

BMT American is best



Back Mountain's Chris Hadsall, right, steps in to make a catch in front of teammate Carl Markowski in the first inning of the Section 5 Little League game against Green Ridge on Wednesday.

Locals defeat Green Ridge, 10-9, to capture Section 5 Little League championship.

Back Mountain American held off an improbable rally by Green Ridge to hang on for a 10-9 victory to win the Section 5 Little League major baseball tournament and a spot in the state playoffs.

American's J.D. Barrett had a two-run homer in the top of the first and then added a three-run shot in the third for a 9-0 lead.

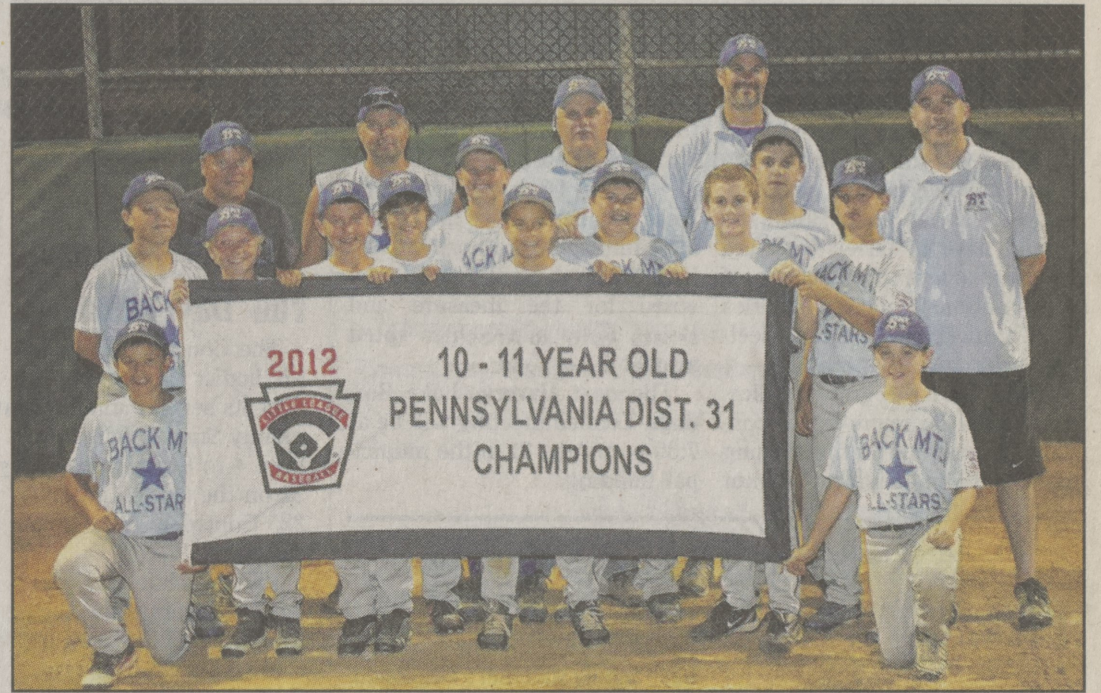
A three-run homer by Matt Gilmartin gave Green Ridge some life in the third but the District 32 champ remained resilient when American bumped the lead to 10-4 in the fifth on a solo homer by Matt Mathers.

Green Ridge scored four more times in the bottom of the fifth, cutting the deficit to 10-8. But an attempt to get a fifth run was costly as American center fielder Christian Roberts gunned down a runner at home for the third out.

American's chances appeared on fragile ground in the bottom of the sixth when Gilmartin doubled in a run to make it 10-9. An intentional walk loaded the bases with one out, but reliever Chris Hadsall got the final two batters to preserve the win.



J.D. Barrett of Back Mountain American circles the bases after smacking his second home run in the third inning in Wednesday's Section 5 Little League baseball game against Green Ridge.



Back Mountain American 11-year-old All-Stars are shown here with their District 31 championship banner. From left, kneeling, are John Betzko and Derek Answini. Second row, Michael Luksic, Beaudyn Lewis, Michael Collins, Zane Nardone, Michael Anderson, Darren Kerdesky, Dalton Simpson, Michael Doggett, Ethan Zawatski and Mason Gattuso. Third row, coaches Dave Simpson, Mark Anderson, Jeff Doggett, Mike Luksic and Scott Answini.

BMT 11-year-olds are champs

Back Mountain American 11-year-old All-Stars captured the 2012 District 31 championship with a victory over Kingston/Forty Fort, 10-3, on July 13 at Kubis Memorial Field in Dallas.

Ethan Zawatski and Michael Anderson combined to strike out seven while holding a very good Kingston/Forty Fort offense to six hits to lead BMT American's effort.

BMT American took a 4-1 lead after the first inning on a two-

run single by Zawatski followed by a two-run home run by Dalton Simpson. That score held until the end of the fourth inning when Kingston closed the gap to 4-3 on a two-run double by Jake Malia.

BMT broke the game open in the fifth. After an out, Zawatski singled and Simpson walked. Derek Answini brought both home with a triple and Michael Doggett brought home Answini with a two-run home run to ex-

tend the lead to 8-3.

BMT closed out the scoring in the sixth on an RBI double from Anderson and an RBI single by Simpson. Darren Kerdesky contributed to the 11-hit BMT attack, going 2-3 while John Betzko and Zane Nardone added hits as well.

The team is comprised of 11-year-old players from the Dallas School District as well as Wyoming Seminary and Good Shepherd Academy.



Members of the Back Mountain American 9/10 All-Star Team are, from left, kneeling Frankie Nockley, Chris Langan, Jack Lukasavage and Sam Nocito. Second row, Jake Connolly, Todd Phillips, Will McCrumb, Lucas McGeehan, Dylan Schuster, Matt Maransky and Brett Ostroski. Third row, Joe Nocito, assistant coach; Ray Ostroski, assistant coach; and Joe Phillips, manager. Absent at the time of the photo were Justin Finarelli and Al Finarelli, assistant coach.

BMT 9/10 team grabs title

The Back Mountain American 9/10 All-Star Team captured the District 31 Little League championship by defeating West Side, 14-4, in the championship game.

Todd Phillips was the winning pitcher in the champion-

ship game and also had three hits. Sammy Nocito picked up the save and also contributed to the offense with a double.

Dylan Schuster had three hits in the win, including a triple and a double while Will McCrumb, Brett Ostroski,

Matt Maransky and Jake Connolly tallied two hits apiece in a winning cause.

Back Mountain American finished the tournament with a 4-0 record and 10-runned three of the four teams it faced.



Members of the Bob Horlacher girls 9-10 softball team are shown here with their Section 5 championship banner. Kneeling is Jena Simmons. From left, standing, are Mackayla Quick, Delaney Romanchik, Kaci Coole, Kassidy Shirtz, Megan Straley, Erin Dunn, Faith Jones, Hope Jones and Sarah Kuderka.

Horlacher girls claim Section 5 title

The Bob Horlacher girls 9-10 softball team secured the Section 5 championship, defeating Old Forge, 11-0, in four innings on July 13 in Old Forge.

The Horlacher ladies moved on to the state tournament held this year in Greensburg July 18-24.

The District 31/Section 5 champs were led by stellar

pitching performances from Delaney Romanchik and Hope Jones, combining for seven wins and zero losses thus far, with six shutout victories.

Faith Jones controlled the field with outstanding efforts from behind the plate at the catcher's position with Sarah Kuderka, Jena Simmons, Megan Straley and Mackayla Quick

locking down the infield. Cassandra Shirtz, Kacie Coole and Erin Dunn kept things in check from the outfield.

Offense was a team effort with strong performances throughout the lineup.

The team is coached by Doug Jones, Jim Dunn, Pete Romanchik and John Kuderka.

BACK MOUNTAIN NATIONAL ALL-STAR TEAM



Members of the Back Mountain National 10-11 year old All-Star Team are, from left, first row, Kyle Hromisin, Trey Leo, Kris Smiga, Sean Boland, Sam Zondlo, Mark Shultz. Second row, Donnie Thompson, Steven Newell, Michael Huntington, Matt Dillon, Nick Kachur, Ian Evans. Third row, Coach Ron Hromisin, Manager Anton Kachur and Coach Mike Zondlo.