

Baseball

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The first three innings looked like the game was going to be a pitchers' duel between Steve Poorman and Back Mountain National's Hunter Englehart. Neither allowed a hit, but both teams managed to get a run for a 1-1 tie. For Back Mountain, Erik Cannon walked, advanced two bases on passed balls and scored on a ground out in the first inning.

District 29 champ Stroudsburg National took a 4-1 lead in the fourth, then exploded for seven runs in the fifth.

D-16 MINOR BASEBALL

BMT National 8, Northwest 5

July 19 — Drew Brandt struck out 11 batters as he led Back Mountain to a victory. Tom Donovan and Cody Poepperling each had a double, and Austin Smith added a hit to lead Back Mountain on offense.

D-16 JUNIOR BASEBALL

BMT American 6, Plains 5

July 17 — Winning pitcher Matt Ruch struck out six and allowed just two earned runs as Back Mountain American won the District 16 Junior Baseball Tournament.

Doug Harding picked up the save and had two hits. Mike Prater had three hits, Josh Backes and Ryan Phillips added two each.

Chris Iorio pitched all seven innings for Plains and had three hits, including a double. Rob Charnicho went 3-for-3 with two RBI, and Mike Smith had two hits for Plains.

D-16 SENIOR BASEBALL

Back Mountain wins championship

July 19 — Greg Harris and Matt Shumbris were each 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored as Back Mountain defeated Wyoming/West Wyoming 13-6 to win the District 16 Senior League Baseball championship.

Back Mountain opened the Section 4 playoffs at 1 p.m. Saturday against host District 29. Results of that game were not available in time for this issue.

Shumbris was also the winning pitcher, recording three strikeouts, and received relief help from Jake Stryjewski, who fanned five. Dylan Seeley added two hits and an RBI for Back Mountain, Dan Jacobs added two hits and scored a run.

Back Mountain 10, Wyoming/West Wyoming 2

July 15 — Dylan Feeley pitched six innings and allowed four hits as Back Mountain defeated Wyoming/West Wyoming 10-2 in the District 16 Senior Baseball winners bracket final.

Matt Kapitula and Nick Samanas each had two hits and tripled for Back Mountain.

KUBIS TOURNAMENT

BMT National 13, N. W-B 0

July 21 — Marc Noyalis went 4-for-4 with three doubles and six RBI as National advanced. Chad Carey was 2-for-



POST PHOTOS/RON BARTIZEK



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Clockwise from left: Matt Ruch slid across the plate to score what proved to be the deciding run in the top of the seventh inning of the Junior Baseball championship game, making the score 6-4. Ruch was the winning pitcher, allowing two earned runs in six innings and striking out six.

Back Mountain National catcher T.J. Stepanski held up the ball in triumph after tagging out Mountain Top's Chris Kempinski to snuff out a rally that would have tied the score in the District 16 Little League championship game.



Mike Prater tagged out a Plains runner who tried to advance to second base after his single got through the center fielder.



Ted Ruch had some advice for his son, Matt (15) and Joe Collini late in Back Mountain American's 6-5 district championship victory.

3 with a double; Zack Yursha had two hits and Andrew Sabol had a double. Austin Carr held North W-B to one hit, striking out 10 in four innings.

Back Mountain American.

DISTRICT 16 9-10 TOURNAMENT

Northwest 9, BMT National 2

July 16 — Austin Carr scored both Back Mountain runs and Marc Noyalis smacked a double.

FETCH'S 11-12 TOURNAMENT

Mayflower 13, Back Mountain 0

July 21 — Kyle Parsons and Andrew Kaufman had Back Mountain's only two hits.

WILKES-BARRE REC 11-12 TOURNAMENT

Kingston 9, BMT American 1

July 17 — Scott Ricetti, Cory Plesner and Nick Lombard had hits

BMT National 5, South W-B 1

July 20 — Brian Stepniak struck out seven in his complete-game victory as Back Mountain National advanced to the championship game. Stepniak also doubled three times and teammates Cody Poepperling Noah Kustrin also doubled. Jordan Thomas singled for National.

BMT National 11, North W-B 1

July 17 — Brian Stepniak pitched a complete game two-hitter with five strikeouts as National advanced to the third round of the District 16 Minor League tournament. Jason Schilling had two hits including a double, and Drew Brandt also had two hits, includ-

ing a triple. Michael Banas and Jordan Thomas added hits.

South W-B 3, BMT American 2

July 17 — Shane Dunn went 3-for-3 for Back Mountain American. Jordan Stephens took the loss but struck out nine in five innings.

W-B REC 9-10 TOURNAMENT

BMT American 11, South W-B 5

July 21 — Shane Dunn was the winning pitcher by striking out four and allowing eight hits.

Ryan Thomas had two hits and knocked in two runs for Back Mountain American and Jordan Stephens added two hits and a RBI.

BMT National 13, Pittston 3

July 17 — T.J. Schultz had four hits and scored four runs and William Ful-

ton pitched a complete game with seven strikeouts as National topped Pittston in a Wilkes-Barre Rec Board game. Brian Stepniak smacked an inside the park home run, while Cody Poepperling added a triple and Job Stepanski a single.

BMT National 16, Forty Fort 2

July 15 — Shane Dunn and Jordan Stephens combined to pitch a four-inning no-hitter to lead Back Mountain National.

Alex Zupko had three RBI, Dunn added a double and Nathan Vario singled.

Kingston 6, BMT National 3

Drew Brandt had two hits for National, including a double, as National lost to Kingston in a Wilkes-Barre Rec Board game. Noah Kustrin added a triple while Tommy Donovan had a single.

Softball

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Konopki, Alexa Decker, Mary Kate Osick and Danielle Shaver had two hits each. Sarah Skammer was the winning pitcher.

NEWPORT 9-10 SOFTBALL

Back Mountain 11, Northwest 1

July 21 — Alyssa Monaghan was the winning pitcher with seven strikeouts.

Chelsea English, Kasandra Michno and Kelly Monaghan each added two hits for Back Mountain.

Morgan Decker drove in the winning run.



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Jessica Higgins, Nanticoke-Newport, tagged out Meghan Youells at second base.



Morgan Thomas of Nanticoke-Newport made it to home, only to be tagged out by Back Mountain catcher Tara Dombzalski.



Molly Grossman scores in front of dejected Nanticoke-Newport catcher Shannon Kowalski. Becca Banks is on deck.

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