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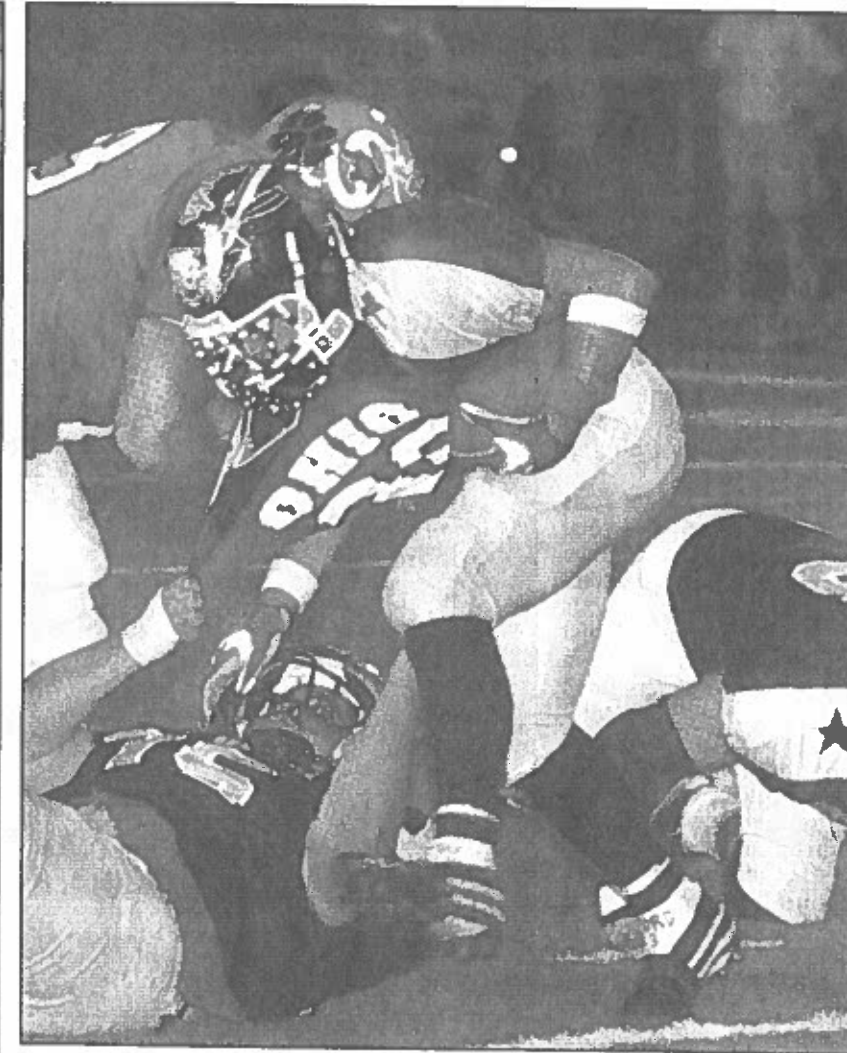
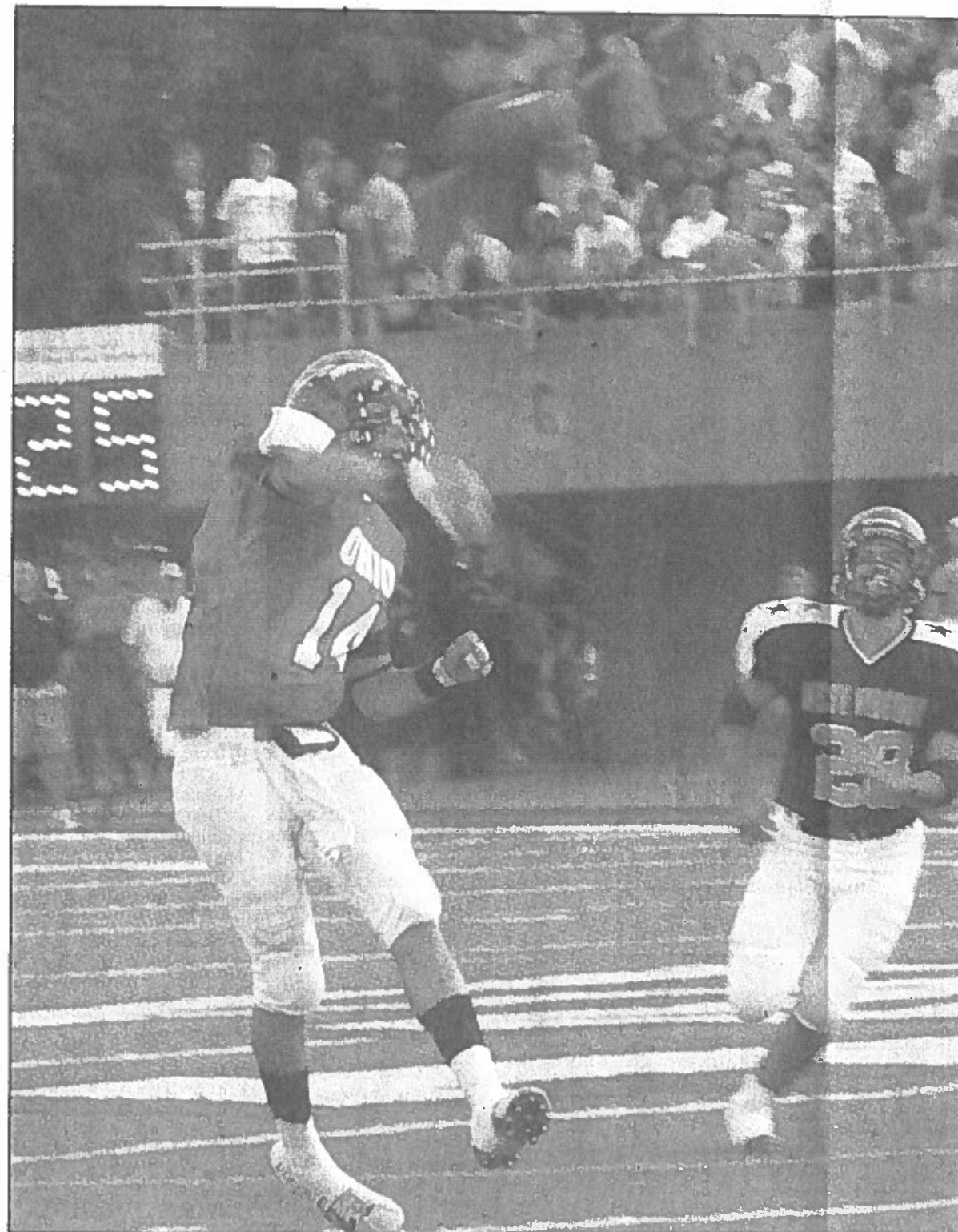
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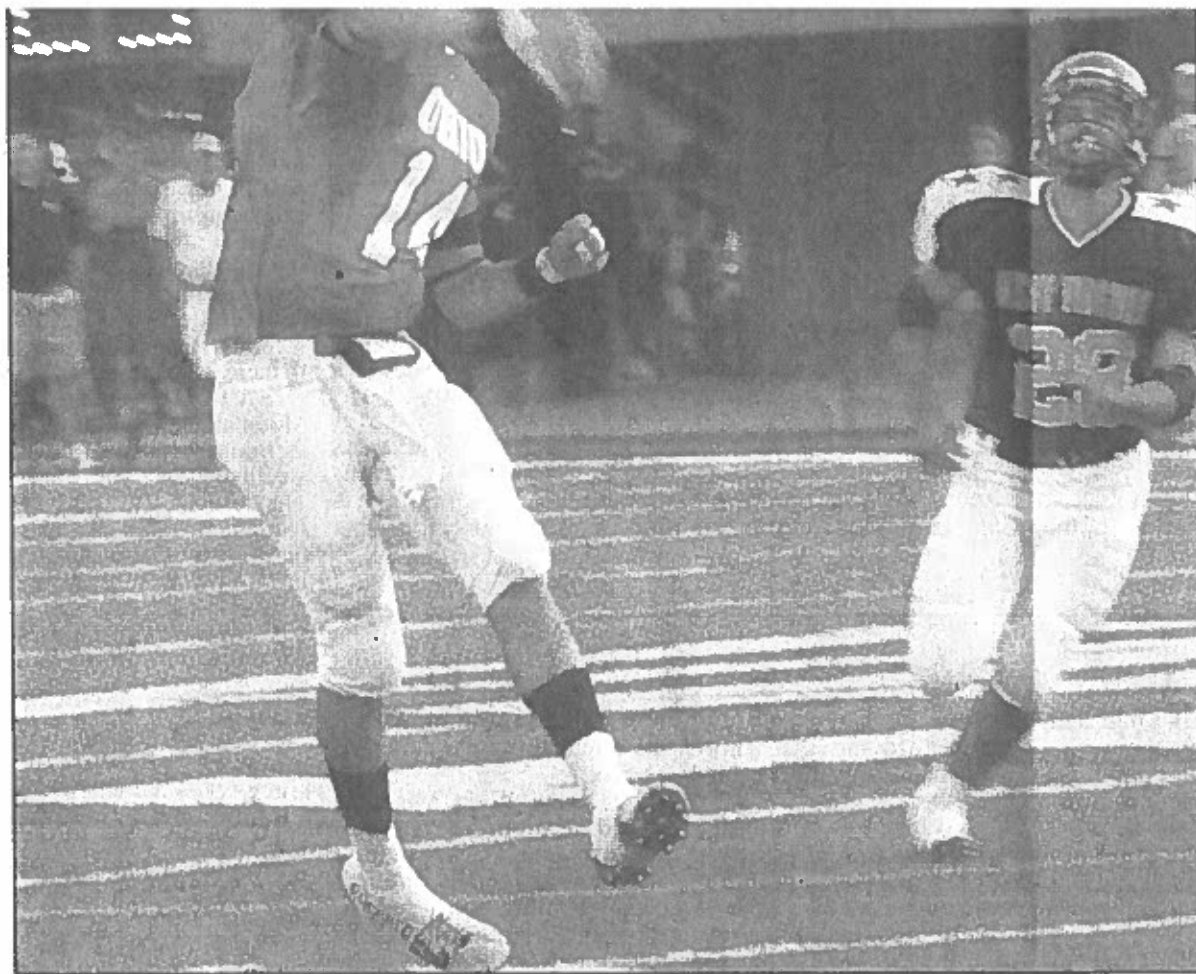


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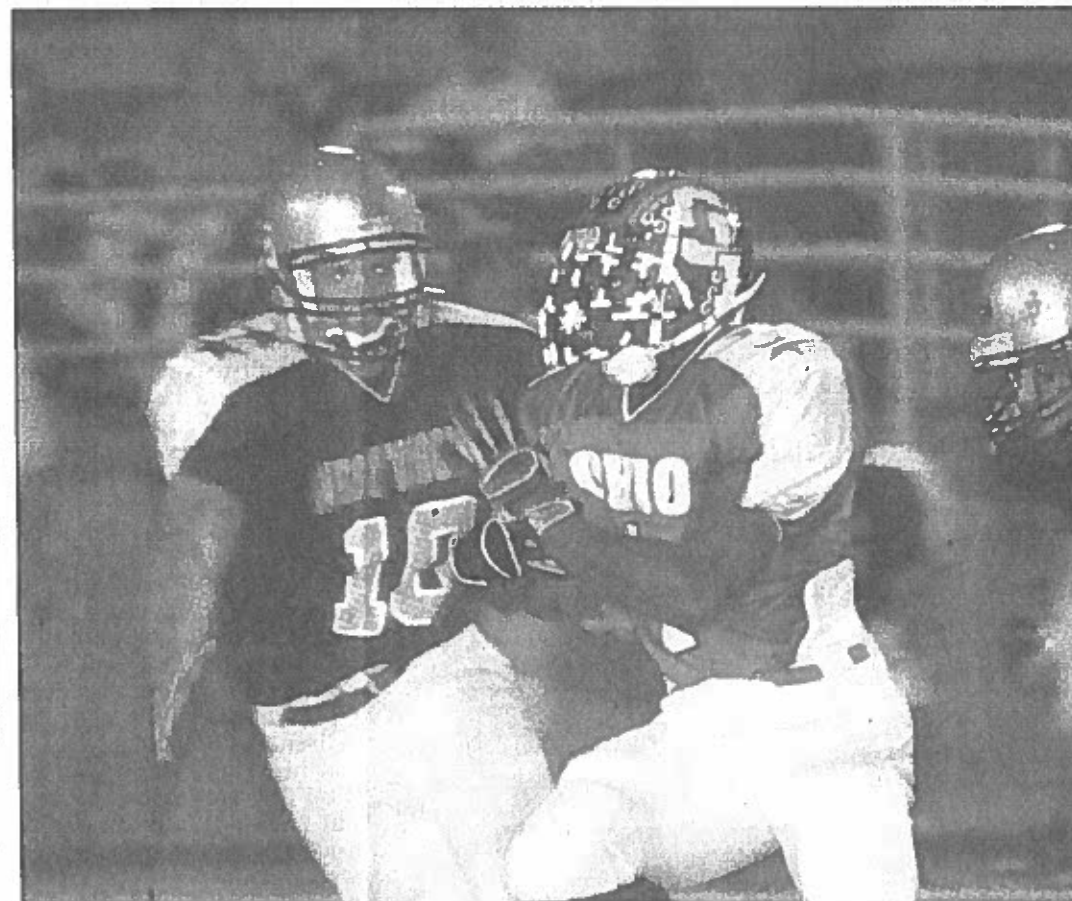
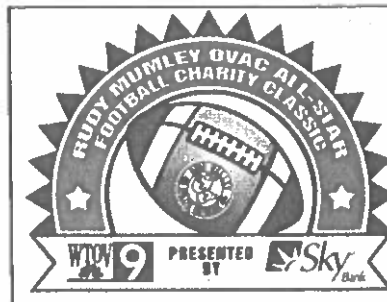
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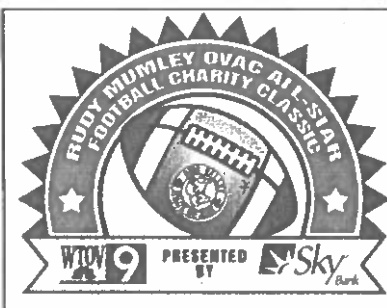
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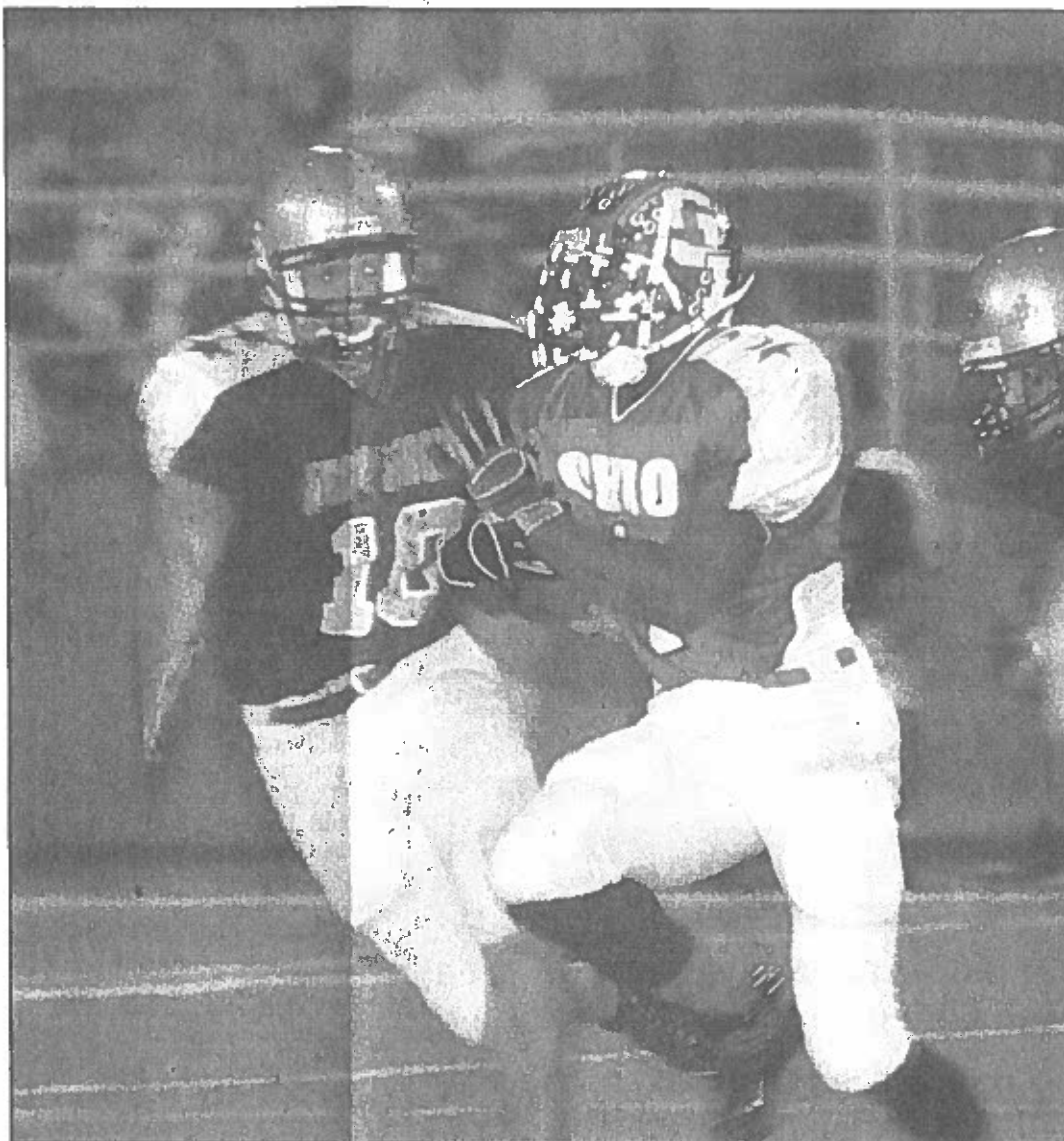
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It ain't over till it's over



By **Rich Gibson**
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Reality Check

There they were in the shadow of their goal line with a minute to play staring at a shutout loss against perennial underdog West Virginia.

"It would have been a tough thing to live down," admitted Bellaire's Nick Rocchio. "We pretty much felt we were going to dominate them," added Barnesville's Paul Jefferis.

A few hundred fans were already making tracks for the parking lot when Ohio regained possession at its eight-yard line in the game's waning seconds.

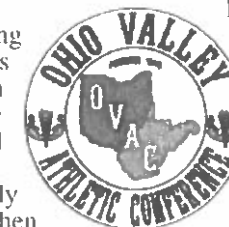
Out of time outs, the Buckeyes' options were basically reduced to a backyard strategy: "Everybody go long."

Ohio coach Brett McLean figured he had enough time for a couple quick inside slants.

But Steubenville's Maurice Bougard got Rocchio's attention in the huddle.

"I told Nick I could run by (their defensive back)," the crafty Bougard offered. "I glanced and saw one-one-one coverage (on Maurice) and just laid it out there," Rocchio advised. "Once he made the play, no one was gonna catch him."

Bougard's dramatic catch and run salvaged a Buckeye victory in a game Ohio is expected to capture — almost on an annual basis.



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Contador captures Tour title

PARIS (AP) — All the right elements were there: The smiling winner in his bright yellow jersey. The fans several rows deep under the majestic trees of the Champs-Élysées.

But something seemed broken about the Tour de France on Sunday — perhaps forever.

Overshadowing the joy of its newest and youngest winner in 10 years — Alberto Contador of Spain, who rode for the American Discovery Channel team — was ominous talk and questions about the very existence of cycling's premier event:

— How to have faith in the Tour when even its director said the suspicion of doping hangs over all riders.

— How much longer fans will remain loyal to a race where cheating has skewed the results for more than a decade.

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On this night, however, the Mountaineers made more than enough plays to win. Perhaps, no loss in the series' long history was harder to digest.

"I know I'm hurting right now. So are my kids and coaches," Magnolia's Mark Batton related. "Tell you the truth, we don't feel like we lost that game, regardless what the scoreboard says."

While the Mumley Classic has come under fire from some who'd prefer OVAC officials consider initiating a new format, Sunday night's result all but ensures the status quo remain intact.

"There's no reason to consider a format change, in my opinion," said Game Director Bob Koch. "I believe the overwhelming majority of fans feel the same way."

OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak concurs and was pleased with virtually all aspects of the 2007 clash. "There are far more competitive games played (in this series) than not," Rataiczak declared. "I think that's reflected by the crowd support we see on a yearly basis."

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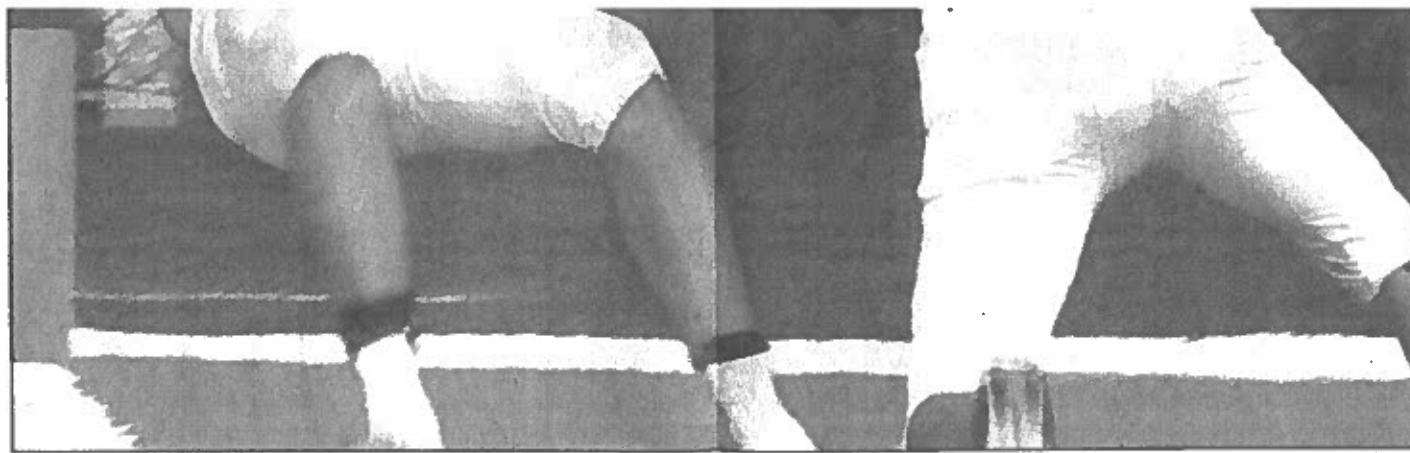
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And needless to say, Rocchio threw it, Bougard caught it and the rest was history.

However, it almost didn't come to fruition because Bishop Donahue's Clint Wilson pilfered an errant Rocchio pass to thwart a 14-play Buckeye drive with a shade over four minutes to play.

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Ohio amassed 159 yards rushing and Rocchio threw for 263 yards on 21-of-37 passing. He was picked off twice. Bougard caught seven balls for 125 yards. Bellaire's Jayson Keyser caught five passes for 73 yards. Cambridge's Stephen Ford led the rushing attack. He carried the ball 24 times for 84 yards. Bougard contributed 51 yards on seven totes.

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With the quick-strike of the Ohio offense, it still left West Virginia with a chance. The Mountaineers got the ball back with less than 50 seconds to play, but the Ohio defense delivered again.

After an incompletion and a short pass to Wheeling Park's Andy Goldbaugh, Cy Mozingo's desperation heave was picked off by East Liverpool's Joey Wines, sealing the deal for the Buckeyes.

"This one is going to take a couple of days to recover from," said West Virginia head coach Mark Batton who has to be at practice with his Blue Eagles this morning at 9 a.m. "Our six coaches and these players were the only ones who gave us a chance. Our kids came out here and played their rear ends off, and I am so proud of them for that."

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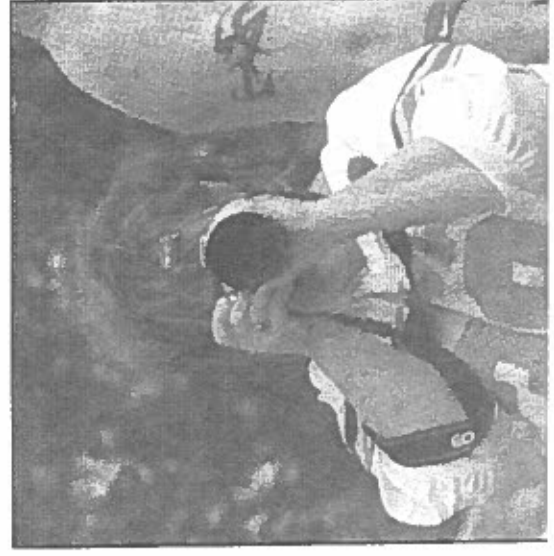
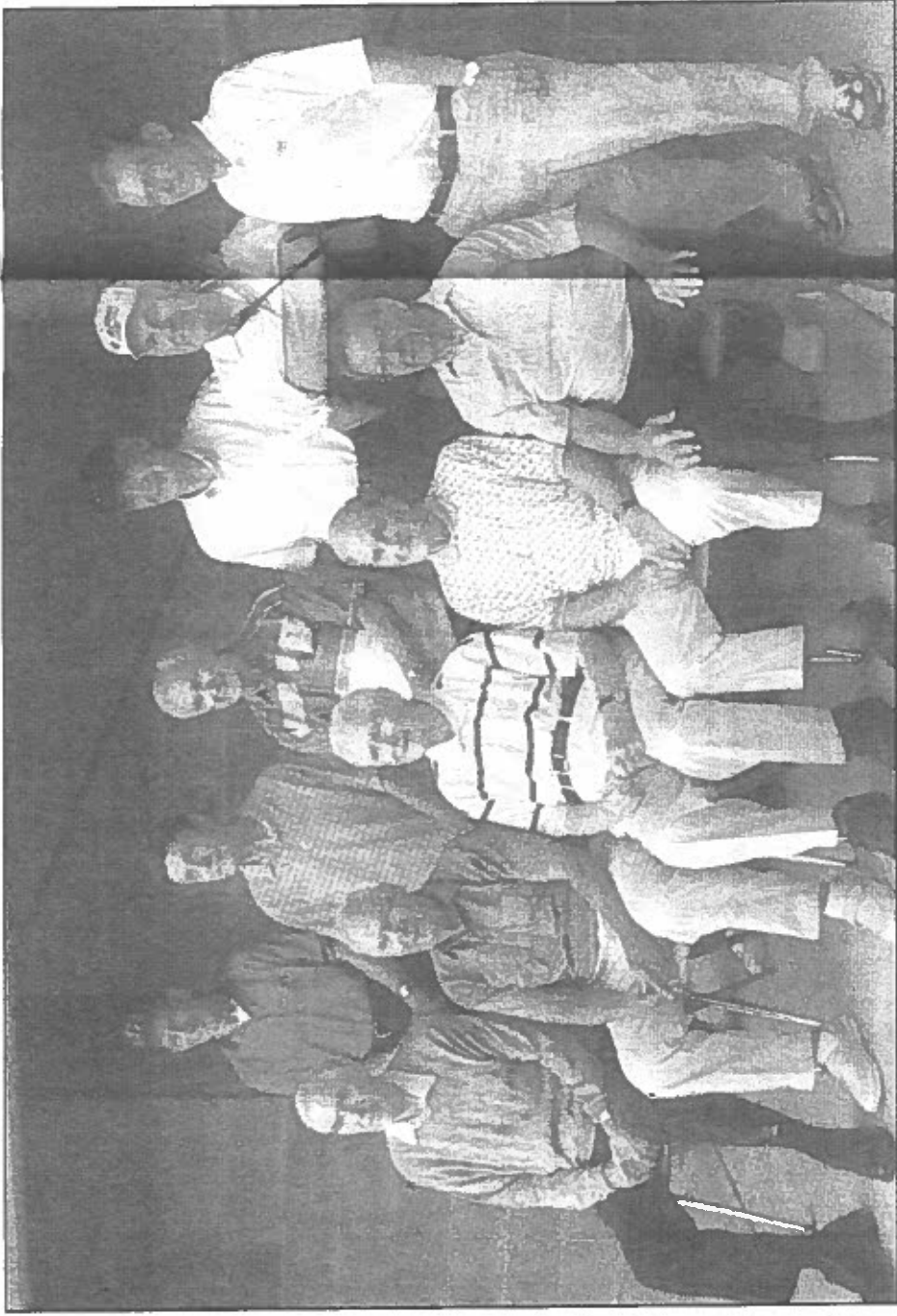
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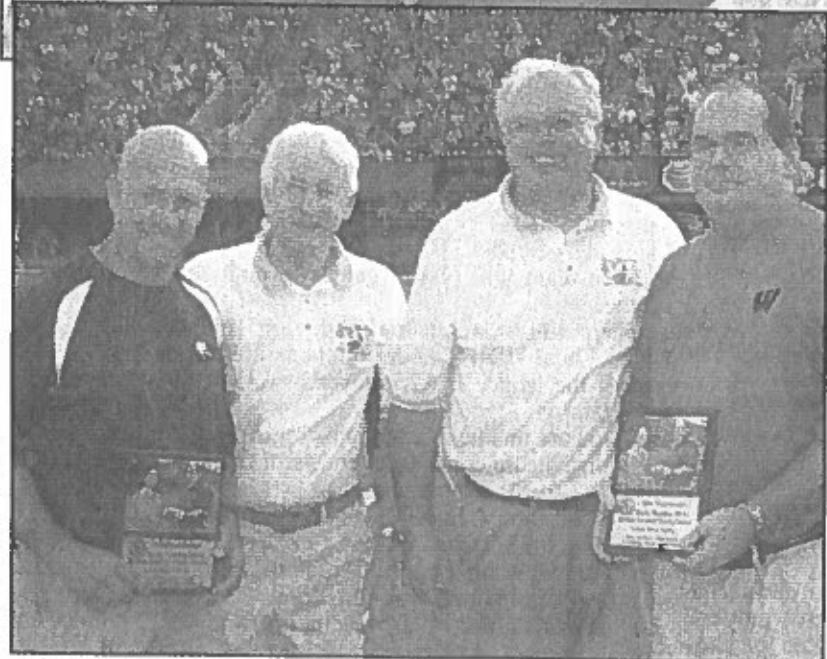
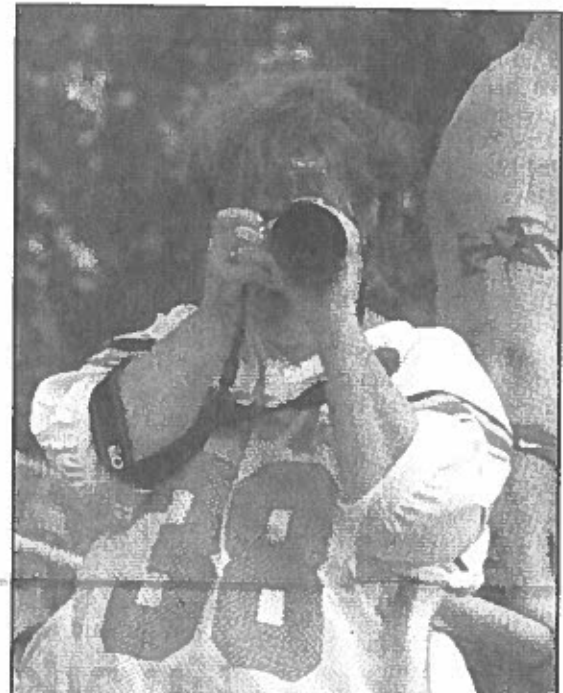
Passing: West Virginia — Cy Mozingo 13-21-126-0-1. Justin Lowe, 0-1-0-0-0. Ohio — Nick Rocchio 21-37-273-1-2. Nick Perko 0-1-0-0-0; Steve Shumaker 0-1-0-0-0.

Receiving: West Virginia — Andy Goldbaugh, 7-94; Corey Meeker, 2-2; Jimmy Burress, 2-5; Brandon Tucker, 1-(-2). Ohio — Jayson Keyser, 5-73; Maurice Bougard, 7-125; Stephen Ford, 2-13; Joey Wines, 2-30; Elric Neuhart, 3-26; Bryant Cappelletti 1-9.

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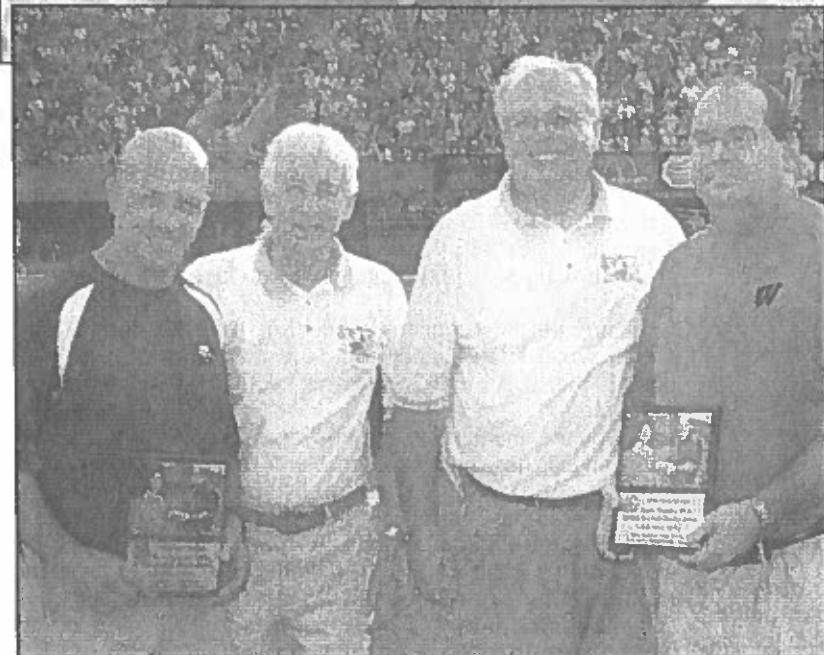


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MIDDLE RIGHT: A fan of St. Clairsville and Ohio linebacker Nate Burdette takes pictures of Sunday's action from the stands.

ABOVE LEFT: Cambridge's Rick Goodrich (left) and Weir's Eric Meek (right) were presented plaques by game adviser Ron Mauck and Bob Koch, respectively for coaching in the 2006 game.

ABOVE RIGHT: Referee Ken Kaserman leads Ohio captains Nick Perko (85), Nick Rocchio (14), Ryan Zann (28) and Tyree Dunn to midfield for the coin flip.

AT FAR RIGHT: Ohio players raise their helmets in the air prior to the game.

AT RIGHT: Ohio cheerleader Courtney Libertore performs during pregame Sunday.

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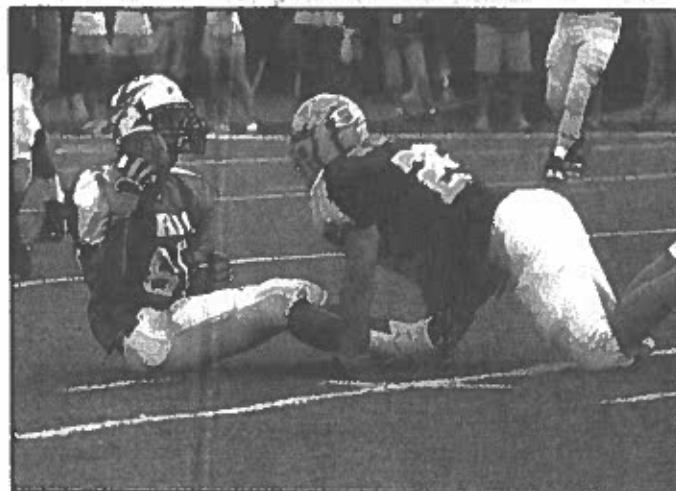


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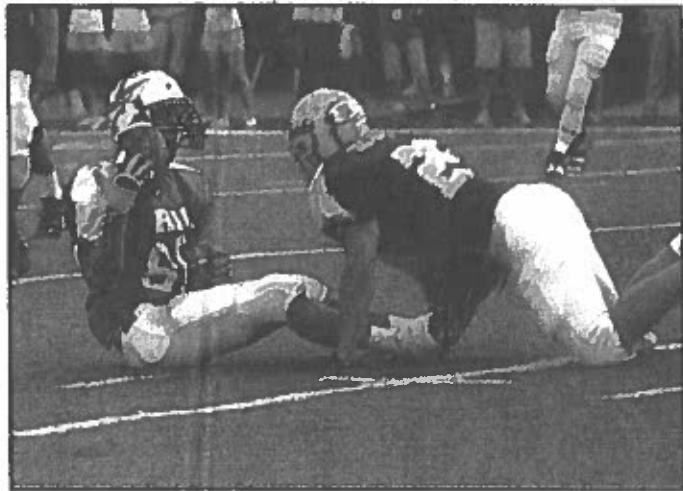
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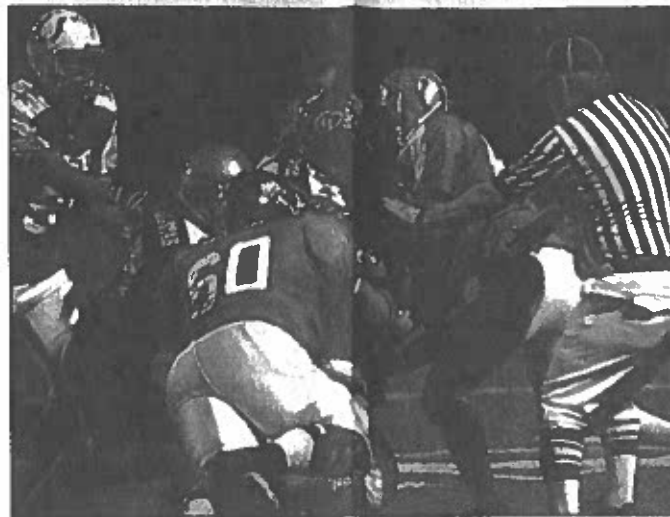
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Ohio drove to the West Virginia 24 early in the fourth period, but Bishop Donahue's Clint Wilson pilfered a pass attempt to keep the Buckeyes scoreless, and the next Ohio drive of 50 yards from its 25 to the West Virginia 25 came up inches short on a fourth down sneak with 4:15 remaining.

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Mountaineer QB Mazingo was 13-of-22 with one picked off (W.Va. was 13-of-25 in total), with is favorite receiver being Park's Goldbaugh with seven catches for 93 yards. Wheeling Central's Brandon Tucker rushed eight times for 23 yards.

Ohio finished with 22 first downs; lost one-of-two fumbles and drew seven penalty flags for 70 yards. West Virginia managed just seven

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Barnesville's Andy Spiczenski was selected as the Ohio recipient of the Rudy Mumley Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award, with John Marshall's Mazingo as the West Virginia selection. The Ron Mauck Scholar Athlete Award winners were Matt Ischy of Monroe Central and Chris Neidhardt of Wheeling Central...



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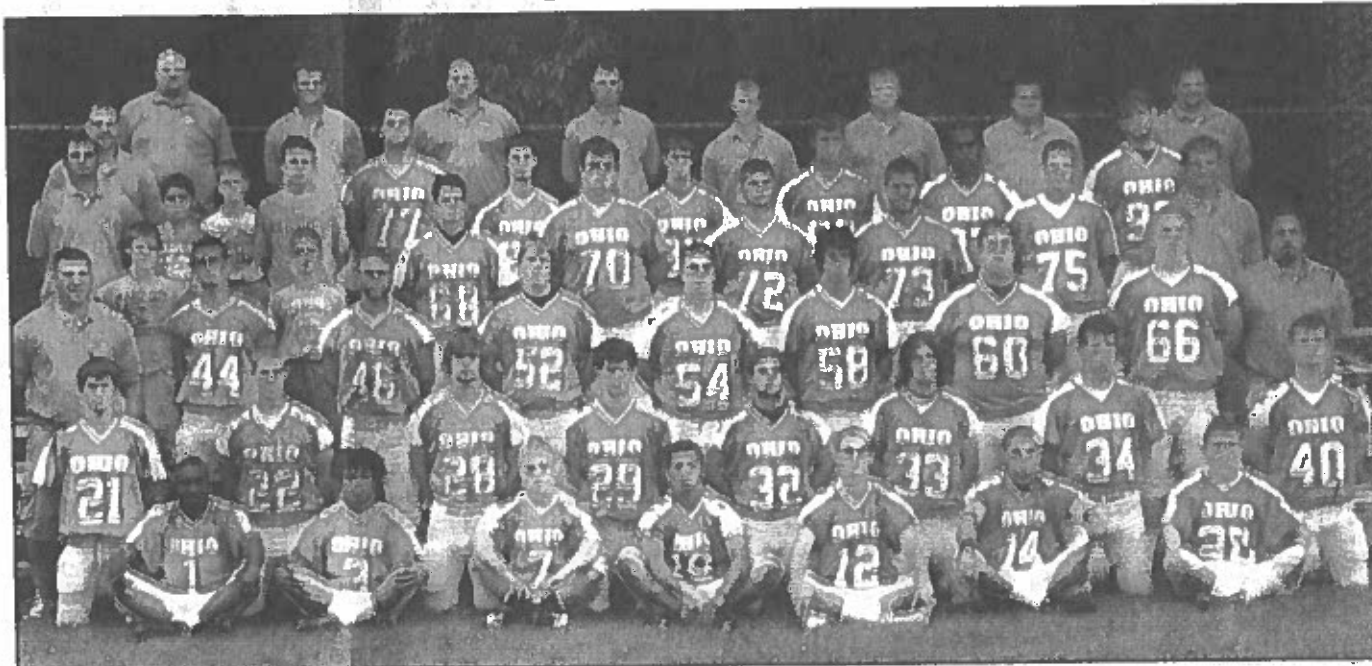
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After a week of preparation at West Liberty State College, the all-star gridgers from the Buckeye and Mountaineer

including running back Stephen Ford (510, 180) and tackle John Nicolozakes (6-1, 290) of Cambridge; defensive back Elric Neuhart (6-0, 165) of Meadowbrook; tackle Chad Kinder (6-1, 240) of Buckeye Trail; defensive back Josh Cowgill (5-10, 150) of Shenandoah; and the Barnesville trio of quarterback Steven Shumaker (6-2, 175), center Andy Spiczenski (6-2, 240) and guard Paul Jefferis (6-2, 225).

Other Buckeye players include receiver Maurice Bougard (5-8, 160) and defensive tackle Tyree Dunn (6-0, 250) of Steubenville; outside linebacker Leander Brooks (5-6, 160) of Harrison Central; receiver Trey Masciarelli (5-9, 175), quarterback Nick Rocchio (6-2, 180), receiver Jayson Keyser (6-2, 185), linebacker Jordan Traylinek (6-0, 215) and kicker Nick Perko (5-11, 180) of Bellaire; safety Jamal Murray (6-0, 198), linebacker Ryan Zann (6-3, 215) and tight end Ryan Mirich (6-4, 215) of Martins Ferry; defensive back Cody Kernan (5-10, 165) of Beallsville; defensive back Ian Palmer (5-10, 160) of Wellsville; running back Ian Riddel (5-10, 200), defensive end Nate Burdette (5-10, 189), and receiver Bryant Cappelletti (6-2, 180) of St. Clairsville; fullback Joe Pulver (5-11, 200) of Indian Creek; defensive back Joey



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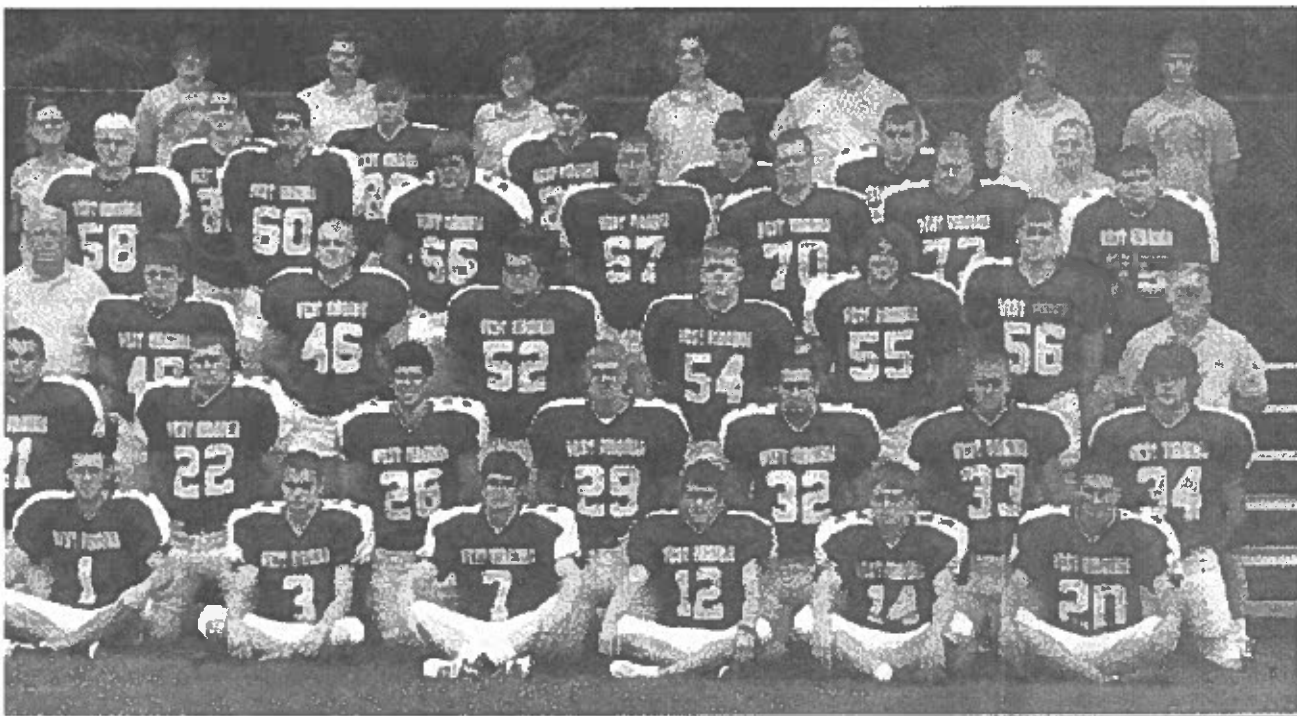


states will collide in the OVAC's mid-summer extravaganza beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Ohio has reeled off 11 wins in the last 12 years, with the only West Virginia victory coming in 2004. Overall, the Buckeyes lead the series 38-22-1 dating back to the first game in 1940. The OVAC assumed sponsorship of the bi-state clash in 1972, with Ohio holding a 23-11-1 edge since that time.

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OVAC stars set to clash

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Meet the Buckeyes



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PICTURED ARE the Ohio linebackers for Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Classic. Front row, from left, are Cody Kernen (Beallsville), Leander Brooks (Harrison Central), Nick Perko (Bellaire). Back row, from left, are Nate Burdette (St. Clairsville), Joe Pulver (Indian Creek), Jordan Traylinek (Bellaire).

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2005: Ohio 35, West Virginia 6	1974: West Virginia 13, Ohio 6
2004: West Virginia 21, Ohio 7	1973: West Virginia 38, Ohio 20
2003: Ohio 32, West Virginia 26	1972: Ohio 24, West Virginia 6
2002: Ohio 19, West Virginia 12	1971-70: No Games
2001: Ohio 36, West Virginia 0	1969: West Virginia 12, Ohio 0
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It's Game Day

Ohio, West Virginia All-Stars ready to shine

By SETH STASKEY
For the News-Register

It's time for the talking and practicing to end.

It's time for the Ohio and West Virginia All-Stars to strap on the pads and buckle the helmets.

It's Game Day.
Finally!

After a week of practices and events, the players in tonight's 62nd annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic are ready to go in the annual extravaganza at Wheeling Island Stadium. Kickoff is slated for 7:15 p.m.

"This is a great event for kids on both sides of the river," said Ohio and St. Clairsville head coach Brett McLean. "We've had a lot of fun this week with these kids. I made it my goal to make sure these kids enjoyed their time and their time with our coaches. It's going to be sad when the game's over because we won't get to coach them anymore because it's almost like it's our group of seniors that's graduating."

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"At first we were a little unsure with what we were going to do to see what we had," Batton said. "We tried a few different things and we

kept some of our older things. All in all, I really like this bunch of kids. Nice group of players who went out and busted their tails."

McLean announced his starting lineup for tonight's game Friday prior to the Queen of Queens pageant.

The Buckeyes are going with Bellaire's Nick Rocchio under center. Barnesville's Steven Shumaker, who could see time at wide receiver, will serve as the backup.

In the backfield, Cambridge's Stephen Ford and Steubenville's Maurice Bougard will see the bulk of the load. Ford is the all-time rushing record holder in Bobcats history and Bougard is moving to the backfield after serving the Big Red as a wide receiver.

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"You've got to spread the ball around and use the weapons that you have to try to give the defense problems," McLean noted. "If we need go to one-dimensional we can, and we've talked to the kids about that. This is a very unselfish group of kids who as the week went on started to realize how talented that everyone is and we're a team."

When the Buckeyes let Rocchio go to the air, he's got a plethora of targets from which to choose.

His Big Reds' teammate Jayson Keyser will be one of the guys on the flanks. He'll be out there with Shenandoah's Josh Cowgill and Meadowbrook's Elric Neuhart. Also slated to see some time at wide receiver are St. Clairsville's Bryant Cappelletti and East Liverpool's Joey Wines. Martins Ferry's Ryan Mirich will serve as the tight end.

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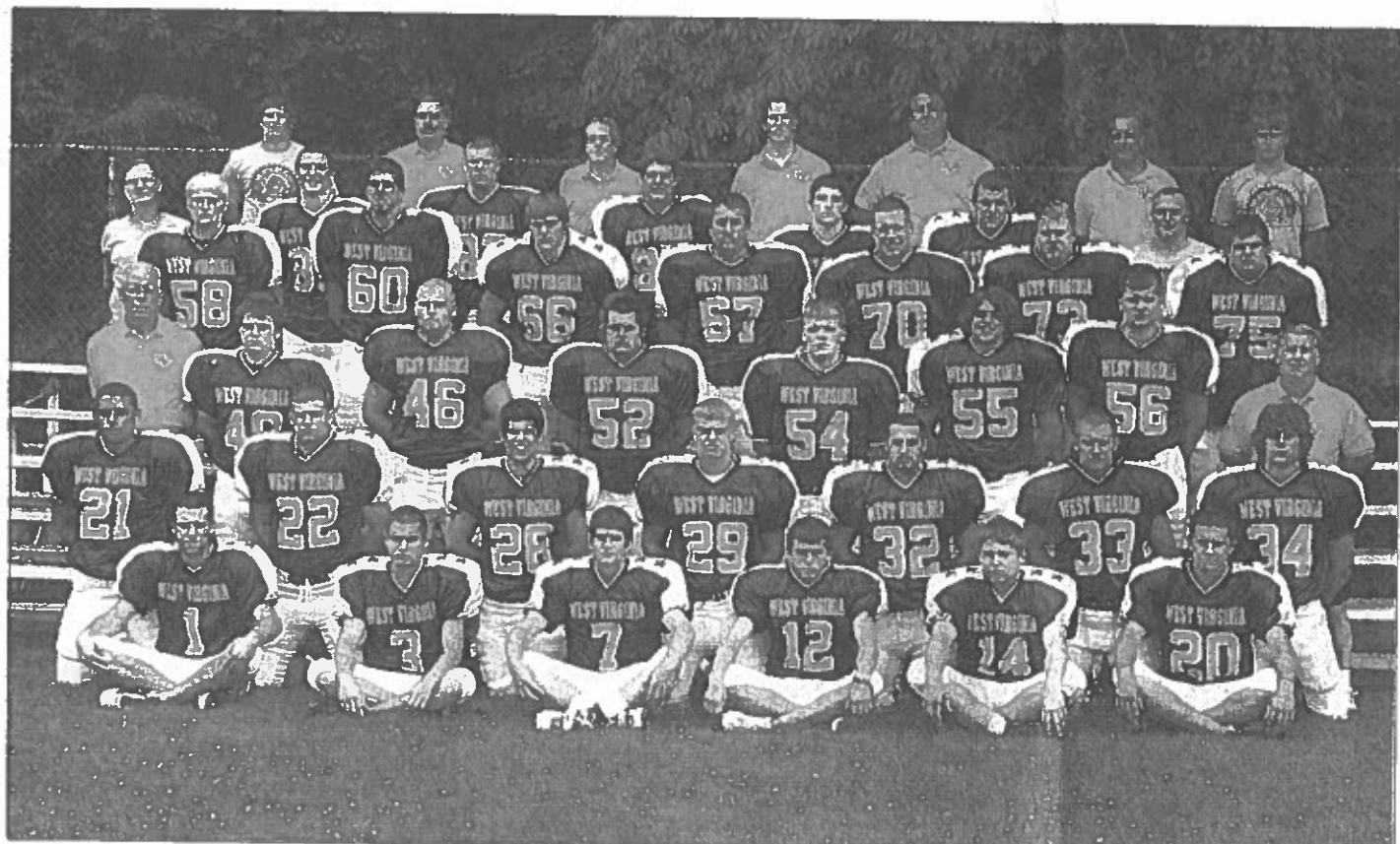


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10	P.J. Henry	5-10	170	DB	Whg. Central
12	Andy Goldbaugh	5-9	170	WR	Wheeling Park
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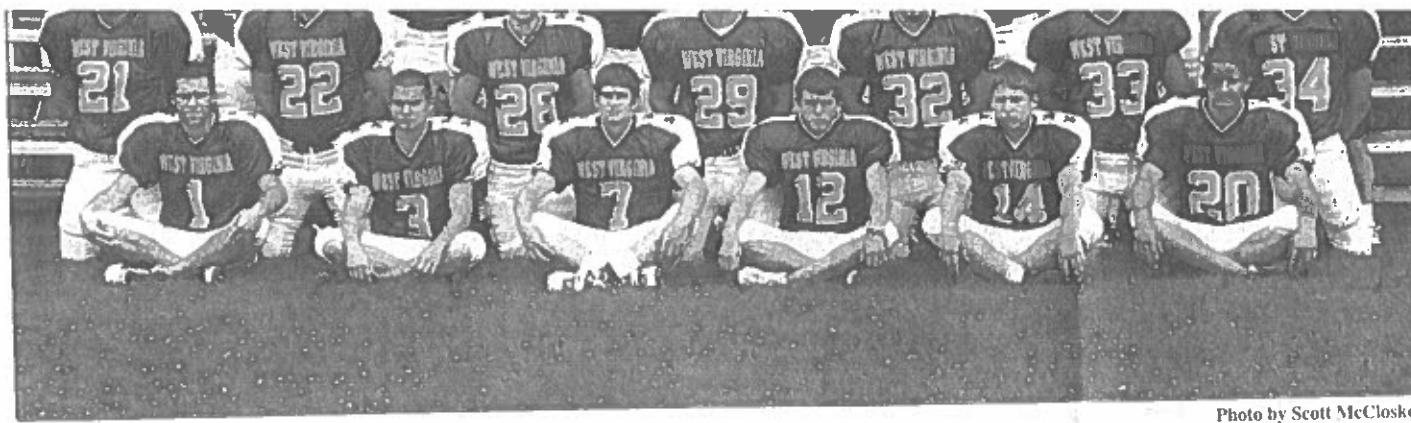


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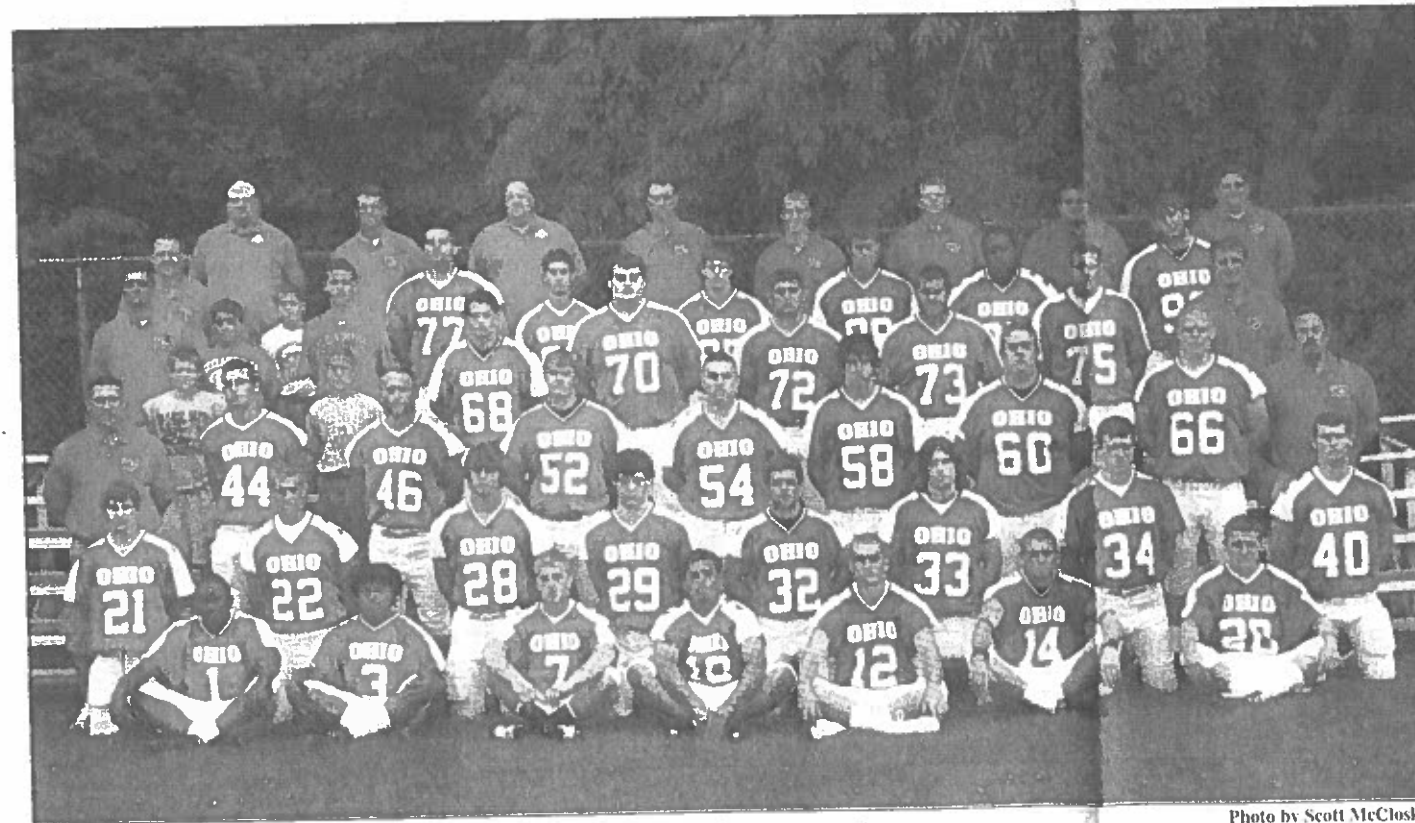


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Buckeye Trail's Chad Kinder will anchor the offensive front at the center spot. Shadyside's Vinnie Ritchie and Barnesville's Andy Spiczanski will line up at the guard spots. Cambridge's John Nicolzakes and Steubenville Catholic's Ryan Kuczykowski will begin at the tackle spots.

The Mountaineers defense, which is going to have to try to keep this high-powered Buckeyes' team in check, plans on trying to get to the quarterback.

"The big thing for us is to not give up the big play," Batton said. "We can't let them get behind us or let them catch the short pass and turn it into a long gain. We're going to come with a lot of pressure and be as aggressive as we can."

The defensive front four will be anchored by Brooke's Janson Sims and Wheeling Central's Jake Henry. On the ends will be Linsly's Pat Ohrman and Magnolia's Nick Baxter.

Wheeling Central stalwart Chris Neidhardt will anchor the linebacking corps. He'll be flanked by Weir High's Dave Rasicci and John Marshall's Corey Meeker.

Weir's Jordan Taflan and Brooke's Dustin Snodgrass will get the chore of coverage at the corner spots, while Bishop Donahue's Clint Wilson and Central's P.J. Henry will roam at the free and strong safety spots, respectively.

"These kids fit our (defensive) scheme," Batton said. "At Magnolia, we stunt almost every single play. We're not the type of team to sit back and read. We plan on coming from all different directions. We've got a lot of nice speed, but in all-star games you wonder how well they'll tackle since they haven't played since last November."

The Buckeyes' defense is led by its linebacking corps. Bellaire's Jordan Traylinek will play the inside linebacker spot with Harrison Central's Leander Brooks and Indian Creek's Joe Pulver starting the game at the outside backer positions.

The defensive line finds Barnesville's Paul Jefferis at one end, while Edison's Landon Herzick's on the other side. Mirich, East Liverpool's Eric DiAgosta and

Steubenville's Tyree Dunn will all play at the defensive tackle spots.

"One of the big things about West Virginia's kids is the fact that they have a lot of big-school kids who've played against big-time competition," McLean noted. "We've stressed to our kids to respect their opponent because while there aren't as many schools in West Virginia (as Ohio) there are bigger schools, and they can find some really good players."

Wines and Keyser will serve as the corners for the Buckeyes, while Martins Ferry's Jamal Murray will roam at the safety spot.

Wines, Keyser and Mirich will be a few of the Buckeyes to see time on both sides of the ball.

"With some of the sets we're going to run, they'll only be part-time offensive players, so they aren't going both ways per say," McLean admitted. "We were impressed with all three of those kids and felt they could handle it if we needed them to."

Bellaire's Nick Perko will handle both the punting and place kicking tonight.

"Our biggest concern going into the game is that everything runs smoothly," McLean said. "The 25-second clock at the island doesn't give much forgiveness for bad substitutions or the wrong personnel being on the field. I think the kids have picked up everything, they like it and they are comfortable doing it. We've got to get the kids in the right spots and let them become what they are."

Batton's offensive lineup is deep and owns a strong amount of playmakers who've had tremendous prep careers for some heavyweight programs in the area.

John Marshall standout Cy

Mozingo has won the quarterback job this week in Mountaineers camp. He'll be backed by Tyler's Justin Lowe.

Wheeling Central's Brandon Tucker and Wheeling Park's Sam Hinebaugh will start in the West Virginia backfield at tailback and fullback, respectively.

"We kind of based what we're doing on our past scrimmages and games against St. Clairsville," Batton explained. "We kind of went back and looked at what we had success doing, and we understand that personnel is different, but looked at schemes of things and put our offense with that."

Batton, who knows the Ohio defense is fast and quick, thinks the Mountaineers have going to win the time of possession battle.

"We're going to have to play ball control," Batton said. "They are fast and big, and we are going to have to try to continue to pick up first downs and keep their offense at the field while wearing their defense down a little bit."

When the Mountaineers do put the ball in the air, they have some speed on the outside. Wheeling Park's Andy Goldbaugh and Magnolia's Nathan West will be on the flanks. Park's Tom Kettlewell will be the tight end.

Getting the start in the trenches will be a big and athletic bunch of Mountaineers linemen.

Brooke's Trent Aiken will anchor the line at the center spot, while John Marshall's Eric Howe and Magnolia's Nick Baxter will serve as the guard duo. At the tackles are JM's Ryan Novick and Magnolia's Matt Swartling.

John Marshall's Matt Deel is ticketed to handle the kicking and punting duties for the West Virginia squad.



Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game



W.Va. Kicker

Special teams ace Matt Deel, left, will represent John Marshall in Sunday's OVAC All-Star game.

Correction Clarification

In the photo of the Ohio defensive backfield in Friday's newspapers, Buckeye Local's Matt Zook was misidentified as St. Clairsville's Nate Burdette.

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We're not going to take any chances with kids who are a little banged up."

Earlier in the week, McLean stressed that he and his coaches were going to make an enjoyable experience for the kids, but as Sunday draws closer by the second, the Buckeyes have turned it up a notch.

"You've got to turn it up some," McLean said. "You don't want to burn the kids out early in the week. There are a lot of practices to go through, and you don't want the kids to be on edge early. You don't want them to show up tired or peak too early."

The players — who took part in an ice-cream social and dance Thursday evening — will return to Wheeling this evening for the annual Queen of Queens pageant. Prior to that Ohio will stage two more work outs to continue to fine-tune things.

"We likely won't be full go anymore," McLean advised. "We'll still pop a little bit to keep everyone as close to game speed as we can."

Saturday both squads will practice once again and then take part in the annual pep rally at West Liberty State College. Sunday's schedule includes breakfast, Vespers and then the bus ride to the stadium.

OVAC NOTES

JOHN NICOLZAKES had a superb senior season along the line for Cambridge. However, he was showing off his arm at Wheeling Island Stadium. As he and St. Clairsville's Bryant Cappelletti played catch, Nicolzakes was throwing the ball some 50 yards on the fly.

NO FEWER than 24 girls will take part in tonight's Queen of Queen's Pageant. The competition will be held at WesBanco Arena and it's scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. The girls went through a dress rehearsal Thursday night.

FUTURE OVAC All-Stars will be on display Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. with the annual OVAC Youth Football Clinic. The event is free and open to all area youths ages 6-13. Coaches from Wheeling Park and Bethany will serve as the camp counselors.

KUDOS to Dianna Vargo for another fine job with the Strager Evening with the Stars on Wednesday night.

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Friday,
July 27, 2007

SPORTS

Team Ohio goes through game-situation at Island

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

The Ohio squad got to work out at Wheeling Island Stadium Thursday afternoon in preparation for Sunday's 62nd annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

And according to Buckeyes' head coach Brett McLean it was time well spent.

The Ohioans went through game-situations for more than an hour and fine-tuned several other pieces of the game plan as they continue to prepare for their West Virginia counterparts in the summer sporting spectacle of the year.

"We got a lot of things done," McLean said. "We installed our pre-game and did a lot of the clerical things that need to be done before a game, and I think it's big to be able to get out here and get a game feel."

The Buckeyes went through a sem-

blance of a live scrimmage as coaches were in the press box sending plays to the field and the players ran the plays into the game.

All of that is trying to spark the game attitude for players who haven't played real football for some nine months.

"Having the kids run their own huddle and not having coaches in there telling them what to do is big," McLean said. "It was pretty realistic from that standpoint."

For the most part the Buckeyes are a healthy group.

Martins Ferry product Jamal Murray sat out the workout, but McLean expects his defensive back to be able to go come Sunday night.

"We're being real cautious with these guys," the first-time OVAC coach said. "Our job is to get the kids to Sunday night, so that they are able to play."

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MAKING UP the lines for Ohio will be this group of players. Front row, from left, are Matt Ischy (Monroe Central), Landon Herzick (Edison), Justin Hunt (Union Local), Tyree Dunn (Steubenville), Chad Kinder (Buckeye Trail) and Vinnie Ritchie (Shadyside). Back row, from left, are Paul Jefferis (Barnesville), Andy Spiczenski (Barnesville), John Nicolzaakes (Cambridge), Ryan Kuczykowski (Steubenville CC) and Eric DiAgosta (East Liverpool).

SPORTS

OVAC All-Stars meet the media

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

The greatest sporting spectacle of the Ohio Valley sports calendar is just five days away.

And the players and coaches involved are getting ready.

The football players and coaches moved into their new homes at West Liberty State College to begin preparations for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic slated for Sunday night at Wheeling Island Stadium.

However, they took a little time out of the preparation schedule to meet with the Ohio Valley media and have pictures taken Monday afternoon at Russek Field on the Hilltoppers' campus.

Ohio head coach Brett McLean - coaching in his first

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OVAC game - got all of his players checked into camp and through physicals Sunday and

were going through three practices most of the week.

"We got off to a good start and they all came with a great attitude," McLean said. "It's really made for an easy start to camp."

While the Buckeyes are going through three workouts for much of the week, McLean confesses that it's still a laid-back, entertaining atmosphere for the players who've earned the distinction.

"I don't think we're going to make this a boot camp or anything this week," McLean advised. "I want them to have a lot of fun and enjoy it. When they leave us on Sunday we want them to remember this experience as a good time and not a boot camp with a bunch of miserable coaches who treated them bad."

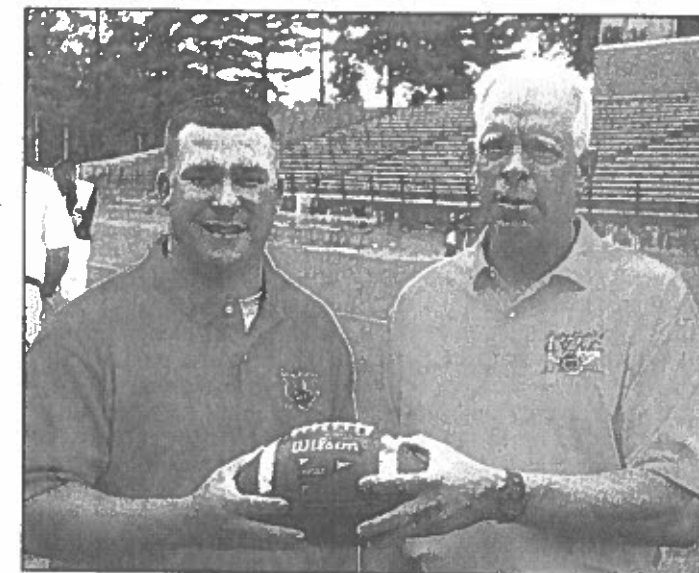
While the relationships and fun are always well-documented during all-star game week the competitive juices are already flowing.

"I don't think there's any better competition than Ohio vs. West Virginia because of the bragging rights up and down the river," the Brooke High and former Mountaineer all-star admitted. "We work with each other, see each other and it's bragging rights for a year if you win this game, and the competitiveness of both teams will show up come Sunday."

And from the sounds of it, the Buckeyes are well on their way to putting a sharp product on the field.

From what McLean had saw through a couple of prac-

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T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY
ALL-STAR head coaches Brett McLean of Ohio and Mark Batton of West Virginia shake hands during media day Monday at West Liberty State College.

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tices and drills the Buckeye players were grasping the offensive scheme quite well. While it's not exactly what the Red Devils may run during the season due to the fact that it was adapted based on the personnel chosen.

"We picked the team aware of what each kid could do," McLean said. "Some of the (offense) is things that we do, but some of it is things we think they can do. We've made some adjustments as coaches, and we're prepared to utilize what they do best."

McLean has indicated that all-Ohio quarterbacks Nick Rocchio from Bellaire and Steve Shumaker of Barnesville will get most of the snaps under center.

On the West Virginia side, Mountaineer head coach Mark Batton had his players ready to come to camp with the ability to play on either side.

"We told a bunch of the kids that they'll need to know both an offensive and defensive position," Batton said. "We're going to do a lot of feeling out the first couple of days and see how people fit here and there."

OVAC NOTES

EUCHRE is the game of choice this week in the Ohio dorms. According to Ohio assistant coach Ryan Clifford, the tournament heated up Sunday evening in the players' bracket and the coaches' bracket was getting under way as well. The survivors will meet on Saturday night in the players vs. coaches championship game.

OUT OF RETIREMENT came West Virginia assistant Craig Schneid. The former Blue Eagle track and football coach has spent the past couple years as the Wheeling Central head coach and had

given up football duties, but when approached by Batton he couldn't refuse. He's got his son Aaron in camp serving as a Mountaineer manager all week.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE athletic director and OVAC Executive Board member Kelly Rine made an appearance at media day, checking up on his Red Devil troops. He even stuck around and watched some of the Buckeyes' afternoon practice. He'll be on hand at Wednesday's Evening With the Stars along with Wheeling Central head coach Mike Young to present scholarships.

THE BAND and cheerleaders make their appearance at West Liberty Wednesday when they report to begin preparations for Sunday's game.

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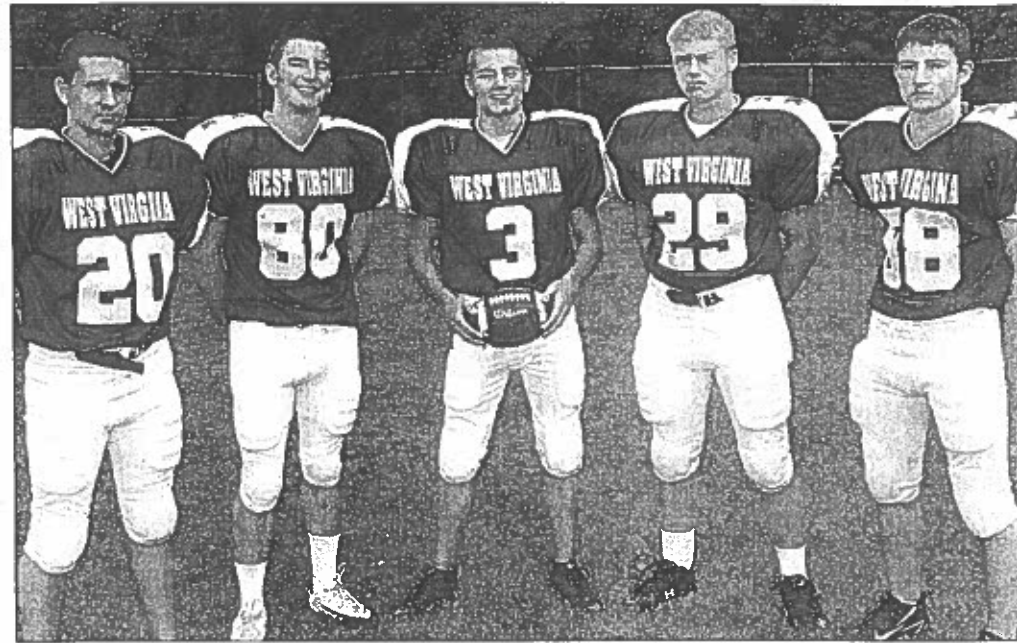


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West Virginia Defensive Backfield

The West Virginia defensive backfield pictured from left, Jordan Taflan (Weir), Clint Wilson (Bishop Donahue), Dustin Snodgrass (Brooke), T.J. Osbon (Oak Glen) and Matt Dotson (Tyler Consolidated).



Photo by Rich Gibson

Ohio Defensive Backfield

The Ohio defensive backfield pictured front row, from left, Cody Kernen (Beallsville), Leander Brooks (Harrison Central) and Nick Perko (Bellaire). Back row, from left, Nate Burdette (St. Clairsville), Joe Pulver (Indian Creek) and Jordan Traylinek (Bellaire).

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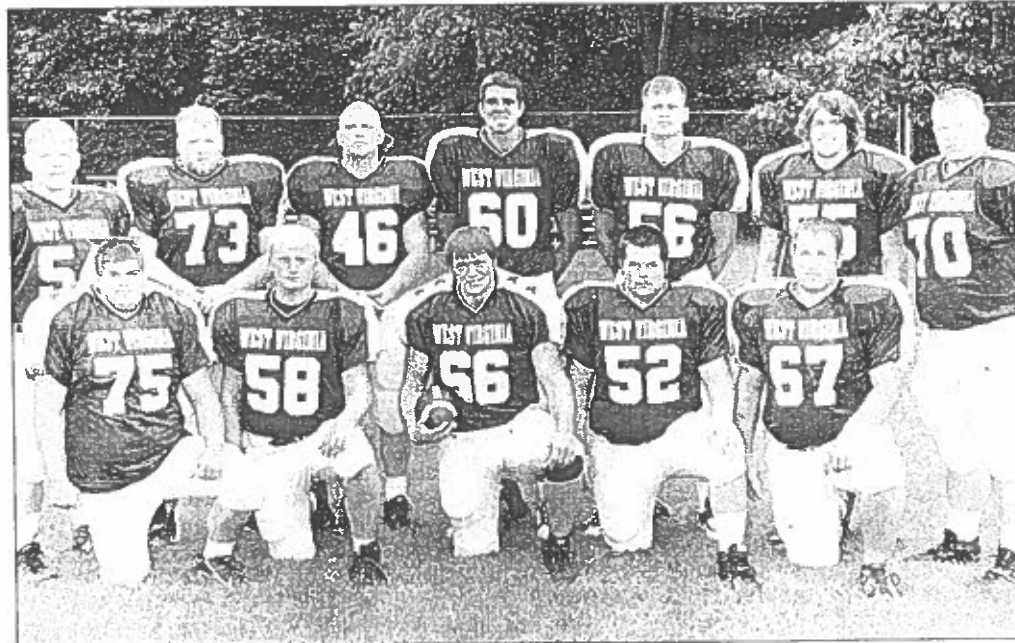


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West Virginia Linemen

The West Virginia linemen for the OVAC All-Star game are, front, from left, Janson Sims (Brooke), Nick Baxter (Magnolia), Jake Henry (Wheeling Central), Jonathan Martin (Valley), and Ryan Novick (John Marshall). Back is Trent Aitken (Brooke), Eric Howe (John Marshall), Tom Kettlewell (Wheeling Park), Corey Staub (Wheeling Park), Matt Swartling (Magnolia), Chris Neidhardt (Wheeling Central), and Pat Ohrman (Linsly).

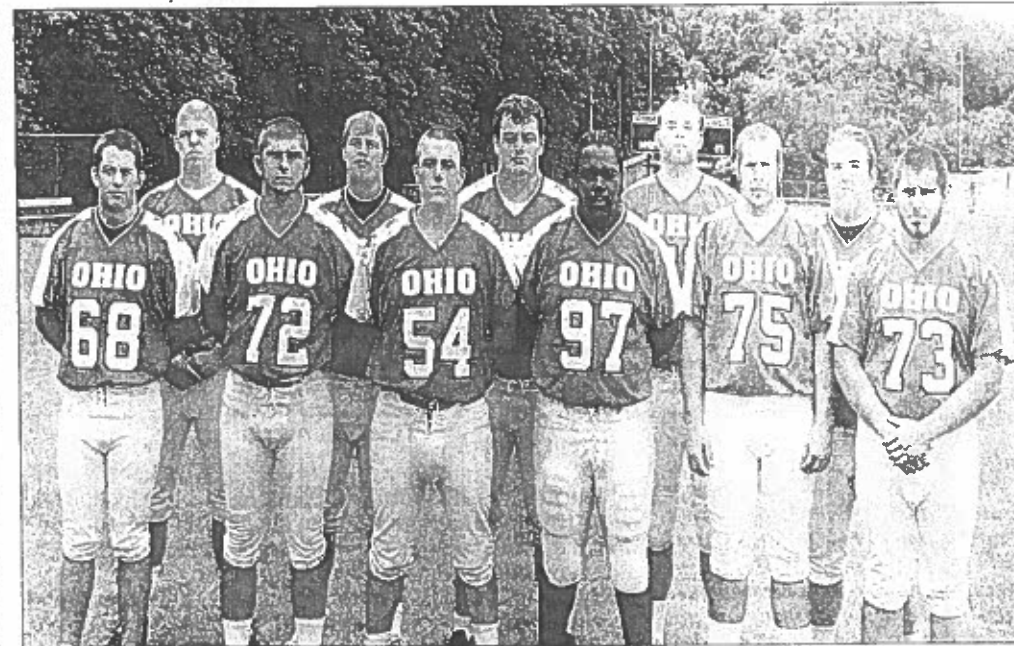


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Ohio Linemen

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take charge and he felt he was as good as anyone.

"I have always been in a leadership position, and I enjoy that, so it just kind of like second nature," Zann offered. "Things are clicking together really well and our chemistry has been there all week."

Rocchio - who will see quality action as the Buckeye quarterback Sunday night - took on the leadership role at Bellaire and had a record-setting senior season.

"I am really excited about the opportunity," Rocchio said. "I was surprised a little bit, but I guess the guys have faith in me doing my job, and I hope I can live up to the role."

Perko will serve as the Ohio place kicker this weekend. He was a weapon for the past three seasons for the Big Reds. When he heard about his selection as captain he actually thought his teammates were joking.

"I thought my teammates were joking since I am the special teams guy and really don't do much in practice," Perko admitted. "I was taking it as a joke, but I am honored to have been selected."

OVAC NOTES

SPENDING THE night at the Strager meant a little more to McLean seeing his real coaching gig is at St. Clairsville where George Strager made his fame and became the winningest coach in the Ohio Valley until a couple of years ago when Monroe Central's Jay Circosta surpassed him.

"Coach Strager is a legend, and there's no I am going to try to fill his shoes," McLean said. "It's just an honor for me to be here to represent St. Clairsville and have this opportunity to coach in this game and attend this event this evening."

EACH YEAR there seems to be a player that the masses might not know about that shines come game time. According to McLean those players might be wearing 'EL' on their helmet come Sunday.

"Joey Wines and Eric Diagosta are both real good football players," McLean said. "Joey's going to play some defensive back for us in the game, and Eric is an animal who can play all over the line."

Two others who drew McLean's attention are Meadowbrook's Elric Neuhart and Shenandoah's Josh Cowgill.

"Those kids have really impressed us," McLean said. "I am big on names, and I study as many players as I could during the season if we didn't play them, and we talked to their coaches, so we knew we had a lot of good players."

ONE OF the highlights of the Strager was the recognizing of the all-star players from the 1946 game, which was the first-ever all-star game contested. The players will be recognized prior to the game Sunday and have been taking part in all of the events leading up to the game.

THE OHIO squad will be at Wheeling Island Stadium this afternoon to take part in a workout on the turf. West Virginia will have its opportunity Friday.

TONIGHT the players will take part in an ice-cream social and hear a speaker from the Sports World program.

TICKETS are currently on sale at several Ohio Valley outlets, including all area Kroger stores.

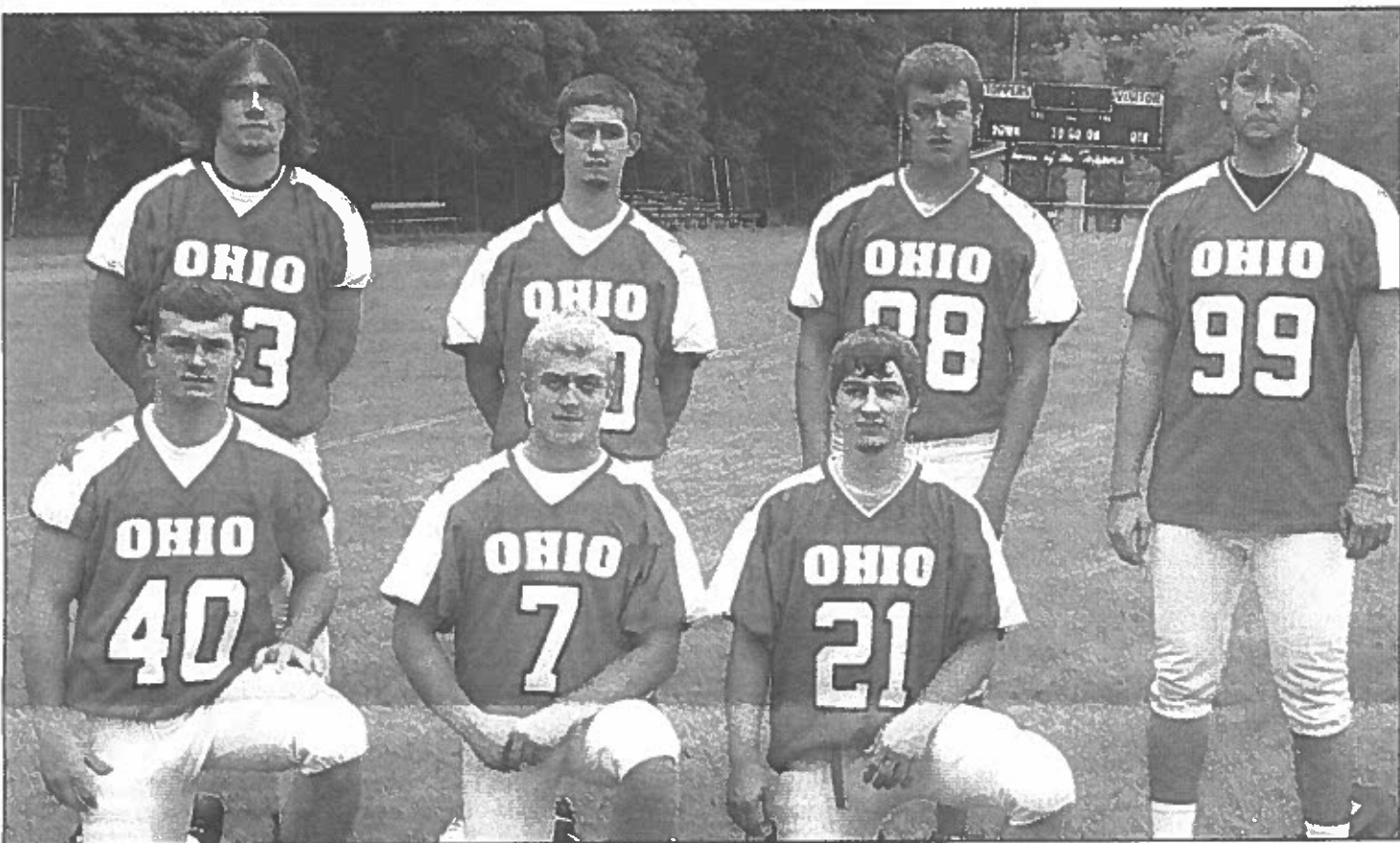
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SET TO catch passes for the Ohio squad in Sunday's OVAC All-Star Football Classic is this group of receivers. Front row, from left, are Joey Wines, Trey Masciarelli and Ian Palmer. Back row, from left, are Elric Neuhart, Josh Cowgill, Bryant Cappelletti and Ryan Mirich.

Ohio picks captains

• Dunn, Perko, Rocchio, Zann voted to lead Buckeyes

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

The preparations for the 62nd annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic are preparing at West Liberty State College as Sunday's annual spectacle draws closer.

The McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band and all-star cheerleaders checked into the Hilltopper campus Wednesday afternoon to begin learning their routines for Sunday's clash between Ohio and West Virginia.

While those two are just beginning to learn their roles, the players and coaches worked out twice and then got to leave campus for the annual George Strager Evening with the Stars, which serves as the unofficial kickoff to the all-star week.

"Camp is going really well," said Ohio head coach Brett McLean who is presiding over his first all-star game, but played for West Virginia in the 1996 affair. "The weather has been great, and we've used the time given to us to prepare to the best of our ability."

The tough part for McLean and his Buckeye coaches now is keeping the play-



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ers focused since the other members of the all-star game have arrived on campus.

"(A lot of coaches) say the focus starts to drift a little on Wednesday evening when everyone else shows up," McLean offered. "We've talked to the kids about their job at hand and

they need to be focused. Again, we don't want to bring the hammer down on them too hard since this is supposed to be an exciting experience."

Earlier in the day Wednesday, the

Buckeyes sat down and selected their captains for the game through a vote conducted by the players.

"We did it as a team, and the guys picked some really great kids," McLean confessed.

Martins Ferry's Ryan Zann, Steubenville's Tyree Dunn, Bellaire's Nick Rocchio and Bellaire's Nick Perko were voted to lead the Buckeyes out Sunday.

Zann took charge early in the week from his linebacker spot and began making all of the defensive calls and evidently his teammates took note.

The former Purple Rider was in a leadership role for Coach Dave Bruney's team last season, so this honor is nothing new for Zann.

"I was in a leadership position at Martins Ferry, and I am very honored to be in that position here this week," Zann said. "I was a little surprised, but I kind of took it upon myself to step up to call the defense and try to get guys motivated."

Zann could tell that someone needed to

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Buckeyes Cement Offensive Lineup with Impressive Front

McLean selects big, mobile corp of lineman for OVAC

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

Brett McLean knew what he was looking for when he and his coaching staff sat down to pick the offensive lineman for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

"We like a mobile line," McLean said. "We wanted bigger kids who could move."

Definitely not a bad idea or a bad place to start.

The annual Mumley Classic

— where the athletic Ohio lineman will be on display — is scheduled for Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"I've been trained to believe that all games are won by linemen, and we wanted to make sure we got as many good ones as we could."

The Buckeyes coaches had plenty of names to sift through when they were making their picks, making the job even more difficult.

"There were more linemen nominated than any other position," McLean said. "There were a lot of great guys nominated and we tried to take as many as we can."

Slated to do the yeoman's work in the trenches are: Monroe Central's Matt Ischy, Barnesville's Paul Jefferis, Buckeye Trail's Chad Kinder, Steubenville Catholic's Ryan Kuczykowski, Cambridge's John Nicolozakes, Shadyside's Vinnie Ritchie, Barnesville's Andy Spiczenski and East Liverpool's Eric Diagosta.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

Matt Ischy Monroe Central

This former Seminole was a mainstay for coach Jay Circosta's squad the past season.

The 5-foot-9, 195 pounder earned first-team all-Ohio accolades as well as all-Eastern District, all-Times Leader, all-OVAC and all-PVC.

Ischy also gets it done in the classroom where he's a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Drama Club and a PVC Scholar Athlete. He's also been selected to the OVAC All-Academic Team. Ischy has been on the principal's list, Kiwanis Scholarship Banquet and the Monroe Academic Awards Banquet. He also attended Buckeye Boys State.

Matt — who plans on attending Marietta College —

is the son of John and Maria Ischy of Sardis.

Paul Jefferis Barnesville

This Shamrocks two-way lineman played a key role in the Barnesville success on both sides of the ball for Coach Luke Johnson.

The 6-1, 225 pounder received numerous postseason awards in football, but it was on the wrestling mat where he made his mark in Shamrocks lure.

Jefferis was the state runner-up in Division III at 215 pounds. He posted a 47-2 record for the season and was both the sectional and district champion as well as the OVAC champion. His victory total is a single-season school record.

Paul — who plans on attending Muskingum College — is the son of the late Paul Jefferis and Sandra Jefferis and he resides in Barnesville.

Chad Kinder Buckeye Trail

This Warriors mainstay helped anchor an offensive and defensive line that led Trail to the Division VI playoffs last season.

The 6-1, 240 pounder was recognized for his efforts with his placement on the all-Ohio second team. He was a first-team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-PVC pick.

Chad — who plans on attending Cleveland State University — is the son of Elmer and Candi Kinder of Quaker City.

Ryan Kuczykowski Steubenville Catholic

This Crusader was a four-year regular for Coach Gregg Bahen, helping Catholic Central to a state runner-up finish in 2005.

The 6-4, 265 pounder was a two-way tackle and he earned first-team all-OVAC and honorable mention all-Ohio. As a junior, he was a second-team all-Ohioan.

In 2007, Kuczykowski earned the Award of Merit and he's been a member of the school's honor roll for all four years of high school.

He's active in the community as a fifth-sixth grade basketball coach.

Ryan — who plans on attending Robert Morris University — is the son of Dan and Michelle Kuczykowski of Steubenville.

John Nicolozakes Cambridge

This Bobcat was one of the main reasons that Ohio and Cambridge tailback Stephen Ford put forth the numbers he did.

The 6-1, 290 pounder was a three-year mainstay for Coach Rick Goodrich's Bobcats.

He's twice earned ECOL Offensive Lineman of the Year and twice earned first-team all-District, all-OVAC and all-Valley. He was a two-time special mention all-Ohio pick.

John — who is the son of Dean and Tina Nicolozakes — is undecided upon his future plans.

Vinnie Ritchie Shadyside

This Tigers two-way lineman anchored the front for Coach Ty Fleming's Tigers the past several seasons, which resulted in a state runner-up this

past fall.

The 5-10, 240 pounder was an all-district, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader performer.

He's also a standout on the track where he qualified for the Division III state discus competition as a sophomore and the regionals each of the past two seasons.

Vinnie — who is the son of Okey and Kathy Ritchie — plans on attending Penn Commercial.

Andy Spiczenski Barnesville

This Shamrock earned all-Ohio status after anchoring his school's offensive line all season and allowing it to post a 10-0 season and a berth in the playoffs.

The 6-2, 240 pounder was a second-team all-stater, first-team all-Eastern District, first-team all-OVAC and all-Times Leader.

Spiczenski also lettered in basketball and baseball during his time at the Western Belmont County school.

Away from athletics, Spiczenski also excels. He's a member of the National Honor Society; serves as class president; achieved the honor roll, and was the student council president. He's also active in SADD, SAA, German Club, History Club, Ski Club.

Andy — who plans on attending Miami (Ohio) University — is the son of Mike and Lynn Spiczenski of Barnesville.

Eric Diagosta East Liverpool

This former Potter was a key cog in the Liverpool success thanks to his play as a two-way tackle.

The 6-3, 295 pounder was a second-team all-District and first-team all-OVAC pick.

He was also a standout in wrestling and baseball. He was a member of the East Liverpool band and took part in the annual high school musical.

Eric — who plans on wrestling at The Ohio State University — is the son of Theresa Diagosta of East Liverpool.

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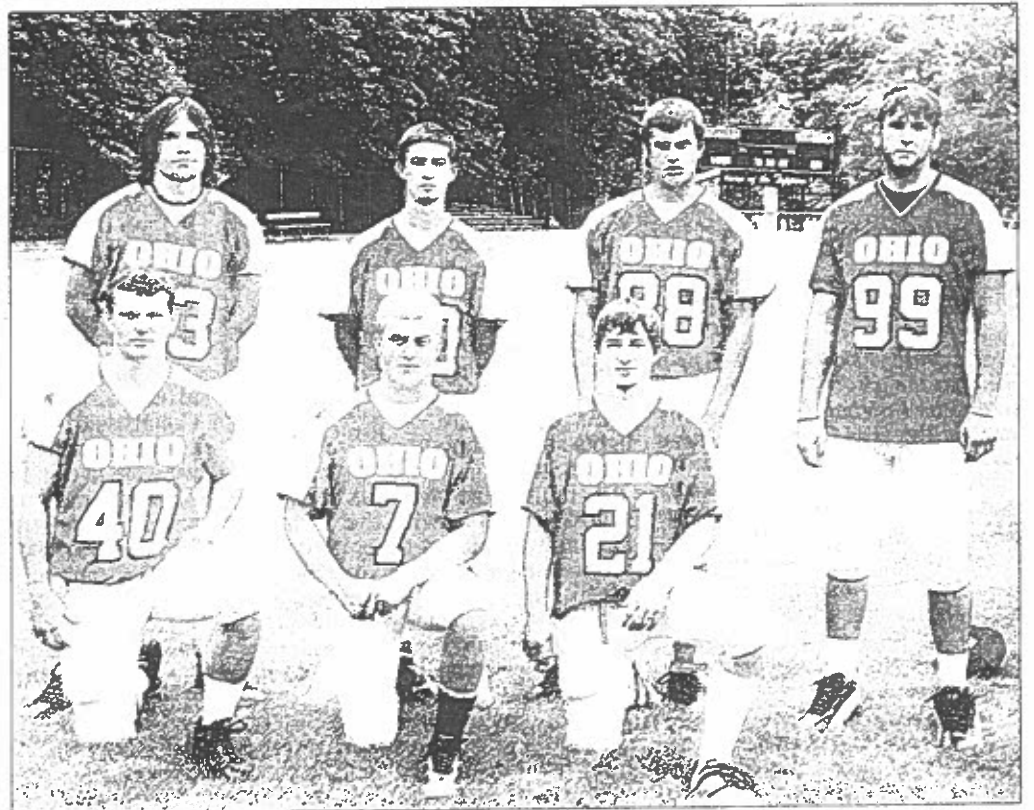


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West Virginia Receivers

The West Virginia receivers and tight ends for the OVAC All-Star game are, front, from left, A.J. Gorgon (Bishop Donahue), Nathan West (Magnolia), and Andy Goldsbaugh (Wheeling Park). Back is Corey Meeker (John Marshall), Ryan Jones (Cameron), and Dave Rasicci (Weir).

Ohio Receivers

The Ohio receivers and tight ends for the OVAC All-Star game are, front, from left, Joey Wines (East Liverpool), Trey Masciarelli (Bellaire), and Ian Palmer (Wellsville). Back is Elric Neuhart (Meadowbrook), Josh Cowgill (Shenandoah), Bryant Cappelletti (St. Clairsville), and Ryan Mirich (Martins Ferry).

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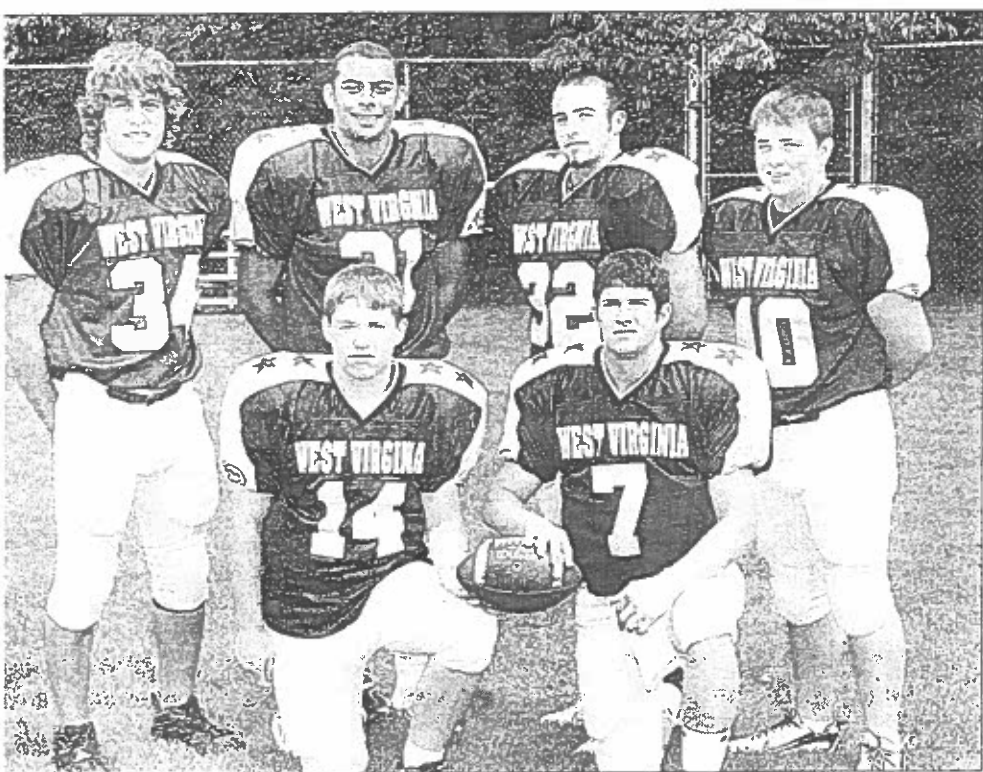


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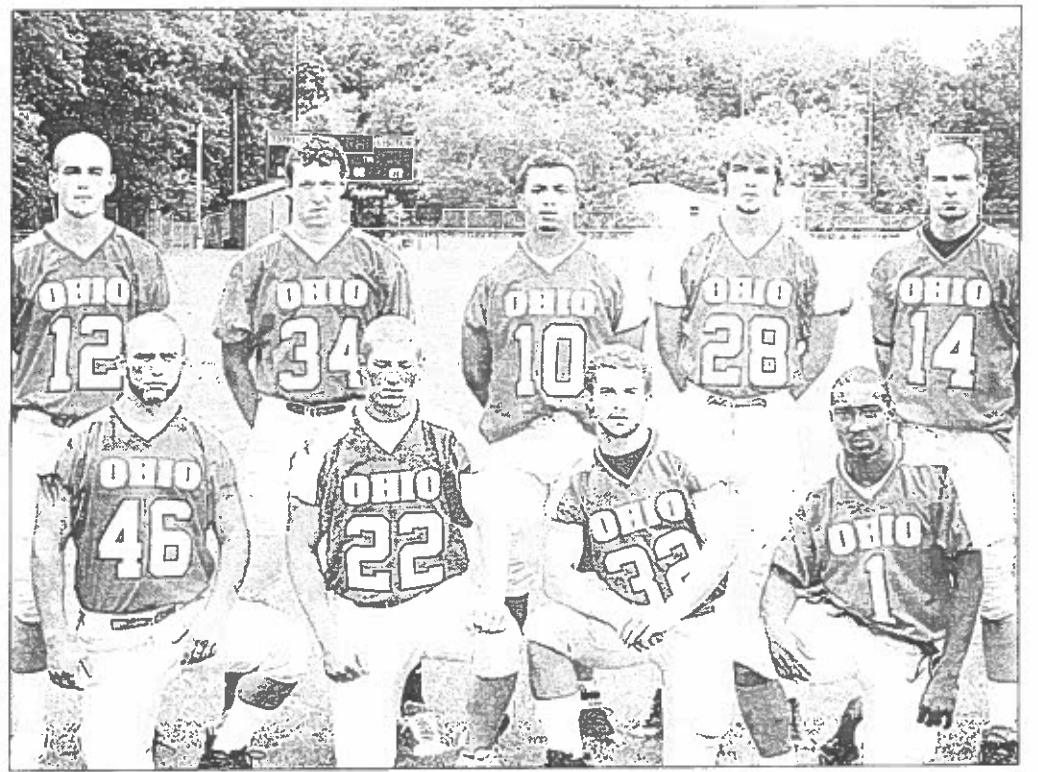


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West Virginia Backfield

The West Virginia quarterbacks and running backs for the OVAC All-Star game are, front, from left, Justin Lowe (Tyler Consolidated) and Cy Mozingo (John Marshall). Back is Brandon Tucker (Wheeling Central), Jimmy Burress (Wheeling Park), Sam Debaugh (Wheeling Park), and Drew Harris (Weirton Madonna).

Ohio Backfield

The Ohio quarterbacks and running backs for the OVAC All-Star game are, front, from left, Nate Burdette (St. Clairsville), Ian Riddel (St. Clairsville), Stephen Ford (Cambridge), and Maurice Bougard (Steubenville). Back is Steven Shumaker (Barnesville), Jayson Keyser (Bellaire), Jamal Murray (Martins Ferry), Ryan Zann (Martins Ferry), and Nick Rocchio (Bellaire).

OVAC Picks All-Star Football Coaches

Eagles' Batton, St.C.'s McLean to lead teams

Staff Reports

Magnolia's Mark Batton and St. Clairsville's Brett McLean have been named as head coaches for this year's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

It's the first time either man has coached in the annual midsummer gleam game but it still figures to serve as a trip down Memory Lane for them.

Both men concluded their high school careers by playing for the West Virginia All-Stars in the OVAC All-Star Game.

This year's game will be played July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium. West Liberty State College will play host to both teams' training camps,



Batton

"I had a great time when I played in the game," Batton said. "Another great thing about it is that to this day, I still run into people I played with on that team."

"We're just honored to be chosen and to represent Magnolia High School."

Batton and his staff led the Blue Eagles to a 7-3 regular season record and a 49-14 rout of Mount View in

beginning July 22.

Batton, who will be assisted on the West Virginia sidelines by his Blue Eagles coaching staff, played for the Mountain State squad in the 1977 game after graduating from Magnolia.



McLean

"Bud" Billiard's Brooke teams during the mid-1990s.

He played for West Virginia in the 1996 OVAC All-Star Game and will be assisted on the Ohio sidelines by his Red Devils staff.

"I'm probably one of the youngest guys ever picked to coach in this game," McLean said.

"The guys are real excited and I told

them this is a celebration for us. We've had some moderate success the past couple of years and this is something these guys deserve."

The Red Devils also punched a play-off ticket last fall.

St. Clairsville went 7-3 during the regular season to nail down a berth in the Ohio Division IV, Region 15 play-offs but dropped a first-round game at Bellaire to finish 7-4.

Both coaching staffs have begun the process of sifting through coaches recommendations and game tapes for the 32 seniors who will fill out each of the all-star rosters.

No more than four players plus a kicker may be selected from the same school.

While Ohio has many more schools to choose from and has had the better of the cross-river rivalry in recent

years, Batton and his staff are embracing the challenge.

"Ohio has had some really talented teams over the past few years," Batton said, "but it was only two years ago that West Virginia won."

"The way we look at it, there are great athletes on both sides of the river. They get to pick 32 players and we get to pick 32 players."

"That's the tough part because you know you're probably going to leave somebody out."

"You hate to do that but you have to sit down as a staff, look at the things you do and get the personnel to fit that scheme."

Cameron High School athletics director Bob Koch is again serving as game director for the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Buckeyes Squad Finalizes All-Star Roster

McClellan picks DBs, defensive specialists

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

The final pieces of the Ohio puzzle are set.

Friday, Buckeyes' coach Brett McClellan announced his defensive backfield and specialty players for the OVAC All-Star Game, slated for Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium. The players report to camp Sunday to begin preparations for the annual summer classic.

"We've got a lot of talent and a lot of athleticism in our defensive backfield," McClellan said. "We've got kids who played quarterback back there, so they are heady. We are excited to have gotten the kids we got for the secondary."

Batting for action in the secondary are: East Liverpool's Joey Wines, Martins Ferry's Jamal Murray, Shenandoah's Josh Cowgill, Wellsville's Ian Palmer, Meadowbrook's Elric Neuhart and Bellaire's Jayson Keyser. Bellaire's Nick Perko has been selected to handle both the kicking and punting duties for the Ohio side.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

Jamal Murray, Martins Ferry
This Purple Riders quarterback was

also a lock-down defensive back for Coach Dave Bruney's playoff-qualifying squad last fall.

The 6-foot, 198 pounder passed for 1,538 yards and 13 touchdowns last season and was also a standout at safety.

He was an all-Valley, all-OVAC and all-Buckeye 8 pick and a finalist for the Big 22 Player of the Year.

Jamal - who is undecided upon his college plans - is the son of Dawn Stewart and Bob Murray.

Josh Cowgill, Shenandoah
This former Zep was a standout at wide receiver and defensive back for Coach Tim Wilson's club last season.

Cowgill hauled in 35 passes for 662 yards and five touchdowns last season.

The 5-10, 150 pound Zep was an all-PVC, all-OVAC pick and honorable mention all-Ohio. He was a four-year letterman and a team co-captain. He also played basketball and baseball.

Josh - who is undecided on his future plans - is the son of Larry and Lisa Cowgill of Sarahsville.

Jayson Keyser, Bellaire
This ex-Big Reds speedster was all over the field on both sides of the ball for three seasons for retired head coach John Magistro.

The 6-2, 185 pounder was a standout at receiver and defensive back. He

caught 22 passes for 323 yards and five scores. All told, he scored 12 touchdowns.

He was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, all-Valley and all-Times Leader pick. He was also a first-team all-District and Big 22 finalist.

Keyser was also a standout on the track where he finished second in the state 200 meters as a junior, but battled injuries all this season. All told, he was a three-time state qualifier and placed in at least one event each year.

He was also a standout in basketball for the Big Reds.

Jayson - who plans on attending the University of Akron - is the son of Jeff and Jill Keyser of Bellaire.

Joey Wines, East Liverpool
This former Potter was a two-way standout for Coach Pat McNicol's team the past three years.

The 5-11, 170 pounder quarterbacked Liverpool and threw for better than 1,000 yards.

He earned first-team all-District, second-team all-Ohio, all-MAC, all-OVAC and won the Bill Booth Award.

Wines was also a standout on the basketball court for East Liverpool.

Elric Neuhart, Meadowbrook
This former Colt was a deep threat for Coach Mitch Bendle's team the past several years in Byesville.

The 6-0, 165 pounder is a speed-

ster and was utilized as a receiver and as a defensive back for the Colts. He was named to the ECOL and OVAC first-teams.

Neuhart was also a standout on the track for the Colts, earning all-Ohio the past two springs.

He was seventh at 400 meters as a junior and ran on the fifth-place 4x4 team this past season. He was named Eastern District Athlete of the Year in 2006.

Elrick is the son of Dale and Jessica Neuhart of Lore City.

Nick Perko, Bellaire
This steady right-footer did a lot more than kick for the Big Reds and Magistro, but he did his kicking well.

The 5-11, 180 pounder was also a standout at defensive end, recording 11 sacks. As a kicker, he connected for 44 PATs and four field goals for a total of 56 points.

Perko was a first-team all-District selected the past two seasons. He also lettered three times in wrestling.

Nick - who plans on attending Marietta College - is the son of Jeff and Cathy Perko.

Ian Palmer, Wellsville
This former Tiger was a standout for Coach Ron Paul the past several years in Columbiana County.

The 5-10, 160 pounder starred both as a defensive back and as a wide receiver.

West Virginia defensive unit coming together

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Magnolia's defensive scheme is pretty simple.

It's something to the effect of: Get as many people to the ball as possible.

Head Coach Mark Batton doesn't expect to change that theory for the annual OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic set for Sunday, July 29th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Today, Batton announced his defensive lineman and linebackers for the upcoming affair against Ohio. The players report to camp Sunday to begin preparations for the contest.

"Our defensive scheme is to always have people flying to the ball," Batton said. "I think if we can neutralize (Ohio) up front and keep their line off our linebackers then we'll be in pretty good shape with this group of kids we've picked."

Battling for time along the defen-

sive line and at the linebacker spots are: John Marshall's Eric Howe, Magnolia's Elijah Hostuttler, Wheeling Park's Sam Hinebaugh, Wheeling Central's Jake Henry, Magnolia's Nick Baxter, Brooke's Janson Sims, Weir's Dave Rassici, Oak Glen's T.J. Osborn and Wheeling Park's Tom Kettlewell.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

ERIC HOWE, John Marshall - This Monarch enjoyed a brilliant

career for Coach Mark Hinerman and the Monarchs playing along the defensive front.

The 6-ft., 275 pounder earned all-OVAC and all-Valley for his play. He was also a standout for the Monarchs' track program, winning the Class 4-A OVAC shot put crown and qualifying for the state track meet.

Away from athletics, Howe is a member of the National Honor Society, class treasurer, Student of the Month. He's also a member of the

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life, Letterman's Club and he took part in the West Math League.

Eric - who is the Greg Howe and Edie Roll - plans to attend West Virginia University.

ELIJAH HOSTUTTTLER, Magnolia - This Blue Eagles linebacker was one of the top tacklers this past season for Batton and the gang.

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W.Va. Unveils Solid Receiving Corps

Batton: We're going to spread things out

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

West Virginia coach Mark Batton hopes to have a balanced attack when his Mountaineers take on Ohio in the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic on July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Judging by the bevy of talent on the West Virginia receiving corps, however, it would come as no surprise if the West Virginia squad winds up filling the air with footballs.

"We're planning on spreading it out," Batton said. "We want to get the ball into these receivers' hands as much as possible."

"We have a nice mixture of game-breakers and possession-type receivers. We want to spread the field and let our guys have a chance to play in open field."

The West Virginia receiving corps will include Bishop Donahue's A.J. Gordon, John Marshall's Cory Meeker, Cameron's Ryan Jones, Wheeling Park's Andy Goldbaugh, Donahue's Clint Wilson and Magnolia's Nathan West.

Here is a capsule look at each of the players:

Nathan West
Magnolia

This Blue Eagle was one of the go-to guys on offense from his wide receiver spot. He was also a standout in the defensive backfield.

The 5-foot-11, 170-pounder was a first-team all-OVAC and all-Valley pick who earned special mention from the all-state voters.

West was also a standout on the basketball court, earning several post-season honors as well as being selected to play in the BACF All-Star Game. He was the captain of the track team this past spring.

Away from athletics, West is active in the Red Cross Blood Drive, First Christian Church mission trip, community flood cleanup, has served as counselor at football camps and officiates youth basketball.

Nathan, the son of Larry and Debra West of New Martinsville, plans on attending Fairmont State in the fall.

A.J. Gordon
Bishop Donahue

This 6-3, 182-pounder hauled in 37 passes for 403 yards and three touchdowns for coach John Durdines' squad last season. He also handled the kicking and punting duties.

Gordon was the winner of the Dick Kerwood Memorial Award and was named to Who's Who Among Ameri-

can High School Athletes.

Along with football, Gordon was a member of the Bishops' state runner-up basketball squad and was also a member of the baseball team.

Away from the field, Gordon is a member of the National Honor Society, SADD, class officer and he was a four-year member of the Mariss Club.

A.J., who plans on attending West Liberty State College, is the son of A.J. and Twila Gordon of McMechen.

Cory Meeker
John Marshall

The 6-1, 195-pounder was a menace for opposing teams from his linebacker spot and he was also a valuable cog as a pass receiver for coach Mark Hinerman.

For his fine season, Meeker was first-team all-OVAC, second-team all-Valley and he's listed among Who's Who in sports. He was also a standout in basketball and baseball for the Monarchs.

Meeker also got it done in the classroom where he graduated seventh out of his class of 330. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Junior and Senior Executive Committee.

He's also a member of the Wheeling Chamber of College Youth Leadership program and he's also a mem-

ber of the all-OVAC Academic team.

Cory, who plans on attending Westminster College, is the son of James and JoAnn Meeker of Glen Dale.

Ryan Jones
Cameron

This 6-1, 200-pound tight end caught 28 passes for 293 yards for coach Jim Rogers' Dragons last season and he was a force from his defensive end spot.

A team captain, Jones was named first-team all-OVAC and all-River Valley and earned special mention from the all-state voters.

Along with football, Jones was a standout in basketball, serving as team captain as well. He was recognized on the all-OVAC and all-Valley teams.

Away from the field, Jones was a member of the National Honor Society and served on student council.

Jones, who plans on attending Fairmont State, is the son of Larry Jones and Marilyn Perkins. He resides in Cameron.

Andy Goldbaugh
Wheeling Park

The 5-9, 170-pound Patriot speedster caught 20 passes for 481 yards and nine touchdowns for coach Mark Nardone's Patriots as a senior. He was all-valley, special mention all-state and all-OVAC honorable men-

tion.

Goldbaugh was also a track standout, winning the state title in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, helping the Patriots to the school's first state team title.

Away from the field and track, Goldbaugh is active in both the school and community.

He serves in Young Life, SADD, STARS, Varsity Athletic Club, Saturday Scholars, community cleanup and he's coached youth sports.

Andy, who will run track at Wheeling Jesuit University, is the son of Bill and Melissa Goldbaugh of Wheeling.

Clint Wilson
Bishop Donahue

The 6-0, 165-pounder was a two-way standout for the Donahue football squad.

As a senior, he caught 37 passes for 574 yards and six touchdowns. The 37 catches tied for second among small-school receivers with Gordon, his Bishop Donahue teammate.

Wilson was named first-team all-state, all-OVAC and all-Mason-Dixon Conference.

He was also a standout in track and field, winning the state high jump championship last season. He was named All-Valley in track and field as well.

Sports Saturday

Saturday, July 21, 2007

McLean announces final OVAC selections

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

The final pieces of the Ohio puzzle are set.

Today, Buckeyes' head coach Brett McLean announced his defensive backfield and specialty players for the OVAC All-Star Game, slated for Sunday, July 29th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The players report to camp Sunday to begin preparations for the annual summer classic.

"We've got a lot of talent and a lot of athleticism in our defensive backfield," McLean said. "We've got kids who played quarterback back there, so they are heady. We are excited to have gotten the kids we got for the secondary."

Batting for action in the secondary are: East Liverpool's Joey Wines, Martins Ferry's Jamal Murray, Shenandoah's Josh Cowgill,



MURRAY



WINES



COWGILL



PALMER



NEUHART



KEYSER



PERKO

Wellsville's Ian Palmer, Meadowbrook's Elic Neuhart and Bellaire's Jayson Keyser. Bellaire's Nick Perko has been selected to handle both the kicking and punting duties for the Ohio side.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

JAMAL MURRAY, Martins Ferry – This Purple Rider quarterback was also a lock-down defensive back for Coach Dave Bruney's play-off-qualifying squad last fall.

The 6-ft. 198 pounder passed for 1,538

yards and 13 touchdowns last season and was also a standout at safety.

He was an all-Valley, all-OVAC and all-Buckeye 8 pick and a finalist for the Big 22 Player of the Year.

Jamal – who is undecided upon his college plans – is the son of Dawn Stewart and Bob Murray.

JOSH COWGILL, Shenandoah – This former Zep was a standout at wide receiver and defensive back for Coach Tim Wilson's club last sea-

son.

Cowgill hauled in 35 passes for 662 yards and five touchdowns last season.

The 5-ft-10, 150 pound Zep was an all-PVC, all-OVAC pick and honorable mention all-Ohio. He was a four-year letterman and a team co-captain. He also played basketball and baseball.

Josh – who is undecided on his future plans – is the son of Larry and Lisa Cowgill of Sarahsville.

JAYSON KEYSER, Bellaire – This ex-Big Reds' speedster was all over the field on both sides of the ball for three seasons for retired head coach John Magistro.

The 6-ft-2, 185 pounder was a standout at wide receiver and defensive back. He caught 22 passes for 323 yards and five scores. All told, he scored 12 touchdowns.

He was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, all-Valley and all-Times Leader pick. He was

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also a first-team all-District and Big 22 finalist.

Keyser was also a standout on the track where he finished second in the state 200 meters as a junior, but battled injuries all this past season.

All told, he was a three-time state qualifier and placed in at least one event each year. He was also a standout in basketball for the Big Reds.

Jayson – who plans on attending the University of Akron – is the son of Jeff and Jill Keyser of Bellaire.

JOEY WINES, East Liverpool – This former Potter was a two-way standout for Coach Pat McNicol's team the past three years.

The 5-ft-11, 170 pounder quarterbacked Liverpool and threw for better than 1,000 yards.

He earned first-team all-District, second-team all-Ohio, all-MAC, all-OVAC and won the Bill Booth Award.

Wines was also a standout on the basketball court for East Liverpool.

ELRIC NEUHART, Meadowbrook – This former Colt was a deep threat for Coach Mitch Bendle's team the past several years in Byesville.

The 6-ft, 165 pounder is a speedster and was utilized as a receiver and as a defensive back for the Colts.

He was named to the ECOL and OVAC first-teams.

Neuhart was also a standout on the track for the Colts, earning all-Ohio the past two springs.

He was seventh at 400 meters as a junior and ran on the fifth-place 4x4 team this past season. He was named Eastern District Athlete of the Year in 2006.

Erick is the son of Dale and Jessica Neuhart of Lore City.

NICK PERKO, Bellaire – This steady right-footer did a lot more than kick for the Big Reds and retired head coach John Magistro, but he did his kicking well.

The 5-ft-11, 180 pounder was also standout at defensive end, recording 11 sacks.

As a kicker, he connected for 44 PATs and four field goals for a total of 56 points.

Perko was a first-team all-District selected the past two seasons. He also lettered three times in wrestling.

Nick – who plans on attending Marietta College – is the son of Jeff and Cathy Perko.

IAN PALMER, Wellsville – This former Tiger was a standout for Coach Ron Paul the past several years in Columbiana County.

The 5-ft-10, 160 pounder starred both as a defensive back and as a wide receiver.

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The 5-ft-10, 165 pounder was a second-team all-state pick and was special mention after his junior campaign.

Hostutler is also a member of the track team and serves as an anchor for the morning announcements. He's also involved in Young Life.

Elijah – who is the son of William Hostutler and Ivette Quiles – plans on attending Marshall University.

SAM HINEBAUGH, Wheeling Park – This former Patriot was a studbolt both as a fullback and as a linebacker.

The 5-ft-10, 205 pounder was one of the Patriots' leading tacklers and served as a lead blocker all season for Coach Mark Nardone's team.

Hinebaugh was a first-team all-Valley, all-OVAC and all-State pick. He's also a member of the OVAC all-Academic team. Along with football, Hinebaugh also plays lacrosse, baseball, and he's involved in SADD and Young Life.

Sam – who plans on attending Case Western Reserve University near Cleveland – is the son of Diane Nelson and Ed Hinbaugh.

JAKE HENRY, Wheeling Central – This two-way Maroon Knight lineman was a force both ways for Coach Mike Young's state championship club last fall.

Henry anchored the offensive line at center and wreaked all sorts of havoc on the other side from his defensive tackle spot.

Henry was a second-team all-state pick as well as honorable mention all-OVAC.

Away from sports, Henry is active in Peer Ministry and Teens for Life.

Jake – who plans on attending Fairmont State – is

the son of Jake and Bonnie Henry of Wheeling.

NICK BAXTER, Magnolia – This former Blue Eagle was a tough block for opposing teams from his defensive end spot.

The 6-ft-1, 210 pounder was one of the Blue Eagles' team leaders in sacks. He's also a member of the Magnolia track team.

Along with athletics, Baxter also gets it done in the classroom where he was Valedictorian, belongs to the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Sociert, Mu Alpha Theta and the Science Honor Society.

JANSON SIMS, Brooke – This former Bruin was a standout at defensive tackle for Coach Dave Reitter's team the past couple of seasons.

The 5-ft-7, 255 pounder was an all-Valley pick.

Away from prep sports, Sims excels in working on vehicles. He's received the Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills, Extra Mile Automotive Technology, Extra Mile Collision Repair.

Janson – who plans to attend Rosedale Tech for auto mechanics – is the son of Orloff Sims and Charlotta Sims.

DAVE RASICCI, Weir High – This former Red Rider was a standout at middle linebacker and tightend for the Coach Eric Meek the past two seasons.

The 5-ft-10, 185 pounder is also highly successful in the classroom. He's a member of the National Honor Society. He won the 2007 Lions Club Scholarship, was Elks Teenager of the Year, won the Italian Festival Scholarship, and he received the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science

Award.

Along with all of that, he's active in Hi-Y, Chemistry Club and served as a Youth in Government Delegate and was on student council.

Dave – who plans on attending the University of California at Santa Barbara – is the son of Dave and Bonnie Rasicci of Weirton.

T.J. OSBON, Oak Glen – This former Golden Bear was the leader of the defense at linebacker for Coach Jeff Woofler's club.

The 6-ft-1, 185 pounder was a first-team all-OVAC, second-team all-Valley and was honorable mention all-state. He's also been a four-year member of the Golden Bears' wrestling program and played two years of baseball.

Away from sports, Osbon is a member of the National Honor Society, attended Boys State and served in Key Club.

T.J. – who plans on attending West Liberty State College – is the son of Lisa Osbon of New Cumberland.

TOM KETTLEWELL, Wheeling Park – This Patriot was another in a long list of standouts for Coach Mark Nardone's club this past seasons.

The 6-ft-1, 225 pounder was a first-team all-OVAC pick.

Away from sports, Kettlewell is an academic all-stater, a member of the National Honor Society, National Honor Roll and a Wheeling Park Scholar.

Tom – who plans on attending West Virginia Wesleyan – is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Kettlewell.

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West Virginia wide receivers announced

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

West Virginia head coach Mark Batton wants his Mountaineers to be a balanced team when they take part in the annual OVAC All-Star Charity

Football Classic slated for July 29th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

However, don't be surprised if the pass is favored over the run judging by the bevy of talent the Mountaineers have selected as wide receivers.

With the backfield in place, Batton and the Mountaineer coaching staff have announced that a more than capable group of receivers are ticketed to catch passes from West Virginia quarterbacks Cy Mozingo and Justin Lowe.

"We're planning on spreading it out," Batton confessed. "We want to get the ball into these receivers' hands as much as possible. We have a nice mixture of game-breakers and possession type receivers. We want to spread the field and let our guys have

a chance to play in open field." The West Virginia receiving corps is going to be comprised by: Bishop Donahue's A.J. Gordon, John Marshall's Cory Meeker, Cameron's

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Ryan Jones, Wheeling Park's Andy Goldbaugh, Donahue's Clint Wilson and Magnolia's Nathan West.

Here is a capsule look at each of the players:

NATHAN WEST, Magnolia - This Blue Eagle was a three-year mainstay for Coach Batton and company.

West was one of the go-to-guys for the Blue Eagle offense from his wide receiver spot. He was also a standout in the defensive backfield.

The 5-ft-11, 170 pounder was a first-team all-OVAC and all-Valley pick. He was special mention all-State as a football player.

He was also a standout on the basketball court, earning several post-season honors as well as being selected to play in the BACF All-Star Game. He was the captain of the track team this past spring.

Away from athletics, West is active in the Red Cross Blood Drive, First Christian Church mission trip, community flood clean-up and he has served as counselor at football camps and officiates youth basketball.

Nathan - the son of Larry and Debra West of New Martinsville - plans on attending Fairmont State in the fall.

A. J. GORDON, Bishop Donahue - This Bishop's standout was half of the dynamic duo for Coach John Durdines' squad this past fall.

The 6-ft-3, 182 pounder hauled in 37 passes for 403 yards and three touchdowns for Donahue last season. He also handled the kicking and punting duties.

Gordon was the winner of the Dick Kerwood Memorial Award as well as named to Who's Who Among American High School Athletes. Along with football, Gordon was a member of the Bishops' state runner-up basketball squad and

was also a member of the track team.

Away from the field, Gordon is a member of the National Honor Society, SADD, class officer and he was a four-year member of the Mariss Club.

A.J. - who plans on attending West Liberty State College - is the son of A.J. and Twila Gordon of McMechen.

CORY MEEKER, John Marshall - This former Monarch was a standout on both sides of the ball during his career. He turned in a fine senior campaign under head coach Mark Hinerman.

The 6-ft-1, 195 pounder was a menace for opposing teams from his linebacker spot and he was also a valuable cog as a pass receiver.

For his fine season, Meeker was first-team all-OVAC, second-team all-Valley and he's listed among Who's Who in sports. He was also a standout in basketball and baseball for the Monarchs.

Meeker also gets it done in the classroom where he graduated seventh out of his class of 330. He's a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Junior and Senior Executive Committee. He's also member of the Wheeling Chamber of College Youth Leadership program and he's also a member of the all-OVAC Academic team.

Cory - who plans on attending Westminster College - is the son of James and JoAnn Meeker of Glen Dale.

RYAN JONES, Cameron - This former Dragon was a standout on both sides of the ball for Coach Jim Rogers' club the past four years.

This 6-ft-1, 200 pound tightend caught 28 passes for 293 yards this past season and he was a force from his defensive end spot.

Jones was named first-team all-OVAC and all-River Valley this past season. He was also recognized on the special mention all-state squad and served as a team captain this past season. Along with football, Jones was a standout in basketball, serving as team captain as well. He was recognized on the all-OVAC and all-Valley teams.

Away from the field, Jones is a member of the National Honor Society and he served in student council. He's also a member of the C-Club and he also attended West Virginia Boys State.

Jones - who plans on attending Fairmont State - is the son of Larry Jones and Marilyn Perkins. He resides in Cameron.

ANDY GOLDBAUGH, Wheeling Park - This Patriot speedster was a go-to-guy for Coach Mark Nardone's team this past season.

The 5-ft-9, 170 pounder caught 20 passes for 481 yards and nine touchdowns this past season. He was all-valley, special mention all-state and all-OVAC honorable mention for his season.

Goldbaugh is also a track standout, winning the state title in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles, helping the Patriots to the team title.

Away from the field and track, Goldbaugh is active in both the school and community. He serves in Young Life, SADD, STARS, Varsity Athletic Club, Saturday Scholars, community cleanup and he's coached youth sports.

Andy - who plans on attending Wheeling Jesuit University - is the son of William and Melissa Goldbaugh of Wheeling.

CLINT WILSON, Bishop Donahue - This two-way player was the other half of the Bishops' dynamic receiving duo.

The 6-ft, 165 pounder caught 37 passes for 574 yards and six touchdowns. He ranked second in the area in terms of catches, tied with his aforementioned teammate.

Wilson was named first-team all-state, all-OVAC and all-Mason-Dixon Conference.

He was also a standout in track and field, winning the state high jump championship this past season. He was named All-Valley in track and field as well.

Sports Saturday

Saturday, July 14, 2007

Batton sets line for OVAC Game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Mark Batton has coached enough to know that linemen are the biggest key to successful teams even though they might not get as much attention as the skill players.

That's why he loaded up on as many offensive lineman as he could for this year's annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football

Classic scheduled for July 29th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Batton took big guys, quick guys and all of them are athletic guys, so he feels he's got the makings of a solid group in the trenches.

"Your skill people are only as good as your offensive linemen," Batton said. "It doesn't matter how good of a quarterback or running back you've got if your guys up front

aren't blocking. We felt for this game that we needed to pick as many of the best linemen as we could get our hands on."

Don't expect anything too fancy in terms of blocking schemes from the West Virginia camp when the players report to West Liberty State College to begin preparations on July 22.

"We are going to keep things as simple as we can," Batton said. "This

game is usually won and lost in the trenches and protecting our quarterbacks is huge."

Set to battle up front for the Mountaineers are: Brooke's Trenton Aitken, Magnolia's Matt Swartling, Wheeling Park's Corey Staub, Linsly's Patrick Ohrman, John Marshall's Ryan Novick, Wheeling Central's Chris Neidhardt and Valley's Jonathan Martin.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

JONATHAN MARTIN, Valley – This former Lumberjack was a mainstay at offensive guard for Coach John Kocher's team the past three years.

Martin's season didn't go unnoticed. He was an all-state player as well as being named first-team all-

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OVAC, all-Mason-Dixon and second-team all-Valley.

Along with football, Martin played four years of baseball and two years of hoops.

Away from athletics, Martin is a member of the National French Honor Society, T.S.A., Student Council and he's an academic letterman.

Jonathan - who plans on attending Fairmont State University - is the son of Bonnie Martin of Pine Grove.

TRENTON AITKEN, Brooke - This former Bruin was the anchor for the Coach Dave Reitter's offensive line at the center spot.

The 5-ft-11, 220 pounder was a two-year letterman at Brooke and a four-year member of the program. He served his team as co-captain this past season.

Along with football, Aitken is a standout wrestler. He placed fifth in the OVAC tournament and earned four letters.

Aitken is also a standout in the classroom. He graduated from the Brooke High Honors Program with a 3.75 grade point and received the Bronze, Silver and Gold Achievement Award. He's a member of the National Honor Society and a four-year member of the West Virginia Academic All-State team. He's been selected to the National Honor Roll and is listed as Who's Who in both sports and academics.

He's a member of the Chemistry Club, Spanish Club, Interact Club and Future Business Leaders of America.

Outside of the school, Aitken is a member of the youth group at the Calvary Baptist Church and he's a volunteer coach for the youth football program in Follansbee.

Trenton - who plans on attending Marshall University - is the son of Tom and Tammy Aitken of Follansbee.

MATT SWARTLING, Magnolia - This two-way lineman was a solid blocker at the tackle spot and caused havoc for oppositions from his defensive end spot on the other side of the ball for Batton's Blue Eagles.

The 6-ft-4, 235 pounder was a second-team Mid-Ohio Valley pick on the offensive line and also participated in the BACF All-Star Game last month.

Swartling was also a three-year track and field standout, earning five West Virginia state meet medals and he played four years of basketball.

Away from athletics, Swartling is active in thespians, he was first place in the Magnolia science fair; took part in Quiz Bowl and Math Field Days. He's also a member of the Mu Alpha Theta - the Math Honor Society - for two years. He graduated fifth in his class of 133 with a 3.96 grade point.

Swartling is also active in the community.

He volunteered with flood clean-up and he volunteers at St. Vincent De Paul Church and serves as a basketball coach for the Sunday Youth League.

Matt - who plans on playing football at Bethany College - is the son of Bill and Becky Swartling of New Martinsville.

COREY STAUB, Wheeling Park - This former Patriot handled the center duties for Coach Mark Nardone's club the past several seasons.

The 6-ft-5, 225 pounder was highly-recognized after the season, earning second-team all-state, all-Valley and all-OVAC.

Staub is also active in the West Virginia Sheriff's Association Youth Leadership Academy, ACS Youth Board, Varsity Athletic Club, Special Olympics and March of Dimes.

Corey - who plans on attending Fairmont State - is the son of Brent Staub and Brenda Baker.

PATRICK OHRMAN, Linsly - This former Cadet was a three-year mainstay under Coaches Depew - B.J. and Terry - during his stint at the Wheeling-based institution.

The 6-ft-1, 275 pounder received mention on the all-state football team.

Also at Linsly, Ohrman was a baseball standout, earning a spot in the OVAC All-Star Baseball Game as well as the OVAC Baseball Scholarship. He's a member of the National Honor Society, German National Honor Society and Headmaster's Performance List.

Patrick - who plans on attending Washington & Jefferson College - is the son of Patrick and Kelly Ohrman of Pittsburgh.

RYAN NOVICK, John Marshall - This former Monarch was a three-year stalwart for Coach Mark Hinerman and the late Mike Linsky during his stint at the Glen Dale school.

The 6-ft, 260 pounder earned three letters in football and also earned two letters in baseball. He's also a standout in the classroom, belonging to the National Honor Society.

Ryan - who plans on attending West Liberty State College - is the son of Samuel Novick of McMechen.

CHRIS NEIDHARDT, Wheeling Central - This offensive lineman and linebacker was an impact player on the past two Maroon Knight state championship teams for Coach Mike Young.

The 6-ft, 210 pounder received distinguished honors for football and was also an all-OVAC pick.

Chris - who plans on attending West Liberty State College - is the son of Christopher and Mary Beth Neidhardt.

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Meet the Buckeyes



PICTURED ARE the members of the Ohio backfield for the OVAC All-Star Game. Front row, from left, are Nate Burdette, Ian Riddel, Stephen Ford and Maurice Bougard. Back row, from left, are Stephen Shumaker, Jayson Keyser, Jamal Murray, Ryan Zann and Nick Rocchio. The game is scheduled for Sunday at 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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Ohio wide receivers named

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

With the backfield in place, Ohio and St. Clairsville head coach Brett McLean continued to filter in people around.

Today he announces his backfield for the July 29th Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic slated for Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We think we have a lot of guys who can complement each other," McLean said. "All

of these kids are used to getting the ball in their hands early and often during the season, so they will have to form a bond early on and hopefully each of them has a big game for us."

Slated to do the pass catching for the Buckeyes are: Bellaire's Trey Masciarelli, Steubenville's Maurice Bougard and St. Clairsville's Bryant Cappelletti, while Martins Ferry's Ryan Mirich will serve as the Buckeye tight-

end.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

TREY MASCIARELLI, Bellaire - This Big Red's record-setting receiver had a career to remember in his three-year stint on the Big Reds' flanks.

The 5-ft-9, 175 pounder caught an astounding 50 balls for 1,119 yards and he scored 18 touchdowns. He became the all-time touchdown receiver in Bellaire history and his

yardage was a single-season mark for the Reds.

For his superlative season, Masciarelli was accorded nearly every post-season award imaginable. He was the Division IV Eastern District Player of the Year and therefore was named first-team all-Ohio.

He was a first-team all-Valley, all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8 and all-Times Leader selection as well.

Away from the football



MASCIARELLI



BOUGARD



CAPPELLETTI



MIRICH

field, Masciarelli lettered in basketball and was a member of the National Honor Society.

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Trey becomes the third member of his family to play in this game. His father Joe was a member of the 1975 squad, while brother Ty was the Ohio quarterback in 1998.

Masciarelli - who plans on attending West Liberty State College - is the son of Joe and Freda Masciarelli of Bellaire.

MAURICE BOUGARD, Steubenville - This Big Red speedster was a big-play receiver all season for Coach Reno Saccoccia's state championship team.

The 5-ft-8, 160 pounder caught 24 passes for 486 yards and scored six touchdowns. All told, he averaged 20.3 yards per catch during his senior campaign.

Bougard was a first-team all-District and all-OVAC pick.

While being a standout on the football field, Bougard left his mark on area tracks this past spring. He ran away with the Division II 100 and 200 meter dash state titles and he established a new OVAC Class 4-A meet record. He also lettered in basketball during his stint at Big Red.

Maurice plans on attending the University of Toledo where he'll walk on to the Rockets' football squad.

BRYANT CAPPELLETTI, St. Clairsville - This Red Devil was more of a possession type receiver for Coach McLean and company this past season.

The 6-ft-2, 180 pounder caught close to 20 passes this season and was also a standout as a linebacker.

Cappelletti earned three letters in football from the Red Devils. He was the team's Most Valuable Player this past season. He also earned honorable mention all-District and all-Buckeye 8.

Cappelletti also enjoyed a strong basketball season last winter. He was named all-district, first-team Buckeye 8 and all-Times Leader for his work on the hardwood.

Away from athletics, Cappelletti is a member of the National Honor Society.

Bryant - who is the son of William and Kelly Cappelletti - plans on attending Washington & Jefferson College in the fall where he'll be a football candidate.

RYAN MIRICH, Martins Ferry - This Purple Rider was a big target as well as a standout blocker and defensive lineman for Coach Dave Bruney's outfit last fall.

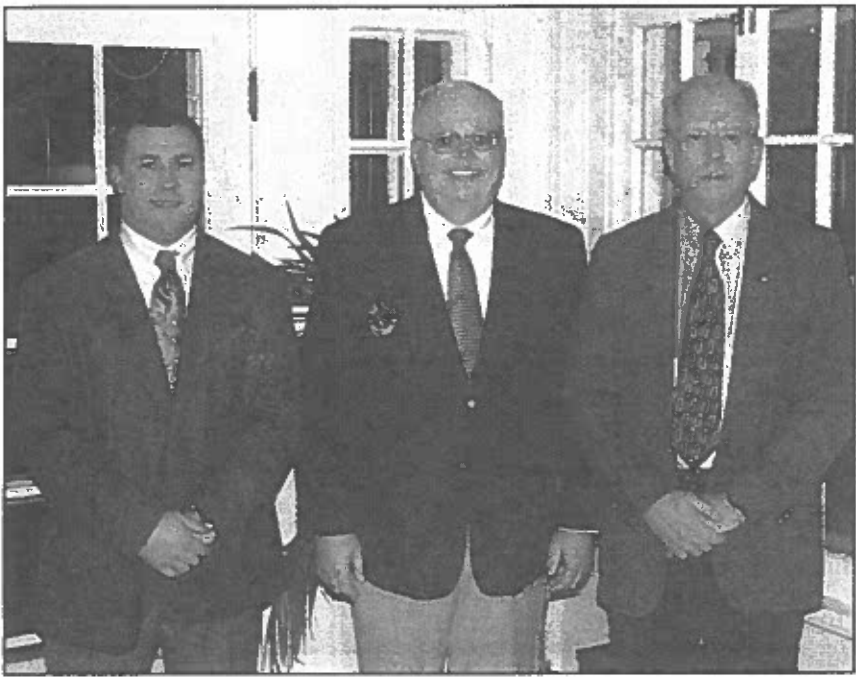
The 6-ft-4, 215 pounder provided a valuable target for the Purple Rider passing game, but was a force along the defensive front as a nose tackle.

Mirich was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, all-Eastern District selection. He was Division II Honorable Mention all-Ohio and was named to the all-Times Leader team.

He was a standout on the basketball court as well, averaging close to 15 points a game for the Purple. He was an all-District, all-OVAC, all-Times Leader and all-Buckeye 8 selection.

Away from athletics, Mirich was also active in student council.

Ryan - who is the son of Ed and Debbie Mirich of Martins Ferry - plans to attend West Liberty State College.



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PICTURED WITH game director Bob Koch (middle) are the two head coaches for this year's OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. St. Clairsville's Brett McLean (left) and Magnolia's Mark Batton (right) will guide the Ohio and West Virginia squads, respectively during the July 29 game slated for Wheeling Island Stadium.

McLean, Batton selected to coach OVAC All-Stars

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

St. Clairsville's Brett McLean and Magnolia's Mark Batton are veterans of the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Well, sort of.

The two personable head coaches both played in the annual bi-state clash slated for July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Preparations for the annual summer classic got under way Monday evening with an organizational meeting held at Sandcrest in Wheeling and the two will have their first cracks at coaching in the game.

McLean and Batton were formally introduced as the head coaches of Ohio and West Virginia, respectively.

McLean guided the Red Devils to the OHSAA Division IV playoffs on the strength of a 7-3 regular season, which earned them the eighth seed in Region 15.

"I am real excited for the opportunity to coach in this game," McLean said. "It's a big honor for kids in our area to be a part of this game, and it's just as big an honor for us as coaches to be able to coach in the game."

On the other side, Batton led the Blue Eagles to the West Virginia Double A playoffs again last season. They finished the campaign with a 7-4 record.

McLean will have his entire complement of coaches along with him when the team opens camp July 22.

"Those guys are real excited, and I told them this is a celebration for us," McLean said. "We've had some moderate success the past couple of years, and this is something these guys deserve, and it's something we're going to have fun with and a celebration of the things we've all accomplished."

Set to join McLean on the Ohio side are: Donnie Giffin, Bruce Stiles, Mac McLean, John Vrotsos, Mike Jacob, Kevin Sacco, Ben Frye, Ryan Clifford, Justin Clifford, Jonathan Duncan and Chris Patrone.

McLean took part in the 1996 OVAC All-Star Game after his graduation from Brooke High School. However, the last time St. C. guided the Ohio roster was in 1991 when

Mike Young, the current Wheeling Central mentor, took Ohio to a 30-6 victory.

"You'd have to look back in the archives, but I am probably one of the younger guys to have ever been able to be a head coach in this game," McLean said. "Hopefully, we can use that and be really enthusiastic with the kids we get to coach."

Batton, meanwhile, played in the game 30 years ago and it's been since 1979 that the Blue Eagles' coaching staff has guided the Mountaineers in the game.

"I remember the fact that I had a great time when I played in the game and still to this day you run into people you played with, which is another great thing about the game," Batton relayed. "We're just honored to be here and represent Magnolia High School in this game."

Assembling the players McLean and company get to coach is arguably the toughest task in the game. Each squad is limited to 32 players and no more than four players plus a kicker from any one team can be selected, making the Ohio job even tougher when you consider it has upwards of 25 schools from which to choose.

McLean and his staff will rely heavily on coaches' recommendations and even film study in order to put the best team possible on the field.

"No doubt, picking the team is the toughest task," McLean said. "Unfortunately, not everyone who is probably worthy will get to play in the game. Year in and year out that happens, but we'll try to do the best job we can to pick the players. We watched a lot during the year and we know who a lot of the standouts are that can help us."

When McLean sits down and dissects the information he was presented by game director Bob Koch when it comes to the Ohio squad he will find some impressive resumes.

Off the top of your head, one immediately thinks Steubenville, Bellaire, Barnesville, Shadyside, Cambridge, Martins Ferry and Beallsville and then throw in the fact of his own team from which to choose and McLean has a mighty difficult job

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ahead.

"A lot of it will come down to where you need to fill positions," McLean said. "A lot of the kids are willing to do things to help the team in whatever way, so we'll do our best with it."

Despite having fewer schools from which to choose,

Batton expects to form a more than capable football team for this game.

"Over the past few years, Ohio has had some really talented teams, but it was only two years ago when West Virginia won," Batton explained. "There are great athletes on both sides of the

river and they get to pick 32 players and we get to pick 32 players, and that's how we are looking at it."

Even with fewer schools, Batton also has a chore of picking players when you have the likes of Wheeling Park, Wheeling Central, Brooke, John Marshall, Weir, etc. from which to get players.

"It's tough to pick the players," Batton said. "You know you are probably going to leave someone out, and you hate to do that, but you have to sit down and look at the things you do and get personnel to fit into that scheme."

Keep in mind, kickoff is now less than six months away.

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McLean Names Defensive Front Seven

Ohio squad is deep at linebacker

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

Brett McLean and the Ohio coaching staff have begun putting their defensive pieces in place for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic set for Sunday, July 29th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The St. Clairsville coach today named his linebackers and defensive linemen for the contest.

Players will report to camp Sunday at West Liberty State College to begin preparations for the game.

"I think we're pretty deep at linebacker," McLean said.

"A lot of these kids we picked are Buckeye 8 players, so we had the opportunity to see them up close and personal this past season."

Slated to battle for action at the linebacker spots are Bellaire's Jordan Traylinek, Indian Creek's Joe Pulver, Beallsville's Cody Kernen, Union Local's Justin Hunt,

Edison's Landon Herzick, St. Clairsville's Nate Burdette, Buckeye Local's Matt Zook and Harrison Central's Leander Brooks.

"It's going to be interesting to see who learns the system the quickest once we get into camp," McLean said.

"We have some pretty talented, physical kids who like to hit and that's exactly what we were looking for."

Here is a capsule look at the players:

**Jordan Traylinek
Bellaire**

This ex-Big Reds linebacker was all over the field defensively for retired coach John Magistro the last few seasons.

As a senior, the 6-foot, 215-pounder had a hand in more than 100 stops to earn first-team all-Ohio, all-Eastern District Defensive Player of the Year, all-Valley, all-Buckeye 8, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader laurels.

Traylinek was also a standout in track and field for the Big Reds.

The son of John and Cathy Traylinek of Jacobsburg, Jordan will continue his athletic

and academic career at West Liberty this fall.

**Joe Pulver
Indian Creek**

This former Redskins standout was a force for Coach Andrew Connor's stop troops the last several seasons in Wintersville.

The 5-11, 200-pounder was also a standout as a fullback, but he earned all-Eastern District, all-Valley and all-OVAC at linebacker. He was also an honorable mention all-Ohio pick.

The son of Valerie and Randy Kerstetter of Bloomingdale, Joe is headed to Washington & Jefferson College.

**Cody Kernen
Beallsville**

This former Blue Devil played a key role in the run to a perfect regular season and OVAC Class A title for Coach Dave Caldwell's squad last fall.

The 5-9, 165-pounder ran for close to 700 yards as a running back but was in on more than 100 tackles as a linebacker and even saw spot duty as a defensive back.

Kernen is listed amongst

Who's Who in Sports and Academics and has been honored on the all-OVAC Academic team.

The son of James and Kim Kernen of Beallsville, Cody plans to attend Belmont Technical College.

**Justin Hunt
Union Local**

This Jet helped smooth the transition for Union Local coach Mark Cisar with some stellar play on both sides of the ball.

The 6-0, 225-pounder excelled at fullback, linebacker and defensive end for the Jets, earning first-team all-Buckeye 8, second-team all-District and second-team all-OVAC.

The son of Neil and Karen Hunt of Bethesda, Justin will attend Glenville State.

**Landon Herzick
Edison**

This former Wildcat was a standout linebacker for first-year coach Mike McKenzie.

The 6-0, 215-pounder was a defensive mainstay for the Wildcats, leading the team in tackles.

For his fine season, Herzick was a first-team all-OVAC.

first-team all-Quad County and first-team all-Buckeye 8 honoree and earned Honorable Mention all-District.

Along with football, Herzick was a standout in baseball and lettered in track.

He also took part in the Ski Club, the Stay Tobacco Free Athletic Mentor Program and Choir at Edison.

The son of Tom and Dona Herzick of Amsterdam, Landon plans to attend Mount Union College.

**Nate Burdette
St. Clairsville**

When he filled out his roster, McLean knew he wanted this two-way ace on his team.

The 5-10, 189-pound Burdette wreaked havoc from his defensive end spot and was also a force running the ball from his fullback spot.

Along with serving as a team captain, Burdette earned first-team all-Buckeye 8 and all-District laurels. He also took part in the state science fair.

The son of Ron and Lori Burdette of Belmont, Nate is headed to the University of Akron.

**Matt Zook
Buckeye Local**

This rugged Panther starred at both tailback and linebacker for Coach Ron Pobolish's team last fall.

The 6-1, 198-pounder ran for more than 500 yards and two scores. He was also the team's defensive playmaker.

Zook was an all-Times Leader selection as well as honorable mention all-Eastern District.

The son of Tom and Tina Zook of Wintersville, Matt plans to continue his education at Muskingum College.

**Leander Brooks
Harrison Central**

This former Huskie had a brilliant senior season that resulted in all-Ohio accolades for Coach Justin Kropka.

The 5-6, 160-pounder was a force at outside linebacker, recording a team-high in tackles with better than 100 stops.

Brooks was an honor roll student at Harrison Central and also participated on the Huskie track team.

The son of Martha Yoho and L.B. Brooks, Leander plans to attend Waynesburg College.

Ohio All-Star Team Loaded at Receiver

Masciarelli will lead talented group of 4

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

Ohio All-Star coach Brett McLean has settled on his receiving corps for this month's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

The St. Clairsville head man will send his Buckeye State squad against West Virginia on July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We think we have a lot of guys who can complement each other," McLean said. "All of these kids are used to getting the ball in their hands early and often during the season, so they will have to form a bond early on."

"Hopefully each of them has a big game for us."

Ohio's wide receivers will be Bellaire's Trey Masciarelli, Steubenville's Maurice Bougard and

Martins Ferry's Ryan Mirich will serve as the Buckeyes' tight end.

**Trey Masciarelli
Bellaire**

This Big Reds record-setting receiver had a career to remember in his three-year stint on the Big Reds' flanks.

The 5-foot-9, 175-pounder caught 50 balls for 1,119 yards and he scored 18 touchdowns as a senior. He became the all-time touchdown receiver in Bellaire history and his yardage set a school single-season mark.

Masciarelli earned nearly every postseason award imaginable. He was the Division IV Eastern District Player of the Year and a first-team all-Ohio selection. He was also a first-team all-Valley, all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8 and all-Times Leader selection.

Away from the football field, Masciarelli lettered in basketball and was a member of the National Honor Society and yearbook staff.

Trey becomes the third member of

Game. His father, Joe, was a member of the 1975 squad, while older brother Ty was the Ohio quarterback in 1998.



**Maurice Bougard
Steubenville**

This Big Red speedster was a big-play receiver all season for coach Reno Saccoccia's second straight state championship team.

The 5-8, 160-pounder caught 24 passes for 486 yards and scored six touchdowns as a senior. That's an average of more than 20 yards per catch.

Bougard was a first-team all-District and all-OVAC pick and earned second-team All-Valley honors.

Bougard also left his mark on the track this spring. He ran away with

meter dash state titles and set a new OVAC Class 4-A meet record. He also lettered in basketball during his stint at Big Red.

Maurice has accepted an offer to walk on to the University of Toledo football team.

**Bryant Cappelletti
St. Clairsville**

This Red Devil was a dependable possession receiver for Coach McLean and company last season.

The 6-2, 180-pounder caught nearly 20 passes this season and was also a standout as a linebacker.

A three-year letterman for the Red Devils, Cappelletti was named the team's Most Valuable Player last season. He also earned honorable mention all-District and all-Buckeye 8.

Cappelletti also enjoyed a strong basketball season last winter. He was named all-district, first-team Buckeye 8 and all-Times Leader for his work on the hardwood.

Cappelletti was a member of the National Honor Society at St.

Bryant, the son of William and Kelly Cappelletti, is headed to Washington & Jefferson this fall where he will be a candidate for the W&J football squad.

**Ryan Mirich
Martins Ferry**

This 6-4, 215-pound Purple Rider provided a valuable target for coach Dave Bruney's passing game, but was also a force along the defensive front as a nose tackle.

Mirich was a first-team All-Valley, all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, all-Eastern District selection. He was Division II Honorable Mention all-Ohio and was named to the all-Times Leader team.

He was also a standout on the basketball court, averaging close to 15 points a game for the Purple Riders. He was an all-District, all-OVAC, all-Times Leader and all-Buckeye 8 selection.

Away from athletics, Mirich was also active in student council.

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McLean, St. C. coaches primed for OVAC game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

The St. Clairsville Red Devils were coming off a 8-2 campaign in 2005 and had a solid nucleus back from that team.

This past season's record of 7-3 wasn't as impressive, but the entire body of work included a big step for the Red Devils' program and the coaching staff, which has been together primarily for five seasons.

Brett McLean and his trusted staff guided the Red Devils to the Ohio Division IV playoffs as the eighth seed in Region 15.

Have a good season and honors come flowing in.

The Red Devils coaching staff was approached in December about taking the Ohio All-Stars for this year's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. And for McLean and company it was a no-brainer.

"We actually talked as a staff what we'd have to do to be able to coach in this game," McLean said. "I am excited to be a part of it, but I am more excited for my coaches because

they are really looking forward to this opportunity."

McLean and his staff have been together basically since he took the job over five years ago.

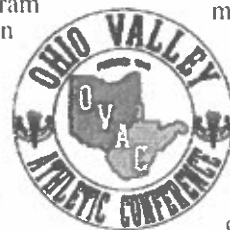
"We've been consistent (with our coaches) at the varsity level," McLean said. "Most of these guys have been with me since at least my second year."

McLean will take a full staff of coaches, including Donnie Giffin, Bruce Stiles, Ryan Clifford, Justin Clifford, Ben Frye, Kevin Sacco, Chris Patrone, Mac McLean, John Vrotsos and Mike Jacobs, to West Liberty when the teams report to camp on Sunday, July 22 to begin preparations for the July 29th kickoff at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We know some staffs were unable to do this game for whatever reason, and we were fortunate to get this opportunity," McLean said.

"We were willing and we jumped on it when (the OVAC) offered it to us."

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T-L File Photo/JOEL JOSEPH

PICTURED IS the St. Clairsville and OVAC All-Star Grid Staff. Front row, from left, are Ryan Clifford, John Vrotsos, head coach Brett McLean, Chris Patrone and Mike Jacobs. Back row, from left, are Ben Frye, Kevin Sacco, Bruce Stiles, Mac McLean and Donnie Giffin.

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Here is a capsule look at the coaches:

BRETT McLEAN - This head coach did something with the Red Devils that hadn't been done for 17 years. He guided them to the Ohio Division IV playoffs after posting a 7-3 campaign last fall.

McLean has been on the job for five years in the Belmont County Seat and has posted a 28-23 record. All told, he's been coaching football for eight years. Prior to arriving in St. C. he was an assistant at Louisville St. Thomas Aquinas near Canton.

The 1996 Brooke High graduate went to play football at Mt. Union where he was a member of the 1996, 97 and 1998 Division III National Championship teams. He's also had experience coaching wrestling and track.

Brett and his wife, Victoria, are expecting their first child. The couple lives in Bethesda.

BRUCE STILES - This veteran defensive coordinator has been a football coach at St. Clairsville for 19 of his 21 years in the profession.

He's also served on the coaching staff at Barnesville and Buckeye Trail previously.

Along with football, Stiles is currently the chief assistant on the Lady Red Devils' girls' basketball team and has coached track and boys basketball.

Bruce is a Union Local and Salem College graduate where he played football. He earned all-conference honors and this marks the second time he's coached in the all-star game.

RYAN CLIFFORD - This Red Devil assistant will be coaching in first OVAC All-Star Football Game this season.

He's been a member of the St. C. staff for four years and he's also the varsity assistant under his dad, Kim, on the Red Devils' boys basketball staff.

Clifford is a 1996 St. C. High graduate and went to earn his bachelor's degree from Ohio University.

Ryan and his wife, Jenn, are expecting their first child. The couple resides in St. Clairsville.

JUSTIN CLIFFORD - This former Red Devil three-sport standout has been a member of the Red Devils' coaching staff for the past three years.

Justin Clifford also serves under his dad, Kim, with the Red Devils' boys basketball staff and he also aids Tom Sliva with the Red Devils' baseball program.

Justin - who resides in St. Clairsville - is a graduate of Muskingum College where he played basketball for four years.

DONNIE GIFFIN - This veteran football coach has served as the Red Devils' offensive coordinator the past several years.

All told, he's been coaching football for 10 years and been on the varsity staff for half of that time. He's also coached the Red Devils' freshman team as well as serving as the St. C. Youth Basketball coach.

Along with his coaching duties, Giffin is one of the area's premier basketball officials. He's been a registered zebra for 23 years and worked 10 Ohio State Tournaments and three times been named District Official of the Year.

Donnie - a 1984 Bellaire High graduate - got an associate's degree from Belmont Technical College and then completed his bachelor's from Muskingum College in 1989.

Currently, Giffin is employed by the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services as a child support case manager.

Donnie and his wife, Lisa, have one son, Joel (12) and they reside in St. Clairsville.

MAC McLEAN - This Red Devils' assistant has been at St. C. since his brother was hired as the head coach.

The elder of the two McLeans is a 1994 graduate of Brooke High School and went on to play football at Fairmont State.

He eventually earned his degree from Bethany College in 2000.

Mac resides in Wheeling.
KEVIN SACCO - This former Red Devil luminary has been coaching football for nine years and two of those have been spent at the varsity level.

Sacco wears many coaching hats at St. Clairsville. He's the reserve coach on the boys basketball staff and also the head tennis coach in the spring.

Sacco is a graduate of Wheeling Jesuit University with a degree in history. He's got his Masters in Education from Ohio University.

Kevin and his wife, Lori,

have one son, T.J. and they reside in St. Clairsville.

JOHN VROTSOS - This veteran Red Devil assistant has been around the football program on the hilltop for 21 years and has spent 14 of those seasons at the varsity level. All told, Vrotsos has been at St. C. for 25 years.

Along with his football duties, Vrotsos was the head wrestling coach for 21 years and the head girls track coach for 10 seasons.

John is a Martins Ferry High and West Liberty State College graduate.

John and his wife, Anne, have a son, J.T. (17) and two daughters, Audra (12) and Eliza (7).

BEN FRYE - This Red Devil coach has been at St. C. for two years and has been on the football staff for both of those seasons.

He's been a football coach for six years total.

The River High graduate took over as the St. C. track coach this spring and guided the Lady Red Devils to the OVAC 3-A title.

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

Ben resides in St. Clairsville.

MIKE (CHOPS) JACOBS - This long-time coach has been on the St. C. staff for eight years.

The Martins Ferry and Bethany College product also serves as a seventh grade hoop coach for the Red Devils. He was a four-year member of the Bethany College football team.

Mike and his wife, Wendy, have three children, Jessica (18), Julie (13) and Michael (10). They reside in St. Clairsville.

CHRIS PATRONE - This Red Devil coach has been working with the St. C. program for 10 years.

The 1992 Bellaire High graduate earned both his Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Ohio University. He was a three-year football letterman at Bellaire.

Along with his football duties, Patrone served as the St. C. boys track coach in 2004.

Chris and his wife, Laura, have two children, Adrianna (4) and Perry (1). They reside in St. Clairsville.

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Batton sets backfield for OVAC Game

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

With the rosters in place, the coaches are now beginning to try to determine where each player will help them most when the annual OVAC All-Star Football Classic unfolds on Sunday, July 29th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Today, Magnolia and West Virginia head coach Mark Batton has

announced his quarterbacks and running back options for the annual summer classic, which is set for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Set to battle for the quarterbacking duties once the players report to West Liberty State College for camp are John Marshall's Cy Mozingo and Tyler's Justin Lowe.

"We think we've got two quarterbacks who fit into our system really

well," Batton explained. "We are really looking forward to working with both of those kids. We're real familiar with Justin since we've played against him the last three years and we know how good Mozingo can be."

The running back duties will be spread between Wheeling Park's Jimmy Burress, Wheeling Central's Brandon Tucker and Weirton

Madonna's Drew Harris.

"We're looking to get Tucker and Burress a lot of carries," Batton said. "Both racked up a lot of yardage during the season. Burress is probably the faster of the two, so we'll look to get him the ball on the outside with some sweeps."

Here is a capsule look at the players:

CY MOZINGO, John Marshall -

This former Monarch quarterback was a three-year mainstay under the late Mike Linsky and current head coach Mark Hinerman.

During the season, the 5-ft-11, 170 pounder threw for 1,746 yards on 144-of-248 accuracy. He threw 13 touchdowns and was picked off nine times.

He was mentioned on several post-

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season teams, including all-OVAC and all-Valley.

Away from the field, Mozingo is quite active at JM. He took part in the Hugh O'Brien Leadership, Judicial Scholars Program, Wheeling Youth Leadership Program, USAA Science Merit Award and he received the Principal's Leadership Award. He was a state finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman and is also listed amongst Who's Who both in academics and sports.

He served as the class treasurer both as a junior and senior and is a member of the Art Club, Spanish Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Lettermen Club, English Literature Club, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and all-OVAC Academic team.

Along with football, Mozingo also played basketball and baseball for the Monarchs.

Cy - who is undecided upon his college plans - is the son of Frank and Ruth Mozingo of Glen Dale.

JUSTIN LOWE, Tyler Consolidated - This former Silver Knight signal caller was also proficient this past season under center for Coach Rob Caldwell.

The 5-ft-9, 170 pounder threw for 1,251 yards, nine touchdowns and only four interceptions.

Lowe was a second-team all-state, all-Valley, all-Mid-Ohio Valley and first-team all-OVAC pick each of the past two years.

Lowe - who also took part in baseball

- plans on attending Gannon University in Erie, Pa.

Justin is the son of Fritz and Tandra Lowe of Sistersville.

JIMMY BURRESS, Wheeling Park - This former Patriot tailback battled a series of injuries during his senior campaign, but still managed to put forth a big season.

The 5-ft-11, 195 pound speedster ran for 968 yards and 13 touchdowns on 110 carries for Coach Mark Nardone's offense.

Burress has received numerous honors for his work. He was named all-State, all-OVAC, all-Valley and was one of the Big 22 Players to Watch this past season.

Burress also gets it done in the classroom where he's a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honors Society and he received the Promise Scholarship.

Jimmy - who plans on attending Fairmont State - is the son of James Burress, Sr and Lori Wallace of Wheeling.

BRANDON TUCKER, Wheeling Central - This Maroon Knight tailback ran all over the field the past couple of seasons for Coach Mike Young's defending state champion Maroon Knight outfit.

The 5-ft-10, 180 pounder led the area in rushing this past season, churning out 1,439 yards and scoring 23 touchdowns. All told, he averaged 159 yards per game in leading the Knights to a perfect season.

Tucker was named captain of the Class

A all-State team and was a first-teamer as a junior as well. He was also a two-time all-Valley and all-OVAC pick and he was named West Virginia Gatorade Player of the Year. He was nominated as a Big 22 Player of the Year and he received special honors at the Dapper Dan Banquet.

Away from the field, Tucker is a member of the National Honor Society, National Honor Roll, Spanish Honorary Society and Who's Who.

Brandon - who plans on attending Washington & Jefferson College - is the son of Daniel and Cheryl Tucker of Martins Ferry.

DREW HARRIS, Madonna - This former Blue Don fullback had a most productive senior season for Coach Bob Kramer this past fall.

The 5-ft-8, 195 pound fullback lugged the leather 111 times for 626 yards and six touchdowns.

For his fine season, he earned several post-season honors, including first-team all-River Valley, all-OVAC, second-team all-state as a linebacker and first-team Mason-Dixon.

Harris is also active at Madonna in Interact, Ski Club, SADD and Student Council.

Drew - who plans on attending Boise State University - is the son of Dean and Lisa Harris of Weirton.

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SPORTS

Ohio boasts linebacker depth

By **SETH STASKEY**
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Brett McLean and the Ohio coaching staff have their offensive lineup in place for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic set for Sunday, July 29th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Now, they began adding the defensive pieces as he named his linebackers and defensive linemen for the contest.

The players report to camp Sunday at West Liberty State College in preparations for the game.

"I think we are pretty deep at linebacker," McLean said. "A lot of these kids we picked are Buckeye 8 players, so we had the opportunity to see them up close and personal this past season."

Slated to battle for action at the linebacker spots are: Bellaire's Jordan Traylinek, Indian Creek's Joe Pulver, Beallsville's Cody Kernen, Union Local's Justin Hunt, Edison's Landon Herzick, St. Clairsville's Nate Burdette, Buckeye Local's Matt Zook and Harrison Central's Leander Brooks.

"It's going to be interesting to see who learns the system the quickest once we get into camp," McLean said. "We have pretty talented, physical kids who like to hit, and that's exactly what we were looking for."

Here is a capsule look at the players:

JORDAN TRAYLINEK, Bellaire - This ex-Big Reds' linebacker was all over the field defen-



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sively for retired head coach John Magistro the past few seasons.

As a senior, the 6-ft, 215 pounder was in on well over 100 stops and for his fine season earned first-team all-Ohio, all-Eastern District Defensive Player of the Year, all-Valley, all-Buckeye 8, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader.

Traylinek was also a standout in track and field for the Big Reds.

Jordan - who is the son of John and Cathy Traylinek of Jacobsburg - plans on attending West Liberty State College.

JOE PULVER, Indian Creek - This former Redskins was a force for Coach Andrew Connor's stop troops the past several seasons in Wintersville.

The 5-ft-11, 200 pounder was also a standout as a fullback, but he earned all-Eastern District, all-Valley and all-OVAC. He was also an honorable mention all-Ohio pick.

Joe - who plans on attending Washington & Jefferson College - is the son of Valerie and Randy Kerstetter of Bloomingdale.

CODY KERNEN, Beallsville - This former Blue Devil played a key role in the run to a perfect season and OVAC title for Coach Dave Caldwell's squad last fall.

The 5-ft-9, 165 pounder ran for close to 700 yards as a back, but was in on more than 100 tackles as a linebacker and even saw spot duty as a defensive back.

Kernen is listed amongst Who's Who in Sports and Academics and he's been honored on the all-OVAC Academic team.

Cody - who plans on attending Belmont Technical College - is the son of James and Kim Kernen of Beallsville.

JUSTIN HUNT, Union Local - This Jet helped smooth the transition for Coach Mark Cisar thanks to his play on both sides of the ball.

The 6-ft, 225 pounder was a standout at fullback, linebacker and defensive end for the Jets, earning first-team all-Buckeye 8, second-team all-District and second-team all-OVAC.

Justin - who is the son of Neil and Karen Hunt of Bethesda - plans on attending Glenville State University.

LANDON HERZICK, Edison - This former Wildcat was a standout for first-year coach Mike McKenzie as a linebacker.

The 6-ft, 215 pounder was a defensive mainstay for the Wildcats, leading the team in

tackles.

For his fine season, Herzick was a first-team all-OVAC, first-team all-Quad County, first-team all-Buckeye 8 and Honorable Mention all-District.

Along with football, Herzick was a standout in baseball and lettered in track. He also took part in the Ski Club, the Stay Tobacco Free Athletic Mentor Program and Choir during his years at Edison.

Landon - who plans on attending Mt. Union College - is the son of Tom and Dona Herzick of Amsterdam.

NATE BURDETTE, St. Clairsville - When he filled out his roster, McLean knew he wanted this two-way ace on his team.

The 5-ft-10, 189 pound Burdette wreaked havoc from his defensive end spot and was also a force running the ball from his fullback spot.

Along with serving as a team captain, Burdette earned first-team all-Buckeye 8 and all-District. He also took part in the state science fair.

Nate - who is the son of Ron and Lori Burdette of Belmont - plans on attending the University of Akron.

MATT ZOOK, Buckeye Local - This rugged Panther was a standout at both tailback and linebacker for Coach Ron Pobolish's team last fall.

The 6-ft-1, 198 pounder ran for more than 500 yards and two scores. He was also the team's defensive playmaker.

Zook was an all-Times Leader selection as well as honorable mention all-Eastern District.

Matt - who plans on playing football at Muskingum College - is the son of Tom and Tina Zook of Wintersville.

LEANDER BROOKS, Harrison Central - This former Huskie had a brilliant senior season that resulted in all-Ohio accolades for Coach Justin Kropka.

The 5-ft-6, 160 pounder was a force at outside linebacker, recording a team-high in tackles with better than 100 stops.

Leander - who plans on attending Waynesburg - is a consistent member of the Harrison Central honor roll.

Brooks - who is the son of Martha Yoho and L.B. Brooks - also took part in track.

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Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic

Family Football Tradition

Kettlewell becomes third generation all-star

By MATT IANZITO
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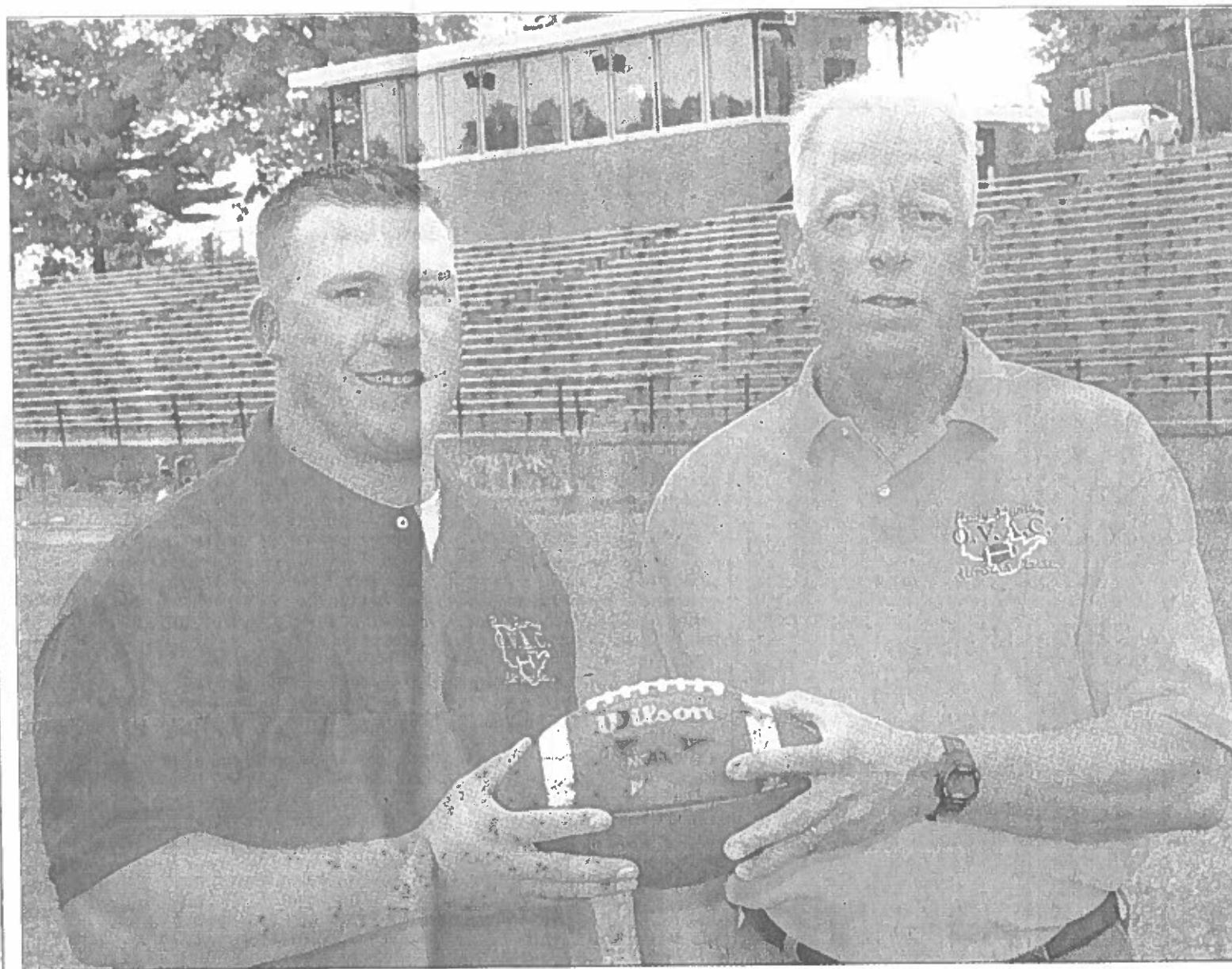


Photo by Scott McCloskey

Ohio coach Brett McLean, left, and West Virginia coach Mark Batton pose during Media Day for the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at West Liberty's Russek Field. The game will be played at 7:15 p.m. Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Putting on the Pads

All-Stars getting ready for Sunday's charity clash

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

Advanced discount tickets are now

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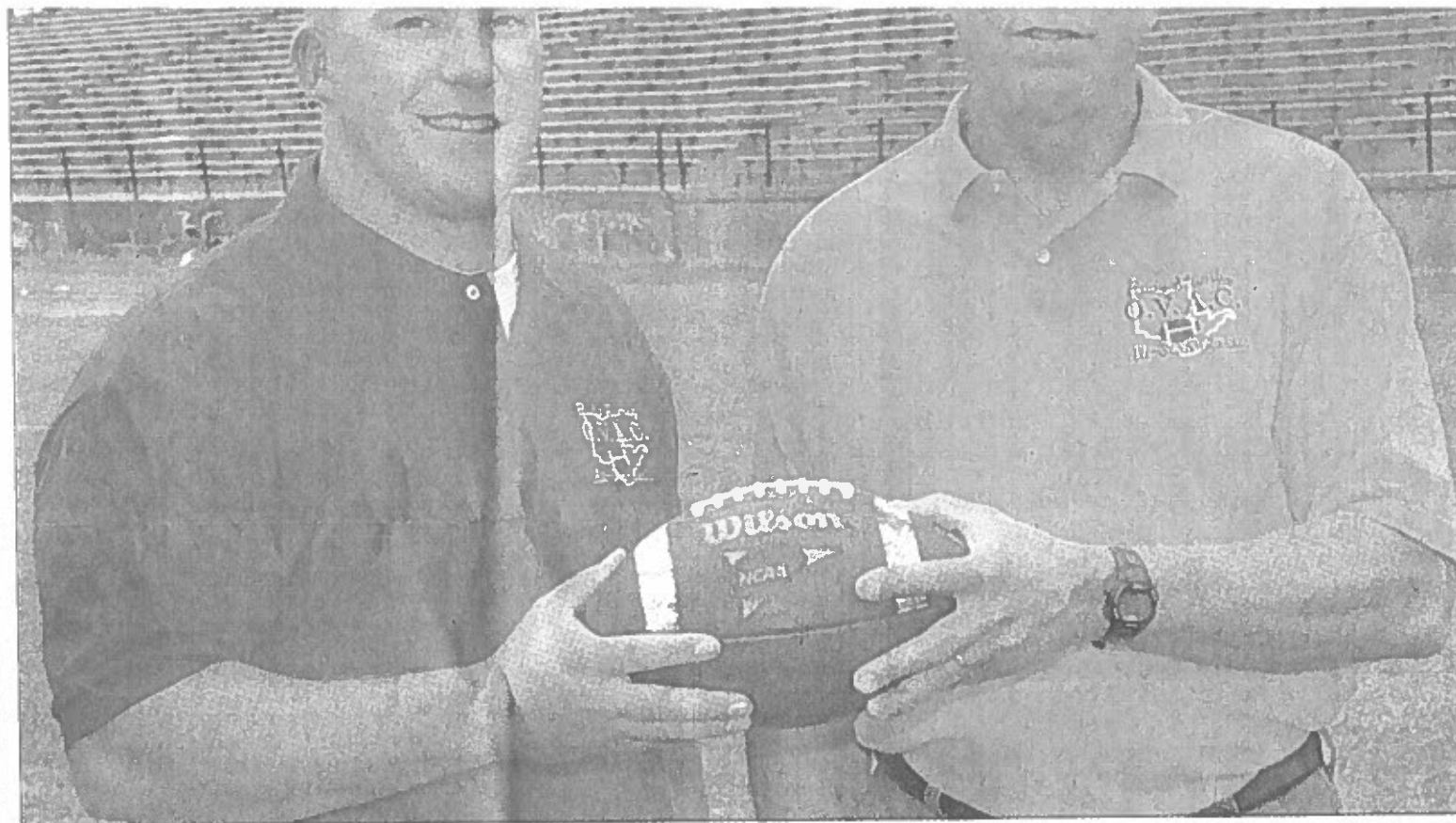


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McLean, who will be calling the shots for Ohio, competed in the 1996 gleam game as a Brooke Bruin and watched as the Buckeyes posted a 43-21 triumph.

"It's a bit different, that's for sure," McLean said Monday during media day activities at West Liberty's Russek Field.

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Developing friendships is what McLean remembers most about his stint in the game.

"I remember the relationships I made and the guys I played with, played against, and the coaches that coached us."

"We try to put together a schedule for the week that hopefully the kids will enjoy. We're not turning this into boot camp by any means. This is something that's supposed to be a celebration of the successful careers they had."

While participating in the game is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the players, it's also special for the coaching staffs.

"These guys are giving up a week of the

summer," Batton said of his assistants. "We're going to play the game Sunday night and then Monday morning we have to be back on the field at 9 a.m. with our team at Magnolia."

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McLean was part of such a staff in June when he served as an assistant coach in the Ohio North-South Classic in Columbus. Through coaching in that game, McLean gained a greater appreciation of how good the OVAC game is.

"The quality of the way this game is run, I don't know if it can be matched," he said.

McLean said some of the men he coached with in the North-South game will be attendance Sunday.

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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.

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

West Virginia

Wheeling: Kroger (Mt. DeChantal Road), Cabela's; Weirton: Kroger (St. Thomas Drive); Croger (Main Street); Benwood: Kroger; Cameron: Greg's Market; Chester: Citizen Drug; Moundsville: Kroger; New Martinsville: Witschey's Supermarket; Warwood: Kroger; Wellsburg: Kroger.

Ohio

Stuebenville: Kroger. Smitty's Floor; Bellaire: Kroger; Cambridge: The Jeffersonian; East Liverpool: All Sports Supplies; Martins Ferry: Kroger; Shadyside:

DeFelice Brothers Pizza; St. Clairsville: Kroger; Wellsville: Center Pharmacy; Wintersville: Kroger; Woodsfield: Weber's Drug Store.

Giving Back

The Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic is much more than just a football game.

In the past 35 years, the game has donated over \$787,600 to charity organizations and scholarships throughout the Ohio Valley.

Returning to the Game

The two head coaches in this year's game are no strangers to the classic. Ohio coach Brett McLean played in the game in 1996 representing Brooke High School and Mark Batton played in the game in 1977 representing Magnolia High School.

Sneak Peek

For those fans who can't wait until Sunday to see the two teams in action, the squads will be practicing on Wheeling Island Stadium later in the week. Ohio will practice on Thursday and West Virginia will practice on Friday both from 9-11 a.m.

The Officials

The game will also feature an all-star cast of officials.

Referee: Ken Kasserman; Umpire: Pete Tamborello; Head Linesman: Tom Demuth; Line Judge: David Frey; Side Judge: Larry Rine; Back Judge: Alan Cox.

At the Half

This year's halftime show will feature players returning for their 10 year reunion as well as players from the 1946 All-Star game.

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"I told them they will be blown away by what they see," he said. "The atmosphere won't even compare to what you saw at the North-South game. That's just a feather in the cap of the OVAC game director and game committee. They do a great job."

Ohio and West Virginia both practiced Sunday after arriving for camp at the Hilltoppers campus. Both teams will be practicing there the rest of the week, with the exception of a late-week workout on the turf at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Both coaches are using the first couple of days of practice to gauge the talent they have.

"We're not really sure where everyone is going to fit," Batton said. "I think the first couple of days we're

going to feel a lot of stuff out and see how people fit here or there."

And when it comes to strategy, Batton and McLean are going to simplify their gameplans.

"For them to make an adjustment to our terminology, that's going to be the biggest hurdle to cross and that was evident (Sunday night)," McLean said.

"With a shortened number of practices you have to be careful and hang your hat on a few things. There's not a lot of regulations on the offense in a game like there are in other all-star games. You have the freedom to do a lot. But with only a few days to prepare you're asking a lot of an 18-year-old boy that has an awful lot of other things going on in his life with school and everything else."

McLean is pleased with his quarterback situation. Ohio has Bellaire's Nick Rocchio and Barnesville's Steven Shumaker behind center.

"We're really impressed by both of them," McLean said of the pair, who each led their teams to unbeaten regular seasons in 2006.

West Virginia counters with the talents of John Marshall's

Cy Mazingo and Tyler Consolidated's Justin Lowe.

"We've seen Cy on film a lot," Batton said. "He has great feet and good arm strength, but probably what impressed me the most is his intelligence."

"And Justin, we've played against him for three years. We're impressed with both of them."

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Liberty graduate is also the head softball coach and previously worked with the boys basketball and track teams. During his years on those staffs, the Blue Eagles captured four state championships, three in track and the 2000 hoop title.

Mark and his wife Vicki have three daughters: Abi (23), Dani (18) and Brittany (16). He's also got a grandson, Kaleb (3).

DAVE GRANDSTAFF - This former OVAC All-Star has spent 14 years on the staff of his alma mater.

The 1967 graduate has received the Magnolia High School Athletic Boosters Life Achievement Award.

Dave and his wife Melinda have four children: Matt, Paul, Angie and Rachel.

TODD BARCUS - This 1997 Blue Eagle graduate has returned to his roots to serve as a teacher and coach.

Barcus graduated from Magnolia in 1997 and went to Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, S.C. to play baseball, but he finished his degree at West Virginia in 2001. Since returning from college, Barcus has been a member of the Blue Eagles' staff for five years and was on the baseball staff in 2003 and 2004.

Todd and his wife Angie reside in New Martinsville.

BOB RIPLEY - This veteran coach has been around the Blue Eagles' program for 28 years.

Ripley - a Newcomerstown graduate - earned his bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College and then his Masters from Salem

College.

He's been a basketball coach at Magnolia during his stint there as well. He served as the head coach for six years and was an assistant coach for two years.

Bob and his wife Jane have three children: Chase, Brett and Ashton.

CRAIG SCHNEID - This legendary Blue Eagle track coach has also been an eight-year member of the Magnolia football staff.

All told, Schnied has coached football for 15 seasons. He's also coached at St. John and for 18 years was the track coach for the Blue Eagles, winning numerous state championships.

In 2002, Schnied was named OVAC Coach of the Year and in 2003 he received a Dapper Dan Man of the Year.

The West Liberty State College product currently coaches track at Wheeling Central. He earned a Masters Degree from WVU in Safety Administration.

Craig and his wife Renee have two children, Aaron (14) and Adeline (13).

JOHN WESLEY SMITH - This 2002 Blue Eagle product was a two-sport standout during his years at Magnolia.

He was a two-time all-state pick and was twice all-Valley and all-OVAC.

Smith went on to earn his bachelor's degree from West Virginia and returned to serve on Batton's staff this past fall.

John resides in New Martinsville.

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Batton, WV coaches ready for challenge

By SETH STASKEY
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All-Star Games aren't just honors for the athletes set to take part.

The coaches picked to work the game are also bestowed an honor and it's one that Mark Batton and his Blue Eagles' staff didn't have to think twice about when they were approached to coach in this year's annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic slated for July 29th at Wheeling Island

Stadium.

"Our staff has been together since I've been the head coach," Batton said. "We never hesitated a minute when (the OVAC) called and asked us to do this. We're looking forward to the challenge and we're going to up to camp and hopefully have a good time, meet some great kids and then hopefully win the football game."

Slated to join Batton on the Mountaineer sideline are: Dave Grandstaff, Todd Barcus, Bob Ripley,

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John Wesley Smith and Craig Schneid.

Here is a capsule look at the coaches:

MARK BATTON - This veteran Blue Eagle mentor has been successful since he took over the program some eight years ago.

Batton has led the Blue Eagles to the playoffs four times, including a berth in the state semifinals in 2001. They also won the OVAC title that season. Batton has been selected to coach in the West Virginia North-South Game as well as the BACF game. He's had no fewer than nine first-team selections and he owns a 50-36 career record.

Along with his football duties, the 1977 Magnolia and 1981 West

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Batton Feeling Good About His Offensive Line

Coaching staff will keep things simple up front

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

Mark Batton has coached football long enough to know that linemen are the biggest key to successful teams even though they might not get as much attention as the skill players.

That's why he loaded up on as many talented offensive linemen as he could for this year's annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic scheduled for July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Batton took big guys, quick guys and all of them are athletic guys, so he feels he's got the makings of a solid group in the trenches.

"Your skill people are only as good as your offensive linemen," Batton said. "It doesn't matter how good of a quarterback or running back you've got if your guys up front aren't blocking. We felt for this game that we needed to pick as many of the best linemen as we could get our hands on."

Don't expect anything too fancy in terms of blocking schemes from the West Virginia camp when the players report to West Liberty State College to begin preparations on July 22.

"We are going to keep things as simple as we can," Batton said. "This game is usually won and lost in the trenches and protecting our quarterbacks is huge."

Set to battle up front for the Mountaineers are: Brooke's Trenton Aitken, Magnolia's Matt Swartling, Wheeling Park's Corey Staub, Linsly's Patrick Ohrman, John Marshall's Ryan Novick, Wheeling Central's Chris Neidhardt and Valley's Jonathan Martin.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

JONATHAN MARTIN, Valley — This former Lumberjack was a mainstay at offensive guard for Coach John Kocher's team the past three years.

Martin's season didn't go unnoticed. He was an all-state player as well as being named first-team all-OVAC, all-Mason-Dixon and second-team all-Valley.

Along with football, Martin played four years of baseball and two years of basketball.

Away from athletics, Martin is a member of the National French Honor Society, T.S.A., Student Council and he's an academic letterman.

Jonathan, who plans on attending Fairmont State University, is the son of Bonnie Martin of Pine Grove.

TRENTON AITKEN, Brooke — This former Bruin was the anchor for Coach Dave Reitter's offensive line at the center spot.

The 5-foot-11, 220-pounder was a two-year letterman at Brooke and a four-year member of the program. He served his team as co-captain this past season.

Along with football, Aitken is a standout wrestler. He placed fifth in the OVAC tournament and earned four letters.

Aitken is also a standout in the classroom. He graduated from the Brooke High Honors Program with a 3.75 grade point average and received the Bronze, Silver and Gold Achievement Award.

He's a member of the National Honor Society and a four-year member of the West

OVAC ALL-STARS

bee.

Trenton, who plans on attending Marshall University, is the son of Tom and Tammy Aitken of Follansbee.

MATT SWARTLING, Magnolia — This two-way lineman was a solid blocker at the tackle spot and caused havoc for oppositions from his defensive end spot on the other side of the ball for Batton's Blue Eagles.

The 6-4, 235-pounder was a second-team Mid-Ohio Valley pick on the offensive line and also participated in the BACF All-Star Game last month.

Swartling was also a three-year track and field standout, earning five West Virginia state meet medals, and he played four years of basketball.

Away from athletics, Swartling is active in thespians, he won first place in the Magnolia science fair; took part in Quiz Bowl and Math Field Days.

He's also a member of the Mu Alpha Theta — the Math Honor Society — for two years. He graduated fifth in his class of 133 with a 3.96 gpa.

Swartling is also active in the community. He volunteered with flood clean-up and he volunteers at St. Vincent De Paul Church and serves as a basketball coach for the Sunday Youth League.

Matt, who plans on playing football at Bethany College, is the son of Bill and Becky Swartling of New Martinsville.

COREY STAUB, Wheeling Park — This former Patriot handled the center duties for Coach Mark Nardone's club the past several seasons.

The 6-5, 225-pounder was highly-recognized after the season, earning second-team all-state, all-Valley and all-OVAC.

Staub is also active in the West Virginia Sheriff's Association Youth Leadership Academy, ACS Youth Board, Varsity Athletic Club, Special Olympics and March of Dimes.

Corey, who plans on attending Fairmont State, is the son of Brent Staub and Brenda Baker.

PATRICK OHRMAN, Linsly — This former Cadet was a three-year mainstay under Coaches Depew — B.J. and Terry — during his stint at the Wheeling-based institution.

The 6-1, 275-pounder received mention on the all-state football team.

Also at Linsly, Ohrman was a baseball standout, earning a spot in the OVAC All-Star Baseball Game as well as the OVAC Baseball Scholarship. He's a member of the National Honor Society, German National Honor Society and Headmaster's Performance List.

Patrick, who plans on attending Washington & Jefferson College, is the son of Patrick and Kelly Ohrman of Pittsburgh.

RYAN NOVICK, John Marshall — This former Monarch was a three-year stalwart for Coach Mark Hinerman and the late Mike Linsky during his stint at the Glen Dale school.

The 6-foot, 260-pounder earned three letters in football and also earned two letters in baseball. He's also a standout in the classroom, belonging to the National Honor Society.

Ryan, who plans on attending West Liberty State College, is the son of Samuel Novick of McMechen.

W.Va. Announces Offensive Backfield

Batton, staff excited to have skill players

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

With the rosters in place, the coaches are now beginning to try to determine where each player will help them most when the annual OVAC All-Star Football Classic kick off July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Magnolia and West Virginia coach Mark Batton has announced his quarterbacks and running back options for the annual summer classic.

Set to battle for the quarterbacking duties once the players report to West Liberty State College for camp are John Marshall's Cy Mazingo and Tyler's Justin Lowe.

"We think we've got two quarterbacks who fit into our system really well," Batton said. "We're really looking forward to working with both of those kids. We're real familiar with Justin since we've played against him the last three years and we know how good Mazingo can be."

The running back duties will be spread between Wheeling Park's Jimmy Burress, Wheeling Central's Brandon Tucker and Weirton Madonna's Drew Harris.

"We're looking to get Tucker and Burress a lot of carries," Batton said. "Both racked up a lot of yardage during the season. Burress is probably the faster of the two, so we'll look to get him the ball on the outside with some sweeps."

Here is a capsule look at the players:

Cy Mazingo
John Marshall

This former Monarchs quarterback was a three-year mainstay for the late Mike Linsky and current coach Mark Hinerman. As a senior, the 5-foot-11, 170-pounder completed 144 of 248 attempts for 1,746 yards and 13 TDs with nine interceptions.

He was mentioned on several postseason teams, including all-OVAC and all-Valley.

Away from the field, Mazingo was quite active at JM. He took part in the Hugh O'Brien Leadership, Judicial Scholars Program, Wheeling Youth Leadership Program, USAA Science Merit Award and he received the Principal's Leadership Award. He was a state finalist for the Wendy's High School Heisman and is also listed among Who's Who both in academics and sports.

Along with football, Mazingo also played basketball and was a two-time baseball all-stater for the Monarchs.

Cy, who has signed to play baseball at West Virginia Wesleyan, is the son of Frank and Ruth Mazingo of Glen Dale.

Justin Lowe
Tyler Consolidated

The Silver Knights signalcaller had a very proficient senior season for Coach Rob Caldwell. The 5-9, 170-pounder threw for 1,251 yards with nine touchdowns and four interceptions.

Lowe was a second-team all-state, all-Valley, all-Mid-Ohio Valley and first-team all-OVAC pick each of the past two years.

Lowe — who also took part in baseball — plans on attending Gannon (Pa.) University.

Justin is the son of Fritz and Tandra Lowe of Sistersville.

"We've got two quarterbacks who fit into our system well. We're really looking forward to working with both of those kids. We're real familiar with Justin since we've played against him the last three years. ..."

Mark Batton

Jimmy Burress
Wheeling Park

Despite being hampered by injuries for most of the season, this Patriots tailback put up some nice numbers in his senior season.

The 5-11, 195-pound speedster ran for 968 yards and 13 TDs on 110 carries for Coach Mark Nardone.

Burress made a clean sweep of all-state, all-valley and all-OVAC honors.

Also an outstanding student, Burress was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honors Society and received the Promise Scholarship.

Jimmy, who plans on attending Fairmont State, is the son of James Burress, Sr. and Lori Wallace of Wheeling.

Brandon Tucker
Wheeling Central

This talented Maroon Knights tailback was one of the main weapons in the arsenal for Coach Mike Young's two-time defending state champions.

The 5-10, 180-pounder led the valley in rushing last fall, churning out 1,439 yards and scoring 23 TDs. He averaged 159 yards per game in leading the Knights to a perfect season.

A two-time first-team all-stater, Tucker was captain of the Class A squad as a senior and also earned the state's Gatorade Player of the Year Award. A two-time all-valley and all-OVAC honoree, Tucker received a special citation at the Dapper Dan Banquet.

An excellent student, Tucker was a member of the National Honor Society, National Honor Roll, Spanish Honorary Society and Who's Who in American High Schools.

Brandon, who will continue his athletic and academic careers at Washington & Jefferson, is the son of Daniel and Cheryl Tucker of Martins Ferry.

Drew Harris
Weirton Madonna

This hard-nosed 5-8, 195-pound fullback muscled his way for 626 yards and 6 TDs on 111 carries for Blue Dons coach Bob Kramer last fall.

He was a first-team all-River Valley, all-Mason-Dixon Conference and all-OVAC honoree and was a second-team all-state selection at linebacker.

At Madonna, Harris was also active in Interact, Ski Club, SADD and Student Council.

lineman as he could for this year's annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic scheduled for July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Batton took big guys, quick guys and all of them are athletic guys, so he feels he's got the makings of a solid group in the trenches.

"Your skill people are only as good as your offensive linemen," Batton said. "It doesn't matter how good of a quarterback or running back you've got if your guys up front aren't blocking. We felt for this game that we needed to pick as many of the best linemen as we could get our hands on."

Don't expect anything too fancy in terms of blocking schemes from the West Virginia camp when the players report to West Liberty State College to begin preparations on July 22.

"We are going to keep things as simple as we can," Batton said. "This game is usually won and lost in the trenches and protecting our quarterbacks is huge."

Set to battle up front for the Mountaineers are: Brooke's Trenton Aitken, Magnolia's Matt Swartling, Wheeling Park's Corey Staub, Linsly's Patrick Ohrman, John Marshall's Ryan Novick, Wheeling Central's Chris Neidhardt and Valley's Jonathan Martin.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

JONATHAN MARTIN, Valley — This former Lumberjack was a mainstay at offensive guard for Coach John Kocher's team the past three years.

Martin's season didn't go unnoticed. He was an all-state player as well as being named first-team all-OVAC, all-Mason-Dixon and second-team all-Valley.

Along with football, Martin played four years of baseball and two years of basketball.

Away from athletics, Martin is a member of the National French Honor Society, T.S.A., Student Council and he's an academic letterman.

Jonathan, who plans on attending Fairmont State University, is the son of Bonnie Martin of Pine Grove.

TRENTON AITKEN, Brooke — This former Bruin was the anchor for Coach Dave Reitter's offensive line at the center spot.

The 5-foot-11, 220-pounder was a two-year letterman at Brooke and a four-year member of the program. He served his team as co-captain this past season.

Along with football, Aitken is a standout wrestler. He placed fifth in the OVAC tournament and earned four letters.

Aitken is also a standout in the classroom. He graduated from the Brooke High Honors Program with a 3.75 grade point average and received the Bronze, Silver and Gold Achievement Award.

He's a member of the National Honor Society and a four-year member of the West Virginia Academic All-State team. He's been selected to the National Honor Roll and is listed as Who's Who in both sports and academics.

He's a member of the Chemistry Club, Spanish Club, Interact Club and Future Business Leaders of America.

Outside of the school, Aitken is a member of the youth group at the Calvary Baptist Church and he's a volunteer coach for the youth football program in Follans-

ley pick on the offensive line and also participated in the BACF All-Star Game last month.

Swartling was also a three-year track and field standout, earning five West Virginia state meet medals, and he played four years of basketball.

Away from athletics, Swartling is active in thespians, he won first place in the Magnolia science fair; took part in Quiz Bowl and Math Field Days.

He's also a member of the Mu Alpha Theta — the Math Honor Society — for two years. He graduated fifth in his class of 133 with a 3.96 gpa.

Swartling is also active in the community. He volunteered with flood clean-up and he volunteers at St. Vincent De Paul Church and serves as a basketball coach for the Sunday Youth League.

Matt, who plans on playing football at Bethany College, is the son of Bill and Becky Swartling of New Martinsville.

COREY STAUB, Wheeling Park — This former Patriot handled the center duties for Coach Mark Nardone's club the past several seasons.

The 6-5, 225-pounder was highly-recognized after the season, earning second-team all-state, all-Valley and all-OVAC.

Staub is also active in the West Virginia Sheriff's Association Youth Leadership Academy, ACS Youth Board, Varsity Athletic Club, Special Olympics and March of Dimes.

Corey, who plans on attending Fairmont State, is the son of Brent Staub and Brenda Baker.

PATRICK OHRMAN, Linsly — This former Cadet was a three-year mainstay under Coaches Depew — B.J. and Terry — during his stint at the Wheeling-based institution.

The 6-1, 275-pounder received mention on the all-state football team.

Also at Linsly, Ohrman was a baseball standout, earning a spot in the OVAC All-Star Baseball Game as well as the OVAC Baseball Scholarship. He's a member of the National Honor Society, German National Honor Society and Headmaster's Performance List.

Patrick, who plans on attending Washington & Jefferson College, is the son of Patrick and Kelly Ohrman of Pittsburgh.

RYAN NOVICK, John Marshall — This former Monarch was a three-year stalwart for Coach Mark Hinerman and the late Mike Linsky during his stint at the Glen Dale school.

The 6-foot, 260-pounder earned three letters in football and also earned two letters in baseball. He's also a standout in the classroom, belonging to the National Honor Society.

Ryan, who plans on attending West Liberty State College, is the son of Samuel Novick of McMechen.

CHRIS NEIDHARDT, Wheeling Central — This offensive lineman and linebacker was an impact player on the past two Maroon Knight state championship teams for Coach Mike Young.

The 6-foot, 210-pounder received distinguished honors for football and was also an all-OVAC pick.

Chris, who plans on attending West Liberty State College, is the son of Christopher and Mary Beth Neidhardt.

Batton finalizes w.v. roster for OVAC Game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Being named to an all-star team of any sort is an honor.

If your name was one of the 33 selected to the West Virginia roster for the annual OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, it's even more special.

West Virginia and Magnolia head coach Mark Batton, today, announced his roster for the July 29th encounter slated for Wheeling Island Stadium. The game is slated for a 7 p.m. kickoff and the events get under way on July 22nd when the players make the trip to their homes away from home, West Liberty State College, for training camp.

Filling the Mountaineer roster wasn't quite as difficult as the chore Ohio head coach Brett McLean had with the Buckeye side. Batton had just two of his original selections opt out of the game for various reasons, but he did what most Mountaineer coaches do to try to combat the Ohio squad, load up on players from big-schools and then fill in around.

"I think we definitely picked the best 33 players we could," Batton said.

"We were happy that most of the kids responded with a yes to play and we are really excited and anxious to get to camp and see exactly what we have."

This marks the first time Batton and company have coached in the annual summer game, but according to Blue Eagles' mentor, the task of picking the players was a matter of finding the linemen first.

"We have a nice group of linemen, and we went after those guys first," Batton noted. "After we got the linemen down, we went and plugged in the skill people, and I think we were able to put together some good speed and skill."

Batton took four of his own players from a team that finished 7-3 this past season.

Nick Baxter, Nathan West, Matt Swartling and Elijah Hostutler will all suit up for the Mountaineers to represent Magnolia.

Wheeling Central — the two-time defending Class A state champions — received four bids to this year's game.



Leading the way is all-state running back Brandon Tucker who ran around and over defenders all season for Coach Mike Young last year. He's joined by a trio of defensive standouts in Chris Neidhardt, Jake Henry and P.J. Henry.

Wheeling Park — which qualified for the Class AAA playoffs this past season — after finishing the regular season with a strong 8-2 mark earned five spots on the OVAC roster.

Speedy tailback Jimmy Burress will be joined by blazing wide receiver Andy Goldbaugh. Sam Hinebaugh was picked for the Patriots as was Tom Kettlewell and Cory Staub.

John Marshall — which sported a 6-4 record last fall — earned five bids to the all-star game.

Quarterback Cy Mozingo leads the Monarch contingent. Speedy wide receiver Corey Meeker along with linemen Eric Howe and Ryan Novick will also take part. Kicker Matt Deel will handle the special teams chores for the Monarchs.

Brooke — the fourth biggest school in the OVAC — got three of its players into the summer sporting spectacle.

Linemen Trent Aitken and Jason Sims were picked along with defensive back Dustin Snodgrass.

Weir High got a pair of players into the game. They are Jordan Taflan and Dave Rasicci.

Linsly also got a pair of nods to the contest. Pat Ohrman and Neil Martin will represent Coach B.J. Depew's Cadets on the Island.

Bishop Donahue received a pair of nods to a pair of skill players.

Clint Wilson — the Bishops' track standout — and A.J. Gordon will take part in the game.

The final school with multiple representation is Tyler Consolidated as quarterback Justin Lowe and Matt Dotson will represent the Silver Knights.

Weirton Madonna's Drew Harris was selected as was Cameron's Ryan Jones. Oak Glen received a bid as T.J. Osbon will take part. Valley's Jonathan Martin will also be suiting up for the Mountaineer squad.

McLean Selects Buckeye Backfield

Ohio loaded with talent at both QB, RB positions

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Ford was named first-team all-Ohio in D-III and was co-player of the year in the Eastern District.

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Ryan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zann of Martins Ferry.

OVAC football rosters released

By **SETH STASKEY**
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Finally, the wait is over. The rosters for the 2007 Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic are here.

Today's release marks the first pair of 12 releases leading up to the crown jewel of Ohio Valley sporting events, which is slated for July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

St. Clairsville's Brett McLean -- fresh off leading the Red Devils to their first

playoff appearance in 17 seasons and coaching in the prestigious Ohio North-South All-Star Game -- will guide the Buckeye into battle for the first time in his career.

Magnolia's Mark Batton will handle the Mountaineer players. The Blue Eagles are coming off a 7-3 campaign.

The teams will report to West Liberty State College on July 22 to begin training camp for the annual affair. Through

the course of the week several events are slated, including the Strager Evening with the Stars, Queen of Queens pageant, a pep rally and even an ice cream social.

McLean has altered his original roster several times since he turned it into game director Bob Koch, but at press time, Red Devils and Buckeye boss thinks he's got a full roster set to report later this month.

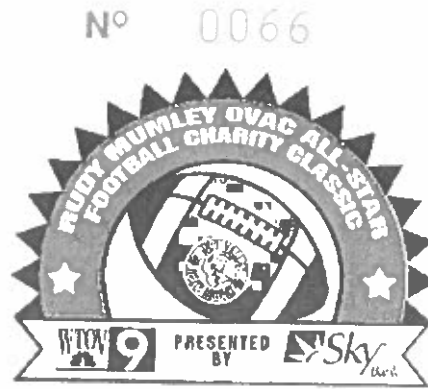
"It was a good year on both sides of the river with teams playing for and winning championships," McLean said. "There were a lot of great players, and I think we did the best job we could taking athletes to represent as many schools who had great seasons."

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Classic Charity

IT'S THE social event of the summer sports season. It is better known as the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

The annual showdown pits the West Virginia prep grid stars versus their Buckeye counterparts and serves as the unofficial kickoff to the high school season in the Ohio Valley.

It marks the 62nd game in the storied series which pits 30 plus players from each state.

The game transcends the football arena, however. It is much more than a gridiron spectacle. The Rudy Mumley All-Star Classic is just that -- a classic.

In addition to the game itself, which kicks off at 7:15 p.m. Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium, an entire week of related activities and events unfold.

The Queen of Queens Pageant is a mainstay of the event. The crowning take place at halftime Sunday with the talent competition being staged Friday at WesBanco Arena, drawing a large local turnout.

The McDonald's Band will provide the musical entertainment. The

band -- despite having just a few short days to prepare -- takes a backseat to no marching unit. The band members are truly stars in their own right. The McDonald's Band is accentuated by cheerleading squads from both states.

OVAC officials do justice to the past, recognizing players and coaches from two different games. Participants from the 1997 All-Star Game will be honored as well as players from the 1946 contest.

The game and the days leading up to it offer something for everyone, including tonight's "Evening With the Stars" at Wheeling Park's White Palace and Saturday's pep rally.

Making it even more worthwhile is the fact the game is held for charity. Thousands of dollars have been raised for charitable causes and countless needy individuals have been assisted thanks to the game.

We salute the OVAC and all those associated with the Rudy Mumley All-Star Classic for putting together a class event while assisting those who need it in the process.

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means different.

"Yeah, it's very tough to pick," McLean said. "There were eight or nine teams, which were really successful and then you have kids who are involved in so many other activities through the summer, so it's tough, but we hope that all of the kids know if we could have taken everyone who was worthy we definitely would have."

The Ohio roster features a strong flavor of players from the schools who posted the strongest seasons.

The Red Devils got three players on the roster. Included are Bryant Cappelletti, Nate Burdette and Ian Riddel.

Bellaire -- which finished the regular season unbeaten and advanced to the state semifinals in Division IV -- got five roster spots. Included are first-team all-Ohioans Jordan Traylinek and Trey Masciarelli. Record-setting quarterback Nick Rocchio and Jayson Keyser were also chosen for the squad. Nick Perko has been picked to handle the Ohio kicking and punting duties.

Martins Ferry -- which finished 10-2 and advanced to the second round of the OHSAA playoffs -- got three spots on the squad. Quarterback Jamal Murray, tight end Ryan Mirich and fullback Ryan Zann will all represent the Purple Riders in this year's game.

Barnesville -- which went

unblemished through the regular season and fell to eventual state runnerup Warren JFK in the second round of the Division V playoffs -- mustered three spots on the squad.

All-Ohio quarterback Steve Shumaker was chosen as was all-Ohio center Andy Spiczenski. Paul Jefferis -- a state runnerup on the wrestling mat -- will be one of the line options for the Ohio staff.

Cambridge -- which ran roughshod through the regular season and fell in the second round of the Division III playoffs -- received two bids.

West Liberty-bound running back Stephen Ford -- an all-Ohio first teamer -- will be vying for carries, while all-state lineman John Nicolzakes will be a lineman for the Ohio side.

Staubenville -- the two-time defending Division III state champions -- had four players picked, but only two have elected to play. Speedster Maurice Bougard -- a two-event state track champion -- will be a wide receiver option for the Ohio squad. Tyree Dunn -- a two-way lineman -- has been added to the Ohio roster.

Shadyside -- which advanced to the Division VI state title game before falling -- had two players picked, but just one has elected to take part. Offensive lineman Vinnie Ritchie will represent the Tigers in the game.

Beallsville -- coming off a 10-0 season in which it advanced to the second round of the playoffs before bowing to Shadyside -- will be represented by running back Cody Kernen.

Buckeye Trail -- a Division VI playoff entrant -- earned one spot on the roster as lineman Chad Kinder will take part.

Buckeye Local's Matt Zook will represent the Panthers in the game. Indian Creek got a pair of representatives as Joe Pulver and Tim Ohalek were selected for the game.

Monroe Central's all-Ohio lineman Matt Ischy was picked to the game to represent the Seminoles. Harrison Central all-Ohio defensive player Leander Brooks was selected to the squad as well.

Union Local will be represented by Justin Hunt, while East Liverpool's Eric Diagosta and Joey Wines will represent the Potters. Beaver Local's Kyle Reeder is the lone representative from Coach Rich Wright's team. Shenandoah's Josh Cowgill was selected after a strong 2006 campaign.

Staubenville Catholic Central's lone representative is lineman Ryan Kuczykowski. Edison's Landon Herzick will also take part in the game. Meadowbrook speedster Elrick Neuhart will represent the Colts in the annual game.

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Batton Selects West Virginia Secondary

By **SETH STASKEY**
For the News-Register

When Mark Batton and the West Virginia coaching staff sat down to select wide receivers, he had in mind a bundle of guys who could also help in the defensive backfield.

Needless to say, he thinks he's got the right people for the challenge for the OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic on July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The players report to camp today to begin preparations and with today's announcement of specialties and defensive backs, Batton and company have completed their roster.

"We got a lot of kids we feel we can move around from place to place," Batton said. "We feel as if we've got great speed, and that's something we'll need because of the speed that Ohio has. We can't let (Ohio) pick us apart. Our defensive backs are definitely going to have to make plays."

Battling for action in the defensive secondary are Brooke's Dustin Snodgrass, Weir's Jordan Taflan, Wheeling Central's Patrick Henry

and Tyler Consolidated's Matt Dotson.

John Marshall's Matt Deel was selected to handle the kicking and punting duties.

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Matt Dotson
Tyler Consolidated

This former Silver Knight was a two-way standout for Coach Rob Caldwell's bunch the past several seasons.

The 5-foot-10, 165-pounder caught 36 passes for 502 yards and six touchdowns for the Silver Knights. At the same time, he was a standout at safety.

Along with the OVAC game, Dotson took part in the BACF game earlier this summer. He was first-team all-Mid Ohio Valley, all-OVAC and special mention all-Valley.

Away from the field, Dotson received the Presidents Education Award, Top of the Mountain Academic Scholar, the WVU Achievement Scholarship and the Promise Scholarship.

Matt — who plans on attending West Virginia — is the son of Jay and Mary Dotson of Middlebourne.

Dustin Snodgrass
Brooke

This former Bruin was also a two-way standout for Coach Dave Reitter, playing wide receiver and corner.

His defensive skills didn't go unnoticed seeing he was named team defensive MVP and led the team with eight interceptions. He was nominated for the U.S. Army Ironman and is listed amongst the state leaders for picks.

He was a member of the King's Court, All-State Academic Team and the National All-Star Team.

Dustin — who is the son of Bernard and Nancy Snodgrass — is planning on attending Marshall University.

Jordan Taflan
Weir

This former Red Rider made his mark as a wide receiver this past fall for Coach Eric Meek's squad.

The 5-11, 170-pounder was an honorable mention all-West Virginia pick, as well as first-team all-OVAC. He was a first-team all-state player as a sophomore.

Jordan — who plans on

attending WVU — is the son of Kris Taflan and Ron Taflan.

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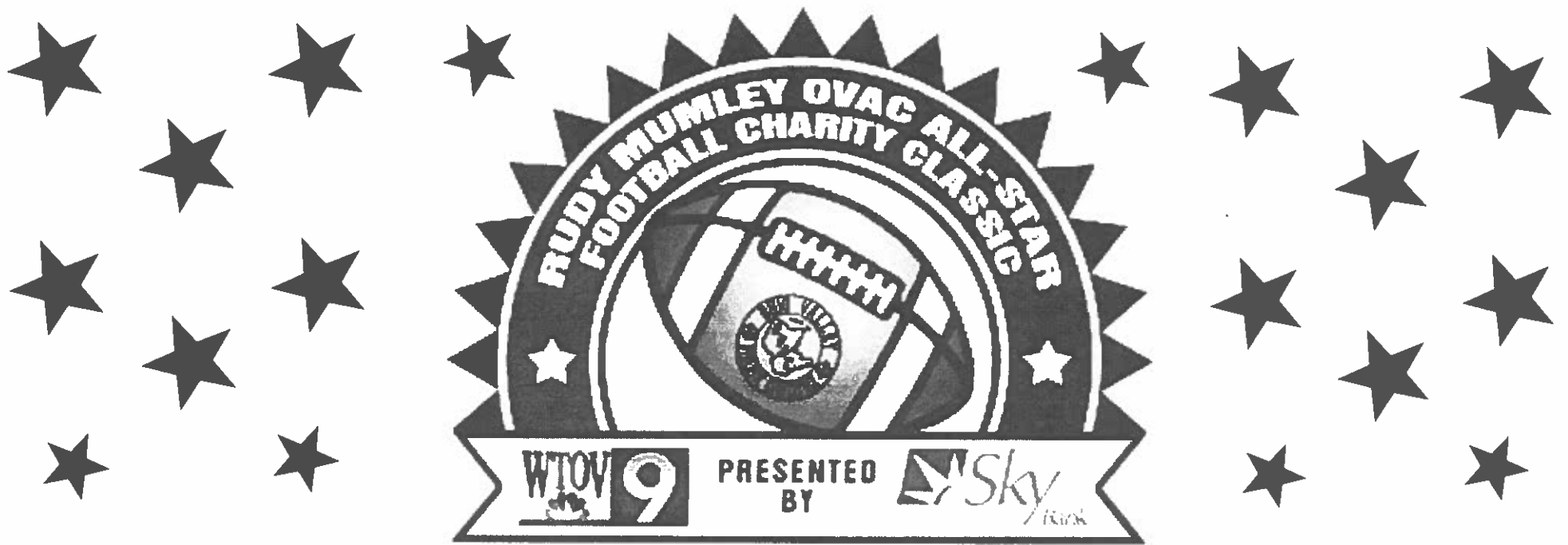
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Batton, Staff Thrilled for Opportunity

Magnolia coaches looking forward to OVAC challenge

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

All-Star Games aren't just honors for the athletes set to take part.

The coaches picked to work the game are also bestowed an honor and it's one that Mark Batton and his Blue Eagles' staff didn't have to think twice about when they were approached to coach in this year's annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, slated for July 29th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"Our staff has been together since I've been the head coach," Batton said. "We never hesitated a minute when (the OVAC) called and asked us to do this. We're looking forward to the challenge and we're going to up to camp and hopefully have a good time, meet some great kids and then

hopefully win the football game."

Slated to join Batton on the Mountaineers sideline are: Dave Grandstaff, Todd Barcus, Bob Ripley, John Wesley Smith and Craig Schneid.

Here is a capsule look at the coaches:

MARK BATTON - This veteran Blue Eagles mentor has been successful since he took over the program eight years ago.

Batton has led the Blue Eagles to the playoffs four times, including a berth in the state semifinals in 2001. They also won the OVAC title that season.

Batton has been selected to coach in the West Virginia North-South Game as well as the BACF game. He's had nine first-team all-state selections, and he owns a 50-36 career record.

Along with his football duties, the 1977 Magnolia and 1981 West Liberty graduate is also the head softball coach and previously worked with the boys basketball and track teams. During his years on

those staffs, the Blue Eagles captured four state championships, three in track and the 2000 hoop title.

Mark and his wife Vicki have three daughters: Abi (23), Dani (18) and Brittany (16). He's also got a grandson, Kaleb (3).

DAVE GRANDSTAFF - This former OVAC All-Star has spent 14 years on the staff of his alma mater.

The 1967 graduate has received the Magnolia High School Athletic Boosters Life Achievement Award.

Dave and his wife Melinda have four children: Matt, Paul, Angie and Rachel.

TODD BARCUS - This 1997 Blue Eagles graduate has returned to his roots to serve as a teacher and coach.

Barcus graduated from Magnolia in 1997 and went to Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, S.C. to play baseball, but he finished his degree at West Virginia in 2001.

Since returning from college, Barcus has been a member of the Blue Eagles staff for five

years and was on the baseball staff in 2003 and 2004.

Todd and his wife Angie reside in New Martinsville.

BOB RIPLEY - This veteran coach has been around the Blue Eagles' program for 28 seasons.

Ripley - a Newcomerstown graduate - earned his bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College and then his Masters from Salem College.

He's been a basketball coach at Magnolia during his stint there as well. He served as the head coach for six years and was an assistant coach for two years.

Bob and his wife Jane have three children: Chase, Brett and Ashton.

CRAIG SCHNEID - This legendary Blue Eagles track coach has also been an eight-year member of the Magnolia football staff.

All told, Schnied has coached football for 15 seasons. He's also coached at St. John and for 18 years was the track coach for the Blue Eagles, winning numerous

state championships.

In 2002, Schnied was named OVAC Coach of the Year and in 2003 he received a Dapper Dan Man of the Year.

The West Liberty State College product currently coaches track at Wheeling Central. He earned a Masters Degree from WVU in Safety Administration.

Craig and his wife Renee have two children, Aaron (14) and Adeline (13).

JOHN WESLEY SMITH - This 2002 Blue Eagles product was a two-sport standout during his years at Magnolia.

He was a two-time all-state pick and was twice all-Valley and all-OVAC.

Smith went on to earn his bachelor's degree from West Virginia and returned to serve on Batton's staff this past fall.

John resides in New Martinsville.

Batton announces defensive backfield and special teams

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

When Mark Batton and the West Virginia coaching staff sat down to select wide receivers he had in mind of selecting a bundle of guys who could also help in the defensive backfield.

Needless to say, he thinks he's got the right people for the challenge in Sunday, July 29th's OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic slated for Wheeling Island Stadium.

The players report to camp Sunday to begin preparations and with today's announcement of specialties and defensive backs, Batton and company have completed their roster.

"We got a lot of kids we feel we can move around from place to place," Batton confessed. "We feel as if we've got great speed, and that's something we'll need because of the speed that Ohio has. We can't let (Ohio) pick us apart. Our defensive backs are definitely going to have to make plays."

Battling for action in the defensive secondary are: Dustin Snodgrass, Weir's Jordan Taflan, Wheeling Central's Patrick Henry and Tyler's Matt Dotson.

John Marshall's Matt Deel was selected to handle the kicking and punting duties.

Here is a capsule look at the

players:

MATT DOTSON, Tyler - This former Silver Knight was a two-way standout for Coach Rob Caldwell's bunch the past several seasons.

The 5-ft-10, 165 pounder caught 36 passes for 502 yards and six touchdowns for the Silver Knights. At the same time, he was a standout at safety.

Along with the OVAC Game, Dotson took part in the BACF game earlier this summer. He was first-team all-Mid Ohio Valley, all-OVAC and special mention all-Valley.

Away from the field, Dotson received the Presidents Education Award, Top of the Mountain Academic Scholar, the WVU Achievement Scholarship and the Promise Scholarship.

Matt - who plans on attending West Virginia - is the son of Jay and Mary Dotson of Middlebourne.

DUSTIN SNODGRASS, Brooke - This former Bruin was also a two-way standout for Coach Dave Reitter, playing wide receiver and corner.

His defensive skills didn't

go unnoticed seeing he was named team defensive MVP and led the team with eight interceptions. He was nominated for the U.S. Army Ironman and is listed amongst the state leaders for picks.

He was a member of the King's Court, All-State Academic Team and the National All-Star Team.

DUSTIN - who is the son of Bernard and Nancy Snodgrass - is planning on attending Marshall University.

JORDAN TAFLAN, Weir High - This former Red Rider made his mark as a wide receiver this past fall for Coach Eric Meek's squad.

The 5-ft-11, 170 pounder was an honorable mention all-West Virginia pick, as well as first-team all-OVAC. He was a first-team all-state player as a sophomore.

Jordan - who plans on attending WVU - is the son of Kris Taflan and Ron Taflan.

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Sunday, July 15, 2007

Ohio loaded with linemen

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

Brett McLean knew what he was looking for when he and his coaching staff sat down to pick the offensive lineman for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

"We like a mobile line," McLean said. "We wanted bigger kids who could move." Definitely not a bad idea or a bad place to start.

The annual Mumley Classic - where the athletic Ohio lineman



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will be on display - is scheduled for Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"I've been trained to believe that all games are won by linemen, and we wanted to make sure we got as

many good ones as we could."

The Buckeyes' coaches had plenty of names to sift through when they were making their picks, making the job even more difficult.

"There were linemen nominated

than any other position," McLean advised. "There were a lot of great guys nominated and we tried to take as many as we can."

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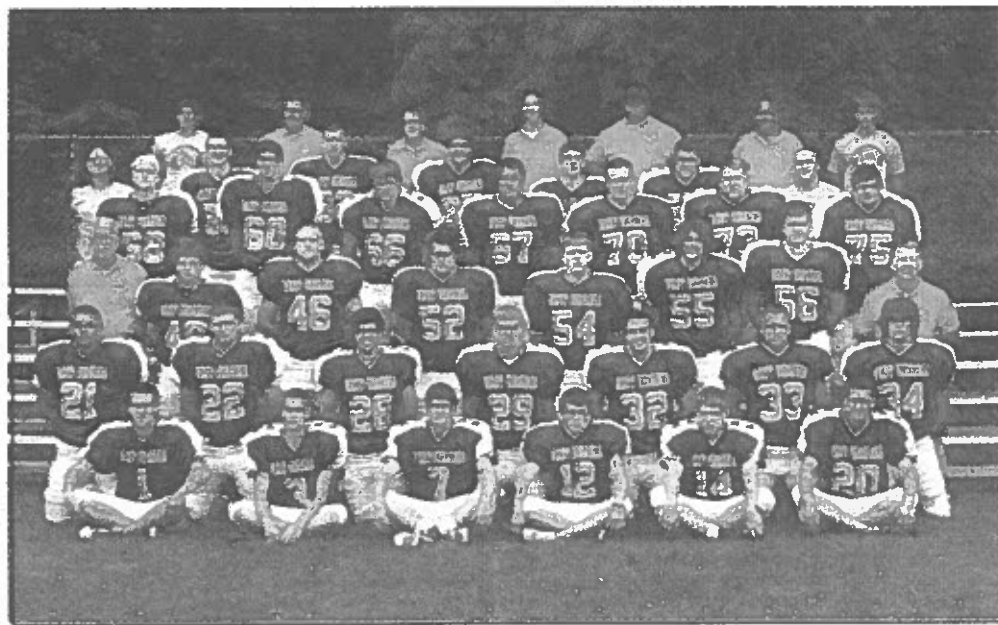
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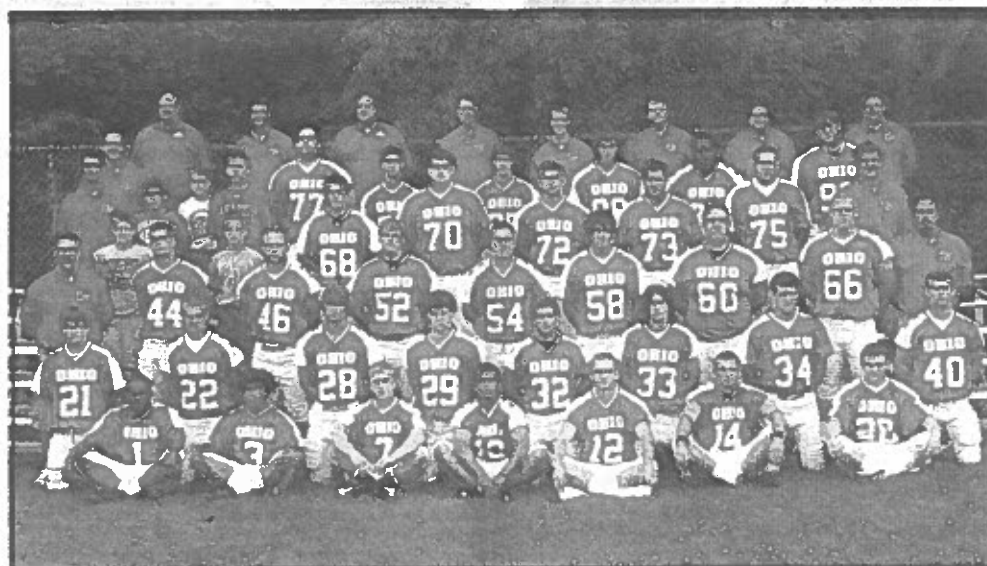


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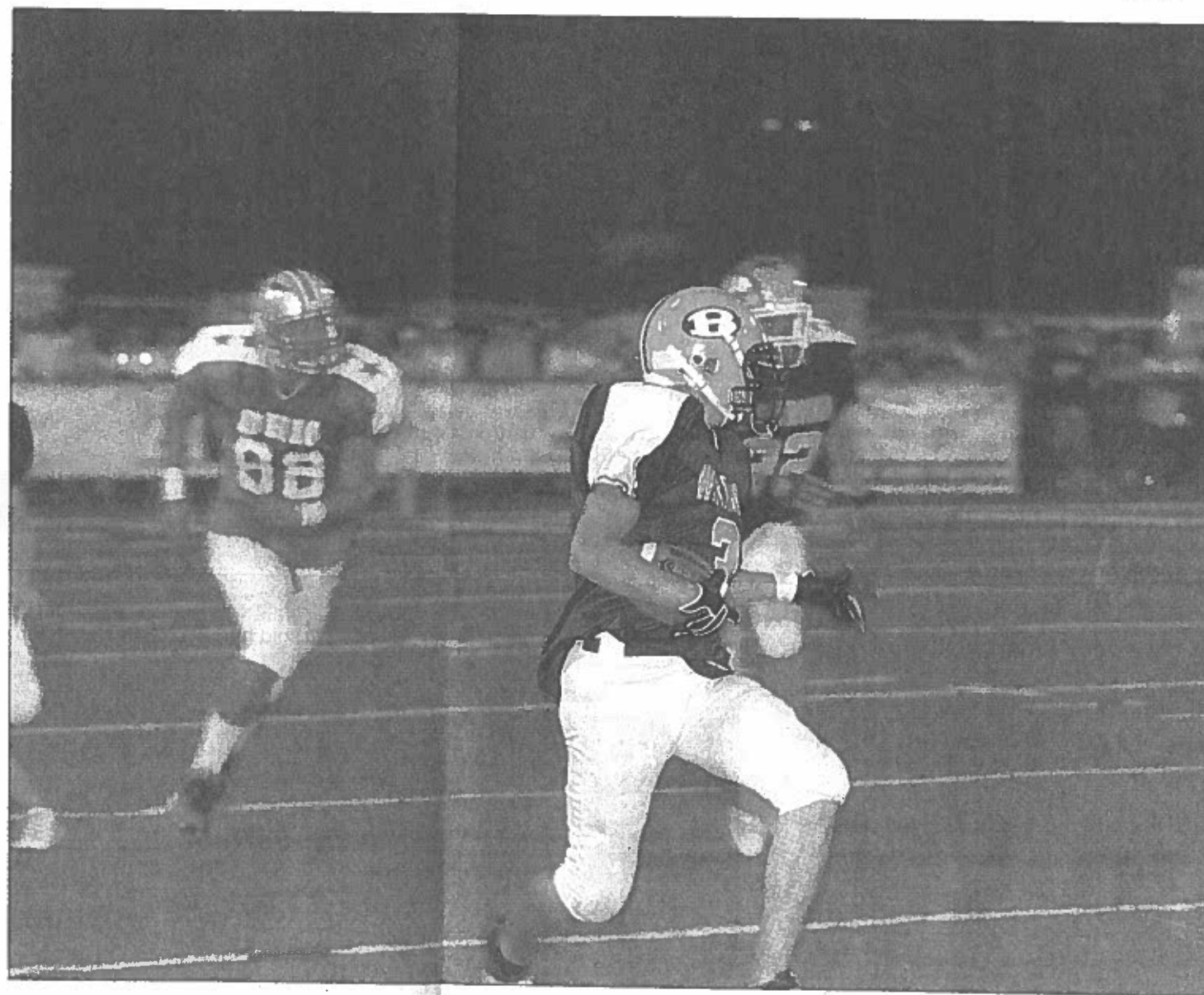
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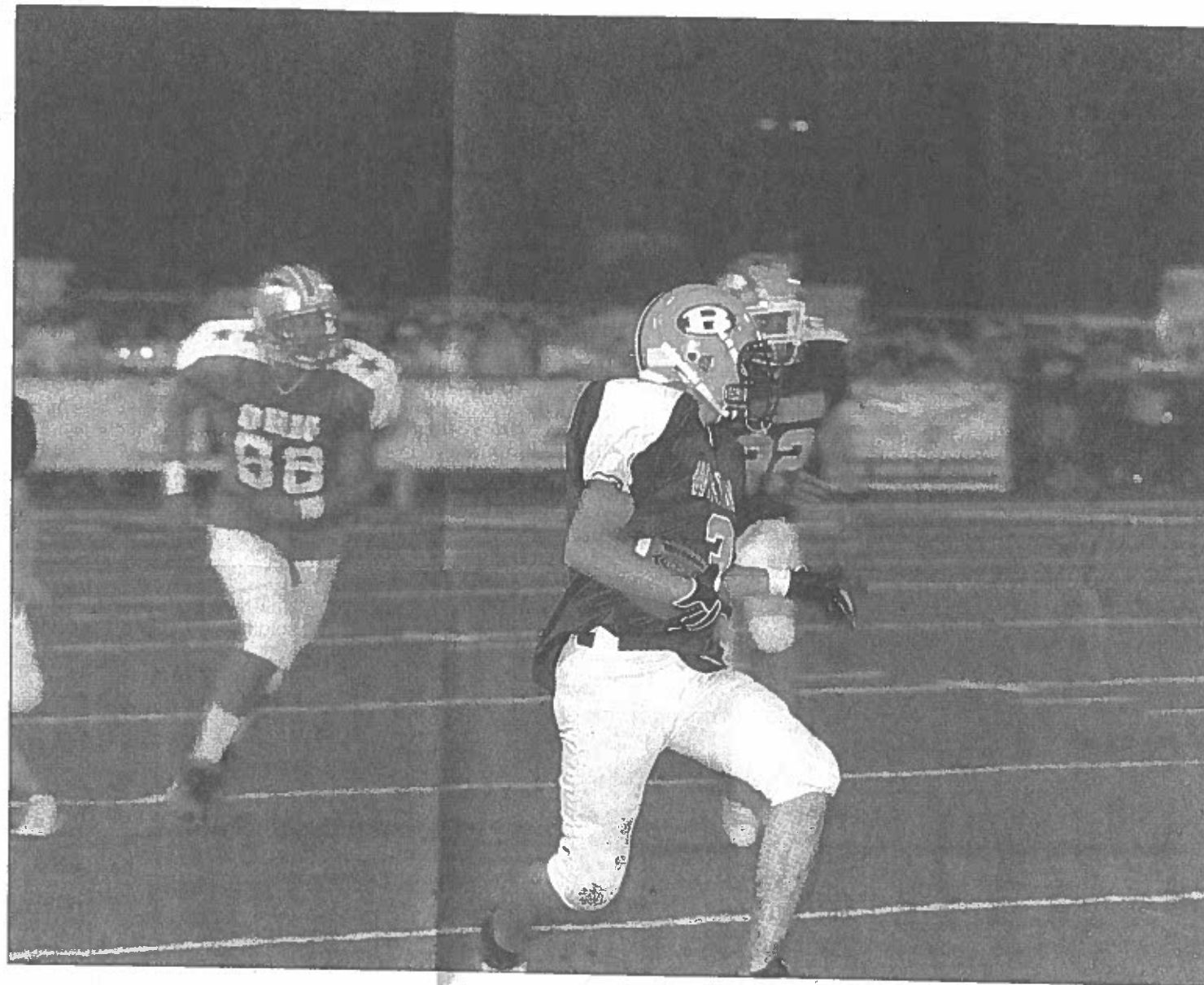
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Coming into the 62nd annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, people think about who's going to step up and make a big play to help his team.

And go figure, it's a guy from the area's top prep football program that delivers.

Steubenville's Maurice Bougard, who owns two state track sprint titles and played on two state football championship teams, was one of the guys that people thought could be a difference maker because you can't coach the type of speed that he brought with him from Jefferson County.

And needless to say, he followed the script that was written.

The Big Red product hauled in a Nick Rocchio pass and out-raced everyone down the right sideline to score the only

touchdown of the game and give his Buckeyes a cherished 6-3 victory against the Mountaineer rivals at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"Anything can happen," said Ohio and St. Clairsville head coach Brett McLean shortly after the game ended. "You think the world is against you, and by no means was it coaching. These kids got it done with their athletic ability, and we'll sure take it."

For Bougard, it was just a matter of time.

The speedster played much of the game out of the backfield, but with Ohio facing a 3-0 deficit inside of a minute to play with nary a timeout, he shifted to the outside.

"I told Nick to throw the ball up and let me go get it," Bougard said after leading the celebration with his teammates. "Luckily, I had the speed to go get the ball and score."

Rocchio, who led his Big Reds to an amazing come-from-behind victory against Wheeling Park on the island last August, laid a perfectly thrown spiral out and Bougard and went and got it. From there, it was a foot race that the Division II 100 and 200 champion wasn't going to lose.

"He told me the whole game that he would get behind (the defensive backs)," Rocchio said.

"He runs incredibly fast, so I knew I just had to throw the ball up and he would go catch it."

Basically that's what happened.

After the Mountaineers defense picked up a first down and forced Ohio to spend its timeouts, the Mountaineers drive eventually stalled, forcing a punt. John Marshall's Matt Deel drove the punt down to the Buckeyes' 8-yard line with just 64 seconds showing on the clock.

"We watched Bellaire and Steubenville highlight tapes all week and Nick and Maurice both made huge plays when it counted for their teams," McLean said. "You just saw two kids from different schools come together to make it happen, which tells me we had a good week."

Seemed like a tall task for a Buckeyes' offense that had moved the ball well, but couldn't get untracked once it penetrated enemy territory.

On the ensuing play, Rocchio went for the home run ball and Bougard delivered against one-on-one coverage.

"When I saw the one-one-coverage, I started drooling," Rocchio said of the defensive alignment. "We had great practices every day and our team chemistry was great. This is a great way to end the week."

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Ohio

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Bougard caught the ball just beyond the 40 and did the rest himself.

"I felt the guy behind me, but I didn't think he could catch me," Bougard said. "I was getting a little nervous because this is the biggest game around here each year. Football is what pushes the valley, and we wanted to come out and put on a good show."

With the quick-strike of the Ohio offense, it still left West Virginia with a chance. The Mountaineers got the ball back with less than 50 seconds to play, but as it had done the entire game, the Ohio defense delivered.

After an incompletion and a short pass to Wheeling Park's Andy Goldbaugh, Cy Mozingo's desperation heave was picked off by East Liverpool's Joey Wines, sealing the deal for the Buckeyes.

"This one is going to take a couple of days to recover from," said West Virginia head coach Mark Batton, who has to be at practice with his Blue Eagles this morning at 9 a.m. "Our six coaches and these players were the only ones who gave us a chance. Our kids came out here and played their rear ends off, and I am so proud of them for that."

The effort that West Virginia put forth didn't surprise McLean who played for the Mountaineers in the 1996 contest.

"I knew West Virginia would be prepared to play," McLean said. "Coach Batton and I ran two totally different camps I think, but it goes to show there is more than one right way to do things. This is what makes this game so awesome. I played high school football in West Virginia, and I know they can play the game over there."

The Ohio defense stuffed the first Mountaineers drive of the game on the 4 when Martins Ferry's Ryan Zann pounced

on a fumble.

For the game, the Buckeyes limited West Virginia to zero rushing yards and 126 yards passing on 13 of 21 by Mozingo. Goldbaugh caught seven balls for 94 yards.

The Buckeyes' defense received big efforts from Bellaire's Jordan Traylinek, Indian Creek's Joe Pulver, Martins Ferry's Ryan Mirich, Steubenville's Tyree Dunn, Barnesville's Paul Jefferis to name a few.

Ohio amassed 159 yards rushing and Rocchio threw for 263 yards on 21 of 37 passing. He was picked off twice. Bougard caught seven passes for 125 yards. Bellaire's Jayson Keyser caught five passes for 73 yards. Cambridge's Stephen Ford led the rushing attack. He carried the ball 24 times for 84 yards. Bougard contributed 51 yards on seven totes.

"We got up and down the field," McLean said. "We moved the ball, but we just couldn't put it in the end zone. We got a score taken away from us and that took something out of us because we struggled to get it down there, but these kids were resilient and showed their heart."

OVAC NOTES

WHEELING PARK'S Corinne Tork was crowned Queen of Queens at halftime. Brooke's Kylie Jo Shaffer was the first runnerup.

MORE THAN 30 members of the OVAC All-Star Class of 1997 returned for the 10-year reunion. According to program director Steve Kish, it was the biggest group ever to return.

PRIOR TO the game, a standing ovation was given to members of the 150th Army-Aviation Battalion Company C of the West Virginia National Guard that recently returned from Iraq. They were honored prior to the game and took part in the coin flip along with the 1946 honorees most of which were involved in World War II.

Slated to do the yeoman's work in the trenches are: Monroe Central's Matt Ischy, Barnesville's Paul Jefferis, Buckeye Trail's Chad Kinder, Steubenville Catholic's Ryan Kuczykowski, Cambridge's John Nicolozakes, Shadyside's Vinnie Ritchie, Barnesville's Andy Spiczenski and East Liverpool's Eric Diagosta.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

MATT ISCHY, Monroe Central - This former Seminole was a mainstay for Coach Jay Circosta's squad the past season.

The 5-ft-9, 195 pounder earned first-team all-Ohio accolades as well as all-Eastern District, all-Times Leader, all-OVAC and all-PVC.

Ischy also gets it done in the classroom where he's a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, Drama Club and a PVC Scholar Athlete. He's also been selected to the OVAC All-Academic Team. Ischy has been on the principal's list, Kiwanis Scholarship Banquet and the Monroe Academic Awards Banquet. He also attended Buckeye Boys State. Matt - who plans on attending Marietta College - is the son of John and Maria Ischy of Sardis.

PAUL JEFFERIS, Barnesville - This Shamrock two-way lineman played a key role in the Barnesville success on both sides of the ball for Coach Luke Johnson.

The 6-ft-1, 225 pounder received numerous post-season awards in football, but it was on the wrestling mat where he made his mark in Shamrocks' lure.

Jefferis was the state runnerup in Division III at 215 pounds. He posted a 47-2 record for the season and was both the sectional and district champion as well as the OVAC champion. His win total is a single-season school record.

PAUL - who plans on attending Muskingum College - is the son of the late Paul Jefferis and Sandra Jefferis and he resides in Barnesville.

CHAD KINDER, Buckeye Trail - This Warrior mainstay helped anchor an offensive and defensive line that led Trail to the Division VI playoffs this past season.

The 6-ft-1, 240 pounder was recognized for his efforts with his placement on the all-Ohio second team. He was a first-team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-PVC pick.

CHAD - who plans on attending Cleveland State University - is the son of Elmer and Candi Kinder of Quaker City.

RYAN KUCZYKOWSKI, Steubenville Catholic - This Crusader was a four-year regular for Coach Gregg Bahen, helping Catholic Central to a state runner-up finish in 2005.

The 6-ft-4, 265 pounder was a two-way tackle and he earned first-team all-OVAC and honorable mention all-Ohio. As a junior, he was a second-team all-Ohioan.

In 2007, Kuczykowski earned the Award of Merit and he's been a member of the school's honor roll for all four years of high school.

He's active in the community as a fifth-sixth grade basketball coach.

RYAN - who plans on attending Robert Morris University - is the son of Dan and Michelle Kuczykowski of Steubenville.

JOHN NICOLOZAKES, Cambridge - This Bobcat was one of the main reasons that Ohio and Cambridge tailback Stephen Ford put forth the numbers he did.

The 6-ft-1, 290 pounder was a three-year mainstay for Coach Rick Goodrich's Bobcats.

He's twice earned ECOL Offensive Lineman of the Year and twice earned first-team all-District, all-OVAC and all-Valley. He was a two-time special mention all-Ohio pick.

JOHN - who is the son of Dean and Tina Nicolozakes - is undecided upon his future plans.

VINNIE RITCHIE, Shadyside - This Tiger two-way lineman anchored the front for Coach Ty Fleming's Tigers the past several seasons, which resulted in a state runnerup this past fall.

The 5-ft-10, 240 pounder was an all-district, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader performer.

He's also a standout on the track where he qualified for the Division III state discus competition as a sophomore and the regionals each of the past two seasons.

VINNIE - who is the son of Okey and Kathy Ritchie - plans on attending Penn Commercial.

ANDY SPICZENSKI, Barnesville - This Shamrock earned all-Ohio status after anchoring his school's offensive line all season and allowing it to post a 10-0 season and a berth in the playoffs.

The 6-ft-2, 240 pounder was a second-team all-stater, first-team all-Eastern District, first-team all-OVAC and all-Times Leader.

Spiczenski also lettered in basketball and baseball during his years at the Western Belmont County school.

Away from athletics, Spiczenski also excels. He's a member of the National Honor Society; serves as class president; achieved the honor roll, and was the student council president. He's also active in SADD, SAA, German Club, History Club, Ski Club.

ANDY - who plans on attending Miami University - is the son of Mike and Lynn Spiczenski of Barnesville.

ERIC DIAGOSTA, East Liverpool - This former Potter was a key cog in the Liverpool success thanks to his play as a two-way tackle.

The 6-ft-3, 295 pounder was a second-team all-District and first-team all-OVAC pick.

He was also a standout in wrestling and baseball. He was a member of the East Liverpool band and took part in the annual high school musical.

ERIC - who plans on wrestling at The Ohio State University - is the son of Theresa DiAgosta of East Liverpool.

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Mumley Game Notebook: Jefferis, Keyser can't wait for tonight

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

For Barnesville's Paul Jefferis and Bellaire's Jayson Keyser tonight's game is taking on an even bigger meaning.

Jefferis is looking to close out his prep sports career with yet another big showing. He helped the Shamrocks to a perfect regular season and a second-round playoff berth. He then went into wrestling, won the OVAC and finished second in the state tournament. He's also doing it for his dad who passed away.

"It's been a dream of mine to play in this game," Jefferis said during media day. "It was great to have two great sports seasons, and it's just an honor for me to be here."

The Shamrocks were ousted prematurely in the Division V playoffs last fall, dropping a tough verdict to Warren JFK who subsequently went on to finish second in the state.

"That was a tough loss to take," Jefferis explained. "A lot of people probably didn't expect us to do as well as we did. We worked hard, and I guess that shows what you can do when you work hard."

After that loss, Jefferis went right to work on the wrestling mat. He reeled off win after win and finished with just two losses for the season and one of those came in the state title match.

"I had always thought I had the ability to possibly win the state championship," Jefferis explained. "I may have surprised some people, but I always knew in the back of my mind I was capable."

While doing all of the athletic work for the Shamrocks, not a minute went by when Jefferis wasn't thinking about his dad.

"I think of my dad all the time when I am playing sports," Jefferis said. "He loves sports, and it's nice to know that he's looking down and watching me."



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HOPING TO lead the Ohio squad to a victory in tonight's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic are these Ohio cheerleaders. Front row, from left, are Kim Roberts (Indian Creek), Abby McClelland (Barnesville), Lauren DeFilippo (St. Clairsville), Gloria Dawes (Union Local) and Kelsey Jendrusik (Union Local). Back row, from left, are Shaleeta Smith (Indian Creek), Nina Piergallini (Buckeye Local), Heather Palmer (River), Brianna Wilson (Bridgeport) and Courtney Libertore (Bellaire). *Additional images available at cu.timesleaderonline.com*

all-star games under the OVAC umbrella even though the conference hadn't been formed, making this the 62nd game.

To honor that, Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak went on a mission to locate members of the 1946 squads. Of the players, seven Ohioans and 12 West Virginia players are still alive. Of that number, eight are planning on being in attendance this evening.

Those who are planning on returning include: Bellaire's John Teasdale, Linsly's Lawrence Bauman, Triadelphia's Tom Clemens, Wheeling's Jim Collins, Plennie Clutter, B.C. Clutter

Queen of Queens contestants who are returning this year include: Alicia Wittenbrock (Barnesville), Luana Clark Palimetakis (Bridgeport), Melissa Magyar (Shadyside), Amber Webb-Lavin (Weir) and Jennifer Lee Goddard (Wheeling Park).

2006 GAME: The aforementioned Goodrich will receive a plaque Sunday evening for coaching in last year's game. He was opposed by Weir High's Eric Meek. Both will be recognized during the game.

MCDONALD'S OVAC ALL-STAR BAND: This year's version of the all-star band is under the direction of

Central), Savanna Keller (Tyler), Sarah Pryor (Paden City), Molly Schorr (Bishop Donahue), Erica Shaffer (Brooke) and Brittany Taylor (John Marshall).

FAMILY HISTORY: No fewer than six Ohio players are connected to the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic through family members.

St. Clairsville's Bryant Cappelletti had his grandfather play in the 1947 game, which was the second-ever. Matt Ischy of Monroe Central was present to watch his brother play in 2004. Trey Masciarelli's brother Ty and

cap, while Pete Tamborello is the umpire. Tom DeMuth is the head linesman and David Frey is the line judge. Larry Rine is the side judge and Alan Cox is the back judge.

CHARITY CLASSIC: The Mumley game is without a doubt a charity event. Over the course of the game, there's been more than \$780,000 dollars donated to charity organizations and scholarships throughout the Ohio Valley.

FOOTBALL CLINIC: Want to play in the OVAC All-Star Game some day? If you are an area youth between the ages of 6-13 and want to begin to fine-tune your football

McDonald's OVAC Band

Barnesville - Justin Conway, Derek Deal, Hailey Hopton, Kelsey Menges, Alora Moore, Chelsea Pryor, Lucas Woofler.

Beallsville - Andrew Emrik.
Beaver Local - Charles Miller.
Bellaire - Aaron Kennedy, Alysia Salva, Angela Mort, Bethany Steele, Bonnie Thompson, Brendan Clegg, Courtney Bosold, Eric Milovac, Ishara Henerly, Jessica Masters, Justine Cox, Kyle Cook, Kylee Lashhorn, Rebecca Andrews.

Bridgeport - Marissa Logen, Jessica Palmer.

Brooke - Jerid Withers, Kelsey Ohler, Paige Govey, Chris Hardy, Mark Lewis, Matthew Malanese.

Buckeye Local - Rachel Guy, Chelsea Helms, Paul Jancura, Ronni Balvin, Kevin Abraham, Josh Tester, Michael Anderson, Jessica Lewton, Elizabeth Bowman, Erika Richardson, Amanda Lovell, Joseph McGuire, Brittany Kelly, Lanson Beall, Andrew Ferguson, Sommer Soboda, Sierra Soboda, Bree Rutherford.

Buckeye Trail - Samantha Showalter, Amy Parry, Jerica Baker, Josh Bodner.

Cameron - Clifford Arbogast, Carolyn Kinnear, Samantha Simmons, Cheyanna Fletcher.

Harrison Central - Katie Erbacher, Westley Moore, James Snodgrass, Josh Yeske, Kristen Henline, Alison Malfitt, Gena Everhart, Annie Long.

Indian Creek - Brittany Roe.
John Marshall - David Patrick Meyer, Wilson Ashley, Raylynn Gross, Michael Kuzma, Patrick Meyer, Deanna Cecil, Caitlin Foster.

Martins Ferry - Olivia Campbell, James Bero, Alesha Flores, Amanda Tidmore, Autumn Foschia, Jack Fisher, Jessica Otto, Eric Tidmore, Tabitha McCracken, Alanna Ackerman, Kassi Lude, Leian Riggs, Erni Gray, Samantha Thompson.

Meadowbrook - Jessica Barker.
Monroe Central - Amanda Forni, Jacob Forni, Vinnie Folmar, Jessica Kirkbride, Taylor Wilson, Ashton Bondy, Brittany McConaughy.

Mount de Chantal - Francesca Davis.

River - Natasha McPeck.
Shadyside - Adam Harris, Chelsea Tamburin, Taylor Minger, Jay Koval, Christa Frazier.

St. Clairsville - Dustin Janezic, Lindsay Reed, Megan Casebolt, Sarah Ostrander, Steve Armstrong, April Elizeus, Casey Cross, Karen Sommers, Kevin Kalany, Casey Strobe, Julia Thrash, Jo Burdyn, Emily Coleman, Malerie Anderson, Sara Molnar, Brittany Perkins, Anthony Bonnette, Robert Brumfield, Zach Ratka, Courtney Tucker, Amy Summers, Rebecca Clark, Nichole Riggie, Kyle Heintzelman, Clayton Kleevic, Scott Jackson, Sean Janezic.

St. John Central - Audra Marci.
Steubenville Central - Charlie Dickey, Morgan Wood, Marcus Giannamore, Brandon Albarano, Elizabeth Porter, Bethany Ledyard, Austin Mattioli, Michelle Vaudrain, Rebecca McGrain, Maria Sengenberger, Brandi Damron, Pilar Davin.

Steubenville - Christopher

loves sports, and it's nice to know that he's looking down and watching me."

Keyser was coming into his senior season fresh off a state runner-up finish in the Division II state track meet at 200 meters. He enjoyed a brilliant football season, helping the Big Reds to the state semi-finals and yet another perfect season. He then went on to the basketball court where he was a standout player.

Then came track season again with big goals for his senior campaign. However, in a meet in late March, Keyser pulled his hamstring and was never the same. He ran in the district and qualified to the regionals where he made the finals in the 100 meter dash, but was edged out on his fourth trip to the state meet.

"I took two or three weeks off (after track) and didn't do anything," Keyser said. "I was doing some running with a brace and was able to run, but it still hurt a little bit the first couple of times I ran."

Since then, it's been full go for Keyser who plans to play football at Akron.

"I am been sprinting hard doing the conditioning work to get ready," Keyser said. "I haven't had any problems, and I think I am finally back to 100 percent."

His selection to tonight's game actually took him by surprise.

"We had a lot of good players this season (at Bellaire)," Keyser said. "I thought I might have been the odd one out, but I am happy to be here, trying to help Ohio win."

Not only is Keyser looking at the game as an honor, but also a way to prepare himself for what lies ahead with the Zips.

"This is going to help me, so I am able to go up there ready to hit," Keyser said. "I will be somewhat used to the game speed and used to having the pads on again."

PATRIOT GAME : One of the highlights of this year's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic will take place before the game even kicks off.

The OVAC decided earlier this year to include all of the

Triadelphia's Tom Clemens, Wheeling's Jim Collins, Plennie Clutter, B.C. Clutter, Ray Lewicki and Tom Murad will all be in attendance and recognized this evening.

10-YEAR REUNION: Another reunion will be held at the conclusion of the third quarter when the players, coaches queens and cheerleaders from the 1997 game will be recognized.

Those planning on returning to take part include: Matt Johnson (Barnesville), Chas Call (Bellaire), Bubba Sechrest (Bellaire), Mike Picetti



(Bridgeport), Bryan Widmor (Bridgeport), Gary Brandon (River), Jim Hunt (River), Nick Porter (St. Clairsville) and Tony

Gregor (Union Local). The coach for that game was Rick Goodrich who was at Bridgeport at the time.

West Virginia players making their way back include: Jay Walton (Bishop Donahue), Adam West (Magnolia), Brian Fialkowski (Linsly), Scott Holt (Wheeling Central), Todd Sperringer (Brooke), Brent Wear (Wheeling Central), Daniel Garbark (Wheeling Park). The Mountaineers were coached by Linsly's Terry Depew.

ALL-STAR BAND: This year's version of the all-star band is under the direction of West Virginia University Band Director Jay Drury. The band of more than 200 will wow the crowd tonight during the pre-game and halftime shows.

OVAC ALL-STAR CHEERLEADERS: The cheerleaders are prime for their performance tonight to help their respective squad post another victory in the game. Under the direction of advisers Lori Roberts of Indian Creek and Stephanie Jendrusik of Union Local, the Buckeye cheerleaders have been working on their routine since Wednesday when they reported to West Liberty State College for camp.

The West Virginia cheerleaders - under the guidance of Kristi Rogerson of John Marshall - will also be in action tonight.

The Ohio squad is comprised of Gloria Dawes (Union Local), Lauren DeFilippo (St. Clairsville), Kelsey Jendrusik (Union Local), Courtney Liberatore (Bellaire), Abby McClelland (Barnesville), Heather Palmer (River), Nina Piergallini (Buckeye Local), Kim Roberts (Indian Creek), Shaletta Smith (Indian Creek) and Brianna Wilson (Bridgeport).

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play in 2004. Trey Masciarelli's brother Ty and father Joe both played in the game in 1998 and 1975, respectively. Joe Pulver's grandfather (Stanley Barezinsky) and step-father Randy Kerstetter played. Andy Spiczenski's brother Danny played in the game three years ago, representing Barnesville. Ryan Zann's brother Adam took part in the 1999 game, representing Martins Ferry.

FLAG-ON-THE-PLAY: The officials for tonight's game are all veterans. Ken Kasserman will wear the white

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From 1 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. there will be a camp held with area college and high school coaches presiding to teach the game of football.

The clinic is free and open to boys and girls. Registration begins at noon at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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Toronto - Justin Poole, Danielle Maple, Matt Rampello, Gloria Howard, Hannah Porier.
Union Local - Brittany Williams, Cameron Dacar, Serena Bryant, Samantha Cruise, Ryan Hortsman, Bethany Simms, Jessica Diaz, Kristen Fraley, Marty Jellison, Lindsay Johnson, Lauren Dacar, Emily Simpson, Brittany Chesnick.
Valley - Amanda Shaver, Alexandra Higginbotham.
Weir - Courtney Boyles, Tom Gruda, Matthew Wilson, Ariel Harris, Mandela Carey, Mary Ward, Ashley John, Ashley Herchuck, Kirsten Anderson.
Wheeling Park - Kristen Espina, Kaitlyn McKittrick, Shelby Clark, Fawn Quick, T.J. Espina, Brandon Bellanca.

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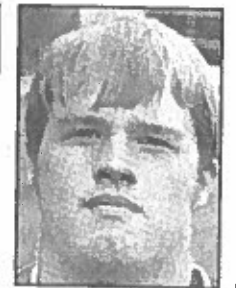
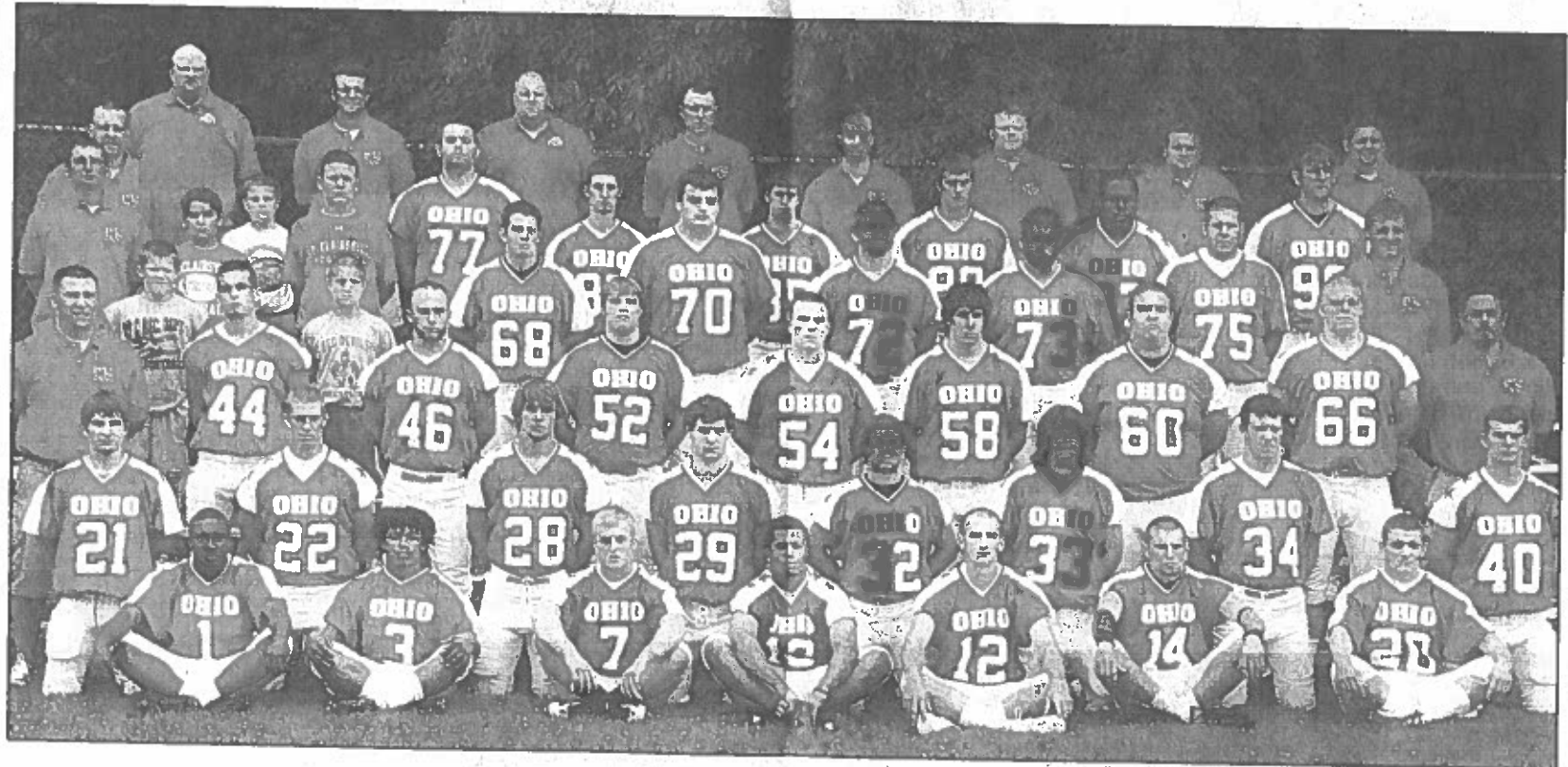
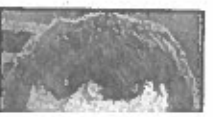
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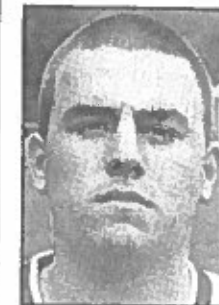
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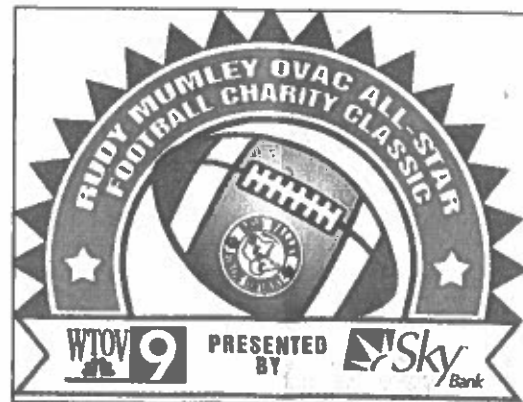
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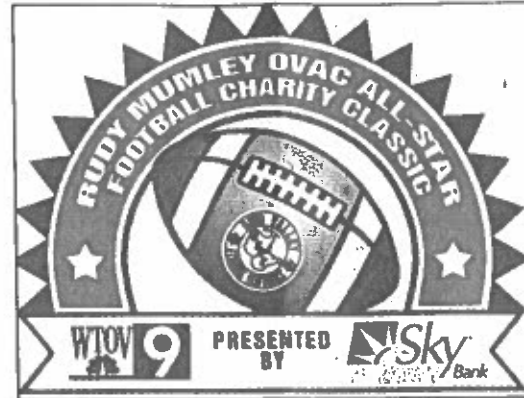
Magnolia and West Virginia head coach Mark Batton has also enjoyed the week. He's enjoyed watching his 30-plus players come together as a unit as the week went along.

"At first, we were a little unsure with what we were going to do. We had to see what we had," Batton said. "We tried a few different things and we kept some of our older things. All in all, I really like this bunch of kids. Nice group of players who went out and busted their tails."

McLean announced his starting lineup for tonight's game Friday prior to the Queen of Queens pageant.

The Buckeyes are going with Bellaire's Nick Rocchio under center. Barnesville's Steven Shumaker - who could see time at wide receiver - will serve as the backup.

In the backfield, Cambridge's Stephen Ford and Steubenville's Maurice Bougard will see the bulk of the load. Ford is the all-time rushing record holder in Bobcats' history and Bougard is



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moving to the backfield after serving the Big Red as a wide receiver.

"Maurice has the ability and vision to run the ball in the type of offense that we're going to run," McLean advised. "We're going to line him up some next to the quarterback and then outside some. We're going to try to utilize some of the things that he's capable of."

With a guy like Ford who carried upwards of 40 times on a slow night during the regular season, the Buckeyes are capable of playing the smash-mouth style, but McLean and offensive coordinator Donnie Giffin have some other tricks up their sleeve to take advantage of their play-makers.

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Providing the protection and opening the running lanes will be a more than capable group of offensive linemen.

Buckeye Trail's Chad Kinder will anchor the offensive front at the center spot. Shadyside's Vinnie Ritchie and Barnesville's Andy Spiczenski will line up at the guard spots. Cambridge's John Nicolzakes and Steubenville Catholic's Ryan Kuczykowski will begin at the tackle spots.

The Mountaineer defense, which is going to have to try to keep this high-powered Buckeyes' team in check, plans on trying to get to the quarterback.

"The big thing for us is to not give up the big play," Batton said. "We can't let them get behind us or let them catch the short pass and turn it into



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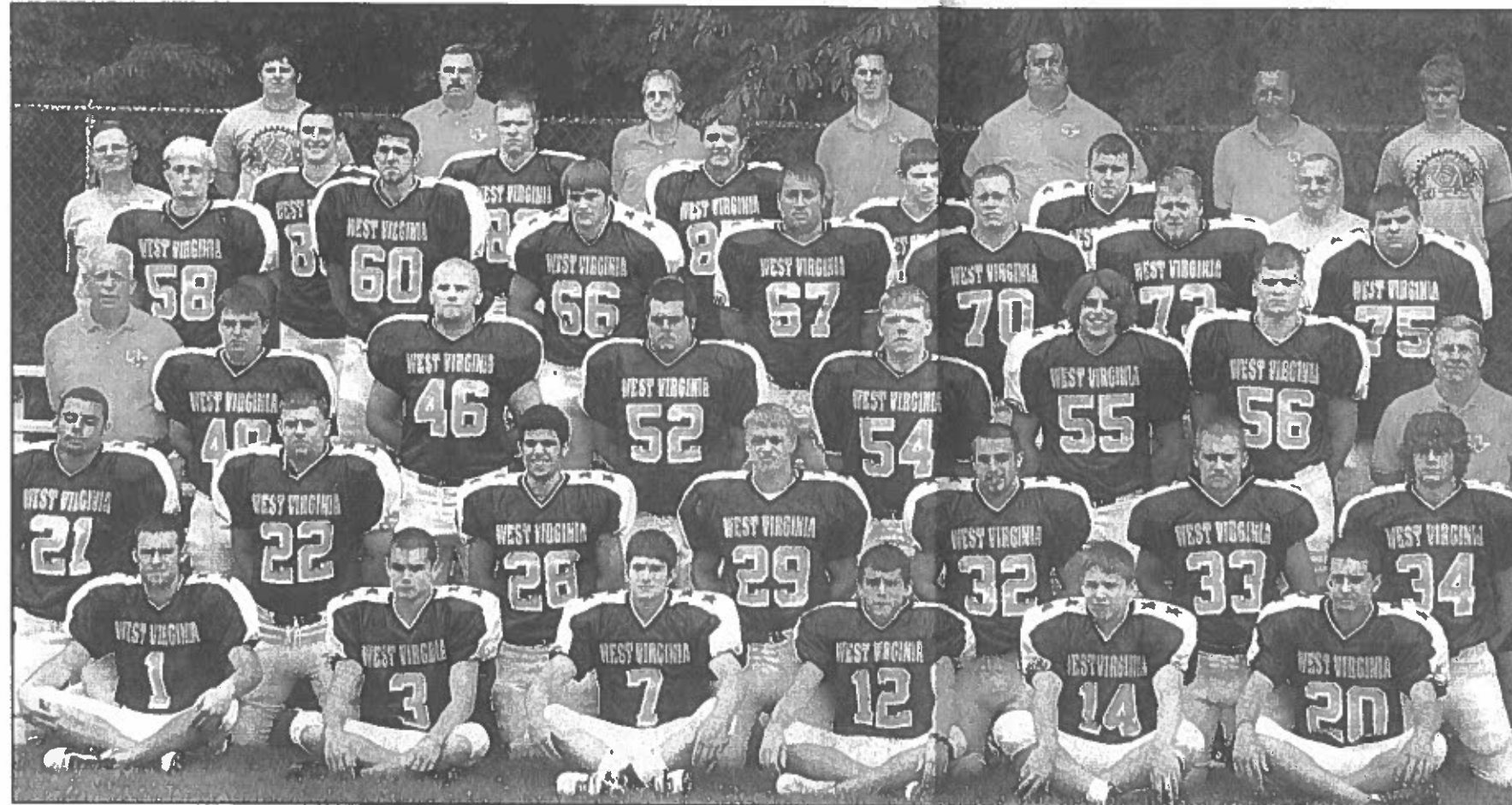
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a long gain. We're going to come with a lot of pressure and be as aggressive as we can."

The defensive front four will be anchored by Brooke's Janson Sims and Wheeling Central's Jake Henry. On the ends will be Linsly's Pat Ohrman and Magnolia's Nick Baxter.

Wheeling Central stalwart Chris Neidhardt will anchor the linebacking corps. He'll be flanked by Weir High's Dave Rasicci and John Marshall's Corey Meeker.

Weir's Jordan Taflan and Brooke's Dustin Snodgrass will get the chore of coverage at the corner spots, while Bishop Donahue's Clint Wilson and Central's P.J. Henry will roam at the free and strong safety spots, respective-



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No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	School
1	Maurice Bougard	5-8	160	RB	Steubenville
3	Leander Brooks	5-6	160	OLB	Harrison
7	Trey Masciarelli	5-9	160	OLB	Bellaire
10	Jamal Murray	6-0	198	FS	Martins Ferry
12	Steve Shumaker	6-2	175	QB	Barnesville
14	Nick Rocchio	6-2	180	QB	Bellaire
20	Cody Kernen	5-8	165	DB	Beallsville
21	Ian Palmer	5-10	160	DB	Wellsville
22	Ian Riddell	5-11	200	RB	St. Clairsville
28	Ryan Zann	6-3	215	LB	Martins Ferry
29	Joe Pulver	5-11	200	FB	Indian Creek
32	Stephen Ford	5-10	180	DB	Cambridge
33	Eric Neuhart	6-0	165	DB	Meadowbrook
34	Jayson Keyser	6-2	185	WR	Bellaire
40	Joey Wines	5-11	170	DB	East Liverpool
44	Matt Zook	6-1	198	LB	Buckeye Local
46	Nate Burdette	5-10	189	DE	St. Clairsville
52	Andy Spiczanski	6-2	240	C	Barnesville
54	Justin Hunt	6-0	225	DE	Union Local
58	Jordan Traylinek	6-0	215	LB	Bellaire
60	John Nicolozakes	6-1	290	OT	Cambridge
66	Paul Jefferis	6-2	225	OG	Barnesville
68	Matt Ischy	5-9	195	OG	Monroe
70	Eric DiAgosta	6-3	295	OT	East Liverpool
72	Landon Herzick	6-0	215	DT	Edison
73	Vinnie Ritchie	5-10	240	OT	Shadyside
75	Chad Kinder	6-1	240	OT	Buckeye Trail
77	Ryan Kuczkowski	6-4	265	OT	Steub. CC
80	Josh Cowgill	5-10	150	DB	Shenandoah
85	Nick Perko	5-11	180	K	Bellaire
88	Bryant Cappelletti	6-2	180	WR	St. Clairsville
97	Tyree Dunn	6-0	250	DT	Steubenville
99	Ryan Minch	6-4	215	TE	Martins Ferry

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46	Tom Kettlewell	6-1	225	TE	Wheeling Park
52	Jonathan Martin	5-11	260	OL	Valley
54	Trent Aitken	5-11	220	OL	Brooke
55	Chris Niedhardt	6-0	210	LB	Wheeling CC
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66	Jake Henry	5-11	220	DL	Wheeling CC
67	Ryan Novick	6-0	210	OL	John Marshall
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OVAC Game: A showcase for all



By Seth Staskey Times Leader Sports Editor

Combing the Conference

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference stars have been treated to a great week.

It's a little bittersweet that it's game day.

The week has involved meeting many great people, talking shop, dinners, pageants and everything else that makes the OVAC great.

The Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football

Classic is by far more than just a game.

Yes, the game is the central figure of the week and what most people, especially sports reporters clamor for, but it's a whole lot more.

Bob Koch and his staff deserve a lot more than just kudos. The work that goes into putting on the all-star game is unmatched. It by no means comes together overnight or in a matter of minutes.

Putting on the all-star game is a year-round process for Koch, OVAC All-Star Band Coordinator Dru Meyer, Queen of Queens coordinator Reva Icard, Dianna Vargo, Tom Rataiczak, Ron Mauck, Linda Myers and everyone else who helps out with the same in some capacity.

The reason they do it? Like Sam Mumley used to say, "It's all about the kids."

The OVAC and All-Star Game Committee wants to make sure that the kids involved have the best time

possible.

Obviously, not every girl will win the Queen of Queens, not every player will score a touchdown, but everyone can leave the game with a truck-load of memories.

That's the goal of the OVAC.

To create as many memories for the kids and membership that it serves.

The All-Star game is such a prime-time event that 41 of the 45 schools take part. While that's great, it's still a shame that the other four can't even send a band member or a queen.

Giving opportunities to everyone is a big thing for the OVAC. There are a lot of all-star games held with more talented players and more Division I signees.

But none are like the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. There's something involved for everyone to take part in. If you can't shoot a basketball,

run track or spike a volleyball to shine during those respective sports, but if you are female who can sing, and want to be involved in the OVAC, enter the Queen of Queens. Or if you are a prime-time trumpet player, try out for the McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band.

This writer has been around the OVAC All-Star Game for the past seven years as media member and it's an annual rite of summer for me.

When the calendar flips to July, it's time to start thinking OVAC All-Star Football. It's the beginning of the sports year for me and there's no better way to kick off then by showcasing some of the most supremely talented people in the OVAC.

I attended nearly every event this week. Yes, that includes the Queen of Queens. And each one is a special event and each one just allows more and more people of the OVAC to experience everything that

the conference provides on top of the banner and championship trophy.

Some people have asked me why I enjoy the all-star game so much? I have wrestled with the answer to that question, and I think it comes down to the fact that first and foremost I am a true and total supporter of the OVAC. And if you are going to be on board with the conference, you should probably be involved with their prime-time event.

But maybe more importantly, there's no better place for high school students to show their talents on a local level than the OVAC All-Star Game.

Whether it's athletics, academics, music, dancing, cheering, there's something for everyone.

Don't believe me? Come tonight to Wheeling Island Stadium and see for yourself.

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