Mountain State Boys Prevail

West Virginia holds off Ohio in 12th annual all-star tussle

By RYAN GEORGE Staff Writer

All-Star games usually aren't

this competitive. Don't tell that to West Virinia coach Mike Granato or Öhio mentor Mark Masloski.

The 12th Annual Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star proved to be a close affair with West Virginia holding on for a 95-90 win Saturday at the Ney Center on the campus of Ohio University Eastern.

West Virginia led almost the entire contest as Granato's unit managed to hit well from the floor early, while Masloski's team started sluggish.

"I think we were able to jump out in the lead because we crashed the boards," said Granato, coach of the Weir Red Rid-

"We didn't have many bad shots and we had total unselfish play from the kids today.

On the Ohio side of the court,
Masloski felt the West Virginia
corps of guards' strong play
made the difference in the game.
"West Virginia's quickness
this afternoon really hurt us.
Their guards pushed the ball up.

Their guards pushed the ball up the floor well and that was a strength for them," said Masloski, Steubenville's coach.

Granato felt that after three days of practice his team was

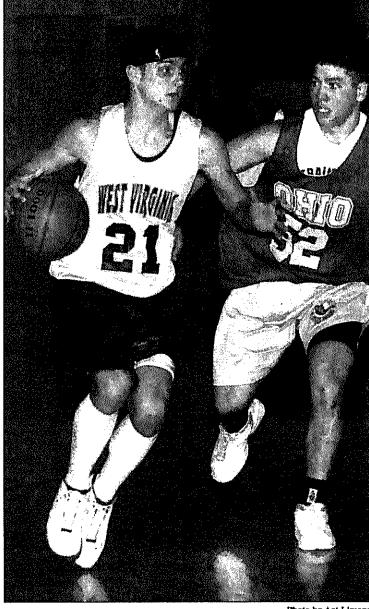
days of practice his team was prepared, although he felt like his team was the underdog coming into the contest.

"I don't think many people thought we had much of a chance, but the boys played today the way they practiced this

Wheeling Central's David Contraguerro led the charge for team West Virginia, scoring a game-high 22 points in the game, while managing to help his team down the stretch in holding on to the five-point win.

We expected David to play this well. He went out man-to-

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West Virginia's Aaron Wargo (21) of Brooke drives around Ohio's Caleb Meyer (52) of Edison during Saturday's 12th annual Samuel A. Mumley Memorial OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic at Ohio University Eastern's Ney Center.

ability to hit three crucual buckets from behind the arc, including two in the second half at key moments that also played a key

Currenton finished with 13, while Wheeling Park standout Nick Stefanow added 13, including a perfect 6-for-6 shooting from the floor.

West Virginia also found 12

points from Brooke High product Kyle Scherich, who hit two

3-pointers in the game.
Ohio fell behind early and trailed by 13 at the half, but managed the better play much the first 10 minutes of the second the first 10 minutes of the sec-

The Buckeye state squad got a team-high 13 points from Beaver Local's Derek Smith, while Cambridge's Brandon Todd added 12 on four 3-point field goals and T.J. Mitchell of Meadowbrook added 11.

"I was pleased with our effort in the second half, but in the first half our legs were really slow,' said Masloski,

"I'm just happy I got to meet 15 quality kids."

For Granato, the coaching strategy for the All-Star game was simple.

"We decided to go with five man units that played together during the course of the year.

"In the last five minutes of each half we would go with the hot hand," said Granato.

West Virginia 95, Ohio 90
WV—Currenton 4-14 3-4 14, Scherich 3-8 4-4 12, Thomas 2-7 2-5 6, Jones 0-0 1-2 1, Paulaskas 0-0 0-0 0, Kocher 1-4 1-2 3, Bleir 2-3 3-4 7, Wellace 2-6 0-0 4, Kuca 3-6 0-1 6, Contraguerro 10-13 2-3 22, Bowers 0-2 1-2 1, Wendt 1-4 0-0 2, Stefanow 6-6 1-2 13, Stephens 2-3 0-0 5, Wergo 0-3 0-0 0, Totals 35-73 18-29 95.

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West Virginia 49 46—95 Ohio 36 54—90



<u> All-Star</u> **Special** Honorees

RICH SANTILLI Earl Haberfield **Boys' Coaches Award**

Rich Santilli is no stranger to the OVAC All-Star Game as he coached in four of them during an illustrious coaching career.

Santilli is perhaps best known for his two decades at the helm of Weirton Madonna' boys' program, where he won more than 200 games and brought the Hancock County parochial school its first two OVAC championships (1977,

His Madonna teams won three city championships, four sectional championships and a regional title from 1974-94. His 1983 team set a school record that still stands with a 21-3 mark and Santilli took two teams to state tournaments the W.Va. Catholic tournament in 1975 and the West Virginia Class A tournament in 1980. He also enjoyed great suc-

cess as an assistant football coach, where he served on the staff of state championship teams at Steubenville Central (1971), Weirton Madonna (1987) and Weir High (1998). Santilli retired from coaching in 1999 but continues to teach

at Madonna. He and his wife Judy are lifelong residents of Follansbee and have three daughters.

> JOHN NESE Rich Saffield

Girls' Coaches Award A former standout cager at the College of Steubenville, Nese produced winners at

every stop on his lengthy coaching tour. His first championship came as the boys' basketball coach at now-defunct Follansbee St.

Anthony, where he led the squad to the 1961 West Virginia Class B Catholic championship. He won more than 120 games from 1963-73 as boys' basketball coach

Steubenville Central, with his 1973 OVAC championship team setting a school record of 22-2 that still stands. Nese returned Steubenville Central to coach

the girls' team from 1987-90, winning two sectional championships and a pair of OVAC crowns. The 21-2 record in 1989 remains a school standard. He was also a successful

baseball coach at Central, posting a 197-77 record from 1963-75 and leading the Crusaders to the 1965 state championship game. Central's 24-4 record in 1974 is still the best in school history.

Nese and his wife, Marlene, have been married for 42 years and have four children and seven grandchildren.

ED DUFFY Robert Dawson Officials Award

Duffy joined the Ohlo Valley Board of Approved Basketball Officials in 1955 and promptly began an officiating career that stretched well over three decades.

Although he got his start working grade school and city league games, Duffy quickly shot up the officiating ranks and soon established himself as one of the area's top whistle-tooters.

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game like this," said Granato.
While Contraguerro's play late made the difference, it was Weir High's Pierre Currenton's man and didn't have to worry about the defensive play in a

Former Madonna coach to receive **Haberfield Award**

Haberfield Boys' Coach honoree is Rich Santilli in conjunction pionships in school history in with the OVAC Samuel Mumley 1977 and 1983. Basketball Classic.

Santilli began his coaching career at Follansbee St. Anthony's in 1962, where for six years he coached both seventh and eighth grade football and basket-

ll. In 1969, Santilli joined the staff of Steubenville Central Catholic where he was an assistant football and basketball coach. During the 1971 season, the Crusader football team won the Class AA State Championship. Over the course of his tenure with Central, the Crusaders amassed a 73-13 record on the hardwood and also made two regional appearances.

Rich worked with the

Crusaders staff until 1973 when he joined the Brooke High football staff as the coach of the freshman team.

In 1974, Santilli was offered the position of head basketball coach at Weirton Madonna High School, where he eventually spent the next 20 years.

reached the State Catholic finals with is wife Judy. They are the in 1975 and the West Virginia parents of three girls.

Serving as this year's Earl State finals in 1980. His teams

His 1983 team still holds the season school record of 21-3, while Santilli owns 206 wins as a var-

sity coach. He resigned his coaching position Madonna in

Santilli also served on the Blue Don football staff as the Blue Dons made three

state playoff appearances and won the State A Championship in 1987.

Santilli then took a position as a member of the Weir High football staff serving as an assistant

During that span, Weirton won the Class AA state Championship in 1998, while Santilli also served on the 1998 OVAC All-Star game staff.

In 1999, Rich retired from all of coaching, while still continuing to teach at Madonna High School.

Santilli is a lifelong resident During those years, his teams of Follansbee, where he resides **INSIDE**

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Vossen sparks WV girls

By GREG HARKNESS Times Leader Sports Writer

Pressure! Pressure! Pressure!

West Virginia forced 39 Ohio turnovers and received a game-high 24 points from John Marshall standout Sherele Vossen en route to posting a convincing 104-91 victory Saturday in the OVAC Sam Mumley Basketball Classic at the Ney Center.

"We had a few too many turnovers and West Virginia shot the lights out," Ohio head coach Tad Sechrest commented. "We knew coming in Vossen could stroke it. But her range is unlimited...as soon as she steps on the floor you have to find out where she is."

Facing a considerable size disadvantage against a Buckeye squad featuring five six-footers, the Mountain State stars relied on their quickness to provide unrelenting pressure.

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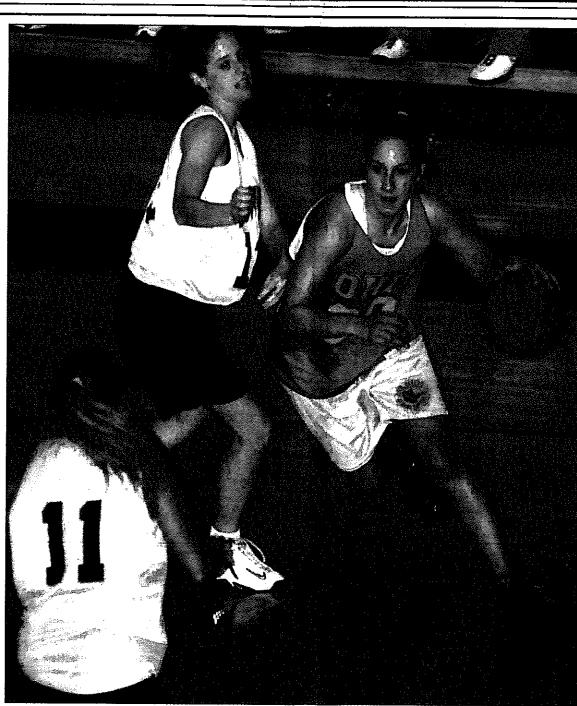
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The lead swelled to 17 behind the defensive play of Lisa Costello (Weir), Stephanie Luzader (John Marshall) and Jenna Eckleberry (Oak Glen) with 15 minutes showing.

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West Virginia boys hold off Buckeyes in OVAC contest

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Writer

West Virginia proved having more schools to choose from doesn't always result in wins.

The Mountaineers made it a clean sweep Saturday afternoon at the Robert W. Ney Center on the campus of Ohio University-Eastern, winning both the boys and girls OVAC All-Star Basketball games.

The West Virginia boys built a big lead in the first half and were able to withstand a furious Ohio rally in the second half to score a 95-90 win.

"I thought our kids did a great job," said West Virginia and Weir High head coach Mike Granato. "The key to us winning was how unselfish the kids played throughout the game."

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"I don't think too many people thought we had much of a chance quite frankly," Granato said. "Our kids played just how they practiced all week and we were able to come out with a win."

The Mountaineers took full advantage of Ohio's slow start, racing to a 49-36 lead at the break. The first-half cushion grew to as many as 14 in favor of the West Virginians at 46-32 and 48-34.

"The first was pretty ugly," said Ohio and Steubenville High head coach Mark Masloski. "We just didn't play with much intensity and couldn't make a shot."

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The first-team all-stater drained a three from NBA-range on the right wing to seal the verdict with 2:30 showing.

"We got it back to single digits and on the game's key possession, Vossen made a huge shot," Sechrest said. "We were able to turn the defensive pressure up and get back into the game, but she got loose and nailed a big shot."

Vossen was hardly alone in shining for the West Virginia squad.

Luzader, who is headed to Fairmont State to continue her career, buried 13 points and dished out five assists.

A trio of performers checked in with 11 counters including Bowling Green-bound Lauren Gompers (Wheeling Park), Chantel Wujtow (Weirton Madonna) and Eckleberry.

Kathleen Gilligan provided an inside presence for the Mountain State with eight points and seven rebounds.

Costello, who will play soccer at Wheeling Jesuit, provided a fine all-around floor game with eight points, eight rebounds and five

"I thought Costello played a fine all-around game for them," Sechrest said. "And Eckleberry was quick and could handle the ball under pressure. She gave them another true point guard to handle the ball."

Ohio was led by Johnson's 15 points and eight rebounds.

"She really got going in the second half," Sechrest said. "If she catches it where she wants, it is a bucket."

Sechrest's own guard Kim Schockling (Caldwell) was the only other Buckeye in

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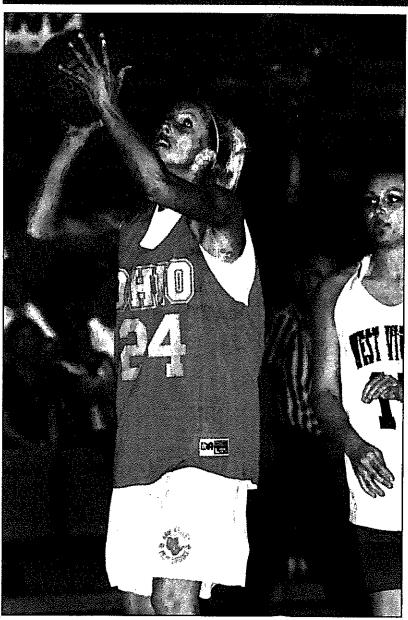
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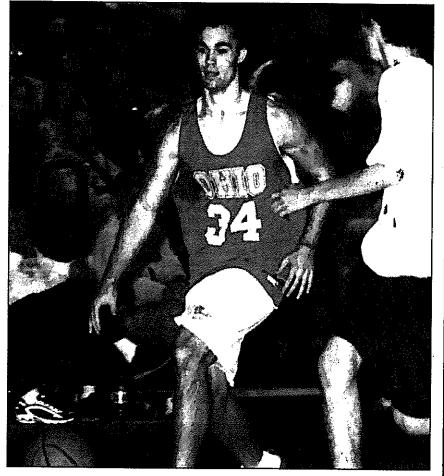
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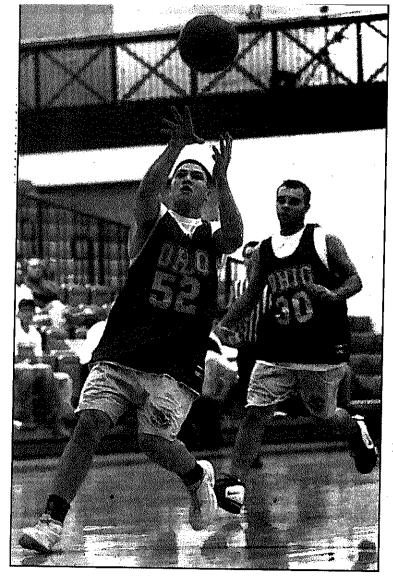


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TOP PHOTO: Ohio's Lindsay Coyne (30) drives to the basket against at West Virginia defender during action in the OVAC All-Star Game Saturday at the Ney Center.

AT LEFT: Ohio's Jenna Johnson (24) goes up for a layup in front of West Virginia's Chantel Wuitow.

ABOVE: Union Local's Justin Schafer (34) drives to the basket against West Virginia's Mike Kuca.



OHIO'S Caleb Meyer (52) throws a pass to a teammate as the Buckeyes' Zach Burkhart trails during action Saturday in the Sam Mumley OVAC Basketball Classic at the Ney Center.

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and an opportunistic defense.

"I thought our effort defensively in the second half was a lot better," Masloski said. "We got after them a little bit more and that got us going in the second half."

The Buckeyes watched West Virginia score the first five points of the second half to build a 54-36 upperhand. From there, Ohio exploded on a 22-8 run to get within four at 62-58 with 10 minutes to play.

Ohio kept it coming with a 10-4 run, giving Masloski's quint a 68-66 lead with 8:17 to play. That upperhand was Ohio's first since it was 15-14 in the early going.

That lead also proved to be Ohio's last as West Virginia came back with a 18-6 run to push the lead back to 84-74.

Behind three triples by Meadowbrook's TJ Mitchell, Ohio went on a 13-5 run to shave the deficit to 89-87.

"The biggest coaching today was making sure we were able to get the ball in bounds and into the right people's hands," Granato said. "I thought we did a good job of getting on the boards and also knocking down foul shots down the stretch."

West Virginia connected on six free throws in a row down the stretch to preserve the victory.

The 'Eers able to negate the clear size advantage its Ohio counterparts had with more than solid guard play.

"West Virginia had really good guard play," Masloski noted. "I thought the way they were able to push the ball up the floor and force us to run with them and that was a big key for them."

The Mountaineer guard play was fueled by Wheeling Central's David Contraguerro.

The 6-ft-2 player who led the Maroon Knights to back-to-back state titles netted a game-high 22 points. Included in that production was 14-second half points.

"David didn't score 1,600 points for no reason," Granato said. "He can excel in a game like this because defenses aren't gearing everything toward him."

Weir High's Pierre Currenton made his presence felt with 14

points, including two second-half triples, which thwarted Ohio runs.

Brooke's Kyle Scherich added 10 points. The Mountaineer inside force was Wheeling Park's Nick Stefanow. The Duke football recruit went for 13 points and added seven boards.

Ohio had four players reach double figures to lead the way in the scoring column.

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St. John Central's Kevin Knox and Mitchell evenly divided 22 points.

"Coaching these kids has been an absolute pleasure for me," Masloski said. "We had a great two weeks and it is an honor for me to have gotten to meet all of these kids."

"The biggest coaching today was making sure we were able to get the ball in bounds and into West Virginia held a 46-44 edge on the glass. Both teams were guilty of 17 turnovers.

• WELLSVILLE'S Jared Mike captured the slam-dunk competition at halftime of the boys game.

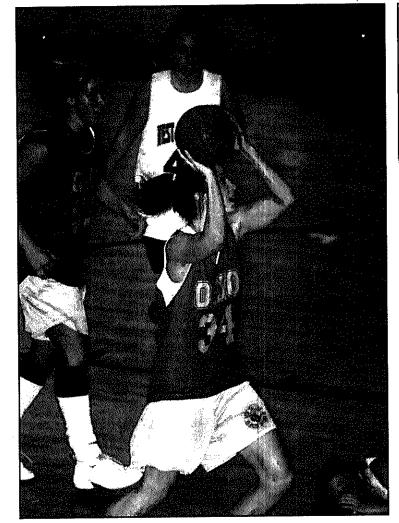
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 Burkhart and Wheeling Central's
 Chris Stephens were presented
 with the Dick Potts Memorial
 Scholarships.

 CHUCK Blue of River High School received the Scorer/timekeeper award.

• ED Duffy won the Dawson's Officials Award.

Game Scoring:
WEST VIRGINIA (95) -Currenton 4, 3-4 14; Contraguerro
10, 2-3 22; Thomas 2, 2-5 6; Wargo
0, 0-0 0; Scherich 2, 4-4 10;
Stephens 2, 0-0 5; Kocher 1, 1-2 3;
Stefanow 6, 1-1 13; Jones 0, 1-2 1;
Kuca 3, 1-1 7; Wallace 2, 0-0 4; Blair
2, 3-4 7; Paulaukas 0, 0-0 0; Bowers
0, 1-2 1; Wendt 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 35,
19-28 90. OHIO (90) — Todd 4, 0-0
12; Kraly 0, 0-0 0; Zwick 0, 0-0 0;
Allen 3, 0-0 7; Mitchell 4, 0-0 11;
Knox 3, 2-4 11; Scarnecchia 2, 0-0 6;
Burkhart 2, 0-0 6; Pruitt 1, 0-0 2;
Schafer 1, 0-0 2; Smith 5, 3-5 13;
Kirby 2, 0-0 5; Mike 2, 0-0 4; Mirich 2,
0-0 4; Meyer 3, 0-0 7; Totals: 34, 511 90.

Three-Point Goals: WV --Currenton (3), Scherich (2), Stephens (1). OH -- Todd (4), Allen (1), Mitchell (3), Knox (3), Burkhart (2), Kirby (1), Meyer (1).



T-L Photo/JOEL JOSEPH

OHIO'S Bethany Stranges (34) looks to make a move to the bucket during Saturday afternoon's Sam Mumley OVAC Basketball Classic at the Ney Center.

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double figures with 10 markers.

Three players who impressed Sechrest followed with nine points each.

Coyne finished with six assists and five rebounds to go with her point production.

"Lindsay really impressed me," Sechrest said. "We played them in the sectionals, but it is tough to realize how good she is when you are coaching against her. She is good off the dribble and has excellent body control."

Tristin Miracle, coming off a MVP effort in the District 12 game, also had nine points. She added five assists.

"Tristin is just a pure point guard," Sechrest offered.

One of the Ohio's squad's sixfooters, Emily Reed (Edison) also finished with nine points and grabbed five rebounds.

"The two girls from Edison (Reed and Jessica Shepherd) impressed me," Sechrest said. "I never got to see them play during the season, but I was impressed with their ability."

Scoring:

WEST VIRGINIA (104) -- Gompers 5,
1-2, 11; Gilligan 4, 0-0, 8; Luzader 6,
0-0, 13; Frankenfeld 1, 0-0, 2;
Costello 3, 1-2, 8; Eckleberry 4, 1-1,
11; Meckley 0, 1-2, 1; DiPasquale 1,
0-0, 2; Blacker 2, 0-0, 5; Lauderman

1, 1-1, 3; Wujtow 4, 3-4, 11; Vossen 10, 0-0, 24; Howell 1, 0-0, 2; Ammirante 0, 0-0, 0; Gordon 1, 1-2, 3. TOTALS: 43, 9-14, 104. OHIO (91) -- Stranges 1, 2-4, 4; Coyne 4, 1-5, 9; Schockling 3, 2-4, 10; Miracle 3, 3-6, 9; Reed 3, 3-4, 9; Hython 2, 1-2, 5; Johnson 7, 1-2, 15; Massey 3, 0-0, 6; Romick 1, 1-3, 3; Taylor 0, 1-2, 1; Bradshaw 0, 0-2, 0; Tomlan 2, 0-0, 5; Brokaw 2, 1-2, 5; Shepherd 0, 3-4, 3; Magistro 3, 0-0, 7. TOTALS: 34, 19-40, 91.

40, 91.
Three-point field goals: WV -Vossen (4), Eckleberry (2), Blacker,
Costello, Luzader. Oh -- Schockling
(2), Tomlan, Magistro.

OVAC NOTES

• SHADYSIDE'S Tristin Miracle and Linsly's Kara Blacker were the girls recipients of the Henry Lazasz Scholarship Awards.

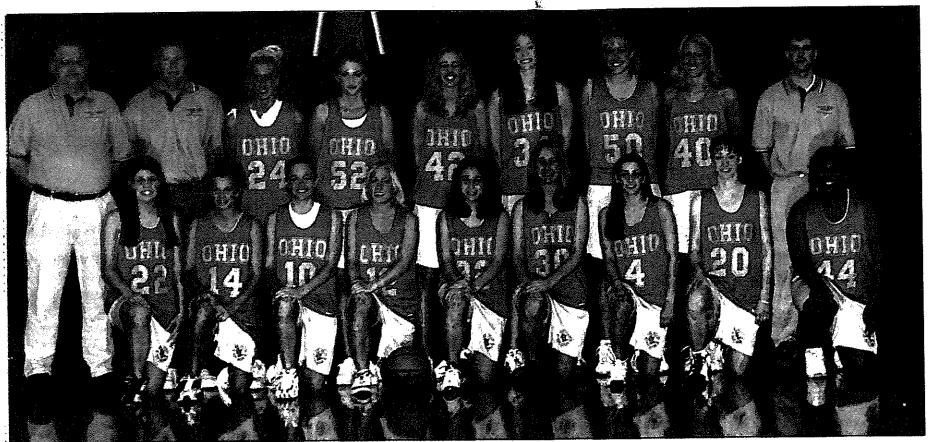
• FORMER Steubenville Central, Indian Creek and Follansbee St. Anthony's head coach John Nese was the recipient of the Rich Saffield Girls' Coach Award.

• ST. JOHN Central's Jonni Jo Magistro, Wheeling Central's Lindsey Ammirante, Weir's Lisa Costello and Oak Glen's Jenna Eckleberry tied for the threepoint shootout.

• GAME director John Stanko and his first-rate staff deserve kudos for putting on another top of the line event.

SUNDA LAINA Sunday, March 23, 2003

Ohio OVAC All-Star Teams



T-L Photo/JOEL JOSEPH
THE OHIO girls OVAC AllStar team includes, front
row, from left Lindsey row, from left Lindsey Romick, Kristina Tomlan, Tristin Miracle, Kim Schockling, Jonni Jo Magistro, Lindsay Coyne, Erin Taylor, Katie Bradshaw and Marcella Hython. Second row are assistant coach Mickey Blatnik, assistant coach Ron Smyth, Jenna Johnson, Marla Brokaw, Leslie Ann Massey, Bethany Stranges, Emily Reed, Jessica Shepherd and head coach Tad Sechrest. Sechrest.



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Brian Pruitt, Kevin Knox,
Zac Burkhart, Derek Zwick,
Brandon Todd and T.J.
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OVAC lists 2003 hoops all-star teams

The 2002-03 OVAC All-Star basetball teams have been announced and everal area athletes have received hon-strong to the start of the sta ketball teams have been announced and Sherele Vossen round out the first team. several area athletes have received hon-

In Class A on the boys' side, Weirton Madonna's Chris Blair was selected as the team's captain. He is joined on the first team by Beallsville's Zac Burkhart and Joey Crum, St. John Central's Matt Ianzito and Linsly's James Wallace.

In Class AA, Wheeling Central senior guard David Contraguerro was selected as the team's captain. Joining him on the first team were Fort Frye's Heath Allen, Wellsville's Jared Mike, Steubenville Central's Frank Petrola and Toronto's Zac Thomas.

In Class AAA, Bellaire junior standout Aaron Agnew is the captain. Agnew is joined by teammate Nate Davis, Magnolia's Ted Talkington and the Union Local duo of Justin Schafer and Anthony Scarnecchia on the first team.

In Class AAAA, Wheeling Park senior Charles Thomas is the captain. Also on the first team were Weir's Pierre Currenton, Zanesville's Jordan Lear, East Liverpool's Josh Reed and Cambridge's Brandon Todd.

On the girls' side in Class A, Shadyside senior Jenna Johnson was chosen as the captain. She is joined on the first team by her teammates Tristin Miracle and Whitney Brown, Beallsville's Charity Street and Cameron's Amanda Allison.

In Class AA, Caldwell's Kim Schockling and River's Lindsey Antonucci (Toronto); Pete Bowersock Romick were chosen as co-captains. The first team is rounded out by Steubenville Central's Mary Gilloon, and Wheeling Central's Kayleen Fitzsimmons and Kathleen Gilligan.

In Class AAA, Martins Ferry senior Lindsay Coyne was named the captain. Joining her on the first team were Oak Glen's Jenna Eckleberry, Shenandoah's Shannon Leasure, Union Local's Emily Miller and St. Clairsville's Bethany

In Class AAAA, Steubenville's Julie Gompers shared the captain hon- Talkington (Magnolia). ors. Weir's Lisa Costello, Edison's

CLASS 1-A

First Team -- Chris Blair, (CAP-TAIN) (Weir Madonna); Zac Burkhart (Beallsville); Joey Crum (Beallsville); Matt Ianzito (St. John Central); James Wallace (Linsly).

Second Team -- Chris Banal (Linsly); Jeff Bowers (Paden City); Kevin Knox (St. John Central); Nick Ongley (Shadyside); Vince Ongley (Shadyside); Stemkowski (Bridgeport).

Honorable Mention -- Matt Blair (Weir Madonna); Greg Darby (Beallsville); Jason DeVlenzio (Shadyside); Paul Duffy (Weir Madonna); Jared Feldmeier (Paden Cib); Mike Kung (Picher Penchus); City); Mike Kuca (Bishop Donahue); Rick Leigh (Bridgeport); Eric Leggett (Conotton Valley); Steve Luckhardt (Shadyside); Sam Milton (Linsly); Kyle Moore (Bridgeport); Bryan Nardo (St. John's); Logan Wendt (Cameron).

CLASS 2-A First Team -- Heath Allen (Fort Frye); David Contraguerro, (CAPTAIN) (Wheeling Central); Jared Mike (Wellsville); Frank Petrola (Steubenville Central); Zac Thomas (Toronto).

Second Team -- Jason Linn (Buckeye Trail), Samuel Rutherford (Frontier), Jason Shaw (Caldwell); Brandon Skinner (Fort Frye); Chrls Stephens (Wheeling Central).

(Frontier); Josh Brooker (Fort Frye); Kyle Carpenter (Buckeye Trail); Joe Chandler (Caldwell); Michael Jorris (Monroe Central); Kellen Kish (River); Paul McCormick (Wheeling Central); Kenny Robinson (Monroe Central); Mike Romey (Toronto); Ryne Romick (River); Joe Ronevich (Steubenville Central); Derek Zwick (Monroe Central).

CLASS 3-A

First Team -- Aaron Agnew (CAP-TAIN) (Bellaire); Nate Davis (Bellaire); In Class AAAA, Steubenville's Justin Schafer (Union Local); Anthony Marcella Hython and Wheeling Park's Scarnecchia (Union Local); Ted

Second Team -- Jered Gamble

Honorable Mention -- Aaron Bane (Indian Creek); Richie Crowe (Indian Creek): Tyler DeVolld (Shenandoah); Cory Devoid (Shehahddan), Cory Doty (Martins Ferry); Mike Fisher (Bellaire); Eric Gay (St. Clairsville); Robbie Jones (Tyler); Todd Keenan (Indian Creek); Brandon Kelly (Harrison

(Zanesville); Roosevelt Kirby (East Liverpool); Caleb Meyer (Edison); Kyle Scherich (Brooke); Derek Smith (Beaver Local).

Honorable Mention -- C.J. Besece (Buckeye Local); Johnny Bonar (John Marshall); Matt Farus (Zanesville); Tyler Felt (Cambridge); Adam Ferro (John Marshall); Chase Groves (Buckeye Local); Justin Polley (John Marshall); Brian Pruitt (Steubenville); Jon-Michael Rea (Steubenville); Steve Repella (Steubenville); Eric Turner tephens (Wheeling Central). (Weir); Pat Woods (Beaver); Jamie
Honorable Mention -- Anthony
Propagation (Toronto): Pete Bowersock

GIRLS

CLASS 1-A

First Team -- Amanda Allison (Cameron); Whitney Brown (Shadyside); Jenna Johnson (CAP-TAIN) (Shadyside); Tristin Miracle (Shadyside); Charity Street (Beallsville).

Second Team -- Brittany Hocker (Bridgeport); Alice Jamen (Mount DeChantal); Jonni Jo Magistro (St. John Central); Sarah Stalder (Beallsville); Mallory Zearott (Bishop Donahue).

Honorable Mention -- Kara Blacker (Linsly); Ashley Caln (Paden City); Jena Ehni (St. John's); Stephanie Glover (Weir Madonna); Amanda



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Creek); Brandon Kelly (Harrison Central); Jonathan Kemp (Magnolia); Eric McVicker (Shenandoah); Lance Mirich (Martins Ferry); Brad Paulauskas (Oak Glen).

CLASS 4-A

First Team -- Pierre Currenton (Weir); Jordan Lear (Zanesville); Josh Reed (East Liverpool); Charles Thomas (CAPTAIN) (Wheeling Park); Brandon Todd (Cambridge).

Second Team -- Drake Aronholt (Zanesville); Roosevelt Kirby (East CLASS 2-A

CLASS 2-A

First Team - Kayleen Fitzsimmons

(Wellsville); Katie Bradshaw (Buckeye Trail); Jessica Dinch (Wellsville); Lori Lynn Hamann (Steubenville Central); Krista Huffman (Monroe Central); Mariah Hulsey (River); Ashley Schafer (Caldwell).

Honorable Mention - Lara Brunoni (Frontier); Heather Heckathorn Toronto); Shari Johnson (Buckeye Trail); Mallory Moore (Toronto); Tiffany Pringle (Frontier); Lauren Rinard (Frontier); Marideth Rock (Toronto);

(Union Local); Bethany Stranges (St. Clairsville).

Second Team -- Katle Blatt Ferry); Erin Heidelbach (St. Clairsville); Liverpool).

Leslie Ann Massey (St. Clairsville); Allison Rothlisberger (Magnolia); Kristina Tomlan (Bellaire); Ashley Vavrek (Bellaire).

Honorable Mention -- Lynsev Agnew (Martins Ferry); Nicole Anderson (Barnesville); Ashley Carpenter (Meadowbrook); Ginny Carpenter (Indian Creek); Annie Chaney (Oak Glen); LeAnn Cline (Indian Creek); Kate Eckleberry (Oak Glen); Amy Hines (Barnesville); Jessica Howell (Magnolia); Krista First Team -- Kayleen Fitzsimmons
(Wheeling Central); Kathleen Gilligan
(Wheeling Central); Mary Gilloon
(Steubenville Central); Lindsey Romick
(CO-CAPTAIN) (River); Kim
Schockling (CO-CAPTAIN) (Caldwell).
Second Team -- Melody Allison
CMalleville) Katie Bradshaw (Buckeye

First Team -- Lisa Costello (Weir); Julie Gompers (CO-CAPTAIN) (Wheeling Park); Marcella Hython (CO-CAPTAIN) (Steubenville); Emily Reed (Edison); Sherele Vossen (John Marshall).

Second Team - Mandy DiPasquale (Brooke); Courtney Downs (Zanesville); Jenna Frankenfield (Brooke); Maddie Lawther (John Marshall); Jess Shepherd (Edison).

(Frontier); Marideth Rock (Toronto); Kim Rose (Buckeye Trail); Chelsey Watson (Caldwell); Kylie Wise (Wheeling Central).

CLASS 3-A

First Team - Lindsay Coyne (CAP-TAIN) (Martins Ferry); Jenna Eckleberry (Oak Glen); Shannon Lease (Shenandoah); Emily Market (Stranger (Stranger (Stranger)); Market (Edison).

Honorable Mention -- Jamie Andrews (Cambridge); Heather Brick (East Liverpool); Marla Brokaw (Buckeye Local); Amy Bullock (Brooke); Jessica Douglas (Cambridge); Katie Graham (Buckeye Local); Kristen King (Buckeye Local); Stephanie Luzader (John Marshall); Maddie McGarvey (Zanesville); Breezy Nelson (East Liverpool); Chevon Robertson (Wheeling Park); Brittany (Magnolla); Amy Bruney (Martins Snyder (Weir); Brooke Walker (East

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West Virginia Stars Outrun, Outgun Buckeyes

By RICK THORP Staff Writer

You could have called it a case of the irresistible force against the immovable object.

The quickness and speed of West Virginia went up against the staunch inside presence of Ohio included Material Ohio Valley Memorial Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Girls' All-Star Basketball Classic.

When the dust settled at the Ney Center on the campus of Ohio University Eastern it were the ladies from the Mountain State that showed their might.

Backed by a 24-point effort from John Marshall's Sherel Vossen, West Virginia stormed back from an early 14-point deficit to earn a 104-91 victory in the game's 12th edition.

"I think the advantage was we had a lot of good guards," said Wheeling Central head coach Penn Kurtz, who handled head coaching duties for the West Virginia squad.

When you control the basketball...pass the ball and shoot the ball you look good. We wanted to feature those guards that we had and I think we did it

to our advantage."

Caldwell's Tad Secrest, who mentored the Ohio team, agreed.

"We were a lot bigger than they were," he said. "In all-star games it's kind of hard to get your kids to throw the ball inside because everybody wants to shoot and score.

"But when you get in that style of game when you're going up and down the floor your big kids kind of seem to get lost. It's not on purpose, that's just the way the game is."



West Virginia's Jessica Howell (53) of Magnolia splits the Ohio defense of River's Lindsay Romick, right, and St. Clairsville's Leslie Ann Massey during Saturday's game at OU Eastern.

two 20-minute halves, West Virginia took charge with an 18-3 lead to 30-21. run keyed by some keen accuracy from some of the OVAC's most talented shooters.

Costello and Brooke's Jenna remaining in the half.

Trailing 30-16 in the first of Frankenfield got the roll going with a pair of buckets to cut the

Another Costello basket was followed by back-to-back hoops from Vossen that trimmed the Weir High School's Lisa advantage to 30-27 with 8:25

On the next West Virginia possession, Wheeling Park's Julie Gompers completed a three-point play. Vossen's next bucket at the 7:50 mark gave West Virginia its first lead at 32-

"The shots started to go in for us and that got us back in the game," Kurtz said of his team

that shot 50 percent from the field (43-86) for the game.

Leading 52-49 at the half, West Virginia quickly extended its lead by going on a 10-0 run that made it 62-49.

Trailing 84-67, Caldwell's Kim Schockling made a free throw and then scored on a layup to make it 84-70. Two more layups by the Shadyside duo of Tristin Miracle and Jenna Johnson made it a 10-point game at

The lead was trimmed to eight points at 91-84 with 5:52 remaining after Johnson, who paced Ohio with 15 points, scored six straight points but that was as close as Ohio could get.

In addition to Johnson, Schockling also finished in dou-

ble figures with 10 points.

John Marshall's Stephanie
Luzader added 13 points for
West Virginia, while Oak Glen's Jenna Eckleberry, Gompers and Weirton Madonna's Chantel Wujtow each netted 11 points.

Kurtz, who was assisted by John Marshall's Stan Blankenship and Oak Glen's John Weber, said it was an honor to work with such a talented group

of players.

"It's a blast," he said. "When you get to coach 15 outstanding basketball players and you take one or two minutes to show them something (in practice) and they pick it up right away it just makes it so easy.

"They were a lot of fun and they really worked well togeth-

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Before long, he was working the top regular season high school games and would move on to officiate at the sectional, regional and state tournament level.

Duffy also met with similar success on the football

field where he spent 34 years as a member of the Ohio Valley Board of Approved Football Officials.

Now retired, he remains an active member of the Wheeling Elks Club and donates much of his time to the childrens sporting activities sponsored by the organization.

When not working with the kids, Duffy spends his leisure time with his wife of 52 years, Eileen Templin

> CHUCK BLUE Tom Ratalczak

A graduate of Dana (Ind.) High School and Indiana State University, Blue has served as the boys' basket-

ball clock operator and announcer at River High

School for the past 26 seasons.

He's also performed similar duties for the girls' basketball program over the past 16 years and the past 13 River High freshman teams.

In addition, Blue has been the scorekeeper for the 7th-8th Grade Tournament for the past 18 years and has worked on the River High football chain gang for 26 seasons.

Blue was selected by the OHSAA Board of Control as a finalist for the prestiglous honorary scorekeeper award at the 1997 state boys' basketball tournament and was River High School's 2000 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

Retired from Ormet after 35 years as an information services supervisor, Blue resides in Sardis with his

They have been married for 41 years and have three grown children and four grandchildren.

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West Virginia 104, Ohio 91

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5, Tomlan 2-5 0-0 5, Bradshaw 0-1 0-2 0.
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3-Point Goals-Vossen 4, Eckleberry 2,
Costello, Luzader, Blacker; Schockling 2,
Magistro, Tomlan.

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Sports Saturday

OVAC boys basketball contest tips today

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Writer

The best of the best will be at Ohio University Eastern's Ney Center this afternoon.

Ohio Valley Athletic The Conference's 12th annual Samuel A. Mumley Memorial OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic will be held today with the girls game tipping at 12:30 p.m. The boys game is slated for a 3 p.m. start.

The Ohio boys have had a noticable edge in past OVAC contests and Buckeye head coach Mark Masloski is hoping that trend continues.

We have talked about who has had the advantage in the past," Masloski said. "But we have also told the kids to ignore that because all-star games come down to who's hot and who's not normally."

The Ohio squad has been able to get together for four practices since the media night, which was held March 17.

We have had real good turnouts all four of the practices," Masloski relayed. "It's really been a lot of fun for me and I think the kids are really enjoying it too."

The practices have been a rather relaxed atmosphere, with the coaching staff, which includes Bridgeport's John

Visser and Union Local's Mike Podlasiak, putting in a rather basic offense and stressing defense.

"We definitely don't want a game where we play in the 60s," Masloski said. We have put in a pretty basic motion offense, but there are a lot of things we will be able to do off that.

"We want the kids to be able to use their talents and skills in the offense, so we hope to get an up-tempo game,' Masloski mentioned.

Since the practices for all-star games are limited, there are often times problems with chemistry, but Masloski doesn't forsee any of those problems for the Buckeyes.

We are really happy with how the kids have gelled together," Masloski said. "They have gotten to know each other well and really seem to like each other, so hopefully that carries over to the

The Ohio squad features size, quickness, depth, athleticism and true scoring

"We are really a nice sized team," Masloski noted. "We have about six players who are legitimate post players and we have some really nice guards to complement those inside players.

The inside players consist of Fort Frye's Heath Allen (6-ft-9); Wellsville's Jared Mike (6-ft-7); Martins Ferry's Lance Mirich (6-ft-5) and Beaver Local's Derrick Smith (6-ft-8).

The Ohio guard corp is definitely no slouch. Cambridge's Brandon Todd -- a two-time

all-Ohioan -- leads the list with his 5-ft-8 frame. He is joined in the backcourt by Beallsville's Zac Burkhart (5-ft-7); Meadowbrook's TJ Mitchell (6-ft-2); Monroe Central's Derek Zwick (5-ft-11); St. John Central's Kevin Knox (6-ft-3);

St. Clairsville's Sam Kraly (6-ft-3) and Steubenville's Brian Pruitt (6-ft-

Union Local's dynamic duo of Justin Schafer and Anthony Scarnecchia who combined to score over 3,000 points during their four-year stay in Morristown provide the Ohio squad with versatility. Both players can score inside or outside.

East Liverpool's Roosevelt Kirby also have the ability to score on the perimeter and on the block.

"I have been impressed with a lot of

these players," Masloski said.
"I didn't have the opportunity to see some of them play during the season, but I can see why they were chosen for this

The Ohio staff is not looking for a true starting lineup. There will be one group, which starts the game, but the Buckeyes are looking toward having three starting

"We have three groups of starters," Masloski said. "We want to get some size on three groups and we want to be equally good in each group and I can speak for the other coaches when I say I think we can do that.'

The West Virginia roster looks like this: Pierre Currenton (Weir); Kyle Scherich (Brooke); Charles Thomas (Wheeling Park); Robby Jones (Tyler); Brad Paulaukas (Oak Glen); Derek Kocher (Magnolia); Chris Blair (Weir Madonna); James Wallace (Linsly); Mike (Bishop Donahue); Kuca David Contraguerro (Wheeling Central); Jeff Bowers (Paden City); Logan Wendt (Cameron); Nick Stefanow (Wheeling Park); Chris Stephens (Wheeling Central); Aaron Wargo (Brooke).

Ohio OVAC Boys/Girls Capsules

BOYS

ZAC BURKHART, Bealtsville -- Height:
-5-tr-7; Points per game (senior year): 14.5;
Career Points: 700; Free throw percentage: 65 percent; Rebounds per game (senior year): 4.0; Honora: District 12 All-Star Game, Academic All-Ohio (golf); Times Leader Golfer of the Year; Plans: To attend Muskingum College; Parents: Don and Cindy Burkhart.

BRANDON TODD, Cambridge -- Height: 5-ft-8; Points per game (senior year): 21.4; Career Points: 1447; Free Throw Percentage (senior year): 65 per-

Throw Percentage (senior year): 65 per-cent; Career Rebounds: 233; Career Assists: 258; Honors: All-Ohio First Team (02 and 03); Eastern District Player of the Year (02, 03); ECOL Player of the Year (02); Plans: Attend college and play bas-kelbail; Parents: Tamara Todd. ROOSEVELT KIRBY, East Liverpool —

ROOSEVELT KIRBY, East Liverpool — Height: 6-ft-4; Points per game (senior year): 14.1; Career Points 718; Free Throw Percentage (senior year): 67 percent; Career Rebounds: 414; Career Assists: 190; Honors: Co-Captain of team, Second Team All-Eastern District, District 5 all-star game; Plans: Attend College; Parents: Tina Kirby, CALEB MEYER, Edison — Height: 6-ft-0: Points per game (senior year): 16.2:

0; Points per game (senior year): 16.2; Career Points: 612; Free-Throw Percentage: 69.2; Career rebounds: 310; Career assists: 195; Honors: First Team all-Eastern District; Eastern District All-Star; Plans: Undecided; Parents: Dave and Linda Meyer.

HEATH ALLEN, Fort Frye — Height: 6-

ft-9; Points per game (senior year): 16.9; Career Points: 621; Free-Throw Percentage: 60 percent; Career Rebounds: 390; Career Assists: 76; Honors: First-Team District 12 (02, 03); Honorable Mention all-Ohlo (02, 03); Honorable Menti Plans: Attend college and play basketball; shem

LANCE MIRICH, Martins Ferry --Height: 6-ft-5; Points per game: 14.2; Career points: 619; Free-throw percentage: 71 percent; Career Rebounds: 511; Career Assists: 284; Honors: District 12 All-Star Classic, First-Team Eastern District (02), Special Mention all-Ohio Division III (02); Pland: Attend Ohio University-Eastern; Parents: Ed and Debble Mirich.
TJ MITCHELL, Meadowbrook -Height: 6-ft-2; Points per game (senior
year): 17.0; Career Points: 525; FreeThrow Percentage: 82 percent; Career
rebounds: 116; Career assists: 145;
Honors: First-Team All-Eastern District,
First-Team all-OVAC, First-Team allEOCL; Plans: Attend College and major in
engineering; Parents: Tim and Vickl
Mitchell.

DEREK ZWICK, Monroe Central - Height: DEREK ZWICK, Monroe Central – Height: 5-ti-11; Points per game: 10.5; Career Points: 791; Free-Throw Percentage: 72 percent; Career rebounds: 177; Career Assists: 205; Honors: Four-Year letterman; District 12 all-star; Second-Team Eastern District; Plans: Attend college and major in education; Parents: Roger and Dar Zwick.

SAM KRALY St. Clairsville – Height:

Dar Zwick.
SAM KRALY, St. Clairsville - Height:
6-ft-3; Points per game (senior year): 17.5;
Career Points: 947; Free-Throw
Percentage: 75 percent; Career rebounds:
947; Career Assists: 154; Honors: AllOVAC (01, 02, 03), All-District (01, 02, 03);
four-year letterman, District 12 All-Star
Classic; Plans: Attend College and major
in business/pre-law; Parents: Sam and
Backy Kraly.

In business/pre-law; Parents: Sam and Becky Kraly,
KEVIN KNOX, St. John Central -Height: 6-ft-3; Points per game (senior year): 17.0; Career Points: 638; FreeThrow Percentage: 65 percent; Career rebounds: 260; Career assists: 156; Honors: First-Team Eastern District, District 12 All-Star Game, Wheeling Shoot-out all-tournament team; Plans: Attend Ohio State and maker in engineer-Attend Ohio State and major in engineer-ing; Parents: Kenneth and Pamela Knox. BRIAN PRUITT, Steubenville -- Height:

BHIAN PHUTT, Stellberwite - Reignis.
6-tt-0; Points per game (senior year): 12.0;
Career Points: 307; Free-Throw
Percentage: 75 percent; Career rebounds:
115; Career Assists: 45; Honors:
Honorable Mention District 5, Team
Captain; Plans: Attend College; Parents:
Plans and Loretts Puilt Brian and Loretta Pruitt.

Brian and Loretta Pruitt.

ANTHONY SCARNECCHIA, Union Local — Height: 6-ft-4; Points per game (senior year): 20.5; Career Points: 1,635; Free-Throw Percentage: 67 percent; Career Rebounds: 877; Honors: Union Local High's All-Time leading scorer, First-Team All-OVAC, Honorable Mention All-Ohio; Plans: Attend college to major in sports medicine and play basketball: sports medicine and play basketball;

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Parents: Al and Kim Scarnecchia.

JUSTIN SCHAFER, Union Local -Height: 6-ft-4; Points per game (senior year): 22.5; Career Points: 1,494; Freeyear): 22.5; Career Points: 1,494; Free-Throw Percentage: 70 percent; Career rebounds: 679; Career Assists: 370; Honors: First-Team All-Eastern District (02, 03), Honorable Mention All-Ohio (02); Second-Team all-Ohio (03); District 12 Player of the Year (03); North-South All-Star Game, All-OVAC; Plans: Attend col-lege; Parents: Dave and Teresa Schafer. JARED MIKE. Wellsville — Heinht: 6-ft-

JARED MIKE. Wellsville - Height: 6-ft-JARED MIKE, Wellsville -- Height: 6-ft-7; Points per game: 20.6; Career Points: 916; Free-throw percentage 72 percent; Career rebounds: 685; Career Assists: 151; Honors: District 5 Player of the Year (02, 03); First-Team Eastern District (02, 03); First-Team all-Ohlo (03); First-Team All-OVAC (03); Plans: Attend college; Parents: Glenda Eddie Mike.

GIRLS

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KRISTINA TOMLAN, Bellaire -- Height: 5-tt-5; Points per game (senlor year): 18.7; Career Points: 968; Free-Throw Percentage: 60 percent; Career rebounds: 277; Career assists: 57; Honors: OVAC Honorable Mention (01, 02); First-Team Alf-OVAC (03), Eastern District Special Mention (01, 02); First-Team all-District (03); District 12 all-star game; all-Valley Big School second Team; Plans: Undecided; Parents: Joe and Rachel Tomlan.

MARLA BROKAW, Buckeye Local --Height: 5-ft-10; Points per game (senior year): 15.5; Career points: 610; Free-Throw Percentaga: 64 percent; Career rebounds: 616; Career Assists: 72; Plans: Undecided; Parents: Bill and Christine Brokaw. KATIE BRADSHAW, Buckeye Trail --

Height: 5-ft-8; Points per game (senior year): 10.0; Career points: 296; Free-throw percentage: 60 percent; Career throw percentage: 60 percent; Career rebounds: 298; Career Assists: 89; Honors: First-Team District 12 (02, 03); OVAC Honorable Mention; Plans: Attend college; Parents: Jim and Sharon

KIM SCHOCKLING, Caldwell -- Height: 5-ft-4; Points per game (senior year): 15.9; Career points: 1,246; Career steals: 401; Assists per game: 4.1; Honors: Second-Team all-Onlo (02), First-Team District 12 (03), First-Team All-OVAC (03); Plans:

Attend college and major in nursing; Parents: Art and Debble Schockling. EMILY REED, Edison — Height: 6-ft-1; Points per game: 14.0; Career points: 620; Free-throw percentage: 76 percent; Career rebounds: 600; Career assists: 100; Honors: Honorable Mention OVAC and District (02): Ohio High School and District (02); Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association Silver Scholar Award (02); Second-Team District 5 (03); Plans: attend Wheeling Jesult University and play basketball; Parents: Mark and Rim Reed. JESSICA SHEPHERD, Edison --

JESSICA SHEPHERD, Edison -Helght: 6-ft-0; Points per game (senior
year): 17.3; Career points: 780; Freethrow percentage: 78 percent; Career
rebounds: 475; career assists: 120;
Honors: First-Team District 5 Coaches
(03), OVAC All-Star; Herald-Star Athlete of
the Week; Plans: Attend Ohlo State
University; Parents: Robert and Catherine
Shepherd.

JINDSAY COVNE Martins Ferry

Shepherd.
LINDSAY COYNE, Martins Ferry —
Height: 5-ft-8; Points per game (senior year): 18.7; Career points: 1,376; Freethrow percentage: 70 percent; Career rebounds: 451; career assists: 360; Honors: First-Team All-Ohio (03); Eastern Chickel Player of the Veer (13) Sepond. Honors: First-I earn All-Ohlo (03); Eastern District Player of the Year (03), Second-Team all-Ohlo (02); All-OVAC; Plans: Attend college and play basketball; Parents: Wayne and kim Ogilbee and the late Chris Coyne.

LINDSEY ROMICK, River — Height: 5-

ft-8; Points per game (senior year): 16.9; Career points: 615; Free-throw percentage: 68 percent; Career rebounds: 370; career assists: 188; Honora: First-Team District 12 (02, 03); District 12 All-Star; Plans: Attend James Madison University and play softball; Parents: Mark and Debby Romick. LESLIE ANN MASSEY, St. Clairsville

LESLIE ANN MASSEY, St. Clairsville - Height: 5-ft-10; Points per garne: 15.2; Career points: 860; Career rebounds; 187; Career assists: 212; Honors: Times Leader basketball team (02, 03); MIP Award for Basketball (02); all-OVA Academic Team; Plans: Attend Elon College in North Carolina; Parents: Greg and Jante Massey.

BETHANY STRANGES, St. Clairsville - Height: 6-ft-3; Points per game (senior

- Height: 6-ft-3; Points per game (senior year): 20.0; Career Points: 1,100; Free-throw percentage: 72 percent; Rebounds (senior year): 326; Honors: Four-year

Honor roll student, All-OVAC (02: Adidas All-American Camp Invitee; Plans: Attend North Carolina-Wilmlington and play bas-

ketball; Parents: Trina Stranges. JONNI JO MAGISTRO, St. John Central – Height: 5-ft-6; Points per game (senior year): 13.5; Career Points: 525; Free-throw percentage: 57 percent; Career Assists: 311; Honors: First-Team District 12, Special Mention all-Eastern District, Special mention all-Valley; Plans: Attend College; Parents: Jerry and Cathy Magistro. TRISTIN MIRACLE, Shadyside --

TRISTIN MIRACLE, Shadysde --Helght: 5-ft-6; Points per game (senior year): 13.5; Career points: 1,050; Free-throw percentage: 65 percent; Career rebounds: 235; Career Assists: 328; Honors: Honorable Mention Alf-Ohlo (02); Second-Team all-Ohlo (03); First-Team all-OVAC (02, 03); First-Team Eastern District (03); Plans: Attend college and play haskethall: Parents: Mike and Lynn play basketball; Parents: Mike and Lynn Miracle. JENNA JOHNSON, Shadvside --

Height: 6-ft-0; Points per game (senior year): 14.3; Career Points: 1,205; Free-throw percentage: 60 percent; Career rebounds: 670; Career assists: 127; Honors: First-Team all-Ohio (03); Ohio Division IV co-Player of the Year (03); Eastern District Division IV Player of the Year (04); Second Team all Ohio (05); Ohio Division IV Player of the Year (05); Second Team all Ohio (05); Ohio Height (05); Second Team all Ohio (05);

Eastern District Division IV Player of the Year (03); Second-Team all-Ohio (02); All-OVAC; Plans: Attend College; Parents: Jay and Lynne Johnson.

MARCELLA HYTHON, Steubenville -- Height: 5-fl-7; Points per game (senior year): 20.4; Career points: 1,322; Free-throw percentage: 74 percent; Career rebounds: 317; Career assists: 184; Honors: Third team all-Ohio (02); All-Eastern District (02, 03); Who's Who in High School Sports; Plans: Attend college and play basketball; Parents: Brawson and Kim Hython.

ERIN TAYLOR, Union Local -- Height: 5-fl-4; Points per game: 10.0; Career

5-ft-4; Points per game: 10.0; Career Points: 356; Free-throw percentage: 70 percent; Career assists: 282; Honors: Three-year lotterman and captain, Special Mention Eastern District, OVAC and District 12 All-Star; Plans: Attend Ohio University-Eastern; Parents: Kim Rinkes and Dave Taylor.

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n't return his capsule to OVAC game offi-

Nese to receive Saffield Award

Richard Saffield Girl's Coaching honoree has made quite a list of accomplishments for himself.

OVAC All-Star Basketball game will be John Nese.

Nese began coaching in 1960 at Follansbee St. Anthony's, where he captured the Class B state title with a 17-5 record in his first year. From 1961-

1963, Nese held a position at East Pittsburgh High School in Pennsylvania, where he worked as an assistant in both basketball and baseball.

moved on to Steubenville Central Catholic High School, taking jobs in both the basketball and baseball programs.

During a 10-year span as the Crusader coach, Nese compiled a record of 121-87, winning three sectional and district titles, while collecting the OVAC AAA championship in 1973.

His 22-2 record in that year still stands as the school's best.

Other honors Nese received during the decade were: Eastern Ohio Basketball Coach of the Year('71), Eastern District AA Coach of the Year('71), District 5 Coach of the Year ('73), Dapper Dan Achievement Award ('73), Co-Coach of the United States All Stars ('73).

The Crusader baseball team was no slouch between 1963-73 either.

Central racked up a record of children.

This year's Samuel Mumley 197-77 during that span, win-OVAC Basketball Classic ning seven sectionals, five district and one regional title.

The Crusaders were state runner-up in 1965 losing 4-0 to Receiving the honor at the Shaker Heights in the title game.

His team in 1974 still holds the school record, 24-4.

In 1987, Nese returned to the coaching ranks, again at Steubenville Central, compiling a record of 56-10 in three years.

He won two sectional championships and two OVAC titles, while also earning the school record for wins, 21-2.

His final stab at coaching came during the 2000-2001 sea-From East Pittsburgh, he son at Indian Creek High School, where he guided the Lady 'Skins to a 4-17 record.

Nese graduated from East Pittsburgh High in 1956, where he was co-captain of the Class B Pennsylvania State Basketball runner-ups. He was a three-year letterwinner.

In 1960, he graduated from the College of Steubenville, where he was a four-year letterwinner.

He was a member of the number one-ranked small college team in the country (1957-58), where they finished with a 24-1 record. He was co-captain his senior year.

For the past eight years, he has been a guidance counselor at Indian Creek High School.

Nese lives with his wife of 42 years, Marlene, and is the parent of four children and seven grand-

Rosters released for '03 **OVAC All-Star Classic**

The 2003 OVAC Samuel A. Mumley All-Star Classic rosters have been announced.

The games will be held at Ohio University Eastern's Ney Center on Saturday, March 29. The girls' game will be played at 12:40 p.m., with the boys game follwing shortly after around 3 p.m.

The following girls have been chosen to represent Ohio: Bethany Stranges and Leslie Ann Massey (St. Clairsville); Lindsay Coyne (Martins Ferry); Emily Reed and Jessica Shepard (Edison); Kraly (St. Clairsville); Lance Mirich (Martins Kim Shockling (Caldwell); Lindsay Romick (River); Marcella Hython (Steubenville); Jenna Johnson and Tristin Miracle (Shadyside); Jonni Jo Magistro (St. John Central); Erin Taylor (Union Local); Marla Browkaw (Buckeye Local); Kristina

Tomlan (Bellaire) and Katie Bradshaw (Buckeye Trail). The head coach for the Ohio girls' will be Caldwell's Tad Secrest, while his assistant will be Ron Smyth (Edison) and

Mickey Blatnik (St. Clairsville). On the West Virginia side will be: Jenna Frankenfield and Mandy DiPasquale (Brooke); Lisa Costello (Weir); Stephanie Luzader and Sherele Vossen (John Marshall); Kathleen Gilligan and Lyndsey Ammirante (Wheeling Central); Jenna Eckleberry (Oak Glen); Anna Meckley (Tyler); Kara Blacker (Linsly); Cagney Lauderman (Paden City); Chantel Wujtow and Amanda Gordon (Weirton Madonna); Jessica Howell (Magnolia), Mallory Zearott (Bishop

Donahue) and Julie Gompers (Wheeling Park).

The head coach for the Blue and Gold will be Penn Kurtz of state runner-up Wheeling Central, while Stan Blankenship (JM) and John Weber (OG) will be his assistants.

IN THE BOYS' GAME, for Ohio will be: Brandon Todd (Cambridge); Brian Pruitt (Steubenville); Justin Schafer and Anthony Scarnecchia (Union Local); Heath Allen (Fort Frye); Jared Mike (Wellsville); Kevin Knox (St. John Central); Zac Burkhart (Bealisville); Sam

> Ferry); Derek Smith (Beaver Local); Caleb Myer (Edison); Roosevelt Kirby (East Liverpool); T.J. Mitchell (Meadowbrook) and Derek Zwick (Monroe Central).

The head coach for the Buckeyes will be Mark Masloski of Steubenville. His two assistants will be John Visser of Bridgeport and Mike Podlasiak of Union Local.

For the Mountaineers will be: Pierre Currenton (Weirton); Kyle Scherich and Aaron Wargo (Brooke); Charles Thomas and Nick Stefanow (Wheeling Park); Robby Jones (Tyler Consolidated); Brad Paulaukas (Oak Glen); Derek Kocher (Magnolia); Chris Blair (Weirton Madonna); James Wallace (Linsly); Mike Kuca (Bishop Donahue); David Contraguerro and Chris Stephens (Wheeling Central); Jeff Bowers (Paden City) and Logan Wendt (Cameron).

The head coach for the Mountain State will be Mike Granato of Weirton, assisted by Tom Wise of Bishop Donahue and Mark Dodd of Linsly.

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River's Blue to receive **OVAC Rataiczak Award**

This year's Tom Rataiczak Scorer-Timer Award winner is Chuck Blue of River High School.

He will be honored Saturday during the OVAC's Samuel Mumley Basketball Classic at Ohio University Eastern.

Blue has been the boys' clock operator and announcer for the for the girls' team the past 16 years, freshman boys 13 years, and Sardis Grade School for eight years.

He has also been the seventh and eighth grade basketball tournament scorekeeper for the last 18 years, and also was the clock operator/announcer for the 1985 and 1990 Division III Boys Sectional Tournament, as well as the Division III Girls Sectional Tournament in 1993 and 1994.

He was been selected by the OHSAA Board of Control as a finalist for the Honorary



Scorekeeper at the 1997 High School State Basketball Tournament.

Blue was also the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award at River High School in 2000.

During his tenure at the school, Blue has worked for the likes of Marty Flannery, Terry Snively, Tom Tisher, R.L. Potts, Lou Tolzda, Mark Romick and Charlie Thomas.

Blue is a graduate of Dana High School and is also an alumni of Indiana State University.

Chuck enjoys watching his son, Tim, and OVAC official for basketball and baseball, officiate through Ohio and West Virginia. He also enjoys playing with his two young grandsons and watching the two older ones play soccer, basketball and baseball.

He is retired from Ormet after 35 years of service, where he was an information services supervisor, but enjoys substitute teaching in the Switzerland of Ohio School District. He also works part-time at Grisell Funeral Homes.

Blue has been married to the former Roberta Collins for the past 41 years.

They reside in Sardis and have three grown children, Trudy, Tim and Rob. Their four grandsons are: Davey, Matt, A.C. and Parker.