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At the top of his game

Lafoca wins Allan, Corbett fourth

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Awesome. Terrific. Amazing. Those are three words golfer Santo Lafoca used to describe his team's dramatic victory in last weekend's John A. Allan tournament at Fox Hill Country Club in Exeter.

The Falls resident and his partner, Jim Gardas, teamed up to win the annual three-day event in come-from-behind fashion. The pair rallied during Sunday's final round to tie the team of Steven Greenwald and Art Brunn Jr. at 16-under-par on the final hole of regulation play.

Lafoca and Gardas then defeated Greenwald and Brunn on the second playoff hole to capture the tournament championship.

For Lafoca, it marked the third time he played on a championship team in the Allan tournament. His previous tournament victories came in 1986 and 1998. Just as in the past, winning this year's tournament didn't come easy.

"It took a lot to win. It took a lot of perseverance," said Lafoca, whose team found itself two strokes behind Greenwald and Brunn with two regulation holes left.

Lafoca and Gardas cut that deficit by sinking birdies on 17 and 18, while their competitors could only manage to par the final two regulation holes on the 18-hole, par-71 course.

That resulted in a sudden death playoff pitting the teams against each other with the championship on the line. For Lafoca, it meant an all-too-familiar situation.

During his 1998 Allan win, Lafoca and teammate Harry Heck needed four playoff holes to lock up the championship.

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Santo Lafoca watched his chip onto a green during the Allan Tournament last week.

Back Mountain Baseball

Phillies prevail in title tilt

The Yankees were denied for the third straight year as the Phillies won the overall championship by a 4-1 score. The solid Phillies team was led by Hunter Englehart, who pitched a complete-game two hitter, striking out 11 Yankees. Josh Shaver was on the losing end, but struck out eight and scattered only four hits. The Phillies attack was led by singles by Carson Baker, Ryan Naugle, Scott Daube and Mike Ryan. The Phillies relied on their solid defense and pitching as coach Gary Naugle's squad cruised to the win. Coach Mark Shaver's Yankees were led by Josh Shaver and Ryan Williams, who each had a single.

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Yankees 9, A's 8

The Yankees captured their third straight American League championship with a victory over the A's. Henry Messinger picked up the complete game win, striking out seven. Pat Healy struck out 10 Yanks on the mound for the A's. The Yankees jumped out to a commanding 9-3 lead on the hitting of D.J. Berley, Josh Shaver and Messinger, who each had three hits. Derek Martin led the comeback for the A's with a grand slam over the left field fence in the fifth to cut the lead to 9-7. The A's also rallied in the sixth, picking up a run and had the bases loaded with two outs before Messinger got a ground ball to Shaver to end the game. Pat Healy and Jeremy Bess also added two hits each in the game for the A's.

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All-Stars

National wins 2, American bounces back

District 16 All-Star play began last week. The Back Mountain National boys started with a bang, dominating Exter 13-1 on June 28, then squeaked past Bear Buck/Miners Mills 4-3 July 1.

Back Mountain American also won its first game, 5-5 over Jenkins Twp., before falling to Duryea 6-3 on June 30. But American bounced back with a 7-1 victory over West Pittston July 1.

Games played Thursday, July 3 took place too late to be included in this issue.

BMT American 7, West Pittston 1

JULY 1 — Ryan Urzen struck out six and only allowed two hits to help Back Mountain American top West Pittston in a losers bracket game.

Cody Plesnar had a two-run home run and a single to lead the offense for American. Tommy Youells and Darius Fetchko had two singles apiece.

Jenkins Township 12, Bob Horlacher 1

JULY 1 — Paul Gattuso was 4-for-4 at the plate and the winning pitcher in Jenkins Township's losers bracket victory over Bob Horlacher on Monday.

Jim Mead had two hits for Horlacher, which was eliminated.

Heights 7, Harveys Lake 0

JULY 1 — Adam Wayman homered, doubled and singled as Heights advanced in the losers bracket with a shutout of Harveys Lake on Monday.

Nate Volkel had a double and single for Harveys Lake. Kevin Price added the other hit. Pitcher Kyle Smith fanned eight.

BMT National 4, Bear Buck/Miners Mills 3

JUNE 30 — Joe Osick hit a three-run homer in the fourth inning to help rally Back Mountain National over Bear Buck/Miners Mills in a winners bracket game.

Osick's blast helped erase a 3-0 deficit and sent National to a winners bracket quarterfinal game Thursday at Duryea. He also doubled. Steve Olshemski doubled, and Russ Jenkins, Bobby Peron and Cory Shaver each singled.

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Photos from Back Mountain National's first-round win over Exeter. Clockwise, from top: Joe Osick stole home for one of BMT National's 13 runs; Justin Eimers' helmet flew off as he knocked out a hit; Steve Olshemski dug for third against Exeter.

Tennis camps for youth at Valley Tennis & Swim

The Valley Tennis & Swim Club, Inc., Trucksville, is offering youth tennis camps for beginner and intermediate players running six weeks, beginning July 5. A camp for 4- to 6-year-olds will run six Saturdays, July 5 through August 16, from 11-11:45 a.m. The camp for beginner and intermediate players ages 8 to 13 will also run Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. A third camp, for those 13 and older, will run Sundays from 3-4 p.m. from July 6 through August 17.

Each camp includes tennis instruction and a chance to cool off in the club's pool. Instruction will be provided by tennis professional Mike Balutanski. Registration is required. Fee for each camp is \$25.

Valley Tennis & Swim Club, inc. is located at 211 Harris Hill Road, Trucksville and features 10 Har-Tru clay courts, two hard surface courts, and a platform tennis court. For information, contact Jack Monick at 696-1414.

Lake-Lehman seniors to host football camp

Lake-Lehman seniors will host a pass, punt, kick football camp for fourth through ninth grade students on August 2 and 3, from 12 noon-4 p.m. Registration is \$25. Call 696-1546 for more information or to register by July 16. High school coaches will be present.

Lake-Lehman cheerleading camp

The Lake-Lehman Cheerleaders will host a Communter Cheerleading Camp at the high school in Lehman. The camp will be held July 14, 15, 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will involve elementary, junior high and high school cheerleaders throughout Pennsylvania.

Camp is open to teams or individuals. Registration can be made by calling 1-888-CHEERUCA or contact the lake-Lehman Cheerleading Coach, Sandy Dobrowski at 477-3979.

White Sox hand Dodgers first loss to take championship

Danielle Harding in her first start of the season went the distance striking out five while allowing no earned runs as the White Sox beat the Dodgers 6-3 for the Major League Softball championship. Leah Kaiser led the way going 2-for-4 with a double and three RBI with help from Ellen Arnaud and Danielle Harding who chipped in two hits each in key situations. Rachel Miller pitched six innings for the Dodgers, striking out 15. Lucianna Kocher doubled and led a Dodger rally in the bottom of the sixth helping to load the bases until a great defensive play by Leah Kaiser off the bat of Nicole Redinski at first base saved the game for the Sox. The White Sox finished the season 15-2 while the Dodgers lost their first game of the year.

White Sox 12 Cardinals 1

JUNE 19 — White Sox pitchers combined for their second no hit game of the season with Erica Morgan picking up the win. Stephanie Ashley and

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The Back Mountain Major League softball White Sox, won the championship game against the Dodgers, who had been unbeaten in regular season play. The White Sox team are, from left, front row: Asst. Coach Cindy Trudgeon, Mary Kate Osick, Katelyn Kennedy, Erica Morgan, Blair Constantino, Alexa Decker and Coach Jim Kaiser. Standing: Taylor Trudgeon, Leah Kaiser, Stephanie Ashley, Danielle Harding, Ellen Arnaud, Emily Sisk and Miranda Baur.