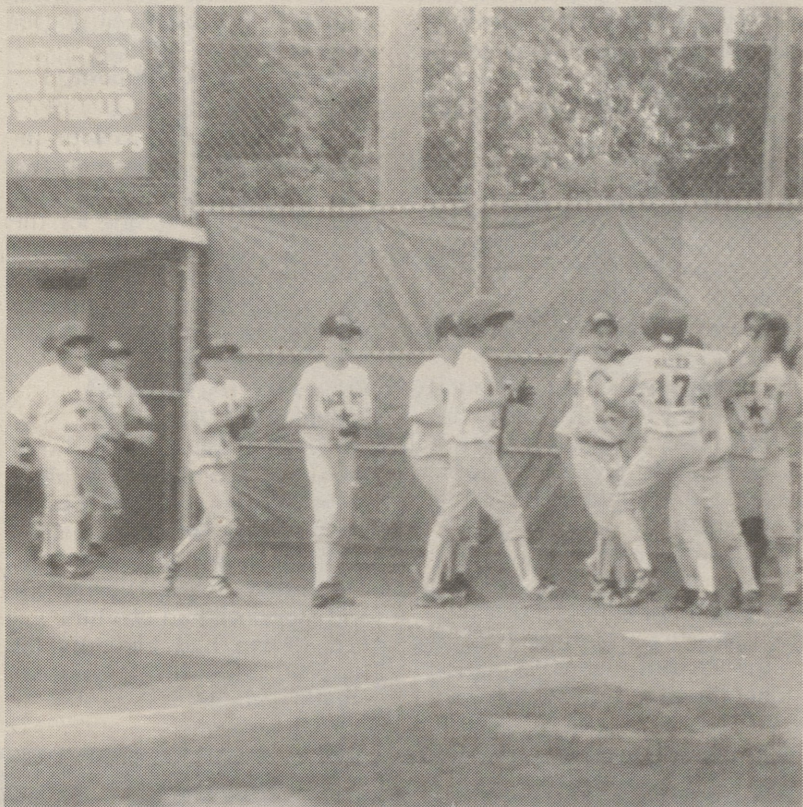


# Sports Week

Section 2

Wednesday, July 3, 1996



Luke Miller collected a fistful of high-fives after slamming a solo home run in Back Mountain American's 12-6 win over Harveys Lake Monday. Miller also was the winning pitcher. Post photos by Jim Phillips.



Joe Kerestes, BMT American manager, talked strategy with Ed Krasniak. Kerestes called for a sacrifice bunt, which Krasniak executed, moving runners to second and third. Jeff Dixon followed with a single that scored the two runners.

## 1996 Back Mountain Softball All-Stars

### Little League Softball

Lisa Wasser  
Megan Tribendis  
Jaime Sickler  
Natalie Shiskowski  
Meaghan Peeler  
Janelle Opello  
Samantha Lloyd  
Monica Latosek  
Rachel Kukosky  
Molly Guntli  
Jamie Coleman  
Carla Chiampi  
Kate Benedetti  
Sarah Armand  
Manager: Rick Guntli  
Coaches: Bill Benedetti, Donna Konopki

### Senior League Softball

Sarah Stolarick  
Amanda Stolarick  
Stephanie Simonitis  
Sarah Rogers  
Janelle Perlis  
Maureen Paley  
Jennifer Noon  
April Naugle  
Kourtney Koslosky  
Amy Kapral  
Rachel Hiller  
Robyn Considine  
Julia Chiampi  
Katie Austin  
Manager: Gary Naugle  
Coaches: Bob Paley, Eric Stolarick, Jim Austin

## Senior softball all-stars win thriller in first round

The Back Mountain Senior Softball all stars began District 16 playoffs with an exciting come-from-behind 5-4 win over Bob Horlacher. Scooter Perlis led off the game with a triple and scored on the next play, a fielder's choice off the bat of Stephanie Simonitis. Horlacher answered with a run of Keefe's single and some smart base running.

Horlacher took the lead by adding a run in the fourth inning. In the fifth, Horlacher put two more runs on the board on a walk, wild pitch, a double by Faux and a single by Everett.

Down by three, Back Mountain led off the sixth with back-to-back doubles by Amy Kapral and Maureen Paley. Paley scored on a single by Jen Noon, leaving

Back Mountain down by one run. Pitching and defense combined to hold Horlacher scoreless in the bottom of the sixth.

In the top of the seventh, Simonitis led off with a walk and moved to third on Katie Austin's clutch single. Amy Kapral hit into a fielder's choice which scored Simonitis and tied the game.

Maureen Paley's infield hit resulted in a wild throw to first base, scoring Austin. Back Mountain played tight pitching and defense to preserve the win.

Paley pitched the complete game win, giving up five hits, walking five and striking out 13. Carney Newberry went the distance for Horlacher, striking out three and giving up nine hits and five walks.

## After slow start, American downs Harveys Lake 12-6

By LEN KRYESKI  
Sports Writer

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP** - He may have been fooled on two pitches, but being a hurler himself, Luke Miller knows all too well that a batter needs just one pitch to make contact - and did he make contact.

After a slight adjustment in the batter's box, Miller bashed a 2-and-2 offering from Dwayne Kalinay for a solo home run, just to the right of dead center. His Back Mountain teammates went on to score six more times in the fourth inning. The seven-run uprising lifted Back Mountain American to a 12-6 win over Harveys Lake Monday night in District 16 Little League play.

Although the contest was held at W.W. Kubis field, Harveys Lake was the home team by virtue of winning the pre-game coin toss.

The 11 and 12-year old American League All-Stars upped their

tournament record to 2-0 and are rewarded with a bye for Wednesday's third round of action. The loss drops Harveys Lake (1-1) into the loser's bracket. Their next foe will be Plains at home.

Miller's blast did more than break the scoreless tie; it helped wake up the ballclub. Kalinay had allowed only two base runners through the first three innings - the only hit being a first inning double by Jeff Emanuel.

After Miller's blast and a couple of walks, Ed Krasniak delivered a beautiful sacrifice bunt, placing both runners in scoring position. Jeff Dickson then slashed a hot shot right at Dustin Kapson. The second baseman couldn't come up with the ball and the scoreboard read 3-0.

One out later, pinch-hitter Mike Fehlinger hit a double off the right field fence driving home Dickson. A single by John Piambianco scored Fehlinger and chased Kalinay from the mound.

Tim Faneck welcomed the new Harveys Lake hurler, Colin Martinson, by lining a triple down the third base line. He scored the inning's final run on an error.

Miller pitched all six innings to pick up the victory and was quite effective through the first four innings. Going into the fifth he allowed just one hit - an infield single by Kalinay in the first - and worked out of a bases loaded jam in the third.

Trailing 7-0, Harveys Lake narrowed the gap to just one with a two-out rally in the fifth. With runners at the corners, Gaise Laeck broke the shutout with a single to right that rolled to the fence after getting by Ryan Gryskewicz. Two runs scored on the play. Miller temporarily lost control and walked the next four batters. Louis Spaciano and Jack Cobleigh each picked up an rbi via the free pass.

With four runs home and the top of the lineup due up, Harveys

Lake smelled a comeback. Galen Waltman and Dustin Kapson each singled to left, making the score 7-6 before Back Mountain retired the side.

Looking for some insurance runs, Back Mountain sent 10 men to the plate in the top of the sixth scoring five runs on four hits and three walks. The big blow was a bases clearing single by Billy Evans, making the score 11-6. The second baseman was credited with two rbi's. The third was courtesy of an error which paved the way for Evans to take second. He scored the game's final run by knocking the ball out of Laeck's glove on a play at the plate following a single by Emanuel.

Back Mountain coaches are hoping that Emanuel will be available for Wednesday's contest. The third baseman was in considerable pain after being badly spiked on the last play of the game Mon-

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## White Sox never trail on way to softball title

By LEN KRYESKI  
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**DALLAS TOWNSHIP** - The White Sox jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top of the first inning and scored 12 times over the final three frames Thursday in the title game of the Back Mountain Girls Major League Softball playoffs. The dominating 19-5 victory came at the expense of the defending champion Red Sox.

The White Sox established themselves as new queens of the Back Mountain by sending all 10 players to the plate - the league maximum - during the first, fourth and sixth innings of the championship finale.

Although she was tossing a no-hitter, losing pitcher Sarah Armand was chased from the mound after just 1 2/3 innings of work. The pale hose touched Armand for seven runs courtesy of seven walks, four hit batsmen and two errors. The all-star hurler committed one of the mishaps, an errant throw on a Lisa Wasser sacrifice bunt, and also uncorked four wild pitches.

Samantha Lloyd opened the contest by drawing a walk and stealing second. She scored the game's initial run via the sacrifice attempt - the error sent Wasser all the way to third.

Stefanie Bendik put the second run across the plate with a bases loaded walk. Katie Rhodes sent home number three when she was hit by a pitch. Erin Swepton scored from third when the Red Sox' Shannon Thomas dropped a ball at second on a pick-off attempt. Courtney Dombroski closed the scoring by forcing home Bendik with another bases loaded free pass.

Dombroski later picked up the

first hit of the game with an infield single in the third. Carla Chiampi repeated the feat for the Red Sox in the bottom half of the inning.

Despite their early misfortunes, the Red Sox found themselves down by only a 7-3 count halfway through the contest. It was then that the White Sox took control by scoring five in the fourth, three in the fifth and four in the sixth, sending 29 of a possible 30 batters to the plate in the process.

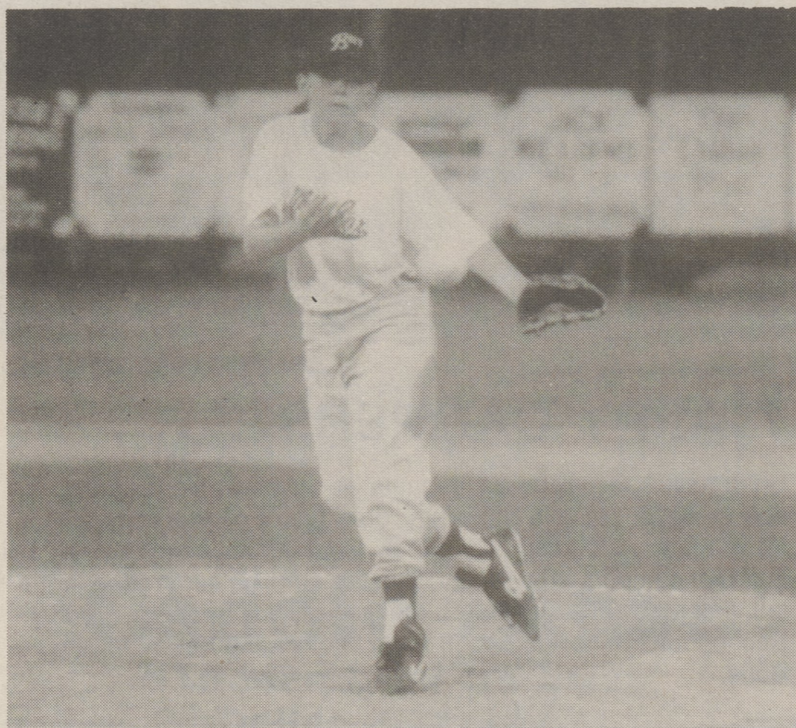
The White Sox five run outburst in the fifth once again came without the benefit of a hit. The big blows were back-to-back infield errors after Wasser opened the frame with a walk - the first of five given up by Red Sox pitching in the inning.

Rachael Kukosky and Chiampi each pitched in relief of Armand while Molly Guntli went the distance for the White Sox. Guntli walked seven, fanned six, allowed just two hits and retired the last five batters she faced.

The top six batters in the victors line-up accounted for all of the runs scored. Guntli crossed the plate four times while Lloyd, Wasser, Caitlin Ward, Swepton and Bendik did so three times apiece. Bendik was tops in the RBI department with three while Guntli and Rhodes each knocked home two.

Kukosky scored two runs for the Red Sox, the second coming when Armand hit a single to left in the fifth. Armand also scored twice while Megan Tribendis was credited with two RBIs.

In addition, Amanda Hayes, Elise Persico, Katie Smith and Megan Williamson also saw action for the White Sox in their championship victory.



Molly Guntli earned the complete-game win as the White Sox topped the Red Sox 19-5 to claim the Back Mountain Major League softball championship last week.



Caitlin Ward was ready to hit the dirt for a score against the Red Sox. Pitcher Rachel Kukosky covered home on the play. Post photos by Jim Phillips.

## Softball all-stars trounce Plains in playoff opener

The Back Mountain Softball All-Stars began defense of their District 16 championship with a 27-1 win over Plains on Sunday at Plains. Back Mountain jumped out in front with seven runs in the top of the first and won easily in four innings. Kate Benedetti was the winning pitcher allowing only one hit and three walks while striking out six. The All-Stars played an error-free game on defense and collected 25 hits on offense. Leading hitters were Meghan Peeler with four hits, Natalie Shiskowski with three hits including a double and a triple, Janelle Opello with two triples and four RBIs, Molly Guntli with three hits and Jamie Coleman with three hits.

## Red Sox batter Cardinals for AAA championship

By LEN KRYESKI  
Sports Writer

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP** - After finishing on top of their respective leagues, the Red Sox and Cardinals earned the right to battle one another for the Back Mountain Boys' AAA championship Thursday night at W.W. Kubis Field.

The American League champion Red Sox crushed the Cardinals, their counterparts from the National League, 20-7.

The Sox made the most of their opportunity to shine on the league's main field, banging out eight hits and taking advantage of 11 walks and numerous wild pitches surrendered by three Cardinal pitchers. All five errors committed by the Redbirds were costly, as each factored in the scoring.

After falling behind 3-0 in the top half of the first, the Red Sox took the lead for good by scoring six times during their half of the frame. Pat Harmon's single through the right side drove home Ryan Marascio and Tim Crossin to tie the game at three.

All four of the Sox other first inning runs crossed the plate courtesy of wild pitches. Harmon scored the go-ahead run when losing pitcher Steve Nieman bounced a pitch in the dirt.

The Sox added five runs in the second and six more in the third.

With nobody out, Jonathan Wood relieved Nieman four batters into the second inning. Sox shortstop Dave Shultz greeted the leftlander with a single to left,

scoring Ken Chamberlain. It was the first of three hits on the night from Shultz. His fifth inning triple scored Marascio with the team's 20th and final run.

The Cards scored six runs on six hits and five walks through the first three innings before Red Sox pitching settled down. Chamberlain worked the first four innings and picked up the victory. He recorded seven walks, seven strikeouts and allowed five earned runs on six hits.

Marascio pitched the final two innings of the contest and set down six of the seven batters he faced. He struck out two and gave up one run on one hit.

Craig Kasper started the game with an infield single. The Cardinal third baseman later scored the title game's first run on an errant throw. He finished 2-for-3 on the night with two runs scored and an RBI. His fifth inning single - the only hit allowed by Marascio - was a rocket up the middle. The ensuing error put Kasper on third. Chris Bertinelli did his part by slapping the ball to the right side. Kasper scored on grounder, an unassisted putout by first sacker, Crossin.

Nieman was the only other Cardinal to reach base twice - walking in the first while singling and scoring a run in the third.

For the Sox, Harmon finished the night with three RBIs while Shultz and Crossin added two apiece. Chamberlain aided his

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