

# Sports Week

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### SENIOR SOFTBALL

#### Back Mt. 11, West End 0

Back Mt. continued their dominance through the Section 4 Senior Softball playoffs with a 11-0 rout of West End July 25. April Naugle, Meghan Peeler and Julia Chiampi combined for the shut-out with Naugle recording the win. Back Mt. put the game out of reach early, scoring two runs in the first and six more in the second. Colleen Mahon was consistent at the plate, going 2-for-2 while Stacey Amann was 2-for-3.

#### Back Mt. 4, N.W. Bethlehem 1

Both teams managed only three hits apiece but it was Back Mt.'s aggressive base running that proved to be factor to take a 4-1 victory over Northwest Bethlehem July 26. Colleen Mahon scored two of Back Mt.'s run thanks to errors in attempts to catch her stealing. Julie Chiampi scored following a similar incident while Jesse Tarity scored the final run on a wild pitch. April Naugle kept Bethlehem at bay striking out seven and allowing just one walk. Back Mt. is the only team left in the double-elimination Section 4 playoffs without a loss.

### JUNIOR BASEBALL

#### Pennridge East 11, Back Mt. 2

Back Mt. suffered their first loss of the Section 4 double-elimination tournament July 25, 11-2 to Pennridge East. Back Mt. demise came in the top of the fifth inning when they issued six walks and committed three errors allowing Pennridge to score 10 runs in the inning and take a 11-2 lead. Mike Fehlinger was 2-for-3 with an RBI while Jeff Dickson sliced an RBI double.

#### Back Mt. 20, S.Scranton 10

Trailing 9-2 entering the top of the fourth Back Mt. sent in five players from the bench who contributed to the local boys scoring seven runs in the inning and two more in the next to take the lead for good and down South Scranton 20-10 July 26 in Dallas. Jeff Dickson and Ryan Grysevicz, both 2-for-3, had key hits in the turn-around inning. Jordan Koslosky ended the day 2-for-2. The starters returned for the final inning, scoring nine runs to put the game out of reach for Scranton.

#### Back Mt. 12, Penn Ridge 2

Back Mt. dished out eight runs in the top of the first inning and held on to advance in the Section 4 Junior League Baseball Tournament July 27 with a 12-2 victory over Penn Ridge East. Jeff Dickson had multiple extra-base hits, two doubles, for the spoilers. Ryan Grysevicz was the winning pitcher, allowing just one base hit.

#### District 16 9 and 10 Year Old Tournament

#### BMT National 11, Hanover 1

Matt Kapitula pitched 6 innings and struck out 9 to get the complete game victory. Ron Shiner led the Back Mountain offense with 2 hits.

#### BMTn National 17, Heights 2

Nate Carr, David Harding, Gracjan Kraszewski and Alan Sheridan all smacked 2 hits to lead Back Mountain National to victory in a game halted after 4 innings. The game featured Carr's double and Kraszewski's home run. Harding pitched 3 innings and struck out 3.

#### Plains Invitations 8 and 9 Year Old Tournament

#### Back Mountain National 16, Jenkins Township 0

Steve Cornia and John Giampietro combined to shut out Jenkins Township on 1 hit in a game that was called after 4 innings. Cornia pitched 3 innings, allowed no hits and struck out 2. He also went 4 for 4 at the plate, with 2 triples, 3 runs scored and 4 RBIs. Mike Zaleskas, Ryan Konopki and Dylan Sealey each had 2 hits with Sealey getting a double. Chris DeRojas and Sealey each scored 3 runs. Sealey had 3 RBIs while Greg Harris, Giampietro, and Konopki each picked up 2.

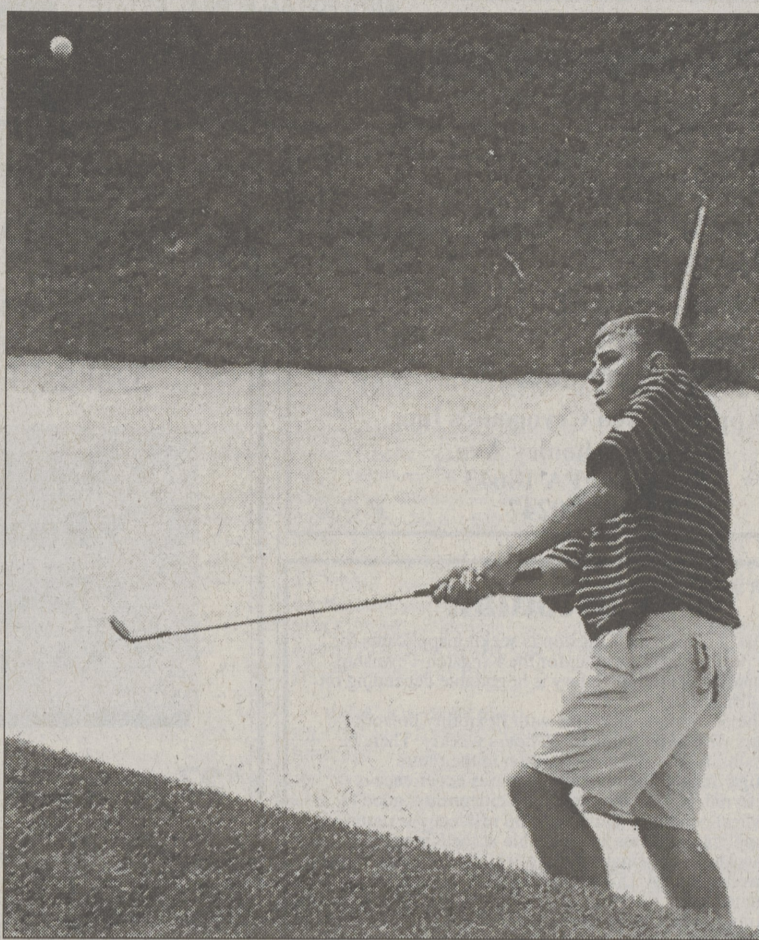


## Par (well, close) for the course

The Philadelphia PGA Junior Tour made a stop at Huntsville Golf Club last Friday. Players ages 12 to 18 competed in age group brackets. The winner of each bracket won an automatic berth at the Tournament of Champions, which will be held Aug. 19 at Golden Oaks in Fleetwood. The next tour event is at Irem, Thursday, July 30.

Among the local competitors, Kathy Bednarek, above, shot 92 to win the girls 15-18 category; Dom Castrigano, top right, blasted out of the trap on the way to a 77, second in boys 16-18; Gary Sagan, right, out of the rough. He scored 82.

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## Back Mt. National still in running at Kubis tournament

Results from the Kubis tournament, being played at the W.W. Kubis field on Church St. in Dallas. Back Mountain American was eliminated Monday night. Back Mountain American plays at 1 p.m. Saturday, and again Sunday. The championship game is slated for next Wednesday at 7 p.m.

#### BMT American 4 - Heights 1

Nate Yoh drove in two runs in the top of the third with a double off the left field wall with the first runs of the game, in the Wilkes-Barre Rec Tourney, a game highlighted by great pitching on both sides. Other hitters for the Back Mountain were Phil Engler with a triple and an RBI, Elijah Miller one for one with a double, Chris Katyl one for three with a double, and Tim Kerestes was one for three with an RBI. Winning pitcher was Frank Buzin.

#### Northwest 8 - BMT American 7

In the opening game of the Kubis Tournament, Northwest downed Back Mountain American 8-7. Hitters for American were Elijah Miller, two for three, two RBIs; Tim Crossin, two runs; John Stephens two RBIs. Winning pitcher was Jeff Cragle. Losing pitcher was Elijah Miller.

#### BMT Natl. 15 - Plymouth 2

The 5th game saw Back Mountain National beating Plymouth 15-2. Matt Shiskowski, Ryan Bloom, Matt Straub and Brandon Burkhardt combined to throw a no hitter for Back Mountain. Hitters for National were Matt Straub, one for two, homerun, two runs, three RBI; Brandon Burkhardt, three runs; Luke Marchakitus, three runs; Matt Shiskowski, two for two double, three RBI; Eric Kurello, two for three, two doubles, three runs, five RBI; Sean Leary, two for three, double, three runs. Winning pitcher was Brandon

Burkhardt.

#### BMT American 6 - Duryea 4

Nate Yoh and Phil Engler each hit a two run homerun, and Engler also had a double to lead Back Mountain American over Duryea by a score of 6-4. Other hitters for Back Mountain were Frank Buzin two for three with a double; Chris Katyl, one for two double; Chris Roman one for two double; Tim Kerestes two for three. Mike Darling was the winning pitcher.

#### Bob Horlacher 16 - Mountaintop 10

For Horlacher, Mike Race went four for four, triple, double, four runs; Brian Ostrowsky, three for five, two doubles, two runs, two RBI; John Nice, two for three, two runs, RBI. Winning pitcher was Ken David.

#### BMT Natl. 15 - Ed-Lark 5

Matt Straub's second hit of the game, a run scoring double, scored Jason Demnicki in the bottom of the fourth, enabling Back Mountain National to defeat Ed-Lark by the 10 run rule. Straub finished two for two with three runs and two RBI. Brandon Burkhardt collected three hits including a double and scored three times and drove in another three. Luke Marchakitus added two runs scored. Ryan Bloom pitched two innings for the win.

#### Wyo. West Wyo. 11 - Bob Horlacher 5

Bob Horlacher was led by Mike Nerozzi with two hits; Steve Lavin triple and Mike Race RBI single.

#### N. Wilkes-Barre 5 - BMT American 4

Back Mountain American was eliminated after losing to N. Wilkes-Barre Monday night. Dave Shultz had two hits, including a double, and two RBI for American. Ryan Marascio pitched a complete game, striking out six.



### BMT Seniors fall short

Eight runson 10 hits weren't enough for the Back Mt. Sr. League baseball team against Stroudsburg. Josh Katyl, the BMT starter, took the loss, after walking six in two innings. Above left, manager John Nackley talked things over with Katyl and catcher Paul Wisnieski. At right, Darrell Evans pitched 3 2/3 innings in relief. Back Mountain lost again Monday, and was eliminated from the tournament.

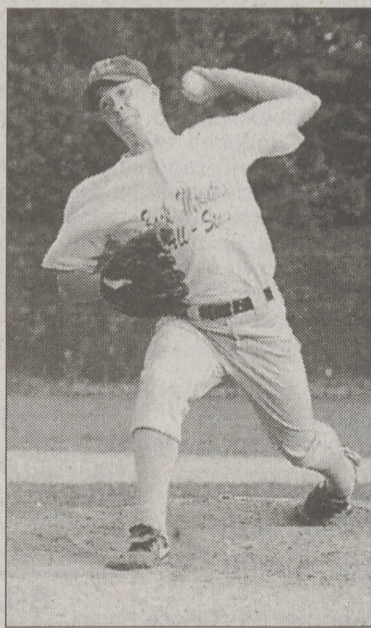


### Arsenal wins U-12 championship

Back Mountain Arsenal recently won the Northeast Travel League U-12 Boys Spring Championship. The Arsenal went undefeated in regular season and playoff games for the second straight year. Pictured from left, are, 1st row: Sean Gilroy, Frank Buzin, Carl Seitz, Gene Lispi, Tim Kerstes, Greg Yestreumskas, William Gagliardi; 2nd row: Coach Jeff Pace; Kevin Domzalski, Head Coach, Joe Kerestes; Richard Eckman, Phillip Kurello, Tyler Van Scoy, Jeff Pace, Greg Kostrobala, Coach Frank Buzin. Absent from photo: Nathaniel Dickey and Greg Andrusisian.

### Lake-Lehman sports physicals next week

Fall sports physicals for the 1998-99 school year, at Lake-Lehman will be held at the senior high school Mon., Aug. 3 at 9 a.m. for all girls playing junior and senior high hockey and cross country, girls soccer and girls volleyball. Girls makeup physicals will be Tues., Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. All boys physicals will be held on Wed., Aug. 5, at 9 a.m. for junior and senior high football, cross country, soccer and golf. Boys makeup physicals will be Thurs., Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. The student must have their examination form with them and signed by a parent/guardian.



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## Oliver

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on base in front of me."

Oliver credits part of his success to reading a book on hitting by Phillies' Hall-of-Famer Mike Schmidt. "He talked about the theory of hitting and it has really helped me," said Oliver. "It helped me change my approach."

Another major reason for the improvement was a technical adjustment. "I've worked hard on keeping my weight back," said Oliver. "It has really paid off. I'm making solid contact and driving the ball."

Defensively, Oliver has spent most of this season in left field. "The Reds would like me to learn all three outfield positions," said Oliver. "I feel comfortable in left. I've been working hard on my defense, especially when I was slumping."

Charleston is currently 13-24 and in last place in the South Atlantic League North Division. After finishing last during the first half of the season, a playoff berth doesn't appear to be in the cards. "We still go out and try to win every day," said Oliver. "But, the Reds' philosophy is that development is more important than win-

*"The pitchers here are tough and it took some adjustment."*

Johnny Oliver

On 15-game hitting streak

ning at this level. They want to bring players through the organization to the majors."

While the post-season seems out of the question, Oliver's season will likely continue through the fall. "The instructional league is a possibility," he explained. "I might also play in a league in Maryland. I'll do whatever the Reds want, but I'd prefer the fall league because it is a 42-game schedule against other organizations."

For fans wishing to catch Oliver's act in person, Charleston will visit the Hagerstown (Md) Blue Jays, August 13-16.

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### Jr. League All Stars win District 16

Back Mountain Junior League All Stars recently captured the District 16 Junior League title by defeating second place finishers Wyoming-West Wyoming 7-0. During the tournament, Back Mountain displayed an impressive performance by scoring 24 runs and only giving up two runs. The team traveled to Bethlehem for the beginning of sectional play on July 25.

Pictured are team members: 1st row, Paul McCue, Dale Radginski, Michael Fehlinger, Adam Tkaczyk, Michael Yenason, Stephen Luksh; 2nd row, Brian Cornia, Jeff Dickson, David Lohin, Ryan Grysevicz, Ed Grysevicz, coach; Jon Barbose, Charlie Stajewski, Herb Fehlinger, manager; Jordan Koslosky, Jeff Dickson, coach; Joel Lesinski.

### BMT Baseball meets

Back Mountain Baseball and Softball will conduct a general meeting Monday, Aug. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Dallas American Legion. All board members, coaches and volunteers are asked to attend.