

Buckeye Boys Hammer West Virginia

Shadyside's Luckhardt scores 16 points to lead a balanced Ohio scoring effort

By TRACY WATSON
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Ohio tried to turn the 14th annual Sam Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic into a track meet Saturday afternoon at the Ney Center on the campus of Ohio University Eastern.

Unfortunately for West Virginia, the Mountaineers could not keep up as the Buckeyes broke the tape well ahead of their cross-river rivals.

Shadyside All-Ohio point guard Steve Luckhardt paced five double-figure scorers with 16 points and hot-shooting Ohio used a whopping 67-29 rebounding margin to pull away as the Buckeyes rolled to a convincing 117-62 victory in front of a large crowd in Flushing.

It was definitely an all around team victory for head coach Donnie Madzia's squad as the Harrison Central mentor watched eight players score at least eight points and had nine with five or more rebounds in the contest.

After Ohio jumped to a quick 7-2 lead, Weir High's Mike Granato saw his team knot the score on a triple and a hoop from Tyler Morando, fresh off of helping to guide his Wheeling Central squad to a fourth consecutive W.Va. Class A crown.

But that would be the closest the Mountaineers would get in the game as Luckhardt and River's Ryne Romick would pace an 11-0 spurt that would put the hosts in control for good. That run would eventually turn into a 23-4 rally with Ohio pulling out to a 30-11 advantage.

The Buckeyes would led by 27 on three separate occasions in the first half, including 51-



Photo by Scott McCloskey

Ohio's Chase Groves of Buckeye Local (14) puts up a shot as West Virginia's Chris Baldauf (53) of Brooke defends during Saturday's OVAC All-Star game at the Ney Center.

24 at the break on a pair of free throws from Martins Ferry standout Ryan Church.

And while the game was already all but decided at the break, Ohio would run off the initial 10 points of the second half to move the lead to 61-24. The biggest lead of the game would come at 113-57 with just 2:00 showing on the clock.

Buckeye Local's Chase Groves backed Luckhardt with 14 points and eight rebounds while Church, East Liverpool All-Ohioian Brian Kreefer and Beallsville's Casey Tolzda dumped in 10 points apiece. Romick, Cambridge's Pat Byrne and Buckeye's Sean Call all had eight.

Every Ohio player scored at

least four points and pulled in at least two rebounds while Kreefer completed the double-double with 10 caroms.

The Buckeyes sizzled from the field, hitting 54-of-100 attempts, including 31-of-54 in the second half. Meanwhile, the Mountaineers were a mere 25-of-88 and had only one double-figure scorer with Morando finishing with 12 tallies.

Ohio also put together eight runs of at least seven points or more, including five double-figure runs.

Wheeling Park teammates Derek Syrylo and E.J. Schramm finished with eight and seven points, respectively.

West Virginia also turned the ball over 18 times to 14 for the designated hosts.

During halftime festivities, Frontier's Daun Lutes won the slam dunk competition with an acrobatic performance.

River's Romick sat in a chair under the front of the rim and tossed the ball upwards as Lutes came soaring overtop of him.

Lutes' third and final dunk was enough to edge Meadowbrook's Brad Mitchell for first place.

14th Annual Sam Mumley
OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic

Boys
Ohio 117, West Virginia 62
W — Syrylo 3-7 0-0 8; Morando 5-8 0-0 12; DeCaria 1-7 0-0 2; Novick 1-7 0-0 2; Rine 2-5 0-0 4; Wable 3-7 0-0 6; Shumake 1-3 0-0 2; Santik 1-6 0-0 3; Coe 1-6 0-0 2; Tallman 0-2 2-4 2; Sapp 0-1 0-0 0; Montie 1-11 1-2 3; Amedro 2-7 1-1 5; Schramm 2-6 2-2 7; Baldauf 2-5 0-0 4. Totals: 25-88 6-9 62.
O — Romick 3-8 2-3 8; Luckhardt 8-10 0-0 16; Church 5-8 0-3 10; Vincenzo 2-5 0-0 5; Groves 6-14 0-0 14; Lutes 3-5 0-0 6; Mitchell 3-4 0-0 7; Byrne 4-6 0-0 8; Call 4-7 0-0 8; Stephens 2-2 0-0 4; Kreefer 5-15 0-0 10; Bettinger 1-4 2-2 4; Hudson 3-4 0-0 7; Tolzda 5-8 0-0 10. Totals: 64-100 4-8 117.
Halftime: Ohio 51, West Virginia 24. 3-Pt. Goals: Syrylo 2, Morando 2, Santik, Schramm; Groves 2, Vincenzo, Mitchell, Hudson.

Youel Ignites for Ohio

Meadowbrook senior cans eight treys in win

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Facing a tall and talented West Virginia squad, Ohio entered Saturday's 14th annual Sam Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic with a rare underdog tag.

However, led by Meadowbrook's Tiffany Youel and Shadyside's Shayla Holenka, the streaky Buckeyes proved they were highly underrated.

Youel dropped in eight three-pointers and scored 25 points while Holenka kicked in with 17 tallies as Ohio erased an 11-point second half deficit to record an entertaining 85-79 victory over the Mountaineers at the Ney Center on the campus of Ohio University Eastern.

Buckeye head coach Kevin Barr of Steubenville Central watched his team struggle out of the gate as West Virginia shot to a 12-3 lead just 3:42 in with Wheeling Central all-stater Kayleen Fitzsimmons scoring five early points.

The Mountaineers would extend their advantage to 23-12 at the 8:49 mark of the first half before Ohio, led by seven points from the "Byesville bomber", would go on a 15-0 run to claim the lead for the first time at 27-23.

That lead would be short-lived, however, as West Virginia would close strong and take a 39-33 upperhand into the intermission.

Less than two minutes into the second half, coach Nikki Hardman of W.Va. Class AA state champion Magnolia watched her team's lead grow to 46-35 as it appeared the blue-and-gold were getting ready to put the designated hosts away for good.

But again, facing adversity and a double-figure deficit, Holenka and Youel would take command and bring the Buckeyes back. This time it would be a 15-2

Ohio rally that would push Ohio back into the driver's seat.

Holenka would score six to help cut the margin to 48-44 before back-to-back triples from Youel would give the Buckeyes a 50-48 advantage with 15:57 showing. The Ohio run also peeled just 2:39 off the clock.

West Virginia's final lead of the contest would come at 54-52 on a hoop by John Marshall's Megan Gouldsberry at 12:58. Ohio's biggest spread of the afternoon would be 84-74 with 36 seconds showing on a pair of Rachel Cruz charity tosses.

While Youel and Holenka would combine for 42 for the winners, Shenandoah's Cruz would add nine, and Bellaire's Nikki Driscoll and Edison's Lauren Flood would evenly divide 16 for Ohio.

Youel and Holenka would combine to hit 11-of-15 shots in the second half alone, with all five of Youel's hoops coming from beyond the arc.

Fitzsimmons tallied a team-high 15 for the Mountaineers with Tyler Consolidated's Lyncee Perkey finishing with 14 points, six rebounds and three blocked shots. Mount de Chantal's Chantelle Handy, who will attend Marshall, added 11 while Mountain Lion teammate, and University of Pittsburgh recruit, Sylvie Tafen had seven points and 10 rebounds.

Defensively, Ohio did an outstanding job shutting down a pair of West Virginia first team all-staters in Magnolia's Allison Rothlisberger and Valley's Heather Brown as the two combined for just seven points.

West Virginia grabbed a 45-40 edge off the glass and committed just 13 turnovers to 23 for Ohio. However, the Buckeyes were a solid 31-of-70 from the floor while the Mountaineers canned just 28-of-87.

Fitzsimmons also claimed the



Photo by Scott McCloskey

Ohio's Shayla Holenka (14) of Shadyside drives the lane during her team's game against West Virginia Saturday.

3-point shootout crown during halftime festivities while Bellaire St. John's Annie Wiater and Magnolia's Katie Blatt were the girls' scholarship winners.

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OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic

Girls
Ohio 85, West Virginia 79
W — Rothlisberger 2-5 1-2 5; Fitzsimmons 4-13 4-4 15; Tafen 3-9 1-2 7; Brown 1-2 0-0 2; Bullock 3-5 0-0 6; Gouldsberry 0-2 1-2 1; Hartley 0-2 0-0 0; Bowers 1-2 0-0 3; Blatt 1-5 3-4 6; Perkey 5-8 1-2 14; Reisinger 1-1 0-0 2; Handy 5-14 1-2 11; Swiger 1-5 0-0 2; Hobbs 0-10 2-2 2; McCormick 1-4 1-2 3. Totals: 28-87 15-22 79.
O — Holenka 8-12 0-0 17; Youel 8-13 1-2 25; Miller 0-2 3-4 3; Driscoll 4-9 0-0 8; Cruz 3-6 3-4 9; Ankrum 0-1 1-2 1; Wiater 0-2 0-0 0; Moore 2-7 1-3 6; Clause 1-5 1-3 3; Agnew 1-4 0-0 3; Flood 3-6 2-2 8; Swan 1-3 0-0 2; Rose 0-0 0-0 0; Hodgkinson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 31-70 12-20 85.
Halftime: West Virginia 39, Ohio 33. 3-Pt. Goals: Fitzsimmons 3, Perkey 3, Bowers, Blatt; Youel 8, Holenka, Moore, Agnew.

Ohio sweeps in OVAC All-Star Classic

Youel's three-point barrage keys girls' 85-79 win; Buckeye boys romp, 117-62

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Meadowbrook High's Tiffany Youel stole the show with a sizzling three-point shooting display in the girls' game while the boys' contest proved to be a serious mismatch at the annual Samuel A. Mummy Memorial/Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-star Basketball Classic at Ohio University-Eastern's Ney Center on Saturday.

Youel delighted the crowd with no less than eight long-range connections to lead the Ohio girls to a come-from-behind 85-79 victory before the Buckeye boys were never challenged in a 117-62 romp which completed the all-star sweep.

In the girls' game, West Virginia got off to a solid start with a 12-3 lead and were still in front by double-digits, 23-12, at the 10:35 mark.

Ohio put together an 11-point run, however, sparked by two Youel "triples" and a pair of goals from Edison's Lauren Flood to forge a 23-23 deadlock at the 5:00 mark. The Mountain State squad closed the half with a 16-10 spurt to move in front, 39-33, at the intermission.

The lead moved to 46-35 early in the second half, but a 15-2 run by Ohio, capped by consecutive "threes" from Youel, gave the Lady Buckeyes a 50-48 upperhand with 15:01 remaining. The action see-sawed over the next 10 minutes, with Ohio leading 66-65 when Youel again stepped up with two long-range daggers to extend the lead to 74-65 with 3:05 left.

West Virginia clawed back within four, 76-72, with 1:30 left on a three-pointer by Magnolia's Katie Blatt but that was as close as the Lady

Mountaineers would get.

Youel finished 8-of-12 from beyond the arc (8-of-13 overall) and took game scoring honors with 25 points. She also contributed five rebounds and four assists to the winning effort.

Shadyside's Kayla Holenka provided top support with 17 tallies and four rebounds. Shenandoah's Rachel Cruz had a nine-point, four-rebound effort; Edison's Flood collected eight points and six boards; and Bellaire's Nikki Driscoll had eight markers.

Buckeye Trail's Kim Rose chipped in three rebounds and two assists for the winners.

For West Virginia, Wheeling Central's Kayleen Fitzsimmons took team honors with 15 points while Tyler Consolidated's Lyncee Perkey scored 14 and Mount de Chantal's Chantelle Handy netted 11. Sylvie Taffen of The Mount had seven rebounds while Magnolia's Allison Rothlisberger and Wheeling Park's Mandi Swiger each had six.

Ohio connected on 31-of-65 field goal attempts (47.7 percent); hit 11-of-26 from three-point range (42.3 percent) and 12-of-20 at the free throw line (60 percent). West Virginia, meanwhile, was 28-of-82 on action shots (34.1 percent); 8-of-23 on "threes" (34.8 percent); and 15-of-22 at the charity stripe (68.2 percent).

The Buckeyes led off the glass, 51-45, and overcame 23 turnovers, 10 more than the Mountaineers.

In the boys' game, it was all Ohio, all the time including leads of 18-7 with 13 minutes left in the first half and 30-11 at the midway point. It was all but over at the half, with the Buckeyes on top 51-24 and if West Virginia had any thoughts of a comeback, a 22-3 explosion to start the second 20-minute period erased them.

Shadyside's Steve Luckhardt led a quintet of double figure scorers for Ohio with 16 points along with five rebounds and three steals.

Buckeye Local's Chase Groves tallied 14 points, had seven boards and three assists; Martins Ferry's Ryan Church netted 12 counters; East Liverpool's Brian Kreefer had 10 points and eight rebounds; and Beallsville's Casey Tolzda had 10 points and five caroms.

All five local players contributed nicely, with Cambridge's Pat Byrne collecting eight points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals;

Meadowbrook's Brad Mitchell posting seven points and six boards; Barnesville's Colin Hudson scoring seven points and grabbing seven rebounds; Caldwell's Michael Bettinger getting four points and six caroms; and Buckeye Trail's Shane Stephens adding four points and five rebounds.

For the West Virginia boys, Wheeling Central's Tyler Morando was the lone double-digit scorer with 12, with Wheeling Park's Derek Syrylo next in line with eight. Tyler Consolidated's Trent Wable added six points and a team-high five

rebounds.

Ohio ripped the ropes on a 53-of-94 accuracy (56.4 percent); canned 5-of-16 "treys" (31.3 percent) and 6-of-8 at the line (75 percent). West Virginia was a cold 25-of-88 from the floor (28.4 percent); just 6-of-35 on "threes" (17.1 percent) and 6-of-9 at the stripe (66.7 percent).

The Buckeyes had a huge 71-35 rebounding advantage and were charted with 13 turnovers, one less than the Mountaineers.

Halftime activities included a three-point shootout for the girls and a slam dunk contest for the boys.

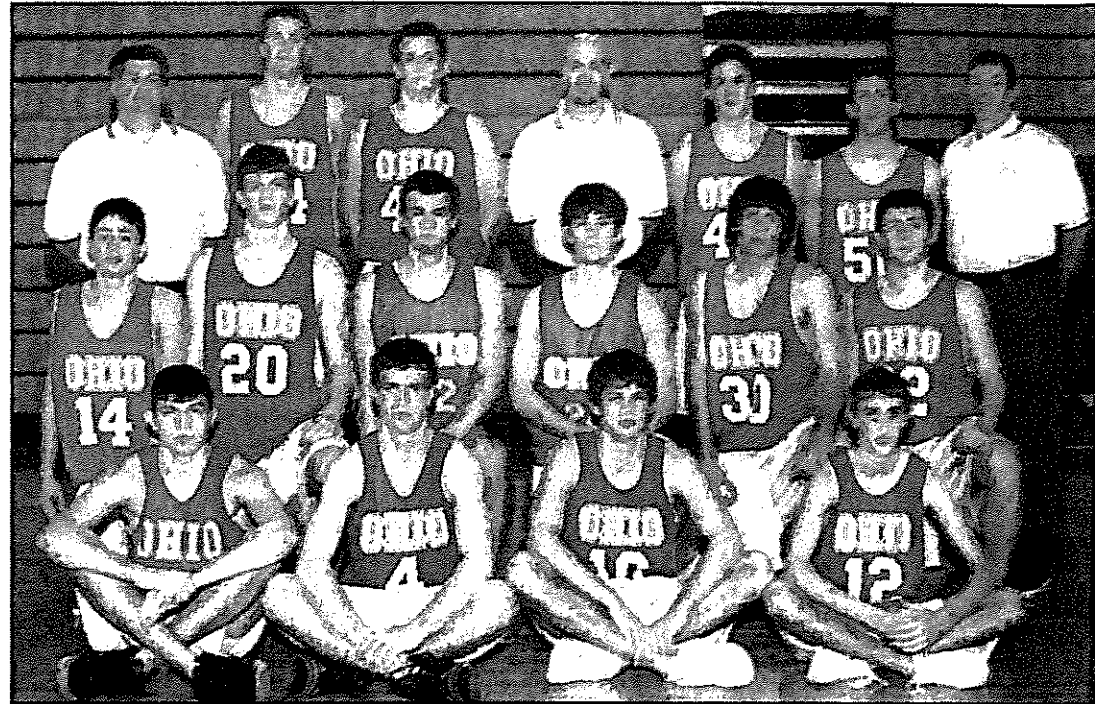
Wheeling Central's Kayleen Fitzsimmons won the three-point event with 17 connections in one minute while Leigh Ann Hobbs of Oak Glen was the runnerup with 14.

In the slam dunk event, Frontier's Daun Lutes posted 86 points over three rounds of dunks to take top honors, with Meadowbrook's Brad Mitchell as the runner-up with 83 points.

Several special awards were presented throughout the afternoon. The recipients included Stanley Blankenship of John Marshall (Rich Saffield Girls' Basketball Coaches Award); Bob Sullivan of Magnolia (Earl Haberfield Boys' Basketball Coaches Award); Plennie Clutter of Wheeling (Robert Dawson Officials' Award); and Bill Pahl of Bridgeport (Thomas E. Rataiczak Scorer/Timer Award).

OVAC scholarship winners were Ryne Romick of River and Michael DeCaria of Weirton Madonna (Henry Laszsz Boys' Scholarships); and Annie Wiater of St. John Central and Katie Blatt of Magnolia (Richard L. Potts Girls' Scholarships).

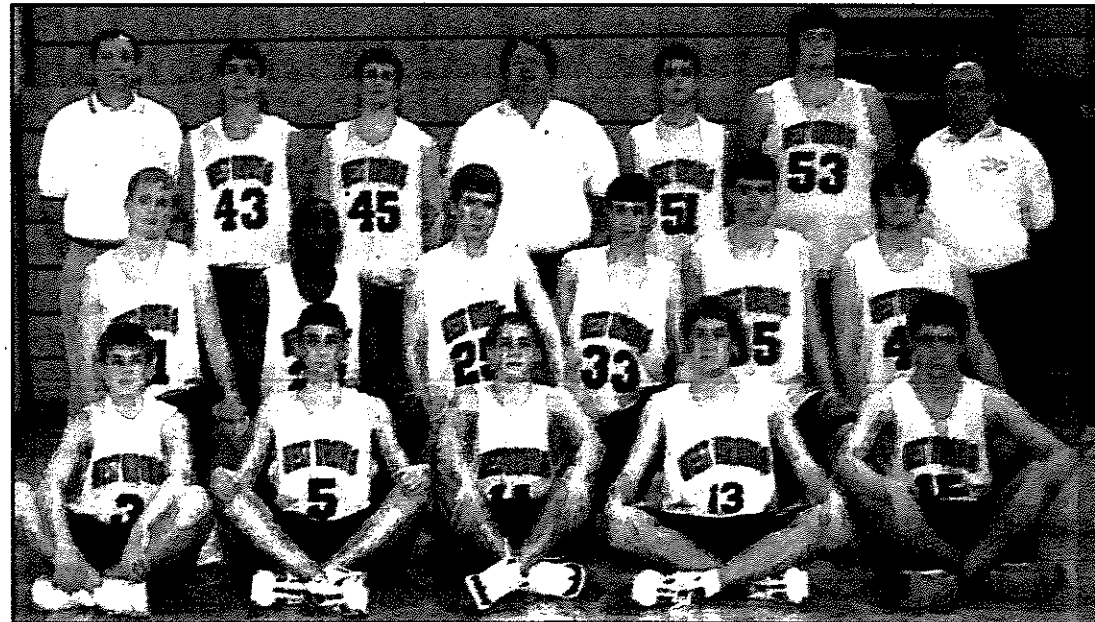




The Ohio boys' team for the annual Samuel A. Mumley Memorial OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic will be, front row 1 to r, Ryne Romick of River, Steve Luckhardt of Shadyside, Ryan Church of Martins Ferry and Adam Vincenzo of St. Clairsville. Second row, Chase Groves of Buckeye Local, Daun Lutes of Frontier, Brad Mitchell of Meadowbrook, Pat Byrne of Cambridge, Sean Call of Buckeye Local and Shane Stephens of Buckeye Trall. Third row, coach Mark Romick of River, Brian Kreefer of East Liverpool, Michael Bettinger of Caldwell, head coach Don Madzia of Harrison Central, Collin Hudson of Barnesville, Casey Tolzda of Beallsville and coach Dave Linn of Buckeye Trall. Absent was Mikel Fisher of Bellaire.



The Ohio girls' team for the Samuel A. Mumley Memorial All-Star Basketball Classic includes, front row 1 to r, Jamie Ankrum of Beallsville, Annie Wiater of St. John Central, Tiffany Youel of Meadowbrook and Shayla Holenka of Shadyside. Second row, Mallory Moore of Toronto, Chelsea Clause of Steubenville Catholic and Lynsey Agney of Martins Ferry. Third row, coach Greg Mitts of Meadowbrook, Lauren Flood of Edlson, Shana Swan of River, head coach Kevin Barr of Steubenville Catholic, Emily Miller of Union Local, Kim Rose of Buckeye Trall and coach Tom Strasser of Buckeye Trall. Absent were Rachel Cruz of Shenandoah, Allison Lawyer of Zanesville, Nikki Driscoll of Bellaire and Julia Hodgkinson of Harrison Central.



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Holenka, Miller to lead Ohio girls' all-stars

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So many options, yet so few spots.

That must have been the quandary surrounding local girls basketball coaches when they tried to select the Ohio All-Star squad.

However, Steubenville Central and Ohio head coach Kevin Barr is quite happy with the team that he has to work with for this Saturday's game.

The annual Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic is slated for 1 p.m. at Ohio University Eastern's Ney Center.

"Some people may think we are underdogs to West Virginia," Ohio head coach Kevin Barr

said. "Well, they had better not tell these girls that because they are going into the game to win. I feel like we have a very strong team with a lot of quality players."

Joining Barr on the bench will be Meadowbrook's Greg Mitts and Buckeye Trail's Tom Strasser.

The Buckeye girls feature some four career 1,000-point scorers.

Leading the list is Union Local guard Emily Miller who scored better than 1,600 points and became the leading scorer in Lady Jets' history this season. She averaged close to 18 points a game for Coach Rick Jones' team.

Miller has been a fixture on all post-season teams thus far, including third-team all-Ohio in Division III.

Shadyside's Shayla Holenka netted 1,342 points and averaged better than 20 points a night this past winter. Holenka was named third-team all-Ohio by the Associated Press.

Meadowbrook's Tiffany Youel had an outstanding career for the Lady Colts recording more than 1,000 points and averaging better than 16 points a game this past season.

Zanesville will be represented in the OVAC All-Star game by Allison Lawyer. The Lady Blue Devils' post player was a major cog in the success of Steve Mercer's team this past season.



She averaged close to 15 points a game.

Martins Ferry guard Lynsey Agnew has been selected to the game. She averaged 13 points a night for Coach Dave Reasbeck's outfit this past season.

Bellaire will be represented in the game by solid point guard Nikki Driscoll. One of the most unheralded Lady Reds averaged 14 points a game for Coach Tube Davis' team this season.

St. John Central's Annie Wiater will be another back-court option for the Lady Buckeye staff. She averaged eight points a night for Coach Bubba Kapral's 13-6 squad.

Harrison Central forward Julia Hodgkinson was selected to the game after a season that was limited due to an early-season injury. Hodgkinson sparked a Lady Huskie surge down the stretch by averaging better than 13 points a night.

Buckeye Trail guard Kim Rose will take part in the game

after a strong four-year career for the Lady Warriors. She averaged close to 12 points a game this past season.

Shenandoah post Rachel Cruz will take part in the game. The 5-ft-10 pivot averaged close to a double-double for Amber Ellison's team and helped lead them to the district tournament.

A trio of Jefferson County players were tabbed for the annual bi-state clash. Edison's Lauren Flood, Toronto's Mallory Moore and Steubenville Central's Chelsea Clause will all take part this weekend.

Beallsville's Jamie Ankrom - who led the Lady Blue Devils in almost every category - will also take part in this Saturday's contest.

Samuel A. Mumley/OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic rosters set

Eight local players, three coaches taking part; games scheduled Saturday at OU-Eastern

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE — With eight players and three coaches among the participants, the annual Samuel A. Mumley/OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic will have a definite local flavor next Saturday at the Ohio University Eastern Ney Center.

Five boys and three girls from area teams are slated to take part in the Ohio vs. West Virginia showcase of senior basketball talent from the conference. The girls' game is slated for a 1 p.m. tip-off while the boys' contest is set to begin at 3:15.

Area boys taking part include Pat Byrne of Cambridge, Brad Mitchell of Meadowbrook, Shane Stephens of Buckeye Trail, Michael Bettinger of Caldwell and Colin Hudson of Barnesville. Local girls on the Ohio roster are Tiffany Youel of Meadowbrook, Kim Rose of Buckeye Trail and Rachel Cruz of Shenandoah.

Serving as assistant coaches from the area are Dave Linn of Buckeye Trail with the Ohio boys'

team and the duo of Greg Mitts of Meadowbrook and Tom Strasser of Buckeye Trail with the girls' squad.

In addition to the five local players, the Ohio boys' roster includes Chase Groves and Sean Call of Buckeye Local, Ryan Church of Martins Ferry, Mikel Fisher of Bellaire, Brian Kreefer of East Liverpool, Steve Luckhardt of Shadyside, Daun Lutes of Frontier, Ryne Romick of River, Casey Tolzda of Beallsville and Adam Vincenzo of St. Clairsville.

Head coach of the Ohio boys' team is Harrison Central's Don Madzia, with Trail's Linn and River's Mark Romick assisting.

Joining the local trio on the Buckeye girls' squad are Lynsey Agnew of Martins Ferry, Jamie Ankrom of Beallsville, Chelsea Clause of Steubenville Catholic, Nikki Driscoll of Bellaire, Lauren Flood of Edison, Julia Hodgkinson of Harrison Central, Shayla Holenka of Shadyside, Allison Lawyer of Zanesville, Emily Miller of Union Local, Mallory

Moore of Toronto, Shana Swan of River and Annie Wiater of St. John Central.

Steubenville Central's Kevin Barr is serving as the head coach, with Meadowbrook's Greg Mitts and Buckeye Trail's Tom Strasser as assistants.

West Virginia's boys' roster features Derek Syrylo and E.J. Schramm of Wheeling Park, Tyler Morando and Eric Novick of Wheeling Central, Justin Shumake and Aaron Santik of Weir, Zach Amedro and Anthony Montes of John Marshall, Trent Wable and Robbie Rine of Tyler Consolidated, Matt Coe of Cameron, Chris Baldauf of Brooke, Michael DeCaria of Weirton Madonna, Anthony Sapp of Paden City and Nate Tallman of Magnolia.

Weir's Mike Granato will be the head coach, with Dave Tallman of Magnolia and Mel Stephens of Wheeling Central assisting.

The West Virginia girls' team includes Katie Blatt and Allison Rothlisberger of Class AA state champion Magnolia, Kayleen Fitzsimmons of Class A state runner-up Wheeling Central, Jenny Bowers of

Paden City, Heather Brown of Valley, Amy Bullock of Brooke, Megan Gouldsberry of John Marshall, Chantelle Hanly and Sylvie Tafen of Mount de Chantal, Amanda Hartley of Cameron, Leigh Ann Hobbs of Oak Glen, Kaitlyn McCormick and Mandi Swiger of Wheeling Park, Lyncee Perkey of Tyler Consolidated and Alana Reisinger of Linsly.

Magnolia's Nikki Hardman is the head coach, with Penn Kurtz of Wheeling Central and John Leary of Brook as assistants.

Several special awards will be presented throughout the day, including the Earl Haberfield OVAC Boys' Basketball Coaches' Award to former Magnolia coach Bob Sullivan; the Richard Saffield Girls' Basketball Coaches' Award to Stanley Blankenship of John Marshall; the Robert Dawson Basketball Officials' Award to Plennie Clutter of Wheeling; and the Thomas E. Rataiczak Scorekeeper/Timer Award to Bill Pahl of Bridgeport.

Halftime of the girls' contest will include a three-point shootout while the boys' game will feature a slam dunk contest. Tickets are \$6 at the door.



Area to be well-represented at upcoming OVAC All-Star Classic



The local area will be well-represented in the boys' game at the Samuel A. Mumley/OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic by, front row l to r, Pat Byrne of Cambridge, Colin Hudson of Barnesville and Shane Stephens of Buckeye Trail; back row, Brad Mitchell of Meadowbrook; Buckeye Trail coach Dave Linn; and Michael Bettinger of Caldwell. The Ohio vs. West Virginia doubleheader is slated Saturday, March 26 at the Ohio University-Eastern Ney Center.



Photos Courtesy Joel Joseph
Representing the local area in the girls' game at the Samuel A. Mumley/OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic on Saturday, March 26 at Ohio University-Eastern's Ney Center are, l to r, Meadowbrook High coach Greg Mitts; Meadowbrook's Tiffany Youel; Buckeye Trail's Kim Rose; and Buckeye Trail coach Tom Strasser. Also participating, but not at Monday's press day, is Shenandoah High's Rachel Cruz.



COLIN HUDSON

School: Barnesville
Head Coach: Ben Porter.
Height: 6-ft-2.
Points Per Game (Sr. Year): 17.6
Career Points: 580.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 82%.
Rebounds (Sr. Year): 95.
Assists (Sr. Year): 85.
Honors: All-Eastern District; Honorable Mention all-OVAC.
Future Plans: Attend College and play basketball.
Parents: Ron and Beth Hudson of Barnesville.

CASEY TOLZDA

School: Beallsville
Head Coach: Lou "Scooter" Tolzda.
Height: 5-ft-10.
Points Per Game (Sr. Year): 15.3.
Career Points: 828.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 72%.
Career Rebounds: 256.
Career Assists: 217.
Honors: First-Team all-District; PVC Scholar-Athlete Award; District 12 All-Star Game.
Future Plans: Attend West Liberty State College.
Parents: Lou and Wendy Tolzda of Jerusalem.

MIKE FISHER

School: Bellaire.
Head Coach: Gene Ammirante.
Height: 6-ft-0.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 24.0.
Career Points: 1,420.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 72%.
Career Rebounds: 256.
Career Assists: 87.
Honors: District 12 First-Team; First-Team Eastern District; District 12 All-Star Game.
Future Plans: Attend College.
Parents: Lou and Jackie Fisher of Bellaire.

SEAN CALL

School: Buckeye Local.

JAMIE ANKROM

School: Beallsville
Head Coach: Terry Jarrett.
Height: 5-ft-7.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 12.0.
Career Points: 481.
Free Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 51%.
Career Rebounds: 215.
Career Assists: 46.
Honors: All-PVC; PVC Scholar Athlete; First-Team District in Softball.
Future Plans: Attend Ohio Academy of Paul Mitchell for Cosmetology.
Parents: Richard and Connie Ankrom of Woodsfield.

NIKKI DRISCOLL

School: Bellaire
Head Coach: Charles "Tube" Davis.
Height: 5-ft-3.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 15.3.
Career Points: 592.
Free Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 80%.
Career Rebounds: 120
Career Assists: 90.
Honors: First-Team all-District; District 12 All-Star Game; Honorable Mention all-Ohio.
Future Plans: Attend College.
Parents: Rodney and Kay Driscoll of Bellaire.

ANNIE WIATER

School: St. John Central
Head Coach: Robert "Bubba" Kapral
Height: 5-ft-7.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 8.0.
Career Points: 316.
Free Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 56.5%.
Career Rebounds: 307.
Career Assists: 196.
Honors: Academic all-Ohio (track and cross country); Student Council Vice President.
Future Plans: Attend Kent State University.

Head Coach: Joel Nau.
Height: 6-ft-4.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 14.0.
Career Points: 470.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 79%.
Career Rebounds: 370.
Career Assists: 45.
Honors: Second-Team District V; Honorable Mention all-OVAC; District V All-Star Game.
Plans: Undecided.
Parents: David and Cindy Call of Mt. Pleasant.

CHASE GROVES

School: Buckeye Local.
Height: 5-ft-9.
Head Coach: Joel Nau.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 853.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 68%.
Career Rebounds: 178.
Career Assists: 215.
Honors: First-Team all-District; First-Team OVAC; Third-Team all-Ohio.
Plans: Attend College and play basketball.
Parents: Mike and Cathy Groves of Tiltonsville.

SHANE STEPHENS

School: Buckeye Trail.
Height: 6-ft-0.
Head Coach: Dave Linn.
Points Per Game (Sr. Year): 15.0
Career Points: 549.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 55%.
Career Rebounds: 186.
Career Assists: 106.
Honors: All-PVC; First-Team Eastern District; District 12 All-Star.
Future Plans: Attend College.
Parents: Mr and Mrs. Jeffrey Stephens of Quaker City.

MICHAEL BETTINGER

School: Caldwell.
Height: 6-ft-5.
Head Coach: Terry Rowe.
Points Per Game (Sr. Year): 18.7.
Career Points: 633.

Parents: Tim and Annette Wiater of Bridgeport.

KIM ROSE

School: Buckeye Trail
Head Coach: Tom Strasser.
Height: 5-ft-9.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 7.6.
Career Points: 152.
Free Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 36%.
Career Rebounds: 800.
Career Assists: 62.
Honors: Special Mention all-District; Team's Leading Rebounder; Third-Team all-OVAC.
Future Plans: Undecided.
Parents: Terry Rose of Cambridge.

LAUREN FLOOD

School: Edison.
Head Coach: Ron Smyth.
Height: 5-ft-10.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 14.5.
Career Points: 641.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 61%.
Career Rebounds: 475.
Career Assists: 120.
Honors: First-Team District V; First-Team Herald Star.
Future Plans: Attend Davls&Elkins College.
Parents: William and Marla Flood of Toronto.

JULIA HODKINSON

School: Harrison Central.
Head Coach: Jim Little.
Height: 5-ft-6.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 11.3.
Career Points: 666.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 77%.
Career Rebounds: 482.
Career Assists: 213.
Honors: Second-Team District V (2005); Honorable Mention all-OVAC.
Future Plans: Attend Kent State

Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 56.5.
Career Rebounds: N/A.
Career Assists: N/A.
Honors: Eastern District Honorable Mention; All-PVC; First-Team District 12.
Future Plans: Attend Mt. Union College.
Parents: Mike and Anita Bettinger of Caldwell.

PATRICK BYRNE

School: Cambridge.
Height: 6-ft-2.
Head Coach: Gene Ford.
Points Per Game (Sr. Year): 15.8.
Career Points: 699.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 68.3.
Career Rebounds: 263.

Ohio Boys All-Stars



Career Assists: 139.
Honors: First-Team District 12; First-Team all-OVAC; ECOL Player of the Year.
Future Plans: Undecided.
Parents: Jim and Ann Byrne of Cambridge.

BRIAN KREEFER

School: East Liverpool.
Height: 6-ft-7.
Head Coach: Nick Aloi.
Points Per Game (Sr. Year): 27.4.
Career Points: 1,385.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 71%.
Career Rebounds: 873.
Career Assists: 254.
Honors: Division II Eastern District Player of the Year; District V Player of the Year; Columbiana County Player of the Year.

University.
Parents: Tom and Linnah Hodkinson of Tippecanoe.

LYNSEY AGNEW

School: Martins Ferry.
Head Coach: Dave Reasbeck.
Height: 5-ft-7.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 16.0.
Career Points: 850.
Free Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 71%.
Career Rebounds: 630.
Career Assists: 830.
Honors: Team Captain; Second-Team Eastern District; District 12 All-Star Game.

Ohio Girls All-Stars



Future Plans: Undecided.
Parents: Jim and Kim Agnew of Martins Ferry.

TIFFANY YUELL

School: Meadowbrook.
Head Coach: Greg Mills.
Height: 5-ft-4.
Points per game (Sr. year): 17.
Career Points: 965.
Free Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 76%.
Career Rebounds: 231.
Career Assists: 269.
Honors: First-Team ECOL; First-Team District 12; All-Ohio.
Future Plans: Attend College and play basketball.
Parents: Bill Youell of Byesville.

SHANA SWAN

School: River.
Head Coach: Rick Isaly.
Height: 5-ft-3.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 15.

Future Plans: Attend College and play basketball.
Parents: Mike and Cindy Kreefer of East Liverpool.

DAUN LUTES

School: Frontier.
Head Coach: Roger Kirkpatrick.
Height: 6-ft-6.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 22.3.
Career Points: 1,200.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 74%.
Career Rebounds: 607.
Career Assists: N/A.
Honors: District 12 First-Team; Second-Team Eastern District; Honorable Mention all-Ohio.
Future Plans: Attend Robert Morris and play football.
Parents: Daun and Margaret Lutes of New Matamoras.

RYAN CHURCH

School: Martins Ferry.
Head Coach: Jeff Sabatino.
Height: 6-ft-4.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 19.0.
Career Points: 1090.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 67%.
Career Rebounds: 465.
Career Assists: 81.
Honors: First-Team Eastern District; Third-team all-Ohio; First-Team all-OVAC.

Future Plans: Attend College and play football.
Parents: Tricia Bender and Ralph Church of Martins Ferry.

BRAD MITCHELL

School: Meadowbrook
Head Coach: Keith Arnold.
Height: 6-ft-5.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 16.0.
Career Points: 806.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 72%.
Career Rebounds: 423.
Career Assists: 262.
Honors: First-Team ECOL; First-Team Eastern District; First-Team

Career Points: 472.
Free Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 66.
Career Rebounds: 141.
Career Assists: 64.
Honors: First-Team District 12; BACF All-Star Game.
Future Plans: Attend Mt. Aloysius College.
Parents: Mike and Teresa Swan of New Matamoras.

SHAYLA HOLENKA

School: Shadyside.
Head Coach: Jim Miller.
Height: 5-ft-8.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 21.3.
Career Points: 1,327.
Free Throw Percentage: 68%.
Career Rebounds: 432.
Career Assists: 211.
Honors: Third-Team all-Ohio; First-Team all-District; First-Team all-OVAC.
Future Plans: Attend college and play basketball.
Parents: Mark and Lana Holenka of Shadyside.

CHELSEA CLAUSE

School: Steubenville Central Catholic.
Head Coach: Kevin Barr.
Height: 5-ft-6.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 10.5.
Career Points: 417.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 58%.
Career Rebounds: 235.
Career Assists: 130.
Honors: Second-Team All-District; District V All-Star Game; Three-Year letterman.
Future Plans: Attend Ohio University.
Parents: Ralph and Joan Clause of Steubenville.

MALLORY MOORE

School: Toronto
Head Coach: Andy Reeves.
Height: 5-ft-7.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 16.2.

District 12.
Future Plans: Attend College.
Parents: Tim and Vicky Mitchell of Byesville.

RYNE ROMICK

School: River
Head Coach: Mark Romick.
Height: 6-ft-4.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 20.0.
Career Points: 1,051.
Career Rebounds: 395.
Career Assists: 461.
Honors: First-Team District 12; North/South All-Star Game; First-Team all-OVAC.
Future Plans: Attend University of Akron and play baseball.
Parents: Mark and Debby Romick of Hannibal.

ADAM VINCENZO

School: St. Clairsville
Head Coach: Kim Clifford.
Height: 6-ft-0.
Points per Game (Sr. Year): 15.0.
Career Points: 467.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 86.6.
Career Assists: N/A.
Career Rebounds: N/A.
Honors: First-Team District 12; All-OVAC and District 12 All-Star Game.
Future Plans: Attend Wheeling Jesuit.
Parents: Elizabeth Vincenzo of St. Clairsville.

STEVE LUCKHARDT

School: Shadyside.
Head Coach: Ed Andes.
Height: 6-ft-1.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 18.0.
Career Points: 1,026.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 75%.
Career Assists: 380.
Career Rebounds: 215.
Honors: Eastern District Player of the Year; First-Team all-Ohio; First-Team all-OVAC.
Future Plans: Attend College and play basketball.
Parents: Steve and Lori Luckhardt of

Career Points: 850.
Free Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 60%.
Career Rebounds: 356.
Career Assists: 208.
Honors: First-Team Eastern District; First-Team all-OVAC.
Future Plans: Attend College and play basketball.
Parents: David and Linda Moore of Toronto.

EMILY MILLER

School: Union Local.
Head Coach: Rick Jones.
Height: 5-ft-7.
Points per game (Sr. Year): 21.1.
Career Points: 1,515.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 71.3.
Career Rebounds: 361.
Career Assists: 218.
Honors: Leading scorer in school history; Second-Team all-Ohio; First-Team all-OVAC.
Future Plans: Attend Ohio University.
Parents: Hal and Robin Miller of Belmont.

ALLISON LAWYER

School: Zanesville.
Head Coach: Steve Mercer.
Height: 6-ft-1.
Points Per Game (Sr. Year): 18.0.
Career Points: 960.
Free-Throw Percentage (Sr. Year): 64%.
Career Rebounds: 552.
Career Assists: 200.
Honors: First-Team Eastern District; First-Team District 12; All-Ohio Special Mention.
Future Plans: Attend Akron University to run track.
Parents: Rick and Cindy Lawyer of Zanesville.

W.Va. Boys Boast Plenty of Talent

By CHRISTOPHER S. NASH
Staff Writer

Weir High head coach Mike Granato knows he has a lot of talent to work with as the West Virginia Boys' All-Star Team coach looks ahead to next weekend's Samuel Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic.

But he also knows that finding the right mix to let the stars shine brightest may be his most important — and challenging — task.

The veteran cage mentor is well on his way toward achieving that goal as his Mountain State All-Stars prepare to meet their Buckeye State counterparts a



OVAC All-Stars

■ Games at Ohio University Eastern Ney Center
Girls: 1 p.m.
Boys: 3:15 p.m.

week from today at Ohio University Eastern's Ney Center.

"We're hoping to find three units that play well together," said Granato. "We will look to put some of the kids who have played together on the floor at the same time.

"We will need to stay fresh. We will play a lot of kids and hope to have fun."

The biggest player on the West Virginia side is Brooke's Chris Baldauf at 6-foot-7.

Baldauf played his best basketball down the stretch for the Bruins, including a monster night in the sectional final against Wheeling Park.

Baldauf averaged just under 13 points per game this season.

Following is a rundown of the rest of the West Virginia squad:

Handling the point for the Mountaineers will be Wheeling Park's Derek Syrylo, Weirton Madonna's Michael DeCaria and Weir's Justin Shumake.

Syrylo (5-10) scored 10 ppg. and dished out four assists a game.



Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Pictured is the 2005 West Virginia boys' squad for the Samuel Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic. First row from left: Derek Syrylo (3), Tyler Morando (5), Mike DeCaria (11), Eric Novick (13) and Robbie Rine. Second row from left: Trent Wable (21), Justin Shumake, Aaron Santik, Matt Coe (33), Nate Tallman, and Anthony Sapp (41). Third Row: Assistant coach Dave Tallman, Anthony Montes (43), Zach Amedro (45), head coach Mike Granato, E.J. Schramm (51), Chris Baldauf (53) and assistant coach Mel Stephens.

Shumake may have only scored around five points a night but his play-making abilities and defensive intensity were keys to the Red Riders' state tourney run.

DeCaria averaged about nine ppg. for a very solid Madonna outfit that finished third in the OVAC Class A standings.

West Virginia has some very capable shooting guards including Eric Novick and Tyler Morando of Wheeling Central, while John Marshall's Zach Amedro, Tyler Consolidated's Trent Wable, Wheeling Park's

E.J. Schramm and Matt Coe of Cameron.

"We have some guys who can shoot the ball," said Granato. "We will have to take advantage of that."

Morando and Schramm are the top 3-point shooters for the Mountaineers, having combined for 100 treys, while Amedro weighs in at a robust 16 ppg.

Wable and Coe both score at about a 13 ppg. clip and are two of the better defensive guards on the West Virginia side while Novick averaged better than 15

ppg. for Central.

Weir's Aaron Santik and John Marshall's Anthony Montes can play both guard or forward for the Mountaineers.

Chipping in at nine points a game for the Red Riders, Santik will provide West Virginia with an excellent swingman, while Montes can post up or drive, as evidenced by his nearly 20 ppg. average.

Joining Baldauf on the blocks for West Virginia will be Magnolia's Nate Tallman (6-5), Robbie Rine (6-4) of Tyler Con-

solidated, and Paden City's Anthony Sapp (6-5).

While Tallman doesn't have the bulk of his counterparts in the paint, he is an agile scorer who is capable of stepping outside and nailing a 3-pointer. Tallman led the Blue Eagles with 29 3-pointers this season.

Sapp averaged nearly a double-double a game for Paden City this season while scoring 17 points a game while Rine was the leading scorer for the Silver Knights at better than 14 ppg.

West Virginia Girls Feature Plenty of Depth

By MIKE HUGHES
Staff Writer

The Samuel Mumley OVAC All-Star basketball Classic is little over a week away and once again the West Virginia girls squad will be backing a lot of firepower.

From Division I players to coaches with state championships on their respective resumes, it looks like another strong year for the girls in Blue & Gold.

The Mountaineers squad will be coached by Magnolia head coach Nikki Hardman.

Hardman and her Blue Eagles are fresh off a West Virginia

Class AA state championship victory over Petersburg.

She will be assisted by Wheeling Central head coach Penn Kurtz and Brooke head mentor John Leary.

Kurtz guided his Maroon Knight team back to the West Virginia Class A championship game for the third year in a row. Central fell to No. 1-ranked Parkersburg Catholic in the championship game last Saturday. The Knights were also the OVAC Class AA champs. The Maroon Knights captured the W.Va. Class A title in 2004.



The Bruins, despite falling to John Marshall in the sectionals, had their best season in quite some time.

Leary, in just his second season as head coach, led Brooke to an 18-5 record and a OVAC Class AAAA championship.

Leading the way for the Mountaineers' squad is a trio of Division I signees in Wheeling Central's Kayleen Fitzsimmons and the Mount de Chantal duo Chantelle Handy and Sylvie Tafen.

Handy, a 6-2 wing, scored at around 10 points per game for head coach John Rowan's club

and has already signed on to play at Marshall.

Ten points a night might not seem like much, but considering the Mount has to spread the offensive wealth between four D-I players and two future ones, it's easy to see why Handy's numbers are slightly lower than most.

Tafen averages near nine points per contest, but at 6-5, she alters any and all shots in the paint. Standing 6-5, Tafen is headed to Pittsburgh in the fall.

Fitzsimmons will head to Cornell as the all-time leading scorer in Wheeling Central girls' basketball history. Fitzsimmons

averaged 22 points per game and led the Valley's small-school players with more than 60 3-pointers.

Joining Tafen in the paint will be Magnolia center Allison Rothlisberger.

At 6-1, Rothlisberger put on a shot-blocking clinic in Charleston this past week, establishing new marks for both individual and team records for blocks.

Rothlisberger, who averages 16 points and nine rebounds per game, will be attending Division II's Gannon University.

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Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Pictured is the 2005 West Virginia girls' squad for the Samuel Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic. Front row, from left: Jenny Bowers (5), Amanda Hartley (11), Kaityln McCormick (13), Megan Gouldsberry (15) and Allison Rothlisberger (21). Second row, from left: Amy Bullock (24), Kayleen Fitzsimmons (25), Heather Brown (31), Lyncee Perkey (33), Alana Reisinger (35) and Katie Blatt (41). Third row, from left: Assistant coach John Leary, head coach Nikki Hardman, Chantelle Handy (40), Mandi Swiger (45), Sylvie Tafen (53) and assistant coach Penn Kurtz.

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Her Blue Eagles' teammate, Katie Blatt, will also be playing for the Blue and Gold.

Blatt totaled 13 points per game for Magnolia, and like Rothlisberger, was a four-year starter.

Wheeling Park landed two players on the Mountaineers' roster in Kaityln McCormick and Mandi Swiger.

McCormick was the top defender on the Patriots' Class AAA regional runner-up squad, checking in with six steals and 11 points per game.

Swiger average just under 10 points per contest during her senior campaign, all the while pulling down eight boards per night. Defense is where Swiger made her name with a physical style of play that ensured no opposing player entered the

paint without receiving a customary bump.

John Marshall guard Megan Gouldsberry joins the team after scoring nine points per game for Stan Blankenship's Monarchs.

Gouldsberry improved greatly from her junior season and her defense and on-floor intensity played a key role in the Monarchs mid-season surge.

A former teammate of Gouldsberry, Amanda Hartley transferred to Cameron for her senior season and helped the Dragons to a 19-3 regular season mark.

Hartley hovered around eight points and finished with 62 steals and 105 assists, but it was her ability to come in and play point guard that aided the Dragons' most.

The last Class AAA player on the West Virginia squad, but certainly not the least, is

Brooke's Amy Bullock.

A three-year starter at guard, Bullock led the Bruins with 15 points per game and was a big reason for Brooke's turnaround from a 5-18 record in 2004 to a 18-5 mark in 2005.

Two more Class AA players line the Mountaineer's roster in Tyler Consolidated's Lyncee Perkey and Oak Glen's Leigh Ann Hobbs.

Perkey, a three-year starter at point guard, moved to a forward position this season for head coach Kent Yoho's Silver Knights.

She still managed 16 points per game, 7.5 rebounds and three assists and connected successfully for more than 20 3-pointers.

And speaking of threes, Hobbs finished with 47 this season for the Golden Bears while leading

the team with a 12 points-per-game average.

Rounding on the Mountaineers roster is Valley's Heather Brown, Paden City's Jenny Bowers and Linsly's Alana Reisinger.

Brown, a four-year starter at point guard for head coach Larry Weekley's Lumberjills, averaged 14 points a game for her career, including 15 this season.

She holds the school record for career steals (353) and assists (511). She also has 275 rebounds to her credit.

Reisinger is a multi-sport talent for the Cadets and scored around eight points per game this season while running the offense at point.

Bowers was the second-leading scorer for the Wildcats at around nine points per game.

Teams Getting Prepared for All-Star Games



Photo By Alex Kozlowski

Pictured are the Ohio Boys' coaches for the OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic. From left, Dave Linn of Buckeye Trail, head coach Donnie Madzia of Harrison Central and River's Mark Romick.

Granato, Stephens pulling double duty for W.Va.

By CHRISTOPHER S. NASH
Staff Writer

Preparations for the 2005 OVAC Samuel A. Mumley All-Star Basketball game went into full swing Monday during Media Night at the Ohio University Eastern Ney Center in St. Clairsville.

Already having several practices in, coaches and players collected game attire and took team photographs.

And while West Virginia boys' head coach Mike Granato is having to pull double duty with his Weir Red Riders still alive in the W.Va. Class AA tournament, he doesn't mind a little extra work.

"It has been a busy couple of days," said Granato. "But to be honest, it is better than packing stuff up right now."

Granato, who will be assisted by Magnolia coach Dave Tallman and Wheeling Central's Mel Stephens, has a number of weapons at his disposal but believes his guards will give him an advantage.

"We have excellent guards," said Granato. "There is no doubt about that.

"We have some guys that can really shoot the ball."

Ohio will counter with several quick play makers of its own, but one advantage the Buckeyes might have is in the low post with 6-foot-6 Brian Kreefer.

The All-Ohio center from East Liverpool averaged better than 27 points per game this season.

"He is a big guy that also likes to step outside," said Ohio coach Donnie Madzia of Harrison Central. "He is a lot down there."

And while the Huskies were a ball-control offense this season, don't expect a low-scoring affair.

"We will be running," said Madzia. "We have some sets that we will put in, but we want to push the ball."

"We are definitely going to come out and have fun, and hopefully get a victory."

Madzia will be assisted by River's Mark Romick and Dave Linn of Buckeye Trail.

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Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Pictured are the West Virginia Boys' coaches for the OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic. From left, Dave Tallman of Magnolia, head coach Mike Granato of Weir and Mel Stephens of Wheeling Central.

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On the girls side, West Virginia appears to be the favorite on paper, boasting the game's only Division I recruits in Kayleen Fitzsimmons, Chantelle Handy and Sylvie Tafen.

Tafen has signed with Pittsburgh while Handy is heading to Marshall.

Fitzsimmons is bound for Cornell.

And with the brutal schedule Handy and Tafen have seen playing for Mount de Chantal, the Mountaineers' tandem will not

be rattled by the presence of the Ohio Valley's elite.

"They are two excellent players," said Ohio coach Kevin Barr of Steubenville Central.

"There is no doubt about it.

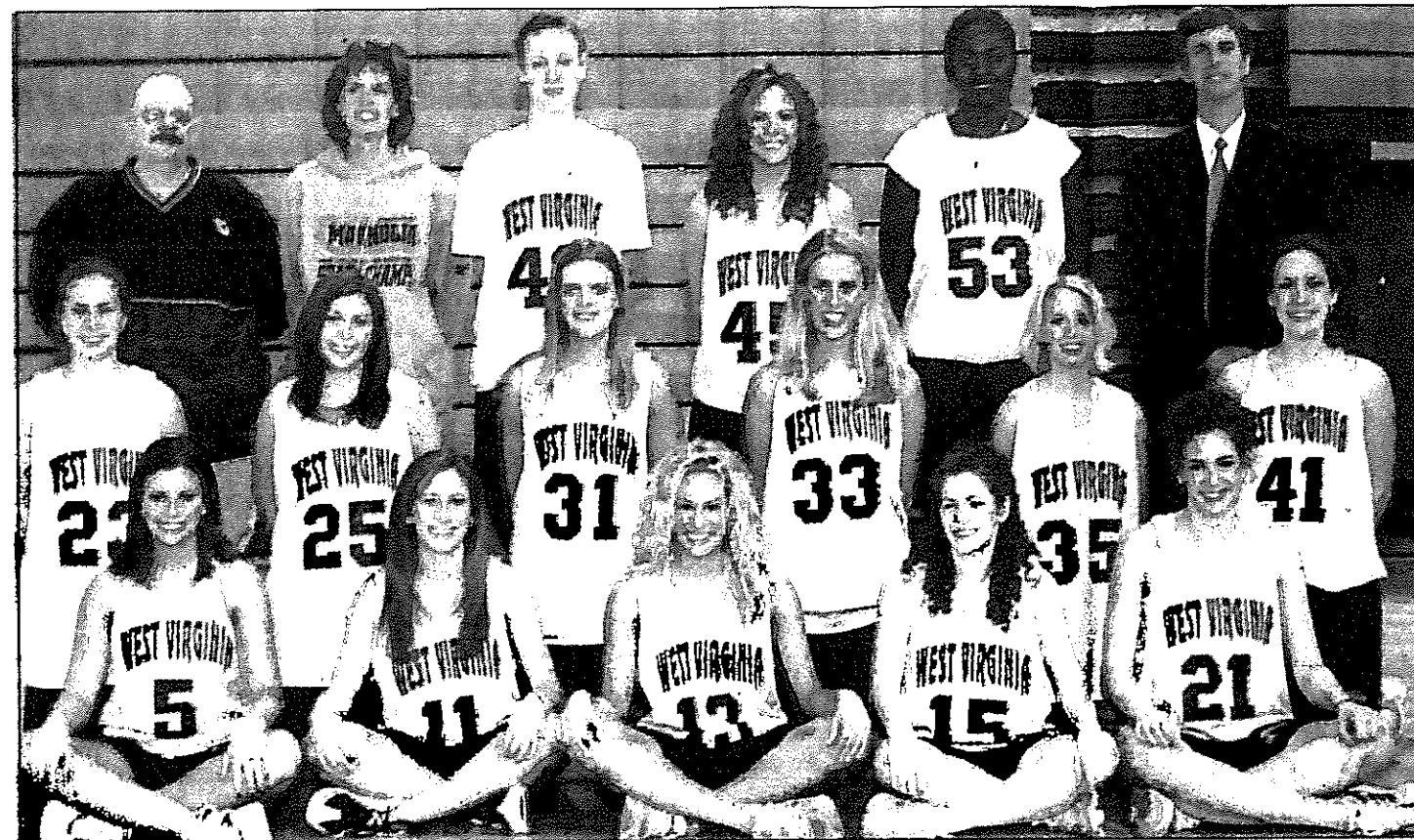
"But we also have some very good players, especially our guards.

"This is a great experience for everyone involved."

Barr is assisted by Buckeye Trail's Tom Strasser and Meadowbrook's Greg Mitts.

The Classic is set for Saturday, March 26.

Lady Mountaineers



T-L photo/JOEL JOSEPH

REPRESENTING the West Virginia team in Saturday's Samuel Mumley Basketball Classic will be these players and coaches. In front row, from left, are Jenny Bowers, Paden City; Amanda Hartley, Cameron; Kaitlyn McCormick, Wheeling Park; Megan Gouldsberry, John Marshall; and Allison Rothlisberger, Magnolia. Second row, are, from left, Amy Bullock, Brooke; Kayleen Fitzsimmons, Wheeling Central; Heather Brown, Valley; Lyncee Perkey, Tyler Consolidated; Alana Resinger, Linsly; and Katie Blatt, Magnolia. In back, from left, are, John Leary, Brooke; Nikki Hardmann, Magnolia; Chantelle Hanly, Mount de Chantal; Mandi Swiger, Wheeling Park; Sylvie Tafen, Mount de Chantal; and Penn Kurtz, Wheeling Central.

JM coach gains Saffield Award

FOR THE TIMES LEADER

John Marshall High head coach Stan Blankenship didn't invent girls' basketball but the long-time Lady Monarch mentor has gone a long way towards perfecting it in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and the state of West Virginia.

For his accomplishments, Blankenship has been selected as the 2005 winner of the Richard Saffield Girls' Basketball Coaches Award for coaching excellence.

The award will be presented at Saturday's Sam Mumley OVAC Basketball Classic at Ohio University Eastern.

"I'm very honored to win this award," Blankenship said. "But this is also a tribute to all of the girls I've coached over the years and my assistant coaches.

"I think you also have to give praise to all of the great coaches I have been associated with in the OVAC while I have been at John Marshall."

Blankenship, who just finished guiding a young Monarch squad to an 11-12 record this past season, has rolled up an OVAC and West Virginia record 456 girls basketball victories in his 27-year tenure at the Glen Dale-based school. During that span his teams have lost only 173 times.

As for team accomplishments, the retired teacher has watched his teams collect 17 West Virginia Class AAA Section One titles, nine Region One crowns, two state runnerup trophies and one state championship to go along with nine conference banners.

Meanwhile, Blankenship has watched 31 former players go on to the college ranks and also coached an Olympian in Amy Gamble.

And he's not done yet.

"I still have such a love for this game," he said. "Things haven't really changed much for me here other than I retired from teaching.

"For me, there is nothing more special than working with



these kids and watching them learn the game and develop the same passion for it.

"I'll continue to do this until I lose my rapport with the girls and I'm not able to communicate with them anymore.

"If that ever happens, I feel I will have to step down."

While a lot of things have changed in the game over the years, Blankenship's John Marshall squads have been a constant.

"Girls' basketball has really progressed over the years with many more very good coaches and teams in the OVAC, the state and throughout the country," said the former West Virginia Wesleyan multisport standout.

"That all comes from coaches and players who are willing to put in the time and effort. That, for me, is a very good thing to see.

"These girls' basketball players work just as hard as anyone else and it's nice to finally see them getting some recognition."

Blankenship can also look forward to the 2005-06 season with senior-to-be Jaimie Merinar leading a solid nucleus back into battle.

The Monarchs also received quality playing time this past season from the likes of juniors Alex Lawther and Shayna Varner and a trio of promising freshmen in Jessica Hayes, Chanice Hill and Leah Skrzypek.

John Marshall lost to Wheeling Park in this year's West Virginia Class AAA Region One Section One title contest.

SPORTS

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Ohio boys roster announced

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Writer

Another basketball season is on the verge of wrapping up, which means just one thing.

The annual Samuel Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic is slated for March 26 at the Robert W. Ney Center on the campus of Ohio University Eastern.

The Ohio boys roster and coaching staff was announced today with 15 of Eastern Ohio's finest players being selected to represent the Buckeye State in the game.

The Buckeyes will be coached by Harrison Central's Donnie Madzia who helped guide the Huskies to a 15-7 record this past season. He

has been honored by the Associated Press as Eastern District Coach of the Year for Division II.

Madzia will be joined on the Ohio bench by River High's Mark Romick and Buckeye Trail's Dave Linn.

The roster of players is headlined by Shadyside's Steve Luckhardt who was named Division IV Eastern District Player of the Year after guiding the Tigers to the district tournament and the OVAC Class 1-A championship.

Luckhardt -- who scored better than 1,000 points in his career -- averaged close to 18 points a night this past season for Coach Ed Andes' team.

Bellaire senior Mike Fisher has been selected to the Ohio team after a four-year career under Big Reds' head coach Gene Ammirante that saw him score better than 1,400 points.

Fisher averaged close to 23 points a night this past winter in helping the Big Reds to their second straight district championship.

Fisher -- who was a four-year starter in Bellaire -- was named to the AP's all-Eastern District team this season.

Buckeye Local senior point guard Chase Groves was named to the squad after scoring more than 900 points in his illustrious career.

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Groves -- who was a first-team all district pick in Division II -- averaged close to 19 points a game and close to seven assists.

The inside portion of the Panthers' inside-outside combination will also take part in the OVAC game. Sean Call was named to the team after he scored more than 14 points a night this past winter.

River High will be represented by Romick's in the game as Mark's son Ryne has been selected to play in the game.

Ryne Romick averaged close to 19 points a night and scored better than 1,000 points in his career.

The University of Akron baseball recruit was a first-team all-district selection this past season.

Martins Ferry's Ryan Church was named to the game after a four-year run with the Riders that saw him net better than 1,000 points. Church was one of the area's top scorers this season, averaging better than 20 points a night.

He, too, was an all-Eastern District Division III pick.

East Liverpool standout Brian Kreefer -- who was the Division II Eastern District Player of the Year -- will take part in the OVAC Classic.

Kreefer became the Potters' all-time leading scorer this winter with better than 1,600 points. Kreefer averaged close to 28 points a night in leading Liverpool to a district runner-up finish.

Buckeye Trail -- which won the 2-A OVAC title -- will be represented on the squad by Shane Stephens who poured in close to 16 points a night for Coach Dave Linn's Warriors.

St. Clairsville guard Adam Vincenzo was selected to the team after a senior season in which he scored close to 16 points a night and buried better than 60 three-point goals.

Cambridge standout Pat Byrne was selected to the all-star team after a season in which he



scored close to 18 points a game. He helped guide Coach Gene Ford's Bobcats to the district tournament.

Barnesville's Colin Hudson -- who scored more than 15 points per game -- was named to the squad. He's one of the area's premier perimeter shooters.

The Buckeyes' front line will receive a boost with Frontier center Daun Lutes and Meadowbrook forward Brad Mitchell on the squad.

Lutes -- at 6-ft-5 -- averaged close to 20 points a game for the Cougars. Mitchell, meanwhile, led Meadowbrook in the scoring column from his forward spot.

Beallsville's leading scorer Casey Tolzda was named to the squad after he averaged better than 18 points an outing this past year.

Caldwell's Michael Bettinger will take part in the annual game. He scored close to 15 points a game for Coach Terry Rowe's team.

"This is a real honor for me," said Ohio head coach Donnie Madzia. "I played in this game and I am happy to have been selected to coach in it. I think we have put together a very nice team with a nice mixture of size and good guards."

Both the Ohio and West Virginia boys and girls teams will meet the media Monday night at OUE's Ney Center.

OVAC All-Star game festivities tip off

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

The stars were out and shining brightly Monday night at the Ney Center on the campus of Ohio University Eastern.

Media night for the annual Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic was held with all of the players and coaches mixing and mingling, kicking off preparations for the March 26 game.

The girls game will tip off at 1 p.m. and the boys game will begin at 3 p.m.

Both of the Ohio head coaches are rookies to the Buckeye staff. Harrison Central's Donnie Madzia -- who will lead the Buckeye boys -- played in the game, but is making his coaching debut.

The Ohio girls are being guided Steubenville Central's

Kevin Barr.

Madzia was selected to play in the game in 1988 and played under former Shadyside head coach John Stanko.

"I had a great opportunity when I played in this game," Madzia said. "We actually stayed at West Liberty for a couple of nights. I know the format has changed some, but the OVAC does a great job with this game and I am definitely looking forward to it."

Barr, meanwhile, is also excited to begin preparations for the game where his Lady Buckeyes will have an up-hill challenge against a talented West Virginia squad.

"This is just a great feeling," Barr said. "To be selected to a game that's this prestigious is a

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PREPARING for the annual Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic are, from left, West Virginia boys coach Mike Granato (Weir High), game director Tom Bechtel, Ohio girls coach Kevin Barr and Ohio boys coach Donnie Madzia (Harrison Central).

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Madzia -- who guided the Huskies to a 15-7 record this winter -- could find that his toughest job is meshing all of the talent into cohesive groups.

"You read about these kids all season and follow them, but getting to know them on a personal basis is even better," Madzia said. "I told these kids that I had them all season long we'd probably still be playing."

The Buckeye roster is stocked with talent, including the likes of Division II all-Ohioans Brian Kreefer of East Liverpool and Buckeye Local's Chase Groves.

They are joined by Martins Ferry's Ryan Church, Bellaire's Mike Fisher and Shadyside's Steve Luckhardt just to name a few.

"We have had a practice already and this weekend we have a practice, and hopefully we can break up into groups of five after that practice," Madzia continued. "People say we are the favorite in the game, but we still have to come back with a victory."

The aforementioned Groves capped a strong senior campaign for the Panthers, scoring close to 17 points a night and more than 900 points in his career.

"Being able to play in this game is a great honor," Groves

said. "(Buckeye Local) probably hasn't had a player in this game for close to 10 years, so me and Sean (Call) being selected is really nice."

Being able to join forces with arch rivals is something that Church is looking forward to during the OVAC game.

Church averaged better than 22 points a game and scored more than 1,000 in his career at Martins Ferry.

"Playing with all of these great players from around the Ohio Valley is definitely an honor," Church said. "Being on the same team as the Bellaire and Buckeye Local guys will be kind of weird, but it's nice to have that opportunity."

The Ohio girls' roster -- which features 1,000-point scorers Emily Miller (Union Local), Shayla Holenka (Shadyside) and Tiffany Youel (Meadowbrook) -- is one that Barr is highly impressed with.

"We have seen several of these girls play, so it's fun trying to throw them together to be able to beat West Virginia," Barr said. "We feel real good about the game because we have girls who have been around winning programs and know what it takes."

Tom Bechtel serves as the game director for the OVAC All-Star game.

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Blankenship Will Be Honored

Longtime JM girls' coach to receive Richard Saffield award

By **TRACY WATSON**
For The Intelligencer

John Marshall High head coach Stan Blankenship didn't invent girls' basketball but the long-time Lady Monarch mentor has gone a long way towards perfecting it in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference and the state of West Virginia.

For his accomplishments, Blankenship has been selected as the 2005 winner of the Richard Saffield Girls' Basketball Coaches Award for coaching excellence.

The award will be presented at Saturday's Sam Mumley OVAC Basketball Classic at Ohio University Eastern.

"I'm very honored to win this award," Blankenship said. "But this is also a tribute to all of the girls I've coached over the years and my assistant coaches."

"I think you also have to give praise to all of the great coaches I have been associated with in the OVAC while I have been at John Marshall."

Blankenship, who just finished guiding a young Monarch squad to an 11-12 record this past season, has rolled up an OVAC and West Virginia record 456 girls basketball victories in his 27-year tenure at the Glen Dale-based school. During that span his teams have lost only 173 times.

As for team accomplishments, the retired teacher has watched his teams collect 17 West Virginia Class AAA Section One

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titles, nine Region One crowns, two state runnerup trophies and one state championship to go along with nine conference banners.

Meanwhile, Blankenship has watched 31 former players go on to the college ranks and also coached an Olympian in Amy Gamble.

And he's not done yet.

"I still have such a love for this game," he said. "Things haven't really changed much for me here other than I retired from teaching."

"For me, there is nothing more special than working with these kids and watching them learn the game and develop the same passion for it."

"I'll continue to do this until I lose my rapport with the girls and I'm not able to communicate with them anymore."

"If that ever happens, I feel I will have to step down."

While a lot of things have changed in the game over the years, Blankenship's John Marshall squads have been a constant.

"Girls' basketball has really progressed over the years with many more very good coaches and teams in the OVAC, the state and throughout the country," said the former West Virginia Wesleyan multisport standout.

"That all comes from coaches and players who are willing to put in the time and effort. That, for me, is a very good thing to see."

"These girls' basketball players work just as hard as anyone else and it's nice to finally see them getting some recognition."

Blankenship can also look forward to the 2005-06 season with senior-to-be Jaimie Merinar leading a solid nucleus back into battle.

The Monarchs also received quality playing time this past season from the likes of juniors Alex Lawther and Shayna Varnier and a trio of promising freshmen in Jessica Hayes, Chanice Hill and Leah Skrzypek.

John Marshall lost to Wheeling Park in this year's West Virginia Class AAA Region One Section One title contest.

Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic slated for Saturday at OUE

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

All-Star games of any sort are supposed to be an enjoyable time for the players and coaches involved.

However, as preparations wind down for Saturday's Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic the competitive nature is beginning to set in on both the Ohio boys and girls teams.

The OVAC games -- which will get under way at 1 p.m. with the girls game and the boys game is slated for approximately 3:15 p.m. at Ohio University-Eastern's Ney Center - will prove to be the final prep basketball game for most of the players, which makes wanting to go out on top even more important.

According to Ohio and Harrison Central boys coach Donnie Madzia, the Buckeyes have been preaching team work through their drills.

"The kids are looking forward to playing together as a team," Madzia said. "We have had some intense practices and the kids are all getting along real well and looking forward to getting out there Saturday."

According to game rules, all players must receive equal time in the first half of the game and

then in the second half coaches basically have free reign to run the team as if it were a regular game.

Madzia and his coaching staff - which includes River's Mark Romick and Buckeye Trail's Dave Linn - have broke down the Buckeyes into three teams of five, but have yet to determine which five will begin the game on the floor.

"All of the teams are pretty equal," Madzia said. "We wanted to have a playoff between the three teams, but each team had a kid missing, so we will decide as a staff which team will start the game."

Buckeye players will play in six-minute intervals during the first half, but Madzia has reserved the right to switch the groups in the second half.

"The fourth squad will be the group that I put together during the game," Madzia continued.

Several players have stood out during practices for the Buckeyes, but according to Madzia he's most impressed with his point guards, which include Shadyside's Steve Luckhardt and Buckeye Local's Chase Groves.

"Luckhardt and Groves have received a bunch of honors and it's understandable why," the Ohio coach said. "Chase is the quiet leader on the court,

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where Steve is more vocal."

When preparing for the Mountaineers, the Buckeyes are facing a team that lacks size, but is deep with skill on the perimeter.

"Obviously, you can't scout them, but from what I have read and heard they have some nice quickness," Madzia said. "Their lack of size really helps us, but I like our guards and think they will match-up well."

The remainder of the Ohio boys squad includes: Mike Fisher (Bellaire), Adam Vincenzo (St. Clairsville); Brian Kreefer (East Liverpool), Ryne Romick (River), Brad Mitchell (Meadowbrook), Michael Bettinger (Caldwell), Daun Lutes (Frontier), Colin Hudson (Barnesville), Ryan Church (Martins Ferry), Casey Tolzda (Beallsville), Shane Stephens (Buckeye Trail), Pat Byrne (Cambridge) and Sean Call (Buckeye Local).

THE OHIO GIRLS seem to be facing an acid test on paper, but Ohio and Steubenville Central head coach Kevin Barr truly likes the make-up of his team.

"We have been very pleased with the way the girls have meshed together," Barr admitted. "We are excited and looking forward to the challenge that lies ahead of us."

The Lady Buckeyes have been working on neutralizing the West Virginia size advantage with their guard-oriented offense.

The Ohio girls are led by back-court players Emily Miller of Union Local and Shayla Holenka of Shadyside.

Both scored better than 1,000 points in their careers and Miller is the UL all-time leading scorer in girls' history.

"We will be playing primarily

with guards, but we feel we have some kids who can put up good numbers," Barr admitted. "These girls are very unselfish and are doing a good job of finding the open person."

The Ohio roster - which features just one 6-foot player in Zanesville's Allison Lawyer - will have to battle a West Virginia squad, which features post-players abounding.

Included for the Lady Mountaineers are Mt. DeChantal's Sylvie Taffan and Chantelle Handy as well as Magnolia's Allison Rothlisberger in the lost post.

Taffan and Handy are headed to Pittsburgh and Marshall, respectively.

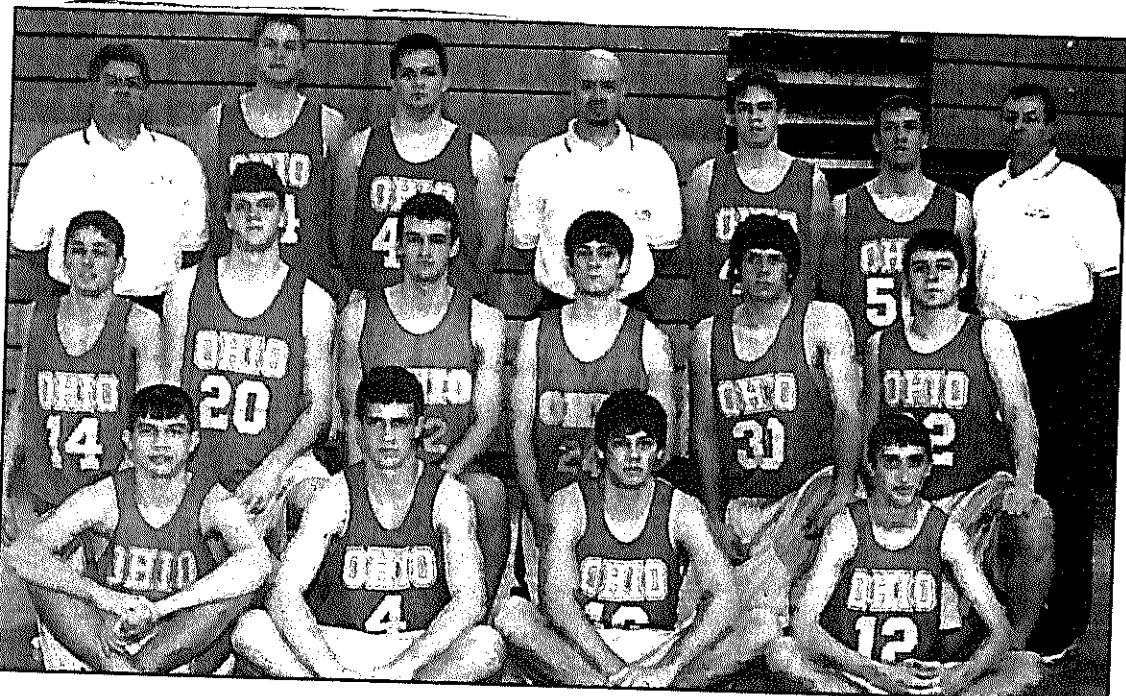
Rothlisberger is headed to Gannon University after a prep career that saw her score better than 1,300 points and lead the Lady Eagles to a state title two weeks ago.

"We know West Virginia has a quality team with some very special players," Barr said. "They have kids who experienced a state championship and have a definite size advantage, but our girls are ready to play."

Rothlisberger isn't the only Lady Mountaineer with a state title ring. Wheeling Central's Kayleen Fitzsimmons led her Knights to a title her junior season. They finished second this year.

The remainder of the Ohio girls' roster includes: Jamie Ankrom (Beallsville), Nikki Driscoll (Bellaire), Annie Wiater (St. John Central), Kim Rose (Buckeye Trail), Lauren Flood (Edison), Julia Hodgkinson (Harrison Central), Lynsey Agnew (Martins Ferry), Tiffany Youell (Meadowbrook), Shana Swann (River), Chelsea Clause (Steubenville Catholic Central), Mallory Moore (Toronto), Rachel Cruz (Shenandoah).

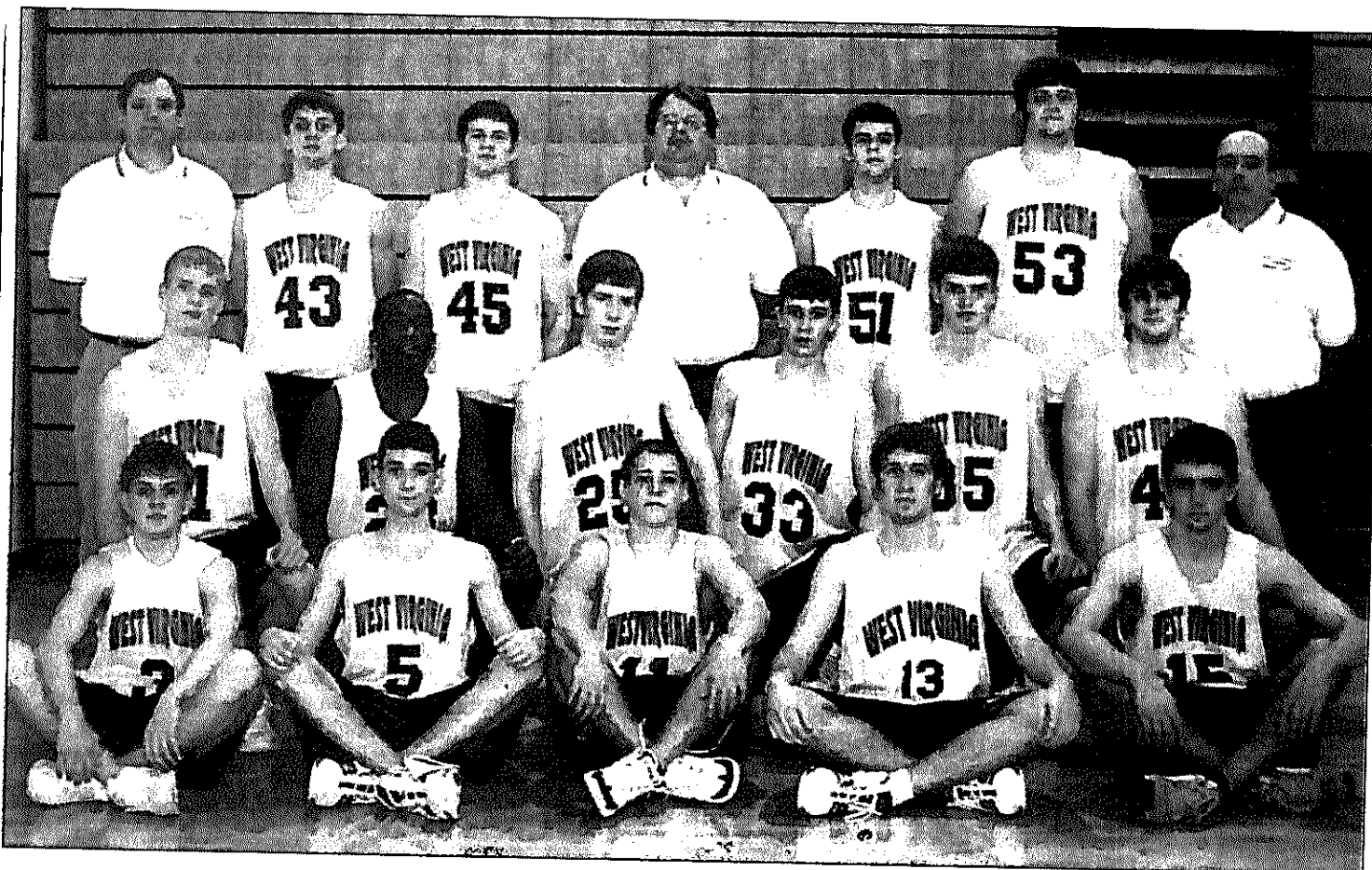
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PICTURED is the 2005 Ohio boys all-star team for Saturday's OVAC All-Star Classic. Front row, from left, are Ryne Romick (River), Steve Luckhardt (Shadyside), Ryan Church (Martins Ferry) and Adam Vincenzo (St. Clairsville). Second row, from left, are Chase Groves (Buckeye), Daun Lutes (Frontier), Brad Mitchell (Meadowbrook), Pat Byrne (Cambridge), Sean Call (Buckeye) and Shane Stephens (Trail). Back row, from left, are assistant coach Mark Romick (River); Brian Kreefer (East Liverpool), Michael Bettinger (Caldwell), head coach Donnie Madzia (Harrison), Colin Hudson (Barnesville), Casey Tolzda (Beallsville) and coach Dave Linn (Buckeye Trail). Absent was Mike Fisher (Bellaire).

West Virginia All-Stars



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REPRESENTING the West Virginia team in Saturday's Samuel Mumley Basketball Classic will be these players and coaches. In front row, from left, are Derek Syrylo, Wheeling Park; Tyler Morando, Wheeling Central; Michael De Caria, Weirton; Eric Novick, Wheeling Central; and Robbie Rine, Tyler Consolidated. Second row are, from left, Trent Wable, Tyler Consolidated; Justin Shumake, Weir; Ryan Santik, Weir; Matt Coe, Cameron; Nate Tallman, Magnolia; and Anthony Sarp, Paden City. Third row, from left, are assistant coach Dave Tallman, Magnolia; Anthony Montes, John Marshall; Zac Amedro, John Marshall; head coach Mike Granato, Weir; E.J. Schramm, Wheeling Park; Chris Baldauf, Brooke; and assistant coach Mel Stephens, Wheeling Central.

Meadowbrook's Youel sparks Ohio girls to win

By **BUBBA KAPRAL**
T-L Executive Sports Editor

The Lady Buckeyes were cast in the role of the underdog.

It was a role they did not relish; nor one they obviously didn't deserve.

Ohio -- riding the sensational three-point shooting of Meadowbrook's Tiffany Youel -- pocketed a hard-earned and very-satisfying 85-79 triumph in the Samuel Mumley OVAC Basketball Classic at the Ney Center at Ohio University Eastern.

"Having people say we were the underdogs really served as incentive for our team," said Ohio and Steubenville Catholic head coach Kevin Barr. "We played with a little chip on our shoulders.

"We knew we had a good team and really like our guards," Barr said. "It also gets much easier when you have

someone shooting the ball like Tiffany did today."

Youel -- a 5 ft. 5 dynamo -- drained an amazing eight three-point field goals en route to a game-high 25-point performance. Five of her treys came in the decisive second half.

The Colt star was no one woman show, however, for the Buckeyes. She was supported by a quality and well-meshing unit.

Two-time all-Ohioan Shayla Holenka was impressive in her own right. The Shadyside star knocked home 17 counters, including four key buckets down the stretch to help seal the deal for the Scarlet & Gray.

Shenandoah's powerful post Rachel Cruz made his presence felt, working the paint for nine points and an equal amount of rebounds.

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BELLAIRE'S Nikki Driscoll pump fakes under the bucket against a West Virginia defender during the second half Saturday afternoon at the Ney Center at OUE.

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Bellaire's Nikki Driscoll and Edison's Lauren Flood each knocked down eight tallies.

The highly-touted West Virginians were paced by Wheeling Central all-stater Kayleen Fitzsimmons. She led the losers with 15 points while also pocketing the three-point shooting contest at halftime.

Tyler Consolidated standout Lyncee Perkey turned in a fine effort with 14 points while Mount de Chantal's elongated Chantelle Hanly netted 11 counters.

The Buckeyes -- who trailed much of the first half -- performed at a championship level over the final three minutes to emerge victorious.

Youel's eighth and final trey of the afternoon came at the three-minute mark, boosting the Ohioans to a 74-65 cushion. Two Mountaineer hoops cut it to

five before Holenka slowed the run with a Buckeye at the 1:52 lighting.

Magnolia's Katie Blatt buried a trey, making it a 76-72 issue before Holenka again stepped up, scoring to give the Ohioans a 78-72 lead at the 1:30 mark.

A Cruz hoop and two Flood free throws ended West Virginia's comeback hopes.

"We were hoping it would be a close game down the stretch," Barr said. "We knew we had the guards that would give them matchup problems. We wanted to spread the floor and isolate some of their big people.

"The girls really stepped up down the stretch. We executed just like we had planned," he added. My assistants (Greg Mitts and Tom Strasser) did a great job with the rotations."

Ohio connected on 31-of-66 shots for 47 percent. The

Buckeyes committed 17 turnovers.

West Virginia drained 28-of-85 shots for an icy 32 percent. The Blue & Gold recorded just eight miscues.

Some 11 players reached the scoring column for Ohio while 13 scored for West Virginia.

Scoring:
OHIO (85) -- Flood 3, 2-2 8; Holenka 8, 0-0 17; Agnew 1, 0-0 3; Swan 1, 0-0 2; Miller 0, 3-4 3; Youel 8, 1-2 25; Cruz 3, 3-4 9; Clause 1, 1-2 3; Driscoll 4, 0-0 8; Moore 2, 1-3 6; Rose 0, 0-0 0; Ankrom 0, 1-2 1; Water 0, 0-0 0; Hodkinson 0, 0-0 0. Totals 31, 12-20. WEST VIRGINIA (79) -- Hanly 5, 1-2 11; Tafen 3, 1-2 7; Rothlisberger 2, 1-2 5; Fitzsimmons 4, 4-4 15; Blatt 1, 3-4 8; Bullock 3, 0-0 6; Perkey 5, 1-2 14; Hobbs 0, 2-2 2; Swiger 1, 0-0 2; Gouldsberry 0, 1-2 1; Reisinger 1, 0-0 3; McCormick 1, 0-0 2; Bowers 1, 0-0 3. Totals 28, 15-22.

Three-point goals: Youel (8), Holenka (1), Moore (1), Agnew (1); West Virginia -- Fitzsimmons (3), Perkey (3), Reisinger (1), Bowers (1).

Clutter to Receive Basketball Official Award

By **NICK BEDWAY**
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Bridgeport's Pahl earns Rataiczak OVAC award

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Writer

Many things surrounding the Bridgeport basketball program have changed over the last 20 years.

Coaches and players have come and gone, but scorekeeper Bill Pahl has remained a constant.

Pahl just completed his 20th season of keeping scorebook for the Bulldogs boys basketball program and for his years of service and dedication, Pahl has been named the recipient of the Thomas E. Rataiczak OVAC Scorerkeeper/Timer Award winner and will receive his award at the annual OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic slated for March 26 at OUE's Ney Center.

"I just love keeping the book," Pahl said. "It got into my blood and it's stayed there all these years. We haven't had too many great seasons, but I just love doing it."

Pahl has seen as many as seven head coaches during his era at the Bulldogs' scoring table and many players.

When asked about a memorable moment or player, he didn't take long to say Willie McCrary who earned first-team all-Ohio during his senior season in 2000.

"I always liked Willie as a player," Pahl admitted. "He was a nice kid and a good player. The team I remember the most is when Bobby Mrcozkowski and those guys went to the regionals."

Pahl doesn't miss a game during the season, making all of the road trips along the way.

"Getting someone to show up 20 times a year for 20 years says really says something," said Bridgeport head coach and athletic director Jim "Dubie" Dailer, who Pahl spent two terms under. "The dedication that Bill has shown speaks for

itself."

After graduating from Warwood High School in 1946, Pahl matriculated back to Bridgeport where he lived up until his sophomore year of high school.

Pahl -- who is a retired steel worker at Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel -- is also a standout bowler. He was the West Virginia Singles Champion in 1967 and is a charter member of the Bellaire Bowling Association Hall of Fame and a two-time Wheeling Bowling Association Events Champion.

Winning the honor from the OVAC is actually something that Pahl had been striving for since the award's inception.

"I had hoped it would come my way sometime," Pahl continued. "It's a definite honor and keeping score has just been a great experience for me and I plan on doing it until they fire me or I just can't do it anymore."

Pahl is also active in the Bridgeport community. He's the treasurer of both the Bridgeport Booster Club and 200 Club as well as the finance officer of the Bridgeport American Legion. He's the past president of the Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel 25-year club.

"Bill's a true Bulldog," Dailer said. "I didn't hesitate to nominate Bill because how loyal and dependable he's been. For a long time he kept score without pay and the kids really enjoy having him around the program."

Bill and his wife Dorothy have been married 56 years and have a daughter Brenda (55) who resides in Columbus.

The couple also has three grand children: Amanda Lovell (26), Michelle Pike (35) and Eric Perzanowski (27).

They also have three great grandchildren: Justin, Tommy and Shelby.





Sullivan wins OVAC hoops award

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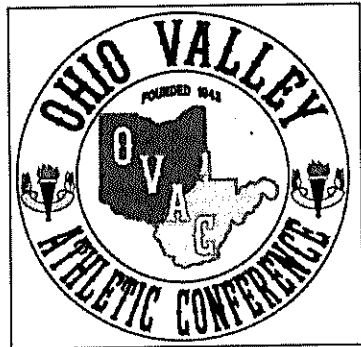
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His final two Magnolia teams, in 1963 and 1964, finished as state Class AA runner-up. The 1964 team ended with a school best 25-1 record and the only unbeaten regular season in history.



Twelve of Sullivan's players earned all-state recognition including four first team Class AA selections--Carter Castilow, Dick Mullett, Gordon Carlson and Jack Starcher. Castilow, the 1961 all-state captain, later played at Ohio State.

Sullivan's first two Blue Eagle teams featured Jim McCormick, who later starred at West Virginia U. and is regarded as the school's best-ever roundball product. The 1964 team included sophomore Wayne Porter, who later became the last West Virginia U. athlete to letter in three sports.

The honoree also coached Magnolia football for eight years and his 1960 and 1961 teams won OVAC titles. The 1960 team recorded the school's first 10-0 record season.

A 1945 graduate of Pennsboro High School and 1950 West Virginia Wesleyan College alumnus, Sullivan started his coaching career at Gary Junior High School. His two basketball teams went 32-6 and competed in the state Junior High Tournament.

From 1953-56, he coached three sports at Parsons High School. His four basketball teams had a 65-21 record.

He coached Terry Fairbanks, who later captained the 1958 West Virginia U. football team.

After his eight-year Magnolia High tenure, he joined the Wood County education system where he taught mathematics at Parkersburg High and administered a federal program before being appointed Williamstown High principal where he served from 1966-71.

Sullivan's three children graduated from Williamstown.

From 1971-73, he was in administration at Lewis County High in Weston before moving to Tyler County as assistant superintendent in 1973. He retired from that position in 1983.

Sullivan's first wife Ramona passed away in 2001. He resides in Sistersville with his wife, the former Jane Batton.

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His final two Magnolia teams, in 1963 and 1964, finished as state Class AA runnersup. The 1964 team ended with a school best 25-1 record and the only unbeaten regular season in history.

Twelve of Sullivan's players earned all-state recognition including four first team Class AA selections -- Carter Castilow, Dick Mullett, Gordon Carlson and Jack Starcher. Castilow, the 1961 all-state captain, later played at Ohio State.

Sullivan's first two Blue Eagle teams featured Jim McCormick, who later starred at West Virginia U. and is regarded as the school's best-ever roundball product. The 1964 team included sophomore Wayne Porter, who later became the last West Virginia U. athlete to letter in three sports.

The honoree also coached Magnolia football for eight years and his 1960 and 1961 teams won OVAC titles. The 1960 team recorded the school's first 10-0 record season.

A 1945 graduate of Pennsboro High School and 1950 West Virginia Wesleyan College alumnus, Sullivan started his coaching career at Gary Junior High School. His two basketball teams went 32-6 and competed in the state Junior High Tournament.

From 1953-56, he coached three sports at Parsons High School. His four basketball teams had a 65-21 record.

He coached Terry Fairbanks, who later captained the 1958 West Virginia U. football team.

After his eight-year Magnolia High tenure, he joined the Wood County education system where he taught mathematics at Parkersburg High and administered a federal program before being appointed Williamstown High principal where he served from 1966-71.

Sullivan's three children graduated from Williamstown.

From 1971-73, he was in administration at Lewis County High in Weston before moving to Tyler County as assistant superintendent in 1973. He retired from that position in 1983.

Sullivan's first wife Ramona passed away in 2001.

He resides in Sistersville with his wife, the former Jane Batton.

Pahl a Constant In Bridgeport

Bulldog statistician wins OVAC award

For The Intelligencer

Many things surrounding the Bridgeport basketball program have changed over the last 20 years.

Coaches and players have come and gone, but scorekeeper Bill Pahl has remained a constant.

Pahl just completed his 20th season of keeping the scorebook for the Bulldogs boys' basketball program and, for his years of service and dedication, Pahl has been named the recipient of the Thomas E. Rataiczak OVAC Scorekeeper/Timer Award winner.

He will receive his award at the annual Samuel Mumley/OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic slated for March 26 at Ohio University Eastern's Ney Center.

"I just love keeping the book," Pahl said. "It got into my blood and it's stayed there all these years. We haven't had too many great seasons, but I just love doing it."

Pahl has worked for seven head coaches and several hundred players during his time at the Bulldogs' scoring table.

When asked about a memorable moment or player, he didn't take long to mention Willie McCrary who earned first-team all-Ohio during his senior season in 2000.

"I always liked Willie as a player," Pahl admitted. "He was a nice kid and a good player. The team I remember the most is when Bobby Mrczkowski and those guys went to the regionals."

Pahl doesn't miss a game during the season, making all of the road trips along the way.

"Getting someone to show up 20 times a year for 20 years really says something," said Bridgeport head coach and athletic director Jim "Dubie" Dailer. "The dedication that Bill has shown speaks for itself."

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Pahl, a retired employee from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, is also a standout bowler. He was the West Virginia Singles Champion in 1967 and is a charter member of the Bellaire Bowling Association Hall of Fame. Bill also won two Wheeling Bowling Association All-Events titles.

Being selected for this honor is something Pahl admittedly has dreamed about. "I hoped it would come my way sometime," he said. "It's a definite honor and keeping score has just been a great experience for me. I plan on doing it until they fire me or I just can't do it anymore."

Pahl is also active in the Bridgeport community. He's the treasurer of both the Bridgeport Booster Club and 200 Club as well as the finance officer of the Bridgeport American Legion. He's the past president of the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel 25-year club.

"Bill's a true Bulldog," Dailer said. "I didn't hesitate to nominate Bill because how loyal and dependable he's been. For a long time he kept score without pay and the kids really enjoy having him around the program."

Bill and his wife Dorothy have been married 56 years and have a daughter Brenda (55) who resides in Columbus. The couple also has three grand children: Amanda Lovell (26), Michelle Pike (35) and Eric Perzanowski (27). They also have three great grandchildren: Justin, Tommy and Shelby.



Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Members of the Ohio girls' squad for the OVAC Samuel Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic include bottom, from left, Jamie Ankrom, Annie Wiater, Tiffany Youel, Shayla Holenka; middle, from left, Mallory Moore, Chelsea Clause, Lynsey Agnew; top, from left, assistant coach Greg Mitts, Lauren Flood, Shana Swan, head coach Kevin Barr, Emily Miller; Klm Rose and assistant coach Tom Strasser.

Ohio Girls Possess Plenty of Firepower

For The News-Register

So many options, yet so few spots.

That must have been the quandary surrounding local girls basketball coaches when they tried to select the Ohio All-Star squad.

However, Steubenville Central and Ohio head coach Kevin Barr is quite happy with the team that he has to work with for this Saturday's game.

The annual Samuel A. Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic is slated for 1 p.m. at Ohio University Eastern's Ney Center.

"Some people may think we are underdogs to West Virginia, Ohio head coach Kevin Barr said. "Well, they had better not tell these girls that because they are going into the game to win. I feel like we have a very strong team with a lot of quality players."

Joining Barr on the bench will be Meadowbrook's Greg Mitts and Buckeye Trail's Tom Strasser.

The Buckeye girls feature some four career 1,000-point scorers.

Leading the list is Union Local guard Emily Miller who scored better than 1,500 points and became the leading scorer in Lady Jets' history this season. She averaged close to 21 points a game for Coach Rick Jones' team.

Miller has been a fixture on all post-season teams thus far, including third-team all-Ohio in Division III.

Shadyside's Shayla Holenka netted 1,342 points and averaged better than 20 points a night this past winter. Holenka was named third-team all-Ohio by the Associated Press.

Meadowbrook's Tiffany Youel had an outstanding career for the Lady Colts recording more than 1,000 points and averaging nearly 16 points a game this past season.

Zanesville will be represented in the OVAC All-Star game by Allison Lawyer. The Lady Blue Devils' post player was a major cog in the success of Steve Mercer's team this past season.

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Martins ferry guard Lynsey Agnew has been selected to the game. She averaged 13 points a night for Coach Dave Reasbeck's outfit this past season.

Bellaire will be represented in the game by solid point guard Nikki Driscoll. One of the most unheralded Lady Reds averaged 14 points a game for Coach Tube Davis' team this season.

St. John Central's Annie Wiater will be another backcourt option for the Lady Buckeye staff. She averaged eight points a night for Coach Bubba Kapral's squad.

Harrison Central forward Julia Hodgkinson was selected to the game after a season that was limited due to an early-season injury.

Buckeye Trail guard Kim Rose will take part in the game after a strong four-year career for the Lady Warriors.

Shenandoah post Rachel Cruz will take part in the game. The 5-ft-10 pivot averaged close to a double-double for Amber Ellison's team and helped lead them to the district tournament.

A trio of Jefferson County players were tabbed for the game — Edison's Lauren Flood, Toronto's Mallory Moore and Steubenville Central's Chelsea Clause.

Beallsville's Jamie Ankrom who led the Lady Blue Devils in almost every category will also take part.

OVAC All-Star game slated for today

FOR THE TIMES LEADER

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Much of the talk on the boys' game has revolved around the centers, and with good reason.

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Baldauf played his best basketball down the stretch for the Bruins, including a dominant effort in the sectional championship when he just missed a triple-double.

Also in the post for the Buckeyes will be Buckeye Local's Sean Call and Frontier's Daun Lutes.

Baldauf will be joined in the paint for West Virginia by Paden City's Anthony Sapp, Robbie Rine of Tyler Consolidated and Magnolia's Nate Tallman.

If the post players can cancel each other out, it will come down to guard play, and then it is anyone's guess.

Ohio claims a pair of dynamic scoring guards in Steve Luckhardt of Shadyside and Buckeye Local's Chase Groves.

Both players averaged more than 20 points per game this season.

"We will be running," said Madzia. "We want to push the ball."

The Buckeyes are very deep at the guard spots. Shane Stephens, of Buckeye Trail, Bellaire's Mike Fisher, Beallsville's Casey Tolzda, Adam Vincenzo of St. Clairsville, Colin Hudson of Barnsville and Ryne Romick of River, give Madzia plenty of options.

West Virginia, meanwhile, will line up with Derek Srylo of Wheeling Park and Justin Shumake of Weir at the point position.

Playing at shooting guard for the Mountaineers will be Cameron's Matt Coe, Wheeling Park's E.J. Schramm, Zach Amedro of John Marshall, Trent Wable of Tyler Consolidated and Wheeling Central's Eric Novick and Tyler Morando.

"We have excellent guards, there is no doubt about that," said West Virginia coach Mike Granato of Weir. "We have some guys that can shoot the ball. We will have to take advantage of that."

As always in an all-star game, you have players that can play pretty much play anywhere on the floor.

For the Mountaineers, Aaron Santik of Weir and John Marshall's Anthony Montes fill that role.

Ohio's dual threats include Martins Ferry's Ryan Church, Michael Bettinger of Caldwell, Pat Byrne of Cambridge and Meadowbrook's Brad Mitchell.

"We are going to come out and have fun," said Madzia.

Madzia will be assisted by Dave Linn of Buckeye Trail and River's Mark Romick.

Helping Granato will be Wheeling Central's Mel Stephens and Magnolia's Dave Tallman.

"On the girls side, it figures to be mostly a game of inside vs. outside.

West Virginia boasts several 6-footers in Magnolia's Allison Rothlisberger and Mount de Chantal's Sylvie Tafen (6-4) and Chantelle Handy (6-3). It also has Wheeling Park's Mandi Swiger, known for playing above her height.

"They are some excellent players," said Ohio coach Kevin Barr of Steubenville Central. "No doubt about that."

And while Ohio will likely rely on its guard play, don't be surprised if the likes of Edison's Lauren Flood, Zanesville's Allison Lawyer, Kim Rose of Buckeye Trail or Rachel Cruz of Shenandoah steal some of the spotlight in the post.

But the guards for Ohio simply can't be overlooked.

Led by scoring threats Shayla Holenka of Shadyside, Union Local's Emily Miller and Tiffany Youel of Meadowbrook, the

Buckeyes perimeter players will demand close attention from the West Virginia defense.

"We also have some very good players," said Barr. "Especially our guards."

Rounding out the guards for Ohio is Martins Ferry's Lynsey Agnew, Beallsville's Jamie Ankrom, Bellaire's Nikki Driscoll, and Julia Hodgkinson of Harrison Central.

West Virginia, meanwhile, will hand the point over to Tyler Consolidated's Lyncee Perkey, Linsly's Alana Reisinger Cameron's Amanda Hartley and John Marshall's Megan Gouldsberry.

At the shooting guard spots will be Wheeling Central's Kayleen Fitzsimmons, the school's all-time leading scorer, Katie Blatt of Magnolia, Leigh Ann Hobbs of Oak Glen, Paden City's Jenny Bowers and Valley's Heather Brown.

Like in the boys' game, the swing positions will be critical to the success of both squads.

For West Virginia, Handy and Wheeling Park's Kaitlyn McCormick can do whatever is asked of them by head coach Nikkie Hardman (Magnolia).

The Buckeyes have players like Shana Swan of River, Bellaire St. John's Annie Wiater, Toronto's Mallory Moore and Chelsea Clause of Steubenville Central.

Barr will be assisted by Greg Mitts of Meadowbrook and Buckeye Trail's Tom Strasser, while Hardman will be joined on the bench of John Leary of Brooke and Wheeling Central's Penn Kurtz.

Tickets for the annual game are still available at area Kroger stores. The players and coaches will be treated to a brunch this morning



WV boys primed for OVAC Classic

FOR THE TIMES LEADER

Weir High head coach Mike Granato knows he has a lot of talent to work with as the West Virginia Boys' All-Star Team coach looks ahead to next weekend's Samuel Mumley OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic.

But he also knows that finding the right mix to let the stars shine brightest may be his most important -- and challenging -- task.

The veteran cage mentor is well on his way toward achieving that goal as his Mountain State All-Stars prepare to meet their Buckeye State counterparts a week from today at Ohio University Eastern's Ney Center.

"We're hoping to find three units that play well together,"

said Granato. "We will look to put some of the kids who have played together on the floor at the same time."

"We will need to stay fresh. We will play a lot of kids and hope to have fun."

The biggest player on the West Virginia side is Brooke's Chris Baldauf at 6-foot-7.

Baldauf played his best basketball down the stretch for the Bruins, including a monster night in the sectional final against Wheeling Park.

Baldauf averaged just under 13 points per game this season.

Following is a rundown of the rest of the West Virginia squad:

Handling the point for the Mountaineers will be Wheeling Park's Derek Syrylo, Weirton Madonna's Michael DeCaria

and Weir's Justin Shumake.

Syrylo (5-10) scored 10 ppg. and dished out four assists a game.

Shumake may have only scored around five points a night but his playmaking abilities and defensive intensity were keys to the Red Riders' state tourney run.

DeCaria averaged about nine ppg. for a very solid Madonna outfit that finished third in the OVAC Class A standings.

West Virginia has some very capable shooting guards including Eric Novick and Tyler Morando of Wheeling Central, while John Marshall's Zach Amedro, Tyler Consolidated's Trent Wable, Wheeling Park's E.J. Schramm and Matt Coe of Cameron.

"We have some guys who can shoot the ball," said Granato. "We will have to take advantage of that."

Morando and Schramm are the top 3-point shooters for the Mountaineers, having combined for 100 treys, while Amedro weighs in at a robust 16 ppg.

Wable and Coe both score at about a 13 ppg. clip and are two of the better defensive guards on the West Virginia side while Novick averaged better than 15 ppg. for Central.

Weir's Aaron Santik and John Marshall's Anthony Montes can play both guard or forward for the Mountaineers.

Chipping in at nine points a game for the Red Riders, Santik will provide West Virginia with an excellent swingman, while

Montes can post up or drive, as evidenced by his nearly 20 ppg. average.

Joining Baldauf on the blocks for West Virginia will be Magnolia's Nate Tallman (6-5), Robbie Rine (6-4) of Tyler Consolidated, and Paden City's Anthony Sapp (6-5).

While Tallman doesn't have the bulk of his counterparts in the paint, he is an agile scorer who is capable of stepping outside and nailing a 3-pointer. Tallman led the Blue Eagles with 29 3-pointers this season.

Sapp averaged nearly a double-double a game for Paden City this season while scoring 17 points a game while Rine was the leading scorer for the Silver Knights at better than 14 ppg.

Mountaineer girls boast firepower

FOR THE TIMES LEADER

The Samuel Mumley OVAC All-Star basketball Classic is little over a week away and once again the West Virginia girls squad will be backing a lot of firepower.

From Division I players to coach's with state championships on their respective resumes, it looks like another strong year for the girls in Blue & Gold.

The Mountaineers squad will be coached by Magnolia head coach Nikki Hardman.

Hardman and her Blue Eagles are fresh off a West Virginia Class AA state championship victory over Petersburg.

She will be assisted by Wheeling Central head coach Penn Kurtz and Brooke head mentor John Leary.

Kurtz guided his Maroon Knight team back to the West Virginia Class A championship game for the third year in a row. Central fell to No. 1-ranked Parkersburg Catholic in the championship game. The Knights were also the OVAC Class AA champs. The Maroon Knights captured the Class A title in 2004.

The Brooke Bruins, despite falling to John Marshall in the sectionals, had their best season in quite some time.

Leary, in just his second season as head coach, led the Bruins from the sidelines to an 18-5 record and a OVAC Class AAAA championship.

Leading the way for the Mountaineers' squad is a trio of

Division I signees in Wheeling Central's Kayleen Fitzsimmons and Mount de Chantal duo Chantelle Handy and Slivie Tafen.

Handy, a 6-2 wing, scored at around 10 points per game for head coach John Rowan's club, has already signed on to play at Marshall.

Ten points a night might not seem like much, but considering the Mount has to spread the offensive wealth between four D-I players and two future ones, it's easy to see why Handy's numbers are slightly lower than most.

Tafen averages near nine points per contest, but at 6-5, alters any and all shots in the paint. Standing 6-5, Tafen is headed to Pittsburgh in the fall.

Fitzsimmons will head to Cornell as the all-time leading scorer in Wheeling Central girls basketball history. A two-time all.W.Va. player, Fitzsimmons averaged 22 points per game and led the Valley's small-school players with over 60 three pointers.

Joining Tafen in the paint will be Magnolia center Allison Rothlisberger.

At 6-1, Rothlisberger put on a shot-blocking clinic in Charleston this past week, establishing new marks for both individual and team records for

blocks. Rothlisberger, who averages 16 points and nine rebounds per game, will be attending Division II's Gannon University.

Her Blue Eagles' teammate, Katie Blatt, will also be playing for the Blue and Gold.

Blatt totaled 13 points per game for Magnolia, and like Rothlisberger, was a four-year starter.

Wheeling Park notched two players on the Mountaineer's roster in Kaityln McCormick and Mandi Swiger.

McCormick was the top defender on the Patriots' Class AAA regional runner-up squad, checking in with six steals per game and 11 points.

Swiger averages just under 10 points per game during her senior campaign, all the way pulling down eight boards per night. Defense is where Swiger made her name with a physical style of play that ensured no opposing player entered the paint without receiving a customary bump.

John Marshall guard Megan Gouldsberry joins the team after scoring nine points per game for Stan Blankenship's Monarchs.

Gouldsberry improved greatly from her junior season and her defense and on-floor intensity played a key role in the

Monarchs mid-season surge.

A former teammate of Gouldsberry, Amanda Hartley transferred to Cameron for her senior season and helped the Dragons to a 19-3 regular season mark.

Hartley hovered around eight points and finished with 62 steals and 105 assists, but it was her ability to come in and play point guard that aided the Dragons' most.

The last Class AAA player on the West Virginia squad, but certainly not the least, is Brooke's Amy Bullock.

A three-year starter at guard, Bullock led the Bruins with 15 points per game and was a big reason for Brooke's turnaround from a 5-18 record in 2004 to a 18-5 mark in 2005.

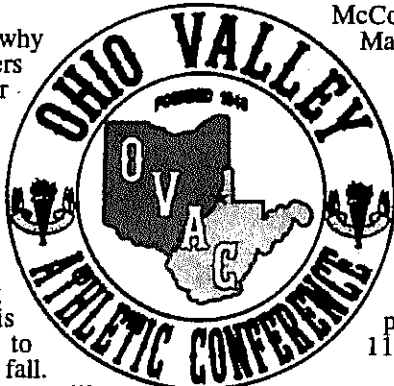
Two more Class AA players line the Mountaineers' roster in Tyler Consolidated's Lyncee Perkey and Oak Glen's Leigh Ann Hobbs.

Perkey, a three-year starter at point guard, moved to a forward position this season for head coach Kent Yoho's Silver Knights.

She still managed 16 points per game, 7.5 rebounds and three assists and connected successfully for over 20 three pointers.

And speaking of threes, Hobbs finished with 47 this season for the Golden Bears while leading the team with a 12 points per game average.

Rounding out the Mountaineers roster is Valley's Heather Brown, Paden City's Jenny Bowers and Linsly's Alana Reisinger.



College Hill, Mayo crush Loudonville

COLUMBUS, (AP) - Mr. Basketball O.J. Mayo didn't disappoint in his first time on a statewide stage, scoring 21 points and adding nine rebounds and seven assists to lead Cincinnati North College Hill to a 75-42 win over Loudonville in a Division III state semifinal on Friday.

Second-team All-Ohioan Bill Walker chipped in with 15 points and 11 rebounds, most coming in the second half after everything but the final margin had been determined.

Loudonville's 6-foot-8 Kyle Gillette - a first-year starter who came off the bench a year ago for the state finalists - scored 27 points and had 19 rebounds.

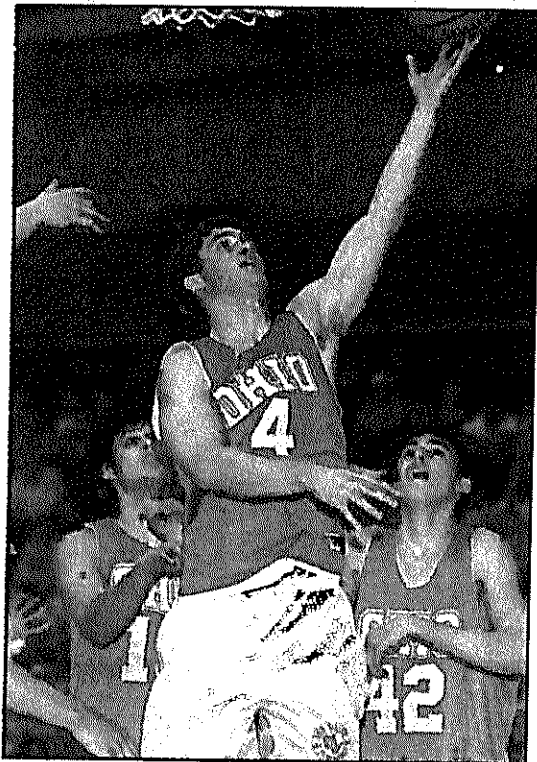
Ten players scored and 10 grabbed rebounds for top-ranked North College Hill (26-1), making its second trip to the state tournament and first since losing to Akron Hoban 52-49 in double-overtime in the 1989 title game.

Mayo, a 6-6 sophomore, didn't score in the opening quarter as the Trojans barely led 12-9.

Things changed quickly, however.

The Trojans hit 50 percent of their shots from the field while Loudonville mustered only 29 percent.

First-team all-stater Trevor Scott never got untracked, hitting just 3-of-17 shots from the field and scoring nine points.



T-L Photo/JOEL JOSEPH

SHADYSIDE'S Steve Luckhardt takes the ball to the rim during the first half of the annual OVAC All-Star Basketball Classic held at OUE Saturday.

Ohio rolls in Mumley Classic

By **BUBBA KAPRAL**
T-L Executive Sports Editor

It was a most enjoyable weekend for Don Madzia.

The Harrison Central head hoop boss pocketed a pair of all-star coaching wins in less than a 24-hour span.

After guiding the East to victory in the District 5 game Friday night at Gnadenhutten, Madzia sat back and watched his Ohio squad run roughshod over their West Virginia counterparts in the Samuel Mumley Basketball Classic at the Ney Center on the campus of Ohio University Eastern.

The Buckeyes saw their entire roster of 14 players score, including five in double figures as the Scarlet & Gray breezed to a lopsided 117-62 laugher.

"This team was a joy to coach. We had a lot of talent but everyone bought into the team concept," said Madzia, who has pocketed a host of post-season coaching awards for leading the Huskies to a 15-7 mark this winter. "We got off to a great start and things just snowballed. I think West Virginia got intimidated early."

Ohio -- making complete use of its decided advantage in all facets -- pounced on the Mountaineers at the outset and never let up. Some dozen Buckeyes scored in the opening half, staking Ohio to an insurmountable 51-24 upper-hand at intermission.

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Ohio All-Star Cage Squads Announced

For the News-Register
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The annual Samuel Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic is slated for March 26 at the Robert W. Ney Center on the campus of Ohio University Eastern.

The Ohio boys roster and coaching staff was announced today with 15 of Eastern Ohio's finest players being selected to represent the Buckeye State in the game.

The Buckeyes will be coached by Harrison Central's Donnie Madzia who helped guide the Huskies to a 15-7 record this past season. He has been honored by the Associated Press as Eastern District Coach of the Year for Division II.

Madzia will be joined on the Ohio bench by River High's Mark Romick and Buckeye Trail's Dave Linn.

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Ammirante that saw him score better than 1,400 points. Fisher averaged close to 23 points a night this past winter in helping the Big Reds to their second straight district championship.

Fisher -- who was a four-year starter in Bellaire -- was named to the AP's all-Eastern District team this season.

Buckeye Local senior point guard Chase Groves was named to the squad after scoring more than 900 points in his illustrious career.

Groves -- who was a first-team all district pick in Division II -- averaged close to 19 points a game and close to seven assists.

The inside portion of the Panthers' inside-outside combination will also take part in the OVAC game. Sean Call was named to the team after he scored more than 14 points a night this past winter.

River High will be represented by two Romick's in the game as Mark's son Ryne has been selected to play in the game.

Ryne Romick averaged close to 19 points a night and scored better than 1,000 points in his career.

The University of Akron baseball recruit was a first-team all-district selection this past season.

Martins Ferry's Ryan Church was named to the game after a four-year run with the Riders that saw him net better than 1,000 points.

Church was one of the area's top scorers this season, averaging better than 20 points a night.

He, too, was an all-Eastern District Division III pick.

East Liverpool standout Brian Kreefer -- who was the Division II Eastern District Player of the Year -- will take part in the OVAC Classic.



Stars Shine Today

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By **CHRISTOPHER S. NASH**
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Scoring:
OHIO (117) -- Romick 3, 2-3 8; Luckhardt 8, 0-0 16; Church 6, 2-3 14; Vincenzo 2, 0-0 5; Groves 6, 0-0 14; Lutes 2, 0-0 4; Mitchell 3, 0-0 7; Byrne 3, 0-0 6; Call 4, 0-0 8; Stephens 2, 0-0 4; Kreefer 5, 0-0 10; Bettinger 1, 2-2 4; Hudson 3, 0-0 7; Tolzda 5, 0-0 10. Totals 53, 6-8.
WEST VIRGINIA (62) -- Syrylo 3, 0-0 8; Morando 5, 0-0 12; DeCaria 1, 0-0 2; Novick 1, 0-0 2; Fine 2, 0-0 4; Wable 3, 0-0 6; Shumake 1, 0-0 2; Santik 1, 0-0 3; Coe 1, 0-0 2; Tallman 0, 2-4 2; Sapp 0, 0-0 0; Montes 1, 1-2 3; Amedro 2, 1-1 5; Schramm 2, 2-2 7; Baldauf 2, 0-0 4. Totals 25, 6-9.

Three-point goals: Ohio -- Vincenzo, Groves, (2), Mitchell (1), Hudson (1); West Virginia -- Morando (2), Sanchez (1), Schramm (1).

guard Chase Groves was named to the squad after scoring more than 900 points in his illustrious career.

Groves -- who was a first-team all district pick in Division II -- averaged close to 19 points a game and close to seven assists.

The inside portion of the Panthers' inside-outside combination will also take part in the OVAC game. Sean Call was named to the team after he scored more than 14 points a night this past winter.

River High will be represented by two Romick's in the game as Mark's son Ryne has been selected to play in the game.

Ryne Romick averaged close to 19 points a night and scored better than 1,000 points in his career.

The University of Akron baseball recruit was a first-team all-district selection this past season.

Martins Ferry's Ryan Church was named to the game after a four-year run with the Riders that saw him net better than 1,000 points.

Church was one of the area's top scorers this season, averaging better than 20 points a night.

He, too, was an all-Eastern District Division III pick.

East Liverpool standout Brian Kreefer -- who was the Division II Eastern District Player of the Year -- will take part in the OVAC Classic.

Kreefer became the Potters' all-time leading scorer this winter with better than 1,600 points. Kreefer averaged close to 28 points a night in leading Liverpool to a district runner-up finish.

Buckeye Trail -- which won the 2-A OVAC title -- will be represented on the squad by Shane Stephens who poured in close to 16 points a night for Linn.

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ALL-STAR

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St. Clairsville guard Adam Vincenzo was selected to the team after a senior season in which he scored close to 16 points a night and buried better than 60 three-point goals.

Cambridge standout Pat Byrne was selected to the all-star team after a season in which he scored close to 18 points a game. He helped guide Coach Gene Ford's Bobcats to the district tournament.

Barnesville's Colin Hudson -- who scored more than 15 points per game -- was named to the squad. He's one of the area's premier perimeter shooters.

The Buckeyes' front line will receive a boost with Frontier

center Daun Lutes and Meadowbrook forward Brad Mitchell on the squad.

Lutes -- at 6-ft-5 -- averaged close to 20 points a game for the Cougars. Mitchell, meanwhile, led Meadowbrook in the scoring column from his forward spot.

Beallsville's leading scorer Casey Tolzda was named to the squad after he averaged better than 18 points an outing this past year.

Caldwell's Michael Bettinger will take part in the annual game.

He scored close to 15 points a game for Coach Terry Rowe's team.

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All-Stars

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Also in the post for the Buckeyes will be Buckeye Local's Sean Call and Frontier's Daun Lutes.

Baldauf will be joined in the paint for West Virginia by Paden City's Anthony Sapp, Robbie Rine of Tyler Consolidated and Magnolia's Nate Tallman.

If the post players can cancel each other out, it will come down to guard play, and then it is anyone's guess.

Ohio claims a pair of dynamic scoring guards in Steve Luckhardt of Shadyside and Buckeye Local's Chase Groves. Both players averaged more than 20 points per game this season.

"We will be running," said Madzia. "We want to push the ball."

The Buckeyes are very deep at the guard spots. Shane Stephens, of Buckeye Trail, Bellaire's Mike Fisher, Beallsville's Casey Tolzda, Adam Vincenzo of St. Clairsville, Colin Hudson of Barnesville and Ryne Romick of River, give Madzia plenty of options.

West Virginia, meanwhile, will line up with Derek Syrylo of Wheeling Park and Justin Shumake of Weir at the point position.

Playing at shooting guard for the Mountaineers will be Cameron's Matt Coe, Wheeling Park's E.J. Schramm, Zach Amedro of John Marshall, Trent Wable of Tyler Consolidated and Wheeling Central's Eric Novick and Tyler Morando.

"We have excellent guards, there is no doubt about that," said West Virginia coach Mike Granato of Weir. "We have some guys that can shoot the ball. We will have to take advantage of that."

As always in an all-star game, you have players that can play pretty much play anywhere on the floor.

For the Mountaineers, Aaron Santik of Weir and John Marshall's Anthony Montes fill that role.

Ohio's dual threats include Martins Ferry's Ryan Church, Michael

Bettinger of Caldwell, Pat Byrne of Cambridge and Meadowbrook's Brad Mitchell.

"We are going to come out and have fun," said Madzia.

Madzia will be assisted by Dave Linn of Buckeye Trail and River's Mark Romick.

Helping Granato will be Wheeling Central's Mel Stephens and Magnolia's Dave Tallman.

■ On the girls side, it figures to be mostly a game of inside vs. outside.

West Virginia boasts several 6-footers in Magnolia's Allison Rothlisberger and Mount de Chantal's Sylvie Tafen (6-4) and Chantelle Handy (6-3). It also has Wheeling Park's Mandi Swiger, known for playing above her height.

"They are some excellent players," said Ohio coach Kevin Barr of Steubenville Central. "No doubt about that."

And while Ohio will likely rely on its guard play, don't be surprised if the likes of Edison's Lauren Flood, Zanesville's Allison Lawyer, Kim Rose of Buckeye Trail or Rachel Cruz of Shenandoah steal some of the spotlight in the post.

But the guards for Ohio simply can't be overlooked.

Led by scoring threats Shayla Holenka of Shadyside, Union Local's Emily Miller and Tiffany Youel of Meadowbrook, the Buckeyes perimeter players will demand close attention from the West Virginia defense.

"We also have some very good players," said Barr. "Especially our guards."

Rounding out the guards for Ohio are Martins Ferry's Lynsey Agnew, Beallsville's Jamie Ankrom, Bellaire's Nikki Driscoll, and Julia Hodgkinson of Harrison Central.

West Virginia, meanwhile, will hand the point over to Tyler Consolidated's Lyncee Perkey, Linsly's Alana Reisinger, Cameron's Amanda Hartley and JM's Megan Gouldsberry.

At the shooting guard spots will be Wheeling Central's Kayleen Fitzimmons, the school's all-time leading scorer, Katie Blatt of Magnolia, Leigh Ann Hobbs of Oak Glen, Paden City's Jenny Bowers and Valley's Heather Brown.

Like in the boys' game, the swing positions will be critical to the success of both squads.

For West Virginia, Handy and Wheeling Park's Kaitlyn McCormick can do whatever is asked of them by head coach Nikkie Hardman (Magnolia).

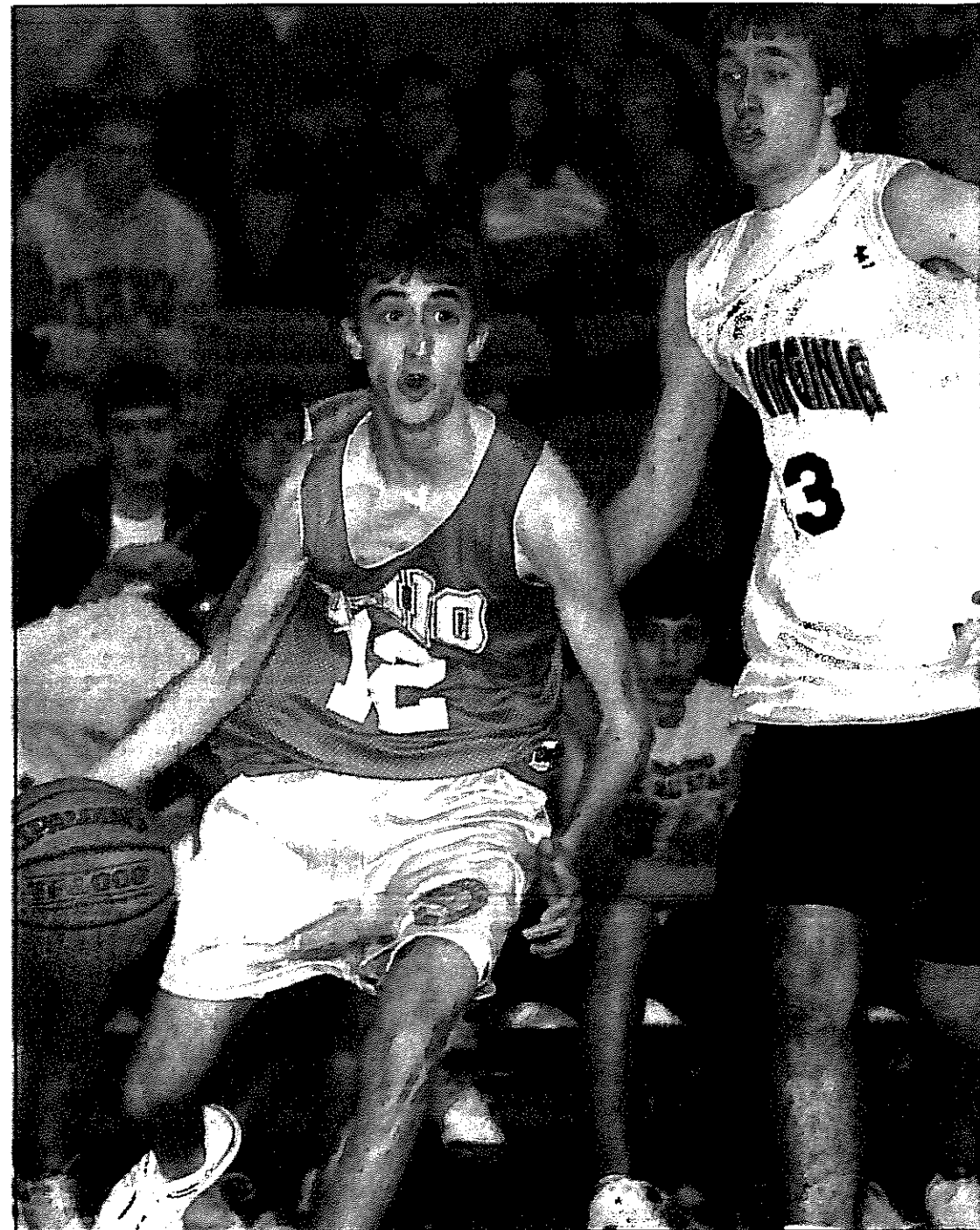
The Buckeyes have players like Shana Swan of River, Bellaire St. John's Annie Wiater, Toronto's Mallory Moore and Chelsea Clause of Steubenville Central.

Barr will be assisted by Greg Mitts of Meadowbrook and Buckeye Trail's Tom Strasser, while Hardman will be joined on the bench of John Leary of Brooke and Central's Penn Kurtz.



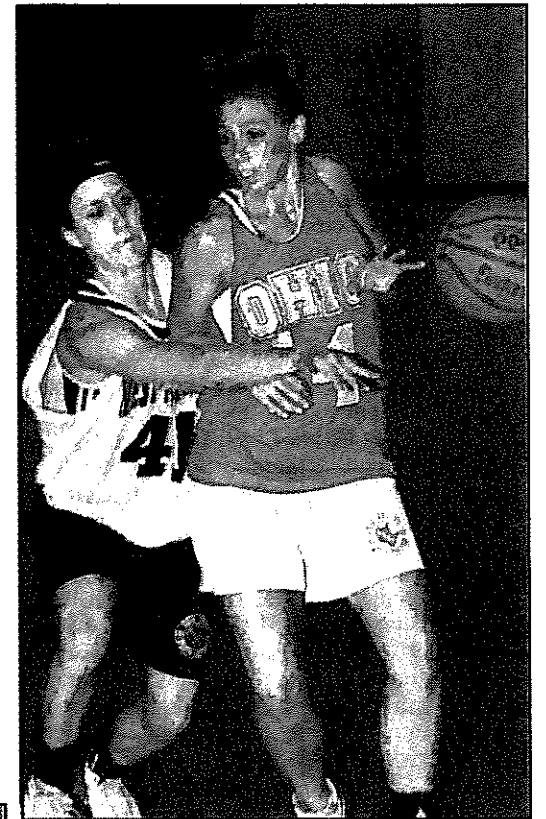
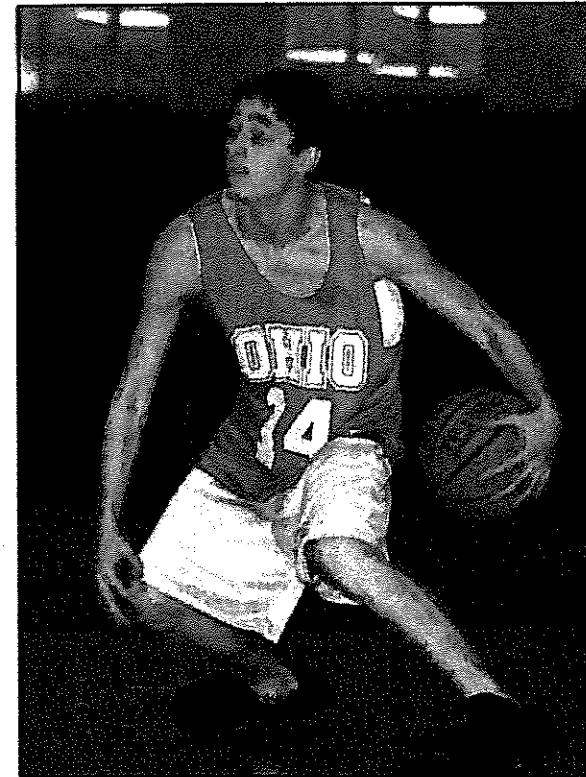
SPORTS EXTRA

Sunday, March 27, 2005



ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Adam Vincenzo looks to drive baseline during the first half against the defensive pressure of Eric Novick of Wheeling Central. The Buckeyes rolled to a victory.

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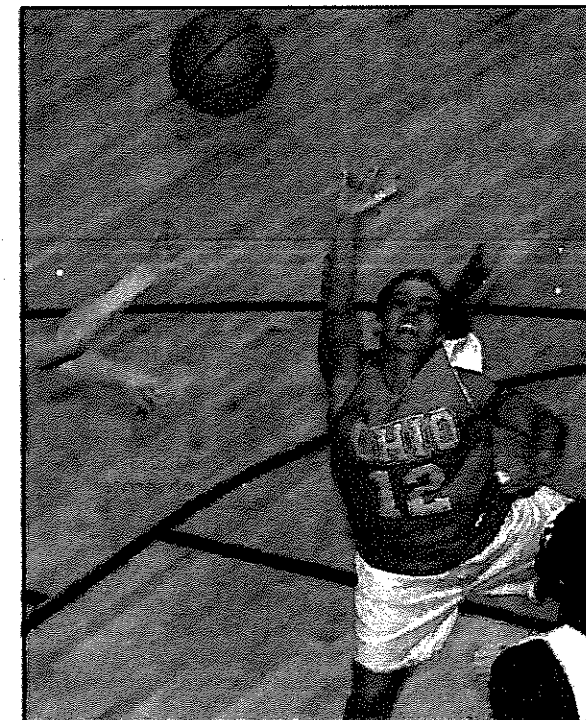


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TOP LEFT: Buckeye Local's Chase Groves dribbles during the OVAC All-Star Classic Saturday afternoon at OUE.

BOTTOM LEFT: Meadowbrook's Tiffany Youel puts up an off-balance shot during the girls contest at the OVAC All-Star Classic. Youel scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Buckeyes to a victory over West Virginia.

ABOVE: Shadyside's Shayla Holenka dribbles against the defensive pressure of Magnolia's Katie Blatt.



Ohio Girls All-Stars



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REPRESENTING the Ohio team in Saturday's Samuel Mumley Basketball Classic will be these players and coaches. In front row, from left, are Jamie Ankrom, Beallsville; Annie Wiater, St. John Central; Tiffany Youel, Meadowbrook; and Shayla Holenka, Shadyside. The second row, from left, are Mallory Moore, Toronto; Chelsea Clause, Steubenville Central; and Lynsey Agnew, Martins Ferry. In the back row, from left, are assistant coach Greg Mitts, Meadowbrook; Lauren Flood, Edison; Shana Swan, River; head coach Kevin Barr, Steubenville Central; Emily Miller, Union Local; Kim Rose, Buckeye Trail; and assistant coach Tom Strasser. Not pictured are: Rachel Cruz, Shenandoah; Nikki Driscoll, Bellaire; Julia Hodkinson, Harrison Central; and Allison Lawyer, Zanesville.

ALL-OVAC BASKETBALL HONOR ROLL

(EDITOR'S NOTE—Here is the list of All-OVAC boys' and girls' basketball teams as supplied by the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference. Teams were compiled based solely on voting by the OVAC basketball coaches. No media members were included in the voting process)

BOYS Class AAAA First Team

Chris Baldauf, sr., Brooke
Pat Byrne, sr., Cambridge
Keshawn Creighton, jr., Wheeling Park
Chase Groves (c), sr., Buckeye Local
Brian Kreefter, sr., East Liverpool

Second Team
Zach Amedro, sr., John Marshall; Jordan Aronhalt, jr., Zanesville; Eugene Bruce, sr., Steubenville; Darea Goodwin, jr., Wheeling Park; Garey Wallace, jr., Brooke

Honorable Mention

Andrew Bobalik, East Liverpool; Sean Cail, Buckeye Local; Zach Collaros, Steubenville; Sean Freeland, John Marshall; Korey Haddox, Zanesville; Byron Johnson, Steubenville; Dan McWhorter, Weir; Steve Mercer, Beaver Local; Anthony Montes, John Marshall; Donnel Sallis, East Liverpool; Ryan Santangelo, Brooke; Aaron Santik, Weir; Justin Shumate, Weir; Derek Syrylo, Wheeling Park

Class AAA First Team

Ryan Church, sr., Martins Ferry
Nate Davis (c), jr., Bellaire
Mike Fisher, sr., Bellaire
Scott Mirich, jr., Martins Ferry
Nate Tallman, sr., Magnolia

Second Team
Brad Mitchell, sr., Meadowbrook; Bruce Palmer, sr., Indian Creek; A.J. Twardoski, sr., St. Clairsville; Adam Vincenzo, sr., St. Clairsville; Trent Wable, sr., Tyler Consolidated

Honorable Mention

Steve Beskid, Meadowbrook; Michael Blair, Magnolia; Kyle Dunbar, Oak Glen; Ben Hodkinson, Harrison Central; Dan Milleson, Harrison Central; Drew Moore, Tyler Consolidated; Robbie Rine, Tyler Consolidated; Willy Walker, Harrison Central; Nathan West, Magnolia

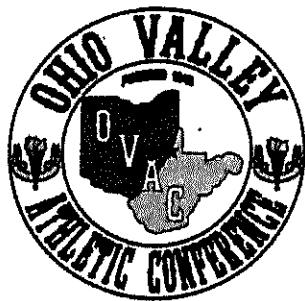
Class AA First Team

Eric Anthony, jr., Wheeling Central
Aaron Carpenter, sr., Buckeye Trail
Daun Lutes, sr., Frontier
Tyler Morando, sr., Wheeling Central
Eric Novick, sr., Wheeling Central
Ryne Romick (c), sr., River

Second Team
Michael Bettinger, sr., Caldwell; Kyle Carpenter, sr., Buckeye Trail; Tyler Engle, so., Fort Frye; Bill McNicol, sr., Wellsville; Shane Stephens, sr., Buckeye Trail

Honorable Mention

Jacob Biedenbach, Shenandoah; Jason Carter, Wellsville; Tyler Ferguson, Fort Frye; Jarred Gilham, Steub. Central; Brandon Greiner, Barnesville; Colin Hudson, Barnesville; D.L. Lawrence, Toron-



to; Seth Lumpkins, Shenandoah; Jeremy Stimpert, River; Derek Thompson, Wellsville; Jordan Wells, Monroe Central; Mike Williams, Toronto

Class A First Team

Eric Cwalinski, sr., Shadyside
Ryan Holmes, sr., Shadyside
Steve Luckhardt (c), sr., Shadyside
Anthony Sapp, sr., Paden City
Casey Tolzda, sr., Beallsville

Second Team

Zac Carlier, jr., Bridgeport; Matt Coe, sr., Cameron; Michael DeCarla, sr., Weirton Madonna; Lee McCune, jr., Weirton Madonna; Zach Tolzda, so., Beallsville

Honorable Mention

John Aston, Cameron; Brian Balderson, Bishop Donahue; Jesse Blacker, Valley; Keith Davis, Bridgeport; Chris DiCesare, St. John Central; Michael Dunigan, Paden City; Michael Duymlich, Bishop Donahue; A.J. Gordon, Bishop Donahue; Cory Hammel, Paden City; Aaron Harper, Beallsville; Andy Hundley, Linsly; Jon Kepner, Linsly; Jason Pyles, Linsly; J.D. Quiller, Conotton Valley; Victor Rodriguez, Weirton Madonna; Ryan Scott, Conotton Valley

Class AAAA First Team

Amy Bullock, sr., Brooke
Maggie Gompers, jr., Wheeling Park
Allison Lawyer, sr., Zanesville
Jaimie Merinar, jr., John Marshall
Elizabeth Repella (c), so., Steubenville

Second Team

Lauren Flood, sr., Edison; Michaelene Jones, sr., Steubenville; Kaitlyn McCormick, sr., Wheeling Park; Maddie McGarvey, jr., Zanesville; Chantell Nevels, jr., Wheeling Park

Honorable Mention

Kat Ammon, East Liverpool; Abbey Becca, Buckeye Local; Monica Clyde, Buckeye Local; Nicole DeStefano, Brooke; Megan Goukdsberry, John Marshall; Lani Hart, John Marshall; Melissa Henry, Weir; Brianne Ross, Steubenville; Alexa Smith, Beaver Local; Abbey Winland, Zanesville; Mallory Yajko, Beaver Local

Class AAA First Team

Emily Miller, sr., Union Local
Amie Riehmiller, jr., Martins Ferry

Allison Rothlisberger, sr., Magnolia
Ashley Vavrek (c), jr., Bellaire
Tiffany Youel, sr., Meadowbrook

Second Team

Lynsey Agnew, sr., Martins Ferry; Katie Blatt, sr., Magnolia; Leigh Anne Hobbs, sr., Oak Glen; Lyncee Perkey, sr., Tyler Consolidated; Kelley Polen, jr., Harrison Central

Honorable Mention

Michelle Brinker, Bellaire; Nikki Driscoll, Bellaire; Missy Gosselt, St. Clairsville; Ashley Grimm, Indian Creek; Julia Hodkinson, Harrison Central; Katie Lee, Meadowbrook; Angie Lowers, Oak Glen; Ashley McSweeney, Magnolia; Kayla Pickana, St. Clairsville; Darcy Rusiecki, Martins Ferry; Hailee Stender, Tyler Consolidated; Lauren Valentine, Meadowbrook; Kirsten Yoho, Union Local

Class AA First Team

Chelsea Clause, sr., Steub. Central
Rachel Cruz, sr., Shenandoah
Kayleen Fitzsimmons (c), sr., Wheeling Central

Second Team
Mallory Moore, sr., Toronto
Chelsea Skrzyppek, jr., Wheeling Central

Second Team

Emily Carpenter, jr., Barnesville; Molly Cruz, so., Shenandoah; Jamison Gehrig, sr., River; Abby Nolan, jr., Fort Frye; Kristin Strawn, sr., Wheeling Central

Honorable Mention

Lara Brunoni, Frontier; Maggie Brunoni, Frontier; Natalie Burchfield, Toronto; Kelsey Doan, Barnesville; Sarah Huck, Fort Frye; Jewell Jones, Monroe Central; Sarah Kendzierski, Steub. Central; Amy Kittle, Buckeye Trail; Sylvia Lewis, Monroe Central; Hannah Nelson, Buckeye Trail; Dana Pryor, Barnesville; Tressa Ramsey, Caldwell; Jasmine Richardson, Wellsville; Kim Rose, Buckeye Trail; Stephanie Salling, Caldwell; Sam Svercik, Caldwell; Shana Strawn, River; Lindsay Taylor, Monroe Central

Class A First Team

Heather Brown, sr., Valley
Bre Burkhardt, jr., Shadyside
Chantelle Handy, sr., Mount de Chantal
Shayla Holenka (c), sr., Shadyside
Nicole Thompson, jr., St. John Central

Second Team

Jamie Ankrom, sr., Beallsville; Amanda Hartley, sr., Cameron; Jen Hill, jr., Bishop Donahue; Dana Mroczkowski, sr., Bridgeport; Emma Shalaway, so., Cameron; Annie Wiater, St. John Central

Honorable Mention

Jenny Bowers, Paden City; Bethany Caldwell, Beallsville; Betsy Coen, Valley; Leah Comis, Weirton Madonna; Rachel Cummings, Conotton Valley; Alexs Dober, Bridgeport; Erica Elliott, Paden City; Britney Hodges, Mount de Chantal; Kayla Kidder, St. John Central; Gabrielle Marginean, Mount de Chantal; Jessi Raber, Conotton Valley; Alana Relsinger, Linsly; Lacey Tustin, Cameron; Cara Vellenoweth, Linsly; Lindsay Yurisko, Bishop Donahue