

Sports Week

Section 2

Wednesday, August 4, 1999

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

SENIOR LEAGUE GIRLS

Back Mountain 2, Northwest/Bethlehem 1

Back Mountain rallied from an early deficit last Tuesday night to win the Section 4 title and earn a berth in the state tournament. Carrie Strasser had a two-run triple that scored Melonie Sappe and Lauren Patton in the top of the fifth inning. The pitching of April Naugle carried the team the rest of the way as she finished the game going all seven innings, striking out five and walking two while giving up just the one run, which was unearned.

Fairless Hills 6, Back Mountain 2

Back Mountain senior girls were eliminated from the state tournament in Hatboro in two games.

11/12 WB REC BOARD TOURNAMENT

Back Mountain National 10, Forty Fort 0

Matt Kapitula hit a grand slam with two outs in the fourth inning to help National advance into the final. He finished with five runs knocked in. Matt Shiskowski and Scott Carter also added doubles for the winners. Winning pitcher Matt Straub had seven strikeouts.

Kingston 13, Back Mountain American 10

In the other tournament semifinal, American was outscored by a powerful Kingston offense. Dave Shultz homered for Back Mountain while Jacob Kovalchik and Ryan Marascio each contributed with two singles.

Back Mountain National 11, Kingston 0

National's Matt Shiskowski fired a one-hitter as National captured the championship of the Wilkes-Barre Rec Board 11/12 Year Old Tournament. Brandon Burkhardt's two-run home run ended the game in the fifth inning due to the ten-run rule. Shiskowski contributed offensively with a double.

KUBIS 11-YEAR-OLD TOURNAMENT

Back Mountain National 11, North Wilkes-Barre 1

Matt Kapitula pitched a one-hitter, striking out nine and allowing just two walks as National moved into the winners' bracket final. Alan Sheridan was 2-for-3 with three RBI for National while Ron Shiner tripled, doubled, scored twice, and knocked in a pair. Nate Carr, Kapitula, and Dave Harding each also scored twice. Gracjan Krasewski added a double and an RBI.

Mountaintop 11, Back Mountain American 10

The American offense could not match that of Mountaintop as American suffered its first loss. Pitcher Adam King had five strikeouts but gave up seven hits and seven earned runs. Nick Oschman, Brian Goeringer, and Mario Olivari each had two singles for American. Goeringer and Bob Lenahan each scored twice.

Mountaintop 10, Back Mountain National 5

Mountaintop beat a Back Mountain team for the second time in two days as it advanced into tonight's final. Gracjan Krasewski had two hits and two runs batted in to highlight National's offense. Ron Shiner and Nate Carr had the other hits for Back Mountain National. Eric Domzalski pitched two innings and took the loss.

Plains 11, Back Mountain American 8

American was eliminated as Plains' offense was too much to overcome. A five-run third inning gave American a 9-8 lead, but a Plains home run in the bottom of the third pushed Plains ahead for good. Mario Olivari tripled and singled and knocked in two runs to lead American's offense. Nick Oschman and Joe Bailey each scored twice. Matt Shumbris took the loss.

Plains faced Back Mountain National Tuesday night to decide first and third place. Mountaintop was undefeated, but could field only five players this week, and was awarded second place.

8-9 National wins two tournaments

Patrick Murray and Daniel Taroli combined on a 4 hitter and struck out 9 batters to lead Back Mt. National over Swoyersville 6-1 in the championship game of the Plains 8-9 Tournament. Billy Holena led the offense with 2 hits and 3 RBI's. Back Mt. was undefeated in the tournament.

Earlier in the week, Back Mt. defeated Swoyersville 15-12 in 7 innings. Doug Harding was the winning pitcher, striking out 7. Daniel Taroli had 3 hits and 7 RBI's while Scott Summa had 3 hits, including a home run.

Mike Prater pitched a complete game, striking out 9 batters, as National topped Forty Fort 15-9 in the championship game of the Edwardsville-Larksville 8-9 Tournament. Cody Kustrin had 2 hits, 4 RBI's, Doug Harding had 2 triples, and David Luksh had 3 singles. Mike Lipski had 2 hits and 2 RBI's, while Kyle Arnaud and Patrick DeRojas had hits.

Earlier in the tournament, National suffered a loss to Forty Fort 9-5. Scott Summa, Bob Peron and Patrick Murray all had hits. National finished with a post season record of 9-1. They

outscored their opponents 137-62. Individual statistics are as follows:

Daniel Taroli, 14 runs, 18 hits, 20 RBI's, 2 home runs.
Cody Kustrin, 10 runs, 16 hits, 11 RBI's, 7 walks.
Mike Prater, 9 runs, 13 hits, 14 RBI's, 2 doubles, 2 triples.
Scott Summa, 13 runs, 13 hits, 10 BI's, 2 home runs, 10 walks.
Billy Holena, 15 runs, 9 hits, 15 RBI's, 13 walks, 3 triples.
Kyle Arnaud, 10 runs, 12 walks, 7 hits, 2 RBI's.
Mike Lipski, 13 runs, 8 hits, 11 RBI's, 7 walks, 2 triples.
Patrick DeRojas, 7 runs, 5 hits, 6 walks, 3 RBI's.
Bob Peron, 2 runs, 2 hits, 4 walks, 5 RBI's, 1 double.
Patrick Murray, 10 runs, 11 hits, 7 RBI's, 4 walks, 1 triple.
David Luksh, 10 runs, 11 hits, 6 RBI's, 4 walks, 1 double.
Doug Harding, 13 hits, 17 runs, 10 RBI's, 3 triples, 2 doubles, 1 home run.

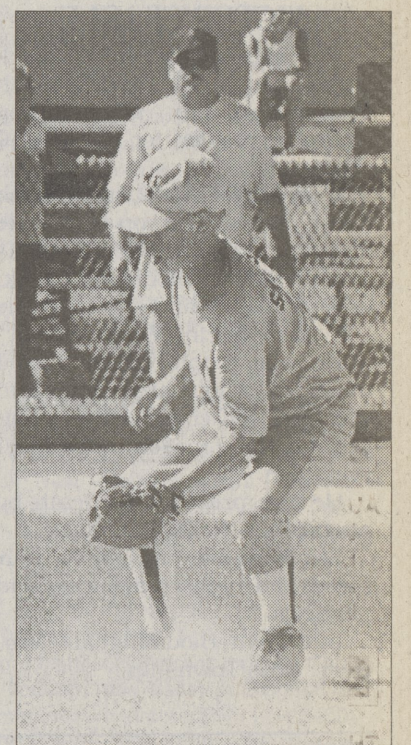
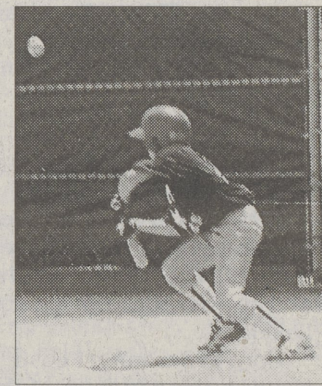
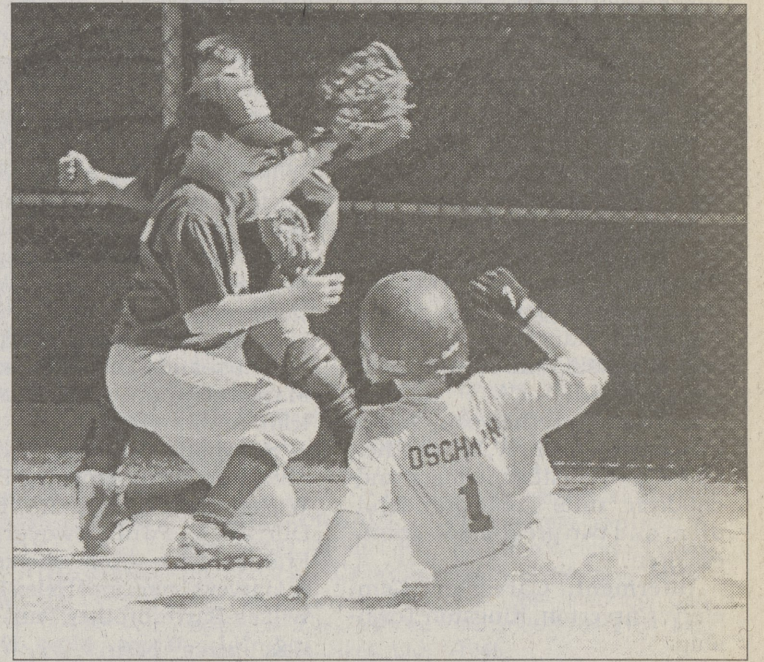
Back Mt. National coaches were Bill Holena and Bob Peron. The team was managed by George Gracely.

Boat registrations extended

Boat owners calling the Fish and Boat Commission's Boat Registration Office (717 657-4551) will now be greeted by a new automated boat registration and titling help line. According to Peter A. Colangelo, the Commission's Executive Director, the new phone system will answer many of the most commonly asked questions by callers to our boat registration staff.

The new system is menu-driven and provides information on many questions asked by persons seeking registrations and titles for their boats. Information as well as many boat registration forms, are also available on-line at the Fish and Boat Commission's web site:

<http://www.fish.state.pa.us>. Also, the Commission is extending the expiration date of certain temporary boat registrations. Temporary boat registration stickers that currently expire on July 31, 1999, will be extended to August 31, 1999, and those that currently expire on August 31, 1999 will be extended to Sept. 30. According to Mary Stine, chief of the Licensing and Registration Section, the Commission still has to process about 1,000 temporary registrations that expire on July 31, 1999. Boaters should place their permanent registration stickers and numbers on their boats as soon as possible after receiving them.



Kubis Tournery action

POST PHOTOS/RON BARTIZKEK

Both Back Mountain teams played over the weekend in the Kubis Memorial tournament for 11-year-olds. In photos, clockwise from top left: Matt Kapitula fired a one-hitter at North Wilkes-Barre as National won 11-1 Saturday; Nick Oschman scored the first run for American Sunday afternoon against Plains, but American lost 11-8; Matt Shumbris fielded a grounder at the mound for American; Nathan Carr put down (or up) a bunt for National, and reached first safely; Alan Sheridan was out trying to steal third for National Saturday.



All the Rage: from left, 1st row; Meredith Lacey, Dallas; Ashleigh King, Dallas; assistant coach and trainer, Mark Lacey, Dallas; Bridget Zola, Hazleton; Ashley Grimm, Hazleton; 2nd row, head coach, Joe Noon, Dallas; Meredith LaBuda, Hazleton; Kim Dodson, Hazleton; Rosalyn Wentko, Dallas; Jackie Hardwick, Dallas; Shannon Thomas, Dallas and team manager/assistant coach, Lew Thomas, Dallas.

Rage wins Keystone gold

Luzerne County Rage defeated CVYBA, from the Capital Region, 32-23 in the finals of the Keystone Games tournament. The Rage jumped out to a 16-7 half time lead in a defensive first half and traded baskets in the second half to win the championship. Leading scorers for the Rage were Meredith LaBuda, 9 points, Jackie Hardwick, 6 points, Meredith Lacey, 5 points, Kim Dodson, Ashley Grimm, 4 points apiece, Shannon Thomas, 3 points and Rosalyn Wentko, 1 point.

In semi-final action the Rage won 70-49 over the #2 seed from pool #2. Leading scorers were

Shannon Thomas, 25 points, including three for three from 3 point land and 17 first half points followed by Meredith LaBuda 12 points, Ashley Grimm, 9 points, Bridget Zola, 8 points, Kim Dodson, 6 points, Rosalyn Wentko and Meredith Lacey, 4 points apiece and Jackie Hardwick, 6 points.

Shannon Thomas was selected as the tournament's most valuable player. She scored a team high 66 total points in five games.

"The Rage" was the Pocono Region team made up of five players from Dallas and four players from Hazleton.

Lake-Lehman sports physicals

All physicals for Lake-Lehman Junior and Senior High School girls sports will be held Wed., Aug. 4 beginning at 9 a.m. at Lehman-Jackson Elementary School. Makeup date will be Monday, Aug. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Lehman-Jackson.

Boys physicals will be given Thursday, Aug. 5, beginning at 9 a.m. at Lehman-Jackson. Makeup date will be Thursday, Aug. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Lehman-Jackson.

Keystone Games participants

Back Mountain athletes who participated in the Keystone Games:

Diving: Alana Anzalone
Field Hockey: Jessica Banks, Alyson Bevan, Lindsay Boris, Melissa DeCesaris, Jennifer Noon.

Wrestling: Jonathan Bird, Aaron Kubasik.

Basketball: Jay Carroll, Matthew Dunn, Jacqueline Hardwick, Ashleigh King, Meredith Lacey, Shannon Thomas, Rosalyn Wentko, Halli Williams, Lew Thomas, team coach.

Golf: Dom Castrignano, Joanne Van Saun.

Softball: Julia Chiampi.

Soccer: Adam Clay, Nathan Hoffman, William Lewis, Samantha Lloyd, Ryan Love, Donny Murray, Brian Noler, Vito Reccia, Halli Williams, Jessica Sheehan.

Baseball: Adam Harris, Jeremy Harris, Christopher Navin, Rich Patton, Abraham Stone, Greg Woronko.

Ice hockey: David Kowalek.

3v3 Basketball: Bobby Lenahan, Michael Race, Ronald Shiner, Ben Thomas.

Bowling: Justin Mingus, Phillip Perzia.

Tennis: Kevin Shah, Neil Buddy Shah, Nina Shah.

Dallas volleyball physicals Aug. 5

Girls volleyball grades 9-12, practice will begin August 9, at the Dallas Elementary Gym, from 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Physicals will be given on August 5, at 10:15 a.m. in the nurses office at the Middle School. Forms must be filled out prior to visit. Any questions, contact Coach Richelle at 820-3216.



Arsenal wins U-13 travel title

The Back Mountain Arsenal recently captured the Northeast Travel U-13 Boys Spring Soccer championship.

First row, William Gagliardi, Tim Kerestes, Greg Yestrumskas, Carl Seitz, Frank Buzin, Jaron George, Sean Gilroy. Second row, Head Coach Joe Kerestes, Greg Kostrobala, Richard Eckman, Phillip Kurello, Kevin Domzalski, Jeff Pace, Assistant Coach Frank Buzin, Assistant Coach Jeff Pace.

Absent from photo were Greg Andrusisian, Gene Lispi, Gerry McGroarty.