



Photo by Scott McCloskey
Nate Conley and Ohio's all-stars cruised past Josh Wade and West Virginia's standouts in Saturday's Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic at Ohio University Eastern.

Cold Start to Second Half Spells Trouble for WV Stars

'We just couldn't make anything ... and it killed us' — Pancho Flores

By NICK BEDWAY
Executive Sports Editor

Leading 54-43 at halftime, the West Virginia All-Stars made just five of 22 shots during the first 10 minutes of the second half, as Ohio rallied for a 94-89 victory in the boys' division of the Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic on Saturday afternoon.

Cambridge's 6-4 strong man Adam Davenport muscled his way inside to score 10 of his 16 points in the second-half of the fast-paced battle held at Ohio University Eastern's Ney Center.

"We just couldn't make anything early in the second half and it killed us," said Mountaineer Coach Pancho Flores of John Marshall. "I thought we had a good run right at the end of the first half to take the lead but it wasn't enough."

The opening minutes saw seven ties and four exchanges of the lead, as Wheeling Park's Durran Goodwin connected for eight of his 13 points prior to the intermission.

Ohio, coached by Joe Dunlevy of Indian Creek, never led until Bridgeport all-stater Willie McCrary stepped behind the three-point line and drained a 20-footer for a 27-25 Buckeye advantage.

Bellaire's Matt Materkoski, with a nice drive to the basket, later regained the lead for Ohio at 30-29 just before the 10-minute mark and West Virginia didn't catch up again until Weir's Jason Jeter got loose underneath for an easy hoop and a stalemate at 42.

After Justin Davis of Indian Creek cashed the back end of a two-shot foul to put the Buckeyes in front again, West Virginia embarked on a 12-0 run to close the half and open up a double-digit advantage.

"We caught them with some tired legs right there," W.Va. assistant coach Bob Burton of Paden City remarked during the halftime break.

The Mountaineers put a fresh quint on the floor for the final four minutes and it paid off handsomely. Goodwin, a Class AAA first-team all-stater for the Patriots this past season, led the charge.

After draining a three-pointer from the wing, Goodwin dished off to Magnolia's Eric Burke for an easy lay-in after a steal.

Travis Storm of John Marshall, who opened the game with a bonus bomb, cashed another trey for a 50-

43 lead. With the Buckeyes continuing to struggle, W.Va. added a goal by Weirton Madonna's Jeff Geisinger to up the lead to nine points.

Geisinger scored again just ahead of the halftime buzzer when an unthinking Ohio inbounder passed the ball right to the Blue Don all-stater who connected on the layup for a 53-43 advantage.

During the halftime break, Tyler Consolidated's Andrew Mercer won the slam-dunk contest.

West Virginia's cold spell at the outset of the second half, made things easy for the Buckeyes, as they went on a 19-6 roll that featured three-pointers by All-Ohioan Brian Radakovich and Keith Petteway, both from Big Red.

Ohio regained the lead at 61-60 when Davenport flipped the ball underhanded to an open Jay Dudley of Shenandoah for an easy layup.

The Mountaineers got even for the final time at 62 on Geisinger's reverse layup. But Ohio exploded again on a 9-2 spurt to take charge for keeps.

The closest West Virginia got the remainder of the game was three points, which the Mountaineers did on three occasions.

Geisinger and Goodwin bombed in treys during the final 10 minutes for the Mountaineers.

"It was a fun game," Ohio coach Dunlevy said. "I thought all our kids played well. Our scoring was pretty balanced. This was a great game and a very good experience for the kids on both teams."

Geisinger with 15 points, Goodwin with 13 and Linsly's Nate Maurer, who had 12, led the West Virginia scoring.

Supporting Davenport in the Ohio attack were Petteway with 11, followed by McCrary and Radakovich with nine points each.

Ohio 94, West Virginia 89

O-Conley 2-5 4-5 8; Davenport 6-7 4-6 16; Davis 1-3 1-2 3; Dougherty 2-7 0-0 4; Dudley 4-8 4-5 12; Ging 1-3 4-6 7; Isaly 1-1 1-4 3; Luyster 1-4 1-2 3; McCrary 2-4 4-6 9; Hubbard 0-2 0-0 0; Materkoski 4-9 0-0 8; Petteway 5-8 0-0 11; Radakovich 4-7 0-0 9; Schafer 0-3 1-2 1; Wink 0-3 0-0 0; Totals: 33-74 24-38 94
WV-Baxter 4-4 0-0 8; Brown 2-6 0-0 6; Burke 4-4 1-2 9; Drake 0-0 0-0 0; Fair 1-4 2-2 4; Fitzsimmons 1-3 0-3 2; Geisinger 6-10 1-2 15; Goodwin 5-12 1-2 13; Jeter 3-11 0-0 7; Maurer 5-12 2-2 12; Mercer 0-1 0-0 0; Storm 3-7 0-0 8; Sims 1-7 2-2 2; Wade 1-7 0-0 2; Wallace 0-5 2-2 2; Totals: 36-92 9-18 89
3-pt. Goals: Ging, McCrary, Petteway, Radakovich; Brown, Geisinger 2, Goodwin 2, Jeter, Storm 2.
Halftime: West Virginia 54, Ohio 43.



Buckeye Girls Ruin Statler's Party

By NICK BEDWAY
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For a long time it looked as if it was going to be Mary Pat Statler's day.

The sensational all-West Virginia Class AA backcourter from Oak Glen High School went 6-for-7 from the floor and scored 14 points in the first half as the West Virginia girls took a 58-53 lead over Ohio in the Samuel A. Mumley OVAC Basketball Classic, played Saturday afternoon at Ohio University's Ney Center.

Then during halftime, Statler wowed the crowd even more in the three-point shootout. After watching Union Local's Jenny Chillinsky drain 14 of her attempts, Statler squared herself just outside the circle on the right side and cashed 15 three-pointers within the allotted one-minute time frame to win the competition.

Unfortunately for Statler and her Mountaineer teammates, the Buckeyes paid more attention to the presence of the St. John's University recruit during the second half, enabling Ohio to rally for a 100-93 victory.

"She's quite a player," commented West Virginia coach Penn Kurtz of Wheeling Central after watching Statler finish the game with 23 points overall. In the second half, Statler hit just one field goal, a three-pointer in the final minute, but she also went 6-for-6 at the foul line.

Wheeling Central's Tiffany Schnupp, who had a strong game inside for West Virginia, backed up Statler with 14 points, while John Marshall's Danielle Frazier also played well in the paint and finished with 13 points.

Ohio, coached by Rick Jones of Union Local, won the game by playing better defense on Statler during the second half and putting together a balanced offense. Five of the Buckeyes finished in double figures, led by St. John's Central All-Ohioan Kayla Magistro with 13 points. Shadyside's Ashley Holenka, also a first-team all-stater in Division IV, scored 12 points, including six key tallies in the latter stages of the game.

Finishing with 10 points each were Ashley Bates of Buckeye Trail, Jessica Gehrig of River and Amanda Mercer of Union Local. Chillinsky and Bethany Piccolini tallied eight points each, giving Ohio seven players with eight points or more.

"We knew we a lot of balance from our first practice," said Buckeye assistant coach Mickey Blatnik. "The girls played well together the whole way."

Kurtz believes the victorious Ohio squad deserved a lot of credit for the way they came out and played Statler in the second half. "Ohio did a better job of defending Mary Pat," Kurtz

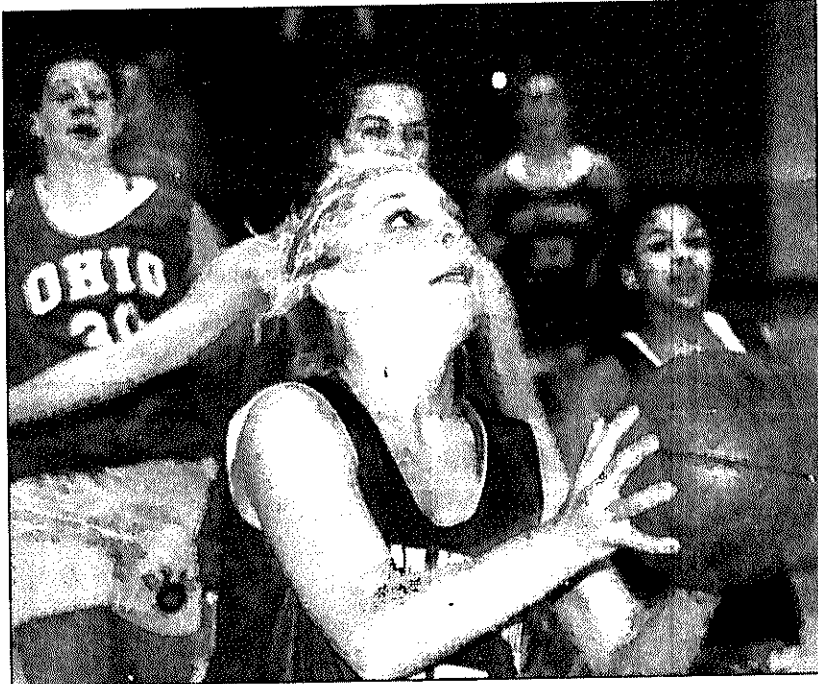


Photo by Scott McCloskey

Tiffany Schnupp and the West Virginia all-stars fell to Ohio, 58-53, in the Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic on Saturday.

said. "They tried to double-team her whenever she had the ball and not give her much room to shoot."

The first half was played at a torrid pace as the score was tied nine times and there were seven lead exchanges. With Ohio leading 49-47, the Mountaineers got a foul toss from Weirton Madonna's Natalie Wujtow and a putback from Mount de Chantal's Aleksandra Katanic to go ahead.

After the Buckeyes closed to within 52-51, West Virginia sandwiched three-point goals from Melissa Witzberger of John Marshall and Megan Finneran of Madonna around a Heidi Kemp (Union Local) two-pointer for its 58-53 lead.

West Virginia led by as many as nine at 67-58 after a steal and goal by Schnupp in the second half before the Buckeyes exploded for a 16-3 run to take the lead for keeps. Yvonne Hamilton of Cambridge got the Buckeyes rolling with a goal, followed by five straight points from Ashley Bates, of Buckeye Trail. Bates turned in a three-point play and then scored a layup off a dish from St. John's Central's Jessica Seivertson.

Maria Slawinski temporarily halted the West Virginia dry spell with a bonus bomb for a 70-65 lead, but the Ohioans finally tied it on a Holenka foul toss. Magistro put the Buckeyes ahead to stay at 72-70 with two free throws.

West Virginia got no closer than two points the rest of the way, as the Buckeyes were able to connect on some key free throws down the stretch.

Both teams shot very well from

the foul line. Ohio was 28 of 35 and West Virginia made 26 of 33 attempts.

The boys' slam dunk contest was won by Tyler Consolidated's Andrew Mercer. Members of the Ohio and West Virginia All-Star teams from 1982 were honored during the afternoon.

Special awards were presented to Bill Waller, recipient of the Robert Dawson Basketball Officials' Award; Steve Laposki, former Union Local coach who received the Richard Saffield Girls' Coaches Award; Mel Coleman, former Wintersville and Weirton Madonna head coach, recipient of the Earl Haberfield Boys' Coaches Award; and Bob Reeves of Linsly School. Reeves received the Thomas E. Rataiczak Scorekeeper/Timer Award.

Dick Potts' Scholarship Awards were presented to Amanda Mercer of Union Local and Ashley Mulroy of Linsly School.

Receiving Henry Lasaz Scholarship Awards were Nathan Hubbard of Edison and Travis Storm of John Marshall.

Ohio 100, West Virginia 93
Ohio-Bates 4-6 1-1 10; Chillinsky 3-4 1-2 8; Gehrig 4-6 1-2 10; Gill 1-3 0-0 2; Hamilton 1-5 2-2 4; Hedge 1-2 0-0 2; Holenka 2-5 7-8 12; Hollins 1-3 2-2 4; Kemp 1-3 2-2 4; Magistro 5-10 3-5 13; Mercer 4-8 2-3 10; Piccolini 3-5 2-2 8; Seivertson 0-3 0-0 0; Singleton 2-6 0-0 4; Stalder 2-3 5-6 9; Totals: 34-72 28-35 100
WV-Contraguerrro 1-13 4-4 7; Finneran 2-6 0-0 5; Frazier 4-9 5-9 13; Katanic 2-3 4-6 8; Knezevic 0-4 0-0 0; Mulroy 0-2 0-0 0; Schnupp 6-8 2-3 14; Statler 7-12 6-6 23; Smitlle 0-0 0-0 0; Shalaway 0-0 0-0 0; Shaffer 1-3 0-0 2; Slawinski 3-10 2-2 10; Witzberger 2-9 0-1 5; Wujtow 2-6 1-2 5; Totals: 30-94 26-33 93
3-pt. Goals: Bates, Chillinsky, Gehrig, Holenka; Contraguerrro, Finneran; Statler 3; Slawinski; Witzberger.
Halftime: West Virginia 58, Ohio 53.



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Best seat in the house

Tyler Consolidated's Andrew Mercer jumps over John Marshall's Josh Wade in the winning dunk during the halftime slam dunk contest of the 10th annual Sam Mumley OVAC Basketball Classic held Saturday at Ohio University's Ney Center.

Ohio wins both OVAC all-star contests

By GREG HARKNESS
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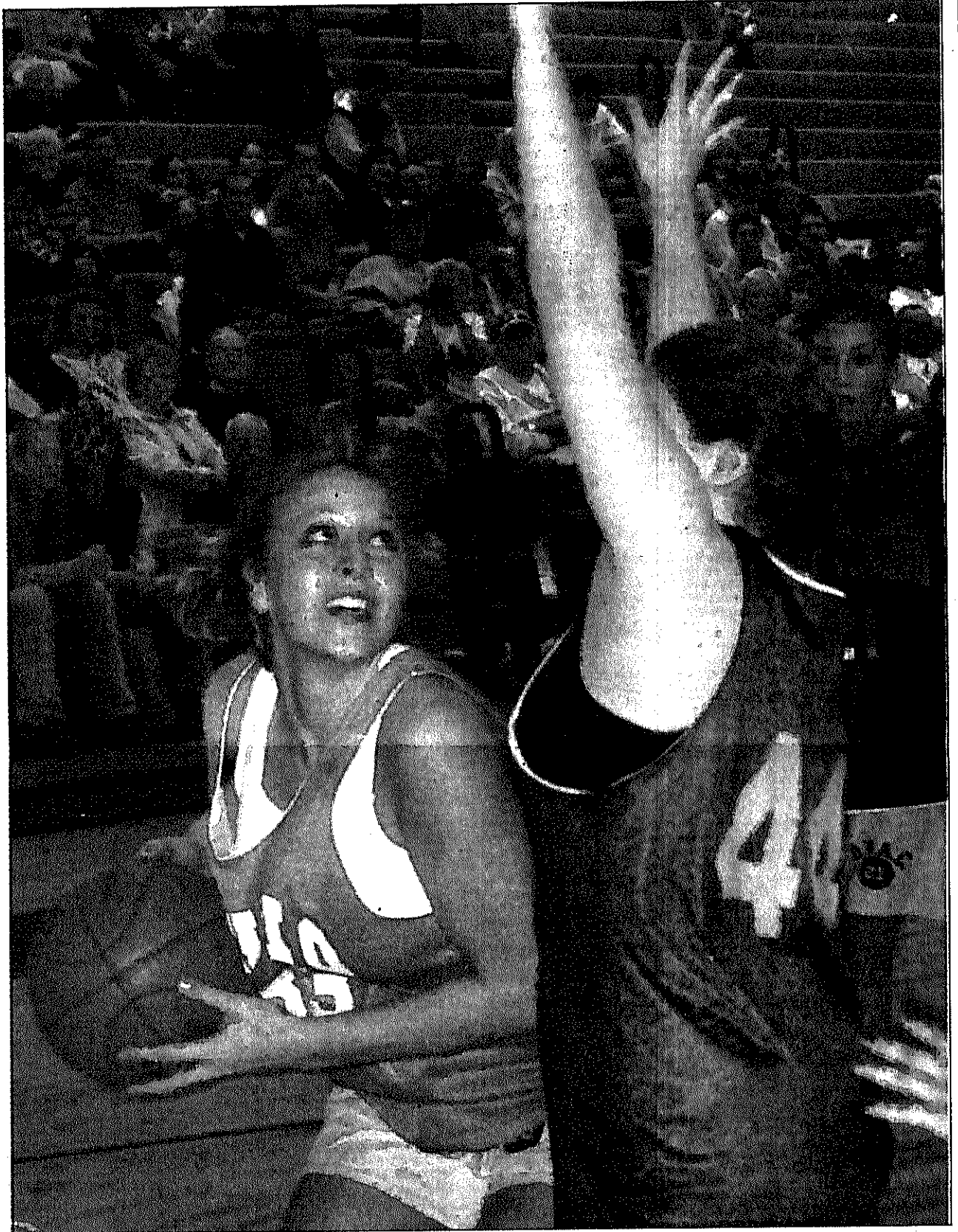
It was a clean sweep for Ohio in the annual Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic Saturday afternoon with the Buckeye state girls pocketing a 100-93 victory before the boys claimed a 94-89 triumph.

IN THE GIRLS' contest, Division IV all-Ohio performers Kayla Magistro and Ashley Holenka combined for 25 points and the Buckeyes placed three other players in twin figures to claim the victory.

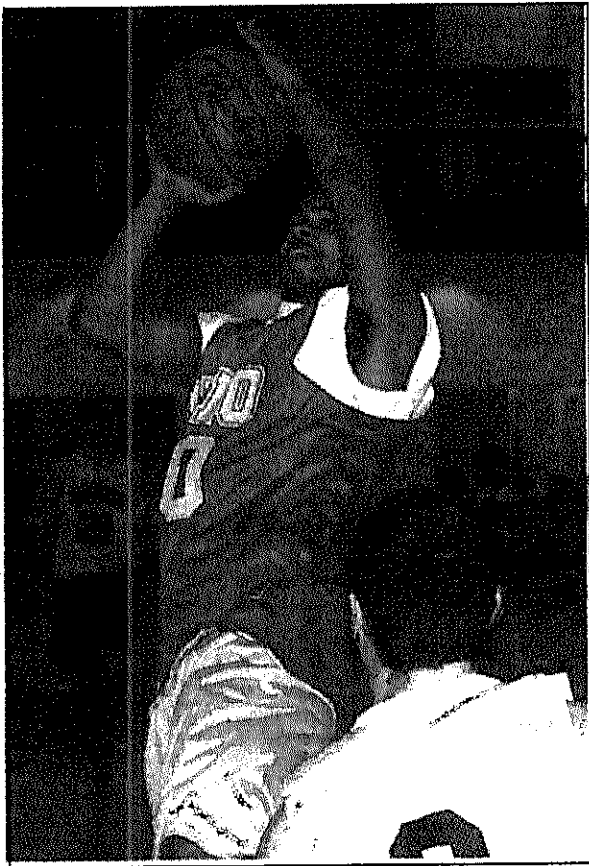
"I was really impressed with how my three players played," Ohio head coach Rick Jones said. "Obviously Kayla played very well and I thought Ashley Bates played a great game. There was so much talent on the team and if you added up the players' career points it would be staggering."

Magistro, who closed a brilliant career at St. John Central with nearly 2,000 points, scored 13 points while her former rival and Shadyside standout

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ABOVE: Ohio standout Kayla Magistro (33) goes up for a shot against West Virginia's Aleksandria Katanic (44) during action Saturday in the 10th annual Samuel A. Mumley Memorial OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic. Ohio won 100-93.

AT LEFT: Ohio's Willie McCrary (40) goes up for a shot during the boys' OVAC All-Star game. Ohio made it a clean sweep with a 94-89 win in the boys' contest.

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Holenka added 12 markers.

West Virginia took a 58-53 lead into intermission thanks in large part to the tremendous talents of Oak Glen High guard Mary Pat Statler.

The St. John University recruit poured in 14 points in the opening half for the Mountain State.

"I thought she was tremendous," Jones said. "It was a great opportunity for her to showcase her talents because a lot of local people don't get to see her play because she is at Oak Glen."

West Virginia took a 12-point lead early in the second half when Wheeling Central's Tiffany Schnupp capped a 7-0 West Virginia run with a layup.

Ohio answered immediately with a 23-5 run sparked by Magistro, Buckeye Trail's Bates and Union Local's Amanda Mercer to take a 78-72 lead.

The Mountain State bounced back with free throws from John Marshall's Danielle Frazier and Statler to pull within 78-76, but River High's Jessica Gehrig drained a clutch three-pointer with 6:20 left to make it 81-76.

The triple sparked a 10-2 Buckeye run that gave Ohio a 88-78 lead.

West Virginia wouldn't quit as Schnupp and Statler meshed two free throws to make it 88-82, but Union Local guard Jenny Chillinsky drilled a trifecta which extended the lead back to nine.

Ohio then sank seven-of-eight free throws down the stretch to seal the verdict.

The other three players that broke double-digits were Bates, Mercer and Gehrig. Each finished with 10 points.

Beallsville's Beth Stalder added nine points, while St. Clairsville's Bethany Piccolini and Chillinsky had eight each.

All but one of the Buckeye state performers dented the scoring column.

Statler closed with 23 points to lead West Virginia. Schnupp chipped in 14 counters and Frazier added 13 points. Magnolia guard Maria Slawinski donated 10 markers to the West Vir-

ginia cause.

Scoring: — Bates 4, 1-1, 10; Chillinsky 3, 1-2, 8; OHIO (100) — Gill 1, 0-0, 2; Hamilton 1, 2-2, 4; Gehrig 4, 1-2, 10; Hedge 1, 0-0, 2; Holenka 2, 7-8, 12; Hollins 1, 2-2, 4; Kemp 1, 2-2, 4; Magistro 5, 3-5, 13; Mercer 4, 2-3, 10; Piccolini 3, 2-2, 8; Selvertson 0, 0-0, 0; Singleton 2, 0-0, 4; Stalder 2, 5-8, 9. TOTALS: 34, 28-35, 100. WEST VIRGINIA (93) — Contraguero 1, 4-4, 7; Finneran 2, 0-0, 5; Katanic 2, 5-8, 9; Knezevic 0, 0-0, 0; Muiray 0, 0-0, 0; Schnupp 6, 2-3, 14; Statler 7, 6-6, 23; Smittle 0, 0-0, 0; Shalway 0, 0-0, 0; Shaffer 1, 0-0, 2; Slawinski 3, 2-2, 10; Witzberger 2, 0-1, 5; Wujtow 2, 1-2, 5. TOTALS: 30, 25-33, 93.

Three-point field goals: Ohio — Bates, Gehrig, Holenka, Chillinsky. WV — Statler (3), Slawinski (2), Finneran, Contraguero, Witzberger.

OHIO RECEIVED 37 points from its talented post trio of Adam Davenport, Brian Radakovich and Jay Dudley to pick up the triumph in the afternoon's nightcap.

Davenport, a 6-foot-6 first-team all-Ohio performer from Cambridge, led the way with 16 points. Dudley, a 6-foot-5 cager from Shenandoah, added a dozen counters.

Radakovich, a 6-foot-7 all-Ohio first-team member from Steubenville High School, added nine points for the Buckeye state.

The Mountain State closed the first half on a 12-0 run closed by Weirton Madonna's Jeff Geisinger's steal and layup just before first half the buzzer sounded.

Ohio rallied to take the lead at the 13:40 mark of the second half on a basket from Dudley which made it 61-60.

Shortly after that, Ohio went on 10-2 run to take a 71-64 lead.

Down the stretch Ohio overcame several missed free throws and turnovers, and never allowed West Virginia to get any closer than three points.

"I was having flashbacks to last night's District 5 game," Ohio head coach Joe Dunleavy, who also coached in that all-star game. "Last night we had a five point lead with 18 seconds left and ended up going to overtime and losing."

"But, today we made enough free throws to hold on for the victory," the personable Indian Creek head coach added.

Steubenville's Keith Petteway also topped twin digits with 11 markers.

Bridgeport's all-Ohio performer Willie McCrary donated nine points for Ohio. Bellaire High guard Matt Materkoski chipped in eight counters and Shadyside's Trent Ging had seven.

West Virginia was paced by talented guard Jeff Geisinger's 15 counters while Wheeling Park's Durran Goodwin had 13 points. Linsly's Nate Maurer contributed 12 points for West Virginia.

"I really liked the starting lineup we put on the floor today," Dunleavy said. "Ging, Schaffer, Isaly, Dudley and Davenport was a real nice lineup and gave us a true player at each position."

Scoring: — Conley 2, 4-5, 8; Davenport 6, 4-6, 16; Davis 1, 1-2, 3; Doughtery 2, 0-0, 4; Dudley 4, 4-5, 12; Ging 1, 4-6, 7; Isaly 1, 2-4, 4; Luyster 1, 1-2, 3; McCrary 2, 4-6, 9; Hubbard 0, 0-0, 0; Materkoski 4, 0-0, 8; Petteway 5, 0-0, 11; Radakovich 4, 0-0, 9; Schaffer 0, 1-2, 1; Wink 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 33, 24-38, 94. WEST VIRGINIA (89) — Baxter 4, 0-0, 8; Brown 2, 0-0, 5; Burke 4, 1-2, 9; Drake 0, 0-0, 0; Fair 1, 2-2, 4; Fitzsimmons 1, 0-2, 2; Goodwin 5, 1-2, 13; Jeter 3, 0-0, 7; Maurer 5, 2-2, 12; Mercer 0, 0-0, 0; Storm 3, 0-0, 8; Sims 1, 0-2, 2; Wade 1, 0-0, 2; Wallace 0, 2-2, 2; Geisinger 6, 1-2, 15. TOTALS: 36, 9-16, 89.

Three-point field goals: Ohio — Radakovich, McCrary, Ging, Petteway. WV — Geisinger (2), Goodwin (2), Storm (2), Jeter, Brown.

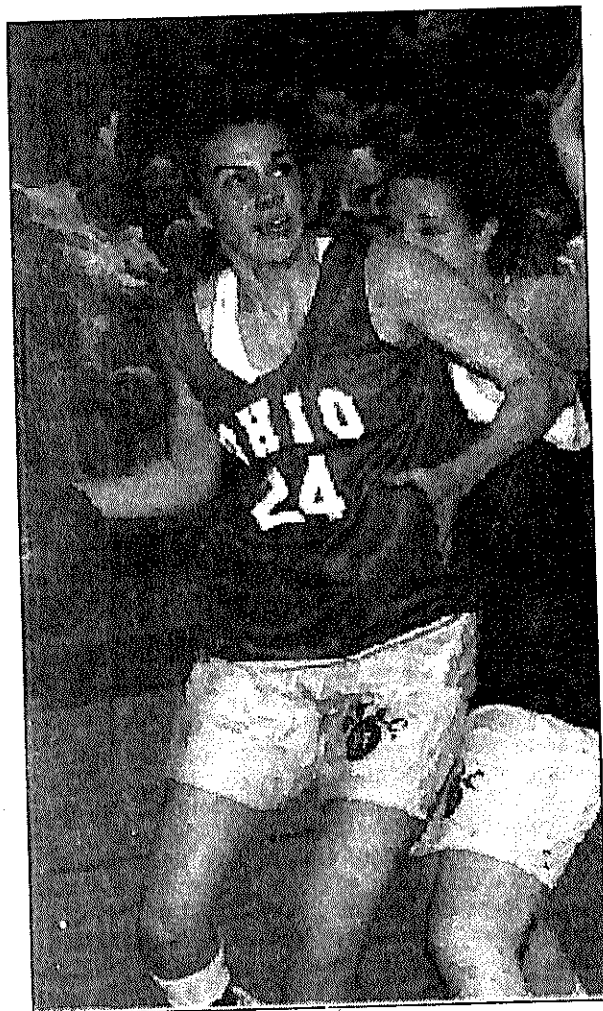
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• **STATLER** won the three-point shootout at the half of the girls' game. She sank 15 treys in one minute to win the crown. Union Local's Chillinsky finished second with 14 makes.

• **TYLER'S** Andrew Mercer captured the boys' slam dunk competition. He took home the title via his dunk over a sitting Josh Wade of John Marshall.

• **LINSLY'S** Ashley Mulroy and Union Local Amanda Mercer won the Richard Potts scholarships.

• **JOHN STANKO** also did an excellent job in his first-year as the game's director. He and his staff should be commended for a job well done.



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LEFT: Ohio's Bethany Piccolini (24) drives to the basket around a West Virginia player during action Saturday afternoon in the OVAC Girls' contest.
ABOVE: Ohio's Trent Luyster looks for a teammate to pass to as West Virginia's Andrew Mercer (23) defends.

OVAC ALL-STARS

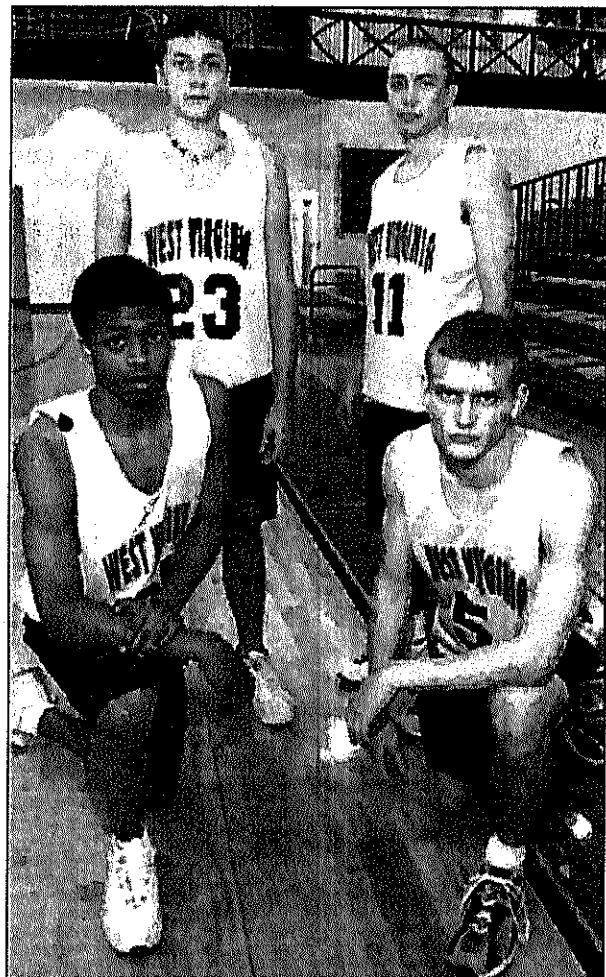
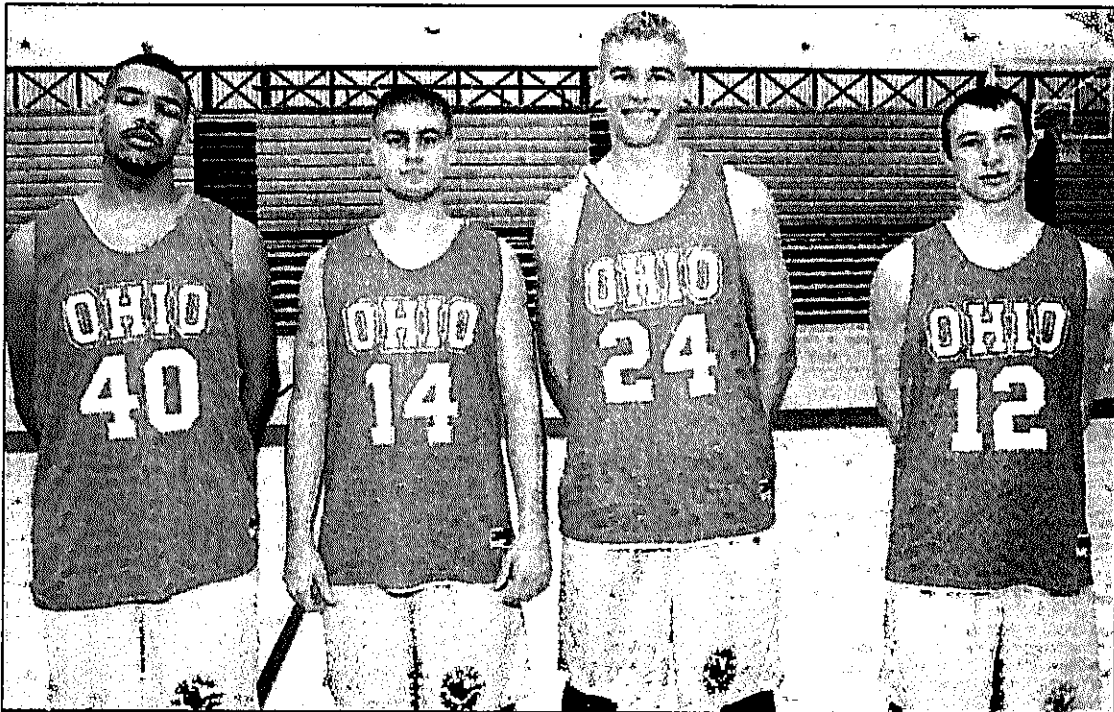


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Belmont County stars for the Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star game, set for March 31 at the Bob Ney Center on the Campus of Ohio University Eastern are: (Top) Front row from left to right: Ashley Holenka, Jenny Chillinsky, and Heidi Kemp; Second Row: Janell Gill, Bethany Piccolini, Jessica Selvertson, and Kayla Magistro. Ohio County stars (at right), front row from left to right, are: Tiffany Schnupp, Stephanie Shaffer; Back row: Erica Narrish, Stacy Conraguerro, and Ashley Mulroy.

OVAC ALL-STAR BASKETBALL CLASSIC

Place: Ney Center, Ohio University Eastern
Date: Saturday, March 31, 2001
Times: W.Va. girls vs. Ohio girls, 1 p.m.
 W.Va. boys vs. Ohio boys, 3:15 p.m.



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Left, the Belmont County representatives for the Ohio side of the OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic set for Mar. 31 at the Ney Center on the campus of Ohio University Eastern. From left, Willie McCrary of Bridgeport, Matt Materkoski of Bellaire, Brad Wink of Martins Ferry and Trent Ging of

Shadyside. Right, are the West Virginia boys players from Brooke, Tyler and Wetzel counties. They are, kneeling from left, Aaron Fair of Brooke and Jason Baxter of Magnolia. Standing, from left, Andrew Mercer of Tyler Consolidated and Eric Burke of Magnolia.

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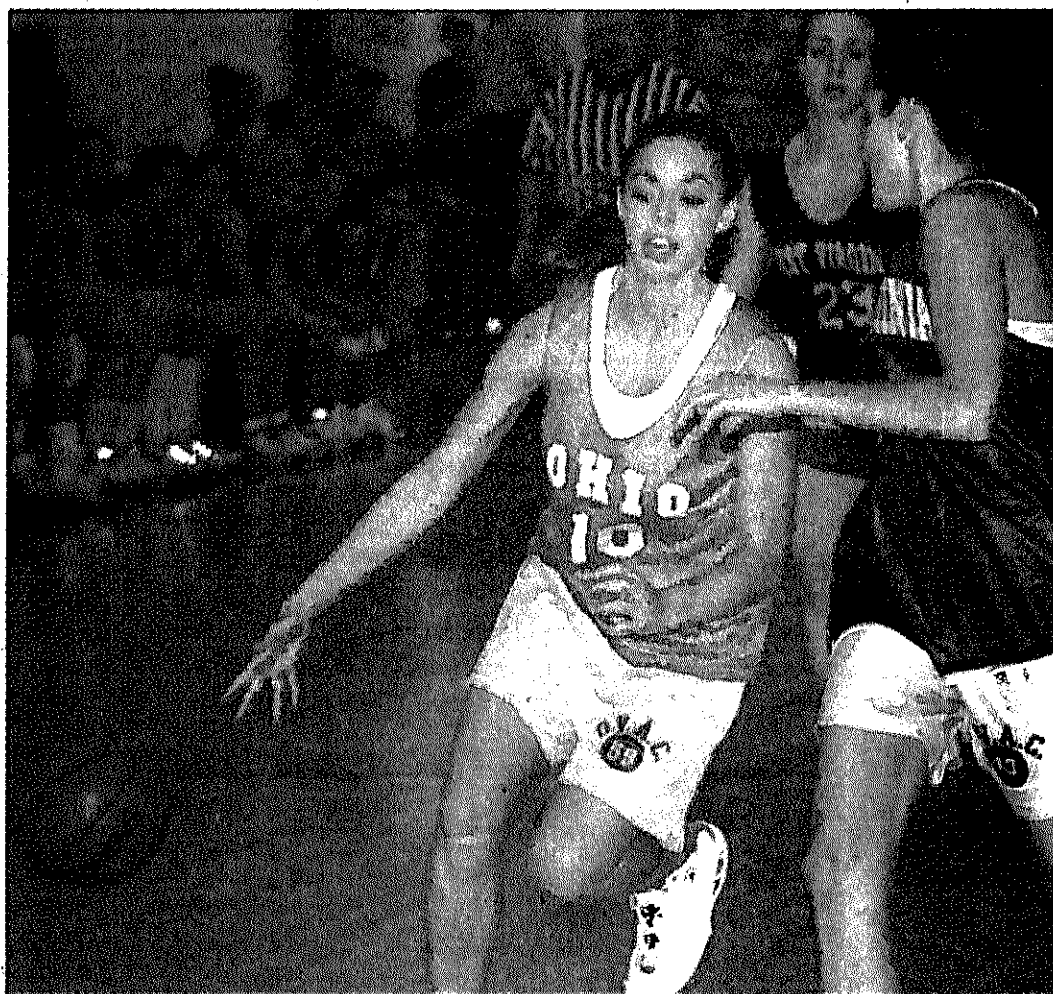


T-L Photo/MICHAEL HARVILLA
PICTURED IS the Ohio Girls squad for the Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Game. Front row, from left, are Jessica Gehrig (River), Jenny Chillinsky (Union Local), Ashley Holenka (Shadyside), Andrea Hedge (Shenandoah), Beth Stalder (Beallsville) and Yvonne Hamilton (Cambridge). Second row, from left, are Kelley Singleton (Meadowbrook); Kayla Magistro (St. John Central), Jessica Seivertson (St. John Central), Janell Gill (Buckeye Local) and Heidi Kemp (Union Local). Back row, from left, are Assistant coach Jr. Walker (East Liverpool), Ashley Bates (Buckeye Trail), Bethany Piccolini (St. Clairsville), Ashley Hollins (Cambridge), Assistant coach Mickey Blatnik (St. Clairsville) and Head Coach Rick Jones (Union Local). Absent was Amanda Mercer (Union Local).



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PICTURED IS the Ohio Boys squad for the Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Game. Front row, from left, are Ryan Daugherty (Indian Creek), Willie McCrary (Bridgeport), Trevor Schafer (Beallsville), Nate Conley (East Liverpool) and Trent Ging (Shadyside). Second row, from left, are Chris Isaly (River), Jay Dudley (Shenandoah) and Justin Davis (Indian Creek). Back row, from left, are assistant coach Mark Romick (River), Adam Davenport (Cambridge), Brian Radakovich (Steubenville), Head Coach Joe Dunleavy (Indian Creek), Keith Pettaway (Steubenville), Brad Wink (Martins Ferry) and assistant coach Dan Schwierteman (Shenandoah). Absent was Trent Luyster (Harrison Central).

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ABOVE: Ohio's Jenny Chillinsky (10) goes drives against West Virginia's Maria Slawinski during Saturday afternoon's Samuel A. Mumley OVAC Basketball Classic at Ohio University-Eastern's Robert Ney Center. Ohio won the game 100-93.

AT RIGHT: River High's Chris Isaly (10) goes up for a jumper during first half action of the boys' contest. Ohio picked up a 94-89 victory over its West Virginia counterparts.

