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Kurt Busch held off veterans Rusty Wallace and Mark Martin to win the Pennsylvania 500 Sunday in Long Pond, Pa./15

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Ohio 35, W.Va. 6



LEFT: Ohio's Mike Fisher (40) runs to paydirt as West Virginia's Mike Caruso (54) gives chase during action of the 34th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic Sunday night at Wheeling Island Stadium. TOP: West Virginia's Dana Davis takes off around the left side of the line for first-half yardage. Ohio won, 35-6.



Photos by Scott McCloskey

Frontier's Mossburg steals spotlight for Buckeyes

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O — Fisher 22 run (Daugherty kick), 9:09.
O — Magnone 1 run (Daugherty kick), 6:04.
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Rushing: Ohio 47-247-4td (Magnone 9-23-td, Church 5-12, Smith 9-45, Fisher 9-54-td, Mossburg 10-112-2td, Ward 4-13, Graham 1-(-2)); West Virginia 27-41-td (Davis 5-78-td, Walls 10-15, Caruso 1-1, Crowe 1-3, Shoulders 4-11, Schramm 2-(-20), Herron 5-(-47)).

Passing: Ohio 6-10-159-td-x (Church 3-7-68-x, Mossburg 1-1-74-td, Magnone 2-2-27); West Virginia 4-11-45-x (Schramm 1-5-x, Herron 2-4-27, Walls 0-1).

Receiving: Ohio 6-159-td (Tucker 1-74-td, Thompson 1-35, Smith 1-8, Ward 1-4, Fisher 1-30, Mossburg 1-19); West Virginia 4-45 (Crow 2-40, Walls 1-4, Shoulders 1-1).

First Downs: Ohio 15, West Virginia 4.
Penalties: Ohio 2-15, West Virginia 2-15.
Fumbles: Ohio 3-1, West Virginia 2-1.

By **CHRISTOPHER S. NASH**
Staff Writer

Anthony Mossburg totaled 205 all-purpose yards, including a 74-yard touchdown pass to Clay Tucker, as the Ohio All-Stars cruised to a 35-6 victory over West Virginia in the 34th annual Rudy Mumley Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Charity Football Classic Sunday evening at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We had a lot of athletes, and Anthony was certainly one of them," Ohio coach Dave Caldwell said.

The former Frontier standout rushed for 112 yards and two touchdowns, including a 67-yard jaunt in the third quarter. Mossburg broke at least six tackles during the run, including tossing aside

West Virginia's last who was added to the defender, Josh McKee, at Buckeyes' roster last weekend, carried the ball nine times for 54 yards. He also got Ohio started with a 22-yard touchdown run on Ohio's fourth play of the game.

"This week was just awesome," Mossburg said. "I had so much fun. It was also great to get Ohio back on the winning side of the game."

"I played a good game, but I had a lot of help. The lineman did a great job, and the receivers were catching everything."

To go along with his rushing stats, and his 74-yard touchdown pass, Mossburg added a 19-yard reception for good measure.

But Mossburg wasn't the only Ohio standout to enjoy success against the Mountaineers.

Bellaire's Mike Fisher,



Mossburg

game, jumping over a West Virginia defender for 30-yard reception to bail Ohio out on a 3rd and 13 at its own 1-yard line.

Two plays later, Mossburg chimed in with his 67-yard touchdown run that gave the Buckeyes a 21-0 advantage, to effectively end the game and West Virginia's modest one-game winning streak in the

series.

"I am just happy I had the chance to coach this game," Caldwell said. "It was great to win it again."

But as effective as Caldwell's offense was, his defense was even more punishing.

The Buckeye defense held the Mountaineers to only 86 total yards and only four first downs.

"They just had us out-matched on the lines," West Virginia coach Terry Depew said. "I thought our kids played really hard, but they were just too much for us."

"Give them credit because that was a heck of a football team, and coach Caldwell did a great job getting them ready to play this game."

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Ohio

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The defense also set the tone early for Ohio, holding West Virginia to minus-8 yards on its opening offensive series, and allowing only 13 yards of offense and one first down in the opening half.

Led by former Indian Creek standout Bruce Palmer's three sacks, and countless punishing hits, the Buckeye defense recorded seven sacks.

Wheeling Park's E.J. Schramm was sacked twice for minus-20 yards, including a fumble on a sack by Steubenville Central's Kenny Davis, while Wheeling Central's Bobby Herron was sacked five times for losses totaling 47 yards.

"Fantastic defense," Caldwell said. "They couldn't run right, they couldn't run left, they couldn't run anywhere."

"The defense just played great."

West Virginia did finally manage to break through the Ohio defense on the opening play of the fourth quarter, as Brooke's Dana Davis broke free on a 3rd and 1 play for a 62-yard touchdown run to end the shutout.

"I thought we executed well," Depew said. "I didn't think we made very many mistakes."

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Photo by Scott McCloskey

West Virginia quarterback Bobby Herron (7) attempts a throw during the 34th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic Sunday night at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Ohio wins Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic

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West Virginia finished with 98 net yards - 52 on the ground and 46 through the air on a 4-of-11 effort. The Mountaineers had just three stick-movers; retained all three of their fumbles and were flagged twice for 15 yards.

EXTRA POINTS

In addition to Daugherty, the local area was represented by Matt Lyons of Cambridge; Aaron Carpenter and Kyle Carpenter of Buckeye Trail; Brian Leasure and Chase Garvin of Caldwell; and Lucas Michel of Shenandoah. Jacob Zerkle of Shenandoah had been selected, but was unable to play for medical reasons...

West Virginia schools dominated the "Queen of Queens" competition, with Linsly School's Natasha Smith crowned the 2005 winner. The rest of the winners were Natasha Parsons of John Marshall (first runner-up); Natalie Jo Klempa of Brooke (second runner-up); Natalie Committee of Wheeling Central (third runner-up); and AnaRosa Stender of Tyler Consolidated (fourth runner-up). Buckeye Local's Chelsy Bishop won the Miss Congeniality award.

Three local girls were among the participants — Emily Urdak of Buckeye Trail, Jordan Winkleman of Meadowbrook and Jenny Jefferis of Barnesville...

The McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band once again turned in a show-stopping performance, and musicians from three local schools were among the participants. They included: Meadowbrook - Julie Ames, Jessica Barker, Emily Box, Nick Box, Sara Cubbison, Andrea Friday, Samantha Kaneff, Justin Klink, Michael Krak, Josh McManaway and Kayla Sherman; Buckeye Trail - Casey Frame and J.D. Price; and Barnesville - Justin Conway, Shane Grimes, Donetta Meadows, Kelsey Neptune, Christina Rogers, Katrina Schuerle, Courtney Wallace and Charlotte Wilson...



The George Strager Memorial Scholarships were awarded this past Wednesday night at the annual George Strager Evening with the Stars dinner. Shown here are, 1 to r, Josh McKee (Wheeling Central), Bobby Herron (Wheeling Central), presenter Mike Young (Wheeling Central), presenter Kelly Rine (Meadowbrook), Kyle Carpenter (Buckeye Trail), Mike Daugherty (Cambridge), Matt Lyons (Cambridge), A.J. Twardoski (St. Clairsville) and Caleb Myers (St. Clairsville). To receive a scholarship, the player had to attend the camp last summer and then be selected to play in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Game.

King Football is back

• OVAC All-Star Classic set for tonight at 7:15

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Writer

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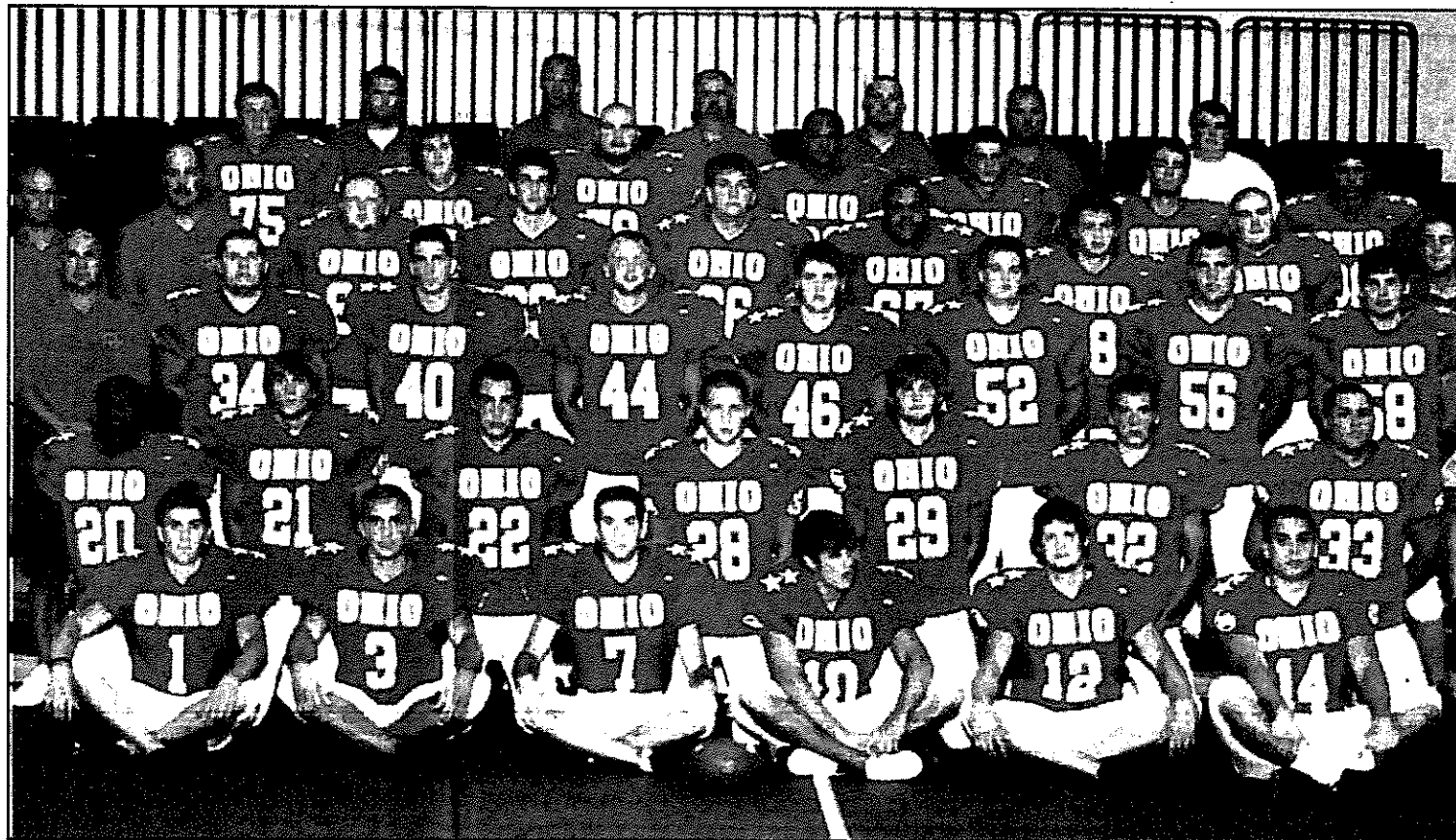
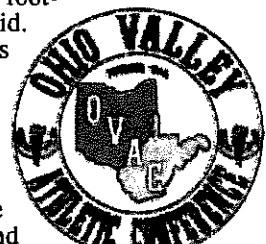
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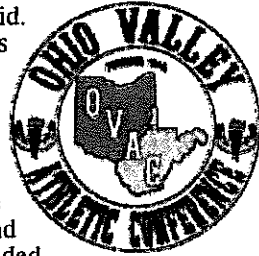
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Both coaches have settled on their starting lineups for the game, but both also pointed out that everyone's going to see a lot of action in the game.

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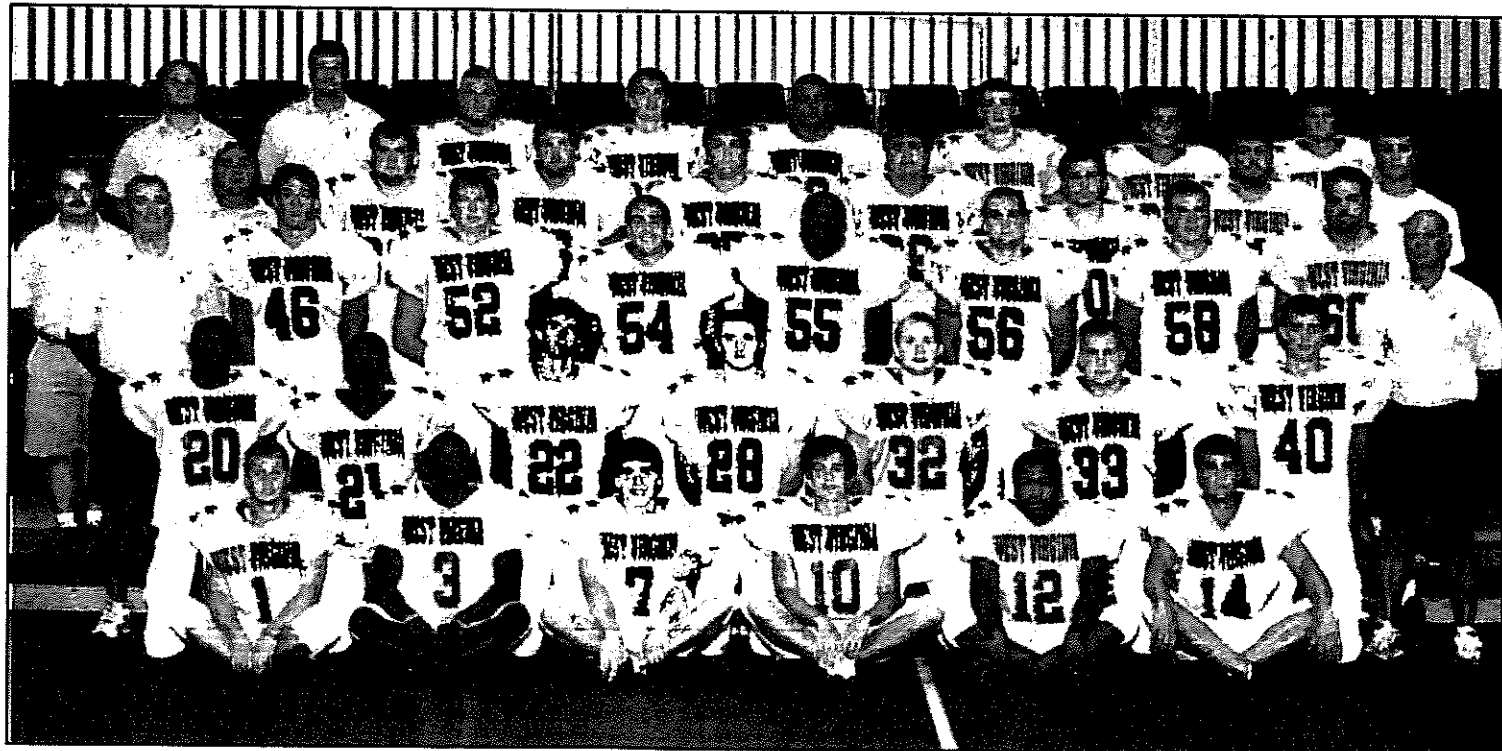
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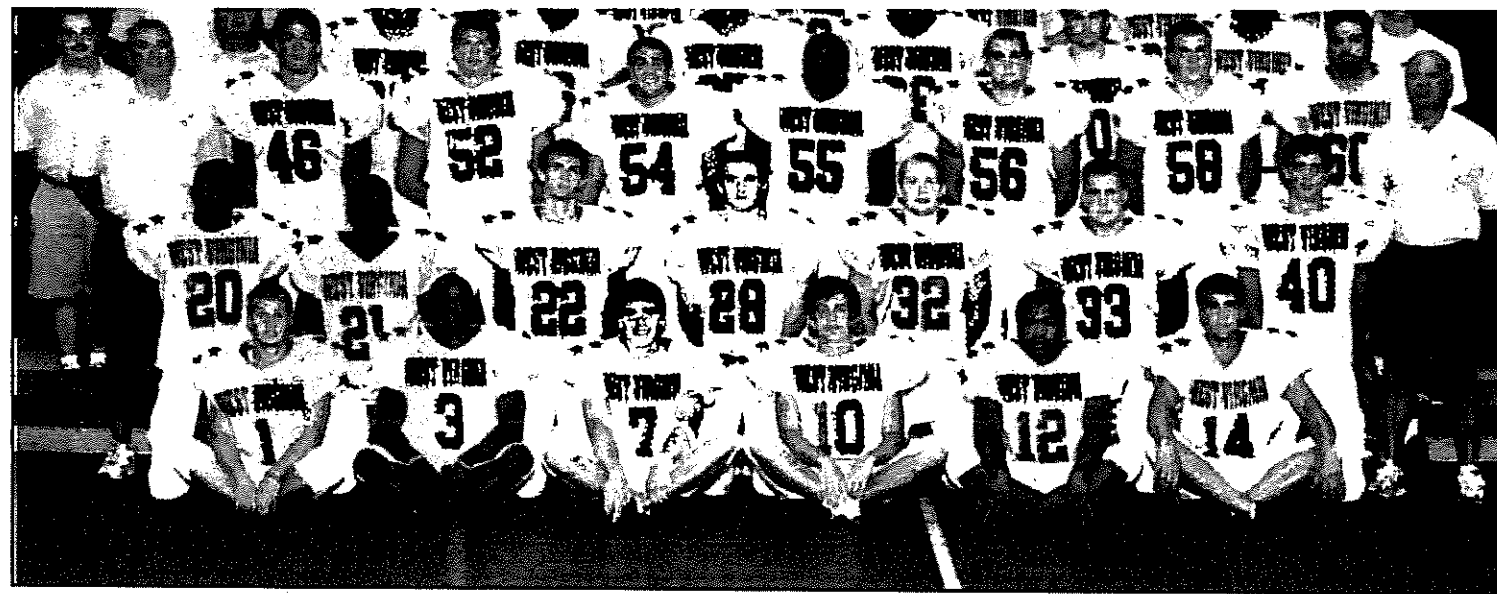
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All-Star Game an honor for cheerleaders

By **LISA KENZORA**
Times Leader Sports Writer

Twenty talented seniors will find their place on the sidelines of the Wheeling Island Stadium this evening, ready to cheer on the best of the best at the 2005 OVAC Rudy Mumley Charity All-Star Football Classic.

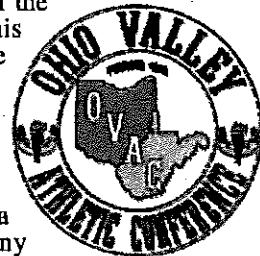
Each cheerleader has traded in the colors of her alma mater to be one of the many football fans painted in red and white or blue and gold.

Instead of rallying their own personal high school, they'll combine energy to root on their side of the annual Ohio and West Virginia rivalry.

This will be last time in the spotlight of Ohio Valley sports for many of the participants.

The cheerleaders found themselves on their first

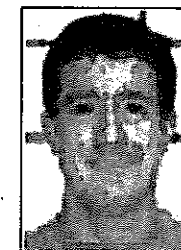
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T-L PHOTO/LISA KENZORA

PICTURED are the 2005 Ohio All-Star Classic Cheerleaders. Front row, from left, are Jordan Figel (Indian Creek), Laurie Verba (St. Clairsville), Shai McCoy (Buckeye) and Sarah Santarelli (Steub. Central). Middle row, from left, are Krista Gessler (Bridgeport), coach Julie Burkhart (St. John) and Lorianne Ace (East Liverpool. Back row, from left, are Sarah Zimmerman (Bridgeport), Jennie Burkhart (St. John), Kayla Huston (Bellaire) and Alicia Palmer (St. John).

Caldwell intent on Bucks' win



By **BUBBA KAPRAL**
Executive Sports Editor

IN FOCUS

Dave Caldwell is on a mission.

The long-time and successful Beallsville High grid mentor is in charge of the Ohio All-Stars in tonight's Rudy Mumley

OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic.

It marks the fourth time Caldwell has served in the role as the Buckeyes' head boss.

The former Beallsville and Muskingum College grid standout is 1-2 in his previous three starts versus the Mountaineers. It's not a record his relishes.

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West Virginia counterparts.

"They are definitely a big group," Caldwell said. "We hope that in the fourth quarter we can start leaning on people and that size will come into play."

The line will be anchored by Beallsville's Robert O'Hara at center. He'll be flanked by Beallsville's John Skinner and River's Wesley Haslam at the guard spots.

The two tackle positions will be nailed down by River's Shaun Okey and Steubenville's Quentin Nelson.

"Their size really does concern us," Depew said. "Somethings you can't control during a game and if their bulk, size and strength overwhelms us during the game there isn't a whole lot you can call to combat that."

Fans can expect the Ohio coaching staff to go deep into their playbook and throw some trickery into the game.

"You always have to have some trick plays ready for these games," Caldwell said. "You have to have a little bit of razzle-dazzle."

Not only does Caldwell have a nice unit on the offensive side of the ball, he's got a talented and deep defensive team.

"Our defense is ahead of our offense right now," Caldwell said. "In all-star games the offense never seems to catch up, but we sure that our defense can keep us in the game until our offense gets into the groove a little bit."

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One of the most competitive battles in West Virginia camp all week has been the quarterback spot.

Wheeling Central's Bobby Herron and Wheeling Park's E.J. Schramm will both see time, but Herron will open the game under center.

"Both (Bobby and E.J.) are real good kids and real good quarterbacks," Depew said. "Bobby will play the first and E.J. the second, and I don't know what we'll do in the second half."

Linsly's Tony Walls will open the game at tailback, while Wheeling Park's Wesley Shoulders will serve as the starting full-back.

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The West Virginia offensive line — which will be vastly undersized compared to Ohio — is anchored by Wheeling Park's Ryan Stahl. Madonna's Anthony Gianni and Tyler Consolidated's Jacob Bonner will line up at the guard spots.

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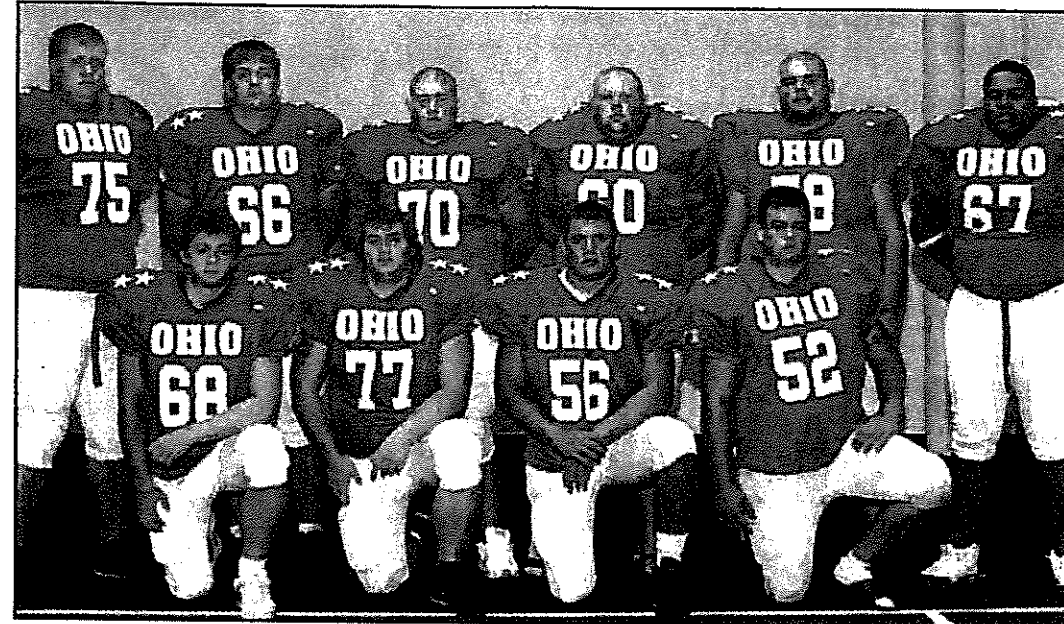
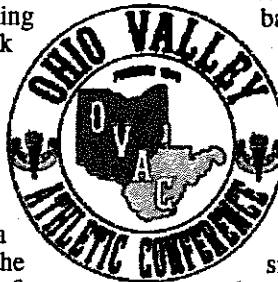
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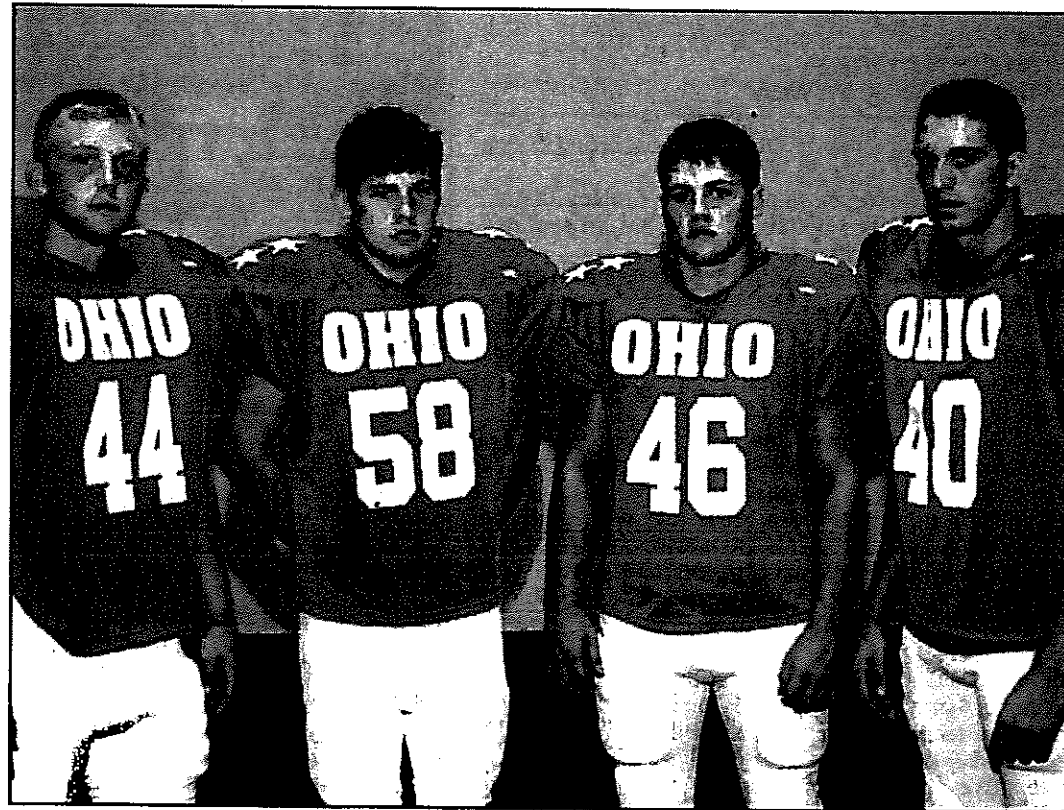
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The West Virginia kicking chores will be handled by Wheeling Central's Adam Grubler.



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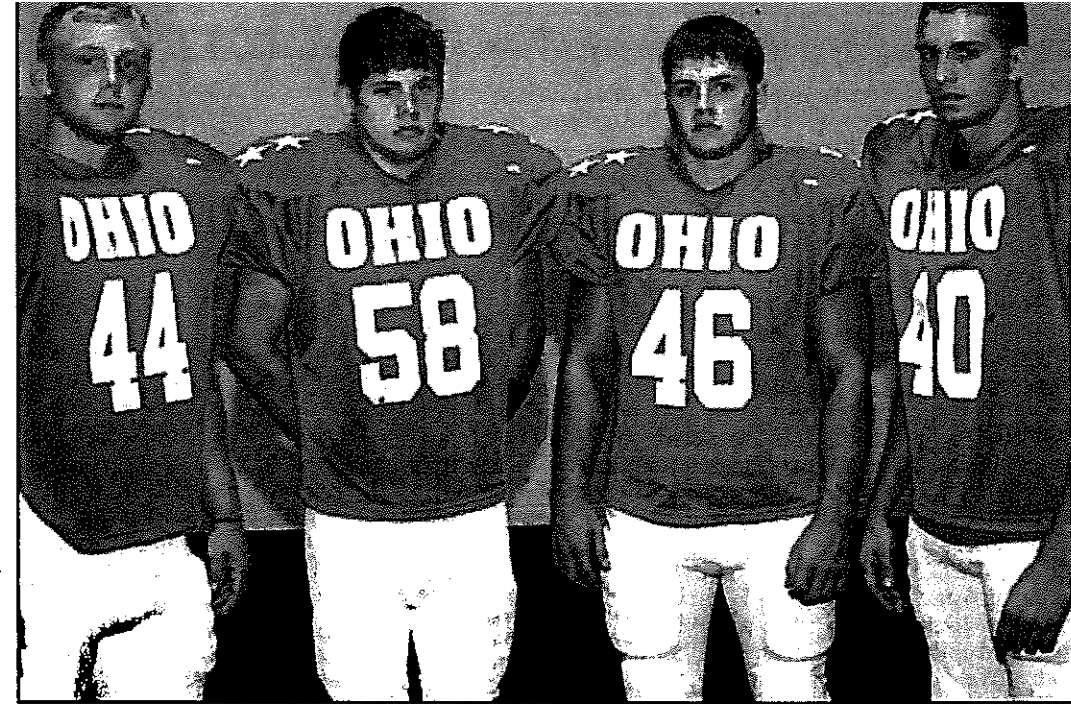
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The West Virginia defense will be led by a trio of talented linebackers. Linsly's Dre Taylor, Wheeling Central's Mike Caruso and Brooke's Brian Henderson will open the game at linebacker.

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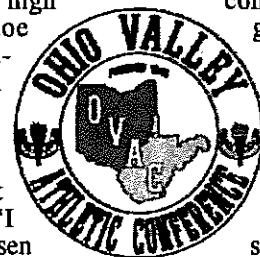
gymnastics mat or in their first dance leotard more than ten years ago. Since then, they've spent hundreds of hours twirling and tumbling, anticipating their time spent as a high school cheerleader.

After years of tiring workouts, sweaty summer camps, strenuous practices and competitions, these 20 girls have been selected to represent their school to conclude their high school career. Their sky-high toe touches and series of back hand-springs have given them a place in Ohio Valley football tradition.

All of the girls agreed that being part of the game was a great honor. Krista Gessler from Bridgeport echoed her teammates thoughts, "I feel that it is a great honor to be chosen to cheer in the All-Star game because this game lets us show all of our hard work and what we're capable of."

The girls spent five days combining cheering styles in preparation of tonight's 48 minutes of football. St. Clairsville representative Laurie Verba explains that "being able to cheer with people I have competed against for four years is an awesome experience."

Ohio Coach Julie Burkhart summarized the spirit of OVAC cheerleading, "The girls already knew of each other, they've competed against



each other, but it's nice to finally be able to meet the person behind the cheerleader."

Between the dinner with the stars, pep rally, practices, meals and late night talks the past five days, the girls were able to do just that.

Linsly's Chaundraya Goodwin, who will be cheering on West Virginia, sentiments, "In a way it is sad for my cheering career to finally be coming to an end but cheering for this game is a great way to celebrate my last cheering event."

As any high school athlete agrees, turning away from the field, court or sideline can be an emotional triumph. Eager to start new beginnings, but saying farewell to a physical journey that created friendships and memories.

The cheering training will continue for Steubenville Catholic's Sarah Santarelli, Jordyn Figel, Weir's Megan Stevens, Buckeye's Shai McCoy and Ashley Morgan who will be taking their skills to the collegiate level next fall.

The West Virginia and Ohio cheerleaders will begin their routine at 6:30 p.m.

The game begins at 7:15 where the cheerleaders will take their place along side the football field, pumping up the crowd and taking their talents to the apex of Ohio Valley football one more time.



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SET TO guide the Ohio All-Stars in today's Rudy Mumley Charity All-Star Football Classic is this staff from Beallsville High School. Front row, from left, are trainer Randy Elliott, head coach Dave Caldwell and Clint Abbott. Back row, from left, are manager Corey Hanes, Josh Pittman, Franklin Holley, Rusty Lucas, Paul Kanzigg, Micah Fuchs and Dave Wiles.

No scouting time for OVAC coaches

There has been much debate in past years about the length of the training camp that leads up to the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic.

There was a time when the teams reported to West Liberty for two weeks and then it was shortened to 10 days and now it stands at seven days.

The week is arguably long enough, but the coaches find it tough to find time to work on what his opponent is going to do.

Ohio coach Dave Caldwell and West Virginia coach Terry Depew have been working diligently since last Sunday to implement their own offenses to some 30 players who came to camp not knowing one play.

Since there are so many events that surround the game, such as the Evening with the Stars, Ice Cream Social, Shriner's pizza party, Queen of Queens a Pep Rally, etc there isn't time for film watching.

"Coach Depew and I traded one game tape from last season," Caldwell said. "We got their last game with Kiski Prep and they got our game with Monroe Central.

"You don't get a chance to work on what they might do hardly at all," Caldwell continued.

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The Auburn Tigers will be wearing the shoes this season.

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UNHERALDED -- Some things are taken for granted quite regularly. When people attend or watch tonight's OVAC game they need to keep in mind that it wasn't done in a day.

Cameron Athletic Director and Mumley Game Director Bob Koch deserves as many kudos as possible for the work he does to make this game the spectacle that it is.

Koch -- a modest gentleman -- would be the first to tell you he's definitely not alone, and he's correct. However, it's Koch that has to oversee everything and begins work on this game in December once the prep season ends.

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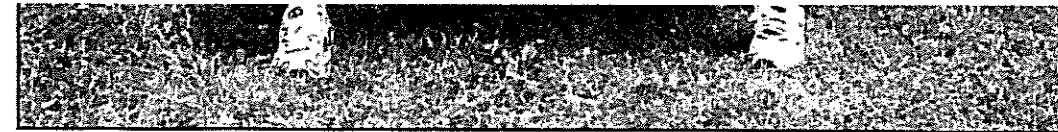
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TYLER CONSOLIDATED--Drew Carson and Lacy Pratt.

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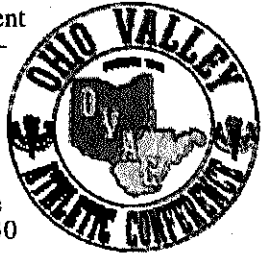
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OVAC Game events kick into high gear

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

The events surrounding the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Football Classic kick into full swing tonight as the players, cheerleaders and Queen of Queens candidates gather at the White Palace inside Wheeling Park for the George Strager Evening with the Stars.

The first-class event is just another surrounding event that adds to the luster of the Mumley Classic. The Strager begins with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m.



"This is by no means just an all-star game," said veteran game director Bob Koch. "It's an extravaganza for the kids. We try to do as many events as possible to make the week as fun as we can."

At the Strager event, there will be seven scholarships presented to participants who took part in the 2004 Strager Football Camp.

Meadowbrook High athletic director and

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PICTURED are the Ohio quarterbacks and running backs for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic set for Sunday evening at Wheeling Island Stadium. Front row, from left, are Ryan Church (Martins Ferry) and Antonio Magnone (Steubenville). Back row, from left, are Lou Ward (East Liverpool), Brian Leasure (Caldwell), Ben Smith (Martins Ferry), Jake DaGrava (Buckeye Local), Gary Stubbs (Steubenville) and Tyler Graham (Monroe Central).

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Strager Camp director Kelly Rine and Wheeling Central head coach Mike Young will present \$250 scholarships to: A.J. Twardoski (St. Clairsville), Caleb Myers (St. Clairsville), Kyle Carpenter (Buckeye Trail), Matt Lyons (Cambridge), Mike Daugherty (Cambridge), Bobby Herron (Wheeling Central) and Josh McKee (Wheeling Central).

Adding to the luster of the all-star game, the OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band and OVAC All-Star Cheerleaders report to West Liberty State College this afternoon to begin preparations for Sunday's game, which is slated for 7:15 p.m.

"It's a privilege for us to come up here and take part in such a great event," said Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell during media day activities.

"This is my fourth time and there's a reason why we continue to come back and take part and that's how well we are treated by the OVAC."

Both squads went through a pair of workouts Tuesday as quarterback battles continued to wage in both camps.

Martins Ferry's Ryan Church and Steubenville's Antonio Magnone are battling for the Ohio job, while Herron and Wheeling Park's E.J. Schramm continued taking reps for the fountaineers.

The job of Ohio quarterback has been a much-talked about debate during the summer months in the Ohio Valley.

Caldwell continues to stick with his guns. He's going to play a quarterback who is playing better at that certain time of the game.

"It's not going to be a real popular decision, but I am here to be in the football game," Caldwell explained. "Whichever kid is playing better will play, and I might catch some heat over that. You have to make decisions like that as a coach."

OVAC All-Star Game

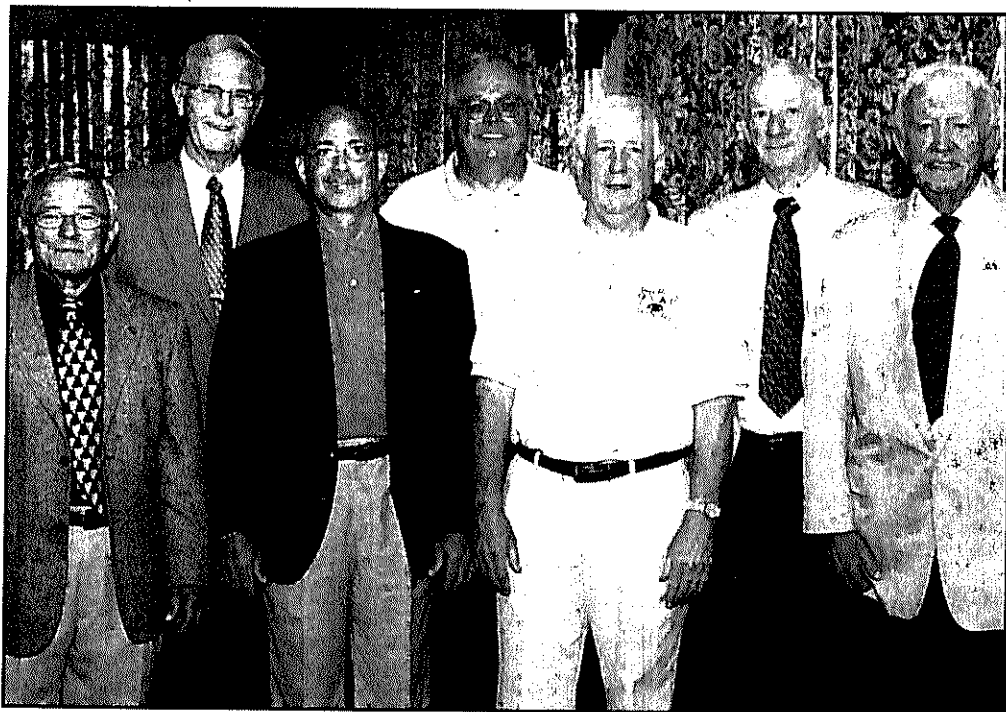


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THE OVAC and the Osiris Shriners have been united in the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic for the past 34 years. Front row, from left, are Marylyn Cunningham, Osiris Shrine OVAC Chairman Harry Bain, Ron Mauk and Albert (King) Campbell). Back row, from left, are Jim Caldwell, OVAC All-Star Game Director Bob Koch and Robert Hall.

Our Opinion

OVAC tradition of excellence

FOR 34 years, students from all over the Ohio Valley have gathered for one week in July to take their place among the best of the best. They spend that week in preparation for the annual Rudy Mumley Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Football Classic. But, they are not all football players.

While many of the participants in this tradition are young men whose talent and hard work brought them accolades on the football field, there are also cheerleaders, drill team members and band members displaying the skills they have spent so many years developing.

For some of these students, today's football game will be the last time they put on a uniform in order to play the roles that defined their teenage years. Others will carry on in that role during their college careers.

Whatever the case, today's activities mark the end of what have been outstanding high school careers for all of these young people.

So, as parents, friends, family and fans of great football gather today on Wheeling Island, we offer our congratulations to the young people who will be honored today for their dedication to excellence.

We also offer our thanks to those in the stands who have spent years supporting and teaching these kids on their way to great things.

Finally, we commend the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference for year after year tackling the tough task of organizing such an event, and for providing the kind of top-notch competition during the regular season that pushes these young people to the peak of their abilities.

Today's events will demonstrate the high quality of the Ohio Valley's students, and the high schools from which they graduated, as well as the high quality of the environment this valley has created for them to grow and learn as they prove they are, indeed, the best of the best.



Photo by Rick Thorp

Randy Elliott checks some of his equipment following an Ohio squad practice earlier this week at West Liberty State College. Elliott has been serving as an athletic trainer for the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic for more than a quarter century.

Elliott Is A Sideline Regular

Trainer as much a part of All-star game as anyone

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

When Beallsville's Dave Caldwell began organizing his Ohio staff for Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic he had one specific request.

He wanted Randy Elliott on his sideline.

Elliott is the longtime athletic trainer at Oak Glen High School. Traditionally, he dons the blue and gold for the Mountaineers come all-star weekend.



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But when Caldwell's lone win in the series came with Elliott on his bench, you couldn't blame the Buckeye head man for being a little superstitious.

"I've never lost with Randy on my side," Caldwell said smiling.

"I'm just real pleased to have a guy of Randy's caliber on my side.

"He's an excellent trainer. He knows all the ins and outs of this game and he's done it for many years."

More than a quarter-century, in fact.

"I was a student trainer at West Liberty back in 1977 when I met Rudy (Mumley, former game director)," Elliott remembered.

"He asked me if I'd like to work the game and I said that would be great.

"He was tickled to be a part of the game like I was. The OVAC's a great organization."

Since then, Elliott has become one of the most recognizable faces during all-star week. While many players and coaches have come and gone, it's always a given that Elliott will be somewhere on the field at Wheeling Island Stadium when kickoff arrives.

"He knows what to expect," said current all-star game director Bob Koch. "He knows what problems will arise and he can usually predict a lot before it happens."

The role of an athletic trainer can't be underestimated, especially in an all-star game situation where high school graduates haven't seen action since November of last year.

With heat and humidity conditions reaching potentially dangerous levels this past week, Elliott and West Virginia trainer Herb Minch had their eyes peeled to the practice field making sure all of the players were receiving the care they needed.

According to Elliott, there are many things to keep track of at a practice and on game night.

"We do such things as conditioning, assessment of injuries, flexibility conditioning and making sure the athletes are hydrated," he said.

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Elliott

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The ultimate goal is to make sure all the athletes remain healthy before, during and after an athletic contest.

While Elliott might officially be on the Ohio side this year, he said he has some interaction with the West Virginia players and staff, as well.

"Usually as a trainer you're working with both teams," he said. "We do all the physicals and we do all the taping for both teams. An ankle's an ankle. If it needs taped we'll do it."

When Elliott was in high school, he never imagined sports medicine would be in his future. In fact, there was a point in his life when he didn't know what the future held.

While a senior in high school

in Hancock County, Elliott underwent surgery due to his scoliosis.

"I was supposed to be the first person in the state to get the Harrington Rod (a form of treating the condition). But when they got into the surgery, they found out I had two small kidneys. The said if I got into an accident, it could be deadly."

Doctors instead performed a spinal fusion. This left Elliott in a full-body cast for about eight months.

"I lost 40 pounds," he recalled.

Elliott recovered well enough to graduate with his class. But his dream of playing drums in the West Virginia University marching band was put on hold.

Instead of heading to Morgantown, Elliott enrolled at West Liberty with the intent of transferring to WVU.

He never left the hilltop. "I loved West Liberty so much that I just stayed here," he said.

Elliott majored in education, but was soon introduced to athletic training by Jim Watson, now the school's athletic director.

After graduating from West Liberty, Elliott later attended graduate school for sports medicine at WVU.

He went on to teach world history and serve as the trainer at Weir High, before moving back to his alma mater to serve in those same capacities.

Nowadays, Elliott is sharing his ever-growing knowledge of

sports medicine with student trainers. In fact, he is working on allowing student trainers to work at the all-star game next summer in order to expose them to gameday situations.

He also enjoys giving advice to student trainers at West Liberty when he works the Hill-toppers' sidelines a few times each football season.

Helping young people is what it's all about for Elliott, who has many fond memories of all the talented players he's worked with throughout the years.

"I remember players like Joey Galloway, Quincy Wilson, Ben Taylor and Eddie Drummond to name a few," he said.

"I've taped all those guys' ankles. It's a treat to meet kids like that."

RUDY MUMLEY OVAC CHARITY ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CLASSIC

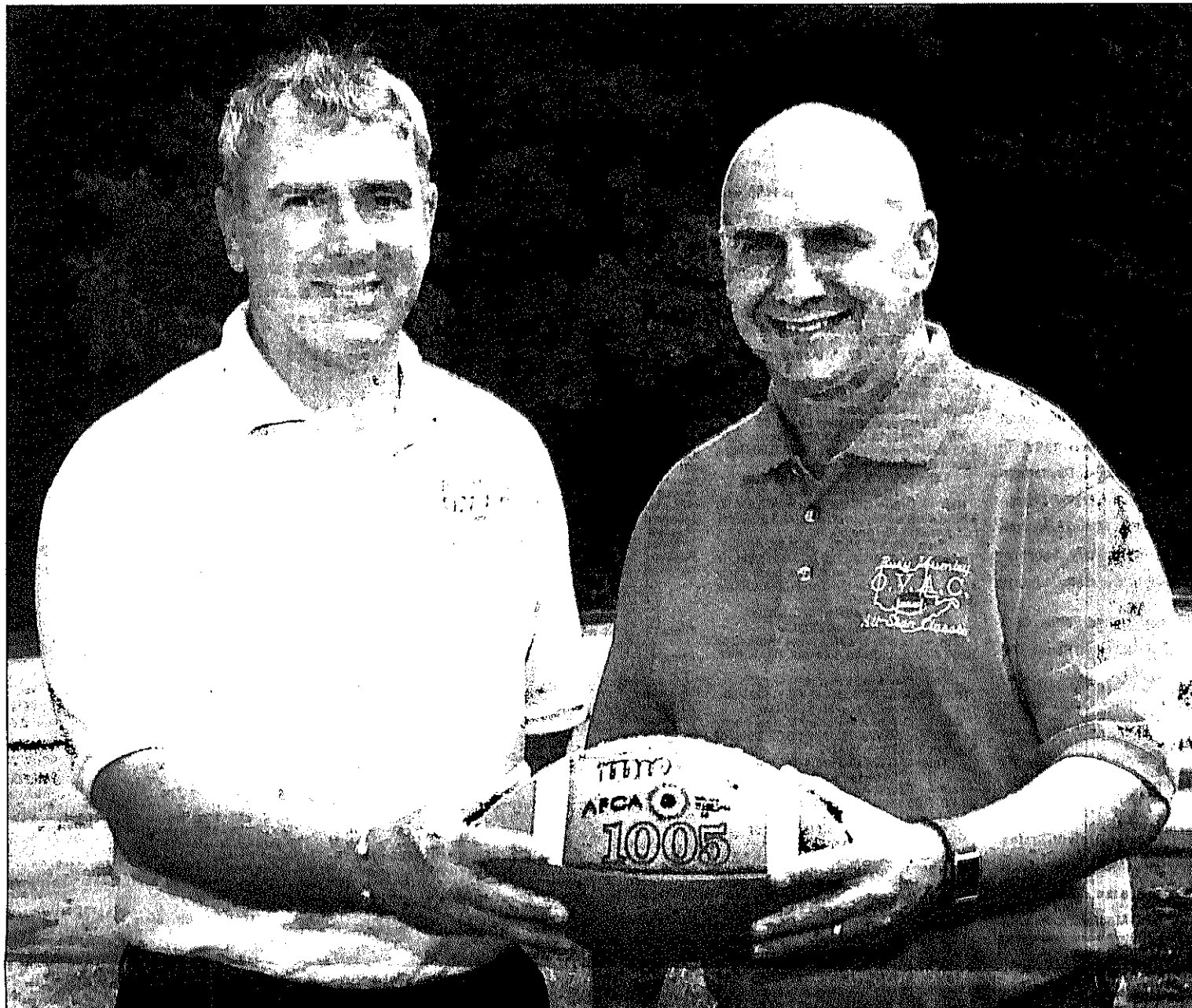


Photo By Scott McClosky

The head coaches for the 2005 Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic pose during Monday's Media Day at West Liberty State College. Left is West Virginia coach Terry Depew of Linsly. On the right is Ohio coach Dave Caldwell of Beallsville.

Border War

Ohio, West Virginia All-Stars begin week with annual Media Day

By **DON CLEGG**
Sports Editor

Monday's intermittent but persistent showers forced Media Day festivities indoors for the 34th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic but they didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the organizers or participants.

Perhaps that explains why there were so many familiar faces milling around West Liberty's Academic, Sports and Recreation Center.

"This is the fourth time I've coached this game," said Ohio head man Dave Caldwell of Beallsville, "and it has been a wonderful experience each time."

"I consider it an honor and a privilege to be part of this game."

Caldwell's West Virginia counterpart, Linsly's Terry Depew, echoed those sentiments.

"This is the fifth time I've coached in this game," said Depew, "and it has been very enjoyable."

"I really enjoy getting the chance to work with the kids from all the different schools."

With so much all-star experience under their belts, both coaches wasted little time getting down to business.

The players reported to West Liberty Sunday at noon and, by the time the media arrived 24 hours later, the Ohio and West Virginia mentors had already put their new charges through their paces a couple of times.

They had also cast a wary eye at the kids wearing the different color jerseys.

"There's no question which team is bigger, is there," smiled Depew. "Ohio has some huge kids but that's the way it usually works."

"Our kids reported in adequate shape so I think we'll be OK. We're not going to have a lot of kids playing both ways."

Caldwell, whose Ohio team rolled to a 36-0 win in his last stint at the OVAC helm, wasn't promising a repeat performance.

But he made it clear playing time won't be handed out like penny candy on the Buckeye sidelines.

"Some of our kids came here in great shape," he said, "and some of them can't even run across the field."

"We're here to win the football game. As a coach, it's my responsibility to my team to put the players on the field who give us the best chance to win."

There was one late lineup change announced Monday.

Shenandoah running back Jacob Zerkle underwent emergency surgery Friday morning and will be unavailable. His spot was filled by Bellaire High standout Mike Fisher.

"The hardest part of this whole process isn't deciding who to put on the team," said Depew. "It's deciding who to leave off."

"There are a lot of great kids to pick from on both sides of the river and with the number of schools and the roster limits we have to deal with, some deserving kids are always going to be left off."

Caldwell agreed.

"We caught some heat for some of our picks," he said, "but we were looking to get the best athletes we could find. At most schools, that's the quarterback."

"Most of the kids we talked to said they were willing to play another position if we had to move them so they're the ones that are here."

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All-Star Week Slate

TONIGHT

- Osiris Shrine, Student Union, Film and Pizza, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

- Cheerleaders report, Hughes Hall, 11 a.m.
- Band reports, Krise Hall, noon
- George Strager Evening with the Stars, White Palace. Social Hour, 6:30 p.m. Program 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

- West Liberty State College Reception, Football and Cheerleaders, 8 p.m. Band, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

- Queen of Queens, WesBanco Arena, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

- Vespers, 9 a.m.
- Pep Rally, 6 p.m. Russek Field Party, 8-11 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

- All-Star Classic Kickoff, 7:15 p.m.

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While coaches traditionally "talk the talk" at the summer all-star games that have cropped up like dandelions in recent years, the fact that quality coaches like Depew and Caldwell keep coming back to coach in this game says it all.

"It's not just a game," said OVAC executive secretary Tom Rataiczak. "It's an extravaganza."

"There are so many other things happening at this game that there's something for everybody."

While the football game certainly fills the spotlight when it kicks off at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, you don't have to be a football fan to have a good time at an OVAC All-Star Game.

In addition to the 66 all-star football players, there are 20 OVAC/Aeropostale All-Star cheerleaders, 24 Queen of Queens candidates and more than 200 members of the OVAC/McDonald's All-Star Band.

The Queen of Queens will hold their competition Friday night at WesBanco Arena with

the winner to be announced at halftime of Sunday night's game.

The cheerleaders and band will perform at Saturday's pre-game Pep Rally at West Liberty's Russek Field and will also be featured performers on Sunday night.

Also on game day, the second annual free OVAC Youth Football Clinic for kids aged 7-13 will be held from 1-2:30 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The Alltel Racing Show Car Experience will set up shop at the stadium, featuring Ryan Newman's No. 12 Alltel Dodge from the Nextel Cup series and several interactive games for NASCAR fans.

That's the kind of broad appeal that brings thousands of fans flocking to Wheeling Island every July, easily dwarfing crowds at the state's other summer all-star games.

Game director Bob Koch reported Monday that the OVAC All-Star Game has

become more than just a local attraction.

"We got a call from a group in Toledo that said they were coming down to the game," said Koch.

"Apparently, they ran into somebody from the valley at one of their own all-star games last year."

"He started telling them about an all-star game in a 10,000-seat stadium, with a 200-member band, a Queen of Queens pageant, cheerleaders, a \$10,000 kick for a lucky fan and they were just blown away."

"He said, 'You haven't seen anything until you've seen an OVAC All-Star Game,' so they're coming to see for themselves."

READY FOR RIVER RUMBLE

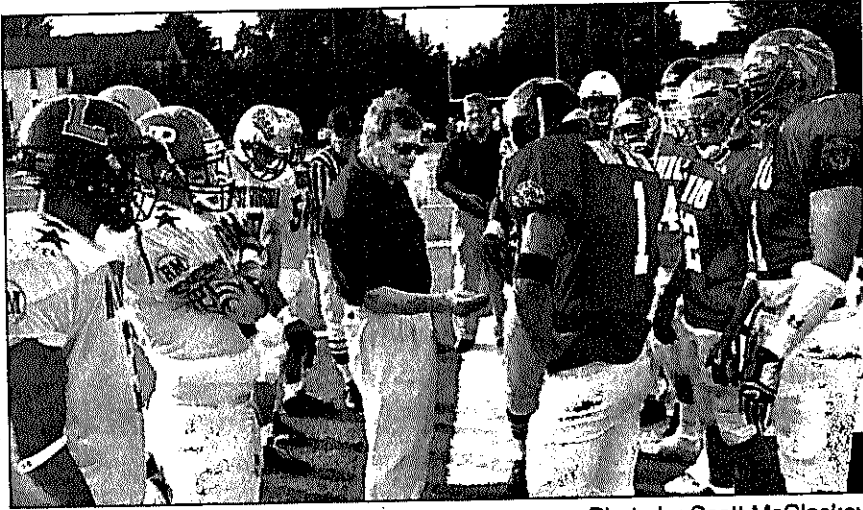


Photo by Scott McCloskey

West Virginia and Ohio teams line up for the coin toss at the start of the 34th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC Football Classic on Sunday. Stories & photos/7,13

OVAC HOF tickets on sale

Tickets are still available for the second annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Hall of Fame Induction Dinner on Saturday, Aug. 20, at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Aug. 13.

The Class of 2005 inductees will include 19 former high school athletic stars from bi-state league schools. Many of the honorees also went on to achieve greatness at the high school and collegiate level.

Also to enter the 'Hall' are OVAC Family members Rudy Mumley and Agnes Timmons, along with the 2005 media selection Doug Huff, retired sports editor of The Intelligencer.

Bob Burton of Paden City, John Vrotsos of Martins Ferry and legendary football coach George Strager are this year's coaching honorees, along with former officials Chester Grossi of Weirton and Walter Heil of Bellaire.

The athletes selected include Alex Groza of Martins Ferry; Chuck Howley, Warwood; Dick Miller, Wheeling Central; Mike Sherwood, Lance Mehl and Joey Galloway, all from Bellaire; Terry Snively, Powhatan; John "Fuzzy" Filliez, Magnolia; Dee Davis, Wheeling Park; Brian Swisher, Sistersville, and Matt Gaudio of Brooke.

For the first time, the conference will introduce a category known as "Legends of the OVAC." This group is made up of past greats whose careers took place either before the OVAC was formed or while their schools were not affiliated with the conference. Honored in the 2005 class of 'Legends' will be Everett Brinkman of Wheeling; Clarence "Bevo" Francis, Wellsville; Lou Groza, Martins Ferry; Clarke Hinkle, Toronto, and Calvin Jones, Steubenville.

Bob Robinson Chevrolet, Cadillac, Inc., is the sponsor for the OVAC Hall of Fame and the Induction Dinner.

The banquet program begins on Aug. 20 with a social hour at 4:30 p.m. Dinner is set for 5:30 p.m., with the induction ceremonies slated to start at 6:30 p.m.

Hall of Fame Banquet Tickets are priced at \$25 each

and can be purchased through the mail from OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak, 64962 Breezy Point Lane, Bellaire, OH 43906

OVAC fans planning to attend the dinner also can purchase tickets at several locations throughout the area.

Ticket agencies include: Center Pharmacy and the Dairy Queen in Wellsville; All-Sport in East Liverpool; The Daily Jeffersonian, Cambridge; The Barnesville Enterprise; Witschey's in New Martinsville; Sweetnicks, Powhatan; WesBanco Arena, Lee C. Paul Insurance and The Intelligencer/Wheeling News-Register Sports Department in Wheeling; The Times Leader offices in Martins Ferry and St. Clairville; Vivid Graphix, Bellaire; Ron's Barber Shop, Warwood, and Granada Trophy in Weirton.

OVAC All-Star Football Classic tickets on sale

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is currently selling advance tickets for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, which is slated for Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium. Kickoff is slated for 7:15 p.m.

Tickets in advance are \$7, while all tickets at the gate are \$10 and children under the age of five are admitted free.

The following agencies in Ohio are currently selling the tickets: Bellaire -- Kroger; Cambridge Daily Jeffersonian; East Liverpool -- Heimes All Sports; Martins Ferry -- Kroger; Shadyside -- DeFelice Brother's Pizza; Steubenville -- Kroger on Hollywood Blvd.; Wellsville -- Dairy Queen; Wintersville -- Kroger; Woodsfield -- Weber's Drug Store.

The following locations are selling tickets in West Virginia: Benwood -- Kroger; Cameron -- Greg's Market; Chester -- Citizen Drug; Moundsville -- Kroger; New Martinsville -- Witschey's Supermarket; Warwood -- Kroger; Weirton -- Kroger on St. Thomas Drive and Main Street; Wellsburg -- Kroger; Wheeling -- Kroger on Mt. DeChantal Rd and Cabellas.



OVAC Classic More Than a Football Game

One of the great spectacles of high school sports, the annual Rudy Mumley Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Football Charity Classic, will be played at 7:15 p.m. Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium. It is something high school football players and fans look forward to for months, as a showcase of local talent, an exciting contest and, yes, an appetizer for regular-season football.

But the Classic is much, much more. Down through the years, OVAC officials have taken the "charity" part of the event's title very seriously. This year marks the 34th Classic and, since the event began, it has generated more than \$750,000 for worthy causes throughout

the Ohio Valley.

In addition, the Classic involves more than just football. The annual Queen of Queens Pageant is held in conjunction with it, and OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band performs during the game, and the Aeropostale Cheerleaders are an integral part of the proceedings. Finally, the Classic includes special ceremonies recognizing students who excel in the classroom while participating in extracurricular activities. All in all, hundreds of great local students achieve recognition through the Classic.

We commend the many volunteers and sponsors who make the event a success — for the good of area young people and charities.



**34th Annual Rudy Mumley
OVAC ALL-STAR FOOTBALL
CHARITY CLASSIC**

— WEDNESDAY, JULY 20th —

George Strager "Evening With The Stars" at White Palace

— FRIDAY, JULY 22nd —

2005 Queen of Queens Pageant
at WesBanco Arena

— SATURDAY, JULY 23rd —

Pep Rally at WLSC Russek Field
The OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band

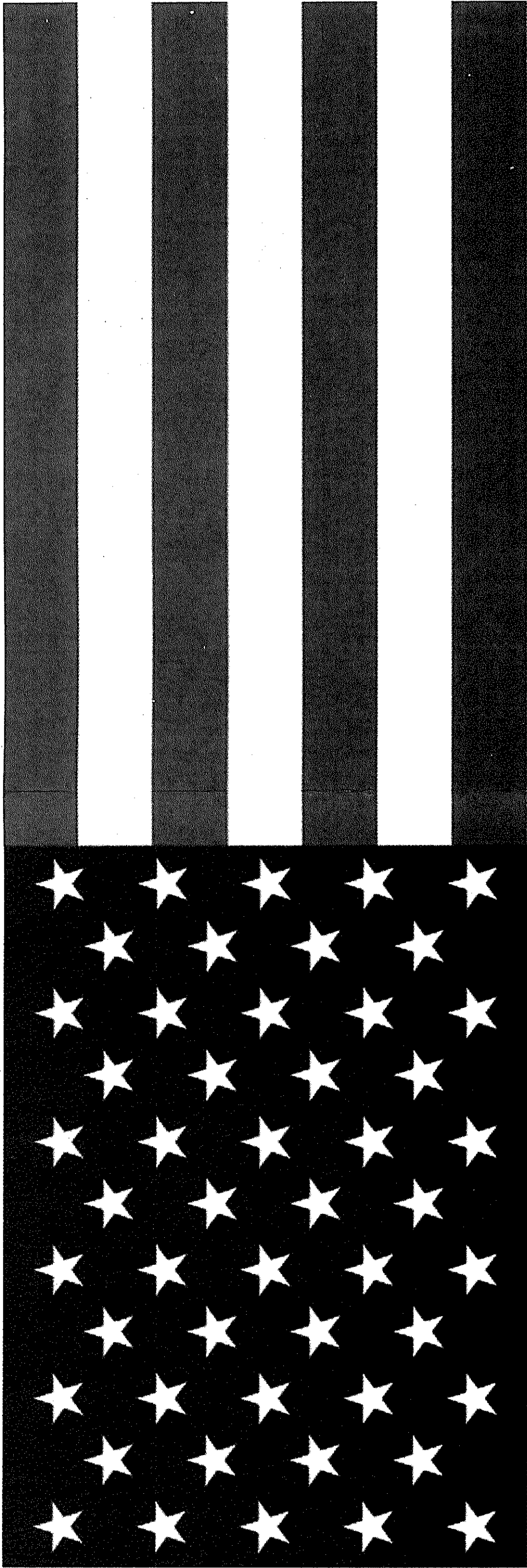
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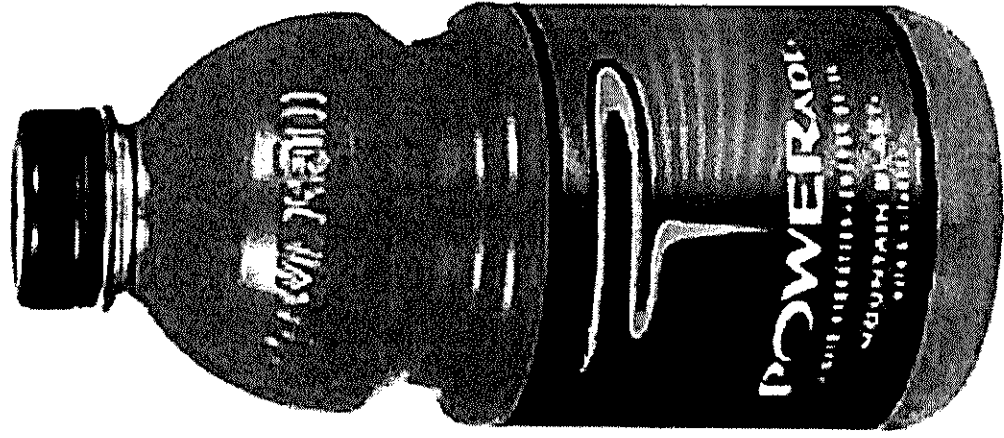
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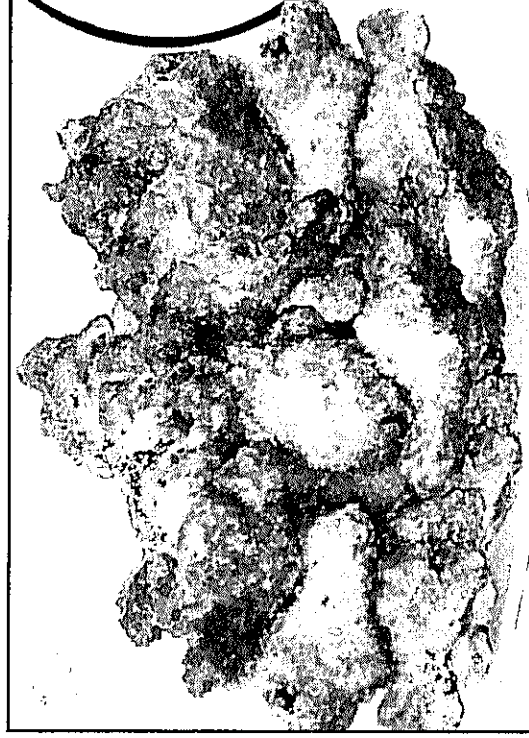
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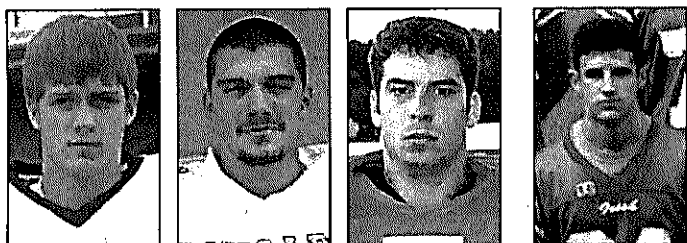


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Final Spots Filled On Ohio Roster

Players report today for training camp

For The News-Register
The day before the Ohio and West Virginia All-Stars report for the start of training camp, Buckeye head man Dave Caldwell filled in the final blanks on the Buckeye roster and pronounced himself very well satisfied.

The veteran Beallsville grid boss rounded out his team by adding four defensive backs, a kicker and a punter.

They'll join the rest of their teammates on the drive out Route 88 this morning where they and their West Virginia counterparts will sign into the dorms at West Liberty shortly after noon.

The first full-squad meetings are set for tonight with tomorrow's two-a-day practice sessions sandwiching the traditional Media Day.

It's all part of the preparation for next Sunday's annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Ohio's defensive backs will be Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker, Frontier's Anthony Mossburg, St. Clairsville's A.J. Twardoski, Caldwell's Brian Leasure.

Bellaire St. John's Chris DiCesare will punt with Cambridge's Mike Daugherty handling the kicking.

"We feel we have some pretty good talent in the secondary," Caldwell said.

"We're pleased with the defense we've assembled because we have such a nice blend of size and speed.

"It's also a nice luxury when you can find a quality kicker and punter for the team."

Here is a capsule look at the players:

BRIAN LEASURE, Caldwell: This former Redskin speedster was a standout under head coach Josh Perkins.

The 5-10, 155-pounder rushed for better than 1,000 yards in both his junior and senior season as a running back.

For his fine senior season, he was named first-team all-OVAC, all-PVC, second-team all-District and Honorable Mention all-Ohio.

He was also the MVP of the Noble County Super Bowl.

Along with this all-star game, Leasure also took part in the BACF game.

Brian - who will attend Muskingum - is the son of Danny and Lisa Leasure of Caldwell.

CLAY TUCKER, Martins Ferry: This two-way Purple Rider standout was a big factor in the Riders winning their first-ever regional crown.

The 5-11, 165-pounder was a standout at both defensive back and wide receiver for Coach Dave Bruney.

As a wide receiver, Tucker caught 19 balls for 478 yards and three scores. In the secondary, Tucker was a lockdown cover corner and also a sure tackler.

Tucker was a first-team all-District, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader pick.

The Ohio University-bound athlete was also a standout in wrestling, winning the state title as a junior. He was a four-time OVAC champion, four-time sectional champion, four-time district champion and four-time state placer.

Clay was also a national runner-up as a senior.

Tucker is the son of Jeff and Jan Tucker of Martins Ferry.

ANTHONY MOSSBURG, Frontier: This Cougar did everything but sell popcorn for the Cougars this past fall, helping them to a 10-0 season.

As a quarterback, Mossburg threw for 1,164 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also rushed for 565 yards and seven touchdowns.

From his secondary spot, the 6-0, 215-pounder was in on 66 tackles and had four interceptions.

Mossburg was a first-team all-Ohio, all-District, all-OVAC player.

Anthony - the son of Stephanie Mossburg of New Matamoras - will attend Robert Morris University.

A.J. TWARDOSKI, St. Clairsville: This two-way standout was one of the most versatile players in the area for Coach Brett McLean.

Twardoski served as the Red Devils quarterback and also lined up at defensive back. As a quarterback, he passed for 671 yards. He also led the team in rushing with 764 yards and nine scores.

He was one of the top tacklers on the squad and had a team-high five interceptions.

The 6-1, 185-pounder was a first-team all-Ohio, all-district, all-OVAC, all-Valley, all-Times Leader selection this past season. All told, he earned nine varsity letters through football, basketball, baseball and track.

Twardoski is also a standout in the classroom. He's a two-year member of the National Honor Society, four-year class officer, student council member, Culture Club, Prom Committee, Float Committee, Ohio Scholastic Team in both English and French.

Twardoski is the son of 1970 OVAC All-Star Sam Twardoski and Diane Twardoski.

CHRIS DICESARE, Bellaire St. John Central: This Irish standout was one of the premier punters in the area for Coach Steve Daley.

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SPORTS

Squibb, Tucker Among Those Bidding Farewell

Will play in final football game of careers Sunday

By JOSH STROPE
Staff Writer

High school is a time for everyone to look back to their youth and think about all the fun times and crazy things they did.

At the 34th annual Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium, the players will get one last taste of high school, representing their alma mater one last time, some with one final chance to don a football uniform.

"We're pretty psyched up about playing this week, but also sad that this will be the final time we ever play football," Rob Squibb said.

Squibb, a center/guard from Linsly, will play on the West Virginia team, coached by his

own head coach, Terry Depew. "It's definitely a plus having our coaching staff here so I'm familiar with what is going on and it's cool to have one last game under him," Squibb said.

Martins Ferry wide receiver Clay Tucker will be wearing a Purple Rider helmet for the final time, but his admiration for the school will always stay with him.

"I was on one of the best Martins Ferry teams ever, and it's an honor to be able to represent them in this game," Tucker said.

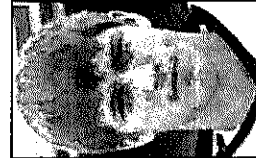
They are excited about playing the game, but can they control their emotions when they get on the field?

"This game will be filled with high intensity and we are going to go at them hard," Tucker said. "I'll think about everything after the game."

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Squibb



Tucker

nostalgia from playing but we'll be ready," Squibb said.

While the players get all the focus, this is an all too familiar scene with the coaches.

"I feel for them, but they have all had great success and I'm glad I could give them the opportunity to play again," Depew said.

"I love coaching these kids, but I just try not to let things effect me and just go about it like it's another game," Ohio coach Dave Caldwell said.

The opportunity to play is a big deal to both Squibb and Tucker, neither of whom expected to be selected, but are looking forward to getting physical in the trenches once again.

With all the emotions that go into the selection process, the practice week, and the game, you have to wonder just how much of an impact this will have on the each individual. In other words, will the big, tough football player possibly shed a tear?

"Probably not, I mean, no, I won't," Squibb said with a smile on his face.

After the game, handshakes and hugs will be shared between the teams as they go their separate ways, whether it be playing college football, wrestling, or just getting an old fashioned education. For the coaches, it will be back to the

grind. "We really don't even get a chance to celebrate because we have to turn around and go back to our own teams and get ready for the season," Caldwell said.

"We hate to see these kids go, but in comes a new group of players that will have the same passion for football as they do," Depew said.

"They might not play football here anymore, but their school spirit will never leave and they will always be interested in what happens with their school."

Hopefully, the kids will take in the sights and sounds Sunday because high school football only comes once in a lifetime.

"I'm not sure it will hit me until I start college and realize I won't be playing football ever again," Squibb said.



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The 6-1, 185-pounder was a first-team all-Ohio, all-district, all-OVAC, all-Valley, all-Times Leader selection this past season. All told, he earned nine varsity letters through football, basketball, baseball and track.

Twardoski is also a standout in the classroom. He's a two-year member of the National Honor Society, four-year class officer, student council member, Culture Club, Prom Committee, Float Committee, Ohio Scholastic Team in both English and French.

Twardoski is the son of 1970 OVAC All-Star Sam Twardoski and Diane Twardoski.

CHRIS DICESARE, Bellaire St. John Central: This Irish standout was one of the premier punters in the area for Coach Steve Daley.

The 6-2, 205-pounder had a net punting average of 39.9 yards. He had nine punts of better than 50 yards and 67 punts better than 40 yards.

DiCesare was a second-team all-Ohio selection, first-team District, all-Times Leader and all-OVAC.

DiCesare also took part in basketball for the Irish.

Away from the field, DiCesare was a member of National Honor Society, Who's Who, all-OVAC Academic, Spanish Club and Interact Club.

The son of Thomas and Juliana DiCesare of St. Clairsville — will attend Miami (Ohio) in the fall.

MIKE DAUGHERTY, Cambridge: This kicker was nearly automatic for Coach Rick Goodrich's playoff-qualifying team last fall.

The 5-9, 170-pounder made good on 41-of-46 PAT attempts and had one field goal.

He was an honorable mention all-District, all-ECOL player as a senior.

Mike is the son of Bruce and Gayle Daugherty of Cambridge.

Defensive players added

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Ward was a first-team all-District, all-OVAC, all-Quad County. After his junior season, Ward received the Bill Booth Award.

Lou is also active in many school activities. He served as the President of the Young Republicans club. He's also involved in Varsity Club, Booster Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and National Honor Society.

Lou — who is the son of Lou and Bev Ward of East Liverpool — will attend Malone College.

CHAS YODER, Martins Ferry — Not even an early-season staph infection could stop this former Purple Rider from being a dominant player for Coach Dave Bruney.

Yoder was a force on both sides of the ball. As a linebacker, Yoder record 133 tackles in 11 games. He also led the Purple in rushing and scoring with 508 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The 5-11, 210-pounder was a first-team all-Ohio pick after earning Division IV Defensive Player

of the Year honors in the Eastern District. He was also an all-Valley and all-OVAC selection.

In wrestling, Yoder advanced to the state final this past winter and was a two-time all-Ohioan. He also won the OVAC title this past winter.

The son of Todd and Rhonda Yoder of Bridgeport will attend Mount Union in the fall.

BRUCE PALMER, Indian Creek — This two-way standout made his mark as a linebacker for the Redskins last fall.

The 6-4, 225-pounder was a force at linebacker, recording 92 tackles, 12 sacks, 12 tackles for loss, 15 hurries and three forced fumbles.

That stat line was good enough to earn Palmer first-team all-Ohio in Division III. He was also first-team all-OVAC, all-Eastern District, all-Valley honors. He was also selected to play in the prestigious Ohio North-South Game last month.

Palmer was also a standout in baseball, earning all-District and he was also a talented basketball player, also earning all-District and all-Valley. He will attend Malone College.

Cambridge's Lyons among defensive stalwarts on Ohio roster for Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic

With his offensive players basically in tact, Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell selected some of his defensive linemen and linebackers for the upcoming Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity All-Star Football Classic.

The players — who are scheduled to report to training camp Sunday at noon at West Liberty State College — are preparing for the July 24 game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Caldwell announced his intended linebackers and defensive ends, which include Buckeye Local's Jake DaGrava, Union Local's Anthony Carson, Indian Creek's Bruce Palmer, Martins Ferry's Chas Yoder, Beallsville's John Skinner, Cambridge's Matt Lyons and East Liverpool's Lou Ward.

"The kids we think are going to play linebacker or defensive end are all hard-nosed kids," Caldwell said. "They are an athletic group with good size and speed. We plan to play a 50 defense in the game."

"In all-star games the defense is always well ahead of the offense, so we knew we had to pick some quality kids at these positions," Caldwell continued.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

MATT LYONS, Cambridge — This linebacker was almost a one-man wrecking crew for the Bobcats. The 6-1, 240-pounder was in on 72 tackles, including 18 for loss and seven sacks.

Lyons was selected as all-Ohio second team, all-OVAC, all-ECOL and all-Valley.

Aside from football, Lyons was his class treasurer, member of the student council, newspaper and yearbook staffs.

The son of Roger and Kathy Lyons of Cambridge is headed to Ohio University.

JAKE DaGRAVA, Buckeye Local — This two-way standout was an impact player on both sides of the ball for the Panthers last fall.

DaGrava rushed for 1,326 yards and 10 touchdowns as a tailback, carrying the ball some 198 times. He was also one of the team's top tacklers from his linebacker spot.

The 5-11, 195-pounder was a second-team all-Ohio pick, first-team all-District and first-team all-OVAC.

DaGrava was also a letterman in basketball and baseball at Buckeye.

The son of Dennis DaGrava and Jodee he is slated to attend Robert Morris College in the fall.

ANTHONY CARSON, Union Local — This bruiser was a two-way standout for the Jets last fall.

The 6-0, 205-pound Carson was a bruising fullback and linebacker. He rushed for better than 700 yards and seven touchdowns. Defensively, he was the leading tackler for UL.

Carson was a first-team all-district and all-OVAC selection for his season. He was also voted a team captain last year. He was also active in baseball and basketball during his prep career.

The son of John and Janette Carson of Belmont will attend Muskingum College.

JOHN SKINNER, Beallsville — This former Blue Devil was a selection Caldwell knew extremely well.

The 5-10, 180-pounder was one of the top defensive ends in the area and led the Blue Devils in several defensive categories.

Skinner was an all-district and all-PVC selection for his season. He's also listed amongst Who's Who Among American High School Athletes and Students.

Along with football, Skinner was also active in wrestling, track, Destination Imagination, reading club and Spanish club.

John, who will attend Wayneburg, is the son of Wayne and Mel Skinner of Beallsville.

LOU WARD, East Liverpool — This former Potter was a load on both sides of the ball for the Potters the past several seasons.

The 6-0, 235-pounder was a standout at both fullback and linebacker where he led the Potters in tackles.

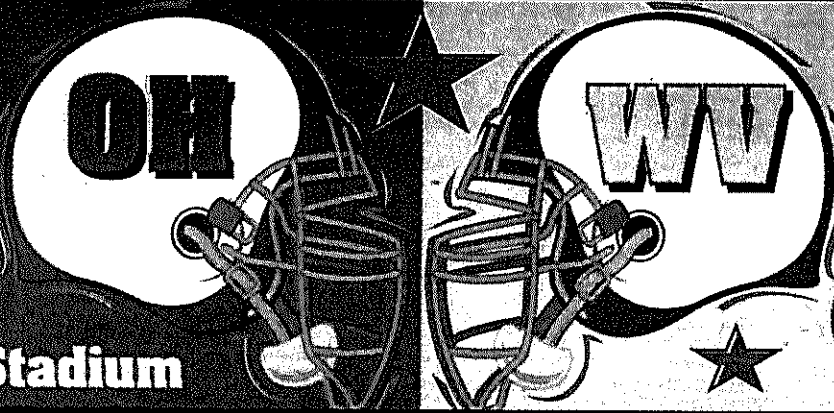
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WV defensive backs ready for 'Air Caldwell'

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

Knowing that Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell likes to throw the football, Depew knew he had to look for quality defensive backs.

The veteran Linsly mentor announced his intended secondary and specialty players for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football All-Star Classic, which is slated for Wheeling Island Stadium on July 24.

"We have a lot of speed and athleticism in our secondary," Depew said. "We took some guys who are big hitters and also good cover guys."

"Our defense is going to have to be ready to play because Ohio has some quality players on the offensive side of the ball," Depew continued.

Slated to play on the defensive side of the ball are Weir's Justin Shumake, Brooke's Dana Davis, Brooke's Brian Balderson and Brian Henderson. Handling the kicking duties for the Mountaineers will be Wheeling Central's Adam Grubler.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

BRIAN HENDERSON, Brooke -- This Bruin was a bruiser at linebacker for head coach Dave Reitter last fall.

The 6-ft-2, 235 pounder ranked near the top in several defensive categories for Brooke, including leading the team with tackles. This past fall was the third straight season that he led the Bruins in tackles.

For his fine senior season, he earned first-team all-

OVAC, second-team all-State. He was also named Most Valuable Defensive Player for the third consecutive season and served as a team captain.

Along with football, Henderson also took part in baseball.

Brian -- who will attend West Virginia University -- is the son of Keith and Dana Henderson of Wellsburg.

JUSTIN SHUMAKE, Weir -- This cornerback was a lock-down defensive player for Coach Tony Filberto's Red Riders, helping them advance to the state semifinals.

The 5-ft-11, 170 pounder was a first-team all-State and all-OVAC pick.

Shumake also helped lead the Red Riders' hoop squad to the West Virginia state tournament and the OVAC 4-A title.

Justin -- who will attend either Robert Morris College or West Virginia State -- is the son of Mike and Sandra Mitchell of Weirton.

BRIAN BALDERSON, Bishop Donahue -- This versatile player was a four-year mainstay for Coach John Durdines.

Balderson saw time at running back, wide receiver and safety this past season.

The 5-ft-5, 140-pounder was twice named offensive MVP for the Bishops.

Along with football, Balderson plays basketball where he was Undo's Tournament MVP and also runs track.

Brian -- who will attend West Liberty State College -- is the son of Brian and Christina Balderson of

Benwood.

DANA DAVIS, Brooke -- This two-way Bruin standout developed into one of the area's premier two-way players for Reitter last fall.

The 5-ft-10, 180 pounder had 65 tackles, three fumble recoveries and five pass knock downs despite being thrown away from for much of the season. As a tailback, Davis churned out 1,061 yards and nine scores.

Davis was selected to the all-state team, all-OVAC and all-Valley squads.

Along with football, Davis was a standout in wrestling, winning the OVAC title. He also took part in track and baseball.

Dana is the son of Dana and Carla Davis of Wellsburg.




ADAM GRUBLER, Wheeling Central -- This former Maroon Knight made the most of his one year of high school football.

The placekicker for the state-champion Knights was a regular on the Knights' soccer team, serving as captain for three seasons and earning all-OVAC. In football, Grubler holds the record for field goals in the championship game.

He's also a four-year member of the Knights' hockey team.

Away from athletics, Grubler is a member of the National Honor Society and is a National Spanish Honorary. He attended Boys' State and HOBY Leadership.

Adam -- who will attend WVU -- is the son of Dr. Michael and Joan Grubler of Wheeling.

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Ohio all-stars romp to OVAC win, 35-6

Frontier's Mossburg, Buckeye defense shine; Cambridge's Daugherty hits five PATs

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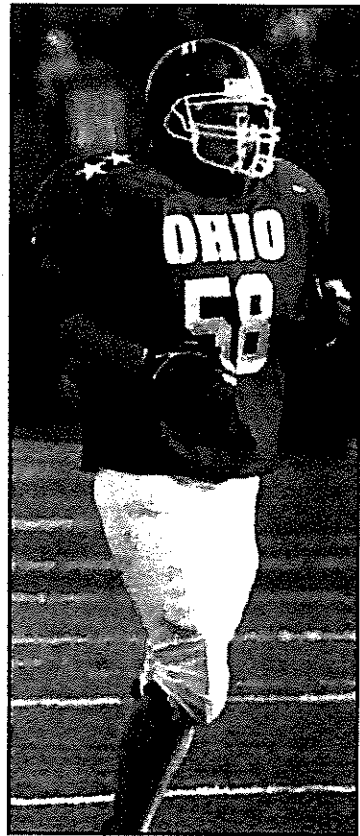
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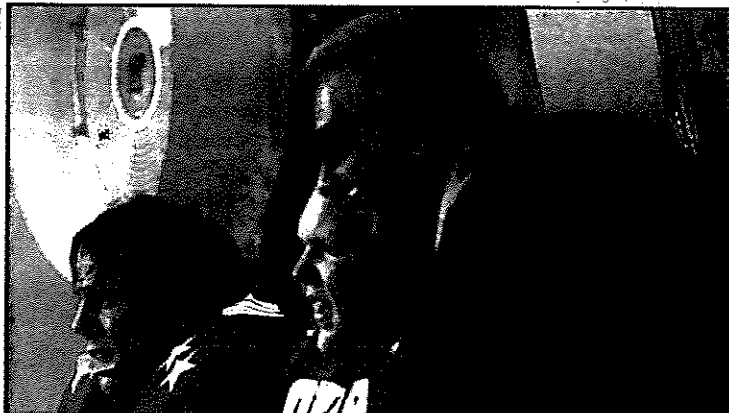
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Gwendolyn Klamut/ The Daily Jeffersonian Shenandoah football player Lucas Michel (center) takes a breather with a teammate and enjoys a moment on the sidelines with former Shenandoah High School football coach and last year's Ohio All-Stars' coach Dan Wesson during the 34th Annual Rudy Mumley Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Charity Football Classic in Wheeling, W.V. Sunday night.



Gwendolyn Klamut/The Daily Jeffersonian Cambridge's Mike Daugherty, far right, keeps his eye on the goal after his point-after attempt in the first quarter of play at the 34th Annual Rudy Mumley Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Charity Football Classic in Wheeling, W.V. on Sunday evening. Daugherty was 5-of-5 on PATs in Ohio's 35-6 triumph at Wheeling Island Stadium.



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Ohio All-Star Receivers Announced

For The News-Register

Although he was an outstanding running back during his playing days, it's no secret that Beallsville head football coach Dave Caldwell has been known to throw the ball early and often during his lengthy tenure at the Blue Devil helm.

With that track record, more than a few eyebrows were raised when Caldwell's Ohio roster for this month's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic included only one true wide receiver and a single tight end.

Three of the players listed as wide receivers on the Buckeye roster didn't play a single down at wideout during their senior season.

Does that mean the Buckeyes plan to eschew the passing game and simply try to run the ball down West Virginia's collective throat when the two teams meet on July 24 at Wheeling Island Stadium?

Nothing could be further from the truth, insists the veteran Beallsville grid boss.

"That's why we took so many athletes, so we could get the best players around and then spread them out," Caldwell said.

"We've got a pair of quality quarterbacks and we think our receivers will be fine.

"I really like the mixture we have. There are a bunch of good athletes at that position."

Slated to see time on the flanks or at tight end for the Buckeyes are: Wellsville's Derek Thompson, Beallsville's Aaron Harper, Buckeye Trail's Kyle Carpenter, Buckeye Trail's Aaron Carpenter and Bellaire's Scott Antonik.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

SCOTT ANTONIK, Bellaire: This Big Reds graduate was a bull on both sides of the ball for Coach John Magistro the past three seasons.

Antonik emerged as one of the area's premier tight ends a year ago, hauling in 33 balls for 511 yards and eight touchdowns.

Defensively, he led Bellaire in tackles from his linebacker spot, recording well over 100 stops.

The 6-3, 205-pounder was a first-team all-Valley and all-District pick.

Antonik was an all-Times Leader honoree and was second-team all-Ohio selection.

Antonik was also a standout in wrestling and track for the Big Reds.

Scott — who plans to walk-on at Toledo — is the son of Scott Antonik and Lesley Antonik of Bellaire.

DEREK THOMPSON, Wellsville: This Tiger wide receiver was a standout in three sports this past school year.

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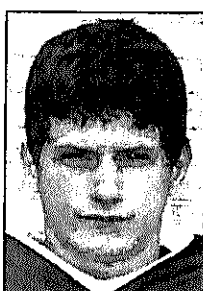
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Athletes dominate Ohio WR corps

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

Most know that at Beallsville High School, Dave Caldwell enjoys throwing the football.

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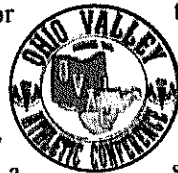
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Scott -- who plans to walk-on at the University of Toledo -- is the son of Scott Antonik and Lesley Antonik of Bellaire.

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OVAC Ohio Defenders Impressive

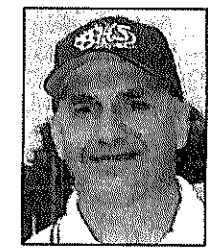
For The Intelligencer

With his offensive players intact, Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell selected his defensive linemen and linebackers for the upcoming Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic.

The players — scheduled to report to training camp Sunday at noon at West Liberty State College — are preparing for the July 24 game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The linebackers and defensive ends will include Buckeye Local's Jake DaGrava, Union Local's Anthony Carson, Indian Creek's Bruce Palmer, Martins Ferry's Chas Yoder, Beallsville's John Skinner, Cambridge's Matt Lyons and East Liverpool's Lou Ward.

"The kids we think are going to play linebacker or defensive end are all hard-nosed kids," Caldwell said. "They are an athletic group with good size and speed. We plan to play a 50 defense in the game."



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JAKE DaGRAVA, Buckeye Local: This two-way standout was an impact player on both sides of the ball for Coach Mike Groves last fall.

DaGrava rushed for 1,326 yards and 10 touchdowns as a tailback, carrying the ball 198 times. He was also one of the team's top tacklers from his linebacker spot.

The 5-ft-11, 195 pounder was a second-team all-Ohio pick, first-team all-District, and first-team all-OVAC.

DaGrava was also a letterman in basketball and baseball.

Jake — who is the son of Dennis DaGrava and Jodee DaGrava — is slated to attend Robert Morris University in the fall.

ANTHONY CARSON, Union Local: This bruiser was a two-way standout for Coach Jim Hoover last fall.

The 6-ft, 205 pound Carson was a bruising fullback and linebacker for the Jets. He rushed for over 700 yards and seven touchdowns.

Defensively, he was the leading tackler for Union Local.

Carson was first-team all-district, all-Times Leader, and all-OVAC selection. He was voted a team captain last year.

Anthony was also active in baseball and basketball during his prep career.

Carson — who is the son of John and Janette Carson of Belmont — will attend Muskingum College.

JOHN SKINNER, Beallsville: This former Blue Devil was a selection Caldwell knew extremely well.

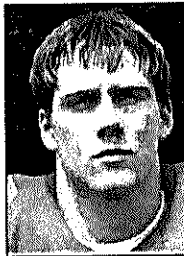
The 5-10, 180-pounder was one of the top defensive ends in the area and led Beallsville in several defensive categories.

Skinner was an all-district and all-PVC selection for his senior season. He's also listed among *Who's Who Among American High School Athletes and Students*.

Along with football, Skinner was also active in wrestling, track, Destination Imagination, reading club and Spanish club.

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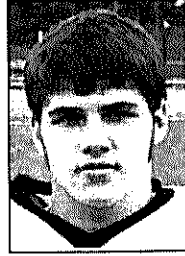
OVAC All-Stars



Palmer



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LOU WARD, East Liverpool: This former Potter was a load on both sides of the ball for Coach Bob Thayer's squad the past several seasons.

The 6-ft, 235 pounder was a standout at both fullback and linebacker where he led the Potters in tackles.

Ward was first-team all-District, all-OVAC, and all-Quad County. After his junior season, Ward received the Bill Booth Award.

Lou is also served as the President of the Young Repub-

licans, and was involved in Varsity Club, Booster Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and National Honor Society.

Lou — who is the son of Lou and Bev Ward of East Liverpool — will attend Malone College.

CHAS YODER, Martins Ferry: Not even an early-season staph infection could stop this former Purple Rider from being a dominant player for Coach Dave Bruney.

Yoder was a force on both sides of the ball. As a linebacker, Yoder record 133 tackles in 11 games. On offense, he led the Purple Riders in rushing and scoring with 508 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The 5-ft-11, 210 pounder was a first-team all-Ohio pick after earning Division IV Defensive Player of the Year honors in the Eastern District. He was also an all-Valley, all-Times Leader and all-OVAC selection.

In wrestling, Yoder advanced to the state final in 2005 and was a two-time all-Ohioan.

He won the 2005 OVAC title this past winter.

Chas — who will play football at Mt. Union College — is the son of Todd and Rhonda Yoder of Bridgeport.

BRUCE PALMER, Indian Creek: This two-way standout

made his mark as a linebacker for Coach Andrew Connor's Redskins last fall.

The 6-ft-4, 225 pounder was a force at linebacker, recording 92 tackles, 12 sacks, 12 tackles for loss, 15 hurries and three forced fumbles.

That stat line was good enough to earn Palmer first-team all-Ohio in Division III. He also received first-team all-OVAC, all-Eastern District, and all-Valley honors. He was selected to play in the prestigious Ohio North-South Game in June.

Palmer was also a standout in baseball and basketball, earning all-District in baseball and all-District and all-Valley in basketball.

Bruce will attend Malone College.

MATT LYONS, Cambridge: This linebacker was a one-man wrecking crew for Coach Rick Goodrich.

The 6-ft-1, 240 pounder was in on 72 tackles, including 18 for loss and seven sacks.

Lyons was selected as all-Ohio second team, all-OVAC, all-ECOL and all-Valley.

Aside from football, Matt was class treasurer, member of the student council, newspaper and yearbook staffs.

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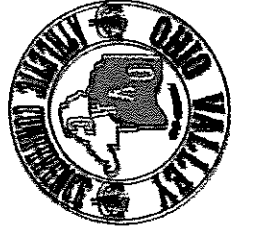
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Depew Selects Receivers

For The Intelligencer

West Virginia head coach Terry Depew won't be the slightest bit concerned if this month's Rudy Munley Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Charity All-Star Football Classic turns into an aerial shootout.

In fact, the veteran Linsly mentor thinks such a scenario unfolding on the artificial surface at Wheeling Island Stadium on the night of July 24 might play right into the Mountaineers' hands.

"I really think our wide receivers have a chance to be the strength of the team," Depew said in announcing his receiving corps. "We have some game-breakers with good size, good speed and good hands."

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Stated to do the ball-catching for the Mountaineers are: John Marshall's Anthony Montes, John Marshall's Bryan Berger, Weir's Jack Crow, Wheeling Central's Josh McKee, Linsly's Wayne Green, Madonna's Michael DeCaria and Wheeling Park's Jon Pearson.

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Away from the field, DeCaria is a volunteer in the church.

The son of Vince and Belinda DeCaria of Weirton, Michael is headed to West Virginia University in the fall.

JON PEARSON, Wheeling Park: This Patriot was a two-way standout for Coach Mark Nardone's team last fall.

The 6-0, 223-pounder was a standout tight end/linebacker at Wheeling Park, pulling down first-team all-OVAC, all-valley and all-state laurels.

He ranked among the leading tacklers in the state with 132 stops and a dozen quarterback sacks.

Pearson was the president of the Wheeling Park Radio/Television Club and a member of the Varsity Athletic Club.

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Headed to Fairmont State, Jon is the son of Penny McDonald and Ronald Pearson of Wheeling.

JACK CROW, Weir: This Red Rider has become accustomed to winning during his prep career in Hancock County.

Crow was one of the area's premier wide receivers, hauling in six TD passes in one playoff game during Weir High's run

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He earned all-state first-team honors and first-team all-OVAC and all-Area teams as well.

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Josh is also a track standout, winning the state 400 meter dash title and helping the Knights to their first-ever state track title.

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By **SETH STASKEY**
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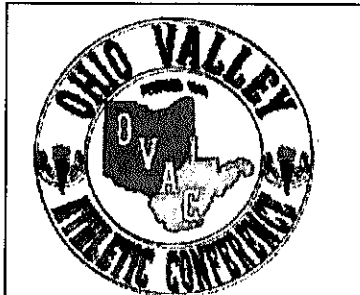
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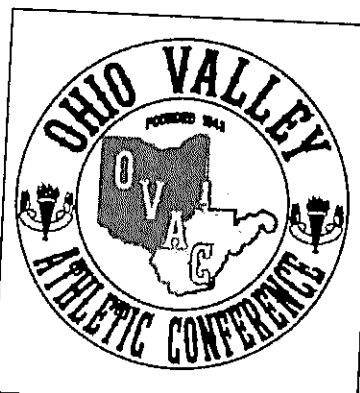
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For The Intelligencer

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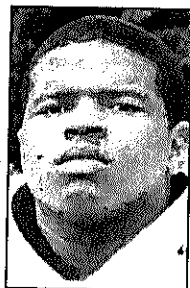
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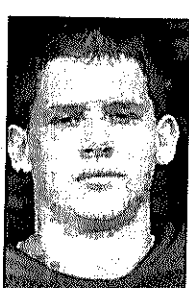
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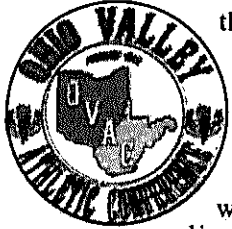
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Wednesday,
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Sunday, July 17, 2005

IN FOCUS

It's time for
prep football:
OVAC style

One week and counting.

That is all that stands in the way of the opening of high school football season in the Ohio Valley.

The sporting highlight of the summer will take place Sunday at

Wheeling Island Stadium when Ohio and West Virginia lock horns in the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football Classic.

Coach Dave Caldwell's Buckeyes will be looking to make amends for the Ohioans' loss to West Virginia a year ago.

Coach Terry Depew's Mountaineers, however, won't be an easy touch as the West Virginia squad has some prime-time talent.

This week will be filled with a host of OVAC All-Star Game activities, beginning today as both teams report to camp at West Liberty State College.

On Monday, media day will be held on the Route 88 campus.

Wednesday will see the classy Strager Evening with the Stars program unfold at the White Palace. The always-popular Queen of Queens Pageant is set for WesBanco Arena on Friday.

Saturday will feature the OVAC Game pep rally at West Liberty, setting the stage for Sunday's 7:15 p.m. kickoff.

All in all, it's a great week for the OVAC, capped by a great gridiron spectacle. The regular prep grid season can't be far behind.



By BUBBA
KAPPAL
Executive
Sports
Editor

Ohio's OVAC grid roster finalized

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Writer

The final pieces of the Ohio All-Star puzzle came together today as head coach Dave Caldwell announced his defensive backs and specialty players.

The defensive backs are all cover guys with a knack for getting to the football, while he's got a standout punter and placekicker for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic to be held July 24 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We feel that we have some pretty good talent in the secondary," Caldwell said. "We're pleased with the defense we have assembled because we have such a nice blend of size and speed."

"It's also a nice luxury when you can find a quality kicker and punter for the team," Caldwell continued.

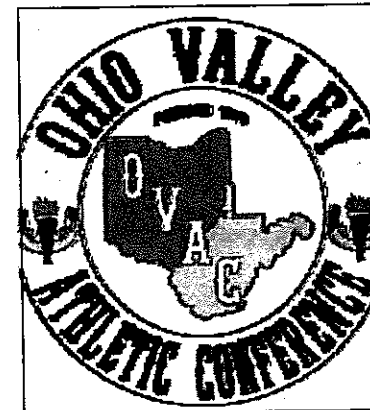
Set to compete in the defensive secondary are: Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker, Frontier's Anthony Mossburg, St. Clairsville's A.J. Twardoski, Caldwell's Brian Leasure. Handling the punting duties will be St. John's Chris DiCearse and Cambridge's Mike Daugherty will do the kicking.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

BRIAN LEASURE, Caldwell — This former Redskin speedster was a standout under head coach Josh Perkins.

The 5-ft-10, 155 pounder rushed for better than 1,000 yards in both his junior and senior season as a running back.

For his fine senior season, he was named first-team all-OVAC, all-PVC, second-team all-District and Honorable Mention all-Ohio. He was also the MVP of the Noble County Super Bowl. Along with



this all-star game, Leasure also took part in the BACF game.

Along with football, Brian has been active in track and wrestling. Away from the field, he's involved in yearbook, drama, volunteer coaching and lifting.

Brian -- who will attend Muskingum College -- is the son of Danny and Lisa Leasure of Caldwell.

CLAY TUCKER, Martins Ferry ? This two-way Purple Rider standout was another of the big reasons why the Riders won their first-ever regional crown.

The 5-ft-11, 165 pounder was a standout at both defensive back and wide receiver for Coach Dave Bruney.

As a wide receiver, Tucker caught 19 balls for 478 yards and three scores. In the secondary, Tucker was a lock-down cover corner and also a sure tackler.

Tucker was a first-team all-District, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader pick.

The Ohio University-bound athlete was also a standout in wrestling, winning the state title as a junior. He was a four-time OVAC champion, four-time sectional champion, four-time district champion and four-time state placer.

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Clay was also a national runner-up as a senior.

Tucker is the son of Jeff and Jan Tucker of Martins Ferry.

ANTHONY MOSSBURG, Frontier -- This Cougar did almost everything except sell popcorn for the Cougars this past fall, helping them to a 10-0 season.

As a quarterback, Mossburg threw for 1,164 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also rushed for 565 yards and seven touchdowns.

From his secondary spot, the 6-ft, 215 pounder was in on 66 tackles and had four interceptions.

Mossburg was a first-team all-Ohio, all-District, all-OVAC player. He was also named Player of the Year by the Marietta Times.

Anthony -- who is the son of Stephanie Mossburg of New Matamoras -- will attend Robert Morris College.

A.J. TWARDOSKI, St. Clairsville -- This two-way standout was one of the most versatile players in the area for Coach Brett McLean.

Twardoski served as the Red Devils quarterback and also lined up at defensive back. As a quarterback, he passed for 671 yards. He also led the team in rushing with 764 yards and nine scores.

He was one of the top tacklers on the squad and had a team-high five interceptions.

The 6-ft-1, 185 pounder was a first-team all-Ohio, all-district, all-OVAC, all-Valley, all-Times Leader selection this



past season. All told, he earned nine varsity letters through football, basketball, baseball and track.

Twardoski is also a standout in the classroom. He's a two-year member of the National Honor Society, four-year class officer, student council member, Culture Club, Prom Committee, Float Committee, Ohio Scholastic Team in both English and French. He's also received all-OVAC academic for four years and he's listed among Who's Who Among American High School Students. Twardoski has received the National Bausch and Lomb Science Award and twice earned the Chamber of Commerce Academic Award.

A.J. -- who is a volunteer in his church, with the Wheeling Soup Kitchen, Make a Wish Foundation, Red Cross Blood Drives and Science Fair ? is planning to attend The Ohio State University.

Twardoski is the son of 1970 OVAC All-Star Sam Twardoski and Diane Twardoski.

CHRIS DICESARE, St.

John Central -- This Irish standout was one of the premier punters in the area for Coach Steve Daley.

The 6-ft-2, 205-pounder had a net punting average of 29.9 yards. He had nine punts of better than 50 yards and 67 punts better than 40 yards.

DiCesare was a second-team all-Ohio selection, first-team District, all-Times Leader and all-OVAC.

DiCesare also took part in basketball for the Irish.

Away from the field, DiCesare was a member of National Honor Society, Who's Who, all-OVAC Academic, Spanish Club and Interact Club.

Chris -- who is the son of Thomas and Juliana DiCesare of St. Clairsville -- will attend Miami, Ohio in the fall.

MIKE DAUGHERTY, Cambridge -- This Bobcat kicker was nearly automatic for Coach Rick Goodrich's play-off-qualifying team last fall.

The 5-ft-9, 170 pounder made good on 41-of-46 PAT attempts and had one field goal.

He was an honorable mention all-District, all-ECOL player as a senior.

Along with football, Mike was active in tennis, mock trial, National Honor Society, TV station, newspaper staff. He also volunteers in his church and plays guitar.

Mike -- who is the son of Bruce and Gayle Daugherty of Cambridge -- is slated to attend Marietta College.

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W.Va. Secondary Has Speed, Big Hitters

For The Intelligencer

Knowing Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell likes to throw the football, Terry Depew knew he had to look for quality defensive backs.

The veteran Linsly mentor announced his intended secondary and specialty players for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football All-Star Classic, slated for Wheeling Island Stadium on July 24.

"We have a lot of speed and athleticism in our secondary," Depew said. "We took some guys who are big hitters and also good cover guys."

"Our defense is going to have to be ready to play because Ohio has some quality players on the offensive side of the ball."

Slated to play are Weir's Justin Shumake, Brooke's Dana Davis, Brooke's Brian Balderson and Brian Henderson. Handling the kicking duties for the Mountaineers will be Wheeling Central's Adam Grubler.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

BRIAN HENDERSON, Brooke: This Bruin was a bruiser at linebacker for head coach Dave Reitter last fall.

The 6-2, 235-pounder ranked near the top in several defensive categories for Brooke, including leading the team with tackles for three

straight seasons.

For his fine senior season, he earned first-team all-OVAC, and second-team all-State. He was also named Most Valuable Defensive Player for the third consecutive season and served as a team captain.

Along with football, Henderson also took part in baseball.

Brian -- who will attend West Virginia University -- is the son of Keith and Dana Henderson of Wellsburg.

JUSTIN SHUMAKE, Weir: This cornerback was a lock-down defensive player for Coach Tony Filberto's Red Riders, helping them advance to the state semifinals.

The 5-11, 170-pounder was a first-team all-State and all-OVAC pick.

Shumake helped lead the Red Riders' basketball team to the Class AA West Virginia state tournament and the OVAC 4-A title.

Justin -- who will attend either Robert Morris College or West Virginia State -- is the son of Mike and Sandra Mitchell



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BRIAN BALDERSON, Bishop Donahue: This versatile player was a four-year mainstay for Coach John Durdines.

Balderson saw time at running back, wide receiver and safety this past season. The 5-5, 140-pounder was twice named offensive MVP for the Bishops.

Along with football, Balderson ran track and played basketball where he was Undo's Tournament MVP.

Brian -- who will attend West Liberty State College -- is the son of Brian and Christina Balderson of Benwood.

DANA DAVIS, Brooke: This two-way Bruin standout developed into one of the area's premier two-way players for Reitter last fall.

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Dana is the son of Dana and Carla Davis of Wellsburg.

ADAM GRUBLER, Wheeling Central: This former Maroon Knight made the most of his one year of high school football.

The placekicker for the W.Va. Class A state-champion Knights was a regular on the soccer team, serving as captain for three seasons and earning all-OVAC. In football, Grubler holds the record for field goals in the championship game.

He's also a four-year member of the Knights' hockey team.

Away from athletics, Grubler is a member of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honorary. He's attending HOBY Leadership.

Adam -- who will attend West Virginia -- is the son of Dr. Michael and Joan Grubler of Wheeling.



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Ohio's defense starting to take shape

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

With his offensive players basically in tact, Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell selected some of his defensive linemen and linebackers for the upcoming Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic.

The players -- who are scheduled to report to training camp Sunday at noon at West Liberty State College -- are preparing for the July 24 game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Caldwell announced his intended linebackers and defensive ends, which include Buckeye Local's Jake DaGrava, Union Local's Anthony Carson, Indian Creek's Bruce Palmer, Martins Ferry's Chas Yoder, Beallsville's John Skinner, Cambridge's Matt Lyons and East Liverpool's Lou Ward.

"The kids we think are going to play linebacker or defensive end are all hard-nosed kids," Caldwell said. "They are an athletic group with good size and speed. We plan to play a 50 defense in the game.

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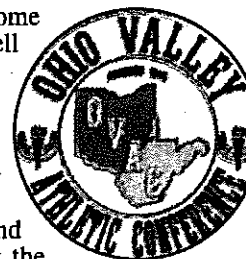
DaGrava rushed for 1,326 yards and 10 touchdowns as a tailback, carrying the ball some 198 times. He was also one of the team's top tacklers from his linebacker spot.

The 5-ft-11, 195 pounder was a second-team all-Ohio pick, first-team all-District and first-team all-OVAC.

DaGrava was also a letterman in basketball and baseball at Buckeye.

Jake -- who is the son of Dennis DaGrava and Jodee DaGrava -- is slated to attend Robert Morris College in the fall.

ANTHONY CARSON, Union Local -- This bruiser was a



two-way standout for Coach Jim Hoover's Jets last fall.

The 6-ft, 205 pound Carson was a bruising fullback and linebacker. He rushed for better than 700 yards and seven touchdowns. Defensively, he was the leading tackler for UL.

Carson was a first-team all-district, all-Times Leader, all-OVAC selection for his season. He was also voted a team captain last year.

Anthony was also active in baseball and basketball during his prep career.

Carson -- who is the son of John and Janette Carson of Belmont -- will attend Muskingum College.

JOHN SKINNER, Beallsville -- This former Blue Devil was a selection Caldwell knew extremely well.

The 5-ft-10, 180 pounder was one of the top defensive ends in the area and led the Blue Devils in several defensive categories.

Skinner was an all-district and all-PVC selection for his sea-

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son. He's also listed amongst Who's Who Among American High School Athletes and Students.

Along with football, Skinner was also active in wrestling, track, Destination Imagination, reading club and Spanish club.

John -- who had perfect attendance in high school and will attend Waynesburg -- is the son of Wayne and Mel Skinner of Beallsville.

LOU WARD, East Liverpool -- This former Potter was a load on both sides of the ball for Coach Bob Thayer's squad the past several seasons.

The 6-ft, 235 pounder was a standout at both fullback and linebacker where he led the Potters in tackles.

Ward was a first-team all-District, all-OVAC, all-Quad County. After his junior season, Ward received the Bill Booth Award.

Lou is also active in many school activities. He served as the President of the Young Republicans club. He's also involved in Varsity Club, Booster Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and National Honor Society.

Lou -- who is the son of Lou and Bev Ward of East Liverpool -- will attend Malone College.

CHAS YODER, Martins Ferry -- Not even an early-season staph infection could stop this former Purple Rider from being a dominant player for Coach Dave Bruney.

Yoder was a force on both sides of the ball. As a linebacker, Yoder record 133 tackles in 11 games. He also led the Purple in rushing and scoring with 508 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The 5-ft-11, 210 pounder was a first-team all-Ohio pick after earning Division IV Defensive Player of the Year honors in the Eastern District. He was also an all-Valley, all-

Times Leader and all-OVAC selection.

In wrestling, Yoder advanced to the state final this past winter and was a two-time all-Ohioan. He also won the OVAC title this past winter.

Chas -- who will play football at Mt. Union College -- is the son of Todd and Rhonda Yoder of Bridgeport.

BRUCE PALMER, Indian Creek -- This two-way standout made his mark as a linebacker for Coach Andrew Connor's Redskins last fall.

The 6-ft-4, 225 pounder was a force at linebacker, recording 92 tackles, 12 sacks, 12 tackles for loss, 15 hurries and three forced fumbles.

That stat line was good enough to earn Palmer first-team all-Ohio in Division III. He was also first-team all-OVAC, all-Eastern District, all-Valley honors. He was also selected to play in the prestigious Ohio North-South Game last month.

Palmer was also a standout in baseball, earning all-District and he was also a talented basketball player, also earning all-District and all-Valley.

Bruce will attend Malone College.

MATT LYONS, Cambridge -- This linebacker was almost a one-man wrecking crew for Coach Rick Goodrich's team.

The 6-ft-1, 240 pounder was in on 72 tackles, including 18 for loss and seven sacks.

Lyons was selected as all-Ohio second team, all-OVAC, all-ECOL and all-Valley.

Aside from football, Matt was his class treasurer, member of the student council, newspaper and yearbook staffs.

Matt -- who is the son of Roger and Kathy Lyons of Cambridge -- is headed to Ohio University.

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BL PLAYERS OPT OUT OF OVAC GAME

By **ROCCO LONGO**
Review Sports Writer

CALCUTTA -- Clearing up questions pertaining to the Ohio roster for the OVAC All-Star Football Game, Beaver Local coach Rich Wright said two of his players were asked to play in the game, but declined.

Dathan Ferrainolo and Dan Kinsey were selected by Ohio coach Dave Caldwell (Beallsville), but the duo has opted not to play in the contest, slated for July 24, because of the closeness to their departures for college - Aug. 4.

In the June 27 edition of *The Review*, a story was published with the list of participants for Ohio and West Virginia. Despite its 10-0 record and state ranking, Beaver Local did not have a player on that roster, prompting questions.

"We had two guys picked," Wright said. "But the game was just too close to when they were leaving for their college seasons."

Wright noted that he had other players willing to replace Ferrainolo and Kinsey, but that option was never presented to him.

"(Steve) Mercer, (Josh) Weese and (Mark) Frederick would have replaced them," Wright said. "But I didn't talk to anyone about the game so I'm not sure what the situation is."

According to Wright, he sent Caldwell a list of his senior players and from that, Ferrainolo and Kinsey were contacted with letters inviting them to play. When the two declined their invitations, no other Beaver Local players were asked.

"I'm sure (Caldwell) doesn't know much about our guys," Wright said. "I'm not upset or anything, it's just the way things work out sometimes."

Despite their success in the last half decade, which includes three 10-0 seasons, the Beavers have had just five participants in the game during that time span.

Josh Stoica (1999), Rick Prescott (2000), Jordan and Jared Williams (2002) and Jeff Dalrymple (2004). Adam Hoppel and Josh Pastore were selected for the game last year, but both declined. Wright said he believes that's because of an incident in 2000.

Breaking his leg during practice leading up to the all-star contest, Prescott was forced to sit out his entire freshman year at Mount Union College.

"I think the kids might be a little hesitant to play because it's so close to when they go away to college and they don't want to risk injury," Wright explained. "I think the guys saw what happened to Ricky and they don't want that to happen to them."

Although no Beavers will be on the Ohio roster, East Liverpool's Lou Ward and Wellsville's Derek Thompson will play in the game, while Oak Glen's Mark Ice will play for West Virginia.

1995 OVAC grid all-stars sought

Plans are under way for the 10-year reunion for the OVAC All-Star Charity Football Game.

Addresses and information are still needed for these members of the Class of 1995.

OHIO: Jack Becker of Martins Ferry; Brian Gehrig of River; Joe Saccoccia of Steubenville; Scott Pitts and Keith Pitts of Bellaire.

WEST VIRGINIA: Kenneth Platko and Adam Snoderly, Brooke; Sam Gray of Cameron; Ivan Clifford Tucker of John Marshall; Craig Eddy of St. Mary's and Jeff Stewart of Tyler Consolidated.

Anyone with information should contact Steve Kish Jr. at 1-740-453-9146. Any other 1995 players, coaches, managers or Queen of Queens who have not been contacted also should contact Kish at the above phone number or write at 6320 McCaskin Road, Nashport, Ohio 43830.

OVAC All-Star tickets on sale

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is currently selling advance tickets for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, which is slated for July 24 at Wheeling Island Stadium. Kickoff is slated for 7:15 p.m.

Tickets purchased in advance are priced at \$7, while all tickets at the gate will be \$10. Children under the age of five are admitted free.

The following agencies in Ohio are currently selling the tickets: Bellaire: Kroger; Cambridge Daily Jeffersonian; East Liverpool: Himes All Sports; Martins Ferry: Kroger; Shadyside: DeFelice Brothers Pizza; Steubenville: Kroger on Hollywood Blvd.; Wellsville: Dairy Queen; Wintersville: Kroger; Woodfield: Weber's Drug Store.

The following locations are selling tickets in West Virginia: Benwood: Kroger; Cameron: Greg's Market; Chester: Citizen Drug; Moundsville: Kroger; New Martinsville: Witschey's Supermarket; Warwood: Kroger; Weirton: Kroger on St. Thomas Drive and Main Street; Wellsburg: Kroger; Wheeling: Kroger on Mount DeChantal Road and Cabelas.

OVAC Looking for Past Players

As part of the festivities at this summer's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic will be honoring members of the 1995 All-Star football teams, coaches, managers, doctors and Queen of Queens representatives.

While many of these individuals have already been contacted, the game committee is still seeking mailing addresses or contact information for several players from that game.

From Ohio, the committee needs contact information for Keith Pitts and Scott Pitts of Bellaire; Jack Becker of Martins Ferry; Brian Gehrig of River and Steubenville's Joseph Saccoccia.



From West Virginia, the committee needs contact information for Ken Platko and Adam Snoderly of Brooke; Sam Gray of Cameron; Ivan Tucker of John Marshall; Craig Eddy of St. Marys and Tyler Consolidated's Jeff Stewart.

Anyone knowing how to get in touch with the above individuals is asked to call Steve Kish at (740) 453-9146.

Any 1995 OVAC players, coaches, managers, doctors or Queen of Queens candidates who have not been contacted, should call Kish at the above number or write to Steve Kish, Jr.; 6320 McCaslin Road, Nashport, OH, 43830.

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It also gave student-athletes a chance to join their future teammates in "voluntary" workouts, shortening the learning curve for them when preseason practice kicked off in August.

While the new rule no doubt works out very well for college football, it has created major problems for the nation's premier high school all-star games.

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Photo by Scott McCloskey

These young men will be representing West Virginia in tonight's 34th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic. First row: Brian Balderson (1), Tony Walls (3), Bobby Herron (7), Jon Kepner (10), Dana Davis (12), E.J. Schramm (14). Second row: Justin Shumake (20), Wayne Green (21), Josh McKee (22), Jack Crow (28), Darren Matthews (32), Wes Shoulders (33), Jake Myer (40). Third row: head coach Terry Depew, Brian Henderson (46), Justin Hicks (52), Mike Caruso (54), Dre Taylor (55), Jacob Bonner (56), Steven Blake (58), Bob Adams (60), assistant coach Dave Plumby. Fourth row: trainer Wayne Daniel Burkett, assistant coach B.J. Depew, Ryan Stahl (63), Devin Dulaney (66), Anthony Gianni (67), Shawn Rohrig (68), Mark Ice (70), Chad Chappell (72), manager Jason Pyles. Fifth row: assistant coach Steve Ochap, assistant coach Keith Sabo, Rob Squibb (77), Anthony Montes (80), Jon Pearson (82), Bryan Berger (85), Michael DeCaria (88), Adam Grubler (93).

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Photo by Scott McCloskey

These young men will be representing Ohio in tonight's 34th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic. First row: Aaron Harper (1), Anthony Mossburg (3), A.J. Twardoski (7), Ryan Church (10), Kyle Carpenter (12), Antonio Magnone (14). Second row: Gary Stubbs (20), Bruce Palmer (21), Tyler Graham (22), Clay Tucker (28), Scott Antonik (29), Jake DaGrava (32), Ben Smith (33). Third row: head coach Dave Caldwell, Lou Ward (34), Mike Fisher (40), Anthony Carson (44), Chas Yoder (46), Chase Garvin (52), Dirk Soland (56), Matt Lyons (58). Fourth row: assistant coach Clint Abbott, assistant coach Rusty Lucas, Michael Lucas (60), Chris DiCesare (63), Shaun Okey (66), Quentin Nelson (67), John Skinner (68), Robert O'Hara (70), trainer Randy Elliott. Fifth Row: Caleb Myers (75), Keny Davis (77), Wes Haslam (78), Derek Thompson (80), Aaron Carpenter (82), Mike Daugherty (85), Brian Leasure (88). Sixth row: assistant coach Josh Pittman, assistant coach Franklin Holley, assistant coach Paul Kanzigg, assistant coach Micah Fuchs, managers Dave Wiles and Corey Hanes.

Can Ohio Bounce Back?

West Virginia stars look to spring second straight upset

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

Ohio will look to get back on the winning side of the ledger tonight when the 34th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic gets under way at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Kickoff is set for 7:15 p.m.

With more schools to choose from, the Buckeyes are usually the prohibitive favorites in the bi-state clash.

But as West Virginia head coach Terry Depew of Linsly and Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell of Beallsville will tell you, depth and size don't win the game, executing the gameplan does.

"I think the team that comes out and doesn't turn the ball over has the best chance at winning," said Caldwell, who is leading the Buckeye charges for the fourth time.



"As was shown last year, it's executing the game plan that leads to victory."

West Virginia's Terry Depew

"You have to be able to block, be able to tackle and be able to take care of the football."

Last July, West Virginia scored one touchdown off an Ohio interception into a score, that, along with a 67-yard scoring catch by Weir's Eric Turner, propelled West Virginia to a 21-7 triumph.

Depew, coaching the Mountain State squad for the fifth time, said sometimes his players relish the underdog role.

"Our players know Ohio has more kids and bigger kids to chose from," he said. "But as was shown last year, it's executing

the game plan that leads to victory.

"Team unity, quickness and aggressiveness — those are the things we can control," Depew continued. "We can't control how big we are or how big they are."

Both sides boast talented rosters. And this past week it has been the job of Depew and Caldwell to mold those talented players into one cohesive unit.

As with all all-star contests, the goal of each coach is to get everyone involved in the game.

"This is an all-star game and every kid is a good football player and has

earned the right to be here," Depew said.

"Obviously, some kids are going to play more than others. But I'll be really disappointed if the game ends and a kid felt like we wasted his week at camp."

Both coaches said they have specific plans to get everyone in the contest.

"We've got a plan where our kids are either starting offense, defense or special teams," said Caldwell. "That way all the players will be in some aspect of our gameplan."

Both teams got an opportunity to fine tune their gameplans Friday during workouts at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Martins Ferry's Ryan Church will get the start at quarterback for Ohio, while Steubenville's Antonio Magnone will come on in the second quarter.

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(Ohio leads OVAC series, 21-11)

- 2004: West Virginia 21, Ohio 7
- 2003: Ohio 32, West Virginia 26
- 2002: Ohio 19, West Virginia 12
- 2001: Ohio 38, West Virginia 0
- 2000: Ohio 13, West Virginia 7
- 1999: Ohio 32, West Virginia 0
- 1998: Ohio 41, West Virginia 14
- 1997: Ohio 24, West Virginia 14
- 1996: Ohio 43, West Virginia 21
- 1995: Ohio 21, West Virginia 0
- 1994: West Virginia 19, Ohio 14
- 1993: West Virginia 34, Ohio 32
- 1992: No game (washout)
- 1991: Ohio 30, West Virginia 6
- 1990: Ohio 42, West Virginia 0
- 1989: West Virginia 22, Ohio 14
- 1988: Ohio 13, West Virginia 7
- 1987: Ohio 13, West Virginia 11
- 1986: Ohio 14, West Virginia 8
- 1985: West Virginia 28, Ohio 26
- 1984: Ohio 22, West Virginia 6
- 1983: Ohio 26, West Virginia 16
- 1982: West Virginia 7, Ohio 6
- 1981: Ohio 17, West Virginia 14
- 1980: Ohio 10, West Virginia 7
- 1979: Ohio 47, West Virginia 13
- 1978: Ohio 21, West Virginia 13
- 1977: West Virginia 21, Ohio 0
- 1976: West Virginia 33, Ohio 20
- 1975: West Virginia 8, Ohio 0
- 1974: West Virginia 13, Ohio 6
- 1973: West Virginia 38, Ohio 20
- 1972: Ohio 24, West Virginia 6



tured clockwise from left: Brad Williams of the Mazda Mets 12-Under Orange squad out of Centerville, Va. waits for a pitch; Myron Jellison of the Shirts 'N More East Ohio Stars peers out at the field from behind his catcher's mask; East Ohio Stars batboy Austin Anastasia dons a batting helmet a few sizes too big; Shadyside second baseman Scotty Liberatore makes a throw back to his pitcher; Bloomingdale Yankees starting pitcher Timmy Newburn (51) catches the East Ohio Stars' Kyle Copeland in a rundown between third base and home plate as Yankees third baseman Brianna Kamarec looks on. For scores from Saturday's games, pool standings and today's tournament finals schedule, see page B4.



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For West Virginia, Wheeling Central's Bobby Herron will get the starting nod. Wheeling Park's E.J. Sehramm will relieve him in the second stanza.

Depew and Caldwell said their players have responded well to the strategies they have implemented.

"We've come a long way this week," Depew said, following Friday's workout. "We're really pleased that we've picked up things as quickly as we've had."

The veteran coach credits that to his players.

"We were able to spend more time on the finer details rather than on the bigger picture later in the week. That's a compliment to the kids and how smart they are."

Caldwell also said his players have picked things up quite well. He added there is only so much you can implement with just one week of practice. But he said don't be surprised if fans see a little "razzle-dazzle" from the Buckeyes.

"You don't have a lot of time to practice everything as much as you would like," he said prior to Friday's practice session.

"But we have a lot of talented athletes on both sides of the ball. It is going to be hard to leave them in as much as you would like."

Both coaches exchanged tapes of their regular season games earlier this week.

"The hardest part is not knowing what Ohio is going to do," Depew said. "We haven't been able to scout them."

"I think both of us are sticking with what we do in the regular season, with some adjustments."

All-Star Notes

■ New turf has been added to the sideline areas at Wheeling Island Stadium. The facility took a hit from flooding last September and January, but since then crews have worked hard to get the main playing surface back in excellent condition.

■ Prior to tonight's game, the 2nd annual OVAC Youth Football Clinic will take place from 1-2:30 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium. The event is part of the conference's Subway Sports Clinio Series. Registration for the free event begins at noon. Youngsters between the ages of 7 and 13 are eligible to participate.

■ Honorary officials for tonight's game are Tom Henthorn, Bridgeport; John Kohehlis, Follansbee; and Charles 'Bruce' Shively, Tiltonsville.

■ Officials for tonight's game are: Keith Bloom, referee; Mike Rine, umpire; Terry Falcon, back judge; Greg Kazmirski, side judge; Ernie Fithyan, head linesman; and Kevin Sikora, line judge.

■ There will be a new face directing the McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band tonight. Dru Meyer, the new band director at Shadyside High School, will lead the 202-member group onto the field. Darrell Lucas, the longtime director of the band, died last year in the midst of a distinguished career at Bellaire High School.

Reds Deal Randa to Padres

CINCINNATI (AP) — Joe Randa knew when he joined the Reds that he was a stopgap until top prospect Edwin Encarnacion was ready to take over at third base.

Randa's brief stint in Cincinnati ended Saturday when he was traded to the San Diego Padres for minor league right-handers Justin Germano and Travis Chick. The Reds then recalled Encarnacion from Triple-A Louisville and handed him the everyday job at third.

"It's been pretty apparent that something was going to happen," Randa said. "I'm relieved. This has been hanging over my head. You wonder when it's going to happen and where you're going."

The 35-year-old Randa, who signed a \$2.15 million, one-year contract with the Reds as a free agent last offseason, hit .289 with 13 homers and 48 RBIs in 92 games. He began his Cincinnati career by hitting a game-winning home run to beat the Mets on opening day, then followed that up by hitting

another homer and driving in six runs in the second game of the season.

"He was a good guy to have on the team," said All-Star shortstop Felipe Lopez, who credited part of his rapid development to playing next to Randa. "He's been playing this game a lot longer than me, and he was always giving me tips and telling me to move a little bit to the left or a little bit to the right."

With the Reds out of playoff contention, Randa is now relishing an opportunity to reach the postseason for the first time in his career. The Padres have lost six straight but still lead the NL West.

"When you're 25 or 30 games out in August, you have to find motivation," Randa said. "When you're in a pennant race, you don't have to find motivation. It's out there on the field."

San Diego demoted struggling third baseman Sean Burroughs to Triple-A, making room for Randa.



Ohio Roster

HEAD COACH

Dave Caldwell, Beallsville

Assistant Coaches

Clint Abbott, Ryan Caldwell, Micah Fuchs, Franklin Holley, Paul Kanzig, Rusty Lucas, Josh Pittman.

Players

No.	Name	Ht	Wt	Pos	School
1	Aaron Harper	6-1	165	WR	Beallsville
3	Anthony Mossburg	6-0	215	DB	Frontier
7	A.J. Twardoski	6-1	185	DB	St. Clairsville
10	Ryan Church	6-3	190	QB	Martins Ferry
12	Kyle Carpenter	6-4	205	WR	Buckeye Trail
14	Antonio Magnone	6-2	215	QB	Steubenville
20	Gary Stubbs	5-7	168	TB	Steubenville
21	Bruce Palmer	6-4	225	LB	Indian Creek
22	Tyler Graham	5-11	180	DB	Monroe Central
28	Clay Tucker	5-11	165	DB	Martins Ferry
29	Scott Antonik	6-3	305	TE	Bellaire
32	Jake DaGrava	5-11	195	LB	Buckeye Local
33	Ben Smith	5-11	245	FB	Martins Ferry
34	Lou Ward	6-0	235	LB	East Liverpool
40	Mike Fisher	6-1	175	DB	Bellaire
44	Anthony Carson	6-0	205	DE	Union Local
46	Chas Yoder	5-11	210	LB	Martins Ferry
52	Chase Garvin	6-0	245	DT	Caldwell
56	Dirk Soland	6-1	220	NG	Bellaire
58	Matt Lyons	6-0	205	LB	Cambridge
60	Lucas Michel	6-0	290	T	Shenandoah
63	Chris DiCesare	6-2	205	P/DE	Bell. St. John
66	Shaun Okey	6-4	285	T	River
67	Quentin Nelson	6-2	280	G	Steubenville
68	John Skinner	5-10	180	DE	Beallsville
70	Robert O'Hara	6-2	275	C	Beallsville
75	Caleb Myers	6-4	325	T	St. Clairsville
77	Kenny Davis	5-11	245	G	Steub. Cath.
78	Wes Haslam	6-3	300	T	River
80	Derek Thompson	6-1	175	SE	Wellsville
82	Aaron Carpenter	6-0	180	WR	Buckeye Trail
85	Mike Daugherty	5-9	170	K	Cambridge
88	Brian Leasure	5-10	155	WR	Caldwell



W.Va. Roster

HEAD COACH

Terry Depew, Linsly

Assistant Coaches

Dave Plumby, B.J. Depew, Keith Sabo, Steve Ochap

Players

No	Name	Ht	Wt	Pos	School
1	Brian Balderson	5-6	140	RB	Bis. Donahue
3	Tony Walls	5-10	180	RB	Linsly
7	Bobby Herron	5-0	173	QB	Whg. Central
10	Jon Kepner	6-2	170	WR	Linsly
12	Dana Davis	5-10	180	DB	Brooke
14	E.J. Schramm	6-0	170	QB	Whg. Park
20	Justin Shumake	5-11	170	DB	Weir
21	Wayne Green	5-6	160	DB	Linsly
22	Josh McKee	6-1	170	WR	Whg. Central
28	Jack Crow	5-11	165	WR	Weir
32	Darren Matthews	5-9	192	DL	Magnolia
33	Wes Shoulders	5-10	212	LB	Whg. Park
40	Jake Myer	6-3	175	LB	Tyler Cons.
46	Brian Henderson	6-2	235	LB	Brooke
52	Justin Hicks	6-1	240	DL	Brooke
54	Mike Caruso	5-11	220	LB	Whg. Central
55	Dre Taylor	6-1	215	LB	Linsly
56	Jacob Bonner	6-2	216	OL	Tyler Cons.
58	Steven Blake	6-1	215	OL	Cameron
60	Bob Adams	6-4	255	OL	Valley
63	Ryan Stahl	6-1	205	OL	Whg. Park
66	Devin Dulaney	6-2	235	DL	Brooke
67	Anthony Gianni	6-1	200	LB	Madonna
68	Shawn Rohrig	6-1	255	DL	Whg. Central
70	Mark Ice	5-8	230	OL	Oak Glen
72	Chad Chappell	6-3	265	OL	Weir
77	Rob Squibb	6-0	230	OL	Linsly
80	Anthony Montes	6-2	180	WR	John Marshall
82	Jon Pearson	6-1	223	LB	Whg. Park
85	Bryan Berger	5-11	185	WR	John Marshall
88	Michael DeCaria	5-8	165	WR	Madonna
93	Adam Grubler	5-10	155	PK	Whg. Central

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Caldwell pushed the right buttons



By BUBBA KAPPAL
Executive Sports Editor

Dave Caldwell was right all along. The Beallsville High grid boss is still all smiles today after directing his Ohio all-stars to a 41-6 dismantling of their West Virginia counterparts in the 34th Annual

OVAC Rudy Mumley Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium Sunday.

It was the fourth time he has coached in the summer grid extravaganza. Without a doubt, it has to be the most satisfying.

Caldwell was often second-guessed and frequently blasted for his selection of his 33-man roster.

"The hardest part of coaching this game is choosing your players," said the former Beallsville and Muskingum College grid standout. "There are so many good players on the Ohio side that it stands to reason many deserving players will get lost in the shuffle."

"When we put this team together we wanted the best players but also the best athletes. We were looking for players who were willing to switch positions to make use of their athleticism for the good of the team."

After 48 minutes of football Sunday night, Caldwell's choices could no longer be second guessed.

He said his goal was to put together a winning team. Caldwell took it a step or two further, he assembled a dominating one.

The Buckeyes' offense was potent and flashed big-play capabilities. The Ohio defense was even better. It was suffocating....one big run from tossing a shutout. West Virginia mustered just 95 yards in offense all night.

"You want to make all-star games fun but you also want to win them," Caldwell said. "Our goal from day one was to do everything possible to make sure there wasn't a repeat of a year ago."

A year ago was a humbling 21-7 defeat for the Buckeyes, snapping their nine-game victory run.

"I was very proud of our effort tonight (Sunday)," Caldwell said. "My stomach, however, was in knots until late in the fourth quarter. I'm the type of coach who cannot rest easy until the game is over."

A host of Ohioans came up huge Sunday. None more than Anthony Mossburg.

The multi-talented southpaw from Frontier was an all-Ohio quarterback, leading the Cougars to a trio of state playoff berths.

Caldwell didn't pick Mossburg to be a quarterback for the Ohio team. Those chores were left for the capable hands of Martins Ferry's Ryan Church and Steubenville's Antonio Magnone.

Instead Mossburg torpedoed the Mountaineers as a running back, accounting for some 200 yards in total offense. He ran for more than 100 yards, scored two touchdowns (5 and 66 yards) and tossed for another (74 yards).

Mike Fisher of Bellaire was not a first-ballot choice for the Ohio team. But when Shenandoah's Jacob Zerkle encountered health problems, Fisher quickly and very effectively filled the void.

The University of Toledo-bound griddier set the tone for the night, scoring the game's first TD on a 22-yard gallop. He ended the night with some 51 yards to go with an acrobatic catch for 31 stripes.

The night's most dominating defensive player? That was a no-brainer. Indian Creek all-Ohio linebacker Bruce Palmer stole the show. The rangy and relentless rusher recorded four QB sacks and forced a fumble on the night.

Coach Dave Bruney saw four of his Martins Ferry gridders suit up for the game. Bruney -- who guided the Purple to the state semifinals this past fall -- witnessed four splendid efforts from his former players.



DAVE CALDWELL

Fullback Ben Smith flashed an elusive running style to go with his always-punishing lead blocking. He gained 44 yards on eight totes. Church started under center for the Ohioans and was workmanlike before yielding to Magnone.

Chas Yoder was a lethal complement to Palmer. The all-state linebacker was a constant presence in the West Virginia backfield. He registered three sacks and 10 tackles.

Clay Tucker -- who Bruney has called as good a defensive back as he has ever coached -- again displayed his secondary brilliance. He also stepped out offensively, hauling in Mossburg's 74-yard scoring strike.

St. Clairsville's A.J. Twardoski lived up to his first-team all-Ohio defensive plaudits with superb safety play. He pilfered one Mountaineer pass and nearly had a second.

One bright spot on an otherwise dreadful night for West Virginia was the play of Dana Davis. The Brooke High running back accounted for the Mountaineers' lone score via 62-yard run. He ended the contest with 77 yards.

BUBBA'S BITS

■ BROOKE HIGH's Natalie Klempa was selected second runnerup in the Queen of Queens Pageant. Her dad, Joey, was a standout defensive back for Coach Jake Olsvasky at Bellaire High.

■ THANKS to the generosity of Bellaire residents Chris Strussion and his wife -- the former Amy Lipperman -- both teams were kept cool on the sidelines. The couple's company -- Cool Draft Evolution -- markets the highly-visible cool-mist fans on the sidelines. Each team had three fans at their disposal.

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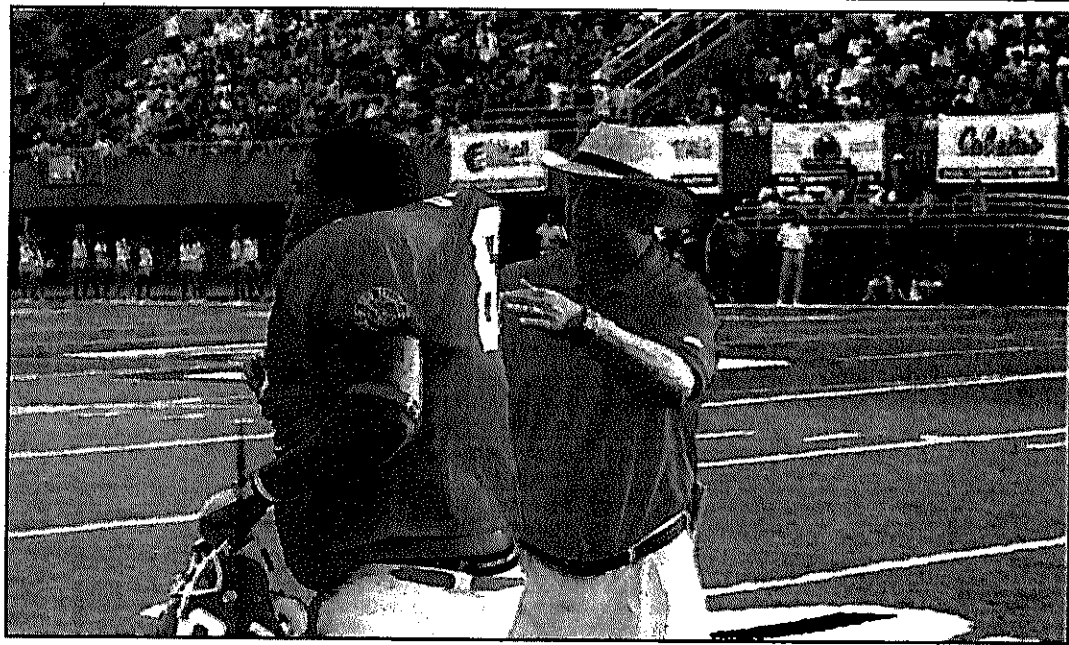
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■ AS ALWAYS the McDonald's All-Star Band was superb. It's amazing that many musicians can come together and perform at such a high level in just a few days time.

■ BOB KOCH again deserves many kudos as game director. The Cameron High athletic director -- with the help of his OVAC staff -- does a tremendous job in making sure the contest comes off without a glitch.

■ I MUST also sing the praises of my two Times Leader associates -- sportswriter Seth Staskey and photographer Joel Joseph -- for their stellar and unmatched coverage of the OVAC game as well as the week leading up to it. Sunday's and Monday's editions of the Times Leader presented the OVAC at its best.



OVAC All-Star Game rout leaves some questioning format

Another Ohio rout in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic has people already talking about the format of the game.

The OVAC has 44 football-playing schools. Of those 30 are on the Ohio side of the river. However, the two biggest schools in the conference -- Wheeling Park and John Marshall -- are in West Virginia.

This will be an argument that could last long into the night, but the game's luster is in Ohio vs. West Virginia. The only other format that could logistically make sense would be a North-South, but where is the line to be drawn?

West Virginia head coach Terry Depew doesn't mind the format from an Ohio-West Virginia standpoint, but from the idea that some of the Ohio players are left off the team.

"It's tough to say after the loss, but I have said before that if it's going to be a true all-star game, you have to honor the best football players," Depew said. "I think there are a lot of Ohio kids who are good, but never get the opportunity because there are so many kids and you only have 32 roster spots."

OVAC EXPERIENCE -- One of the players who stole the show was Indian Creek's Bruce Palmer, who was playing in his second all-star game of the summer after starting at linebacker in the prestigious Ohio North-South Game in June.

Despite playing with some of the state's best in Columbus last month, Palmer enjoyed the OVAC experience even more.

"This game is great because you are playing against the guys you played against all season," Palmer said. "I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. I had a great time all week."

WHERE'S FRONTIER? -- A lot of the players on the Ohio roster would have no idea how to get to Frontier High School if you asked them.

However, they definitely know about Anthony Mossburg who rushed for 110 yards scored twice and threw a touchdown.

"I met Anthony way before this game," said Steubenville's Antonio Magnone. "He's an athlete who had to play quarterback in high school. Someone asked me about all of the quarterbacks switching positions and I said they are all athletes and we'll be fine."

PUTTING OFF COLLEGE? -- A lot of the players in the Ohio lockerroom would be more than willing reporting to their respective colleges next month for another opportunity to be a part of the OVAC game.

"I would stay here another week, heck I would stay another month if I could," Magnone

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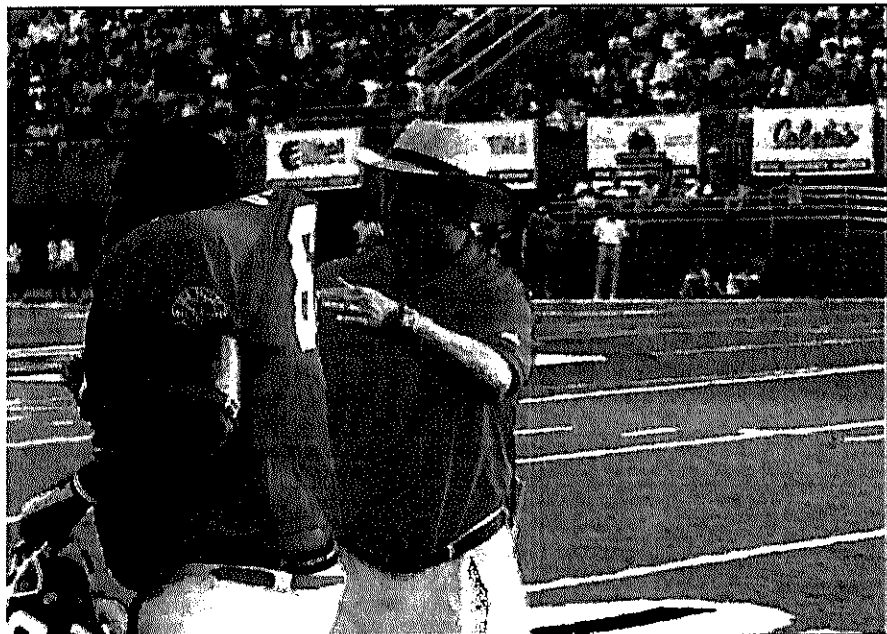
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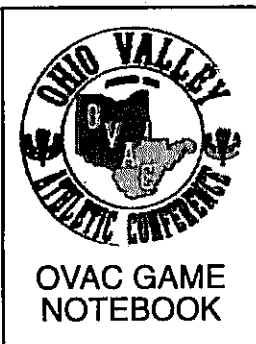
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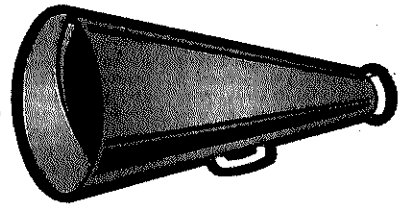
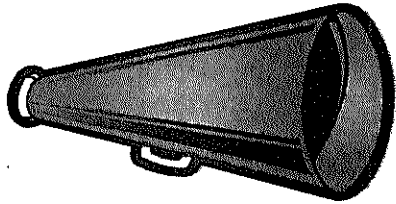
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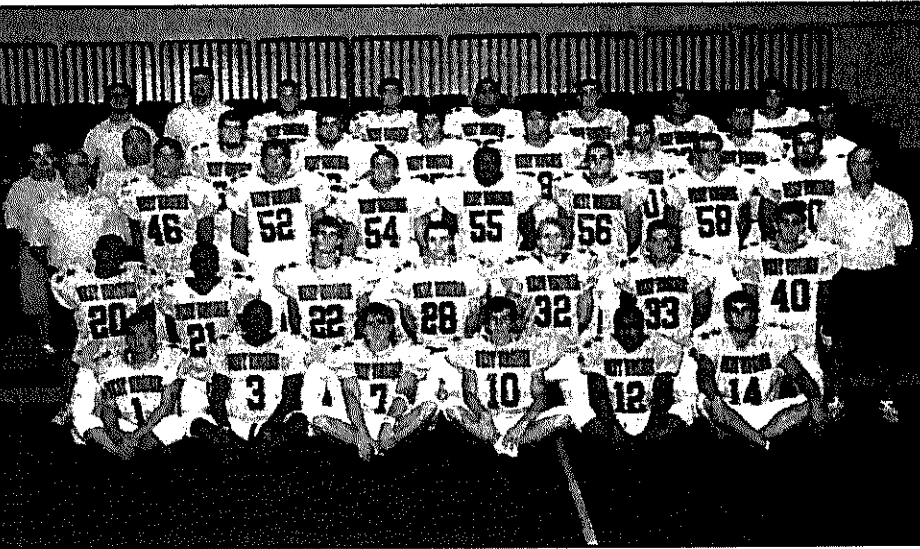
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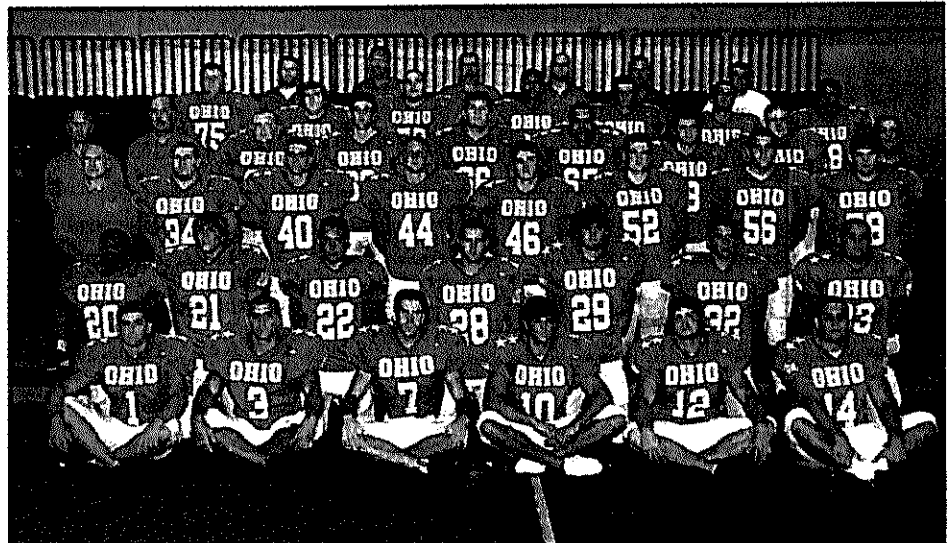
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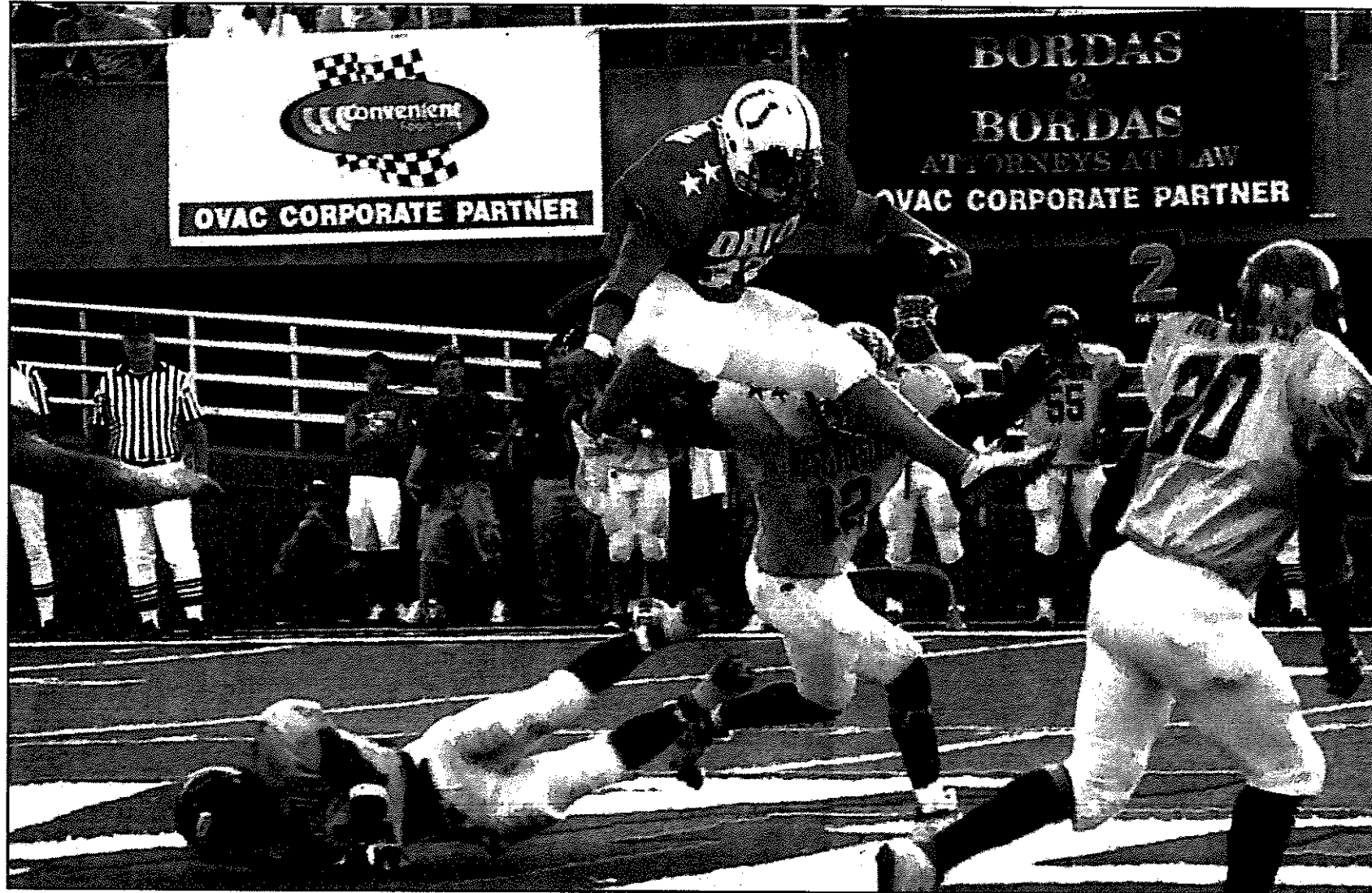
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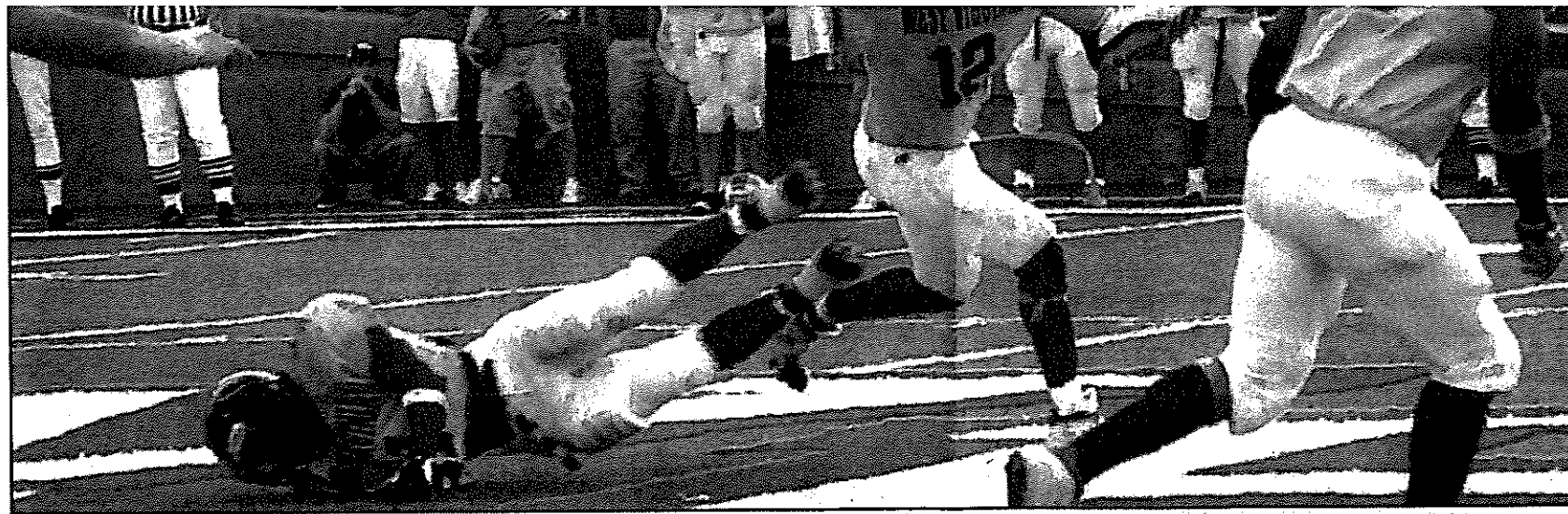
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"I came in just trying to help the team," Fisher explained. "I got a good opening from the line on the (touchdown) play and just ran through it, and to score in this game is just really exciting."

The Ohio defense kept holding up its end of the bargain for the remainder of the first quarter, holding the Mountaineers to two net yards in the first quarter.

"It's hard to single out one guy on our defense," Caldwell said. "They all played great. (West Virginia) couldn't run right or left because we just had people flying all over the place."

On its first possession of the second stanza, Ohio dented the scoreboard once again. Steubenville High's Antonio Magnone -- who shared quarter backing time with Martins Ferry's Ryan Church -- capped a 12-play Ohio march with a 1-yard plunge. That drive -- which chewed up 5:48 off the game clock -- took 12 plays. The big play of the drive was a 44-yard pass from Magnone to Wellsville's Derek Thompson.

"When you got the big line and the big backs that we had you want to run the ball," Caldwell said. "You almost have to run the ball more because of the timing being a little bit off."

The half ended with Ohio owning a commanding 14-0

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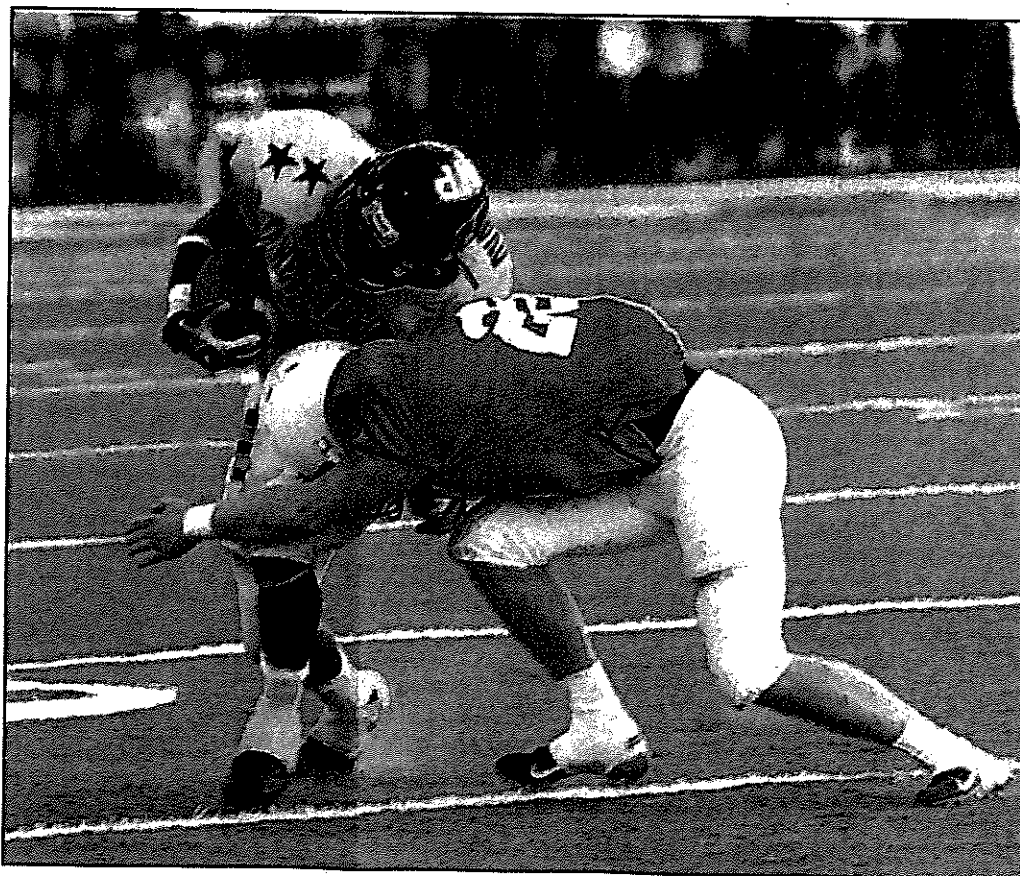


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"Coach Caldwell worked us real hard all week and we just had a bunch of good players all over the field defensively," Palmer said. "This was the best defense I have seen in years of watching this game. We flip-flopped a lot of players to different positions, and it worked."

Palmer's fellow defensive end also made himself known like he did all season at Bellaire. The Big Reds' Scott Antonik was in on some nine tackles in the game and was also a constant member of the West Virginia backfield.

"That's one of the best defenses that I have ever heard of," Antonik said. "It seemed like every good defensive player in the Ohio Valley was on that defense. That's the way an all-star defense is supposed to play."

With Palmer and Antonik holding the outside down, it was Shenandoah's Lucas Michel, Bellaire's Dirk Soland, Steubenville Catholic's Kenny Davis, Union Local's Anthony Carson and a host of others who constantly created problems for the West Virginia offensive linemen.

One of the linebackers who benefitted was Martins Ferry all-Ohioan Chas Yoder. After three plus quarters, it appeared that Yoder was an actual member of the West Virginia team seeing how much time he spent in the backfield.

He was in on some three sacks and some 10 tackles in the game.

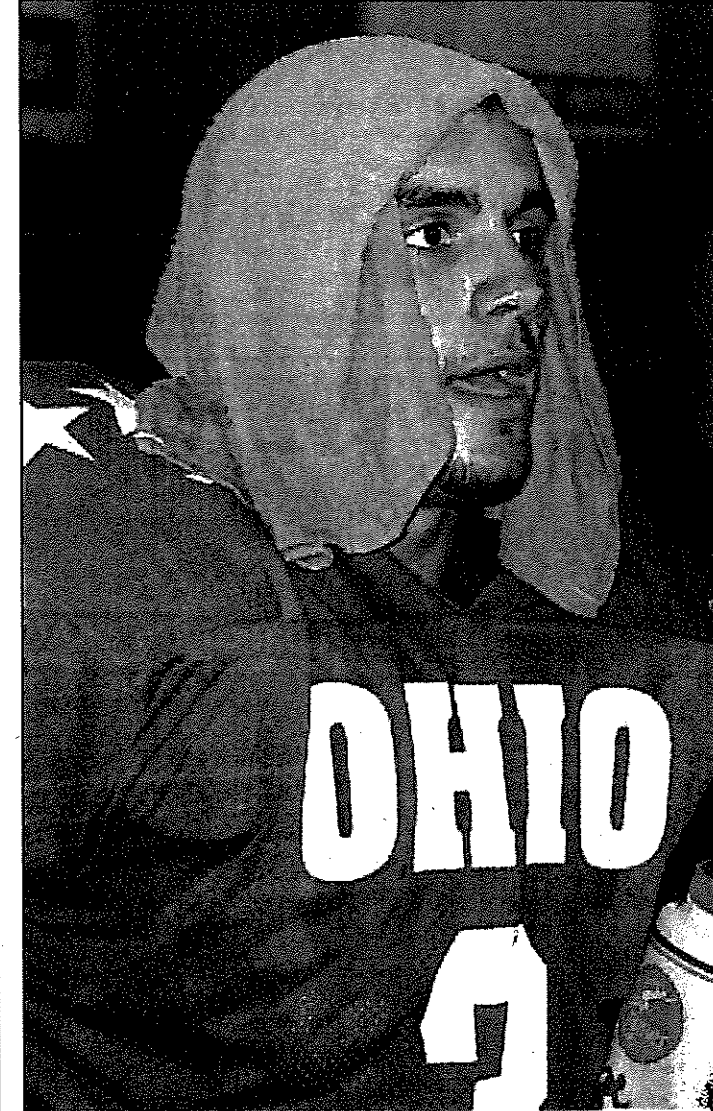
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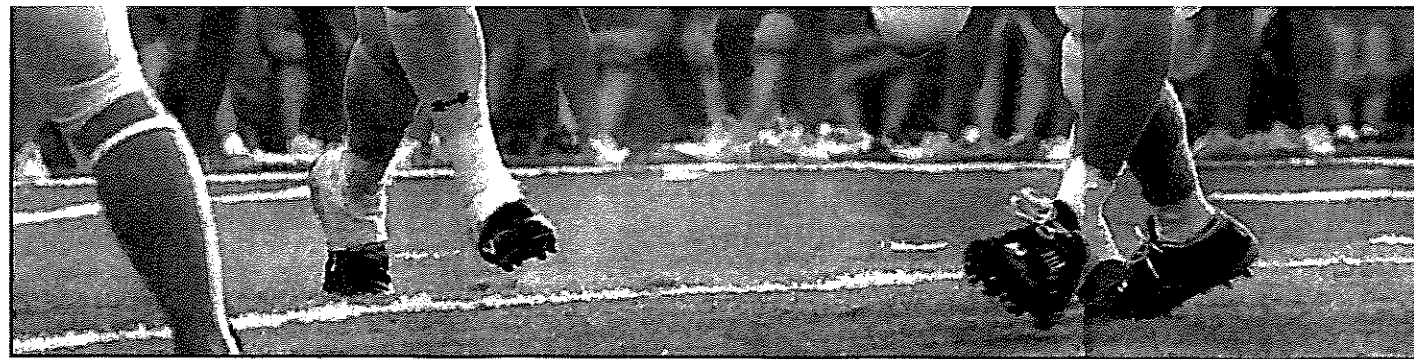
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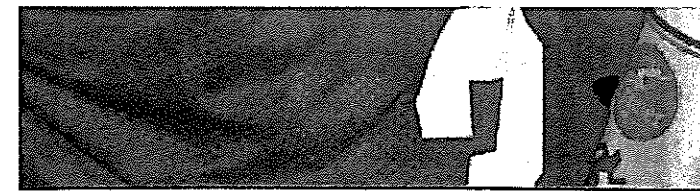
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Second Quarter
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Daugherty made good on his third PAT of the contest, making it 21-0 with 6:07 to go in the third.

The two teams traded interceptions as Wheeling Park's E.J. Schramm was picked by St. Clairsville's A.J. Twardoski and Church was picked off in the endzone by Linsly's Wayne Green.

However, the Buckeye defense showed no remorse once again for the Mountaineers. Tony Walls was stacked up for a 4-yard loss and then an incompleteness was followed by a sack from Indian Creek's Bruce Palmer, which jarred the ball loose, which was recovered by Steubenville Catholic's Kenny Davis.

It took the Buckeyes just one play to capitalize as Mossburg got free up the middle from 5-yards out. Daugherty's kick made it 28-0.

"I told our kids after the game that we executed very well and made very few mistakes," Depew said. "For about 80 percent of the plays I thought we played them well, but we just couldn't be consistent to stop everything, and they always seemed to have gotten a big play when they needed it most."

West Virginia's lone score came on a big play.

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For the game, Mossburg rushed for 110-yards on 10 carries. He had the aforementioned touchdown pass. He also caught a ball for 13 yards. All told, he accounted for 196 yards of offense.

"It just goes to show you when you take athletes they can help you out anywhere," Caldwell said.

"Mossburg is a great athlete, and I am just tickled that he came and played for us."

Fisher finished the game with 51 yards rushing and 31 receiving. Martins Ferry's Ben Smith donated 44 infantry yards.

Through the air, Church completed 2-of-7 passes for 34 yards, while Magnone was 3-of-3 for 65 stripes.

The Ohio offense received tremendous play in the trenches from Buckeye Trail's Kyle Carpenter, Beallsville's Robert O'Hara, River's Shaun Okey, River's Wesley Haslam, Steubenville's Quentin Nelson, St. Clairsville's Caleb Myers and Beallsville's John Skinner.

Davis led the West Virginia side in rushing with 75 yards on seven carries.

Wheeling Central's Bobby Herron completed 2-of-5 passes for 41 yards, while Schramm was just 1-of-5.

Weir High's Jack Crow was the leading receiver in the game with two catches for 41 yards.



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W. VIRGINIA 6

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W.Va.	0	0	0	6	-6
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	Daugherty	kick.			
OH --	Mossburg,	5-yard run.			
	Daugherty	kick.			
Fourth Quarter					
W.Va --	Dana Davis,	62-yard run.			
	Kick blocked.				
OH --	Clay Tucker,	74-yard pass from Mossburg.			
	Daugherty	kick.			
	Ohio	W.Va.			
First Downs	14	4			
Rushing Yards	246	50			
Passing Yards	173	45			
Total Offense	419	95			
Fumbles	1-1	2-1			
Penalties	2-20	2-19			

INDIVIDUAL STATS

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The sure-tackling Tucker found himself in man coverage all night and much like the way he played at Ferry, he gave up very little yards after the catch.

"This was the most fun game I have ever played in," Tucker said. "Our defense really played well and we just worked hard all week and we were ready to play."

Twardoski had an interception in the game and could have been off to the races had he not stumbled.

"I am a little disappointed in myself because I should have a second interception," Twardoski smiled after the game. "I was also kind of upset because our defensive line and our linebackers were getting to the quarterback so quick that he didn't have time to throw."

The play of the Ohio defense wasn't something that surprised anyone because that's the way they played all week. It even had the Ohio offense questioning itself at times.

However, it was just the fact that the Buckeyes' defense was just that good.

"There were points in practice where I was actually worried about our offense," said Bellaire's Mike Fisher who played tailback in the game. "Our defense was pretty tough and just did a great job."

SETH'S SCOOP

■ A FEW of the other Ohio defenses that stick out in this writer's mind during past OVAC All-Star games include the 1998 and 1999 games.

In the 1998 game, the Ohio defense was faced with a current NFL player in former Linsly standout Eddie Drummond and held him in check and rolled to a 41-14 victory.

The very next season, Ohio had to deal with another current NFL player in Cincinnati Bengal and former Weir High standout Quincy Wilson. The Red Rider product got very little and his team was handed a 32-0 setback by the Buckeyes.



Photo By Rick Thorp

West Virginia All-Star Adam Grubler, right, will be handling the kicking duties for the Mountaineers during the 2005 Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic on Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium. Holding for Grubler is manager Jason Pyles.

A Kicker's World

Surprised Grubler hopes to make most of All-Star call

By JOSH STROPE
Staff Writer

Being a kicker can be a thankless job, one recognized more with failure than success.

Wheeling Central's Adam Grubler isn't looking for recognition at this weekend's 34th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, he's just humbled to be selected as the West Virginia kicker and punter.

"It's truly an honor to have been selected," Grubler said. "I only came out my senior year and being here was something I never expected. I was a little shocked because there are probably better players they could have chosen."

In his first year as kicker for Wheeling Central, Grubler helped the Maroon Knights to the Class A state championship, kicking two field goals in the 34-7 win over Weirton Madonna.

"Coach (Jim Thomas) called me up and asked me to play," Grubler said. "I thought it might be fun and it would keep me busy so I gave it a shot."

"The main reason I picked Adam is because he is a quality kid and someone that can both punt and kick a field goal when we need him and do it effectively," W.Va. coach Terry Depew said.

While success came in his only season on the football field, it was on the soccer field where Grubler was most comfortable.

"I definitely consider myself more of a soccer player because it's something



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that I'm involved in all year round," Grubler said.

Grubler was a three-year captain on coach Lou Vargo's squad.

In addition to soccer, he started four years as a defender on the Central hockey team, making the physical nature of football nothing new to Grubler.

"I'm used to getting banged around," he said.

A three-sport athlete, a rarity in high

school athletics these days, made a lasting impression on Depew.

"This kid is an athlete and his consistency at whatever he does is one of the main reasons he's on this team," Depew said. With the recent surge of soccer players becoming kickers, Depew knew what he was looking for when he made his choice.

"I think his soccer background is huge because soccer kickers are used to all kicks not being perfect and being able to move around. He's accurate and he doesn't make many mistakes," he said.

While a game-winning kick would make for an exciting finale, Grubler is content to let his teammates have the spotlight.

"It would be a dream come true for anyone to win the game on a last second field goal, but I think I would be real nervous so I hope my teammates get the job done," he said.

Grubler might be nervous, but the Linsly coach has no qualms about his selection for kicker.

"He makes big kicks and we know this from playing against him and seeing him all year," Depew said. "We feel that within 35, 40 yards in, nine times out of 10, he's going to make any kick."

Grubler's career long is 38 yards.

Whether he gets the chance to win the game or not, this is sure to be a memory Grubler will have for a long time to come.

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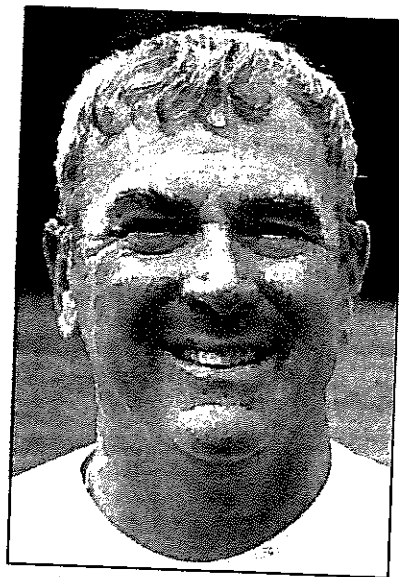
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W. Va.



Terry Depew

OVAC All-Star Rosters Set

Ohio, W. Va. to collide July 24 at Wheeling Island Stadium

By SETH STASKEY
For The News-Register

The calendar will flip to July later this week.

That's just another example that 'King Football' is right around the corner.

The kickoff for the 2005 prep season is the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

The annual affair is slated for Sunday, July 24 at Wheeling Island Stadium with kickoff planned for 7 p.m.

The head coaches for the annual game are by no means rookies in the game. Linsly's Terry Depew is slated to guide the Ohio side, while Beallsville's Dave Caldwell is in charge of the Buckeye State players.

"This is the fourth time me and my staff have done this game," said



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Beallsville's Dave Caldwell. "It's good for the kids (involved) and the charity reasons. The bottom line is we keep doing it to help out other people."

For Depew and the Cadets' staff, it's the fifth time in the OVAC game.

"I think it's been close to 10 years since we have done the game," Depew said. "It's an exciting opportunity to meet the kids and see the good quality athletes and it's been a great experience each time or we wouldn't continue to do it."

Ohio's roster is stock-piled with talented players and filling the slots was tough for Caldwell.

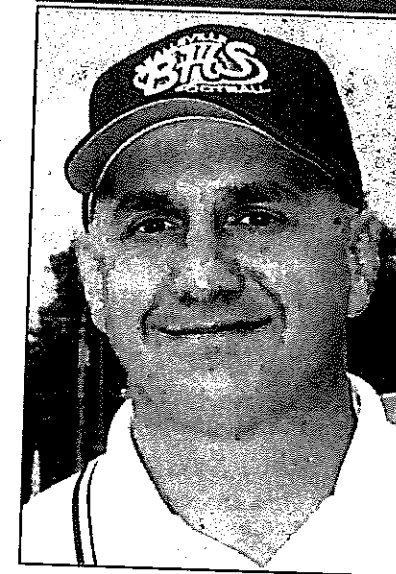
"Overall, I think we have assembled a pretty good football team," Caldwell said. "We have quality players who have come from quality football programs."

"It's real tough to pick the team. No matter how you go about, you always end up leaving some good kids out. I went with athletes for this team and kids who could fit well into our system."

Caldwell has picked three of his own players to join him at the OVAC game. Included are: quarterback Aaron Harper, lineman Robert O'Hara and lineman John Skinner.

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Ohio



Dave Caldwell

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Steubenville — which finished 10-0 and won the Associated Press Division III poll title a year ago — was awarded three players on the team. Quarterback Antonio Magnone, tailback Gary Stubbs and lineman Quentin Nelson have all been chosen.

Martins Ferry — which was 10-0, OVAC Class 3-A champions and an OHSAA Division IV state semifinalist last year — received four spots on the team.

Quarterback Ryan Church, fullback Ben Smith, defensive back/wide receiver Clay Tucker and fullback/linebacker Chas Yoder.

Buckeye Trail — after a solid 2004 campaign — received two positions on the team. Quarterback Kyle Carpenter and tailback Aaron Carpenter have both been selected to the team.

St. Clairsville had two players picked for the game. Quarterback/defensive back A.J. Twardoski and lineman Caleb Myers have been chosen to compete for the Buckeye state.

Bellaire was also awarded two bids to the game. Included are linebacker/tight end Scotty Antonik and lineman Dirk Soland.

Shenandoah also has two members of the Ohio squad. All-everything running back Jacob Zerkle and standout lineman Lucas Michel were chosen for the summer classic.

Cambridge had two players selected. Wide receiver Mike Daugherty and lineman Matt Lyons were selected.

Caldwell also had a pair of players picked. Skill player Chase Garvin and running back Brian Leasure were selected.

River placed a pair of offensive linemen on the squad. Included are Wesley Haslam and Shaun Okey.

Union Local's lone selection came in the form of fullback/linebacker Anthony Carson. Buckeye Local record-setting tailback Jake DaGrava was picked.

St. John Central punter Chris DiCesare and Steubenville Catholic's Kenny Davis were also selected to the squad.

Frontier quarterback Anthony Mossburg has accepted an invitation to take part as has Indian Creek defensive standout Bruce Palmer.

Wellsville's Derek Thompson and East Liverpool's Lou Ward were also named to the Buckeyes while Monroe Central's lone representative is run-

ning back Tyler Graham.

"We are going into this game thinking we are going to have to be able to run the football," Caldwell said.

"I like to throw it and I definitely plan on throwing it, but the defenses are well ahead of the offenses in these games, so you have to be able to run the football."

The West Virginia roster, like Ohio, has undergone a shake-up since the team was picked in the early spring.

"We had originally hoped to go with a wide-open attack, so we'll probably have to adjust our plans somewhat," Depew said.

"The selection process is always difficult, but we think we have a good mix of running and throwing ability and we're really pleased with the size of our lineman."

Depew took the maximum five allowed from his own Cadets' squad.

Included are: tailback Tony Walls, lineman Dre Taylor, lineman Rob Squibb, wide

receiver Wayne Green and wide receiver Jon Kepner.

Reigning West Virginia Single A state champion Wheeling Central also received five bids to the game.

Quarterback Bobby Herron leads the way for the Maroon Knights. He'll be joined by linebacker Mike Caruso, lineman Shawn Rohrig, wide receiver Josh McKee and kicker Adam Grubler.

State-runnerup Weirton Madonna got three players into the game.

Rugged running back Jake Myers will be joined by receiver Michael Decaria and lineman Anthony Gianni.

Weir High — which advanced to the state semifinals before bowing in a bizarre game at Bluefield — has three players in the contest.

Wide receiver Jack Crow is one of the players. He's joined by tailback Justin Shumake and lineman Chad Chappell.

Wheeling Park will have four players suiting up on their home field for the final time —

quarterback E.J. Schramm, linebacker Wes Shoulders, lineman Ryan Stahl and linebacker Jon Pearson.

John Marshall's lethal wide receiving duo of Bryan Berger and Anthony Montes have accepted the invitation.

The Brooke Bruins have four players committed to the game. Defensive back/running back Dana Davis, lineman Devin Dulaney, running back Brian Henderson and lineman Justin Hicks will be the representatives.

Tyler Consolidated will have a pair of Jacobs on the squad. Lineman Jacob Bonner and receiver Jacob Meyer will represent the Silver Knights.

Magnolia's lone pick was lineman Darren Mathews. Oak Glen will be represented by lineman Mark Ice. Valley's lone pick was lineman Bob Adams.

Bishop Donahue running back Brian Balderson will be the only Bishop in the game. Cameron's lone pick was lineman Steve Blake.



OVAC ALL-STAR ROSTERS



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Devin Dulaney, Brooke
Anthony Gianni, Weirton Madonna
Wayne Green, Linsly
Adam Grubler, Wheeling Central
Brian Henderson, Brooke
Bobby Herron, Wheeling Central
Justin Hicks, Brooke
Mark Ice, Oak Glen
Jon Kepner, Linsly
Darren Mathews, Magnolia
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Dre Taylor, Linsly
Tony Walls, Linsly

Ohio's Caldwell Selects Big, Athletic Offensive Linemen

For The Intelligencer
No matter the level or style of football, a good offensive line is a necessity.

When the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic unfolds July 24, Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell feels he's got a solid crop of linemen ready.

"We have big, athletic guys," Caldwell said. "We took guys who were extremely athletic, so they could move

around to where we needed them most."

Though some of the players may have to move from a spot they played during their prep days, Caldwell thinks they will adjust quickly.

"We are going to try to keep them in position as much as we can," he said. "We have some guys who are big and agile, so we are really pleased

with the mixture of players we have."

Set to anchor the offense for the Buckeyes are: River's Shaun Okey and Wesley Haslam, St. Clairsville's Caleb Meyers, Steubenville Central's Kenny Davis,

Shenandoah's Lucas Michel, Beallsville's Robert O'Hara, Bellaire's Dirk Soland, Caldwell's Chase Garvin and Steubenville's

Quentin Nelson.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

DIRK SOLAND, Bellaire — This former Big Reds' two-way lineman was a staple of both lines for Coach John Magistro.

Soland was an offensive guard and a relentless defensive end for the Reds, helping them to the playoffs the past two seasons and a regional title in 2003.

The 6-ft-1, 220-pounder was one of the Reds' top tacklers from his end position and earned several post-season honors for his fine senior campaign. He was a first-team all-OVAC, and all-District selection.

Along with football, Soland also earned a monogram in baseball and wrestling.

Dirk — who will attend Washington & Jefferson College in the fall — is the son of

Brad and Tina Soland of Bellaire.

SHAUN OKEY, River — This nimble Pilot was the true anchor of the offensive line for Coach Mike Flannery's Pilots.

Okey served as the center for River and also lined up as a defensive tackle.

He graded out at 85 percent blocking and had 53 solo tackles and four sacks.

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Linemen

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The 6-ft-4, 285 pounder was a second-team all-Ohio pick in Division V. He was also first-team all-Eastern District, and all-Valley.

Okey also lettered in basketball during his high school career.

Shaun — who is headed to West Liberty State College — is the son of Gerald and Arlene Okey of Sardis.

ROBERT O'HARA, Beallsville — This selection for Caldwell was a no-brainer seeing this Devil anchored the offensive line for the veteran coach.

The 6-ft-2, 275 pounder was the center and also lined up at defensive tackle for the Blue Devils.

He was a first-team all-PVC, all-OVAC and all-District selection. He was also a second-team all-Valley pick.

O'Hara's talents were limited to the football field, seeing he lettered in both wrestling and track for the Devils.

Robert — who is undecided upon his future plans — is the son of Bernie and Bonnie O'Hara of Jerusalem.

QUENTIN NELSON, Steubenville — The Big Red always boasts a formidable offensive line. This selection was one of the big reasons why the Big Red line was again solid in 2004.

Nelson was an offensive tackle for the Big Red, paving the way for fellow OVAC all-stars Antonio Magnone and Gary Stubbs to do damage for Coach Reno Saccoccia.

The 6-ft-2, 280 pounder was a two-year letterman, an all-Valley pick, all-OVAC, first-team All-District, second-team all-Ohio and winner of the Calvin Jones Award.

Along with football, Nelson was a member of the Big Red track team as a shot putter. He was also active in Key Club and Student Senate.

Quentin — who is headed to Youngstown State University — is the son of Gail Worrals of Steubenville.

CALEB MYERS, St. Clairsville — This mammoth two-way tackle was the leader of the offensive line for the Red Devils and coach Brett McLean this past fall.

The 6-ft-4, 325 pounder was a first-team all-Valley choice. He was a second-team all-OVAC selection and Honorable Mention all-Ohio.

Caleb — who is slated to play football at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa. — is the son of Reverend Dean Myers and Terri Myers of St. Clairsville.

LUCAS MICHEL, Shenan-

doah — This Zep is another in a long line of good offensive linemen to come from Coach Dan Wesson's program.

Michel was a mainstay as a two-way tackle for the Zeps, helping fellow OVAC All-Star Jacob Zerkle take the running game to new levels. He also ranked second on the team in tackles.

Michel was also a state placer in wrestling and the OVAC champion.

For his football exploits, Michel was an all-OVAC, all-PVC, all-District and all-Valley first-team pick. He was also an all-Ohio Special Mention pick.

Michel — who is the son of Leo and LuAnn Michel of Sarahsville — will attend Muskingum College in the fall.

WESLEY HASLAM, River — This was another benchmark of the Pilots' offensive front last fall for Flannery.

Haslam lined up as a two-way tackle for the Pilots with his 6-ft-2, 300-pound frame.

He was a first-team all-District, all-OVAC and second-team all-Valley pick.

Wesley is a two-time placer in the state wrestling tournament.

Haslam — who is the son of George and Donna Haslam of Clarrington — is heading to Newport News College in Virginia.

CHASE GARVIN, Caldwell — Blocking has become the forte of this Redskin during the past four years.

The 6-ft, 245 pounder has been a mainstay on the offensive line for the Redskins and head coach Josh Perkins. He was an all-OVAC, all-District and all-PVC pick last fall.

Chase — who is undecided about his collegiate future — is the son of Rowena and Alan Garvin of Caldwell.

KENNY DAVIS, Steubenville Catholic — This two-way standout was one of the main reasons for the resurgence of the Crusaders last fall.

Davis was a two-way line standout for Coach Gregg Bahen's team, helping it to the Division V playoffs.

The 5-ft-11, 245 pounder was a first-team all-OVAC, all-District, all-Valley, Quad County pick. He was also a honorable mention all-Ohio pick.

Davis was also a member of the Crusaders' OVAC championship boys track team and was also active in drama at Catholic Central.

Kenny — who is headed to Ohio Dominican University — is the son of 1978 OVAC All-Star Ken and Penny Davis of Steubenville.



W.Va. Line Revealed By Depew

For The Intelligencer

When West Virginia snapped Ohio's winning streak in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic last year, Mountaineer head coach John Stender was able to dominate the line of scrimmage with a collection of hulking linemen.

Linsly's Terry Depew, West Virginia's head coach for this year's game, says his Mountain State squad may not boast as much size as last year's winners but he likes the versatility he'll have at his command when Ohio and West Virginia collide on July 24 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We're going into camp asking everyone to learn an offensive and defensive position," said Depew.

"We don't have many pure offensive linemen but we have kids who could be outstanding on either side of the ball."

While this year's West Virginia line won't be quite as physically imposing as last year's, the Mountain Staters won't have any trouble filling out their uniforms - provided Depew can find enough linemen's jerseys.

"We took a bunch of linemen," Depew said. "I'd say we have average size and for an all-star game we don't have a lot of big kids, but we don't have bad size, either."

Slated to battle for playing time along West Virginia's offensive line are: Linsly's Rob Squibb, Wheeling Park's Ryan Stahl, Oak Glen's Mark Ice, Brooke's Devin Dulaney, Weir's Chad Chappell, Cameron's Steven Blake, Valley's Robert Adams and Tyler's Jacob Bonner.

Following are brief capsules on each player:

ROBBIE SQUIBB, Linsly: This Cadet selection was the center for Depew during the regular season.

Squibb was a solid contributor for the Cadets, helping fellow OVAC All-Star Tony Walls to more than 1,000 yards rushing.

The 6-ft, 230 pounder was a member of the National Honor Society, Class President, Eagle Scout, German Honors Society, National Merit Finalist, AP Rising Scholar with Honor, All-OVAC Academic team, Shakespeare Club, Math Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Bound for Davidson College in the fall, Robbie is the son of Jim and Julie Squibb of Wheeling.

RYAN STAHL, Wheeling Park: This former Patriot held down many duties for Coach Mark Nardone's team.

The 6-ft-1, 205 pounder was the center, he was a defensive tackle and also handled the long-snapping duties for the Patriots.

Stahl is a member of the Wheeling Park National Honor Society, Who's Who in both sports and academics. He was also active in S.A.D.D., Light the Night Walk, Varsity Athletic Club and West Virginia Boys State.

Ryan is the son of Tedi and Mike Ferrell and Mark Stahl of Triadelphia.

MARK ICE, Oak Glen: This two-way tackle was a mainstay for the Golden Bears this past fall.

The 5-ft-8, 230 pound Ice led the offensive and defensive fronts for Coach Tom Taylor's team.

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Mark is the son of Mark and Jean Ice of Newell.

DEVIN DULANEY, Brooke: This two-way lineman was a two-year regular for Coach Dave Reitter's Bruins.

The 6-ft-2, 235 pound Dulaney was a left guard and a tackle for the Bruins.

He was a Special Mention All-Valley pick and a first-team All-Area selection.

Dulaney - who is headed to West Liberty - was also a standout wrestler, finishing sixth in the OVAC Tournament and fourth in the West Virginia state meet in Huntington.

Devin is also a member of the track team. Aside from sports, Devin is a member of the National Honor Society, FBLA, DECA and Junior Achievement President and Student Council.

Devin is the son of Paula and Kevin Dulaney and Mark and Sherri Winarski and resides in Follansbee.

CHAD CHAPPELL, Weir: One of the main reasons for the Red Riders' success last fall was the play of this offensive tackle.

Chappell was the leader of the Red Rider line from his offensive tackle spot. He was a second-team all-state, all-Valley, all-County and Honorable Mention all-OVAC.

The 6-ft-3, 265 pounder is also active in the community, coaching a flag football team at the Millsop Center in Weirton.

Chad - who is headed to West Virginia University - is the son of Mark and Vicki Chappell.

STEVEN BLAKE, Cameron: This two-way lineman served as the center for Coach Jim Rogers' Dragons last fall.

On the defensive side of the ball, the 6-ft-1, 215-pounder was a defensive tackle and ranked among the team leaders in stops.

Blake earned first-team Mason-Dixon, first-team OVAC and second-team all-Valley. He was also a four-year academic letterman and a recipient of the Promise Scholarship.

Steven is also active in wrestling and track along with National Honor Society and FFA.

Blake - who is headed to Glenville State College - is the son of Gerald Blake II and Debra Blake of Cameron.

ROBERT ADAMS, Valley: This Lumberjack was a two-way tackle for Coach John Kocher's team last fall.

The 6-ft-4, 255 pounder has been a four-year regular for Valley on the line.

During his senior season, he was first-team all-Valley, all-Mason-Dixon, all-OVAC and

second-team all-State.

Adams also lettered in basketball and track.

Robert - who is headed to Glenville State College - is the son of Robert Adams and Judy Hurst. He resides in Smithfield.

JACOB BONNER, Tyler Consolidated: This Silver Knight standout wore many hats for first-year coach Rob Caldwell during the 2004 campaign.

The 6-ft-2, 216-pound Bon-

ner was an offensive guard, defensive tackle and end, kicker and long snapper for Tyler Consolidated.

Bonner was a three-year letterman in football along with a two-year letterman in track and field. He was an all-Valley lineman twice and was listed among Big School Players to Watch.

Jacob - who is headed to Fairmont State University - is the son of Jane and Larry Flor of Middlebourne.

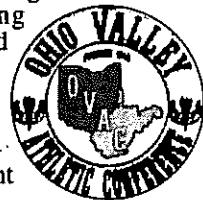
OVAC all-stars meet media

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

Football fever is back in the Ohio Valley.

Preparations for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic kicked into full swing Monday afternoon as both Ohio and West Virginia met the media at West Liberty State College.

"Everything's going really well so far," said Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell. "We are still in a learning process and trying to get everyone placed into the right position."



The two-a-day practices will continue throughout the week at West Liberty, setting up for Sunday's annual bi-state clash at Wheeling Island Stadium at 7:15 p.m.

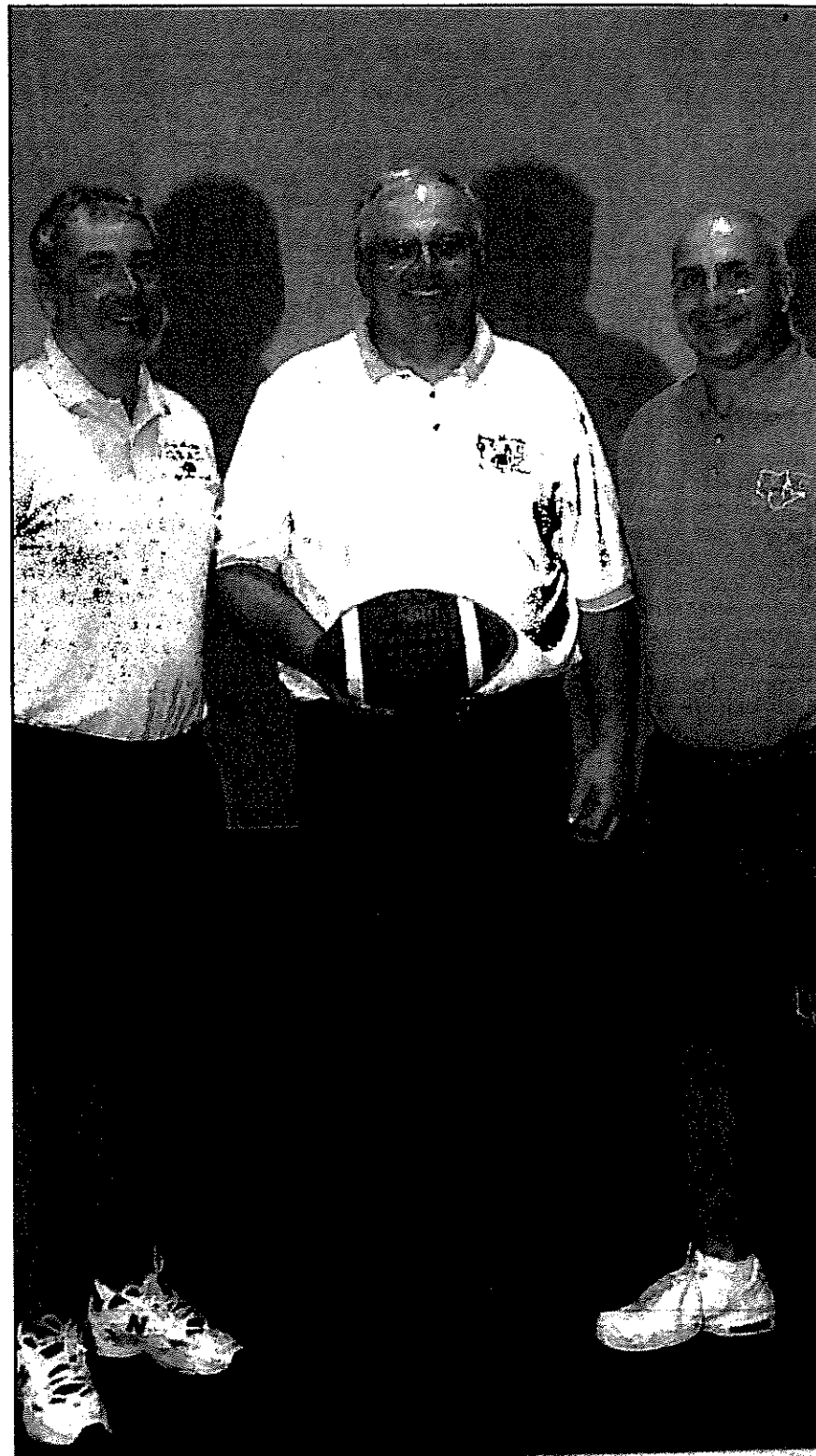
This is by no means Caldwell's first go-around in the game. He's coaching in the OVAC Classic for the fourth time and owns a 1-2 record.

"I have coached in this game when Rudy (Mumley) was director, when Ron (Mauck) was director and now twice for Bob (Koch), so it's been over a span of years that I have come down here and done this."

With having just a week to get everything in place both offensively and defensively, both coaches know they have an uphill battle with little time for fine polishing and conditioning.

"I am kind of disappointed with the shape some of the players came (to camp) in," Caldwell said. "Some came in real good shape and some can't even run across the field, and you don't want to say that, but we have some kids who are in my opinion needed to come in a little bit better of shape."

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T-L Photo/JOEL JOSEPH
MEETING WITH the media Monday at West Liberty State College were the head coaches of the 2005 Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic (on left, West Virginia's Terry Depew and, far right, Ohio's Dave Caldwell) and, middle, game director Bob Koch. The All-Star Classic kickoff is set for Sunday at 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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West Virginia head coach Terry Depew was actually pleased with how his team reported Sunday afternoon.

"If the rest of the week goes like this morning then it will be great," Depew said. "This game never takes a lot of conditioning because guys usually only play one way and the game is longer, but hopefully the humidity isn't like today."

Depew likes the make-up of his squad even though they are at a major size disadvantage against an Ohio squad with six players weighing in at better than 280 pounds.

"There is no question to which team is bigger in terms of size wise," Depew noted. "That's usually the case (in this game), but I am pleased with the offensive line we have and our entire team for that matter because they have really been working hard."

As always the players were excited to be a part of the game that they grew up watching, but are also hungry for a victory.

The Ohio players are entering with revenge on their mind after West Virginia snapped the Buckeyes' winning streak at nine by virtue of a 21-7 victory.

"This is a big game and it's football, so everything is great," said former Bellaire standout and Ohio tight end Scott Antonik. "I have been watching this game forever, and playing with these guys you have played against all your life is really fun."

One of the players West Virginia will turn to to try to make it a two-game winning streak is Wheeling Central quarterback Bobby Herron who's already won two state titles at Island Stadium.

"I have been really lucky with my high school career," Herron said. "To get to cap it off at the Island and in this game is just an honor."

Herron is battling with Wheeling Park's E.J. Schramm for the starting job for the Mountaineers.

"It's a friendly competition," Herron pointed out. "It's a lot of fun because we are roommates this week."

St. Clairsville's A.J. Twardoski is following in his father Sam's footsteps of playing in the OVAC game.

"Getting picked for this game and knowing that my dad played in it makes it even more special," Twardoski admitted. "I can't even describe the feeling of putting the Ohio jersey on, and we know that we have to win this year."

As is the case in most all-star games some players have been asked to change positions from what they played during high school.

Caldwell went into the game with the philosophy of selecting the best players.

"I picked the best players and that's who's going to play in the game," Caldwell said. "Some of these kids knew they were going to have to change positions and were receptive."

One of the players who is switching is Buckeye Trail's Aaron Carpenter who churned out better than 1,000 yards during the regular season, but will play wide receiver this weekend.

"When I got picked to play I didn't have a problem with it because I actually started as a freshman and a sophomore (at Trail) at wide receiver," Carpenter admitted. "Just being here and meeting all of these great players is really exciting for me."

The Ohio roster underwent a change just before camp began Sunday. It was discovered that Shenandoah's Jacob Zerkle was unable to play due to health reasons. He was replaced by Bellaire's Mike Fisher. Fisher was a three-year mainstay for the Big Reds, but battled through an injury-riddled senior campaign. He was a valuable contributor during Bellaire's run to the state semifinals in 2003.

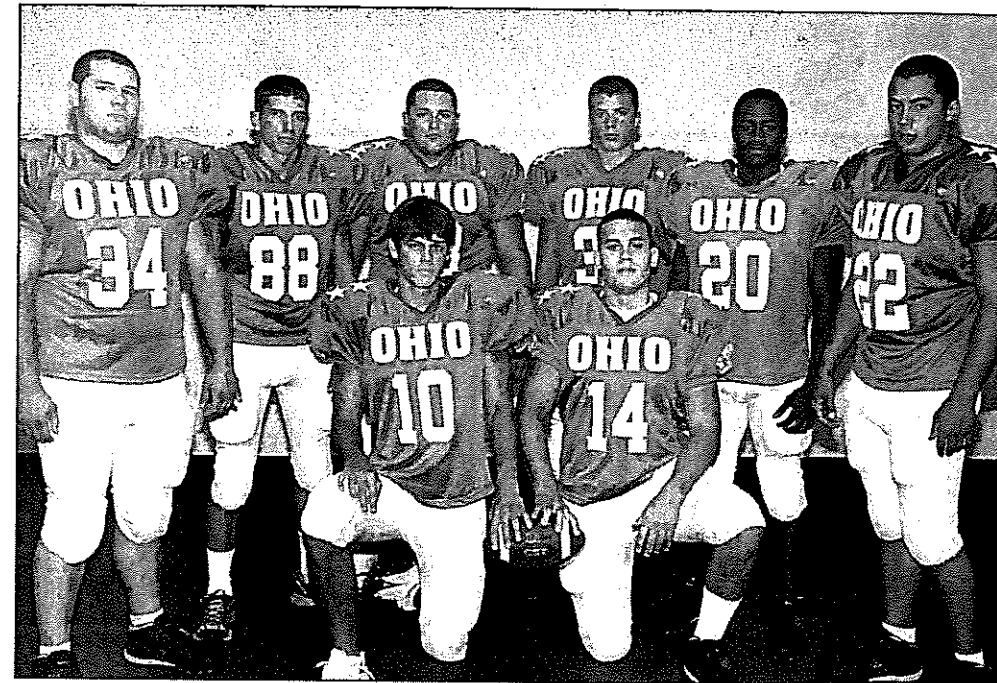


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Ohio Backfield



Pictured are the Ohio backs and quarterbacks for the Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic. Front Row, from left, are Ryan Church and Antonio Magnone. Back row, from left, are Lou Ward, Brian Leasure, Ben Smith, Jake DaGrava, Gary Stubbs, and Tyler Graham.

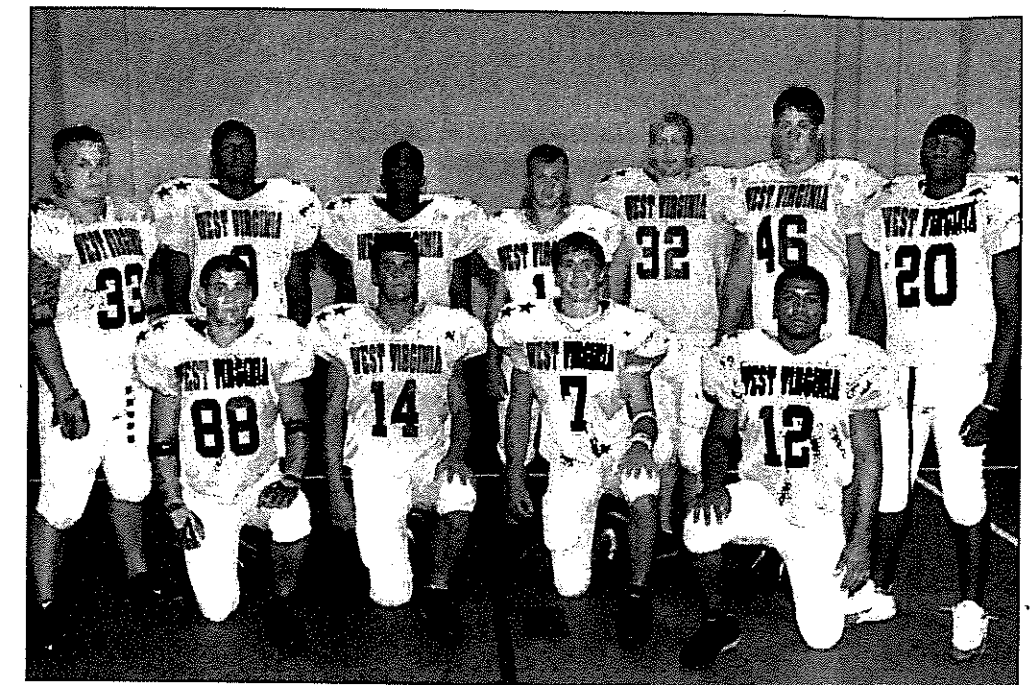


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West Virginia Backfield



Pictured are the West Virginia backs and quarterbacks for the Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic. Front row, from left, are Michael DeCarla, E.J. Schramm, Bobby Herron, Dana Davis. Back row, from left, are Wes Shoulders, Tony Walls, Wayne Green, Brian Balderson, Darren Matthews, Brian Henderson, and Justin Shumake.



Photo by Scott McCloskey

Ohio linemen



Pictured are the Ohio linemen for the Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic. Front Row, from left, John Skinner, Kenny Davis, Dirk Soland, and Chase Garvin. Back row, from left, Caleb Myers, Shaun Okey, Robert O'Hara, Lucas, Michel, Wes Haslam, and Quentin Nelson.

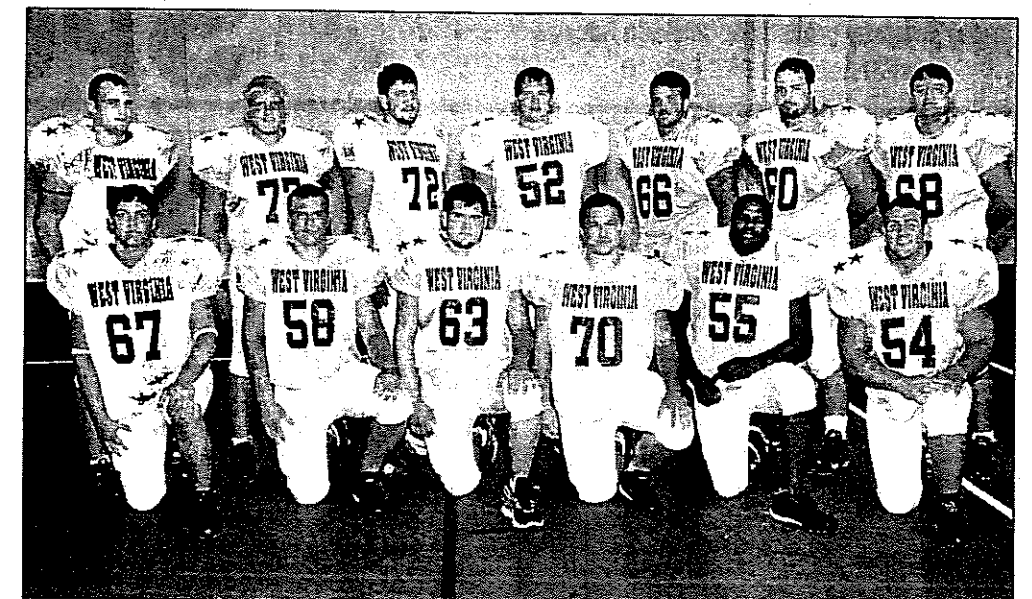


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W.Va. linemen, linebackers



Pictured are the West Virginia linemen and linebackers for the Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic. Front row, from left, Anthony Gianni, Steven Blake, Ryan Stahl, Mark Ice, Mike Caruso. Back row, from left, Jacob Bonner, Rob Squibb, Chad Chappell, Justin Hicks, Devin Dulaney, Bob Adams and Shawn Rohrig.

Depew Looks for Right Backfield Mix

By SETH STASKEY
For The News-Register

Linsly's Terry Depew likes to run the football with a touch of passing.

So when picking his roster for the July 24 Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic slated for Wheeling Island Stadium he looked for versatile quarterbacks and running backs who were speedsters with a touch of ruggedness.

Judging by who he's got pegged for the duties, he's definitely found the people he was looking for.

"We have two versatile quarterbacks, but we only have two on the roster, so we are hoping both can stay healthy," Depew said. "We don't have the power backs that (West Virginia) had last year, but we have some guys who have excellent speed."

Slated to handle the quarterbacking duties are Wheeling Central's Bobby Herron and Wheeling Park's E.J. Schramm.

"Both quarterbacks throw the ball well and both are athletic," Depew said. "We played against (Bobby), so we know what he can do and E.J. is really athletic, so we have two solid players."

Slated to lug the leather for the West Virginia squad are Linsly's Tony Walls, Madonna's Jake Myers and Wheeling Park's Wes Shoulders.

"We don't really have a natural tailback on the roster," Depew offered. "We have some guys who are instinctive runners with enough size and speed to get the job done, but we don't have a lot of depth in the backfield either."

Here is a capsule look at the players:

BOBBY HERRON, Wheeling Central — State titles and this Maroon Knight went hand-in-hand.

The personable 6-0, 173 pounder was the signal-caller for two Knight state football crowns, including this past December's win over Weirton Madonna.

In a primarily run-first offense, Herron threw for 1,920 yards, 24 touchdowns and only five interceptions.

He had a pass rating of 179.6, which was tops amongst small-school players in the OVAC.

Herron was a first-team all-West Virginia pick, all-OVAC, all-Valley. He was the MVP of the state title game. In his three years at the helm, the Knights post-



ed a 31-8 record.

Bobby was also a standout on the track, winning three individual state titles in May and leading the Knights to the team title.

Herron — who plans to attend Washington & Jefferson College — was also a 2004 delegate to West Virginia Boys State and also a delegate to Boys Nation. He's a member of the Key Club and also a 2004 graduate of Leadership Wheeling Youth.

Bobby is the son of Robert and Dina Herron of Wheeling.

E.J. SCHRAMM, Wheeling Park — This Patriot excelled in his only season at the helm of the offense for head coach Mark Nardone.

The 6-0, 170 pounder threw for 1,144 yards and 11 touchdowns in 11 games for the Patriots last fall.

Schramm was an honorable mention all-OVAC pick and a special mention all-Valley.

The West Virginia University frosh-to-be was also a standout on the basketball and baseball teams at Wheeling Park.

Aside from sports, Schramm was active in in Varsity Athletic Club, Ski Club, American Cancer Society, S.A.D.D., National Honor Society, Technology Student Association and National Spanish Society.

E.J. is the son of Erik and Sharon Schramm of Wheeling.

JAKE MYERS, Weirton Madonna — The resurgence of the Blue Dons football program was a direct result of the running of this Mountaineer running back selection.

Myers torched opposing defenses this past fall, running for 2,200 yards and 33 touchdowns on 152 carries. All told, he averaged 157.1 yards a game and 8.9

yards a carry. He had three TDs receiving, returned two fumbles, a punt and an interception for scores.

Myers was the captain of the all-state Single A team and was the winner of the Harrison Kennedy Award, chosen by the West Virginia Sports Writers.

He was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Mason Dixon and all-Valley. He was also all-Area and Player of the Year according to the Steubenville Herald Star.

During his senior season, Myers became the all-time leading rusher in Madonna history and the school honored him by retiring his No. 21.

Along with football, Jake was active in Interact Club, S.A.D.D., School Newspaper, Youth Leadership, Community Service and baseball.

Jake — who is the son of Monette Myers and Richard Myers of Weirton — plans to attend West Liberty State College.

TONY WALLS, Linsly — This senior was a do-everything guy for Depew this past fall.

As a running back, Walls rushed for 1,392 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also caught 15 passes for 235 yards and five scores along with 20-yard average per return. From his defensive-back spot, Walls had five interceptions and 49 tackles.

Walls was a first-team all-OVAC and all-Valley pick. He was was the team MVP and captain.

Along with football, Walls was a standout for the Cadets' track team in the sprints and relays.

WES SHOULDERS, Wheeling Park — This rugged fullback was an effective blocker and rusher for Coach Mark Nardone's Patriots last fall.

Shoulders (5-10, 212) tallied 687 yards and eight touchdowns on 122 carries.

For his strong senior campaign, Shoulders was a first-team all-OVAC, second-team all-Valley and honorable mention all-state. He also took part in the West Virginia North-South All-Star Game.

Along with football, Shoulders was also active in baseball, varsity club and youth sports coaching.

Wes — who is the son of Dan Shoulders and Beth Shoulders of Wheeling — plans to attend Bethany College.

Caldwell Pleased With Quality of Players

By SETH STASKEY
For The News-Register

With the roster for the OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic having been released last weekend, Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell began breaking the team down into positions.

Caldwell and his Ohio staff have announced their intended quarterbacks and running backs for the July 24 game slated for Wheeling Island Stadium at 7 p.m.

"We are pleased with the caliber of both football players and young men we have on this team," Caldwell said. "We have two great quarterbacks, both of whom are the total package and both are quality kids who come from great programs."

Slated to do much of the signal-calling for the Ohio squad are Martins Ferry's Ryan Church and Steubenville's Antonio Magnone.

When trying to select running backs, Caldwell looked for the combination power/speed back and he thinks he's found that.

"You need the power back plus the scat-back type in all-star games," Caldwell explained. "You have the ability to go outside or just pound the ball up the middle for yards. We think we have guys who can do both really well."

The Ohio coaches found the power backs in Shenandoah's Jacob Zerkle and Martins Ferry's Ben Smith. The speed comes in the form of Steubenville's Gary Stubbs and Monroe Central's Tyler Graham.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

RYAN CHURCH, Martins Ferry — This Purple Rider was a proven winner in his

three years at the helm of Coach Dave

Bruney's attack. Church led the Ferrians to a 13-1 record this past season, including a regional title and the OVAC championship.

The Washington & Jefferson-bound Church passed for 1,317 yards, 10 touchdowns and only three interceptions. He also ran 261 yards and a pair of scores.

Church was the co-Eastern District Division IV Player of the Year was named first-team all-Ohio. He was first-team all-OVAC, all-Valley and all Times Leader. He was also an accomplished basketball player, scoring more than 1,000 points and earning third-team all-state.

The 6-3, 190-pounder was also active at Ferry in student council, Chy Phy and the French Club.

Ryan is the son of Tricia and Bob Bender and Ralph Church.

ANTONIO MAGNONE, Steubenville — Proven winner. That's exactly what this Big Red signal caller was since he

transferred from Weir High just before his junior season.

Magnone was an effective passer and runner for Coach Reno Saccoccia's team, which was 11-1, won the OVAC Class 4-A

title and advanced to the second round of the Division III playoffs.

The 6-2, 215-pounder threw for 1,165 yards last season and nine touchdowns. He also ran for 454 yards on 80 carries.

Magnone was an all-district, all-OVAC, all-Valley and all-Area selection last season.

Antonio — who plans to

continue both his football and academic careers at Youngstown State University — is the son of Albert and Caroline Magnone of Steubenville.

JACOB ZERKLE, Shenandoah — This Zeps back enjoyed one of the finest single-seasons ever this past fall.

Zerkle (5-10, 175) racked up 1,965 yards and 23 touchdowns on 295 carries. He broke Roman Barnett's single-season rushing mark.

For his fine season, Zerkle was named first-team all-Ohio and was a finalist for Mr. Football. He was also a first-team all-OVAC, all-Valley performer and was the Division V Eastern District Player of the Year.

Jacob — who also wrestles and plays baseball — was the valedictorian of his graduating class.

Zerkle — who will attend the Moody Bible Institute — was also active in Service Club, S.A.D.D., Student Congress, Concert Band, Spanish Club, National Honor Society and he's a member of the Faith Baptist Church Youth Group.

Jacob is the son of Lynn and Peggy Zerkle of Cumberland.

GARY STUBBS, Steubenville — Big Red has a knack for finding a big-time tailback. In 2004, this Ohio all-star filled the void.

The 5-7, 168-pounder was a mainstay in the backfield for Big Red's 10-0 campaign that saw them advance to the second round of the Division III playoffs after winning their second-consecutive AP Poll title.

Stubbs racked up well over 1,000 yards on the season and was a first-team all-district, all-OVAC and all-Area per-

former for the Big Red.

The Walsh University recruit is also a standout baseball player. He was the starting rightfielder for the 2004 Big Red team that reached the state final.

Gary — who is the son of Ruby and Gary Stubbs of Steubenville — was also the Vice President of the Key Club and a delegate to Buckeye Boys State last summer.

TYLER GRAHAM, Monroe Central — This Seminole adds to the long list of talented tailbacks to come out of the Jay Circosta program.

Graham enjoyed an outstanding senior season, rushing for 1,133 yards and 12 touchdowns.

For his fine season, Graham was named first-team all-Eastern District, all-PVC, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader. He also received Athlete of the Week from WTRF-7.

Along with football, Tyler was also a standout for the Monroe basketball and baseball squads.

Tyler — who plans on attending Muskingum College — is the son of Danny and Cindy Graham of Woodsfield.

BEN SMITH, Martins Ferry — This bruising fullback was a nice addition to an already powerful Purple Rider backfield.

Smith was the lead blocker for the Riders' vaunted running game that featured no fewer than four quality backs.

Smith made the most of his opportunities for Bruney, accumulating 215 yards and three touchdowns on 36 carries.

Ben — who plans on attending Walsh University to play football — is the son of Frank and Amy Smith of Bellaire.

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Caldwell set to guide Ohio stars

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Writer

Dave Caldwell has been involved in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference/Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Classic on three previous occasions.

For him it's becoming somewhat of old hat, however, only two members of the coaching staff that he'll bring to West Liberty State College have taken part before.

"I really know what to expect," Caldwell said. "However, for most of these coaches it's going to be a new experience for them, and I

really think they are going to enjoy it."

Rusty Lucas and Ryan Caldwell are the only two members of the staff, who have taken part before. Lucas heads up the running backs, while Ryan Caldwell handles the wide outs.

Other coaches slated to join Dave Caldwell on the sidelines of the July 24 contest at Wheeling Island Stadium are: Micah Fuchs (Defensive coordinator) Clint Abbott (Special Teams); Paul Kanzigg (line); Franklin Holley and Josh Pittman are press-box coaches.

Here is a capsule look at the Ohio Coaching Staff.

DAVE CALDWELL -- The veteran Blue

Devils' mentor has been a benchmark of the Beallsville football program over the last 24 years.

Caldwell has been the head coach of the Beallsville grid program for the past 22 years where he owns a 142-78-1 record.

During his career, he's won four OVAC and six Pioneer Valley Conference Championships as well as the 1994 Region 23 crown.

Before coming to Beallsville, Caldwell served years as an assistant at Caldwell.

Dave is a 1973 graduate of Beallsville High School and a 1977 graduate of Muskingum College. He later earned his MBA from Salem

University. He was a football, basketball and track standout at Beallsville before going on to be a four-year player at Muskingum.

Caldwell and his wife Karon have been married 29 years and they have a son (Ryan) and a daughter (Alisha).

RUSTY LUCAS -- This veteran Blue Devil assistant was on the staff the last time Caldwell guided the Ohio all-stars.

Lucas has been one of Caldwell's top aids for the past six years and has coached football for the last nine seasons.

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Lucas also coaches junior high basketball in the Beallsville system.

The Beallsville graduate enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school and was deployed at Desert Storm for seven months and eight months in Central America. He's also been a recruiter for three years.

Rusty and his wife Kathy have two children: Eric and Derek Lucas.

PAUL KANZIGG -- This Blue Devil assistant oversees the line play for the Blue Devils.

Kanzigg has been on Caldwell's staff for the past four seasons, which have been his only four years of coaching football.

He's also active at Beallsville as a junior high girls basketball coach.

Paul -- a 1974 Beallsville graduate -- is also a graduate of Belmont Technical College. At Beallsville, Kanzigg was active in football, wrestling and track.

Kanzigg and his wife Silvia have a son Adam (16) and two daughters: Alexis (13) and Alicia (11).

FRANKLIN HOLLEY -- This 1989 Beallsville graduate joined the Blue Devils' staff some 10 years ago.

After graduating from Beallsville, Holley went on to the University of Charleston where he played on the golf team. He was twice named WVAC Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Franklin and his wife Michele reside in Beallsville.

RYAN CALDWELL -- This former Blue Devil standout is preparing for his second stint on the Ohio staff.

After a highly-successful playing career under his father, Ryan went to Muskingum where he graduated in 2000. He's currently on the coaching staff at West Muskingum.

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Judging by who he's got pegged for the duties, he's definitely found the people he was looking for.

"We have two versatile quarterbacks, but we only have two on the roster, so we are hoping both can stay healthy," Depew said. "We don't have the power backs that (West Virginia) had last year, but we have some guys who have excellent speed."

Slated to handle the quarterbacking duties are Wheeling Central's Bobby Herron and Wheeling Park's E.J. Schramm.

"Both quarterbacks throw the ball well and both are athletic," Depew said. "We played against (Bobby), so we know what he can do and E.J. is really athletic, so we have two solid players."

Slated to lug the leather for the West Virginia squad are Linsly's Tony Walls, Madonna's Jake Myers and Wheeling Park's Wes Shoulders.

"We don't really have a natural tailback on the roster," Depew offered. "We have some guys who are instinctive runners with enough size and speed to get the job done, but we don't have a lot of depth in the backfield either."

Here is a capsule look at the players:

BOBBY HERRON, Wheeling Central -- State titles and this Maroon Knight went hand-in-hand.

The personable 6-ft-0, 173 pounder was the signal-caller for two Knight state football crowns, including this past December's win over Weirton Madonna.

In a primarily run-first offense, Herron threw for 1,920 yards, 24 touchdowns and only five interceptions. He had a pass rating of 179.6, which was tops amongst small-school players in the OVAC.

Herron was a first-team all-West Virginia pick, all-OVAC, all-Valley. He was the MVP of the state title game. In his three years at the helm, the Knights posted a 31-8 record.

Bobby was also a standout on the track, winning three individual state titles in May and leading the Knights to the team title.

Herron -- who plans to attend Washington & Jefferson College -- was also a 2004 delegate to West Virginia Boys State and also a delegate to Boys Nation. He's a member of the Key Club and also a 2004 graduate of Leadership Wheeling Youth.

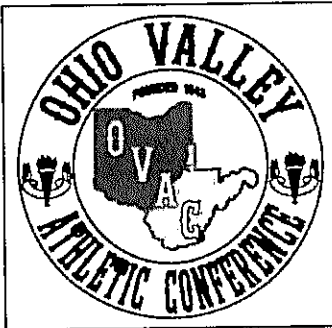
Bobby is the son of Robert and Dina Herron of Wheeling.

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The 6-ft, 170 pounder threw for 1,144 yards and 11 touchdowns in 11 games for the Patriots last fall.

Schramm was an honorable mention all-OVAC pick and a special mention all-Valley.

The West Virginia University frosh-to-be was also a standout on the basketball and baseball teams at Wheeling



Park.

Aside from sports, Schramm was active in in Varsity Athletic Club, Ski Club, American Cancer Society, S.A.D.D., National Honor Society, Technology Student Association and National Spanish Society.

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JAKE MYERS, Weirton Madonna -- The resurgence of the Blue Dons football program was a direct result of the running of this Mountaineer running back selection.

Myers torched opposing defenses this past fall, running for 2,200 yards and 33 touchdowns on 152 carries. All told, he averaged 157.1 yards a game and 8.9 yards a carry. He had three TDs receiving, returned two fumbles, a punt and an interception for scores.

Myers was the captain of the all-state Single A team and was the winner of the Harrison Kennedy Award, chosen by the West Virginia Sports Writers. He was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Mason Dixon and all-Valley. He was also all-Area and Player of the Year according to the Steubenville Herald Star.

During his senior season, Myers became the all-time leading rusher in Madonna history and the school honored him by retiring his #21.

Along with football, Jake was active in Interact Club, S.A.D.D., School Newspaper, Youth Leadership, Community Service and baseball.

Jake -- who is the son of Monette Myers and Richard Myers of Weirton -- plans to attend West Liberty State College.

TONY WALLS, Linsly -- This senior was a do-everything guy for Depew this past fall.

As a running back, Walls rushed for 1,392 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also caught 15 passes for 235 yards and five scores along with 20-yard average per return. From his defensive-back spot, Walls had five interceptions and 49 tackles.

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Along with football, Walls was a standout for the Cadets' track team in the sprints and relays.

WES SHOULDERS, Wheeling Park -- This rugged fullback was an effective blocker and rusher for Coach Mark Nardone's Patriots last fall.

Shoulders (5-ft-10, 212) tallied 687 yards and eight touchdowns on 122 carries.

For his strong senior campaign, Shoulders was a first-team all-OVAC, second-team all-Valley and honorable mention all-state. He also took part in the West Virginia North-South All-Star Game.

Along with football, Shoulders was also active in football, baseball, varsity club and youth sports coaching.

Wes -- who is the son of Dan Shoulders and Beth Shoulders of Wheeling -- plans to attend Bethany College.

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OVAC game rosters announced

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Writer

The calendar will flip to July later this week. That's just another example that 'King Football' is right around the corner.

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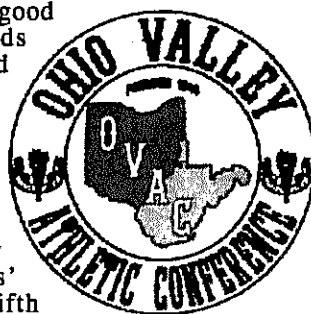
The head coaches for the annual game are by no means rookies in the game. Linsly's Terry Depew is slated to guide the Ohio side, while Beallsville's Dave Caldwell is in charge of the Buckeye State players.

"This is the fourth time me and my staff have done this game," said Beallsville's Dave

Caldwell. "It's good for the kids (involved) and the charity reasons. The bottom line is we keep doing it to help out other people."

For Depew and the Cadets' staff, it's the fifth time in the OVAC game.

"I think it's been close to 10 years since we have done the game," Depew said. "It's an exciting opportunity to meet the kids and see the good quality athletes and it's been a great experience each time or we wouldn't continue



to do it."

OHIO'S ROSTER is stock-piled with talented players and filling the slots was tough for Caldwell.

"Overall, I think we have assembled a pretty good football team," Caldwell said. "We have quality players who have come from quality football programs."

"It's real tough to pick the team. No matter how you go about, you always end up leaving some good kids out. I went with athletes for this team and kids who could fit well into our system," Caldwell continued.

Caldwell has picked three of his own players to join him at the OVAC game. Included are: quarterback Aaron Harper, lineman Robert O'Hara and lineman John Skinner.

Steubenville -- which finished 10-0 and won

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the Associated Press Division III poll title a year ago -- was awarded three players on the team. Quarterback Antonio Magnone, tailback Gary Stubbs and lineman Quentin Nelson have all been chosen.

Martins Ferry -- which was 10-0, OVAC Class 3-A champions and an OHSAA Division IV state semifinalist last year -- received four spots on the team.

Quarterback Ryan Church, fullback Ben Smith, defensive back/wide receiver Clay Tucker and fullback/linebacker Chas Yoder.

Buckeye Trail -- after a solid 2004 campaign -- received two positions on the team. Quarterback Kyle Carpenter and tailback Aaron Carpenter have both been selected to the team.

St. Clairsville had two players picked for the game. Quarterback/defensive back A.J. Twardoski and lineman Caleb Myers have been chosen to compete for the Buckeye state.

Bellaire was also awarded two bids to the game. Included are linebacker/tightend Scotty Antonik and lineman Dirk Soland.

Shenandoah also has two members of the Ohio squad. All-everything running back Jacob Zerkle and standout lineman Lucas Michel were chosen for the summer classic.

Cambridge had two players selected. Wide receiver Mike Daugherty and lineman Matt Lyons were selected.

Caldwell also had a pair of players picked. Skill player Chase Garvin and running back Brian Leasure were selected.

River placed a pair of offensive linemen on the squad. Included are Wesley Haslam and Shaun Okey.

Union Local's lone selected came in the form of fullback/linebacker Anthony Carson. Buckeye Local record-setting tailback Jake DaGrava was picked.

St. John Central punter Chris DiCesare and Steubenville Catholic's Kenny Davis were also selected to the squad.

Frontier quarterback Anthony Mossburg has accepted an invitation to take part as has Indian Creek defensive standout Bruce Palmer.

Wellsville's Derek Thompson and East Liverpool's Lou Ward were named to the Buckeyes. Monroe Central's lone representative is running back Tyler Graham.

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Brian Leasure (Caldwell)
Matt Lyons (Cambridge)
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Jacob Bonner (Tyler)
Mike Caruso (Whg Central)
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Jack Crow (Weir High)
Dana Davis (Brooke)
Michael DeCaria (Madonna)
Devin Dulaney (Brooke)
Anthony Gianni (Madonna)
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Brian Henderson (Brooke)
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Justin Hicks (Brooke)
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Josh McKee (Wheeling Central)
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THE WEST VIRGINIA roster, like Ohio, has undergone a shake-up since the original team was picked in the early spring.

"We had originally hoped to go with a wide-open attack, so we'll probably have to adjust our plans somewhat," Depew said. "The selected process is always difficult, but we think we have a good mix of running and throwing ability and we're really pleased with the size of our lineman."

Depew took the maximum five allowed from his own Cadets' squad.

Included are: tailback Tony Walls, lineman Dre Taylor, lineman Rob Squibb, wide receiver Wayne Green and wide receiver Jon Kepner.

Reigning West Virginia Single A state champion Wheeling Central also received five bids to the game.

Quarterback Bobby Herron leads the way for the Maroon Knights. He'll be joined by linebacker Mike Caruso, lineman Shawn Rohrig, wide receiver Josh McKee and kicker Adam Grubler.

State-runnerup Weirton Madonna got three players into the game.

Rugged running back Jake Myers will be joined by receiver Michael Decaria and line-

man Anthony Gianni.

Weir High -- which advanced to the state semifinals before bowing in a bizarre game at Bluefield -- has three players in the contest.

Wide receiver Jack Crow is one of the players. He's joined by tailback Justin Shumake and lineman Chad Chappell.

Wheeling Park will have four players suiting up on their home field for the final time. Quarterback E.J. Schramm, linebacker Wes Shoulders, lineman Ryan Stahl and linebacker Jon Pearson.

John Marshall's lethal wide receiving duo of Bryan Berger and Anthony Montes have been accepted the invitation.

The Brooke Bruins have four players committed to the game. Defensive back/running back Dana Davis, lineman Devin Dulaney, running back Brian Henderson and lineman Justin Hicks will be the representatives.

Tyler Consolidated will have a pair of Jacobs on the squad. Lineman Jacob Bonner and receiver Jacob Meyer will represent the Silver Knights.

Magnolia's lone pick was lineman Darren Mathews. Oak Glen will be represented by lineman Mark Ice.

Valley's lone pick was lineman Bob Adams. Bishop Donahue running back Brian Balderson will be the lone Bishop in the game. Cameron's lone pick was lineman Steve Blake.

Ohio's Caldwell Picks His Staff

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

Dave Caldwell has been involved in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference/Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Classic on three previous occasions.

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"I really know what to expect," Caldwell said. "However, for most of these coaches it's going to be a new experience for them, and I really think they are going to enjoy it."

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Lucas also coaches junior high basketball in the Beallsville system.

The Beallsville graduate enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school and was deployed at Desert Storm for seven months and eight months in Central America. He's also been a recruiter for three years.

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Paul -- a 1974 Beallsville graduate -- is also a graduate of Belmont Technical College. At Beallsville, Kanzigg was active in football, wrestling and track.

Kanzigg and his wife Silvia have a son Adam (16) and two daughters: Alexis (13) and Alicia (11).

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