

# Sports Week

Section 2

Wednesday, July 15, 1998

## Brief joy

Teammates congratulated Erich Mahle after he stroked a home run Monday night. BMT National hosted Duryea and led 6-3 after three innings, but Duryea scored once in the fifth and twice in the sixth to tie the game, then once in the seventh for a 7-6 win. The loss knocks National out of the tournament. Mahle also had a double in the contest. In right photo, Kevin Domzalski went back to snag a fly ball in the top of the third, when National snuffed a Duryea scoring threat.



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## Call it even: Astros and Dodgers battle to 7-7 deadlock, share title

After six innings of sparkling defense, excellent pitching, and powerful hitting left the Astros and Dodgers tied 7-7. League President Jack Snyder declared the teams AAA co-champions. Given that each team had arrived at the championship game with only three defeats all season and that the teams had each scored exactly 38 runs in four head-to-head encounters, Snyder's decision seemed to please players, coaches, and fans from both sides. The Astros scored three times in the first inning with a hard-hit double by Greg Harris serving as the key hit. The Astros added four more runs in the third inning with another Harris double doing most of the damage. Harris scored on a double by Brandon Higgins. Andrew Hanadel and Andrew VanLoon each had two singles for the Astros, with Hanadel being robbed of a third hit by Dodger rightfielder Matt Havrilla. Through the first three innings, Astro pitcher Ryan Konopki held the Dodgers to one run on only one hit. Konopki pitched a superb complete game, racking up

10 strikeouts and allowing only 3 walks. However, as the game progressed, momentum swung to the Dodgers. The Dodgers scored single runs in the fourth and fifth innings while Dodger relief pitcher Jeff Clemente was shutting out the Astros on one hit for the final 3 1/3 innings. Clemente finished with four strikeouts while Dodger starter Dylan Seeley struck out six. The contest entered the bottom half of the sixth inning with the Astros leading 7-3. Two hits, two walks, and a sacrifice fly scored three Dodger runs and put the potential tying run at second base. On a three ball-two strike pitch, Guy Carpenter smacked his second hit of the game, a line drive single to right field, to drive home Mike Pelleschi and tie the game. Seeley also had two hits for the Dodgers, including a crucial triple in the sixth inning.

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### No contest

Katie Rhodes slid safely into home against Plains Saturday. She also pitched a no-hitter as Back Mountain won 27-4. Crystal Oley and Meredith Lacey had triples in the game. Back Mountain played Bob Horlacher Tuesday night, too late for this edition.

### DIAMOND ROUNDUP

#### LEGION BASEBALL

##### Back Mt. 11, Northwest 6

The boys from the Back Mt. tallied 11 runs over seven innings to hand Northwest/Benton an 11-6 loss July 10. J.J. Smith nailed the spoilers' only home run. Greg Woronko laced a pair of doubles while Ed Piekara and Chad Sorber contributed one apiece.

##### Back Mt. 14, Plains 11

Jonathan Habrack fanned six in a successful outing for Back Mt. July 11. Jason Baker and Jake Rambus each launched one out of the park for Back Mt. while Chuck Fehlinger and J.J. Smith added a double apiece.

##### Back Mt. 8, W-B 0

Greg Woronko tossed a complete game one-hitter including eight strikeouts as Back Mt. (15-4) downed Wilkes-Barre 8-0 July 12 in Dallas. Woronko helped his own cause at the plate slicing three hits, including a double and three RBI. Rich Patton accounted for two RBI of his own while Chad Sorber and D.J. Kapson each laced a double.

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

##### Back Mt. 10, Duryea 0

Dave Lohin allowed one hit from the hill as Back Mountain blanked Duryea/W. Pittston 10-0 July 12 on the losers' home field. Back Mountain notched a run in the first inning and exploded for six more in the second to put the game out of reach. Jeff Dixon had the game's only extra-base hit, punching a double.

#### SENIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL

##### Back Mt. 15, Wyoming 2

Back Mt. posted multiple runs in each inning while allowing

Wyoming just two tallies in the final inning as Back Mt. butchered their guests 15-2 July 9. Melanie Sappe was perfect at the plate, going 4-for-4 with three doubles, while Christie Hiller went 3-for-5 with a pair of two-baggers. April Naugle was the winning pitcher after two innings worked, striking out six and allowing one hit.

##### Mt. Top 17, Harveys Lake 6

After dropping a game to Northwest earlier in the week, Harveys Lake was ousted from further action following a 17-6 loss to Mountaintop in the District 16 double-elimination tournament July 9. Megan Thome sliced three hits for Harveys Lake and Kelly Wagner added two in a game shortened by the ten-run rule.

##### Back Mt. 7, Nanticoke 3

Back Mt. staved off a late game rally by Nanticoke to drop their opponents 7-3 July 11 in Dallas. Nanticoke denied Back Mt. the shutout by garnering three runs in the top of the final inning before the victors shut down the comeback for the victory. April Naugle led Back Mt. both offensively and defensively, going 3-for-4 at the plate and striking out nine off the rubber. Colleen Mahon had three hits for Back Mt. while Julia Chiampi, Amanda Stolarick and Jessie Tarity accounted for two hits apiece. Back Mountain is the only team left in the double-elimination tournament without a loss.

##### Bob Horlacher 6, Northwest 2

Northwest scattered nine hits but was only able to convert two runs as Horlacher dumped their hosts 6-2 July 11. Miranda Malkemes picked up the win after working seven innings, fanning two and allowing two free passes. Offensively, Renee Lavin and Angie Harris each went 2-for-4 while Malkemes was 2-for-3.

## BMT Seniors win second round

Brian Vetter went 4-for-4 with a double and scored four runs to lead Back Mountain over Wyoming/Exeter 8-2 Monday at Dallas High School, in the District 16 Senior Little League winners' bracket. J.B. Bucha had a single and double, and Josh Katyl had a pair of hits. Darrell Evans was the winning pitcher, giving up only three hits in six innings and striking out one. Last week, Back Mountain held off Pittston to win 6-5. Pittston jumped to a 3-0 lead.

Vetter led off the Back Mountain 1st with a triple but was stranded when Pittston pitcher Richards fanned three of the next four. A two-run double by Evans in the third gave Back Mountain the lead for good. RBI singles by Steve Moyer and J.B. Bucha increased the Back Mountain lead to 6-3. Pittston mounted a one-out rally in the seventh on three walks and two singles. Josh Katyl came on in relief of Moyer to pitch out of a bases-loaded jam and save the game for Back Mountain. Moyer struck out 10 to earn the victory.

Pittston					Back Mountain						
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi		
Oiivieri	rf	3	1	1	0	Vetter	if	3	1	1	0
Tonte	3b	3	1	1	0	Bucha	cf	4	1	2	1
Richards	p	3	1	2	1	Moyer	p	4	0	1	1
Restuccia	c	4	0	2	2	Katyl	ss	1	1	0	1
Leyshon	ss	4	0	0	0	Nackley	3b	3	1	1	0
Norris	lb	3	0	0	0	Evans	c	2	1	1	2
Orzello	of	2	1	0	0	Domzalski	11b	3	0	1	0
Shandra	2b	1	0	0	0	Spencer	2b	2	1	1	0
C. Rome	2b	1	0	0	0	Wisnieski	ph	1	0	1	0
V. Rome	2b	1	0	0	0	Barnard	rf	2	0	0	1
Levandoski	lf	2	1	1	0	Metz	rf	0	0	0	0
<b>totals</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>totals</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>

E - Moyer, Bucha, Levandoski, Tonte. LOB- Pittston 7, B Mt 6  
2b-Evans; 3b-Vetter; sb-Richards, Orzell, Norris, Bucha(2), Katyl, Vetter  
s-Metz

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO		IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittston							Back Mountain						
Richards	6	9	6	5	4	6	Moyer	6 1/3	5	5	4	6	10
							Katyl	2/3	2	0	0	0	1

## BMT Baseball Beanie Baby raffle

Back Mountain Baseball and Softball is selling tickets for a raffle that features TY Beanie Babies as prizes. First prize is a Princess Bear; Second prize is an Erin Bear; Third prize is a Valentino Bear; Fourth prize is a Peace Bear; Fifth prize is a complete set of Teenie Beanies; and Sixth prize is a jar of pennies. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, on sale at the concession stand whenever games are being played. The drawing will be held August 1 at 8 p.m. at the Little League field.

## 2nd annual library golf tournament

The second Par 4 Golf Classic to benefit the Back Mountain Memorial Library will be held Monday, Aug. 3 at Mill Race Golf Club, with a shotgun start at 12 noon. A \$70 entry fee includes golf, cart, on-course refreshments, prizes and dinner. Registration will be limited to 30 foursomes. To register, send payment and a list of players to: The Par 4 Cafe, 128 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18702. Make checks payable to the Par 4 Cafe.

## Dallas sports physicals schedule

The Dallas School District will have physicals for the fall sports season on the following days:  
**High School:** July 23, 10 a.m., Football; Aug. 6, 8:30 a.m., Boys Soccer; 9:30 a.m., Golf; 10 a.m., Cheerleading; 10:30 a.m., Boys and Girls Cross Country.  
**Middle School:** July 22, 9:30 a.m., Football; 10:30 a.m. Boys Soccer/Boys Cross Country; July 29, 9:30 a.m., Cheerleading/Girls Cross Country; 10:30 a.m., Girls Soccer/Field Hockey.  
Please bring your physical form with the history and parent signature section already completed. Physicals will only be completed with signed parental permission forms. These forms are available at the Middle School and High School.

## Thomas wins chairman's prize at Irem

One of the major tournaments of the season was held recently by the Irem Women's Golf Association, and Betsy Thomas was the winner of the chairman's prize. Other winners in flights were: Putting: first flight, Kay Goodman; second flight, Dot Harding; third flight, Shirley Evans.

## Gridiron Club golf tourney Aug. 8

Dallas Gridiron Club Annual Golf Tournament will be held Sat., Aug. 8 at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Dorrance. Shotgun start at 2 p.m. Format is Captain and Crew. Cost is \$65 per golfer including green fees, cart and dinner. Sponsorship: Friend of Dallas Football Sponsor: \$100; Hole sponsor: \$50; Tee Sponsor: \$25. Please make checks payable to Dallas Gridiron Club and mail to Russ Eycet, 19 Highland Blvd., Dallas 18612. (675-6459). Please help us support Dallas Football and this very important fund raiser.

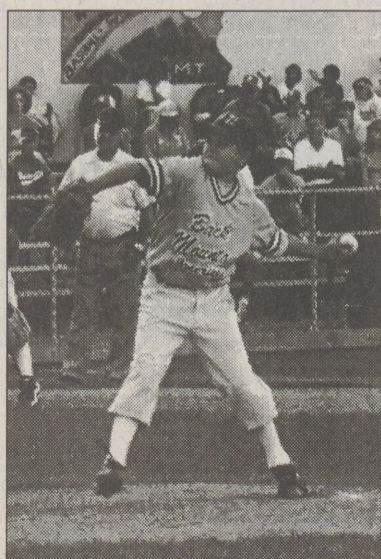
## Fishing skills workshop at Frances Slocum

Frances Slocum State Park will be offering a fishing skills workshop on Sat., July 18, from 1-4 p.m. Registration is required. This 3-hour course will teach safety, basic fishing skills, fish identification and sportsmanship in the field. All equipment and materials will be provided by the PA Fish and Boat Commission. For more information or to register, call: Kathy Kelchner at 696-9105.

## American takes tough loss to Mountaintop

### Mountaintop 4 - Back Mountain American 3

American took the lead in the first when Elijah Miller came home on a passed ball. Mountaintop tied the game in the third when Jonathan Chappell scored on a wild throw to first. Mountaintop took the lead on Jim Rediker's solo home run in the fourth. American tied the game again in the fifth when Miller singled and Frank Buzin was hit by a pitch. Mike Darling drove in Miller. Phil Engler then walked and on the next pitch Buzin came home when Engler drew a throw while stealing second. Mountaintop took the lead for good in the bottom of the fifth when Garrett Vogal and Matt Lear got back to back singles and Rediker walked to load the bases. With the infield playing in, American got two outs before Mizikoski walked in the winning run. Winning pitcher was Jim Rediker, while Mike Darling took the loss.



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Frank Buzin pitched the distance for BMT American against Hanover Friday night. He struck out 8 but gave up six hits. The loss eliminated American from the tournament.