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SENIOR SOFTBALL CHAMPS

Back Mountain claimed the District 16 Senior Girls Softball championship by crushing Nanticoke 8-1 Sunday at the Back Mountain field. In photo above, Janelle "Scooter" Perlis waited for the throw at second. She went 1-for-3 with an rbi and run scored. At right, Maureen Paley fired in a pitch. Besides allowing only two hits in going the distance, she was 2-for-3 at the plate with two rbis.

POST PHOTOS/JIM PHILLIPS



Little things count for Junior League champs

By LEN KRYESKI
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DALLAS TOWNSHIP - It was one of the beauties of the game of baseball. One of those simple little plays that helped decide the outcome in a big, tightly contested game.

The level of play doesn't matter, in baseball you must learn to capitalize on your opportunities. Back Mountain did just that Monday night and the result allowed them to capture the District 16 Junior League title by a score of 12-11 over West Pittston.

The championship game was a high-scoring duel that featured a little of everything. Yet, it was one of those simple plays providing momentary action that enabled Back Mountain to win bragging rights as well as the district flag.

With his team trailing by a run with one man down in the sixth, Brian Vetter had just struck out with two men in scoring position. Fortunately for Back Mountain, the pitch ended up in the dirt and with first base open, catcher Phillip Kirby was forced to throw out Vetter since he didn't catch the

"The whole team showed a lot of character. It's been an honor to coach them."

Dave Katyl
BMT Jr. coach

ball cleanly.

When Dave Katyl, manager of the Back Mountain stars, saw what was unfolding before him the reaction was immediate - he sent home John Bucha.

"As soon as the catcher throws that ball to first, the runner on third is gone," said Katyl who also served as third base coach.

After recording out number two, first baseman Jonathan Yonkony fired a ball back to Kirby hoping to keep the speedy Bucha from tying the score. Instead the throw sailed off line.

Way off line and out of play - allowing John Nackley to come around from second and score the go-ahead run.

No one was credited with an

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New basketball coach gathers his troops early

By LEN KRYESKI
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DALLAS - Less than one week after being appointed the new Dallas Area varsity boys' basketball coach, Eric Lawson decided to hold a meeting with his troops.

They heeded his call. Thirty-two would-be Mountaineer hoopsters made the 7:30 reorganizational meeting Monday night at the Dallas recreation center.

Lawson, a product of the Hanover Area program, invited all interested prospects from grades seven through 12 to the get-together.

The 32 were added to a list that includes five football players unable to show because of conditioning drills. About a half dozen or so other boys also got in touch

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Incoming Dallas basketball coach

with Lawson prior to Monday to express an interest. Vacations and other kept others from the briefing, which lasted only about half an hour.

"It was just to meet the kids and let them see me," said Lawson. "I didn't want to get into style, philosophy or anything of that nature. Overall, I was pleased."

Lawson was able to provide them with a planning schedule for the summer. Summer leagues have been underway for some time for players at all levels, and while

they may be getting a late start, Dallas will have little trouble getting involved.

Lawson, the athletic director for the Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center, runs summer leagues for a living and mentioned his varsity, junior varsity and junior high players will all be able to see quality action before heading back to class. A spot was held open for Dallas at the upcoming Wilkes University camp.

After scoring 1,000 points and graduating from Hanover in 1987, Lawson continued his basketball and academic careers at Wilkes, serving as a co-captain for Ron Rainey. After graduation, Lawson traded in his shorts and tank top for a suit and tie, spending a season on the pines as an assistant coach before Jerry Rickrode replaced Rainey at the helm of the

Colonel program. The past three seasons he's filled the shoes of head junior high coach for the Comets of Crestwood.

After two series of interviews, the Dallas School board decided he's the right man to replace Paul Brown, who resigned from the post last March. For Lawson, it's the right position at the right time.

"It's been a goal of mine to run a team at the high school level," Lawson said, adding he's an educator by trade in the market for a teaching position. Securing such a job at Dallas would complete the cycle.

He's hoping to become more than just a basketball coach in the Back Mountain and get involved with the entire community. He's also very fond of the

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McGovern rips nets for 32, Camp still 1/2 game back

Jay McGovern fired in 32 points to lead Camp Orchard Hill to a 90-79 win over The Lion Inc. in the Dallas Boro. Summer Basketball League. The win pushed the campers to a lofty 6-1 record. Bill Cuff had 26 for the Lions who now falls to 3-4.

Hosey's A.C. destroyed Athletic Image 61-23 in the middle game behind Jim Jaster's 16 markers. Tom Dolan led the loses with five points. Hosey's continues unbeaten at 7-0. Athletic Image drops to 1-6.

Woychick Acc. upped their record to 4-3 with a 60-59 win over the Knights. Chuck Wilson led the way with 16. Bobby Jones had 21 for the Knights, who drop to 1-6.

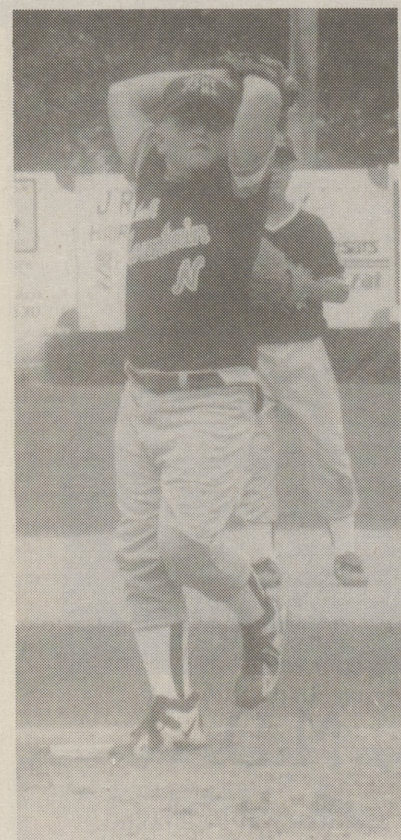
Games continue on Monday and Wednesdays at 5:15 at the Dallas Boro Rec Center on Burndale Road in Dallas.

STANDINGS:

Hosey's A.C.	7-0
Camp Orchard Hill	6-1
Woychick Acc.	4-3
Lion Inc.	3-4
Olivers	2-4
Athletic Image	1-6
The Knights	1-6

Schedule for July 17

5:15 - Camp Orchard Hill vs. Athletic Image
6:15 - The Lion Inc. vs. Woychick Acc.
7:15 - Hosey's A.C. vs. Olivers.



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NATIONAL COMES UP SHORT

Back Mountain National's playoff season came to an end Friday in a 3-2 loss to Plains. A win would have put National into the District 16 final. In left photo, Jim Belles wound up early in the

game. He pitched four innings. Above right, Josh Bryant laid down a bunt. He either walked or sacrificed each time at bat. Back Mountain was held to seven hits.

SPORTS SHORTS

Rosters for Kubis Tournament

Rosters for the 1996 Kubis Memorial baseball tournament for 11-year olds sponsored by Back Mountain Baseball. Tourney begins Wednesday July 17 at Back Mt. little league field in Dallas.
B. Mt. American: Jon Barbose, Jeff Dickson, Mike Fehlinger, Ryan Gryskewicz, Jimmy Jordan, Matt Katyl, David Lohin, Steve Salavantis, John Simonitis, Adam Tkaczyk, Michael Yenason.
B. Mt. National: Nathan Carsman, Brian Cornia, Tyler Droppers, Jordan Koslosky, Joel Lesinsky, Scott Lozo, Stephen Luksh, Gregory Macioli, Paul McCue, Dale Radginski, Charles Stajewski, David Suszko.
Harveys Lake: William Weber, Christopher Coombs, Andrew Coombs, Doug Johnstone, Greg Kostrobala, Dustin Kapson, Eric Chimock, Philip Kasper, Ryan Besteder, Matthew Ide, Adam Julian, Garrett Engle, Jesse Turner, Jack Cobleigh.
Bob Horlacher: Ryan Bolton, Todd DeSando, Tim Dymond, B.J. Lewis, Jim Faux, Gary Havard, Chris Layou, Ryan Mully, Kyle Reeves, Adam Schoonover, Russell Kalnoskas, Mike Racoski, Shawn Strohl.

Lake-Lehman sports physicals schedule

The following Lake-Lehman fall sports physicals have been scheduled:
July 24, 9 a.m. - noon, Junior high sports at the Junior High building. Boys' and girls sports, cross country, soccer, hockey and football at the junior high building.
July 30, 9 a.m. - noon Girls' varsity sports, hockey, volleyball and cross country at the senior high school.
July 31, 9 a.m. - noon Boys varsity sports, golf, soccer and cross country at the senior high school.
August 1, 9 a.m. - noon, varsity football at the senior high school.
Make-up exams will be held August 2 at 10:30 a.m. for junior high sports at the junior building and August 5 at 10:30 a.m. for senior high sports at the senior high building.
Report promptly at beginning of session. The doctor will not wait for students who are not present when exams begin.

Box scores for July 10 * Denotes 3 point goal + Denotes 4 point goal

Camp Orchard Hill - 90				Lion Inc. - 65			
	FG	E	Total		FG	E	Total
S. Smith	5	2	12	Cuff*	9	7	26
Nichol***	5	1	15	Luksic+	2	0	6
Brady*	3	0	7	Black	3	0	6
Michalek*	6	0	13	Bogdon+	11	0	24
Stanbaugh	1	0	2	Onzik	3	0	6
Parulis*	4	2	11	Guido**	5	0	12
McGovern**	12	4	32		33	7	79
	36	8	90				

Hosey's - 61				Athletic Image - 23			
	FG	E	Total		FG	E	Total
Hosey	2	2	6	Dunleavy	0	0	0
Duesler	3	2	8	Dolan	2	1	5
N. Hage	4	1	9	C. McCue	1	0	2
D. Hage	0	0	0	Ercolani	2	0	4
Jaster*+	6	1	16	Weist	2	0	4
Pincovski	4	2	10	Harper*	1	0	3
Hoover	2	2	6	M. McCue	1	0	2
Johnson	4	1	9	Cutter	0	3	3
	24	10	61		9	4	23

Woychick Acc. - 60				Knights - 59			
	FG	E	Total		FG	E	Total
Woychick	5	0	10	R. Wilson	8	0	16
C. Wilson	8	0	16	D. Wilson	0	0	0
Siminovich*	4	1	10	Martin	6	2	14
Zawatski	2	0	4	Jones***	9	0	21
Millingston	2	0	4	Vigorito	0	0	0
Sutliff	2	0	4	Wagner	4	0	8
Race	1	0	2	Panuszka	0	0	0
	24	1	60		27	2	59

Dallas sports physicals schedule

Dallas high school and middle school has released the fall sports physicals schedule:
July 18, 11:15 a.m., senior high boys soccer and boys cross country.
July 25, 9:15 a.m., senior high, girls cross country and field hockey;
11:15 a.m. girls volleyball and cheerleading.
August 7, 8 a.m., middle school girls soccer and girls cross country;
9 a.m., middle school field hockey.
Senior high physicals will be given in the nurses suite of the senior high school.
Middle school physicals will be given in the nurses suite of the middle school.