

BMT ball

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SENIOR LEAGUE BOYS

Harveys Lake 11, East Stroudsburg 7

A.J. Harris went 3-for-4 with a homerun as Harveys Lake continued in the losers' bracket of the Section 4 tournament. Jeff Taylor was the winning pitcher, striking out four and allowing five hits over five innings.

Lackawanna 12, Harveys Lake 6

Lackawanna scored eight runs in the top of the second to distance themselves early from Harveys Lake and eliminate the locals from sectional play. Charlie Besteder took the loss, giving up ten runs on six hits. Gaise Lacey had three hits to lead the Harveys Lake offense, while Jeremy and A.J. Harris each went 2-for-4 with a double. Jeff Taylor also doubled

AMERICAN LEGION

Back Mountain 13, Greater Pittston 7

Greg Woronko pitched a complete game only walking one batter to help earn the right for Back Mountain to get a rematch with Pittston for the league title. Woronko struck out six batters. The offense was led by second baseman D.J. Kapson, who went 5-for-5 with two runs scored. John Habrack went 4-for-4 with a triple and three runs scored, while Jake Rambus was 3-for-4 with two doubles and three runs scored. Rich Patton added three hits including a double with two runs knocked in, and Jeremy Harris had two hits including while scoring three and knocking in three.

Greater Pittston 5, Back Mountain 4

Pittston defeated Back Mountain to earn the league championship. John Habrack struck out seven over nine innings, but the offense could not overcome the pitching of Pittston's George LoPresto. Habrack and Greg Woronko had multiple hit games offensively, with Woronko driving in two runs with a double. Jeremy Harris scored twice for Back Mountain.

KUBIS TOURNAMENT

Back Mountain American 12, LCP 1

Adam King struck out nine while allowing just three hits and one walk in earning a complete game win over LCP in the first round of the Kubis tournament. Justin Orlandini and Nick Oschman led a steady offense by going 2-for-2 with a walk and two runs scored. Matt Shumbris and Brian Goeringer each doubled and scored a run. King had a two-run single in the first inning.

Back Mountain National 15, Northwest 3

Ron Shiner went 3-for-3 with three runs scored to lead National to an opening-round victory Saturday morning. David Harding had a two-run homerun to highlight the offensive display. Matt Kapitula and Gracjan Kraszewski each had two hits, while leadoff batter Nate Carr scored three runs.

Back Mountain National 12, Plains 6

In a battle of tournament favorites, National scored nine runs in the top of the first to get out to an early lead and then held on for a six-run victory on Sunday. Ron Shiner went 2-for-4 with a two-run homerun to lead National's offense. Ben Thomas contributed by going 3-for-3 with 3 runs knocked in. David Harding pitched five innings to earn the mound victory. National will play North Wilkes-Barre in a winners' bracket semifinal Saturday at 12.

Wyoming Valley Softball League

STANDINGS	W	L
Harvest Assembly-x	7	2
Evangelical Free-y	7	3
S.V. Church of Christ	5	4
Dallas Baptist	5	5
Immanuel Baptist	6	
Alderson	1	9

X wins championship with win over Sweet Valley

Y wins championship via tiebreaker with a Back Mountain loss.

Results:

- Back Mt. Harvest Assembly 14
- Dallas Baptist 5
- Evangelical Free 15 - Immanuel Baptist 7
- S.V. Church of Christ 15 - Alderson 1

Back Mountain American 7, Bob Horlacher 6

In the most entertaining game of the tournament, American led 5-0 after five innings. Bob Horlacher rallied for six in the top of sixth before American rallied for two of its own in the bottom of the sixth to advance in the winners' bracket. Joe Bailey for American doubled home Adam King with two outs in the bottom of the sixth for the win. King finished 3-for-3 with three runs scored. Mike Race led the output for Horlacher by hitting a long two-run homerun to right field with no outs in the top of the sixth. David DeSoo finished with two doubles. Brandon Rice was the winning pitcher while Steve Lavin took the loss. American will play Mountaintop in a winners' bracket semifinal Saturday at 10 a.m.

WEST PITSTON 11 YEAR OLD TOURNAMENT

Back Mountain National 7, West Pittston 2

Matt Kapitula struck out 10 in hurling Back Mountain National to a 7-2 victory over West Pittston in the first round of the West Pittston 11 Year Old Tournament. Gracjan Kraszewski smashed a home run and a single to lead Back Mountain's offense. Alan Sheridan contributed 3 singles and Ron Shiner added 2.

Back Mountain National 4, Wyoming/West Wyoming 2

Matt Kapitula homered and singled to lead Back Mountain National to a tough 4-2 win over Wyoming/West Wyoming in the second round of the West Pittston 11 Year Old Tournament. Alan Sheridan singled twice for National and was the winning pitcher. David Harding struck out the side in the 6th inning to record the save.

Back Mountain National 9, North Wilkes-Barre 2

Alan Sheridan, Gracjan Kraszewski, Matt Kapitula and David Harding combined to strike out 10 batters as Back Mountain National advanced to the winners' bracket championship game in the West Pittston 11 Year Old Tournament with a 9-2 victory over North Wilkes-Barre. Kapitula belted 2 doubles and a single while Nathan Carr, Harding and Kraszewski each collected a double. The winners' bracket championship game will be played at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 28 at West Pittston.

NORTHWEST 9/10 YEAR OLD TOURNAMENT

Back Mountain National 12, Kingston 2

On Sunday, Back Mountain National advanced in the Northwest 9-10-Year-Old Tournament by defeating Kingston 12-2 in a game called after 4 innings in accordance with the 10-run rule. Steve Cornia struck out 7 batters en route to the complete game victory. Mike Prater's 3 doubles, one of which narrowly missed clearing the left center field fence, led the Back Mountain attack. Cornia and Dylan Seeley each smacked a double and a single and Mike Zaleskas belted a double for the winners. John Giampietro,



Jeff Clemente, Seeley and Prater each scored 2 runs. Prater collected 3 RBIs while Cornia knocked home 2 runs.

Back Mountain National 15, Ed/Lark 4

Mike Prater singled twice and drove in 3 runs to power Back Mountain National to a 15-4 victory over Ed/Lark and a spot in the Northwest 9/10 Year Old Tournament championship game. Steve Cornia doubled and collected 2 RBIs for Back Mountain. John Giampietro scored 4 runs while Chris DeRojas, Ryan Konopki, Jared Kopechne and Chad Gelso each scored twice. Konopki, who also had 2 RBIs, struck out 5 in 3 innings of pitching while Dylan Seeley struck out 1 in 1 scoreless inning of relief.

Mountaintop 11, Back Mountain National 10

Mountaintop rallied for 2 runs in the bottom of the 6th to defeat Back Mountain National 11-10 and capture the Northwest 9/10 Year Old Tournament championship. Bretz led the Mountaintop offense with a double and 2 singles while Chris Wychock and Funke singled twice. Jody Dymond struck out 4 in garnering the complete game victory.

Ryan Konopki lined 3 singles and collected 3 RBIs for Back Mountain while teammate Dylan Seeley tripled twice and also collected 3 RBIs. Mike Prater doubled and singled while driving home 2 runs. Konopki scored 3 times

while Chris DeRojas and Seeley scored twice. Konopki struck out 1 in 3 strong innings on the mound. Seeley struck out 3 in 2 1/3 innings.

DISTRICT 16 9/10 YEAR OLD TOURNAMENT

Steve Galella struck out 7 batters to lead Heights to a 5-2 victory over Back Mountain National in the District 16 9/10 Year Old Tournament. Josh Richards singled twice for the winners.

Jeff Clemente's double was the big hit for National. Steve Cornia,

Close shave

After handily winning the District championship, the Back Mountain Senior Girls Softball team ran into a determined West End team Saturday. Back Mountain literally squeezed out a 2-1 victory when Carrie Thimot scored on a bunt off the bat of Colleen Mahon. In top photo, Natalie Shiskowski, on a two-strike count, smashed a single through the middle and advanced to second on the center fielder's error. At left, April Naugle tried to dig out a toss from catcher Melonie Sappe but couldn't hold on, giving the visitors their only run. But Naugle shut down West End the rest of the way.

POST PHOTOS/RON BARTIZEK

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Answers to King Crossword

solution					14
7	1	8	4	20	
9	3	4	6	22	
8	1	8	9	26	
5	1	3	4	13	
29	6	23	23	22	

L E F T	A I S P	B R O Z
A I C R I E	T O O R	R A V E
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H O T I S P I O T	O V I E R T	
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B I A N D Y	H O T I S P I U R	
A G E	F I A Y	E R A
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H O T W A T E R	I S L A	
E T T E	A R I M	A L A I N
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Answers to Super Crossword

P O S T S	S L A W	A L B A	A T A R I
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A M A Z O N	N I E L S E N	K I B I T Z	
A R I A			
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M A I L	E R M A	F I G A R O	C E D E
P U G E T	S O U N D	N A P A V A L L E Y	
E T H N O	A S T A	G M A N	P E A L E
L E T O N	D E E R	S E N T	B O X E R

John Giampietro and Ryan Konopki combined for 9 strikeouts.

8-9 YEAR OLD TOURNAMENT

Back Mt. National 13 - Plains 11

Daniel Taroli and Mike Prater had 3 hits each and Doug Harding was the winning pitcher with 6 strikeouts as Back Mt. National Topped Plains 13-11.

Cody Kustrin had 4 hits and Scott Summa had a home run and 5 RBIs as National defeated Parsons 22-3 at the Plains Tournament. Patrick Murray had 3 hits and 5 RBIs.

Back Mt. National 8 - Ed-Lark. 7

Scott Summa's game winning triple lifted National to an 8-7 win over Ed-Lark. David Luksh allowed only 1 run in 3 innings pitched, striking out 3 batters. Bob Peron had a single and scored a run.

Back Mt. National 18 - Swoyersville 6

Billy Holena had 3 hits with 5 RBIs to lift National over Swoyersville 18-6. Kyle Arnaud and Patrick DeRojas had hits, while Mike Lipski had a triple and 2 RBIs.

Back Mt. American 6 - Heights 3

Myer Messinger and Kevin Little combined as winning pitchers. Kevin Engler and Kevin Little had 3 hits each; Zach Aciekewicz had 2 hits.

Back Mt. American 7 - Forty Fort 5

Pitchers Myer Messinger and Kevin Little combined for the win. Back Mountain came from behind with a win led by doubles from Zach Aciekewicz, Joe Kaiser, Eric Tucker and Josh Hilstolsky.

Back Mt. American 20 - Pittston 9 in 4 innings

Pitchers Kevin Engler, Josh Clay and Eric Tucker combined for the win. Back Mountain offense was led by 2 hits each from Kevin Engler, Joe Kaiser, and Josh Clay. Additional offense punch was provided by Zach Aciekewicz, Matt Ruch, Kevin Little, Josh Hilstolsky, Eric Tucker, Myer

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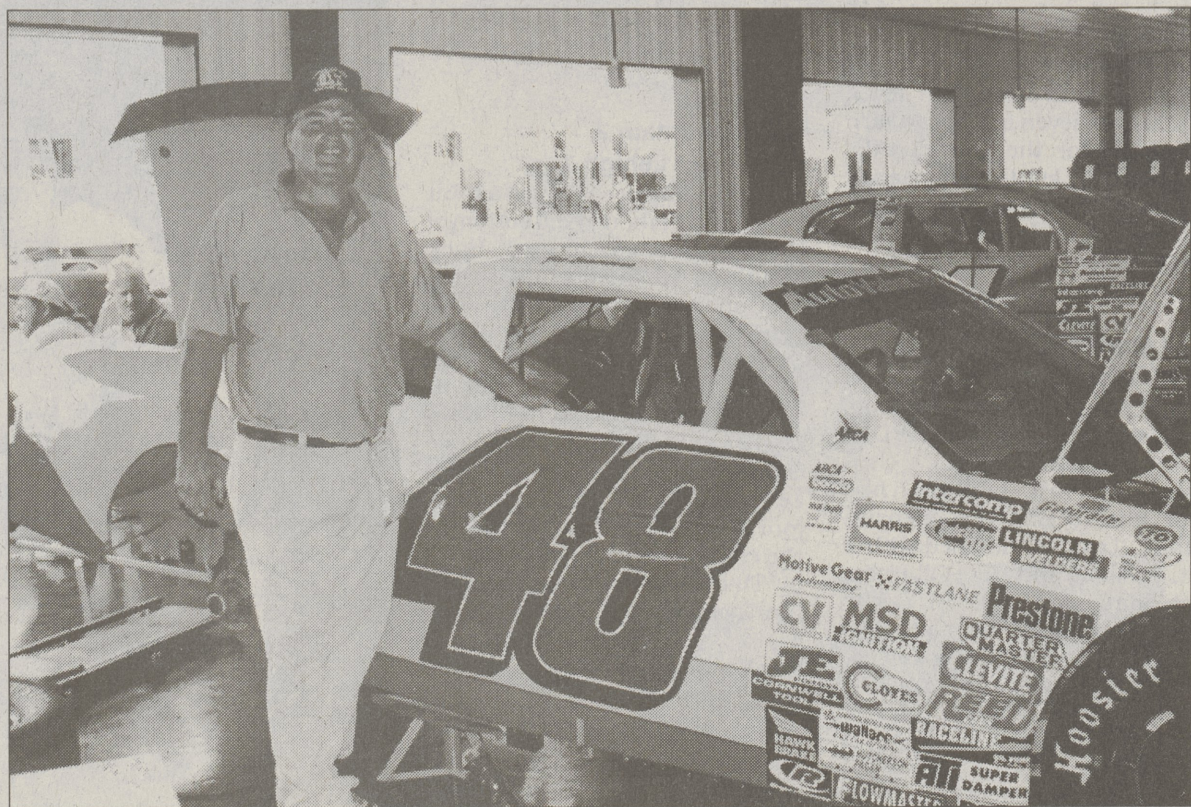
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On track at Pocono



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The Back Mountain was well represented at last weekend's Pennsylvania 500 at Pocono Raceway. Jimmy Lamoreaux of Sweet Valley, above, posed with his ARCA series car. At left, Dave Kozemchak of Lehman boarded a helicopter to take aerial photos for the track owners.