

BACK MOUNTAIN BASEBALL

Orioles, Phillies win division championships

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

**Orioles 7
Rangers 4**

David Simpson banged out three hits as the Orioles defeated the Rangers, 7-4, for the American League championship.

The O's duo of Adam Niznik and Nick Mathers shut down the Rangers offense. The Orioles offense spread out 13 hits in the victory. Nick Mathers, Adam Niznik, Matt Moleski and Chandler Caruso each had a double in the win.

Peter Capitano and Ray Ostroski each had two hits in the loss for the Rangers. Donald Michalisin pitched well in defeat.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

**Phillies 10
Astros 9**

The Phillies earned their sec-

ond straight National League championship as they edged the Astros, 10-9.

Chad Phillips pitched 4 and 1/3 innings, striking out five and allowing four runs. Jeremy Jayne earned the win in relief as the Astros rallied to tie at 8-8 in the top of the fifth inning.

Adam Borton's second single of the game started a key two-run inning in the bottom half of the fifth. Jared Dieffenbach also delivered a big RBI single in the inning. Ed Geist blasted a three-run homer. Daniel Minge had two hits, including a triple. Jeremy Jayne singled and doubled. Michael Minsavage roped a double.

The Astros' Noah Gorski ripped two singles. Nich Kocher, Jordan Finch, Nick James and Nick Eury all singled.

The Phillies were scheduled face the Orioles for the overall championship Wednesday evening.



CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK PHOTOS/ FOR THE DALLAS POST

The Orioles celebrate their American League championship victory over the Rangers in a Back Mountain Little League playoff game.



Josh Lydon attempts a steal at home but is called out. Covering is Orioles pitcher Matt Mathers.



ABOVE: Chris Hadsell attempts to make it to third base.



RIGHT: Safe at second, Peter Capitano avoids the tag by Zack Charleton.

BACK MOUNTAIN BRAWLERS TAKE SECOND PLACE



The Back Mountain Brawlers U15 Lacrosse team recently took second place in a national lacrosse tournament held in Baltimore, Maryland. The tournament consisted of 23 national stand-out teams from the states of Georgia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey and California. The Brawlers team consists of lacrosse players from 13-14 years of age from Back Mountain, Mountain Top, Kingston, Scranton and areas north to the border of New York. Shown here, sitting, is Joe Delamater, Shavertown. From left, first row, are Frank Aigeldinger, Mountaintop; Ian Hibian, Hawley; Thomas Rundell, Clarks Summit; Omar Nijmeh, Dallas; Aaron Klamovich, Wyoming; Michael Olinginski, Shavertown; Andrew Bobynskyj, Mountaintop. Second row, John Delamater, Shavertown, assistant coach; Jim Carey, Shavertown, head coach; Matt Boback, Mountaintop; George Pfeiffer, Dallas; Carmen Pace, Larksville; Kael Wylam, Clarks Summit; Casey McAndrew, Dallas; Cody Stemrich, Lehman; Eric Cudo, Wyoming; JT Carey, Shavertown; Michael Olinginski, Shavertown, assistant coach; and Ray Stemrich, Lehman, assistant coach.

FREEDOM SOCCER TEAM FINISHES IN FIRST PLACE



The Back Mountain Freedom U12 travel team finished in first place in the Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League this spring with a 7-1-0 record. From left, first row, are Lexi Soifer, Katie Snedeker, Katlyn Yakus, Rachel Luke, Kaitlin Sutton, Katie Supey. Standing, Coach Gary Snedeker, Courtney Devens, Allison Rismondo, Emilee Zawatski, Krista Vivian, Ashley Strazdus, Danielle Walsh, Brynn Kukosky, Coach Al Yakus and Coach Dan Luke. Absent at the time of the photo was Michaela O'Connell and Katie Kapral.