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Back Mountain teams eliminated from District 16 Little League tournament

LCP 10, BMT American 5

Matt Ruch and John Ashley each went 3-for-4, but it wasn't enough to overcome two home runs by LCP's David Lohman. The loss eliminated American from the tournament.

BMT National 7, St. Therese's 1

Ryan Konopki's stellar pitching shut down the St. Therese's offense, allowing Back Mountain National to post a 7-1 second-round victory in the District 16 Tournament. Konopki skillfully mixed his fastball and changeup and maintained excellent control throughout his complete game victory. He fanned nine batters while surrendering only five hits.

National jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning with some help from St. Therese's defense. With two out, Jon Janerich reached base on an error. Dylan Seeley followed with a walk. Konopki then reached on an error, with Janerich scoring. Brendan Delaney delivered a two-run single, driving home Seeley and Konopki.

National added to its lead with two runs in the second inning. Jeff Clemente led off with a single and advanced to second on a passed ball. With one out, Janerich smacked an RBI single, the first of his two hits, to plate Clemente. Seeley drove home Janerich with a double into the gap in left-centerfield.

St. Therese's scored their lone run in the fourth inning on an RBI single by John Melczynski.

National expanded its lead with two more runs in the fifth inning. Delaney led off with a double to left and scored on an RBI single by Greg Harris. Harris later scored on an RBI grounder by Mike Stolarick.

Plymouth 3, BMT National 2

Evan Robaczewski's single drove home the winning run in the sixth inning, allowing Plymouth to eliminate Back Mountain National from the District 16 Tournament.

National took the lead in the top half of the first inning on a two-out home run over the centerfield fence by pitcher Dylan Seeley. Plymouth tied the score in the bottom half of the inning on a Robaczewski single, a Josh Reese double and a wild pitch. Reese also singled later in the contest.

National regained the lead with a run in the third inning. Seeley led off with an infield single and, with two out, scored on a clutch RBI single to center by Ryan Konopki. Plymouth tied the score in the fourth as a result of some

Back Mountain American won a pitching duel at Pittston Friday. Cale Charney claimed the 3-2 win. In photos, clockwise from right: Charney exuberantly rushed off the mound after the final out; Dan Jacobs eluded a tag at second; Charney fired to first for an out; Gerrid Kohli picked up his glove after tagging out a Kingston runner at third.



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sloppy National defense, setting the stage for Robaczewski's sixth inning heroics.

Jon Janerich and Mike Pjater each singled twice for National. Seeley tossed a complete game, allowing six hits and striking out 12 Plymouth batters. Ryan Geffert pitched a complete game for Plymouth, surrendering seven hits and fanning nine.

SENIOR LITTLE LEAGUE

Back Mountain 9, Pittston 2

Jonathan Wood, Mark Kapitula and



Jeff Dixon combined to throw two-hit ball as Back Mountain won Monday night. Joel Lesinski's three-run blast in the seventh was the big hit.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

BMT Blue Jays 9, BMT Braves 8

Justin Orlandini led the Blue Jay offense with three hits while teammate Ken Chamberlain contributed two doubles in a game that ended on a great defensive play by Matt Shumbris. Jake Stryjewski, Orlandini, Chris Parrish and Scott Carter combined to fan nine

Braves batters. For the Braves, David Harding blasted a homer and a single while Nick Samanas ripped a double.

BMT National Kubis 14, BMT American Kubis 11

Mike Lipsky and Ryan Phillips powered the National offense with three hits apiece, including a Phillips triple and a Lipsky double. David Luksh added a triple and a double while Dan Taroli contributed two singles and Cody Kustrin blasted a triple for National. Lipsky was the winning pitcher, collecting three strikeouts.

Josh Backes led American with three hits while Josh Clay and Zach Actukiewicz each had two hits. Meyer Messinger, Joe Hayes and Kevin Engler combined to fan three National batters.

BACK MOUNTAIN BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Dylan Seeley blasted a three-run homer in the bottom of the sixth inning to give the Cardinals, the Back Mountain National playoff champions and regular season co-champions, an 8-6 come-from-behind victory over the Yankees, the playoff champions of Back Mountain American.

After Mike Stolarick shut out the Yankees in the first two innings, the Cardinals reached Yankee hurler Cale Charney for a run in the bottom of the second on a Stolarick single, a Scott Henry double and RBI groundout by Chad Gelso.

The Yankees responded with four third inning runs, featuring hits by Meyer Messinger, Eric Koval and Charney. The Cards closed the gap to 4-2 in the bottom of the third as the result of a Yankee error.

After a leadoff single for the Yankees in the fourth, Seeley took the mound in relief of Stolarick. Despite striking out the side in the inning, Seeley surrendered a clutch two-run two-out single to Scott Skammer, one of Skammer's three hits in the game.

However, the fourth inning marked the end of the Yankees' scoring and the beginning of the Cardinals' comeback. In the bottom of the inning, the Cards closed the gap to 6-3 as Mark Covert singled home Gelso, who had singled to start the inning. The Cardinals scored two more runs in the fifth, on the strength of RBI singles by Henry and Gelso, who drove home Seeley, who had singled, and Stolarick, who had been hit by a pitch. During the inning, Charney, who struck out five batters in the game, was relieved by Messinger. Upon entering the game, Messinger promptly struck out the side to end the threat with the Yankees still leading, 6-5.

The Cardinals began the bottom of the sixth at the top of their batting order. Covert drove a one ball-two strike pitch through the hole into left field for his second hit of the game. Pat Murray followed with a superb bunt along the third-base line for his second hit of the game. Seeley followed with his shot over the centerfield fence that ended Back Mountain Baseball's 2001 major league season and marked the conclusion of a terrific Little League game of which both teams should be very proud.

Softball results

SOFTBALL—DISTRICT 16 TOURNAMENT

Back Mountain 24, Wyoming/West Wyoming 3

Stephanie Pace, Kasey Corbett and Jessica Jones each smacked four hits, including triples by Pace and Jones and a double by Corbett, to lead Back Mountain to a lopsided victory over Wyoming/West Wyoming. Kasey Moody blasted a triple and two doubles to contribute to the offensive explosion.

Lindsey McCabe, Brittney Allan, Stephanie Konecke and Jessica English each had two hits, including two triples by McCabe and one triple by Konecke.

Allison Evans, who pitched one inning and struck out one batter, picked up the victory and aided the offense with a double.

BMT 25, Bob Horlacher 1

Jessica Jones slugged a home run, triple and two singles, driving in six runs, as Back Mountain overwhelmed Bob Horlacher. Kasey Corbett collected a double, three singles and three RBI for the winners. Stephanie Pace and Kasey Moody each smacked three hits, with Moody driving in four runs and Pace knocking in three runs. Brittney Allan added a double for the winners. Allison Evans pitched one inning, striking out one batter, en route to getting

the victory.

Back Mountain 15, Northwest 2

Ally Evans was the winning pitcher, striking out eight batters, while Molly Grossman struck out four in collecting the save. Kelsey Moody and Lindsey McCabe each belted three hits to lead another Back Mountain offensive onslaught. Stephanie Pace and Brittney Allan each contributed two doubles to the attack while Grossman and Kasey Corbett each added two singles. Pace collected four RBI while Allan and Moody drove in three runs apiece.

SOFTBALL—MAJOR LEAGUE

White Sox 16, Red Sox 8

Jessica English led the White Sox with three hits while teammates Rebecca Banks and Amanda Musto each had two hits. Erica Morgan struck out one batter in claiming the win. Sue Krogulski had two hits for the Red Sox.

A's 17, Cardinals 11

Kelsey Moody fanned 14 Cardinals in leading the A's to victory. Moody and Shauna Phillips each belted three hits for the winners while teammates Stephanie Pace and Kristin Evans each singled twice. Lisa Giacometti added a triple for the A's. Jaime Lipsky smacked a double and three singles for the Cardinals.

BMT Lower Valley All-Stars split pair

The Back Mountain Boys Lower Valley All-Star team played two games over the weekend in the St. Therese's Tournament. On Sat, they lost to Wyoming/West Wyoming 10-7. Brad Fagula had two hits including a triple, Andrew Kirk had two hits including a double and Michael Davies had two hits.

Fagula, Zeke Zalekas, and Adam Singer combined for 8 strikeouts.

On Sunday, they defeated Forty Fort 20-3. Jared Kopetchne, Singer and Fagula each had three hits including a double by Fagula. Brenden Carr, Robert Smith and Davies had two each including doubles by Davies and Carr. Singer, Kirk and Davies combined for 4 strikeouts and only allowed 4 hits.



The Indians, from left, kneeling: Kevin Regan, Mike Fehlinger, Frank Buzin, Brian Cornia, and Ty Ellis. Standing: Coach Harry Salavantis, Mark Kapitola, Steve Salavantis, Ryan Gryskewicz, Jeff Dickson, Ryan Besteder, Coach Fehlinger, Brandon Burkhardt, Coach Ed Gryskewicz, Coach Buzin, and Assistant Coach Kapitula.

Indians win Senior League title

History was made on July 3, when the Back Mountain Senior Indians won the District 16 Senior League Championship on Tuesday night at the Coal Street Teener Field.

Back Mountain Senior Indians defeated Heights No. 1 in game two in the best of three with a final save 11-3.

On Monday night, in one of

the hardest fought games of the season, the Indians pulled out a much needed win with a final score 7-6. Back Mountain Senior Indians posted a perfect 16-0 record for the season.

This year's graduating players are: Jason Alfano, Brian Cornia, Jeff Dickson, Mike Fehlinger, Ryan Gryskewicz and Steve Salavantis.

Irem Temple ladies day winners

Irem Temple Country Club Ladies Day Weekly winners announced for July 3.

First Flight: Putting Prize winner was Young Chang. Second Flight: Weekly Prize winner was Louise Moore and Putting Prize winner was Estelle Laux. Third Flight: Weekly Prize winner was Ester Saba and Putting Prize winner was Mary Ann Stelma. Fourth Flight: Weekly Prize and Putting Prize winner was Theresa Balliet. Chip in Prize winners were Louise Moore and Ester Saba.

Wyoming Valley Modified Softball League

Standings	W	L	
Back Mt. Harvest I	9	0	Sweet Valley Church of Christ 12, Dallas Evangelical Free 10.
SV Church of Christ	7	2	Alderson United Methodist 21, Dallas Baptist 19.
Alderson UMC	4	4	Back Mt. Harvest II 21, WB-Wyoming Valley Christian 20
Dallas Evangelical Free	4	5	Monday Games (All at 6:30 p.m.)
WB-WV Christian	3	5	Back Mt. Harvest I at Sweet Valley Church of Christ
Dallas Baptist	3	5	Back Mt. Harvest II at Dallas Evangelical Free.
Kingston Immanuel	3	6	Dallas Baptist at Kingston Immanuel Baptist
Back Mt. Harvest II	1	7	Alderson United Methodist at WB-Wyoming Valley Christian.
This week's results			
Back Mt. Harvest I	26		Kingston Immanuel Baptist 20.



ProShot basketball camp

Competition winners at the ProShot Basketball Boys Junior High Camp, June 17-19, were: knockout, Eric Samanas, Dallas; dribbling, Eric Samanas, Dallas; and 3 point champ, Caleb Piatt, Lake-Lehman.

BMT Legion wins

Back Mountain scored three times in the second inning and went on to defeat Tunkhannock 4-0 Monday. Charlie Besteder drove in two runs and Kyle Ehls allowed only two hits by Tunkhannock.