

Back Mountain Baseball

Kaufman drives in game-winner for Bucs in 7th

Andrew Kaufman drove home the winning run in the bottom of the seventh for the Pirates 2-1 win over the Cardinals. Marc Noyalis led the Bucs with two doubles, and Joe Boris saved the day with tremendous defense at third base in the last inning. Casey Judge pitched a great game for the Cards and was assisted on offense with hits from Mike Diaco, John Prater, and Richard Reinard.

for the victors. Scott Napkora had the lone hit for the Indians.

Pirates 5, Reds 2

Tom Smith banged out three hits including two doubles and two RBIs to lead the Buc's past the Reds. Will Wilson and Drew Schaub added two hits, and Joe Boris one in the win. Mike Menn had a double for the Reds, and Nick Latosek, Tony Bevevino, and Adam Holena added singles in the loss.

Orioles 7, Red Sox 4

Kyle Piazza smashed a home run to lead the O's past the Sox. Steve Meskers and Ryan Urzen combined to strike out 15 Red Sox. Cody Plesnar and Tom Youells pitched well for the Sox, striking out eight.

A's 11, Indians 5

Jeremy Bess and Derek Martin banged out three hits as the A's cruised past the Indians. Nick Lombard picked up the win striking out six. Pat Healy added a triple for the A's. Dave Fetchko had two hits for the Tribe.

A's 11, Dodgers 0

Pat Healy no hit the Dodgers in four innings as the A's close in on first place. Healy struck out six in the win. Nick Lombard, Derek Martin, and Pat Healy had two hits a piece for the A's.

Yankees 11, Giants 0

Henry Messinger dazzled the Giants throwing a no hitter and striking out nine in a Yankees win. Messinger also added three hits including a triple. Josh Shaver added two hits including a double, and DJ Berley banged out two hits for the Yanks.

A's 16, Yankees 7

Derek Martin pitched the A's in to a first place tie with the Yankees striking out eight. Martin also added three hits including a triple. Jeremy Bess, Pat Healy, and Andrew Ondish had two hits each for the winners. DJ Berley smashed three hits for the Yanks including a double.

Phillies 8, Giants 3

Jonathon Thomas and Hunter Englehart shut down the Giants striking out 11 in the win. Englehart added three hits, while Tyler Barrall, Ryan Naugle, and Carson Baker had a knock each for the Phils. Eric Cannon had two hits for the Giants, and Ryan Shannon and Bobby Peron had one in the loss.

Phillies 12, Orioles 8

The trio of Sean Macdugal, Ryan Naugle, and Jonathon Thomas combined to strike out ten batters in the win. Carson Baker led the attack with three hits, Ryan Naugle added two, as well as Jonathon Thomas and Tyler Barrall with two hits a piece. Ryan Urzen smashed four hits for the O's, and Steve Meskers added two, with a double.

Astros 16, Dodgers 0

Michael Eckman pitched gem, striking out four and allowing only one hit in the shut out. Eckman also added three hits including two doubles in the win. TJ Brandt had three hits and Brian Poepferling had two hits for the Stro's. Austin Carr picked up the only hit for the Dodgers.

Phillies 4, Astros 1

Hunter Englehart and Carson Baker combined on a two hitter, striking out nine in the Phillies victory. Nick Arzma walked three times and scored 2 runs to lead the first place Phils. Scott Daube added a triple for the winners. Michael Eckman had the only two hits for the Astros.

Astros 12, Red Sox 2

Neil Harris one hit the Red Sox, striking out three in the win. Justin Eimers and Michael Eckman had two hits for the Astros. Eric Baines had the only hit for the Sox.

Astros 7, Orioles 6

Justin Eimers smashed three hits including a triple to lead the Astros past the O's. Eimers also combined with Kyle Parsons to strike out 11 Orioles. Michael Eckman added two hits with a double for the Stro's. Ryan Urzen, Keith Roberts, and Steve Meskers had two hits each for the Orioles in the loss.

Orioles 3, Tigers 2

Steve Meskers drove in Eric Fritzes in the bottom of the seventh inning to top the Tigers. Ryan Urzen and Meskers struck out 12 Tigers in the win. Richard Wengrzynek pitched a great game for the Tigers, striking out 12 and added a double at the plate.

Astros 9, Pirates 3

Michael Eckman had three hits including a home run to lead the Astros past the Buc's. Justin Eimers had two hits with a double, and TJ Brandt had a double in the win. Joe Boris pitched well for the Pirates in the loss.

Cardinals 14, Indians 0

Griffin Adams and Joe Murray combined to one hit the Indians in four innings. The duo struck out seven in the win. Jason Neare had two hits with a double, John Prater and Richard Reinard added two hits, and Casey Judge doubled

Playoffs

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close it to 9-7. In the sixth, the A's had the bases loaded, two outs, in a 9-8 game and Henry Messinger got Martin to hit a ground ball to shortstop to end the game.

championship was decided Thursday in a game between the Yankees and Phillies that took place too late for this issue. The AAA championship game was scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday.

The Phillies defeated the Giants 10-3 in the National League championship game to move in to the title contest. Bob Peron had a three run blast for the Giants, but Carson Baker shut them down for the rest of the game.

Snyder is happy about at least one thing this soggy season. "I'm thankful that Steve Skammer is doing the Major League scheduling," he said, of a year that saw more cancellations and rescheduling than ever before.

All-Star play starts Saturday

The District 16 Little League baseball tournament will begin Saturday, June 28, with 14 games. All first-round games in the double-elimination tournament are 2 p.m. unless noted. All other games throughout the tournament start at 6 p.m. Mountain Top is the defending champion.

In first-round games, Exeter is at Back Mountain National, followed by Jenkins Township at Back Mountain American (at 4 p.m.).

Little League Softball also starts Saturday, June 28, with three 6 p.m. games, including Back Mountain at Duryea.

The June 28 winners will advance to the second round the following day. The Back Mountain-Duryea winner hosts Mountain Top. All games will start at 6 p.m.

First-round games for the other tournaments.

- Senior Baseball begins Wednesday, July 2, with three games at 5:30 p.m. Back Mountain is at Duryea.

- Junior Baseball starts Tuesday, July 1, with Jenkins Township/Pittston at Bob Horlacher, and Fort Swoyer-Ed/Lark at Harveys Lake. First-round games start at 5:30 p.m. Back Mountain has a bye.

Orioles 14, A's 4

Eric Fritzes led the attack with four hits as the Orioles smashed the A's. Ryan Urzen and Steve Meskers cracked long home runs in the win. Derek Martin led the A's with two hits, while Pat Healy and Nick Lombard added one.

Red Sox 6, Tigers 5

Tom Youells pitched and hit the Sox past the Tigers. Youells struck out ten and added a double and a single for the winners. Brandon Harding and Dave Zurek added two hits, while Bob Gawlas had two including a triple. Richard Wengrzynek had two hits and Vincent Oliveri added a double for the Tigers.

Red Sox 1, Rangers 0

Tom Youells drove in Dave Zurek with the only run of the game in the bottom of the sixth to push the Sox past the Rangers. Zurek picked up the win striking out nine and scattering five hits. Cody Plesnar had three hits with a double for the winners. Preston Balavage pitched a strong game for the Rangers and Stephen Ruch turned two double plays defensively.

Red Sox 9, Orioles 8

Dillon Thomas came in to pitch in relief of Tom Youells to shut down the O's. The two combined to strike out eight. Dave Zurek had a triple and a single, and Eric Baines had a double and a single for the Sox. Steve Meskers had a towering home run for the Orioles.

Red Sox 6, Phillies 5

Bradley Sharman's two RBIs in the fifth inning were the difference in the Sox win. Bandon Harding and Dave Zurek added two hits each, and Cody Plesnar had a double and a triple for the Sox. Carson Baker had two hits, and Ryan Naugle, three hits to lead the Phils.

Yankees 9, Tigers 2

The Yankees clinched the regular season championship for the second straight year with the victory. Josh Shaver threw a one hitter and struck out 12, and added a double and single in the win. Cody McHutchinson and Ryan Williams each doubled and singled for the Yanks. Zack Dursa had the only hit for the Tigers.



Raptors are U-10 champs

The Back Mountain Raptors U-9 Travel soccer team recently captured the Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association Boys U-10 2003 Spring Travel League (B Division) championship. From left, bottom row: Ryan Zapoticky, Kohner Rice, Josh Looey, Timmy Piatt. Second row: David Miller, Austin Smith, Brian Stepniak, Cody Poepferling, Shane Dunn, Ryan Thomas, Jared Kukosky, Jason Schilling, Curtis McGovern. Top row: Dan Thomas (assistant), Tom Kukosky (coach), Boyd Dunn (assistant). Absent from photo: Jay Dawsey.

Legion Baseball

Back Mountain suffers pair of 1-run losses

After jumping to an early lead, Back Mountain Post 672 lost 9-8 in extra innings at Tunkhannock June 24. Matt Ide's two-run double keyed a seven-run third inning for the Hawks as they soared to an 8-1 lead. But Tunkhannock relievers Adam Robinson and Corey Rau shut down the Back Mountain hitters over the last five innings. Tunkhannock won the game in the bottom of the 8th when the first two batters reached on bunt singles, then after a pickoff, a strikeout, and

a Chad Crispell single, Hawks reliever Brian Cornia walked Rau to load the bases with two out. A 3-1 wild pitch to Brad Grey forced in the winning run. Ryan Gryskewicz and Dusty Kapson each had a pair of hits for Back Mountain. The loss drops Back Mountain to 4-6 in WVALBB play.

Hazleton 8, Back Mountain 7

Back Mountain dug themselves an early hole June 23, with three errors in the first inning that led to five Hazleton

runs. A comeback effort fell short in an 8-7 loss. Starting pitcher Ryan Gryskewicz walked four batters in the first three innings, and all four of them scored. Dusty Kapson came on in relief in the fourth and shut down the Hazleton lineup as the Hawks chipped away at the Hazleton lead. Zach Ragukas had a big day for the Hawks with three RBI on a home run and a single. Pat McHugh, Matt Ide, and Brendon Evans each had a pair of hits for Back Mountain.

Football camp for youth at Dallas High School

The Dallas High School football team will hold its annual youth football camp Monday through Wednesday, July 14-16 at the high school. The three-day camp for players ages 7-13 will be held from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The clinic will be under the direction of veteran head coach Ted Jackson and his coaching staff. A group of former and current players also will serve as instructors. The camp stresses all aspects of offense

and defense, including throwing, running, receiving, blocking and tackling. All players receive the opportunity to play every position. Jackson will also discuss sportsmanship, dedication, discipline and the importance of getting good grades with the campers.

Applications are available at The Fieldhouse sporting goods store on Memorial Highway in Dallas or by calling 696-3748.

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Super Crossword

I LOVE NEW YORK

ACROSS
 1 France
 6 Literary genre
 11 One of the Bushes
 14 Unrefined
 17 Chemical compound
 18 More advanced
 19 Basilica area
 21 Paleozoic
 22 RYE
 25 New Jersey fort
 26 Where the puoys are
 27 Article
 28 To the point
 29 Lighththead
 31 High-pitched instrument
 32 Detective Vance
 34 Delhi wrap
 35 Mrs. Kranden
 38 Zip, to Zola
 39 Cyd of "Silk Stockings"
 43 HARRISON
 47 "Doll" (64 hill)
 48 Food fish
 49 Chaplin prop
 50 Come up again
 51 Go
 53 Bikini half

54 Gratitude
 56 One of the Hobbits
 57 Murcia Mrs.
 58 Wine word
 61 Concerning
 62 "The Godfather" director
 67 TV's "Ensign"
 69 Downfall
 73 Warmed up
 74 Faint
 76 Caustic
 77 Soprano
 79 "Waking Up in the Morning" (98 film)
 80 Slugger's stat
 81 Let up
 83 Coarses
 85 Year, in Yucatan
 86 "The Merry Widow"
 88 Composer
 87 Tendon
 88 Composer
 89 Nino
 92 "Martha the Mouth"
 94 Altar
 95 BUFFALO
 98 Sarge
 100 All nerves
 101 Public
 102 Susa's locale

103 Actress Moorehead
 105 Lot size
 107 Symbol
 109 Fancy fiddle
 111 Like molasses
 112 Wee one
 115 Blazer part
 116 ROCH-ESTER
 121 blind
 122 Balder's dad
 123 Willow
 124 "59 Marty"
 125 Robins hit
 125 Cariou or Delighton
 126 Prone
 127 Stand out in the crowd
 128 Use rollerblades
 1 Acknowledgment
 2 "Darne Yankess" siren
 3 RCA competitor
 4 Unit of loudness
 5 Melpomene's sister
 6 Believe
 7 Treasure Island
 8 Commemorative
 45 Fallow

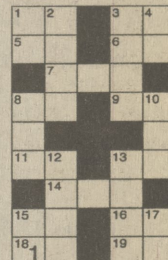
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 10 Synthetic fiber
 11 Pantry stock
 12 Dual tool
 13 Youth org.
 14 AUBURN
 16 Like some buildup
 17 Drivers' last? lics., e.g.
 20 Painter
 23 Canada's capital
 24 Buddy Palmer
 25 Author
 26 Murdoch
 31 Mid-size band
 32 Devout
 33 "Mein —" ("Cabaret" tune)
 34 Wise guy? phrase
 35 Easy as —
 36 Messari or "Thompson" pad
 37 Singer Janis
 38 Calculate
 39 Sashore silder
 40 Devastation
 41 Universally liked one?
 42 Author
 43 Pound sound
 44 Pencil topper
 45 Fallow

46 Inventor Howe
 52 "The Time Machine" people
 55 Sign of sanctity
 56 Run in the wash
 57 Mineral spring
 58 Likely to
 59 It's played with a plectrum
 60 TROY
 64 Canada's capital
 65 Crooner Collins
 66 Find the sum
 68 Ben —
 69 "Wan Kenobi" shaker
 70 Lohengrin's love
 71 Powers' portrayal
 72 Cheap
 75 "I —"
 76 "Normad" pad
 78 Carry out orders
 82 "Cat on —" "Tin Roof"
 83 "99 Wimbledon winner
 84 Transmission setting
 85 Pound abbr.
 86 A roaring success?
 87 Mean Marquis
 89 Cockney's abode
 90 Pitch
 91 Cockpit
 93 Raison d'—
 96 Woodstock performer
 97 Connecticut city
 99 It's played with a plectrum
 103 Exist
 104 Crystal of country
 105 Pie — mode
 106 Prepares pears
 107 Sheep's shaker
 108 Sarah — Jowett
 109 Cut a neckline
 110 Normad
 111 Cartoonist Silverstein
 112 "L —," c'est moi!
 113 — majesty
 114 To and —
 117 Periodicals' org.
 118 Catchall
 119 — Guevara
 120 No. cruncher

ANSWERS ON PAGE 7

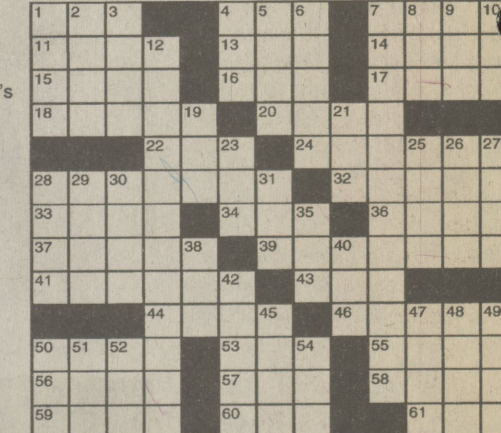
Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



- ACROSS
 1. One-fourth of 19-Across
 3. Consecutive even digits in ascending order
 5. 1-Across plus 4-Down
 6. Seven more than 18-Across
 7. 1-Across times 15-Across
 8. Five more than 5-Across
 9. Consecutive digits in descending order
 11. Consecutive odd digits in ascending order
 13. One more than 3-Across
 14. 3-Across times 15-Down
 15. Consecutive digits in descending order
 16. 9-Across plus 1-Down
 18. 9-Across minus 19-Across
 19. Same digit repeated
- DOWN
 1. 13-Across minus 18-Across
 2. Three times 8-Down
 3. Five times 10-Down
 4. One-half of 17-Down
 8. 11-Across times 4-Down
 10. 6-Across times 13-Across
 12. Five times 14-Across
 13. Seven times 7-Across
 15. Digits of 11-Across reversed
 17. 8-Across plus 15-Down

King Crossword



- ACROSS
 1 Humorous
 4 Increase
 7 Valedictorian's vestment
 11 Turkish title
 13 Uncouth
 14 Hydrox rival
 15 Bellow
 16 Election Day abbr.
 17 Lecherous look
 18 Expensive (Var.)
 20 Abacus unit
 22 That girl
 24 Milwaukee ballplayer
 28 Appease
 32 Varlet
 33 Old Italian bread?
 34 Use a powder puff
 36 Served perfectly
 39 Pueblo material
 39 "Furnishings" in a carnival house
 41 Adult
 43 Billy Ray
 44 Hub
 46 Sajak's concern
 50 Bushel fraction
 53 Gelled
 55 Poet - Wheeler
- 11 Wilcox
 12 Malarial symptom
 13 Actor McBride
 14 Back talk
 15 Busy one
 16 Pinnacle
 17 Trawler equipment
 18 lessly
 19 Nerd
 20 McDonald's symbol
 21 Raw rock
 22 Itsy-bitsy
 23 Neither's mate
 24 O'Connor role
 25 "Certainly"
 26 Place of refuge
 27 "Mayberry, —"
 28 Texas city
 29 24/7, so to speak
 30 Ohio nine
 31 Bang the door hard
 32 Verdi opera
 33 Jog
- 31 Sweet potato
 35 Auction action
 38 Tide competitor
 40 Squabble
 42 Drop a letter?
 45 Canyon comeback
 47 Verve
 48 Otherwise
 49 Make it through the night
 50 Tablet
 51 Freudian concern
 52 Poolroom need
 54 Puppy's cry