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## Sem state champs take their fun seriously

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**BACK MOUNTAIN** - A well-rounded tennis player not only has powerful serves and backhands, he also has to have a strong mental game.

Four high school players from the Back Mountain know what it takes to play in State tennis competition and win. Jordan Koslosky, Shavertown; Eric Feinstein, Shavertown; Neil "Buddy" Shah, Shavertown; and Tye Morris, Dallas, were members of the Wyoming Seminary PIAA Tennis 2001 State Championship Team.

"This was the first year they've

had team states," said Eric. Early on, the team's goal for the season was to win the state competition.

Sem had an impressive 2001 season on the road to winning States. The team won one of the biggest private school tournaments, which included 16 teams from seven states, at the New England Mid-Atlantic Tennis Tournament (NEMA).

Winning NEMA was completely unexpected. The players attribute the win to having a strong team with a variety of powerful players. "Our depth really showed at that tournament," Buddy Shah said.

The team won the District 2

championship and had a number of successes at individual District 2 competition. Shah took first place in singles and Morris, playing with teammate Madhan Srinivasan, placed first in doubles. Jordan, Eric and Tye were sophomores this season. Shah was one of only two seniors on this year's team. The four have been playing tennis since about age 5 and tennis is serious business to them. They each play year-round individually, but look forward to the beginning of March when high school team competition begins.

A tennis player's conditioning is about endurance, quick short sprints and mental prepared-

ness. "Coach Lull calls us in and gives us one of his legendary speeches," as part of the mental preparation at the beginning of each season, Buddy said. "At this stage of the game, the toughest part is mental," he said.

Jordan agrees and said, "We already have confidence in our strokes, but a lot of kids will get tight in stressful situations and won't play to their potential. If you really concentrate and have confidence within yourself, you can save your game; you really need that."

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Don't let these guys fool you, they take tennis seriously. Neil 'Buddy' Shah in the arms of teammates, from left: Jordan Koslosky, Tye Morris, and Eric Feinstein.



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The Orioles downed the Rangers 15-12 in a hardfought game last week at the Back Mountain Little League field. In photos, clockwise from top left: The O's Eric Tucker delivered a pitch; the Rangers' Preson Balavage stole home in the fourth inning, tying the game at 10; Josh Backes shared the Rangers pitching duty with Matt Ruch; the O's Mike Supczynski put a tag on Tom Parrish trying to steal second, he was called out; Orioles manager Tom Parrish had a chat with pitcher Eric Tucker, left, and catcher Eric Razawich.



## O's win 4 games in week's action

### Orioles 6, A's 5

Orioles pitcher Tom Parrish struck out three in 6 innings. A's pitchers Steven Zubko and Adam Singer recorded four strikeouts. Orioles Adam Tamanini had 2 singles, Alex Kish 1 single and 1 triple, Tom Parrish 1 double. A's Steven Zubko had 2 singles

### Orioles 15, Rangers 12

Orioles pitcher Eric Tucker went 6 innings and struck out seven. Ranger pitcher Matt Ruch and Josh Backes had three strikeouts each. Orioles Josh Clay had a single and a double; Matt Alfano single and a double; Tom Parrish single and a double Adam Tamanini single, double, triple; Eric Razawich single and a double; Eric Tucker single and a double. Rangers Matt Ruch had two singles and a double; D.J. Anderson double; Robin Crossley 3 singles; Preston Balavage double Kevin Gross single and a double.

### Orioles 16, Reds 6

Orioles Pitcher Tom Parrish struck out six in 5 innings. Reds pitchers Greg Harris and Joe Bevinovino had 9 K's. Orioles Tom Parrish had a double; Adam Tamanini single and a double; Eric Tucker 2 singles. For the Reds, Chris DeRojas had a single and a double; Mike Prater 2 doubles; Greg Harris single and a double.

### Orioles 23, Red Sox 5

Orioles pitchers Eric Tucker, Eric Razawich and Matt Alfano struck out six. Orioles Josh Clay had 2 singles; Matt Alfano single and a double Tom Parrish single, double and a home run; Eric Razawich single and 2 home runs; Adam Tamanini 3 singles; Eric Tucker single and a double. For the Red Sox, Alex Baltimore stroked a single and a double.

## BMT Indians top Plains 12-3

On May 31, Back Mountain Senior Indians hosted Plains Senior League at Dallas.

Plains pulled out a quick lead in the first inning and the Indians trailed by two runs. By the end of the second inning, Indians tied the score with hits by Ty Ehlis and Ryan Besteder. Plains, Szychowski homered in the third inning, putting Plains back on top.

With one man on, Ryan Gryskewicz homered in the top of the third inning, putting the Indians back on top, with the score 4-3. As the inning contin-

ued, Indians Mike Fehlinger was hit by a pitch, and the next two batters were walked.

With bases loaded Gryskewicz smashed his first grand slam scoring four. Teammates Ty Ehlis, Ryan Besteder, Brian Cornia, Mike Fehlinger, Steve Salavantis, Jeff Dickson, Frank Byzin, Ken Regan, Brandon Burkhardt and Mark Kapitola all registered hits in the third inning. Back Mountain Indians went on to hold the lead and pull out the win by a final score of 12-3. Gryskewicz took the win with 11 strikeouts.



## BMT Bombers take first place

The Back Mountain Bombers U-9 Travel Team took first place at the Pocono Cup Challenge, Stroudsburg, over the Memorial Day weekend. First row from left: Kyle Parsons, Chris Ellis, Michael Flack, James Ivory, Tyler Rice. Second row: Michael Turner, Martin Everhart, Christopher Dailey, Brad Kabosky, Carson Baker. Coaches: Mike Parsons and Jack Ellis.



## Sting wins Whitewater Cup classic

The Back Mountain Sting captured the Whitewater Cup Classic U-12 girls soccer championship. They dominated the tournament by scoring 13 goals with no goals scored against them. They won the final game 2-0 by displaying great teamwork. First row from left: Jacqueline Thomas, Erin Sutliff, Krissy Stanks, Caroline Boris, Abby Sordoni, Lisa Giacometti, Kendra Sirak, and Marissa Harrison. Second row: Sting fan Megan Deubler, Alicia Evans, Molly Kalish, Jaime Lipski, Emily Deubler, Katie Goode, Stephanie Pace, and Coach Jeff Pace.

## Pistol shoot scheduled

The State Correctional Institution, Dallas Pistol Team will hold its ninth Annual Combat Pistol Match (stock weapons only) at the Dallas range on Sat. Jun. 23, at 9 a.m. This is an open shoot for both police and civilians. However, participants must have some expertise in combat type shooting and have the necessary equipment. Interested shooters can pre-register by calling Len Pallis at 639-3162 Mon. thru Fri. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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