

Simply the best

The BMT American 11-12 Year-Old Baseball All-Stars won the District 31 title last week, defeating Fort-Swoyer, 7-3.

The win advanced Back Mountain to the Section 5 Tournament against Mountain Top, Lackawanna (from Scranton) and Carbino Club (near Jessup) being hosted by BMT Little League at Kubis Field.

Back Mountain pitcher Hayden Jenkins threw six innings, striking out five batters and allowing one run to lead Back Mountain to its sixth consecutive Junior League district title.

Jenkins was also one of four hitters to compile two hits in the game, joining Drew Brandt, John McCarthy and Mike Banas.

**BMT 15
Lackawanna 5**

Back Mountain scored 10 unearned runs with two outs in the fifth inning to finish off D-17 champion Lackawanna, 15-5, in a Section 5 Little League Baseball major division tournament game Monday night.

With runners on second and third, American's Peter Kuritz hit a grounder that appeared to end the inning. The throw to first was wild, starting a chain of events that led to 10 runs.

Craig Petorek had a three-run double in the inning, Rick Stayer had a two-run single and Jon Strausser had an RBI single.

American sent 15 batters to the plate during the fifth inning, including 10 after Kuritz reached on an error.

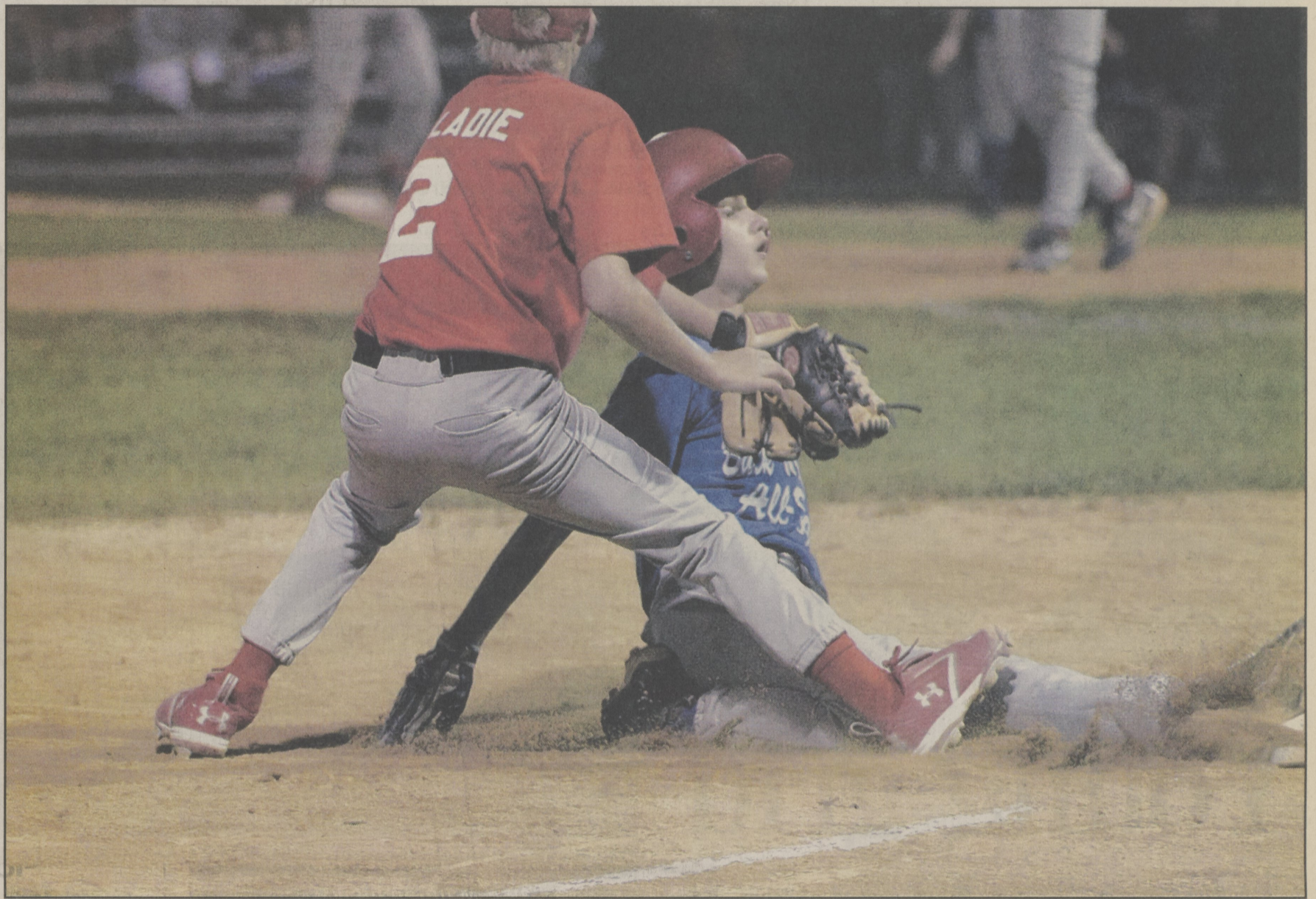
American had a 3-0 lead after the top of the second, thanks to a two-run homer by Domenic Oliveri and an RBI groundout by Kyle Razawich. Lackawanna came back with five runs in the bottom of the inning but its lead was cut to 5-4 in the third on a homer by American's Kris Roccograndi. Craig Skudalski tied the score with an RBI single in the fourth.

**Mountain Top 10
BMT 3**

District 16 champion Mountain Top scored six runs with two outs in the first inning and starting pitcher Brian Markowski struck out 10 in 3 2/3 innings en route to a 10-3 win against D31 champion Back Mountain American on Tuesday night.

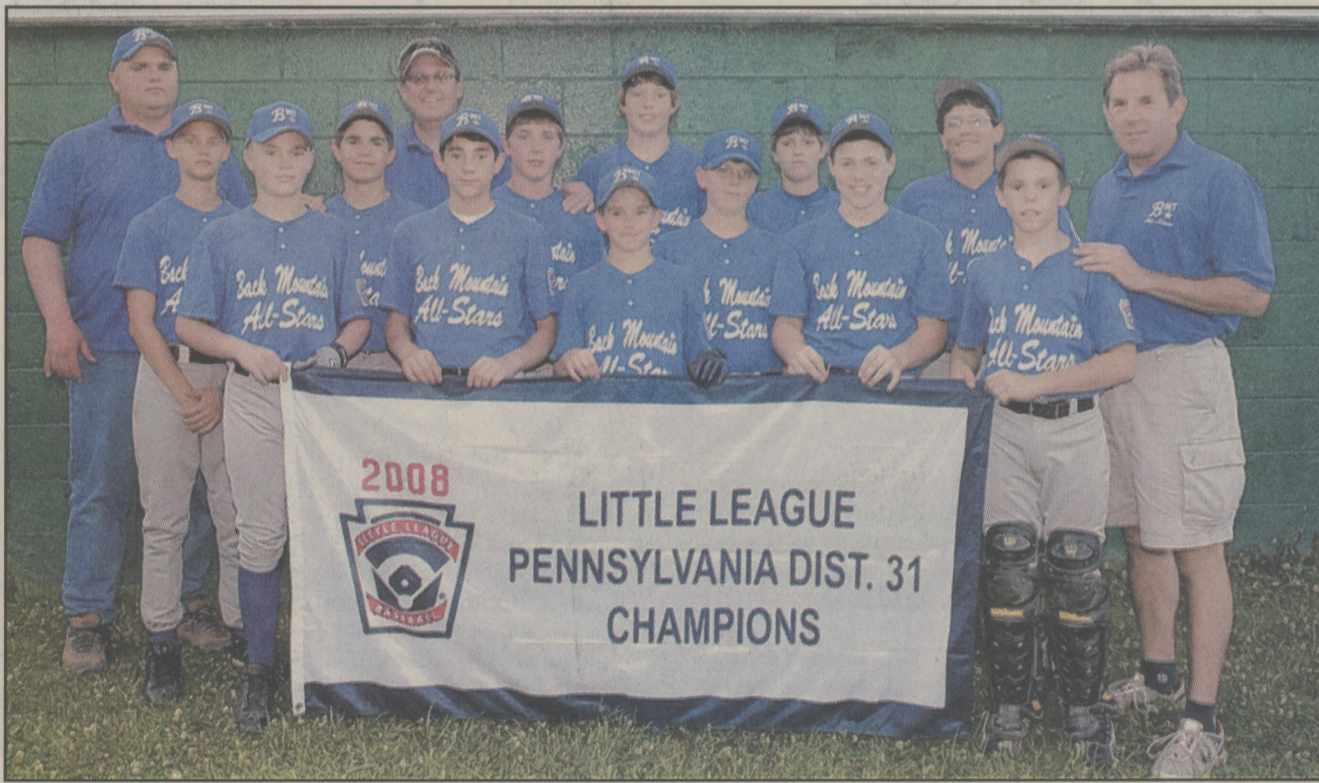


Jon Strausser winces at not being able to get a hit for Back Mountain American off the Mountain Top pitcher.



Back Mountain American player Kyle Razawich makes it safely to third base on this play, but the D-31 team suffered its first defeat Tuesday night to Mountain Top in a playoff game.

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Back Mountain American 11-12 All-Star team captured the District 31 title this past weekend by defeating Kingston, 12-11, at the Kubis Memorial Field in Dallas. It is the team's third consecutive district championship. Members of the team holding the championship banner are, from left, first row, Matt Doggett, Rick Stayer, Chad DeBona, Domenic Oliveri and Kris Roccograndi. Second row, Jeff Doggett, assistant coach; Kyle Razawich, Aaron Napkora, Greg Petorak, head coach; Bill Gately, Craig Skudalski, Peter Kuritz, Greg Petorak, Jon Strausser and Frank DeBona, assistant coach.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BMT wins D-31 title

Back Mountain 15 and 16-year-old All-Stars defeated GWA, 9-6, for the District 31 title.

Carson Baker was the winning pitcher with seven strikeouts. Konrad Kraszewski pitched the final inning for the save.

Cody Plesnar led BMT with two doubles and great defense.

Summer basketball camps open

The Rock Recreation Center, 340 Carverton Rd., is accepting registrations for its summer basketball camps open to boys and girls kindergarten through sixth-grade.

Space is limited to 40 campers per week. Camp dates are: K through first-grade, July 21-25; second and third-grade, July 28-Aug. 1; fourth to sixth-grade, July 14-18 and August 4-8.

Each camper receives a t-shirt, water bottle and basketball. For more information, call 696-2769 or log on to www.rockrec.org.

Newberry Ladies hold Firecracker Tournament

The Newberry Country Club Ladies Golf League recently held its annual Firecracker Tournament followed by lunch at Appletree Terrace. Members of the winning team are Joan Britt, Ruth Federici, Janie Intellicato, Romaine Kunkle.

Ruth Ann Logue won closest to the pin; Ruth Federici won closest to the line.

Chairpersons for the event were Jean Brennan, Betty Griesmer and Cassie Munzing.

SLIDERS WIN SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



The Back Mountain major league Sliders softball team won the playoff championship for the 2008 season by defeating the Phoenix, 10-0, in the semi-final round and slid past the Tornadoes, 5-4, in the finals to win the title. The Sliders also won the regular season championship with a record of 13-1-2. Members of the team are, from left, first row, Kirsten Frederick, Lia Giampietro, Vanessa Parsons, Kami McGee, Kelly Snyder and Victoria Fulton. Second row, John Giampietro, coach; TaliaSzatkowski, Nicole Giampietro, Samantha Missal, Sarah Smith, Marlee Nelson, Liz Digiovine and Mike Parsons, manager. Absent at the time of the photo were Caitlyn McDonnell and Sadie Trudgen.