

Major League stars win District 16 softball title

The Back Mountain Softball All Stars won the District 16 Little League Championship with an exciting 5-4 victory over Nanticoke in a game played Saturday night at the W.W. Kubis field in Dallas.

The winning run was scored with two outs in the bottom of the sixth by Rachel Kukosky after she hit a long triple to the fence in right center field. After the throw got away from the Nanticoke catcher, Kukosky raced home for the score. She was mobbed by her teammates as they celebrated with her at home plate.

Molly Guntli was the winning pitcher, allowing only two hits over six innings while striking out eight. Guntli struggled with her control but pitched out of trouble in every inning, stranding 13 Nanticoke baserunners.

Nanticoke started the scoring with a run in the first on a wild pitch. BMT, which had scored in the first inning in the five previous games, went down in order. Nanticoke added another run in the top of the second and a third run in the fourth.

BMT finally got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fourth. Jaime Sickler started the inning with a single. Carla Chiampi put down a perfect bunt for another hit. After a wild pitch Kristen Clay, who ran for Sickler, scored the first run on a ground out by Meredith Lacey. Then Sam Lloyd walked and took off for second base. When the Nanticoke catcher threw down to second, Chiampi raced home from third with the second run.

A fine running catch by Kristen Clay in left field ended the top of the fifth inning and prevented two



Head coach Rick Guntli had some batting advice for Rachel Kukosky. It must have been good, she stroked a triple and scored the winning run. At right, Kukosky covered home plate.

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runs from scoring. BMT took the lead in the bottom of the fifth. Lisa Wasser singled and scored on a hit by Rachel Kukosky. After a single by Molly Guntli, Jaime Sickler drove home Kukosky with a single to right field.

Nanticoke came back to tie the score in the top of the sixth with a single and an error. But with the lead run on third and one out, Guntli struck out the last two batters. That set the stage for the



final heroics by Kukosky. Back Mountain made it to the final game with two wins earlier in the week. On Tuesday the local girls traveled to Nanticoke for a

battle of unbeaten teams. BMT struck early with 2 in the first and 5 in the second and won by a score of 12-5. Hitting stars were Rachel Kukosky with two hits, including a double and four RBIs, Jaime Sickler with a triple and a single, Jamie Sulewski with two singles, and Molly Guntli with two singles and three RBIs. Guntli was the winning pitcher, allowing only one hit and striking out nine in six innings.

BMT eliminated Mountaintop Thursday with a convincing 16-4 win in four innings. Sam Lloyd and Lisa Wasser started the game with back-to-back triples and BMT scored 13 runs in the first two innings to put the game out of reach. Lloyd had three hits and Wasser had two hits, while Lauren Panon, Rachel Kukosky, Molly Guntli and Carla Chiampi all had singles. Kukosky pitched four strong innings for the win, allowing one hit, striking out seven.

Back Mountain won all six games that they played in the tournament. Four of the games only lasted four innings due to the 10 run rule. The offense generated 80 runs, almost three per inning. The four BMT pitchers allowed only five hits and 24 runs, while striking out 41. The defense was strong throughout, making several spectacular plays. All 14 girls on the team contributed to the wins.

This is the third time in the last four years that the Back Mountain All Star team has won the District 16 Softball championship. Next up for the girls is the sectional tournament, which will start Saturday at the home of the District 29 champions.

Lake-Lehman sports physicals schedule

Summer physicals for 1997 Fall sports at Lake-Lehman: July 21 - 5 p.m.-8 p.m. and July 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Boys Jr. High and Varsity: cross country, soccer, golf, football. July 22 - 5 p.m.-8 p.m. and July 30 - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Girls Jr. High and Varsity: golf, field hockey, volleyball, cross country. All physicals will be held at Lake-Noxen Elementary. Examination forms must be signed by a parent prior to exam. Forms can be picked up at high school office. Please bring form to school the day of exam. The doctor will not wait for students who are not present when exams begin.

BMT American falls in 8-9 tournament

Back Mountain American 8-9 year old All-Stars were eliminated from the Ed-Lark Tournament on Sunday, losing to Wyoming/West Wyoming 16-6. Nick Oschman singled, was hit by a pitch, and scored two runs, and Chris Tooley singled, walked twice and scored a run in defeat. Steve Cornia pitched well despite taking the loss, striking out six over four innings.

In the first game of the tournament Back Mountain American

fell to the home team, Ed-Lark 22-1. Adam Singer had the lone hit for American and scored the only run. Jeremy Weinstock was credited with the RBI.

Back Mountain American was eliminated in the Plains tournament Saturday night when they lost to North End 13-1. Adam Singer tripled and scored American's only run on a single by Brian Feleccia. Jeff Robzen pitched well in defeat by striking out nine batter in four innings.

Harveys Lake Little League

Harveys Lake 11- Ashley/Newton 1 (July 2)

Dustin Kapson hurled a three hitter and fanned nine to lead Harveys Lake to victory. Leading hitters were Ryan Besteder and Matt Ide who each had a single and triple. Jesse Turner and Willie Weber had doubles.

Duryea 16 - Harveys Lake 6 (July 7)

Duryea unleashed a 21 hit attack to eliminate Harveys Lake. Phil Kasper led Harveys Lake with three hits including a double. Matt Stuart ripped a 3-run pinch hit homer. Ryan Besteder, Greg Kostrobala and Willie Weber all added singles.

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U-9, U-10 travel soccer tryouts

Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association will be sponsoring three new teams to compete in the upcoming Fall season. Tryouts for U-9 boys will be held on Saturday, July 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus in Lehman.

Tryouts for both the U-9 and U-10 Girls Travel team will be held from 12:30-2 p.m. on Saturday, July 19 at Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus in Lehman.

For more information, contact Bill Tooley at 675-9515.

Basketball camp taking registrations

Registrations are being accepted for The Stan Waleski Girls Basketball Camp to be held at the St. Joseph's Oblates Gym beginning July 21. The girls grades 6, 7, 8 and 9 camp will be held July 21-25 and Aug. 4-8 from 1-4 p.m. The girls 3, 4, 5 and 6 grade camp will be held Aug. 11-15 from 9-12. For information, call Stan Waleski at 457-1206 or Chariés LoBrutto at 654-8030.

Criss Cross tournament winners

A Criss Cross Tournament was held by the Irem Women Golfers recently and the winners were:

1st flight: Sandy Valenti - putting, Gail Killeen; 2nd flight: Joan Moran - putting, Joan Moran; 3rd flight: Cindy Dexter - putting, Cindy Dexter; 4th flight: Janet Miller.

The grandmothers' prize was won by Cindy Dexter.

St. Andrews basketball camp July 20-31

Camp St. Andrew basketball camp will be open to boys in grades 8-12, July 20-24, and for boys in grades 4-7, July 27-31.

The overnight camp will be directed by Ron Kropa, coach at Elk Lake High School. Many area coaches will be on staff; they include Gary Mack, Wyo. Valley West; Al Callejas, Bishop O'Hara; Bob Beveglia, Old Forge; Pat Shields, Blue Ridge; Todd Sykes, Scranton Prep; and Raul Aspiazu, Wyalusing. Guest speakers include Canio Cianci, Scranton Prep; Dave Martin, College Misericordia; Ed Cosgrove, Marywood College; John Bucci, Bishop Hannan, and John Szela, Pro Shot shooting instructor.

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