

Sports Week

Section 2
July 21, 1999

Baseball, softball roundup

Runs dry up for National vs. Plains

Plains 7, Back Mountain National 5
Eventual district champion Plains slammed three home runs to eliminate Back Mountain National in seven innings. Losing pitcher Matt Shiskowski pitched well, striking out 10 and only walking two, but the Plains pitching held National scoreless after the third inning, when National led 5-0. Nate Carr led off the game with a home run for the second time in the tournament, and Brandon Burkhardt and Matt Straub each doubled for National. Carr and Matt Kapitula each finished with three hits.

LITTLE LEAGUE GIRLS

Naticoke 4, Back Mountain 3
Back Mountain fell behind 4-0 after five innings and could not recover. A three-run effort in the top of the sixth was just not enough. Sherri Horvath pitched the complete game for Back Mountain, striking out six. Rebecca Clay led Back Mountain with two hits including a double. Jodi Dickson also doubled for Back Mountain while Karrie Horsfield, Sarah Swepston, and Horvath added singles.

JUNIOR LEAGUE GIRLS

Back Mountain 7, Northwest 2
Raelynn Walter pitched a no-hitter despite giving up two runs as Back Mountain advanced in Junior League softball. She helped the defense by collecting nine strikeouts. Back Mountain's offense was led by Meredith Lacey, Crystal Oley, Erin Swepston, and Shannon Thomas who each had at least two hits in the game.

Naticoke 12, Back Mountain 2

Naticoke defeated Back Mountain Thursday night via the 10-run rule after five innings. Back Mountain had three doubles but could not muster enough runs to stay with Naticoke. Jen Konopi doubled and singled in two at-bats, while Erin Swepston and Stephanie Latosek doubled for Back Mountain.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BOYS

West Pittston 9, Back Mountain 6
Back Mountain had two doubles and a home run but could not overcome the West Pittston offense in a game played last Wednesday. Charlie Stajewski hit a homerun while Jordan Koslosky and Adam Tkaczyk each doubled. Jeff Dickson struck out four over four innings and took the loss.

Back Mountain 18, Plains 8
David Lohin picked up three hits to lead the offensive attack as Back Mountain moved into Tuesday night's district title game with a win over Plains on Sunday. Charlie Stajewski, Joel Lesinski, and Adam Tkaczyk each collected two hits, with Stajewski picking up two doubles.

SENIOR LEAGUE BOYS

Harveys Lake takes title

Harveys Lake 13, Back Mountain 8
Harveys Lake defeated Back Mountain Monday night to clinch the district title and move on to sectional play beginning Saturday. Jeff Taylor was the complete game winner, yielding just six hits and walking three. Offensively, Bob McKeon went 3-for-5 with a triple. A.J. Harris also tripled for Harveys Lake while Galen Waltman doubled and singled. Back Mountain got triples from



Early in the Jr. League boys game Sunday, Charles Stejewski was tagged out trying to steal third, above. At right, Mike Fehlinger grabbed a hot shot to short.

J.B. Bucha, Darrell Evans, Matt Metz, and Luke Miller. Shawn Whalen took the loss.

Harveys Lake 11, Back Mountain 10

Jeremy Harris and Adam Harris each belted home runs as Harveys Lake moved into the district championship series with a victory over Back Mountain. Winning pitcher Charlie Besteder pitched five innings, striking out four, before each Harris threw one inning to close the game out. Back Mountain had five doubles in the game that led to a six-run second inning, but the Harveys Lake offense proved to be too much. The Back Mountain doubles came from J.B. Bucha, Mike Domzalski, Bill Evans, and two from Darrell Evans. Jeremy Harris finished 3-for-3 with 5 runs batted in to go along with his home run and save. Jeff Taylor scored four runs for Harveys Lake.

Back Mountain 11, Pittston Township 10

Shawn Whalen starred for Back Mountain to advance in the district tournament. He finished with three hits, two runs scored, and three runs batted in. Matt Metz picked up the mound win while Mike Domzalski earned the save by getting the final out while the tying run was on base. Back Mountain had multiple hit games from J.B. Bucha, Domzalski, Luke Miller, and Metz.

SENIOR LEAGUE GIRLS

Back Mountain 7, Northwest 6

Back Mountain scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to earn a come-from-behind win over Northwest in its final at-bat. Erin Madigan singled home



Carrie Strasser for the winning run with two outs in the final inning. Natalie Shiskowski led the offense for Back Mountain, falling just a home run short of the cycle. Jesse Tarity added three hits as well, including a double and two runs knocked in. Christy Hiller added two singles. Winning pitcher April Naugle pitched a complete game, striking out nine.

Back Mountain 4, Naticoke 3

On Saturday Back Mountain avenged an earlier loss to Naticoke to set up Tuesday night's district title game with Naticoke. In the game Saturday, Back Mountain broke a 3-3 tie in the top of the seventh when Rachel Kukosky tripled to center, scoring Colleen Mahon. April Naugle was the winning pitcher, going all seven and collecting four strikeouts. Natalie Shiskowski added a double for Back Mountain.

9-10 GIRLS Back Mountain wins championship

Back Mountain 17, Northwest 3
Stephanie Pace went 4-for-4 including two triples with five runs batted in as Back Mountain defeated Northwest to become District 16 champions. Kelsey Moody pitched all four innings for the victory, striking out two. Moody added a triple and four runs batted in at the plate.

9-10 BOYS

Back Mountain National 11, Mayflower 1

Mike Zaleskas collected three hits as Back Mountain National won its opening-round district game on Saturday. Winning pitcher John Giampietro pitched

In Legion action Saturday, Rich Patton tried to tag out a Plymouth runner, above left; Jack Rambus slid safely into second, below left; Chuch Fehlinger corralled a high hop.

POST PHOTOS/RON BARTIZEK



three innings for the win. Dylan Seely knocked in three runs on two doubles while Jeff Clemente had two hits including a triple while finishing with two runs batted in. Mike Prater knocked in two while picking up two hits including a double.

Back Mountain American 6, North Wilkes-Barre 3

Adam Singer picked up the win on the mound for American in its opening district game. Brian Feleccia went 3-for-3 with two triples to lead the offense. Connor Lenahan had two hits including a triple while Greg Jercak added two singles for American.

AMERICAN LEGION

Avenging loss, Bmt moves to title game

Plymouth-Grontkowski 8, Back Mountain 6

Plymouth defeated Back Mountain in extra innings in the first round of legion playoffs held Saturday at King's College. Paul Kapral homered for Back Mountain. Randy Knappman got three hits including a double and knocked in two runs. John Habrack took the loss, striking out two in just one inning.

Back Mountain 12, Hazleton 1

Back Mountain easily defeated Hazleton Sunday to advance in the playoffs. Winning pitcher John Habrack went the distance, striking out five and allowing four hits without walking anyone. Rich Patton had two doubles and finished 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two knocked in to lead the offense. Paul Kapral and Dan Fauerbach each went 2-for-3 with a run scored. Jeremy Harris was 2-for-4 with a triple.

Back Mountain 10, Plymouth-Grontkowski 7

Back Mountain moved into Tuesday night's championship series with Pittston by defeating Plymouth on Monday. Three runs in the bottom of the fifth broke a 7-7 tie and proved to be enough. The winning pitcher was Rich Patton, who got the final 10 outs after Randy Knappman started. Jeremy Harris was 2-for-2 with a double, an RBI single, and two runs scored for the winners. Greg Woronko had a two-run double and tallied three runs batted in. Paul Kapral scored twice.

Irem Women's Golf results

Results of the nine hole medal play tournament held July 13 by the Irem Women's Golf Association.

	Weekly Prize	Putting Prize
First Flight:	Gail Killeen	Gail Killeen
Second Flight:	Joan Morari	Joan Moran
Third Flight:	Dorothy Harding	Dorothy Harding
Fourth Flight:	Connie Lizdas	Connie Lizdas
Chip ins:	Jane Boltz, Shirley Evans, Jane Kopp, Dorothy Harding	

Dallas Gridiron Club golf tournament

The Dallas Gridiron Club's annual golf tournament will be held on Sunday, August 1 at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club. Format is captain and crew with a shotgun start at 7:45 a.m. There will be separate men's and women's divisions with flight prizes, closest to the pin, and longest drive awards in each division. Fee is \$70 per golfer, which includes green fees, cart, refreshments on course, and a buffet dinner. There are several group openings for foursomes left. If interested, call Russ Eyet at 675-6459 or 690-4694. Hole sponsors at \$50 and tee sponsors at \$25 will be gladly accepted as well as merchandise or gift certificates for the awards dinner raffle. Proceeds benefit the Dallas High School football team.

Lake-Lehman fall sports physicals Aug. 4-5

Lake-Lehman High School will hold girls fall sports physicals on Wednesday, August 4 at 9 a.m. at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School for the following sports:

- Girls Hockey - Jr. and Sr. High
 - Girls Cross Country - Jr. and Sr. High
 - Jr. High Girls Soccer
 - Sr. High Girls Volleyball
- Make-up date for the girls sports will be Monday, August 9 at 5:30 at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

The boys fall sports physicals will be held on Thursday, August 5 at 9 a.m. at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School for the following sports:

- Football - Jr. and Sr. High
 - Cross Country - Jr. and Sr. High
 - Soccer - Jr. and Sr. High
 - Sr. High Golf
- Make-up date for boys sports will be Thursday, August 12 at 5:30 at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School.

Permission/physical forms can be picked up at the high school office during regular business hours. The students must have their forms signed by parent/guardian prior to the examination.

DHS football players seek trip funds

The Dallas High School football team will be canvassing neighborhoods in the Dallas area on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings beginning July 22 to solicit donations to help defray the cost of their trip to Florida in November to play in the KSA Bowl Game at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex.

11th Kubis tourney brings best 11-year-olds to Bmt field

The 11th annual W.W. Kubis Memorial Tournament for 11-year-olds, sponsored by Back Mountain Baseball, will begin tonight (July 21) with two games. At 5:45 p.m., Back Mountain American faces Luzerne/Courtdale/Pringle while Bob Horlacher meets Pittston at 7:45. Play continues Thursday with games at the same times, with Wyoming/West Wyoming meeting St. Therese and Edwardsville/Larsville going up against Mountaintop. Play resumes Saturday with defending champion Back Mountain National playing at 9 a.m. against Northwest. Other first round games to follow that day include Swoyersville against Plains, North Wilkes-Barre vs. Plymouth, and Kingston taking on Avoca-Dupont. All games will be played at the Back Mountain Little League field on Church Street in Dallas. The tournament director is again Scott Yoh. He will receive significant assistance from league President Jack Snyder and from Jeff Faneck.

Wyoming Valley Modified Softball

Wyoming Valley Modified Softball League Standings

Team	W	L
Harvest Assembly	6	2
Evangelical Free	6	3
Dallas Baptist	5	4
SV Church of Christ	4	4
Immanuel Baptist	4	5
Alderson	1	8

Results
Evangelical Free 15, Back Mountain Harvest Assembly 7, Alderson 12, Immanuel Baptist 11
Sweet Valley Church of Christ 16, Dallas Baptist 9