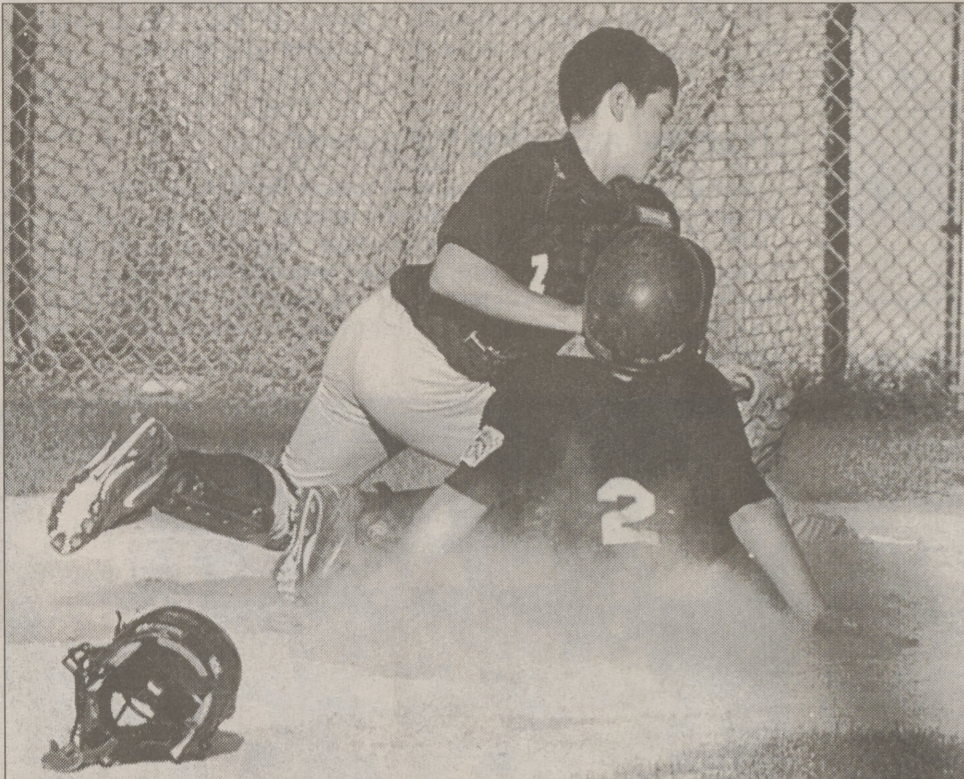


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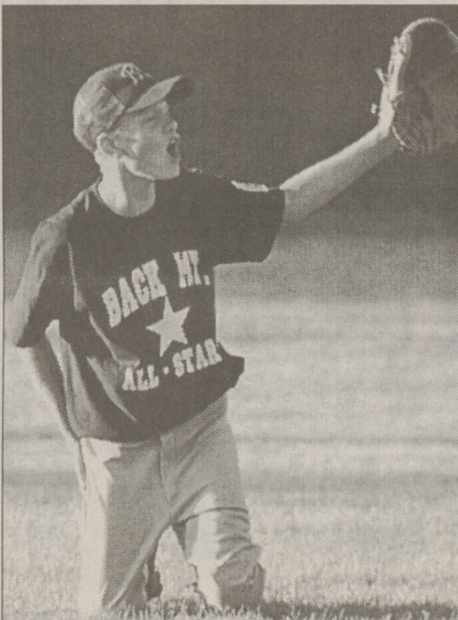
Jake Stryjewski was tagged out sliding into home in the third inning.



National manager Tom Dougherty consoled Nick Samanas after Plains scored.

National rally falls short

□ Ties game in sixth, only to lose by a run in seventh



Gracjan Kraszewski called for help after being injured in the outfield.

After letting Plains run out to a 6-0 lead, Back Mountain National scored three runs each in the fifth and sixth innings to send the game into extra innings. But Plains scored the winning run in the top of the seventh, then shut down National to claim the win.

Matt Kapitula went 3-for-4 for National, Gracjan Kraszewski, Dave Harding and Alan Sheridan each went 2-for-4, and Ronnie Shiner stroked a double and scored twice. Kapitula pitched the entire game.

The loss ended National's hopes for the District 16 Little League championship.

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Back Mountain wins 9-10 softball title

The Back Mountain Minor League softball team won the District 16 Championship Saturday in Dallas with a tournament record of 5-0. Allison Evans and Ellen Morgan combined to pitch the 7-6 Back Mountain win over Mountaintop.

Back Mountain took a first inning lead of 1-0 and Mountaintop answered back with four runs in the second inning. Back Mountain chipped away with one run in the second and three in the third on a base clearing double by Becca Banks to take the lead 5-4. Mountaintop answered back with one run in the fifth but Back Mountain retained the lead with a score of 6-5 at the end of the fifth. In the top of the sixth, and with two out, Mountaintop tied the game on Julie Kravit's double followed by two stolen bases.

With the game tied in the bottom of the sixth, Back Mountain's Allison Evans ripped a double with one out, stole third and scored to win the game on Mollie Grossman infield hit. Back Mountain hitters: Mollie Grossman, Allison Evans, Paige Selinski, Kathleen Paley, Ellen Morgan and Becca Banks who scored two doubles, combined for eight hits.

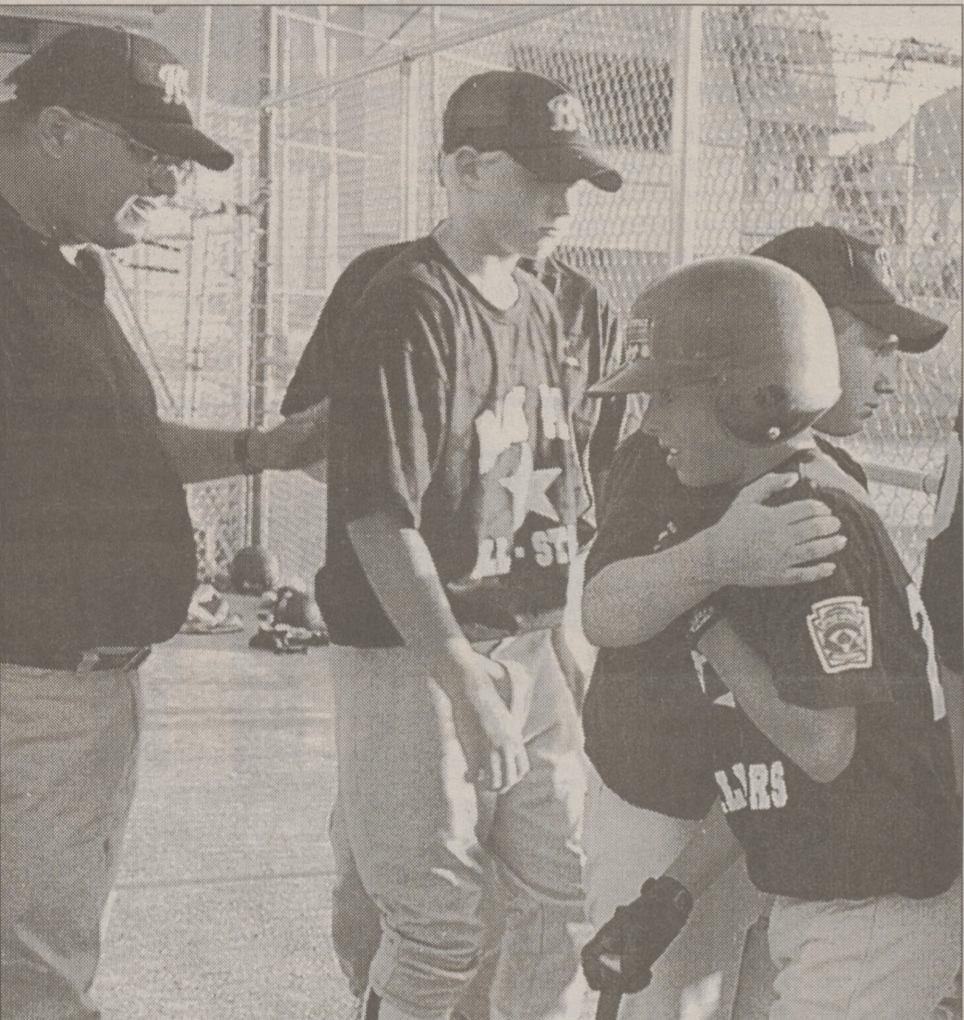
American tops National in N'west 9-10 tourney

Matt Ruch's double drove home the tying run and Ruch came around to score the winning run on a throwing error in the bottom of the 7th inning as American defeated National 4-3. National tied the score 2-2 and sent the game into extra innings when Patrick Murray doubled and scored on a throwing error in the 6th inning. National vaulted ahead 3-2 in the top of the 7th, but American rallied for the win in the bottom half on Ruch's double. American is the lone remaining undefeated team in the tournament as National now enters the loser's bracket.

Kevin Engler led the American offense with 3 hits while Ruch and Scott Skammer each smacked 2 hits. Josh Backes belted a double for the winners. Myer Messinger struck out 10 through the first 6 innings for American while Kevin Little recorded the victory by pitching the 7th.

Bill Holena singled twice for National.

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Sadness at the end. Coach Dave Domzalski and players Dave Harding, center, Kyle Mahle, foreground, and Jake Stryjewski.

Back Mountain Outdoors



Chris Denmon

As Summer progresses and it gets warmer, more people will head to the water to cool off. Some will go to the pool. Some will go water skiing. Whatever the sport they decide to participate in, they will have most of their fun on the water's surface. There are a minority of folks however, that derive their pleasure from being below the surface of the water.

These are some of the most adventurous people around and

Underwater adventures

get immense pleasure from the activities they take part in under the waves. Some watch fish and some may even feed the fish. To some it is the search for old, lost relics. In our area probably the most prominent item Scuba divers search for is old bottles.

In the cold waters of Pennsylvania, the water temperature averages in the 50's near what is called the thermocline. The thermocline is an imaginary line drawn in the water at which a distinct temperature difference is noticed. The depth at which the thermocline is situated depends on time of the year and the depth of the body of water.

Many Scuba divers do not spend much time below the thermocline due to the cold water temperature, even if they wear neoprene wet suits. More experi-

enced and serious divers wear what is called a dry suit. Water will lower body temperature 25 times faster than air. These suits allow divers to stay much warmer since water does not contact their bodies, so dry suit divers are able to be comfortable below the thermocline for extended periods of time without getting cold.

Some divers use their training to do good things for the environment. Many divers, while below the surface will collect garbage they find on the bottom. According to a few local divers, some lakes, even though beautiful on the surface, are a pitiful sight to behold underwater. In lakes such as Harveys Lake there are reports of car batteries (some dumped in piles), tires, 50-gallon drums, refrigerators, and many other environmentally hazardous materials.



Peg Denmon, the author's mother, displays a day's find on a recent dive in Harveys Lake.

These kinds of materials must be avoided by the sport divers due to possible injuries to themselves and could also cause more environmental problems if disturbed by anyone other than a professional cleanup crew.

A lengthy course that must be completed before someone can become a certified Scuba diver. The course involves several classroom sessions and several pool

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Lynch wins KPGA qualifier

Joe Lynch, of Dallas, won the boys age 18-20 category in a Keystone Public Golf Association Junior Qualifying tournament held July 11 at Mill Race, Benton. Lynch's score of 78 was matched by Lee Moran, Kingston, but Lynch won on a match of cards.

Information about KPGA and future events may be obtained by calling (724) 468-8850

Gridiron Club golf tournament

The Dallas Gridiron Club's Annual Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 6 at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club. Format is Captain & Crew with a shotgun start at 7:45 a.m. There will be separate mens and womens divisions with Flight prizes, closest to the pin, and longest drive awards in each division. Hole in one wins a trip for two to Acapulco. Fee is \$75 per golfer which includes green fees, cart, refreshments and a buffet dinner. There are several openings for foursomes left, if interested, call Russ Eyet at 675-6459 or 760-5261. 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.

Fall baseball registration Saturday

Back Mountain Baseball will conduct registration for Fall Baseball this Saturday, July 22, from 10 AM to noon at the Little League field. The registration fee is \$15 per player.

Harveys Lake falls in Jr. Baseball playoff

The Harveys Lake Jr. Baseball team hosted Plains Sunday, but lost in a game called because of the 10-run rule. In photos, Josh Maye put a tag on a sliding Plains runner (near right). In far right photo, Back Mountain catcher Matt Ide scrambled for a loose ball.

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Back Mountain wins berth in Jr. Baseball final

Matt Shiskowski pitched five shutout innings, allowing only two hits while striking out six and walking none as Back Mountain won 10-0 over West Pittston in a game called after five innings because of the 10-run rule. Jonathan Wood went 2-for-3 at the plate and Mark Kapitula and Shiskowski each had a triple. All three drove in two runs each. Back Mountain will play Plains for the district championship.

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