

Adam Tkaczyk hustled into home plate to score one of Back Mountain's seven runs.

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ing Pat McHugh (.400), Mark Kapitula (.343), Dustin Kapson (.311), Brian Cornia (.309) and Matt Kapitula (.304).

Overall, the Hawks had a .288 team batting average coming out of Sunday's 16-7 loss to Greater Pittston. But success on the stat sheet has not translated to success on the baseball diamond.

"One thing for sure is, in baseball, there's a lot of failures," said head coach Tom Evans. "The baseball mentality requires you don't get down when you make a mistake."

Back Mountain players have refused to let that happen. The team rebounded from an eight-game losing streak by whipping Nanticoke, 13-6, Tuesday.

Although not mathematically eliminated from post-season contention at press time, the Hawks would likely need to win the rest of their games and

"We have the team unity. We just have to minimize the errors."

Ryan Gryskewicz Dallas

get plenty of help from other teams to make the league playoffs, which begin July 20.

Still, they maintain a calm and dedicated approach.

"The focus is just for everybody to do their job, take care of their own responsibilities, and try not to do too much," Evans said.

That philosophy has inspired confidence in his team, which looks to end its season on a strong note. "We have all the pieces of the puzzle," Shiskowski said. "We just need to gel together and produce some wins."

Back Mountain Hawks Leaders (Statistics Updated Through July 6)

BATTING					PITCHING					
Player	BA	Runs	RBI	HR	Pitcher	W	L	S	IP	ERA
Matt Shiskowski	.457	7	10	0	Matt Kapitula	0	0	0	1.00	0.00
Ryan Gryskewicz	.400	16	12	1	Jon Wood	0	0	0	1.00	0.00
Pat McHugh	.400	3	6	0	Zach Ragukas	1	1	0	20.331.03	
Mark Kapitula	.343	6	5	0	Brendon Evans	0	0	0	3.67	1.91
Dustin Kapson	.311	5	7	0	Matt Shiskowski	4	1	0	27.332.56	
Brian Cornia	.309	9	9	0	Dave Lohin	0	2	0	3.67	3.81
Matt Kapitula	.304	2	2	0	Matt Straub	0	0	0	1.67	4.19
Brendon Evans	.259	14	4	1	Ryan Gryskewicz	0	2	0	16.004.38	
Zach Ragukas	.259	5	6	1	Brian Cornia	0	2	0	12.674.42	
Jon Wood	.250	1	0	0	Adam Tkaczyk	0	2	0	17.675.55	

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game took place too late for results to be included in this issue.

National's defense also played error-free baseball while the offense scored four times in the fourth to take a 5-0 lead. Peron drove in National's first run with an RBI double in the third.

Joe Osick had an RBI double in the fourth. Pinch hitter Steve Schilling knocked in a run with a single and Casey Judge plated another with a sacrifice fly. The final run crossed the plate when Hunter Englehart's grounder was misplayed.

"It seems every game somebody steps up," Bob Peron said.

Kingston 5, BMT American 2

JULY 7 — Jack Crossin pitched all six innings and allowed just three hits as Kingston eliminated Back Mountain American.

Tommy Youells, Ryan Urzen and Derrick Martin all had singles for Back Mountain-American.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

BMT American 13, Pittston 2

JULY 5 — Steve Meskers hit a two-run homer and teammates Josh Shaver, Tom Youells and winning pitcher Henry Messinger each added two hits in Back Mountain American's losers bracket victory.

Back Mtn. American 9, N. Wilkes-Barre 0

JULY 3 — Josh Shaver fired a two-hitter with 13 strikeouts as American stayed alive with a losers bracket victory.

Derek Martin led the American hitting with a home run and double. Ryan Urzen homered, and Shaver and Tommy Youells had two singles each.

BMT National 7, Duryea 4

JULY 3 — Justin Eimers hit a bases-loaded single in the fourth inning, clearing the bases and helping National to a winners bracket victory.

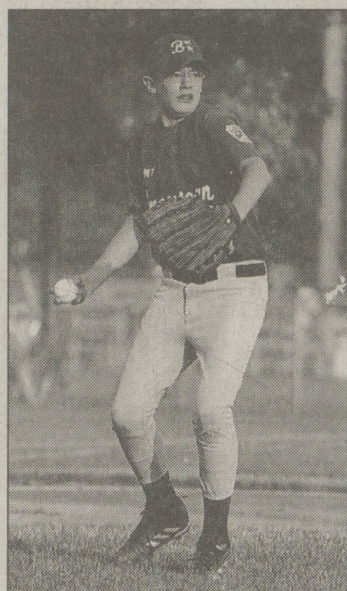
National scored five times in the inning. Mike Eckman was the winning pitcher, recording four strikeouts and allowing seven hits.

Hunter Englehart, Bobby Peron and Cory Shaver all doubled for National. Tommy Horn had two singles and Casey Judge added a base hit.

JUNIOR BASEBALL

Back Mountain 7, Mountain Top 4

JULY 7 — Back Mountain's Mike Prater and Ryan Konopki each drove in two runs to lead their team past Mountain Top. Winning pitcher Dylan See-



Coaches Dave Zurek and Jim Martin reacted to Back Mountain American's plight late in the game. (to photo) Above left, Pat Healey looked to first for a throw.

Above right, Ryan Urzen tried his best to keep Back Mountain in the game.

ley and Jon Janerich each had a double, and teammate John Giampietro had two hits.

Harveys Lake 12, Jenkins/Pittston 8

JULY 5 — Derek Shurmanek and Brandon Zerfoss each had three hits and three RBI as Harveys Lake advanced in the losers bracket.

Shurmanek homered while Joe Taylor added four hits and four runs. Mike Gurnari had two hits and two RBI. Sam Capral fanned five in earning the win.

Back Mountain 10, West Pittston 1

JULY 3 — Back Mountain pitchers John Giampietro, Dylan Seeley and Ryan Konopki combined to throw a three-hitter against West Pittston. Giampietro and Mike Prater each had two hits at the plate.

SENIOR BASEBALL

Back Mountain 6, Fort Swoyer-Ed/Lark 3

JULY 8 — Ryan Marascio, Matt Shiskowski and Grajan Kraszewski had two hits each for Back Mountain, while Matt

Straub tossed a complete game with four strikeouts.

Back Mountain 9, Durye 5

JULY 3 — Matt Shiskowski picked up a complete-game win, striking out eight as Back Mountain beat Duryea. Hitters for Back Mountain were Matt Kapitula, 3-for-4 with a double, Ken Chamberlain, 2-for-2 with two doubles, Matt Straub, 2-for-3 with a triple, Ryan Marascio, 2-for-4 and Eric Samanas, 1-for-2 with a triple.

MINOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Back Mountain 27, Northwest 7

JULY 7 — Winning pitcher Sarah Konopki starred at the plate, hitting a pair of double and a pair of triples. Tori Cramer added four singles for Back Mountain, and Mary Kate Osick had two hits of her own.

Back Mountain 15, Newport 0

JULY 5 — Winning pitcher Alexa Decker helped her own cause with a pair of inside-the-park home runs as Back Mountain advanced in a losers bracket.

et. Mary Kate Osick added three hits, including a triple, and Sara Skammer also hit an inside-the-park homer. **Back Mountain 23, Plains 21**

JULY 3 — Two Back Mountain players, Sarah Konopki and Danielle Shaver, scored four runs apiece. Alexa Decker had four hits, and Sara Kohli had two.

JUNIOR SOFTBALL

Back Mountain 4, Northwest 1

JULY 6 — Ally Evans pitched all seven innings and struck out 13 to pick up the victory over Northwest. Megan McDonald, Ellen Morgan and C.C. Besescker each had a hit for Back Mountain.

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Back Mountain 12, Plains 0

JULY 5 — Rachel Miller tossed a no-hitter and recorded 12 strikeouts as Back Mountain shut out Plains in a game shortened to four innings.

Jill Spring went 2-for-3 with a double and four RBI for Back Mountain. Erin Belles also drove in two runs.

LOWER VALLEY TOURNEY

Back Mountain 12s 5, Mountain Top 4

JULY 8 — Eric Fritzges singled in the tying run with two out in the sixth inning, then scored the game-winning run on Nick Latosek's double as the Back Mountain 12s edged Mountain Top.

Latosek was the winning pitcher and added another double and a single. Richard Wengrznek had two hits. Fritzges added a diving catch in right field.

Back Mountain 12s 19, South Wilkes-Barre 0

JULY 5 — Richard Wengrznek and Preston Balavage combined on a four-inning no-hitter for the Back Mountain 12s. Wengrznek had eight strikeouts and Balavage recorded two.

Nick Latosek had four hits, including a double. Shauna Phillips also had four hits. John Prater and Tyler Barall each added three hits while T.J. Brandt tripled.

ED/LARK 8-9

TOURNEY

BMT White 5, Kingston 3

EDWARDSVILLE — Shane Dunn had six strikeouts and Drew Brandt had nine strikeouts and combined on a three-hitter.

Jordan Thomas had a two-run double for Back Mountain.

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Super Crossword

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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, two digits have been entered in the diagram.

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King Crossword

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1 Mid-May honorees	5 Intent	8 Dropped like a rock	12 X-coordinate	14 Mideast nation	15 Classic oater	16 Crooner Perry	17 Cyst	18 Case list	20 November stone	23 Aching	24 Belligerent god	25 Jungle woe	28 Bumped into	29 Danger	30 Icemen's org.	32 Desertlike	34 Old-time portico	1 -jongg	2 Kyoto cummerbund	3 Chinese food additive	4 Unaccented vowels	5 "Chacun - goul"	6 Same (Pref.)	7 Banjo's cousin	8 World Cup game	9 Frenzied	10 Appellation	11 Entanglement	13 Don Juan's mother	19 Exam format	20 Hat for 31-Down	21 Raw rocks	22 Anti-fur org.	23 Skater	25 -Benz	26 Division word	27 Sea greeting	29 Throe	31 Highland youth	33 Gap	34 Zigzag course	36 Mr. Walesa	37 Written reminder	38 "I'll second that"	39 Antonio	40 Blood bank classification	43 Actress	44 Tide rival	45 Melody	46 Henpeck

Car wash to aid DHS gridders

The Dallas Gridiron Club will sponsor a car wash and bake sale this Saturday, July 12, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., at New Mart, Memorial Highway, Trucksville. The cost of a car wash is \$3. Tickets may be purchased at the event. Dallas High School Football players and coaches will be washing cars to raise money for their August 20-23 training camp at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex near Orlando, Florida. The trip will culminate with a scrimmage between the Dallas Mountaineers and a high school team from Georgia on August 22.

For more information, contact Art Daube, Dallas Gridiron Club, at 675-2763.

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.

Q: Where do you find the most Back Mountain news each week?
A: Only in The Dallas Post