



J. D. Barrett pitches for the Back Mountain American team.



Christian Roberts and Josh Holdredge prepare to bat for Back Mountain American.



Coach Perry Coolbaugh encourages David Schuster.



J.D. Barret and Matt Mathers celebrate after scoring on Barret's home run.

## Holdredge lifts BMT American to section title

They may have had to wait through a rain delay and play for eight innings, but members of the Back Mountain American 10-11 year old Little League All Stars had plenty to celebrate when they defeated Mountain Top, 7-6, for the Section 5 championship last Tuesday.

For the second time in two games, Josh Holdredge delivered the walk-off, game-winning hit. It may not have been as dramatic as his homer that secured American's 65-win over Mountain Top two days earlier, but it was just as effective.

Holdredge grounded a one-out single up the middle to score Jared Schuster from third, sending American to the state playoffs this weekend in Labrobe.

It was the third time in the tournament an American vs. Mountain Top game was decided by one run.

And it appeared in the seventh that Mountain Top might be the team going home with the victory. It loaded the bases with no outs, but relief pitcher Schuster worked out of the jam. American cut one runner down at the plate before Schuster recorded a strikeout and fielded a comeback for the third out.

Barrett crushed a homer to dead center in the first to give American a 2-0 lead. Barrett, who fanned nine as the starter, finished 3-for-4 at the plate with four RBI. Holdredge added two RBI.

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## Finarelli's three hits leads BMT to victory

Justin Finarelli had three hits to lead the Back Mountain Royal to a 6-4 victory over West Side in the West Side 8-9 Year Old All Star Tourney.

Todd Phillips ripped a two-run homer and Andrew Molitoris added two hits.

Pitchers Finarelli, Phillips, Sam Nocito, Alex Magdalinski and Brandon Fleschut all combined for a two-hitter on the mound.

West Side's Garrett Vought and Devin Hardin both singled. Jacob Shusta, Paul Menzel and Christian Stone all pitched excellent, allowing no runs.

The win allowed Back Mountain to advance to the finals of the winners bracket against Swoyersville.

Back Mountain advanced in the tourney by way of a 10-0 whipping of Pittston Township. Todd Phillips and Sam Nocito combined for a no-hitter and struck out 12 batters in that victory.

Phillips, Brandon Fleschut and Alex Magdalinski had two hits each.

Pittston Township's Michael Nocito had a good pitching performance, striking out six hitters. Trent Hilbert made a great defensive play.



Maddie Hurst finishes her leg of a medley, coming in first in the heat for the DMAC.



Celebrating victories at the DMAC meet are, from left, Annalise Cheshire, Porter Luksic, Maddie Hurst and Julia Baur.

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## Blast schedules tryouts

The Endless Mountain Blast, a travel fastpitch softball organization, based in Tunkhannock, will hold tryouts. The schedule follows:

### U12 tryouts

The U12 Endless Mt Blast Fastpitch will hold tryouts from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9 and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Aug. 13 at the Tunkhannock Area High School softball field.

### U14 tryouts

The U14 Endless Mt Blast Fastpitch will hold tryouts from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7 and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8 at the Tunkhannock Ar-

ea High School softball field.

### U16 tryouts

The U16 Endless Mt Blast Fastpitch will hold tryouts from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 7 and from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8 at the Tunkhannock Area High School softball field.

Experienced players are encouraged to attend. Players will need gloves, spikes, and appropriate workout gear. Private tryouts can be arranged for those unable to attend.

Additional information can be found at <http://www.eteamz.com/endllessmt-blast> or by e-mailing [ronh@sbsmod.com](mailto:ronh@sbsmod.com).

## DMAC hosts combined swimming meet

The Dallas Mountaineer Aquatic Club hosted a combined swim meet with Berwick/Bloomsburg Summer Swim Team, the Greater Scranton YMCA and the Hazleton YMCA on Wednesday, July 20. The following swimmers placed in the top six spots in their events:

### 8 & UNDER

25 Free - Sydney Strickland, second; Lauren Hurst, fifth  
25 Fly - Skylar Roerig, third  
50 Free - Savanna Eneboe, second  
25 Breast - Sydney Strickland, first; Allie Lewis, second; Lauren Hurst, fifth  
25 Back - Skylar Roerig, first; Sydney Strickland, second

### 10 & UNDER

100 IM - Ava Baur, fifth  
25 Free - Shreena Patel, fifth  
50 Free - Ava Baur, third; Emma Berger, sixth  
50 Fly - Lindsey Jorda, fourth  
25 Back - Sydney Bittner, second; Shreena Patel, third  
50 Breast - Madison Federici, third; Emma Berger, fourth  
50 Back - Ava Baur, second

### 12 & UNDER

100 IM - Annalise Cheshire, third; Abby Zolner, fifth  
50 Free - Annalise Cheshire, second  
50 Fly - Madison Hurst, first; Abby Zolner, fifth  
50 Back - Madison Hurst,

third; Annalise Cheshire, fourth  
50 Breast - Abby Zolner, third; Kathleen Brown, fifth

### 14 & UNDER

100 IM - Amanda Schwerdtman, sixth  
50 Free - Julia Baur, fourth  
50 Fly - Julia Baur, fifth  
50 Breast - Julia Baur, sixth

### 15 & OVER

100 IM - Kaylin Augustine, first; Caitlyn Barry, fourth; Abby Berger, fifth  
50 Fly - Kaylin Augustine, second; Brianna Dissinger, sixth  
50 Free - Kaylin Augustine, third; Caitlyn Barry, fourth  
50 Back - Stephanie Dy-

mond, first  
50 Breast - Abby Berger, fourth

### BOYS

#### 6 & UNDER

25 Fly - Richard DeLuna, second; Gabriel DeLuna, third  
25 Back - Richard DeLuna, second; Gabriel DeLuna, third  
25 Breast - Richard DeLuna, first; Gabriel DeLuna, second

#### 8 & UNDER

25 FREE - Tanner Manzoni, fifth  
25 FLY - Tanner Manzoni, fourth

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