

# Four BMT soccer teams advance to WV Cup finals

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Four Back Mountain Youth Soccer Association travel teams wrapped up their seasons by making it to the finals of the Wyoming Valley Cup.

The U-13 and U-18 girls teams won titles while the U-13 and U-16 boys teams reached championship games.

"This is the biggest thing that our U-11 and above teams do," said BMYSA U-13-plus commissioner Shane Fegely.

Fegely coached the U-13 boys team, which had the most wins of any Back Mountain team in the event. It was the fourth straight year that Fegely coached a

team to a runner-up finish in the Wyoming Valley Cup.

After losing its opener in the 11-team tournament, the Back Mountain Raptors won five straight games in the double-elimination event to fight all the way back to the U-13 boys championship game.

The Raptors scored at least four goals in all five wins, outscoring opponents, 28-10. In the losers' bracket final, the Raptors avenged a 1-0 loss in last year's championship game with a 4-3 victory over Hanover.

The five-game win streak set up a rematch with



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Back Mountain Raptors head coach Shane Fegely gives last-minute instructions to his U-13 soccer team before the start of the Wyoming Valley Cup Championship against Mountain Top.

Mountaintop #1, which opened a three-goal lead before Brenden Jesse scored on a penalty kick with a minute to go in the 3-1 loss. The Raptors roster

# DHS girls soccer season comes to painful ending

The Dallas girls soccer season came to a painful end with a 4-3 overtime loss to Hopewell in a state Class AA quarterfinal on Nov. 9 at Hollidaysburg.

Dallas goalie Sydney Emershaw was about to kick the ball away after coming up with it in a scramble in front when the referee ruled that the ball had already crossed the goal line for the game-winning goal.

The goal allowed Hopewell to finish off Dallas, which got big efforts from Talia Szatkowski and Emershaw.

Szatkowski scored a hat trick while Emershaw made 23 saves in a game that saw Hopewell more than double the Dallas shot total while getting all 14 of

the game's corner kicks.

The last Szatkowski goal, with less than eight minutes left, forced the overtime.

Dallas won the Wyoming Valley Conference title and finished second in District 2 to earn its state tournament berth.



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Back Mountain's Brian Kmetz, left, looks to score against Mountain Top in the Wyoming Valley Cup U-13 championship.



Back Mountain Raptors' Brenden Jesse, right, chases down the ball against a Mountain Top player in the Wyoming Valley Cup U-13 championship.

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