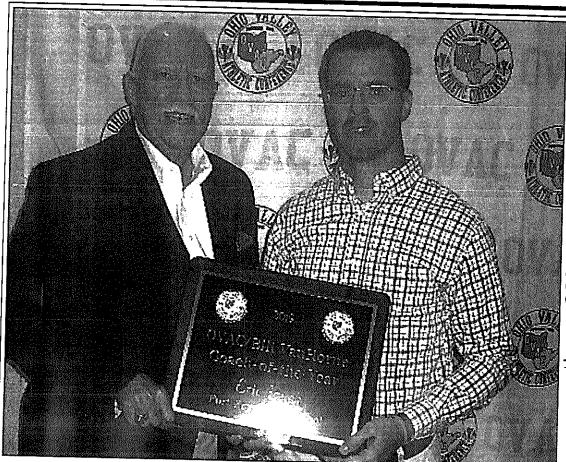
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ER WOODS flips his ball as he ks along the ninth green during ractice round for the PGA Chamnship golf tournament, Monday armingdale, N.Y.

yers who will compete in all three jors, and the only major champions lethpage Black so far.

That might be the only thing that body will ever use his and my name he same breath," Glover said with ugh. "But any time you're lumped with him, it's a pretty good honor. tty cool for sure.3

Both have gone through some down times, Woods mainly from injury, Glover from the frustrating nature of

It got so bad for Glover that in 2012 - the only time he missed a tournament at Bethpage - he finished at No. 216 on the money list and made it to the final round in only four of the 16 events he played. His last victory was at Quail Hollow in 2011.

"I don't know of anybody that's played this game for a long time that hasn't gone through some ups and downs," Glover said. "I've come out the other side. I haven't won. I haven't accomplished any of my goals. But I've come through it, and there's not much you can do that you can't get through.'

Driving into Bethpage State Park felt comfortable for Glover, even under a gray sky that made it seem even colder and wetter than it was. It feels less like the PGA Championship than stops at Riviera and Pebble Beach in the cold, coastal air of California.

But this is where he became a major • Beilein · champion in 2009, and that hasn't left

"I'm in every way a different person than 10 years ago, but I can still lean everywhere he goes." on all of that," he said. "I still get comfortable when I walk into the clubhouse or drive through the gate. It's just that calming feeling. It's almost like how I imagine some guys feel driving down Magnolia Lane at Augusta that have had success there. It's just like an automatic deep breath, like I've done it here. Let's see what we can do again."

For at least a few days, Glover and everyone else will be doing it with a rain suit.

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Pirates, whose three-game wing streak was stopped. Bell extended

Walker's eighth home run of the son led off the bottom of the sev-

It's Sherfy's second call-up to the is reliever Michael Feliz in the fifth. majors this season, and he's appeared osh Bell, Bryan Reynolds and in parts of three seasons for the Dialky Cabrera drove in a run each for mondbacks. He entered Monday's game in the seventh and loaded the bases on threes straight singles, then hitting streak to a career high 13 struck out the next three Pirates to escape unscathed.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Pirates: INF Jung Ho Kang was 1 his first since April 22, also placed on the 10-day injured list with

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Monday night's four other OVAC Coach of the Year finalists were Ernie Banks (St. Clairsville swimming), Ed West (John Marshall softball), Jordan Williams (Beaver Local wrestling) and Joe Schmidle (University boys basketball).

Also at the banquet, the overall school champions in each classification were announced. They were: Wheeling Park in 5A; St. Clairsville in 4A; Linsly in 3A; Wheeling Central in 2A and Madonna in 1A.

OVAC President Jeff Crosier delivered the closing remarks, paying tribute to Tom Rataiczak. He is stepping down as the conference's OVAC executive director after 20 years in that capacity.

Dirk DeCoy will assume that post July 1. Rataiczak will remain as executive secretary.

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program; not to mention the fact that John Beilein wins

From Nazareth College to LeMoyne to Canisius, Richmond, West Virginia and finally to Michigan, Beilein has built a strong reputation for developing young players and teams. He's one of only four coaches to take four schools to the NCAA Tournament, and he leaves Michigan with the most wins in school history.

The deal with Beilein came together quickly in the past 24 hours and was finalized Sunday after the Cavs had spent the weekend in Denver interviewing several NBA assistants. Cleveland is expected to surround Beilein with an experienced staff, and it's possible the team will hire one of the other candidates as an associate head coach.

It took him nearly a decade, but Cavs owner Dan Gilbert finally landed a college coach from Michigan.

Gilbert, who went to Michigan State, had made an unsuccessful overture to Spartans coach Tom Izzo in 2009, and has now plucked Beilein from his alma mater's biggest rival.

"We could not be more thrilled to name John Beilein as the new coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers," Gilbert said. "First, John is a great human being. He cares deeply about his players and others who work for him and around him. ... John is a brilliant basketball mind and last but not least, John Beilein is a winner."

Beilein knows he has to work to do in Cleveland. The Cavs are coming off a stormy 19-63 season that followed LeBron James' departure for Los Angeles as a free agent

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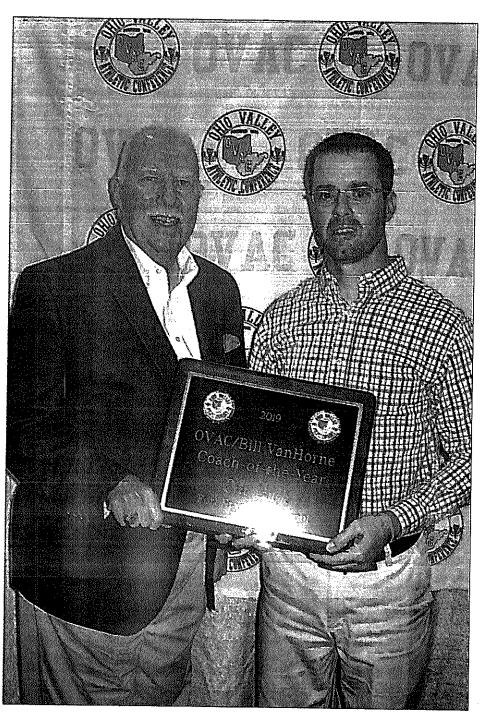


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## OVAC Coach of Year Nominees Announced

### Winner Will Be Named Monday at WesBanco

**By SETH STASKEY** For the News-Register

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All of the candidates, which stem from the 2018 spring season, fall and winter of this school year, were narrowed to a list of five finalists, all of whom will be recognized during the banquet.

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