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Horlacher tops BMT in 9th, wins district championship

Team now fights to stay alive in state tourney

Bob Horlacher pulled out a 5-4 win over Back Mountain in nine innings last week to claim the District 16 Junior League Softball championship.

Horlacher took an early 4-1 lead after three innings and held held that score until the fifth, when Back Mountain's Sara Brown scored to make it 4-2.

In the sixth, Sarah Pieczynski's single scored Nikki Gelso and Kelly Corbett to tie the game up. Lauren Collini, who had relieved Joanna Williamson on the mound for Back Mountain, held Horlacher scoreless until the ninth, matched all the way by Horlacher hurler Jamie Hoyt, who went the distance.

But with one out in the bottom of the ninth and Liz Hemminger at third, Collini's wild pitch allowed the winning run.

The Bob Horlacher girls next game didn't go as well, when they lost to Northwest-Bethlehem 14-0 Saturday. But they bounced back Sunday to down Christy Mathewson 11-0. Hoyt pitched both games.

On Monday, Horlacher beat Pocono Mountain 5-3 to earn a rematch Tuesday night with undefeated Northwest-Bethlehem, which the local team must beat twice to advance to the state finals. The Tuesday game took place too late for results to be included in this issue.



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In photos, clockwise from above: Liz Hemminger slid in with the winning run after a wild pitch; Jerry McDonald, Horlacher coach, celebrates with his team; Horlacher's Amanda Szuzuki slid into third base; Jackie Hettes slid into home under Joanna Williamson's tag.

The champions, from left, foreground, Heather McDonald, Samantha Simon, Jamie Hoyt, Elizabeth Hemminger, Courtney Novajosky, Bethany Sidorek; back row, Joe Ball, Amanda Crane, Amanda Szuzuki, Jackey Hettes, Tanya Siglin, Tara Shilpell, Jerry McDonald, Vicky Novajosky.



Lower Valley All-Stars finish third

The Back Mountain Lower Valley All-Star team finished third in the St. Therese's Little League Tournament. On Wednesday they defeated Ed-Lark 4-0. Adam Singer pitched a complete game four hit shutout with seven strikeouts. This turned out to be his final Little League game because on Friday he broke his collarbone in a bicycle accident. Ken Pollock had two hits for Back Mountain.

In the Losers' Bracket Finals on Friday, they lost to Back Mountain American by a score of 12-6. Jared Kopetchne had two hits while Mike Davies and Zeke Zaleskas each had doubles.

Back Mountain Lower Valley is also competing in the Fetch's Wyoming Tournament. On Saturday they defeated Forty Fort 12-8. Matt Hufford and Ken Pollock each had three hits, including a double by Hufford and a double and a triple by Pollock. Zeke Zaleskas had two doubles while Jared Kopetchne and Mike Davies each had a double. Brad Fagula contributed a triple for the winners. Fagula, Davies and Zaleskas combined for 10 strikeouts.

On Saturday they lost to the Kingston District team 9-6. Mike Davies had two hits while Brad Fagula and Zeke Zaleskas each had doubles.

Irem Sr. club championship

Irem temple Country Club Senior Club Championship tournament results for June. Championship Flight winner was Ron Pieczynski who defeated Chet Blazick. First Flight winner was Burt Berrettini who defeated Jerry Schraeder. Second Flight winner was Sam Austin who defeated Tom Kilduff.

Kubis Tournament

Back Mountain teams advance

BMT American 14, Avoca-Dupont 4

Matt Ruch was the winning pitcher striking out 5 and adding a double and scoring 3 times in a 4-inning game shortened by the 10 run rule. Chris Tucker led the American offense going 3-3 with a double and 3 RBI's. Myer Messing was also 3-3 with Josh Bakus and Joe Hayes each adding a double for the winners.

Pittston 18, Bob Horlacher 14

Winning pitcher Brandon Baritsky went 5 innings with 7 K's and a triple as Pittston came from behind to defeat Horlacher 18-14. Horlacher was led by Chris Barbacci and Mark Mead with 2 hits apiece and Corey Kurtkowski with a double.

BMT American 17, Pittston 7

Josh Backes had a single and triple, 3 RBI's and scored 3 runs to lead American over Pittston 17-7. Kevin Engler added a triple and single and Tom McGrath chipped in a double. Myer Messinger was the winning pitcher striking out 5 batters in a 4-inning game. Nikko Ardo went 3-3 for Pittston and Brandon Bantski was 2-3 with a double.

BMT National 14, St. Therese's 3

Mike Prater pitched a 2 hitter striking out 8 batters as National defeated St. Therese 14-3. Scott Summa, Mark Covert and Ryan Phillips each had doubles for National. John Prada had a double for St. Therese. Brian McManus took the loss.

Wyoming/W. Wyoming 7, Ed-Lark 1

Pat Rostack pitched the complete game King 7 hitters as Wyoming/W. Wyoming defeated Ed-Lark 7-1. Ray Hizny and Steven Bell each had a single and double for the winners and Davie Mizzer added 2 hits. Eric Dellarte and Bobby Konarski each had doubles for Ed-Lark.

Plymouth 8 LCP 1

Winning pitcher Mike Ferris K's 13 batters for Plymouth on the way to an 8-1 victory over LCP. Dan Coates went 2-2 for the winners. Losing pitcher Todd

Garey struck out 12 for LCP as Jake Barsh went 3-3 and Kevin Little added 2 hits.

North W-B 14, Swoyersville 9

Bill Everett had 3 hits one a double and Jonathan Durham went 2-2 with a double to power North Wilkes-Barre over Swoyersville 14-9. Matt Drevanak, David Sandrowicz and Jared Barilla each had a single and double for Swoyersville and Mark Margallis added 2 singles.

Plains 7, Mountaintop 0

Ray Black pitched a completed game 1 hitter with 12 strikeouts as Plains bested Mountaintop 7-0. Mike Aritz had a single and double for Plains and Angelo Grilli added 2 hits. Mike Smith and Harvey Everett each had doubles. Jared Sabol had the lone hit for Mountaintop.

Kingston 16, Northwest 4

In a game shortened by the 10 run rule Kingston defeated Northwest by a score of 16-4. Justin Pacovsky and Ryan Barber each had 3 hits for Kingston and Mike Blessing picked up the win. Ray Bierbach led the Northwest hitters with a pair of singles. Tom Kittle took the loss.



Kyle Messinger was the winning pitcher against Pittston, striking out five.



Kevin Engler was in position to stop a Pittston score.

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Josh Backes slid in under the tag.

Dallas Gridiron Club golf tournament

Dallas Gridiron Club's Annual Golf Tournament will be held Sun., Aug. 5 with a 7:45 shotgun start at the Blue Ridge Golf Course. Format is captain and crew. There will be many prizes including a grand prize for a trip for 2 to the Carribean for the first hole in one. Cost is \$75 which includes green fees, cart, refreshments on course, buffet dinner and many prizes. Hole sponsors for \$50 or tee sponsors for \$25 will be greatly appreciated among with any merchandise or gift certificates for the awards dinner. All proceeds go directly to the benefit of the football program to offset the many expenses. To make reservations or for more info call Blake Saba at 675-3799.

Dr. George Speace records hole-in-one at Huntsville

Dr. George Speace II of Shavertown, recorded his first career hole-in-one on Sunday July 22. George aced the 163 yard par three third hole using a five iron. The shot was witnessed by playing partners Lee Plank, Jr., Paul Olsen and Kristen Armstrong.

L-L Football Club to meet

The Lake-Lehman Football Club will meet on Thu., June 26, at Grotto Pizza 7:30 p.m. All parents of football players and cheerleaders are encouraged to attend.

Orlando gets an ace

Mike Orlando scored his first hole in one at the Irem Temple Country Club on Sun., July 15. His ace came on the 150 yard 17th hole. He used a 8 iron. Witnessing the ace were Joe Orlando, Ray Lucarella and Gary Vanderburg.

L-L girls sports physicals

On Wed., July 25, the girls physicals for Lake-Lehman will be held at the senior high at 9 a.m. for field hockey, cross country, and volleyball. Make-up exams will be held at the high school, on Tue., July 31, at 5 p.m. for all fall sports for boys and girls who may have missed the specified dates.