

Circosta, Hinegardner Voted Top OVAC Coaches for 1973-74

Jay Circosta, who guided Woodsfield High to the Ohio Valley's lone perfect record in football last season, and Bill Hinegardner, highly-successful wrestling coach at John Marshall High, are the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's 1973-74 coaches of the year.

They tied in balloting conducted among members in the sports news media of the Ohio Valley area and each received an award at the OVAC's Spring Awards fete at Oglebay Park's Glessner Auditorium Thursday night.

Circosta, in his third season as head coach, guided the Redskins to a 10-0 mark, the OVAC Class A title and the Pioneer Valley League crown. His team also ranked fourth in the Ohio high school regional ratings.

Hinegardner's Monarch wrestlers have won three straight West Virginia state championships and have compiled a 54-7-1 dual meet record over the last six years.

The OVAC also honored three veteran Ohio Valley sports figures, retired West Liberty State football coach Bob Roe; retiring Bellaire High principal and former coach, Ed Garda; and Brooke High athletic director and former coach, Carlin Dodrill.

Championship awards were presented in basketball to coaches Frank Baxter of Bridgeport in Class AA; Stan Kanlecki of Wheeling Central in Class AA; and Sam Andy of Wheeling in Class AAA; in track

to coaches Don Minder of Warwood in Class A; Jack Berger of Shadyside in Class AA and Fred Tweedle of John Marshall in Class AAA; in swimming to coach Paul Blair of Linsly; and in wrestling to coach Eric Carder of Warwood

in Class A; Jim Crosier of Union Local in Class AA; and Mike Warbel of Steubenville and Hinegardner in Class AAA.

Sheldon Grace, a sophomore at Weirton High, received the Dave Bierkorff memorial trophy for being named the

outstanding performer in the OVAC wrestling tourney.

The \$750 Picoma Industries scholarship went to Steve Wilson of Oak Glen, while the \$500 Morris Plan Bank scholarship went to Joe Tomlan of Bellaire.

Evan Reese of the Ohio Valley Board of Approved Football Officials, presented sportsmanship awards to Woodsfield in Class A, Magnolia in Class AA and Triadelphia in Class AAA, while Charles (Moe) King of the basketball officials' association, presented sportsmanship awards to Linsly in Class A, Barnesville in Class AA and Triadelphia in Class AAA.

Harry Chorprenning of Linsly officially assumed the 1974-75 presidency of the OVAC and outgoing president Calvin Giffin of St. Clairsville was given a special award in recognition of his work with the conference during the past school year.

HONORED as the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference coaches of the year at the 31st Spring Awards Dinner Thursday night were Jay Circosta, left, of Woodsfield High and Bill Hinegardner of John Marshall. Circosta's Redskins compiled the Ohio Valley's lone perfect record in football, while Hinegardner's Monarch wrestlers

have fashioned a 54-7-1 dual meet record the last six seasons and they have reigned as West Virginia champions the last three years. Each received an award from Bill Van Horne, sports editor of the News-Register.



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