

# SportsWeek

Section 2

Wednesday, June 19, 1996

## Rangers top Red Sox in 9 innings for playoff win

Rangers 3, Red Sox 2 (9 innings, playoff)

Bryan Whalen's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth capped a two-run rally in round one of the American League playoffs. Chris Higdon had singled in the top half, then stole second and scored on a wild throw to give the Red Sox the lead.

The Rangers had taken the lead in the first when Billy Evans scored on the front end of a double steal. Red Sox pitcher, Luke Miller put on a masterful performance in the second through eighth innings, allowing only three Rangers to reach base. Miller pitched the first eight innings, fanning 14 with two walks and allowing just two hits, both infield singles by Tim Lincecum.

The crucial point in the game in the sixth when Ranger starter Faneck walked the first three Red Sox batters. Shawn Whalen came on in relief and got a force out, then fanned the next two batters to escape with no runs and send the game into extra innings. Faneck allowed two hits, walked four and struck out 10. Whalen finished with three walks, nine strikeouts and allowed one hit.

Yankees 7 - Indians 5

Bob Gephardt collected 15 strikeouts advancing the Yankees past the Indians. John Pambianco had a single and triple with Frank Buzin hitting a single and double and Todd Kerestes getting two hits for the Yanks. Other Yanks hitting the ball were Matt Goeringer with a double and Andy Check and Nate Yoh.

The Indians only two hits came from Mike Fehlinger and Josh Rice.

Astros, Dodgers win NL

playoff contests

Astros 15 - Cardinals 9

The first inning started off with both teams going through eight batters and the Astros leading four to three on five hits com-

pared to two hits by the Cardinals, and Joe Yankoski for the Astros.

In the third inning Jamie Rhodes started the inning with a single and then stole two bases to set up a run on an RBI single by Stephen Luksh making the score five to three and no scoring by the Cards in the inning.

The fourth inning had scoring from both teams. The Astros, Ricky Branco and Chip Harrison scored after each hit and stole bases and a single from Wally Karl. Geoff Walp singled and scored for the Cardinals along with Ryan Kellagher and Matt Metz. Greg Mascioli added a hit and RBI scoring Metz and then scored on Mark Yankowski single to left when an error allowed Mascioli to score.

With the score now seven to seven the Astros added the go ahead run in the fifth when Justin Sayre singled and Yankoski sacrificed to advance the runner and Branco had an RBI single to bring Sayre to the plate. Yankoski fanned two of the three Cardinals ending the inning with the score eight to seven.

In the sixth inning the bats came out and both starting pitchers gave into their successor of Mascioli for the Cards and Luksh for the Astros. The Astros scored seven runs behind hits from Branco, Harrison, Phil Kurello, Luksh and Yankoski, with the Cardinals scoring two with hits from Metz and Mascioli.

Dodgers 16 - Pirates 5

Eric Kowalek collected the win on the mound and was relieved by Josh Bryant as the Dodgers controlled their win over the Pirates. The Dodgers hit the ball well with Jeremy Moore getting three hits including a double, Scott Lozo with three hits, and Josh Bryant two doubles.

The Pirates had two hits by Jordy Spencer and Todd Jones had a double in the game.



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Tyler Karalunas reached for the throw as Brian Cornia crossed the bag in last week's game between the Cardinals and the Giants. The Cards advanced to the playoffs but fell to the Astros 15-9 Sunday.

## Oliver goes pro, in rookie league

DALLAS - John Oliver graduated from Lake-Lehman High School last Friday. Today, he's on the roster of a professional baseball team, as the highest-paid draft pick in the parent team's history.

Oliver, a three-sport standout for the Black Knights, had to decide between entering Clemson University in the fall or joining the Cincinnati Reds organization this summer. He had been offered a generous baseball scholarship to Clemson. But a record signing bonus lured

him directly to the pros.

The Reds drafted Oliver in the first round June 4, and negotiations had taken place since then. He reported to the Princeton, West Virginia team Tuesday, to spend the next several weeks in the Appalachian League for rookies.

Because he was still considering college, Oliver couldn't be formally represented by an agent during the negotiations. His father, John Oliver Sr., handled the talks with advice from a professional agency.

## Adamshick pitches, bats Legion to win

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DALLAS TOWNSHIP - Mike Adamshick belted a two-run homer to right center in the bottom of the sixth inning, giving the Back Mountain American Legion team a 9-8 victory over Hanover Monday night. Their second come-from-behind victory in as many games upped the teams record to 3-2.

Adamshick backed up a big night at the plate with a key relief performance on the mound. Mike went 3-for-4 with four rbi's, two runs scored and was also the game's winning pitcher.

The Back Mountain players displayed great spirit and composure, having to rally twice in the game after Hanover built an early 6-0 lead. Trailing 6-3 in the fifth, 10 men came to the plate as Back Mountain managed to take the lead, one batter at a time.

Frank Valvano worked Corey Yanoshak for a bases loaded walk following singles by Aaron Getz, Rich Klick and Adamshick. Valvano fouled off several pitches before driving home the inning's first run.

One out later, starting Hanover pitcher Tom Fostock walked home another before Mike Woronko tied the game with a single to center. Valvano would later score on a wild pitch, giving Back Mountain its first lead of the night, 7-6.

Stan Ruda opened the visitors' sixth by slashing a single past the glove of third baseman Getz, causing Back Mountain manager Scott Francis to make his second pitching change of the contest. Klick was pulled in favor of Adamshick.

Jay Allen proceeded to lay a perfect bunt down the first base line and reached when Adamshick's throw to first hit him. Although Ruda eventually got

throw out at the plate, Allen proved to be the tying run. Back-to-back infield errors with two outs allowed Hanover to score twice and regain the lead.

Adamshick showed tremendous velocity during his two innings of work Monday. Mike pitched to nine men allowing two unearned runs on one hit while walking two batters and fanning one.

Klick pitched 3 2/3 innings after relieving Fostock with one down in the second. Hanover touched him for five hits and three runs, only one of which was earned.

While the Back Mountain defense could have been described as lackluster at various times in the contest, middle infielder Chad Sorber put together a flawless game. Playing both second base and shortstop, Sorber made several fine plays recording four assists and one put out in the process. With two Hanover runners aboard he ended the game by turning a double play. After fielding a two-hopper off the bat of Ruda, Chad tagged out Jerry Naperkowski before throwing out the batter.

Back Mountain got on the scoreboard with three runs in the third. With one out Getz blooped a single to left and advanced to third after Klick slashed a double to the gap in right center. Adamshick picked up his first two ribbies with a single through the left side of the infield. Valvano scored the third run by reaching on one Hanover error and scoring on another.

Klick reached base all four times and scored three runs while Getz registered three hits on the night. Other players seeing action included Joe Halowich, Justin Jumper and Ed Sichler.

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## McGovern's 26 points pace Camp Football camp at Dallas High

The Dallas Borough Rec Center opened the annual Summer Basketball League with three games last Thursday. In the opener Camp Orchard Hill started the season with a bang by hammering The Lion Inc. 93-68. Jim McGovern led the winners with 26 points while Mike Luksic had 17 for The Lion.

Hosey's started on a winning note also by whipping Athletic Image 67-32. Jim Jaster had 17 as did Derrick Johnson.

The Knights outlasted Woychick Accounting 64-560 in the nitecap. Rich Davis had 17 for the winners and Mark Millington 12 for the losers. Play continues on Monday and Wednesdays starting at 5:15 at the Rec Center on Burndale Road in Dallas.

League Standings:

Camp Orchard Hill	1-0
Hosey's	1-0
Knights	1-0
Oliver's	0-0
Lions Inc.	0-1
Athletic Image	0-1
Woychick Acc.	0-1

Schedule for Wed., June 19  
5:15 - Camp Orchard Hill vs. Athletic Image  
6:15 - Lion Inc. vs. Woychick Acc.  
7:15 - Hosey's vs. Oliver's

Box scores for June 12

Camp Orchard Hill - 93

	FG	E	Total
S. Smith*	5	0	11
J. Smith	3	0	6
Nichol**	4	0	10
Perlis*	4	0	9
Starbaugh*	8	0	17
McGovern	13	0	26
Brady	2	0	4
Michalek	6	0	12
	45	0	93

Hosey's - 67

	FG	E	Total
Hosey	2	3	7
N. Hage	7	0	14
D. Hage	0	0	0
Johnson	8	1	17
Jaster	8	1	17
Debona	3	0	6
Hoover	3	0	6
	29	5	67

Knights - 64

	FG	E	Total
M. Davis	2	0	4
R. Davis	7	3	17
R. Wilson	2	1	5
D. Wilson	1	0	2
Lyons**	2	1	7
Jones***	4	0	11
Vigorito	1	3	5
Ziomek**	2	0	6
Patuska*	3	0	7
	22	8	64

Lion Inc. - 68

	FG	E	Total
Cuff**	4	3	16
Luksic*	7	2	17
Ford	1	0	2
Dolan*	3	0	7
Onzik*	4	0	9
Guido*	4	0	9
Black	0	0	0
Federici***	6	0	15
	29	5	68

Athletic Image - 32

	FG	E	Total
McCue	0	0	0
Dunleavy	2	0	4
Dolan	3	1	7
Boulder	2	0	4
Ercolani*	5	0	11
Weist	2	2	6
	14	3	32

Woychick Acc. - 50

	FG	E	Total
Woychick	3	0	6
Wilson*	4	0	9
Delaney*	3	0	7
Siminovich	4	0	8
Millington**	5	0	12
Sutliff	4	0	8
	23	0	50

\* Denotes 3 point goal  
+ Denotes 4 point goal

The football coaching staff of Dallas high school will hold a mini-football fundamentals and drill camp at the senior high school July 8th, 9th and 10th. The camp will run from 9:00 am to 12 noon all three days and is open to youths age eight through fourteen.

Proper procedure in the areas of fundamentals, blocking and tackling, offense and defense will be explained as well as instruction by position with drills. Participants will be given one-on-one attention in all drills and will witness a weightlifting exhibition and instruction.

This program is being presented by Mountaineer coach Ted Jackson and his coaching staff along with current and former players of Dallas senior high school. The Mountaineers were state football champions in 1993. A full-time trainer will also be on hand.

Applications can be picked up at the Fieldhouse Sporting Goods, Memorial Highway in Dallas. Drinks will be provided and all youngsters will be given a camp t-shirt.

## U-11 girls tryouts June 22-23

The Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association, in preparation for the fall season, will hold tryouts for its U-11 girls travel team, June 22, 10-11:30 a.m. and June 23, noon-1:30 p.m. at the Lake-Lehman High School. All girls born between August 1, 1985 and July 31, 1986 are welcome and eligible.

Please wear a numbered jersey for identification purposes. If you have any questions or can't make the times please call: Sandy Rhodes at 675-3240.



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## Soccer Club scholarship

Jared Dukas was awarded a book scholarship by the Dallas High School Soccer Club. The award is given to the senior player who demonstrates educational achievement, contributes to the school's soccer program, and provides positive leadership to fellow students. Shown during the presentation, from left, Beth Velde, club president; Jennifer Withers, vice president; Lynne Kernag, scholarship committee, and Jared Dukas.

## U-12 boys travel team tryouts June 22

Back Mountain Predators U-12 Boys Travel team will hold tryouts for the upcoming fall season on Saturday June 22, at 3 p.m. at the Dallas Middle School. All boys born between Aug. 1, 1984 and July 31, 1985 are eligible. For more information contact Dave Katyl at 675-7445.

## Dan Natitus will take his skills to Wilkes

Dallas High School football star Dan Natitus has announced that he will continue his academic and athletic careers at Wilkes University this fall.

Dan, a 6'2", 200 pounder, will join his brother Frank, a senior at Wilkes and follows in the footsteps of his father, Frank Sr., also a Wilkes graduate.

At Dallas High School, Natitus

was a three year member of the Mountaineer football team that won two district championships, two Wyoming Valley Conference titles and a PIAA State Championship.

Natitus was a starter this past season at both center and defensive end for coach Ted Jackson and earned 1st team All-Conference honors at center.

Natitus did not allow a sack during the 1995 season and helped open holes for an offense that rushed for over 1700 yards last year.

Natitus who was also recruited by Lycoming, Western Connecticut and Ursinus, is the son of Frank and Debra Natitus of Trucksville.