

Ohio routs 'Eers

• Materkoski, Caldwell steal show as Ohio rolls to 36-0 victory

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The stars of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference were shining brightly Sunday evening at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The Ohio stars just happened to be much brighter during the 30th edition of the Rudy Mumley/OVAC All-Star Football Game.

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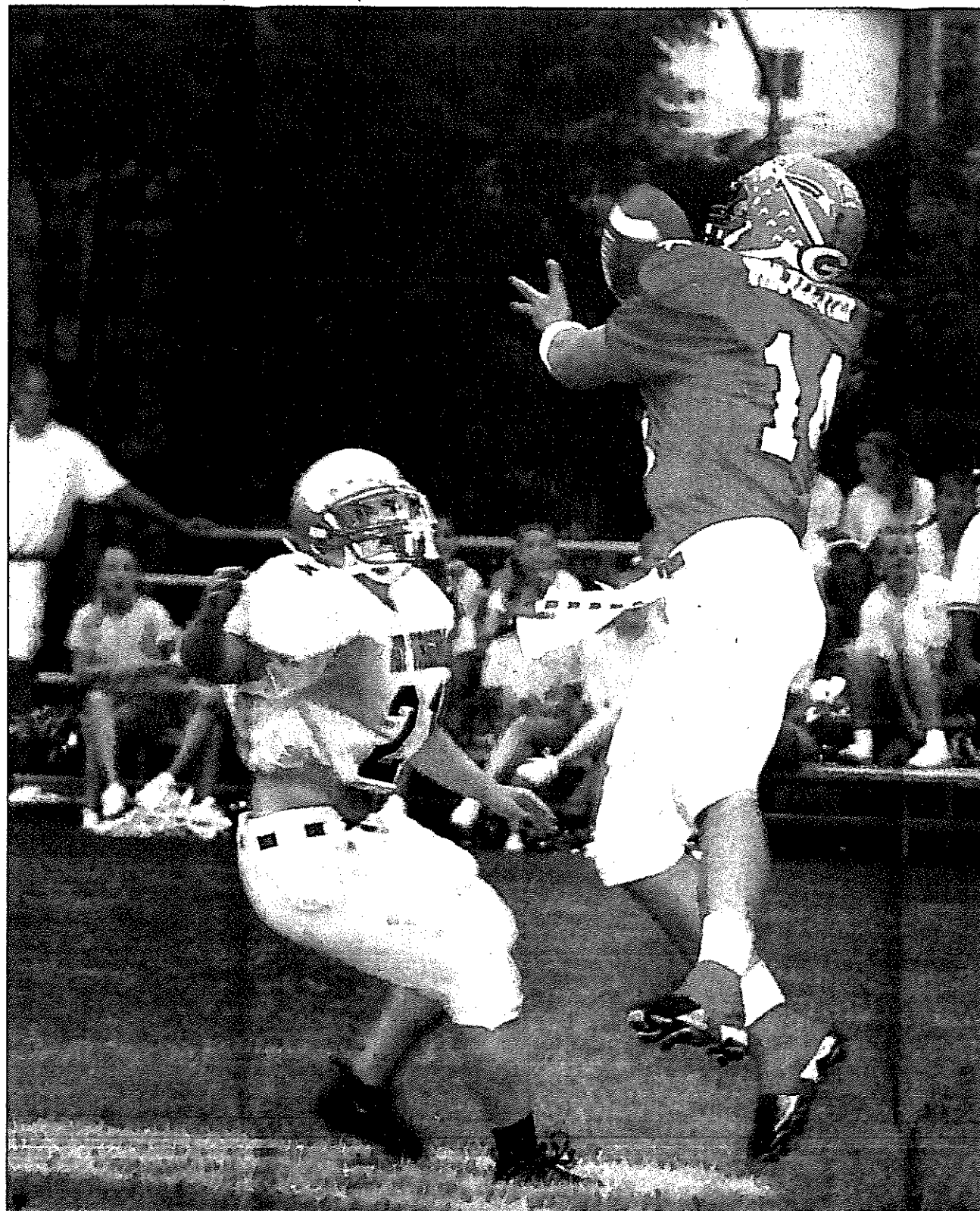
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REALITY CHECK

Leveling the playing field



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From a competitive standpoint -- it wasn't very.

Dave Caldwell's Ohio All-Stars made it look all too easy -- dominating virtually wire to wire.

To be sure, not all of these OVAC/Rudy Mumley gridfests are such one-sided blowouts.

Ohio owns a 19-10-1 series' lead which should come as no surprise, considering a large disparity exists regarding the number of member schools on each side of the river.

As many have suggested, it's generally good practice for West Virginia's roster to include a sizable talent base from anchor schools such as Brooke, John Marshall and Wheeling Park.

Park's Patriots had three participants Sunday. Brooke, however, had no more than one player in uniform. John Marshall, meanwhile, did not field a single representative, which seems incredibly odd.

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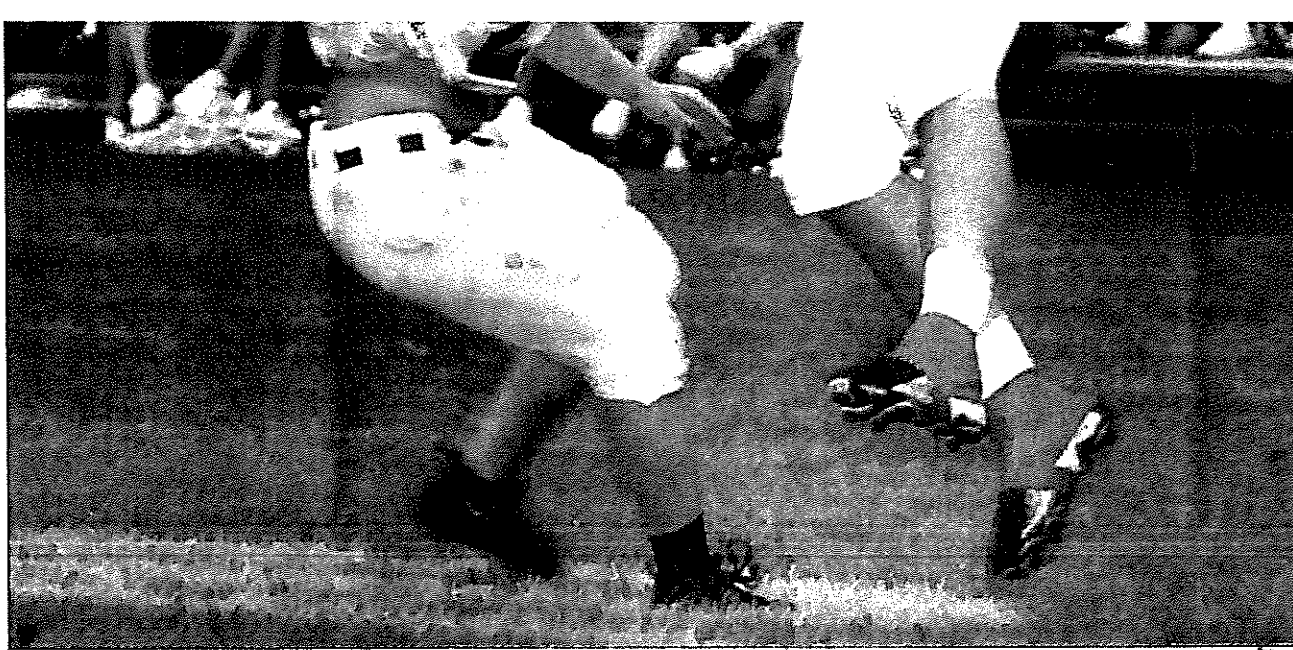
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TOP MIDDLE: Bellaire's Matt Materkoski goes high to make a nice catch in front of Wheeling Central's Clayton Fitzsimmons during the 30th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football Classic Sunday evening at Wheeling Island Stadium.

ABOVE: Beallsville's Chris Caldwell tries to break free from West Virginia defender Simon Setcavage.

RIGHT: Stretching out for a pass is West Virginia receiver Jason Baxter (Magnolia) as Ohio defender Brian Shafer (Caldwell) defends.





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OHIO running back Trevor Cooper (7) looks for running room around the left side as West Virginia's Chris Simons (40) prepares to make the tackle. West Virginia's, Aaron Poling (88) also closes in on Cooper.

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the bench," Caldwell said.

The decision worked out for Caldwell, Materkoski and the rest of the Buckeyes.

Chris Caldwell was very accurate throwing the football, completing 10-of-14 aerials for 200 yards and a touchdown. On the ground, he was the leading Ohio rusher with 56 stripes on 12 totes.

Materkoski, meanwhile, was also affective, hauling in five catches for 156 yards. With his arm, Materkoski, completed three-of-three passes for 50 yards

"I just tried to come out and get into the flow of the game and make a few catches. Chris threw a couple of nice passes and I was able to catch them," Materkoski offered.

Materkoski impressed Coach Caldwell who said, "(You) can see after watching the game that Matt Materkoski is a very good wideout. I think it was a good move on my part to put him there to get him into the game."

Materkoski and Caldwell were not the entire story for the Ohioans as the Buckeye defense was outstanding from the outset.

"Was that fabulous defense or what? I was really impressed with our defense. The whole defense did an outstanding job. They were all getting to the ball and hitting people," Dave Caldwell said.

The Scarlet and Gray defense was exceptional to say the least. In the first half alone, West Virginia netted minus three yards.

For the game, Ohio limited the 'Eers to a mere 55 yards.

"My two worst fears came to life tonight. The size of their line and their passing game really hurt us and we worked on the pass all week," said West Virginia coach Jim Rogers of Cameron.

"Their defense also played outstanding. They took away our running game. We tried to get on the outside and just couldn't."

Ohio's defense received key contributions from several people. Union Local's Dennis Nardo led the way as he recorded some 10 solo tackles and a sack.

"Dennis Nardo played very well. He was flying to the football. It seemed like he was in on every tackle for us," Dave Caldwell pointed out.

Also enjoying solid defensive performances were Barnesville's Justin Jefferis, Shadyside's Jim Amato, St. Clairsville's Jeff Lofton and Cambridge's Jake Sowers.

The game got out of hand in the first quarter when Ohio put up a quick 14 points.

The Buckeyes tallied on a one-yard plunge from Buckeye Trail's Brian Kittle at the 8:10 mark of the opening panel, which capped a six-play drive. Indian Creek's Marik Hughes tacked on the PAT and Ohio owned a 7-0 lead.

Following a West Virginia punt, Ohio assumed possession once again, this time at the Mountaineer 34.

The second Ohio scoring drive took just three plays as Caldwell surged to paydirt from a yard out.

The big play of the drive came when Caldwell hooked up with Materkoski for a 33-yard pass play. Hughes' boot left Ohio with a 14-0 upperhand.

"It was a good game. It was a great week and all the guys came together. I thought we looked like we had been playing together for a long time," Chris Caldwell said.

In the second quarter, Ohio scored once again, but this time it was behind Caldwell's arm.

Caldwell went to someone other than Materkoski on the drive when he found Martins Ferry's Brad Wink all alone in the end zone for the third Ohio score of the contest. After an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, Ohio tried a two-point pass, but it failed and the scoreboard read 20-0 at the intermission.

"My college coaches were at the game tonight and I just wanted to show them what I could do. I was honored to be picked for this game and I played as well as I could have expected," the modest Wink said.

In the third quarter, Ohio tallied just a 31-yard field goal from Hughes to make the score 23-0 entering the fourth panel.

Materkoski was inserted into the quarterback position for the fourth quarter and failed to disappoint.

On his first drive, Materkoski led Ohio on a 97-yard scoring drive which chewed up 4:33 on the game clock.

Materkoski finished the drive himself after he went over center from two yards away. Hughes added the extra point and Ohio led 30-0.

After getting the ball back with 8:21 to play, Ohio gave West Virginia a steady dose of ground game.

Caldwell finished the deal when he rolled in over right end from two yards out to put another six points on the board. Another celebration penalty forced Hughes to kick from 35 yards away, but the extra point failed.

Ohio amassed some 374 yards of total offense. Of those yards, 255 came through the air. The Buckeyes moved the chains 17 times to just five for West Virginia.

At the half, St. John Central's Stephanie Jingle was crowned 2001 Queen of Queens.



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WV	0	0	0	0	- 0
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O	-- Hughes 31-yard field goal.				
O	-- Matt Materkoski two-yard run. Hughes kick.				
O	-- Caldwell two-yard run. Kick failed.				

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the majority would want to see the Ohio-West Virginia format continue. There's a built-in rivalry here, which I think is good, both for players and fans."

The veteran Beallsville coach reminds he's employed at one of the smallest schools in the state.

"I know all about mismatches," said Caldwell. "About nine out of 10 times we line up on Friday nights, there's more players on the other side. But we've found a way to win our share of ball games."

EXTRA POINTS

FOR THE record, both Brooke and John Marshall nominated 2-3 players for Sunday's game. While two Monarchs opted to bypass the encounter, Brooke's Brian Dick participated and played in the Mountaineers' defensive secondary... Wheeling Central's talented Victor Williams was unable to play as was Linsly's injured Chris Mahan.

OHIO was without the services of sidelined standouts Brian Benton of Steubenville and Buckeye Local's Chris Vinci....

CALDWELL credits assistant Mike Flowers for aiding in the selection of all-star Dennis Nardo of Union Local.

"Mike said, 'Coach, you gotta take that Nardo kid. He's all over the field.' He was definitely right. Dennis played an outstanding game...."

AS DID Shadyside's Amato, who concluded his prep career in memorable fashion.

"I was playing this game for my (deceased) grandparents," Amato related. "They meant the world to me. It was a special week, getting to know so many great players. I wanted to go out, play hard and represent Shadyside High. I couldn't be happier how things turned out. It was the best time."

Amato, like many of his teammates, will soon depart for college. The Tigers' 6-3, 200-pound ace is headed for West Liberty....

BELLAIRE'S Matt Materkoski had his name inadvertently omitted from the game program roster. The Slippery Rock University recruit made his presence felt, turning in one of the most versatile performances in OVAC all-star history.... Earlier this summer, Materkoski passed for 100 yards and a touchdown in a 20-7 South victory in the Ohio North-South Classic in Columbus....

Koch Takes Over OVAC Game

30th annual all-star football game set for Sunday, July 29

By NICK BEDWAY
Executive Sports Editor

The game committee for the 30th annual OVAC Rudy Mumley Charity All-Star Football Classic held a kickoff dinner on Monday night at the Esquire Supper Club in Wheeling.

This year's gleam battle is scheduled for Sunday night, July 29, with a 7:15 p.m. kickoff at Wheeling Island Stadium.

And for the first time since the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference took over sponsorship of the midsummer gridiron battle, running the show will be a director other than the late Rudy Mumley or Ron Mauck.

Mumley, for whom the contest was named many years ago, was game director until the late 1980's when he was succeeded by Mauck, who also continues to serve the conference by directing the giant OVAC wrestling championship meet.

Taking over as the Charity All-Star Football Game director is Bob Koch, long-time athletic director at Cameron High School and a member of the OVAC Executive Board since 1989.

"When Ron first called me and asked if I would be the game director, I turned him down," Koch said prior to last night's dinner. After thinking about it for a day or two, he realized that it was an honor to be asked to take on the job, so he changed his mind.

Koch realized that Mauch, who retired last year from his job as athletic director at Brooke High School, needed a break since he was continuing his long association with the wrestling tournament. "He's also been involved with the football game since 1983 and I felt he has done his share. Fortunately, he promised to be around whenever I needed advice, and I'm definitely going to lean on him for help."

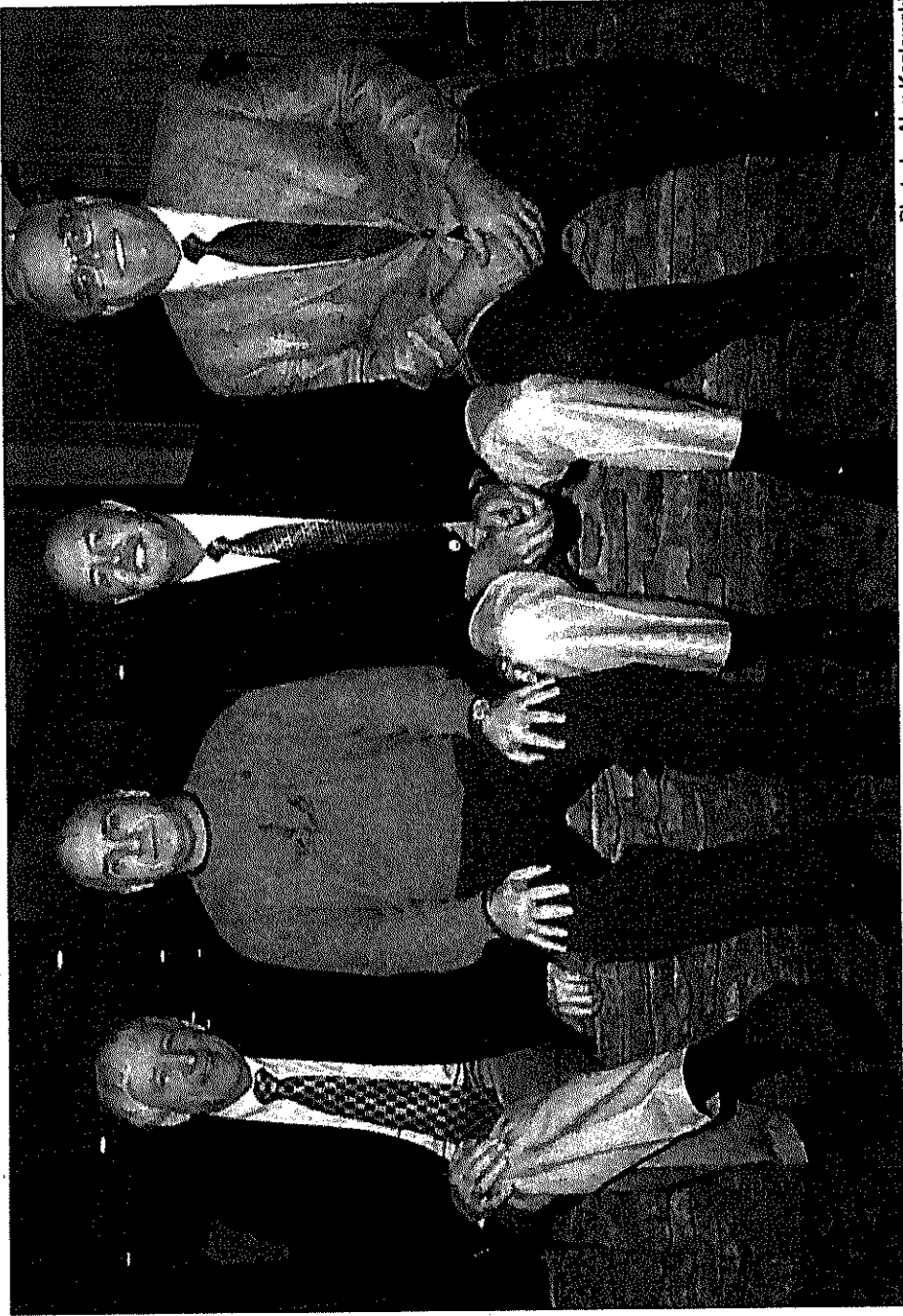


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Former Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic director Ron Mauck, far left, is joined by (l. to r.) 2001 Ohio coach Dave Caldwell of Beallsville, West Virginia coach Jim Rogers of Cameron and first-year game director Bob Koch at the game's kickoff dinner Monday night at Ernie's Esquire Supper Club.

Also among the guests at last night's dinner were the head coaches of the West Virginia and Ohio squads along with most of the members of their staffs who will be on hand when the players report for the first day of camp at West Liberty State College on Saturday, July 21.

Coaching West Virginia will be Jim Rogers, whose Cameron High School team posted an 11-2 record last fall, reaching the semifinals of the Class A

state playoffs. Rogers' all-star lieutenants are Woody Yeater, Tim Brown, Red Hammers, along with volunteer aides Don Kennedy, Ron Trowbridge Jr., and Kent Yoho.

Accepting his third assignment as a head coach in the all-star game is Dave Caldwell, also a highly-successful mentor at Beallsville High. Dave's team went 9-2 last fall, as it fell in the first round of the Ohio Division VI playoffs to then undefeated Toronto.

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He will likely be the Buckeyes' offensive coordinator in the all-star game.

"It's a privilege to represent the West Virginia side in this year's game," said Rogers, whose only previous Mumley Classic experience was as an assistant coach for Cameron Coach Jim Potts in the 1989 game, which West Virginia won.

"I think any coach should take advantage of this opportunity when it presents itself," Rogers continued. "The OVAC always has been a class act in everything it does. The fact that this is a charity game makes it all the more worthwhile."

His coaching counterpart agrees with Rogers' assessment about what it means to coach in the all-star game. "In past years when I coached in the game and the Shriners were involved, it gave me a good feeling knowing that what we were helping kids," Caldwell said.

"As coaches, we need to do more of those kind of things."

The 18-year head coaching veteran who was inducted into the Muskingum College Athletic Hall of Fame last year also hopes to finally get an all-star game victory this July.

"We lost the first two games. Hopefully, the law of averages will get us a win before too long," Caldwell explained.

For Dave son's Ryan, the opportunity to become an all-star coach completes a trifecta for himself. He served as a manager the first time his dad was the Ohio coach, and later to played in the game. Now, he is coming back as a coach.

Both all-star head coaches have enjoyed a lot of success at their respective high schools. Rogers guided the Dragons into the playoffs the last four years. And his Cameron squads put together an impressive regular season skein of 33 straight games without a loss before losing to eventual Class A state champion Wheeling Central in week nine this past fall.

"We are pretty proud of what our kids have been able to accomplish," Rogers said. "As a staff, we sat down five years ago and re-evaluated some things. We focused on where we were at the time, where we wanted to go and what we had to do to get there. So far, things have worked out very well for us."

During his lengthy tenure at his high school alma mater, Caldwell has coached Beallsville to eight Pioneer Valley Conference championships, four OVAC crowns and one regional title. The Blue Devils have been in the playoffs three times.

"It's been a good run," Caldwell said. "Especially when you consider that we are about half the size of a Division VI school. The breakoff is 120 boys and we only have 72 boys in our school."

Both coaches promised to make the game exciting for the fans and the players as well. "The whole idea is to prepare yourself and have fun. That's what we're going to do," Rogers said.

Materkoski, Ohio 'Catch' W.Va. Off-Guard

By RICHARD STEVENS
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During Ohio's six-game winning streak in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, the victories have come in all shapes and sizes.

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This year, Beallsville football coach Dave Caldwell took to new and unusual measures in obtaining his first victory as Ohio coach in the game in three tries.

With Bellaire graduate Matt Materkoski at split end, the Ohio passing game left West Virginia dazed and confused in earning its third shutout in the last seven years, 36-0 in the 30th edition of the OVAC-sponsored event at Wheeling Island Stadium Sunday.

Materkoski, who threw for more than 1,300 yards as a senior for Coach John Magistro went on the receiving end Sunday night, grabbing five Chris Caldwell passes for 158 yards and throwing one to Ohio's starting QB for 10 yards.

"I've scrimmaged against Dave for years, so I knew what he was going to do," admitted West Virginia coach Jim Rogers of Cameron. "The pass coverage was big. I thought it was fine except for one time. He's got the timing down and they work on it."

Materkoski and Caldwell — who was an All-Valley QB at Beallsville last year — combined for over 230 yards and three touchdowns. Although Materkoski didn't snare a touchdown aerial, he had catches of 29, 33, 48 and 35 yards, all in the first half.

"I never played wideout," said Materkoski, who made some outstanding adjustments on Chris Caldwell's throws and utilized pinpoint concentration. "I ran scout teams a couple times, got into the flow and just went after the ball. It feels pretty good to get a couple catches in a game like this."

When he had a chance at QB, he was also on the mark, hitting his quarterback with a 10-yard pass and completing all three of his attempts.

"When I picked Materkoski to play," said Coach Caldwell, "I decided to use him as a wideout. He's an outstanding wideout as you can see on the field and I've seen it all week in practice."

The rout was methodical, although big plays were part of the formula.

The shutout came by virtue of a hard-hitting defense spearheaded by linebackers Todd Filtz of Steubenville and Dennis Nardo of Union Local.

In fact, West Virginia quarterback Tyler Fike knew it was going to be a long night on the first play, getting sacked by East Liverpool's Jarrod Click for a 6-yard loss. Three plays later West Virginia was well on its way to a rough offensive outing, facing a fourth-and-18.

All told, the Mountain State team finished with only 103 total yards, 45 less than Ohio had on the ground alone.

Fike, who was being chased by an all-out rush the entire game, finished just 7-of-23. He misfired on 12 of his first 13 passes with one interception before finishing strong. He was 6-for-10 for 99 yards after that.

"Our kids on the front line did all they could," explained Rogers. "They were overmatched, but never gave up."

Ohio was set up for success, right down to the kicking game.

Indian Creek's Marik Hughes boomed his first extra point well over the net on the north end of Wheeling Island Stadium and later added a 25-yard field goal.

West Virginia's best chance to score was nullified by Barnesville's Justin Jefferis, yet another member of Ohio's rock-ribbed defensive unit.

Following Hughes' three-point kick, West Virginia took advantage of two 15-yard penalties and an 18-yard pass play to Clayton Fitzsimmons to set up fourth-and-goal at the Ohio 2.

The Fike pass went right into the hands of tight end Joe Wallace, but was knocked away by Jefferis, who spoiled West Virginia's only true scoring opportunity.

"I had smart, young kids who got to the ball and executed the game plan perfectly," explained Coach Caldwell, whose stop corps did just that to West Virginia.

Even speedy tailback Dino Cardinali couldn't get loose. His longest run was 11 yards, but he also had four for negative yardage.

"He had a great defense set up against us," added Rogers. "He took our trap game away from us by putting that four on three in the middle, coming with the blitz and putting the noseguard in the 'A' gap. We just couldn't stay at home."

Chris Caldwell was 9-for-13 through the air for 198 yards, throwing one touchdown to tight end Brad Wink. Wink also made an outstanding one-handed grab of a pass in the first half that covered 22 yards.

RUDY MUMLEY OVAC ALL-STAR CHARITY FOOTBALL CLASSIC
Ohio 36 West Virginia 0

Ohio	14	6	3	13	—	36
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	—	0

First Quarter
O — Kittle 1 run (Hughes kick), 8:10
O — Caldwell 1 run (Hughes kick), 6:41

Second Quarter
O — Wink 18 pass from Caldwell (pass failed), 5:05

Third Quarter
O — Hughes 25 field goal, 7:20

Fourth Quarter
O — Materkoski 1 run (Hughes kick), 10:14
O — Caldwell 2 run (kick failed), 4:12

	OHIO	WVA
First Downs	20	6
Rushes-Yds	43-148	22-5
Passing Yds	247	103
Passing	12-16	7-23-1x
Total Yards	395	108
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties	10-120	4-27

Individual Statistics
RUSHING: Ohio: Caldwell 14-50-2td, Cooper 7-39, Kittle 8-29-1td, Sowers 4-16, Materkoski 10-14-1td, West Virginia: Brown 2-21, Cardinali 10-21, Fitzsimmons 2-6, Simons 1-1, Coyne 1-0.

PASSING: Ohio: Caldwell 9-13-198-1td, Materkoski 3-3-49, West Virginia: Fike 7-23-103-1x.

RECEIVING: Ohio: Materkoski 5-158, Wink 2-40-1td, Schaffer 1-27, Sowers 2-12, Caldwell 1-10, Shanks 1-0, West Virginia: Brown 3-37, Simons 1-37, Fitzsimmons 2-22, McCroskey 1-7.



Photo by Alex

West Virginia running back Dino Cardinali, center, darts through a rare hole in the Ohio defense during the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic on Sunday night. Ohio's Jake Sowers (3) tries to make a play on Cardinali while West Virginia's J.D. Meyer looks for someone to block.

Caldwell gets most out of Bellaire

By SHAWN RINE
Staff Writer

Even before preparations began for the 30th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic last week, Beallsville head coach Dave Caldwell, serving as the head man for the Buckeye State, saw something he liked in Bellaire quarterback and Slippery Rock University recruit Matt Materkoski.

Funny thing is, it wasn't the way he threw a tight spiral. And it wasn't his ability to tuck the ball and run when the situation so dictated.

Fact of the matter is, it had nothing to do with the quarterback position at all. Caldwell was impressed with Materkoski as an athlete in general. More specifically, he was impressed with Materkoski's receiving abilities.

And so Caldwell picked up the phone and called Materkoski's high school coach, John Magistro.

"When I picked Materkoski to play, I decided to use him as a wideout," Caldwell explained. "I even called his coach and asked him if he would move. His coach called me back and said 'yeah.'"

"When you are picking a team like this, you want to pick your athletes, find a place to get them on the field."

And when you're right, you're right.

Materkoski, who will play quarterback collegiately, hauled in five catches from Beallsville quarterback Chris Caldwell for a game-high 158 yards, to help lead Ohio to a 36-0 victory over West Virginia at Wheeling Island Stadium Sunday night.

"It feels good to come out here and have a good game in my last game in front of the Ohio Valley," Materkoski said afterward.

His performance would lead one to ponder the question, what would have happened if he had played

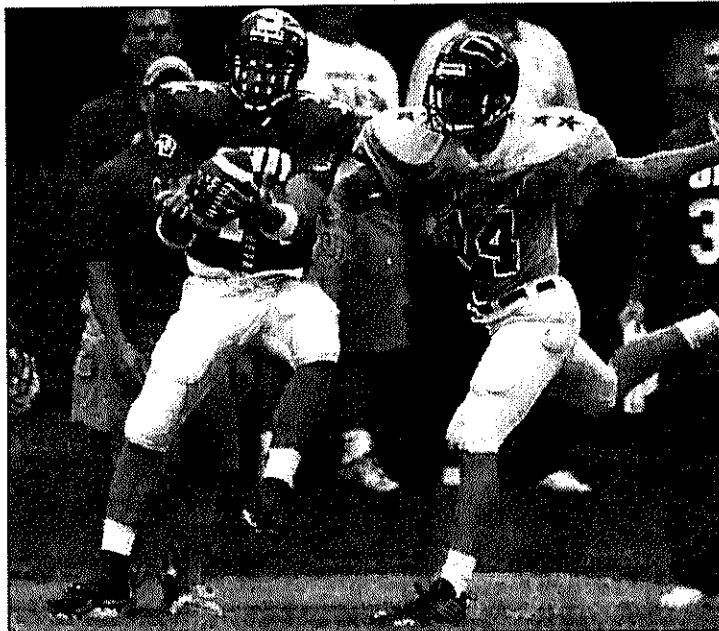


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Ohio wideout Matt Materkoski, left, pulls in a pass in front of the coverage of West Virginia's Simon Setcavage.

receiver and not quarterback in high school?

Well, take a look at the numbers and the answer is an obvious one. He would have stacked up pretty fairly with the receivers he threw the ball to during his senior year.

Despite the fact he completed 90-of-193 passes for 1,379 yards and 12 touchdowns, his 158-yard effort Sunday was 62 more yards than any single game total put up by a Bellaire receiver this season. Josh Baldwin's five-catch, 96-yard performance at Edison in week six of the campaign comes the closest.

Materkoski says, although he had never played receiver at any level, he was confident in his ability to come out and play well.

"At the beginning of camp, I started playing receiver, trying to get

the timing patterns down offered. "So we came out, plays in there for me and I play alright."

"I hadn't really (played) but I started out there in caught a few balls and got of it."

However, he was under times during the second when he was, he was successful as well.

While at quarterback, the he says, "I definitely prefer rifle-armed right-hander call three of his attempts for

Just for good measure, 14 more yards and a touch 10 carries.

His rushing total suffered when he kneeled the ball on last four snaps.

Filtz: Ohio's Tiny Terror

By RICHARD STEVENS
Sports Editor

When Steubenville linebacker Todd Filtz burst onto the Ohio Valley football scene three years ago he earned The Intelligencer's Sophomore of the Year Award.

His outstanding football career culminated in an effort on Sunday night at Wheeling Island Stadium that left fans' mouths agape and West Virginia players' bones sore.

"Man was he hitting people," said Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell, who had the pleasure of watching Steubenville's all-time leading tackler from a safe spot on the sideline.

Filtz, the mighty-mite All-Valley linebacker, earned the nickname 'Mighty Mouse' at the camp and showed everyone why during the 30th Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Spearheading a 36-0 victory, Filtz made memorable hits and for good measure, got into a scuffle or two.

"I love playing football," says Filtz, whose 116 tackles led Big Red last year. He also caused two fumbles and recovered four more.

"Playing in this game ranks right up there with all the other honors."

It's tough enough playing for Steubenville head coach Reno Saccoccia, but impressing him is another story. That's exactly what he accomplished at Steubenville. He then added two more coaches to that list Sunday.

"He's a pretty tough kid," said West Virginia coach Jim Rogers of Cameron. "Any kid that comes out of Reno's program is going to be tough."

His toughness may have come by virtue of his smallish stature.

Filtz brings only a 5-foot-7, 175-pound frame to the table, but throws in a mean streak that more than makes up for his size.

"Everybody told me I was too small to do this and too small to do that," says Filtz. "I just wanted to prove to everybody that I'm not too small."

Rogers, also out of harm's way, said that Filtz takes advantage of his size.

"He's closer to the ground and harder to get hold of," added Rogers.

He had no problem getting hold of people.

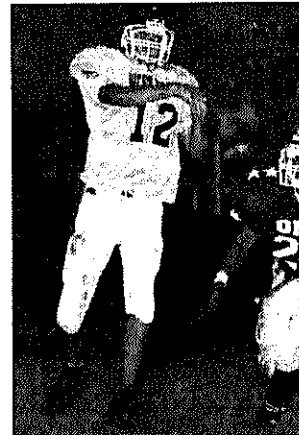


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Ohio linebacker Todd Filtz closes in on West Virginia quarterback Tyler Fike.

"I just try to play to potential every game," Filtz

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Well, take a look at the numbers and the answer is an obvious one. He would have stacked up pretty fairly with the receivers he threw the ball to during his senior year.

Despite the fact he completed 90-of-193 passes for 1,379 yards and 12 touchdowns, his 158-yard effort Sunday was 62 more yards than any single game total put up by a Bellaire receiver this season. Josh Baldwin's five-catch, 96-yard performance at Edison in week six of the campaign comes the closest.

Materkoski says, although he had never played receiver at any level, he was confident in his ability to come out and play well. "At the beginning of camp, I started playing receiver, trying to get the timing patterns down," he offered. "So we came out, put a few plays in there for me and it worked out alright."

"I hadn't really (played receiver), but I started out there in practice, caught a few balls and got the hang of it."

However, he was under center at times during the second half, and when he was, he was successful there as well.

While at quarterback, the position he says, "I definitely prefer," the rifle-armed right-hander completed all three of his attempts for 49 yards.

Just for good measure, he ran for 14 more yards and a touchdown on 10 carries.

His rushing total suffered slightly when he knecled the ball on Ohio's last four snaps.

All told, the Mountain State team finished with only 103 total yards, 45 less than Ohio had on the ground alone.

Fike, who was being chased by an all-out rush the entire game, finished just 7-of-23. He misfired on 12 of his first 13 passes with one interception before finishing strong. He was 6-for-10 for 99 yards after that.

"Our kids on the front line did all they could," explained Rogers. "They were overmatched, but never gave up."

Ohio was set up for success, right down to the kicking game.

Indian Creek's Marik Hughes boomed his first extra point well over the net on the north end of Wheeling Island Stadium and later added a 25-yard field goal.

West Virginia's best chance to score was nullified by Barnesville's Justin Jefferis, yet another member of Ohio's rock-ribbed defensive unit.

Following Hughes' three-point kick, West Virginia took advantage of two 15-yard penalties and an 18-yard pass play to Clayton Fitzsimmons to set up fourth-and-goal at the Ohio 2.

The Fike pass went right into the hands of tight end Joe Wallace, but was knocked away by Jefferis, who spoiled West Virginia's only true scoring opportunity.

"I had smart, young kids who got to the ball and executed the game plan perfectly," explained Coach Caldwell, whose stop corps did just that to West Virginia.

Even speedy tailback Dino Cardinali couldn't get loose. His longest run was 11 yards, but he also had four for negative yardage.

"He had a great defense set up against us," added Rogers. "He took our trap game away from us by putting that four on three in the middle, coming with the blitz and putting the noseguard in the 'A' gap. We just couldn't stay at home."

Chris Caldwell was 9-for-13 through the air for 198 yards, throwing one touchdown to tight end Brad Wink. Wink also made an outstanding one-handed grab of a pass in the first half that covered 22 yards.

RUDY MUMLEY OVAC ALL-STAR CHARITY FOOTBALL CLASSIC	
Ohio	West Virginia
14	8
3	13
— 38	— 0
0	0
0	0

First Quarter
O — Kittle 1 run (Hughes kick), 8:10
O — Caldwell 1 run (Hughes kick), 6:41

Second Quarter
O — Wink 18 pass from Caldwell (pass failed), 5:05

Third Quarter
O — Hughes 25 field goal, 7:20

Fourth Quarter
O — Materkoski 1 run (Hughes kick), 10:14
O — Caldwell 2 run (kick failed), 4:12

	OHIO	WVA
First Downs	20	8
Rushes-Yds	43-148	22-5
Passing Yds	247	103
Passing	12-16	7-23-1x
Total Yards	395	108
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties	10-120	4-27

Individual Statistics
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Photo by Alex Kozlowski
West Virginia running back Dino Cardinali, center, darts through a rare hole in the Ohio defense during the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic on Sunday night. Ohio's Jake Sowers (3) reaches to make a play on Cardinali while West Virginia's J.D. Meyer looks for someone to block.

Caldwell gets most out of Bellaire QB

By **SHAWN RINE**
Staff Writer

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Ohio wideout Matt Materkoski, left, pulls in a pass in front of the coverage of West Virginia's Simon Setcavage.

Filtz: Ohio's Tiny Terror

By **RICHARD STEVENS**
Sports Editor

When Steubenville linebacker Todd Filtz burst onto the Ohio Valley football scene three years ago he earned The Intelligencer's Sophomore of the Year Award.

His outstanding football career culminated in an effort on Sunday night at Wheeling Island Stadium that left fans' mouths agape and West Virginia players' bones sore.

"Man was he hitting people," said Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell, who had the pleasure of watching Steubenville's all-time leading tackler from a safe spot on the sideline.

Filtz, the mighty-mite All-Valley linebacker, earned the nickname 'Mighty Mouse' at the camp and showed everyone why during the 30th Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Spearheading a 36-0 victory, Filtz made memorable hits and for good measure, got into a scuffle or two.

"I love playing football," says Filtz, whose 116 tackles led Big Red last year. He also caused two fumbles and recovered four more.

"Playing in this game ranks right up there with all the other honors."

It's tough enough playing for Steubenville head coach Reno Saccoccia, but impressing him is another story. That's exactly what he accomplished at Steubenville. He then added two more coaches to that list Sunday.

"He's a pretty tough kid," said West Virginia coach Jim Rogers of Cameron. "Any kid that comes out of Reno's program is going to be tough."

His toughness may have come by virtue of his smallish stature.

Filtz brings only a 5-foot-7, 175-pound frame to the table, but throws in a mean streak that more than makes up for his size.

"Everybody told me I was too small to do this and too small to do that," says Filtz. "I just wanted to prove to everybody that I'm not too small."

Rogers, also out of harm's way, said that Filtz takes advantage of his size.

"He's closer to the ground and harder to get hold of," added Rogers.

He had no problem getting hold of people.

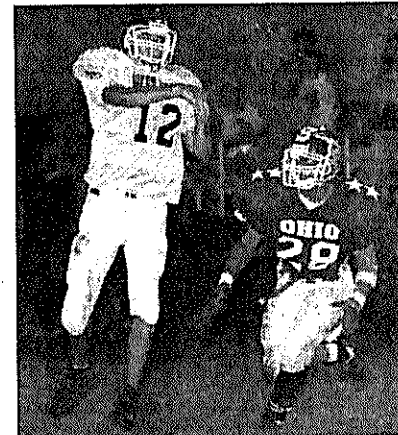
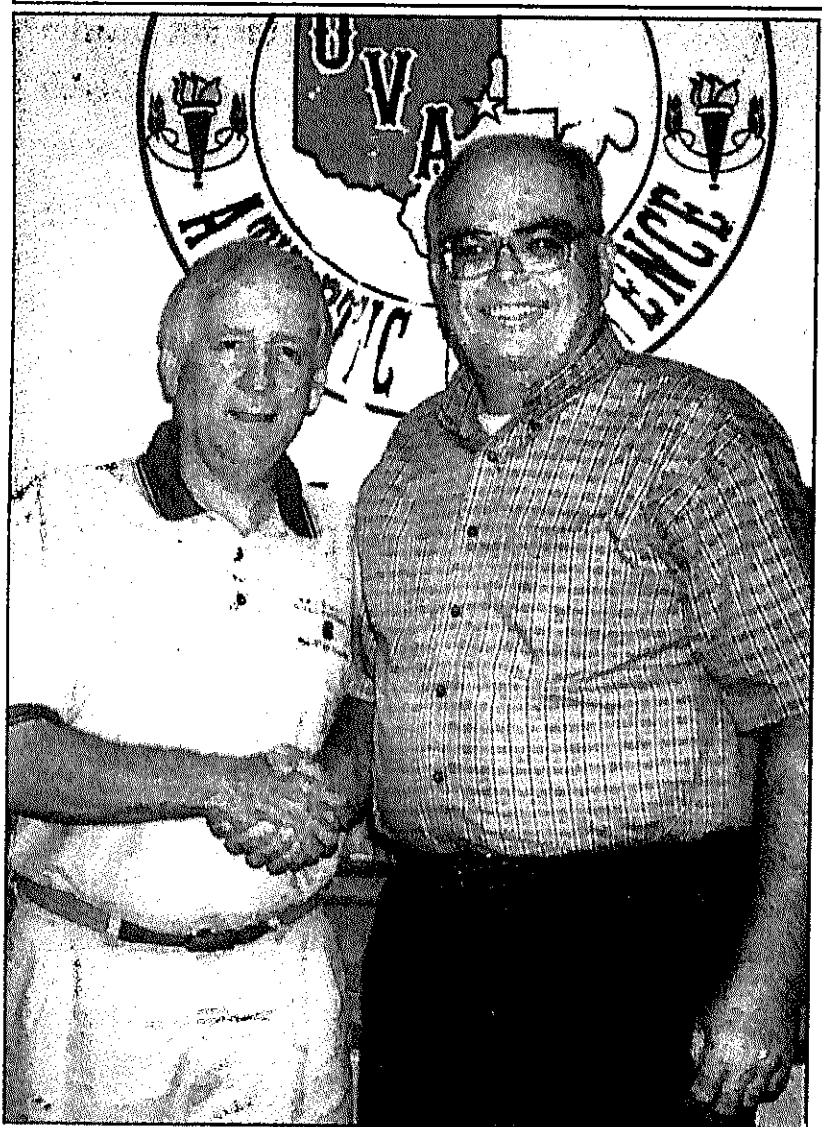


Photo by Alex Kozlowski
Ohio linebacker Todd Filtz, right, closes in on West Virginia quarterback Tyler Fike.

"I just try to play to my full potential every game," Filtz added.



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PASSING THE TORCH. Outgoing Rudy Mumley OVAC Football All-Star Game Director Ron Mauck, left, congratulates his successor, Bob Koch of Cameron, at last week's OVAC Media Dinner.

OVAC officials map scholarship program for All-Star Classic

By RICH GIBSON
Times Leader Sports Editor

Officials of the Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity All-Star Football Game are forming a task force to initiate a scholarship program for the midsummer classic.

The announcement was made Monday evening when the game committee staged its annual winter organizational meeting at the Esquire Supper Club.

Bob Koch, who is succeeding Ron Mauck as game director, is hopeful the scholarship program can be finalized prior to this year's game, scheduled Sunday evening, July 29 at Wheeling Stadium.

"Though talks are still in the planning stages, we're confident we can work out some details and make (this) a reality," said Koch, long-time athletic director at Cameron High.

"Our goal is to make this an annual event," Koch continued. "We want to present two scholarships (in Rudy Mumley's memory) to a representative of each participating team. We feel this serves as additional incentive for players of both squads."

Koch, a member of the OVAC Executive Board, was introduced



by Mauck, who played an integral role in the game's success.

"Talk about a tough act to follow," joked Koch, who hailed Mauck for his organizational skills. "Really, this position is about working with an exceptional group of people who share a common goal."

Coaches for the 2001 all-star game were also introduced Monday.

Beallsville's Dave Caldwell is directing the Buckeye all-stars while Cameron's Jim Rogers oversees the Mountaineer gridders.

"They love me in West Virginia," laughed Caldwell. "I've coached in two of the games and lost them both. It's truly an honor being involved with such an outstanding group of athletes. We're looking forward to this year's game."

Along with Caldwell are members of the Blue Devils' staff: John Yocum, Steve Pritchard, Tyler Davis, Rob Adams, Mike Flowers, Franklin Holley, Ron Street and Ryan Caldwell, son of the Buckeyes' coach.

"Ryan's in a unique position," said Dave Caldwell. "He's been involved in the OVAC game in three capacities - as team manager, player, and now, as a coach."

Rogers has prior OVAC all-star experience as a member of Jim Potts' Cameron staff in 1989.

"The opportunity to work with the valley's elite players doesn't come around very often. We're quite honored," Rogers said.

Joining Rogers for the 2001 classic are assistants Tim Brown, Kent Yoho, Don Kennedy, Tim Brown, Red Hammers and Ron Trowbridge, Jr.

Also attending Monday night's event were representatives of WTOV-TV 9 which once again will televise the all-star game live from Wheeling Stadium.

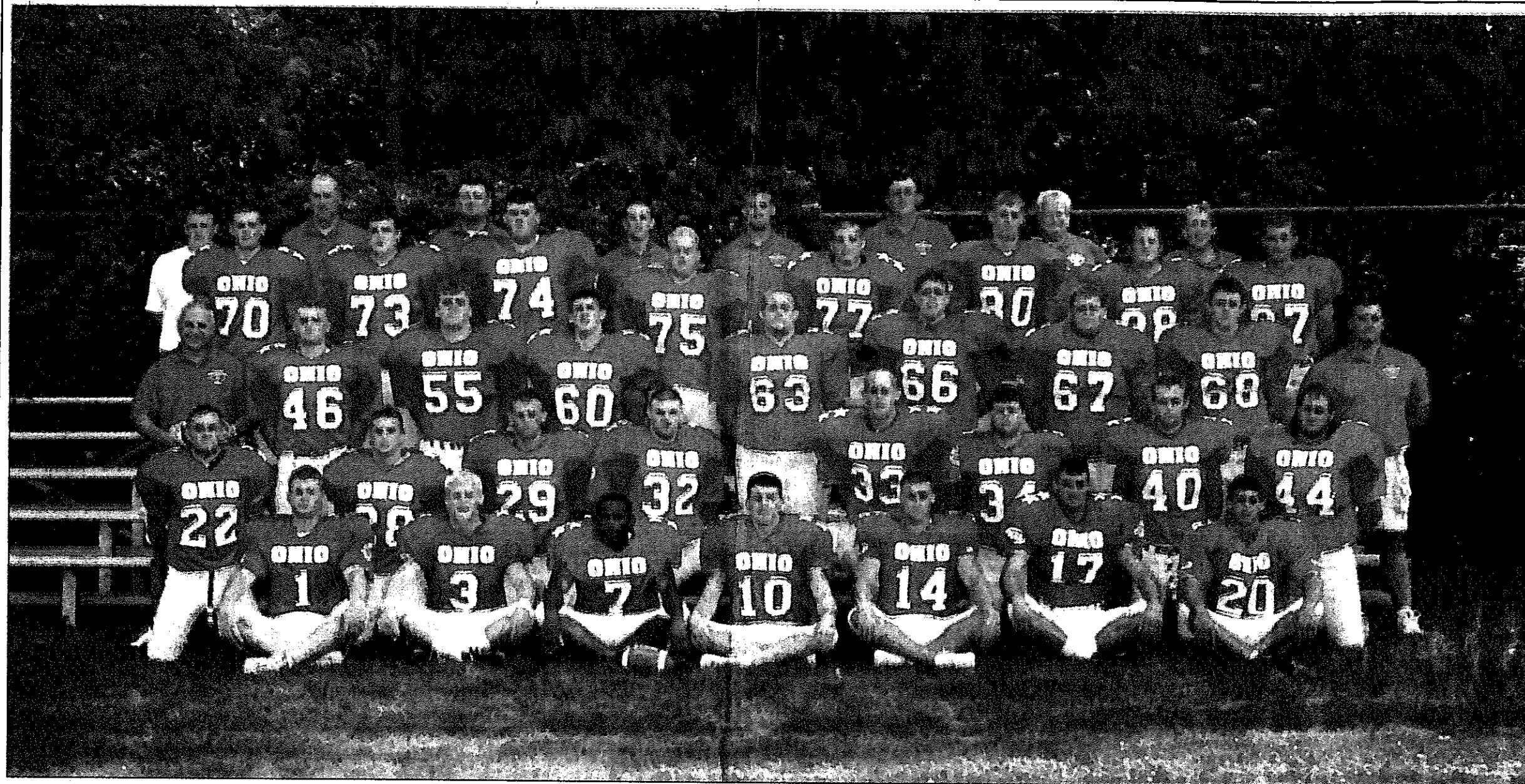
Queen of Queens director Linda Myers returns in that capacity as does Ken Bonnell who coordinates the OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band.

Players and coaches will again train at West Liberty State College.



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THE STARS were out in full force Sunday night at Wheeling Island Stadium in conjunction with the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football Classic. OVAC Secretary Nancy Mumley gets a hug from Ronald McDonald.



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THIS BEALLSVILLE Blue Devils' staff is guiding the fortunes of Ohio in tonight's OVAC/Rudy Mumley All-Star Game at Wheeling Stadium. Front row, from left: Tyler Davis, John Yocum, head coach Dave Caldwell, Ron Street and Mike Flowers. Standing: Rusty Lucas, Steve Pritchard, John Huffman and trainer Randy Elliott.

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True enough. Anywhere between 6-8,000 fans are expected at Wheeling Stadium when Ohio and West Virginia square off in a 7:15 kickoff.

Though injuries are playing a significant role for both squads, no shortage of talent will be on display.

"You have to overcome injuries whether it's an all-star game or a regular season game," Caldwell notes. "I feel we had a good week of preparation. The kids are ready to play."

Tonight's game matches two of the valley's most respected small school coaches. "About the only difference between Beallsville and Cameron is the Ohio river," Rogers said. "They're both grass roots communities with people who are very passionate about football."

While Caldwell has previously guided two Ohio all-star teams, this is Rogers' first assignment as head coach. He was an assistant in the 1989 game.

"First and foremost, the game is for charity," Caldwell says. "I want to make it as entertaining as possible for the fans. They almost always like to see offense and lots of scoring in all-star games."

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GUIDING THE fortunes of the West Virginia All-Stars in tonight's OVAC/Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Classic is this Cameron Dragons' staff. Kneeling is head coach Jim Rogers. Standing, from left: Ron Trowbridge, Jr., Woody Yeater, Kent Yoho, Tim Brown, Larry "Red" Hammers and Donnie Kennedy.

OVAC

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Rogers was on the North staff earlier this summer at Charleston when the North outlasted the South in a wild-scoring affair, 42-31.

"All-Star games almost always come down to who makes the fewest mistakes," Rogers notes. "Hopefully, we'll keep those to a minimum."

Caldwell agrees execution will be vital. "The one thing I'm concerned about is our timing is a little off. That's not unusual in an all-star game format."

The Buckeyes' coach has a familiar face taking snaps on Ohio's opening series. Beallsville's Chris Caldwell is the starting quarterback.

"Chris has a pretty good grasp on what we want to do," said Caldwell of his nephew. "But (Bellaire's) Matt Materkoski will see substantial time (at quarterback) too."

Caldwell says Materkoski also could see action at split end. "It would be nice to see both Chris and Matt out there at the same time. They're two pretty good athletes," Caldwell added.

Indian Creek's Trevor Cooper is slated to open at tailback with Buckeye Trail's Brian Kittle at fullback.

Caldwell has at his disposal an array of pass-catching standouts, including St. Clairsville's Nick Shanks, Beallsville's Trevor Schaffer and Martins Ferry tight end Brad Wink.

Beallsville's Matt Brown starts at center. The offensive front includes tackles Jeff Lofton (St. Clairsville) and James Petcovic (Beaver Local); and guards Matt Sherwood (Bellaire) and Jonathan Mika (Shenandoah).

Defensively, Steubenville's Todd Filtz heads a linebacking corps which includes Toronto's Donnie Price, East Liverpool's Jarrod Click, and Union Local's Dennis Nardo.

At defensive end, East Liverpool's Jason Ludwig is joined by Shadyside's Jim Amato and Monroe Central's Adam Jones.



A trio of frontline tackles include Tom Golden of Cambridge, Matt Phillips of Barnesville and Tyler Hill of St. Clairsville.

Cambridge's versatile Jake Sowers may see action in the secondary along with Barnesville's Justin Jeffers and Caldwell's Brian Shafer.

The Buckeyes' boss says Indian Creek specialist Marik Hughes could be a decided factor.

"The kid's a definite weapon -- both as a punter and place-kicker," said Caldwell. Hughes intends to walk-on at Akron this fall.

Steubenville fullback Brian Benton and Buckeye Local linebacker/split end Chris Vinci have battled injuries and may not see action.

"Because of injuries and a couple guys who didn't show, we've moved some people around," Caldwell advised. "The bottom line is, we intend to get every player involved."

ROGERS named Wheeling Park's Tyler Fike (6-3, 170) as starting quarterback. "He's got a real good arm. We hope to take advantage," Rogers reported.

Wheeling Central's Clayton Fitzsimmons and Wheeling Park's Dino Cardinalli are expected to split time at tailback.

The same holds true at fullback where the Maroon Knights' Kyle Coyne rotates with Linsly's Chris Simons.

Wheeling Central's C. J. McCrosky shares a tight end post with Joe Wallace of Bishop Donahue.

At wide receiver, Magnolia's Jason Baxter is joined by Weirton

Madonna's Simon Setcavage, Valley's Jaime Wichterman, Tyler's J. D. Myer, and Donahue's Nick Haught.

Linsly's Pierce Waychoff is at center. The front line has Magnolia's Chris Horn and Cameron's Tanner McCoy at tackle; Wheeling Central's Justin Brownlee and Wheeling Park's Jerome Maynard at guard.

Defensively, Weirton's Robert Wade is joined by fellow linebackers Aaron Poling of Cameron and Josh Rocchio of Tyler.

Manning end posts are Tyler's Victor Casenelli and Waychoff of Linsly.

Tackles include the Oak Glen duo of Evan English and Mark Flowers along with Weir's Kevin Cox.

The Mountaineers' secondary features Brooke's Brian Dick, Cameron's Toby Brown and Jonathan Lindsey of Paden City.

Rogers said Linsly running back/defensive back Chris Mahan is out with a hamstring injury. Cameron's Wyatt O'Neil is questionable with a bum ankle. Wheeling Central running back/linebacker Victor Williams is also questionable.

OVAC NOTEBOOK

• **TEAMS** take the field at 5:40 for warmups. Cheerleaders from both teams perform between 6:25 and 6:35. The OVAC/McDonald's All-Star Band performs at 6:35 prior to the Queen of Queens introductions at 6:45.

• **PLAYERS**, coaches, doctors and team managers will be introduced starting at 6:50.

• **THE OSIRIS** Temple Legion Honor Guard enters the field at 7:00 prior to the ceremonial coin toss.

• **FOLLOWING** the National Anthem, the 2000 game coaches -- Monroe Central's Jay Circosta and Wheeling Central's Jim Thomas will be recognized.

• Several events and special presentations will be conducted during the game....

Caldwell Names Ohio's Quarterbacks

Beallsville's Dave Caldwell has been known to diagram a pass play or two during his 19-year tenure at the small Monroe County school.

The good news is Caldwell has a pair of aerial artists and one of the Buckeye State's most elusive runners at his disposal for this month's annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Concerning the bad news, Caldwell says this: "Realistically, there isn't nearly enough time to develop any type of sophisticated passing attack in one week of training camp."

Still, Ohio will be led by three prime time performers when the Buckeyes battle West Virginia, Sunday evening, July 29 at Wheeling Stadium.

To be sure, Caldwell will certainly take his chances with the likes of Beaver Local's Jamin Pastore, Bellaire's Matt Materkoski and Beallsville's Chris Caldwell.

The trio should present more than a few problems for Mountaineer defenders.

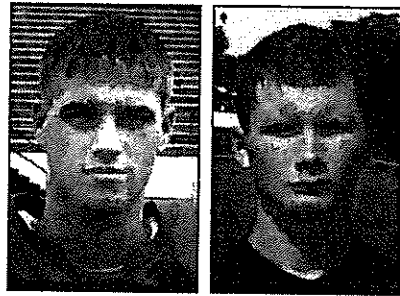
"All three of these young men have the talent to throw and run with equal ability. As a result, we'll be very deep at the position," Caldwell advised.

It's conceivable Caldwell will use a two-man rotation at QB, though that decision may not come prior to game week.

■ **PASTORE** began his junior season at tailback before Beavers' head coach Rich Wright opted to convert the 5-10, 195-pounder to QB.

The move resulted in a memorable run of 17 straight victories with Pastore at the helm. During that stretch, Jamin shattered several school records and caught the eye of college recruiters both near and far.

The Beavers were marching towards an unbeaten record and post-season play when Pastore was injured in week nine at Wellsville. Unable to return for the 10-0 Beavers' Division III, Region 11



Materkoski

Caldwell

playoff test, Pastore painfully watched from the sideline as Carrollton prevailed.

Before going down, Pastore proceeded to establish a new BL standard for career rushing (2,860 yards). Included was an exemplary 257-yard performance against Division I Lorain Southview.

Last fall, Jamin amassed 1,298 rushing yards in 126 attempts, an average of 10.3 yards per pop.

Through the air, he went 28 of 65 for 583 yards and 10 touchdowns.

A dangerous return man as well, Pastore ran back eight kickoffs, totaling 199 yards, a net of 24.9 yards per attempt.

Pastore earned every conceivable post-season honor (1st team all-Ohio, all-District, all-OVAC). He was the East Liverpool Review's Offensive Player of the Year.

Headed to Duke University this fall, Jamin adds an academic presence as well. He ranked first in his class at Beaver with a 4.0 GPA.

Jamin is the son of James Pastore and Toni DeLiscia.

■ **MATERKOSKI** made life miserable for Big Reds' opponents, leading Bellaire to an 8-2 regular season record and a berth in the Division IV, Regional IV playoffs.

The 5-11, 185-pound Slippery Rock University recruit completed 90 of 193 passes for 1,379 yards and 12 TDs his senior season. On the run, Materkoski compiled an additional 462 yards and scored eight times.

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matic 35-28 overtime playoff loss at Utica, Materkoski made all right moves, accounting for 321 yards and all three Bellaire scores.

A second team all-Ohio selection, Materkoski earned first team all-Eastern District and was Player of the Year. He was a first team all-OVAC selection and captained last fall's inaugural all-Times Leader grid squad.

Last weekend in Columbus, Materkoski passed for 101 yards and a TD, helping his South squad to a 20-7 triumph in the Ohio Coaches' Association North-South All-Star Game.

A member of the Student Council at Bellaire High, Matt is the son of Gary and Sue Materkoski.

■ **CHRIS CALDWELL**, nephew of the Blue Devils' head coach, is also a young man of many talents.

Big Blue's six-foot, 200-pound versatile standout put up some remarkable offensive numbers.

Caldwell completed 121 of 210 passes for 2,062 yards and 15 TDs. Additionally, he ran for 500-plus yards and another 15 scores.

Much like Materkoski, Caldwell went down swinging in the Blue Devils' tough to take 32-26 Division VI, Region 23 playoff loss to Toronto where he accounted for nearly 400 total yards.

"It's hard to describe how much Chris meant to our program," said Big Blue's grid boss. "Not only did he was he a tremendous quarterback, Chris played nose guard and was one of our leading tacklers."

Caldwell also was a reliable and consistent placekicker.

The Division VI Eastern District Player of the Year, Caldwell earned first team honors from the Associated Press, OVAC, all-Times Leader and all-Valley squads.

Headed this fall to Youngstown State University, Caldwell participated in the Spanish Club and Physics Club at Beallsville High. Chris is the son of Tim and Joyce Caldwell.

West Virginia's Rogers names receivers for OVAC All-Star game

By **JOEDY McCREARY**
Wheeling News-Register

WHEELING, W. Va. -- West Virginia coach Jim Rogers wants to put his All-Stars in good hands.

So he's enlisted a crop of eight receivers and tight ends in preparation for the upcoming Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

The game is set for Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Named to the West Virginia roster today are "hands" men Toby Brown of Cameron, C.J. McCroskey of Wheeling Central, Jonathan Lindsey of Paden City, Jaime Wichterman of Valley, Joe Wallace of Bishop Donahue, J.D. Myer of Tyler Consolidated, Chris Mahan of Linsly and Jason Baxter of Magnolia.

BROWN is a 6-foot-0, 180-pounder who's listed as a receiver and return specialist for the Mountain State All-Stars.

Brown was the Dragons' starter at quarterback this season, completing 57-of-119 passes for 671 yards with 16 touchdowns and nine interceptions. He also carried the ball 100 times for 816 yards and 11 touchdowns.

He was named first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, first-team all-Mason-Dixon Conference, second-team all-West Virginia Class A and first-team all-Valley.

Also a basketball and track participant, and a member of the National Honor Society, Brown is the son of Timothy and Sharon Brown of Cameron. His college preference is Indiana Tech, where he plans to play basketball.

McCROSKEY, a 6-foot-4, 225-pound tight end-linebacker, played a large role in the Maroon Knights' West Virginia Class A title run.

He caught 30 passes for 743 yards and eight touchdowns for Jim

Thomas' Wheeling Central squad.

McCroskey was a first-team all-Valley and second-team all-West Virginia Class A selection, and he played in the West Virginia North-South All-Star Game.

He's headed to West Liberty State College in the fall, and he's the son of Danny and Debbie McCroskey of Wheeling.

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Rogers 'Lines' Up Front Wall

By JOEDY McCREARY
Staff Writer

West Virginia coach Jim Rogers of Cameron knows the importance of a solid offensive line, and he has assembled a corps of linemen built to man the Mountain State's trenches during the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Rogers has added Wheeling Park's Jerome Maynard, Cameron's Tanner McCoy, Linsly's Pierce Waychoff, Wheeling Central's Justin Brownlee, Magnolia's Christopher Horn, Oak Glen's Evan English and Mark Flowers, Weir's Ryan Scott and Kevin Cox and Tyler Consolidated's Victor Casenelli.

The OVAC All-Star Game is set for July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

MAYNARD is a 5-foot-10, 230-pound guard who sparked for Wheeling Park coach Mark Nardone this season.

He was named first-team all-West Virginia Class AAA, first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and first-team all-Valley.

Maynard, who's headed to Fairmont State in the fall, is the son of Jerome Pervall and Chrys Shaw of Valley Grove.

MCCOY is a 6-foot-5, 290-pound tackle who helped lead Rogers' Dragons to the West Virginia Class A playoffs.

A first-team all-West Virginia Class A, first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, first-team all-Mason-Dixon Conference and first-team all-Valley selection, McCoy also was selected to play in West Virginia's North-South game. He also spent three years on both the basketball and track teams at Cameron.

The president of Cameron's student council and co-president of its National Honor Society, McCoy is headed to West Liberty State College in the fall. He's the son of Charles and Vickie McCoy of Glen Easton.

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He was named an all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference honorable mention selection, and he was picked for the all-Valley first team.

The son of Challen and Jean Waychoff of Wheeling, Pierce is headed to Allegheny College.

BROWNLEE stands 6-foot-0, weighs 215 pounds and starred at tackle and linebacker for Jim Thomas' West Virginia Class A champion Maroon Knights.

He was a first-team all-West Virginia Class A, first-team all-Valley and honorable mention all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference selection.

The son of David and Suzanne Brownlee of Wheeling, Justin is headed to Waynesburg College.

HORN is a 6-foot-3, 235-pound lineman who excelled for Magnolia coach Mark Batton in 2000.

A two-year letter winner on the Blue Eagles' football team, Christopher also earned a pair of letters while throwing the shot put for the Magnolia track team.

Horn, the son of Robert and Lee Horn of

New Martinsville, plans to attend West Liberty State College.

ENGLISH is a 6-foot-2, 230-pound defensive tackle.

The president of Oak Glen's National Honor Society and a National Merit Finalist, he will attend Carnegie Mellon University.

He's the son of Susan English of Chester and Mark English of East Liverpool.

FLOWERS is 6-foot-1, 210 pounds and plays guard and defensive tackle.

A three-year letterwinner at Oak Glen, Flowers will attend the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Troy, Ohio.

A New Cumberland resident, he is the son of Jim and Denise Flowers.

SCOTT is 6-foot-2 and weighs 205.

A standout tackle and defensive end for Weir coach Dan Enich, Scott earned two football letters and also participated in golf and track for the Red Riders.

The son of Lance and Carolyn Scott of Weirton, Ryan has enlisted in the United States Air Force.

COX is a 6-foot-0, 250-pound offensive guard and defensive end.

He was named to the all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and all-Valley first teams, and he was a special mention all-West Virginia Class AA honoree.

Also a basketball player who was active in the National Honor Society, Cox is the son of Steve and Patty Cox of Weirton. He's off to Washington & Jefferson in the fall.

CASENELLI stands 6-foot-3, weighs 220 pounds and starred at guard and defensive end for John Stender's Tyler Consolidated Knights.

The vice-president of TCHS's National Honor Society, Casenelli earned two varsity letters in football for the Knights.

Headed to Marietta College, he's the son of Mark and Kathy Casenelli of Middlebourne.

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SPORTS

West Virginia Selects Eight Receivers

By JOEDY McCREARY
Staff Writer

West Virginia coach Jim Rogers wants to put his All-Stars in good hands.

So he's enlisted a crop of eight receivers and tight ends in preparation for the upcoming Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

The game is set for Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Named to the West Virginia roster today are "hands" men Toby Brown of Cameron, C.J. McCroskey of Wheeling Central, Jonathan Lindsey of Paden City, Jaime Wichterman of Valley, Joe Wallace of Bishop Donahue, J.D. Myer of Tyler Consolidated, Chris Mahan of Linsly and Jason Baxter of Magnolia.

BROWN is a 6-foot-0, 180-pounder who's listed as a receiver and return specialist for the Mountain State All-Stars.

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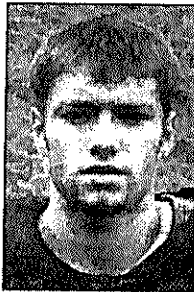
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Also a basketball and track participant, and a member of the National Honor Society, Brown is the son of Timothy and Sharon Brown of Cameron. His college preference is Indiana Tech, where he plans to play basketball.

MCCROSKEY, a 6-foot-4, 225-pound tight end-linebacker, played a large role in the Maroon Knights' West Virginia Class A title run.

He caught 30 passes for 743 yards and eight touchdowns for Jim Thomas' Wheeling Central squad.

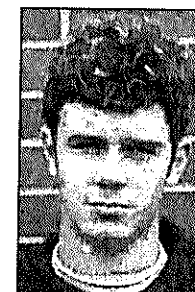
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OHSAA playoffs.

For the Blue Devils, Caldwell compiled 2,062 yards through the air and landed 15 touchdowns with just eight interceptions. The slick Blue Devil was also a threat on the ground as he registered over 500 yards rushing.

"It's an honor to even be selected to this game. I have dreamed for a long time about playing and to be named starting quarterback is even better," Chris Caldwell said.

Materkoski, the former Bellaire High three-sport standout, has made a nice adjustment to playing receiver.

"It was a little bit hard at first, but once I got the hang of it, it was pretty easy," the personable Materkoski replied. "We are a pretty solid team all the way around."

The Buckeyes' boss pointed out that every player will be a starter on one side of the ball.

"We are going to try to have an offensive unit and a defensive unit," he said. "Anyone not on one of those, will be on special teams. Everybody is going to be starting at some position."

The injured list for the Scarlet and Gray continued to grow as Beaver Local's Anthony Williams injured his shoulder. But Caldwell expects Williams to be ready to go by game time.

The Ohio unit, which has won seven straight Rudy Mumley charity games, is still working to get its offense put in, but Caldwell really likes the progress his team has made learning his highly successful system.

"Things at camp have been going really well. The kids are working hard and they are grasping the offense. We are starting to put it together and the kids are starting to walk around with a little bit of a swagger," Caldwell said.

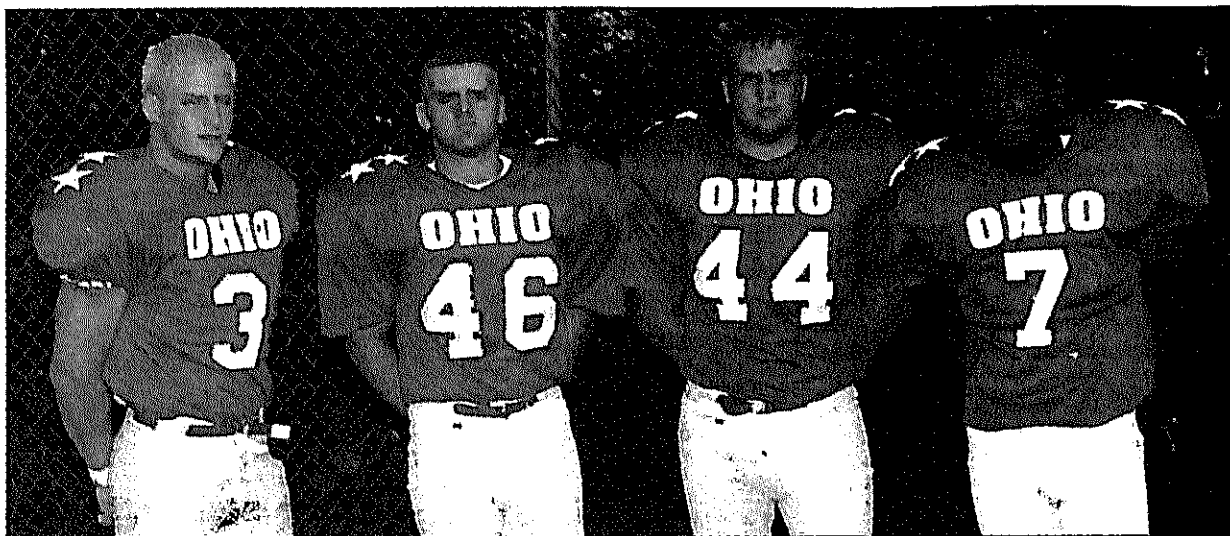
On the West Virginia side of the coin, the Mountaineers have been dealt a setback.

Linsly's Chris Mahan has been ruled out of Sunday's contest due to a hamstring injury.

Mahan incurred the injury a few weeks back, but West Virginia head coach Jim Rogers said he has reinjured it.

"Chris is going to (Marietta) college to play football and there is no use getting that hamstring hurt any worse," Rogers said.

"Chris came to me and thanked me for selecting him to this team because it had been a dream of his to play since he was a freshman in high school. (You) don't like to see injuries, but they are part of football."



T-L Photo/MICHAEL HARVILLA

RUNNING the ball for Ohio in Sunday night's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium will be from left, Jake Sowers (Cambridge), Brian Kittle (Buckeye Trall), Shawn Brooker (Fort Frye) and Trevor Cooper (Indian Creek).

Buckeyes to start Caldwell at QB, Materkoski may play receiver

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

The official kickoff to the activities surrounding the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference/Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game was held Wednesday evening.

The 15th annual George Strager Evening with the Stars took place at the Ramada City Center Plaza in Wheeling.

With the kickoff set for Sunday evening at Wheeling Island Stadium, the players, coaches, cheerleaders and Queen of Queens candidates all gathered for the annual affair.

Ohio coach Dave Caldwell announced he has selected Beallsville's Chris Caldwell as his starting quarterback.

"Chris will be the starter, but (Bellaire's) Matt Materkoski will also see time. I look to use Matt as a receiver somewhat because he is such a good athlete. Chris is a good athlete too and I am trying to get them both in the game at the same time," Caldwell said of the quarterback battle.

Chris Caldwell produced very impressive numbers this past fall for the perennial Division VI powerhouse, which captured the OVAC 1-A title and qualified to the

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OVAC NOTES

• **SEVERAL** players take different measures to show their allegiance to teammates. St. Clairsville's Nick Shanks and Shadyside's Jim Amato have both shaved their heads during training camp to show their Ohio spirit.

• **CHRIS CALDWELL** is in no hurry to allow West Virginia to break its losing streak to the Ohio Class of 2001.

"The streak means a lot because, (you) do not want (your) class to be the one that loses it. We want to keep it going for another year," Caldwell said.

• **THE 215 MEMBER** McDonald's All-Star band and cheerleaders joined the football players on the campus of West Liberty State College Wednesday.

• **TOM GOLDEN** of Cambridge High School was presented the George Strager Memorial Scholarship. Kelly Rine, a St. Clairsville High and OVAC All-Star game alum, presented the award.

• **THE** Queen of Queens competition is set for Friday evening beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets will cost \$5 for the show at the Wheeling Civic Center.

• **ADVANCE** tickets are still on sale for the game at several area businesses. Tickets in advance will cost \$7, while all tickets sold at the gate will run football fans \$10.

• **EARLY** weather reports show that temperatures should be around 80 degrees with partly cloudy skies for kickoff.

• **CONGRATULATIONS** go out to Terry Rataiczak for doing a fine job with the Evening with the Stars. Rataiczak is director of the event.

Receivers tabbed for Ohio stars

By RICH GIBSON
Times Leader Sports Editor

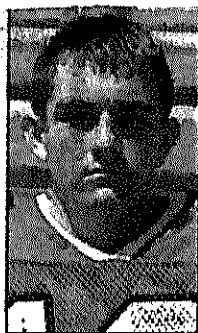
In Dave Caldwell's general scheme of things, receivers are an integral part of the game plan.

Beallsville High and Ohio's head coach for the upcoming OVAC/Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic today named a quintet of pass-catchers, each of whom hope to contribute when the Buckeyes and Mountaineers square off Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Stadium.

"Although it's not easy formulating an efficient pass attack with such short preparation time, we have a quality group here," Caldwell commented. "Hopefully, we can get them all involved on game night."

The receiving corps includes: Jamie Olmstead of Beaver Local; Chris Vinci of Buckeye Local; Nick Shanks of St. Clairsville; Trevor Schaffer of Beallsville, and Jim Amato of Shadyside.

AT 6-3, 200 pounds, Amato was regarded as among the valley's premier tight ends, landing 15 reception for 294 yards and four TDs and playing a starring role as coach Ty Fleming's Bengals qualified for postseason play.



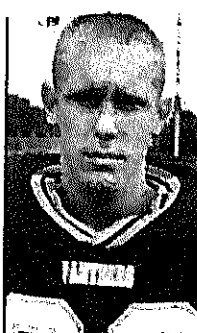
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TREVOR SCHAFER



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CHRIS VINCI

The West Liberty State College bound athlete earned four varsity letters for the Orange in both football and track.

Postseason honors were plentiful. Jim was an all-Ohio special mention honoree and added first team plaudits on the all-Times-Leader, all-Valley, all-Eastern District and all-OVAC.

A talented defensive end, Amato compiled 92 career stops, including 12 QB sacks.

Jim is the son of James and Kelly Amato.

OLMSTEAD, likewise, was a mainstay for coach Rich Wright's playoff-qualifying Beavers.

The 5-9, 155-pounder accounted for over 800 yards and 11 TDs. He landed 14 receptions, totaling 342 yards, a sterling 24.4 yard per catch average.

Jamie also compiled just under 500 infantry cards, getting the call 40 times for 487 yards, a 12.2 average.

A first team all-OVAC selection, Olmstead earned similar honors on the all-Quad County unit and gained accolades on the all-District squad.

Jamie, who'll attend Youngstown

State University this fall, also lettered in basketball and track.

Jamie is the son of Pam and Larry Olmstead.

VINCI was a two-way standout for Mike Groves' Panthers.

Though his senior season was cut short by injury, Vinci was productive both as a split end and outside line-backer.

Chris made eight reception for 155 yards. Defensively, he charted 34 solo tackles and made two pass thefts, returning one for a touchdown.

The 6-4, 190-pounder was an all-Times-Leader first team defense honoree and earned similar plaudits on the all-Jefferson County all-star unit. Vinci was named second team all-Valley by the Wheeling Intell.

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SHANKS took full advantage of a potent St. Clairsville passing game. The 5-11, 185-pound wideout landed

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39 receptions, totaling 686 yards and six TDs for coach Mark Bonar's club.

Also a steady defensive back, Nick was a first team all-Times-Leader, all-Valley and all-District honoree. He earned all-Ohio honorable mention plaudits two seasons.

A four-year football letterman, Nick's versatility included three monograms in baseball and basketball and one in track.

A student council member, Nick also participated in the French Club, Prom Court and Culture Club.

Headed for Muskingum College this fall, Nick is the son of Diana and Charles Shanks.

SCHAFFER played a starring role for coach Caldwell's playoff-qualifying Blue Devils. The 5-10, 155-pound talent hauled in, 45

receptions, racking up 878 yards and five TDs. He made two touchdown catches in Big Blue's 32-26 Division VI postseason loss to Toronto.

Trevor was a second team all-Ohio selection. He earned first team accolades on the all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, all Times-Leader and all-Valley units.

Schaffer was a four-year letterman in football and was a two-way star, also roaming the defensive secondary.

The versatile Schaffer also starred in baseball and basketball for Big Blue. In the classroom, Trevor was a National Honor Society member.

Bound for Marietta College in the fall, Trevor is the son of Dan and Vickie Schaffer.

OVAC seeking members of 1991 all-star contest

As part of the OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, the 1991 All-Star team, managers, doctors and Queen of Queens representatives will be honored.

The listed All-Star players and Queen of Queens have not been notified since their present addresses are not available. The list includes:

Queen of Queens: Carrie Myers, Bellaire; Lisa Warner, St. John Central; Michelle Huber, Wintersville.

West Virginia All-Stars: Eric Obroka, Linsly; Chris Arnott, Oak Glen.

Ohio All-Stars: Tom Perkins, Ed

Perkins, Shenandoah; Chris Balog, St. Clairsville; Casey Rose, River; Kevin Williams, Steubenville Central.

Anyone knowing the addresses of the above mention players or Queen of Queens, should contact Steve Kish, Jr. at (740) 453-9146.

Additionally, any other 1991 player, manager, coach, doctor or Queen of Queens that has not been contacted should also contact

Kish. He can also be reached at the following address: Steve Kish, 6320 McCaslin Road, Nashport, Ohio 43830.



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Will the third time be a charm for Beallsville's Caldwell in OVAC game?

• Selected to coach Ohio for a third time

BY RICH GIBSON
Times-Leader Sports Editor

Third time charm?

Veteran Beallsville grid boss Dave Caldwell certainly hopes that's the case when he and his Blue Devils' staff lead the Ohio squad in the 30th Rudy Mumley/OVAC All-Star Charity Grid Classic.

The annual mid-summer showcase featuring the Ohio Valley's premier talent kicks off four weeks from tonight (July 29) at Wheeling Stadium.

No stranger to the OVAC clash, Caldwell will be guiding his third Buckeye all-star contingent. The personable Blue Devils' mentor is seeking his first victory in three attempts.

"Of course, our goal never changes. We want to win the game and we'll be working hard to achieve that this summer," said Caldwell.

"The opportunity to coach in this game remains very special. We as coaches have a chance to work with some high quality athletes. Best of all, though, we're proud to be part of an event associated with a such a charitable cause. Helping those less fortunate is really what's it's all about."

WINNING is what Caldwell's Blue Devils' teams have been all about during his 18-year tenure at the small Monroe County school.

During that span, Caldwell's Big Blue squads have captured four OVAC championships and seven Pioneer Valley Conference championships.

Under Caldwell, Beallsville has led Big Blue to numerous postseason appearances, including a Division VI, Region 23 championship.

Caldwell's 1999 and 2000 squads became the only OVAC Ohio-side team to host playoff games in consecutive seasons.

Coaching at one of the smallest schools in the state of Ohio, Caldwell has compiled a glittering 126-55-1 record, a winning percentage just under 70.

Dave was a stellar athlete at Beallsville High, lettering four seasons in football before going on to Muskingum College where he achieved similar accolades.

Coach Caldwell, who earned a master's degree from Salem University, was later inducted into the Muskingum College Football Hall of Fame.

Dave resides in Beallsville with his wife of 25 years, Karon. They



DAVE CALDWELL

have two children -- Alisha, employed as a 7-8th grade LD teacher at Cambridge Junior High; and Ryan, an eighth grade Language Arts teacher at West Muskingum High.

Ryan Caldwell played in the 1996 OVAC All-Star game and scored two touchdowns for the Buckeyes.

Joining Coach Caldwell on the Ohio All-Star staff is son, Ryan, along with Blue Devil aids: John Yocum, Steve Pritchard, Ron Street, Rob Adams, Franklin Holley, Mike Flowers, Rusty Lucas, Tyler Davis, and manager Cory Carpenter, a senior-to-be at Beallsville High this fall.

RYAN CALDWELL joins his father on the Ohio All-Star coaching staff. At Beallsville, Ryan was a two-time all-Ohio honoree, starring at wide receiver and defensive back.

Following high school, Ryan followed in his father's footsteps, going on to Muskingum College and earning four varsity letters at wide-out and as a return specialist for the Muskies.

Ryan received his bachelor's degree at Muskingum before joining the faculty at West Muskingum High. He will be joining the West M varsity grid staff this fall.

JOHN YOCUM is a 1988 Beallsville High grad and an alumni of the OVAC All-Star Game.

Yocum attended Salem College on a football scholarship and began coaching after finishing at the West Virginia Conference school.

Yocum has coached freshman basketball at Beallsville and has served as assistant on the Blue Devils' staff since 1992. Since 1999, he has been assistant offensive co-

ordinator and quarterbacks' coach.

From 1996 to the present, John has been employed as a Deputy Sheriff with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

STEVE PRITCHARD began his coaching career in the 1966-67 season as an assistant at Miami Trace High in Washington Court House, Ohio.

Pritchard also served a six-year stint as assistant at McClain High in Greenfield, Ohio.

In 1972, Steve headed south where he accepted a head coaching position at Pahokee High in the state of Florida.

Pritchard returned to the Buckeye State and Beallsville in the late 70s for a four-year assistant position.

Following several years out of the coaching ranks, Steve returned to the Blue Devils in 1998 and has worked under Caldwell the past three seasons.

FRANKLIN D. HOLLEY, JR., is a 1989 Beallsville High grad. He went on to graduate Summa Cum Laude from the University of Charleston in 1994.

A six-year member of Big Blue's varsity staff since 1995, Franklin also a board member of the Switzerland of Ohio Local School District and a Certified Public Accountant with a Wheeling firm.

RON STREET is a former standout at Beallsville High. He went on to Ohio Valley College in Parkersburg. This past spring, Ron guided Beallsville to an OVAC 1-A title in baseball.

This fall, Street will be working with special teams players on Beallsville's varsity squad.

MIKE FLOWERS is a Linsly School and Ohio University product and a recent addition to the Beallsville High program. He works with the Blue Devils' linebackers and defensive backs.

RUSTY LUCAS will be beginning his third season on Caldwell's staff. A former grid letterman with the Blue Devils, Lucas coaches wide receivers and tight ends.

ROB ADAMS is a University of Cincinnati product and specializes coaching Big Blue offensive and defensive linemen.

TYLER DAVIS, a Beallsville grad, played under Caldwell and has studied at Ohio University-Eastern. During his two-season stint on the Blue Devils' staff, Davis has worked with defensive backs.

West Virginia's Rogers rounds out OVAC roster

By JOEDY McCREARY
Wheeling News-Register

WHEELING, W.Va. -- The rosters have been completed.

The players are in camp at West Liberty State College.

Now, it's time to get down to business.

The final pieces of West Virginia coach Jim Rogers' puzzle have been put into place as the Mountain State roster is complete for Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic.

The most recent additions to the West Virginia lineup are Bishop Donahue's Nick Haught, Linsly's Chris Simons, Weir's Robert Wade, Wheeling Central's Victor Williams and Kyle Coyne, Wheeling Park's Erick Brothers and Cameron's Aaron Poling.

Kickoff for Sunday's game is at 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium.

HAUGHT was a standout utilityman for Bishops coach Tom Wise, and the 6-foot-1, 190-pounder likely will play wide receiver or defensive end for the West Virginia stars.

As a quarterback, Haught completed 26-of-86 passes for 439 yards with two touchdowns and 11 interceptions. He also ran 126 times for 376 yards and four TDs, and he caught three balls for 21 yards.

He was named to the first-team all-Mason-Dixon Conference team and was a special mention selection to both the all-Valley and all-West Virginia Class A gleam teams.

A four-year participant in football, basketball and baseball, Haught is the son of William and Pamela Haught of Moundsville. He's headed to West Liberty State College next month.

SIMONS was a 6-foot-0, 200-pound running back-linebacker for Linsly coach Terry Depew.

He rushed 107 times for 610 yards and three TDs for the Cadets, and he caught four passes for 16 yards.

A captain of the Cadets' team in 2000, Simons was an all-Valley special mention selection. He also starred for the Linsly track team.

He's the son of Tom and Karen Simons of Avella, Pa., and he's headed to West Virginia Wesleyan College.

WADE stands 5-foot-11,

weighs 195 and was an outside linebacker for Weir coach Dan Enich.

An All-American scholar who was four-year participant in both baseball and football, Wade is undecided on his college plans. He's the son of Robert Wade Jr. and Brenda Wade of Weirton.

WILLIAMS, a 6-foot-0, 200-pounder, played linebacker and running back for the Maroon Knights.

Williams carried 41 times for 315 yards and five touchdowns. He also caught two passes for 71 yards, with his lone touchdown catch a 51-yarder.

A co-captain on Central's Class A state championship team, Williams is headed to West Liberty State College.

He's the son of Diane and Larry Williams of Wheeling.

COYNE, who's 6-foot-0 and 205 pounds, was a linebacker and a running back for Central's title-winning team.

He rushed 142 times for 991 yards and five TDs for the Knights, and he caught 12 balls for 164 yards and a touchdown.

An all-West Virginia Class A second-teamer who made the all-OVAC Class AA first team, the Central co-captain also starred on the track for the Maroon Knights.

Headed to West Liberty State College, he's the son of Patrick and Mary Coyne of Wheeling.

BROTHERS is a 5-foot-9, 185-pounder who played inside linebacker and strong safety for Wheeling Park coach Mark Nardone in 2000.

He was a first-team all-Valley, second-team all-West Virginia Class AAA and special mention all-OVAC Class AAAA selection.

Also a standout baseball player, Brothers is the son of Larry Brothers of Wheeling.

POLING is a 6-foot-1, 185-pound standout at linebacker and tight end.

He had 14 catches for 134 yards and four touchdowns. As a linebacker, he had two sacks and two interceptions.

He was named to the all-West Virginia Class A second team, and was a first-team selection to two units -- all-Valley and all-OVAC Class A.

The son of Kim and Dave Poling of Glen Easton, he's undecided on his college plans.



West Virginia coaches announced

By JOEDY McCREARY

WHEELING, W.Va. -- Cameron coach Jim Rogers apparently has figured out how to piece together a lengthy unbeaten streak. Now, he will get a chance to break West Virginia's long losing streak.

Rogers' -- whose Cameron team went 33 consecutive regular-season games without a loss -- will lead the West Virginia all-stars against Ohio in the 30th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

His next mission stopping the Mountain State's six-game losing streak in the all-star game. West Virginia hasn't won in the classic since it beat Ohio 19-14 in 1994.

This year's game is set for Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The coaches comprising the West Virginia staff include Woody Yeater, Larry Hammers, Tim Brown, Kent Yoho, Donnie Kennedy and Ron Trowbridge Jr.

ROGERS has established himself as one of the premier head coaches in the OVAC.

He's coached football at Cameron for 18 years, with the previous nine as the Dragons' head coach. He spent six years as an assistant and the three seasons before that as a junior-high head coach.

During those nine seasons as Cameron's head man, he's compiled a record of 66-29-1 with four playoff appearances and a West Virginia Class A semifinal berth in 2000, but the Dragons were eliminated by Moorefield, 41-14.

Two of Rogers' teams the 1998 and 1999 Dragons finished the regular seasons unbeaten as Cameron rolled up a 33-game unbeaten streak.

During that span, the only blemish was a 26-26 tie to Clay-Battelle in 1998. The streak ended in 2000 with a 34-0 loss to Wheeling Central.

Also, he's won three Mason-Dixon Conference championships and one OVAC Class A title.

This will be his second trip to the OVAC All-Star Game; he assisted Jim Potts in the 1989 game, a 22-14 West Virginia win.

A graduate of Fairmont Senior High School, Rogers earned his bachelor's degree from Fairmont State College and owns a master's degree from West Virginia University.

He lives in Cameron with his wife Christy and his daughter Katie.

YEATER is making his second coaching appearance in the OVAC All-Star Game.

A lifelong resident of Cameron, Yeater has been affiliated with the Cameron football program for the past 24 years and he also has coached wrestling, basketball and baseball at the Marshall County-based school.

He also was on the West Virginia staff in the 1989 all-star game.

He earned his bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College in 1971. He lives in Cameron with his

wife Barbara, and he has two stepchildren, Ronnie Bonar and Tammy Dickson.

HAMMERS coaches quarterbacks and special teams for Cameron.

He's been a member of Cameron's varsity staff for the past nine years. Before that, he coached for two years at the junior-high level. He also coached baseball for 10 years in Long Beach, Calif.

Hammers attended Long Beach City College. A Cameron resident, Hammers and his wife Jan have five children: Larry, Randy, Jamie, Kirsten and Josh.

BROWN will coach the West Virginia running backs, linebackers and defensive ends.

A 10-year veteran of the Cameron High coaching staff, Brown previously has coached football at Paden City Middle School. A member of the Dragons' boys' basketball coaching staff, Brown also has coached track at Tyler County High School and basketball at West Greene, Pa., High School.

Additionally, he's the strength and conditioning coach at Cameron.

He earned his bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College in 1987.

He lives in Cameron with his wife, Sharon, and their two sons.

18-year-old Toby (who's also a participant in the OVAC All-Star Game) and Tucker,

17. **YOHU** figures to coach the West Virginia offensive linemen in the all-star game.

A former assistant at Sistersville, Tyler County and Tyler Consolidated high schools, Yoho presently coaches in Tyler Consolidated's junior high program.

A gifted athlete who played one year of basketball at Waynesburg College and one year of football at West Virginia University, Yoho earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from WVU.

He lives in Sistersville with his wife, Linda, and their three children, Nichole (13), Cameron (11) and Sydney (4).

KENNEDY will coach receivers, defensive backs and be heavily involved with the Mountain State offense during the all-star game.

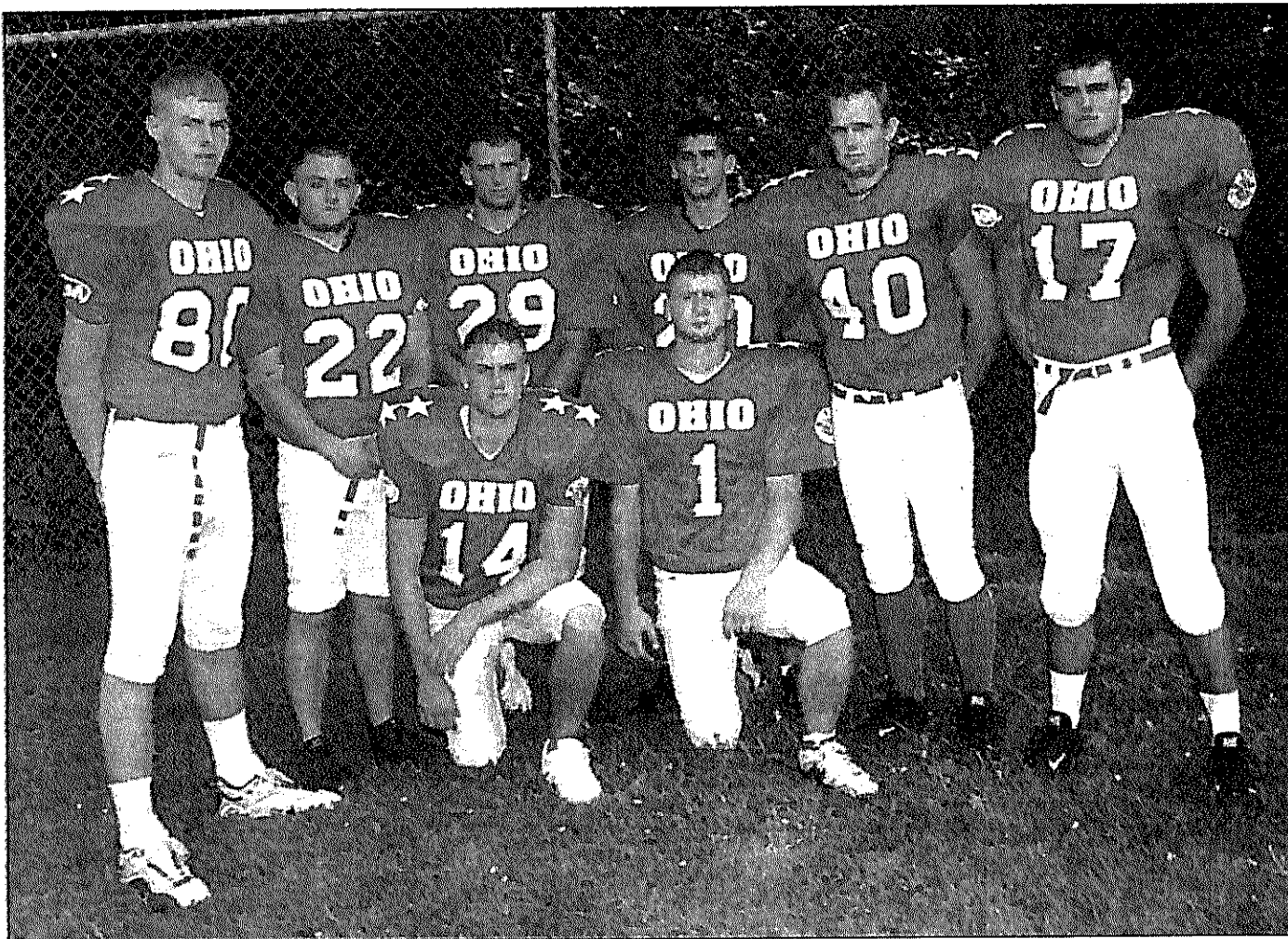
He has been a volunteer assistant on Rogers' Cameron staff since 1993, and he's worked with the Dragons' offense, punters and placekickers.

He and his wife, Jeanie, live in Cameron, and he has one stepson, Michael Stern.

TROWBRIDGE has been involved with the Cameron program for the past nine seasons.

He has been a volunteer assistant on Rogers' Dragon staff for the past nine seasons. Before that, he served as an assistant for two years. He's also been an assistant wrestling coach for 10 years.

Trowbridge earned his bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in 1989. He and his wife Amy have three children, Derek (13), Cassidy (9) and Natalie (5), and they live in Cameron.



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OHIO All-Star quarterbacks and receivers set for action in Sunday's OVAC/Rudy Mumley All-Star Game are, front row, from left, quarterbacks Matt Materkoski (Bellaire) and Chris Caldwell (Beallsville). Receivers, standing, from left, Brad Wink (Martins Ferry), Nick Shanks (St. Clairsville), Brian Shafer (Caldwell), Trevor Schaffer (Beallsville), Don Price (Toronto) and Jim Amato (Shadyside).

OVAC game: • A true honor for all involved

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

It's called the crown jewel of Ohio Valley sporting events. The 30th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic is set this Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium. With both the Ohio and West Virginia squads reporting to camp last Saturday, the two squads welcomed the media Monday to their West Liberty State College headquarters.

The annual affair is set for a 7:15 p.m. kick-off with several other events throughout the week set to surround the football gala.

As for the players, most are happy and honored to be taking part in the game and can't wait to buckle their chin straps and hit someone other than a teammate.

Not only do the players want to play well and win the football game, but all understand what a true honor has been bestowed upon them.

One player in the game who is familiar with the all-star game hype is Bellaire's Matt Materkoski.

Materkoski, last month, took part in the Ohio North-South Game held in Columbus and also took part in the Samuel A. Mumley OVAC all-star Basketball Classic held in March.

The former Big Reds' signal caller, headed for Slippery Rock University, definitely understands the significance of the Mumley game.



"This game is a real honor. At the North-South game, there were a lot of quick players, but this game is just a true honor to be playing in," Materkoski said.

Beallsville's Trevor Schaffer, who will take his exploits to Marietta College, also knows and understands the true magnitude of the Mumley game.

"This game is a real honor. I just love to play the game of football and I am excited about playing one more high school game before I go to college," Schaffer said.

Schaffer, who played a huge role in Beallsville's success this past season, will be one of the top targets for Materkoski and his fellow Beallsville alum Chris Caldwell to throw to.

"The practices are going really well. We've got almost everything in and we've only been here a couple of days. We're tired of hitting each other already and want to go after West Virginia," Schaffer continued.

Shadyside's Jim Amato, the lone representative off a Tiger team that went 10-2 and qualified to the playoffs, also knows what it means to represent his school in the OVAC game.

"This game is very rewarding. It is an honor to be here and I'm sure every guy here feels that way. We have a great squad and these are the best players in the OVAC. I am just sorry that more of my teammates from Shadyside couldn't be here with me," Amato said. "We are ready to go and play the game already."

St. Clairsville's Nick Shanks will put the finishing touches

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on a fine prep season Sunday evening before joining the Muskingum College program.

Shanks helped the Red Devils to an 8-2 mark and in the process, led the Ohio Valley in receiving. He will join Schaffer as one of the top Ohio targets on the outside.

"All these guys are good players and being selected to this game really puts the finishing touches on a great three years of playing varsity football. We are getting our offense in, but personnel wise, we have been moving people around a lot," Shanks said.

Barnesville's Justin Jefferis, one of the valley's most versatile quarterbacks, will see a lot of action on the defensive side of the ball.

"It means a lot to come out and meet all the players you have played against. We have been practicing pretty hard and it is really hot outside,

but it's been fun," Jefferis said.

The players are not the only people involved with the game that it means something too.

Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell, the coach at Beallsville, is making his third appearance as Ohio head coach.

Though it is his third time in the game, Caldwell still understands the magnitude of the contest.

"Coming back to coach this game is a real honor. The game is for a good cause. It helps raise money for needy children and what better thing can you do than help your fellow man? It's just an honor to be a part of," Caldwell said.

West Virginia and Cameron head coach Jim Rodgers, echoes the same sentiments of Caldwell.

"It's honor to coach in this game and when you look at what it's about, you can't pass up an

opportunity to be a part of it. This game is about children, charity and Osiris Shrine. It is not about winning and losing here because every kid here is a winner," Rodgers said.

OVAC NOTEBOOK

- **THIS EVENING**, the 15th annual George Strager Evening with the Stars will take place at Ramada Plaza City Center Hotel in Wheeling.
- **FRIDAY'S** events include the Queen of Queens pageant at the Wheeling Civic Center.
- **ON THE EVE** of the game, the two teams will gather at Russek Field on the Hilltoppers' campus for the pep rally, which sets the stage for kickoff.
- **TICKETS** for Sunday's game are still available at several area locations, including all area Krogers, for a price of \$7. All tickets at the gate will cost \$10.

Ohio all-stars: On a wing and a prayer



By
Rich
Gibson
Times Leader
Sports Editor

REALITY CHECK

"What can we do about it? Not much. Not much at all," Caldwell shrugged prior to putting his squad through Monday afternoon drills on the campus of West Liberty State College.

"All of a sudden, you're putting a linebacker in there to cover a cornerback's position. You've got to scramble to fill some spots. It's difficult enough preparing when you have a full roster to work with."

The merry-go-round started Saturday when Caldwell learned Beaver Local stars Jamin Pastore and Jamie Olmstead had opted out of the game. Frontier's Ryan Schmidt was also a no-show.

A bad-to-worse scenario continued with apparent game-ending injuries sustained by prime-timers

Brian Benton (Steubenville) and Chris Vinci (Buckeye Local).

"When players simply fail to let (anyone) know their intentions about not participating, it makes it tough — not only on the coaches and players (already here) but also for some other worthy kids in the valley who would have very much enjoyed the opportunity to play in this game," Caldwell related.

Already in place was an all-star game edict that doesn't allow roster additions past Saturday's camp report date.

"I understand (the reasoning) behind that rule and really don't have a problem with it," Caldwell maintained. "What's hard to overcome is the fact we lost five players — just like that — but we hope to make the best of the situation."

All-Star Game director Bob Koch concurs with Caldwell, but adds, "We're faced with problems like these almost every summer. It's

unfortunate, but at what point do you draw the line? You make a policy and stick with it."

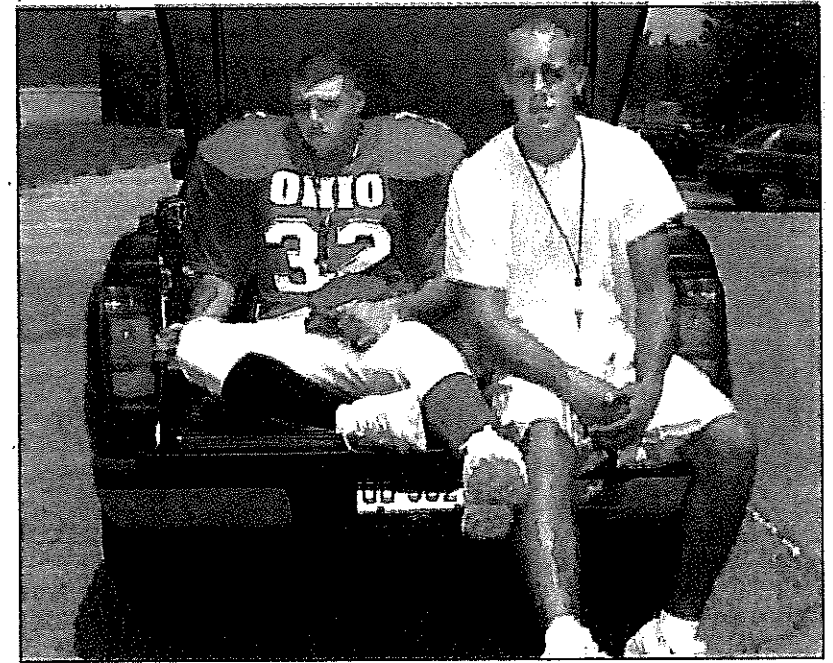
Pastore's loss is, by far, the most notable. The Beavers' all-Ohio quarterback spent most of the summer in Florida at Chris Carter's Speed Camp at Boca Raton, preparing to enter Division I Duke University this fall.

According to a family spokesman, Pastore suffered a hamstring injury a month ago. Although healed and currently working out, he decided to bypass the OVAC game before reporting to the North Carolina campus a week from Friday.

Olmstead's absence, meanwhile, creates another offensive void while Frontier's Schmidt, meanwhile, would likely have logged minutes in the defensive backfield.

"The good news is we still have a very solid group of players,"

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OHIO ALL-STARS Brian Benton (Steubenville), left, and Chris Vinci (Buckeye Local) leave Russek Field after Monday afternoon's media picture session at West Liberty State College. The pair suffered knee injuries and are not expected to play in Sunday's OVAC all-star game.

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Caldwell advised. "We're just going to be a little more limited in some of the things we want to do."

OVAC NOTEBOOK

FORTY-TWO of the OVAC's member schools will be represented at Sunday evening's game. Sixty players, 20 cheerleaders, 23 queens and 215 band members are participating....

FANS are advised to purchase tickets in advance. The advance sale price remains at \$7 while all tickets at the game Sunday are \$10. The increase on game night reflects a \$12,000 insurance cost covering participants and spectators at all OVAC Championship events as well as OVAC Foundation functions....

VETERAN referee Bill Wilhelm heads Sunday's game

crew. Also assigned are: Steve DiBacco (umpire); Jim Kuczynski (line judge); Larry Rine (side judge); Frank Bland (back judge) and Greg Richmond (linesman)....

HONORARY officials to be recognized during the traditional pre-game coin toss are Martins Ferry's Duane Powell and Wheeling's Plennie Clutter....

THE MCDONALD'S/OVAC All-Star Band and All-Star Cheerleaders report to camp Wednesday. That evening, the 15th Annual George Strager Evening With the Stars unfolds at the Ramada Plaza City Center Hotel in Wheeling....

THE QUEEN of Queens Talent Show is scheduled Friday evening (7:00) at the Wheeling Civic Center. Doors open at 6:00. Admission is \$5.00.

A Kickoff Classic, Ohio Valley Style

Football season unofficially starts tonight on the island

By JOEDY McCREARY
Staff Writer

The playbooks have been studied, analyzed and committed to memory. The players' colorful helmets have been spattered with stickers gathered from teammates and friends. The shiny gameday uniforms — scarlet for Ohio, gold for West Virginia — have been pressed and are ready for gametime grass stains.

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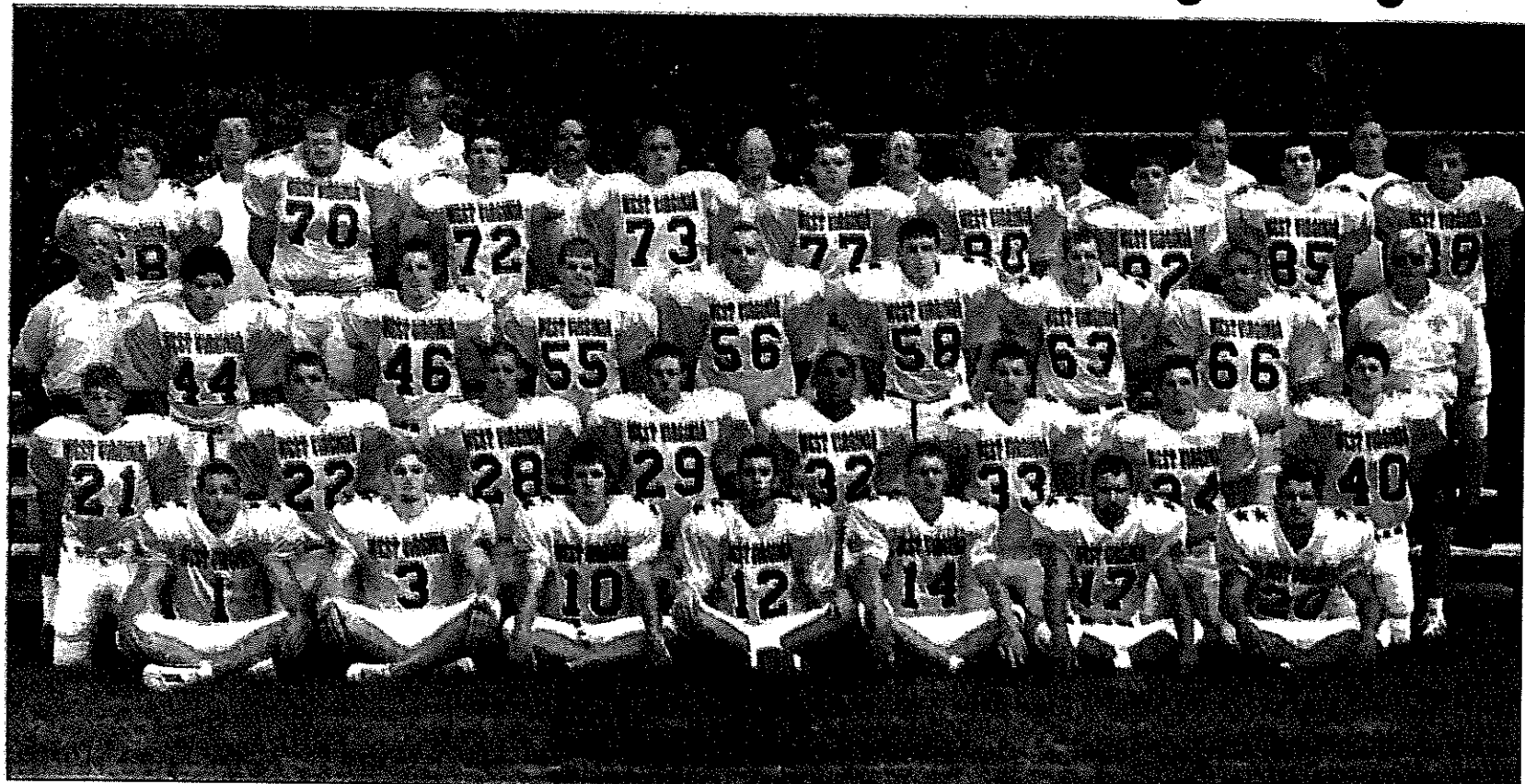
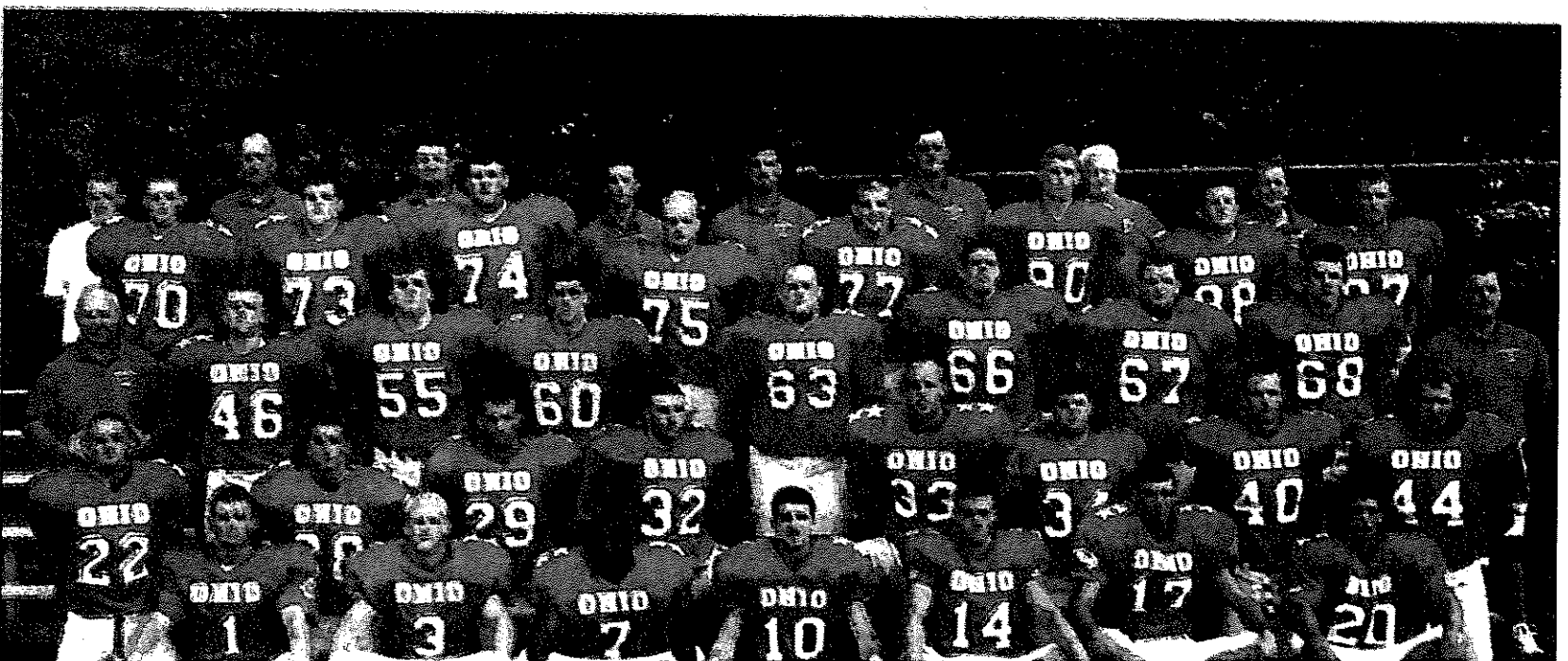


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Ohio will start three Beallsville standouts — QB Chris Caldwell, WR Trevor Schaffer and C Matt Brown — in tonight's game.

"What makes it so good is that we've got Chris, Trevor Schaffer and Matt Brown on the field," Dave Caldwell said.

"They've been showing the other kids about this offense. It's a really good feature to have."

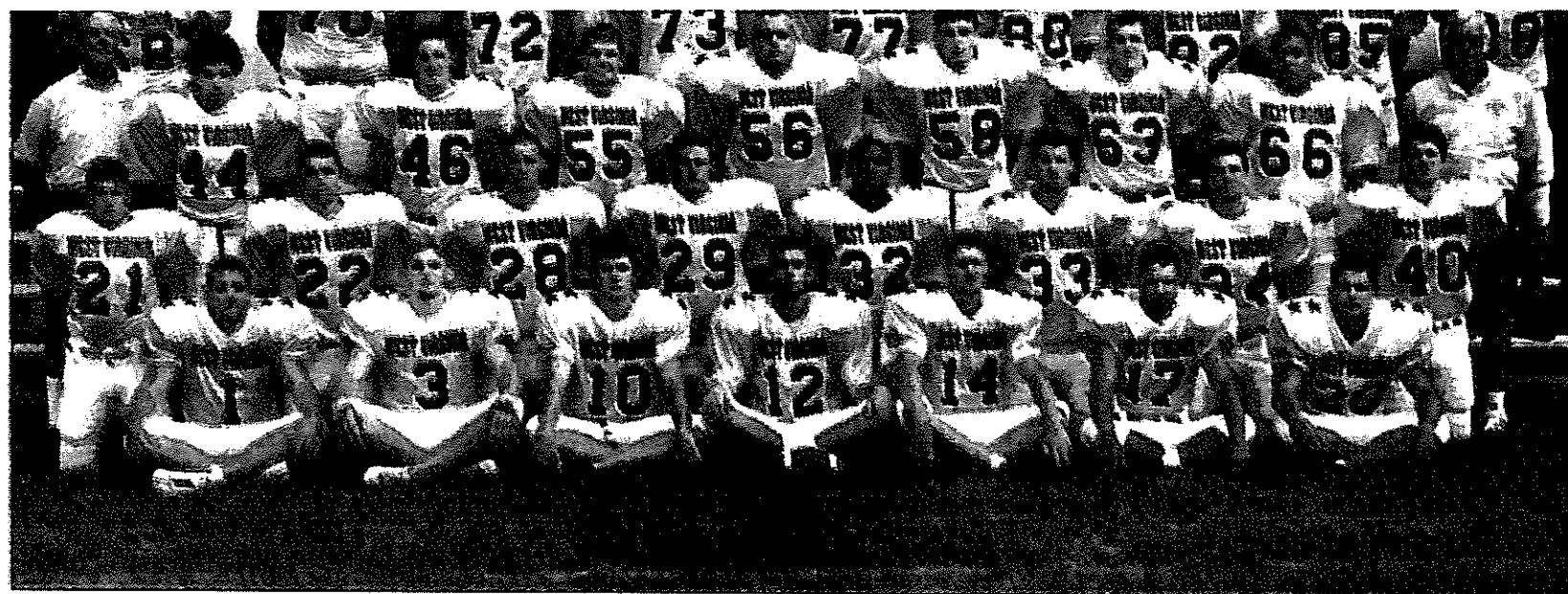


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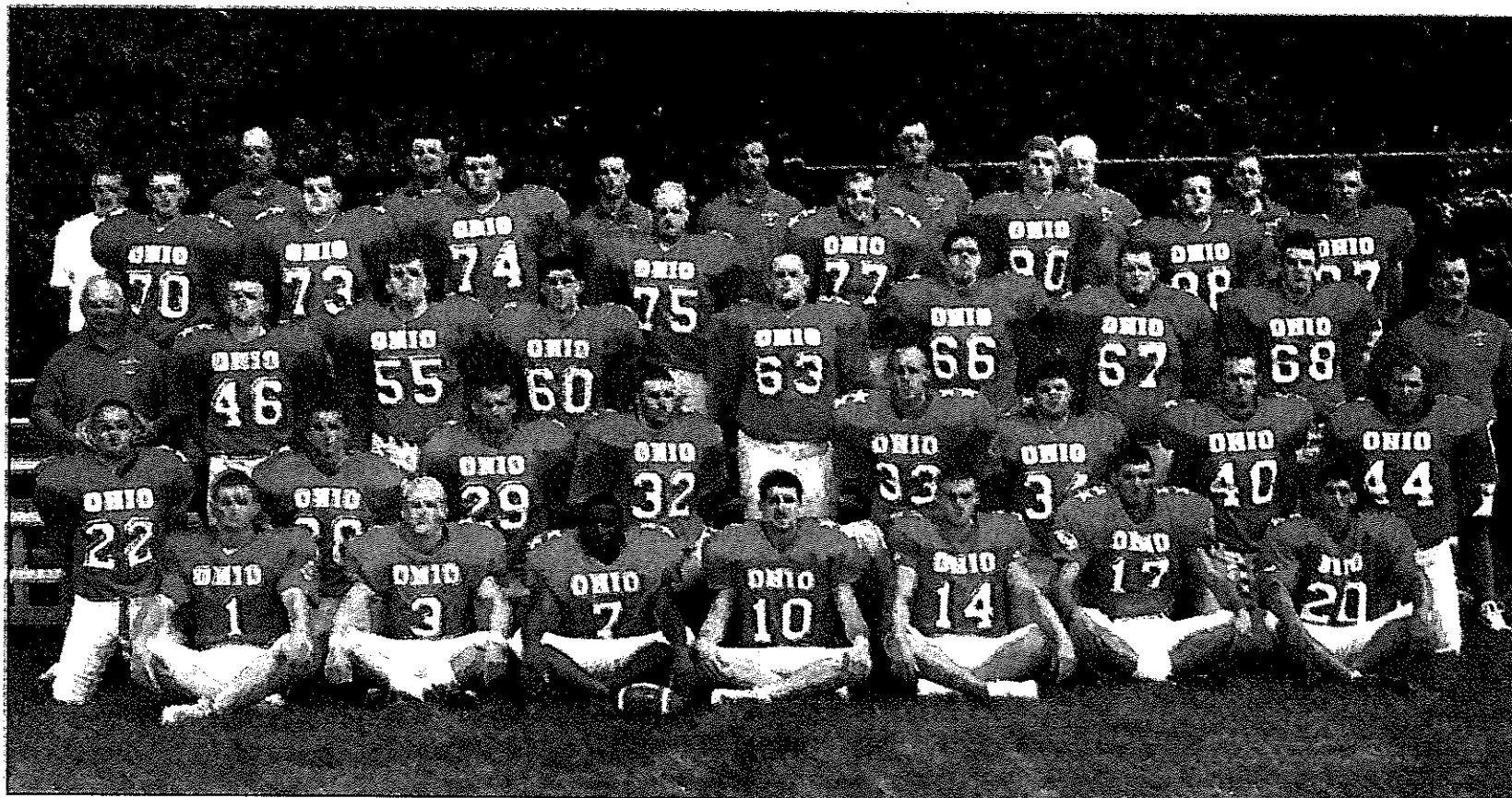


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The Ohio All-Stars are looking for their sixth straight win in today's 30th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic, which kicks off at 7:15 p.m. today at Wheeling Island Stadium. Front row, from left, Chris Caldwell, Jake Sowers, Trevor Cooper, Justin Jefferis, Matt Materkoski, Jim Amato and Trevor Schaffer. Second row, from left, Nick Shanks, Todd Filtz, Brian Shafer, Brian Benton, Chris Vincl, Adam Jones, Don Price and Shawn Brooker. Third row, from left, head coach Dave Caldwell, Brian Kittle, Tom Golden, Jason Ludwig, Anthony Williams, Jeff Lofton, James Petcovic, Matt Brown and assistant John Yocum. Fourth row, from left, Matt Phillips, Tyler Hill, Jonathan Mika, Jarrod Click, Matt Sherwood, Brad Wink, Dennis Nardo and Marik Hughes. Back row, from left, manager Cory Carpenter, assistants Rusty Locas, Mike Flowers, Tyler Davis, Ronnie Street, John Huffman, Steve Prichard and trainer Randy Elliott. Ohio holds an 18-10-1 advantage in the All-Star series.

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Ohio's top wideouts are St. Clairsville's Nick Shanks, Schaffer and Caldwell's Brian Shafer.

Rogers' biggest worry is Ohio's penchant for passing.

"Our big concern is that passing offense of theirs," Rogers said. "Dave Caldwell does a heck of a job with their amount of kids (at Beallsville). He has this basic pass package, but everything's sound. We have to contain that pass package, because in a game like this, the team that makes the most mistakes loses."

Ohio's offense is protected by a meaty offensive line that averages more than 257 pounds per man.

Brown (6-2, 220) will start at center, and he'll be flanked by guards Matt Sherwood (6-1, 210) of Bellaire, and Jonathan Mika (6-5, 305) of

Shenandoah, with Beaver Local's Anthony Williams (6-2, 285) as the top backup. The tackles are Beaver Local's James Petcovic (6-2, 290) and St. Clairsville's Jeff Lofton (6-4, 260).

"Our offensive line is pretty nice," Dave Caldwell said. "They do a real nice job getting off the ball."

When Ohio opts to run the ball, Caldwell can hand off to tailbacks Trevor Cooper of Indian Creek and Cambridge's Jake Sowers, who played in the Ohio-Pennsylvania "Big 33" game earlier this month. The fullback is Buckeye Trail's Brian Kittle.

Meanwhile, West Virginia's offense may be without one of its key cogs, as Cameron first-team all-state tailback Wyatt O'Neil has been plagued by an ankle injury. He hasn't practiced full-tilt all week, and his status won't be decided until gametime.

"His ankle really hasn't healed as well as we had hoped it would," Rogers said.

West Virginia's starting backfield will consist of Wheeling Central's Kyle Coyne and Wheeling Park's Dino Cardinali, with Linsly's Chris Simons and Central's Clayton Fitzsimmons operating as the second unit.

And the man in charge of West Virginia's offense is Wheeling Park's Tyler Fike, with Paden City's Jonathan Lindsey also seeing plenty of minutes.

"Tyler Fike is a very smart player

with very good football knowledge," Rogers said. "He really helps keep the offense going."

Heading up West Virginia's offensive line is Linsly center Pierce Waychoff (6-2, 215). Central's Justin Brownlee (6-0, 215) and Park's Jerome Maynard (5-10, 230) are the guards, with Magnolia's Chris Horn (6-3, 235) and Cameron's Tanner McCoy (6-5, 290) at the tackles.

West Virginia's top receivers are Cameron's Toby Brown, Magnolia's Jason Baxter, Tyler Consolidated's J.D. Myer, Valley's Jaime Wichterman and Madonna's Simon Setcavage.

The tight ends are Central's C.J. McCroskey and Bishop Donahue's Joe Wallace.

Rogers said two other players — Victor Williams (severe migraine headaches) and Chris Mahan (pulled hamstring) — won't play, bringing the West Virginia total to 28 players.

"You play the hand you're dealt," Rogers said.

The Mountain State lineup has one important common quality, Rogers said.

"They are not intimidated," Rogers said. "It'll be interesting to see how each of them puts on his game face."

West Virginia's defensive front will consist of Brownlee at nose tackle, Weir's Kevin Cox and Oak Glen's Mark Flowers at defensive tackle and Tyler Consolidated's Victor Casenelli at defensive end.

The outside linebackers are TCHS standout Josh Rocchio and Coyne, with Cameron's Aaron Poling and Weir's Robert Wade on the inside.

The secondary consists of safety Brian Dick of Brooke, with cornerbacks Wichterman and Fitzsimmons.

Meanwhile, manning Ohio's defensive front are Fort Frye's Shawn Brooker at nose guard, with East Liverpool's Jason Ludwig, Shadyside's Jim Amato, St. Clairsville's Tyler Hill and Barnesville's Matt Phillips also along the D-line.

At linebacker are East Liverpool's

Jarrod Click in the middle, with Steubenville's Todd Filtz and Toronto's Don Price on the outside.

The Buckeye State secondary includes Sowers and Shafer at cornerback and Barnesville's Justin Jefferis at safety.

Indian Creek's Marik Hughes — who drilled consecutive 55-yard field goals during practice Friday — will handle all kicking duties for the Buckeyes, with Sowers, Shafer and Cooper returning most kicks.

The game is the capstone of an evening of activity on the Island.

The teams will warm up from 5:40-6:25 p.m. today, and after that the Ohio and West Virginia cheerleaders will perform their routines for 10 minutes. At 6:35, the McDonald's/OVAC All-Star Band will perform a spirited pre-game show, complete with fight songs for West Virginia ("Hail West Virginia") and Ohio ("Across the Field").

The OVAC Queen of Queens participants will be announced at 6:45, and the players, coaches and support staffs will be recognized from 6:50-7 p.m. After that, chaplain Raymond Helbling of the Osiris Temple will deliver the invocation and the team captains will then participate in the coin toss.

Also, OVAC Football Commissioner Don Zinni will present plaques to tonight's honorary referees, Duane Powell of Colerain and Plennie Clutter of Wheeling.

Then, the band will perform "The Star-Spangled Banner" and last year's coaches — Ohio's Jay Circosta and West Virginia's Jim Thomas, plus cheerleading coaches JoAnn Staganof of Ohio and Nikki Casuccio of West Virginia — will be recognized.

After the first quarter, 2000 OVAC Band Coordinator Ken Bonnell will be presented.

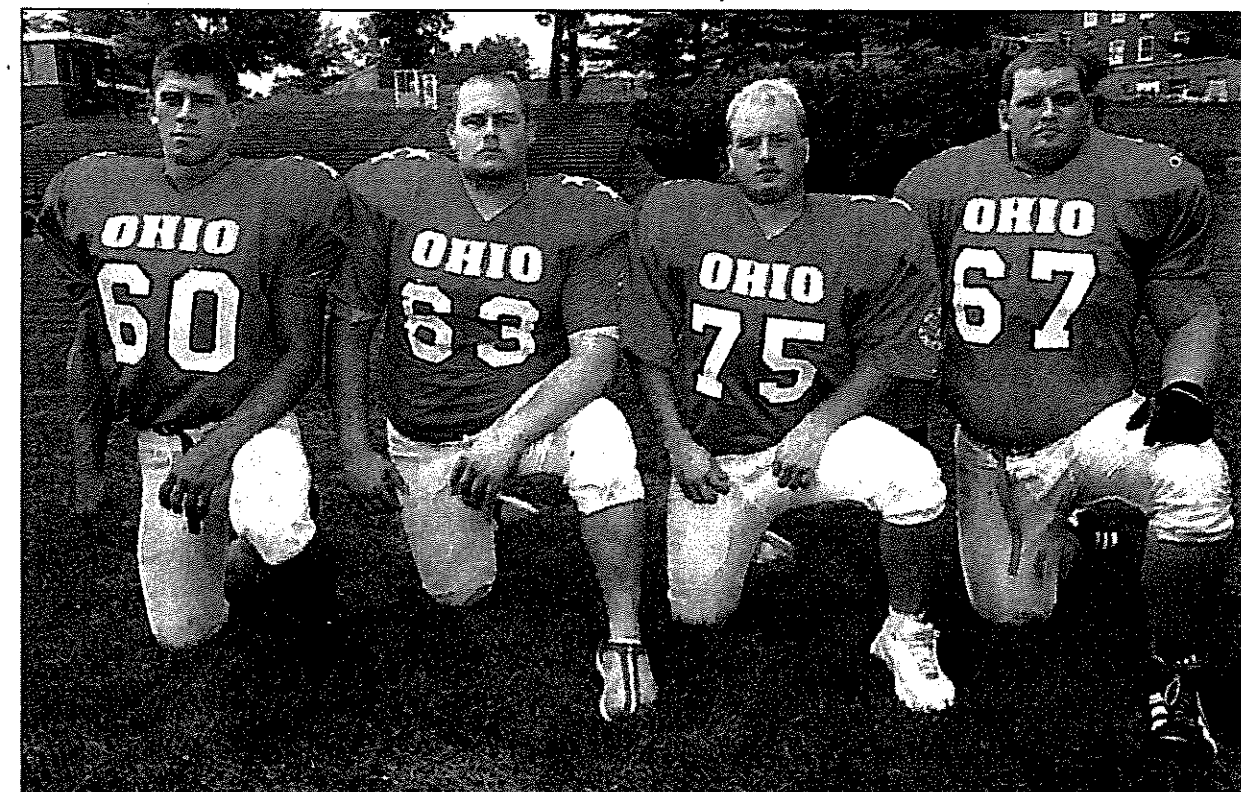
At halftime, the Queen of Queens winner will be announced, followed by the band's halftime show.

The Health Plan's \$10,000 kick will take place at the end of the third quarter, and the 1991 Ohio and West Virginia All-Star teams will be introduced as part of the 10-year reunion. Ohio holds an 18-10-1 record in the game, and the Buckeyes won last year's game 13-7 in the closing seconds.

All-Star Game Rosters

		WEST VIRGINIA			
No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	School
1	Wyatt O'Neil	6-0	195	LB-RB	Cameron
3	C.J. McCroskey	6-3	225	TE-LB	Whg. Central
10	Jonathan Lindsey	6-2	170	QB-DB	Paden City
12	Tyler Fike	6-3	170	QB-S	Whg. Park
14	Simon Setcavage	6-0	175	RB-DB	Madonna
17	Josh Rocchio	5-9	160	RB-LB	Tyler Cons.
20	Brian Dick	6-0	190	RB-S	Brooke
21	Clayton Fitzsimmons	5-7	177	TB-S	Whg. Central
22	J.D. Myer	5-10	170	WR-DB	Tyler Cons.
28	Nick Haught	6-1	180	WR-DE	Bishop Donahue
29	Robert Wade	5-11	195	RB-LB	Weir
32	Victor Williams	6-0	200	RB-LB	Whg. Central
34	Kyle Coyne	6-0	205	RB-LB	Whg. Central
40	Chris Simons	6-0	200	RB-LB	Linsly
44	Dino Cardinali	5-7	165	RB-DB	Whg. Park
46	Chris Mahan	5-10	180	RB-DB	Linsly
55	Justin Brownlee	6-0	215	T	Whg. Central
56	Kevin Cox	6-0	250	G-DE	Weir
58	Victor Casenelli	6-3	220	C-DE	Tyler Cons.
63	Mark Flowers	6-1	210	G-DT	Oak Glen
66	Jerome Maynard	5-10	230	C-DT	Whg. Park
68	Pierce Waychoff	6-2	215	C-DE	Linsly
70	Tanner McCoy	6-5	290	T	Cameron
72	Ryan Scott	6-2	205	T-DE	Weir
73	Chris Horn	6-3	235	G-T	Magnolia
77	Evan English	6-2	230	T	Oak Glen
80	Jason Baxter	6-3	175	WR-DB	Magnolia
82	Jaime Wichterman	5-10	170	WR-DB	Valley
85	Joe Wallace	6-3	190	TE-LB	Bishop Donahue
88	Aaron Poling	6-1	185	TE-LB	Cameron

		OHIO			
No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	School
1	Chris Caldwell	6-0	205	QB-NG	Beallsville
3	Jake Sowers	6-1	190	RB-LB	Cambridge
7	Trevor Cooper	6-1	189	RB-DB	Indian Creek
10	Justin Jefferis	5-11	170	SE-DB	Barnesville
14	Matt Materkoski	6-0	185	QB-WR	Bellaire
17	Jim Amato	6-3	200	TE-DE	Shadyside
20	Trevor Schaffer	5-10	155	WR-DB	Beallsville
22	Nick Shanks	5-11	155	WR-DB	St. Clairsville
28	Todd Filtz	5-7	175	LB	Steubenville
29	Brian Shafer	5-11	183	WR-DB	Caldwell
32	Brian Benton	5-11	205	RB-DB	Steubenville
33	Chris Vinci	6-4	190	OLB-SE	Buckeye Local
34	Adam Jones	5-10	180	WR-DE	Monroe Central
40	Don Price	6-2	200	TE-LB	Toronto
44	Shawn Brooker	6-0	235	RB-NG	Fort Frye
46	Brian Kittle	5-11	200	FB-LB	Buckeye Trail
55	Tom Golden	6-2	250	G-T	Cambridge
60	Jason Ludwig	6-1	200	DE-C	East Liverpool
63	Anthony Williams	6-2	285	T	Beaver Local
66	Jeff Lofton	6-4	260	T	St. Clairsville
67	James Petcovic	6-2	290	G-T	Beaver Local
68	Matt Brown	6-2	220	C-DT	Beallsville
70	Matt Phillips	6-3	220	C-G	Barnesville
73	Tyler Hill	6-1	280	T	St. Clairsville
74	Jonathan Mika	6-5	305	T	Shenandoah
75	Jarrod Click	5-9	210	ILB	East Liverpool
77	Matt Sherwood	6-1	210	G-DE	Bellaire
80	Brad Wink	6-5	210	TE-DE	Martins Ferry
88	Dennis Nardo	6-1	215	LB-DE	Union Local
97	Marik Hughes	6-1	175	K-P	Indian Creek



Photos by Scott McCloskey

Left, this group of northern West Virginia football players will try to end a six-game losing skid in the 30th annual Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic, Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium. They are, front row (l. to r.), Kevin Cox of Weir, Evan English of Oak Glen and Mark Flowers of Oak Glen. Back row (l. to r.), Simon Setcavage of Weirton Madonna, Robert Waite of Weir, Ryan Scott of Weir

and Brian Dick of Brooke. At right, these players from Columbiana County will look to extend Ohio's streak to seven this Sunday night. They are (l. to r.), Jason Ludwig of East Liverpool, Anthony Williams of Beaver Local, Jarrod Click of East Liverpool and James Petcovic of Beaver Local. The game kicks off at 7:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

Ohio Coaching Staff Names Wide Receivers

In Dave Caldwell's general scheme of things, receivers are an integral part of the game plan.

Beallsville High and Ohio's head coach for the upcoming Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic today named a quintet of pass-catcher, each of whom hopes to contribute when the Buckeyes and Mountaineers square off Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"Although it's not easy formulating an efficient pass attack with such short preparation time, we have a quality group here," Caldwell said. "Hopefully, we can get them all involved on game night."

The receiving corps includes Jamie Olmstead of Beaver Local, Chris Vinci of Buckeye Local, Nick Shanks of St. Clairsville, Trevor Schaffer of Beallsville and Jim Amato of Shadyside.

At 6-foot-3, 200 pounds, Amato was regarded as among the valley's premier tight ends, landing 15 receptions for 294 yards and four

touchdowns. He played a starring role as coach Ty Fleming's Tigers qualified for postseason play.

The West Liberty State College-bound athlete earned four varsity letters for the Orange in both football and track.

Postseason honors were plentiful. Jim was an all-Ohio special mention honoree and added first-team plaudits on the all-Valley, all-Eastern District and all-OVAC teams.

A talented defensive end, Amato compiled 92 career stops, including 12 sacks.

Jim is the son of James and Kelly Amato.

Olmstead also was a mainstay for coach Rich Wright's playoff-qualifying Beavers.

The 5-foot-9, 155-pounder accounted for more than 800 yards and 11 touchdowns. He landed 14 receptions, totalling 342 yards for a 24.4-yard average.

He also compiled just fewer than 500 rushing yards, carrying the ball 40 times for 487 yards.



A first-team all-OVAC selection, Olmstead earned similar honors on the all-Quad County unit and gained accolades on the all-district team.

Olmstead, who'll attend Youngstown State in the fall, also lettered in baseball and track.

He's the son of Pam and Larry Olmstead.

Vinci was a two-way standout for Mike Groves' Panthers.

Though his senior season was cut short by injury, Vinci was productive both as a split end and outside line-

backer.

Chris made eight receptions for 155 yards. Defensively, he charted 34 solo tackles and made two pass interceptions, returning one for a touchdown.

The 6-foot-4, 190-pounder was an all-Jefferson County first-teamer. He also was a second-team all-Valley pick.

A three-year letterman in football, Chris also earned single-season letters in baseball and basketball.

He is the son of Jerry and Barb Vinci.

Shanks took full advantage of a potent St. Clairsville passing game. The 5-foot-11, 185-pound wideout landed 39 receptions for 686 yards and six touchdowns for coach Mark Bonar's club.

Also a steady defensive back, Shanks was a first-team all-Valley and all-district honoree. He earned all-Ohio honorable mention status twice.

A four-year football letterman, his versatility included three letters in

baseball and basketball and one in track.

Headed for Muskingum College, Nick is the son of Diana and Charles Shanks.

Schaffer played a starring role for Caldwell's playoff-qualifying Blue Devils.

The 5-foot-10, 155-pounder hauled in 45 receptions, racking up 878 yards and five TDs. He made two touchdown catches in the Devils' 32-26 Division VI postseason loss to Toronto.

He was a second-team all-Ohio selection who earned first-team honors on the all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-Valley teams.

Schaffer was a four-year letterman in football and was a two-way star who also played defensive back.

The versatile Schaffer also starred in baseball and basketball for the Blue Devils, and he was a National Honor Society member.

Bound for Marietta College in the fall, he is the son of Dan and Vickie Schaffer.

Three quarterbacks named to Ohio squad

• Materkoski, Caldwell, Pastore chosen to lead Buckeyes

By **RICH GIBSON**
Times-Leader Sports Editor

Beallsville's Dave Caldwell has been known to diagram a pass play or two during his 19-year tenure at the small Monroe County school.

The good news is Caldwell has a pair of aerial artists and one of the Buckeye State's most elusive runners at his disposal for this month's annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Concerning the bad news, Caldwell says this: "Realistically, there isn't nearly enough time to develop any type of sophisticated passing attack in one week of training camp."

Still, Ohio will be led by three prime time performers when the Buckeyes battle West Virginia, Sunday evening, July 29 at Wheeling Stadium.

To be sure, Caldwell will certainly take his

chances with the likes of Beaver Local's Jamin Pastore, Bellaire's Matt Materkoski and Beallsville's Chris Caldwell.

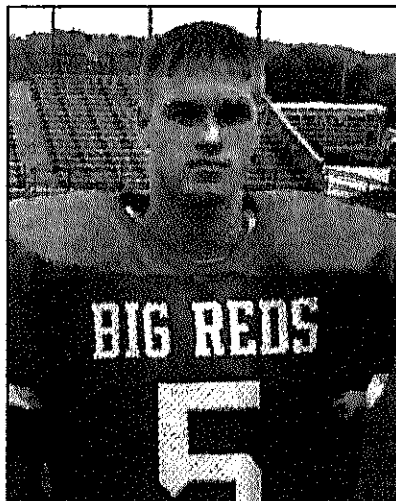
The trio should present more than a few problems for Mountaineer defenders.

"All three of these young men have the talent to throw and run with equal ability. As a result, we'll be very deep at the position," Caldwell advised.

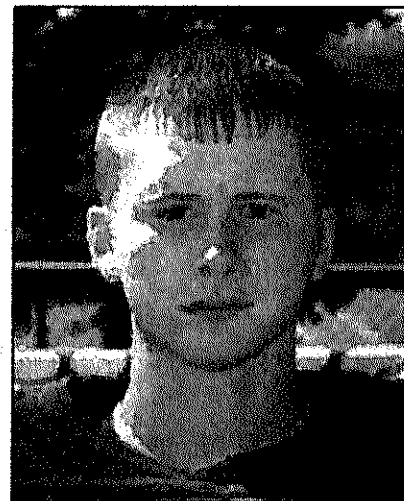
It's conceivable Caldwell will use a two-man rotation at QB, though that decision may not come prior to game week.

PASTORE began his junior season at tailback before Beavers' head coach Rich Wright opted to convert the 5-10, 195-pounder to QB.

The move resulted in a memorable run of 17 straight victories with Pastore at the helm.



MATT MATERKOSKI



CHRIS CALDWELL

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During that stretch, Jamin shattered several school records and caught the eye of college recruiters both near and far.

The Beavers were marching towards an unbeaten record and postseason play when Pastore was injured in week nine at Wellsville.

Unable to return for the 10-0 Beavers' Division III, Region 11 playoff test, Pastore painfully watched from the sideline as Carrollton prevailed.

Before going down, Pastore proceeded to establish a new BL standard for career rushing (2,860 yards). Included was an exemplary 257-yard performance against Division I Lorain Southview.

Last fall, Jamin amassed 1,298 rushing yards in 126 attempts, an average of 10.3 yards per pop.

Through the air, he went 28 of 65 for 583 yards and 10 touchdowns.

A dangerous return man as well, Pastore ran back eight kickoffs, totaling 199 yards, a net of 24.9 yards per attempt.

Pastore earned every conceivable post-season honor (1st team all-Ohio, all-District, all-OVAC). He was the East Liverpool Review's Offensive Player of the Year.

Headed to Duke University this fall, Jamin adds an academic presence as well.

He ranked first in his class at Beaver with a 4.0 GPA.

Jamin is the son of James Pastore and Toni DeLiscia.

MATERKOSKI made life miserable for Big Reds' opponents, leading Bellaire to an 8-2 regular season record and a berth in the Division IV, Regional IV playoffs.

The 5-11, 185-pound Slippery Rock University recruit completed 90 of 193 passes for 1,379 yards and 12 TDs his senior season. On the run, Materkoski compiled an additional 462 yards and scored eight times.

Though the Reds suffered a dramatic 35-28 over-

time playoff loss at Utica, Materkoski made all right moves, accounting for 321 yards and all three Bellaire scores.

A second team all-Ohio selection, Materkoski earned first team all-Eastern District and was Player of the Year. He was a first team all-OVAC selection and captained last fall's inaugural all-Times Leader grid squad.

Last weekend in Columbus, Materkoski passed for 101 yards and a TD, helping his South squad to a 20-7 triumph in the Ohio Coaches' Association North-South All-Star Game.

A member of the Student Council at Bellaire High, Matt is the son of Gary and Sue Materkoski.

CHRIS CALDWELL, nephew of the Blue Devils' head coach, is also a young man of many talents.

Big Blue's six-foot, 200-pound versatile standout put up some remarkable offensive numbers.

Caldwell completed 121 of 210 passes for 2,062 yards and 15 TDs. Additionally, he ran for 500-plus yards and another 15 scores.

Much like Materkoski, Caldwell went down swinging in the Blue Devils' tough to take 32-26 Division VI, Region 23 playoff loss to Toronto where he accounted for nearly 400 total yards.

"It's hard to describe how much Chris meant to our program," said Big Blue's grid boss. "Not only did he be a tremendous quarterback, Chris played nose guard and was one of our leading tacklers."

Caldwell also was a reliable and consistent place-kicker.

The Division VI Eastern District Player of the Year, Caldwell earned first team honors from the Associated Press, OVAC, all-Times Leader and all-Valley squads.

Headed this fall to Muskingum College, Caldwell participated in the Spanish Club and Physics Club at Beallsville High.

Chris is the son of Tim and Joyce Caldwell.

OVAC grid game tickets on sale

Advance tickets for the OVAC/Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic Sunday evening July 29 are available at the following area outlets:

Fans can realize a savings of \$3 by purchasing tickets in advance. Prices are \$7 (advance) and \$10 (day of game).

Ticket Agencies for the OVAC All-Star Football Game

- OHIO
- Beaver - M C Sports, Wal-Mart Plaza Calcut- la.
 - Bellaire - Kroger.
 - Beallsville - Convenient Food Mart.
 - Cambridge - Kroger.
 - East Liverpool - Kalmes All Sports.
 - Martins Ferry - Kroger.
 - Shadyside - Central Avenue Deli.
 - St. Clairsville - Kroger.
 - Steubenville - Kroger on Hol- lywood Blvd.
 - Wintersville - Kroger.
 - Woodsfield - Weber's Drug Store.
 - Zanesville - Kroger.
- WEST VIRGINIA
- Benwood - Kroger.
 - Cameron - Greg's Market.
 - McMechen - Coaches Bar and Grill.
 - Moundsville - Kroger.
 - New Martinsville - Witechey's Supermarket.
 - Weirton - Kroger St. Thomas Drive.
 - Warwood - Kroger.
 - Wellburg - Kroger.
 - Wheeling - Kroger Mt. DeChantal Road; Sesean's Supper Club.

OVAC seeks members of 1991 game

As part of the OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, the 1991 All-Star team, managers, doctors and Queen of Queens representatives will be honored.

The listed All-Star players and Queen of Queens have not been notified since their present addresses are not available.

The list includes:

Queen of Queens: Carrie Myers, Bellaire; Lisa Warner, St. John Central; Michelle Huber, Wintersville.

West Virginia All-Stars: Eric Obroka, Linsly; Chris Arnott, Oak Glen.

Ohio All-Stars: Tom Perkins, Ed Perkins, Shenan-

doah; Chris Balog, St. Clairsville; Casey Rose, River; Kevin Williams, Steubenville Central.

Anyone knowing the addresses of the above mention players or Queen of Queens, should contact Steve Kish, Jr. at (740) 453-9146.

Additionally, any other 1991 player, manager, coach, doctor or Queen of Queens that has not been contacted should also contact Kish.

He can also be reached at the following address: Steve Kish, 6320 McCaslin Road, Nashport, Ohio 43830.

The game will be held July 31.



'Dirty Dozen' Selected to Man Ohio's Trenches

Call them "The Dirty Dozen."

Ohio's Dave Caldwell today named 12 offensive and defensive linemen as part of the Buckeye roster for next Sunday's OVAC/Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Game at Wheeling Stadium.

"So many football games are won in the trenches. We feel we have an outstanding group of young men on both sides of the ball," Caldwell commented.

Caldwell and his Beallsville staff will be working with the following group of linemen: Brad Wink (Martins Ferry); Anthony Williams (Beaver Local); Matt Sherwood (Bellaire); Matt Phillips (Barnesville); James Petcovic (Beaver Local); Jonathan Mika (Shenandoah); Jason Ludwig (East Liverpool); Jeff Lofton (St. Clairsville); Adam Jones (Monroe Central); Tyler Hill (St. Clairsville); Tom Golden (Cambridge); Matt Brown (Beallsville).

PHILLIPS was a two-way standout for the Shamrocks of coach Al Treherne. The 6-3, 220-pound center/defensive end, a team captain, was voted the Rocks' best offensive lineman three consecutive years.

Additionally, Matt was special mention all-Ohio and all-OVAC.

He was a first team all-eastern District and all-Valley selection.

Headed to Washington and Jefferson College this fall, Matt is the son of Bob and Barb Phillips.

PETCOVIC was a mainstay on both sides of the ball for the Beavers of coach Rich Wright.

The 6-2, 290-pound talent, also an avid powerlifter, lettered in both football and track.



James earned special mention all-Ohio accolades and was awarded first team status on the following (eastern district, OVAC, Quad County, Columbiana County).

Petcovic, heading to Bucknell University this fall, was a National Honor Society member at Beaver Local and a delegate at Buckeye Boys State.

James is the son of John and Sally Petcovic.

MIKA more than held down the fort for coach Dan Wesson's Zeps' squad. At 6-5, 305, Mika generally took no prisoners along the offensive front line. His performance resulted in first team all-Ohio laurels. He earned similar status on the eastern district, OVAC and PVC post season units.

Voted best offensive lineman at the Noble County School, Jonathan will play this fall at Glenville State College. Jonathan is the son of Anthony and Mary Kay Mika.

LUDWIG was a major player for coach Bob Thayer's Potters, wreaking constant havoc from his defensive end post.

Ludwig, 6-1, 200, earned special

mention all-Ohio accolades and was a first team all-eastern district and OVAC honoree. Additionally, Jason made the all-Columbiana County and the Quad County Coaches all-star unit.

A participant in the Key Club, Varsity Club and Booster Club at EL, Jason is bound for Baldwin-Wallace University this fall. Jason is the son of Gregg and Nina Ludwig.

LOFTON played a pivotal role in St. Clairsville's grid fortunes, starting for coach Mark Bonar's Red Devils.

Jeff will take his 6-4, 260-pound frame on to Washington & Jefferson College in the fall.

An honor student, Lofton was lifted in the Who's Who Among American High School Students directory and was on the Algebra I and II Scholarship Teams.

A member of the French Club, Culture Club and 4-H at St. C., Lofton also participated in baseball and basketball with the Red Devils.

Jeff is the son of Mary Jane Lofton and the late Marvin C. Lofton, Jr.

JONES (5-10, 180) was a two-way standout for veteran coach Jay Circosta at Monroe Central High.

Employed at running back on offense, Jones also got it done as a talented defensive end.

The Seminoles' standout was a member of the all-OVAC and all-Pioneer Valley Conference grid units.

In addition to football, Adam also earned varsity letters in track and wrestling at Monroe Central.

Set to enter Ohio University-Eastern this fall, Adam is the son of Keith and Tina Jones.

GOLDEN was a mover and shaker for coach Rick Goodrich's Bobcats. The Bobcats' 6-2, 250-pound tackle earned numerous honors, including a Football Leadership Award at the Guernsey County school.

In addition to his gridiron expertise, Golden is an avid weightlifter -- holding some 37 world and national powerlifting titles.

Thomas is Ohio's 250-pound weight class state champion with record setting lifts in three events.

At Cambridge High, Golden participated in Key Club, Spanish Club and International Club.

Thomas, who will enroll at Ohio University (Athens) this fall, is the son of Gary Golden and Teresa Winland-Golden.

WINK starred on both sides of the ball for coach Dave Bruney's Purple Riders, performing at tight end and defensive end.

Headed for Washington and Jefferson College this fall, Brad (6-5, 210) earned numerous postseason accolades following his senior sea-

son. Wink was an honorable mention all-Ohio selection. He was accorded first team status on the all-eastern district, all-OVAC and all-Valley squads.

An honor student at Ferry High, Brad participated in numerous school activities including French Club, Spanish Club. He was president of Chy-Phy and a National Honor Society member.

An outstanding basketball player with the Purple as well, Brad is the son of Teresa and David Ricchetti.

WILLIAMS was yet another anchorman of the Beavers' tough front line that culminated in a post-season appearance for coach Wright's club.

The 6-2, 285-pound tackle gained first team status on the all-Quad County unit. Williams was a second team all-OVAC honoree.

A member of student council, FHA and the French Club at Beaver Local, Williams is currently weighing collegiate offers. Anthony is the son of Tim and Jana Keuper.

SHERWOOD was a valuable member of John Magistro's playoff-qualifying Big Reds, playing a stand-out role at both defensive end and offensive tackle.

At 6-1, 210 pounds, Matt made several postseason award teams. He was an all-OVAC and all-Valley first team honoree.

Additionally, Matt was accorded all-Ohio honorable mention recognition.

Sherwood also lettered with the Big Reds' basketball squad and was a member of the Yearbook staff and a Buckeye Boys State delegate.

Matt is the son of Mike and Pam Sherwood.

HILL joined teammate Lofton as front line standouts for coach Bonar's ballclub.

The 6-1, 280-pounder, heading to West Liberty State College this fall, earned Game MVP honors with the Red Devils and was listed Who's Who in Football his junior and senior seasons.

Tyler is a Youth Leader with the Victory Baptist group, and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Hill.

BROWN was a mainstay lineman for Caldwell's Blue Devils who qualified for postseason play.

The 6-2, 220-pound ace earned special mention all-Ohio and was accorded first team status on the eastern district, OVAC and Pioneer Valley Conference grid units. Matt was also a star for the OVAC champion Blue Devils' baseball squad.

At Beallsville, his activities included Spanish Club, Physics Club and the Yearbook staff.

Heading to Youngstown State this fall, Matt is the son of Matt and Tammy Brown.

OVAC Announces Its All-Star Marching Band

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and McDonald's Restaurants will once again sponsor the McDonald's/OVAC All Star Band.

The band has become a highly respected addition of the Rudy Mumley-OVAC Charity Football Game. This year's classic will be held one week from tonight (July 29) at Wheeling Stadium.

West Liberty State College is again hosting a three-day camp for the band which reports to the Route 88 hilltop campus Wednesday, July 25.

OVAC member schools participating in the All-Star Band include: Barnesville, Beallsville, Beaver Local, Bellaire, Bridgeport, Brooke, Buckeye Local, Buckeye Trail, Cameron, Conotton Valley, Edison, Harrison Central, Indian Creek, John Marshall, Linsly, Martins Ferry, Meadowbrook, Monroe Central, Oak Glen, River, Shadyside, St. Clairsville, St. John Central, Steubenville Catholic Central, Toronto, Tyler Consolidated, Union Local, Weirton, Wellsville and Wheeling Park.

The band's first performance will be Saturday evening (July 28) at West Liberty State College's Russek Field when they appear at the annual Pep Rally.

The program begins promptly at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.



Performances on Sunday (29th) include pregame activities beginning at 6:15 p.m., and the halftime performance of the All-Star game.

In addition to the band's activities, halftime includes the crowning of the 2001 OVAC Queen of Queens, the 2001 OVAC-WTOV All-Star Music Scholarship winner and recognition of the 2000 coaching and band staff.

Following is the 2001 McDonald's/OVAC All-Star Band staff and members of the band:

- Band Coordinator: Ken Bonnell; Head Director: Darrell Lucas (Bellaire); Assistant Directors: Erin Sisk (Brooke); Kristen Pearsol (Grove City, Oh.); Dru Mayer (Glen Dale); Jill Burkhardt (Marietta); James Hasley, Larry Hasley (Morgantown).Volunteers: Rich Vitchner (Buckeye Local); Sarah Lewton (Buckeye Local); Bernadette Ravasio (West Liberty); Eileen Morgan (Bellaire); Ray Naverly (Brooke); Andrea Frush, Jennifer Ferguson, Jason Broadwater (West Virginia University).
- BAND MEMBERS**

- Field Conductors: Jessi Hall, Joe Wnek.
- Flutes: Jenilee McNamara, Amanda Drysdale, Arah Baker, Sonya Dougherty, Jennifer Dubatz, Melissa Tice, Michelle Moore, Rebecca Beabout, Lana Shenton, Audra Moore, Julia Zanski, Amanda Howell, Laura M. Adams, Shannon Rodgers, Shana Layman, Carrie Cain, Amanda Blake, Hollie J. Mchenry.
- Clarinets: Tracy Daugherty, Terri Rose, Jennifer Anderson, Casey Hill, Christina Golden, Jamie Rhodes, Lindsey Ohlar, Bethany Garrison, Rebecca Phillips, Wendy Harasuk, Dana McCafferty, Cortne Usanick, Shana Hawkins, Faith Nilsson, Stephanie Newlan, Kelly McCraley, Shana Williams, Renee Costlow, Emily Hoskins, Phillip Bender, Jr.
- Alto Saxophones: Jen Woolwine, Kathy McCraley, Naomi Schmidt, April Barnes, Heather Knollinger, Carrie Circosta, Shelle Y. se, Maria Modra, Katie Warner, Darin M. Brown, Mark Nuenschwander, Thomas Brown, Matt Helm, Vijay Siripurapu.
- Tenor Saxophones: Jesse Fink, Jody Gavlik, Tracy Leiffer, Kristan Magaj, Julie Lamp, Tiffany Bender, Nathan Ostrander, Michael Gossett, Rea Lynn McCormick.
- Baritone Saxophones: Jennifer Fullerton, Zach Thoring,Trumpets: Sarah Gulla, Courtney Tomolonis, Amber Hinton, Chelsea Kimble, Ashley J. Smith, Rebecca Farmer, Daya Swaykus, Megan Price, Courtney Schramm, Maria Thompson, Traci Jones, Heather N. Dutton, Stephanie McGinnis, Kim Vankirk, Kayla Palen, Andrea Lash, Tricia Vallara, Megan Loveless, Shannon Talbott, Audrey Kiser, Jessica Clendenin, Melissa Veronica Yesko, Colby Turko, Becky Gardner, Donnie McKee, Matthew Genley, Matt Parsons, Jeremiah Rainsberg, Matt Tesmelis, Charley Lewis, Justin Schwertfeger, Johnny Leonard, Jason Noble, Keith Hornbeck, Justin Argentine, Aaron Burgess, Kenneth Will, Jason Seidler, Matthew Gossett, Jared Melanko, Nathan McCoy, Heath Bowers.
- Mellophones: Jessica Snyder, Brittany McGowan, Danielle Jones, Ashley Langham, Lisa Hirschbach, Katrina Nice, T.J. West, Eric Blake.
- Trombones: Amanda Eikenberry, Erica Williams, Stephen Brown, Brandon Dulaney,
- Josh Fulton, Scott Nuenschwender, Aaa Falzi, Brian Smith, Jonathan Woolard, Adam Nedele, Bryce Armantrout, Chris Ney, Josh Lucas.
- Baritones: Ralene Henthorne, Michelle Broadwater, Mellinda Reed, Ashley Yocca, April Glidden, Kris Powell, Brandon Groves, Keith Riggle, John DiCesare, Jennifer Bonnell, Lindsay Devold.
- Tubas: Courtney Rice, Alicia Schrader, Christina Shunk, John Durlg, Ron Dahlem, Justin Birch, Jim Compston, Daniel Videman, Steven Blinco, David West, Sean Kennedy, Jeff Mealy, Shaun DeStefano, Joe Turkel.
- Percussion Snare: Brian Bailey, Greg Rothwell, Bob Stoltz, Jason Birch, Kristopher Noble, Levi Billiter, Mike Lyons.
- Tenors: Joel Kemp, Chad Hill, Meredith Heilstern.
- Bass: Nicholas Smith, Donald Swearingen, Brad Congelio, Walter Ramsey, Michell Bess, Stephanie Wright, Kathryn Degarmo.
- Cymbal: Andrew Bolin, Ryan Burns, Josh Sanders, Shawn Fullerton, Alan Grubb, Joe Latham, Matt Klempa, Jesse Schroeder, David Lloyd, Justin Hull, Tyler Brownfield, Josh Marling, Hope Marie Smith, Maria Ravasio.
- Flags: Heather Dugan, Amanda Clark, Heather Harto, Jessica Fox, Jessica Katona, Sarah Wallace, Nicole Lewis, Hillary Upperman, Candace Yaeger, Casey Hoskinson, Rachel Leonard, Holly Harper, Lindsay LeMasters, Jenna Elbon, Michelle Allman, Ashley Winters, Emily Randell, Dawn Glover, Chadda Fodor, Heather Jones, Carrie McMahon, Jenna Furioli, Laura Smith, Jamie Keenan, Ashley Winters.
- Drill Team: Mandy Steider, Kristin Bonnell, Courtney Wiggins, Angela Somerville, Kayla Stephens, Tara Lee, Meghan Ignac, Allison Kolodziej, Audrey Muretsich, Tessa Vannest, Megan Vatuva, Aimee Panepucci, Samantha Hunter, Kayla Moskey, Lindsay McMachon, Alyson Stephens, Jordan Wright, Danielle Ney, Hillary Horvath, Jessica George, Heather Magyar, Kasey Dulkoski, Rachel Frizzi, Kayla Stephens, Jamie Wargo, Erica Hibbitz, Tia Masciarelli, Erin Adler, Lindsay Warren, Devon McIntire, Merissa Ghent, Miranda Ghent, Lauren Pugh.

Caldwell selects linemen for OVAC game

• Wink, Sherwood, Phillips, Hill, Lofton, Brown, Jones picked

By RICH GIBSON
Times Leader Sports Editor

Call them, "The Dirty Dozen."
Ohio's Dave Caldwell today named 12 offensive and defensive linemen as past of the Buckeye roster for next Sunday's OVAC/Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Game at Wheeling Stadium.

"So many football games are won in the trenches. We feel we have an outstanding group of young men on both sides of the ball," Caldwell commented.

Caldwell and his Beallsville staff will be working with the following group of linemen: Brad Wink (Martins Ferry);

Anthony Williams (Beaver Local); Matt Sherwood (Bellaire); Matt Phillips (Barnesville); James Petcovic (Beaver Local); Jonathan Mika (Shenandoah); Jason Ludwig (East Liverpool); Jeff Lofton (St. Clairsville); Adam Jones (Monroe Central); Tyler Hill (St. Clairsville); Tom Golden (Cambridge); Matt Brown (Beallsville).

MATT PHILLIPS was a two-way standout for the Shamrocks of coach Al Treherne. The 6-3, 220-pound center/defensive end, a team captain, was voted the Rocks' best offensive lineman three consecutive years.

Additionally, Matt was special men-

tion all-Ohio and all-OVAC. He was a first team all-eastern District; all-Times Leader and all-Valley selection.

Headed to Washington and Jefferson College this fall, Matt is the son of Bob and Barb Phillips.



PETCOVIC was a mainstay on both sides of the ball for the Beavers of coach Rich Wright.

The 6-2, 290-pound talent, also an avid powerlifter, lettered in both football and track.

James earned special mention all-Ohio accolades and was awarded first team status on the following (eastern district, OVAC, Quad County, Columbiana County).

Petcovic, heading to Bucknell University this fall, was a National Honor Society member at Beaver Local and a delegate at Buckeye Boys State.

James is the son of John and Sally Petcovic.

MIKA more than held down the fort for coach Dan Wesson's Zeps' squad.

At 6-5, 305, Mika generally took no prisoners along the offensive front line. His performance resulted in first team all-Ohio laurels. He earned similar status on the eastern district, OVAC and PVC post season units.

Voted best offensive lineman at the

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Noble County School, Jonathan will play this fall at Glenville State College.

Jonathan is the son of Anthony and Mary Kay Mika.

LUDWIG was a major player for coach Bob Thayer's Potters, wreaking constant havoc from his defensive end post.

Ludwig, 6-1, 200, earned special mention all-Ohio accolades and was a first team all-eastern district and OVAC honoree.

Additionally, Jason made the all-Columbiana County and the Quad County Coaches all-star unit. He was named to the Evening Review's all-Area grid squad.

A participant in the Key Club, Varsity Club and Booster Club at EL, Jason is bound for Baldwin-Wallace University this fall.

Jason is the son of Gregg and Nina Ludwig.

LOFTON played a pivotal role in St. Clairsville's grid fortunes, starring for coach Mark Bonar's Red Devils.

Jeff, an honorable mention selectee on the Times-Leader 2000 all-star squad, will take his 6-4, 260-pound frame on to Washington and Jefferson College in the fall.

An honor student, Lofton was lifted in the Who's Who Among American High School Students directory and was on the Algebra I and II Scholarship Teams.

A member of the French Club, Culture Club and 4-H at St. C., Lofton also participated in baseball and basketball with the Red Devils.

Jeff is the son of Mary Jane

Lofton and the late Marvin C. Lofton, Jr.

JONES (5-10, 180) was a two-way standout for veteran coach Jay Circosta at Monroe Central High.

Employed at running back on offense, Jones also got it done as a talented defensive end.

The Seminoles' standout was a member of the all-OVAC and all-Pioneer Valley Conference grid units.

In addition to football, Adam also earned varsity letters in track and wrestling at Monroe Central.

Set to enter Ohio University-Eastern this fall, Adam is the son of Keith and Tina Jones.

GOLDEN was a mover and shaker for coach Rick Goodrich's Bobcats.

The Bobcats' 6-2, 250-pound tackle earned numerous honors, including a Football Leadership Award at the Guernsey County school.

In addition to his gridiron expertise, Golden is an avid weightlifter - holding some 37 world and national powerlifting titles.

Thomas is Ohio's 250-pound weight class state champion with record setting lifts in three events.

At Cambridge High, Golden participated in Key Club, Spanish Club and International Club.

Thomas, who will enroll at Ohio University (Athens) this fall, is the son of Gary Golden and Teresa Winland-Golden.

WINK starred on both sides of the ball for coach Dave Bruney's Purple Riders, performing at tight

end and defensive end.

Headed for Washington and Jefferson College this fall, Brad (6-5, 210) earned numerous postseason accolades following his senior season.

Wink was an honorable mention all-Ohio selection. He was accorded first team status on the all-eastern district, all-OVAC, all-Times Leader and all-Valley squads.

An honor student at Ferry High, Brad participated in numerous school activities including French Club, Spanish Club. He was president of Chy-Phy and a National Honor Society member.

An outstanding basketball player with the Purple as well, Brad is the son of Teresa and David Ricchetti.

WILLIAMS was yet another anchorman of the Beavers' tough front line that culminated in a post-season appearance for coach Wright's club.

The 6-2, 285-pound tackle gained first team status on the all Morning Journal and all-Quad County units. Williams was a second team all-OVAC honoree.

A member of student council, FHA and the French Club at Beaver Local, Williams is currently weighing collegiate offers.

Anthony is the son of Tim and Jana Keuper.

SHERWOOD was a valuable member of John Magistro's play-off-qualifying Big Reds, playing a standout role at both defensive end and offensive tackle.

At 6-1, 210 pounds, Matt made several postseason award teams. He

was an all-OVAC, all-Times Leader and all-Valley first team honoree. Additionally, Matt was accorded all-Ohio honorable mention recognition.

Sherwood also lettered with the Big Reds' basketball squad and was a member of the Yearbook staff and a Buckeye Boys State delegate.

Matt is the son of Mike and Pam Sherwood.

HILL joined teammate Lofton as front line standouts for coach Bonar's ballclub.

The 6-1, 280-pounder, heading to West Liberty State College this fall, earned Game MVP honors with the Red Devils and was listed Who's Who in Football his junior and senior seasons.

An honorable mention standout on the all-Times Leader squad, Tyler is a Youth Leader with the Victory Baptist group.

Tyler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Hill.

BROWN was a mainstay lineman for Caldwell's Blue Devils who qualified for postseason play.

The 6-2, 220-pound ace earned special mention all-Ohio and was accorded first team status on the eastern district, OVAC and Pioneer Valley Conference grid units.

Matt was also a star for the OVAC champion Blue Devils' baseball squad. At Beallsville, his activities included Spanish Club, Physics Club and the Yearbook staff.

Heading to Youngstown State this fall, Matt is the son of Matt and Tammy Brown.

OVAC seeking members of 1991 All-Star contest

As part of the OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, the 1991 All-Star team, managers, doctors and Queen of Queens representatives will be honored.

The listed All-Star players and Queen of Queens have not been notified since their present addresses are not available. The list includes:

Queen of Queens: Carrie Myers, Bellaire; Lisa Warner, St. John Central; Michelle Huber, Wintersville.

West Virginia All-Stars: Eric Obroka, Linsly; Chris Arnott, Oak Glen.

Ohio All-Stars: Tom Perkins, Ed

Perkins, Shenandoah; Chris Balog, St. Clairsville; Casey Rose, River; Kevin Williams, Steubenville Central.

Anyone knowing the addresses of the above mention players or Queen of Queens, should contact Steve Kish, Jr. at (740) 453-9146.

Additionally, any other 1991 player, manager, coach, doctor or Queen of Queens that has not been contacted should also contact Kish. He can also be reached at the following address: Steve Kish, 6320 McCaslin Road, Nashport, Ohio 43830.



Caldwell to Coach Ohio

Is the third time the charm? Veteran Beallsville football coach Dave Caldwell certainly hopes that's the case when he and his Blue Devils staff leads the Ohio squad in the 30th annual Rudy Mumley Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Charity Football Game.

The annual midsummer showcase featuring the Ohio Valley's premier talent kicks off four weeks from tonight — July 29 — at Wheeling Island Stadium.

No stranger to the OVAC clash, Caldwell will be guiding his third Buckeye all-star contingent. The personable Blue Devils' coach is seeking his first victory in the attempts.

"Of course, our goal never changes. We want to win the game and we'll be working hard to achieve that this summer," said Caldwell.

Winning is what Caldwell's Blue Devils teams have been about during his 18-year tenure at the Monroe County school.

During that span, Caldwell's Big Blue squads have captured four OVAC championships and seven Pioneer Valley Conference championships.

Under Caldwell, Beallsville has made numerous postseason appearances, including an Ohio Division VI Region 23 championship.

Caldwell's 1999 and 2000 squads became the only OVAC Ohio-side team to host playoff games in consecutive seasons.

Coaching at one of the smallest schools in Ohio, Caldwell has compiled a 126-55-1 record — for a winning percentage just under .700.

He was a stellar athlete at



Caldwell

Beallsville High, lettering four seasons in football before going on to Muskingum College, where he achieved similar accolades.

Caldwell, who earned a master's degree from Salem University, later was inducted into the Muskingum College Football Hall of Fame.

He resides in Beallsville with his wife of 25 years, Karon. They have two children — Alisha, who's employed as a seventh-eighth grade teacher at Cambridge Junior High School — and Ryan, an eighth grade teacher at West Muskingum High.

Ryan Caldwell — who played in the 1996 OVAC All-Star Game and scored two touchdowns for the Buckeyes — will join his father on the Ohio sidelines for this game.

Joining the Caldwells will be John Yocum, Steve Pritchard, Ronnie Street, Rob Adams, Franklin Holley, Mike Flowers, Rusty Lucas, Tyler Davis and manager Cory Carpenter, a senior-to-be at Beallsville this fall.

RYAN CALDWELL was a two-time all-Ohio honoree, starring at wide receiver and defensive back.

After high school, Ryan followed his father's footsteps, going on to Muskingum College and earning four letters as a wideout and as a return specialist for the Muskies.

Ryan received his bachelor's degree at Muskingum before joining the faculty at West Muskingum High, and he will join that school's football staff this fall.

YOCUM is a 1988 Beallsville graduate and an OVAC All-Star alum.

Yocum attended Salem (W.Va.) College on a football scholarship and began coaching after finishing his playing career at the West Virginia Conference school.

He has coached freshman basketball at Beallsville and has served as assistant on the Blue Devils' football staff since 1992. Since 1999, he has been assistant offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.



He has been employed as a deputy sheriff with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office since 1996.

PRITCHARD began his coaching career in the 1966-67 season, as an assistant at Miami Trace High School in Washington Court House, Ohio. He also served a six-year stint as assistant at McClain High School in Greenfield, Ohio. In 1972, Pritchard headed south to accept a head coaching position at Pahokee (Fla.) School.

He returned to the Buckeye State and Beallsville in the late 1970s and coached as an assistant for four years. Following several years out of the coaching ranks, Pritchard returned to the Blue Devils in 1998 and has worked under Caldwell the past three seasons.

HOLLEY is a 1989 Beallsville graduate who went on to graduate summa cum laude from the University of Charleston in 1994.

A six-year member of Big Blue's varsity staff since 1995, Franklin also is a board member of the Switzerland of Ohio Local School District and a certified public accountant with a Wheeling firm.

STREET is a former standout at Beallsville High who went on to Ohio Valley College in Parkersburg. This past spring, Street guided Beallsville to an OVAC Class A title in baseball.

FLOWERS is a Linsly School and Ohio University product, and a recent addition to the Beallsville High program. He worked with the BHS linebackers and defensive backs.

LUCAS will begin his third season on Caldwell's staff. A former grid letterman with the Blue Devils, Lucas coaches wide receivers and tight ends.

ADAMS is a University of Cincinnati product who specializes in coaching Big Blue offensive and defensive linemen.

DAVIS, a Beallsville grad, played under Caldwell and has studied at Ohio University Eastern. During his 2 seasons on the staff, he has worked with defensive backs.

Cameron's Rogers to Lead W.Va.

By **JOEDY McCREARY**
Staff Writer

Cameron coach Jim Rogers apparently has figured out how to piece together a lengthy unbeaten streak. Now, he will get a chance to break West Virginia's long losing streak.

Rogers — whose Cameron team went 33 consecutive regular-season games without a loss — will lead the West Virginia all-stars against Ohio in the 30th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.



Rogers

His next mission — stopping the Mountain State's six-game losing streak in the all-star game. West Virginia hasn't won in the classic since it beat Ohio 19-14 in 1994.

This year's game is set for Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The coaches comprising the West Virginia staff include Woody Yeater, Larry Hammers, Tim Brown, Kent Yoho, Donnie Kennedy and Ron Trowbridge Jr.

ROGERS has established himself as one of the premier head coaches in the OVAC.

He coached football at Cameron for 18 years, with the previous nine as the Dragons' head coach. He spent six years as an assistant and the three seasons before that as a junior-high head coach.

During those nine seasons as Cameron's head man, he's compiled a record of 66-29-1 with four playoff appearances and a West Virginia Class A semifinal berth in 2000, but the Dragons were eliminated by Moorefield, 41-14.

Two of Rogers' teams — the 1998 and 1999 Dragons — finished the regular seasons unbeaten as Cameron rolled up a 33-game unbeaten streak.

During that span, the only blemish was a 26-26 tie to Clay-Battelle in 1998. The streak ended in 2000 with a 34-0 loss to Wheeling Central.

Also, he's won three Mason-Dixon Conference championships

and one OVAC Class A title.

This will be his second trip to the OVAC All-Star Game; he assisted Jim Potts in the 1989 game, a 22-14 West Virginia win.

A graduate of Fairmont Senior High School, Rogers earned his bachelor's degree from Fairmont State College and owns a master's degree from West Virginia University.

He lives in Cameron with his wife Christy and his daughter Kattie.

YEATER is making his second coaching appearance in the OVAC All-Star Game.

A lifelong resident of Cameron, Yeater has been affiliated with the Cameron football program for the past 24 years and he also has coached wrestling, basketball and baseball at the Marshall County-based school. He also was on the West Virginia staff in the 1989 all-star game.

He earned his bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College in 1971. He lives in Cameron with his wife Barbara, and he has two stepchildren — Ronnie Bonar and Tammy Dickson.

HAMMERS coaches quarterbacks and special teams for Cameron.

He's been a member of Cameron's varsity staff for the past nine years. Before that, he coached for two years at the junior-high level. He also coached baseball for 10 years in Long Beach, Calif.

Hammers attended Long Beach City College. A Cameron resident, Hammers and his wife Jan have five children: Larry, Randy, Jamie, Kirsten and Josh.

BROWN will coach the West Virginia running backs, linebackers and defensive ends.

A 10-year veteran of the Cameron High coaching staff, Brown previously has coached football at Paden City Middle School. A member of the Dragons' boys' basketball coaching staff, Brown also has coached track at Tyler County High School and basketball at West Greene, Pa., High School.

Additionally, he's the strength and conditioning coach at Cameron.

He earned his bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College in 1987.

He lives in Cameron with his wife, Sharon, and their two sons — 18-year-old Toby (who's also a participant in the OVAC All-Star Game) and Tucker, 17.

YOHO figures to coach the West Virginia offensive linemen in the all-star game.

A former assistant at Sistersville, Tyler County and Tyler Consolidated high schools, Yoho presently coaches in Tyler Consolidated's junior high program.

A gifted athlete who played one year of basketball at Waynesburg College and one year of football at West Virginia University, Yoho earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from WVU.

He lives in Sistersville with his wife, Linda, and their three children — Nichole (13), Cameron (11) and Sydney (4).

KENNEDY will coach receivers, defensive backs and be heavily involved with the Mountain State offense during the all-star game.

He has been a volunteer assistant on Rogers' Cameron staff since 1993, and he's worked with the Dragons' offense, punters and placekickers.

He and his wife, Jeanie, live in Cameron, and he has one stepson — Michael Stern.

TROWBRIDGE has been involved with the Cameron program for the past nine seasons.

He has been a volunteer assistant on Rogers' Dragon staff for the past nine seasons.

Before that, he served as an assistant for two years. He's also been an assistant wrestling coach for 10 years.

Trowbridge earned his bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in 1989.

He and his wife Amy have three children — Derek (13), Cassidy (9) and Natalie (5) — and they live in Cameron.

Mountaineer Backfield Brings Blend of Speed, Power

W. Va stars have lost six straight all-star tilts to Ohio stars

By JOEDY McCREARY
Staff Writer

West Virginia can't end its six-game all-star losing streak if it doesn't score, and that's why Mountain State head coach Jim Rogers has enlisted a quick-strike crop of talent in his backfield for the 30th annual OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

The first additions to Rogers' West Virginia roster are Wheeling Park's Tyler Fike and Dino Cardinali, Cameron's Wyatt O'Neil, Madonna's Simon Setcavage, Wheeling Central's Clayton Fitzsimmons, Brooke's Brian Dick and Tyler Consolidated's Josh Rocchio.

The all-star game is set for July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

FIKE is a 6-foot-3, 170-pounder who played quarterback for Wheeling Park coach Mark Nardone in 2000.

He completed 83-of-173 passes for 1,337 yards and 16 touchdowns with 11 interceptions. He also scored a pair of rushing touchdowns in Park's regular-season finale against John Marshall.

Fike, who also played basketball at



FIKE



CARDINALI



O'NEIL



SETCAVAGE



FITZSIMMONS



DICK



ROCCHIO

Park, was a first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAAA selection in football.

The son of Tim and Beth Fike of Wheeling, Tyler will attend West Liberty State College in the fall.

CARDINALI, a 5-foot-7, 165-pounder, blossomed into one of the top running backs in the Ohio Valley a year ago.

He rushed 162 times for 1,411 yards — an 8.7 yard-per-carry average — and scored 20 touchdowns for the Patriots. He also caught five passes for 55 yards and two more scores, and he picked off two passes on defense.

Cardinali was named first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAAA, first-team all-Valley and second-team all-West Virginia Class AAA.

The son of Chris Cardinali of Wheeling, Dino plans to attend West Liberty State College.

O'NEIL, who stands 6-foot-0 and weighs 195 pounds, was one of Rogers' prize pupils this season as Cameron's top tailback.

He rushed for 1,830 yards and 23 touchdowns on 268 carries as the Dragons advanced to the West Virginia Class A quarterfinals. He also caught five passes for 54 yards and a touchdown, and he had one interception on defense.

In recognition of his standout season, O'Neil was named to the all-West Virginia Class A first team, all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference first team, all-Mason-Dixon Conference first team and all-Valley first team.

Also a standout wrestler who placed third at 215 pounds in the

OVAC tournament, O'Neil is the son of Dennis and Bonita O'Neil of Cameron. He's headed to West Liberty State College.

SETCAVAGE is a 6-foot-0, 175-pound running back who starred for Madonna coach Bob Kramer.

He ran for 1,502 yards on 171 carries — averaging 8.7 yards per carry — and scored 23 rushing touchdowns.

Also, he caught four passes for 78 yards and another touchdown.

A first-team all-Mason-Dixon Conference, first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and second-team all-West Virginia Class A selection, Setcavage is headed to Washington & Jefferson in the fall.

Setcavage also played baseball and basketball and ran track for the Blue Dons. He's the son of Margaret

and Charles Setcavage of Burgettstown, Pa.

FITZSIMMONS was a 5-foot-7, 177-pound running back-safety on Wheeling Central's West Virginia Class A state championship team.

He rushed for 1,535 yards and 29 touchdowns on 177 carries, including a 277-yard effort against Weir and a 145-yard game in the title-clinching win over Moorefield.

He also caught 17 passes for 275 yards and two additional TDs, and as a safety in Jim Thomas' defensive backfield, he picked off a pair of passes.

He was named to the all-West Virginia Class A first team, all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference first team and all-Valley first team.

Also a standout basketball player for the Maroon Knights, Fitzsimmons is the son of Bob and Sunni Fitzsimmons of Wheeling. He's headed to Cornell University in the fall.

ROCCHIO is a 5-foot-9, 160-pound running back who played a

large part for John Stender's Tyler Consolidated Silver Knight team that advanced to the West Virginia Class AA playoffs.

He rushed 245 times for 1,333 yards and eight touchdowns, and he also caught 18 passes for 191 yards and another touchdown.

He's also a threat for a halfback pass, as both of his completions this season went for touchdowns — he was 2-for-2 for 27 yards and two TDs.

Rocchio was named first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAA, second-team all-West Virginia Class AA and second-team all-Valley.

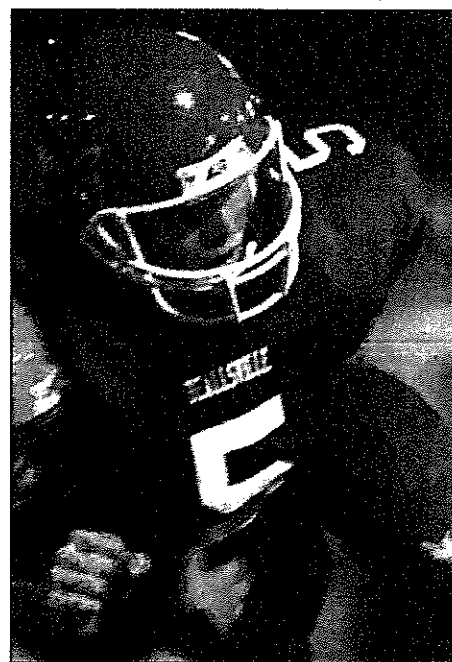
The son of Larry and Kim Henthorn of Sistersville, Rocchio is undecided on his college plans.

DICK is a 6-foot-0, 190-pound running back/safety.

He carried 98 times for 521 yards and seven touchdowns in six games. He also had nine catches for 40 yards, and he picked off two passes as a defensive back.

He was a first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, first-team all-Valley selection and special mention all-West Virginia Class AAA selection.

Brian is the son of Patrick and Carole Dick of Wellsburg. He plans to attend Robert Morris College.



CHRIS CALDWELL

Ohio Quarterbacks Get 'Passing' Grade

By JOEDY McCREARY
Staff Writer

The camp is briefer than usual. The pass-happy offense is a complex one.

Is Ohio All-Star quarterback Chris Caldwell worried?

Not a chance.

That's because Caldwell has an ace in the hole — Ohio All-Star coach Dave Caldwell, his uncle, was his coach at Beallsville High School for the past three seasons. And the Caldwells hope that Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic is true to form.

During the 2000 high school season, the Caldwell connection — featuring Dave, the coach; Chris, the quarterback; and as many as five receivers at a time — was virtually unbeatable.

The Blue Devils rolled to a 9-1 regular season and an Ohio Division

VI playoff bid against Toronto.

And Ohio's All-Stars have beaten West Virginia in each of the previous six All-Star games. Kickoff for this year's affair is 7:15 p.m. Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Chris Caldwell says that — after three seasons as Beallsville's starter — being the triggerman in his uncle's offense is a comfortable position.

Caldwell completed 121-of-210 yards for 2,059 yards and 16 touchdowns at Beallsville this season.

"It's easy for a quarterback coming in who knows the offense," Chris Caldwell said. "But everyone's picking it up pretty well, and we're all having a good time out here (during practice). Everybody loves it."

He said that — while on occasion as many as five receivers will play at once — the offense revolves around a two- or three-receiver set

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and plenty of passing.

"We'll air it out," Chris Caldwell said.

Caldwell figures to start Sunday's All-Star game, and Bellaire's Matt Materkoski will relieve him and play equal minutes.

Materkoski's passing statistics aren't quite as gaudy as Caldwell's — in 2000, he hit on 90-of-193 attempts for 1,379 yards and 12 TDs as the Big Reds advanced to the Ohio Division IV playoffs with an 8-2 regular-season record. Bellaire then fell to Utica, 35-28, in an overtime thriller.

He said the main difference between Caldwell's offense and the one Big Reds coach John Magistro employs is the formations.

The offense "is a little different, but (Beallsville) passes the ball and (Bellaire) passed the ball," Materkoski said. "Other than the formations, it's the same."

Earlier this week, Dave Caldwell expressed concern about the brevity of pre-game camp. In previous years, camp had begun a week and a half before gameday; this year, the players reported to camp at West Liberty State College nine days before the game.

The shortness of camp "hurts my offense because it hurts my timing, my routes — it's just not there, and it takes a while," Dave Caldwell said at the pre-game media day.

Chris Caldwell said his teammates have learned well.

"It's a good offense, and everybody has to learn it and execute it," Caldwell said. "Everyone's executing real well."

Rogers announces 10 lineman for OVAC game

By **JOEDY McCREARY**
Wheeling News-Register

West Virginia coach Jim Rogers of Cameron knows the importance of a solid offensive line, and he has assembled a corps of linemen built to man the Mountain State's trenches during the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Rogers has added Wheeling Park's Jerome Maynard, Cameron's Tanner McCoy, Linsly's Pierce Waychoff, Wheeling Central's Justin Brownlee, Magnolia's Christopher Horn, Oak Glen's Evan English and Mark Flowers, Weir's Ryan Scott and Kevin Cox and Tyler Consolidated's Victor Casenelli.

The OVAC All-Star Game is set for July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

MAYNARD is a 5-foot-10, 230-pound guard who sparkled for Wheeling Park coach Mark Nardone this season.

He was named first-team all-West Virginia Class AAA, first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and first-team all-Valley.

Maynard, who's headed to Fairmont State in the fall, is the son of Jerome Pervall and Chrys Shaw of Valley Grove.

MCCOY is a 6-foot-5, 290-pound tackle who helped lead Rogers' Dragons to the West Virginia Class A playoffs. A first-team all-West Virginia Class A, first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, first-team all-Mason-Dixon Conference and first-team all-Valley selection.

McCoy also was selected to play in West Virginia's North-South game.

He also spent three years on both the basketball and track teams at Cameron.

The president of Cameron's student council and co-president of its National Honor Society, McCoy is headed to West Liberty State College in the fall. He's the son of Charles and Vickie McCoy of Glen Easton.

WAYCHOFF is a 6-foot-2, 215-pounder who starred at Linsly as an offensive guard and defensive end.

He was named an all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference honorable mention selection, and he was picked for the all-Valley first team.

The son of Challen and Jean Waychoff of Wheeling, Pierce is headed to Allegheny College.

BROWNLEE stands 6-foot-0, weighs 215 pounds and starred at tackle and linebacker for Jim Thomas' West Virginia Class A champion Maroon Knights.

He was a first-team all-West Virginia Class A, first-

team all-Valley and honorable mention all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference selection.

The son of David and Suzanne Brownlee of Wheeling, Justin is headed to Waynesburg College.

HORN is a 6-foot-3, 235-pound lineman who excelled for Magnolia coach Mark Batton in 2000.

A two-year letter winner on the Blue Eagles football team, Christopher also earned a pair of letters while throwing the shot put for the Magnolia track team.

Horn, the son of Robert and Lee Horn of New Martinsville, plans to attend West Liberty State College.

ENGLISH is a 6-foot-2, 230-pound defensive tackle.

The president of Oak Glen's National Honor Society and a National Merit Finalist, he will attend Carnegie Mellon University.

He's the son of Susan English of Chester and Mark English of East Liverpool.

FLOWERS is 6-foot-1, 210 pounds and plays guard and defensive tackle.

A three-year letterwinner at Oak Glen, Flowers will attend the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology in Troy, Ohio.

A New Cumberland resident, he is the son of Jim and Denise Flowers.

SCOTT is 6-foot-2 and weighs 205. A standout tackle and defensive end for

Weir coach Dan Enich, Scott earned two football letters and also participated in golf and track for the Red Riders.

The son of Lance and Carolyn Scott of Weirton, Ryan has enlisted in the United States Air Force.

COX is a 6-foot-0, 250-pound offensive guard and defensive end.

He was named to the all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and all-Valley first teams, and he was a special mention all-West Virginia Class AA honoree.

Also a basketball player who was active in the National Honor Society, Cox is the son of Steve and Patty Cox of Weirton. He's off to Washington & Jefferson in the fall.

CASENELLI stands 6-foot-3, weighs 220 pounds and starred at guard and defensive end for John Stender's Tyler Consolidated Silver Knights.

The vice-president of TCHS' National Honor Society, Casenelli earned two varsity letters in football for the Knights.

Headed to Marietta College, he's the son of Mark and Kathy Casenelli of Middlebourne.



Rogers announces backfield for OVAC All-Star grid game

By **JOEDY McCREARY**
Wheeling News-Register

West Virginia can't end its six-game all-star losing streak if it doesn't score, and that's why Mountain State head coach Jim Rogers has enlisted a quick-strike crop of talent in his backfield for the 30th annual OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

The first additions to Rogers' West Virginia roster are Wheeling Park's Tyler Fike and Dino Cardinali, Cameron's Wyatt O'Neil, Madonna's Simon Setcavage, Wheeling Central's Clayton Fitzsimmons, Brooke's Brian Dick and Tyler Consolidated's Josh Rocchio. The all-star game is set for July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

FIKE is a 6-foot-3, 170-pounder who played quarterback for Wheeling Park coach Mark Nardone in 2000. He completed 83-of-173 passes for 1,337 yards and 16 touchdowns with 11 interceptions. He also scored a pair of rushing touchdowns in Park's regular-season finale against John Marshall.

Fike, who also played basketball at Park, was a first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAAA selection in football. The son of Tim and Beth Fike of Wheeling, Tyler will attend West Liberty State College in the fall.

CARDINALI, a 5-foot-7, 165-pounder, blossomed into one of the top running backs in the Ohio Valley a year ago.

He rushed 162 times for 1,411 yards, an 8.7 yard-per-carry average, and scored 20 touchdowns for the Patriots. He also caught five passes for 55 yards and two more scores, and he picked off two passes on defense. Cardinali was named first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAAA, first-team all-Valley and second-team all-West Virginia Class AAA.

The son of Chris Cardinali of Wheeling, Dino plans to attend West Liberty State College.

O'NEIL, who stands 6-foot-0 and weighs 195 pounds, was one of Rogers' prize pupils this season as Cameron's top tailback.

He rushed for 1,830 yards and 23 touchdowns on 268 carries as the Dragons advanced to the West Virginia Class A quarterfinals. He also caught five passes for 54 yards and a touchdown, and he had one interception on defense.

In recognition of his standout season, O'Neil was named to the all-West Virginia Class A first team, all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference first team, all-Mason-Dixon Conference first team and all-Valley first team.

Also a standout wrestler who placed third at 215 pounds in the OVAC tournament, O'Neil is the son of Dennis and Bonita O'Neil of Cameron. He's headed to

West Liberty State College.

SETCAVAGE is a 6-foot-0, 175-pound running back who starred for Madonna coach Bob Kramer.

He ran for 1,502 yards on 171 carries, averaging 8.7 yards per carry, and scored 23 rushing touchdowns. Also, he caught four passes for 78 yards and another touchdown.

A first-team all-Mason-Dixon Conference, first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and second-team all-West Virginia Class A selection, Setcavage is headed to Washington & Jefferson in the fall.

Setcavage also played baseball and basketball and ran track for the Blue Dons. He's the son of Margaret and Charles Setcavage of Burgettstown, Pa.

FITZSIMMONS was a 5-foot-7, 177-pound running back-safety on Wheeling Central's West Virginia Class A state championship team.

He rushed for 1,535 yards and 29 touchdowns on 177 carries, including a 277-yard effort against Weir and a 145-yard game in the title-clinching win over Moorefield. He also caught 17 passes for 275 yards and two additional TDs, and as a safety in Jim Thomas' defensive backfield, he picked off a pair of passes.

He was named to the all-West Virginia Class A first team, all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference first team and all-Valley first team. Also a standout basketball player for the Maroon Knights, Fitzsimmons is the son of Bob and Sunni Fitzsimmons of Wheeling. He's headed to Cornell University in the fall.

ROCCHIO is a 5-foot-9, 160-pound running back who played a large part for John Stender's Tyler Consolidated Silver Knight team that advanced to the West Virginia Class AA playoffs.

He rushed 245 times for 1,333 yards and eight touchdowns, and he also caught 18 passes for 191 yards and another touchdown. He's also a threat for a halfback pass, as both of his completions this season went for touchdowns, he was 2-for-2 for 27 yards and two TDs. Rocchio was named first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAA, second-team all-West Virginia Class AA and second-team all-Valley.

The son of Larry and Kim Henthorn of Sistersville, Rocchio is undecided on his college plans.

DICK is a 6-foot-0, 190-pound running back/safety. He carried 98 times for 521 yards and seven touchdowns in six games. He also had nine catches for 40 yards, and he picked off two passes as a defensive back.

He was a first-team all-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, first-team all-Valley selection and special mention all-West Virginia Class AAA selection.

Brian is the son of Patrick and Carole Dick of Wellsburg. He plans to attend Robert Morris College.

Ohio roster completed for OVAC All-Star tilt

By RICH GIBSON
Times Leader Sports Editor

Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell today named a final group of position players for Sunday's OVAC/Rudy Mumley Charity All-Star Game at Wheeling Stadium.

"Most of these young men will see action at linebacker or at defensive back. However, we intend to rotate players at various positions. The idea is getting each and every one involved," Caldwell commented.

The group includes: East Liverpool's Jarrod Click; Steubenville's Todd Filtz; Barnesville's Justin Jefferis; Union Local's Dennis Nardo; Toronto's Donnie Price; Caldwell's Brian Shafer; and Indian Creek place-kicker Marik Hughes.

PRICE was a prime-time performer for the Red Knights of coach Bob Morris.

The 6-2, 200-pound standout earned all-Ohio first team honors and was the Eastern District Division VI player of the year. He was also named Jefferson County Defensive player of the year.

Among Price's school activities at Toronto were: Key Club, Young Life, Spanish Club, Math Club and FHA.

Donnie is the son of Don and Tammi Price.

NARDO made life miserable for UL opponents on both sides of the ball - starting at linebacker and fullback.

The 6-1, 215-pounder earned numerous postseason honors for coach Jake Olsavsky's club, including all-OVAC, all Eastern District, all-Times Leader and all-Valley.

In addition to his gridiron expertise, Dennis was one of the valley's toughest competitors in wrestling.

Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Nardo.

JEFFERIS played a key role in the many successes achieved by coach Al Treherne's Shamrocks.

Justin was among the area's premier defensive backs. He also accounted for over 1,000 yards offensively, both running and passing.

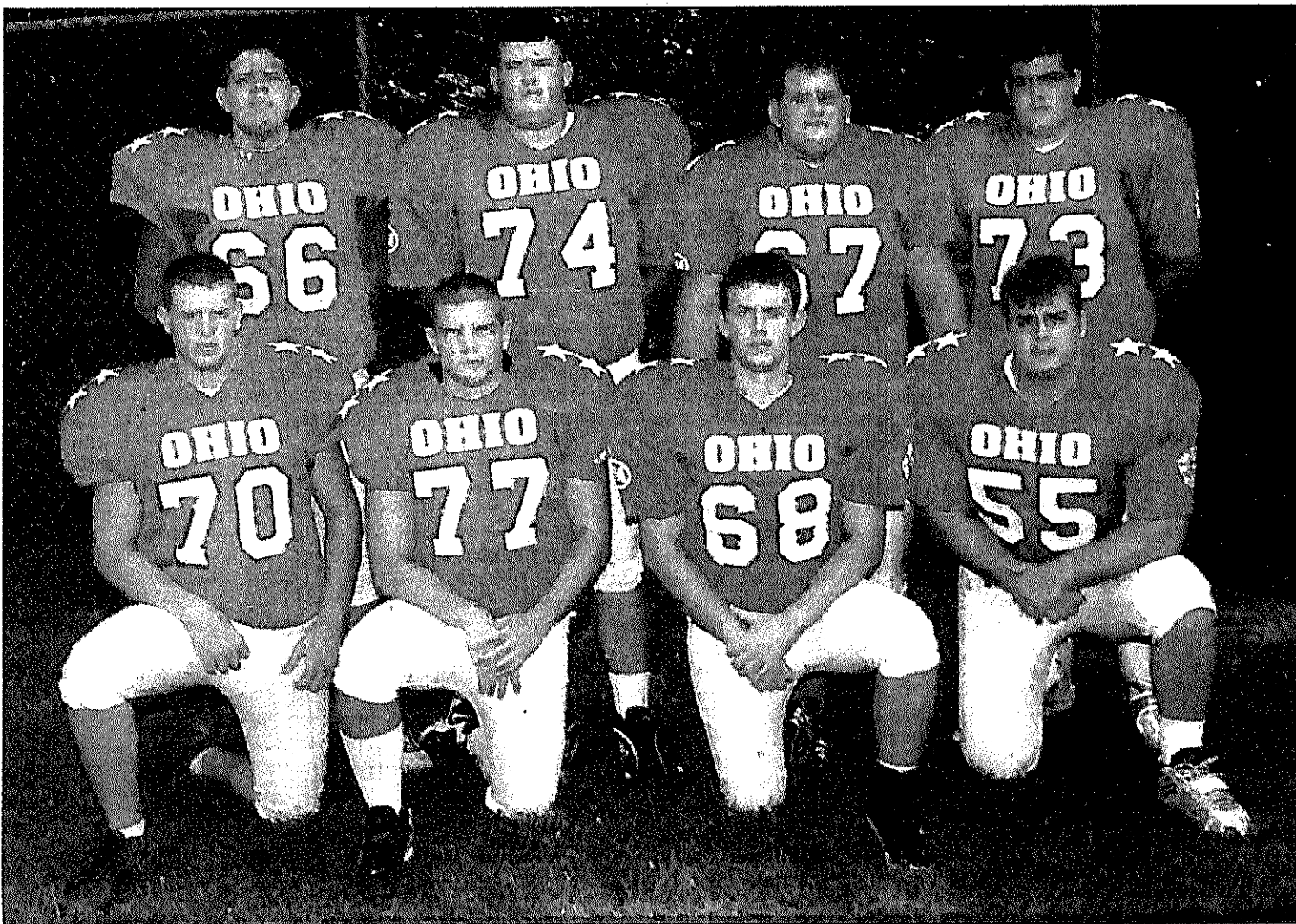
Selected all-Ohio first team by the Associated Press, Jefferis earned similar plaudits from the eastern district, all-Times Leader and all-Valley squads.

Justin is the son of Brian and Cindy Jefferis.

FILTZ, despite a diminutive 5 ft. 7 frame, became one of the finest linebackers to ever wear a Big Red uniform.

The Muskingum College bound Filtz led coach Rene Saccoccia's ballclub in tackles en route to earned a long list of postseason honors.

Todd was a first team all-Ohio selection



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IN THE TRENCHES for Ohio during Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium will be front from left, Matt Phillips (Barnesville), Matt Sherwood (Bellair), Matt Brown (Beallsville) and Tom Golden (Cambridge); back from left, Jeff Lofton (St. Clairsville), Jonathan Mika (Shenandoah), James Petcovic (Beaver) and Tyler Hill (St. Clairsville).

Buckeye squad captains picked

Ohio All-Stars head coach Dave Caldwell today selected six captains for Sunday evening's OVAC/Rudy Mumley All-Star Game at Wheeling Stadium.

Offensive captains named were: St. Clairsville's Jeff Lofton; Buckeye Trail's Brian Kittle; and Beallsville's Chris Caldwell.

Defensively, Caldwell tabbed Cambridge's Jake Sowers, Toronto's Donnie Price and Shadyside's Jim Amato.

Sunday's game matches the OVAC's premier players from Ohio and West Virginia with kickoff set for 7:15.

A \$3 savings is available for all advance ticket purchases. Tickets are \$7 (advance) and \$10 (game night).

by the Associated Press. He also was named first team all-eastern district, all-OVAC and captained the all-Valley unit.

Todd is the son of Paul and Linda Filtz.

CLICK covered much real estate for coach Bob Thayer's Potters, patrolling an inside linebacker post and leading EL in tackles both as a junior and senior.

The Potters' 5-9, 210-pound ace was selected team captain. Additionally, Jarrod was honorable mention all-Ohio. He earned first team all-OVAC, all-eastern district, all-Quad County.

A four-year letterman in football, Jarrod is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Click.

SHAFFER was a two-way star for coach Corey Perkins' Redskins, performing at running back and linebacker.

The 5-11, 183-pound Marietta College bound standout, earned second team all-Ohio honors and was a first team all-OVAC, all-eastern district, all-Pioneer Valley Conference and all-Marietta Times selection.

Brian is the son of Genevieve Shafer.

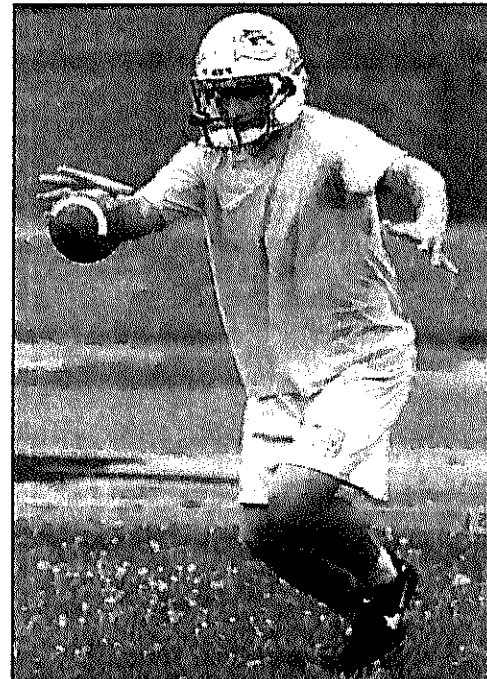
HUGHES was regarded as one of the eastern district's premier kicker/punters, performing for coach Bob Mays' Redskins.

The 6-1, 175-pounder is known both for consistency and length, several times pinning opponents in their own territory.

An accurate field goal kicker as well, Marik is headed to Akron University where he intends to walk-on in the Zips' program.

A National Honor Society member at the Creek, Marik also lettered in soccer, tennis and track at the Wintersville-based school.

Marik is the son of James and the late Mark K. Hughes.



T-L Photo/PAULA GINTHER

HANDLING the kicking duties for Ohio during Sunday's OVAC clash against West Virginia will be Marik Hughes of Indian Creek. Hughes is headed to Akron University as a walk-on.

Caldwell announces running backs

• Kittle, Cooper, Benton, Brooker, Sowers selected

By **RICH GIBSON**
T-L Sports Editor

Ohio All-Stars' head coach Dave Caldwell has relied on a potent passing attack to compile a remarkable string of victories at tiny Beallsville High School.

But the Buckeyes' boss for this month's annual Rudy Mumley/OVAC All-Star Charity Grid Classic doesn't plan on disregarding what should be a formidable ground game when the July 29th summer showcase kicks off two weeks from tonight.

Caldwell, today, announced a six-man stable of running backs who'll perform at Wheeling Stadium.

The group includes Cambridge ace Jake Sowers; Buckeye Trail's talented Brian Kittle; Fort Frye fullback Shawn Brooker; Indian Creek seatback Trevor Cooper; Steubenville Big Red's Brian Benton; and Beaver Local's Jamin

Pastore, who could also see action at quarterback.

"I feel we have a versatile and diversified group of runners," Caldwell commented. "It'll be interesting to work with them at camp. We feel we'll have some talented young men on the field at all times."

SOWERS (6-1, 190) was a two-way star for coach Rick Goodrich, gaining over 1,000 yards as a senior and establishing a single season rushing record as a junior at the Guernsey County school.

A Forbes Report prep All-American, Sowers was a two-time first team all-OVAC big school selection. Jake also earned honorable mention all-Ohio status both as a junior and senior.

Headed to one of the country's finest small college programs this fall at Mount Union College, Sowers' talents included a sparkling mat career.

Jake was the OVAC's 2001 Wrestling Champion at 171 and was named East Central Ohio League Wrestler of the Year.

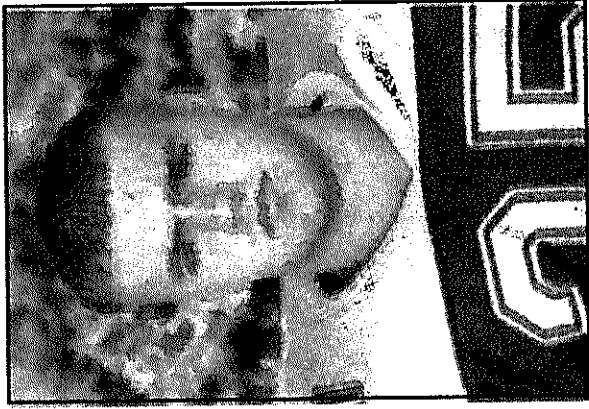
Jake is the son of Christy Moore. **KITTLE** (5-11, 200) wreaked havoc on a weekly basis for Warrior opponents en route to earning four varsity letters at the Old Washington-based school.

At tailback, Kittle compiled 1,307 rushing yards, totaling 13 touchdowns. Additionally, Brian handled Trail's place-kicking duty, converting 17 PATs and two field goals.

A first team all-Ohio Division V honoree, Kittle earned similar plaudits on the all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, and all-Times-Leader squads.

Defensively, Kittle was a rugged line-backer and earned post season awards at Trail for three positions.

Headed to Muskingum College this



BRIAN KITTLE

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fall, Kittle also earned four varsity letters in baseball.

Brian is the son of Curt and Pat Kittle.

BROOKER (6-0, 235) was a bruising fullback for a Cadets' team that qualified for postseason play under head coach Brian Scott.

Particularly effective in short yardage situations, Shawn churned for 575 yards, scoring seven touchdowns. From his linebacker post, Brooker was charted for 99 tackles.

Postseason awards were plentiful for Brooker who'll continue his athletic and academic career at Muskingum College this fall.

Shawn earned all-Ohio honorable mention status and was also an all-OVAC and all-Eastern District performer.

Outstanding in the classroom as well, Brooker was a two-year academic letterman. His school activities included the SEARCH program.

Shawn is the son of Emmett and Mary Brooker.

BENTON used his 5-10, 205-pound frame to torment Big Red opposition.

Brian earned special mention all-Ohio accolades for coach Reno Saccoccia's Big Red gridders.

Additionally, Benton was a first team all-Eastern District selection. He also was a first team all-OVAC and all-Valley honoree.

Brian was honored in the 2000 edition of Who's Who in Prep Sports. He also received recognition in Prep Star Magazine.

An avid weightlifter, Brian is the son of Jim and Carla Benton.

COOPER was recognized as one of the Ohio Valley's finest backs after racking up over 1,600 yards for coach Bryan Mays' Redskins.

The Creek's elusive 6-1, 190-pound talent was an honorable mention all-Ohio selection and earned first team laurels on the all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-Jefferson County units.

Trevor's school activities included the Student Against Drunk Driving program.

Trevor is the son of Sharon and Walter Cooper.

