

National

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Peron surrendered a two-run homer to Forty Fort's Ryan Pugh in the first inning, then pitched three solid innings until walking Pugh and Andrew Tressa to start the fifth.

Forty Fort sent eight batters to the plate in the fifth, but only Pugh and Tressa would score to cut the deficit to 7-4. Third baseman Tommy Horn ended the rally by snagging a sharp grounder with the bases loaded and getting an unassisted force out at third.

"If he could have gotten out of the inning early, we could have gone into the sixth with the bottom of their order instead of the top," said Bob Peron, National's manager and Bobby's dad. "But the kids came together and kept playing."

Second baseman Casey Judge gobbled up two grounders and Peron ended the game with his fifth strikeout, sending the league to its first title in 13 years.

"It seems like we had one bad inning in both games against them," Forty Fort manager Tom Oshinski said. "We tried hard to come back. We never quit. We just fell short."

Forty Fort allowed four runs

in the first inning in its 7-3 loss to National last Thursday. On Monday, it was a four-run third that proved costly.

Judge and Hunter Englehart opened the third with singles, and each moved up a base on a passed ball. Judge scored on Peron's ground out and Englehart scored on Cory Shaver's sacrifice bunt.

Mike Eckman continued the inning with a single and moved to third on Horn's single. Horn then tried to steal second and when Forty Fort catcher Darren Dolan threw to the base, Eckman broke for home. Forty Fort cut off Eckman, but during a chain of throws around the diamond one toss went awry. Eckman crossed the plate with National's fifth run, and Horn made the score 6-2 when Steve Olshemski singled him home.

Besides his homer, Pugh also scored twice for Forty Fort. George Alles had the game's other extra-base hit, a double in the first. Lucas Harvey and Billy McGuiness each had an RBI single in the fifth.

The victory was National's sixth consecutive of the tournament, but first at home since June 30.

"They were so excited about

coming home and playing on our field," Bob Peron said. "It might not have been the most perfect game, but it was a great game. They made some great plays, had some timely hits and the kids just stuck together."

BMT National 7, Forty Fort 3

JULY 10 — Back Mountain National scored all its runs in the first two innings then held on to win the District 16 Little League winners bracket final.

"We played this team when these kids were all 10-years-old in the district final, and that game was a barnburner," said National manager Bob Peron. Tommy Horn hit a two-run single and Mike Eckman and Joe Osick each added RBI singles — all with two outs — to account for four runs in the first inning.

National managed three more runs in the second for a 7-0 lead. Horn brought home a run with a two-out single, then Bobby Peron and Eckman scored on a wild pitch and an errant throw on the play.

Forty Fort came back with a run in the third when pinch runner James Rhoden was doubled to third by Chris Pollick



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Back Mountain National, District 16 Champions. From left, kneeling: Tommy Horn, Steve Schilling, Steve Olshemski, Ryan Naugle, Casey Judge, Justin Eimers, Russ Jenkins. Second row: T.J. Stepanski, Mike Eckman, Bobby Peron, Cory Shaver, Hunter Englehart, Joe Osick, Gary Naugle (coach). Third row: Bob Peron (manager), Dale Englehart (coach), Frank Olshemski (coach).

and scored on Ryan Pugh's ground out. George Alles added a two-run double in the fifth, scoring Pollick and Shane Coslett.

National's pitching and de-

fense prevented further damage. Lefty Cory Shaver wasn't overpowering and had just three strikeouts, but kept his composure in some tense situations. Osick, the center fielder,

recorded a force out at second base in the fourth, and second baseman Casey Judge made a diving grab of a grounder in the fifth to curb Forty Fort's rally attempt.

Roundup

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most of its runs on walks and errors, Back Mountain was paced by Stephanie Ashley, who had a pair of singles and two RBI. Gabby Olshemski and Erin Belles also had a pair of singles. Danielle Harding added a hit and an RBI.

Back Mountain 8, Hellertown 5

JULY 12 — Stephanie Ashley's three-run homer snapped a 5-all tie, and Back Mountain went on to defeat Hellertown 8-5 on Saturday in the opening game of the Section 4 Little League Softball Tournament.

Ashley went 3-for-3 and also had a double. Her decisive homer cleared the fence at the Hellertown field, which is approximately 185 feet from home plate, and scored Gaby Olshemski and Kylie Kustrin ahead of her.

Katee Pelleschi was also 3-for-3 for Back Mountain, with a double and two RBI.

Rachel Miller went 2-for-3 with a double and one RBI, and was also the winning pitcher. Miller tossed all six innings, allowing just two hits. She struck out four and walked seven.

Sarah Flannery went 1-for-3 with an RBI for Back Mountain.

catches in the sixth inning. Ally Evans led the hitting with a double and single. Juliann Pettit contributed two singles and an RBI.

Harveys Lake 19, Northwest 13

JULY 11 — Megan Devine led Harveys Lake in its losers bracket game, going 4-for-4 while striking seven on the mound.

Other top hitters for Harveys Lake were Tina Watkins, who had two doubles and two singles, and Victoria Lecek, who had a double and two singles.

MINOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Nanticoke 10, Back Mt 0

DORRANCE — Samantha Gow tossed a three-hitter and struck out five to earn the complete-game victory in four innings as Nanticoke defeated Back Mountain 10-0 Wednesday to win the District 16 Minor League Softball title.

The victory was Nanticoke's fourth without a loss and its second against Back Mountain. Nanticoke also beat Back Mountain 14-4 in the second round of the winners bracket.

Back Mountain entered the game averaging 18.6 runs per game in the tournament.

SENIOR BASEBALL

Plains 11, Back Mountain 6

JULY 16 — Plains rallied for six runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to defeat Back Mountain 11-6 and capture the District 16 Senior League Baseball championship Wednesday.

Back Mountain trailed 5-0 heading into the top of the sixth inning, but scored six runs to take the lead. Matt Kapitula and Eric Samanas, who each went 3-for-4, had key hits during the rally.

Plains answered with six runs in the bottom of the sixth to regain the lead.

Back Mountain 7, Avoca/Dupont 4

JULY 14 — Gracjan Kraszewski led the Back Mountain offense, going 2-for-3 with a double, sacrifice fly and three RBI in the District 16 losers bracket final. Matt Straub and Ryan Marascio added two hits each, with one of Straub's got the win, striking out five.

DISTRICT 16 JUNIOR LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

Ed/Lark-Fort Swoyer 7, Back Mountain 6

JULY 15 — Corey O'Hara hit a two-out single in the bottom of the seventh inning to score Chris Decker with the winning run and give Ed/Lark-Fort Swoyer the championship.

Mike Prater had three hits, including a double, for Back Mountain.

Back Mountain 9, Plains 6

JULY 13 — With the score tied 5-5 and the bases loaded in the top of the seventh inning, Back Mountain's Steve Cornia cleared the bases with a hit to lift his team to victory.

Dylan Seeley led Back Mountain with three hits, and teammates Mike Prater Cornia and Jon Janerich each had two singles. Pitcher John Giampietro got the win in relief.

Ed/Lark-Fort Swoyer 3, Back Mountain 2

JULY 11 — Sean Toole hit a solo home run in the bottom of the eighth to give Ed/Lark-Fort Swoyer a 3-2 victory over Back Mountain in the District 16 Junior Baseball winners bracket

final Friday.

Toole and losing pitcher Mike Prater were each strong on the mound as neither team got a hit until the fourth inning.

Back Mountain tied the score at 2-2 in the bottom of the sixth nning when Pater singled and Greg Harris followed with a two-run homer.

LOWER VALLEY TOURNAMENT

Back Mt 7, Mountain Top 6

JULY 15 — Mitch Artsma, winning pitcher Nick Lastosek, T.J. Brandt and Richard Wengrznek each had two hits for Back Mountain in the losers bracket final.

Plains 21, Back Mt 11

JULY 10 — T.J. Brandt homered and Prestron Balavage had three hits for Back Mountain.

Back Mountain National 8, Wyoming/West Wyoming 0

JULY 9 — Eric Cannon tossed a complete-game no-hitter, striking out nine and walking none to lead Back Mountain National.

Carson Baker doubled and Joey Murray singled and scored three runs for Back Mountain National.

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Super Crossword

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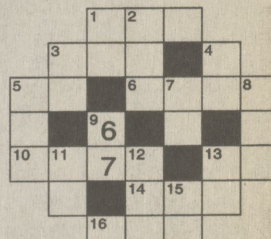
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10 "Norwegian song" ('65)	59 Vision	105 Pressure	8 Enlarge a hole	48 Gdansk denizen	88 Tiny
14 Act like	63 Carr	106 K-O connectors	9 Sometimes they're frozen	50 Genes colonist	90 Model
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25 Shun	69 Sage	118 Stir	14 Bankbook abbr.	60 Biblical book	98 Baltimore bird
26 Brand's birthplace	74 Melodious	120 Fit	62 — sweet it is!	61 Scholastic abbr.	99 Scholastic abbr.
27 Part of ER	75 — trip	125 Like	15 Vain	63 — Williams	101 Well
28 Synthetic	76 Sitarist	126 Some	16 New Jersey city	67 San —, Italy	102 Wet
29 Exploit	77 "Xanadu" rockers	128 Requirement	17 Vary	21 TV's "Chico and the —"	103 Prepare
31 Pipeline place	78 Cul-de- —	127 A bit of Berlitz	23 El —, TX	24 Zones	69 Ebb
34 Fairway accessory	79 Disciplinary	128 Requirement	29 Nov. neighbor	32 Asian nation	70 — Gotta Be Me!" ('69 hit)
36 — as Salaam	81 Sprite	129 Baseball's Nolan	33 PDQ, politely	71 Location today	72 Clay,
37 Adored one	83 Strauss	130 Wretched	33 PDQ, politely	73 Karate-chopping bird	74 Four qts.
38 Relaxed	85 Fancy	131 "Confound it!"	39 "Dukes of Hazzard" deputy	74 Rudner or Gam	78 Jaffe of 4
42 Scads	87 Teacup	131 "Confound it!"	40 Dress	80 Spoken for	81 Ruffie
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47 Smash letters	92 Police	131 "Confound it!"	44 "Alley —"	85 Jaffe of 4	86 Jaffe of 4
48 Faux —	93 Acronym	131 "Confound it!"	45 "Alley —"	87 Jaffe of 4	88 Jaffe of 4
49 Unfashionable	95 Monty Python's	131 "Confound it!"	46 "Alley —"	89 Jaffe of 4	90 Jaffe of 4
50 Warehouse	96 Related	131 "Confound it!"	47 "Alley —"	91 Jaffe of 4	92 Jaffe of 4
51 Clean-air org.	96 Related	131 "Confound it!"	48 "Alley —"	93 Jaffe of 4	94 Jaffe of 4

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.



ACROSS

- Three hundred more than 14-Across
- Seven times 5-Across
- Nine more than 11-Down
- 1-Across plus 8-Down
- 16-Across plus 5-Down
- Two less than 15-Down
- 3-Across plus 7-Down
- Sum of the digits is 13-Down

DOWN

- 13-Across plus 7-Down
- Three times 9-Down
- 7-Down minus 13-Down
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- Two hundred more than 2-Down
- Consecutive digits in descending order
- Eight more than 12-Down
- One less than 1-Down
- 4-Down minus 13-Across
- 11-Down times 15-Down
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- 9-Down minus 5-Across

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- Lad
- Santiago's country
- Adversary
- Exist
- 2003
- Sigourney Weaver movie
- Boom times
- Will
- Afternoon activity for baby
- Put to work
- Fatal
- Roof timber
- Actress Ward
- Inventor Whitney
- Bad hairpiece
- Ballroom favorite
- Spherical hairdo
- Apprehend
- Night light?
- Stallone role
- "Great Expectations" hero
- Away from SSW
- Lends a hand
- Tool used on lemon peel
- Maiden
- Expert
- Sarah Hughes' surface
- Holy rite
- Abby's sis
- Under oath
- Meadow
- Permit
- Dunder-heads
- Lavatory sign
- Bruce Wayne's inspiration
- Raw rocks
- Undoubtedly
- Drink after drink?
- Score at Fenway
- de-France
- Gives temporarily
- Regard
- Basic principle
- October stone
- Catch sight of
- Youthful king
- Chester — Arthur
- Bring up
- Romeo
- 23 Sky
- Space
- Radius, for one
- Humdinger
- Kimono closers
- Strange
- Texas city
- Hickory nuts
- Cabbage concoctions
- Clerical sch.
- Use an old phone
- Teen's facial woe
- Lettuce variety
- Freddy Krueger's street
- Born
- Make leather

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Legion Baseball

Plymouth 15, Back Mountain 11

JULY 16 — The Post 672 American Legion baseball team got out-slugged by Plymouth in the final game of the season, 15-11. It wasn't a good day for pitchers, as the two teams combined for 30 hits in seven innings. Adam Tkaczyk drove in four runs for the Hawks with two triples and a double. Pat McHugh plated a pair with three hits, Ryan Harvey and Matt Ide had two hits each. Back Mountain finishes the 2003 season with a 9-15 league record, 10-16 overall.

Back Mountain 6, Greater Pittston 4

JULY 15 — Back Mountain could only muster three hits at West Pittston, but two were home runs and the Hawks came away with the win against league-leading Greater Pittston. Pitcher Ryan Gryskewicz surrendered three runs on four hits in the first inning, one of them a two-run homer. Gryskewicz settled down and limited Pittston to only one hit over the last six innings. With the Hawks trailing 4-2 in the fifth, Brian Cornia followed a Gryskewicz walk with a two-run homer to tie the score.

Dusty Kapsen then connected on the game-winner in the top of the seventh, a two-run blast over the left field fence. Gryskewicz fanned nine in the complete-game victory. B.J. Zielinski was the losing pitcher.