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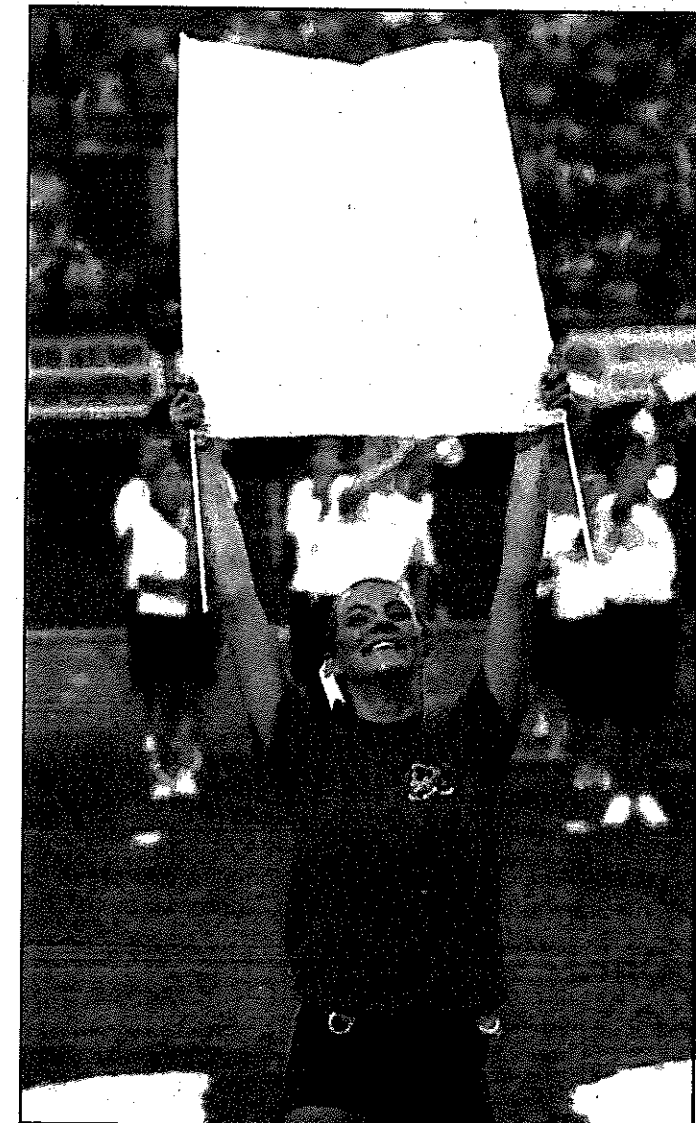
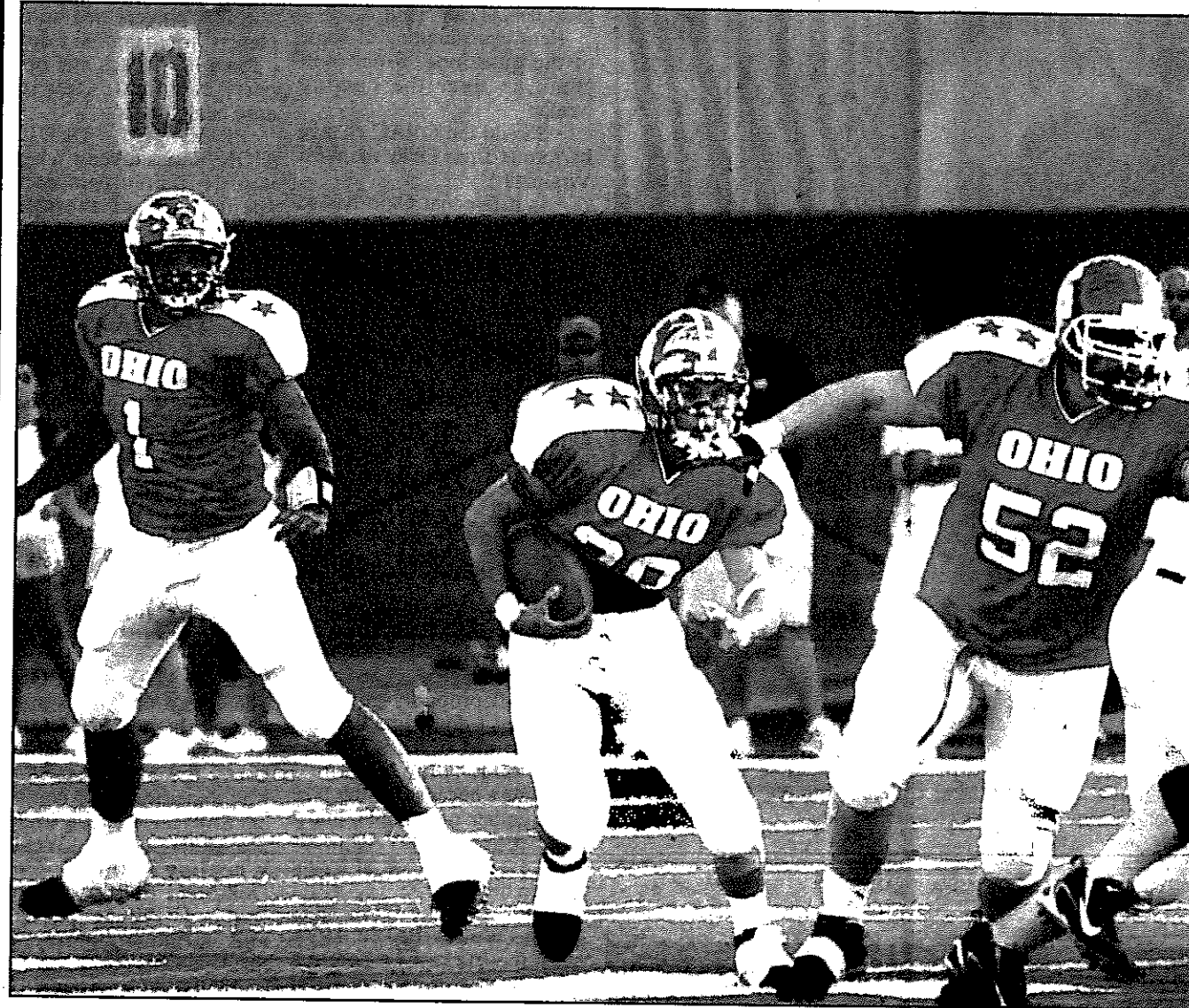
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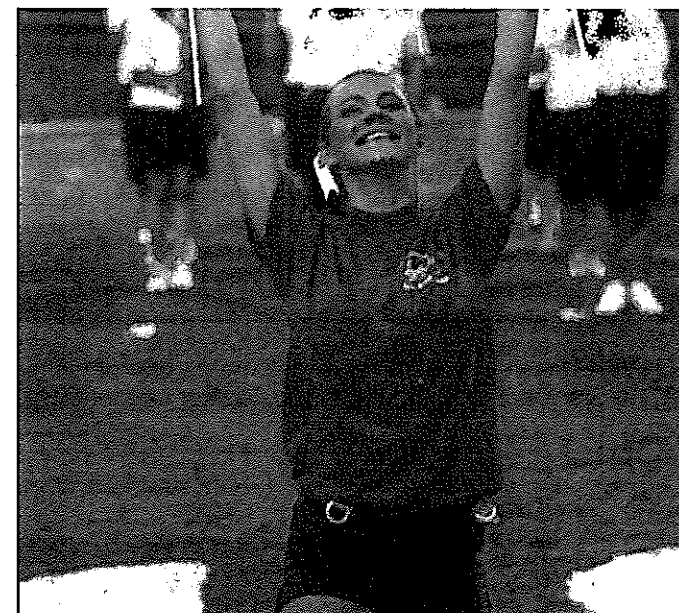
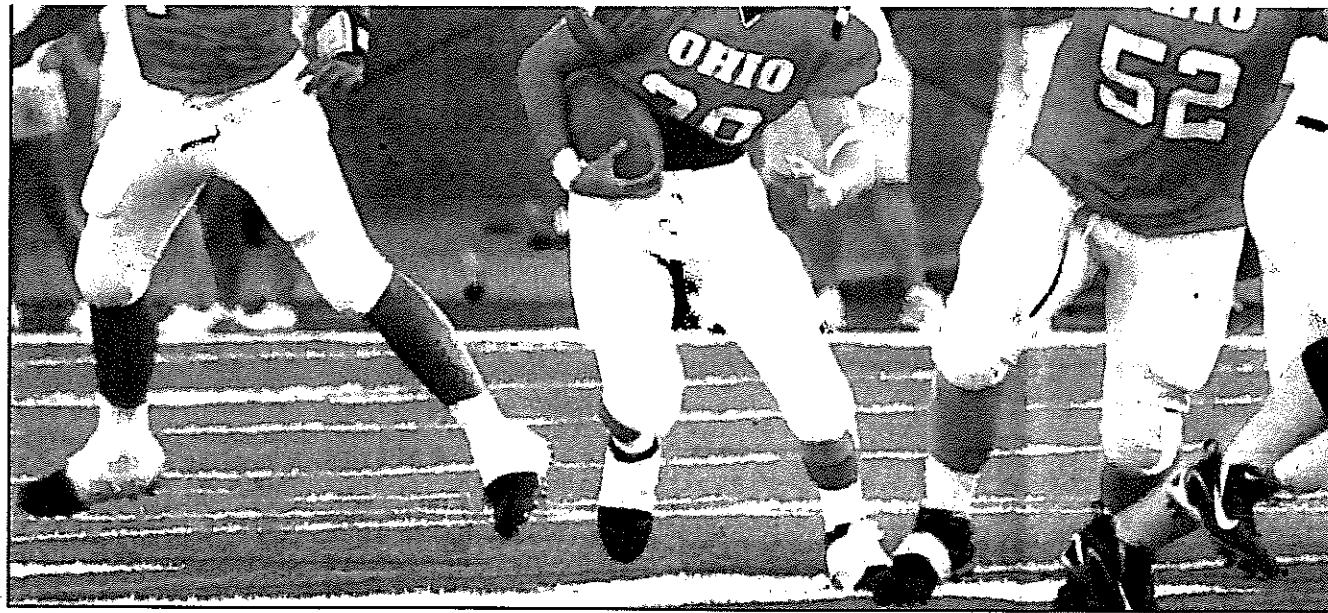
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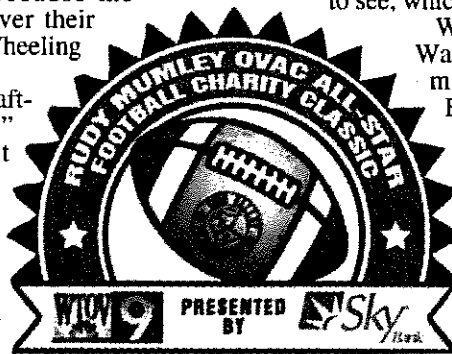
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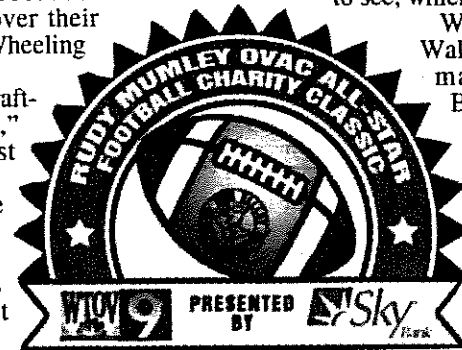
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Goodrich -- a noted run-oriented coach -- came out running first, getting the ball to Barnesville's Bud Hines who promptly did what he did all last fall.



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WEST VIRGINIA quarterback Jason Pyles tries to escape the grasp of Bellaire's Ty Hess during the first half of Sunday's 35th annual OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium. Hess recorded three sacks and recovered a fumble in the game.

Weir's Wilson makes annual visit, eyes camp

By **BRIAN COOK**
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After playing in the OVAC All-Star Football game, you have a new respect and love for the game and the people who put all the effort in to making it a success.

Cincinnati Bengals' tailback and 1999 West Virginia OVAC All-Star athlete Quincy Wilson of Weirton is still no exception.

"This is a game for the valley. The valley comes out and supports both Ohio and West Virginia," Wilson, who accumulated more than 3,000 yards in a single season during his prep days, said. "I have been coming to this game since eighth grade.

"I always wanted to play in this game and I was fortunate enough to get a chance to be voted

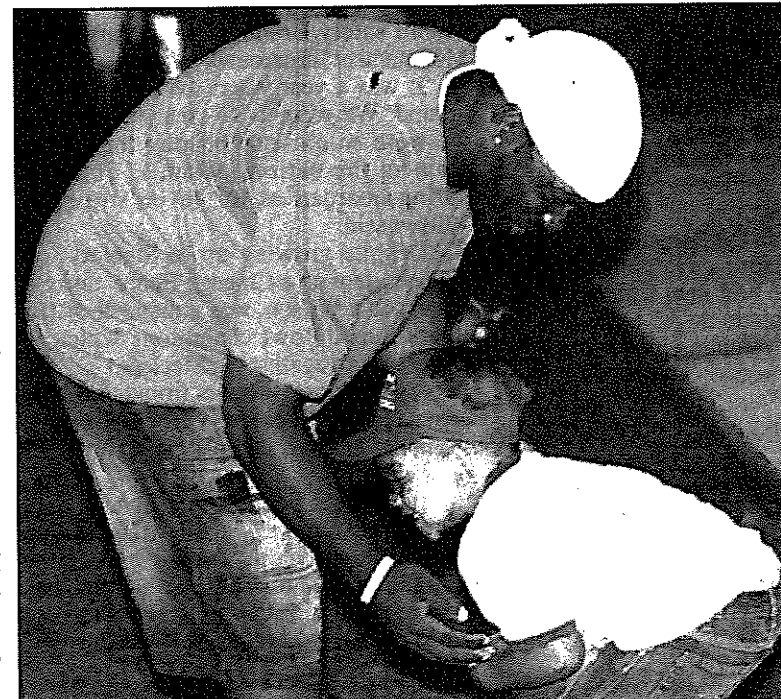
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Wilson was able to look toward his alma mater -- Weir High -- Sunday night for solid showing as the Red Riders fielded five athletes on the Mountaineers' squad. Coach Eric Meek of the Red Riders led the team to the West Virginia Class AA state championship, a task that was only done seven years prior when Wilson wore the Red and Black.

"They won the state title this year. They deserve to come in here and get a chance to represent the state of West Virginia. They are out here having fun and that's the main thing. They are always going to remember this experience," he said.

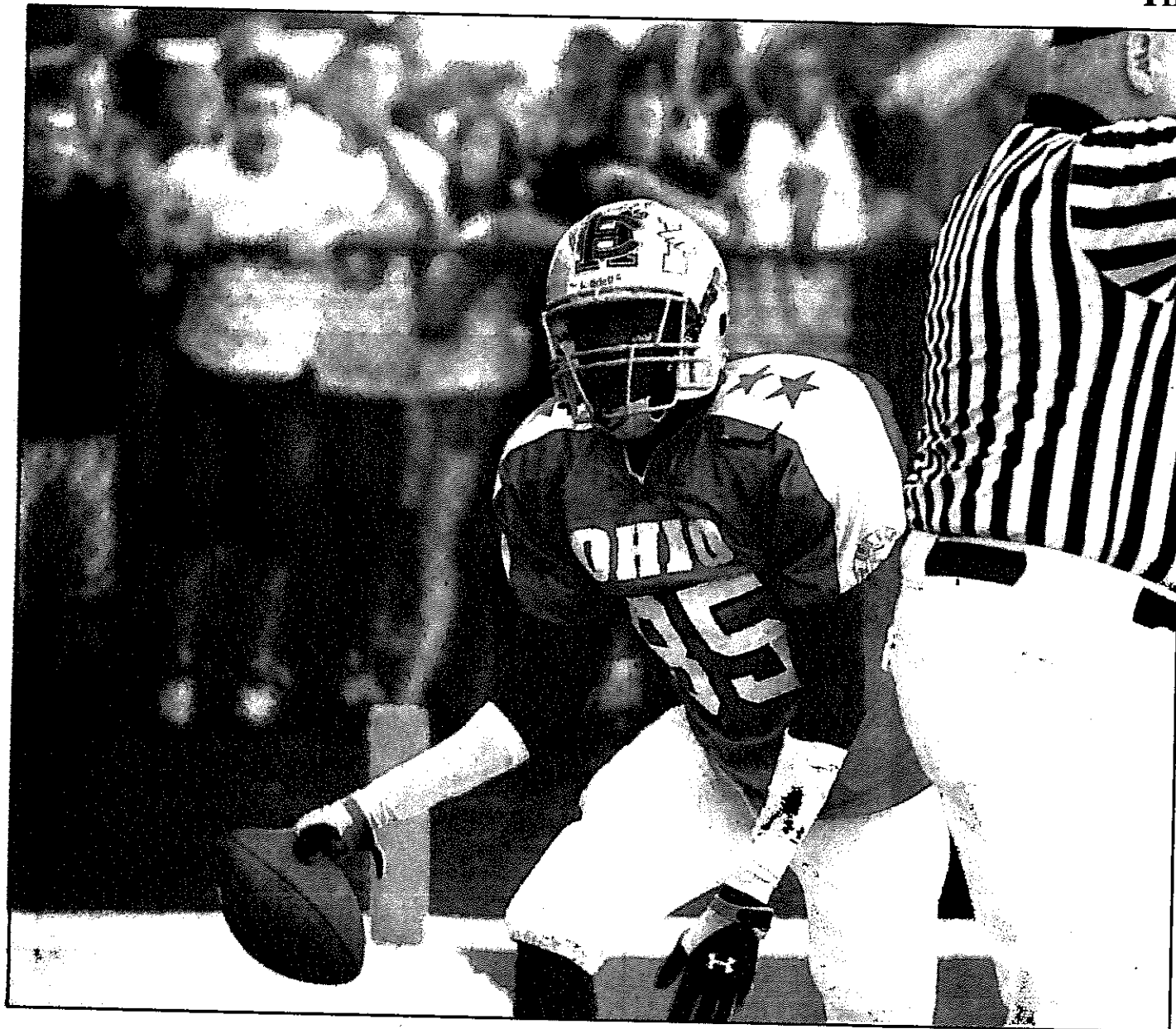
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FORMER Weir High standout and current Cincinnati Bengals Quincy Wilson plays with his son Trenton during the OVAC All-Star Football Classic Sunday night. Wilson spent the evening on the West Virginia sidelines.

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Well, with the 35th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic in the hopper for another year, the great debate can begin.

Here is a sampling of some of the questions, which will come up over the coming weeks:

- Should the OVAC change its format from Ohio vs. West Virginia?

- Is it fair that Ohio has so many schools to pick from?

- Wouldn't a North-South Game make it more competitive?

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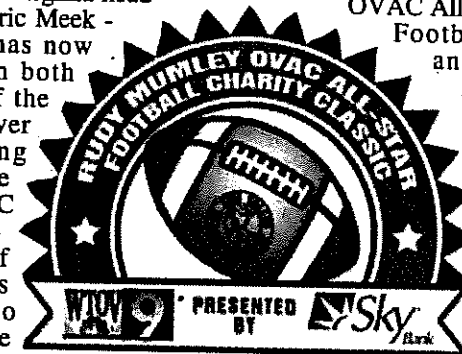
PRANKSTERS: The West Virginia team may have come out on the short end on the scoreboard, but it might have won the prank war this week. It seems that some West Virginia players tied an Ohio players' room door to a door of a coach and neither party could exit their room until being untied.

PROGRAM DEDICATION: The souvenir program was dedicated to men who spent much of their lives around the youth of the Ohio Valley and the OVAC. The late Dr. Luis Vazquez was the long-time team doctor for the OVAC All-Star Charity

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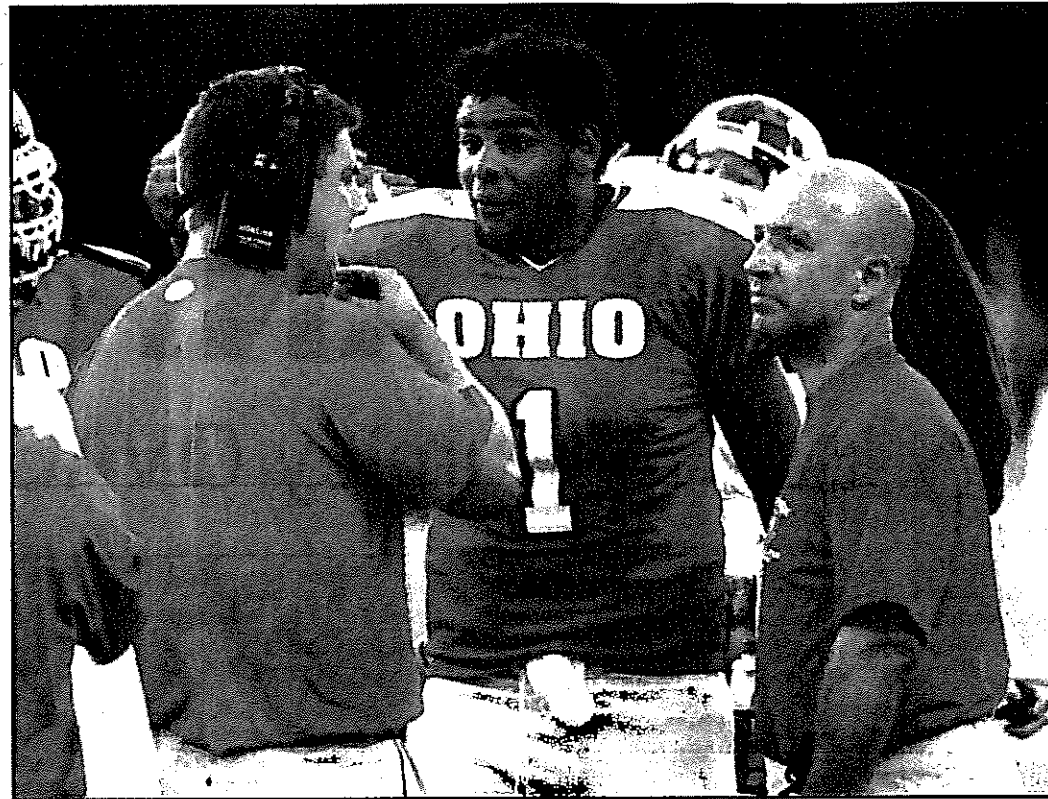
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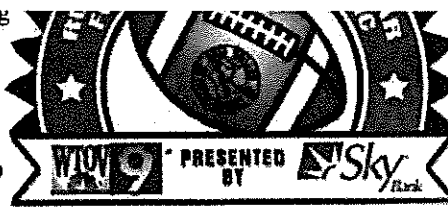
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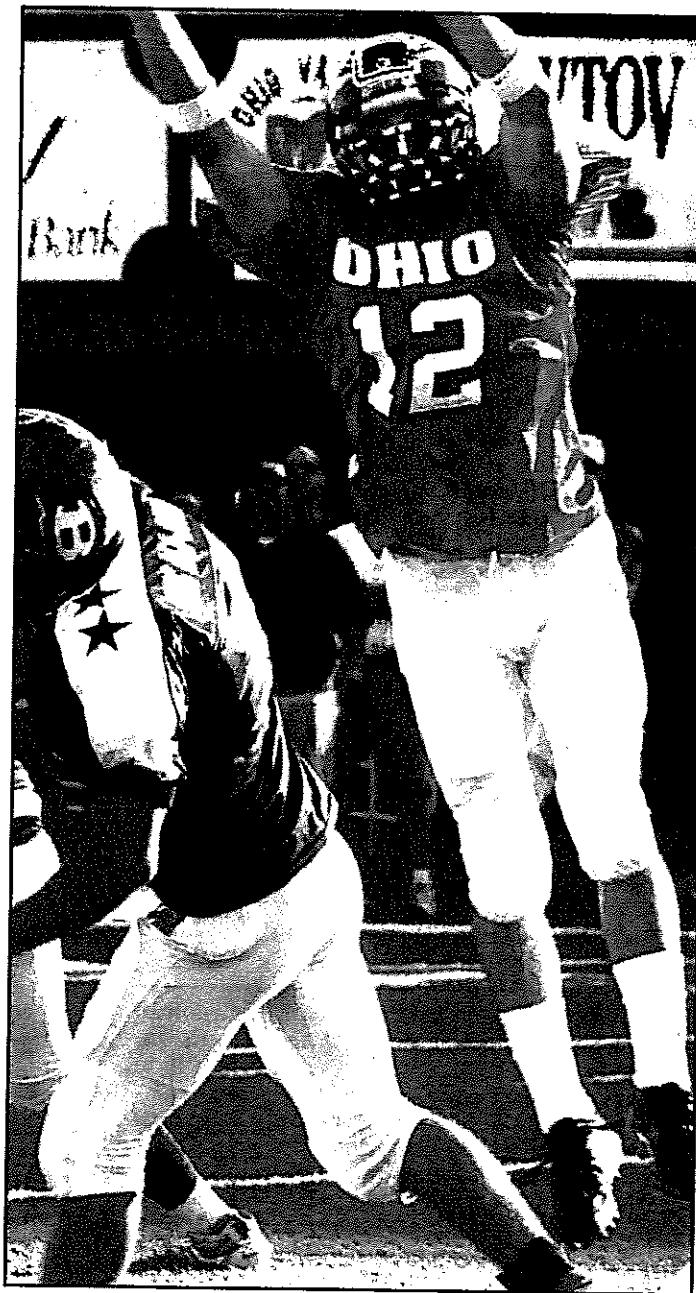
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BELLAIRE'S Andrew Bobka springs into the air to attempt to deflect a pass by West Virginia quarterback Brandon Sperlazza during the first half of Sunday's OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

● Quincy

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third year in the National Football League as he heads to Bengals' training camp on Friday.

"I have been down in Morgantown working out with West Virginia University's football team for the last month," Wilson noted. "I will be down there for two more days then back to Cincinnati. It is time to get ready for year three of another camp and see what happens."

Quincy, who was drafted as a seventh round pick by the Atlanta Falcons in 2004, will look to find a starting spot in the Bengals' backfield.

"There are about four guys competing for three spots so may the best man win. I like that, as long as you get a shot to do it," he said.

The former West Virginia University standout was plagued by an early injury last season not allowing him to cut. However, Wilson's work ethic landed him a spot on the practice squad.

"They kept me on the practice squad, which is when you run scout team plays for everybody, but it also gave them a chance to look at me every week and see what I can do," Wilson continued. "They re-signed me this year for a two-year deal. Obviously, they saw potential. They know I can do it. Now it's just a matter of getting a chance to do it in the game."

Under Coach Rich Rodriguez in Morgantown in 2003, Wilson found his chance

to make the play which put him in the limelight all across the country as he powered over Miami safety Brandon Meriweather for a big Mountaineer turnaround.

"It was a year when we were just bouncing around. We were 1-3 -- hanging around. Then we were so close to beating the number one team in the nation (Miami). That one play spring-boarded us for seven straight wins," Wilson said.

Despite growing up in Steelers' country, Wilson grew up a Chicago Bears' fan. Quincy's father, Otis Wilson, was a member of the 1985 Bears Super Bowl champions which made it easier to root against the Steelers.

Now, only a few hours from home, Wilson is ecstatic to be able to come around his old stomping grounds and play in front of his loved ones.

"It is great because my family can come watch me. When I was in Atlanta they could only come to the games sometimes. In Cincinnati, I had people at all the home and playoff games. It can be a grind at times, but when I can see my little man it is always a good day," he exclaimed.

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OVAC Game By the Numbers

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Ohio 8 14 0 0
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TEAM STATS

	OH	W.Va
First Downs	14	11
Rushing Yards	122	89
Passing Yards	162	47
Total Offense	284	136
Fumbles	0-0	2-1
Penalties	4-50	4-20

INDIVIDUAL STATS

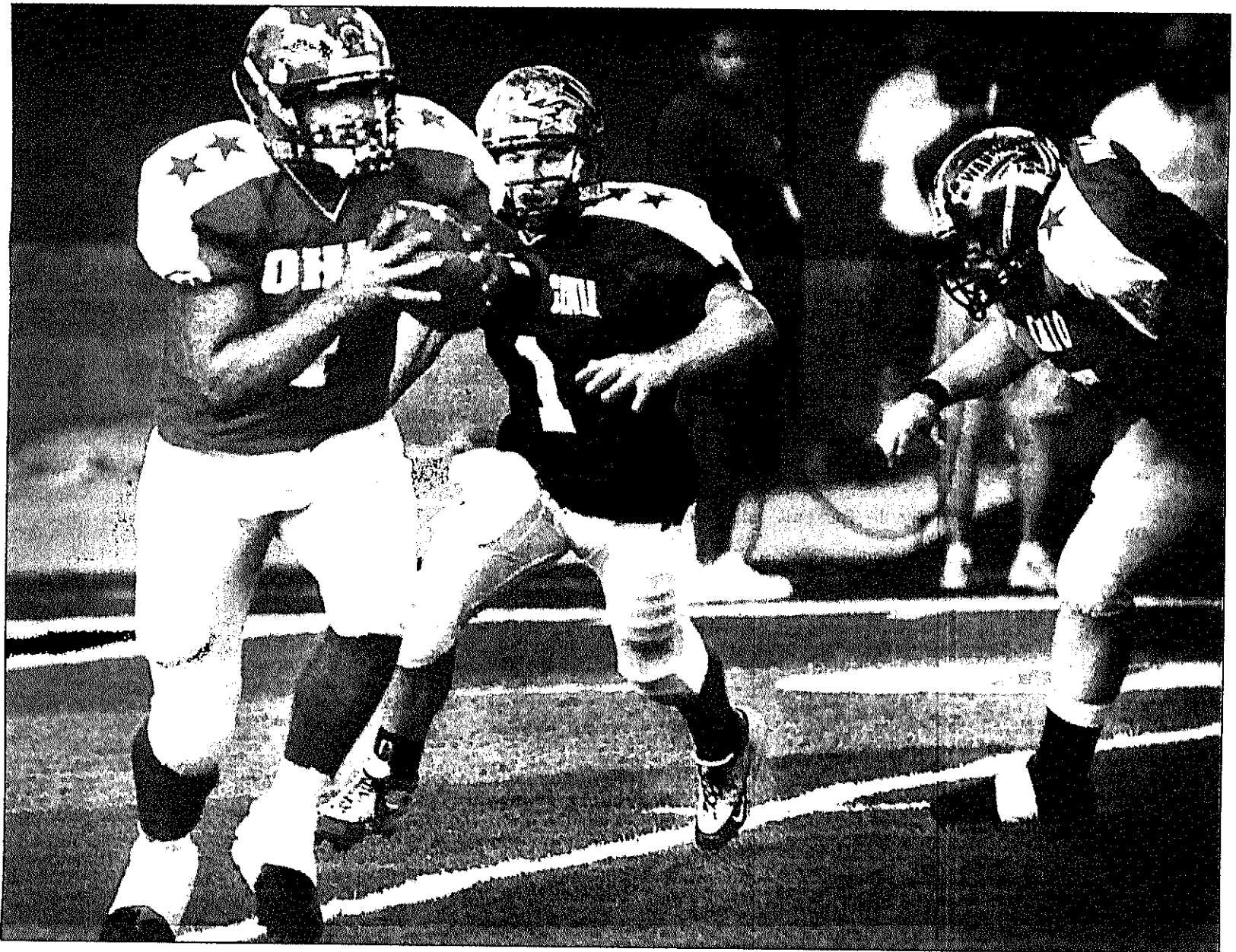
Rushing: Ohio -- Bud Hines, 5-71-1; Zach Hawrot, 5-51; Nate Davis, 4-(-5); Jimmy Bowersock, 3-11; Kyle Warden, 2-(-6); Eric Francis, 3-12; Jeremy Presley, 3-2; J.J. Kuczynski, 1-(-14).

West Virginia -- Brandon Sperlazza, 6-17; Josh Smith, 12-29; Jason Pyles, 6-10; Evan Hewitt, 4-22; Ryan Cagot, 4-20; Josh Sims, 5-11.

Passing: Ohio -- Nate Davis, 11-17 162-2-0. Kyle Winland, 0-1-0-0-1. West Virginia -- Brandon Sperlazza, 1-2-17-0-0; Josh Sims 1-2-14-0-0; Jason Pyles, 1-2-16-0-1.

Receiving: Ohio -- Willie Walker, 8-133-2; Johnny Jones 1-12; Kyle Winland 1-7; Caesar Hawkins, 1-3; J.J. Savage, 1-7. West Virginia -- Billy Irwin, 1-18; Ronnie Green, 1-17; Chris Nemeth, 1-14.

Ohio 22, W.Va. 0



Top: Ohio quarterback Nate Davis scrambles to get away from the pressure provided by West Virginia's Brandon Sperlazza during action of Sunday's 5th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium. Below, John Marshall's Evan Hewitt (28) looks to get past Ohio's Casey Orndorff (3).

Photos by Scott McCloskey

Davis, Walker shine for Ohio stars

By JIM ELLIOTT

Assistant Sports Editor

Bellaire's Nate Davis and Harrison Central's Willie Walker saw this coming.

West Virginia did not.

They thought they were going to be able to put on a show last month at the Ohio North-South game, injuries forced Walker to the defensive side of the ball. Ohio coach Rick Goodrich had seen enough of the two in practice last week to make sure that didn't happen in Sunday's 35th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium.

And he was rewarded handsomely.

Davis found Walker eight times for 133 yards as they led Ohio to a 22-0 blanking of West Virginia.

"If I'd had him all season," Davis wondered, "I'd broken every record in history."

While it was the air display that had everyone marveling, Ohio took to the ground for its first score in the form of Barnesville's Buddy Hines, as he took the team's third play from scrimmage 47 yards for a score. The Buckeyes used a bit of trickery on the point-after try, as Steubenville Central's J.J. Kuczynski took the snap and ran uncontested around the right side for two.

Later, after a West Virginia drive was thwarted by an interception by Sean West, Davis and Walker went to work. Twice they hooked up for completions on Ohio's third drive, including the first of their touchdown connections, this being a beautifully thrown 32-yard touchdown pass down the left sideline on the north end of the stadium that put the Buckeyes up 15-0.

They were just getting warmed up.

During Ohio's next drive, which began with the first-half clock ticking under 5 minutes, Davis found Walker three times for a total of 70

Ohio 22, West Virginia 0

Ohio 8 14 0 0 — 22
West Virginia 0 0 0 0 — 0
O — Hines 47 run (Kuczynski run), 8:29
O — Walker 12 pass from Davis (Rose kick), 11:19
O — Walker 36 pass from Davis (Rose kick), :04
Rushing: Ohio 28-115-td (Hines 6-65-td, Hawrot 8-50, Davis 4-(-5), Bowersock 3-12, Warden 2-(-6), Francis 3-11, Prasley 3-2, Kuczynski 1-(-14), West Virginia 40-100 (Sperlazza 6-16, Smith 12-30, Pyles 6-(-13), Hewitt 5-31, Cagot 4-20, Sims 7-16).
Passing: Ohio 13-22-167-2td-1x (Davis 13-21-167-2td, Winland 0-1-0-1x); West Virginia 3-8-47-0td-1x (Sperlazza 1-2-17, Pyles 1-2-16-1x, Sims 2-3-14, Hewitt 0-1).
Receiving: Ohio 13-167-2td (Jones 1-12, Walker 8-133, Winland 1-7, Hawkins 1-3, Savage 1-7, Warden 1-7); West Virginia 3-47 (Nemeth 1-14, Green 1-17, Irwin 1-16).
First Downs: Ohio 14, West Virginia 9.
Penalties: Ohio 3-35, West Virginia 4-20.
Fumbles-lost: Ohio 0-0; West Virginia 3-1.

yards, including another picture perfect touchdown pass of 36 yards down the left sideline of the south end of the stadium with just four seconds left in the half.

To give you an idea of how big a part Walker played in the offense, Ohio ran eight other plays on the drive, but moved the ball only 18 yards.

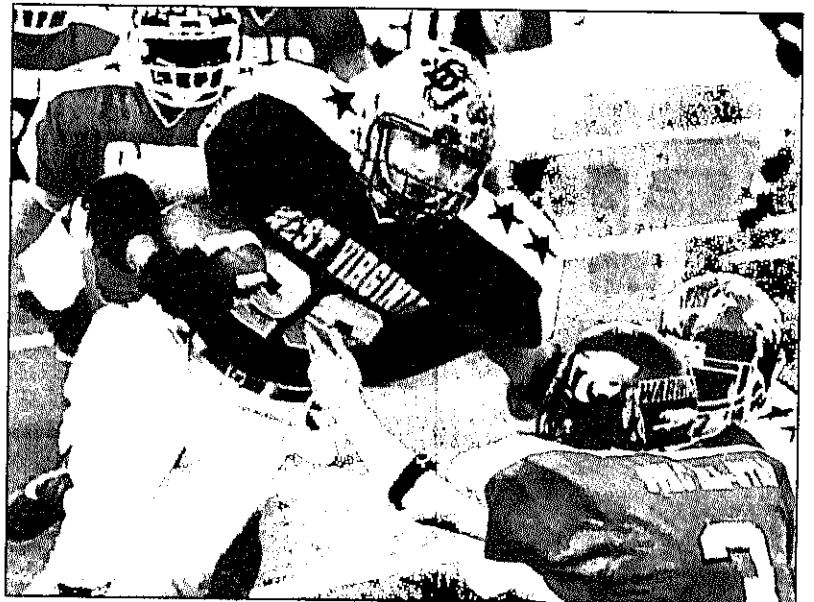
By halftime, Walker had already hauled in seven passes for 125 yards and a pair of scores.

"They connected all week in practice and they just make it look so effortless," Goodrich said.

Davis was as advertised, completing 11 of his 13 first-half passes for 154 yards by halftime.

"The smartest thing we did as a coaching staff is back in February picking these guys," Goodrich said. "The second smartest thing we did was let the athletes play. It doesn't take a genius to figure that out. You just let them be."

At halftime, West Virginia had been outgained 239-73 and really



had only one big play to speak of. And that was too little, too late.

After Walker's second touchdown grab, Wheeling Park's Ronnie Green returned the kickoff 75 yards to the Ohio 15 before running out of gas — and into Shady-side's Lyle Burkhart, who made sure his mates were going to carry a shutout into the locker room.

The Mountaineers did have one other legitimate scoring chance in the first half, led by Magnolia's Josh Sims. Sims, the third W.Va. quarterback to be used in the half, moved the Mountaineers from their own 18 to the Ohio 12, sprinkling in the team's only completed pass of the half — a 14-yard strike to Brooke's Chris Nemeth — before they lost the ball on downs. West Virginia quarterbacks completed just three passes for 47 yards in the game and the Mountaineers were limited to just 2.5 yards per attempt on 40 carries.

"We were up against a defense that was very fast and aggressive," West Virginia coach Eric Meek said. "We did move the ball on the ground when we went to double

tight (ends). We really like that. We were able to run some of the clock off and that helped our defense. We couldn't execute when we were in the red zone. We could have scored twice if we'd made a couple of plays, but we didn't and that's a credit to Ohio."

Davis finished 13 of 21 for 167 yards and the two touchdowns.

West Virginia was limited to just 147 yards of total offense by a rugged Ohio defense that pitched its third shutout in this game in the last eight years.

"On defense, we just had a great group of guys," Goodrich said. "They can run, they're tough, they're physical. They know what it's about. We just lined them up and let them go."

West Virginia's leading rusher was John Marshall's Evan Hewitt, who ran five times for 31 yards.

Hines led all ballcarriers with 65 yards on six carries. Steubenville Central's Zach Hawrot added 50 yards on six carries.

Game Note

Bellaire's Lacey Baker was named the Queen of Queens.

W.Va. Boasts Strong Offensive Line

Meek believes unit could be the catalyst that propels Mountain State to victory

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The News-Register
West Virginia head coach Eric Meek knows most football games are won and lost in the trenches.

He's hoping the offensive linemen he's assembled for the July 23 Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium will tip that balance in the Mountain State's favor.

Meek's offensive line candidates include: Wheeling Park's Brett Traylor, Weir High's Josh Lang, Cameron's Andrew Bee, Brooke's Tom Boreman, Wheeling Central's Pat Reasbeck, Oak Glen's Bryan Rowland and Linsly's John Ruskowski.

"We think we have a nice mixture of big guys and kids who move well," Meek said.

"These guys need to be ready for a great game because we will need to sustain some drives and keep the chains moving."

Here is a capsule look at the players:

Brett Traylor
Wheeling Park

This Patriot was one of the top two-way linemen for Coach Mark Nardone's team last fall.

The 6-5, 270-pounder was selected to participate in the West Virginia North-South Game.

Traylor was a captain of the Wheeling Park wrestling team, which won the Class AAA state title.

He also took part in track and was a member of the Young Patriots Chorus.

Brett, who is headed to Marshall, is the son of Scott and Barbara Traylor of Wheeling.

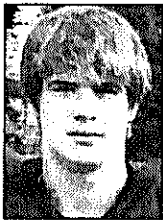
Pat Reasbeck
Wheeling Central

This Maroon Knight was one of the key cogs in Wheeling Central's successful defense of its West Virginia Class A state title.

A standout guard and tackle



Brett Traylor



Pat Reasbeck



John Ruskowski



Josh Lang



Andrew Bee



Tom Boreman

for Coach Mike Young. Reasbeck was a first-team all-Valley pick and was second-team all-state. He was honorable mention all-OVAC.

The 6-2, 220-pounder also placed fifth in the state wrestling tournament.

Reasbeck received the Lou Mack Award, which is given to a distinguished and dedicated senior player.

Pat is also active in the community, helping with canned food drives, and is active in his church. Academically, Reasbeck is also talented. He was named academic all-state and is a member of the National Honor Roll.

Reasbeck served as vice president of the junior class and was treasurer of the senior class.

Pat, who will attend California (Pa.) University, is the son of Amy Reasbeck and Michael Reasbeck. He resides in Wheeling.

John Ruskowski
Linsly

This two-way lineman was a viable cog up front for Coach Terry Depew's team.

The 5-10, 220-pounder was a mainstay at guard and tackle for the Cadets.

He was named all-state this past season and was also named to the all-Valley team.

He was twice selected as all-OVAC and was a team captain last season.

John, who plans on attending Case Western Reserve University, is the son of John and Janice Ruskowski of Shady-side.

Josh Lang
Weir

This two-way standout played a pivotal role during the Red Riders' run to the West Virginia Class AA state title.

The 6-2, 315-pounder starred at offensive guard and defensive tackle for Meek's state championship squad.

A two-time all-Valley selection, Lang served as a team captain during his senior season at Weir.

He was also a standout in the classroom.

Lang received the President's Education Award for Academic Excellence and was a member of the National Honor Roll, the All-American Scholar Program and a Top of the Mountain Scholar.

He's also received the WVU Mountain Scholar Award and was president of Hi-Y.

The son of Rudy and Sandra Lang of Weirton, Josh plans on pursuing a pharmacy degree at West Virginia University.

Andrew Bee
Cameron

This former Dragon was a standout at both defensive end and tight end for Coach Jim Rogers last fall.

The 6-4, 208-pounder was recognized for his fine season by being named captain of the River Valley Conference squad and was also a first-team Mason-Dixon selection and also first-team all-OVAC.

He was a special mention all-West Virginia pick.

Bee was also a four-year member of the Dragons' basketball team. He also took part

in SADD and he was a member of the C-Club.

Andrew, who will attend either West Liberty or Fairmont State University, is the son of Angie and Andy Bee of Glen Easton.

Tom Boreman
Brooke

This three-year mainstay was a two-way standout in the trenches for Coach Dave Reiter's Bruins.

The 6-0, 225-pounder was a three-year letterman and also served as a captain this past season and won the lineman award.

Along with his athletic prowess, Boreman was a member of the yearbook staff.

Tom, who will attend West Liberty State College, is the son of Thomas Boreman of Follansbee.

Bryan Rowland
Oak Glen

This Golden Bear was a standout linebacker and lineman for Coach Tom Taylor's Hancock County squad.

The 5-11, 205-pounder took part in the North-South Game in West Virginia and was a second-team all-state pick.

Rowland was also a standout for the powerful Golden Bear wrestling team, winning the 215-pound state title and he was also the regional champ.

Academically, Rowland was a member of the Oak Glen National Honor Society.

Bryan, who plans on attending Washington & Jefferson College, is the son of Matt and Denise Rowland of New Cumberland.

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Woods' putting errors keep British Open up for grabs Garcia's 65 earns spot in the final group; DeMarco, Els also in the thick of things

HOYLAKE, England (AP) — Tiger Woods gazed across green and brown splotches of grass and tried desperately to gauge the speed of his putts, each mistake costing him a chance to turn this British Open into another run-away.

A chance for eagle turned into par. What looked like a birdie became a bogey.

His only consolation Saturday after rapping in a 3-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole at Royal Liverpool for a 1-under 71 was seeing his name atop the leaderboard, knowing that he has never lost any of the previous 10 majors when he took the lead into the last round.

Even so, the gentle wind off the

Irish Sea carried renewed hope for Sergio Garcia, Ernie Els and an all-star cast chasing him.

They all knew it could have been worse.

So did Woods.

"Just take away my three-putts, I would have a four-shot lead," Woods said.

Instead, he was at 13-under 203 and will be in the final group with the Garcia, a 26-year-old Spaniard who has been chasing Woods for seven years.

Garcia blistered the sun-baked links for a 65 to give him his best chance ever to capture a major.

Garcia holed out a 9-iron from 167 yards for eagle on No. 2, took only 29 shots on the outward nine and never faded. It will be his first

time in the final group of a major since he was four shots behind Woods in the 2002 U.S. Open at Bethpage Black.

"I did what I had to do to give myself a chance," Garcia said.

Everyone else did just enough to turn this British Open into a wide-open affair.

Also at 12-under 204 was Chris DiMarco, who overcame consecutive bogeys at the turn by making three straight birdies. DiMarco, who lost a playoff to Woods at the 2005 Masters, had a chance to join him in the lead until his fairway metal to the 18th green got stuck behind a pot bunker, forcing him to play away from the flag.

And don't forget the Big Easy.

Els, in the final pairing with Woods at a major for the first time in six years, struggled with his irons but refused to allow himself to fall too far behind. He picked up birdies on the par-5 16th and 18th holes for a 71, leaving him in the three-way tie for second.

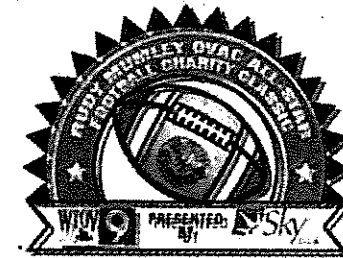
Woods might be 10-0 when he has at least a share of the 54-hole lead in majors, but in half of those victories he led by at least three shots.

Reminded of Woods' perfect record, DiMarco wasn't interested.

"Stats don't lie. Obviously, he's a pretty good front-runner, and usually he's got a five- or six-shot

Kickoff time!

Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic slated tonight at Wheeling Stadium

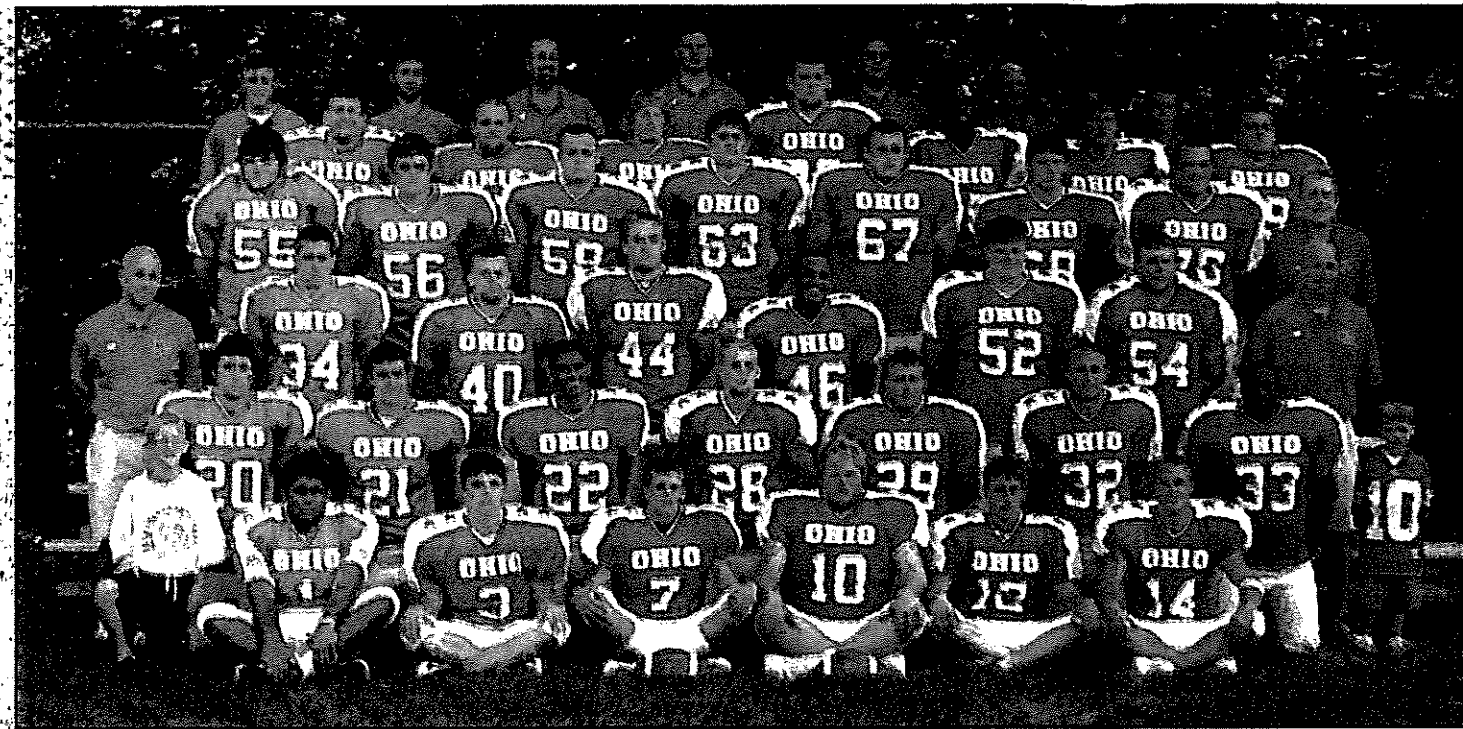


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It's time to kick off the 2006 football season OVAC-style with the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity All-Star Football Classic tonight at Wheeling Island Stadium. Head coaches for tonight's game are Eric Meek of Weir (left) on the West Virginia side and Rick Goodrich of Cambridge on the Ohio side. Both were victorious in their previous attempt, Meek in 1996 when he was head coach at Wellsville High and Goodrich in 1997 when he was at Bridgeport High. More coverage of the game is on page B-2.



Browns reach agreement



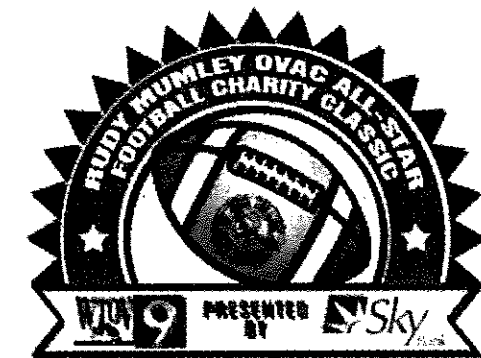
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Representing Ohio in tonight's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium are, first row l to r, Nate Davis of Bellaire, Casey Orndorff of River, Kyle Warden of Cambridge, Jim Bowersock of Beaver Local, Andrew Bobka of Bellaire and J. J. Kuczynski of Steubenville Catholic; second row, manager Tanner Wilson, Ty Hess of Bellaire, Kyle Winland of Meadowbrook, Sean West of Indian Creek, Bud Hines of Barnesville, Shawn Lively of Shenandoah, Zach Hawrot of Steubenville Catholic, Demeatrus Benjamin of Steubenville and manager Payne Johnson; third row, head coach Rick Goodrich, Eric Francis of St. Clairsville, Jeremy Presley of Steubenville, Johnny Jones of Cambridge, Caesar Hawkins of Indian Creek, Eric Gilmore of Steubenville, Greg Verhovec of Buckeye Local and assistant coach Matt Johnson; fourth row, Corey Hastings of Barnesville, Shane Clark of Martins Ferry, John Horn of Shenandoah, Justin Tollett of Shadyside, Geno Agostini of Harrison Central, Lyle Burkhardt of Shadyside, Jeremiah Hinerman of Edison and trainer Randy Elliott; fifth row, Ralph Petrella of Steubenville, Justin Britnell of Cambridge, J.J. Savage of Buckeye Trail, Steve Rose of Steubenville, Willie Walker of Harrison Central, Corey Doughty of Bridgeport, Eddie McConnell of Monroe; sixth row, manager Taylor Leppla, assistant coaches Devin Nicholes, Kevin Gunn, Ryan Caldwell, Bob Mascolino, Bill Timko and manager Tyler Hardesty.

Ohio All-Star Roster

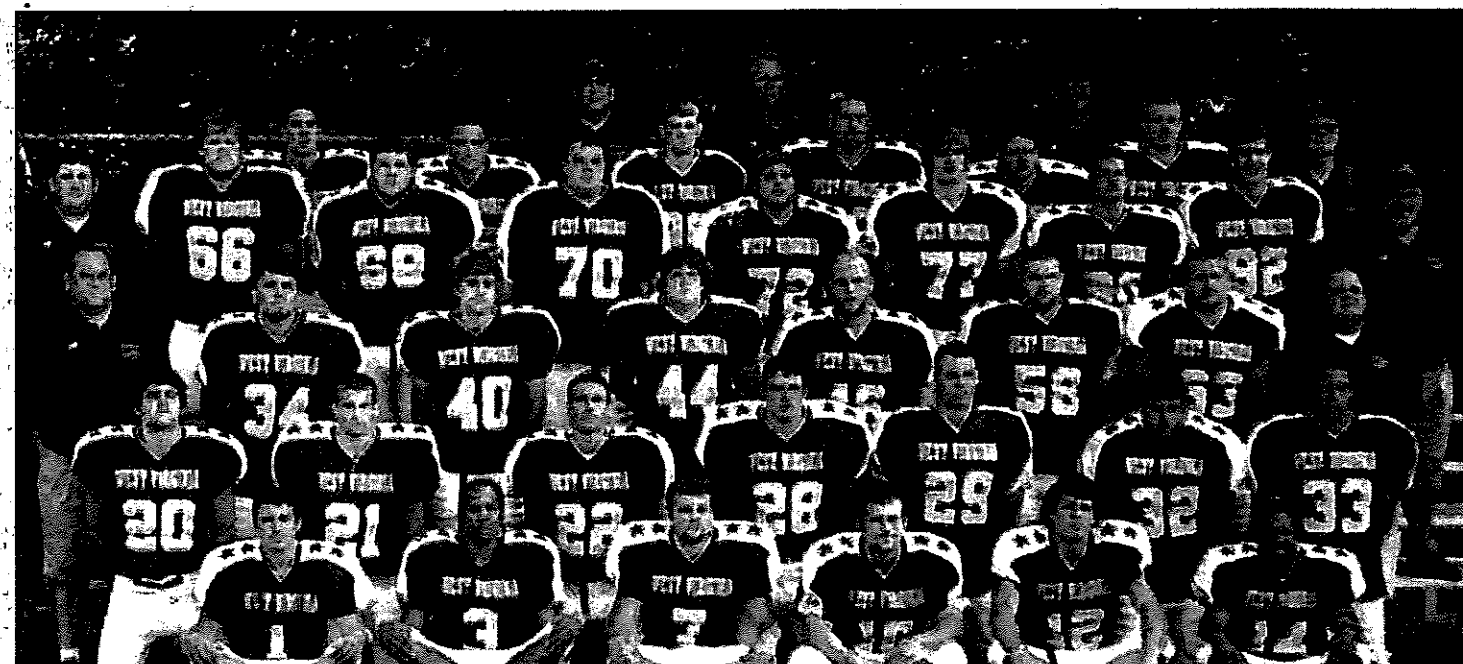
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7	Kyle Warden	6-0	165	DB	Cambridge
10	Jim Bowersock	5-11	255	FB	Beaver Local
12	Andrew Bobka	6-0	175	CB	Bellaire
14	J.J. Kuczynski	5-11	175	QB	Steub. Catholic
20	Ty Hess	6-0	175	DE	Bellaire
21	Kyle Winland	5-10	175	WR	Meadowbrook
22	Sean West	6-1	180	CB	Indian Creek
28	Bud Hines	5-11	172	TB	Barnesville
29	Shawn Lively	5-9	190	LB	Shenandoah
32	Zach Hawrot	6-0	180	TB	Steub. Catholic
33	Demeatrus Benjamin	5-11	215	LB	Steubenville
34	Eric Francis	5-10	190	LB	St. Clairsville
40	Jeremy Presley	5-8	175	LB	Steubenville
44	Johnny Jones	6-0	218	TE/LB	Cambridge
46	Caesar Hawkins	5-10	190	DT	Indian Creek
52	Eric Gilmore	6-1	275	OL	Steubenville
54	Greg Verhovec	5-11	225	OL	Buckeye Local
55	Corey Hastings	6-1	255	OL	Barnesville
56	Shane Clark	5-10	225	LB	Martins Ferry
58	John Horn	6-1	230	OL	Shenandoah
63	Justin Tollett	6-3	200	DE	Shadyside
67	Geno Agostini	6-1	25	DT	Harrison Central
70	Jeremiah Hinerman	6-1	280	OL	Edison
72	Ralph Petrella	6-2	200	OL	Steubenville
77	Justin Britnell	5-11	230	OL	Cambridge
80	J.J. Savage	6-0	180	WR	Buckeye Trail
82	Steve Rose	6-6	260	K/P	Steubenville
85	Willie Walker	6-3	175	WR	Harrison Central
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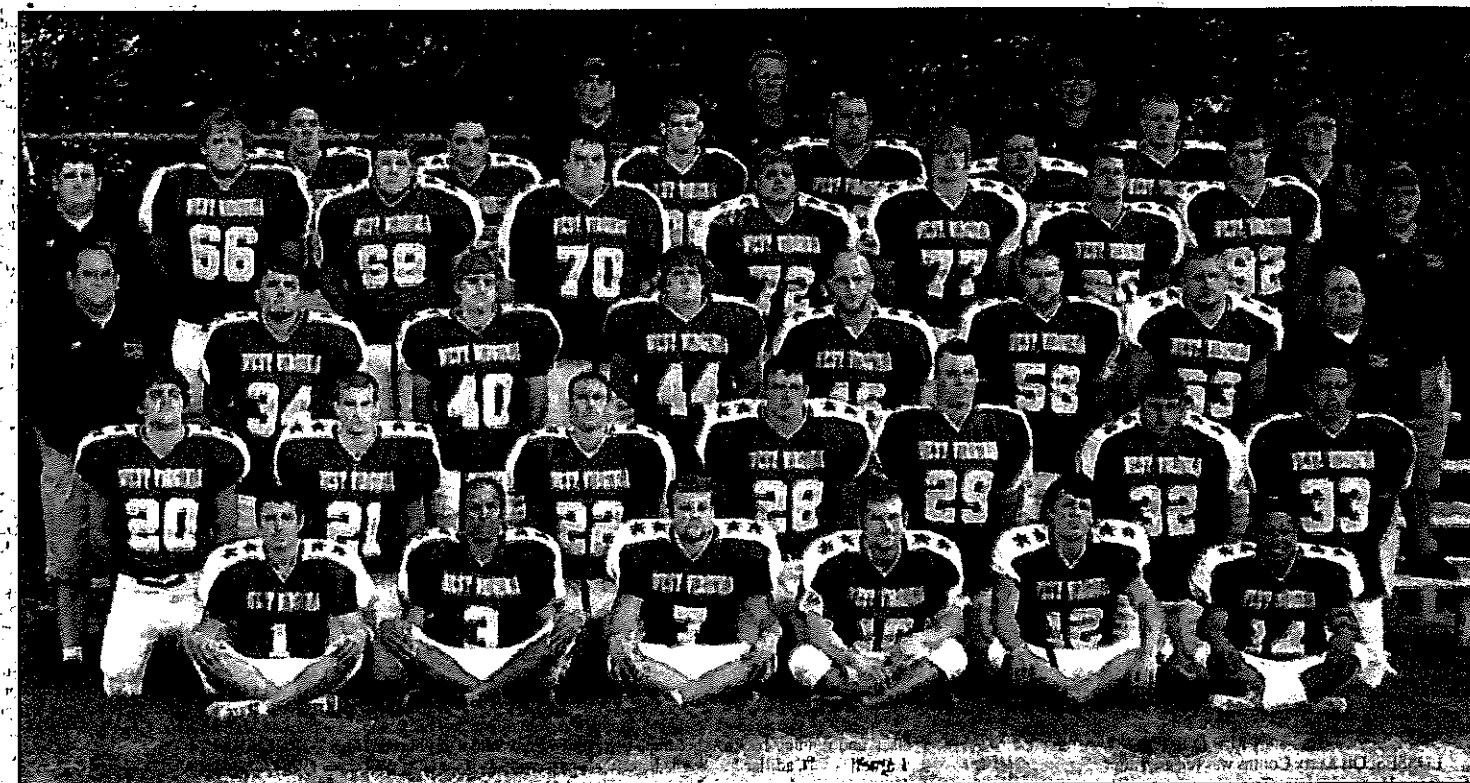
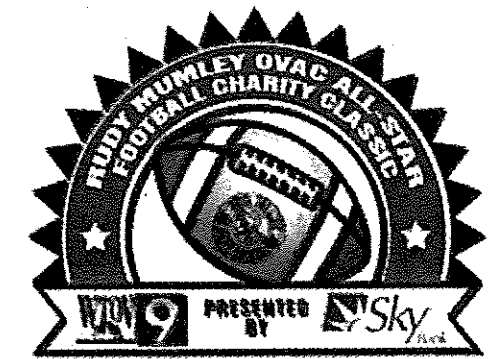
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21	Andy Kotson	5-8	150	FS	John Marshall
22	Matt Ceran	5-9	165	RB/DB	Madonna
28	Evan Hewitt	6-0	200	RB/LB	John Marshall
29	Rick Pugh	6-4	210	TE/DE	Brooke
32	Mike Buffo	5-10	200	FB/LB	Weir
33	Joah Smith	6-0	187	RB/LB	Weir
34	Ryan Cagot	5-8	199	RB	Brooke
40	Tyler Ividen	5-8	170	RB/LB	Linsly
44	Matt Miller	5-8	190	FB	Wvg. Central
46	Joe Riden	5-9	200	RB/LB	Bishop Donahue



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 - 1994 - W. Va. 19, Ohio 14
 - 1993 - W. Va. 34, Ohio 32
 - 1992 - 0-0 (Canceled/Lightning)
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Players began preparations for the 35th Ohio-West Virginia mid-summer gridiron showdown (the game began in 1940 and came under OVAC sponsorship in 1972) last Sunday on the campus of West Liberty State College, with band members and cheerleaders joining the fray on Wednesday. The participants have taken part in a series of activities from pizza parties to ice cream socials to pep rallies to the annual George Strager Evening With The Stars extravaganza, but now it's time to showcase their collective talents.

In other words, it's time for some football!

As usual, Ohio enters the game as the big favorite, having won 10 of the last 11 games dating back to 1993 (the only loss coming in 2004 when West Virginia claimed a 21-7 victory).

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Game Notes: Officiating the game will be Rusty Vermillion, Steve Snyder, Richard Swinsinski, John Timko, Chris Robinson and Bill Flanagan. Frank Bland, Milan Vosvick and the late Don Carp, all of Wheeling, will be recognized as honorary officials...For the first time ever, the game — which has donated a total of \$771,600 over the years to various local charities — will feature two "presenting" sponsors — WTOV-TV9 and SkyBank...Ohio leads the series 22-11-1 since the OVAC assumed sponsorship in 1972 and 37-22-1 overall dating back to 1940...Tickets will be available at the gate for \$10 each (youngsters 5-under are admitted free)...

Area Participants

McDonald's All-Star Band

Barnesville — Justin Conway, Shane Grimes, Donetta Meadows, Chelsea Pryor, Christina Rogers, Charlotte Wilson
 Buckeye Trail — Jerica Baker, Josh Bodner, Jessica King, Amy Parry, J.D. Price, Samantha Showalter
 Meadowbrook — Jessica Barker, Kaylyn Gress, Samantha Kaneff, Ashley Sanders

Queen of Queens Pageant

Barnesville — Kayla Ralston
 Cambridge — Teressia High
 Shenandoah — Jena Miley

Aeropostale Cheerleading Squad

Shenandoah — Tiffany Akers
 Barnesville — Heather Jefferis

Ohio All-Star Players

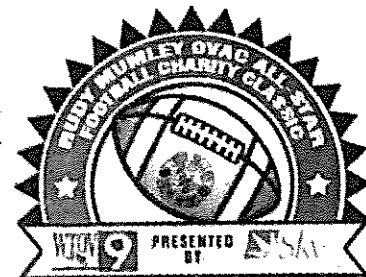
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Tyler Hardesty, Taylor Leppla, Tanner Wilson





The Bottom Line

By DON CLEGG

Here are a few unsolicited words of advice for the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference regarding this month's Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity All-Star Football Game.

Keep the Ohio-West Virginia format that has proven so successful over the years.

Keep the date of the game in late July where it serves as the unofficial kickoff to the high school football season.

There's a natural rivalry between West Virginia and Ohio.

Is it one-sided because the OVAC has so many more Ohio schools than West Virginia schools?

Certainly. But that provides a built-in story line for each year's game and makes the occasional Mountain State win even more entertaining.

Upsets are the glittering threads woven into the fabric of life for die-hard sports fans.

You can make the case that, on paper, Ohio should win this game every year.

But, as any coach will tell you, that's why they play the game on the field.

An OVAC North-South game wouldn't have the spark of natural rivalry to drive it.

If you don't believe me, ask the folks who put on the North-South All-Star Games in Ohio and West Virginia each summer.

The OVAC game — which in truth is merely a conference all-star game — consistently outdraws the state all-star games by a wide margin at the gate.

If you don't think it's important to have a big crowd at the OVAC game, just ask all the local charities that have benefited from the proceeds over the years.

The official attendance at last month's Ohio North-South All-Star Game in Columbus was a mere 5,910.

They haven't released official attendance figures for West Virginia's North-South Game in Charleston but unofficial estimates pegged the number at approximately 2,500.

Incidentally, the Big 33 Game between Pennsylvania and Ohio was played in Hershey, Pa. the same weekend as the Ohio North-South Game.

Even though Big 33 organizers were said to be disappointed that the Ohio North-South Game — which is operated by the state's football coaches association — siphoned off much of the Buckeye State's top talent, they were still able to put more than 14,000 fans in the seats.

Hmmm.

Pennsylvania vs. Ohio.

North vs. South.

What's more attractive to you?

With the Big 33 game switching to June, the OVAC All-Star Game is now one of the few games still being played in July.

One reason for the move of many games to June is the recent decision by the NCAA to allow Division I scholarship athletes to begin taking on-campus classes in summer school at their respective universities.

Moving the games to June, before the start of summer school, made these players available.

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All-State QBs Top W.Va. Backs

Meek has four first-team all-staters in Mountain State backfield

By SETH STASKEY

For The News-Register

When trying to pick his backfield for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, Weir High's Eric Meek looked for the traditional combination of speed and power.

He thinks he found it.

"We feel we have a nice mixture assembled," Meek said. "We know what kind of team Ohio has, so we hopefully have some guys who will keep the chains moving and get us some points."

At the quarterback spot, Meek had the luxury of two first-team All-Staters in his own Brandon Sperlazza and Magnolia's Josh Sims.

"We have two outstanding athletes at quarterback," Meek said. "We feel real comfortable with the two kids we chose at quarterback."

The running back contingent is comprised of Valley's Zach Ueltschy, Brooke's Chris Nemeth, Madonna's Matt Ceran, Brooke's Ryan Cagot and Weir High's Josh Smith.

Brandon Sperlazza
Weir High

This Red Rider signalcaller was one of the main cogs in the run to the West Virginia AA state championship.

The 5-9, 170 pounder passed for 1,148 yards and 19 touchdowns last fall.



Brandon Sperlazza



Josh Sims



Ryan Cagot



Zach Ueltschy



Chris Nemeth



Josh Smith

He was a first-team all-West Virginia pick, first-team all-Valley and all-OVAC pick as a senior.

All told, he was a three-time all-stater and all-OVAC performer.

Along with football, Sperlazza was active in the career club and the drama club.

Brandon, who is headed to Washington & Jefferson College, is the son of Darlene and Craig Sperlazza of Weirton.

Josh Sims
Magnolia

This Blue Eagle quarterback enjoyed an exceptional senior season in which he was named captain of the all-state team.

Sims passed for 1,774 yards and 17 touchdowns this season for the Blue Eagles and coach Mark Batton.

The versatile athlete also rushed for 1,301 yards and 19 more TDs. His 3,075 yards of total offense led the state of West Virginia.

The 5-9, 185 pounder was a first-team all-OVAC and all-

Valley pick and finished fourth in the voting for the prestigious Kennedy Award.

Along with football, Sims also played a major role on Magnolia's state championship baseball team.

An invited walkon at West Virginia University, Josh is the son of Randall and Debbie Sims of Proctor.

Chris Nemeth
Brooke

This Bruin was a lead blocker all season and exemplified the fullback role for Coach Dave Reitter's squad.

A hard-nosed 5-9, 205-pounder, Nemeth was named the team's defensive back of the year and also handled the Bruins' punting duties last fall. As a junior, Nemeth was named the team's most improved player.

Along with those honors, he's a member of Who's Who Among American High School Athletes and took part in the National High School Football Bowl at Kent State University last month.

Away from the field, Chris served as a peer buddy and was a member of DECA during the past two years.

Chris, who will attend California (Pa.) University, is the son of Ed and Debbie Nemeth of Follansbee.

Ryan Cagot
Brooke

This speedy Bruin tailback followed the blocking of the aforementioned Nemeth for 1,011 yards and nine touchdowns.

The 5-8, 200 pounder was a second-team all-state pick, first-team all-OVAC, second-team all-Valley and was the Brooke Offensive MVP as well as team captain.

Away from the field, Cagot is active in Peer Buddy, HOSA, REACH and Interact.

Ryan, who is headed to West Liberty, is the son of Chuck and Sharon Cagot of Follansbee.

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Many people — including some of those involved with putting on these all-star games — believed that once a student attends a college class, he becomes ineligible to play in a high school all-star game.

That's not what the NCAA says.

According to a spokesman from the NCAA, that rule only applies to full-time students at a university.

If a student is taking fewer than nine credit hours during summer school, he is considered a part-time student and is eligible to participate in high school-related activities until he begins taking classes as a full-time student in the fall.

The bigger problem for game organizers is the fact that some college coaches simply tell their recruits not to play in any all-star games for fear of injury.

But those bans are in effect for June games as well as July.

The Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football All-Star Classic isn't broken.

Please don't fix it.

Pittsnogle and Gansey

Gordon Malone's place in West Virginia University basketball history is still secure.

Malone, one of Gale Catlett's troubled yet talented problem children from the mid-1990s, is the last WVU basketball player to be selected in the NBA Draft.

The 6-11 Malone was chosen by the Minnesota Timberwolves in the second round of the 1997 draft with the 44th overall pick and promptly fell off the face of the basketball earth.

That drought was supposed to come to an end last week when Kevin Pittsnogle and Mike Gansey were projected by the majority of NBA draft "experts" as likely second-round selections. Some even had Pittsnogle targeted as a possible late first round pick.

As we all know, that didn't happen.

Neither player heard their name called Wednesday night but that doesn't mean their

Free youth football clinic set by OVAC

WHEELING, WV - To kickoff the beginning of the 2006-07 'Subway Sports Clinic Series' the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will be hosting its third annual free youth football clinic in conjunction with the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic presented by WTOV9 and Sky Bank. The clinic will take place the day of the game on Sunday, July 23, on the turf of Wheeling Island Stadium.

Registration will take place at the Stadium from noon to 12:45 p.m. The clinic will last from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will be directed by OVAC football coaches, including members of the Wheeling Park High School football staff. The instructors will teach the basic fundamentals of football with a focus on building self-esteem. The clinic is free and open to boys and girls ages 6-10 and 11-13.

Parents or legal guardians are required to have insurance and be present the day of the clinic to sign a waiver form. For more information visit www.OVAC.org, email: james@ovac.org or phone (304) 639-1238.

Besides Subway, Bordas & Bordas Attorneys at Law, Cingular Wireless, Comcast, The Health Plan, New Balance and the OVMC/EORH are sponsors of the event.

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is the largest functional high school athletic conference in the United States. It is comprised of 45 member schools with 12,000 athletes and 20,000 students that stretches across two states (Ohio and West Virginia) and 16 counties. The OVAC sponsors 19 sports and recognizes 60 champions.

The annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic presented by WTOV9 and Sky Bank is slated for Sunday, July 23, at Wheeling Island Stadium with kickoff planned for 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at area Kroger stores, Cabela's, Smitty's Floors in Wheeling and Steubenville and other Ohio Valley retail locations that can be found on line at the OVAC's official Web site, www.ovac.org.



WV O-Line set to battle in trenches

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

West Virginia head coach Eric Meek knows most football games are won and lost in the trenches.

He's hoping with the offensive linemen he's assembled for the July 23 Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium that the trend continues.

Meek's offensive line candidates include: Wheeling Park's Brett Traylor, Weir High's Josh Lang, Cameron's Andrew Bee, Brooke's Tom Boreman, Wheeling Central's Pat Reasbeck, Oak Glen's Bryan Rowland and Linsly's John Ruskowski.

"We think we have a nice mixture of big guys and kids who move well," Meek said. "These guys need to be ready for a great game because we will need to sustain some drives and keep the chains moving."

Here is a capsule look at the players:

BRETT TRAYLOR, Wheeling Park -- This Patriot was one of the top two-way lineman for Coach Mark Nardone's team last fall.

The 6-ft-5, 270 pounder was selected to participate in the West Virginia North-South Game.

Traylor was a captain of the Park wrestling team, which won the AAA state title. He also took part in track and was a member of the Young Patriots Chorus.

Brett, who plans on attending Marshall University, is the son of Scott and Barbara Traylor of Wheeling.

JOSH LANG, Weir High -- This two-way standout played a pivotal role during the Red Riders run to the West Virginia Class AA state title.

Lang was a guard and a defensive tackle for Meek with his 6-ft-2, 315-pound frame.

Lang was a team captain this past season and was also named to the all-Valley team for the second straight year.

Lang is also a standout in the classroom. He's received the President's Education Award for Academic Excellent, a member of the National Honor Roll, the All-American Scholar Program

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and he's a Top of the Mountain Scholar. He's also received the WVU Mountain Scholar. He's active in Hi-Y, serving as president and he also took part in youth in government.

Josh, who is the son of Rudy and Sandra Lang of Weirton, plans on attending West Virginia University for pre-pharmacy.

ANDREW BEE, Cameron -- This former Dragon was a standout at both defensive end and tightend for Coach Jim Rogers last fall.

The 6-ft-4, 208 pounder was recognized for his fine season by being named captain of the River Valley Conference squad and was also a first-team Mason-Dixon selection and also first-team all-OVAC. He was a special mention all-West Virginia pick.

Bee was also a four-year member of the Dragons' basketball team. He also took part in SADD and he was a member of the C-Club.

Andrew, who plans on attending either West Liberty or Fairmont State, is the son of Angie and Andy Bee of Glen Easton, W.Va.

TOM BOREMAN, Brooke -- This three-year mainstay was a two-way standout in the trenches for Coach Dave Reitter's Bruins.

The 6-ft, 225 pounder was a three-year letterman and also served as a captain this past season and won the lineman award.

Along with his athletic prowess, Boreman was a member of the yearbook staff.

Tom, who will attend West Liberty State College, is the son of Thomas Boreman of Follansbee.

PAT REASBECK, Wheeling Central -- This Maroon Knight was one of the key cogs in the run to a state title for Central last fall.

Reasbeck was a standout guard and tackle for Coach Mike Young.

He was an all-Valley pick and was second-team all-state. He was honorable mention all-

OVAC.

The 6-ft-2, 220 pounder also placed fifth in the state wrestling tournament.

Reasbeck received the Lou Mack Award, which is given to a distinguished and dedicated senior player.

Pat is also active in the community, helping with canned food drives and he's active in his church. Academically, Reasbeck is also talented. He was named academic all-state and is a member of the National Honor Roll.

He was vice president of the junior class and was treasurer of the senior class.

Pat, who will attend California University of Pennsylvania, is the son of Amy Reasbeck and Michael Reasbeck. He resides in Wheeling.

BRYAN ROWLAND, Oak Glen -- This Golden Bear was a standout linebacker and lineman for Coach Tom Taylor's team.

The 5-ft-11, 205 pounder took part in the North-South Game in West Virginia and was a second-team all-state

pick.

Rowland was also a standout for the powerful Golde Bear wrestling team, winning the 215-pound state title and he was also the regional champ.

Academically, Rowland is member of the Oak Glen National Honor Society.

Bryan, who plans on attending Washington & Jefferson College, is the son of Matt and Denise Rowland of New Cumberland.

JOHN RUSKOWSKI, Linsly -- This two-way lineman was a viable cog up front for Coach Terry Depew's team.

The 5-ft-10, 220 pounder was a mainstay at guard and tackle for the Cadets.

He was named all-state this past season and was also named to the all-Valley team. He was twice selected as all-OVAC and was a team captain last season.

John, who plans on attending Case Western Reserve University near Cleveland, is the son of John and Janice Ruskowski of Shadyside.

OVAC ALL-STAR FOOTBALL

Goodrich Turns Attention to Defense

Ohio team announces defensive linemen and linebackers for charity football classic

By **SETH STASKY**
For The News-Register

With his offensive pieces in place, Ohio All-Star head coach Rick Goodrich can now turn his attention to the defense.

Goodrich today announced his defensive linemen and linebackers for the July 23 Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

"We have some guys who could play both ways," Goodrich said. "We may use some guys on both sides of the ball, but we want to get to the point where we can use two-platoon."

"We like our defensive linemen and our linebackers are a very capable group who all had good seasons at their respective schools."

Slated to play along the defensive front and in the linebacking corps are Steubenville's Demetrius Benjamin, St. Clairsville's Eric Francis, Bellaire's Ty Hess, Cambridge's Johnny Jones, Shenandoah's John Horn and Shawn Lively, Monroe Central's Eddie McConnell, Shadyside's Justin Tollett and Indian Creek's Caesar Hawkins.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

Demetrius Benjamin
Steubenville

This linebacker roamed all over the field for Coach Reno Saccoccia's state championship Big Red team.

Benjamin was one of the team's leading tacklers and also saw time in the Big Red backfield as a capable fullback.

The 5-10, 230-pounder was a first-team all-Ohio selection as well as first-team all-Valley, all-district and all-OVAC. He also took part in last month's Ohio North-South Classic.

John Horn
Shenandoah

This Zep was a standout from his defensive end spot last season for Coach Tim Wilson's team.

The 6-1, 230-pounder was a first-team district pick and special mention all-Ohio. He was also a first-team all-OVAC and PVC performer.

Horn was also a standout in wrestling, posting a 49-2 mark this past winter and finishing second in the state meet. He was also an OVAC champion.

John is the son of Cecil Horn and Denise Novello. He resides in Caldwell.

Justin Tollett
Shadyside

This Tiger wreaked havoc all season from his defensive end spot for Coach Ty Fleming's team.

Tollett was a first-team all-Ohio selection after recording more than 10 sacks on the season. He was also among the Orange's top tacklers.

The Division VI Eastern District Defensive Player of the Year, Tollett was also named to the all-Valley and all-OVAC teams and captained the defensive unit of the all-Times Leader team.

Away from football, Tollett was active in JETS, TAPP, Yearbook, National Honor Society and Prom Committee.

Justin, the son of Dennis and Peggy Tollett, plans to attend Ohio State.

Eddie McConnell
Monroe Central

This Seminole was one of the top two-way players for Coach Jay Circosta's team, but made his mark at nose guard.

The 5-11, 315-pounder was one of the top Seminole tacklers and was named

first-team all-OVAC this past season. He was named to the BACF All-Star Game last month.

McConnell is also an avid weightlifter, winning the Seminole lift-a-thon in the squat and total weight.

Eddie, who plans to attend Hocking College, is the son of Rex and Linda McConnell of Lower Salem.

Shawn Lively
Shenandoah

This Zep was all over the field from his linebacker spot for Coach Tim Wilson's club last fall.

The 5-9, 190-pounder was first-team all-OVAC and all-PVC for his fine season. He was also a first-team all-district pick.

Lively is also active in baseball at Shenandoah.

Shawn is the son of John and Tammie Lively of Summerfield.

Johnny Jones
Cambridge

This Bobcat was a solid two-way mainstay for Goodrich and company in Guernsey County.

The 6-0, 220-pounder was a special mention all-Ohio, first-team eastern district, first-team all-OVAC and first-team all-ECOL honoree.

Jones is also a standout in the classroom, receiving the Wendy's High School Heisman Scholar Athlete Award, McDonald's Scholar Athlete Award, Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year Award, all-state academic team, leadership award and Cambridge High School Athlete of the Year award.

Johnny is a member of the Cambridge National Honor Society and a four-year academic letter winner. He also was a four-year basketball and baseball player.

The son of John Jones, Johnny will attend Gannon University.

Ty Hess
Bellaire

This Big Reds' defensive end had many defensive coordi-

minators scratching their heads for Coach John Magistro last season.

The 6-0, 175-pounder recorded 21 quarterback sacks last season and 32 in his career. Both are school records.

Hess was the Eastern District Defensive Player of the Year and a first-team all-Ohio pick. He was first-team all-Valley, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader.

He was also a standout for the Big Reds' track team, running legs on two state-placing relay teams.

The son of Ty Hess and Tina Meager, Ty plans to West Liberty State College.

Eric Francis
St. Clairsville

This senior was a two-way force for Coach Brett McLean's Red Devils last season.

The 5-ft-10, 190 pounder was a mainstay at fullback, running for 1,140 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was also one of the Red Devils' top tacklers from his linebacker

spot. Francis was a first-team all-District pick and second-team all-Ohio. He was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Valley and all-Times Leader selection and also received the OHSAA's Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award.

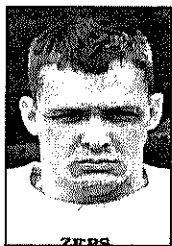
Francis is active in the National Honor Society, Young Life, Culture Club, Coaching youth football and French Club.

The son of Beth and Roger Francis of St. Clairsville, plans to attend Akron University.

Caesar Hawkins
Indian Creek

This defensive tackle was a force this past season for Coach Andrew Connor's Redskins.

Hawkins earned all-Valley, all-district and all-OVAC honors.



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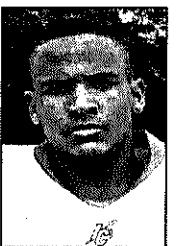
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OVAC ALL-STAR FOOTBALL

W.Va. Linebackers Have Plenty of Talent

By SETH STASKEY
For The News-Register

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Away from football, Yost played baseball, ran track and wrestled.

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The son of Jamie and Clyde Yost III of Middlebourne, Junior plans on attending West Liberty State College.

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Brooke

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end and also played tight end for Brooke.

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Mike Buffo
Weir

This middle linebacker was one of the key cogs in the Red Riders' run to the Class AA state title.

The 5-10, 200-pounder was the team's top tackler and earned first-team all-state, all-Valley and all-OVAC honors.

He was a three-year letterman for the Hancock County squad.

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Bishop Donahue

This former Bishop was a two-way mainstay for all four years on Coach John Durdines' Bishops.

Ridsen ran for 789 yards and eight scores as a halfback last season and was the team's leading tackler from his linebacker spot.

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Away from football, the 5-9, 200-pounder is an active member of the Benwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Joe, who plans on attending West Liberty State College, is the son of Joe and Crystal Ridsen of Benwood.



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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Meek Finalizes West Virginia Roster

By SETH STASKEY
For The News-Register

Weir High and West Virginia head coach Eric Meek hopes he's got all of the pieces in place for the Mountaineers to get back on the winning side in the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

He announced his secondary and utility players for the Sunday, July 23 game, which is slated for Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We've got a lot of versatile players," Meek said. "We looked for those kinds of kids when put this team together. We wanted guys who could do a lot of things, and we think we've found those kinds of players."

Comprising the remainder of the West Virginia roster are: Linsly's Jason Pyles and Bill Zavatsky, Wheeling Central's Matt Miller and John Marshall's Anthony Kotson.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

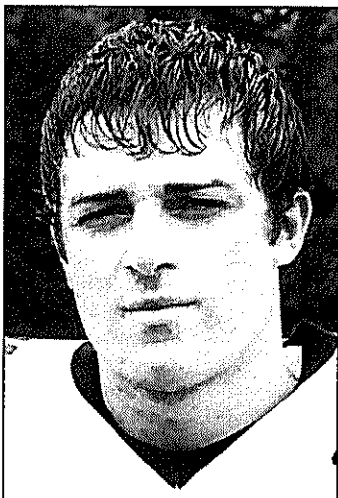
Jason Pyles
Linsly

This Cadet was a dual threat at quarterback last season for the now retired Terry Depew.

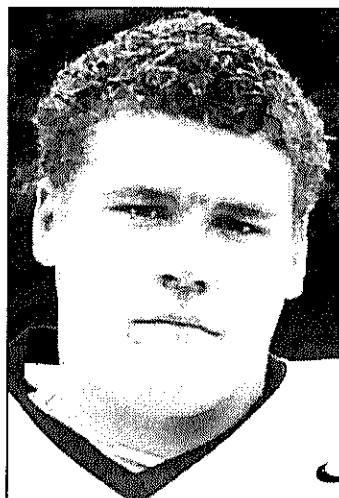
The 6-1, 205-pounder passed for a shade under 700 yards and seven scores and ran for better than 400 stripes last season.

Pyles was an honorable mention all-state pick, a first-team all-OVAC and second-team all-Valley player. He received the Coaches and Star Award and served as a co-captain.

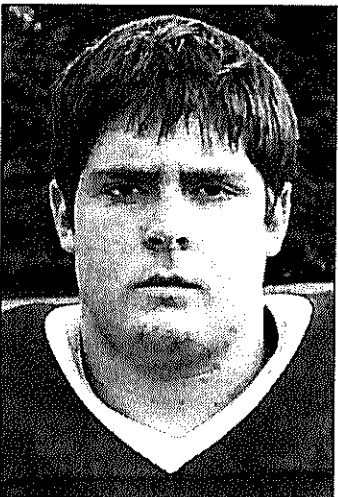
Pyles was also a standout baseball player and was a standout in the classroom. He's a member of the National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society and



Jason Pyles



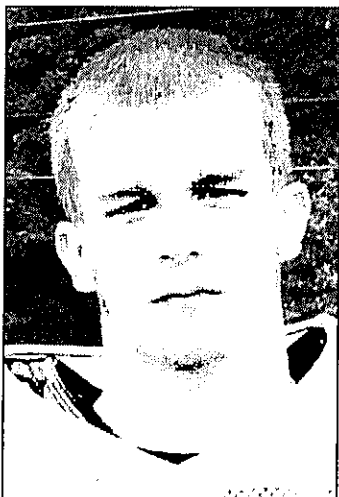
Bill Zavatsky



Matt Miller

he received the Tim Ashe Award and is an academic all-OVAC performer.

In the community, Pyles is a volunteer for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Wheeling and he's a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



Anthony Kotson

Jason — who plans on attending Columbia University in New York City — is the son of Terry and Lori Pyles of Shadyside.

Matt Miller
Wheeling Central
This Maroon Knight served

as a fullback for Coach Mike Young's team, which won the Class A state title.

The 5-8, 190-pounder earned two letters in football and was a member of three state-title teams.

Miller is active in 4-H, received the West Virginia Promise Scholarship and he's active in St. Vincent de Paul Youth Group and he volunteers. He earned a black belt in karate when he was 11 years old and received the St. Peter Chanel Award in 2001.

Matt — who plans on attending of Fairmont State — is the son of Ron and Judy Miller of Valley Grove.

Anthony Kotson
John Marshall

This Monarch roamed the secondary all season for the late Mike Linsly last fall.

The 5-8, 150-pounder played the free safety spot for the Monarchs. He was a first-team all-OVAC and honorable mention all-state pick.

Kotson also wrestled and ran track at JM.

Anthony — who is the son of Sandy Kotson of Moundsville — plans on attending Marshall University.

Bill Zavatsky
Linsly

This Cadet played a bevy of positions for Depew last fall, playing kicker, center, defensive tackle, defensive end and nose guard.

As a place kicker, Zavatsky set the school record for most career PATs.

Along with football, Zavatsky was a standout in baseball.

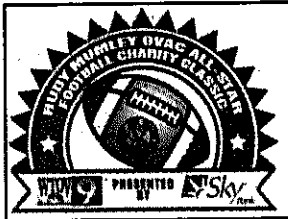
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PORTS

Thursday, July 13, 2006

Mountaineer defense announced

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor



When Eric Meek began to put together his defensive unit for the upcoming Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic, which is slated for Sunday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium, he was trying to find athletic guys who could get to the ball.

He thinks he's put together a group of linebackers that can do just that and hopefully for the Mountain State wreak havoc on the Ohio offense.

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Buffo also played a key role on the 2004 Red Riders' baseball team that won the state crown. He was a first-team all-OVAC pick for baseball as well and he took part in the Chemistry Club.

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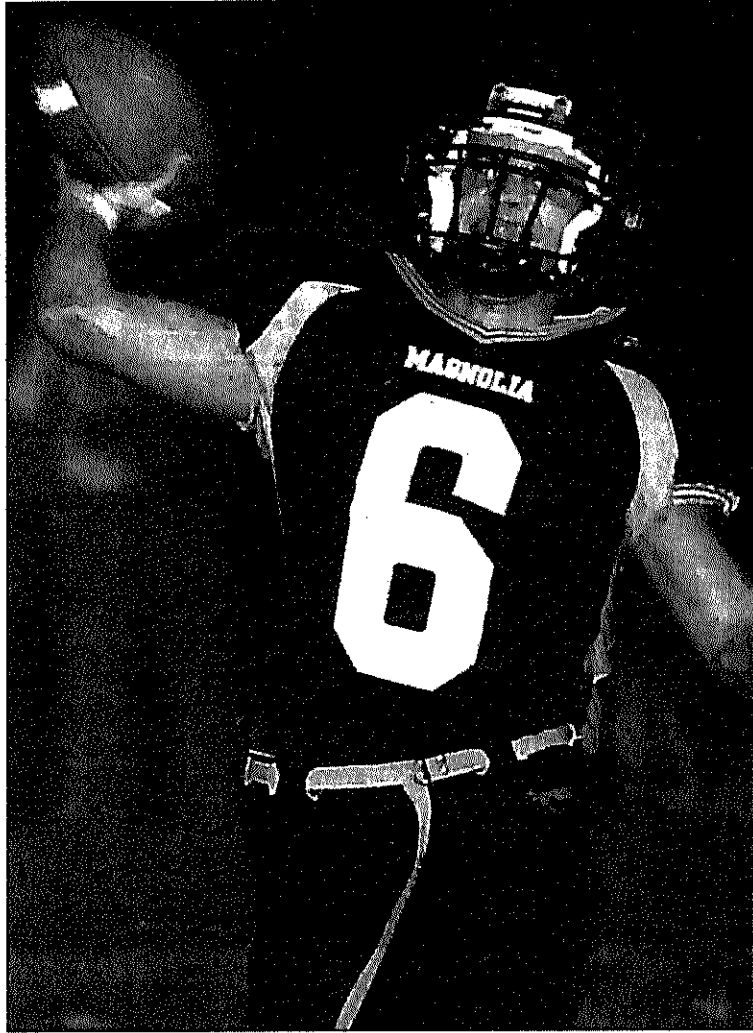
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RUDY MUMLEY OVAC CHARITY ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CLASSIC



File Photos by Alex Kozlowski

All-Staters Nate Davis, left, of Bellaire and Josh Sims, right, of Magnolia are two of the standouts selected to play for their respective states in next month's Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity All-Star Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium. Davis has signed to play his college football at Ball State while Sims is an invited walkon at West Virginia. The All-Star rosters were announced Saturday.

Shining Stars

West Virginia, Ohio rosters announced for valley's midsummer grid classic

By SETH STASKEY
For The News-Register

No matter the level, no matter the sport, picking an all-star team is difficult.

Just ask Cambridge's Rick Goodrich and Weir High's Eric Meek.

Those two had the unenviable task of respectively selecting the Ohio and West Virginia squads for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic slated for Sunday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The rosters the two veteran and highly-successful coaches have selected are being announced today. In the coming days and weeks leading up to the game, a more in depth look at the players and coaches will follow.

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Eric Meek

Goodrich said. "We had over 130 names to choose from. We took all of the first and second-team all-Ohio guys and then filled in the pieces.

"We feel there are guys from teams you have to pick, but it gets tough. We asked a lot of coaches for opinions, looked at films and I'm sure there's still someone we

overlooked, but we really like the team we put together."

Meek and the West Virginia staff didn't have quite as many names to sift through, since there several fewer schools than on the Ohio side of the river.

"This is the third all-star game I have coached in," Meek said. "It's real hard to pick guys

because you have so many good players to choose from. Most of the time it comes down to a numbers situation.

"Hopefully, the guys we've picked will represent West Virginia and their school as well as they can."

The Ohio squad features representatives from 21 different schools, whereas the West Virginia squad has representatives from 13 different schools.

Steubenville Big Red — the reigning state champions in Division III — have five players in the game to lead all schools.

Representing Big Red are: Demetrus Benjamin, Eric Gilmore, Ralph Petrella, Jeremy Presley and Steven Rose.

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Bellaire — which advanced to the state semifinals in Division IV — has three representatives on the squad. Nate Davis, Ty Hess and Andrew Bobka have all been selected for the squad.

Goodrich was fortunate enough to be able to select three of his own players for the game.

Representing the Bobcats are Justin Britnell, Johnny Jones and Kyle Warden.

Indian Creek, Shenandoah, Barnesville, Harrison Central and Steubenville Catholic all got two spots on the Ohio roster.

Caesar Hawkins and Sean West were picked from the Creek, while J.J. Kuczynski and Zach Hawrot are representing the Crusaders.

Barnesville's two representatives are Bud Hines and Corey Hastings. Shenandoah's Shawn Lively and John Horn were also picked.

Harrison Central's all-Ohio duo of

Willie Walker and Geno Agostini are part of the Buckeyes' roster.

Making up the remainder of the Ohio roster are Jimmy Bowersock (Beaver Local), Shane Clark (Martins Ferry), Corey Doughty (Bridgeport), Eric Francis (St. Clairsville), Lloyd Hendershot (East Liverpool), Jeremiah Hinerman (Edison), Eddie McConnell (Monroe Central), Casey Orndorff (River), J.J. Savage (Buckeye Trail), Justin Tollett (Shadyside), Greg Verhovec (Buckeye Local) and Kyle Winland (Meadowbrook).

West Virginia's biggest representation comes from Weir High. Meek was able to select five of his own players, including Mike Buffo, Josh Lang, Dawand Smith, Josh Smith and Brandon Sperlazza.

John Marshall, Linsly and Brooke each had four players selected for the game.

The Monarch delegation includes Travis Goddard, Evan Hewitt, Andy Kotson and Danny Vogel.

The Bruins are represented by Rick Pugh, Tom Boreman, Ryan Cagot and Chris Nemeth.

Linsly is sending Tyler Jividen, Jason Pyles, John Ruskowski and Bill Zavatsky to the summer classic.

The two other city schools — Wheeling Central and Wheeling Park — each have three players in the game.

Representing the state champion Maroon Knights are Eric Baker, Matt Miller and Pat Reasbeck.

The Patriots All-Stars are Ronnie Green, Billy Irwin and Brett Traylor.

Tyler Consolidated's two picks are Junior Yost and Sean Neff, while Magnolia's Josh Sims and Zac Snyder will also take part.

The rest of the West Virginia roster consists of: Andrew Bee (Cameron), Matt Ceran (Madonna), Joe Ridsen (Bishop Donahue), Bryan Rowland (Oak Glen) and Zach Ueltschy (Valley).



OVAC All-Star Rosters

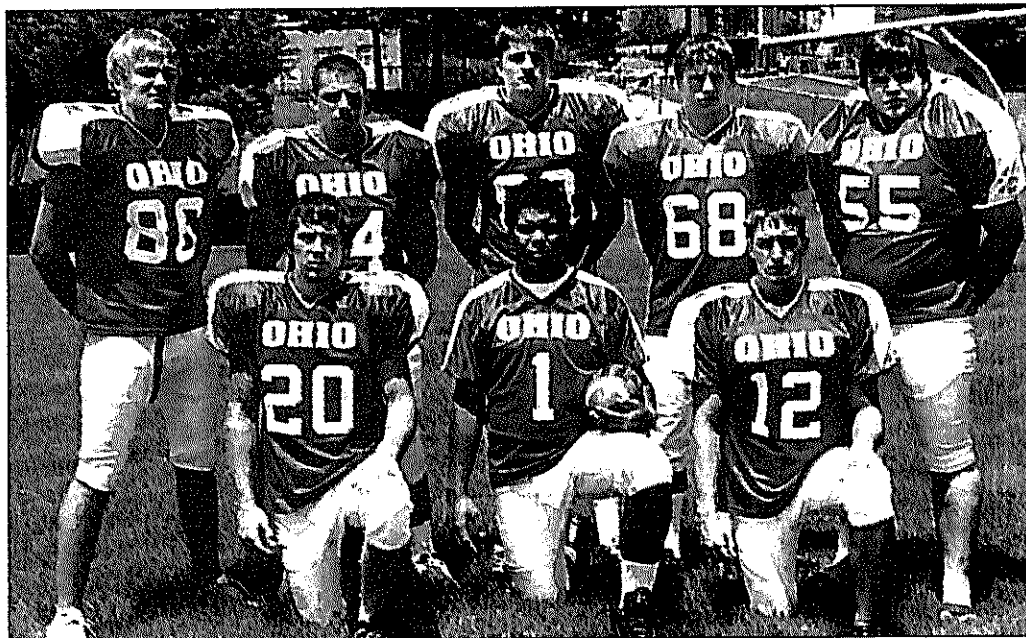


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Corey Doughty	Bridgeport	Ronnie Green	Wheeling Park
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Belmont County Stars

Pictured are the Belmont County representatives for the Ohio team. Front, from left: Ty Hess (Bellaire), Nate Davis (Bellaire), and Andrew Bobka (Bellaire). Back: Corey Doughty (Bridgeport), Eric Francis (St. Clairsville), Justin Tollett (Shadyside), Lyle Burkhardt (Shadyside), and Corey Hastings (Barnesville).

WHEELING TOPS MOUNDVILLE

In the final game of the regular season, Wheeling Post 1 scored 19 runs to defeat Moundville Post 3/17

The Intelligencer SPORTS



Photo by Scott McCloskey

Ball State recruit Nate Davis of Bellaire (1) and Magnolia's Josh Sims (7), an invited walkon at West Virginia, are just two of the players to watch when the 35th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic kicks off Sunday in Wheeling.

Ready, Set, Hike

Countdown is on for Sunday's OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic

By DON CLEGG
Executive Sports Editor

Getting an invitation to play in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the best and brightest of the area's high school football seniors.

But both of the head coaches for Sunday's night's annual mid-summer gleam game at Wheeling Island Stadium have plenty of experience in the valley's all-star spotlight.

The only thing they don't know about the OVAC All-Star Game is how to lose one.

Cambridge head coach Rick Goodrich, who will be calling the shots for the Ohio All-Stars, was a manager for the Ohio team in the 1979 game, played for Ohio in 1980 and coached Ohio in the 1997 game.

The Buckeye Staters won all three of those games by a combined score of 81-34.

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Ohio coach Rick Goodrich

Mountain State helm.

Meek was head coach for Ohio in 1996, when he was coaching at Wellsville, and led the Buckeye Staters to a 43-21 romp.

The Red Rider head man drew a chuckle from the crowd who came to West Liberty State College for Monday's OVAC Media Day when he reflected back on that game.

"We had a great team that year," said Meek. "We had guys like Jose Davis and Denver Williams.

"When I look over at the Ohio coaches, I see Ryan Caldwell sitting there.

"I think he caught two touchdown passes from Jose Davis that night. Now I'm coaching against him and Jose's little brother, Nate, is playing for Ohio."

That, in a nutshell, is what both coaches believe makes the Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity All-Star Football Classic such a special event.

"The game and the competition

is great," said Goodrich, "but I always tell the kids the best thing about this game is that you form relationships with people that last a lifetime.

"We had Tim Spencer on the team the year I was manager and we still stay in touch. I made friends at this game that I'll have the rest of my life."

Now the running backs coach of the Chicago Bears, Spencer reported to camp at Ohio State following the 1979 OVAC game and went on to become the third-leading rusher in Buckeye history (3,553 yards) before embarking on a seven-year pro career in the USFL and NFL.

Meek agreed. "This is a great experience and a great honor for the players and the coaches," said Meek.

"The thing I like about this game is it gives kids an opportunity to line up next to somebody as a teammate that they might have been facing across the line as a rival for the past four years.

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"I've seen some really close friendships form like that because when you're out there sweating together, you realize that those rivals aren't quite the bad guys everyone was making them out to be after all."

Both teams reported to camp Sunday afternoon and will be practicing at West Liberty the rest of the week in preparation for Sunday's game.

The coaches said they've made allowances for the extreme heat that hit the area over the weekend and reported no heat-related problems to date.

"The kids reported in pretty good shape," said Goodrich, who called off a scheduled Monday morning practice when a trainer reported the heat index at the practice field had topped 110 degrees.

"A lot of what we're doing at this point is still teaching, so we can keep it light. We make sure to push lots of water and ice at them every chance we get."

Meek said the fact that this is an all-star game helps alleviate the need for a lot of heavy hitting early in the week.

"When you're working your own program," he said, "you really have to get a lot of reps on technique. Here, these guys are already pretty good on technique so most of your reps are just putting in plays."

Both coaches like their quarterback situation.

Meek not only has his own quarterback, Weir's Brandon Sperlazza, in camp, he can also draw on the talents of Magnolia all-stater Josh Sims and Linsly standout Jason Pyles.

"It's a big help to have your own quarterback here," said Meek. "He knows exactly what it is you're trying to do on every play and he can help the other guys pick it up."

"I like the talent we have in camp. We're going to have some guys playing on both sides of the ball while others focus on offense or defense."

"We're working hard to try to win but I want to make sure everyone gets a chance to be part of the experience. They're all all-stars and everybody is going to get some playing time."

Goodrich doesn't have the luxury of having his own quarterback in camp but he certainly has a pair of talented signal-callers in Bellaire's Nate Davis and Steubenville Central's J.J.

Kuczynski.

Since Goodrich runs a ground-oriented attack at Cambridge, there was some question how well the rocket-armed Davis might fit into the scheme.

Goodrich said that won't be a problem.

"We are going to run our stuff to some degree," said Goodrich, "but we'll also have some packages in there that suit Nate a little better."

"He's used to the shotgun and we've got some receivers who can really go get it."

"J.J. came in here and was able to run our stuff to a 'T' so you'll see some of that, as well."

"I think we've got some nice running backs, too, and the guys we have up front come from some pretty outstanding programs."

"We made great strides picking things up the first couple of days so we should be pretty well-oiled by Sunday."

Nine local players to participate in OVAC All-Star Football Classic



Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian

The local area is well-represented on the Ohio roster for this year's Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity All-Star Football Classic, slated Sunday evening at Wheeling Island Stadium. The local contingent includes, front row l to r, Kyle Warden of Cambridge, Justin Britnell of Cambridge, Shawn Lively of Shenandoah and Kyle Winland of Meadowbrook. In back are J.J. Savage of Buckeye Trail, John Horn of Shenandoah, Bud Hines of Barnesville, Corey Hastings of Barnesville and John Jones of Cambridge. Kickoff on Sunday is 7:15 p.m.

Cambridge grid staff to guide Ohio at OVAC All-Star Football Classic



Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian

The Cambridge High coaching staff is guiding the Ohio squad for the Rudy Mumley Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Charity All-Star Football Classic slated Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium. The staff includes, front row l to r, assistant coaches Devin Nicholes and Ryan Caldwell, head coach Rick Goodrich, Matt Johnson and Bill Timko. Back row, managers Taylor Leppla and Tyler Hardesty, assistant coaches Bob Mascollino and Kevin Gunn and trainer Randy Elliott of Oak Glen.

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W.Va.'s OVAC roster finalized

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Weir High and West Virginia head coach Eric Meek hopes he's got all of the pieces in place for the Mountaineers to get back on the winning side in the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

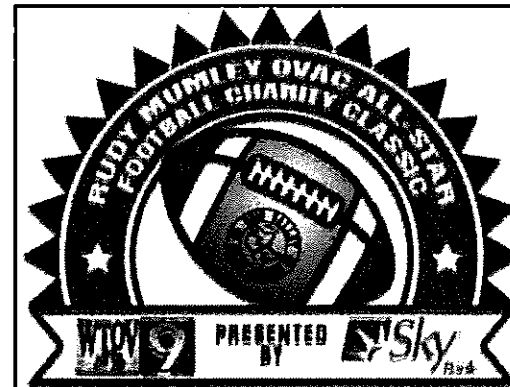
He announced his secondary and utility players for the Sunday, July 23 game, which is slated for Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We got a lot of versatile players," Meek said. "We looked for those kinds of kids when put this team together. We wanted guys who could do a lot of things, and we think we've found those kinds of players."

Comprising the remainder of the West Virginia roster are: Linsly's Jason Pyles, Wheeling Central's Matt Miller, John Marshall's Anthony Kotson and Linsly's Bill Zavatsky.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

JASON PYLES, Linsly -- This Cadet was a dual threat at quarterback last season for the now retired Terry Depew.



The 6-ft-1, 205 pounder passed for a shade under 700 yards and seven scores and ran for better than 400 stripes last season.

Pyles was a honorable mention all-state pick, a first-team all-OVAC and second-team all-Valley player. He received the Coaches and Star Award and served as a co-captain.

Pyles was also a standout baseball player and was a standout in the classroom. He's a member

of the National Honor Society, Foreign Language Honor Society and he received the Tim Ashe Award and is an academic all-OVAC performer.

In the community, Pyles is a volunteer for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Wheeling and he's a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Jason, who plans on attending Columbia University in New York City, is the son of Terry and Lori Pyles of Shadyside.

MATT MILLER, Wheeling Central -- This Maroon Knight served as a fullback for Coach Mike Young's team, which won the Class A state title.

The 5-ft-8, 190 pounder earned two letters in football and was a member of three state-title teams.

Miller is active in 4-H, received the West Virginia Promise Scholarship and he's active in St. Vincent de Paul Youth Group and he volunteers. He earned a black belt in karate when he was 11 years old and received the St. Peter Chanel Award in 2001.

Matt, who plans on attending of Fairmont

State, is the son of Ron and Judy Miller of Valley Grove.

ANTHONY KOTSON, John Marshall -- This Monarch roamed the secondary all season for Mike Linsky last fall.

The 5-ft-8, 150 pounder played the free safety spot for the Monarchs. He was a first-team all-OVAC and honorable mention all-state pick.

Kotson also wrestled and ran track at JM.

Anthony, who is the son of Sandy Kotson of Moundsville, plans on attending Marshall University.

BILL ZAVATSKY, Linsly -- This Cadet played a bevy of positions for Depew last fall, playing kicker, center, defensive tackle, defensive end and nose guard.

As a place kicker, Zavatsky set the school record for most career PATs.

Along with football, Zavatsky was a standout in baseball.

Bill, who is undecided upon his college plans, is the son of Sam and Jamie Zavatsky of Martins Ferry.

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Ohio roster adds final pieces

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Every team needs versatile players who can do an abundance of things to hopefully propel the team to victory.

Ohio and Cambridge head coach Rick Goodrich thinks he's got some of those guys as he's announced his defensive backs, utility players and his place kicker for the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, slated for Sunday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We feel we have enough balance to let guys get involved and do what they do best," Goodrich said. "We took guys who we thought were the best athletes. Now we can let them run around and make plays."

Slated to play in the defensive backfield or in a utility spot are:

Indian Creek's Sean West, Bellaire's Andrew Bobka, River's Casey Orndorff, Steubenville's Jeremy Presley and Cambridge's Kyle Warden. Steubenville's Stephen Rose has been selected to handle the punting and placekicking duties.

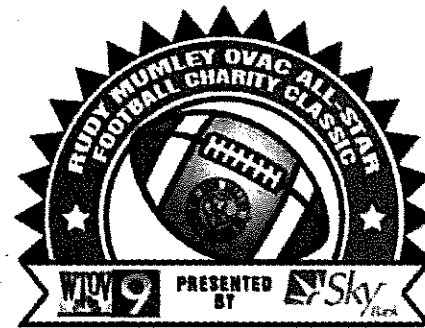
Here is a capsule look at the players:

SEAN WEST, Indian Creek -- This Redskin was Mr. Versatility for Coach Andrew Connor during his career in Wintersville.

West was the Redskin quarterback and also saw time at running back, wide receiver, corner and safety.

The 6-ft-1, 180 pounder rushed for 643 yards and eight touchdowns from his quarterback spot. He was also one of the Redskins top cover guys.

For his fine season, West was



named to the all-OVAC and all-Quad County teams.

West was also active in football and track at Creek.

Sean -- who is the son of William and Tyra West of Steubenville -- plans on attending the University of Akron.

ANDREW BOBKA, Bellaire -- This Big Reds' corner was the top cover guy for Coach John Magistro's team last fall, which finished 13-1 and won the regional title.

Bobka had five interceptions and took two back for touchdowns. He was also a more than capable pass catcher as a wide receiver.

The 6-ft, 170 pounder was a second-team all-district pick, all-valley and all-OVAC selection.

Bobka was also a three-year starter for the Reds' basketball team and was honorable mention all-district. He also ran a leg on the state-placing Big Reds' 4x200 relay team.

Away from sports, Bobka is a member of the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll Society, Who's Who. He was the sports editor of the yearbook staff, was a student

council member and took part in Close-Up. He also received the gold scholarship certificate from the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association and received the outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Andrew -- who plans on attending Mt. Union College -- is the son of Andy and Kathy Bobka of Bellaire.

CASEY ORNDORFF, River -- This Pilot enjoyed a brilliant senior season for Coach Mike Flannery, helping his team to the second round of the OHSAA playoffs.

Orndorff passed for more than 1,500 yards and 19 touchdowns this past season and he was also an effective runner. He was a lock-down defensive back as well.

The 6-ft-1, 165 pounder was a
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second-team all-Ohio pick. He was first-team all-PVC, all-District, all-Times Leader and all-OVAC.

Orndorff was also a standout baseball player for the Pilots.

Casey -- who is the son of Mike and Cheryl Orndorff of Powhatan -- plans on attending Bethany College.

JEREMY PRESLEY, Steubenville -- This Big Red senior was the emotional leader for Coach Reno Saccoccia's state-championship team this past fall.

Presley battled through a knee injury early in the season to make a sizable contribution on offense and was a force at line-backer, making 85 tackles and recording five quarterback sacks.

The 5-ft-8, 175 pounder was a first-team all-OVAC and second-team all-District pick and served as a Big Red co-captain.

Jeremy -- who is the son of Jay and Sandra Presley of Steubenville -- plans on attending Mt. Union College.

KYLE WARDEN, Cambridge -- This Bobcat patrolled the secondary and ran the offense for Goodrich last fall.

The 6-ft, 165-pounder was one of the top tacklers for the Bobcats.

He was a second-team all-district and first-team all-ECOL pick this past season as well as serving as a co-captain.

Kyle -- who plans on attending Ohio Dominican University -- is the son of Ken and Tracy Warden of Cambridge.

STEPHEN ROSE, Steubenville -- This place kicker gave the staunch Big Red defense an upperhand each time he kicked off.

The 6-ft-6, 260 pounder recorder 34 touchbacks and consistently had teams beginning drives at or near the 20-yard line. He also connected on a 42-yard field goal.

He was a first-team all-district pick as well as an all-state honorable mention pick.

Along with football, Rose is active in swimming, choir and drama.

Stephen -- who is undecided upon his college plans -- is the son of Francine and Brian Lee of Steubenville.

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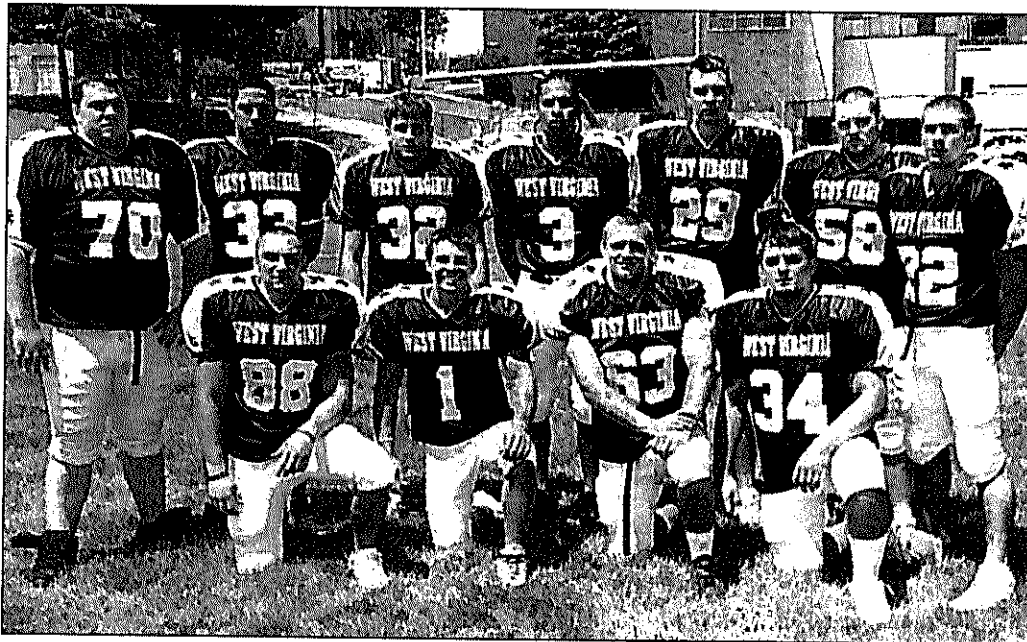


Photos by Scott McCloskey

Jefferson County Stars

Pictured are the Jefferson Co. representatives for the Ohio team. Front, from left: J.J. Kuczynski (Steubenville Central), Caesar Hawkins (Indian Creek), Sean West (Indian Creek), Jeremy Presley (Steubenville), and Jeremiah Hinerman (Edison). Back: Demetrus Benjamin (Steubenville), Zach Hawrot (Steubenville Central), Greg Verhovec (Buckeye Local), Steve Rose (Steubenville), Ralph Petrella (Steubenville), and Eric Gilmore (Steubenville).

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Brooke and Hancock County Stars

Pictured are the Brooke and Hancock County representatives for the West Virginia team. Front, from left: Chris Nemeth (Brooke), Brandon Sperlazza (Weir), Bryan Rowland (Oak Glen), and Ryan Cagot (Brooke). Back: Josh Lang (Weir), Josh Smith (Weir), Mike Buffo (Weir), Dawand Smith (Weir), Rick Pugh (Brooke), Tom Boreman (Brooke), and Matt Ceran (Weirton Madonna).

All-Star Game Notes

Plenty of interesting quirks about Sunday's event

By **DON CLEGG**
Executive Sports Editor
The 35th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic is set for a 7:15 p.m. kickoff on Sunday.

Gates open at Wheeling Island Stadium at 5:30 p.m.

Advance discount tickets are now on sale at numerous OVAC ticket outlets throughout the Ohio Valley.

Tickets purchased in advance are priced at \$7. All tickets purchased the day of the game will cost \$10. Children under 5 are admitted free.

Advance tickets may be purchased at any of the following locations:

WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling: Kroger's (Mount de Chantal Road), Smitty's Floors, Cabela's; Weirton: Kroger's (St. Thomas Drive, Main Street); Warwood: Kroger's; Moundsville: Kroger's; Benwood: Kroger's; Cameron: Greg's Market; Wellsburg: Kroger's; New



Martinsville: Witschey's Supermarket; Chester: Citizen Drug

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Steubenville: Kroger's, Smitty's Floors; Bellaire: Kroger's; Martins Ferry: Kroger's; St. Clairsville: Kroger's; Shadyside: DeFelicce Pizza; Wintersville: Kroger's; Wellsville: Dairy Queen; Woodsfield: Weber's Drug Store; East Liverpool: Heimes All Sports; Calcutta: Bowyer Hardware; Cambridge: The Jeffersonian

More Than a Game

Nearly 300 OVAC athletes and students will be part of this year's OVAC All-Star Game festivities.

There are 65 football players (33 Ohio, 32 West Virginia); 20 Aeropostale All-Star Cheerleaders and 202 members of the McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band and several volunteer student trainers.

No less than 39 of the OVAC's 45 member schools will have one or more representatives at the game.

The band and cheerleaders are scheduled to report to West Liberty on Wednesday while the trainers have been working with the teams at each practice session.

Several other events are scheduled this week to enhance the all-star experience.

Wheeling Park's White Palace will host the 20th annual George Strager Evening With The Stars Dinner on Wednesday night.

The Queen of Queens Talent Show will be held Friday at WesBanco Arena. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the competition beginning at 7 p.m. Admission price is \$5.

West Liberty's Russek Field will host the traditional pre-game Pep Rally Saturday at 6 p.m. Admission is free and gates open at 5 p.m.

All members of both OVAC All-Star teams, the band, cheerleaders and Queen of Queens will be introduced and each head coach will address the crowd.

Highlighting the night will be the announcement of this year's Rudy Mumley Memorial Scholar-Athlete Scholarships and Ron Mauck Scholar-Athlete Scholarships.

Sunday afternoon prior to the game, the OVAC will host its third annual Youth Football

Clinic from 1-2:30 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium. The free clinic is open to boys and girls age 6-13.

Big Money

The Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic is one event that lives up to its name.

In the past 34 years, the game has donated more than \$771,600 to charity organizations and scholarships throughout the Ohio Valley.

They'll Be Back

West Liberty State College head football coach Roger Waialae had a smile on his face as he watched reporters walk down the hill to Russek Field for the photo session at Monday's Media Day.

No wonder. Of the 65 players who will be working out at West Liberty this week in preparation for Sunday's game, no less than 15 of them will report back to campus on July 31 as freshmen members of the Hilltopper football program.

"I think we had a pretty good recruiting year in the valley," said Waialae.

Sneak Peek

Football fans wanting to get a sneak peek at how the Ohio and West Virginia teams are shaping up might think about dropping by Wheeling Island Stadium later this week.

The Ohio All-Stars are scheduled to work out on the artificial turf from 9-11 a.m. on Thursday with the West Virginia team heading to the stadium from 9-11 a.m. on Friday.

They're In Charge

Reva Icard is the Queen of Queens coordinator.

Dru Meyer is the Band coordinator.

Dianna Vargo is the Evening With The Stars coordinator

Steve Kish is the 10-Year Reunion coordinator.

Union Local's Stephanie Jendrusik is coaching the Ohio cheerleaders while Wheeling Park's Shawna Shepherd is the West Virginia cheerleading coach.

The Officials

The all-star committee has announced the officials for Sunday's game.

Rusty Vermilion will be the referee with Steve Snyder as the umpire. Richard Swinsinski is the head linesman, John Timko is the line judge, Chris Robinson is the side judge and Bill Flanagan is the back judge.

Wheeling's Frank Bland, Wheeling's Milan Vosvick and the late Don Carp, also of Wheeling, were chosen as honorary officials.

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Ohio County Stars

Pictured are the Ohio Co. representatives for the West Virginia team. Front, from left: Ronnie Green (Wheeling Park), Brett Traylor (Wheeling Park), Bill Zavatsky (Linsly), and Matt Miller (Wheeling Central). Back: Eric Baker (Wheeling Central), Billy Irwin (Wheeling Park), Jason Pyles (Linsly), Pat Reasbeck (Wheeling Central), Tyler Jividen (Linsly), and John Ruskowski (Wheeling Central).

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Ohio All-Star coaching staff released

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

When Rick Goodrich accepted the role as Ohio coach for the OVAC All-Star Game he had no trouble in convincing his coaching staff to come along.

Goodrich -- the veteran Cambridge mentor -- will have his entire complement of coaches on hand Sunday, July 23 for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

"These guys are looking forward to the opportunity," said Goodrich. "A lot of these guys have done this game before and we had a blast that time, so they are now excited to get out and work with this group of kids."

Joining Goodrich on the Ohio sideline will be: Ryan Caldwell, Kevin Gunn, Matt Johnson, Robert Mascolino, Devin Nicholes and Bill Timko.

"We are going to try to represent Cambridge, the OVAC and Ohio the best we can," Goodrich

'We are going to try to represent Cambridge, the OVAC and Ohio the best we can.'

— Rick Goodrich, Ohio All-Star coach



said.

Here is a capsule look at the coaching staffs:
RICK GOODRICH -- The Bobcats' head coach has been on the job for seven seasons and has turned the Cats into one of the area's premier programs.

Goodrich and the Bobcats are coming off a 9-2 season in which they qualified for their sec-

ond consecutive playoff appearance. The 2004 trip to the post season was the school's first-ever appearance.

The 1980 Bridgeport High graduate -- has been a head for 11 years, including four at Bridgeport. All told, he's been a football coach for 22 years and owns a career record of 62-51. He's the winningest coach in Cambridge histo-

ry.

Goodrich -- who doesn't coach any other sports currently -- has dabbled in girls and boys basketball.

In 1995, Goodrich was named Ohio Division VI state coach of the year and took Bridgeport to its only playoff appearance that season.

Goodrich is a 1984 Otterbein graduate and earned his Master's degree at Muskingum College in 1992.

Rick married his high school sweetheart Alison and they reside in Lansing.

RYAN CALDWELL -- This former Beallsville Blue Devil is joining the Cambridge staff for the week, but his formal employer is West Muskingum.

Caldwell has been coaching football for the past five seasons and is about to embark on his second season with the Tornadoes.

Along with football, Caldwell has previously

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coached track and field.

The Beallsville High graduate went on to play football and earn his degree at Muskingum College.

Ryan and his wife Nicole have one child Xander and they reside in Cambridge.

KEVIN GUNN -- This veteran Bobcats assistant has been a member of the Cambridge staff for the past 17 seasons.

Along with his football assignment, Gunn is currently a member of the track staff and previously served as a wrestling coach.

The Cambridge High graduate went on to earn his degree from Muskingum College.

Kevin and his wife Jeanene have four children: Jennie, Terra, Cory and Keith and they reside in Cambridge.

MATT JOHNSON -- This Barnesville High School graduate came with Goodrich to Cambridge seven years ago.

He also served under Goodrich at Bridgeport and has been coaching football for 12 seasons. He was also the head boys basketball coach at Bridgeport and served on the Bulldogs' baseball staff.

After graduating high school in 1990, Johnson went on to play at Muskingum College where he earned his degree in 1994. He finished his Masters at Muskingum in 2001.

Matt and his wife Mindy have one son Payne and are expecting another child in February. The Johnsons reside in Barnesville.

ROBERT MASCOLINO -- This Steubenville Catholic Central graduate came to Cambridge six years ago and has been a member of Goodrich's staff ever since.

Prior to arriving at Cambridge, Mascolino served on the staff at Meadowbrook and has nine years of experience.

Along with football, Mascolino also coaches wrestling and softball.

Mascolino has both a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Muskingum College.

Robert and his wife Susanna reside in Cambridge.

DEVIN NICHOLAS -- This former Bobcat athlete joined the coaching ranks two years ago.

Nicholas also participated in basketball and baseball at Cambridge before attending Ohio University-Zanesville where he earned his degree.

Devin is single and resides in Cambridge.

BILL TIMKO -- This veteran football coach has been around the sport for 10 years and has spent half of that at Cambridge.

Timko also coached at Bridgeport High School and served on the OVAC staff in 1997.

Timko is a Bridgeport and Ohio University graduate and has also coached baseball and wrestling.

Along with coaching, Bill formerly served as the commissioner of the OVBL and managed the Barton Braves.

Bill is also a part-owner of the Ohio Valley Greyhounds.

Bill has two children: Bill and Jennifer. He's also got three grandchildren.

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Countdown to kickoff: Players preparing for Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic

JEFF HARRISON
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

WEST LIBERTY, W.Va. — The countdown is on for the 35th annual Rudy Mumley Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Charity All-Star Football Classic.

With get-acquainted time and media day activities behind them, it's time to get down to business for the Ohio and West Virginia All-Star teams as they prepare for Sunday's OVAC showcase.

Cambridge High coach Rick Goodrich, who along with the rest of the Bobcat staff is in charge of the Ohio squad, feels confident things will come together nicely for his talent-laden squad.

"We started out Sunday a little shaky with the terminology and things like that," Goodrich began, "but we made a lot of progress today (Monday).

It appears that Bellaire High's Nate Davis and Steubenville Catholic's J.J. Kuczynski will handle the quarterbacking duties for



Ohio, and that presents a unique challenge for Goodrich & Co.

"Nate isn't used to taking snaps under center," Goodrich related, "so we're working on putting in two (offensive) packages including a shotgun passing attack for Nate. We've also got J.J. Kuczynski, and he runs our offense extremely well.

"Our running game isn't real complicated," 'Goody' added, "so we got that in right away. We've got some terrific athletes here and they know what's going on, so we don't have to teach them a whole lot.

"We just have to smooth things out and move a couple of people around," the Bobcat/Buckeye coach offered. "We've moved (Buckeye Trail's J.J.) Savage and (Cambridge's Johnny) Jones to tight end and we brought (wide receiver Luke) Burkhardt in from Shadyside as a last-minute replacement."

Goodrich looks at coaching in the OVAC game as an both an honor and a reward for him and his staff.

"The magnitude of this makes it fun and it really kicks off the football season," he said. "It gives our program a lot of publicity, so it's good to be a part of it and represent Cambridge."

While the goal is always to win the game, 'Goody' also says its a great way to showcase the talented players of the OVAC.

"These kids are busting their butts in the heat and we want to give them all every opportunity to win," he said, "but we want to get them all in the ballgame and for them to come away injury-free."

As for the ongoing talk of changing the game's format to something other than Ohio vs. West Virginia, Goodrich says he likes the status quo.

"I think they should leave it the way it is," he said. "You have a natural rivalry between the states and I don't think it would have the same appeal if you had kids from Brooke and Steubenville on one team, for example, and kids from Ferry and Wheeling Central on the other."

"West Virginia will always have some talent and the chance for them to win the game keeps it interesting," he added.

This year's game has taken on the corporate sponsorship of SkyBank and WTOV-TV9 and, according to game director Bob Koch of Cameron High School, that will make for an even-better showcase.

"For the first time, we have presenting sponsors for the game and we appreciate the efforts of both Sky Bank and WTOV," said Koch, "because having them on board allows us to enhance the experience for our

players, band members, queens and cheerleaders."

"What a great opportunity for us," said Jay Zata of SkyBank. "We have locations in just about all of the markets associated with the OVAC and this game is a great opportunity to see schools who previously competed against each other come together."

"We feel it's important to put our name with a great event like this," said Tim McCoy, vice president and general manager

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Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian
Youngster Payne Johnson, son of Cambridge High assistant coach Matt Johnson, finds his path to the end zone blocked by 6-1, 230-pound lineman John Horn from Shenandoah High during media day activities at West Liberty State College's Russek Field on Monday. The Ohio and West Virginia teams have begun their preparations for Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity All-Star Football Classic, set for a 7:15 p.m. kickoff at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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Harrison Central to score in the state meet when he finished eighth in the high jump.

Willie -- who is the son of Lisa Walker of Cadiz -- plans on attending Mt. Union College in the fall.

COREY DOUGHTY, Bridgeport -- This Bulldog selection was the quarterback for Coach Rudy Vavrock's charges last fall. He was effective as an athlete, running or passing. He was a first-team all-OVAC selection and captained the all-River Valley Conference Team.

Along with football, Doughty played basketball for three seasons and was a member of the Bridgeport baseball team for four seasons.

The 6-ft, 180 pounder is listed amongst Who's Who Among American High School Athletes.

Corey -- who is the son of Mike and Missy Dalto of Lansing -- plans on attending Waynesburg College.

J.J. SAVAGE, Buckeye Trail -- This Warrior was a go-to-player for Coach Randy Thompson's Warriors last fall.

Savage was on the opposite end of 30 passes for 545 yards and he scored four times.

For his season, he was recognized as first-team all-OVAC, all-District, all-Times Leader and was honorable mention all-Ohio.

The 6-ft, 180 pounder is also the all-time leading receiver in Trail history.

He was also a four-year mainstay on the Warrior basketball team and was named to the District 12 and OVAC All-Star Games.

Outside of athletics, Savage is an apprentice power line man. J.J. is the son of Jim and Shelly Savage of Cambridge.

KYLE WINLAND, Meadowbrook -- This Colt enjoyed a most productive senior season under head coach Mitch Bendle.

He was the Colts' quarterback and passed for just under 900 yards and four scores. He was also a standout in the defensive backfield.

Winland was a second-team all-District and ECOL pick and honorable mention all-OVAC.

The 5-ft-10, 175 pounder was also active on the Colts' basketball and baseball teams. He was an honorable mention ECOL pick in hoops and was first-team ECOL and Eastern District in baseball. He was also picked to take part in the OVAC and Eastern District all-star baseball games.

Winland is also active in the Stop 9 Church of Christ.

Kyle -- who plans on attending Marietta College -- is the son of Rusty and Kendra Winland of Byesville.

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OVAC unveils new All-Star Game logo

WHEELING, WV -- The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (OVAC) is preparing for the July 23 Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic presented by Sky Bank and WTOV9 and has unveiled a new official logo for the annual affair. This new brand provides the game, which many believe is the biggest sporting event in the Ohio Valley each year, with its own unique identity and recognizes its highest level Corporate Partners at the same time.

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Executive Secretary, Thomas E. Rataiczak. "We are attempting to design separate identities for our all-star and championship meets that will serve as trademarks of that event each year. Through the creation of that logo, each event will be easily recognized by our sponsor and fan."

The all-star game is traditionally one of the highest rated sports programs in the Ohio Valley and for the 15th consecutive year the game will air live on WTOV9.

"WTOV9 is proud to be a presenting sponsor of this year's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic,"

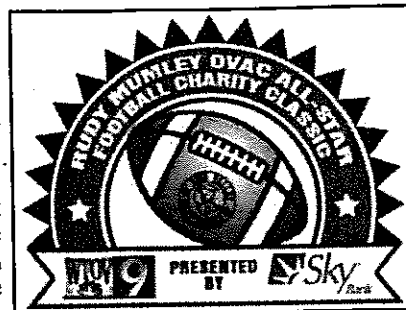
explained Tim McCoy, WTOV9's Vice President General

Manager. "I can't think of a better event to be involved in that showcases our young people for their talent and hard work. The OVAC weekend promotes what is truly great about our area, all of our communities coming together in support of our best and brightest student athletes, band members, cheerleaders, and queen contestants. WTOV9 is proud to broadcast the game for the 15th consecutive year and to continue to stress our brand that; We're Television for the Ohio Valley."

Scholastic Sports Marketing, LLC of Wheeling, now in its third year as serving as the OVAC's marketing arm, negotiated the partnerships with WTOV9 and Sky Bank.

"Scholastic Sports Marketing is doing an outstanding job of securing the future of these events through the efforts of our sponsors and the establishment of logo identities," stated Rataiczak.

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is the largest functional high school athletic conference in the United States. It is comprised of 45 member schools with 12,000 athletes and 20,000 students that stretches across two states (Ohio and West Virginia) and 16 counties. The OVAC sponsors 19 sports and recognizes 60 champions. The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is online at www.OVAC.org.



Ohio boasts strong WR corps

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

With the capable quarterbacks Ohio head coach Rick Goodrich picked for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic he knew had to get an equally capable group of receivers.

Needless to say, he thinks he did just that, but he went about it in a round-about way.

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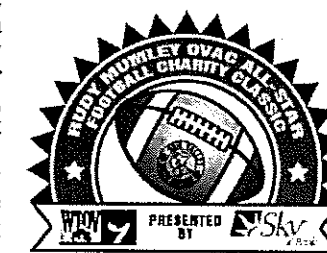
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OVAC All-Star rosters announced

By **SETH STASKEY**
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No matter the level, no matter the sport, picking an all-star team is difficult.

Don't think so...just ask Cambridge's Rick Goodrich and Weir High's Eric Meek.

Those two had the unenviable task of respectively selecting the Ohio and West Virginia squads for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic slated for Sunday, July 23 at Wheeling Island

Stadium.

The rosters the two veteran and highly-successful coaches have selected are being announced today and in the coming days and weeks a more in depth look at the players and coaches will follow.

"It's a real tough decision," Goodrich said. "We had over 130 names to choose from. We took all of the first and second-team all-Ohio guys and then filled in the pieces."

"We feel there are guys from teams you have to pick, but it gets



tough. We asked a lot of coaches for opinions, looked at films and I am sure there's still someone we overlooked, but we really like the team we

put together."

Meek and the West Virginia staff didn't have quite as many names to sift through since there several fewer schools than on the Ohio side of the river.

"This is the third all-star game I have coached in," Meek said. "It's real hard to pick guys because you have to many good players to choose from and most of the time it comes down to a numbers situation."

"Hopefully, the guys we've picked will represent West Virginia and their

school as well as they can." The Ohio squad features representatives from 21 different schools, whereas the West Virginia squad has representatives from 13 different schools.

Steubenville Big Red -- the reigning state champions in Division III -- have five players in the game to lead all schools.

Representing the Big Red are: Demetrius Benjamin, Eric Gilmore, Ralph Petrella, Jeremy Presley and

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Meek, Weir High staff to guide W.Va.

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Eric Meek has been around the coaching ranks.

He's worked with many coaches in his time, but the staff he's bringing to Wheeling Island Stadium for the annual OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic on July 23 is one he's especially fond of.

"Our coaches are excited about this opportunity," Meek said. "We are going to try to evaluate as much as we can when we get into camp and put a good product on the field."

The Weir High staff definitely has big-game experience seeing it won the West Virginia Class AA state title last December.

Joining Meek on the West Virginia side are: Dan Rovira, Paul Stevens, Dan Enich, Joe Petrovich, Mike Frankos, John Wiseman and Doug Taylor.

Here is a capsule look at the Mountaineer coaching staff:

ERIC MEEK -- This veteran football mind has experience at both the prep and collegiate levels.

He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Youngstown State under Jim Tressel. During his three years with the Penguins, the team compiled a 34-7-1 mark and won a national championship.

During the 1993 and 1994 seasons, Meek served as the head coach at Toronto and then from 1995-2002 served as the head coach at Wellsville.

After the 2002 season, Meek joined Joe Walton as an assistant coach at Robert Morris University. He served as the running backs coach for two seasons before accepting the Weir High post.

He led the Red Riders to a 13-1 mark and to a state and OVAC title.

All told, Meek owns a 70-46 mark and was recognized as coach of the year in 1997, 2001 and 2005. He was also honored by the Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club and led Ohio to an OVAC All-Star Game victory in 1996. He also served as the head coach in the Ohio-Pennsylvania Stateline Football Classic in 2002.

Meek -- a native of East Palestine, Ohio -- is currently the offensive coordinator of the Steubenville Stampede and he owns a degree from Youngstown State and a Master's degree from Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Eric and his wife Danielle reside in Wellsville with their son Carson.

DAN ROVIRA -- This veteran Red Rider assistant has been a part of the last two Weir High state titles.

Rovira was given the duties of assistant head coach this past fall and also served as defensive coordinator. His defense surrendered just 7.2 points per game. He also worked with the defense at Edison for a season.

Dan is a graduate of Loara High School in Anaheim, Ca and played football at Bethany Colleger and DuBuque College in Iowa.

Dan and his wife Amy reside in Weirton with their two children Derrick and Emily.

PAUL STEVENS -- This Red Rider coach has been on the football staff for seven seasons.

He's also the head girls track coach and led his team to a West Virginia Class AA state title this past spring.

Stevens is a graduate of The Wissahickon High School in Philadelphia and attended West Liberty State College.

Paul and his wife Silvana reside in Weirton and they have three children: Ryan, Sean and Megan.

DAN ENICH -- This former Red Rider head coach is returning to the sidelines this season as an assistant.

Enich served as the Red Riders' head coach from 1999-2001 and prior to that was a member of the coaching staff, including in 1998 when Weir won a state title.

Enich left coaching in 2002 to begin his administrative career and is currently the assistant principal at Weir High.

Dan -- who is a graduate of West Liberty State College and West Virginia University -- resides in Weirton with his wife Lisa.

JOE PETROVICH -- This 2004 Weir High graduate is set to begin his second season as a coach.

Petrovich played in the OVAC All-Star Game just two season ago and is currently attending West Liberty State College and resides in Weirton.

MIKE FRANKOS -- This coach just completed his fifth season with the Red Riders.

Frankos is a Weir High graduate and then went on to earn his degree from LaSalle University in Philadelphia.

He and his wife Treva reside in Weirton with their two children Krista and Josh.

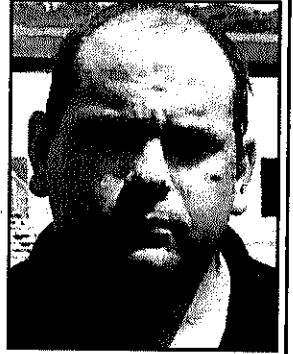
JOHN WISEMAN -- This Wellsburg High School graduate has been a member of the Red Rider coaching staff for the past two seasons.

John and his wife Nancy reside in Weirton and have two children: David and Beth. They also have three grandchildren.

DOUG TAYLOR -- This Red Rider coach was the offensive coordinator this past fall.

He is in his fifth year as a Red Rider assistant and is a graduate of Oak Glen High School.

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ERIC MEEK

OVAC FOOTBALL ROSTERS

Ohio

Geno Agostini (Harrison Central)
Demetrius Benjamin (Steubenville)
Andrew Bobka (Bellaire)
Jimmy Bowersock (Beaver)
Justin Britnell (Cambridge)
Shane Clark (Martins Ferry)
Nate Davis (Bellaire)
Coray Doughty (Bridgeport)
Eric Francis (St. Clairsville)
Eric Gilmore (Steubenville)
Corey Hastings (Barnesville)
Caesar Hawkins (Indian Creek)
Zach Hawrot (Steubenville CC)
Lloyd Hendershot (East Liverpool)
Ty Hess (Bellaire)
Jeremiah Hinerman (Edison)
Bud Hines (Barnesville)
John Horn (Shenandoah)
J.J. Kuczynski (Steubenville CC)
Shawn Lively (Shenandoah)
Eddie McConnell (Monroe Central)
Casey Omdorff (River)
Ralph Patrella (Steubenville)
Jeremy Presley (Steubenville)
Steve Rosa (Steubenville)
J.J. Savage (Buckeye Trail)
Justin Tollett (Shadyside)
Greg Verhovec (Buckeye Local)
Willie Walker (Harrison Central)
Kyle Warden (Cambridge)
Sean West (Indian Creek)
Kyle Winland (Meadowbrook)

West Virginia

Erin Baker (Wheeling Central)
Andrew Bee (Cameron)
Tom Boreman (Brooke)
Mike Buffo (Weir)
Ryan Cagot (Brooke)
Matt Ceran (Madonna)
Travis Goddard (John Marshall)
Ronnie Green (Wheeling Park)
Evan Hewitt (John Marshall)
Billy Irwin (Wheeling Park)
Tyler Jividen (Linsly)
Andy Kotson (John Marshall)
Josh Lang (Weir)
Matt Miller (Wheeling Central)
Sean Neff (Tyler Consolidated)
Chris Nemeth (Brooke)
Rick Pugh (Brooke)
Jason Pyles (Linsly)
Pat Reasbeck (Wheeling Central)
Joe Risden (Bishop Donahue)
Bryan Rowland (Oak Glen)
Josh Ruskowski (Linsly)
Josh Sims (Magnolia)
Dawand Smith (Weir)
Josh Smith (Weir)
Zac Snyder (Magnolia)
Brandon Sperlazza (Weir)
Brett Traylor (Wheeling Park)
Zach Ueltschy (Valley)
Danny Vogel (John Marshall)
Junior Yost (Tyler Consolidated)
Bal Zavatsky (Linsly)

Steven Rose.

Bellaire -- which advanced to the state semifinals in Division IV -- has three representatives on the squad. Nate Davis, Ty Hess and Andrew Bobka have all been selected for the squad.

Goodrich was fortunate enough to be able to select three of his own players for the game.

Representing the Bobcats are: Justin Britnell, Johnny Jones and Kyle Warden.

Indian Creek, Shenandoah, Barnesville, Harrison Central and Steubenville Catholic all got two bids on the Ohio roster.

Caesar Hawkins and Sean West were picked from the Creek, while J.J. Kuczynski and Zach Hawrot are representing the Crusaders.

Barnesville's two representatives are Bud Hines and Corey Hastings. Shenandoah's Shawn Lively and John Horn were also picked.

Harrison's all-Ohio duo of Willie Walker and Geno Agostini are part of the Buckeyes' roster.

Making up the remainder of the Ohio roster include: Jim Bowersock (Beaver), Shane Clark (Martins Ferry), Corey Doughty (Bridgeport), Eric Francis (St. Clairsville), Lloyd Hendershot (East Liverpool), Jeremiah Hinerman (Edison), Eddie McConnell (Monroe Central), Casey Omdorff (River), J.J. Savage (Buckeye Trail), Justin Tollett (Shadyside), Greg Verhovec (Buckeye Local) and Kyle Winland (Meadowbrook).

West Virginia's biggest representation comes from Weir High. Meek was able to select five of his own players, including Mike Buffo, Josh Lang, Dawand Smith, Josh Smith and Brandon Sperlazza.

John Marshall, Linsly and Brooke each had four players selected for the game.

The Monarchs' delegation includes: Travis Goddard, Evan Hewitt, Andy Kotson and Danny Vogel.

The Bruins are represented by: Rick Pugh, Tom Boreman, Ryan Cagot and Chris Nemeth.

Linsly is sending Tyler Jividen, Jason Pyles, John Ruskowski and Bill Zavatsky to the summer classic.

The Wheeling schools -- Central and Park -- each have three players in the game.

Representing the state champion Maroon Knights are: Eric Baker, Matt Miller, Pat Reasbeck.

The Patriots consist of: Ronnie Green, Billy Irwin and Brett Traylor.

Tyler Consolidated's two picks are Junior Yost and Sean Neff, while Magnolia's Josh Sims and Zac Snyder will also take part.

The rest of the West Virginia roster consists of: Andrew Bee (Cameron), Matt Ceran (Madonna), Joe Risden (Bishop Donahue), Bryan Rowland (Oak Glen) and Zach Ueltschy (Valley).

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OVAC ALL-STAR FOOTBALL

Ohio Receivers a Versatile Group

**By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer**

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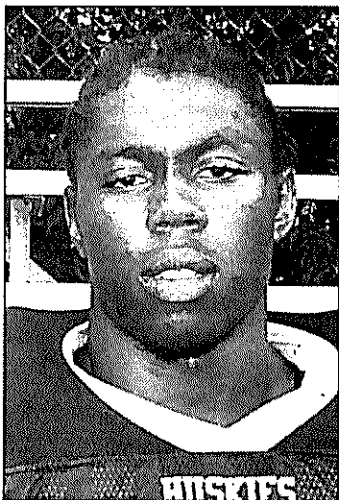
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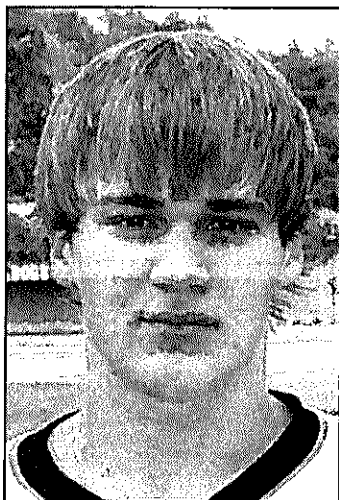
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Walker was also a key player on the Huskies' basketball team, which advanced to the regional tournament last winter.

In the spring, Walker became the first-ever athlete from Harrison Central to score in the state meet when he finished eighth in the high jump.

Willie, the son of Lisa Walker of Cadiz, is headed to Mount



Corey Doughty

Union College in the fall.

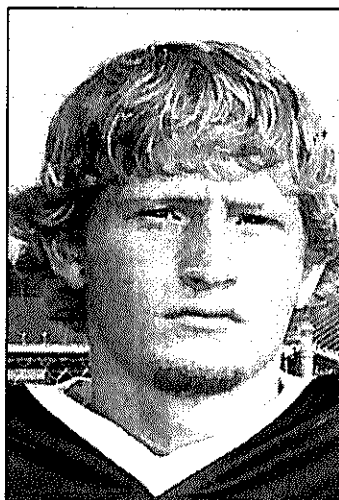
**Corey Doughty
Bridgeport**

This Bulldog selection was the quarterback for Coach Rudy Vavrock's charges last fall and was effective running or passing.

He was a first-team all-OVAC selection and captained the all-River Valley Conference Team.

Along with football, Doughty played basketball for three seasons and was a member of the Bridgeport baseball team for four seasons.

The 6-0, 180-pounder is list-



J.J. Savage

ed in Who's Who Among American High School Athletes.

The son of Mike and Missy Dalto of Lansing, Corey plans to attend Waynesburg College.

**J.J. Savage
Buckeye Trail**

This Warrior was a go-to receiver for Coach Randy Thompson's Warriors last fall.

Savage was on the receiving end of 30 passes for 545 yards and he scored four times.

For his season, he was recognized as first-team all-OVAC, all-District, all-Times Leader and was honorable mention all-

Ohio.

The 6-0, 180-pounder is the all-time leading receiver in Buckeye Trail football history.

He was also a four-year mainstay on the Warrior basketball team and was named to the District 12 and OVAC All-Star Games.

J.J. is the son of Jim and Shelly Savage of Cambridge.

**Kyle Winland
Meadowbrook**

This Colt enjoyed a most productive senior season under head coach Mitch Bendle.

He was the Colts' quarterback and passed for just under 900 yards and four scores. He was also a standout in the defensive backfield.

Winland was a second-team all-District and ECOL pick and honorable mention all-OVAC.

The 5-10, 175-pounder was also active on the Colts' basketball and baseball teams.

He was an honorable mention all-ECOL pick in hoops and was first-team ECOL and Eastern District pick in baseball. He was also picked to take part in the OVAC and Eastern District all-star baseball games.

Winland is also active in the Stop 9 Church of Christ.

Kyle, who will attend Marietta College, is the son of Rusty and Kendra Winland of Byesville.

Backfields for OVAC All-Star squads picked

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Cambridge's Rick Goodrich couldn't have picked a better year for the 4-A turn to come around in the annual OVAC All-Star Game.

The veteran Bobcats mentor -- who was a previous winner of the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic -- had all sorts of talent at his disposal and has announced his intended backfield for the Sunday, July 23 extravaganza to be held at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"With the talent we have assembled in the backfield, we don't think there's any way you could key on something," Goodrich said. "We feel we have other weapons to complement these guys real well."

Bellaire's Nate Davis -- the Ball State recruit -- is one of the quarterbacks on the Buckeye roster. Also ticketed to see action under center is Steubenville Catholic's J.J. Kuczynski.

The Ohio running back contingent consists of Barnesville's Bud Hines, Steubenville Catholic's Zach Hawrot, Beaver Local's Jimmy Bowersock and East Liverpool's Lloyd Hendershot.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

NATE DAVIS, Bellaire -- This record-setting quarterback was as good as advertised in leading the Big Reds to their second regional title in three years and a 13-1 record.

Davis passed for close to 3,000 yards last season and threw better than 30 touchdowns. All told, he owns Bellaire High school records for touchdowns thrown in a career and passing yards.

The 6-ft-2, 220 pounder was a first-team all-Ohio selection and was co-offensive player of the year in the state. He was the captain of the all-Times Leader and all-Valley teams. He was a first-team all-OVAC pick and a finalist for Mr. Football. Along with that he took part in last month's Ohio North-South Game.

In hoops, Davis is the Bellaire High all-time scoring leader and was a first-team all-Ohio pick as well one of the state's players of the year in

W.Va. backs feature size and speed

By **SETH STASKEY**
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When trying to pick his backfield for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, Weir High's Eric Meek looked for the old mixture of speed and power.

Needless to say, he just may have found it.

"We feel we have a nice mixture assembled," Meek said. "We know what kind of team Ohio has, so we hopefully have some guys who will keep the chains moving and get us some points."

At the quarterback spot, Meek had the luxury of bring his own player in Brandon Sperlazza, and he also chose Magnolia's Josh Sims.

"We have two outstanding athletes at quarterback," Meek said. "We feel real comfortable with the two kids we chose at quarterback."

The running back contingent is comprised of: Valley's Zach Ueltschy, Brooke's Chris Nemeth, Madonna's Matt Ceran, Brooke's Ryan Cagot, and Weir High's Josh Smith.

Here is a capsule look at the players:
BRANDON SPERLAZZA, Weir High -- This Red Rider signal caller was one of the main cogs in the run to the West Virginia AA state championship.

The 5-ft-9, 170 pounder passed for 1,148 yards and 19 touchdowns this season.

He was a first-team all-West Virginia pick, first-team all-Valley and all-OVAC pick as a senior. All told, he

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Division III.

He also lettered in baseball and track during his four-year stay at Bellaire.

Nate is the son of Linda Davis and Charles "Tube" Davis.

J.J. KUCZYNSKI, Steubenville Catholic -- This Crusader quarterback made the most of his only season at Catholic Central, leading the Crusaders to the Division VI state title game.

Kuczynski passed for better than 1,500 yards and 17 touchdowns this season. He was also an effective runner.

He was a special-mention all-Ohio player. He was also first-team all-Valley, all-OVAC and all-district as a senior.

Along with athletics, the 5-ft-11, 175 pounder was active in National Honor Society, Keys Leadership, Stamp Program, Principal's List of Excellence and BETA Club. He was also an all-OVAC Academic performer.

J.J. -- who plans on attending John Carroll University -- is the son of Jim and Debbie Kuczynski of Steubenville.

JIMMY BOWERSOCK, Beaver Local -- This 5-ft-11, 255 pound Beaver fullback was a load for Coach Rich Wright the past four seasons.

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Bowersock ran for 1,192 yards and eight touchdowns this past season.

He was a second-team all-Ohio selection as well as first-team all-Eastern District. He was also all-OVAC first-team pick.

Along with football, Bowersock was the OVAC 275-pound wrestling champion and for his career posted 110 victories. He also qualified to the state in 2004 and took part in baseball this past spring.

JIMMY -- who will attend West Virginia Wesleyan University -- is the son of Jim and Karen Bowersock of Rogers.

BUD HINES, Barnesville -- This Shamrock running back was a workhorse to say the least for Coach Luke Johnson this past fall.

Hines finished second in the Ohio Valley in rushing with 1,961 yards on 348 carries. He also scored 16 touchdowns.

Hines was a first-team all-Ohio pick and was also named to the all-Valley and all-Times Leader teams. He was a first-team all-OVAC pick and was named Offensive Player of the Year in Division V in the eastern district.

Along with football, Hines was a standout wrestler, qualifying to the state twice and finishing eighth twice. He finished with a 43-5 mark this past season.

Hines is the son of Dave and Sue Hines of Barnesville.

ZACH HAWROT, Steubenville Catholic -- This Crusader running back enjoyed a record-

setting senior season under head coach Gregg Bahen.

Hawrot led the area in rushing this season, tallying 2,037 yards and 15 touchdowns as the Crusaders advanced to the Division VI state title game.

Hawrot now owns school records in career rushing yards and points scored.

He was a first-team all-Ohio pick in Division VI as well as the offensive player of the year in the eastern district. He was an all-OVAC pick and was a tri-captain of the all-Valley team.

Along with football, Hawrot also played baseball and was a member of SADD. He was a basketball statistician and is a lifeguard.

ZACH -- who plans on attending Walsh University -- is the son of Dan and Lynette Hawrot of Steubenville.

LLOYD HENDERSHOT, East Liverpool -- This Potter saw time at tight end during the season, but could be shifted to fullback for the OVAC game.

Hendershot was a second-team all-Ohio pick as well as the recipient of the Bill Booth Award. He was a first-team all-District pick and twice lettered.

Hendershot -- who plans on attending Thiel College -- is the son of Lloyd and Esmeralda Hendershot of East Liverpool.

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was a three-time all-stater and all-OVAC performer.

Along with football, Sperlazza was active in the career club and the drama club.

BRANDON -- who plans on attending Washington & Jefferson College -- is the son of Darlene and Craig Sperlazza of Weirton.

JOSH SIMS, Magnolia -- This Blue Eagle quarterback enjoyed an exceptional senior season in which he was named captain of the all-state team.

Sims passed for 1,774 yards and 17 touchdowns this season for the Blue Eagles and Coach Mark Batton.

The 5-ft-9, 185 pounder was a first-team all-OVAC and all-Valley pick. He was also fourth in the voting for the prestigious Kennedy Award.

Along with football, Sims was active in both basketball and baseball.

JOSH -- who will attend West Virginia University -- is the son of Randall and Debbie Sims of Proctor, W.Va.

CHRIS NEMETH, Brooke -- This Bruin was a lead blocker all season and exemplified the fullback role for Coach Dave Reitter's squad.

Nemeth was named the team's defensive back of the year and also handled the Bruins' punting duties. As a junior, Nemeth was named the team's most improve player.

Along with those honors, he's a member of Who's Who Among American High School Athletes.

Nemeth also took part in the National High School Football Bowl at Kent State University last month.

Away from the field, Chris served as a peer buddy and also as a DECA during the past two years.

CHRIS -- who will attend California University of Pa. -- is the son of Ed and Debbie Nemeth of Follansbee.

MATT CERAN, Weirton Madonna -- This Blue Don back carried a bulk of the load for Coach Bob Kramer's team this past season.

Ceran ran for 983 yards and 14 scores last season.

The 5-ft-9, 165 pounder was a first-team all-state pick, first-team all-Mason-Dixon, first-team all-OVAC. Along with football, Ceran took part in basketball and baseball for the Dons.

Away from the athletic realm, Matt was the president of the student council, a member of the National Honor Society, J.E.T.S., Interact Board, Treasurer of Ski Club, S.A.D.D., Prayer and Art Clubs. He's also a member of the National Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students.

MATT -- who will attend Fairmont State University -- is the son of Lisa Best and Matt Ceran. He resides in Weirton.

RYAN CAGOT, Brooke -- This speedy Bruin tailback was the recipient of the lead blocking of the aforementioned Nemeth.

Cagot led the Bruins in rushing, churning out 1,011 yards and nine touchdowns.

The 5-ft-8, 200 pounder was a second-team all-state pick, first-team all-OVAC, second-team all-Valley and was the Brooke Offensive MVP as well as team captain.

Away from the field, Cagot is active in Peer Buddy, HOSA, REACH and Interact.

RYAN -- who plans on attending West Liberty State College -- is the son of Chuck and Sharon Cagot of Follansbee.

JOSH SMITH, Weir High -- This workhorse back also played a key role in the Red Riders run to a state title.

Smith carried the ball 196 times for 1,527 yards and 20 touchdowns last fall.

He was a first-team all-OVAC pick and a second-team all-state captain.

Josh is the son of Connie Stevens and William Smith. He resides in Weirton.

ZACH UELTSCHY, Valley -- This Lumberjack fullback was a force for Coach John Kocher's team last fall.

The 6-ft-2, 230 pounder ran for 1,125 yards and 10 touchdowns last fall. For his fine season, he was a first-team all-stater. He was also first-team all-Valley and all-OVAC.

Along with his running back duties, Ueltschy was a punter and a linebacker for the Lumberjacks.

Ueltschy won the state discus title this past spring and holds the region one record.

ZACH -- who plans on attending West Virginia University -- is the son of Bryan and Tara Ueltschy of Pine Grove.

West Virginia receivers set

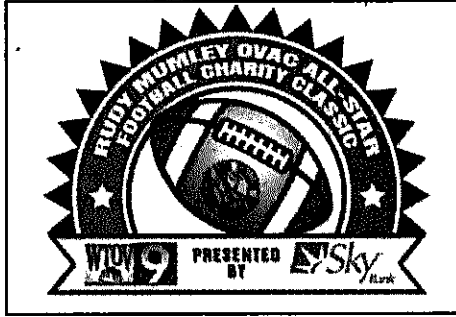
By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

With the balanced style of offense that Weir High's Eric Meek plans to implement for the upcoming Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game slated for July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium he knew securing solid receivers was a must.

However, without many true receivers to pick from, Meek did the next best thing and took athletes to fill the position.

"We have great athletes at wide receivers," Meek said. "We know that Ohio is going to be strong in the secondary, so hopefully our guys are up to the challenge."

Slated to play wide receiver in the annual summer classic for the Mountaineers are: John Marshall's Travis Goddard, Wheeling Central's Eric Baker, Wheeling Park's Ronnie Green, Wheeling Park's Billy Irwin, Tyler Consolidated Sean Neff, Weir High's Dawand Smith and Magnolia's Zac Snyder.



Here is a capsule look at the players:

TRAVIS GODDARD, John Marshall - This Monarch was one of the go-to-guys for the late Mike Linsky's offense last season in Moundsville.

The 6-ft, 185-pounder was one of the top targets in the Monarch offense. He was also a standout at defensive back.

Goddard -- who plans on attending West Liberty State College to play football -- is the son of Pam Goddard and Jeff Goddard. He resides in Moundsville.

ERIC BAKER, Wheeling Central -- This former Maroon Knight was a load at the tightend position under head coach Mike Young.

Baker also a standout at linebacker where he earned first-team all-state status. He was also an all-OVAC, all-Valley pick as well as team MVP. He was a team captain for the Knights as well.

The 6-ft, 200 pound Baker was also a four-year start in hockey for the Knights and was a team captain of the baseball team this past spring.

Baker -- who plans on attending West Virginia University -- is a member of the National Honor Society and is listed amongst Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Eric is the son of Mike and Sue Baker of Wheeling.

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Ronnie is the son of Ronnie Green Sr. and Anne Dague. He plans on attending Delaware State University.

BILLY IRWIN, Wheeling Park -- This Patriot was the top receiver for Nardone this past fall.

The 6-ft, 165 pounder was one of main weapons on the offensive side for Park.

Irwin is a member of the National Honor Society and also received the Raymond B. Craig Scholarship.

Billy -- who also takes part in Young Life -- is the son of Vicki Dugan and Ron Irwin. He resides in Triadelphia.

SEAN NEFF, Tyler Consolidated -- This Silver Knight was a standout defensive back, but could be turned to the offensive side for the all-star game.

Neff was one of the top cover guys for Coach Robbie Caldwell's team last season.

The 5-ft-10, 170 pounder was also a standout in wrestling, placing fourth in the state tournament and also captained the squad. He's also been listed as a Student of the Month and is an honor student. He also took part in the TSA state competition.

Sean -- who plans on playing football at West Liberty State College -- is the son of Kate and Denny Beagle of Sistersville.

DAWAND SMITH, Weir -- This Red Rider was a standout in the secondary during his high school years.

Smith was one of the Red Riders top tacklers this season and also a standout cover man. The 6-ft-1, 185 pounder earned two letters and played a key role on the Weir state title run this past season.

Smith was a honorable mention all-state pick and was first-team all-OVAC.

Along with football, Smith also played basketball at Weir.

Dawand -- who is undecided about his college plans -- is the son of Tawanda Smith of Weirton.

ZAC SNYDER, Magnolia -- This Blue Eagle was one of the top pass-catchers in the Ohio Valley last season.

Snyder caught 50 balls for 913 yards and 10 scores for Coach Mark Batton's Blue Eagles.

For his fine season, Snyder was a first-team all-state pick and was first-team all-OVAC and Mid-Ohio Valley.

Along with football, the 6-ft, 165 pounder took part in basketball and was a member of the Blue Eagles' baseball team, which won the Class AA state title this spring.

Zac -- who plans on attending Fairmont State -- is the son of Dan and Joyce Snyder of New Martinsville.

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Marshall County residents who have key positions connected with the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Classic this year are from left, game director Bob Koch of Cameron, Queen of Queens coordinator Reva Icard of Moundsville, Band coordinator Dru Meyer of Glen Dale and scholarship chairman Bill Hinegardner of Moundsville.

OVAC ALL-STAR FOOTBALL

W.Va. Receiving Corps Set

Meek focusing on athleticism to challenge Buckeye State stars

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For The Intelligencer

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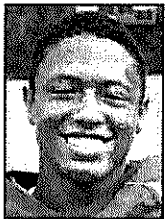
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Ronnie Green



Eric Baker



Zac Snyder



Billy Irwin



Travis Goddard



Dawand Smith

ley, All-OVAC and All-Mid-Ohio Valley laurels.

The 6-0, 165-pounder was also a standout baseball player, earning first-team all-state honors this spring while helping Magnolia to the West Virginia Class AA championship.

Zac, who is bound for Fairmont State University, is the son of Dan and Joyce Snyder of New Martinsville.

Eric Baker
Wheeling Central

This Maroon Knight was a load at the tight end position under head coach Mike Young.

The two-way standout was a first-team All West Virginia Class A pick at linebacker.

A 6-ft., 200-pounder, Baker was also a first-team All-Valley small school and All-OVAC Class AA honoree and was voted Wheeling Central team MVP.

Baker also served as a captain on the Knights' state championship squad.

A gifted athlete, Baker captained the Central baseball team this spring was a four-year starter on the Maroon Knights' club hockey team.

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The 6-1, 185-pounder was a two-year letterman who was a first-team All-OVAC Class AAAA honoree and garnered honorable mention from the all-state committee.

Dawand is the son of Tawanda Smith of Weirton.



Sean Neff

OVAC football clinic planned

WHEELING, WV — To kickoff the beginning of the 2006-07 'Subway Sports Clinic Series' the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will be hosting its third annual free youth football clinic in conjunction with the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic presented by WTOV9 and Sky Bank. The clinic will take place the day of the game on Sunday, July 23, on the turf of Wheeling Island Stadium.

Registration will take place at the Stadium from noon to 12:45 p.m.

The clinic will last from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will be directed by OVAC football coaches, including members of the Wheeling Park High School football staff. The instructors will teach the basic fundamentals of football with a focus on building self-esteem.

The clinic is free and open to boys and girls ages 6-10 and 11-13.

Parents or legal guardians are required to have insurance and be present the day of the

clinic to sign a waiver form. For more information visit www.OVAC.org, email: james@ovac.org or phone (304) 639-1238.

Besides Subway, Bordas & Bordas Attorneys at Law, Cingular Wireless, Comcast, The Health Plan, New Balance and the OVMC are sponsors of the event.

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is the largest functional high school athletic conference in the United States.

It is comprised of 45 member schools with 12,000 athletes and 20,000 students that stretches across two states

(Ohio and West Virginia) and 16 counties. The OVAC sponsors 19 sports and recognizes 60 champions.

The annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic presented by WTOV9 and Sky Bank is slated for Sunday, July 23, at Wheeling Island Stadium with kickoff planned for 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at area Kroger stores, Cabela's, Smitty's Floors in Wheeling and Steubenville and other Ohio Valley retail locations that can be found on line at the OVAC's official Web site, www.OVAC.org.

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mark and saw them reach the Division III region 11 playoffs where they fell in the opening round to Canal Fulton Northwest.

Weir High's Eric Meek will guide the Mountaineers this summer. Meek led the Red Riders to the Class AA West Virginia state championship with a 13-1 record. For good measure along the way, they also claimed the OVAC 4-A title.

"This is a great game that involves a lot of great people," Meek said. "Obviously, I am excited to be a part of it again."

Both Goodrich and Meek have coached in the OVAC game before. Meek -- then as the coach at Wellsville -- guided the Ohio Stars in 1996 and a year later Goodrich -- then as the coach at Bridgeport -- led Ohio as well.

Having coaches who have already been a part of the OVAC Game is going to make life extremely easy on Koch.

"Until you've been there, you just don't know what it's like," Koch said. "Most of the coaches who do it for a second time always find something from their first experience to do differently."

For Goodrich, it was a welcome opportunity seeing he's been involved in the game as a player, a trainer and now as a head coach for the second time.

"We're really excited about the opportunity," Goodrich said. "We are proud to represent Cambridge and this game really means something to everyone who is a part of it."

Goodrich is hoping his coaching in the game could go a long way in getting the Bobcats more active in the OVAC seeing they are joint members between the OVAC and also the ECOL.

"We are on the cusp of the OVAC and unless you are around it all the time you don't know all of the good things the OVAC offers," Goodrich

admitted. "I guess you can see those people's points of views, but I am an OVAC guy. I really hope this can form some relationships to help us get more involved."

Goodrich is also thankful for how the calendar worked out to where the 4-A turn came around for an Ohio senior class that was loaded with football talent.

Just a few possible names include first-team all-Ohio picks: Bellaire's Nate Davis, Harrison Central's Willie Walker, Steubenville's Angelo Magnone, Barnesville's Bud Hines, Steubenville Catholic Central's Zac Hawrot, Shadyside's Justin Tollett, Steubenville's Demetrius Benjamin and Bellaire's Ty Hess.

"I am anxious to see what some of these kids are going to do in terms of the new NCAA rule with enrolling early for the summer," Goodrich said. "We've got some playmakers, nice lineman, but the process of how you choose the team is very important. Me and my staff are going to do the best we can to put the best possible team together."

On the other side of the coin, Meek and the West Virginia staff are looking forward to the usual underdog role, but also the chance to have a good time and meet some nice people.

"We'll have the opportunity to coach some of our Weir High kids again as well as the other outstanding athletes on our side of the river," Meek said. "Filling 32 spots is tough because you know you are going to have to leave some kids off the team, so you have to look to get the best players who can play certain positions."

The OVAC All-Star rosters will be selected by March 10 and the players will be notified by March 24 and the players will once again report to West Liberty State College for training camp on Sunday, July 16.

OVAC All-Star football preparation kicks off

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Writer

While the calendar insists it's still a little less than six months away, plans are in full swing for the 35th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic.

Game director Bob Koch and other OVAC game dignitaries hosted their annual organizational meeting Monday evening at

Undo's West in St. Clairsville.

The game is slated for Sunday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium and will once again feature all of the added attractions that have made the game into more of an extravaganza than a football game.

"We are just getting the process started," Koch said. "You really wouldn't think it takes this long to put a game on that's going to happen at the end of July, but these are busy times over the next several months, but it's a fun job."

One of the first steps in the game was assigning a support staff, and Koch was pleased to

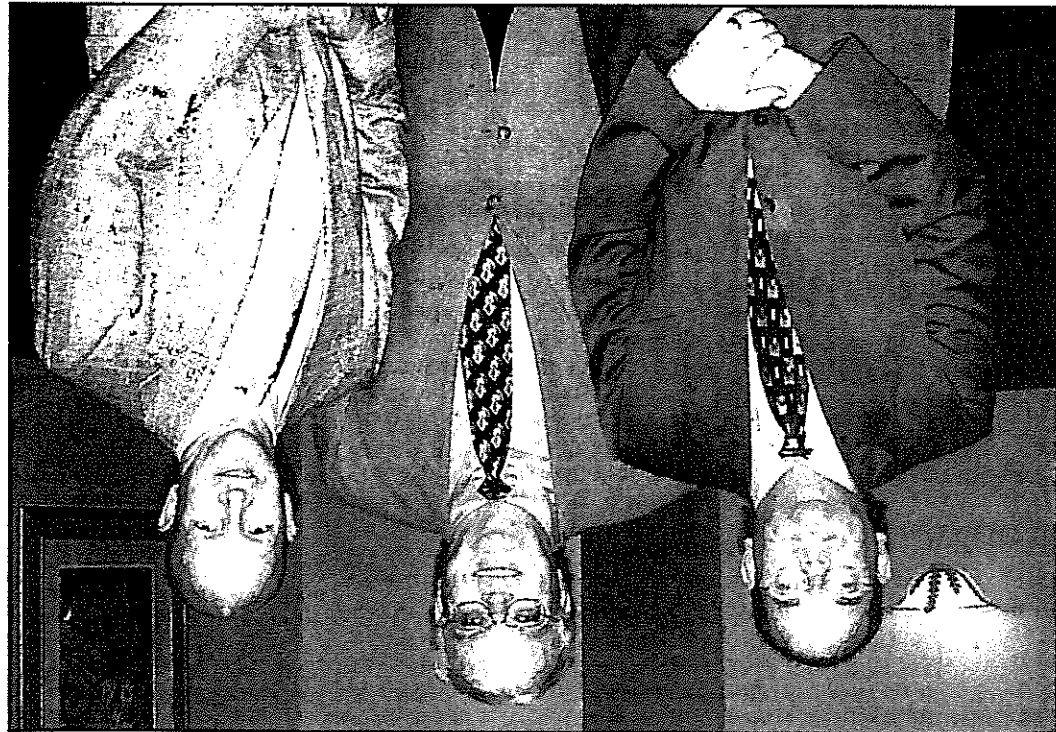


announce that all of the viable cogs had decided to return for another year. Along with Koch, other key members of the game committee include: McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band coordinator Dru Meyer, Queen of Queens coordinator Reva Icard, Program coordinator Linda Myers, Evening with the Stars coordinator Diana Vargo, Ten Year Reunion coordinator Steve Kish and advisor Ron Mauck.

"We are happy to have everyone back on board again this year," Koch told the gathering. "It's amazing that so much can get done and very rarely do we see each other again until the Fifth Quarter event after the game."

"With the staff once again in place, Koch announced the coaching staffs for both the Ohio and West Virginia squads. Cambridge High's Rick Goodrich will coach the Ohio side after guiding the Bobcats to a 9-2 record last year.

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THE HEAD COACHES for July's 35th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic have been chosen. From left, are West Virginia head coach Eric Meek (Weir), game director Bob Koch and Ohio head coach Rick Goodrich (Cambridge).

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"Some kids are going to get left off but that's the way it goes."

"We make a lot of decisions based on needs at positions so some people who deserve to make it might not make it," Meek said. "As a coaching staff, we just try to do the best we can."

While both coaches want to win the game, both agree that the kids are there to have fun and take in what has been a great career.

"You prepare and you go out there and you play your best and you try to win," Goodrich said. "It doesn't really matter who wins because it's for a great charity and in the long run, everyone wins."

"We want to win, but we also want to have fun," Meek said. "This will be a great memory for these kids to experience."

Rosters must be turned in no later than March 10.

In charge of the game for the sixth year will be Robert Koch.

"We look forward to this

game every year and I couldn't be happier with the coaches this year," Koch said. "The great thing about rotating divisions is that you get to meet new coaches every year and see the different styles of play that use in the game."

Like always, the game will feature the Queen of Queens, the McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band, and the OVAC All-Star Aeropostale Cheerleaders.

"One of the great things about this game is that we appeal to everyone, and we get kids in the junior highs that work hard everyday just to get to this point," Koch said. "Some kids play all four years just so they can get a chance to play in the OVAC All-Star game."

"It's a real rewarding experience for the players and an amazing testimony to the everyone that's involved in the process."

The 35th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic will be held Sunday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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All-Star Coaches Chosen

Weir's Meek, Cambridge's Goodrich get the nod for OVAC Classic

By JOSH STROPE
Staff Writer

As preparations for the 35th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic begin, the first order of business was taken care of Monday as the coaches for the mid-summer game were announced.

Weir's Eric Meek will head the West Virginia team, while the Ohio team will be directed by Cambridge head coach Rick Goodrich.

"This is an honor to be able to represent our school and the state of Ohio," Goodrich said. "It's nice to be recognized for the hard work the coaches put in throughout the season."

Goodrich will be participating in his fourth All-Star game, while Meek will lead his second.

Goodrich was head coach once in 1998, while also serving as a man-

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to have fun."**

**Eric Meek
West Virginia
All-Star coach**

again, but it will be a little strange as this time I will be wearing a different color," Meek said.

While the coaches are no stranger to the game, both know it will be a lot of hard work in getting rosters finalized.

The rosters consist of 32 players plus a kicker from each state.

No more than three players may be selected from any Ohio school and no more than four from any W.Va. school.

"With 32 roster spots and 80 kids to choose from, it makes it tough," Goodrich said. "You have some kids that are no-brainers, but then you have to break down film from players that maybe we haven't seen and we give everyone a fair look."

ager (1979) and a player (1980) with Bridgeport.

Meek was at the helm a decade ago while head coach at Wellsville.

This year, the 1996 team will be honored — an interesting situation for the Red Riders coach.

"It will be nice to see all those guys

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The coaches for the OVAC All-Star Football Classic were named Monday at Undo's in St. Clairsville. From left, W.Va. coach Eric Meek, game director Robert Koch, and Ohio coach Rick Goodrich.

Photo by Josh Strobe



Sports Saturday

Ohio offensive line for OVAC Game named

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

With the abundance of talent, Ohio head coach Rick Goodrich has stockpiled for the July 23 Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, a solid offensive line was the next topic of discussion.

From the looks of what Goodrich and his Cambridge staff have assembled for the trenches it appears the Buckeye skill players will have plenty of opportunity to shine.

"We've got nice size up front and the guys we picked are very athletic," Goodrich said. "The guys we picked for the offensive line all come from good programs and are used to playing against top-notch competition. We hope they perform like we expect them to."

Slated to open holes and provide protection in the Buckeye trenches are: Edison's Jeremiah Hinerman, Harrison Central's Geno Agostini, Cambridge's Justin Britnell, Martins Ferry's Shane Clark, Steubenville's Eric Gilmore, Barnesville's Corey Hastings, Steubenville's Ralph Petrella and Buckeye Local's Greg Verhovec.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

JEREMIAH HINERMAN, Edison -- This Wildcat was a two-way mainstay for Greg Taglieri's team last fall.

The 6-ft-1, 280 pounder was a standout as a two-way tackle and was a second-team all-district pick as well as a first-team all-OVAC and all-Quad County selection.

Hinerman was also a standout in both wrestling and track.

Along with his high school athletic career, Hinerman is also a volunteer firefighter.

Jeremiah -- who plans on attending Seton Hill University -- is the son of Sondro and Roger Hinerman of Toronto.

GREG VERHOVEC, Buckeye Local -- This Panther was a two-way standout for Coach Ron Pabolish last season.

Verhovec was one of the Panthers' top tacklers from his defensive end spot and also anchored the offensive line at the center position.

The 5-ft-11, 225 pounder was a team captain last season and was also a second-team all-district pick.

He was also a standout for the Panthers' baseball team.

Greg -- who plans on attending Muskingum College -- is the son of Greg and Barbara Verhovec of Rayland.

COREY HASTINGS, Barnesville -- This Shamrock lineman was one of the main reasons why the 'Rocks ran off eight straight wins to qualify for the playoffs and win an OVAC title.

Hastings earned all-Ohio status as an offensive lineman and was also a standout at defensive tackle. Along with all-Ohio, he was a first-team all-District, all-OVAC, all-Times Leader and all-Valley pick.

The 6-ft-1, 255 pounder is also a member of the Shamrocks' wrestling team.

Corey -- who plans on attending Belmont Technical College -- is the son of Robin Bailey and Drew Hastings. He resides in Barnesville.

SHANE CLARK, Martins Ferry -- This

Purple Rider enjoyed a tremendous senior season for the Purple Riders and head coach Dave Bruney.

Clark was the mainstay on the Rider defense at middle linebacker and was also an offensive guard. The 5-ft-10, 225 pounder was the lone underclass starter on the juggernaut 2005 Purple Rider team, which won the regional title.

He was an all-district, all-Times Leader and all-OVAC pick last season.

Along with football, Clark was a standout on the Purple Rider wrestling team and track squad.

Away from athletics, Clark was active in National Honor Society, Who's Who, Chy-Phy, Prom Committee, Spanish Club, STAMP, Class Treasurer and Close Up. He's also active at the Martins Ferry Christian Church where he plays in a softball league and serves as a Junior Deacon. He's also served as a Renaissance Basketball Coach.

Shane -- who plans on attending Washington & Jefferson College -- is the son of Bruce and Kim Clark of Bridgeport.

JUSTIN BRITNELL, Cambridge -- This Bobcat one of the main reasons for the success of the Cambridge running game last season.

Britnell led the offensive line and was also a standout defensive player. He was a special mention all-District pick and second-team all-ECOL pick.

Away from athletics, Britnell is active in the Talented and Gifted Program.

Justin -- who plans on attending West Liberty State College -- is the son of Gordon Britnell of Cambridge.

GENO AGOSTINI, Harrison Central -- This Huskie was more of a Doberman up front for Coach Justin Kropka's team last fall.

Agostini -- who drew constant double teams -- was one of the area's premier linemen on both sides of the ball. He was one of the leading tacklers for the Huskies.

The 6-ft-1, 275 pounder was a second-team all-Ohio pick and first-team all-district. He was an all-Valley, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader selection as well.

Geno -- who plans on attending West Liberty State College -- is the son of Robert Agostini and Lanna Walker. Geno resides in Hopedale.

ERIC GILMORE, Steubenville -- This Big Red tackle was one of the mainstays on both lines for Coach Reno Saccoccia's team, which captured the Division III state title last year.

The 6-ft-1, 275 pounder was a second-team all-District pick and also received a coach's award at Big Red.

Eric -- who plans on attending Mt. Union College -- is the son of Dan and Tresa Gilmore of Steubenville.

RALPH PETRELLA, Steubenville -- This two-way Big Red standout was also one of the big reasons for the Big Red run to a state title.

Petrella was an anchor on the offensive line at guard and also played nose guard on the defensive side.

The 6-ft-2, 275 pounder was an all-Ohio, all-District, all-Valley and all-OVAC selection. He also earned all-Ohio in wrestling.

Ralph -- who is the son of Craig Petrella of Steubenville -- is going to West Liberty.

Ohio Coaches Relish Chance

Goodrich, staff glad to be back on Ohio sidelines for OVAC All-Star game

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

When Cambridge head coach Rick Goodrich accepted the role as Ohio coach for the OVAC All-Star Game, he had no trouble convincing his coaching staff to come along.

The veteran Bobcat grid boss will have his entire complement of coaches on hand Sunday, July 23 for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"These guys are looking forward to the opportunity," said Goodrich. "A lot of them had done the game with me before. We had a blast that time, so they are now excited to get out and work with this group of kids."

Joining Goodrich on the Ohio sideline will be Ryan Caldwell, Kevin Gunn, Matt Johnson, Robert Mascolino, Devin Nicholes and Bill Timko.

"We are going to try to represent Cambridge, the OVAC and Ohio the best we can," Goodrich said.

Here is a capsule look at the coaching staffs:

Rick Goodrich

The Bobcat head coach has been on the job for seven seasons and turned the Cats into one of the area's premier programs.

Goodrich and the Bobcats are coming off a 9-2 season in which they qualified for their second consecutive Ohio playoff appearance. Cambridge had never qualified for Ohio post-season play prior to Goodrich's arrival.

The 1980 Bridgeport High graduate has been coaching football for 22 years and has been a head coach for 11 years, including four at his alma mater.

He has a career record of 62-51 and is the winningest coach in Cambridge history.

In 1995, Goodrich was named Ohio Division VI state coach of the year and took Bridgeport to its only playoff appearance that season.

Goodrich is a 1984 Otterbein graduate and earned his Master's degree at Muskingum in 1992.

Rick married his high school sweetheart Alison and they reside in Lansing.

Ryan Caldwell

This former Beallsville Blue Devil is joining the Cambridge staff for the week, but his formal employer is West Muskingum.

Caldwell has been coaching football for the past five seasons and is about to embark on his second season with the Tornados.

Along with football, Caldwell has previously coached track and field.

The Beallsville High graduate went on to play football and earn his degree at Muskingum.

Ryan and his wife Nicole have one child Xander and they reside in Cambridge.

Kevin Gunn

This veteran Bobcats assistant has been a member of the Cambridge staff for the past 17 seasons.

Along with his football assignment, Gunn is currently a member of the track staff and previously served as a wrestling coach.

The Cambridge High graduate went on to earn his degree from Muskingum.



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Rick Goodrich

Kevin and his wife Jeanene have four children: Jennie, Terra, Cory and Keith. The family resides in Cambridge.

Matt Johnson

This Barnesville High School graduate came with Goodrich to Cambridge seven years ago.

He also served under Goodrich at Bridgeport and has been coaching football for 12 seasons. He was also the head boys basketball coach at Bridgeport and served on the Bulldogs' baseball staff.

After graduating high school in 1990, Johnson went on to play at Muskingum College where he earned his degree in 1994. He finished his Masters at Muskingum in 2001.

Matt and his wife Mindy have one son Payne and are expecting another child in February. The Johnsons reside in Barnesville.

Robert Mascolino

This Steubenville Catholic Central graduate came to Cambridge six years ago and has been a member of Goodrich's staff ever since.

Prior to arriving at Cambridge, Mascolino served on the staff at Meadowbrook and has nine years of experience.

Along with football, Mascolino also coaches wrestling and softball. Mascolino has both a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Muskingum.

Robert and his wife Susanna reside in Cambridge.

Devin Nicholes

This former Bobcat athlete joined the coaching ranks two years ago.

Nicholes also participated in basketball and baseball at Cambridge before attending OU-Zanesville where he earned his degree.

Devin is single and resides in Cambridge.

Bill Timko

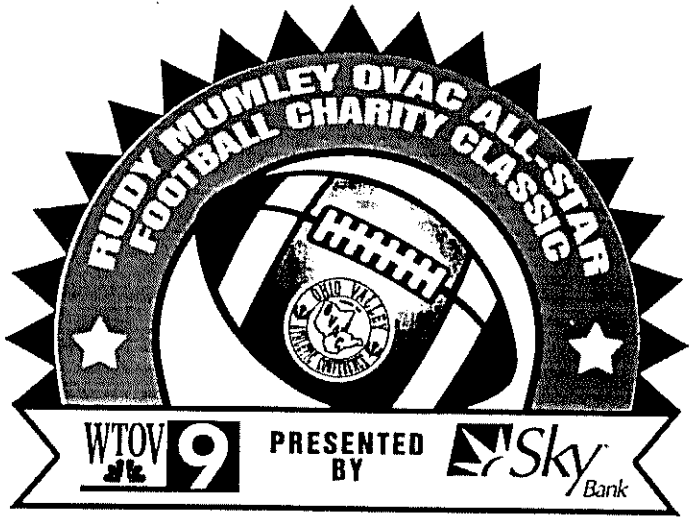
This veteran football coach has been around the sport for 10 years and has spent half of that at Cambridge.

Timko also coached at Bridgeport High School and served on the OVAC All-Star staff in 1997.

Timko is a Bridgeport and Ohio University graduate and has also coached baseball and wrestling.

Along with coaching, Bill formerly served as the commissioner of the Ohio Valley Baseball League and managed the Barton Braves.

Timko is also a part-owner of the Ohio Valley Greyhounds. Bill has two children, Bill and Jennifer, and three grandchild-



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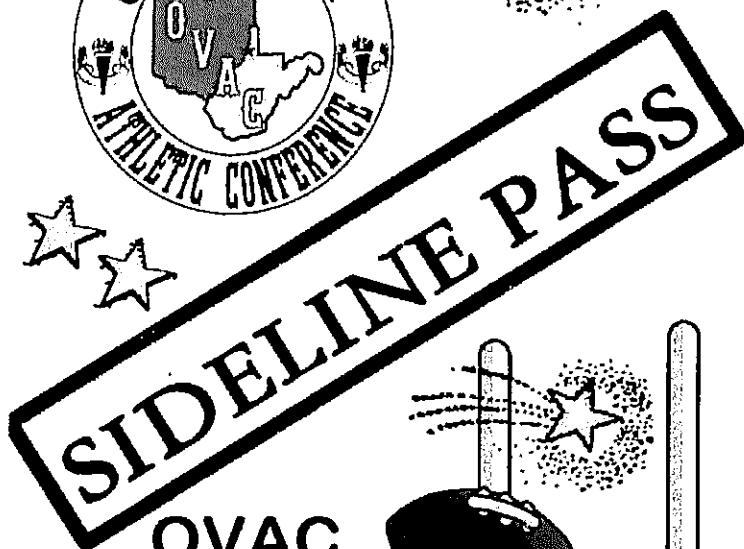


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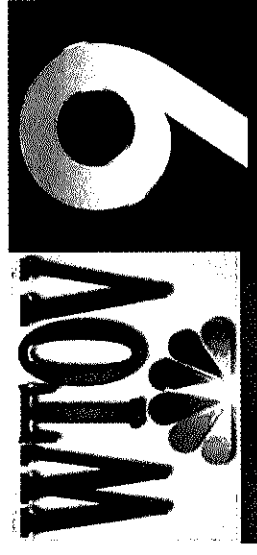


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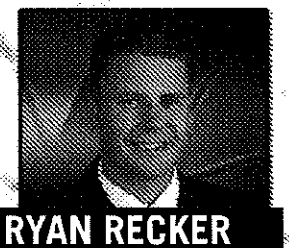
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Aug. 24	11:30pm	Akron Buchtel at Steubenville Big Red
Aug. 25	11:45pm	Bellaire Big Reds at Wheeling Park
Sept. 1	11:45pm	New Philadelphia at Carrollton
Sept. 2	11:35pm	Oak Glen at Wheeling Central
Sept. 8	11:45pm	Union Local at St. Clairsville
Sept. 9	11:35pm	Wheeling Central at Steubenville Central
Sept. 15	11:45pm	Weir High at Indian Creek
Sept. 22	11:45pm	Steubenville Central at Toronto
Sept. 29	11:45pm	Magnolia at Monroe Central
Oct. 6	11:45pm	Barnesville at Harrison Central
Oct. 13	11:45pm	Steubenville Big Red at Beaver Local
Oct. 14	11:35pm	Weir High at Brooke
Oct. 20	11:45pm	Edison at Buckeye Local
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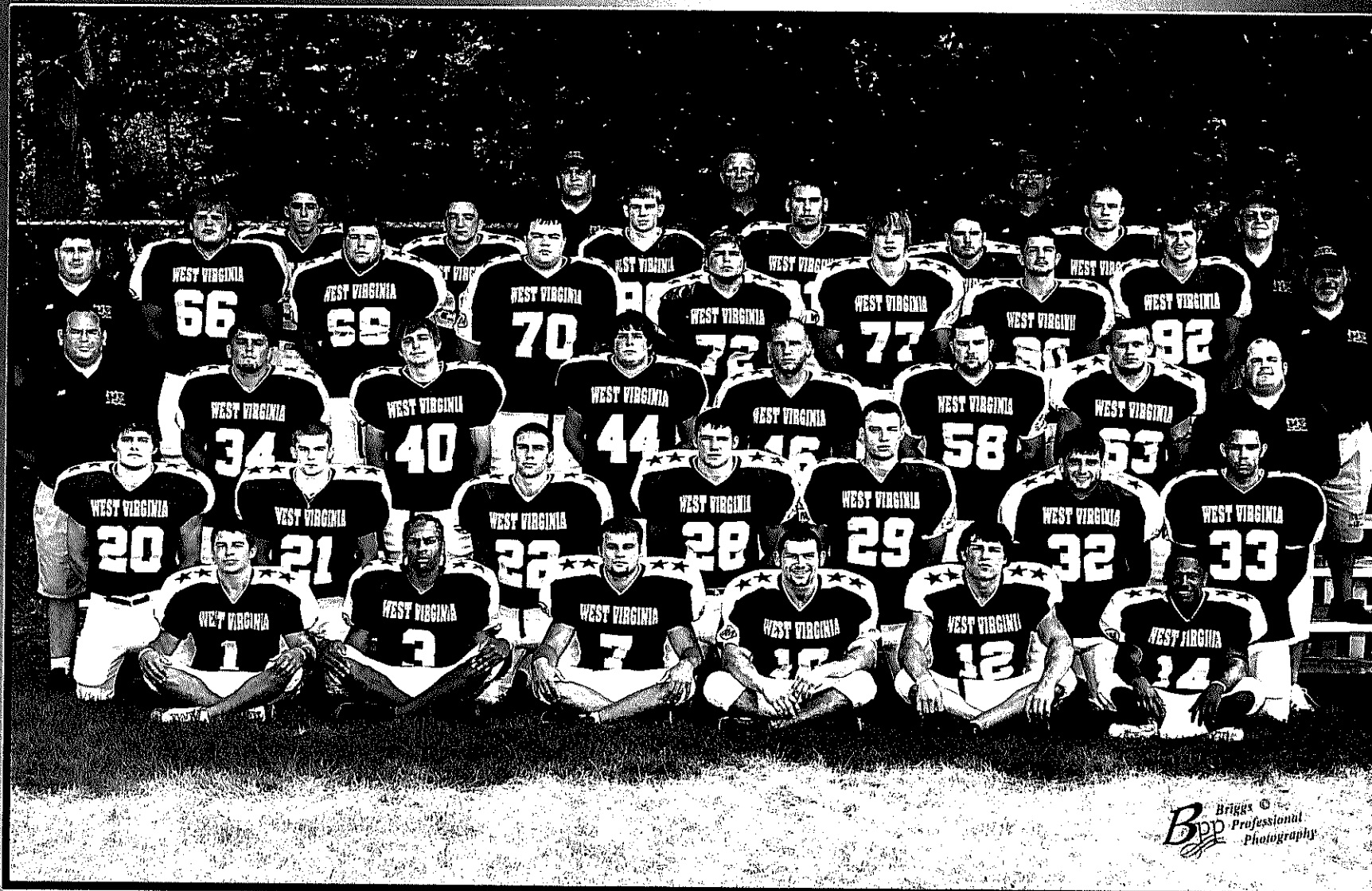


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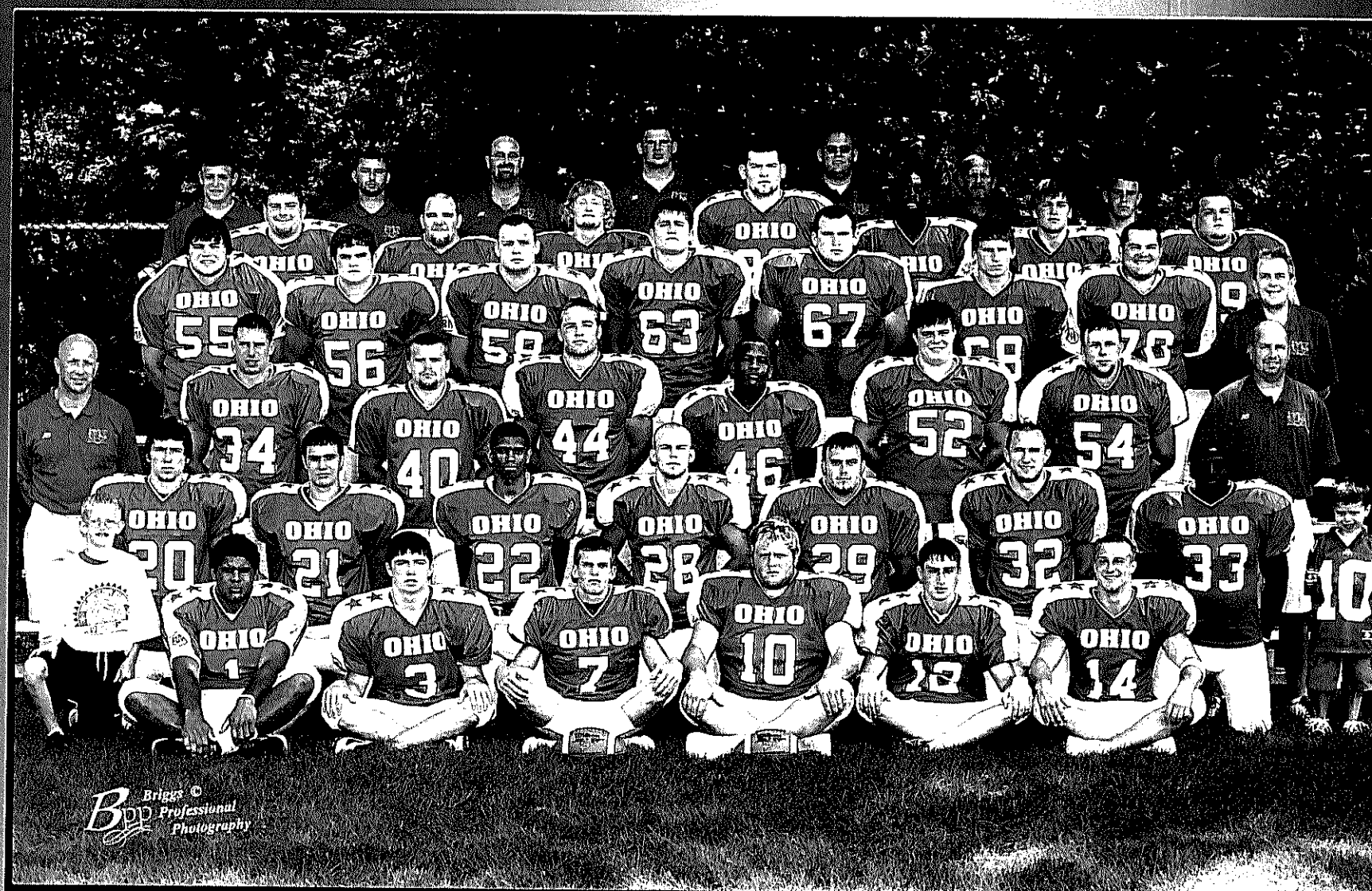


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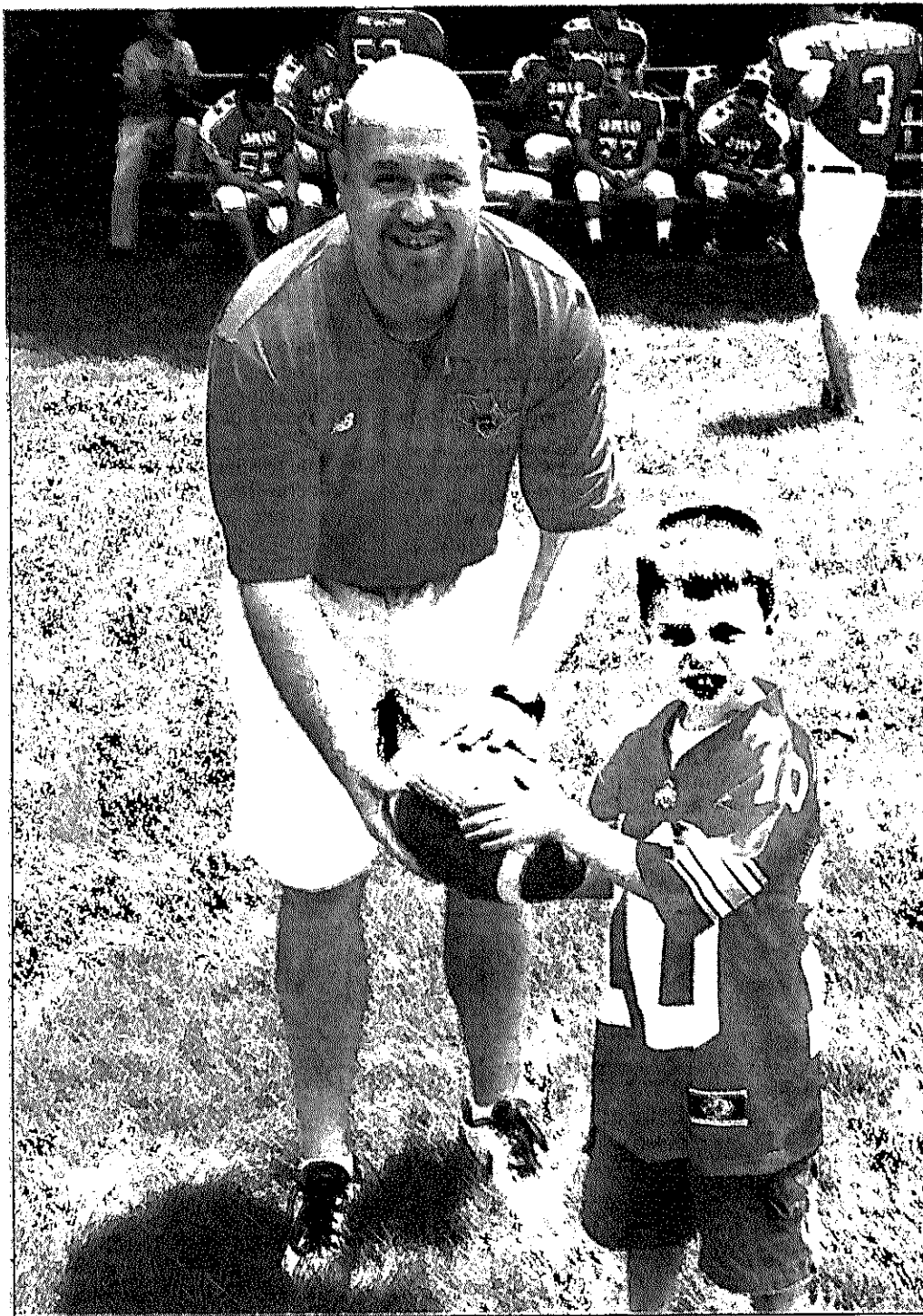


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Family Handoff



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CAMBRIDGE HIGH school assistant football coach Matt Johnson hands the football off to his son, Payne, prior to Sunday night's Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium. Matt was an assistant on the Buckeyes' team which posted a 22-0 win over their West Virginia counterparts. The Johnsons reside in Barnesville.

Prep Football

RUDY MUMLEY OVAC ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CHARITY CLASSIC AT WHEELING ISLAND STADIUM OHIO 22, WEST VIRGINIA 0

Ohio	8	14	0	0	—	22
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	—	0

First Quarter
OHIO—Bud Hines (Barnesville) 47 run (J.J. Kuczynski (Steubenville Catholic) kick), 8:29.

Second Quarter
OHIO—Willie Walker (Harrison Central) 12 pass from Nate Davis (Bellairs) (Steve Rose (Steubenville) kick), 11:19.
OHIO—Walker 38 pass from Davis (Rose kick), 0:04.

	OH	WV
First Downs	15	10
Rushes-yards	28-121	41-101
Passing yards	167	47
Comp-Att-Int	13-21-1	3-8-1
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yds	4-50	4-20
Points-avg.	2-38.0	3-24.7

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Ohio, Hines 6-70, Zach Hawrot (Steubenville Catholic) 5-51, Davis 4-15, Jimmy Bowersock (Beaver Local) 3-12, Kyle Warden (Cambridge) 2-4-8, Eric Francis (St. Clairsville) 3-11, Jeremy Presley (Steubenville) 3-2, Kuczynski 1-1-14. West Virginia, Josh Smith (Weir) 14-32, Brandon Speranza (Weir) 8-15, Josh Sims (Magnolia) 8-16, Evan Hewitt (John Marshall) 5-31, Jason Pyles (Linsly) 5-0, Ryan Cogot (Brooke) 4-19.

PASSING—Ohio, Davis 13-21-0-167, Kyle Warden (Meadowbrook) 0-1-1-0. West Virginia, Speranza 1-3-1-17, Sims 1-3-0-14, Pyles 1-1-0-18.

RECEIVING—Ohio, Walker 8-134, Johnny Jones (Cambridge) 1-12, Warden 1-7, J.J. Savage (Buckeye Trail) 1-7, Warden 1-4, Caesar Hawkins (Indian Creek) 1-3. West Virginia, Ronnie Green (Wheeling Park) 1-17, Billy Irwin (Wheeling Park) 1-10, Chris Nemeth (Brooke) 1-14.

INTERCEPTIONS—Ohio, Sean West (Indian Creek) 1. West Virginia, Andy Koton (John Marshall) 1.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES—Ohio, Ty Hees (Bellairs) 1. West Virginia, none.

QUARTERBACK SACKS—Ohio Hees 2-5-15, Andrew Bobka (Bellairs) 5-8. West Virginia, Mike Buffo (Weir) 2-22.

KICKOFF RETURNS—Ohio, Hawrot 1-13. West Virginia, Green 3-123, Sean Neil (Tyler Consolidated) 1-9.

PUNT RETURNS—Ohio, Hawkins 1-7, Casey Omdorf (River) 1-7, Hawrot 1-5. West Virginia, Green 2-31.

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Ohio All-Star Linemen

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Pictured are the Ohio All-Star Linemen. Front, from left: Justin Britnell (Cambridge), Corey Hastings (Barnesville) and Jeremiah Hinerman (Edison). Back from left: Ralph Petrella (Steubenville), John Horn (Shenandoah), Greg Verhovec (Buckeye Local) and Eric Gilmore (Steubenville).



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of WTOV. "We feel it's the best event to be associated with in the entire Ohio Valley because it's about the youth of the valley at its finest. There are no better people to work with than those associated with this game."

"It might not be the Big 33 or the Ohio North-South Game," offered OVAC executive secretary Tom Rataiczak, "but I challenge any game to match this in its overall presentation from the game itself to the Queens, the McDonald's Band...it's just the total package."

EXTRA POINTS

In the first 34 years of the event, the game has raised a total of \$771,600 for local charities...

This year's McDonald's All-Star Band will consist of 202 members from around the conference while the Aeropostale All-Star Cheerleaders will number 20. Those two groups will report to West Liberty on Wednesday to begin their preparations...

The 20th annual George Strager Evening With The Stars will take place Wednesday at Wheeling Park's White Palace, with social hour at 6:30 p.m. and the program starting at 7:30...

The Queen of Queens Talent Show will be Friday at 7 p.m. at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling, with the doors opening at 7 p.m. Local contestants include Terresia High of Cambridge, Jena Miley of Shenandoah and Kayla Ralston of Barnesville. Admission is \$5 per person...

There will be a Pep Rally at West Liberty's Russek Field on Saturday at 6 p.m., with the gates opening at 5. The announcement of several scholarship winners, the introduction of the players, and members, cheerleaders and Queen of Queen candidates will take place...

Both teams will get one opportunity to practice on the artificial turf at Wheeling Island Stadium, with Ohio heading there on Thursday from 9-11 a.m. and the West Virginia team doing likewise on Friday...

Dru Meyer is serving as the McDonald's Band Coordinator; Dianna Vargo is coordinator of the Evening With The Stars; Stephanie Jendrusik of Union Local and Shawna Shephard of The Linsly School are serving as the cheerleading coaches; and Steve Kish, Jr. is the Ten-Year Reunion coordinator...

Kickoff for Saturday's game is 7:15 p.m., with the doors opening at 5:30. Advance tickets are on sale at *The Daily Jeffersonian* until 5 p.m. on Friday for \$7. All tickets at the game are \$10.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Davis Heads Ohio OVAC Backs

By SETH STASKEY
For The News-Register

Cambridge's Rick Goodrich couldn't have picked a better year for the Class AAAA turn to come around in the annual OVAC All-Star Game.

The veteran Bobcats mentor — who was a previous winner of the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic — has announced his intended backfield for the Sunday, July 23 extravaganza to be held at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"With the talent we have assembled in the backfield, we don't think there's any way you could key on something," Goodrich said. "We feel we have other weapons to complement these guys real well."

Bellaire's Nate Davis — the Ball State recruit — is one of the quarterbacks on the Buckeye roster. Also ticketed to see action under center is Steubenville Catholic's J.J. Kuczynski.

The Ohio running back contingent consists of Barnesville's Bud Hines, Steubenville Catholic's Zach Hawrot, Beaver Local's Jimmy Bowersock and East Liverpool's Lloyd Hendershot.

Nate Davis
Bellaire

This record-setting quarterback was as good as advertised in leading the Big Reds to a 13-1 record and their second regional title in three years.

Davis passed for close to 3,000 yards last season and threw better than 30 touchdowns. He holds Bellaire's career records in touchdown passes and passing yards.

The 6-2, 220-pounder was a first-team all-Ohio selection and co-offensive player of the year. He was the captain of the All-Valley and All-Times Leader teams, a first-team All-OVAC pick and a finalist for Ohio's Mr Football Award. Nate was also the starting quarterback for the South in last month's Ohio North-South Game.

Also a basketball standout, Davis was a first-team All-Ohio Division III honoree and one of the Division III Players of the Year. He is Bellaire's career scoring leader.

He also lettered in baseball and track during his four-year stay at Bellaire.

Nate is the son of Linda Davis and Charles "Tube" Davis.



Nate Davis



J.J. Kuczynski

J.J. Kuczynski
Steub. Catholic

After transferring from Edison, this Crusader quarterback made the most of his only season at Catholic Central, leading the Crusaders to the Ohio Division VI state title game.

Kuczynski passed for better than 1,500 yards and 17 touchdowns and was also an effective runner.

He was a special-mention all-Ohio player. He was also first-team All-Valley, All-OVAC and All-District as a senior.

An All-OVAC Academic performer, the 5-11, 175-pounder was also active in National Honor Society, Keys Leadership, Stamp Program, Principal's List of Excellence and BETA Club.

J.J., who will attend John Carroll University, is the son of Jim and Debbie Kuczynski of Steubenville.

Jimmy Bowersock
Beaver Local

This 5-11, 255-pound fullback was a four-year regular for Coach Rich Wright. Bowersock ran for 1,192 yards and eight touchdowns this past season.

He was a second-team All-Ohio selection as well as first-team All-District and All-OVAC.

Along with football, Bowersock was the OVAC 275-pound wrestling champion and for his career posted 110 victories.

He also qualified to the state wrestling tournament in 2004 and took part in baseball this past spring.

Jimmy, who will attend West Virginia University, is the son of Jim and Karen Bowersock of Rogers.

Bud Hines
Barnesville

This Shamrock running back was quite a workhorse for Coach Luke Johnson this past fall.

Hines finished second in Ohio Valley in rushing with 1,961 yards and 16 TDs on 348 carries.

Hines was a first-team All-



Zach Hawrot

Ohio pick, All-Valley, All-Times Leader and All-OVAC honoree. He was also named Ohio Division V Eastern District Offensive Player of the Year.

Along with football, Hines was a standout wrestler, qualifying to the state twice and finishing eighth twice. He finished with a 43-5 mark this past season.

Hines is the son of Dave and Sue Hines of Barnesville.

Zach Hawrot
Steub. Central

This Crusader running back enjoyed a record-setting senior season under head coach Gregg Bahen.

Hawrot was the leading rusher in the valley, running for 2,037 yards and 15 TDs as the Crusaders advanced to the Ohio Division VI state title game.

Hawrot now holds Steubenville Catholic's single-season and career records for rushing yards and points scored.

He was a first-team All-Ohio pick and the Division VI Eastern District Offensive Player of the Year. Hawrot was tri-captain of the All-Valley team and a first-team All-OVAC selection.

Along with football, Hawrot also played baseball and was a member of SADD. He was a basketball statistician and is a lifeguard.

Zach, who is headed to Walsh University, is the son of Dan and Lynette Hawrot of Steubenville.

Lloyd Hendershot
East Liverpool

This Potter saw time at tight end during the season, but could be shifted to fullback for the OVAC game.

Hendershot was a second-team all-Ohio pick as well as the recipient of the Bill Booth Award. He was a first-team all-District pick and a two-year letterman for the Potters.

Hendershot, who will attend Thiel College, is the son of Lloyd and Esmeralda Hendershot of East Liverpool.

W.VA. BACKS

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Josh Smith
Weir

This workhorse back carried the ball 196 times for 1,527 yards and 20 touchdowns as Weir rolled to the West Virginia Class AA state title.

Smith was a first-team all-OVAC pick and a second-team all-state captain.

Josh is the son of Connie Stevens and William Smith. He resides in Weirton.

Zach Ueltschy
Valley

This Lumberjack fullback was quite a force for Coach John Kocher's team last fall.

The 6-2, 230-pounder ran for 1,125 yards and 10 TDs to

lead the Valley attack.

For his fine season, he was a first-team all-stater. He was also first-team all-Valley and all-OVAC.

Along with his running back duties, Ueltschy was a standout punter and linebacker for the Lumberjacks.

Ueltschy won the state discus title in track this past spring and holds the Class A Region One record in the event.

Zach, who will attend West Virginia University, is the son of Bryan and Tara Ueltschy of Pine Grove.

Matt Ceran
Weirton Madonna

This Blue Don back carried




the bulk of the load for Coach Bob Kramer's team this past season, rushing for 983 yards and 14 scores.

The 5-9, 165 pounder was a first-team all-state pick, first-team all-Mason-Dixon and first-team all-OVAC. Along with football, Ceran took part in basketball and baseball for the Dons.

Away from the athletic realm, Matt was the president of the student council, a member of the National Honor Society, J.E.T.S., Interact Board, Treasurer of Ski Club, S.A.D.D., Prayer and Art Clubs.

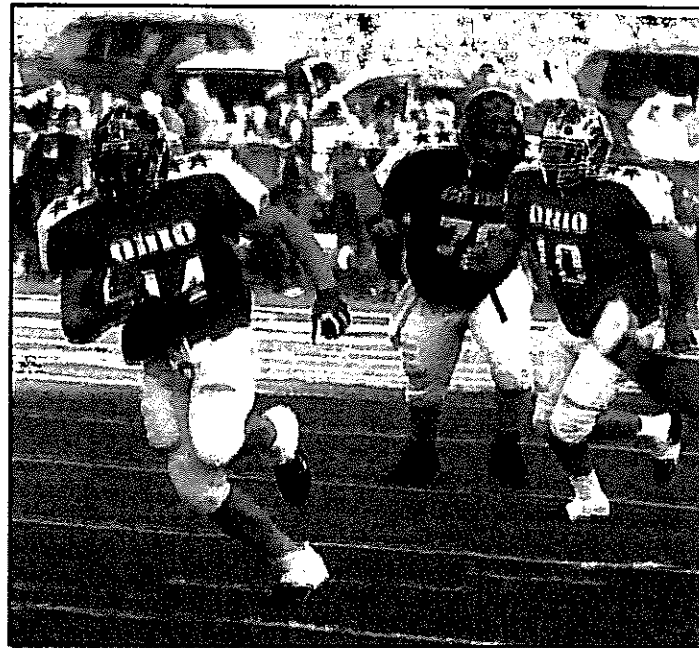
He's also a member of the National Honor Roll and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Matt, who will attend Fairmont State, is the son of Lisa Best and Matt Ceran. He resides in Weirton.

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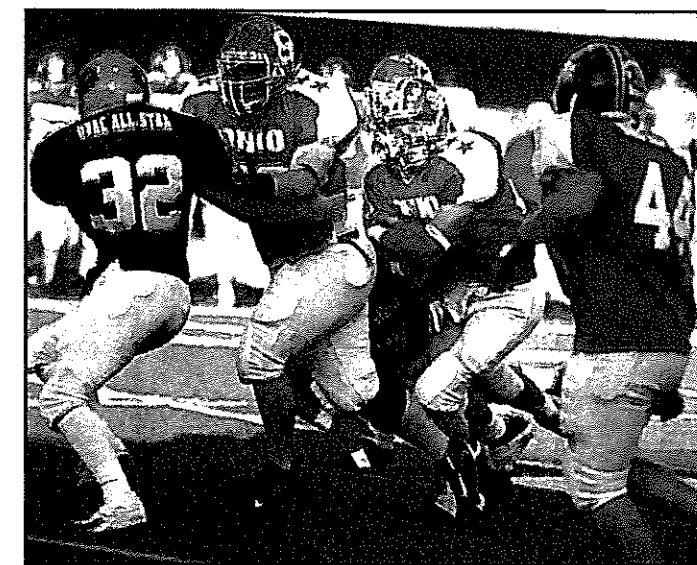
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Brad Miller/The Daily Jeffersonian
Cambridge's Johnny Jones breaks into the open field after making a reception in the first quarter of the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic. Trailing the play is Jim Bowersock (10) of Beaver Local.



Brad Miller/The Daily Jeffersonian
Ohio All-Star coach Rick Goodrich talks with Cambridge's Kyle Warden during a timeout in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium on Sunday. Ohio scored a 22-0 shutout victory.



Brad Miller/The Daily Jeffersonian
Barnesville'sss Bud Hines bides his time behind the lead block of Steubenville's Ralph Petrella on Weir High's Mike Buffo (32) during first quarter action of the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic in Wheeling on Sunday. Hines ran 47 yards for a touchdown and the game's opening score on the play. Moving in to provide blocking help is Cambridge's Johnny Jones (44).

Ohio continues OVAC all-star dominance

Davis-Walker combo shines, Hines scores early TD in 22-0 victory

JEFF HARRISON
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

WHEELING, W.Va. — Put another one in the victory column for Ohio.

Scoring of three of its four first half possessions, Ohio made it 11 wins in the last 12 games by winning the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic before a nice-sized Sunday night crowd at Wheeling Island Stadium.

With the athletic talents of quarterback Nate Davis (Bellaire) and wide receiver Willie Walker (Harrison Central) as the centerpiece — with a siz-

by Barnesville High's Bud Hines thrown in for good measure, Ohio chalked up a 22-0 victory over its West Virginia counterparts to cap a memory-filled week of activities surrounding the mid-summer OVAC extravaganza.

Earning his second victory in as many tries as Ohio's all-star coach, Cambridge High's Rick Goodrich credited his quality group of athletes with representing both Ohio and their respective schools well.

"It was a great week of work with these guys and a great way to end the week," offered Goodrich, who also was victori-

was head coach at his alma mater, Bridgeport High. "We had great team chemistry and everyone got along real well. With the limited amount of time we had and the weather conditions, we got a lot out of these kids.

"The best thing we did as a coaching staff came back in February when we picked these guys," Goody acknowledged, "and the second-smartest thing we did was let these athletes play. It doesn't take a genius to figure

At the top of the list of quality athletes were Davis and Walker, who combined for two touchdown passes in the second quarter to break the game open. On the night, Davis completed 13-of-21 passes for 167 yards, hooking up with the speedy Walker eight times for 134 yards.

"When you have athletes like that, you just let them go," Goodrich said. "They played together in the (Ohio) North-South Game and were really

same side of the ball tonight."

The usually run-oriented Goodrich and his staff mixed things up with 21 pass plays and 28 running plays, including a 47-yard touchdown scamper by Barnesville's Hines on Ohio's third offensive play.

"We could have run the ball more and dominated the line of scrimmage," Goodrich said, "but we wanted to mix it up as much as possible."

Hines' TD was an early eye-opener, putting the Buckeye State squad on top at the 8:29 mark of the first quarter. A little trickery ensued on the point-after try as Cambridge's Kyle Warden

Catholic's J.J. Kuczynski after a fake-kick on an end-around and Kuczynski scampered in for the two-point conversion to give Ohio an 8-0 lead.

After an exchange of punts, Ohio's Sean West (Indian Creek) intercepted a West Virginia pass attempt at the 17-yard line and set the stage for a seven-play, 83-yard scoring drive.

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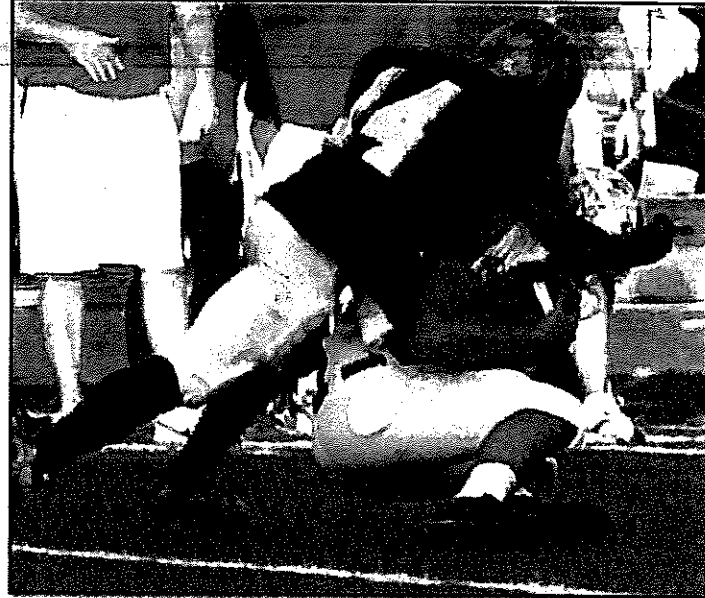
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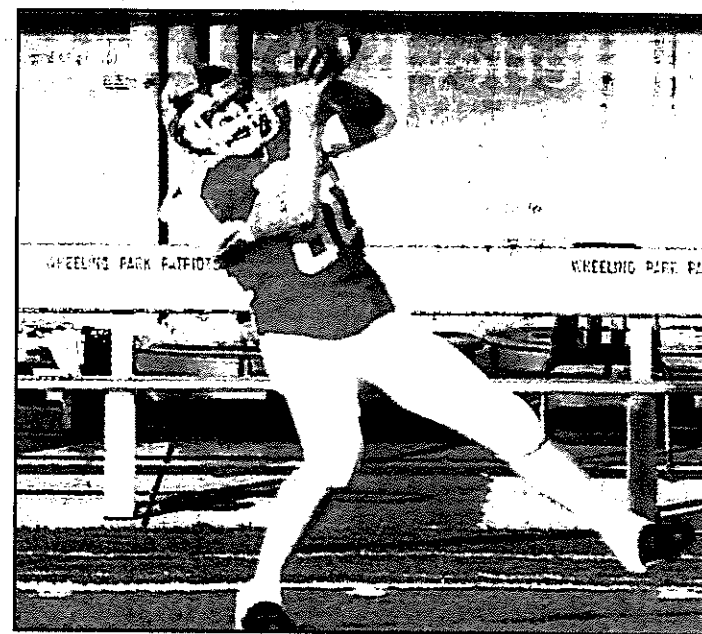
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Meadowbrook's Kyle Winland absorbs a hit from Wheeling Park's Ronnie Green after hauling in a first quarter pass during the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic on Sunday.



Brad Miller/The Daily Jeffersonian
Cambridge's Justin Britnell blocks Tyler Consolidated's Junior Yost as he protects for Bellaire quarterback Nate Davis during third quarter action of the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic Sunday in Wheeling.



Brad Miller/The Daily Jeffersonian
Buckeye Trail's J.J. Savage latches onto a short pass during first half action of the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic in Wheeling.

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Ohio claims OVAC game

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the PAT, giving Ohio a 15-0 upper-hand with 11:19 remaining in the first half.

Thanks in part to a pair of 15-yard personal foul penalties, West Virginia advanced inside the Ohio 20-yard line only to stall on downs at the 12 with 4:56 left in the half.

That proved just enough time for the Buckeyes to dent the scoreboard one more time, this time using an 11-play, 88-yard series to score. Three more times, Davis and Walker would connect for gains of 11, 23 and 36 yards, the last coming with four ticks left until halftime. Rose's PAT proved to be the final point of the night as neither side did much offensively in the second half.

Statistically, Ohio closed with 288 yards of total offense, including 167 passing and 121 rushing. The Buckeyes had 15 first downs, did not fumble and were penalized four times for 50 yards. Defensively, among the standouts was Bellaire's Ty Hess, credited with two-and-a-half sacks.

West Virginia finished with just 147 total yards, 101 on the ground and 47 through the air as three quarterbacks combined for three completions in eight attempts with one interception. The Mountain State squad had 10 first downs; lost one-of-two fumbles and was flagged four times for 20 yards. Weir High's Josh Smith rushed for 32 yards on 14 attempts.

"Our defense played well throughout the game," Goodrich related. "They are pretty aggressive and physical, so we just lined them up and let them go."

Goodrich and his Bobcat coaches won't have much time to relax with the 2006 season not far around the corner.

"We'll enjoy this tonight, but we'll get right back after it on Tuesday," he said.

IN THE PRESS BOX

OVAC Game still the cream of valley sports



By
SETH STASKEY
Times
Leader
Sports Editor

Another Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic has come and gone.

And with the game came another week of bonding, friendships, memories and activities for the youth of this valley.

But after the game, which was a 22-0 Ohio win, came the same old chatter.

Something that sounded like this:

- Change the format.
- There has to be a better way to make this game more competitive.
- Ohio has too many schools to choose from.
- This game needs to be a North-South format.

● OVAC

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Attendance figures haven't been officially announced, but just by eye-balling the crowd on both sides of the stadium, it's apparent that the fans are still coming out to support the game and that doesn't begin to count the thousands who tuned in at home to watch the game on television.

Remember, the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic isn't just a football game. It's an experience that encompasses more than 500 kids in all of the events that surround the football game.

And ask any of those kids about the experience and most will say it was the time of their lives.

Staskey can be reached at sstaskey@timesleaderonline.com

Those might not have been the exact words, but each year after Ohio wins decisively the talk begins.

Two years ago, when West Virginia scored a 21-7 victory over Ohio to snap a long Buckeye winning streak the talk vanished.

The format was okay, the difference of schools didn't really matter, Ohio may have had more schools, but for 2004, West Virginia had better players, etc, etc.

Now after two more Ohio wins, both of which coming by decisive margins, the talk has kicked into full gear. It's not just amongst the fans either, but the coaches have gotten involved.

Weir High's Eric Meek, who coached the West Virginia squad this season, was quite adamant after the game that something needs to be done.

Meek is one of the few who have coached the game on both the Ohio and West Virginia side. Is it ironic that Meek wasn't worried about the format when he coached in 1996 and Ohio steam-rolled to a 43-21 victory?

After the game last Sunday Meek said, "I will probably get criticized, but I don't like the current format of this game. Ohio has a real advantage because of the size and number of schools, and I really believe the OVAC needs to take a strong look at trying to even things up."

While Meek and many others want the OVAC to look into evening up the game, not many have come to the plate with a solution to the problem. Yeah, the old North-South format gets kicked around and other methods, but it just seems that none carry the luster or the meaning of Ohio vs. West Virginia.

This writer has been attending the OVAC All-Star Football Game since his cousin was crowned Queen of Queens in 1987. In the rest of those years, he thinks he's missed no fewer than two games for whatever reasons.

This writer will also be quick to point out he's an Ohio guy, but first and foremost this writer is an OVAC guy.

In our opinion, the game needs to stay the way it is with Ohio tangling with West Virginia.

The game definitely loses some of its luster if the format were to go to a North-South format or something else. If the Ohio North-South Game is any indication, attendance will take a hit with a change in format. The Ohio North-South Game -- played in Columbus -- doesn't draw very well at all and it lacks an atmosphere.

Sitting at Wheeling Island Stadium last Sunday and seeing fans with their chests painted, chanting at players, and getting the crowd pumped up shows me that the OVAC Game by no means lacks an atmosphere.

It also seems that the players from West Virginia relish the challenge each year. The players on the 2004 team probably still boast about knocking off Ohio and all week during camp, the 2006 players were talking how they wanted a chance at Ohio.

There's a rivalry between the two states, there's a David vs. Goliath, there's the big bully from Ohio continually pushing around West Virginia, but the Mountain state continues to plug away.

There are storylines with the Ohio vs. West Virginia format. There are fight songs for each team.

What would the McDonald's Band play in a North-South Game?

It may seem like a small detail and doesn't matter to a lot of football fans, but it's something that needs to be considered. And there are numerous other small factors which need to be looked at.

Let's face it, no matter what approach you take to anything in life it seems that someone is always going to be upset with an outcome and lobby for a change.

The format of Ohio vs. West Virginia has worked since 1940 and it seems it will work until 2040 and well beyond, so please Tom Rataiczak, Bob Koch, Ron Mauck and everyone else associated with the All-Star Game -- please leave well enough alone.

The game is for the kids and it's for charity.

The kids continue to show up and play each year and they will continue to do so because the OVAC All-Star Game is something that kids in this valley grow up dying to play in. And it continues to raise significant amounts of money for charity.

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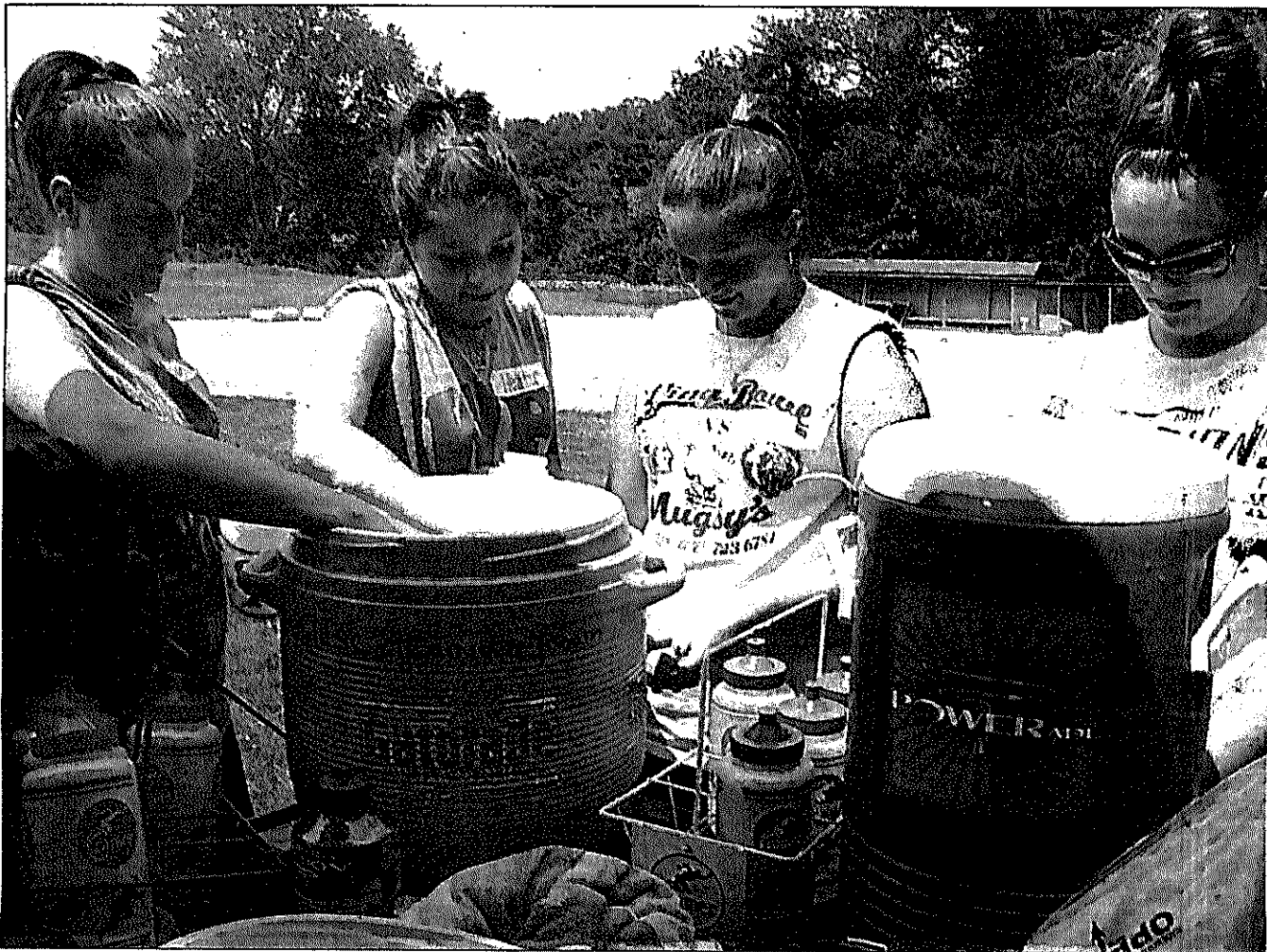


Photo by Rick Thorp

Student trainers, from left, Lauren Bennett, Heather Hoyt, Kathy Decker and Brianna Tracy prepare water bottles and wet towels this week during an Ohio practice session at West Liberty State College.

Future Healers

Student trainers help to keep things safe at OVAC practices

By RICK THORP
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Photo/RICK THORP

OHIO OFFENSIVE lineman Ralph Petrella gets cooled off by the student trainers who are working during training camp at West Liberty State College in preparation for the 35th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. The trainers from left, are Lauren Bennett, Kathy Decker, Heather Hoyt and Brianna Tracy.

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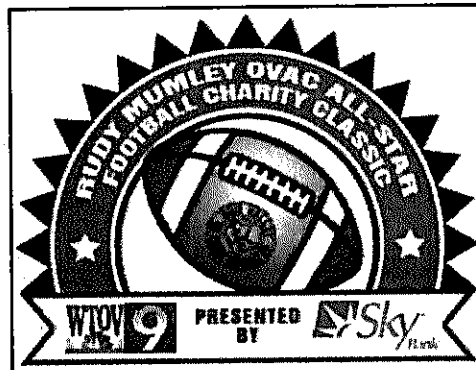
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OVAC stars meet with the media

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

The spectacle that is the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic officially got under way Sunday afternoon.

The players and coaches -- who went through three practices in suffocating heat and humidity -- took time out of their Monday afternoon to deal with media day activities at West Liberty State College, which is their home away from home for week.

"They keep you pretty busy up here with all of the activities," said Ohio and Cambridge High head coach Rick Goodrich. "It's a great experience for all of the kids and for the coaches, but at the same time we are trying to prepare to win a football game."

The game itself moves ahead of all of the surrounding activities on Sunday at 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium.

While the coaches are just getting to know their personnel, the players are still learning their new teammates, but in the Ohio dorm it seems to be moving along quickly.

"All of the kids have bonded pretty well already," Goodrich said. "They keep themselves busy with the Playstation tournaments and other things, so they are getting to know each other and hopefully we can gel like that on the field."

While Goodrich and the Buckeyes are working quickly to familiarize their new players with the offense and terminology, Eric Meek and the West Virginia staff aren't in such a big hurry.

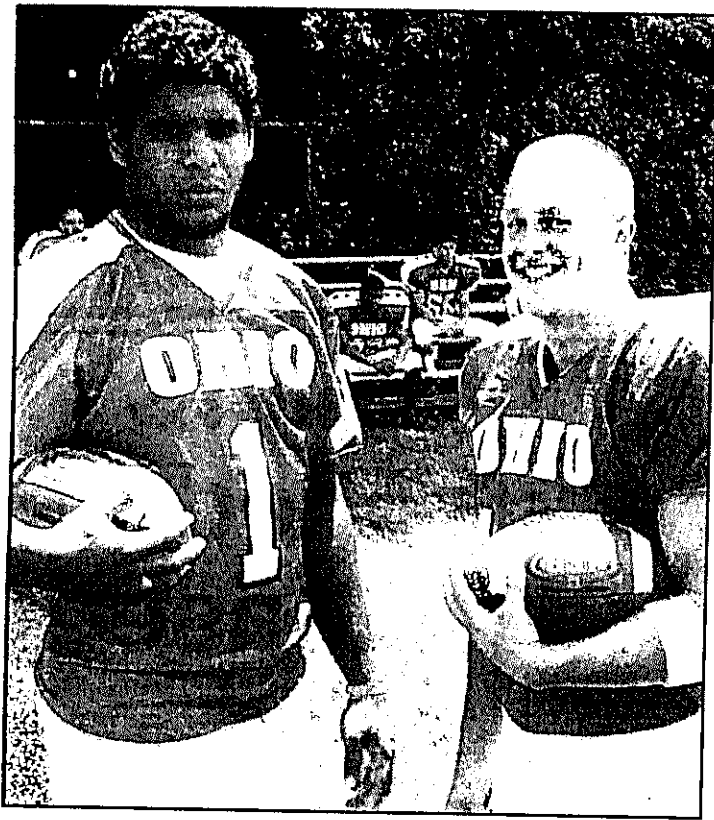
"We are taking it at a slow pace," Meek said. "We only have a week here, so we want to get the things down that we have to get down and then go from there, but everything is going real well and the kids have been a pleasure so far."

While it appears that most of the players came into camp in football shape, three players on the Ohio roster are playing in their second all-star game of the summer.



THE TWO head coaches for Sunday's 35th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic are shown here shaking hands during Monday's media day activities at West Liberty State College. Cambridge's Rick Goodrich (left) and Weir High's Eric Meek will guide the all-stars from Ohio and West Virginia respectively.

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AT LEFT: Ohio quarterbacks, from left, Nate Davis (Bellaire) and J.J. Kuczynski (Steubenville Catholic) pose during Monday afternoon's media day at West Liberty State College. T-L Photos/SETH STASKEY

AT RIGHT: Slated to play wide receiver and defensive back for the Ohio All-Star team during Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic is this group. Front row, from left, are Corey Doughty (Bridgeport), Kyle Winland (Meadowbrook), Sean West (Indian Creek). Back row, from left, are Johnny Jones (Cambridge), Kyle Warden (Cambridge), Willie Walker (Harrison Central), Lyle Burkhardt (Shadyside) and Andrew Bobka (Bellaire).

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Bellaire's Nate Davis, Harrison's Willie Walker and Steubenville's Demetrius Benjamin all were members of the South squad in the Ohio North-South Game last month.

Davis -- who had to do some convincing of his new coaches at Ball State to be able to play in the game -- is looking forward to the opportunity to play with guys he's watched throughout his career.

"This is a lot different game than the North-South game," Davis said. "It's pretty cool to get to play with the guys you've been seeing on the news and reading about all season. This is a game you grow up wanting to play in."

Walker is not only happy about playing with past opponents, he's also happy to be back on the offensive side of the ball after playing strictly defensive back at the North-South Game.

"It's going great for me because I get to play my position again," Walker said. "It's definitely better for me to be playing wide receiver. Everybody knows everybody here since we grew up together and that

makes it nice too."

According to Walker, there could be an early audible call from the Buckeye offense to get the Davis-to-Walker combination going early in the game.

"We just might have to change the call on the first play of the game," Walker joked. "We're not allowed to audible, but we just might do it anyway."

Whether that happens or not remains to be seen, but Goodrich is planning on utilizing both players fully.

"We've got to get stuff in that displays these guys talents," Goodrich said. "Our offense was shaky (Sunday) because the terminology is different, but we putting together packages that we think Nate will be comfortable with."

OVAC NOTES

• **THERE'S A** good chance that Shadyside's Lyle Burkhardt is going to be the fastest lineman in the game Sunday. Burkhardt -- who was a late addition to the Buckeye roster -- was given #68 when he reported Sunday for camp. According to Goodrich,

Burkhardt will be receiving a new number to make him legal to play his normal wide receiver spot.

• **STEBENVILLE'S** Ralph Petrella -- one of the leaders of the Big Red run to a Division III state title -- was in high spirits all afternoon, posing differently for different pictures, but it was apparent that his favorite pose was one where he leaned back, pointed at the camera and had a huge grin on his face.

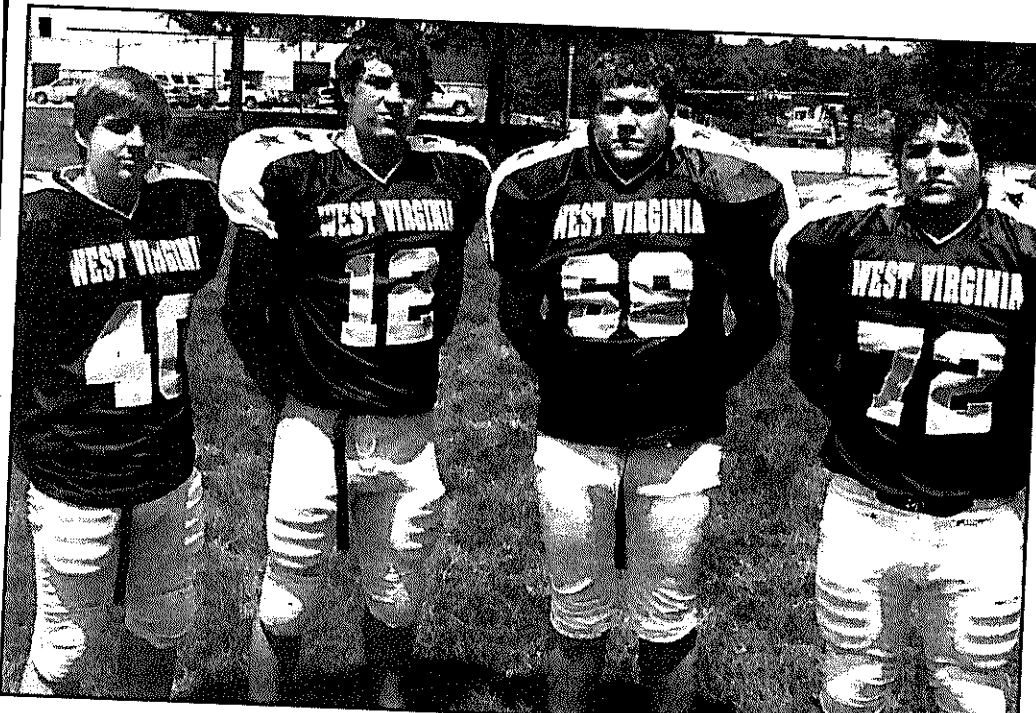
• **TONIGHT** the players are shown a film by the Osiris Shriners as to what the charity involves and who it serves. Wednesday, the players will be the honored guests at the annual George Strager Evening With the Stars dinner at The White Palace.

• **QUOTE** of the day went to Meek who wasn't joined at the luncheon by any of his coaches, while Goodrich had his entire complement of assistants in attendance. Meek summed it up simply, "my coaches don't like to be around me that much. They are back in the air conditioning."

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Sports Saturday

Linsly All-Stars



REPRESENTING the Cadets of Linsly in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic are these four players: from left, are, Tyler Jividen, Jason Pyles, Bill Zavatsky and John Ruskowski. T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

Ohio boasts strong corps of linebackers

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

With the offensive pieces in place, the Buckeyes defense has taken centerstage. Cambridge and Ohio head coach Rick Goodrich has announced his defensive linemen and linebackers for the July 23 Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

"We have some guys who could play both ways," Goodrich said. "We may use some guys on both sides of the ball, but we want to get to the point where we can use two-platoon. We like our defensive lineman and our linebackers are a very capable group who all had good seasons as their respective schools."

Stated to play along the defensive front and in the linebacking corp are: Steubenville's Demetrius Benjamin, St. Clairsville's Eric Francis, Bellaire's Ty Hess, Cambridge's Johnny Jones, Shenandoah's Shawn Lively, Monroe Central's Eddie McConnell, Shadyside's Justin Tollett and Indian Creek's Caesar Hawkins.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

DEMETRIUS BENJAMIN, Steubenville -- This linebacker was all over the field all season for Coach Reno Saccoccia's state championship Big Red team.

Benjamin was one of the team's leading tacklers and also saw time in the Big Red backfield as a capable fullback.

The 5-ft-10, 230 pounder was a first-team all-Ohio selection as well as first-team all-district, all-Valley and all-OVAC. He also took part in last month's Ohio North-South Classic.

JOHN HORN, Shenandoah -- This Zep was a standout from his defensive end spot last season for Coach Tim Wilson's team.

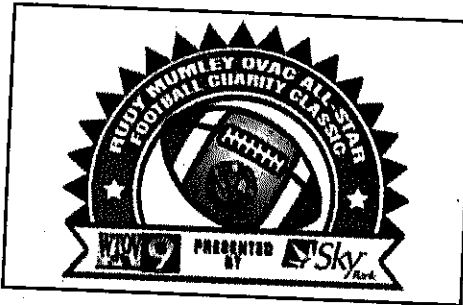
The 6-ft-1, 230-pounder was a first-team district pick and special mention all-Ohio. He was also a first-team all-OVAC and PVC performer.

Horn was also a standout in wrestling, posting a 49-2 mark this past winter and finishing second in the state meet. He was also an OVAC champion.

John is the son of Cecil Horn and Denise Novello. He resides in Caldwell.

JUSTIN TOLLETT, Shadyside -- This Tiger wreaked havoc all season from his defensive end spot for Coach Ty Fleming's team.

Tollett was a first-team all-Ohio selection after recording more than 10 sacks on



the season. He was also amongst the Orange's top tacklers.

He was also the Division VI Eastern District Defensive Player of the Year. He was also named to the all-OVAC team and captained the defensive unit of the all-Times Leader team. He was an all-Valley pick.

Away from football, Tollett was active in JETS, TAPP, Yearbook, National Honor Society and Prom Committee.

Justin -- who is the son of Dennis and Peggy Tollett -- plans to attend The Ohio State University.

EDDIE MCCONNELL, Monroe Central -- This Seminole was one of the top two-way players for Coach Jay Circosta's team, but made his mark at nose guard.

The 5-ft-11, 315 pounder was one of the top Seminole tacklers and was named first-team all-OVAC this past season. He was named to the BACF All-Star Game last month.

McConnell is also an avid weightlifter, winning the Seminole lift-a-thon in the squat and total weight.

Eddie -- who plans on attending Hocking College -- is the son of Rex and Linda McConnell of Lower Salem.

SHAWN LIVELY, Shenandoah -- This Zep was all over the field from his linebacker spot for Coach Tim Wilson's club last fall.

The 5-ft-9, 190 pounder was first-team all-OVAC and all-PVC for his fine season. He was also a first-team all-district pick.

Lively is also active in baseball at Shenandoah.

Shawn is the son of John and Tammie Lively of Summerfield.

JOHNNY JONES, Cambridge -- This Bobcat was a solid two-way mainstay for Goodrich and company in Guernsey County.

The 6-ft, 220 pounder was a special mention all-Ohio, first-team eastern district, first-team all-OVAC, first-team all-ECOL.

Jones is also a standout in the classroom, receiving an appointment to attend the U.S. Military Academies. He was also the recipient of the Wendy's High School Heisman Scholar Athlete Award, McDonald's Scholar Athlete Award, Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year Award, all-state academic team, leadership award and Cambridge High School Athlete of the Year award.

Johnny is a member of the Cambridge National Honor Society, four-year academic letter winner. He also was a four-year basketball and baseball player.

Jones -- who is the son of John Jones -- will attend Gannon University.

TY HESS, Bellaire -- This Big Reds' defensive end had many defensive coordinators scratching their heads for Coach John Magistro last season.

The 6-ft, 175 pounder recorded 21 quarterback sacks last season and 32 in his career. Both of which are school records.

Hess was the Eastern District Defensive Player of the Year and was a first-team all-Ohio pick. He was first-team all-OVAC, all-Times Leader and all-Valley.

He was also a standout for the Big Reds' track team, running legs on two state-placing relay teams.

Ty -- who is the son of Ty Hess and Tina Meager -- plans on attending West Liberty State College.

ERIC FRANCIS, St. Clairsville -- This senior was a two-way force for Coach Brett McLean's Red Devils last season.

The 5-ft-10, 190 pounder was a mainstay at fullback, running for 1,140 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was also one of the Red Devils' top tacklers from his linebacker spot.

Francis was a first-team all-District pick and was second-team all-Ohio. He was a first-team all-OVAC and all-Times Leader selection and was also on the all-Valley squad. He also received the OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award.

Francis is active in the National Honor Society, Young Life, Culture Club, Coaching youth football and French Club.

Eric -- who is the son of Beth and Roger Francis of St. Clairsville -- plans on attending Akron in the fall.

CAESAR HAWKINS, Indian Creek -- This defensive tackle was a force this past season for Coach Andrew Connor's team.

Hawkins was an all-district and all-OVAC performer.

Tickets on Sale For OVAC Game

The 35th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic is set for a 7:15 p.m. kickoff Sunday.

Gates open at Wheeling Island Stadium at 5:30 p.m.

Advance discount tickets are on sale at numerous OVAC ticket outlets throughout the Ohio Valley.

Tickets purchased in advance are priced at \$7. All tickets purchased the day of the game will cost \$10. Children under 5 are admitted free.

Advance tickets may be purchased at any of the following locations:

WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling: Kroger's (Mount de Chantal Road), Smitty's

Floors, Cabela's; Weirton: Kroger's (St. Thomas Drive, Main Street); Warwood: Kroger's; Moundsville: Kroger's; Benwood: Kroger's; Cameron: Greg's Market; Wellsburg: Kroger's; New Martinsville: Witschey's Supermarket; Chester: Citizen Drug

OHIO

Steubenville: Kroger's, Smitty's Floors; Bellaire: Kroger's; Martins Ferry: Kroger's; St. Clairsville: Kroger's; Shadyside: DeFelice Pizza; Wintersville: Kroger's; Wellsville: Dairy Queen; Woodsfield: Weber's Drug Store; East Liverpool: Heimes All Sports; Calcutta: Bowyer Hardware; Cambridge: The Jeffersonian.



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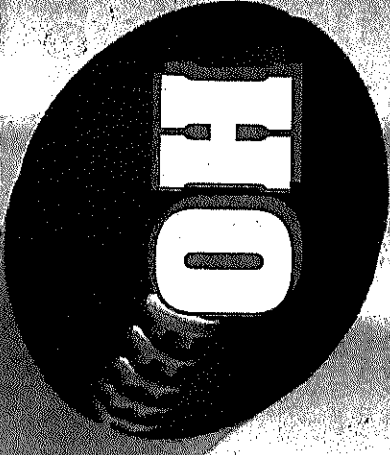
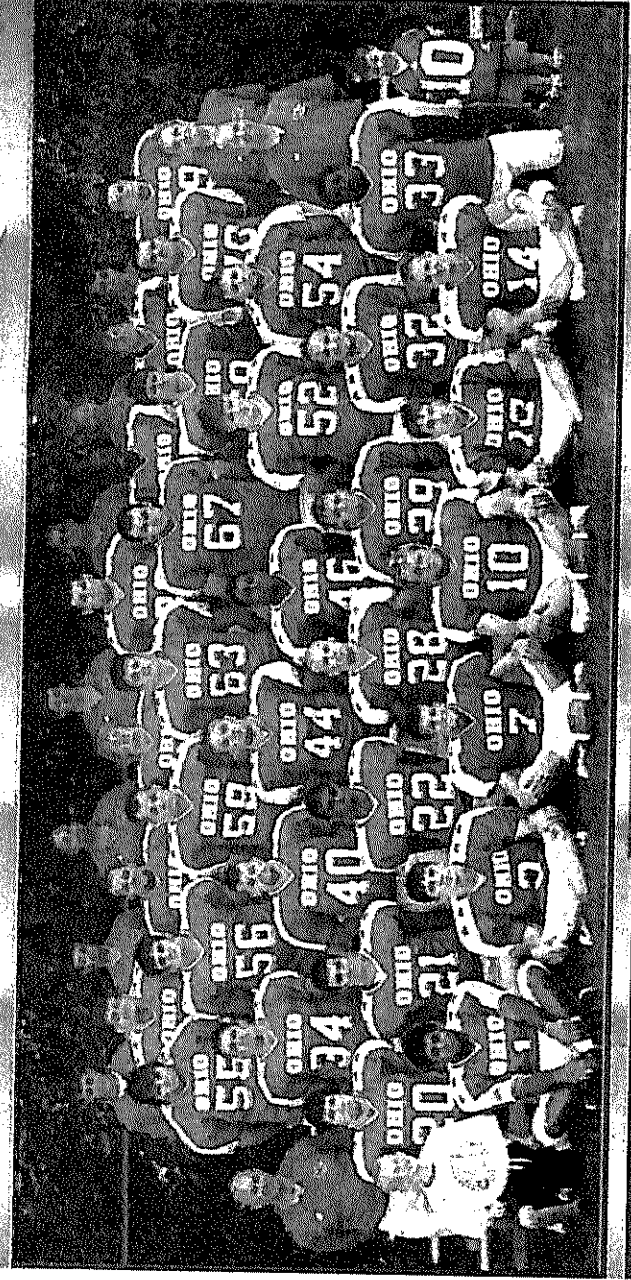
SET TO carry the ball for Ohio during Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic are this group of running backs. Front row, from left, are Caesar Hawkins (Indian Creek), Jeremy Presley (Steubenville) and Eric Francis (St. Clairsville). Second row, from left, are Bud Hines (Barnesville), Zach Hawrot (Steubenville Catholic), Jimmy Bowersock (Beaver Local) and Demetrius Benjamin (Steubenville).



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PLAYING PRIMARILY on the defensive side of the ball is this group of Ohio all-stars. Kneeling, from left, are Geno Agostini (Harrison Central) and Eddie McConnell (Monroe Central). Back row, from left, are Justin Tollett (Shadyside), Ty Hess (Bellaire) and Shane Clark (Martins Ferry).

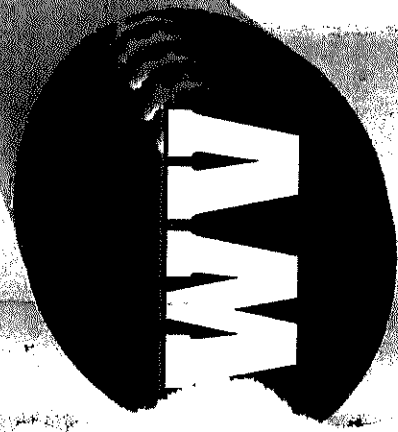
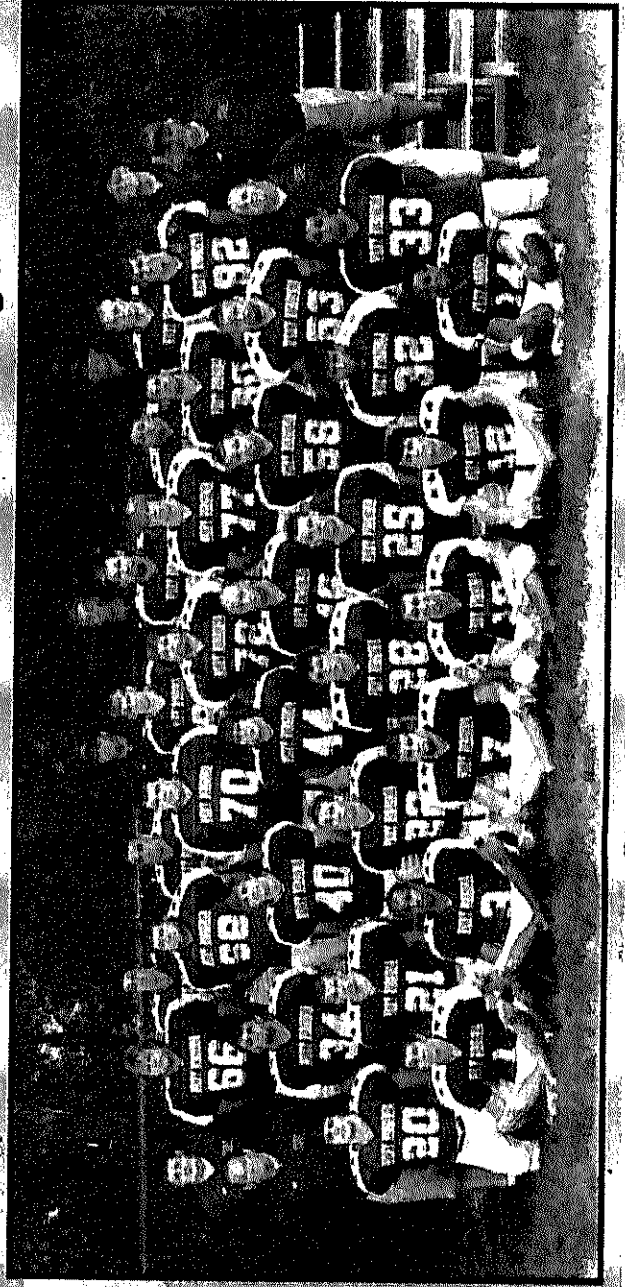
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Wetzel and Tyler County Stars

Pictured are the Wetzel and Tyler County representatives for the West Virginia team. Front, from left: Josh Sims (Magnolia), Zac Snyder (Magnolia). Back from left: Junior Yost (Tyler Consolidated), Zach Ueltschy (Valley) and Sean Neff (Tyler Consolidated).



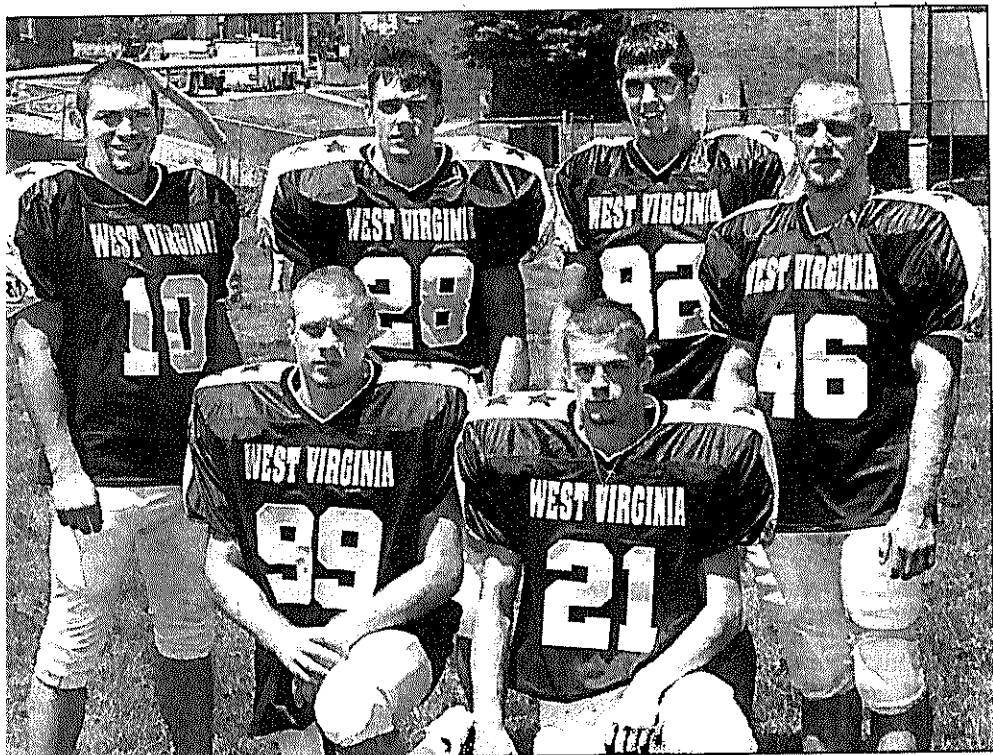
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Harrison and Guernsey County Stars

Pictured are the Harrison and Guernsey County representatives for the Ohio team. Front, from left: Kyle Warden (Cambridge), Justin Britnell (Cambridge), Shawn Lively (Shenandoah), and Kyle Winland (Meadowbrook). Back from left: J.J. Savage (Buckeye Trail), John Horn (Shenandoah), Johnny Jones (Cambridge), Geno Agostini (Harrison Central) and Willie Walker (Harrison Central).



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Marshall County Stars

Pictured are the Marshall County representatives for the West Virginia team. Front, from left: Danny Vogel (John Marshall), and Andy Kotson (John Marshall). Back, from left: Travis Goddard (John Marshall), Evan Hewitt (John Marshall), Andrew Beecher (Bishop Donahue), and Joe Riden (Bishop Donahue).



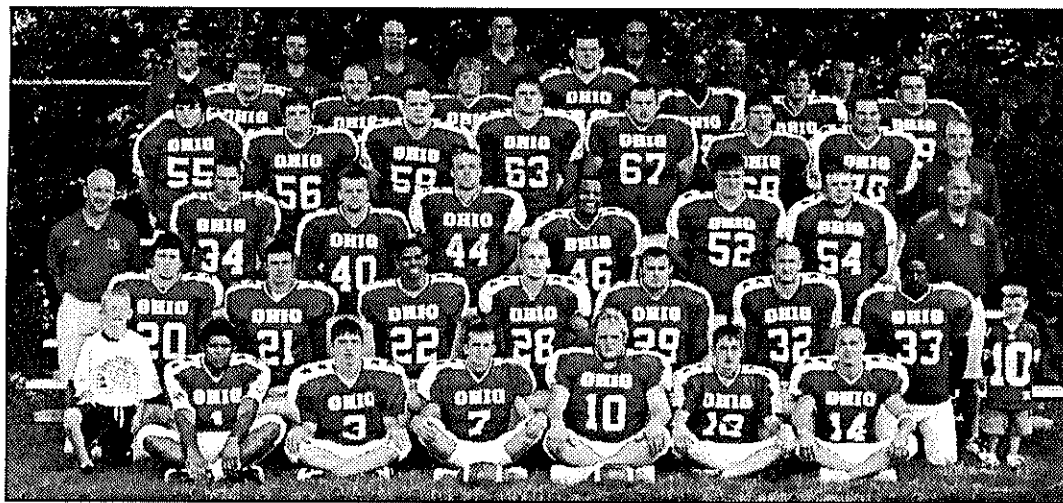
Monroe County Stars

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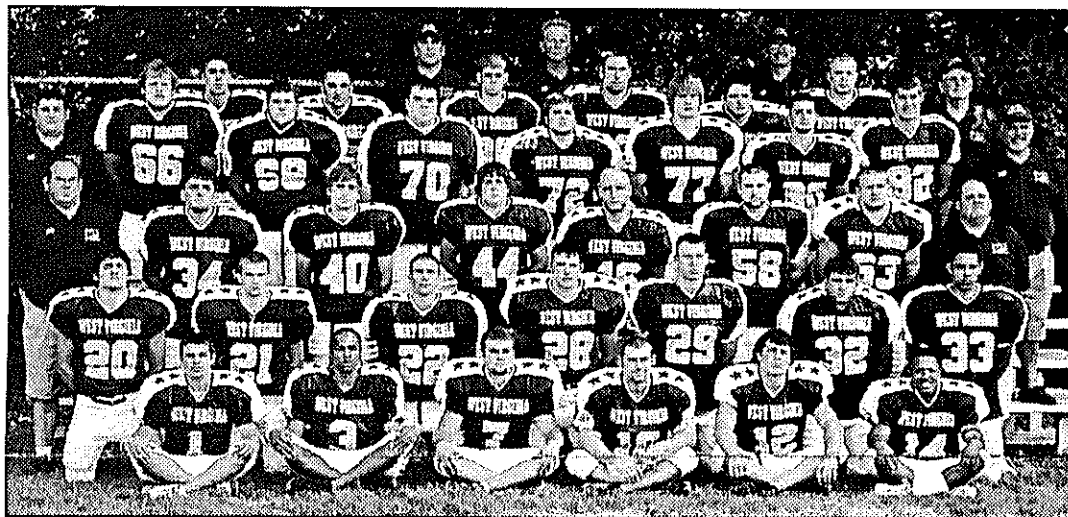
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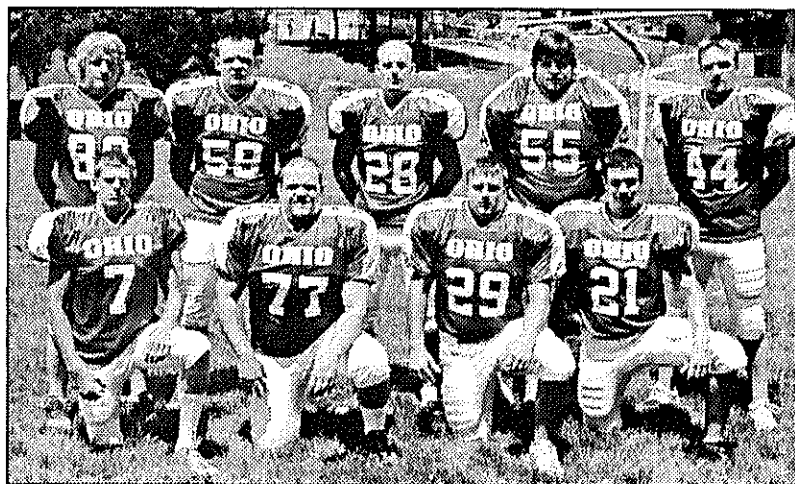
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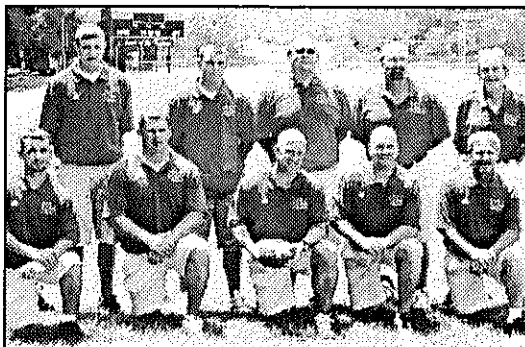
Youngster Payne Johnson, son of Cambridge High assistant coach Matt Johnson, finds his path to the end zone blocked by 6-1, 230-pound lineman John Horn from Shenandoah High during media day activities at West Liberty State College's Russek Field on Monday. The Ohio and West Virginia teams have begun their preparations for Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity All-Star Football Classic, set for a 7:15 p.m. kickoff at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Nine local players to participate in OVAC All-Star Football Classic



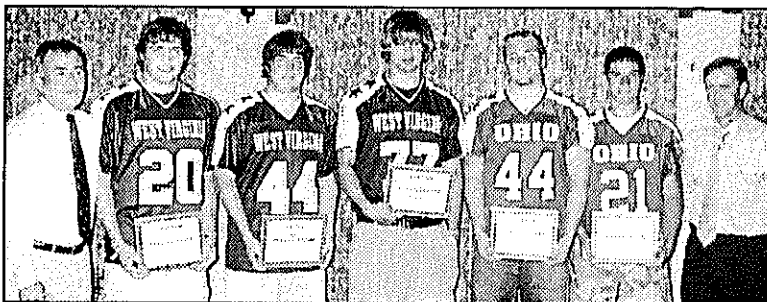
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'Evening With The Stars' highlights



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These three young ladies will be among those competing for the title of Queen of Queens in conjunction with the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic. The local trio includes, l to r, Teressa High of Cambridge, Kyla Ralston of Barnesville and Jena Miley of Shenandoah. The Queen of Queens Pageant will take place Friday at 7 p.m. at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling and the winner will be announced at halftime of the all-star game slated Sunday at 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium.



Cambridge High coach Rick Goodrich, directing the Ohio squad for the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic, takes his turn at the podium during Wednesday's George Strager Evening With The Stars at the White Palace at Wheeling Park.

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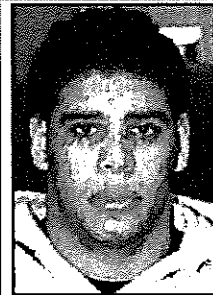
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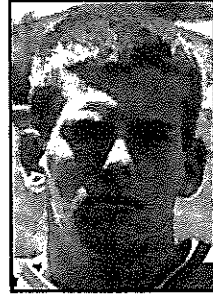
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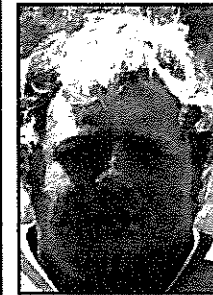
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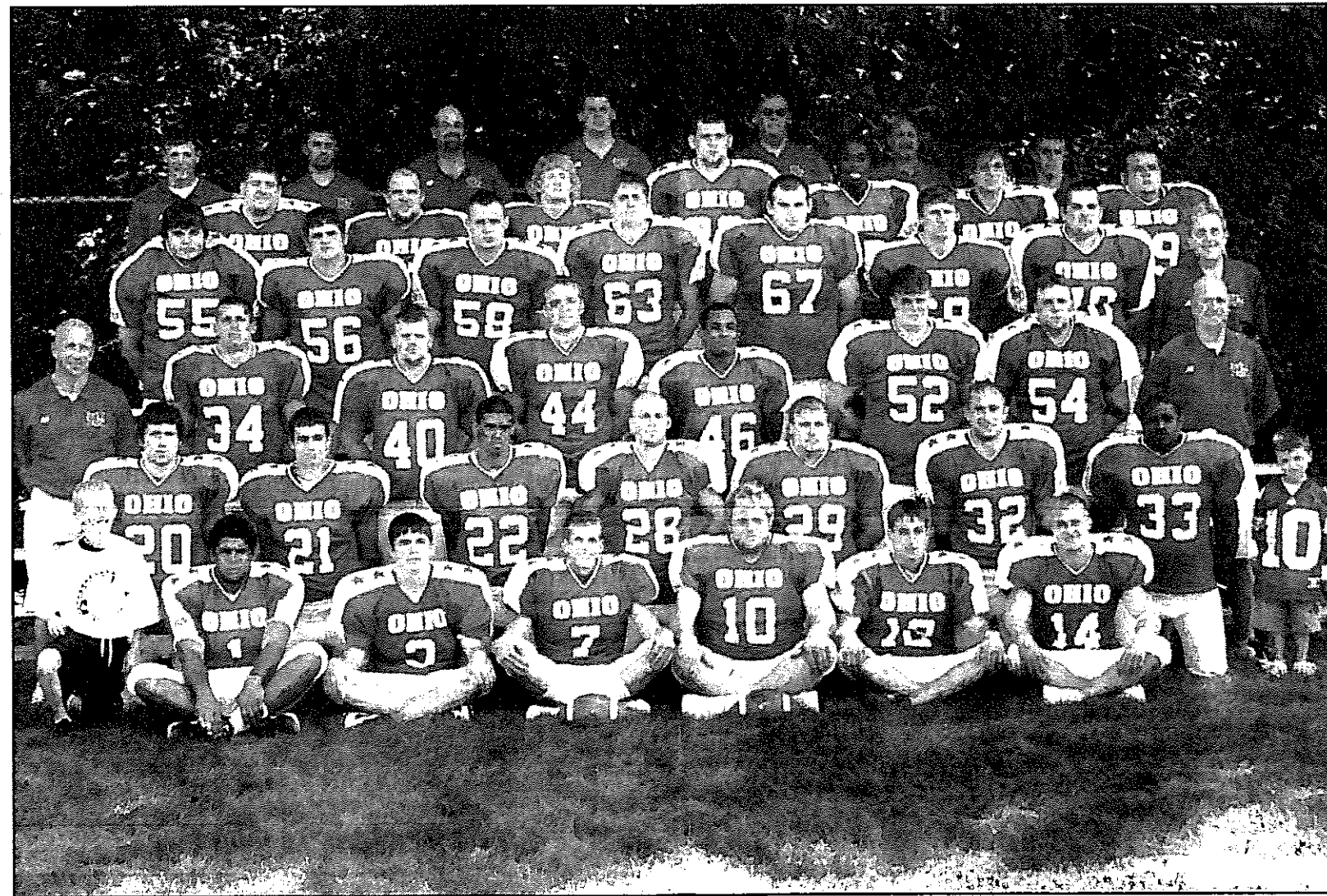
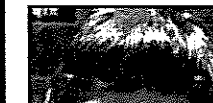
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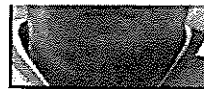
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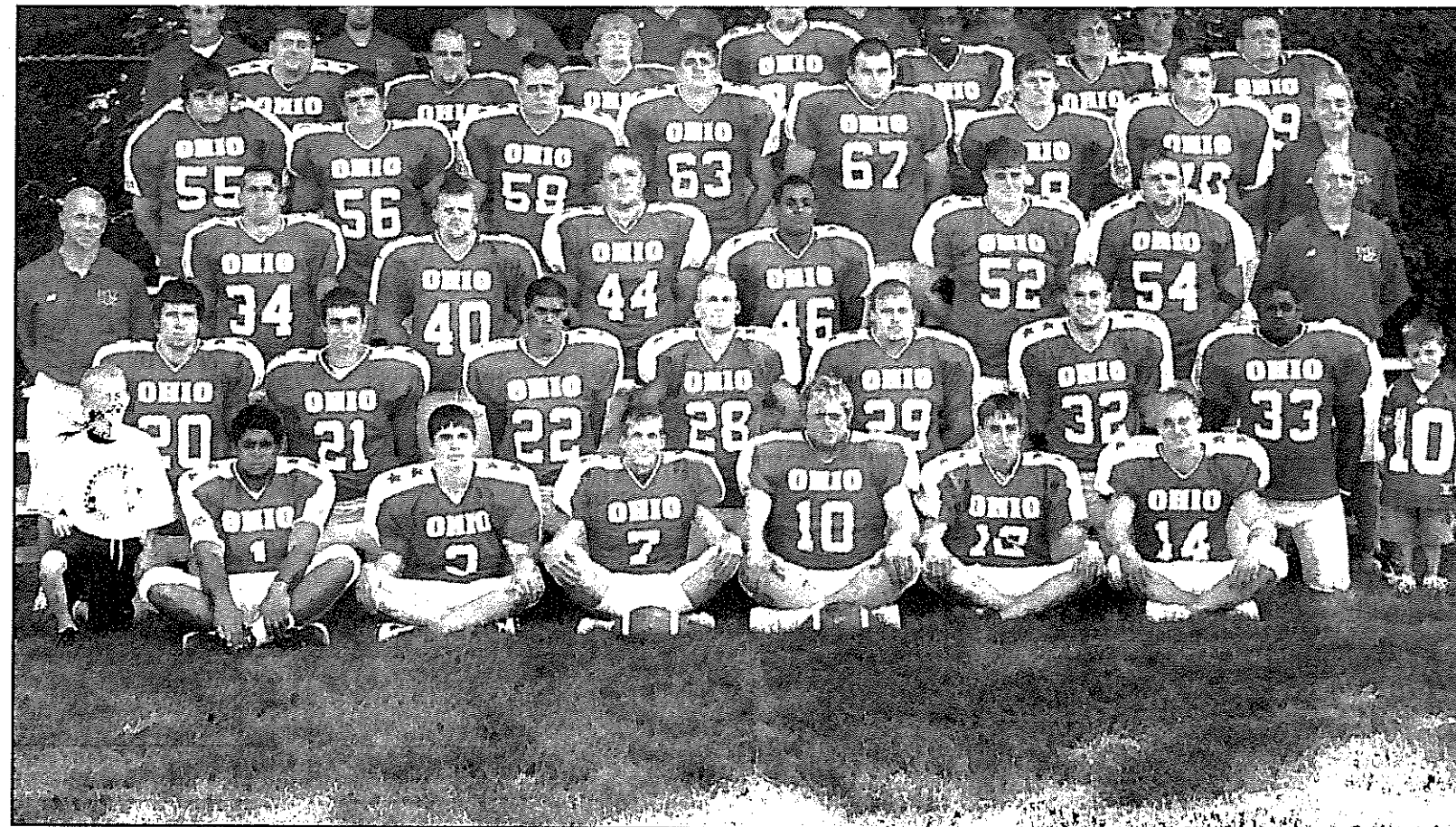
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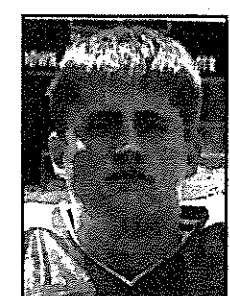
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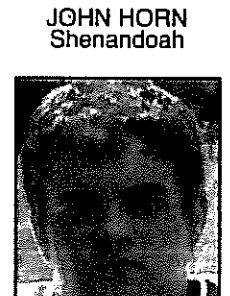
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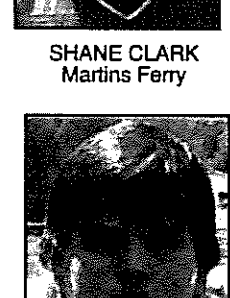
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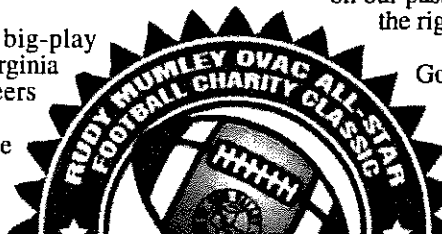
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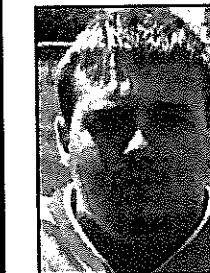
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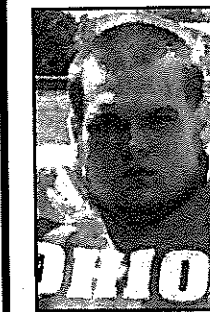
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For West Virginia head coach Eric Meek and the Mountaineers, they have been soaking in the entire week.

"This is a great event and it's been a great week," Meek said. "The kids have made a ton of friendships that they'll have for the rest of their lives. It's a worthwhile week for everyone involved."

The Buckeyes -- who worked out at Wheeling Island Stadium Friday afternoon to get accustomed to the turf -- have toned down their workouts considerably to prepare for tonight's 48-minute affair.

"We wanted to eliminate injuries and get our legs back," Goodrich said. "The kids are getting a little more itchy with each passing practice. You can really start to see the look in their eye that they are ready to play."

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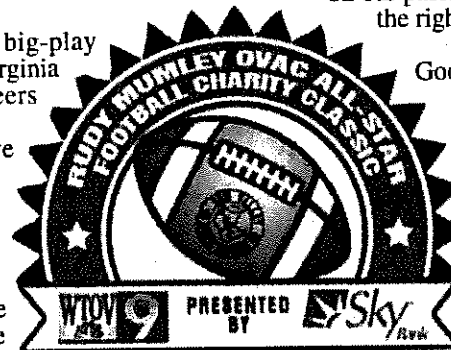
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Martins Ferry's Shane Clark will serve as the strong-side linebacker. Bellaire's Andrew Bobka and Shadyside's Lyle Burkhardt will serve as what Goodrich calls the spur and the bandit, respectively.

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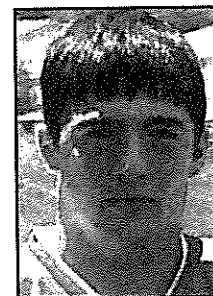
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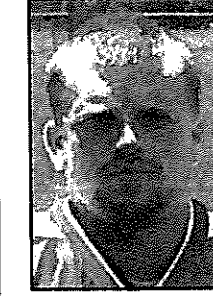
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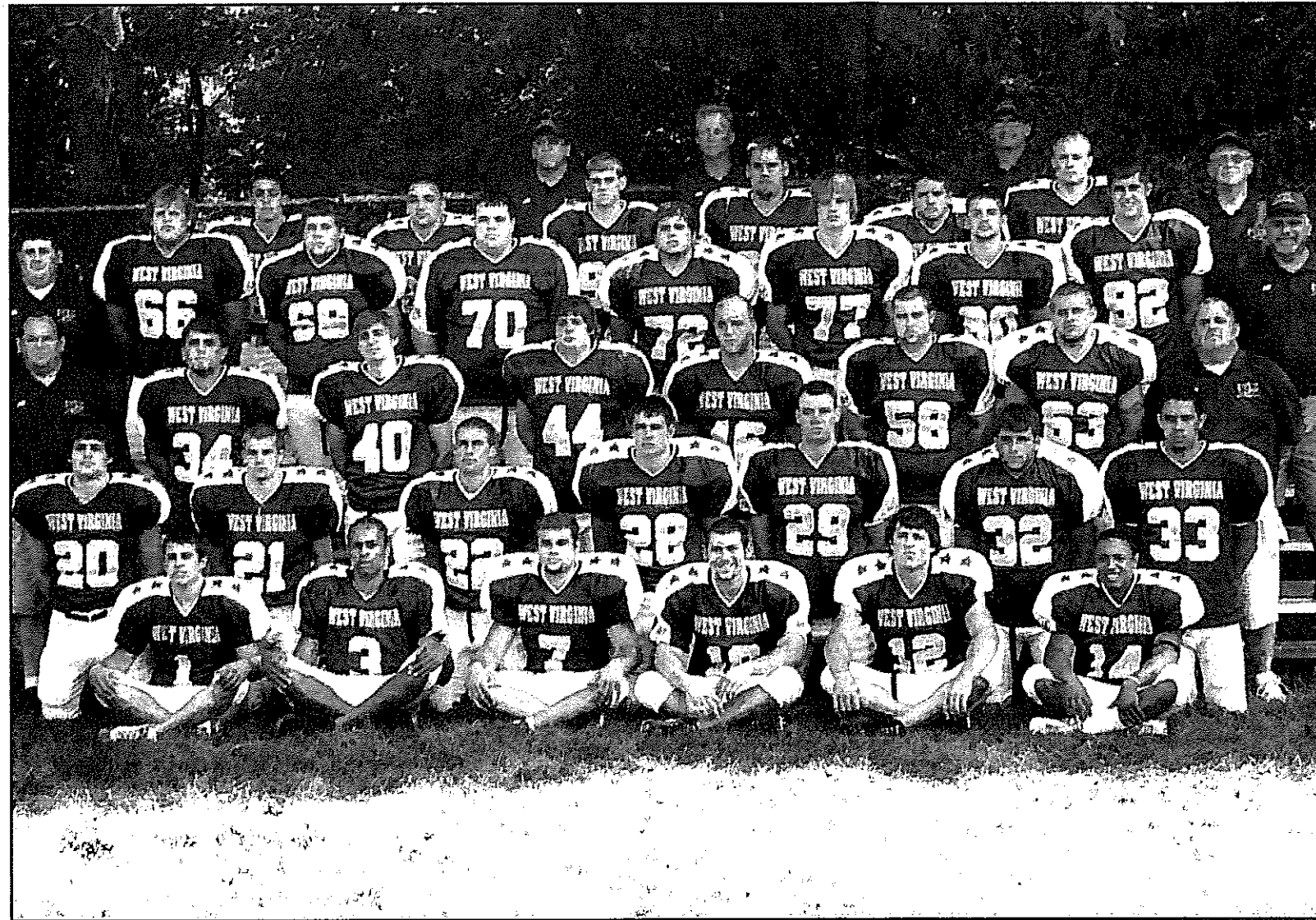
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Five elected captains for Team Ohio

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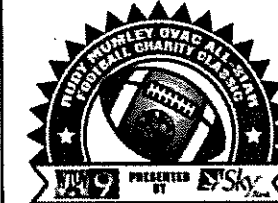
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Two of the primary wide receivers for the West Virginia squad are Magnolia's Zac Snyder and Wheeling Park's Billy Irwin.

While the Buckeye defensive game plan is deemed relatively simple, the offensive plan could be even more simplified as Goodrich tries to showcase his talent, showing the fans what they want to see.

"If we don't use the talent we have then we are stupid," Goodrich said. "When you have playmakers you have to use them, so we're going to make a real effort to get the ball to them, but we know West Virginia will probably have something worked up."

Bellaire High's Nate Davis will play in front of the area crowd before heading to Ball State University and he'll be the Buckeye starter at quarterback.

He'll have capable wide receivers in Harrison Central's Willie Walker, while Cambridge's Kyle Warden and Meadowbrook's Kyle Warden will alternate plays at the flanker spot.

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While the Buckeye defensive game plan is deemed relatively simple, the offensive plan could be even more simplified as Goodrich tries to showcase his talent, showing the fans what they want to see.

"If we don't use the talent we have then we are stupid," Goodrich said. "When you have playmakers you have to use them, so we're going to make a real effort to get the ball to them, but we know West Virginia will probably have something worked up."

Bellaire High's Nate Davis will play in front of the area crowd before heading to Ball State University and he'll be the Buckeye starter at quarterback.

He'll have capable wide receivers in Harrison Central's Willie Walker, while Cambridge's Kyle Warden and Meadowbrook's Kyle Warden will alternate plays at the flanker spot.

"We've come up with some different ways to get the ball into the hands of Willie and those other wide receivers," Goodrich said.

Joining Davis in the backfield will be a pair of 1500-plus yard rushers in Steubenville Catholic's Zac Hawrot and Barnesville's Bud Hines.

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The line is a more than capable bunch. Buckeye Local's Greg Verhovec is the center and Steubenville's Ralph Petrella is one of the guard. The other guard spot will be alternated by series between Shenandoah's John Horn and Barnesville's Corey Hastings.

Steubenville's Eric Gilmore and Cambridge's Justin Britnell will be the Buckeye tackles.

The Ohio special teams should be in capable hands as Steubenville's Steven Rose will handle the Ohio punting and place kicking duties.

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STRONG REPRESENTATION: Of the 45-member schools in the OVAC, 39 of those are represented in this weekend's extravaganza in one way or another. There are 202 members of the McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band, 24 Queen of Queens candidates, 20 cheerleaders and 65 football players.

CHARITY: The game definitely does the charity good, seeing that it's raised \$771,600 for charity organizations and scholarships throughout the Ohio Valley.

GET PUMPED: The teams, band, cheerleaders and Queen of Queens all got their adrenaline flowing Saturday evening with the annual Pep Rally at Russek Field at West Liberty State College. Several scholarships were presented during the event.

FUTURE OVAC ALL-STARS: There will be a youth football clinic presented Sunday from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium. Registration for the camp begins at 12:45 p.m. and it will be under the direction of OVAC football coaches and the focus will be basic fundamentals and building self-esteem. The clinic is free and is open to boys and girls ages 6-10 and 11-13.

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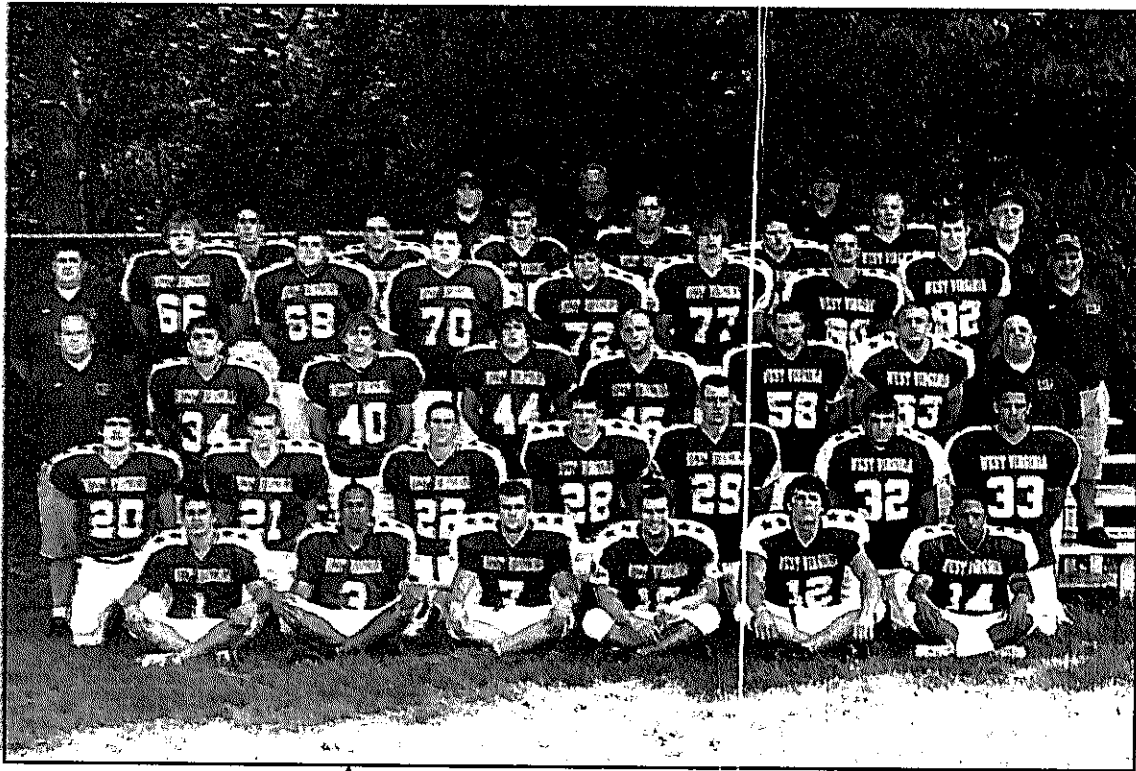
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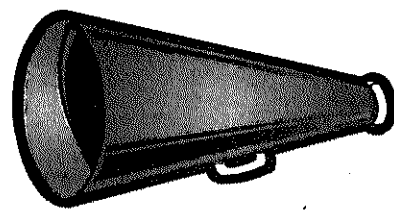
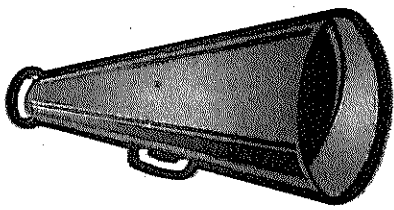
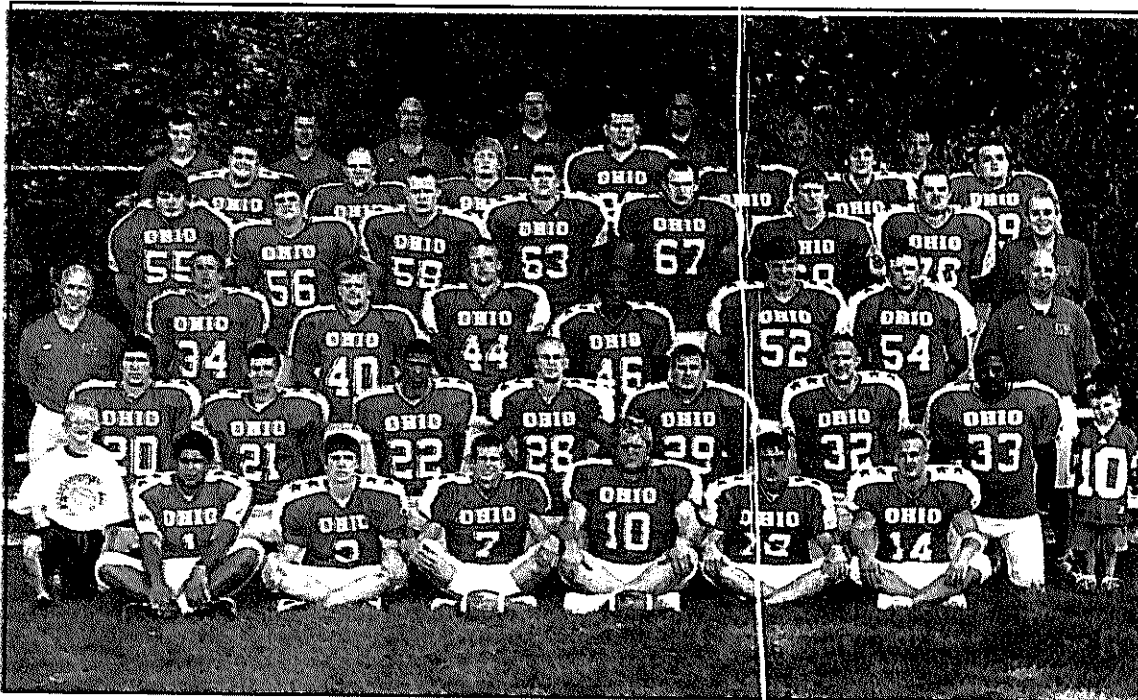


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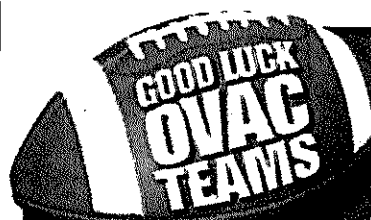
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Border Battle

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By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

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But the two mentors for tonight's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic have similar trains of thoughts when it comes to discussing the importance of the annual bi-state clash.

"It's a great opportunity," said Meek, who is guiding the Mountain State squad for the second time and first time since 1996.

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As for his own team, Goodrich said he will have his playbook chock full of passing and running plays.

Normally used to implementing a ground-oriented attack at Cambridge, Goodrich said he has had to tweak his playbook a little to fit the talents of the Buckeye squad.

"We found out what each kid is capable of doing," he said. "We found out that Nate (Davis) is more of a shotgun-type quarterback, so we adapted. We adjusted our offensive philosophy and what we do to adjust to his skills."

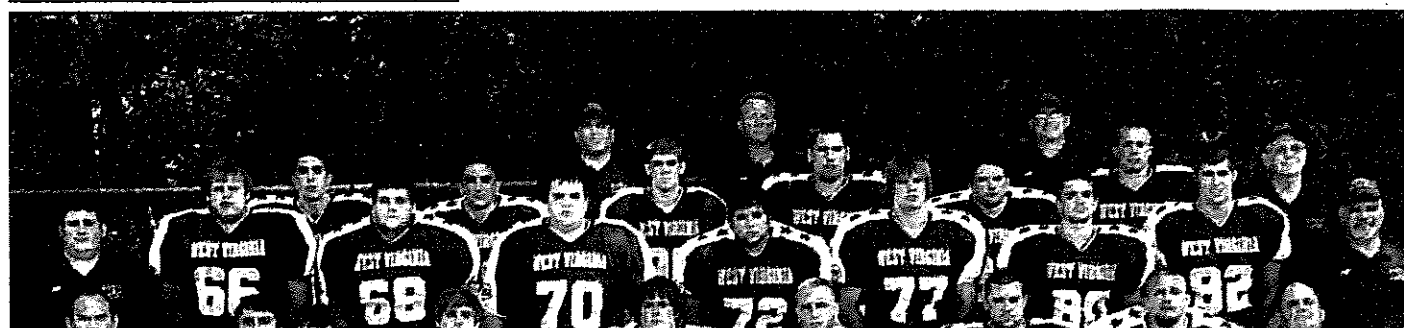
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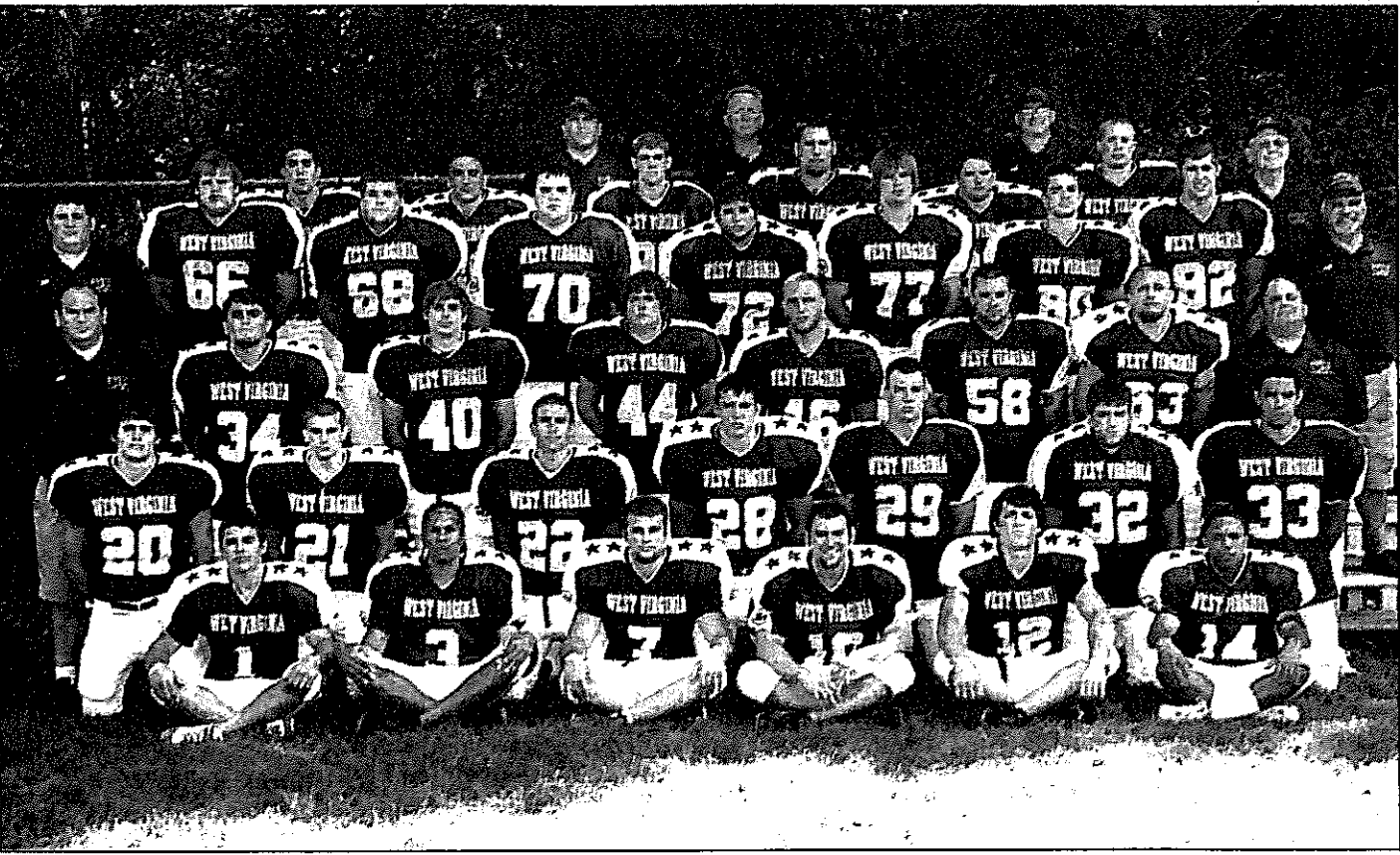


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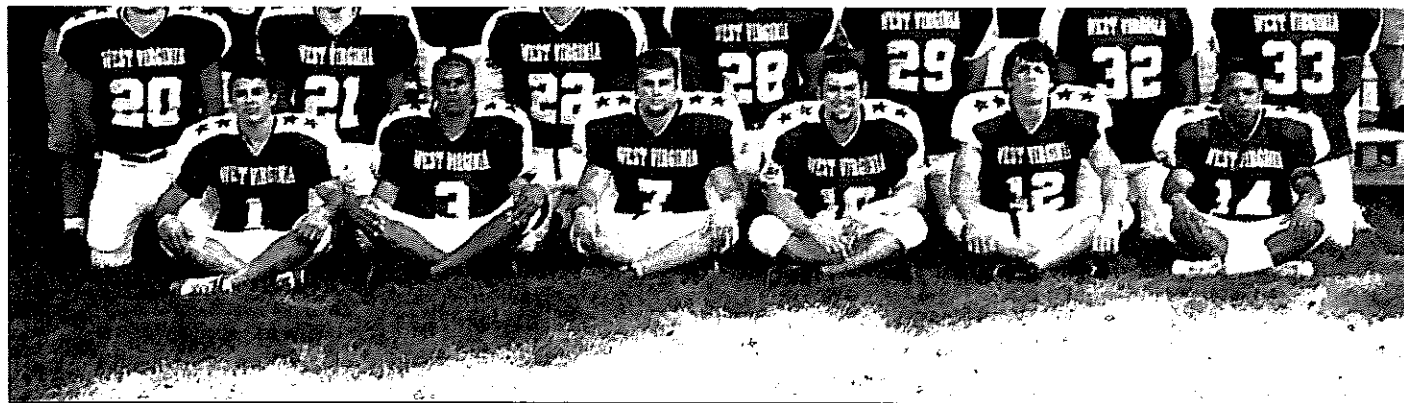


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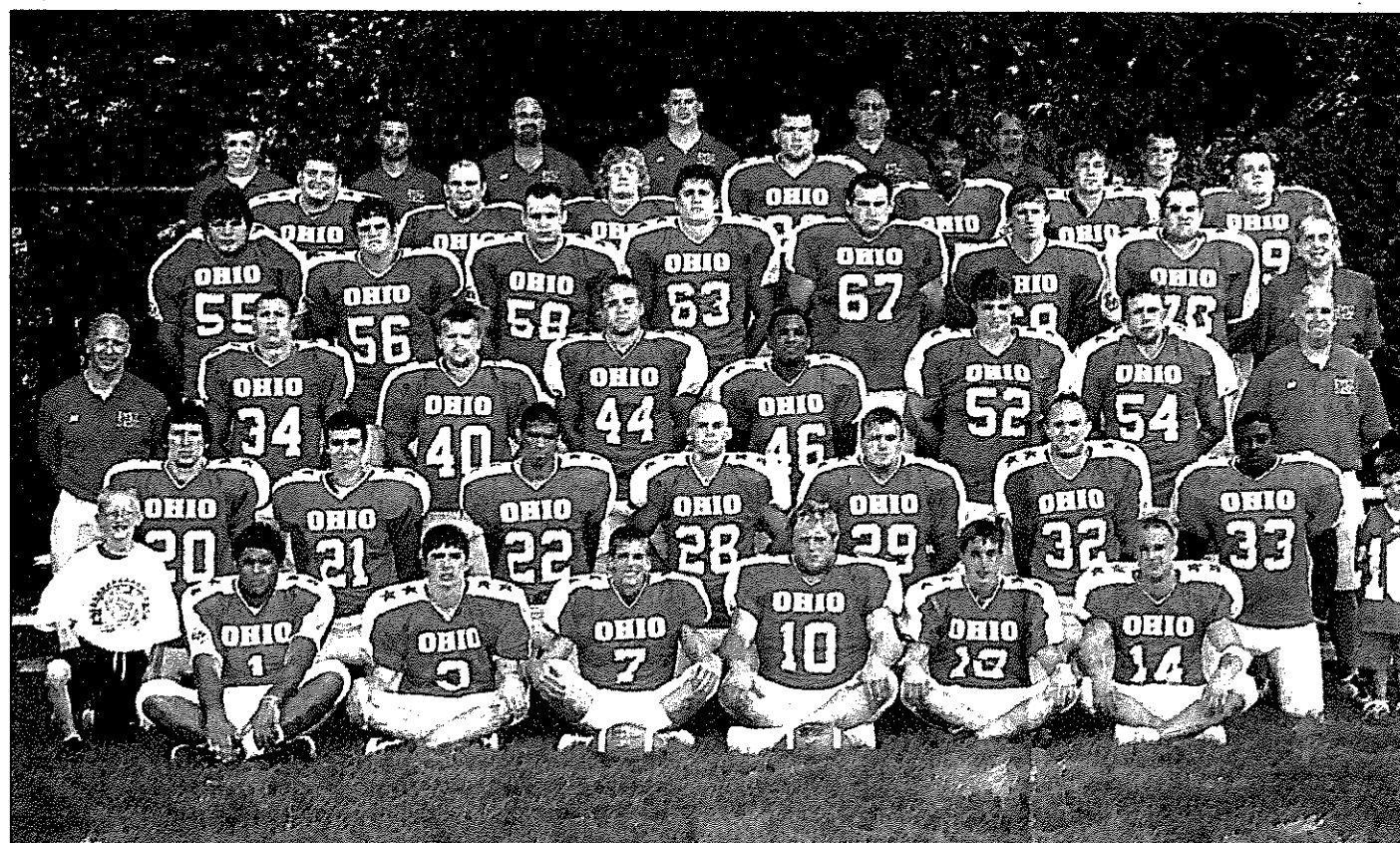


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3	Casey Orndorff	6-1	165	DB	River
7	Kyle Warden	6-0	165	DB	Cambridge
10	Jim Bowersock	5-11	255	FB	Beaver Local
12	Andrew Bobka	6-0	175	C	Bellaire
14	J.J. Kuczynski	5-11	175	QB	Steub. Cath.
20	Ty Hess	6-0	175	DE	Bellaire
21	Kyle Winland	5-10	175	WR	Meadowbrook
22	Sean West	6-1	180	C	Indian Creek
28	Bud Hines	5-11	172	TB	Barnesville
29	Shawn Lively	5-9	190	LB	Shenandoah
32	Zach Hawrot	6-0	180	TB	Steub. Cath.
33	Demetrus Benjamin	5-11	215	LB	Steubenville
34	Eric Francis	5-10	190	LB	St. Clairsville
40	Jeremy Presley	5-8	175	LB	Steubenville
44	Johnny Jones	6-0	218	LB	Cambridge
46	Caesar Hawkins	5-10	190	DT	Indian Creek
52	Eric Gilmore	6-1	275	OL	Steubenville
54	Greg Verhovec	5-11	225	OL	Buckeye Local
55	Corey Hastings	6-1	255	OL	Barnesville
56	Shane Clark	5-10	225	LB	Martins Ferry
58	John Horn	6-1	230	OL	Shenandoah
63	Justin Tollett	6-3	200	DE	Shadyside
67	Geno Agostini	6-1	275	DT	Harrison Central
68	Lyle Burkhardt	6-0	175	WR	Shadyside
70	Jeremiah Hinerman	6-1	280	OL	Edison
72	Ralph Petrella	6-2	200	OL	Steubenville
77	Justin Britnell	5-11	230	OL	Cambridge
80	J.J. Savage	6-0	180	WR	Buckeye Trail
82	Steve Rose	6-6	260	K/P	Steubenville
85	Willie Walker	6-3	175	WR	Harrison Central
88	Corey Doughty	6-0	180	WR	Bridgeport
99	Eddie McConnell	5-11	315	DL	Monroe Central

35TH ANNUAL RUDY MUMLEY OVAC ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CHARITY CLASSIC



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West Virginia Coaches



Members of the West Virginia coaching staff for tonight's 35th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football Classic are, bottom, from left, Dan Rovira, head coach Eric Meek, Doug Taylor, Dan Enich; top, from left, Mike Frankos, Paul Stevens, Joe Petrovich, John Wiseman.



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Ohio Coaches



Members of the Ohio coaching staff for tonight's 35th annual Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Charity Classic are, bottom, from left, Devin Nicholes, Ryan Caldwell, head coach Rick Goodrich, Matt Johnson, Bill Timko; top, from left, manager Taylor Leppla, manager Tyler Hardesty, Robert Mascollino, Kevin Gunn, trainer Randy Elliott.

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Zvonareva Tops Serena Williams

MASON, Ohio (AP) - Vera Zvonareva ended Serena Williams' run in her first tournament in six months, beating the seven-time Grand Slam champion 6-2, 6-3 on Saturday to advance to the final of the Western & Southern Financial Group Women's Open.

Zvonareva, unseeded and ranked 52nd, will be making her second appearance in three years in the championship match of the Tier III event Sunday when she faces fourth-seeded Katarina Srebotnik, who upset defending champion Patty Schnyder 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (6).

Zvonareva lost to Lindsay Davenport in 2004.

Williams, whose ranking dropped to 140th as she



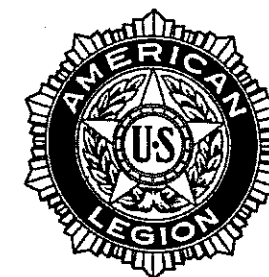
got a little tired. I don't know. My second serve is usually pretty reliable. That normally doesn't happen to me."

"Tiebreakers are like roulette," Srebotnik said. "Your back's against the wall. You have to take chances and hope you're lucky enough to win it."

Srebotnik, the world's 26th-ranked player, is in a final for the first time since losing to Klara Koukalova in Portoroz, Slovenia, last September.

Both players held serve until Srebotnik sent a crosscourt backhand wide on set point in the first set.

Schnyder received a warning from the chair umpire after she threw her racket twice and hit



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P265 70 R17	Continental Conti Trac TR	'79.96
P265 70 R16	Dunlop Rover AT	'79.96
P245 65 R17	BF Goodrich Rugged Trail TA	'79.96
31x10.50R15	Mastercraft AWT	'74.96
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first three matches of the tournament in straight sets.

Zvonareva, who was ranked No. 9 in August 2004, fell in the rankings last year while she battled injuries to her left ankle and right shoulder. She dropped just seven games while sweeping her first three matches.

Zvonareva won the first five games of the match to take control of the first set and broke Williams to take a 2-0 lead in the second. Williams responded by breaking Zvonareva, but Zvonareva

lost after defeating Serena Williams on Saturday.

broke right back to take a 3-1 lead. They traded breaks again in the seventh and eighth games, with Zvonareva taking a 5-3 lead when Williams put a drop shot into the net on break point.

In the other semifinal, the top-seeded Schnyder double-faulted twice during the tiebreaker, including on match point, when her second serve sailed long.

"Strange," Schnyder said. "I

ninth game to win the set.

Srebotnik broke Schnyder at love in the fourth game to take a 3-1 lead. Schnyder got back on serve by breaking Srebotnik in the seventh game to tie the set at 4.

"The third set, I started really well," Srebotnik said.

"I felt like I didn't make any mistakes and I was up 4-1. Then she started playing more aggressively. She played an awesome three games, and when it got to four-all, you had to fight for every ball and every point."

Cleveland Signs First-Round Pick

By JOE MILICIA
Associated Press Writer
CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Browns signed first-round pick Kamerion Wimbley to a six-year, \$23.7 million deal Saturday.

The linebacker, taken 13th overall, is the second player selected in the first round to reach a deal. No. 1 overall pick Mario Williams signed with the Houston Texans before the draft.

"It shows the fans and the team I'm ready to be a Brown," Wimbley said.

His agent, Joe Linta, said the deal includes \$9.3 million in guaranteed money and is a 9.5 percent increase over what the 13th pick received last year. The agreement means Wimbley will be the first top pick to open training camp on time with the Browns since Courtney Brown in 2000.

"I told these guys we have two choices. We can finish this thing and go first or sit around and play chess until the No. 12 and No. 14 get done," Linta said.

The 6-foot-3, 245-pound Wimbley, a speedy defensive end at Florida State, was selected to help improve Cleveland's weak outside pass rush. He will switch to outside linebacker in Cleveland's 3-4 scheme and could contribute immediately on a team that had a league-low 23 sacks last season.

Wimbley recorded 7.5 sacks in nine starts as a senior with the Seminoles. Browns training camp open Wednesday.

Having their top pick present will be a refreshing change for the Browns, who have dealt with holdouts Kellen Winslow Jr. and Braylon Edwards in recent years.

"We are extremely pleased to



AP Photo
Cleveland signed Kamerion Wimbley to a six-year deal.

have Kamerion signed prior to the start of training camp," general manager Phil Savage said in a statement.

Wimbley most likely would start off as part of a three-man rotation at outside linebacker, coach Romeo Crennel has said.

His contract includes a sixth year that's voidable if he's on the field for at least 35 percent of the plays his rookie year or at least 45 percent of the plays in any following year.

The Browns could then buy back the sixth year at a higher cost. Linta said \$23.7 million is the maximum that Wimbley could earn under the contract.

"This was very difficult because it's the first deal outside of Mario Williams under the new (collective bargaining agreement)," Linta said.

Linta also represents Crennel, but said his relationship with the coach had no effect on Wimbley's contract talks.

Linta credited the Browns' willingness to be fair as the reason an agreement was reached after just the second day of

meetings at the team's headquarters in Berea.

The owner of the Cleveland Browns said he wants to cut ties with the local television station that shows the team's preseason games because WOIO-TV aired a 911 call his sister made when she found her daughter had drowned.

"This is strictly a matter of dignity and trying to do what's right by my sister and by my mom," said Randy Lerner.

Lerner's sister, Nancy Fisher, made the emergency call on July 9 upon finding the 6-year-old in a creek on family property.

Recordings of 911 calls are public records and are routinely made available to the media.

One of the city's three other television broadcasters also aired a portion of the tape.

BATTLE

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Both teams had an opportunity to fine-tune their game-plans Friday, as they both took part in two-hour practices at Wheeling Island Stadium.

And both coaches believe their squads are ready.

"We're going to go out tonight and have fun just like we did all week," Meek said. "You have to look at the importance of this game: have fun and develop new friendships."

"It's something they can remember for the rest of their lives."

All-Star Notes
■ Prior to tonight's game, the 3rd annual OVAC Youth Football Clinic will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium for area boys and girls ages 6-13. The

Manager Don Morris' club was leading Weirton Post 10 by a 12-8 score in the bottom of the sixth inning in the winner-take-all final.

The opener was supposed to have started at noon, but rain pushed the start back to 6 p.m.

For a complete story on Saturday's games, see Monday's editions of The Intelligencer and News-Register.

Post 10 was able to force one more game by virtue of its 8-7 victory in the first game of the day between the two teams.

Buddy Anderson doubled in the tying run in the bottom of the seventh, then drove in the winning run with a game-ending two-bagger to almost the identical spot in right-center field to drive in Paul Reardon from first base with two outs.

Not to be outdone, starting pitcher Jason Gatto threw 176 pitches in a complete-game victory less than 24 hours after he went the final two innings in Weirton's 11-10 victory against Moundsville on Friday night.

"I had no idea he had thrown that many. I usually go by how they feel and he told me he was fine," said Post 10 manager Billy Magnone.

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event is part of the bi-state conference's Subway Sports Clinic Series. Registration begins for the free event at noon at the stadium.

■ Honorary officials for tonight's game are Frank Bland and Milan Vosvick, both of Wheeling; and the late Don Carp.

■ Officials for tonight's game are: Rusty Vermillion, referee; Steve Snyder, umpire; Richard Swinsinski, linesman; John Timko, line judge; Chris Robinson, side judge; and Bill Flanagan, back judge.

■ Wheeling Park High School cheerleading coach Shawna Shepherd will guide the West Virginia cheering squad, while Union Local's Stephanie Jendrusik will guide the Ohio team.