NL crown

Winning pitcher Jared Karalunas and Jimmy Belles combined on a 10 hit, five strike out performance while only walking three Reds as the Giants won 18-9 to advance to the championship game.

Jared Karalunas led the Giant attack with two doubles and three singles including nine RBI's. J.B. Bucha added four hits including three doubles, Matt Eyet added two singles and Mike Domzalski hit his third home run of the season.

J.C. DeRojas and Justin Bicking each had two singles while Blake Saba and Chris Eckert each had doubles for the Reds.



**RANGERS third baseman Fran Yanick applied the tag on Mike Domzalski in time to stop a Giants rally in the third, as pitcher Darrell Evans began to signal the out.**

### 4-run fifth takes Rangers to title game

The Rangers broke a 1-1 tie with four runs in the bottom of the fifth to defeat the Tigers 5-3 for the American League Playoff Championship.

Brian Phillips tripled with two outs in the top of the third and scored on a wild pitch by Ranger starter Darrell Evans to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead. The Rangers tied the game in the bottom of the inning when Brian Dempsey reached on an error, advanced to third on a single and a fielder's choice, and scored on a wild throw.

Tiger starting pitcher Randy Knappman dominated through the first four innings, striking out nine and allowing just three base-runners.

Frank Martino led off the Ranger 5th with a double. After Knappman retired the next two batters, "Mr. Clutch" Tim Faneck delivered his second hit of the game to score Martino. The Rangers tacked on three insurance runs on an infield hit, fielders choice, an error, and a passed ball.

Brian Vetter had relieved Evans to start the fourth and retired six of seven batters in the fourth and fifth. But John Simonitis singled to lead off the sixth. Paul Wisnieski followed with a titanic home run to narrow the deficit to 5-3. But Vetter retired the next three batters to send the Rangers into the Back Mountain Championship game against the Giants.

### Bicking does it all in big Reds win

In first round action, the 4th seed Reds defeated the 1st seed Dodgers 18-6.

Reds pitcher Justin Bicking held the Dodgers in check, striking out five batters in a playoff game shortened by the 10 run rule at the end of the fourth inning.

Bicking also exploded for four hits, hitting for the cycle, (single, double, triple and home run). The Reds J.C. DeRojas went two for three. Dan Laurenzi went three for four, other Red hitters include Fetko, Saba, Baronowski and Danoff.

The Dodgers were led by Colin McHale who went two for three.

### Eyet, Domzalski shut down Phillies

In first round action third seed Giants defeated the second seed Phillies 3-2.



**GIANT FANS Jennifer, left, Sarah, center and Theresa Mioduski came to cheer on their team, backed up by a sign on the van.**

Matt Eyet and Mike Domzalski shared pitching duties, Eyet getting the win and Domzalski the save. The Giant pitchers combined to strike out seven Phillies while walking one batter and giving up five hits. J.B. Bucha and Matt Eyet each went two for three accounting for all the Giant offense.

Josh Katyl pitched well for the Phillies, striking out 13 Giants while walking one and allowing only four hits. Katyl went two for three including a triple.

### Rangers come from behind against O's

The fourth place Orioles scored early to take a 6-2 lead over the champions Rangers. But the Rangers scored two in the third to narrow the gap, and then a big five-run fifth to advance to the American League playoff championship game with a 9-6 victory.

Oriole starter Kevin Razawich struck out 12, and despite 11 walks, stymied Ranger hitters through the first four innings, twice pitching out of bases loaded jams.

Tim Faneck starred for the Rangers, on the mound, at the plate, and on the bases. After the Orioles reached starter Shawn Whalen for a big five-run second, Faneck came on in relief and retired eight straight batters. Faneck, who had two hits in the game, drove in the tying run with a two-out single, and then circled the bases before the next batter finished his at-bat to give the Rangers their game-winning margin.

**GIANTS STARTER Mike Domzalski went four innings and allowed only two hits before being relieved by Jimmy Belles. Domzalski also drove in the Giants' two runs.**

## BMT Legion gets by Hazleton in 7th

*Viglone's double brings in winning run*

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**DALLAS TOWNSHIP** - Joe Halowich raced home from second on Mike Viglone's seventh inning double to give Back Mountain a 4-3 come-from-behind victory over Hazleton in American Legion play Monday night. With one out and two on, Viglone ripped the first pitch off losing pitcher Chris Kisatsky all the way to the fence in the right-centerfield gap.

Halowich started the rally by slapping a single up the middle. He later stole second base. John Oliver then fouled off a couple of pitches before being intentionally walked. The move was made to set up a double play or at least force the lead runner at third. Instead of hitting the ball on the ground, Viglone lined the next pitch into the outfield.

The win improved Back Mountain's record to 3-5. In the middle

of the seventh inning, coach Mike Baran notified the umpires that Hazleton would be filing a protest with the league office because the field was not lined for play. Baran believed a hardly visible foul line played a major role in a non-call by the umpires that ended a Hazleton rally in the top of the sixth inning.

With two outs and runners on first and second, Hazleton's Mark Omelecki hit a slow roller to Viglone at third. Omelecki easily beat the throw to first, and because the play took so long, Harry Harris rounded third and broke for home. Oliver's throw to Mike Woronko nailed Harris at the plate for the third out of the inning. Harris and Baran complained that pitcher Jeff Kunkle was standing in the baseline, thereby slowing down the runner's progress to the

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## Bob Horlacher Twins take first area title

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**HARVEYS LAKE** - The Bob Horlacher Twins defeated the champions from the Northwest Little League, sponsored by Jerry's Market, 12-4 Sunday to win the first area championship.

The two-day tournament involved the regular season league champions from the Bob Horlacher, Northwest and Harveys Lake little leagues. The champions of the Back Mountain Little League were also to participate, but weren't able to get involved this year due to scheduling conflicts.

All proceeds from the tournament were donated to charity. In this case monies raised from concession stand sales, donations

and a 50-50 drawing were turned over to Little League's District 16 Challenger program.

The presidents of the four leagues came up with the concept at a meeting back in April and plan on making the tournament an annual event.

"We wanted to raise some money to try and help build a field in our area for the physically challenged," said Bob Horlacher president Randy Mark.

The group raised close to \$500, with all of the action taking place at Robert D. Wintersteen Memorial Complex, Harveys Lake.

The Twins were presented with a bronzed baseball glove after the victory and will keep the trophy until next year's tournament. It

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## Major League softball

### RED SOX 13 - WHITE SOX 7

April Naugle struck out 12 and allowed only two hits leading the Red Sox to a 13-7 win over the White Sox. The Red Sox will now advance into Thursday's championship game.

Amanda Stolarick, April Naugle and Rachel Kukosky each had two hits for the winners. Katie Guntli pitched a fine game for the White Sox and along with Saman-

tha Lloyd had base hits for the White Sox.

### RED SOX 17 - BOB HORLACHER GIANTS 2

The combined pitching effort of April Naugle and Amanda Stolarick led the Red Sox to the win over the Giants. The pair combined to strike out 15 batters and along with Rachel Kukosky and Sarah Armano had two hits each. Julia Chiampli and Mary Jane Gover-

added three hits each for the Red Sox. Everett hit a homerun for the Giants. The win completes the regular season for the Red Sox capping their second consecutive unbeaten season.

### RED SOX 7 - DODGERS 5

Amanda Stolarick and April Naugle combined to strike out 15 as the Red Sox edged the Dodgers. Amanda led the Red Sox with

three hits while April, Julia Chiampli and Sarah Armano added two hits each. Melonie Sappe had two doubles for the Dodgers.

### RED SOX 11 - PHILLIES 6

April Naugle picked up the win in relief as the Red Sox held off the Phillies 11-6. Amanda Stolarick and Megan Tribendis had two hits for the Red Sox. Jolene Mintzer had two hits for the Phillies.

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