

Sports

Lamore homers to lead Legion win

Matt Lamore hit a home run and two doubles to go 3-for-6 with three RBI in both games of Mountain Post's doubleheader sweep again the Back Mountain in American Legion Baseball. Mountain Post won the first game, 6-5 and the second one, 8-5.

Mike Wrenn, Chris Wychock and Bill Baratta also doubled for Mountain Post. Bedrin was 4-for-8 at the plate in both games.

Mountain Post's Dave Mastellar picked up a complete-game win in

game one, pitching seven innings and striking out five batters. Mastellar got the win in game two, pitching 1/3 innings in relief of Matt Lamore, who went the first five and fanned 10.

Bill Holena doubled in game one for Back Mountain. Pat Murray, Dylan Feeley and Ryan Konopki picked up doubles in the nightcap.

**Back Mountain 12
Wilkes-Barre 11**

Kevin Racemus was 2-for-4 with a

double to lead Back Mountain to a victory on Friday.

Matt Ruch also doubled in a 1-for-3 performance.

Dwight Smith and Mike Burns had two hits apiece for Wilkes-Barre while Dave Lewis doubled and homered.

**Back Mountain 14
Greater Pittston 2**

Tom Parrish was 2-for-4 with a double to lead Back Mountain. Tom Per-

ry went 3-for-4 at the plate and Ryan Konopki hit 2-for-5 on the day. Gerrid Kohli earned the win in the shortened, six-inning contest, logging one strikeout and walking only two batters.

Greater Pittston's Rob Lemoncelli and Sam Andrewsavage each went 2-for-3 on the day. Josh McDermott took the loss, pitching four innings and walking six before being relieved by Lemoncelli and Bernard Ambrosavage.

Rangers capture overall title in BMLL

Recent action in the Back Mountain Little League saw the Rangers defeat the Astros, 10-8, to win the overall championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Rangers 10, Astros 8

Peter Kuritz started a key two-out rally in the sixth inning with a triple and scored the go-ahead run as the Rangers defeated the Astros, 10-8, to win the Back Mountain Little overall championship.

Kuritz tripled with two outs in the sixth and was knocked in on a single by Kyle Razawitch.

The Rangers picked up an insurance run and Chad DeBona relieved pitcher Shane Dunn to shut down the Astros to preserve the win.

The Rangers went up, 5-1, early in the game behind the hitting of DeBona, Jason Simonovitch, and Greg Petorak.

The Astros stormed back to tie the game a eighth, in the fifth with key hits from Brian Stepniak, and Alex Barilla.

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Rangers 16, Red Sox 6

Greg Petorak shut down the Red Sox, striking out six, as the Rangers clubbed the Red Sox, 16-6, to win the American League championship.

Chad DeBona had three hits for the Rangers and Shane Dunn and Bill Gately chipped in with two each.

The Red Sox were led by Neil Shaver who had two hits including a home run, and JJ McGovern with a single and a double.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Astros 1, Pirates 0

Brian Stepniak pitched a complete game shut out, striking out 11, as the Astros clipped the Pirates, 1-0, to win the National League Championship.

JT Carter singled in the first inning and stole home to score the only run of the game.

Jay Dawsey and Stepniak each had two hits for the Astros. Nate Vario struck out six for the Pirates, while Mike Romanoski and Brian Banas had hits for the Bucs.



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A Back Mountain runner slides safely into home as Northwest's Kyle Stempfen, left, and Brandon Zagata wait for the throw during a District 16 Little League All-Star game in Dallas.

Dunn lifts Stars

Throws one-hitter to lead Back Mountain American past Northwest in LL action

Shane Dunn threw a one-hitter and struck out three as Back Mountain American defeated Northwest, 4-1, Monday in a District 16 Little League Baseball winners bracket game in the West Division.

Dunn allowed a first-inning single to Josh Kittle, whose hit scored Brandon Zagata. Zagata had reached on an error.

Dunn, Harry Parkhurst and Jim Roccograndi all singled and had an RBI. Neil Shaver and Alex

Zubko also hit safely for American.

**Back Mountain National 18
West Pittston 4 (4 innings)**

Alex Barilla and Eric Ringsdorf both hit three-run homers to lead National in a loser bracket contest in the West division. Brian Stepniak struck out 10 in the win and had a pair of hits at the plate, along with J.T. Carter and Josh McEntee.

Jake Granteed smacked a three-run homer for West Pittston, which got singles from Matt Klimas and Trent Grove.

Back Mountain American 9

Bob Horlacher 7

Eric Zawatski struck out five in relief to pick up the win and was 3-for-4 with an RBI to pace American.

Shane Dunn added two hits and an RBI. Harry Parkhurst and George Parkhurst each had a double.

Horlacher's Gus Diana was 3-for-3 with a homer. Brady Butler added two hits. Losing pitcher Cole Wright fanned eight.

**Wyoming/West Wyoming 4
Harveys Lake 0**

Eric Walkowiak threw a complete-game four-hitter and struck

out eight to pick up the win. Mike Cipriani had three hits and three RBI and Joey Erzar added two singles and an RBI in the victory.

Josh Davenport had two singles for Harveys Lake.

**Forty Fort 2
Back Mountain National 1**

Nick Kinney and Joe Pechulis each drove in a run and Forty Fort held on in the final three frames for the win.

Tommy Alexander went the distance for Forty Fort.

Christian Skrepenak and Eric Ringsdorf had the hits for National.

Governor offers grant support for Land Trust effort

Governor Edward G. Rendell has announced grant support for the North Branch Land Trust's efforts to purchase the development rights on 1,671 acres on two properties in Luzerne County. The grants total \$1,553,000 and will be used to place conservation protection agreements (called conservation easements) on 1,415 acres of the Bear Creek Camp in

Bear Creek Township, and 256 acres of the American Legion's property in Mountain Top.

Executive Director of the Land Trust, Frank H. Oliver said, "With these grant dollars, the Land Trust will protect forever two important Luzerne County assets for future generations to enjoy. Moreover, both these organizations will use their pro-

ceeds to improve and maintain their properties. Everyone benefits from these transactions."

Funding for the grants comes from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Growing Greener II and Keystone '93, a DCNR fund generated from a portion of the realty transfer tax.

Growing Greener II is a voter-ap-

proved, \$625 million bond issue that is used to clean up rivers and streams; protect natural areas, open spaces and working farms; and shore up key programs to improve quality of life and revitalize communities across the commonwealth. Growing Greener II includes \$90 million for open

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Lake-Lehman schedules fall sports physicals

Lake-Lehman Junior-Senior High School will conduct fall sports physicals in the nurse's office at the junior-senior high building on the following dates:

Monday, July 9, at 9 a.m. - All senior high girls participating in fall sports

Monday, July 23, at 5 p.m. - Junior high girls only

Wednesday, July 25, at 9 a.m. - All senior high boys fall sports

Wednesday, Aug. 1, at 9 a.m. - Junior high boys in fall sports (This will be the final

day of exams for all boys and girls in both junior and senior high school. There will not be a make-up day this year.)

Students are requested to arrive promptly at the time stated on the day of the physicals.

There is a new physical form this year, which can be picked up in the high school office between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday to Friday. All forms must be completed and signed by the parent/guardian of the student prior to the exam.

Feinstein scores hole in one

Jane Feinstein, of Shavertown, had a hole in one on Thursday, June 21, 2007 during the ladies weekly golf event at the Huntsville Golf Club.

Feinstein aced the 105-yard fifth hole using an eight iron.

He shot was witnessed by fellow Huntsville members Meg Cramton, Phyllis Greenwald and Donna Zampetti.