

LITTLE LEAGUE ACTION

Back Mountain American Stars dominate foes

Victory moves 9-10 year old All-Stars to within one game of state Little League tournament.

A 14-3 victory over Dunmore in a Section 5 9-10 baseball winners bracket finals game punched Back Mountain American's ticket to a 5:30 p.m. Friday night game at home against an elimination bracket finalist and one win away from heading to the state tournament.

Todd Phillips got American off on the right track, starting the game with a triple. John Connolly followed with an RBI single and scored when Will McCrum followed with an RBI triple. A wild pitch and two errors gave American a 5-0 lead before Dunmore took its first swing.

The lead increased to 8-0 in the second as McCrum blasted a two-run homer well over the center field fence and Brett Ostroski had an RBI single.

Connolly added a run-scoring double in the third to make it 9-0. Dunmore didn't help itself in the field, making three errors in the first two innings and another in American's five-run fifth that shortened the game by an inning.

American also received solid pitching from starter Ostroski and reliever Justin Finarelli and McCrum. The trio allowed five hits and just two earned runs.

**BMT American 14
Wyo./W. Wyo. 0**

J.D. Barrett has experienced major league no-hitters when he watched Kevin Millwood and Roy Halladay enter their names into the record books.

Barrett entered his own name in a record book on June 6 when he tossed a no-hitter against Wyoming/West Wyoming to lead his Back Mountain American team to a 14-0 victory and the district 31 Little League Major baseball title.

Wyoming/West Wyoming had scored six or more runs in five of its seven tournament games. But, by mixing in a solid change-up, Barrett was able to fan five, including three looking.

American led 3-0 after one inning, even sacrificing an out for a run when David Schuster got in a rundown between first and second to allow Christian Roberts to score from third.

American tacked on seven more in the second. Barrett had a two-run double while David Schuster and Devin Robbins each singled in runs as American sent 11 batters to the plate.



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Members of the Back Mountain American team celebrate their District 31 Major Little League victory over Wyoming/West Wyoming.



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LEFT PHOTO: Back Mountain's Will McCrum (No. 25) is congratulated by his coach and teammates after hitting a home run.

FAR LEFT PHOTO: Brett Ostroski gave up no runs during a three-inning stint on the mound for Back Mountain.

DISTRICT 16/31 SENIOR LITTLE LEAGUE

BMT Rays enjoy successful season

**Back Mountain Rays 9
Back Mountain No. 11**

The Back Mountain Rays defeated Back Mountain No. 1, 9-1, behind a strong showing by pitcher Justin Brojakowski.

Brojakowski allowed only four hits and one unearned run through six innings while reliever Jordan McCrum retired the side in the seventh to end the game.

McCrum and Aaron Napkora led the Rays, both going 2-for-3. Peter Kuritz, Zach Connolly, Matt Ross, Dom Oliveri and Kyle Borland all added single hits for the Rays.

**Back Mountain Rays 12
Greater Wyoming Area 7**
Rightfielder Peter Kuritz led the Back Mountain Rays hit parade, going 5-for-5 with a double and two triples as the offense strung together 18 hits to beat GWA, 12-7.

Dom Oliveri (3-for-5), Kyle Borland (2-for-4), Zach Connolly (3-for-4) and Ross Kleinman (3-for-4) led the Rays' offense with Rory Mullin and Ben Narcum each

adding single-hit performances.

Reliever Justin Brojakowski allowed only two hits while striking out nine.

**Back Mountain Rays 11
Nanticoke 9**

Zach Connolly went 5-for-6 with two doubles and the rest of the lineup each slugged their way on base as the Back Mountain Rays defeated Nanticoke, 11-9, to send them to the District 16/31 championship game.

Ben Narcum, Ross Kleinman and CJ Carey each added two hits with Kleinman reaching on a double and Carey smacking a triple to deep right centerfield as the Rays pounded out 15 hits.

Pitchers Dom Oliveri and Rory Mullin combined to keep the game in check before Zach Connolly came in with one out in the bottom of theseventh to close out the game.

The game ended on a spectacular note by leftfielder Kyle Borland who made a shoestring catch and fired to second baseman CJ Carey to turn the double play.

DADS VS. SONS GAME HELD AT ROCK REC CENTER



A Dads vs. Sons Basketball Game was held recently at the Rock Rec Center in Trucksville. The boys are all members of the Roc AAU Basketball League, as well as the Dallas Middle School basketball team and the Dallas Travel League. Three of the fathers who participated are coaches for the Dallas Middle School basketball team and the DYB Travel League. From left, first row, are Jim Gattuso, Dalton Gattuso, Nico DeLuca and Vito DeLuca. Second row, Mark Farrell, Michael Farrell, Jason Anderson, Mark Anderson, Ethan Szczecinski, Curt Szczecinski, Paul Zabloutney, Paul Zabloutney, Rich Mannello and Stone Mannello.

BRIEFS

Field hockey clinics planned

KaPow Field Hockey Klub will host a different collegiate coach for a two-hour clinic every Friday through July 27 at the Wyoming Seminary Upper School turf field.

Clinic groups will run from 9 to 11 a.m. and 11a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call Lauren at 266-2371.

Rec Center plans soccer camps

The Rock Rec Center, 340 Carverton Road, Trucksville, is accepting registrations for soccer camps with instruction from Mark Bassett, men's soccer coach at King's College, and current Kings College players.

For more information, call the Rock Rec Center at 696-2769.

Gridiron club plans golf classic

The Annual Dallas Gridiron Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, July 21 at Mill Race Golf club with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Entre fee for the captain and crew format event is \$80 per golfer and includes cart and green fees, food and beverages on the course and a complete buffet dinner and beverages immediately following play.

There will be trophies, gifts and prizes.

For more information, contact Dave Simpson at 11 Mapleseed Drive, Dallas.