



Bob Saba (No. 5) of Back Mountain gets back to first in time as Corey White of Canton gets the ball too late to make the tag during a Legion game in Bloomsburg Tuesday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BMT wins West Side Tournament

Sam Nocito, Alex Magdalinski and Todd Phillips pitched Back Mountain to an 11-15 victory over South Wilkes-Barre in the championship game of the 8 and 9-year-old West Side tournament.

Nocito, Magdalinski and Phillips combined for 10 strikeouts and a four-hitter while Nocito, Magdalinski, Phillips, Justin Finarelli, Brandon Fleschut and Cooper Lewis all had two hits.

Back Mountain also defeated Pittston Township, 10-0; West Side, 6-4; and Swoyersville, 8-2.

Chris Kim wins tennis championship

Chris Kim, of Dallas, won the Boys 16-Under Singles Tennis Championship held at Split Rock Resort.

In the semi-finals, Kim defeated Ryan Mc Donnell of New Jersey in straight sets 6-1, 7-6. In the finals, he faced Phat Le of Eastern Pennsylvania, winning the first set, 6-1, but losing the second, 3-6. The third set would be decided in a 10-point match tie-breaker which Kim won, 10-6.

Kim, 15, also advanced to the finals of the Boys 18-Under Division before losing to top seeded Jeremy Joakim of New Jersey 6-4, 6-2.

Kim trains at Valley Tennis & Swim Club in Shavertown and Birchwood Tennis & Fitness Club in Clarks Summit.

PSU offers sports camps

Penn State Wilkes-Barre is offering a variety of sports camps this summer.

Camps run the weeks of July 25-29. There will be a field hockey camp for grades 4-0, a soccer camp for grades 1-8, a golf camp for grades 4-7 and a tennis camp for grades 4-10.

These camps offer fundamental exercises, small sided games, match play and fun.

For more information, call Teri at 675-9219.

DMAC sponsoring summer league

Dallas Mountaineers Aquatic Club's (DMAC) Summer League camp (previously MTAC) is an 8-week competitive swim program held through August 5.

The swim program is open to ages 6 through college level. For more information, call Reo Cheshire at 357-8631.

Rock Rec Center offers camps

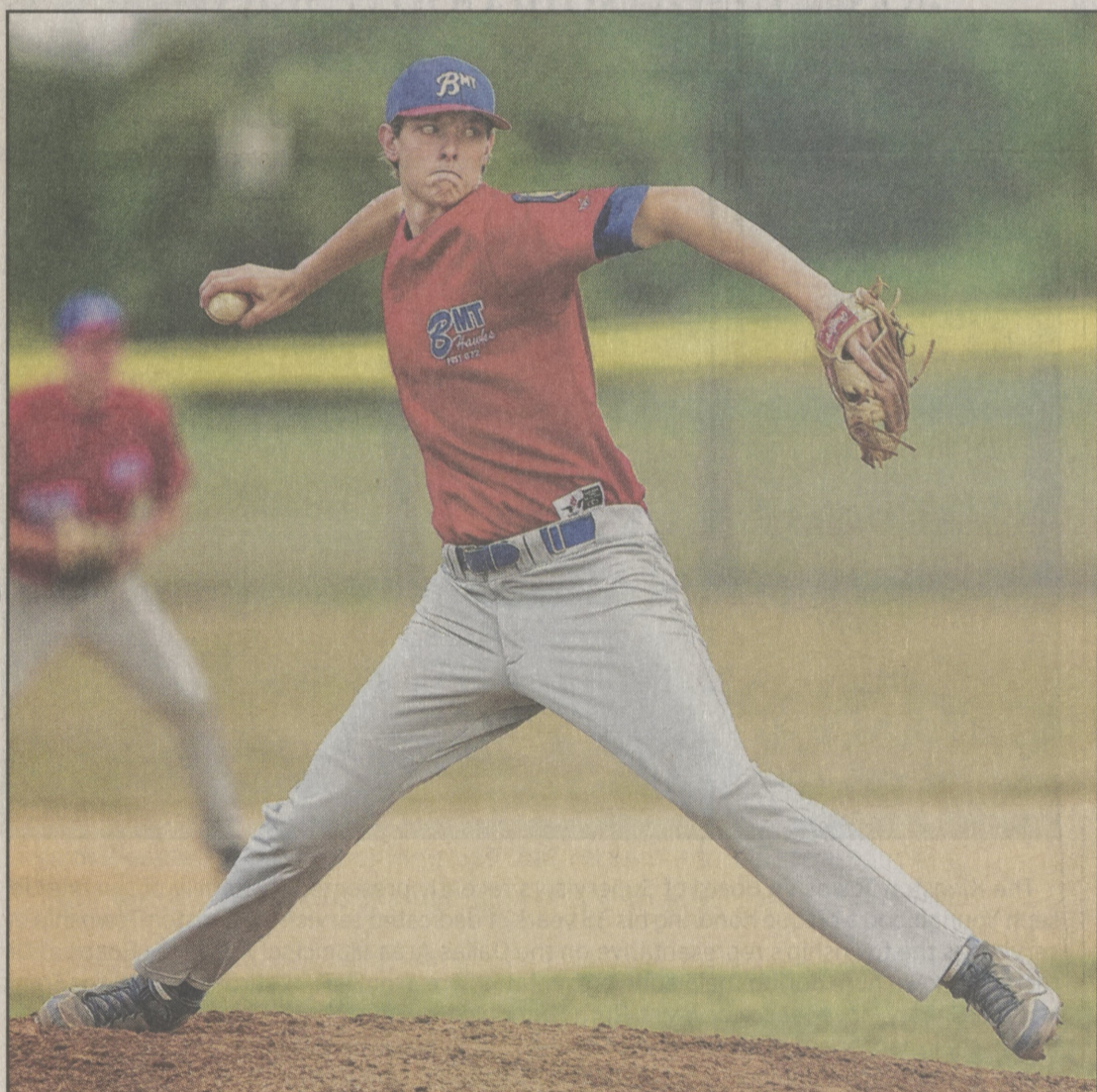
The Rock Rec Center, 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville is accepting registrations for its summer camps, including wrestling, basketball, cheerleading and tennis. Camps run through August 12.

For more information, call 696-2769.

Rock Rec Center slates cage camps

The Rock Rec Center, 340 Carverton Rd., Trucksville will hold its ninth annual Summer Basketball Camp for girls and boys Pre-K through sixth grade.

For more information, contact the Rock Rec Center at 696-2769 or www.rockrec.org.



Back Mountain pitcher Craig Skudalski delivers during a game with Canton in Bloomsburg Tuesday.

Legion team comes so close, loses out

Back Mountain defeated Plains five times during season, loses in title game.

Plains needed to defeat Back Mountain twice in a row to win the Region 5 championship – and it did just that to claim the title for the first time since 2006. Back Mountain had beaten Plains five times in a row earlier this season.

Plains won the first game, 22-12, then took the second, 7-4, to advance to the state tournament.

In the opener, Plains built a 124-1 lead and led, 14-4, after five innings. Since the 10-run rule doesn't apply until the seventh inning in regional and state play, Back Mountain had time to inch closer and avoid an early finish.

Back Mountain, which finished its season at 23-6, mounted a comeback, putting up four more runs in the bottom of the sixth to make the game competitive and cut the lead to 14-8.

Plains outscored Back Mountain, 8-4, in the final three innings

to turn the contest into a blowout again and give the team momentum heading into the nightcap.

Back Mountain Brian Stepniak, led the offense in the first game, going 3-for-3 with three RBI and three runs scored. In the second game, Marc Noyalis, Eric Ringsdorf, Ted Ritsick and Pat Condo all had two hits for Back Mountain.

Earlier in the week, Steve Ruch tossed a complete game six-hit shutout and stayed hot with the bat as well, going 2-for-3 with two RBI, as Back Mountain defeated Plains, 10-0.

At the conclusion of the game, Ruch was hitting .643 (9-for-14) at the plate in the double-elimination event.

The only inning which Ruch allowed two hits was the first. Plains only got one hit in the third, fourth, seventh and eighth.

Ruch struck out just four batters but got a lot of help from his defense as the Back Mountain

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BMT wins D-31 and Section 5, loses states

Back Mountain American 10-year-old All-Stars captured the District 31 championship with a victory over West Pittston and the Section 5 championship with back-to-back victories over Plains to advance to the PA State Championship finals at Milton Little League.

But, when it got to the state finals, the locals lost to defending champion Warwick, 10-5, in the first round.

Back Mountain was still alive in the double elimination tournament, however, and was scheduled to face Tri-Valley on Thursday in Milton.

In District 31 play, BMT American defeated Bob Horlacher, Northwest and West Pittston twice to advance to the Section 5 Tournament hosted by North Pocono Little League.

After an opening round loss to North Pocono, BMT American won four games in four days over Wallenpaupack, North Pocono and Plains twice to win the section championship and advance to the PA state finals.

The team is comprised of 10 year-old players from the Dallas School District as well as Wyoming Seminary and Good Shepherd Academy.



Members of the Back Mountain 10-year-old All-Star team are, from left, first row, Michael Doggett, Mason Gattuso, Kyle McAndrew, John Betzko, Michael Collins, Darren Kerdesky and Derek Answini. Second row, Michael Luksic, Michael Anderson, Ethan Zawatski, Dalton Simpson, and Zane Nardone. Third row, coaches, Mike Luksic, Jeff Doggett and Scott Answini.