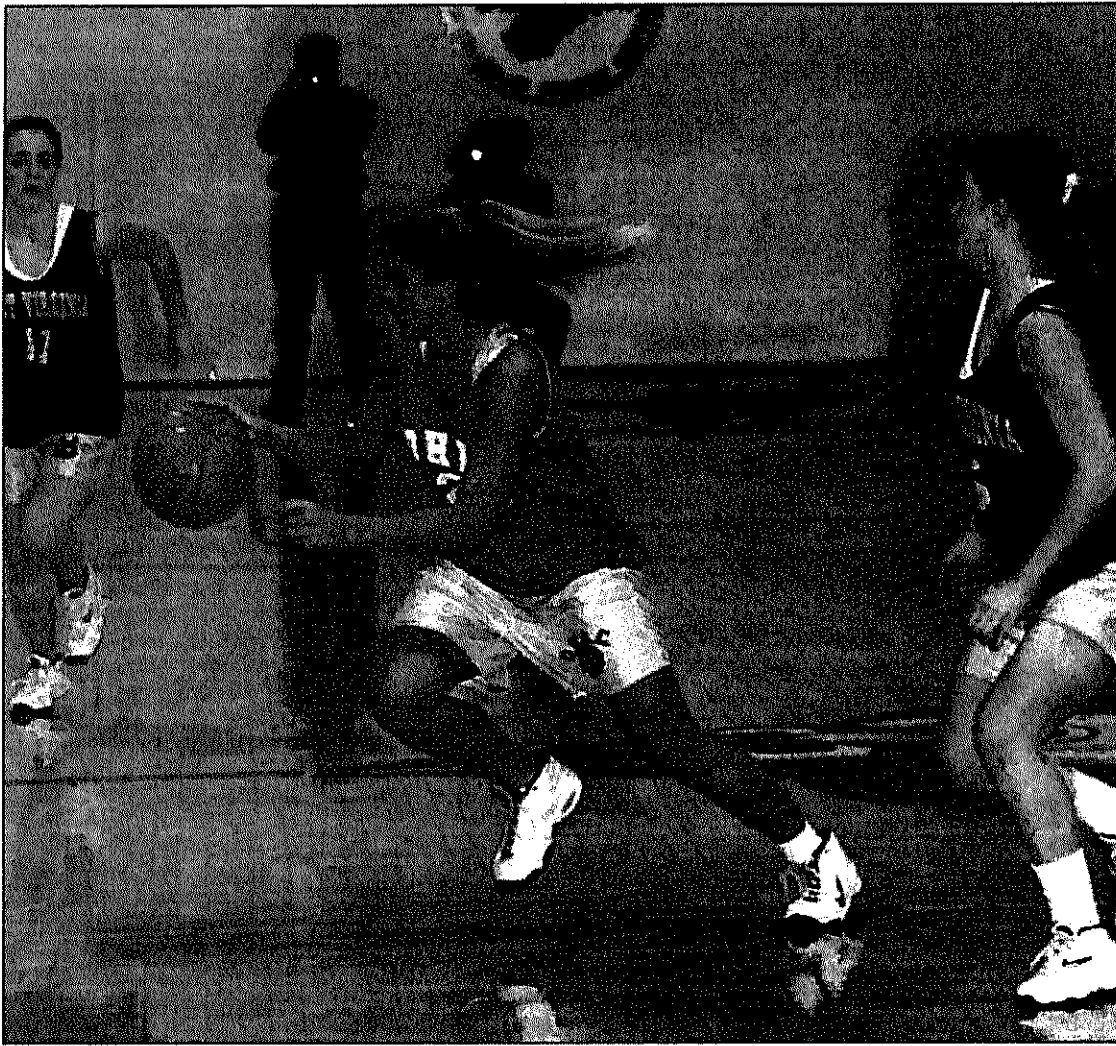


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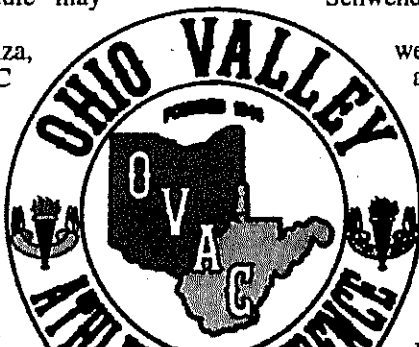
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The Buckeyes had no answer for the Patriots' inside ace. Davilla scored three of West Virginia's four overtime field goals, including a tie-breaking bucket in the final 30 seconds.

After Ohio failed to connect on a game-tying attempt, John Marshall's Drew Villani converted a layup just ahead of the final buzzer.

Only one other player landed in twin digits for West Virginia as Wheeling Central's Chris Morgan netted 11.

The Gold and Blue built a 50-40 halftime advantage and still maintained an eight-point upperhand (85-77) before Ohio roared back.

Davilla broke an 87-87 deadlock, cashing in a jump-hook at 0:09.

But Ohio's Andre Hodge drained two clutch free throws with seven-tenths of a second left, forcing a three-minute extra session.

East Liverpool's Jerren Walker scored off the glass for a 93-93 lighting preceding Davilla's go-ahead goal with 15 seconds to play.

Bishop Donahue's Adam Shinsky and Park's Pete Coleman netted nine points apiece.

All 15 Buckeye all-stars entered in the scoring with Beaver Local teammates Chris Winesburg and Jason Robinson tallying 13 and 11, respectively.

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St. John's savvy guard Tiffany Moscato capped the surge with an inside bucket, handing Ohio a 61-59 edge.

But West Virginia recovered nicely, using a 14-5 turnaround to go ahead for good.

Steubenville's Tonya Jones contributed nine points for the Buckeyes, who could cash just 28 of 92 field goal attempts.

Boys Boxscore:
WEST VIRGINIA (97) - Wood 0, 0-0 0; Dintini 1, 0-0 2; Paulauskas 1, 0-0 2; Tallman 1, 0-0 2; Stephens 1, 0-0 2; Burkland 1, 0-0 2; Villani 2, 0-0 4; Richmond 2, 0-0 4; King 1, 2-2 4; Zervos 3, 1-2 9; Coleman 4, 0-0 9; Shinsky 3, 2-2 9; Morgan 5, 1-2 11; Davilla 18, 1-2 37. Totals 97-43, 7-10. **OHIO (93)** - Knox 1, 0-0 2; Markie 1, 0-0 2; Deland 1, 0-0 2; Kroll 1, 0-0 2; Zamana 2, 0-0 4; Walker 1, 3-8 5; Hayes 1, 2-2 5; Chicwak 3, 0-0 6; Richards 2, 0-2 6; Stuller 3, 1-1 7; Lillianthal 3, 2-2 8; Green 2, 5-10 9; Hodge 3, 4-6 11; Robinson 4, 0-0 11; Winesburg 5, 3-6 13. Totals 93-33, 20-37.

Three-point goals. West Virginia - Coleman, Shinsky. Ohio - Robinson (3), Richards (2), Hayes, Hodge.

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WEST VIRGINIA (90) - Joliff 0, 0-0 0; Pierce 0, 0-0 0; Hull 0, 0-0 0; Graebe 0, 0-0 0; Richardson 0, 0-1 0; Leach 0, 1-5 1; Huggins 1, 0-0 2; Tuomala 1, 0-0 2; Sapp 2, 0-0 5; Matkovich 4, 3-7 11; Shields 6, 1-1 13; Turner 5, 4-7 14; Bland 8, 3-3 19; Forsythe 10, 3-4 23. Totals 90-37, 15-28. **OHIO (76)** - Bonar 0, 0-0 0; Shrive 0, 2-4 2; Young 1, 0-2 2; Moore 1, 0-0 2; Scott 2, 0-0 5; Moscato 2, 0-0 5; Otto 2, 2-2 6; Jones 4, 1-4 9; Murad 5, 0-2 10; Dunn 4, 2-2 10; Schwendeman 3, 5-8 12; Twardoski 4, 5-6 13. Totals 76-28, 17-30.

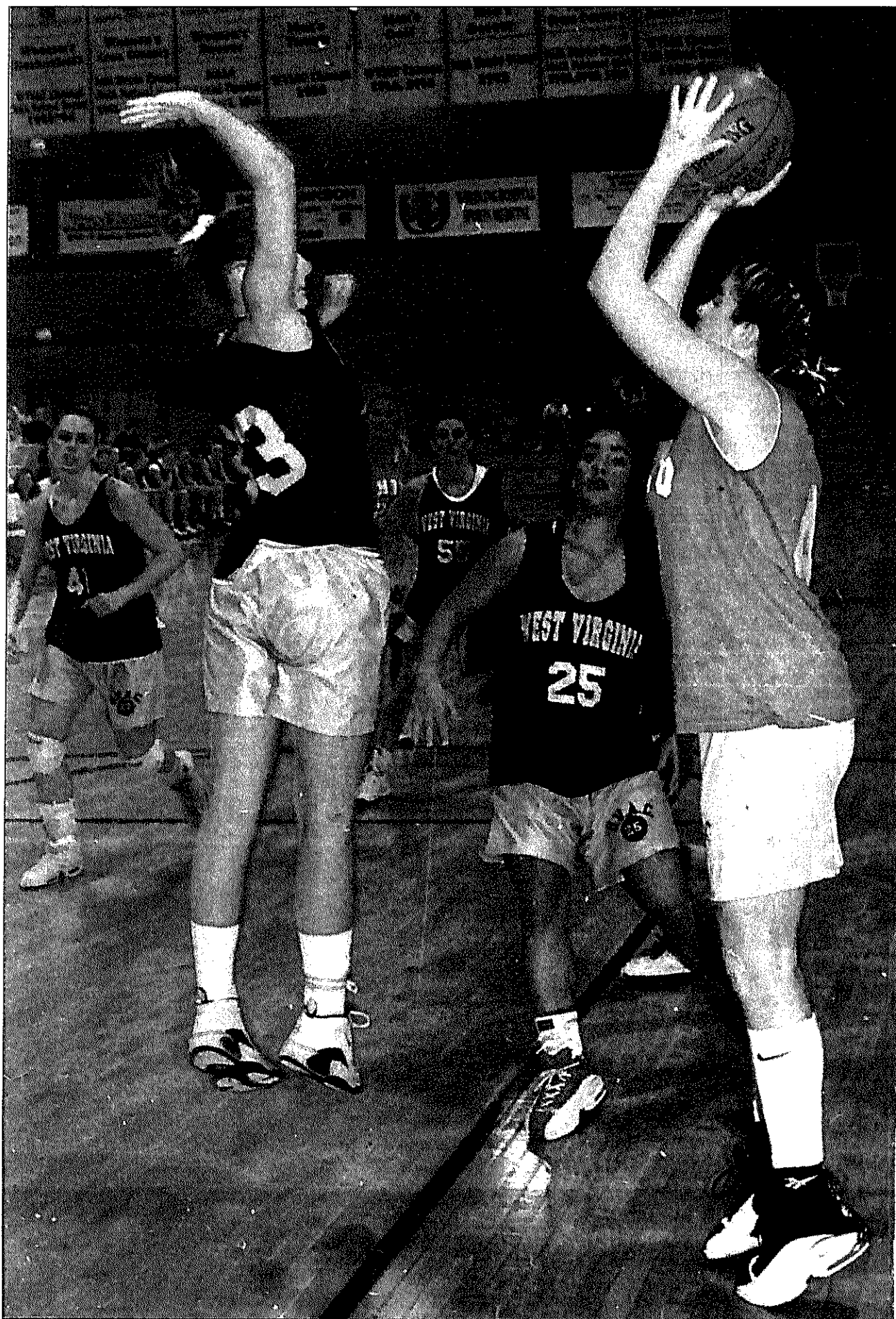
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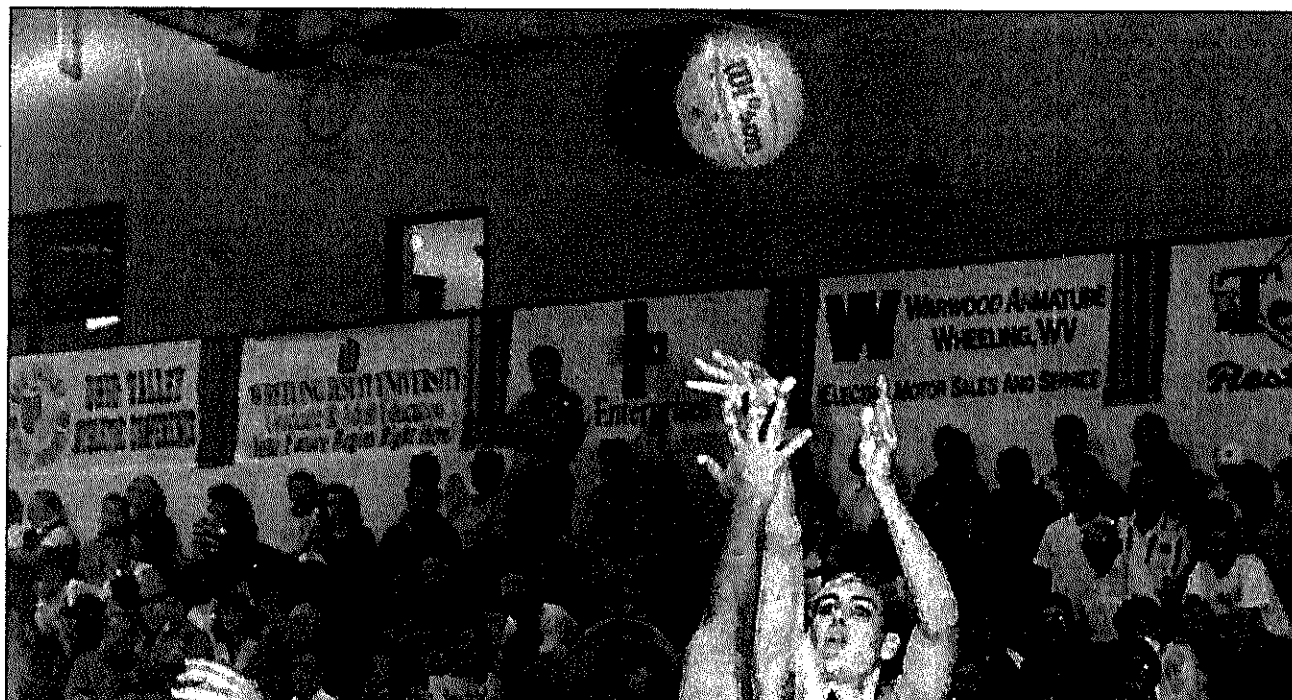
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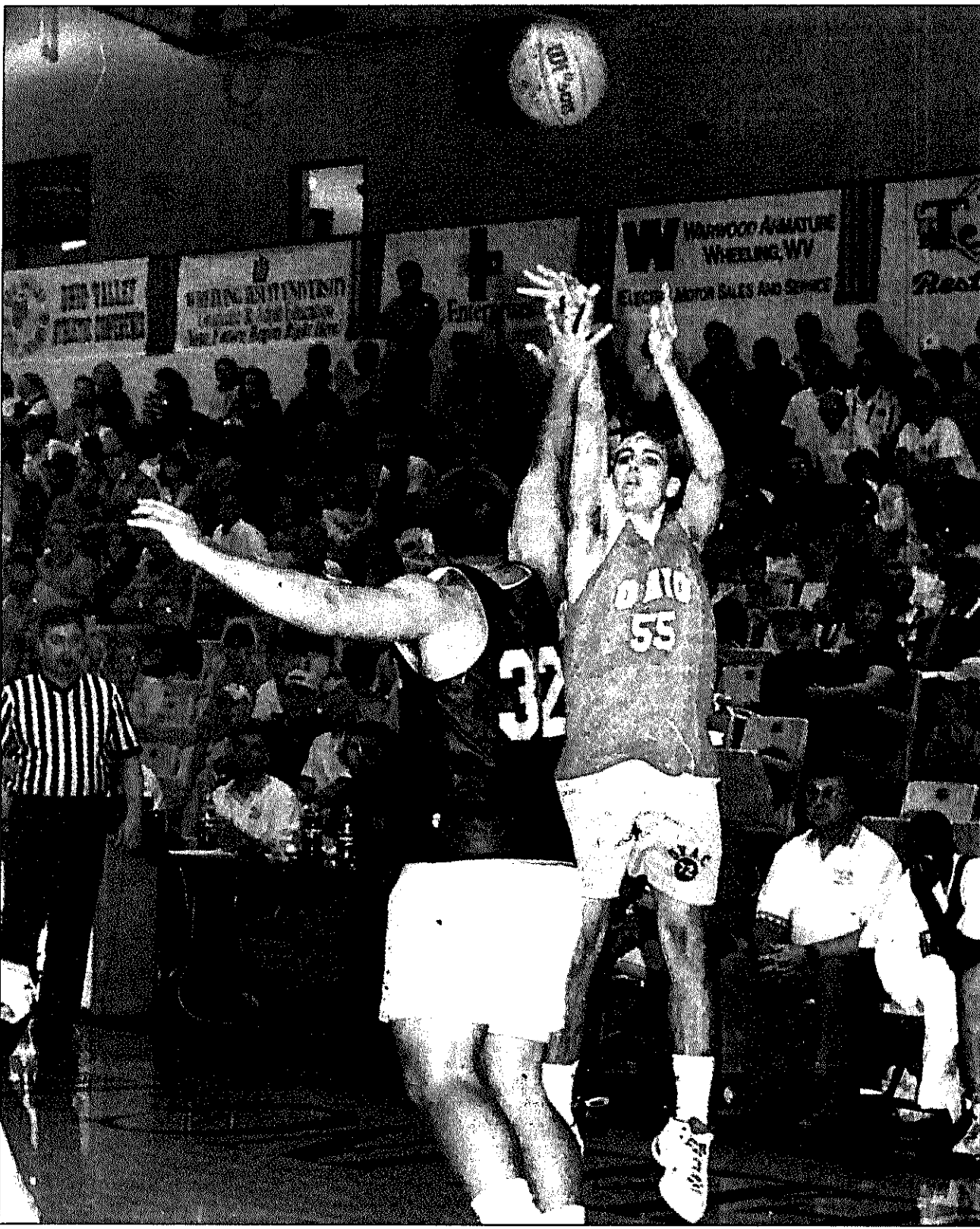
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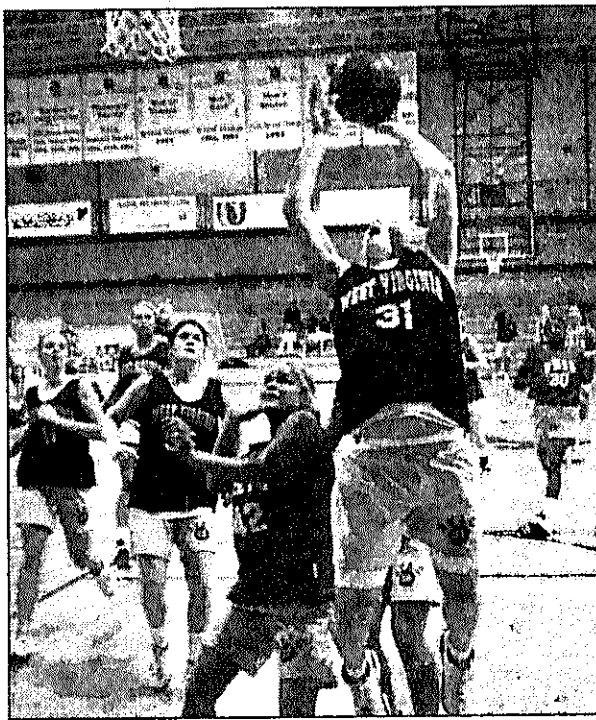


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Magnolla's Erin Leach (31) goes over Indian Creek's Jennifer Shrive (42) for a shot during Saturday's OVAC girls' all-star game at Wheeling Jesuit University.
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W.Va. Girls Trip Ohio

Oak Glen's Forsythe leads the way

By NICK BEDWAY
Executive Sports Editor

Nikki Hardman was obviously glad to have Oak Glen's Jessica Forsythe on her side for once.

During three of the last four seasons, Coach Hardman's Magnolia High School girls' basketball team went up against Forsythe and her Lady Golden Bear teammates in West Virginia Region One tournament play.

Oak Glen won on all three occasions, including 1999 when the Hancock County girls powerhouse captured the state Class AA championship. This past winter, however, Oak Glen was upset in the sectional by Weir, which subsequently lost to the Lady Blue Eagles in the regional finals.

"She's a terrific player," Hardman said about Forsythe, who scored 23 points, as the West Virginia All-Stars defeated Ohio, 90-76, in the girls' final of the Samuel A. Mumley Classic played Saturday at Wheeling Jesuit University's Alma Grace McDonough Center.

Hardman, who coached the Mountaineer squad, also felt fortunate to have the likes of Ashlea Bland, from her own Magnolia team; Wheeling Park's Toni Matkovich; and Weir's Brooke Turner in the blue-colored uniforms.

"We played fairly well," Hardman said. "Our height advantage helped us. When we could get Ashlea, Matkovich, Turner and Forsythe on the floor at the same time, we felt we were in good shape."

For Bland, who scored 19 points and set a classic girls' record by pulling down 16 rebounds, playing with such a star-studded lineup was a lot of fun.

"It was a good experience for me," the West Liberty State College recruit said. "We had some big time height in there."

Matkovich wound up with 11 points, but contributed with several assist passes during key parts of the game.

"I'm comfortable being a 1-guard or a 2-guard," the three-year Patriot standout said. "We had a lot of fun today. Our plan was to get out and run and press and try to slow them down. When we were able to run, it really helped us," Matkovich added.

Ohio managed to stay in the game and led on several occasions despite being without two key performers. Missing were two 1,000-point career scorers in St. Clairsville's Tara Heidelbach and River's Melissa Mistovich.

Heidelbach sustained a season-ending knee injury after she had been named to the all-star squad. Mistovich injured her knee during a practice last week.

Pacing the Ohio offense was St. Clairsville's Gina Twardoski, who tallied nine of her 13 points in the first half. Laura Schwendeman was next with 11 tallies, while



scoring 10 points each were Natalie Dunn of Cambridge; Tonya Jones of Steubenville; and Miki Murad of Bellaire St. John's Central.

The game actually turned on three scoring runs by the Mountaineers. Ohio, with Twardoski carrying the load during the first 20 minutes, had pulled into a 24-15 advantage before W.Va. finally got untracked. Bland and Matkovich then combined for the next eight points, scoring four each as the gap was trimmed to a single deficit at 24-23. Both players had steals that resulted into layups.

Still, the Buckeyes enjoyed a three-point spread, 30-27, before West Virginia tallied 14 of the next 16 points to move ahead, 41-32, before settling for a five-point advantage, 43-37, at halftime.

Forsythe began making her presence felt with eight of her points in the latter stages of the half.

Ohio fell behind, 53-40, early in the second half, as Jones got hot. The Buckeyes closed to within 59-56 at the 10-minute mark and then went ahead as Dunn found the twine with a pair of free throws and Moscato drained a trey for a 61-59 edge.

Lisa Tuomala of Valley then cashed a short jumper to tie the score and Forsythe worked her way inside for an easy basket to put West Virginia ahead to stay, 63-61.

Ohio twice pulled back within a point. Schendeman's three-pointer made it a 65-64 deficit. After Forsythe scored again, Schendeman drove in untouched for a 67-66 count.

But Forsythe scored again, Matkovich dished to Turner and another Turner goal on a fast break raised the lead to seven points. It was 73-68 with 4:42 remaining, when an 8-0 West Virginia run featured two goals by John Marshall's Casey Shields, and hoops from Matkovich and Forsythe.

Turner tallied 14 points and Shields added 13 markers.

West Virginia 90, Ohio 76

O - Schwendeman 3-4-8 11; Moore 1 0-0 2; Moscato 2 0-0 5; Dunn 4 2-3 10; Bonar 0 0-0 0; Twardoski 4 5-6 13; Jones 4 2-4 10; Scott 2 0-0 5; Shrive 0 2-4 2; Otto 2 2-2 6; Young 1 0-2 2; Murad 5 0-2 10. Totals: 28 17-31 76.

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3-Pt. Goals: Schwendeman, Moscato, Scott; Sapp.

Davila Leads W.Va.

Scores record 37 points for Mountain State

By JIM ELLIOTT
For The News-Register

West Virginia Coach Tom Tribett made his intentions known early in the ninth annual Samuel A. Mumfey Memorial OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic at Wheeling Jesuit University Saturday.

He wanted his team to pound the ball into 6-foot, 7-inch Felix Davila of Wheeling Park.

"I'm not real smart, but I'm smart enough to know there's a guy that's about 6-7, and has 37 points in the game to give him the ball."

So the West Virginia squad did. Davila's 37 points lifted the Mountaineers to a 97-93 overtime victory over an Ohio squad of the OVAC's best, and he set a new OVAC-Game record in the process. The old record, held by former John Marshall standout Scott Yahnke (32), stood since 1991.

"He played real well," Tribett said of Davila, who hit on 18-of-33 attempts and was 1-of-2 from the free-throw line.

Tribett, who recently made it known he had coached his last game at Bishop Donahue, had more up his sleeve. He started all three Wheeling Park participants — Davila, Pete Coleman, and Will Burkland — along with John Marshall's Drew Villani and Pete Zervos, because he figured they'd play well together.

By the half, the West Virginia squad had a 50-40 lead and those five players combined for 37 points.

Pretty smart coaching move, indeed.

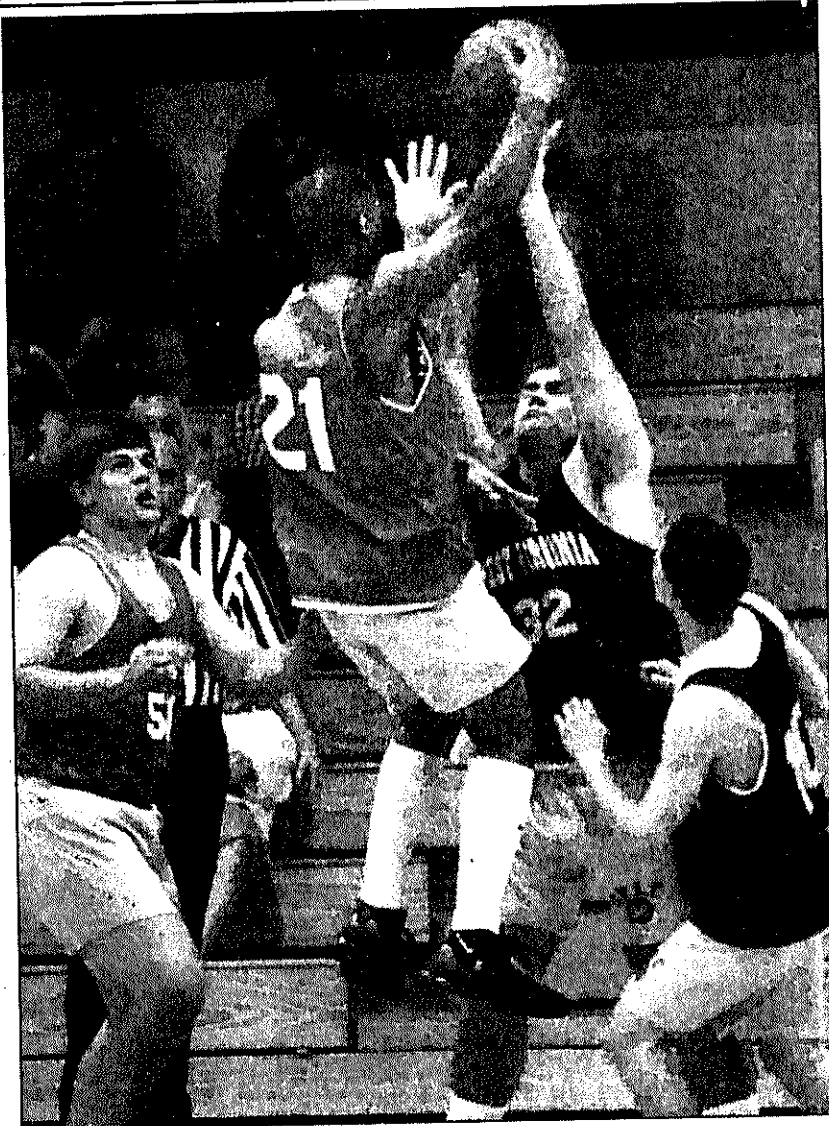
These games are meant to be a showcase for the players, but Tribett will never lose his competitive edge.

"We told them before the game that we wanted to have a lot of fun, but I never went into a game of marbles that I didn't want to win," he said. "So that's what we did. We tried to put our best combination on the floor and it turned out well."

For much of the game anyway.

The Mountain State squad led most of the way before the Ohio squad mounted a late comeback, led by a first-team all-stater (Beaver Local's Chris Winesburg in Division II) and a slam dunk champion (Zanesville's Andre Hodge).

The pair evenly divided 18 points



N-R Photo/Scott McCloskey

West Virginia's Dan Stephens (32) attempts to block Ohio's Andre Hodge's shot as Rick Kroll (51) and Mike King (10) look on.

to lead the second-half charge, where the Ohio team outscored the West Virginia team 59-49 to tie the score at 89 at the end of regulation. Hodge, who capped off the halftime slam dunk competition by leaping over a pair of young children, hit a pair of free throws with 0.7 seconds left to send the game into the overtime session.

This was just seconds after Davila put back a missed shot to give him point No. 33, grabbing the record in regulation and giving the Mountain State a two-point lead.

"We had some opportunities, and it shouldn't have gone into overtime, but we didn't quit. We went into overtime and played well," Tribett said.

Ohio was plagued by poor foul shooting, especially from the OVAC's northernmost representatives. The trio of East Liverpool's Jerren Walker and Robbie Green, and Beaver's Winesburg, were just 11-of-24 from the free-throw line. Walker was just 3-of-8 from the line after finishing the year at 78 percent

— one of the best marks in all of the OVAC.

It wasn't just the big guys who paced the Mountaineers. Wheeling Central's Chris Morgan came off the bench to score 11 points — second on the team on 5-of-6 shooting from the field. Donahue's Adam Shinsky and Park's Coleman contributed nine points each.

Notes: West Virginia outrebounded Ohio by 20 as Davila grabbed 12 carroms — just three short of the record of 15 held by Weir's Dereke Dragisich (1990). Winesburg paced the Ohio team with nine.

West Virginia 97 Ohio 83
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3-Pt. Goals: Shinsky, Coleman; Richards 2; Hodge, Hayes, Robinson.
Halftime: West Virginia 50 Ohio 40.

Mumley Classic Set for Saturday

Rosters announced for OVAC All-Star basketball games

Rosters have been announced for the annual Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Memorial Basketball Classic to be played Saturday at Wheeling Jesuit University's Alma Grace McDonough Center.

This year's Ohio-West Virginia all-star games, featuring many of the conference's premier senior players, have been moved to the afternoon. The girls' game is set for a 1 p.m. tipoff, with the boys' contest to start at approximately 3 p.m.

Head coaches for the girls' game are Mickey Blatnik, St. Clairsville, the Ohio mentor; and Nikki Hardman, Magnolia, who is directing the West Virginia team. Blatnik's assistants are Chris Taglieri, Steubenville; and Bubba Kapral, Bellaire St. John's Central. Bob Robinson, Mount de Chantal, and Jayme Boston, Bishop Donahue, are the West Virginia assistant coaches.

In the boys' game, the West Virginia team will be coached by retiring Bishop Donahue mentor Tom Tribett. His assistants are Dave Tallman, who coached Magnolia to the state Class AA crown, and Bob Burton, Paden City.

Coaching the Ohioans will be Ed Andes, Shadyside, assisted by Mike Clutter, Beaver Local, and Dan Liedtke, Fort Frye.

Also named today is the recipient of the Thomas E. Rataiczak Scorekeeper/Timer Award.

It will be given to Randy Ray, who has been the basketball clock operator for 32 years at Beallsville High

School games.

Ray graduated from Beallsville High School in 1964 and, following graduation, worked at Ormet for 36 years. He also served in the Army and was stationed in Korea. He has been married to Janice Caldwell Ray for 31 years.

They have three daughters; Misty Secret, Tara Jarrett, and Traci Jarrett. They are proud grandparents of four grandchildren: Stacia and Dalton Secret, and Tori and Teryn Jarrett. Their grandchildren are all active in Beallsville High sports.

In addition to operating the clock at the Blue Devil hoop games, Ray has been a member of the football chain gang for 30 seasons. He also coached junior high football for two years and high school football for two years at Beallsville.

Randy's daughter, Traci, is the head varsity girls' volleyball coach, and Misty is the reserve girls' volleyball coach. Tara is the junior high girls' volleyball coach.

Randy's son-in-law, Terry Jarrett, is the head varsity girls' basketball coach, and son-in-law Rick Jarrett is the reserve girls' basketball coach. His brother-in-law, Dave Caldwell, is the head football coach at Beallsville.

Past winners of the scorekeeper/timer award include: 1993 - Joseph Bechtel, Wheeling Central; 1994 - Henry McCue, Martins Ferry; 1995 - Gary Barks, Paden City; 1996 - Ray Ponzio, Shadyside; 1997 - Chuck Koehler, Wheeling Park; 1998 - Ron Sebring, River; and 1999 - Bill Nicholson, Cambridge.



OVAC ALL-STAR ROSTERS

BOYS			
Ohio			
Head Coach			
Ed Andes, Shadyside			
Assistant Coaches			
Mike Clutter, Beaver Local; Dan Liedtke, Fort Frye			
Players			
Player	School	Ht	Avg
John Chikwak	Shenandoah	6-4	13.7
Mike Deland	Harrison Central	5-11	17.4
Rob Green	East Liverpool	6-5	14.0
Mitch Hayes	Fort Frye	6-0	18.3
Andre Hodge	Zanesville	5-10	14.8
Matt Knox	Bell. St. John's	6-4	13.2
Rick Kroll Jr.	Frontier	6-4	23.9
Andrew Llanthial	Cambridge	6-4	12.8
Tony Markie	Conotton Valley	5-10	14.8
Dan Richards	Fort Frye	5-11	16.5
Jason Robinson	Beaver Local	6-5	16.4
Scott Stutler	Toronto	6-4	19.0
Jarren Walker	East Liverpool	5-10	18.0
Chris Winesburg	Beaver Local	6-5	17.2
Chad Zamana	Staub. Catholic	5-10	17.3

West Virginia			
Head Coach			
Tom Tribett, Bishop Donahue			
Assistant Coaches			
Dave Tallman, Magnolia; Bob Burton, Paden City			
Players			
Player	School	Ht	Avg
Felix Davila	Wheeling Park	6-5	16.5
Will Burkland	Wheeling Park	6-5	8.5
Pete Coleman	Wheeling Park	6-0	10.0
Adam Dintini	Weir	6-3	10.3
Erik Eastham	Brooke	6-3	6.7
Michael King	Paden City	5-11	21.2
Chris Morgan	Whg. Central	6-0	12.4
Rob Paulauskas	Oak Glen	6-6	21.0
Tim Richmond II	Tyler Consolidated	6-4	17.2
Adam Shinsky	Bishop Donahue	5-11	19.5
Dan Stephens	Linsly	6-3	13.4
David Tallman	Magnolia	6-3	12.3
Drew Villani	John Marshall	6-5	12.4
Pat Wood	Cameron	6-4	11.0
Pete Zervos	John Marshall	6-2	13.2

GIRLS			
Ohio			
Head Coach			
Mickey Blatnik, St. Clairsville			
Assistant Coaches			
Chris Taglieri, Steubenville; Bubba Kapral, Bellaire St. John			
Players			
Player	School	Ht	Avg
Tara Heidebech	St. Clairsville	5-7	15.7
Marci Bonar	Bellaire	5-8	19.0
Natalie Dunn	Cambridge	5-9	18.5
Tonya Jones	Steubenville	5-7	20.6
Melissa Mistovich	River	5-9	17.8
Stacey Moore	Buckeye Trail	5-7	17.2
Tiffany Moscato	Bell. St. John's	5-8	14.1
Miki Murad	Bell. St. John's	6-0	12.8
Abbey Otto	Buckeye Local	5-8	13.5
Laura Schwendeman	Fort Frye	5-9	18.0
Regina Scott	Conotton Valley	5-8	20.5
Jennifer Shrieve	Indian Creek	5-5	15.3
Gina Twardoski	St. Clairsville	5-11	20.0
Marisa Young	Toronto	5-10	18.6

West Virginia			
Head Coach			
Nikki Hardman, Magnolia			
Assistant Coaches			
Bob Robinson, Mount de Chantal; Jayme Boston, Bishop Donahue			
Players			
Player	School	Ht	Avg
Jeanine Fulton	Weir, Madonna	5-6	7.0
Sierra Huggins	Valley	5-5	9.9
Katie Hull	Brooke	5-8	17.2
Kristina Jolliff	Hundred	5-3	9.0
Erin Leach	Magnolia	5-11	11.8
Jessica Pierce	Mount de Chantal	5-9	7.0
Toni Matkovich	Wheeling Park	5-8	17.5
Kelly Richardson	Brooke	6-0	18.8
Tammy Sapp	Paden City	5-5	8.0
Casey Shields	John Marshall	6-0	15.6
Lisa Tuomala	Valley	6-1	11.6
Brooke Turner	Weir	5-9	18.0
Ashlea Bland	Magnolia	6-0	20.1
Amber Graebe	Bishop Donahue	5-9	18.0
Jessica Foraythe	Oak Glen	5-11	20.9

Mumley Basketball games set for Saturday afternoon

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

The stars will be shining brightly Saturday afternoon at Wheeling Jesuit University.

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference basketball all-stars that is, as the conference holds its annual Samuel A. Mumley All-Star Classic at the McDonough Center.

The girls' affair will get under way at 1 p.m. and the boys' game will be staged at 3 p.m.

The game should be as entertaining as ever as both Ohio and West Virginia have talented players up and down their respective rosters.

The Ohio girls' squad will be coached by Mickey Blatnik. Blatnik was rewarded for taking his team to the OVAC title in AAA and the Lady Devils first ever trip to the regional tournament.

"I really think the girls will be the showcase. I want them to go out and have fun. This is their last high school game and I have told them to go out and have fun," Blatnik said. "All these kids have been great."

Blatnik will have two of his own players with him for the game in Gina Twardoski and Tara Heidelbach.

Twardoski averaged 20 points a game this past season and has scored 1,174 points to go along with 1,010 rebounds.

Heidelbach, who will not play due to a knee injury, has also scored over 1,000 points.

The list of 1,000 point scorers does not end with the two Lady Red Devils as eight others on the Buckeye roster have reached the 1,000 point plateau for their careers.

Leading the way is Bellaire's Marci Bonar. She is coming off a senior season in which she averaged 19 points an outing. She has 1,337 points in her career.

Stuebenville's Tonya Jones is another standout that could be a strong addition in the Buckeye back court. Jones netted some 21 points per game this past season. She enters the OVAC tussle with 1,327 points in her career for Big Red.

Cambridge's Natalie Dunn, who has impressed Blatnik at the Ohio workouts, tossed in 18 and a half points a game this past season and has 1,200 points in her career.

Two-time first team all-Ohioian Laura Schwendeman is another in a long line of Ohio guards. Schwendeman, from Fort Frye High School, scored 18 points an outing last season for coach Kevin Witucky's crew. She closed her career with 1,210 points.

Conotton Valley's Regina Scott, who has committed to Walsh University to play basketball, enters the annual tilt with a 20.5 points per game average and some 1,280 points.

Toronto's Marisa Young capped a fine prep career by scoring 19.6 points a game this past season. Young scored 1,145 points in her four year career as a Lady Red Knight.

River High's standout senior Melissa Mistovich, who injured her knee during all-star practice, is

questionable for the game. Mistovich helped River to the District final by scoring 17.8 points a game. Mistovich, who was a second team all-Ohio selection, closed her career with 1,092 points playing for veteran Tom Tisher.

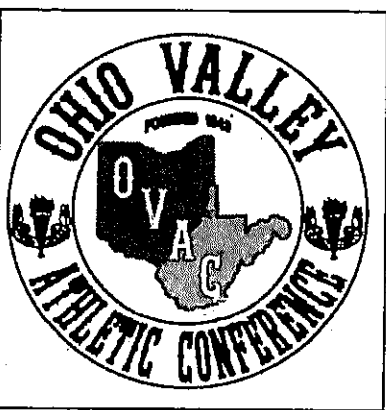
Buckeye Trail's Stacey Moore, who was a third team all-Ohio choice, helped Buckeye Trail as she scored 17.2 points a night and just missed the 1,000 point mark with 993 career points.

St. John Central, which won its 10th OVAC title this past season, placed two of its seniors on the all star squad.

Tiffany Moscato, who averaged 14.1 points a game for the 20-2 Lady Irish, was joined by post player Miki Murad who averaged a little under 13 points an outing.

Moscato closed her career with 1,037 points, while Murad finished her four years with 608 points.

Buckeye Local received a bid and Abbey Otto was the chosen representative. Otto averaged 13.5 points a game this past winter and



scored 609 points in her career.

Indian Creek also placed one player onto the OVAC squad and that was Jennifer Shrieve. She scored some 15.3 points a game last winter and scored 544 points in her career.

"All of these kids are great kids. They are all standouts. It is really fun to be a part of this game," Blatnik offered.

West Virginia is a contrast of styles with the Buckeyes who have good guard play. The Mountaineers have some good size on the interior.

John Marshall's Casey Shields, Magnolia's Ashlea Bland and Brooke's Kelley Richardson are just three of the players that the Ohio squad will have to look to contain.

"West Virginia has some great players. It is really going to be a good game. They have some kids who come from some great programs. I am really looking forward to this game," Blatnik said.

The Ohio boys' squad could be a group that will look to shoot the jump shot quite a bit as the Buckeyes seem to be well-stocked with perimeter shooters.

"I think that the majority of our kids can go outside and shoot. They are all decent shooters," Ohio and Shadyside head coach Ed Andes said. "We are going play all the kids and have some fun. All these kids are all stars."

The immediate area has just two players on the squad as Harrison Central's Mike Deland and St. John's Matt Knox.

Deland enters the OVAC contest with a 17.4 points a game average, while Knox owns a 13.2 scoring average.

Fort Frye, East Liverpool and Beaver Local all have two representatives taking part in this year's game.

The Cadets, who advanced to the state tourney in 1999, have Dan Richards and Mitch Hayes suiting up for the Ohioians.

Hayes scored at an 18.3 points per game clip this past season, while his backcourt mate Hayes tallied 16.5 markers an outing.

The two Potter reps are big man Robbie Green and Jerron Walker. Green, a 6-5 center, netted 14 points an outing this past season, while Walker scored 18 points a game and was a first-team all-Ohio selection.

The Beavers will be represented by Chris Winesburg and Jason Robinson.

Winesburg and Robinson, both of whom stand 6-5 in height will provide much help on the Ohio interior. Winesburg averaged 17.2 points per game, while Robinson chipped in with 16.4 a night.

Shenandoah's lone all-star is that of 6-4 forward John Chicwak. Chicwak scored 13.7 a game through the course of his senior season.

One of key players on the Ohio perimeter will be Zanesville High's Andre Hodge. Hodge scored 14.6 points a game and is a flashy type of player.

Frontier's Rick Kroll, a first-team all-Ohio selection this season, averaged 23.9 points a game for the Cougars. Kroll is the only member of the Ohio boys' squad that has tallied more than 1,000 points in his career as he netted 1,350.

Cambridge, which advanced to the state semi-final before being ousted by Cincinnati Purcell Marion, has 6-4 forward Andrew Lillenthal on the Ohio roster. Lillenthal, a solid role player for coach Gene Ford's Bobcats averaged 12.3 points a game this past season.

Tony Markle will represent Conotton Valley at the annual affair. Markle averaged 14.8 points a game for the Rockets.

Scott Stutler, a third-team all-Ohio choice for the Toronto Red Knights will be in action as the 6-4 forward scored 19 points an outing this past season.

Stuebenville Central's Chad Zamana will also be suiting up for the Ohio side as he netted 17.3 points a night this past season.

Andes is joined on the coaching staff by Fort Frye's Dan Liedtke and Beaver Local's Mike Clutter.

"I feel very fortunate to be coaching in this game. It is a really nice honor and a good experience," Andes said.

When it comes to the Ohio opponent, West Virginia, the first thing that came out of Andes' mouth was size.

BOYS

CLASS A
First Team: Jeff Geisinger*, Weirton Madonna, Jr.; Serge Gentile*, Shadyside, soph.; Rick Kroll, Frontier, sr.; Tony Markle, Conotton Valley, sr.; Dan Stephens, Linsly, sr.
Second Team: Kenney Howell, St. John's, sr.; Michael King, Paden City, sr.; Willie McCrary, Bridgeport, Jr.; Trevor Schaffer, Beallsville, Jr.; Joe Wallace, Bishop Donahue, Jr.
Honorable Mention: Adam Shinsky, Bishop Donahue, sr.; Toby Brown, Cameron, Jr.; Pat Wood, Cameron, sr.; Kris Precht, Conotton Valley, sr.; Zach Kirkpatrick, Frontier, sr.; Chris Rutherford, Frontier, sr.; Brian Banal, Linsly, sr.; Mike Gompers, Linsly, sr.; Derek Ritchie, Shadyside, sr.; Matt Stottlemeyer, Shadyside, sr.; Matt Knox, St. John's, sr.; T.J. Horner, Valley, Jr.; Matt McCune, Weirton Madonna, sr.

CLASS AA
First Team: Josh Conner, River, sr.; Clayton Fitzsimmons, Wheeling Central, Jr.; Mitch Hayes, Fort Frye, sr.; Scott Stutler, Toronto, sr.; Chad Zamana*, Staubenville Central, sr.
Second Team: John Chicwak, Shenandoah, sr.; Chris Morgan, Wheeling Central, sr.; Dan Richards, Fort Frye, sr.; Richie Sloan, Wellsville, Jr.; Matt Veas, Fort Frye, sr.
Honorable Mention: Mark Hall, Barnesville, sr.; Anthony Hannahs, Barnesville, sr.; Jon Miller, Barnesville, soph.; Matt Davis, Caldwell, Jr.; Dan Sidwell, Caldwell, Jr.; Jeremy Beardmore, Monroe Central, sr.; Colin Morrison, Monroe Central, sr.; Chris Isaly, River, Jr.; Mark Isaly, River, sr.; Jay Dudley, Shenandoah, Jr.; Jared Rock, Toronto, sr.; Daniel Paolino, Wellsville, sr.; J.T. Richardson, Wheeling Central, sr.

CLASS AAA
First Team: Mike Deland, Harrison Central, sr.; Kevin Jaworkal, St. Clairsville, sr.; Rob Paulauskas, Oak Glen, sr.; Tim Richmond, Tyler Consolidated, sr.; David Tallman, Magnolia, sr.; James Watts*, Bellaire, sr.
Second Team: Zao Bruney, Martins Ferry, sr.; Justin Davis, Indian Creek, Jr.; Ron Hill, Martins Ferry, sr.; Drew Spencer, Bellaire, sr.; Chris Winesburg, Beaver Local, sr.
Honorable Mention: Jason Robinson, Beaver Local, sr.; Dan Carpenter, Buckeye Trail, sr.; Keith Rose, Buckeye Trail, sr.; Anthony Stephens, Buckeye Trail, sr.; Willy Luther, Harrison Central, Jr.; Trent Luyster, Harrison Central, Jr.; Ryan Dougherty, Indian Creek, Jr.; Ryan Ferguson, Indian Creek, sr.; Jason Baxter, Magnolia, Jr.; Eric Burke, Magnolia, Jr.; Brad Wink, Martins Ferry, Jr.; Mike Moniger, Oak Glen, sr.; Ryan Ralston, St. Clairsville, Jr.; Blake Patterson, Tyler Consolidated, soph.; Nick Rymer, Tyler Consolidated, sr.; Lance Nardo, Union Local, sr.; Anthony Scarnecchia, Union Local, fr.; Justin Schafer, Union Local, fr.

CLASS AAAA
First Team: Adam Davenport, Cambridge, Jr.; Felix Davila*, Wheeling Park, sr.; Robble Green, East Liverpool, sr.; Andre Hodge, Zanesville, sr.; Brian Radakovich, Steubenville, Jr.
Second Team: Larry Borocki, Buckeye Local, sr.; Aaron Fair, Brooke, Jr.; Andrew Lillenthal, Cambridge, sr.; Jerran Walker, East Liverpool, sr.; Pat Zervas, John Marshall, sr.
Honorable Mention: Erik Esatham, Brooke, sr.; Matt Bailey, Edison, sr.; Travis Storm, John Marshall, Jr.; Drew Villani, John Marshall, sr.; Jason Bennett, Steubenville, sr.; Adam Dintini, Weirton, sr.; Brian Moorhead, Weirton, sr.; Will Burkland, Wheeling Park, sr.; Derrick Kaufman, Wheeling Park, sr.; Kevin Martin, Zanesville, Jr.

GIRLS

CLASS A
First Team: Ashley Battle*, Linsly, sr.; Ashley Holienka, Shadyside, Jr.; Arin Kreas, St. John Central, soph.; Kayla Magliastro, St. John Central, Jr.; Tiffany Moscato, St. John Central, sr.
Second Team: Megan Finneran, Weirton Madonna, Jr.; Amber Graebe, Bishop Donahue, sr.; Sarah Setcavage, Weirton Madonna, soph.; Leslie Smittle, Paden City, Jr.; Beth Stadler, Beallsville, Jr.; Andrea Stojanovic, Mount do Chantal, soph.
Honorable Mention: Nora Shalaway, Cameron, Jr.; Alicia Vucelik, Cameron, sr.; Regina Scott, Conotton Valley, sr.; Tabby Taylor, Frontier, soph.; Kristina Jolliff, Hundred, sr.; Alane Longwell, Hundred, Jr.; Katie Williams, Linsly, sr.; Tammy Sepp, Paden City, sr.; Nikki Gilham, Shadyside, sr.; Sierra Huggins, Valley, sr.; Lisa Tuomala, Valley, sr.; Nathalie Wujtrow, Weirton Madonna, Jr.

CLASS AA
First Team: Stacy Contraguero, Wheeling Central, Jr.; Leighann Fry, River, soph.; Melissa Mistovich*, River, sr.; Laura Schwendeman, Fort Frye, sr.; Marisa Young, Toronto, sr.
Second Team: Leslie Knoch, Fort Frye, Jr.; Erica Narrish, Wheeling Central, Jr.; Tiffany Schnupp, Wheeling Central, Jr.; Christina Thompson, Wellsville, sr.; Tinisha Williams, Wellsville, Jr.
Honorable Mention: Emily Crumbaker, Barnesville, sr.; Kim Shockling, Caldwell, fr.; Krista Ferguson, Fort Frye, soph.; Stephanie Friday, Monroe Central, sr.; Jess Isaly, Monroe Central, sr.; Heather Bond, Shenandoah, sr.; Dina Bartemes, Steubenville Central, sr.; Jennifer Fletcher, Steubenville Central, soph.; Lynsey Lyle, Wellsville, soph.

CLASS AAA
First Team: Ashlea Bland, Magonolia, sr.; Marci Bonar*, Bellaire, sr.; Melissa DeGaerperie, Martins Ferry, sr.; Jessica Forsythe, Oak Glen, sr.; Gina Twardoski, St. Clairsville, sr.
Second Team: Jenny Campbell, Union Local, soph.; Tara Heidelbach, St. Clairsville, Jr.; Stacey Moore, Buckeye Trail, sr.; Jenn Shrieve, Indian Creek, sr.; Mary Pat Stalter, Oak Glen, Jr.
Honorable Mention: Sarah Pilarcik, Beaver Local, sr.; Erin Reader, Beaver Local, Jr.; Jessica Pramik, Bellaire, sr.; Kacie Vavrek, Bellaire, soph.; Ashley Bates, Buckeye Trail, Jr.; Nicole Kath, Buckeye Trail, sr.; Randi Giacobb, Harrison Central, sr.; Amy Kucyevski, Harrison Central, sr.; Amanda Wilson, Harrison Central, Jr.; Courtney Ewing, Indian Creek, sr.; Michelle Oblockovich, Indian Creek, sr.; Erin Leach, Magnolia, sr.; Gina Vinci, Martins Ferry, sr.; Kelly Singleton, Meadowbrook, sr.; Jade Eckleberry, Oak Glen, soph.; Bethany Piccolini, St. Clairsville, Jr.; Sarah Meckley, Tyler Consolidated, sr.; Heidi Mercer, Tyler Consolidated, sr.; Mandy Wease, Tyler Consolidated, sr.; Jenny Chlilinsky, Union Local, Jr.; Amanda Mercer, Union Local, Jr.

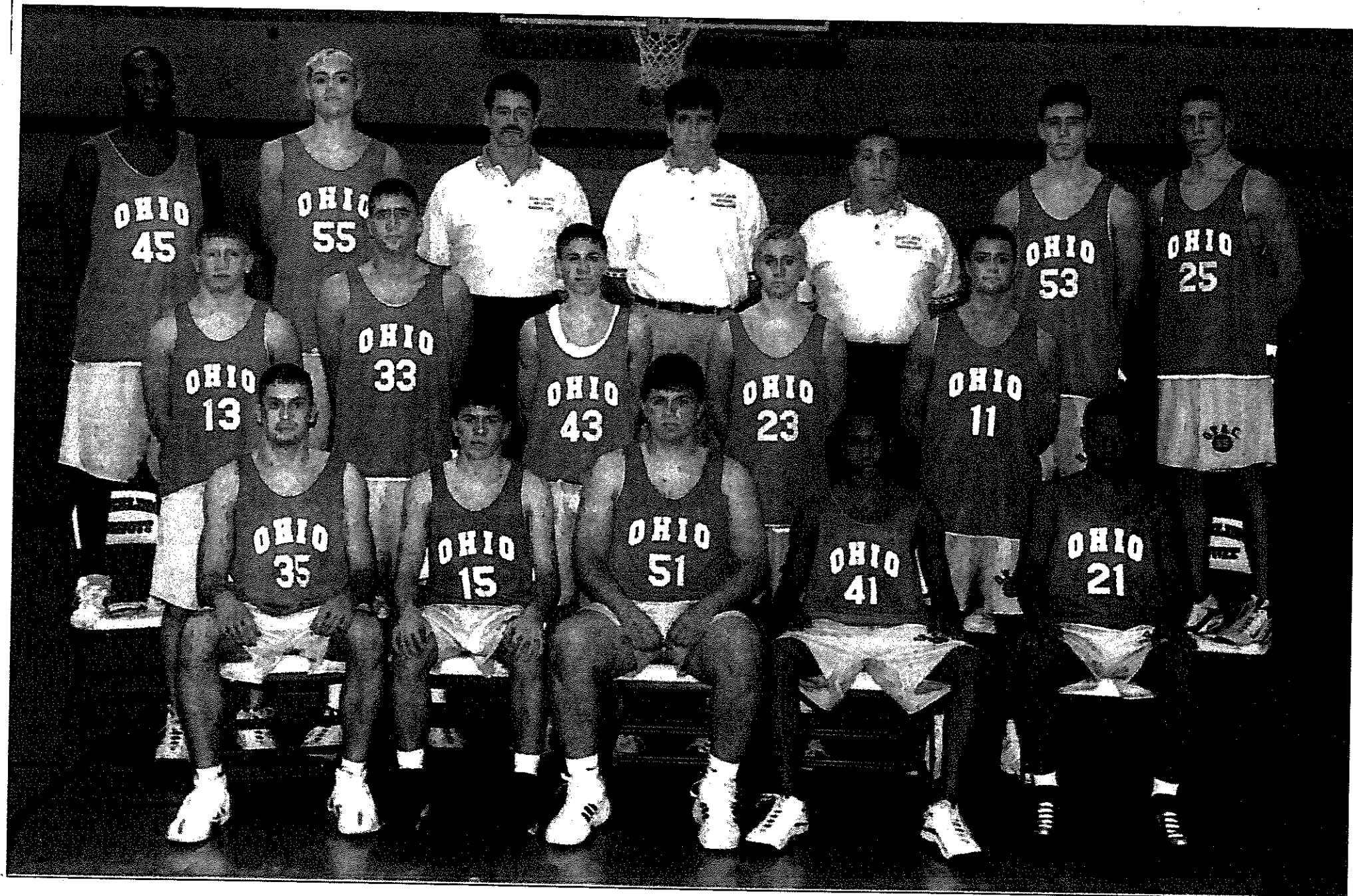
CLASS AAAA
First Team: Natalie Dunn, Cambridge, sr.; Tonya Jones*, Steubenville, sr.; Toni Matkovich*, Wheeling Park, sr.; Kelly Richardson, Brooke, sr.; Casey Shields, John Marshall, sr.
Second Team: Amanda Eaton, Wheeling Park, Jr.; Annie M. Hoffer, John Marshall, sr.; Katie Hull, Brooke, sr.; Abbey Otto, Buckeye Local, sr.; Brooke Turner, Weirton, sr.; Krissa Willett, Zanesville, sr.
Honorable Mention: Jessica Yarter, Brooke, soph.; Monica Mann, Buckeye Local, sr.; Yvonne Hamilton, Cambridge, Jr.; Ashley Hollins, Cambridge, sr.; Jessica Gauron, East Liverpool, sr.; Allison Kamora, East Liverpool, Jr.; Holly Cline, Edison, soph.; Tiffany Snyder, Edison, sr.; Kiley Schultz, John Marshall, sr.; Bekah Annett, Steubenville, Jr.; Lisa Costello, Weirton, frosh.; Lauren Gompers, Wheeling Park, soph.; Heather Rognon, Zanesville, sr.
*DENOTES CAPTAIN



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PICTURED IS the Ohio squad for Saturday's Samuel A. Mumley Memorial Basketball All-Star Classic. Pictured, from left, are Tonya Jones, Steubenville; Jennifer Shrieve, Indian Creek; Tiffany Moscato, St. John Central; Laura Schwendeman, Fort Frye; Marci Bonar, Shadyside. Middle row, from left, Regina Scott, Conotton Valley; Abbey Otto, Buckeye Local; Melissa Mistovich, River; Natalie Dunn, Cambridge; Stacey Moore, Buckeye Trail. Back row, from left, are Miki Murad, St. John Central; Tara Heidelberg, St. Clairsville; assistant coach Chris Taglieri, Steubenville; head coach Mickey Blatnik, St. Clairsville, assistant coach Robert "Bubba" Kapral, St. John Central; Gina Twardoski, St. Clairsville and Marissa Young, Toronto.

Ohio Hoop All-Stars



PICTURED IS the Ohio squad for Saturday's Samuel A. Mumley Memorial Basketball All-Star Classic. Pictured, from left, are John Chicwak, Shenandoah; Dan Richards, Fort Frye; Rick Kroll, Frontier; Jerren Walker, East Liverpool; Andre Hodge, Zanesville. Middle row, from left, are Tony Markle, Conotton Valley; Scott Stutler, Toronto; Chad Dan Liedtke, Fort Frye, head coach Ed Andes, Shadyside; assistant coach Mike Clutter, Beaver Local; Jason Robinson, Beaver Local; Matt Knox, St. John's. Absent was Andrew Lillienthal, Cambridge.

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OVAC All-Star Hoop Capsules

OVAC Boys' Biographies

John Chicwick, Shenandoah — 6-4, 200 pound forward. Averaged 13.7 points a game as a senior and scored 555 points in his career with 284 rebounds and 88 assists. Was an all-OVAC Second Team Pick, First Team AP All-Eastern District. Plans to attend The Ohio State University. John is the son of James and Ruth Chicwick.

Mike Deland, Harrison Central — 5-11, 180 pound guard. Averaged 17.4 points a game as a senior and scored 755 points in his career with 304 rebounds and 184 assists. Was selected to the First Team in District Five and will play in the District Five all-star game; Plans to attend college and play basketball. Mike is the son of Jim and Vicki Pratt.

Rob Green, East Liverpool — 6-5, 205 pound forward. Averaged 14 points a game as a senior and scored 587 for his career. Was named First Team AP All-Eastern District, second-team District Five. Plans to attend college and play basketball. Rob is the son of Mrs. Geraldine Green.

Mitch Hayes, Fort Frye — 6-0, 180 pound guard. Averaged 18.3 points a game as a senior and scored 842 points in his career. Was a First Team District 12 selection, a PVC all-star and an OVAC all-star; Plans to attend college. Mitch is the son of Cameron and Vickie Hayes.

Andre Hodge, Zanesville — 5-10, 180 pound guard. Averaged 14.8 points a game as a senior. Was named District 12 Player of the Year and Honorable Mention all-OVAC. Plans to attend college. Andre is the son of Charles E. Hodge, Sr.

Matt Knox, St. John Central — 6-4, 180 pound forward. Averaged 13.2 points per game as a senior and scored 425 points in his career, had 388 rebounds and 84 assists. Was a First Team District 12 selection, second team AP All-Eastern District and Honorable Mention all-OVAC. Will attend the United States Military Academy in West Point and will be a candidate for the basketball squad. Matt is the son of Ken and Pam Knox.

Rick Kroll, Frontier — 6-4, 250 pound forward. Averaged 23.4 points per game as a senior and scored 1,350 points for his career with 650 rebounds and 150 assists. Was a 1st Team All-OVAC Selection, AP All-Eastern District Player of the Year and first-team District 12 selection; Plans to attend a four year college. Rick is the son of Rick and Diane Kroll.

Andrew Lillenthal, Cambridge — 6-4, 200 pound forward. Averaged 12.8 points a game as a senior and scored 459 points in his career with 259 rebounds and 99 assists. Was a First Team District 12 selection, First Team East Ohio Central League Selection and First Team AP All-Eastern District selection; Plans to attend college and play basketball. Andrew is the son of Rick and Marianne Lillenthal.

Tony Merkle, Conotton Valley — 5-10, 160 pound guard. Averaged 14.9 points a game as a senior and scored 774 points in his career with 255 rebounds and 423 assists. Was named to the District 5 first-team as a junior and a senior; Plans to attend college. Tony is the son of Bob and Cheryl Merkle.

Dan Richards, Fort Frye — 5-11, 158 pound guard. Averaged 16.5 points per game as a senior and scored 688 points for his career with 178 rebounds and 151 assists. Was selected all-OVAC and PVC, First-Team District 12 and was an alternate to the North/South all-star game. Plans to attend college and play basketball. Dan is the son of Doug and Maureen Richards.

Jason Robinson, Beaver Local — 6-5, 205 pound forward. Averaged 16.4 points a game as a senior and scored 772 points for his career with 215 rebounds and 75 assists. Was named to the First-Team all-Eastern District team as a junior and a senior and an all-OVAC Honorable Mention; Plans to attend college. Jason is the son of Raymond Buddy and Debra Robinson.

Scott Stutler, Toronto — 6-4, 210 pound forward. Averaged

19 points a game as a senior and scored 877 points in his career. Was a third-team all-OVAC selection, First Team AP Eastern District; Plans to attend college and play basketball. Scott is the son of Randy and Donna Stutler.

Jerrin Walker, East Liverpool — 5-10, 140 pound guard. Averaged 16.0 points a game and scored 511 points and grabbed 87 rebounds with 178 assists. Was selected as AP Eastern District Selection, First Team District Five Coaches Association; Plans to attend college and play basketball. Jerrin is the son of Lawrence and Vanessa Walker.

Chris Wineburg, Beaver Local — 6-5, 205 pound forward. Averaged 17.2 points and scored 739 points in his career and grabbed 413 rebounds and had 66 assists; Was named Eastern District Five Player of the Year, All County and all-OVAC. Plans to attend college. Chris is the son of Rene and Lewis Schoules.

Chad Zamana, Steubenville Central — 5-10, 148 pound guard. Averaged 17.3 points a game as a senior. Was named to the first team District 5, set a school record with 75 three-point goals; Plans to attend college and play basketball. Chad is the son of Terry and Terry Zamana.

COACHING STAFF

Ed Andes, Shadyside — The Tiger boss led his team to the district tournament and won the OVAC title in Single A this season. The Tigers had a 15-5 record this season. He was awarded for his fine season with being named Coach of the Year in District 12. Andes overall mark currently stands at 30-33. Andes earned his degree at The Ohio State University and is married to Jeri and they have three children, Jered (10), Justin (8) and Toni (4).

Dan Liedtke, Fort Frye — Liedtke led his Cadets to a 17-3 record this past season. In 1989, he and his Cadets advanced all the way to the state tournament. He was named 1989 Ohio Division III Coach of the Year. He has captured two OVAC titles, six sectional titles and a regional championship.

OVAC Girls' Biographies

Marci Bonar, Belleaire — 5-8, 125 pound guard. Averaged 19 points a game as a senior; scored 1,337 points in her career with 370 rebounds and 215 assists; Was selected to the 1st team in the Eastern District both as a junior and a senior and is an OVAC AAA Captain; Plans to attend Wheeling Jesuit University and is the daughter of Mark and Kathy Bonar.

Natalie Dunn, Cambridge — 5-8, 150 pound forward. Averaged 18.5 points a game as a senior; scored 1,200 points in her career with 608 rebounds and 229 assists; Was selected to the 1st Team All-Eastern District, 1st Team All-OVAC and was the East Central League Player of the Year; Plans to attend Wright State University on a basketball scholarship and is the daughter of Steve and Ben Dunn.

Tonya Jones, Steubenville — 5-7, 130 pound guard. Averaged 20.6 points a game as a senior; scored 1,327 points in her career with 577 rebounds and 279 assists; Was named Third Team All-OVAC, MVP and all-tournament in the Hawaii's Hoopemart Tournament and was named 1st Team All-Eastern District; Plans to attend college and play basketball and is the daughter of Cynthia Jones.

Melissa Mislavich, River — 5-9, 140 pound forward. Averaged 17.8 points per game and scored 1,092 in her career along with 421 rebounds and 258 assists; Was a two-time all-OVAC 1st Team selection and a two-time 1st Team District 12 all-star selection and will play in the District 12 all-star game; Plans to major in education and is the daughter of Mike and Mona Mislavich.

Stacey Moore, Bucyrus Trail — 5-7, 130 pound guard. Averaged 17.2 points a game as a senior and scored 993 for her career with 252 rebounds and 178 assists; Was an Honorable Mention All-OVAC selection as a junior and all-OVAC as a senior, First Team District 12; Plans to attend college and play basketball and is the daughter of Gary and Cheryl Moore.

Tiffany Moscato, St. John Central — 5-8, 130 pound forward. Averaged 14.1 points a game as a senior and scored 1,037 for her career with 366 rebounds and 243 assists; Was a 1st Team all-District Selection, 2nd Team All-Eastern District and a 2nd Team All-Valley selection; Is undecided upon her future plans and is the daughter of Gary and Doreen Moscato.

Miki Murad, St. John Central — 6-0 145 pound center. Averaged 12.8 points a game as a senior and scored 608 points in her career with 826 rebounds and 278 assists; Was a 1st Team all-District 12 selection, a second team all-Eastern District selection and a 2nd Team all-Valley selection; Plans to attend college, where she hopes to play basketball and is the daughter of Jim and Shirleann Murad.

Abbey Otto, Bucyrus Local — 5-8, 142 pound guard. Averaged 13.5 points a game as a senior and scored 809 points in her career with 340 rebounds and 102 assists. Otto was an AP All-Eastern District Honorable Mention selection as a junior; Plans to attend college and is the daughter of Williams and Margaret Otto.

Laura Schwendeman, Fort Frye — 5-9, 135 pound guard. Averaged 18.0 points a game as a senior and scored 1,210 for her career with 421 rebounds and 240 assists; Was a 1st Team All-OVAC selection as a junior and a senior; AP Eastern District Player of the Year as a junior and a senior and a 1st Team All-OVAC selection as a junior and a senior; Laura is the daughter of Terry and Audrey Schwendeman.

Regina Scott, Conotton Valley — 5-8, 135 pound guard. Averaged 20.5 points per game as a senior and scored 1,290 points in her career with 590 rebounds and 305 assists; Was a 1st Team all-District 5 selection as a junior and a senior and was a 1st Team all-Eastern District selection as a senior; Plans to attend Walsh University and play basketball. Regina is the daughter of Rocky and Bev Scott.

Jennifer Shrieves, Indian Creek — 5-5, 130 pound guard. Averaged 15.3 points a game as a senior and scored 544 points in her career with 184 rebounds and 123 assists. Was named to the 1st Team in District Five, was named the Indian Creek Best Defender and led the team in steals as a junior. Plans to attend college. Jennifer is the daughter of William and Nancy Shrieves.

Gina Twardoek, St. Clairsville — 5-10, 125 pound forward. Averaged 20 points a game as a senior and scored 1,174 points in her career with 1,010 rebounds and 240 assists. Was named school MVP as a sophomore, junior and senior, was an All-State Special Mention and was First Team AP All-Eastern District as a senior. Plans to attend college and play basketball. Gina is the daughter of Sam and Diane Twardoek.

Merisa Young, Toronto — 5-10, 160 pound forward. Averaged 19.6 points a game as a senior and scored 1,145 points in her career with 803 rebounds; Was named 1st Team all-OVAC, 1st Team District Five and 1st Team AP All-Eastern District as a junior.

COACHING STAFF

Micky Blatnik, St. Clairsville — Blatnik led St. Clairsville to a 17-3 record in the regular season along with an OVAC AAA Championship. He also took his Lady Red Devil team to its first ever regional berth. Blatnik owns two sectional titles and the one OVAC title. He has coached at St. Clairsville for 14 years after earning his degree from West Liberty.

Bubba Kapral, St. John Central — Kapral led his Lady Irish to a 20-2 record and the school's 10th OVAC title. Kapral owns an 89-43 record over six years of head coaching. Kapral owns five of those OVAC championships. For his stellar 89-00 season Kapral was named Ohio Division IV Coach of the Year, District 12 Coach of the Year and OVAC Class A Coach of the Year. Kapral is a graduate of Bethany College.

Chris Taglieri, Steubenville — Taglieri enjoyed a fine first season as he led Lady Big Red to a 14-7 record. Taglieri and his wife Kelly have two children Alyssa who is 15 months and Brienne who is 2 months.

Mumley Classic adds 2 special attractions

The Samuel A. Mumley Memorial OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic will feature a pair of new attractions this year.

Kroger is sponsoring a \$1,000 shopping spree as well as a \$10,000 halfcourt shot.

In the shopping spree, the lucky shooter will get \$100 in groceries for every foul shot made. The shooter will get 12 tries to make 10. The maximum is 10 made free throws.

The winner will be drawn on WTRF-TV7 Sports/News on Friday, March 24. The shooter must be 18 years of age and only the person whose name is on the ticket is allowed to shoot. No substitutes will be allowed.

Tickets are \$2 each and only 1000 tickets will be sold. Deadline to purchase a ticket is March 23.

The \$10,000 halfcourt shot will be conducted at halftime of the boys' game. As with the shopping spree, the shooter's name will be drawn on the TV 7 News on Friday, March 24 and only the person's



name on the ticket will be allowed to shoot. Tickets are also \$2 and a 1000 limit will be sold.

Shooters must not have played high school or college basketball for at least five years.

Shopping spree, halfcourt shot and game tickets may be purchased at all Kroger stores. Advance tickets are \$4 while all tickets on April 1 at the gate will be \$5.

The girls' game is set for 1 p.m. at Wheeling Jesuit University with the boys' game slated for 3 p.m.

OVAC hoop all-stars announced

Battle, Mistovich, Bonar, Watts, Gentile named captains

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference has begun to pass out its post-season awards for boys and girls basketball.

The Class A all-conference team for boys has a nice local flavor as Shadyside sophomore-dandy Serge Gentile was named to the first team and was also named co-captain with Weirton Madonna standout Jeff Geisinger.

Linsly senior Dan Stephens was also named to the first team, as were Frontier's Rick Kroll and Conotton Valley's Tony Markle.

In AA, Steubenville Central's Chad Zamana was named the captain of the team. River High placed one onto the first team as senior standout Josh Conner earned a bid. Also on the first team were Mitch Hayes of Fort Frye, Clayton Fitzsimmons of Wheeling Central and Scott Stutler of Toronto.

The all-conference team in Class AAA is highlighted by Bellaire's super-senior James Watts.

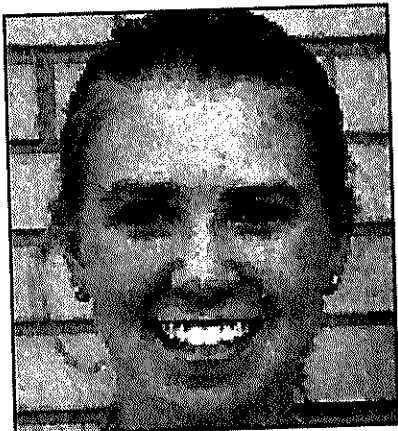
The 5-6 bundle of talent scored at a 25 points per game clip for the 19-1 Big Reds. Watts was named as the captain of the team.

Joining Watts on the first team is St. Clairsville's senior force in the pivot. That is Kevin Jaworski.

Harrison Central's Mike Deland was also named to the first team in AAA as were: Magnolia's David Tallman, Tyler's Tim Richmond and Oak Glen's Rob Paulauskas. In Class 4-A, seniors Felix Davila, East Liverpool's Robbie Green and Zanesville's Andre Hodge lead the team. Juniors Adam Davenport of Cambridge and Brian Radokovich of Steubenville round out the first team. Davila was named the captain.

Buckeye Local's Larry Boroski was named to the second team.

ON THE GIRLS' side, Ashley Battle was named captain of the



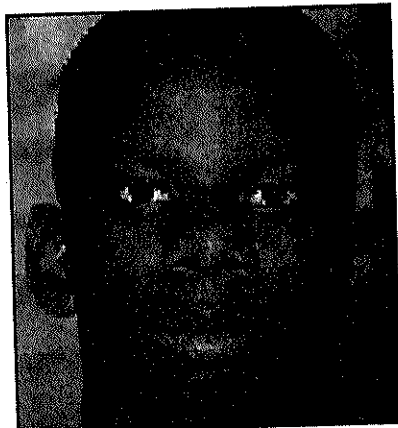
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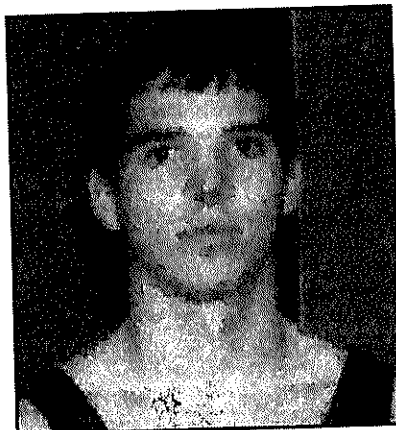
ASHLEY BATTLE



MELISSA MISTOVICH



JAMES WATTS



SERGE GENTILE



Class A team. The Linsly star and University of Connecticut recruit, is joined by three members of the OVAC champion St. John Central squad.

Gaining first-team berths for the Lady Irish were junior Kayla Magistro, a repeat selection, along with sophomore Arin Kress and senior Tiffany Moscato. The first team is rounded out by Shadyside's high-scoring Ashley Holenka.

In Class AA, River placed two players on the first team, topped by captain Melissa Mistovich. The 5 ft.

9 senior dandy is joined by sophomore teammate Leighann Fry.

The balance of the first team includes Fort Frye's Laura Schwendeman, Wheeling Central's Stacy Contraguero and Toronto's Marissa Young.

Three local players earned first-team berths in Class AAA, headlined by Bellaire sharpshooter Marci Bonar. The Lady Reds' 5 ft. 6 senior was named captain of the unit.

Martins Ferry's Melissa De-

Gasperi and St. Clairsville's Gina Twardoski -- both seniors -- also landed on the first team. Magnolia's Ashlea Bland and oak Glen's Jessica Forsythe also gained spots on the first unit.

The Class 4-A squad's first team is composed of five seniors, led by co-captains Toni Matkovich of Wheeling Park and Tonya Jones of Steubenville.

They are joined by Natalie Dunn of Cambridge, Kelly Richardson of Brooke and Casey Shields of John Marshall.

OVAC Boys' Honorees

BOYS CLASS A

First Team: Jeff Geisinger, Weirton Madonna, junior; Serge Gentile, Shadyside, sophomore; Rick Kroll, Frontier, senior; Tony Markle, Conotton Valley, senior; Dan Stephens, Linsly, senior.

Second Team: Kenney Howell, St. John's, senior; Michael King, Paden City, senior; Willie McCrary, Bridgeport, junior; Trevor Schaffer, Bealsville, junior; Joe Wallace, Bishop Donahue, junior.

Honorable mention: Adam Shinsky, Bishop Donahue, senior; Toby Brown, Cameron, junior; Pat Wood, Cameron, senior; Kris Pracht, Conotton Valley, senior; Zach Kirkpatrick, Frontier, senior; Chris Rutherford, Frontier, senior; Brian Banal, Linsly, senior; Mike Gompers, Linsly, senior; Derek Ritchie, Shadyside, senior; Matt Glottemeyer, Shadyside, senior; Matt Knox, St. John's, senior; T.J. Horner, Valley, junior; Matt McCune, Weirton Madonna, senior.

CLASS AA

First team: Josh Conner, River, senior; Clayton Fitzsimmons, Wheeling Central, junior; Mitch Hayes, Fort Frye, senior; Scott Stutler, Toronto, senior; Chad Zamana, Steubenville Central, senior.

Second team: John Chlowak, Shenandoah, senior; Chris Morgan, Wheeling Central, senior; Dan Richards, Fort Frye, senior; Richie Sloan, Wellsville, junior; Matt Vess, Fort Frye, senior.

Honorable mention: Mark Hall, Barnesville, senior; Anthony Hannahs, Barnesville, senior; Jon Miller, Barnesville, sophomore; Matt Davis, Caldwell, junior; Dan Stowell, Caldwell, junior; Jeremy Beardmore, Monroe Central, senior; Colin Morrison, Monroe Central, senior; Chris Isaly, River, junior; Mark Isaly, River, senior; Jay Dudley, Shenandoah, junior; Jared Rock, Toronto, senior; Daniel Paolino, Wellsville, senior; J.T. Richardson, Wheeling Central, senior.

CLASS AAA

First team: Mike Deland, Harrison Central, senior; Kevin Ja-

worksi, St. Clairsville, senior; Rob Paulauskas, Oak Glen, senior; Tim Richmond, Tyler Consolidated, senior; David Tallman, Magnolia, senior; James Watts, Bellaire, senior.

Second Team: Zac Bruney, Martins Ferry, senior; Justin Davis, Indian Creek, junior; Ron Hill, Martins Ferry, senior; Drew Spencer, Bellaire, senior; Chris Winesburg, Beaver Local's senior.

Honorable mention: Jason Robinson, Beaver Local, senior; Dan Carpenter, Buckeye Trail, senior; Keith Rose, Buckeye Trail, senior; Anthony Stephens, Buckeye Trail, senior; Willy Luther, Harrison Central, junior; Trent Luyker, Harrison Central, junior; Ryan Dougherty, Indian Creek, junior; Ryan Ferguson, Indian Creek, senior; Jason Baxter, Magnolia, junior; Eric Burke, Magnolia, junior; Brad Wink, Martins Ferry, junior; Mike Moniger, Oak Glen, senior; Ryan Ralston, St. Clairsville, junior; Blake Patterson, Tyler Consolidated, sophomore; Nick Rymer, Tyler Consolidated, senior; Lance Nardo, Union Local, senior; Anthony Scranecchia, Union Local, freshman; Justin Schaler, Union Local, freshman.

CLASS AAAA

First team: Adam Davenport, Cambridge, junior; Felix Davila, Wheeling Park, senior; Robbie Green, East Liverpool, senior; Andre Hodge, Zanesville, senior; Brian Radakovich, Steubenville, junior.

Second team: Larry Boroski, Buckeye Local, senior; Aaron Fair, Brooks, junior; Andrew Libenthal, Cambridge, senior; Jerren Walker, East Liverpool, senior; Pat Zervas, John Marshall, senior.

Honorable mention: Erik Eastham, Brooke, senior; Matt Bailey, Edison, senior; Travis Storm, John Marshall, junior; Drew Villant, John Marshall, senior; Jason Bennett, Steubenville, senior; Adam Dinari, Weirton, senior; Brian Moorhead, Weirton, senior; Will Burkland, Wheeling Park, senior; Derrick Kaufman, Wheeling Park, senior; Kevin Martin, Zanesville, junior.

*DENOTES CAPTAIN

OVAC Girls' Honorees

GIRLS CLASS A

First Team: Ashley Battle, Linsly, senior; Ashley Holenka, Shadyside, junior; Arin Kress, St. John Central, sophomore; Kayla Magistro, St. John Central, junior; Tiffany Moecato, St. John Central, senior.

Second team: Megan Finneran, Weirton Madonna, junior; Amber Graebe, Bishop Donahue, senior; Sarah Setcavage, Weirton Madonna, sophomore; Leslie Smittle, Paden City, junior; Beth Stalder, Bealsville, junior; Andrea Stojanovic, Mount de Charital, sophomore.

Honorable mention: Nora Shalaway, Cameron, junior; Alicia Vucek, Cameron, senior; Regina Scott, Conotton Valley, senior; Tabby Taylor, Frontier, sophomore; Kristina Joffit, Hundred, senior; Alana Longwell, Hundred, junior; Katie Williams, Linsly, senior; Tammy Sepp, Paden City, senior; Nikki Gilham, Shadyside, senior; Sierra Huggins, Valley, senior; Lisa Tuomola, Valley, senior; Nathalie Wujlow, Weirton Madonna, junior.

CLASS AA

First team: Stacy Contraguero, Wheeling Central, junior; Leighann Fry, River, sophomore; Melissa Mistovich, River, senior; Laura Schwendeman, Fort Frye, senior; Marissa Young, Toronto, senior.

Second team: Leslie Knoch, Fort Frye, junior; Erica Narish, Wheeling Central, junior; Tiffany Schnupp, Wheeling Central, junior; Christina Thompson, Wellsville, senior; Trisha Williams, Wellsville, junior.

Honorable mention: Emily Crumbaker, Barnesville, senior; Kim Shockling, Caldwell, freshman; Krista Ferguson, Fort Frye, sophomore; Stephanie Friday, Monroe Central, senior; Jess Isaly, Monroe Central, senior; Heather Bond, Shenandoah, senior; Dina Bartheles, Steubenville Central, senior; Jennifer Fletcher, Steubenville, Central, sophomore; Lynsey Lyle, Wellsville, sophomore.

CLASS AAA

First Team: Ashlea Bland, Magnolia, senior; Marci Bonar, Bellaire, senior; Melissa DeGasperi, Martins Ferry, senior; Jessica Forsythe, Oak Glen, senior; Gina Twardoski,

St. Clairsville, senior.

Second Team: Jenny Campbell, Union Local, sophomore; Tara Heidebach, St. Clairsville, senior; Stacy Moore, Buckeye Trail, senior; Jenn Striwe, Indian Creek, senior; Mary Pat Starber, Oak Glen, junior.

Honorable mention: Sarah Piarcik, Beaver Local, senior; Erin Reeder, Beaver Local, junior; Jessica Pramk, Bellaire, senior; Kacie Vavrek, Bellaire, sophomore; Ashley Bates, Buckeye Trail, junior; Nicole Kath, Buckeye Trail, senior; Randi Glacobi, Harrison Central, senior; Amy Kuceyaski, Harrison Central, senior; Amanda Wilson, Harrison Central, junior; Courtney Ewing, Indian Creek, senior; Michelle Oblockovich, Indian Creek, senior; Erin Leach, Magnolia, senior; Gina Vindl, Martins Ferry, senior; Kelly Singleton, Meadowbrook, senior; Jade Eckleberry, Oak Glen, sophomore; Bethany Piccolini, St. Clairsville, junior; Sarah Meckley, Tyler Consolidated, senior; Heidi Mercer, Tyler Consolidated, senior; Wendy Weese, Tyler Consolidated, senior; Jenny Chiffolini, Union Local, junior; Amanda Mercer, Union Local, junior.

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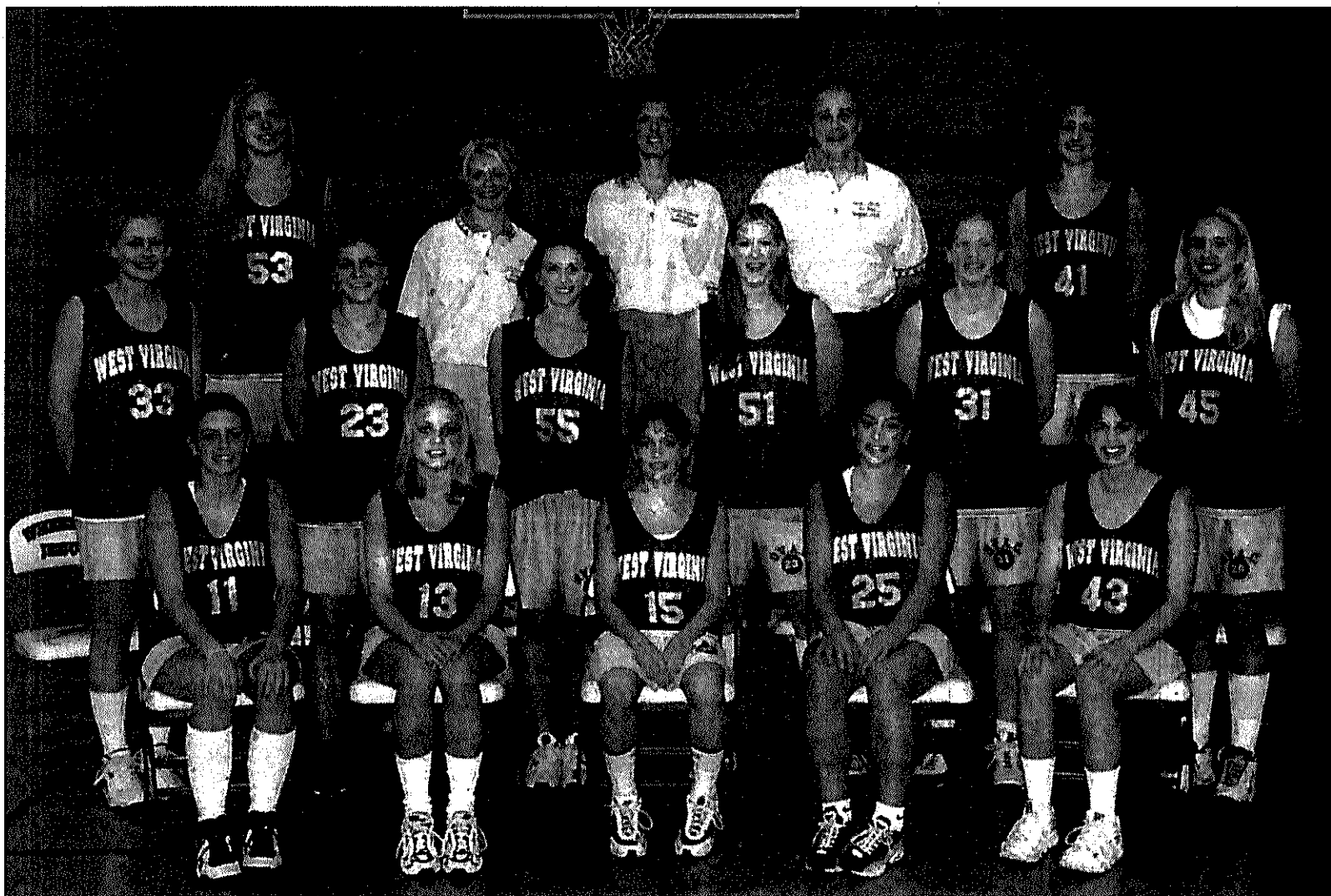
First team: Natalie Dunn, Cambridge, senior; Tonya Jones, Steubenville, senior; Toni Matkovich, Wheeling Park, senior; Kelly Richardson, Brooke, senior; Casey Shaeks, John Marshall, senior.

Second team: Amanda Eaton, Wheeling Park, junior; Annie M. Hoffer, John Marshall, senior; Katie Hull, Brooke, senior; Abbey Otto, Buckeye Local, senior; Brooke Turner, Weirton, senior; Krista Willett, Zanesville, senior.

Honorable mention: Jessica Yarter, Brooke, sophomore; Monica Mann, Buckeye Local, senior; Yvonne Hamilton, Cambridge, junior; Ashley Hollins, Cambridge; Jessica Gatron, East Liverpool, senior; Allison Kamora, East Liverpool, junior; Holly Cline, Edison, sophomore; Tiffany Snyder, Edison, senior; Kiley Schultz, John Marshall, senior; Bekah Annett, Steubenville, junior; Lisa Costello, Weirton, freshman; Lauren Gompers, Wheeling Park, sophomore; Heather Rognon, Zanesville, senior.

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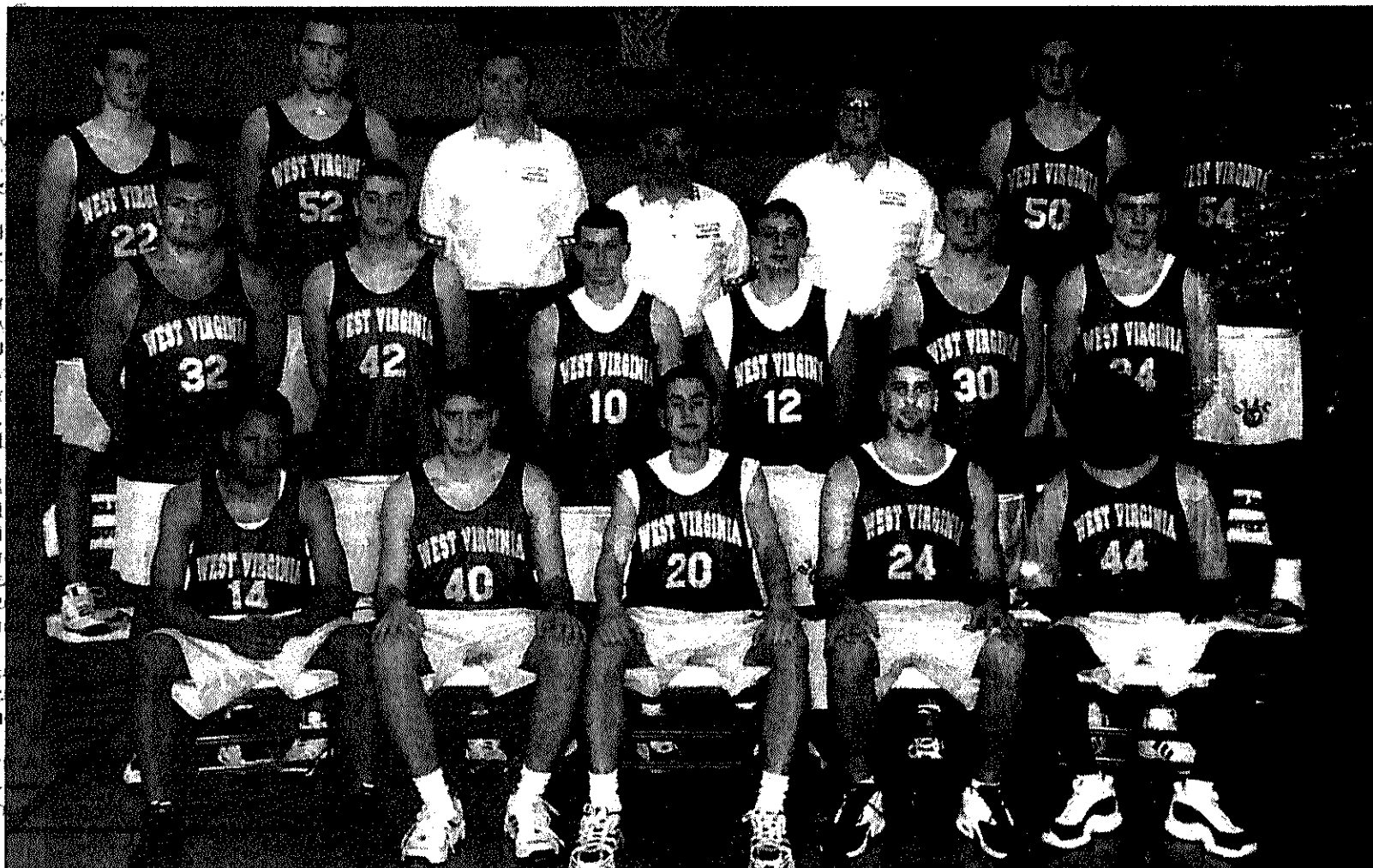
WV Hoop All-Stars



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PICTURED is the West Virginia Girls' OVAC Basketball team. Front row, from left, is Amber Graebe, Bishop Donahue; Tammy Sapp, Paden City; Christina Joliff, Hundred; Toni Matkovich, Wheeling Park and Sierra Huggins, Valley. Second row are Ashlea Bland, Magnolia; Jessica Pierce, Mt. De Chantal; Brooke Turner, Weir; Kelly Richardson, Brooke; Erin Leach, Magnolia and Lisa Tuomala, Valley. Third row are Casey Shields, John Marshall; assistant coach Jayme Boston; head coach Nikki Hardman; assistant Bob Robinson and Jessica Forsythe, Oak Glen.

West Virginia Stars



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REPRESENTING WEST VIRGINIA in Saturday's Samuel Mumley OVAC Basketball Classic will be these players and coaches. Front row, from left, are Chris Morgan, Wheeling Central; Pete Zervos, John Marshall; Erik Eastham, Brooke; Adam Dinitni, Weir and Pete Coleman, Wheeling Park. Second row, from left, Dan Stephens, Linsly; Drew Villani, John Marshall; Mike King, Paden City; Adam Shinsky, Bishop Donahue; Dave Tallman, Magnolia; and Tim Richmond, Tyler Consolidated. Third row, from left, Pat Wood, Cameron; Will Burkland, Wheeling Park; assistant coach Dave Tallman, Magnolia; head coach Tom Tribett, Bishop Donahue; assistant coach Bob Burton, Paden City; Rob Paulauskas, Oak Glen and Felix Davilla, Wheeling Park.