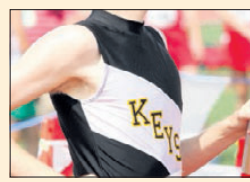


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COMMENTARY



MICHAEL MINNICH

## Katie's heart lights way for Miners

Tell the story of the Mountain Ridge Lady Miners' run to two straight undefeated state championships without mentioning Katie Llewellyn?

To do that is to take away its heart, and what makes their 46-game run of perfection truly special, truly unique.

Last year, Katie's second fight with leukemia (the first was when she was nine) was the rallying point for the Lady Miners, who wore wristbands with Llewellyn's number.

Katie was there, too, when she could be, wearing her uniform, and supporting her older sister Taylor, her father and assistant coach Dave, and her teammates.

No one came out of that dugout when the final out was recorded in 2012 with more joy than Katie.

Last year, Mountain Ridge won the state title for Katie.

Her fight won, they did it with her this year, and because of her.

Because without their junior right fielder, it may not have happened at all.

Katie started the play-offs modestly, with an RBI single in MRHS's 10-0 win over Southern.

Then, against Fort Hill, it was her defense, throwing in from right field to first base in time to preserve Charlie Lewis' no-hitter in a 7-0 victory.

After the Lady Miners won a hectic 5-4 game against North Carroll in the regional final, Llewellyn hit an inside-the-park home run to give MRHS an early 1-0 lead against Perryville in the state semifinals.

Llewellyn later singled and scored in the bottom of the sixth, again to give her team the lead, this time for good, 4-3.

In the championship game, Colonel Richardson could not get Katie Llewellyn out.

Three hits, the final one to set up Chelsea Muir's game-winner, and another championship for MRHS.

On Tuesday during the recognition ceremony for the Lady Miners, her coach, Martha Mauzy, sang her praises.

"This young lady's battle is a great success story on its own," said Mauzy. "It is truly the most thrilling moment in a coach's career to watch this young lady battle, not only for her life, and one year later battle for a state championship. Katie, you have been an inspiration to all of us. This all happened because you deeply cared and shared your experiences."

Mauzy shared a story

SOFTBALL/TRACK

# TO THE VICTORS



Mountain Ridge principal Gene Morgan displays the state championship plaque and game ball from the Lady Miners' second straight title. TRIBUNE PHOTO BY MICHAEL MINNICH

## Mountain Ridge honors champions at rally

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FROSTBURG — In what has become a wonderful tradition in a very short time, the Mountain Ridge community once again gathered to support their state champions on Tuesday afternoon.

This time, it was the turn of the softball team, who finished 23-0 and as state champions, both for the second year in a row, and the girls' and boys' track teams, who had a relay champion, the record-setting girls' 4x800 relay, and an individual winner, Brandon Redmond, in the 800 meters.

"Wow. We had a little get-together Friday morning to send you off, with the idea of returning here and recognizing you," said MRHS principal Gene Morgan. "And here we are: great job, boys and girls. Fantastic."

"The only problem I see: we'll have to switch some banners around to make room," said Morgan.

"As I was coming up today and I was thinking about what I would say to you, it occurred to me that you've been in a high school here together for

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—Gene Morgan, Mountain Ridge principal

only six years, and you've got a very good start on nice decorations for the gym. We're very appreciative of that," said Allegany County superintendent of schools Dr. David Cox.

"Softball team: 46 in a row, two state champions, back-to-back. That's a rarity. That's a legacy of yours that will live forever," said Morgan.

Mountain Ridge cruised through area competition once again this year, but won their final three games by just one run each.

The championship game was the most tense: Mountain Ridge's 7-3 lead was erased by Colonel Richardson.

"But what I enjoyed most about that game was that when adversity rose its head, as a team, you just looked at each other, went about your business, completed what you needed to complete, and, with confidence and focus, you brought it home," said Morgan.

Down 8-7, the Lady Miners scored in their

final at-bat to force extra innings, then put the game away in the eighth inning, winning 9-8.

"[You can] relax...although, you didn't let us relax Friday night. But that's okay," said assistant principal Joe Carter to the seated athletes.

"I stood here last year and talked about pride, the pride of being a Miner," said softball head coach Martha Mauzy. "I am so proud to see that it continues to grow. You cannot win a state championship without it."

Mauzy also thanked the community for taking part in the welcome-back ceremony and for traveling to the state championship game, as well as her coaching staff.

On the track side, Redmond and 4x800 relay members Madison Offstein, Casey Felker, Aleks Knepper, and Erica Wilson were recognized in front of the assembly by their coaches.

Also being honored were members of the track team that placed at

the state meet (full list of results appears on the side of the page).

"Every medal-winner there...it's a special occasion to wear that gold. You represented Mountain Ridge with determination," said Morgan. "You did it in fantastic fashion."

"I want you to use that as your fuel and motivation for next year," said Evans. "That's your job. You're going to use that to become the best in the state the next year."

Then it was time to take the white paper off of the wall and reveal yet another state championship banner.

"I just wanted to take this opportunity to say how very proud we are of you," said Cox. "It's a great day to be in Allegany County."

The program began with the singing of the national anthem by Sabrina Ridenour.

Also speaking were two of Allegany County's commissioners, Michael W. McKay and William R. Valentine, who presented proclamations celebrating the athletes' achievements, as well as the mayor of Frostburg, W. Robert Flanigan.

TRACK

## Redmond, relay team win titles

Lady Miners 3rd, Miners 8th overall

From Staff Reports

BALTIMORE — Results from the 2013 Maryland Class 1A high school track meet, held at Morgan State University on May 23-25.

When preliminaries are held, the top eight finishers (including ties) advance to the finals.

The top eight finishers in each final race receive points in a 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 progression.

Mountain Ridge finishers outside of the top eight are also noted.

Events not involving Mountain Ridge athletes are not listed; for full results, see [tristaterunnr.com](http://tristaterunnr.com).

GIRLS

**Team scores**

(top 10 only)

1. Boonsboro 112; 2. Western Tech 111; 3. Mountain Ridge 71; 4. Manchester Valley 64; 5. North Carroll 48; 6. Smithsburg 30; 7. Perryville 24; 8. Overlea 23; 9. North-western-B 22; 10. Dunbar 17

**Individual results**

- 100 meter dash preliminaries: 1. Valerie Mizansky, North Carroll, 12.55 seconds; 2. Jasmyne Sachious, Surrattsville, 12.94; 3. Raquel Hughes, Dunbar, 12.61; 4. Susie Badders, Manchester Valley, 13.14; 5. Gabby Reason, Smithsburg, 12.72; 6. Icee Bagley, FAST, 7. Kim Ndukwwe, Overlea, 13.08; 8. Rachel Ridenour, Mountain Ridge, 13.24; 9. Tiffany Selby, Washington, 13.24

- 100 meter dash finals: 1. Valerie Mizansky, North Carroll, 12.48 seconds; 2. Raquel Hughes, Dunbar, 12.53; 3. Jasmyne Sachious, Surrattsville, 12.69; 4. Icee Bagley, FAST, 12.73; 5. Kim Ndukwwe, Overlea, 12.77; 6. Gabby Reason, Smithsburg, 12.84; 7. Tiffany Selby, Washington, 12.94; 8. Rachel Ridenour, Mountain Ridge, 13.03

- 400 meter dash: 1. Sharon Dorsey, Western Tech, 56.44 seconds; 2. Rebeka Holt, Western Tech, 58.23; 3. Morgan Prioleau, Western Tech, 59.17; 4. Imani Daye, Northwestern-B, 59.47; 5. Madison Offstein, Mountain Ridge, 59.48; 6. Senait Weaver, Pikesville, 1:01.35; 7. Makiah Green, Surrattsville, 1:01.76; 8. Casey Felker, Mountain Ridge, 1:02.39; 9. Aleks Knepper, Mountain Ridge, 1:04.82

- 800 meter run: 1. Rebeka Holt, Western Tech, 2:19.35; 2. Madison Offstein, Mountain Ridge, 2:19.71; 3. Emily Cronise, Boonsboro, 2:25.94; 4. Molly Walsch, North Carroll, 2:27.12; 5. Erica Wilson, Mountain Ridge, 5:24.25; 6. Sarah Zielinski, Boonsboro, 5:27.22; 7. Haley Wright, Boonsboro, 5:27.85; 8. Sarah Zielinski, Boonsboro, 5:30.36; 9. Alexis DeVault, Mountain Ridge, 5:31.46; 10. Katie Leisher, Manchester Valley, 5:32.12; 11. Molly Offstein, Mountain Ridge, 5:35.84

- 3200 meter run: 1. Abby Culp, Manchester Valley, 11:12.96; 2. Sarah Zielinski, Boonsboro, 11:13.18; 3. Haley Wright, Boonsboro, 11:34.02; 4. Kortney Cunningham, Boonsboro, 11:34.86; 5. Katie Leisher, Manchester Valley, 11:37.88; 6. Alexis DeVault, Mountain Ridge, 11:42.11; 7. Kaylee Haberkam, Perryville, 11:53.90; 8. Hannah Boudreau, North Carroll, 12:03.52

- 100 meter hurdles preliminaries: 1. Dajiona Revell, Western Tech, 15.45

NFL

## Congress urges 'Skins' name change

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- Ten members of Congress are urging the Washington Redskins to change their name because it is offensive to many Native Americans.

The representatives said Tuesday they've sent letters to Redskins owner Dan Snyder, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Redskins sponsor FedEx and the other 31 NFL franchises.

The letter to Snyder says that "Native Americans throughout the country consider the 'R-word' a racial, derogatory slur akin to the 'N-word' among African Americans or the 'W-word' among Latinos."

Among the group sending the letters are the leaders of the Congressional Native American Caucus: Tom Cole, R-Okla., and Betty McCollum, D-Minn.

NHL

## Jagr set to go back in time

The Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Mass. — The speed and scoring touch that made Jaromir Jagr one of the NHL's best players are gone. Even the famous mullet that flowed from beneath his helmet disappeared many moons ago.

But his passion for hockey remains.

Now he's bringing that back to Pittsburgh, the city where he won Stanley Cups in his first two seasons. More than two decades later, the 41-year-old right wing can help the Boston Bruins win their second title in three seasons.

First, they must beat the offensively potent Penguins in the Eastern Conference finals. The first two games are in Pittsburgh, with the schedule to be announced after the Western Conference semifinals end

Wednesday.

"I don't really remember the last time I was in this position," Jagr said after practice Tuesday. "It doesn't happen very often and the players should realize that. It's not automatic to make the playoffs or automatic to be in the last four teams to play for the Cup."

Jagr was just 18 when his rookie season began in 1990. He was on the Penguins team that beat the Bruins in six games in the conference finals. A year later, Pittsburgh swept Boston in the same round, winning the first game on Jagr's overtime goal. The Penguins went on to win their first two Cups those seasons.

Way back then, he didn't concern himself with how long he might keep playing.

"I don't think you think that way at all," he said,

but "if you love something, it doesn't matter what it is. If you love your job, you love your wife or somebody or something, you just want to be with that all the time. So, to me, I love this game. So as long as I can play, I want to play. That's the reason I'm playing. I just love it."

That desire has taken him to six NHL teams, with a three-year break from 2008-11 to play in Russia. He brought it to the Bruins, who needed an offensive boost, when they obtained him from the Dallas Stars on April 2.

But Pittsburgh is the city where he established himself.

"A lot of people still remind me (of) that, but it happened 13 years ago, the last time I played for them," Jagr said. "So it's a

