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Back Mountain Goalie Sean Jenkins has his hands full as the Pittston Area offense shoots its first goal attempt.

Lewis Hackling (No. 27) and John Yenchak advance the puck for Back Mountain.

CHAMPION Blackhawks

The Back Mountain Blackhawks won the Casey Classic and, two months later, captured the varsity division of the North East Pennsylvania Area Scholastic Hockey League.

Back Mountain, Crestwood, Holy Redeemer, Paupack, Pittston Area, Scranton, Susquehanna Valley, Wyoming Area and Wyoming Valley West school districts all participate in the varsity division.

After completing the season, fourth-seeded Back Mountain faced fifth-seeded Scranton Area, shutting it out, 2-0, to move on in the playoffs.

The next round had Back Mountain facing off against No. 1 seed Crestwood and Back Mountain came away with a victory, only after surviving overtime and a double shootout for an exciting semi-final game.

On the other side, seventh-

seeded Pittston Area upset Valley West and Paupack, the second and third place teams, respectively, to advance to the finals.

In the final match of the season, Back Mountain held nothing back. Senior Blake Howat started the scoring with an assist from Ryan Hogan and Ryan Hartman just 47 seconds into the game. A minute later, John Yenchak scored from an assist by Lewis Hackling.

Hogan followed with a goal of his own assisted by Yenchak and Kenny Burkhart. Further assists were provided by Logan Obes and Ryan Rynkiewicz as Howat completed a hat trick while David Payne and Casey McAndrew lit up the pipes for three additional goals.

Goalie Sean Jenkins was solid in net, stopping 36 of Pittston's shots to give Back Mountain an 8-3 victory.



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Members of the Back Mountain ice hockey team are, from left, first row, Hunter Hackling, Patrick Newhart, Kenny Burkhart, Blake Howat, Ryan Hartman, Lewis Hackling, David Payne, Sean Jenkins and Coach Mark Wisniewski. Second row, Eric Smith, Ryan Hogan, Logan Obes, John Yenchak, Michael Oleginski, Casey McAndrew and Ryan Rynkiewicz. Absent at the time of the photo were Eric Semborski and Austin Nye.

DHS DIVERS COMPETE AT STATES



Two Dallas High School divers traveled to Bucknell University to compete in the PIAA State Championships on March 16-17. The divers earned spots in the state tournament following their showings at the District 2 Class AA Championships. Sarah Zerfoss, a junior, placed first at the district meet with a score of 373.35 while senior Michael Stec placed first with a score of 423.50. From left, are Stec, Dallas Diving Coach Arie VanKuyk and Zerfoss.

TEAM IS TOURNAMENT CHAMPION



The Kapow India field hockey team recently participated in the 2011 USA Field Hockey National Indoor Tournament in Virginia Beach, Virginia, going undefeated in its pool and not allowing a goal in seven games. Kapow India faced teams from North Carolina, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Members of the team are shown here after winning their goal medal. From left, first row, are Isabella Del Priore, Dallas; Rebecca Weinstock, Jenkins Township; Hunter Pitman, White Haven; Gabrielle Ator, Sugarloaf; Madison Reed, Sugarloaf; and Katrina Mikitish, Jenkins Township. Second row, Coach Amanda Faust, Brigid Wood, Plains; Alexis Quick, Shavertown; Maddie Ritsick, Mountaintop; Selena Garzio, McAdoo; and M'kensie Lee, Plains.



Rock solid team finishes with 9-0 slate

A group of local second-graders recently competed in the 1st/2nd grade division of the winter basketball league at the Wilkes-Barre Catholic Youth Center. The Rock Solid team finished a perfect 9-0. Team members are, from left, first row, Zack Luksic, Drew Lojewski, Drew Dickson and Austin Sowga. Second row, R.J. Wren, Brayden Saracino, Zach McEntee, Zev Kornfeld, and Jake Koretz. Head coach of the team is Chad Lojewski. Assistants are Andrew Dickson, Eric Sowga, Mike Luksic and Larry Koretz.