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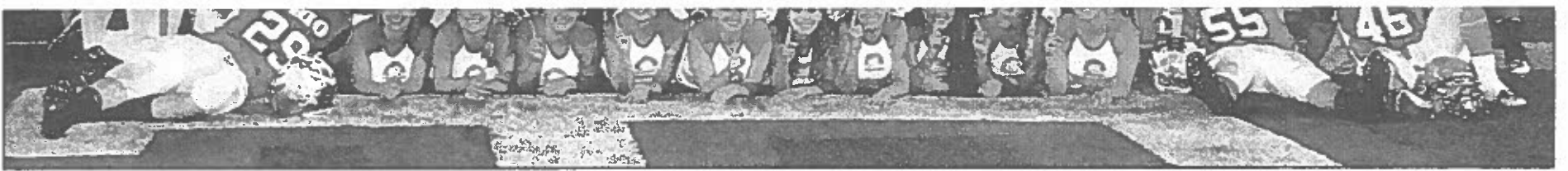
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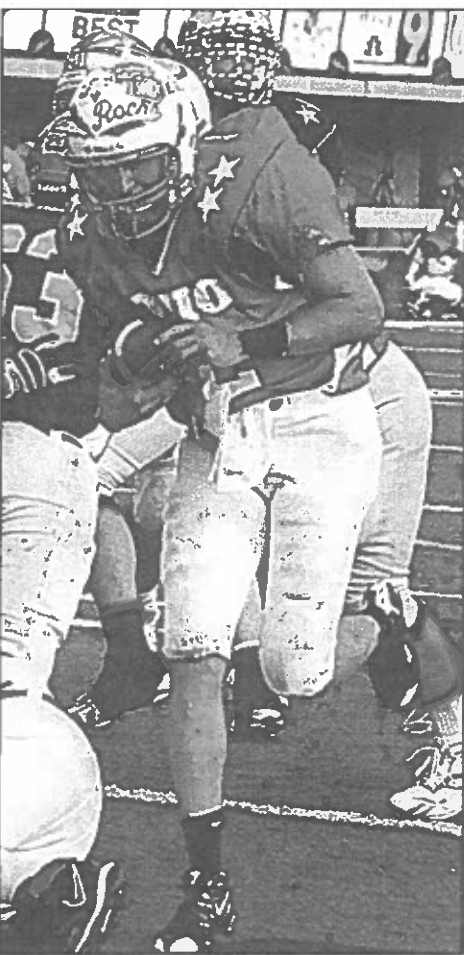
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On the other side of the West Liberty University campus, the Mountaineers were admittedly not working as hard as their counterparts.

"I take the blame for that," said West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer. "Maybe longer practices would have helped, but I wanted the kids to enjoy themselves and didn't want to make it a chore for them."

The result was yet another Ohio lopsided victory to a tune of 47-7.

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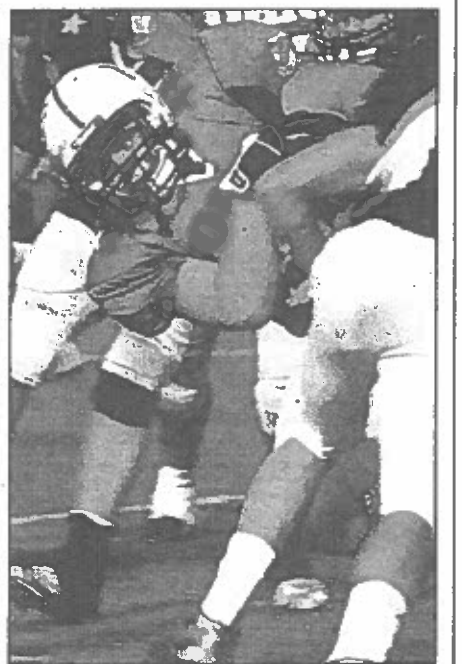
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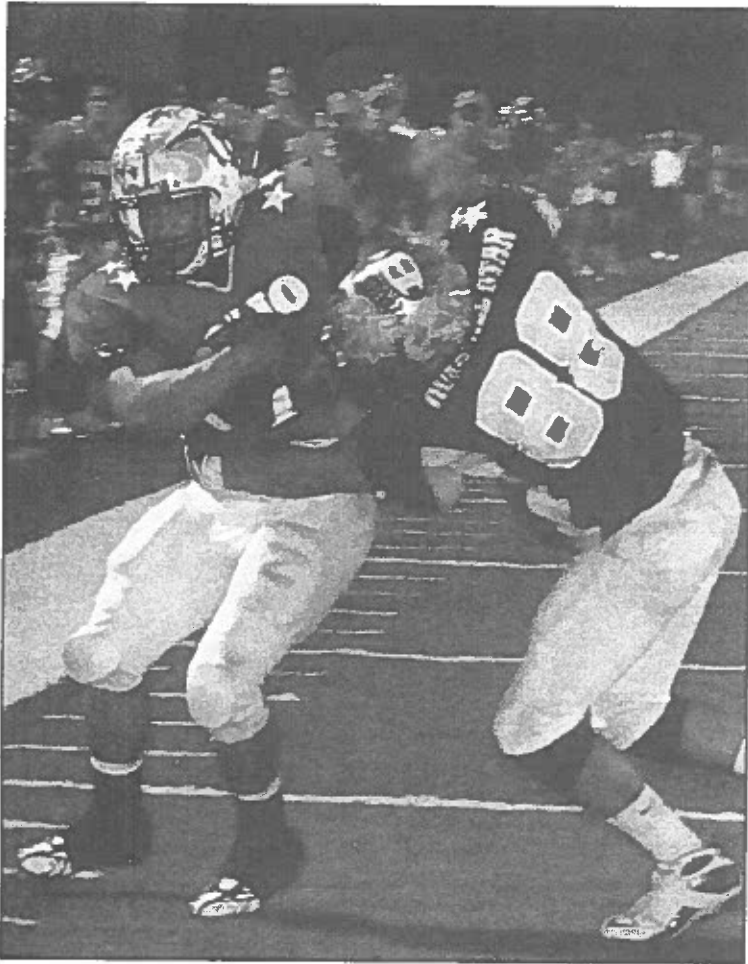
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Barbina, a playmaker personified, never came close to going down behind the line of scrimmage.

The Lake Erie College recruit either shredded W. Va.'s secondary by ground or completed clutch throws by air.

Murray, meanwhile, got up a head of steam early and often, accounting for over 100 yards via runs and catches.

The Mount Union-bound Murray echoed the sentiments of most of his teammates, insisting Ohio's decisive victory had been achieved prior to Sunday.

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"Getting in the end zone was a great feeling, but winning this game is a greater feeling," Brody said. "I get to brag to my dad a little bit now."

INJURIES: Unfortunately, the game of football yields injuries as much as it does memories at times and Sunday's game was no exception on either accord.

West Virginia lost one of its leaders in the first quarter when Wheeling Central linebacker Dan Gordon planted after making a reception as a tight end and his knee seemed to lock. He went to the turf and eventually walked off under his own power, but failed to return to the contest.

Hopefully, it's nothing too serious seeing Gordon is ticketed to continue his grid career at Robert Morris University this fall.

Beaver Local's Russell Paugh started the game at tight end for Ohio and finished the game in street clothes after tweaking a hamstring.

MAKING AMMENDS — Union Local's Jordan Barbina, Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray and the aforementioned Call all took part in the Ohio North-South Game earlier this summer and their showings have been well-documented.

However, Sunday's convincing victory did more than achieve redemption for that.

"Our hearts and minds were a little more into this game," Barbina said. "We wanted this one a lot more."

SHOWBOATING OR FUN? — Depending on what side of the Wheeling Island Stadium you were sitting on would help determine your take on the Buckeyes' celebrations after touchdowns.

Two unsportsmanlike penalties were called on the Buckeyes after excessive celebrations. The first was a late flag after Brandon Carroll scored on a 32-yard pass. The second came after Monroe Central's Mikey Habig plunged in and promptly went up and dunked the ball over the goal post.

"We didn't do anything like that or even talk about anything like that all week," Barbina said. "It was just spur of the moment."

Habig's dunk was more of a challenge.

"I told Coach Caldwell earlier (Sunday) that if I scored a touchdown I was going to go up and dunk the ball," Habig said. "He said 'sure go ahead, but I don't think you can do it,' so that was all of the motivation I needed."

DUKE OF HANNIBAL — D.J. Duke is probably more well-known around the Ohio Valley as a shot putter. And rightfully so, the Ashland-bound thinclad did win back-to-back state championships and set the Ohio State Record several times over again with an incredible throw of 68-ft-8 1/4.

However, he did twice earn first-team all-Ohio accolades in football and he showed why and how Sunday evening during the Mumley Classic.

Duke was a constant member of the West Virginia backfield and he showed his athleticism even further when he sprinted down the field and made a brilliant open-field tackle after a punt return.

"We had one mishap in the game and it let them score," Duke said. "We just flew to the ball and made plays when we had to."

Duke really enjoyed his time on the punt coverage squad.

"I was rocking on those punts," Duke smiled. "I supermaned somebody and it felt good. I just took off down the field because no one was guarding me."

Duke made a statement early in the week about his level of toughness to his teammates. A group was watching a movie and he left his chair, which was promptly filled by another player.

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"No one even tried to take my seat the rest of the week," Duke joked. "It was all in good fun. No harm was meant, but I did want my seat back."

FRIENDSHIPS MADE: Athletes never seem to forget who their teammates were and as the all-stars from 1950, 51 and 1952 were being recognized and the players and coaches celebrating their 10-year anniversary were on the field prior to the fourth quarter, new relationships have been made all week once again this year.

"The entire week was great," Call said. "Getting to meet all of these guys and hang out with them was almost as great as winning."

After the game plenty of Ohio players were already making plans about get-togethers and exchanging contacts and talking about be-friending each other on Facebook.

While the players in 1950, 51-52 and probably even 1999 weren't talking about Facebook, they became buddies for life, and that's what the OVAC All-Star experience is all about.

QUEENS: One of the highlights of the OVAC All-Star Classic is the Queen of Queens pageant. Wheeling Park's Allison Clark was crowned the Queen of Queens for 2009. She becomes the fourth winner from the school.

Also placing were: Linsly's Allie Hundley (4th runnerup), Parkersburg South's Kayla Morris (3rd runnerup), Caldwell's Megan McConnell (2nd runnerup), John Marshall's Anna McCombs (1st runnerup) and Monroe Central's Stacey Schumacher (Miss Congeniality).

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Our hearts and minds were a little more into this game," Barbina said. "We wanted this one a lot more."

SHOWBOATING OR FUN? - Depending on what side of the Wheeling Island Stadium you were sitting on would help determine your take on the Buckeyes' celebrations after touchdowns.

Two unsportsmanlike penalties were called on the Buckeyes after excessive celebrations. The first was a late flag after Brandon Carroll scored on a 32-yard pass. The second came after Monroe Central's Mikey Habig plunged in and promptly went up and dunked the ball over the goal post.

"We didn't do anything like that or even talk about anything like that all week," Barbina said. "It was just spur of the moment."

Habig's dunk was more of a challenge. "I told Coach Caldwell earlier (Sunday) that if I scored a touchdown I was going to go up and dunk the ball," Habig said. "He said 'sure go ahead, but I don't think you can do it,' so that was all of the motivation I needed."

DUKE OF HANNIBAL - D.J. Duke is probably more well-known around the Ohio Valley as a shot putter. And rightfully so, the Ashland-bound thinclad did win back-to-back state championships and set the Ohio State Record several times over again with an incredible throw of 68-ft-8 1/4.

However, he did twice earn first-team all-Ohio accolades in football and he showed why and how Sunday evening during the Mumley Classic.

Duke was a constant member of the West Virginia backfield and he showed his athleticism even further when he sprinted down the field and made a brilliant open-field tackle after a punt return.

"We had one mishap in the game and it let them score," Duke said. "We just flew to the ball and made plays when we had to."

Duke really enjoyed his time on the punt coverage squad.

"I was rocking on those punts," Duke smiled. "I supermaned somebody and it felt good. I just took off down the field because no one was guarding me."

Duke made a statement early in the week about his level of toughness to his teammates. A group was watching a movie and he left his chair, which was promptly filled by another player.

Duke got his seat back by hoisting the player out of the chair by his neck.

"No one even tried to take my seat the rest of the week," Duke joked. "It was all in good fun. No harm was meant, but I did want my seat back."

FRIENDSHIPS MADE: Athletes never seem to forget who their teammates were and as the all-stars from 1950, 51 and 1952 were being recognized and the players and coaches celebrating their 10-year anniversary were on the field prior to the fourth quarter, new relationships have been made all week once again this year.

"The entire week was great," Call said. "Getting to meet all of these guys and hang out with them was almost as great as winning."

After the game plenty of Ohio players were already making plans about get-togethers and exchanging contacts and talking about be-friending each other on Facebook.

While the players in 1950, 51-52 and probably even 1999 weren't talking about Facebook, they became buddies for life, and that's what the OVAC All-Star experience is all about.

QUEENS: One of the highlights of the OVAC All-Star Classic is the Queen of Queens pageant. Wheeling Park's Allison Clark was crowned the Queen of Queens for 2009. She becomes the fourth winner from the school.

Also placing were: Linsly's Allie Hundley (4th runnerup), Parkersburg South's Kayla Morris (3rd runnerup), Caldwell's Megan McConnell (2nd runnerup), John Marshall's Anna McCombs (1st runnerup) and Monroe Central's Stacey Schumacher (Miss Congeniality).

BAND: The McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band once again put on a riveting show in just three days of preparation. The band, which was some 220 members strong, rocked out to a classic rock theme at halftime.

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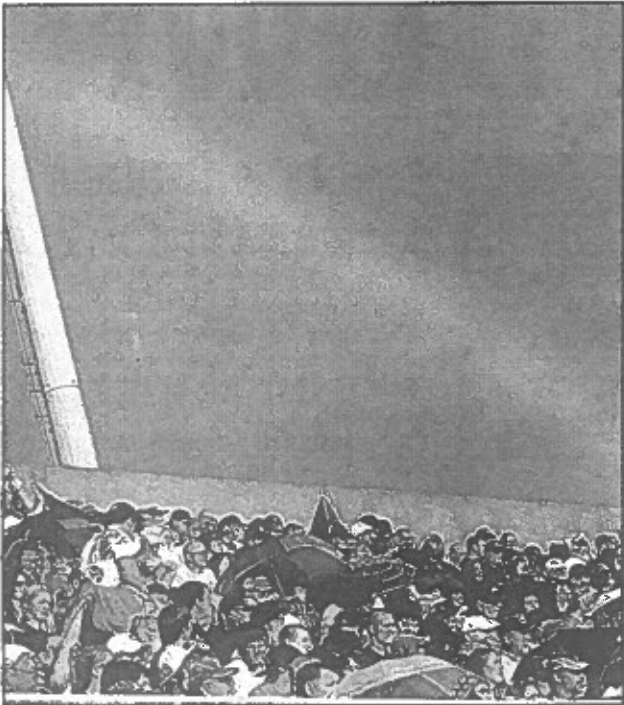


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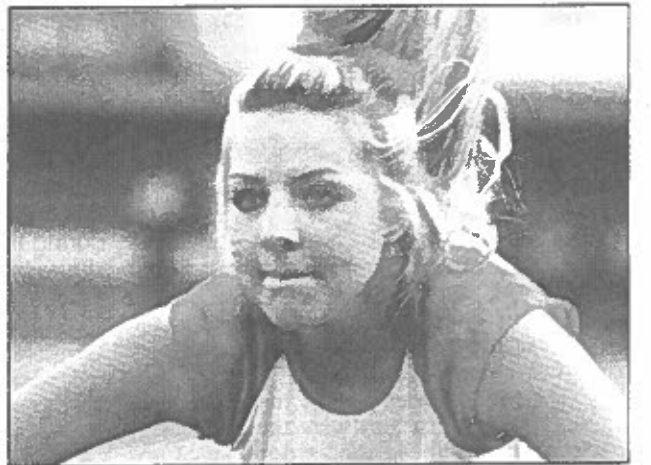
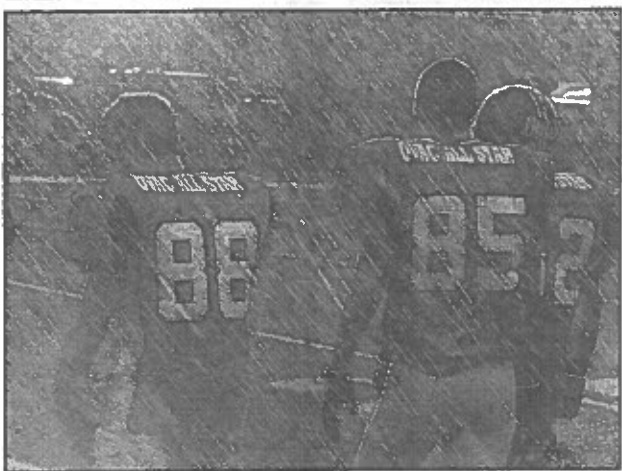


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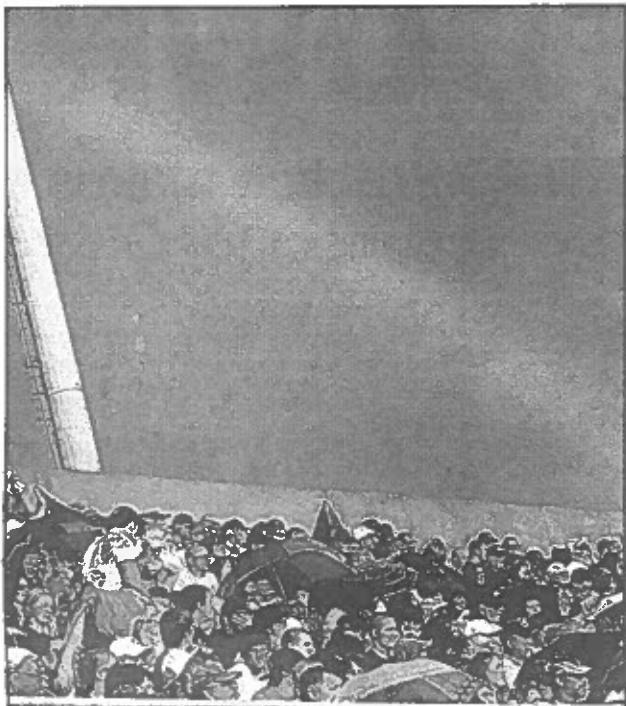


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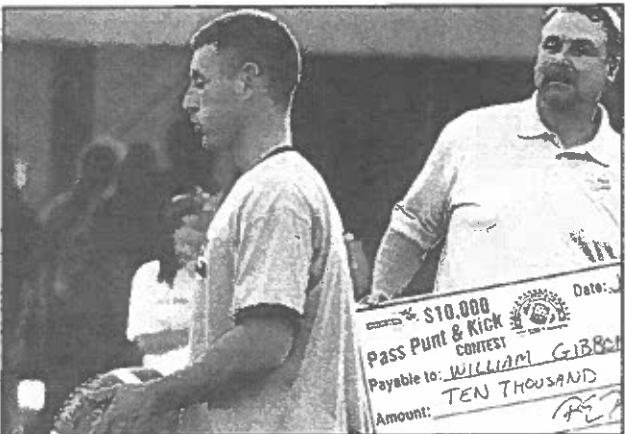
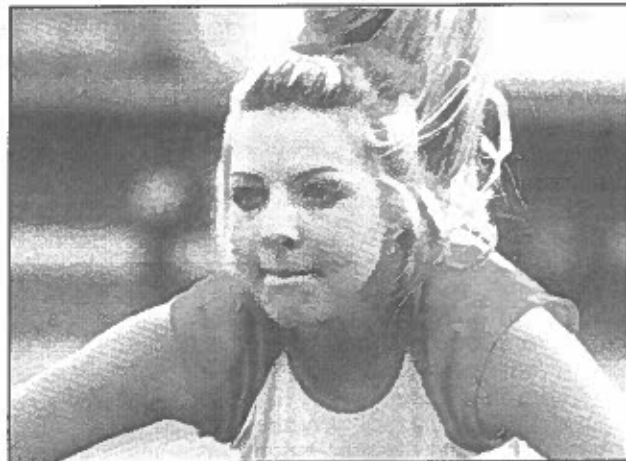
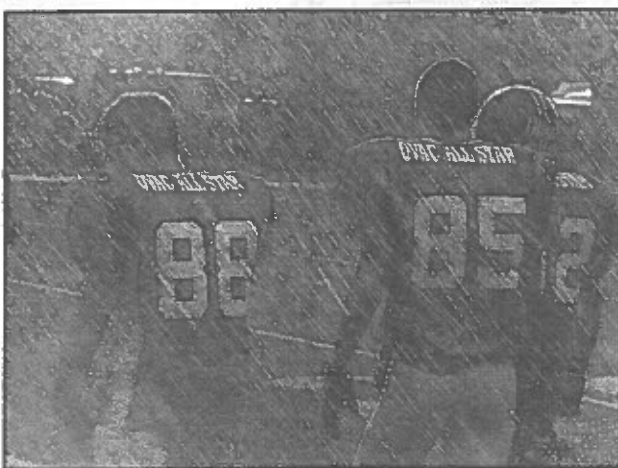
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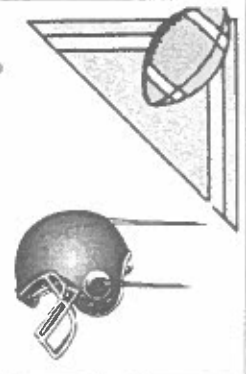
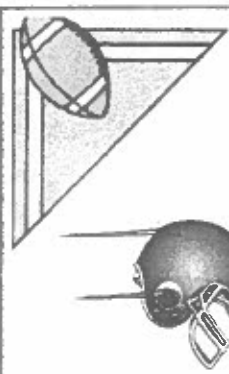
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Gordon, W. Va. All-Stars seek redemption

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Times Leader Sports Writer

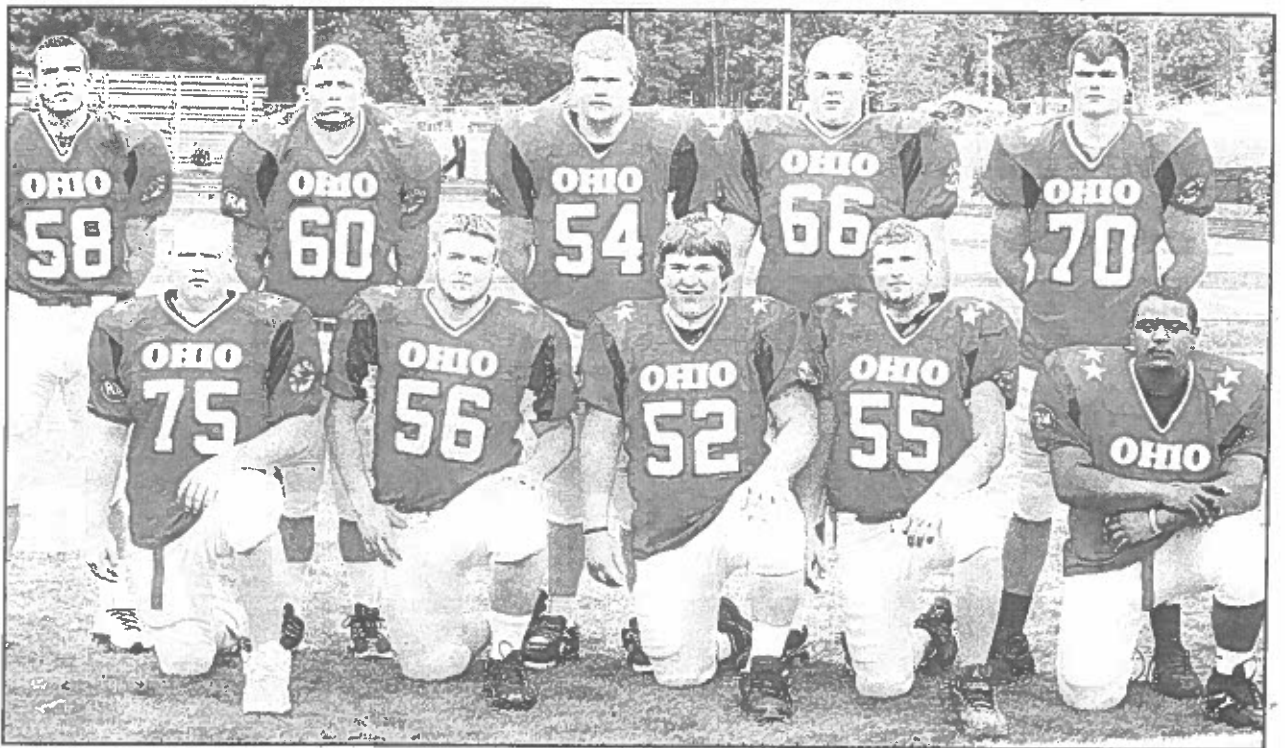
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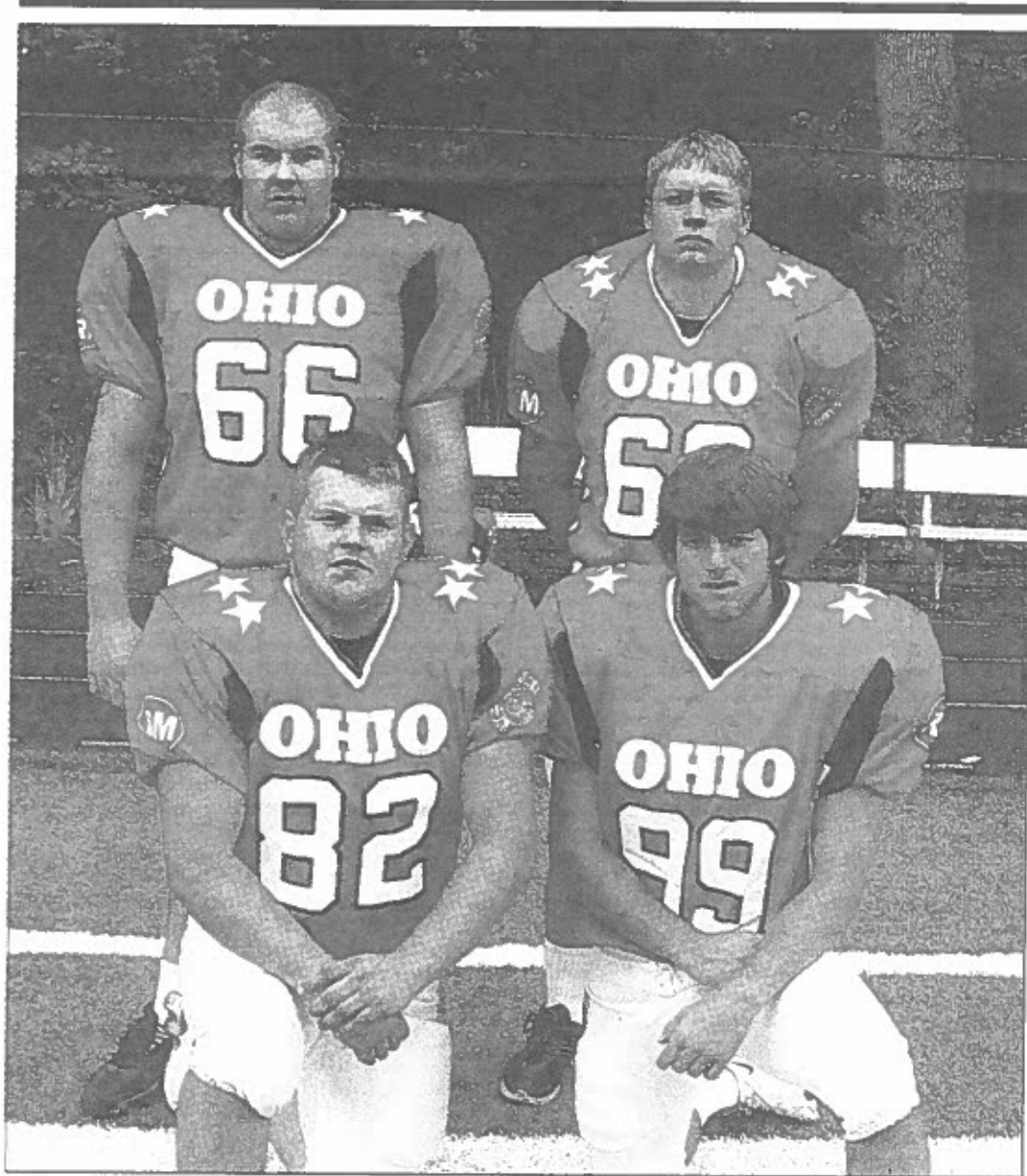
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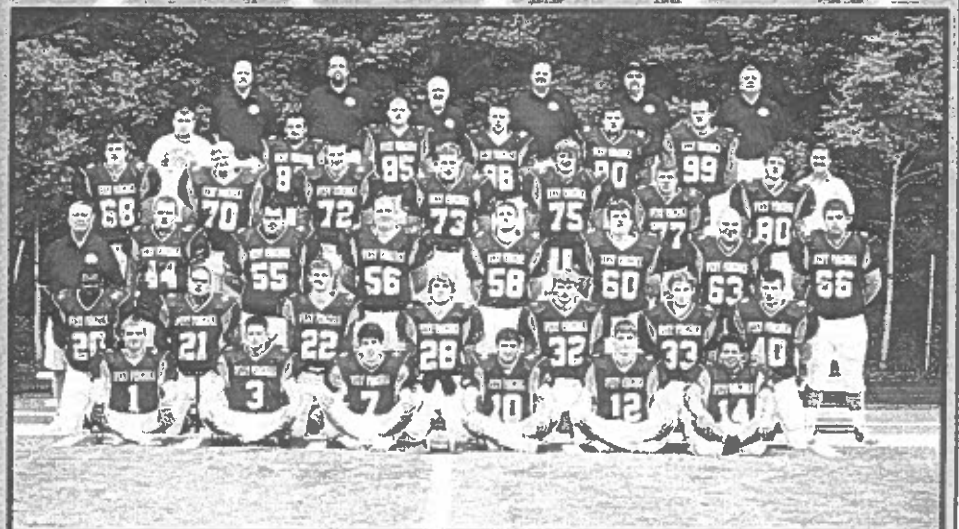
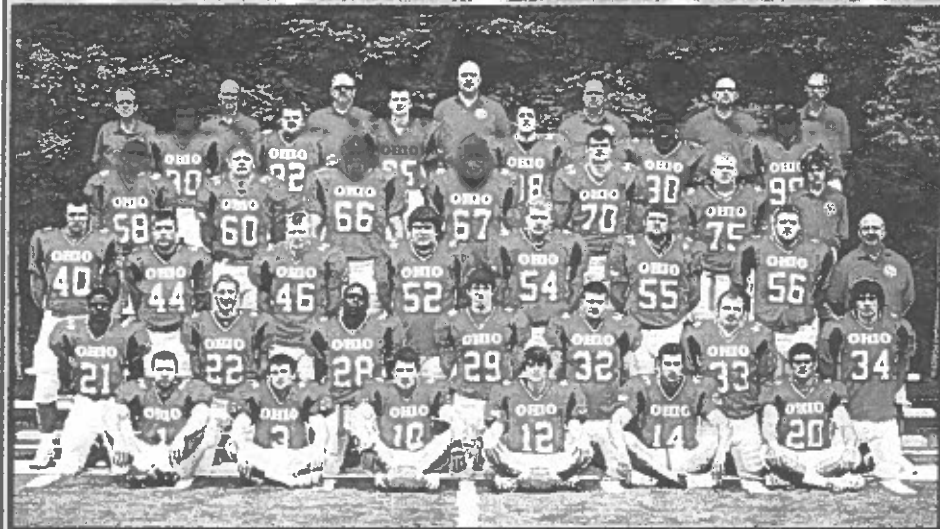
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Preparations are under way for OVAC All-Star Classic

JEFF HARRISON
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WEST LIBERTY, W. Va. — Preparations are under way in full force for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, slated this Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The bi-state clash of recently graduated football players from Ohio and West Virginia will kick off at 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, and the 60-plus players and their respective coaching staffs will be hard at work all week long on the campus of West Liberty University.

Both coaches — Ohio's Dave Caldwell from Beallsville High and West Virginia's Bob Kramer Sr. from Weirton Madonna — are appreciative of the opportunity to coach in the game and they like what they've seen so far from their respective teams.

"It's a great cause and anybody who has a chance to help in any way needs to do it because this game does a lot in that regard," said Caldwell, who is coaching the Ohio all-stars for the fifth time.

"They're all good athletes and good kids," offered Kramer. "They're supposed to be the best of the best and we want them to act like it. They go at it tooth-and-nail on the practice field, but then they walk off and can still be friends."

"Win, lose or draw," Kramer added, "it will be a great experience for all of the kids and, hopefully, it will be a good game to watch."

Not surprisingly, both teams have their share of quality athletes on hand.

"We've got a good mix of size and speed and this group of kids are all nice kids, too," said Caldwell. "We'll do what we've always done as far as style of play and my basic philosophy is to look at the defense and take what they give you. We

want to get our best athletes the football as much as we can."

"We're real pleased early-on," stated Kramer. "I really like our balance between running backs and wideouts. Our line is decent sized and very athletic and can move well."

"We're not going to pound it over and over," he related. "We'll try to open things up as much as possible and I think we have the kids to do just that."

Caldwell did acknowledge that coaching in the OVAC game cuts into preparation time with his Beallsville squad.

"It does take away from our

much," he smiled. "The quality of people involved is something. The players are top-notch and the parents are very appreciative of what we're able to do for their boys."

Koch did say that there has been some discussion of the possibility of changing the date for the game in the future.

"The hot-button question is whether we should move the game earlier in the summer and I'm sure we'll discuss it," he commented, pointing to such games as the Ohio North-South Game and the Big 33 Classic which are played in June. "We've lost some players over the years due to college commitments because of the lateness of this game, but the question becomes do you want the game as an end to one school year or the kickoff to another one."

"We've always gotten tremendous support with the way it is now," he added, "but we'll weigh things and see what we want to do in the future."

Four local players are part of the Ohio roster — the Cambridge duo of defensive tackle Lance Morrison and kicker Nick Liptak; Caldwell guard Pat Gerst and Barnesville tackle Brant Powell.

In addition to the daily practice sessions, there are plenty of activities for the players this week.

Today, it's the Osiris Shrine Student Union Film and Pizza while on Wednesday, the OVAC Cheerleaders and members of the McDonald's All-Star Band report to West Liberty to begin their preparations while that evening will be the annual George Strager Evening with the Stars Banquet at Wheeling Park's White Palace.

On Thursday, it's an Ice Cream Social for the participants at West Liberty while on Friday, the Queen of Queens Talent Show featuring 29 contestants will take place at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling starting at 7 p.m. (admission for this is \$5).

There will be a Pep Rally at West Liberty's Russek Field on Saturday at 6 p.m., setting the stage for Sunday's host of activities surrounding the game.



team, and that's one drawback especially with a young team like we have this year (at Beallsville), but we've got Coach (Lou) Tolzda running things back home."

As always, Ohio figures to be favored in the game, but Caldwell says that doesn't mean a whole lot come Sunday.

"They say we're favored," he acknowledged, "but the favorite doesn't always win in a football game. There are a lot of things that can happen — a bad snap... an injury...the weather. You just never know. West Virginia has a very good football team and now they have the kids from Parkersburg (South) which will make them a much better football team, too."

Game Director Bob Koch, who recently retired as athletic director at Cameron High School, still enjoys the game today as much as he did when he took over nine years ago.

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Advance tickets at 'The Jeff'

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Kramer recognized for of his own players who led the Blue Dons to the OVAC title and the aforementioned Super Six berth.

"I could have taken five of my own, but went with four," Kramer admitted. "At a small school, you've got to be able to play several positions, so the kids we took from (Madonna) are versatile players."

Representing the Blue Dons will be: Joey Capito, Vic DeCaria, Dante Greco and Anthony Pietranton.

No fewer than eight players will get to play on their home field for a final time before officially hanging up the high school football cleats.

Wheeling Park and Wheeling Central each have four representatives in the game. The Patriots were in the Class AAA playoffs and the Maroon Knights advanced to the state semifinals before being bounced by eventual state champion Williamstown.

The Patriots' foursome includes: Ricardo Farrow, Eric Mendenhall, Ryan Sengewalt and Derek Stahl. The Maroon Knights' group includes: Zach

Foose, all-stater Dan Gordon, all-stater DeVaughn Gordon and Nick Hurley.

Magnolia - which played for the Class AA state championship as well last December - has a trio of players on the Mountaineers' roster.

The Blue Eagles' representatives include: Tyler Hanna, Brandon Sprouse and Jason Utt.

Brooke - which finished with a 3-7 record last season - garnered three roster bids for the OVAC Game. Mike Henderson, Jon Hood and Mike Newton were the chosen

ones for the Bruins.

Weir - which qualified for the Class AA playoffs - got a pair of roster spots. Artie Chappell and Derrick Rovira were chosen.

Parkersburg South - which wasn't admitted to the OVAC until after the football season was completed - is full-go and has three of its players in the game.

James Gifford, Jordan Holliday and Chanz Jarrell will all represent the Wood County outfit on Wheeling Island.

Bishop Donahue mustered a pair of spots.

Kramer chose Jon Przelenski and Matt Schrupf to represent the Bishops. Oak Glen was the only other school with multiple members. Doug Murray and Adam Vaughn will represent the Golden Bears.

Completing the West Virginia roster are: Ryan Lewicki (John Marshall); Wes Cospo (Paden City); Morgan Long (Valley); Nick Ohrman (Linsly); Michael Scott (Cameron) and Nate Zills (Tyler Consolidated).

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Caldwell picks '09 Ohio roster

By **SETH STASKEY**
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And that's not necessarily because the talent is any greater than in his four previous appearances.

"It's a tough process," Caldwell said of assembling the 33 best football players in the Buckeye State. "We've had some kids drop out due to various reasons in the past, but never have we had to replace as many players as we have had to this year."

Despite the roster turnover, Caldwell and his trusted Blue Devil staff feels it's assembled a quality group of players who will report to camp at West Liberty State College on Sunday, July 19th.

"I don't know a lot about the kids, but we feel we're going to be a talented team which is going to be able to do the job," Caldwell said.

"We tried to represent as many schools as possible and in the meantime tried to balance out the roster as best we could."

The Ohio side of the river - like West Virginia - had several teams make deep runs into the postseason and when you do that good players usually play a role and

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Artie Chappell	Weir
Wes Cospo	Paden City
Vic DeCaria	Madonna
Ricardo Farrow	Whg. Park
Zach Foose	W. Central
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Morgan Long	Valley
Eric Mendenhall	Whg. Park
Doug Murray	Oak Glen
Mike Newton	Brooke
Nick Ohrman	Linsly
Anthony Pietranton	Madonna
Jon Przelenski	Donahue
Derrick Rovira	Weir
Matt Schrupf	Donahue
Michael Scott	Cameron
Ryan Sengewalt	Whg. Park
Brandon Sprouse	Magnolia
Derek Stahl	Whg. Park
Jason Utt	Magnolia
Adam Vaughn	Oak Glen
Nate Zills	Tyler Con.

Madonna's Kramer guides W.Va. squad

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

The hard part is over.

Compared to picking the roster, taking on Ohio in the 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium on Sunday, July 26th will seem like a walk in the park.

Weirton Madonna head coach Bob Kramer - who guided his Blue Dons to the West Virginia Class A State Championship Game last December - spent countless hours with his coaching staff, on the phone and watching films trying to formulate a 33-

man roster, which will give the Mountaineers their best chance to knocking off the Ohio squad.

"(Picking) the roster is probably the hardest thing I've ever had to do in my entire life," Kramer said. "There are so many deserving kids, but you can't take everyone."

Certain game rules dictate representation and coaches are encouraged to represent as many member schools as possible.

Kramer has done that very well seeing that every West Virginia school has at least one player in the upcoming classic.

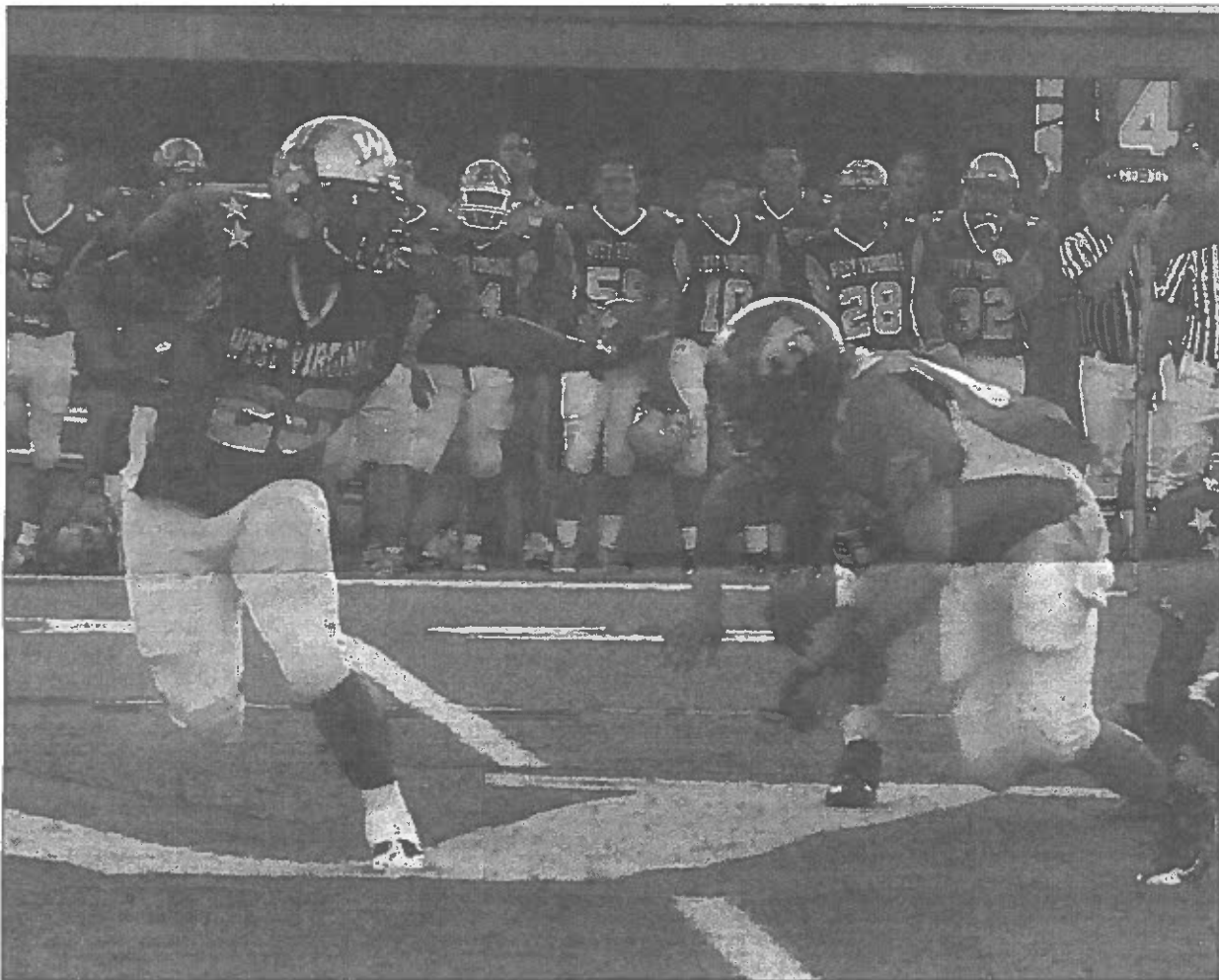
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Player	School
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Taylor Banks	H. Central
Jordan Barbina	Union Local
Nick Bickar	Edison
Kyle Blackman	Union Local
Schuyler Bondy	M. Central
Tyler Brooks	River
Zane Butler	St. Clairsville
Brody Call	St. Clairsville
Jeryl Christian	Steubenville
Jordan Clegg	River
Ryan Dugan	Steubenville
D.J. Duke	River
Pat Gerst	Caldwell
Mikey Habig	M. Central
Anthony Hocker	Bellaire
Taylor Leppla	Cambridge
Nick Liptak	Cambridge
Eric Lucas	Beallsville
Johnny Merryman	Shadyside
Jeremy Murray	Martins Ferry
Bo Olexo	Union Local
Russell Paugh	Beaver Local
Brant Powell	Barnesville
George Ruckman	Beallsville
Nathan Schaal	Buckeye Local
Anthony Scott	Zanesville
Matt Shreve	Martins Ferry
Wes Skinner	H. Central
Brent Snider	Indian Creek
Sean West	Bridgeport
Steven Woodford	Martins Ferry

The Pittsburgh Pirates were blanked for the second straight night by the Arizona Diamondbacks/14

Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic
Ohio 47, West Virginia 7

Dominant Again



Buckeyes start strong, rout Mountaineers

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — During the week leading up to Sunday's 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, the West Virginia players did a little bit of chirping.

However, the Ohio players never took the bait, instead insisting on doing their talking on the Wheeling Island Stadium turf.

Boy did they ever. The Buckeye State turned in an over-whelming 47-7 victory in front of another large turnout against the Mountain State rivals, extending the Buckeyes' winning streak to five in the annual classic and have now won all but one game since the 1994 contest.

"Our kids were a class act all week," said Ohio coach Dave Caldwell, who ran his OVAC All-Star Game record to an astounding 4-1. "They didn't do any trash talking, and I am just proud of each and every one of them because they came here and represented their communities well."

The Mountaineers players made no bones about the fact that they were tired of hearing about Ohio and the state's dominance and even certain members of the Buckeyes roster.

"I don't really know about that, but it's something they'll have to handle," Caldwell smiled. "This went as well as we planned it coming in here."

The Buckeyes showcased their athletes and there was plenty to showcase.

"We wanted to get our athletes on their athletes, and we did that," Caldwell said. "It turned out really well for us. I'm pleased with the effort, and what a great week to be a part of this game."

Two of the athletes showcased — Union Local's Jordan Barbina and Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray — demonstrated why they were two of the three Eastern District Players of the Year in Division IV last season.

Barbina — who was the lone Ohio player to serve as quarterback — threw for three touchdowns and ran for one. All told, he accumulated 233 yards of total offense.

Through the air, Barbina completed 11 of 23 passes for 196 yards and used five different receivers during the course of the game.

"It was inspiring this week that some (West Virginia) players were talking," Barbina said. "I just came out and showed what I was all about, and it was great having this much talent on the field. I think if we put this team together through the (regular) season, I'm pretty sure we'd be state champs."

Murray — who was voted the game's Most Valuable Player through a fan vote via text messages with more than 2,000 votes — got it done on both sides of the ball. He led all Ohio rushers with 88 yards on 14 totes. He caught three balls for 21 yards and played well in the secondary.

Those two were by no means alone in the Ohio attack however.

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Photos by Mike Palmer
Top: West Virginia's DeVaughn Gordon (20) stiff arms an Ohio defender during the Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football Classic on Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Left: Ohio's Jeremy Murray, left, tries to get into the end zone as West Virginia's Jason Utt makes the tackle.

Ohio 47, West Virginia 7	
West Virginia	7 0 0 0 — 7
Ohio	14 13 6 14 — 47
O — Call, 35 pass from Barbina. (Liptak kick)	
W — Gordon, 27 run. (Hood kick)	
O — Barbina, 1 run. (Liptak kick)	
O — Lucas 11 pass from Barbina. (Liptak kick)	
O — Carroll 32 pass from Barbina. (Kick failed)	
O — Habig 1 run. (Kick failed)	
O — Habig 7 run. (Liptak kick)	
O — Butler rec. blocked punt in end zone. (Liptak kick)	
Rushing: Ohio (36-186-3TD) — Murray, 14-88; Barbina, 7-37-TD; Habig, 13-54-2TD; Lucas, 1-5; Shreve, 1-2. W.Va. (28-63-1) — Jarrell 6-1; Mendenhall, 1-6; De. Gordon, 8-93-1; Sengewalt, 7-(-27); Schrupf, 4-(-14); Zills, 1-10; Newton 1-0.	
Passing: Ohio, 10-23-196-3TD-2x (All by Barbina) W.Va. — 11-28-245-1x. (Sengewalt, 6-21-80-1x, Newton 3-5-46; Lewicki, 1-1-47; Mendenhall 1-1-36).	
Receiving: Ohio, 10-196 (Lucas, 3-57 TD, Carroll, 1-32-TD; Murray 3-21; Call, 2-69-TD; Habig, 1-17). West Virginia, 11-245 (Utt, 2-36; Mendenhall, 4-66; Da. Gordon, 1-(-5); Jarrell, 1-19; Zills, 2-46; Farrow, 1-47).	
First Downs: Ohio — 17. W.Va. — 15.	
Penalties: Ohio — 10-85. W.Va. — 8-70.	
Fumbles/Lost — Ohio — 1-0; W.Va. — 1-1.	

Dominant

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On its second possession of the contest, Ohio cranked up the McDonald's All-Star Band when Barbina capped a six-play drive with a 35-yard hookup with St. Clairsville's Brody Call. Cambridge's Nick Liptak was perfect on the PAT and Ohio was off and running.

The Mountaineers didn't let the Ohio momentum last too long.

West Virginia coach Bob Kramer promptly called the number of Wheeling Central's DeVaughn Gordon — who was a game-time decision after tweaking a leg during the week leading up to the contest. However, he showed no ill effects when he rumbled for 43 yards and then took the ensuing hand-off to the end zone from 27 yards away. Brooke's Jon Hood knotted the game at 7-7.

West Virginia then forced a punt, but on its next offensive possession lost one of its leaders to an apparent knee injury.

Robert Morris-bound linebacker Dan Gordon — who was a four-year regular at Wheeling Central — saw some time at tightend and caught a pass and his knee appeared to plant in the turf. He didn't return, which took its toll on the Mountaineers.

"Dan was one of our inspirational leaders all week," Kramer said. "He busted his butt and you couldn't have asked for any more from a ball player, and when he went down he was sort of like the pump-up guy and the heart of our defense. We just couldn't afford to lose a guy like that."

With Gordon out of the mix, the Ohio offense went back to work.

The Ohio offense featured its ground game on the ensuing possession. The Buckeyes marched 81 yards, chewing up more than 5

minutes off the game clock in 12 plays.

The trio of Barbina, Murray and Monroe Central's Mikey Habig did the brunt of the work. Barbina capped the march going in from a yard out on what appeared to be a busted play.

After the Ohio defense forced yet another punt, the Ohio offense went back to work.

Barbina hooked up with Call on a 34-yard gainer and then five plays later he found Beallsville's Eric Lucas — another first-team all-Ohio selection — on a 11-yard strike. Liptak again connected on the PAT, making it 21-7.

With just 69 seconds to go before the intermission, Ohio was at it again.

On a fourth-and-10, Barbina found Steubenville's Brandon Carroll on a crossing route for a 32-yard touchdown. After a celebration penalty was enforced, the PAT was wide left, making it 27-7 at the intermission.

In the second half, Caldwell and the Buckeyes featured the running game, going to Murray and Habig.

"All of the kids we used are good, quality athletes," Caldwell said. "We're fortunate to be in Ohio and have those kinds of players that you can come down here and play with. I am proud of our entire team."

After Harrison Central's Wes Skinner took the second-half kick back to the 39, Ohio needed just seven plays before Habig followed the lead blocking of Martins Ferry's Matt Shreve into the end zone from a yard out.

Habig went up and dunked the ball over the goal post, which resulted in a 15-yard penalty and the PAT try bounced off the upright.

"We came out and just dominated the game," Habig said. "I didn't know I'd get to carry the ball as

much as I did, but we worked on a thing called 'fat backs' all week and (Shreve) opened up a hole big enough to drive a truck through."

West Virginia appeared to have something going on the following possession, driving to the Ohio 12 after former Wheeling Park Patriots Ryan Sengewalt and Eric Mendenhall hooked up on a 34-yard gainer, but a loss rush, a no-gainer and two incompletions gave the ball back to the Buckeyes.

Murray got the second play of the drive and busted 32 yards up the gut, running over a West Virginia player in the process. Six plays later, Habig took it in from 7 yards out.

Ohio's defense — which was lights out following the back-to-back big runs by Gordon in the first half — accounted for the final score. St. Clairsville's Zane Butler blocked a punt and promptly pounced on it to cap the scoring.

"We've used that defense the last three all-star games we've coached, and it's what we use at Beallsville," Caldwell said. "It's just a good defense, and as you can see it can turn into a dominating defense."

All told, the Buckeyes gained 382 yards of offense. West Virginia countered with 308 yards of offense.

Leading the Ohio stop-troops were the River tandem of D.J. Duke and Jordan Clegg. Shadyside's Johnny Merryman, Steubenville's Jeryl Christian, Buckeye Local's Nathan Schaal, Shreve and his Martins Ferry teammate Steven Woodford also turned in brilliant defensive efforts.

Wheeling Park's Ricardo Farrow turned in a strong individual performance. He was sound on defense, made a catch for 47 yards and nearly busted two kickoff returns.

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But West Virginia lost the game, 26-19. Ohio won all three of the games being represented this weekend.

Shively takes away many memories from that particular contest. It also brought him something more — a college scholarship.

After his performance, he was offered a scholarship to Pitt. His stint there, though, was short-lived.

"I went to Pitt and after a week-and-a-half, I realized 165 pounds wasn't good enough," Shively joked. "So then I hopped on a bus and went to Virginia and went to school at Washington and Lee. Two years later, I ended up at Arizona State and that is where I got my degree."

While Shively was a star, just being picked for the game was a thrill for some of these players.

Warwood's Don Mayles was Shively's backup and he got in for just three plays. But those three plays have lasted him a lifetime.

"We moved the ball for a first down and then I got taken out," Mayles said. "But it was still great to be able to get in and play against these guys. Back at that time, we all knew each

other. Everybody was friends.

"In 1952, every team was a good team and just to get picked and be on the team was a privilege."

And those memories are something that the players participating this weekend should take with them. The return of the game's players is becoming one of the feature attractions of the annual weekend, along with the Queen of Queens, Evening With the Stars, and, of course, the game itself.

"Not to be negative, but I don't know if (the kids today) can play on the field with these guys," Rataiczak said. "These guys were hard-nosed, tough, competitive, and they didn't have the things the kids have today."

"What they can take from them is the friendships they are making in camp right now. You never know the pipeline of friends you create and that can help you out as you go through life. I hope the kids understand that it's not about whether Ohio or West Virginia wins. It's not about who dominates who. It's about what they are going to do years from now."

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It was an experience they will never forget after having the opportunity to play with, and against, Division-I signees and well-known players from throughout the Buckeye State.

The opportunity at redemption stems from the sour taste all three left Ohio Stadium with in their mouths.

The three locals who were in Columbus were members of the South team, which got, to put it mildly, drilled by the North to a tune of 49-7.

"We definitely got beat real bad," Call said with a smile. "Hopefully this week will be a different story."

They reported to training camp for this weekend's Rudy Mumley OVAC game with the usual motivation that comes with the contest, including beating the rival state, wanting to represent your alma mater well and getting to meet new players from all across the valley in the process.

But seeing as the early portion of their all-star summers didn't go well, three of the key cogs this week for Dave Caldwell's Buckeyes have additional motivation.

"I've been looking forward to this game for a long time," Call said. "This is the game you want to play in when you're a kid growing up in

this area and I am just honored to be here. And after what happened earlier, we don't want that to happen again."

Barbina, who played quarterback in the game, spent much of it running for his safety, had little time to operate the offense, and was guilty of an interception early, which the North turned into points to set the tone.

While that game was a big honor for Barbina after his first-team all-Ohio campaign, Sunday is what he's had marked on his calendar since learning of his selection and dating back to probably junior high.

"We're going into this game looking to win big time because it's the Ohio vs. West Virginia OVAC matchup that you dream about playing in," Barbina said. "It's really nice because you've read up about all of these guys throughout the season and followed them all year."

Unlike most North-South games and teams, people in the Ohio Valley have long memories about victories and losses the OVAC Game, and Barbina's aware of that fact.

"People definitely remember this game, there's no doubt about that," he said. "We're practicing hard and everyone's got the same goal in mind. That's to win the game and hopefully do something on the field."

Murray, who was also an all-Ohioan last season after rushing for more than 2,000 yards for Martins Ferry, saw time at tailback and quarterback in Columbus, and like the rest of the South offense, just couldn't fend off the North to make anything really happen.

"It's nice to have another chance to just go out and play, but to win and have a lot better showing would definitely make it a lot nicer," he said.

Along with having former prep teammates Matt Shreve and Steve Woodford in camp along with Call and Barbina, there are numerous others Murray knew before he got to West Liberty on Sunday, which is much different than earlier in the summer.

"You don't have to spend a lot of time getting to know everyone," Murray said. "That helps things a lot because you can just go out and work on things and get a lot more accomplished on the practice field."

Whether or not that redemption is earned for these three Buckeyes will be determined Sunday. All three are thoroughly enjoying the Mumley Game experience, which kicks into full gear tonight.

OVAC NOTES
■ Tonight the players, coaches, queens and cheerleaders will meet at Wheeling Park's White Palace for the annual George Strager Evening With the Stars Dinner.

■ The OVAC All-Star Band and All-Star Cheerleaders report to West Liberty University today to begin their preparations for Sunday's game.

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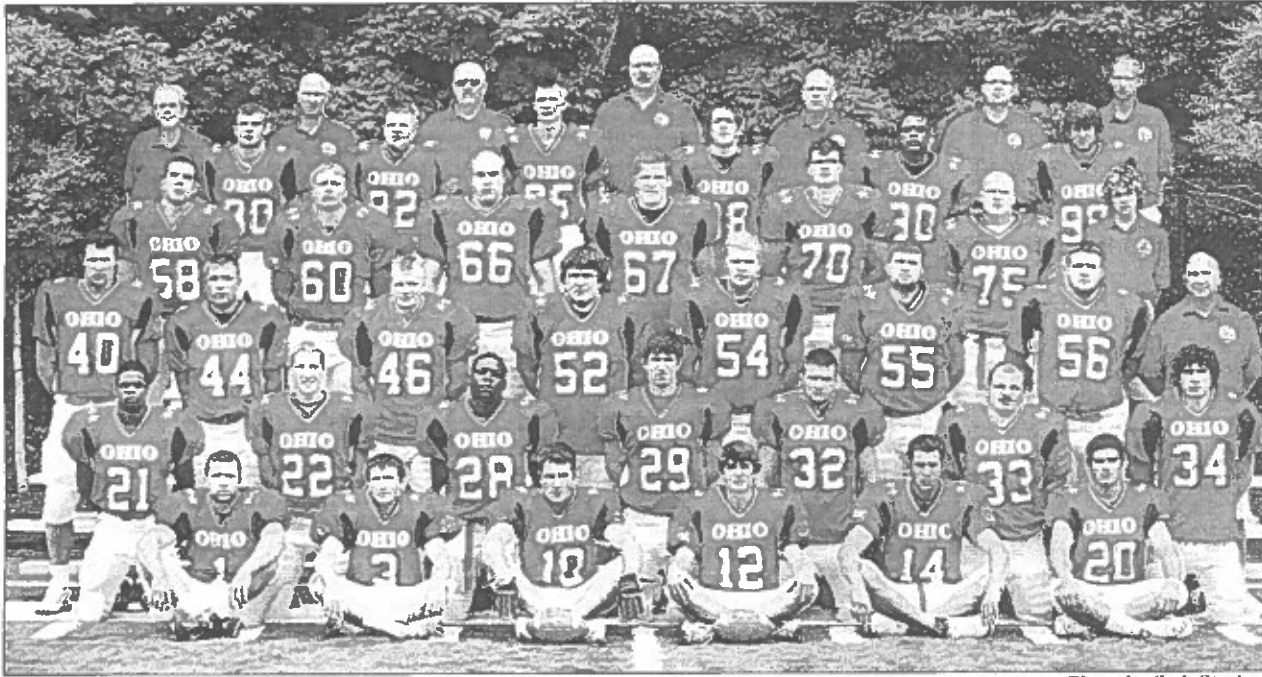


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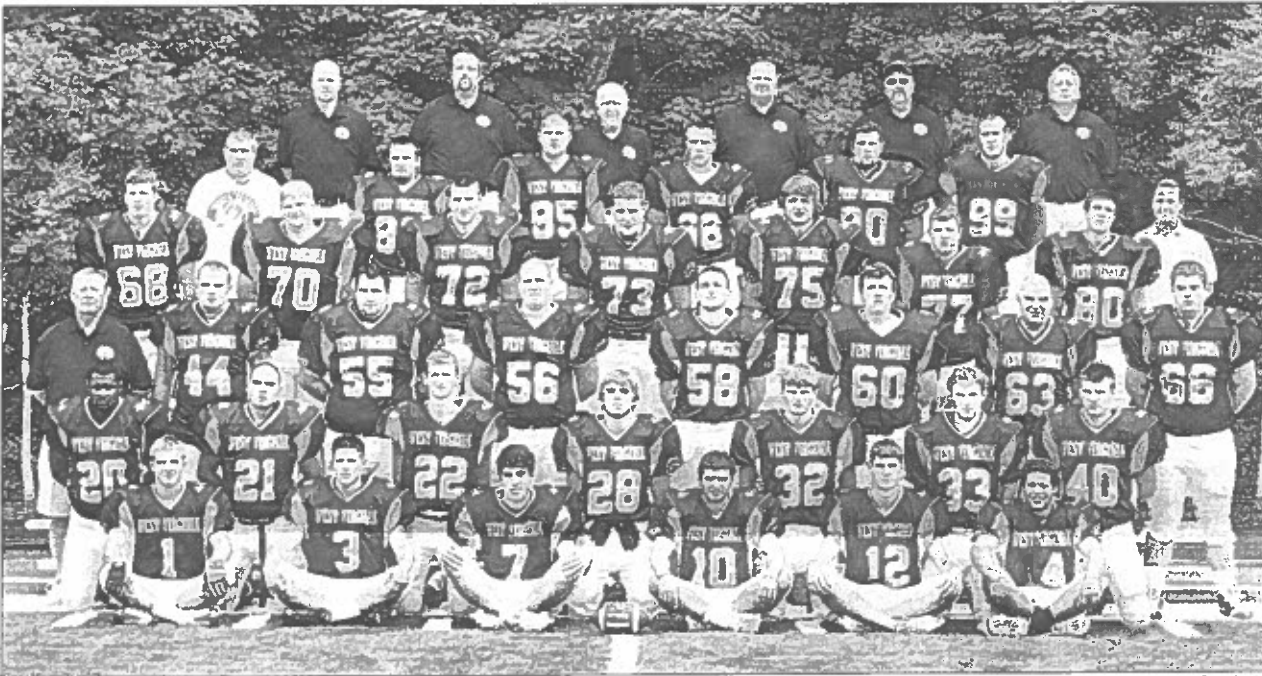


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It's Time To Play

W.Va., Ohio ready for kickoff

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"I think we're as ready as we're going to be," Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell said. "The kids are ready and are really ready to get out on the field and play the game."

West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer, who is making his debut at the Island as the head coach of West Virginia, has truly enjoyed his time with his players and thinks his team's ready to go.

"We've had a great week," Kramer said. "The kids are upbeat and confident about the game and we feel we've gotten a lot done and we're ready to go out and put on a good show."

While the players are itching to get on the field and show off their talents, for the coaches the climax of the week is a little bitter-sweet.

"It's been a real fun week for (the coaches) and the kids," said Caldwell, who is coaching this game for the fifth time. "The kids have listened well, behaved themselves and it's just been a great group to work with."

However, getting back to work with their respective home programs, which earned them the right to be a part of this game, is also something that can't be taken lightly.

"I need my beauty sleep," Kramer joked. "It's been a long week, but it's been very enjoyable. It's a first-class game and the treatment we've received has been great and the kids



have done a fabulous job."

Ohio's offense figures to be a wide-open attack with big playmakers at every position, but being able to distribute the ball equally isn't something that Caldwell's all too worried about.

"From my past experiences most of the kids just want to win the game," Caldwell said. "They would obviously love to play a key role or score a couple of touchdowns, but winning is what they value the most. We're going to try to spread the ball around and get as many people involved as we can."

Leading the way for the Buckeyes will be Union Local's Jordan Barbina who will see most of the snaps at quarterback.

"Jordan has showed me all week why he received as many awards as he did last season," Caldwell said. "He's awfully talented. He's got a strong arm and he's probably one of our fastest guys on the team."

Behind Barbina, Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray won the tailback job. He played quarterback at Ferry and earned first-team all-Ohio in the process, but he ran for more than 2,000 yards in doing so.

Paving the way for Murray is Monroe Central's Mikey Habig who handled that duty with the Seminoles.

When the Buckeyes put the ball in the air — and they will put it in the air according to their coach — Barbina will have a plethora of options available.

Splitting time at the flanker spot are Union Local's Kyle Blackman and Steubenville's Brandon Carroll. Beallsville's Eric Lucas will be lining up as the split end.

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Ohio a Cut Above When it Comes to Team Unity

By SETH STASKEY
For the News-Register

Each year during the week leading up to the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic the teams try to come up with a way to show a measure of unity.

This year, Shadyside's Johnny Merryman — who reported for camp with a fresh mohawk — enticed the rest of his teammates to do the same.

Not all of them took the bait however.

To do such a thing, however, someone had to have a set of clippers.

River's D.J. Duke — the owner

pers.

"I brought the clippers because I hate trimming this (beard) with a regular razor, so I brought my clippers from home," Duke said. "I like the new look. It's just something different to try. I know it will grow back."

Let the work begin.

Martins Ferry's Steven Woodford took the plunge and is sporting a new haircut for tonight's game.

"I kind of like it," Woodford admitted. "It was a sign of unity, but not everyone took part. But it was fun though."

Ohio quarterback Jordan Barbina was one of the guys who opted

Even a member of the Ohio coaching staff is sporting a mohawk for tonight's game.

It's Official

The Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic isn't just an honor for the players, coaches, cheerleaders and Queen of Queens contestants.

The officials selected to work tonight's game also view the game as a reward.

Sam "Chicken" Jones — a football official of 22 years — draws his first assignment as referee in the annual summer extravaganza.

"I am fired up about this," Jones said. "I am almost as fired up as I was about working the Super Six.

son."

Unlike regular season games, this isn't a crew which works together all the time.

The officials are selected and assigned by a formula used by football commissioner Don Zinni.

"There's a method to how it's picked, and you can only work it once every five years, so different guys have a chance to work it," Jones said.

Jones will be joined in the stripes by Joe Michaels (umpire), Lance Rice (linesman), T.J. Brancazio (line judge), Matt Young (side judge), Warren Elliott (field judge) and Mark Sperlizza (back judge).

ued. "We'll let the kids play, but with the safety issue, we'll keep the game under control."

The honorary official for the game is Jim Sperlizza of Wellsburg.

Welcome Aboard

Parkersburg South joined the OVAC at the end of the football season last year and has been a member ever since. It took part in the spring sports championships.

Three football players and a Queen of Queens candidate are taking part in tonight's game. The players are Chanz Jarrell, James Gifford and Jordan Holliday. The Queens entrant is Kayla Morris who performed a baton routine.



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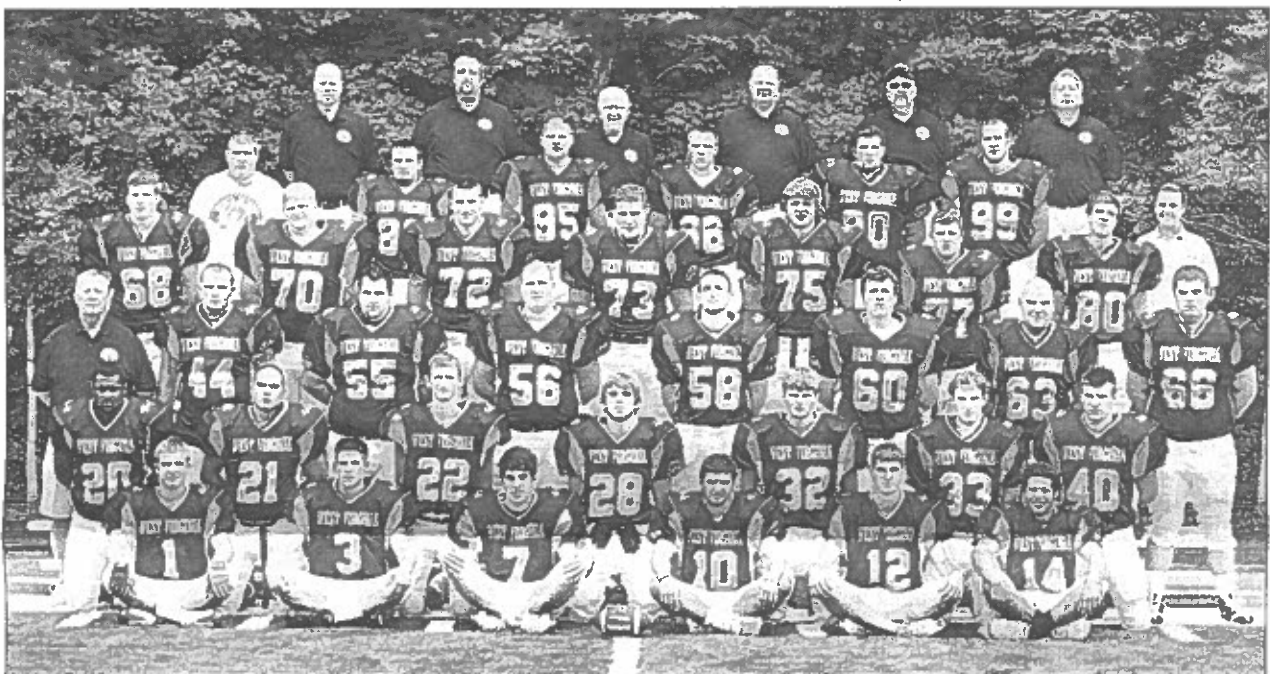


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West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer, who is making his debut at the Island as the head coach of West Virginia, has truly enjoyed his time with his players and thinks his team's ready to go.

"We've had a great week," Kramer said. "The kids are upbeat and confident about the game and we feel we've gotten a lot done and we're ready to go out and put on a good show."

While the players are itching to get on the field and show off their talents, for the coaches the climax of the week is a little bitter-sweet.

"It's been a real fun week for (the coaches) and the kids," said Caldwell, who is coaching this game for the fifth time. "The kids have listened well, behaved themselves and it's just been a great group to work with."

However, getting back to work with their respective home programs, which earned them the right to be a part of this game, is also something that can't be taken lightly.

"I need my beauty sleep," Kramer joked. "It's been a long week, but it's been very enjoyable. It's a first-class game and the treatment we've received has been great and the kids

Ohio's offense figures to be a wide-open attack with big playmakers at every position, but being able to distribute the ball equally isn't something that Caldwell's all too worried about.

"From my past experiences most of the kids just want to win the game," Caldwell said. "They would obviously love to play a key role or score a couple of touchdowns, but winning is what they value the most. We're going to try to spread the ball around and get as many people involved as we can."

Leading the way for the Buckeyes will be Union Local's Jordan Barbina who will see most of the snaps at quarterback.

"Jordan has showed me all week why he received as many awards as he did last season," Caldwell said. "He's awfully talented. He's got a strong arm and he's probably one of our fastest guys on the team."

Behind Barbina, Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray won the tailback job. He played quarterback at Ferry and earned first-team all-Ohio in the process, but he ran for more than 2,000 yards in doing so.

Paving the way for Murray is Monroe Central's Mikey Habig who handled that duty with the Seminoles.

When the Buckeyes put the ball in the air — and they will put it in the air according to their coach — Barbina will have a plethora of options available.

Splitting time at the flanker spot are Union Local's Kyle Blackman and Steubenville's Brandon Carroll. Beallsville's Eric Lucas will be lining up as the split end.

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Ohio a Cut Above When it Comes to Team Unity

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

Each year during the week leading up to the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic the teams try to come up with a way to show a measure of unity.

This year, Shadyside's Johnny Merryman — who reported for camp with a fresh mohawk — enticed the rest of his teammates to do the same.

Not all of them took the bait however.

To do such a thing, however, someone had to have a set of clippers.

River's D.J. Duke — the owner of two state shot put championships — came to camp sporting a well-groomed beard and it was realized that he had a set of clip-

pers.

"I brought the clippers because I hate trimming this (beard) with a regular razor, so I brought my clippers from home," Duke said. "I like the new look. It's just something different to try. I know it will grow back."

Let the work begin.

Martins Ferry's Steven Woodford took the plunge and is sporting a new haircut for tonight's game.

"I kind of like it," Woodford admitted. "It was a sign of unity, but not everyone took part. But it was fun though."

Ohio quarterback Jordan Barbina was one of the guys who opted to go with the mohawk, but realized it didn't look right on him and shaved all the way down to a buzz cut.

Even a member of the Ohio coaching staff is sporting a mohawk for tonight's game.

It's Official

The Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic isn't just an honor for the players, coaches, cheerleaders and Queen of Queens contestants.

The officials selected to work tonight's game also view the game as a reward.

Sam "Chicken" Jones — a football official of 22 years — draws his first assignment as referee in the annual summer extravaganza.

"I am fired up about this," Jones said. "I am almost as fired up as I was about working the Super Six, but this has all local teams and local players. I grew up watching this game, and it's just like a big social event to kick off the sea-

son."

Unlike regular season games, this isn't a crew which works together all the time.

The officials are selected and assigned by a formula used by football commissioner Don Zinni.

"There's a method to how it's picked, and you can only work it once every five years, so different guys have a chance to work it," Jones said.

Jones will be joined in the stripes by Joe Michaels (umpire), Lance Rice (linesman), T.J. Brancazio (line judge), Matt Young (side judge), Warren Elliott (field judge) and Mark Sperlazza (back judge).

"We plan on working this game like a regular season game, but we understand the fans aren't there to see us throw flags," Jones contin-

ued. "We'll let the kids play, but with the safety issue, we'll keep the game under control."

The honorary official for the game is Jim Sperlazza of Wellsburg.

Welcome Aboard

Parkersburg South joined the OVAC at the end of the football season last year and has been a member ever since. It took part in the spring sports championships.

Three football players and a Queen of Queens candidate are taking part in tonight's game. The players are Chanz Jarrell, James Gifford and Jordan Holliday. The Queens entrant is Kayla Morris who performed a baton routine, which was impressive to say the least.

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THROUGH THE YEARS

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1940 — W. Va. 13-7
1941 — W. Va. 7-0
1942 — W. Va. 7-0
1943 — no game
1944 — no game
1945 — no game
1946 — Ohio 26-7
1947 — W. Va. 13-7
1948 — Ohio 20-7
1949 — W. Va. 6-0
1950 — Ohio 14-0
1951 — Ohio 13-6
1952 — Ohio 26-19
1953 — W. Va. 7-0

1954 — W. Va. 13-0
1955 — Ohio 31-20
1956 — Ohio 27-0
1957 — Ohio 14-13
1958 — Ohio 25-0
1959 — W. Va. 7-6
1960 — Ohio 7-6
1961 — W. Va. 13-0
1962 — W. Va. 12-6
1963 — no game
1964 — Ohio 2-0
1965 — Ohio 22-0
1966 — Ohio 26-0
1967 — W. Va. 18-0
1968 — Ohio 6-0

1969 — W. Va. 12-0
1970 — no game
1971 — no game

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1972 — Ohio 24-6
1973 — W. Va. 38-20
1974 — W. Va. 13-6
1975 — W. Va. 8-0
1976 — W. Va. 33-20
1977 — W. Va. 21-0
1978 — Ohio 21-13
1979 — Ohio 47-13
1980 — Ohio 10-7
1981 — Ohio 17-14
1982 — W. Va. 7-6

1983 — Ohio 26-16
1984 — Ohio 24-6
1985 — W. Va. 28-26
1986 — Ohio 14-6
1987 — Ohio 13-11
1988 — Ohio 13-7
1989 — W. Va. 22-14
1990 — Ohio 42-0
1991 — Ohio 30-6
1992 — washout
1993 — W. Va. 34-32
1994 — W. Va. 19-14
1995 — Ohio 21-0
1996 — Ohio 43-21
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2000 — Ohio 13-7
2001 — Ohio 36-0
2002 — Ohio 19-12
2003 — Ohio 32-26
2004 — W. Va. 21-7
2005 — Ohio 35-6
2006 — Ohio 22-0
2007 — Ohio 6-3
2008 — Ohio 31-7
Series Record: Pre-OVAC — Ohio 15 victories, W. Va. 11; OVAC Sponsorship — Ohio 24 victories, W. Va. 11, 1 tie

ON THE LINE

Today's Results:

Q. Will West Virginia break its streak in the OVAC All-Star Game?

Yes: 33%
No: 67%

Tomorrow's Poll:

Q. Do you expect the Pirates to make more trades before Friday's deadline?

Tell us what you think.

Register your answer at www.news-register.net
(The results of this poll are not scientific and represent only the opinions of Internet users who have chosen to participate.)

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Jarrell had never been to the Mumley Classic let alone have any connection to it.

"I didn't realize just how big this game was," Jarrell said earlier in the week. "This has been a great time, and I feel honored to have gotten picked."

The week leading up to tonight's game has definitely left a lasting impression on him.

"I will definitely go back and tell the guys how fun this was and to honestly set their goal to get picked to play in this," Jarrell said. "I knew football was big up here, but I didn't realize this game was important to everyone as it is."

Relatively Speaking

Ten players in tonight's game, including seven on the West Virginia side have had either their dad or brother take part in tonight's game as well.

Dan Gordon — the all-stater from Wheeling Central — has followed his father (Gordon) and brother (Jonathan) to the island. John Marshall's Ryan Lewicki has heard tale of his grandfather, Raymond, who took part in the very first OVAC All-Star Game in 1948.

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Welcome Back

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Confirmed to return for Ohio this evening are: Craig Bruney (Martins Ferry), Derrick Leach (Shenandoah), Ryan "Scoops" Myers (Union Local), Eric Battistel (Steubenville Central), Jayson Johnson (Shadyside), George Shreve (Martins Ferry), Seth Francis (East Liverpool), Ohio head coach Dave Bruney (Martins Ferry) and Queen Kelli Detling-Wehr (Barnesville).

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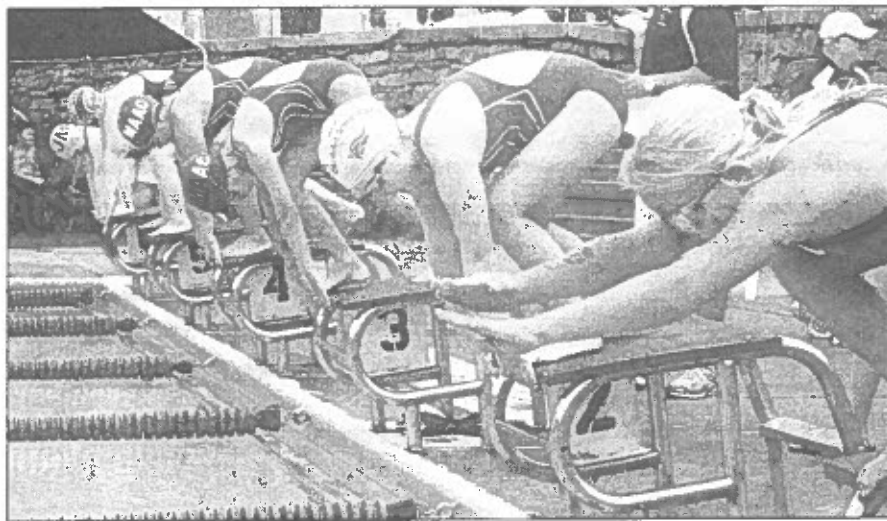
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OVAC football set for kickoff

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

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WHEELING, W. Va. — All the practice and pre-game festivities are complete. It's time to play some football!

The "unofficial" start of the high school football season in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference kicks off tonight with the 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Players from Ohio and West Virginia will square off at 7:15 p.m., the culmination of a week of preparation for the mid-summer classic which draws thousands of football-crazy fans annually.

Not surprisingly, Ohio is the pre-game favorite as usual and that has been the case in recent years, with the Buckeye State winning 13 of the last 14 contests (the only West Virginia win in that span came in 2004).

Last year, Ohio won by a 31-7 score to boost its lead in the all-time series 40-22 with one game ending in a tie, including 25-11-1 in games under OVAC sponsorship.

Coaches for the game are Dave Caldwell of Beallsville High for Ohio and Bob Kramer Sr. of Weirton Madonna High for West Virginia.

The local area is represented this year by four players on the Ohio squad — defensive tackle Lance Morrison and kicker Nick Liptak of Cambridge; guard Pat Gerst of Caldwell and tackle Brant Powell of Barnesville.

GAME NOTES

Serving as the Ohio team captains — selected by Coach Caldwell — are Jordan Barbina of Union Local, Jeremy Murray of Martins Ferry, Mikey Habig of Monroe Central and Jeryl Christian of Steubenville....

This is Caldwell's fifth time as head coach of the Ohio Stars while for Kramer, it's the first time as head coach of West Virginia. In

addition to his own staff, Kramer is being assisted by two other head coaches — John Durd of Bishop Donahue and Taylor of Weir.

In 37 years under OVAC sponsorship, the game has generated more than \$821,000 for local charities and scholars throughout the Ohio Valley. A total of 29 girls took part in the Queen of Queens Tea Show on Friday, and the winners will be announced at a later date.

Among the contestants are local representatives like Horvath of Buckeye Trail, Jalena Laipply of Shenandoah, Megan McConnell of Caldwell and Allison Plumly of Barnesville....

One of the highlights of

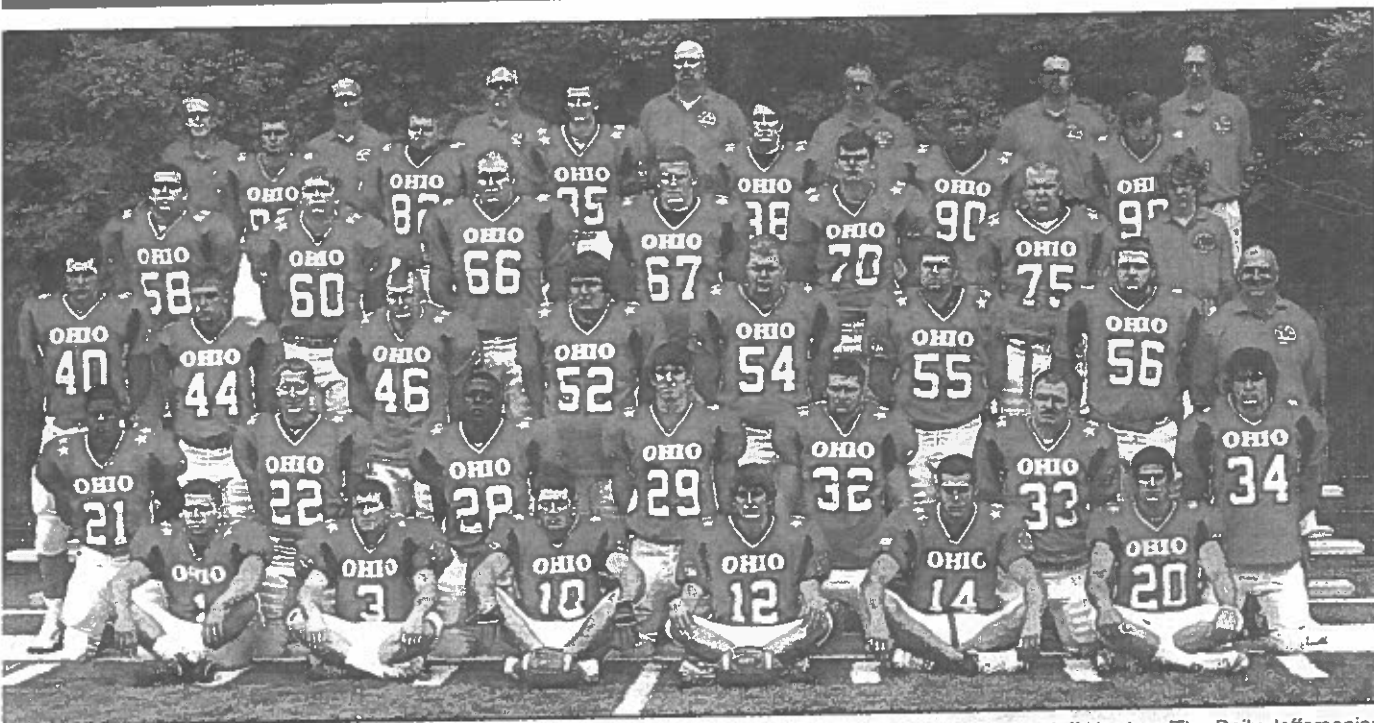


evening will be the 223rd anniversary of the McDonald's OVAC Star Band performances before the game and at halftime two local schools will be represented.

Buckeye Trail band members include Josh Bodner, Alissa Bodner, Victoria Callahan, M. Lindsay Deering, C. Hardesty, Olivia Pavlic, Trista Thurston while Barnesville, it's Michael Callihan, Alex Davidson, I. Deal, Paige Duffy, J. Duffy, Abby Faldowski, Meadows, Julia Ramsey, Winland and Lucas Woolf.

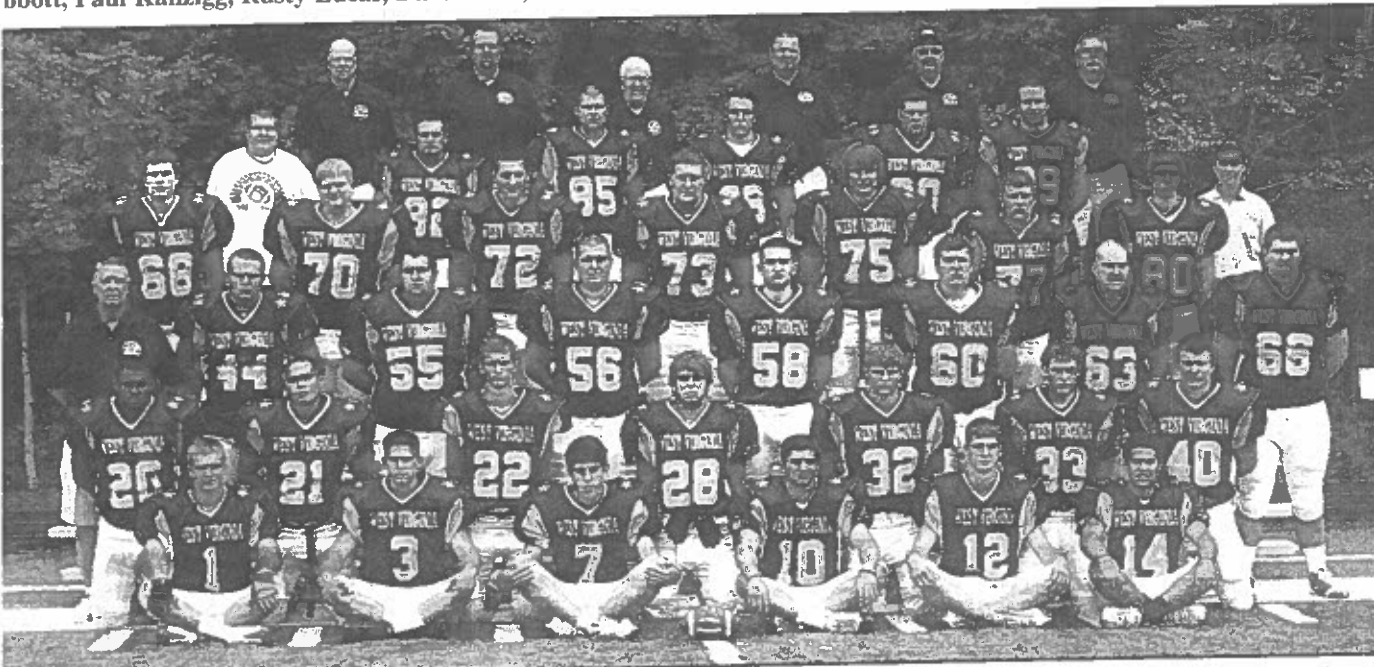
Players from the 1999 star game will be recognized during the game. Among the group are Derrick Lea of Shenandoah and Queen of Queens Kelli Detling of Barnesville.

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OVAC All-Stars set to vie

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Members of the 1950, '51 and '52 all-star teams are also being honored, with many expected to be in attendance....

Officials for this year's game are Sam Jones (referee), Joe Michaels (umpire).

Lance Rice (linesman), T.J. Branczaio (line judge), Matt Young (side judge), Warren Elliott (field judge) and Mark Sperlazza (back judge), with Jim Sperlazza of Wellsburg as the honorary referee..

Tickets at the gate tonight are \$10 each...

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Nippert just happy to be contributing

Right-handed Dustin Nippert's return to the Texas Rangers' 40-man roster couldn't have come at a better time.

In the midst of a heated playoff race.

The heavy-hitting Rangers are locked in a duel with the Los Angeles Angels for the AL West lead, while also battling with the Red Sox, Tampa Bay and Seattle for the AL Wild Card berth.



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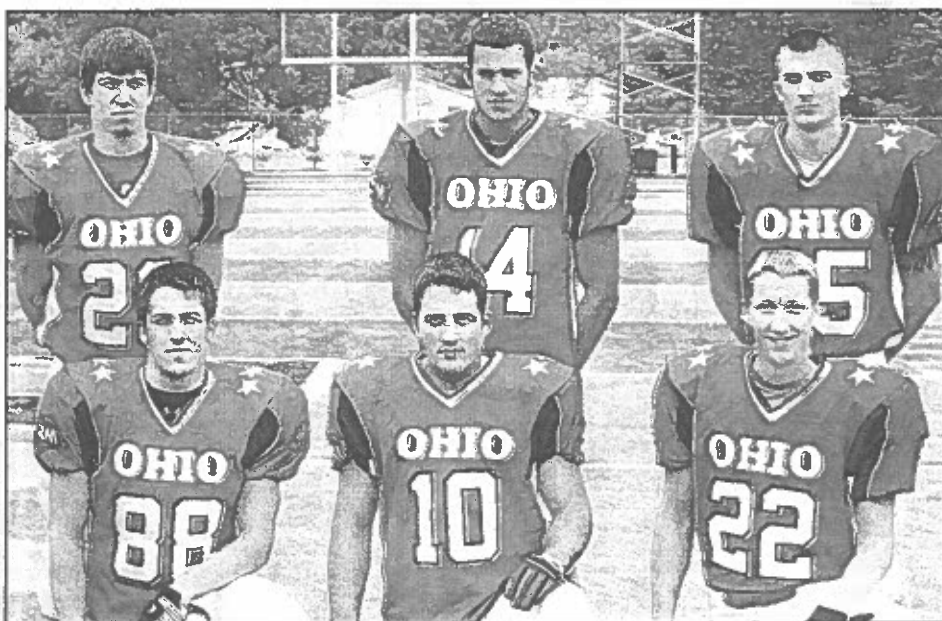
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Unbelievable could be one way to describe the overflow crowds that have witnessed the first two games of the best-of-5 United Dairy OVBL championship series.

A total of nearly 650 fans have jammed their way into Crescent's Henning Field (225) Monday and Maynard's Community Park (422) Wednesday.

While it is unbelievable, in another way it's not.

The league has been around many, many years as I wrote before in this space. I've been told that they used to get crowds similar to those I've seen this week.

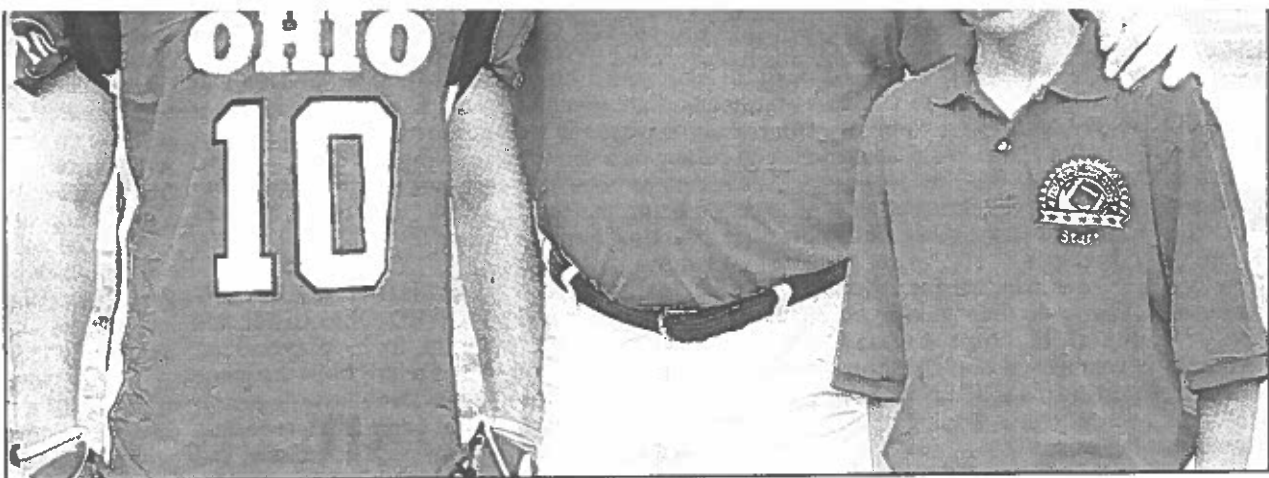
I think it's great. The baseball's been great and the fans have been treated to their money's worth (the hat is passed around for donations).

By the way, the 50/50 raffles have totalled \$170 and \$233, respectively.

League organizers are attempting to draw 500 or more fans tonight when Game Three unfolds at Henning Field.

Hope to see you there!

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CHICAGO WHITE

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AP PHOTO

Perfection for Buehrle vs. Rays

CHICAGO (AP) — The 1-2-3 innings were piling up and Mark Buehrle wouldn't leave his teammates alone.

While mixing curves and changeups, the chatty veteran was throwing an old baseball superstition aside and having a grand old time — just as he did the last time he pitched a no-hitter.

Only this time, he was perfect.

Buehrle got a big assist from center fielder DeWayne Wise, who made a spectacular catch in the ninth inning, and then coolly closed out the 18th perfect game in major league history, a 5-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday.

"I don't think it's really soaked in," he said. "I think it'll soak in a little later. Obviously, anytime your name gets up there with some of the greats in the game, that means a lot. I think it's a thing when you retire and sit back and see how many perfect games have been thrown — and your name's in there — I think I'm going to sit back and be surprised."

Along with the perfect pitches, he'll probably think

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● Hype

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little more outspoken this week in their media opportunities when asked about the game, their chances and some of the Ohio players.

"Our kids are really motivated," said West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer. "They want to show they are as good and can compete with Ohio. They want to take care of business and they're getting anxious to get out there and show they can do it."

The Mountaineers haven't been shy that they really like the make-up of their club, which features 25 players from schools which are in Class 2-A and higher and also added in three players from Parkersburg South, which is one of the newest schools to join.

"I have no problems with the kids not being shy about their feelings," Kramer said. "I think these kids can be looser come game day because not many people expect us to be suc-

cessful, so we've been able to have a lot of fun and keep a good balance as best we can."

The Ohio players — who aren't privy to cable television during camp at WLU — have heard about the chatter via the phone, text messages, Internet and when the teams cross paths on campus.

To a man, the Buckeyes plan to do their talking on the field come Sunday evening and don't plan on getting caught up in any war of words leading up to the game.

"The competition is high, and I think we're going to go out on the field and see what happens," said Union Local's Jordan Barbina who is one of the called out players on the Buckeyes' squad.

Being a target of the opposition is nothing new for Barbina seeing he's coming off a season of accounting for nearly 4,000 yards of offense and more

than 40 touchdowns.

"I like having the target on my back," Barbina continued. "I'm going to come ready to play, and I know my teammates are going to come ready to play, and we plan on putting on a show."

Another player who's no stranger to being the focal point is Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray.

"We're just going to practice every day and make our team better," Murray said. "We're not getting caught up in the hype and any of the talking going on, and we're planning on putting on a good show Sunday."

The teams made the trip down Rt. 88 Wednesday evening for the George Strager Evening With the Stars and during the banquet chants of 'Let's Go Mountaineers' and 'OH-IO' rang loud, but after the banquet the Ohio players and West Virginia players were jawing with one another in good, competitive spirit, which the game and cross-state rivalry creates.

"We're hearing what's

being said," said Monroe Central's Mikey Habig, who was selected as a defensive captain. "We're just letting it build up and build it, and when it comes game time, we plan on showing we don't need to run our mouths all week to know we're the better team."

OVAC NOTES

• THE AFOREMENTIONED Ohio roster has shrunk to 29 players, but could return to 31 by game night. Two players opted to leave camp after reporting for unspecified reasons and two others left Wednesday due to sickness. Both are hopeful to return to camp and play in the game.

• TONIGHT is the Queen of Queens pageant at WesBanco Arena. The show starts at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased at the gate.

• SATURDAY the teams, band, cheerleaders will stay on campus and take part in the annual pep rally at Russek Field.

● Perfection

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about Wise's perfect play.

The image of Wise, just in as a defensive replacement, sprinting toward the fence in left-center after the ball jumped off Gabe Kapler's bat leading off the ninth will be tough to forget.

Wise jumped and extended his right arm above the top of the 8-foot wall.

The ball landed in his glove, then popped out for a split second as he was caroming off the wall and stumbling on the warning track. Wise grabbed it with his bare left hand, fell to the ground and rolled. He bounced up, proudly displaying the ball for the crowd.

A home run turned into an out, and with his biggest scare behind him, Buehrle finished off the perfect game.

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● Lucas

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football that Beallsville and Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell approached him about coming on board the varsity staff. He did so, but hasn't missed a beat of working with his oldest son.

When Rusty got on board with the Beallsville staff he watched how Caldwell dealt with the rigors of coaching his own son, Ryan, for four years.

"I learned a lot about dealing with your son as a player from Coach Caldwell," Rusty said.

Whether or not it was a win, loss, tie, good game or bad game, even if Eric wanted to talk football, there was nothing but positive words coming out of his dad's mouth — at home that is.

"He wanted to talk about football quite a bit," Rusty said. "We talked about a lot of different things, but I would never, ever get on him about anything. I would show him different things and work with him, but I always encouraged him."

Part of the encouragement involved one of the great skills Rusty taught his son.

"He's taught me to let everything go in one ear and out the other," Eric said. "Just keep going on about your business."

Rusty — who's coaching in the OVAC Game Sunday for the third time in his career — indicated he never counted it out that it would be Class A's turn in the OVAC rotation during Eric's senior year.

"It never really crossed my mind it just happened to fall that way," Rusty said. "It got closer to his senior year and it kind of dawned on me that if we have a good year, we do have a chance to coach it his senior year, but it's been a blessing and worked out really well."

Eric bursted onto the Beallsville football scene as a 14-year old freshman and has played what seems like every position on the field since. Last year he saw time at quarterback, tailback, wide receiver, nose guard, defensive back, linebacker and defensive end and some say he sold a tub of popcorn and a few 50-50 raffle tickets as well.

"We've had several memories over the years, and it's tough to pick out one," Rusty said. "As a freshman in his first play of high school football we put him in at split end and we ran an end-around pass and he threw a 58-yard touchdown the first time he touched the ball."

Eric — who will most likely see a bulk of his action at wide receiver this weekend — earned first-team all-Ohio after his senior season.

And that's something his dad had really never dreamt about.

"I knew he had some talent when he was younger, but he kept working hard and he doesn't settle for mediocrity," Rusty said. "He's got some natural talent that he must of gotten from his mother's side, but he's great a great work ethic."

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The former Ohio State quarterback bought a home in the Columbus suburb of Upper Arlington, then he and his wife donated it to the local fire department in 2004.

week in their media opportunities when asked about the game, their chances and some of the Ohio players.

"Our kids are really motivated," said West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer. "They want to show they are as good and can compete with Ohio. They want to take care of business and they're getting anxious to get out there and show they can do it."

The Mountaineers haven't been shy that they really like the make-up of their club, which features 25 players from schools which are in Class 2-A and higher and also added in three players from Parkersburg South, which is one of the newest schools to join.

"I have no problems with the kids not being shy about their feelings," Kramer said. "I think these kids can be looser come game day because not many people expect us to be suc-

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Another player who's no stranger to being the focal point is Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray. "We're just going to practice every day and make our team better," Murray said. "We're not getting caught up in the hype and any of the talking going on, and we're planning on putting on a good show Sunday."

The teams made the trip down Rt. 88 Wednesday evening for the George Strager Evening With the Stars and during the banquet chants of 'Let's Go Mountaineers' and 'OH-IO' rang loud, but after the banquet the Ohio players and West Virginia players were jawing with one another in good, competitive spirit, which the game and cross-state rivalry creates.

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OVAC NOTES
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• TONIGHT is the Queen of Queens pageant at WesBanco Arena. The show starts at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased at the gate.

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Eric Tidmore, top photo, plays his drums as he walks to the first practice for the McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band, which reported to West Liberty State University Wednesday to begin its preparations for Sunday's 64th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. Buckeye Local's Chelsey-Nichol McCain, lower left, carries her instrument across campus while River's Kelsey Krempasky autographs a football after finishing up her registration for OVAC All-Star Cheering Camp. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com.

Subway: Eat Fresh, Play Free

OVAC, food chain team up again at Whg. Island

By SHAWN RINE
Ohio Sports Editor

WHEELING — Part of the reason Subway and the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference seem to be an ideal fit is their message. Each wants to promote a healthy lifestyle for area youth, so it was only natural the two agreed recently to extend their partnership for another two years.

As football season gets closer, the maniacal Ohio Valley football fan doesn't have to look far or hard to find a cure his jones. Any number of events are beginning to pop up, but one in particular should catch the attention of even the average patron.

Prior to this Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Game, the 'Subway Sports Clinic Series' will be playing host to its sixth annual football clinic in conjunction with the game itself.

"It's a lot of fun and it's a feel-good type of thing," OVAC Sports Marketing LLC's James Companion said. "(Last year) was well attended.

"We had a good group of kids."

That group included both boys and girls, which is atypical of such an event. Companion says the ratio of boys to girls is still about 5-to-1 at the clinic, which is open to anyone between the ages of 6-13.

"And the girls are treated just like the boys," Companion noted.

Aside from the fact its co-ed, what makes this clinic special in regard to all the others you might be asking?

Perhaps it's the fact newly appointed Wheeling Park football coach Chris Daugherty and his staff will be on hand to offer instruction. Bethany coach and athletics director Tim Weaver is bringing his coaching contingent to Wheeling Island Stadium the same day.

"I know with Coach Doc being new and energized, it's going to be a lot of fun," Companion said. "I know he is looking seriously to develop a program that starts with the next generations of the Wheeling Park football programs.

"(Weaver's) a young coach and looking for future ball players. I am sure he's looking for ways to grow Bethany's visibility."

It's a camp for both boys and girls, and offers instruction from two quality football coaching staffs. Just when it seems like it can't get any better, it does.

The clinic won't cost you a penny, which in these economic times makes it music to all ears.

"People hear you say the word 'free' and don't really believe it, because nowadays nothing is free," Companion said. "But you can't take for granted getting to be in such a nice stadium, on the same field where the all-stars will play."

Registration will take place at the stadium at 12:45 Sunday, and the clinic will run from 1-2:30 p.m. It will be split into stations, some offering individual instruction, and others taking place in a group setting.

"The main focus will be on fundamentals and learning how to do things the right way," Companion said. "We also help the kids focus on believing in themselves and on self-esteem."

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Ohio captains

• Barbina, Murray, Habig, Christian selected

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

Getting selected to the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic is a big moment in the lives of prep football players in the Ohio Valley.

However, getting selected as a team captain is a whole another story.

Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell announced his four co-captains for this Sunday's 64th annual all-star game at Wheeling Island Stadium during Wednesday's 24th annual George Strager Evening With the Stars at Wheeling Park's White Palace.

Slated to lead the Buckeyes onto the field are Union Local's Jordan Barbina.

Monroe Central's Mikey Habig, Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray and Steubenville's Jeryl Christian.

Depending upon the coach's decision, some years the right to be a captain has been voted upon by the players, but Caldwell sat in his room Sunday evening and picked his leaders himself.

"I tried to spread it out to one end of the OVAC to another and represent everyone that way," Caldwell said. "I've pretty much always done it that way during the times I've coached the game."

The four captains were informed of the decision earlier in the week and have led stretching drills and their respective positions during the week of drills.

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RECEIVING scholarships at the annual George Strager Evening With the Stars Dinner held Wednesday evening in conjunction with the 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic were these Ohio players. From left are Brody Call (St. Clairsville), Mikey Habig (Monroe Central), Schuyler Bondy (Monroe Central), Lance Morrison (Cambridge) and scholarship presenter Kelly Rine. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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Barbina — who figures to see much of the action at quarterback this weekend — was the out-spoken leader of the Jets during their march to the second round of the Division IV playoffs. He did it both in the lockerroom and by his play, which resulted in nearly 4,000 yards of offense being put forth.

"It's not hard to lead this group because everyone's so focused on winning the game," Barbina said. "We've been bonding well and everyone's getting along and we're ready to play. We know it's going to be an intense game, but we're focused and ready to play."

Murray is also no stranger to the leadership role from his days at Martins Ferry. He came on

the scene as a freshman and immediately gained the respect of his teammates.

He turned in a brilliant sophomore season, but was forced into a leader role off the field as a junior after missing much of the campaign with a torn knee. He came back last fall and turned in a first-team all-Ohio campaign.

In leading the Riders to the OVAC title, Murray accumulated more than 2,000 yards rushing and 30 touchdowns as the quarterback. He's slated to see action as a running back and in the defensive backfield this week.

"It's a big honor, and I am really excited about it," Murray said. "Everyone here is really good, so it's different but everyone's got the same goal, and that's to

win the game."

Habig — like the two aforementioned players — was an unquestioned leader during his high school days for the Seminoles, playing on the offensive line and as a linebacker.

He's serving as one of the defensive captains again this week and it's something that took him by surprise when he was told.

"I didn't think I was going to get picked," Habig said. "Coach Caldwell said he wanted the best players to be the captains and serve as role models for the team."

Habig and the Seminoles got hot at the end of the season and narrowly missed a trip to the Division V postseason and the way the team played collectively was one of the things he credits for that.

"Defense is my game, and I was pretty vocal on that side of the ball," Habig admitted. "Our defense (in the OVAC) is coming together, and I really think we're going to come out Sunday and make a statement."

West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer and his staff opted to conduct a players' vote for captain and the results haven't even been tabulated yet.

"I think when we left to come down (to the Evening With the Stars), we only had 17 of our ballots back," Kramer said. "There are some front runners showing up and for the most part you can see on the field who the leaders of this team are, but there is some politicking going on."

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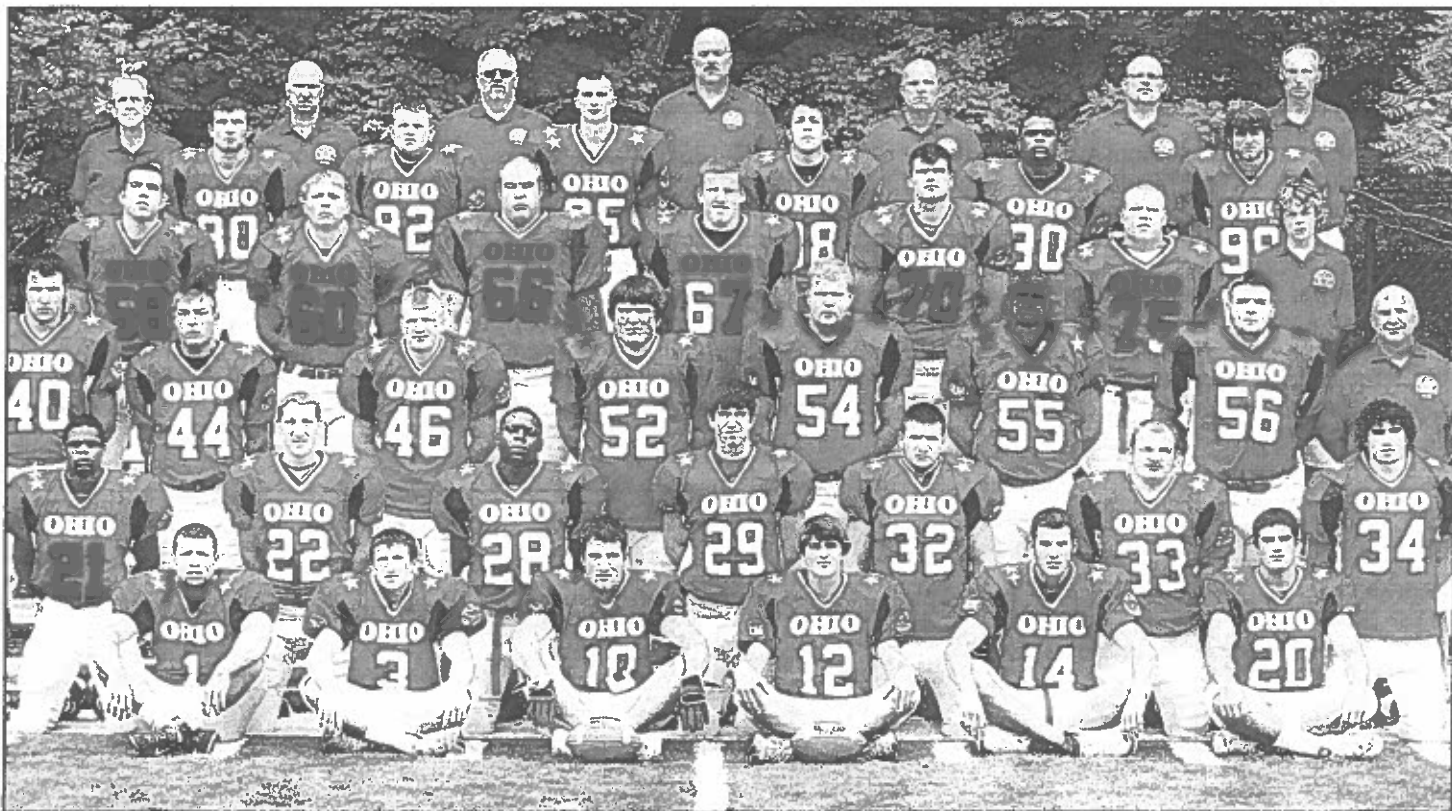
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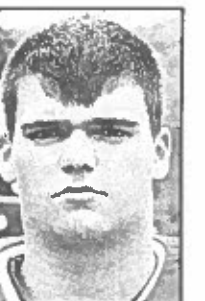
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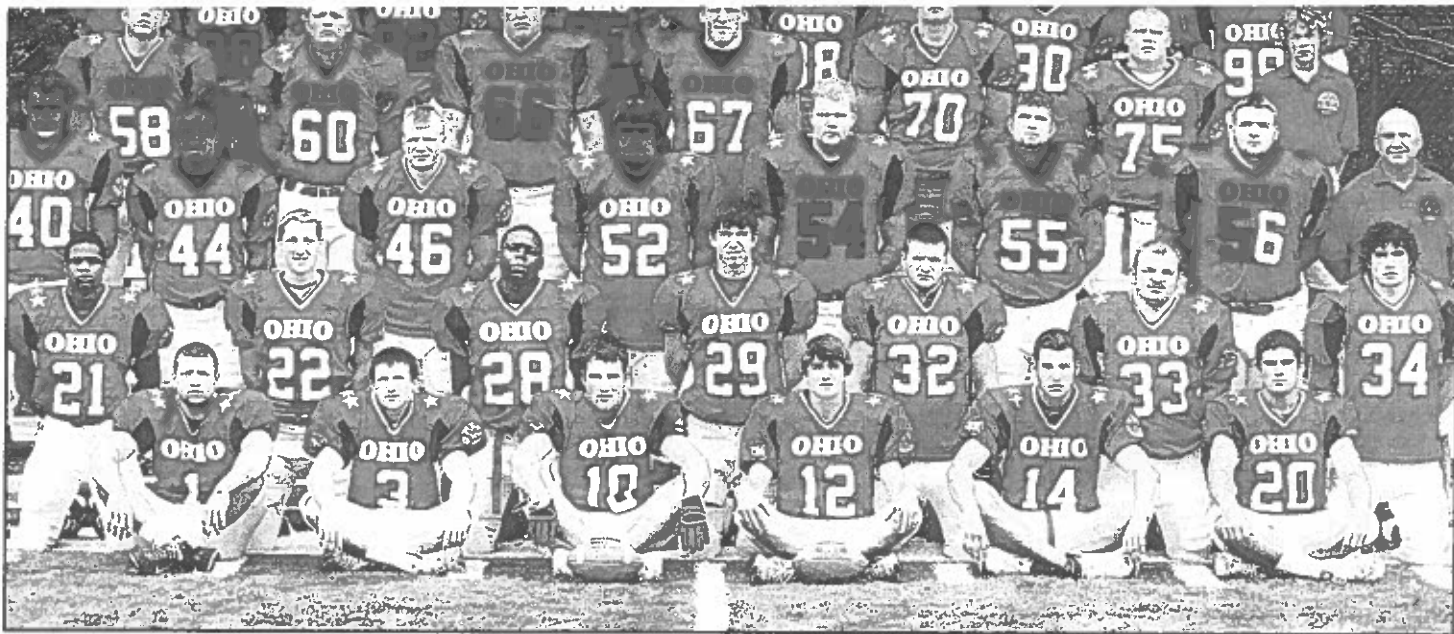
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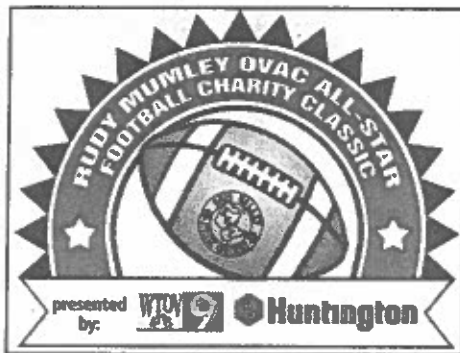
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"It's been a real fun week for (the coaches) and the kids," said Caldwell who is leading the Buckeyes onto the field for the fifth time this evening.

"The kids have listened well, behaved themselves and it's just been a great group to work with."

However, getting back to work with their respective home programs, which earned them the right to be a part of this game is also something that can't be taken lightly.

"I need my beauty sleep," Kramer joked. "It's been a long week, but it's been very enjoyable. It's a first-class game and the treatment we've received has been



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Behind Barbina, Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray won the tailback job. He played quarterback at Ferry and earned first-team all-Ohio in the process, but he ran for more than 2,000 yards in doing so.

Paving the way for Murray is Monroe Central's Mikey Habig who handled that duty with the Seminoles.

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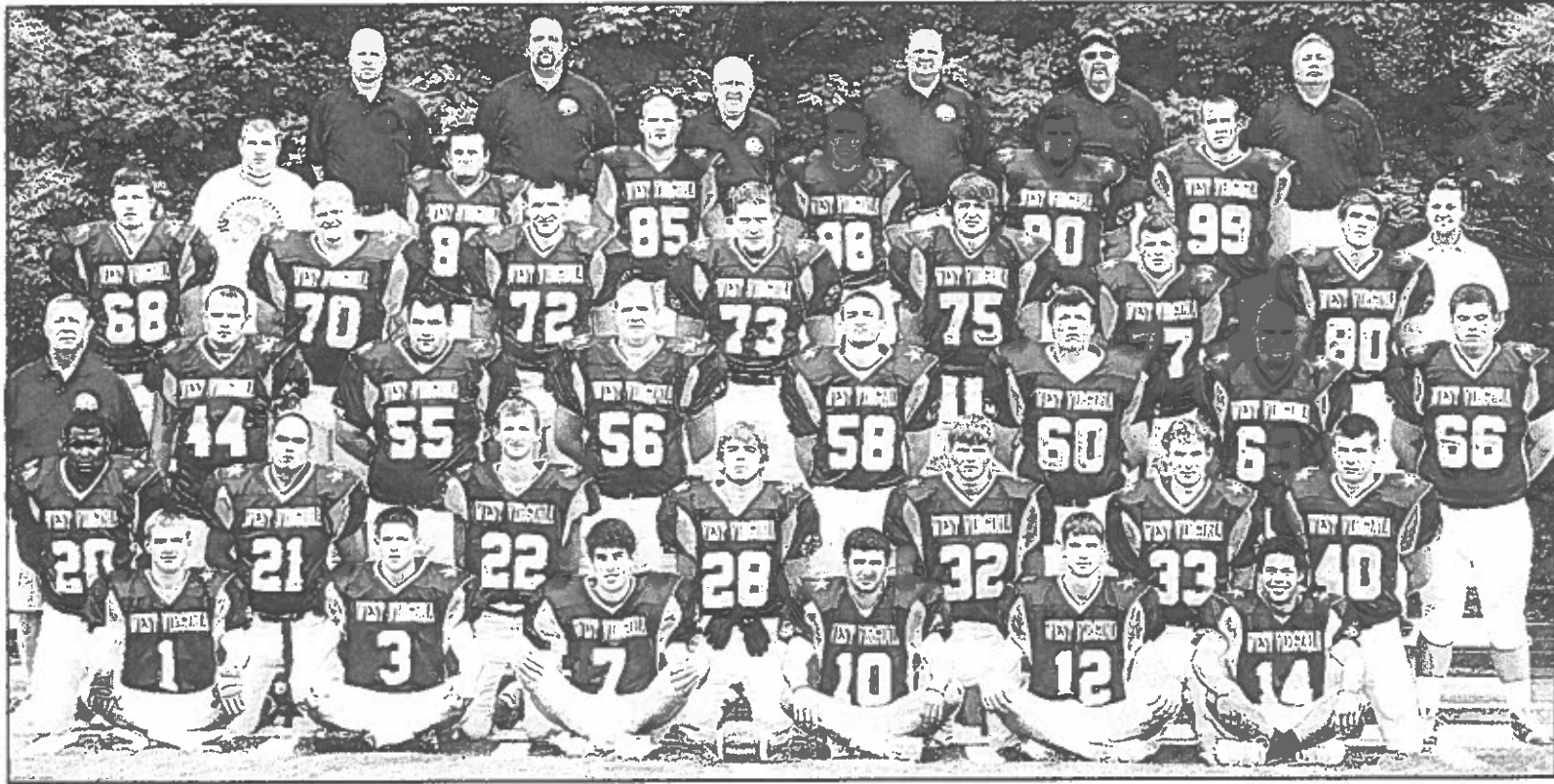
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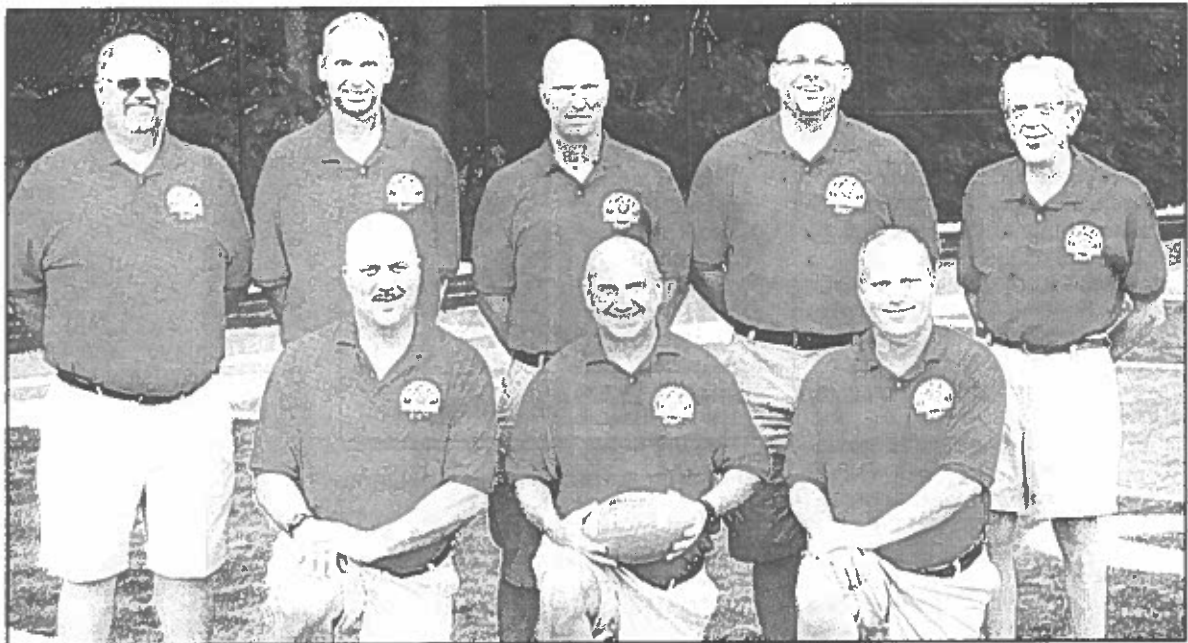
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3	Wes Skinner	5'8"	170	RB	Harrison
10	Eric Lucas	6'0"	185	WR	Beallsville
12	Jordan Barbra	6'1"	180	QB	Union Local
14	Kyle Blackman	6'4"	185	WR	Union Local
20	Brody Call	5'11"	185	DB	St. Clairsville
21	Taylor Banks	5'7"	165	RB	Harrison
22	Brandon Carroll	6'1"	180	DB	Staubenville
28	Jeryl Christian	6'2"	230	DT	Staubenville
29	Zane Butler	6'2"	210	DE	St. Clairsville
32	Matt Shreve	6'0"	215	FB	Martins Ferry
34	Jordan Clegg	6'1"	205	LB	River
40	Mickey Habig	6'3"	225	TE	Monroe
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46	Johnny Merryman	5'9"	180	LB	Shadyside
52	George Ruckman	6'0"	260	C	Beallsville
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60	Pat Gerst	6'0"	240	G	Caldwell
66	Brant Powell	6'2"	250	T	Barnesville
67	Steve Woodford	6'2"	240	LB	Martins Ferry
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WEST VIRGINIA

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The Ohio squad went light on Saturday, going through just one practice before the pep rally that evening. It won't do anything today on the field.

"We're going to go to Vespers, there's a brunch and then we'll just kind of let them relax and maybe do a team activity," Caldwell said. "The kids are getting tired of practice and we feel we've got everything in place to put on a good

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"We kind of let the kids decide what they wanted to do on Saturday and then we're just going to relax and try to get our legs under us for the game," Kramer said.

"It's been a tough week, and I want everyone as fresh as possible for the game."

The Vespers service will begin this morning at 9 a.m. and brunch is scheduled for around 11. The teams will board the busses for Wheeling Island at 3:30 p.m.

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Ohio All-Stars extend dominance with 47-7 victory

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WHEELING, W.Va. — Four minutes into Sunday night's 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, it looked like the game might be headed for a shoot-out.

What materialized, however, was a total runaway for Ohio which extended its dominance in the conference showcase with a 47-7 trouncing of West Virginia before a nice-sized crowd at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The win was the 14th in the last 15 years for the Buckeye

State gridgers and boosted the all-time series edge to 41-22-1, including 26-11-1 in games under OVAC sponsorship.

Ohio coach Dave Caldwell from Beallsville, who pushed his personal record over the .500 mark to 3-2 in all-star game coaching appearances, saw his team get on the scoreboard first after forcing a three-and-out on West Virginia's first possession.

The Buckeyes moved 66 yards in six plays, featuring a half-back pass from Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray to Beallsville's Eric Lucas which covered 29 yards and capped on a 33-yard

touchdown strike from QB Jordan Barbina of Union Local to Brody Call of St. Clairsville.

Cambridge's Nick Liptak added the point-after kick — the first of five successful PATs for the Bobcat grad — to give Ohio a 7-0 lead with 8:56 on the first quarter clock.

West Virginia countered quickly to tied the score, unleashing Wheeling Central running back DeVaughn Gordon on its first snap for 43 yards and then going right back to Gordon who reversed directions and scampered 27 yards to paydirt.

The PAT by Jon Hood of Brooke evened the score at 7-7 with 8:05 left in round one.

The rest of the game belonged to Ohio.

After an exchange of punts, Ohio went 81 yards in 12 plays, highlighted by a 16-yard pass from Barbina to Lucas and a 19-yard keeper and ensuing late-hit penalty against West Virginia. The six-pointer came on a one-yard keeper by Barbina on a busted play, with Liptak's point-after giving the Buckeyes the lead for good at 14-7 with 14 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Ohio went 53 yards in just six snaps for its next tally, with a 34-yard Barbina-to-Call aerial fueling the drive and an 11-yard toss from Barbina to Lucas finishing things off. Again Liptak converted, giving Ohio a 21-7 lead with 8:33 left in the first half.

The Buckeyes got on the board one more time before the intermission.

After stalling at the West Virginia 32-yard line, it appeared the Buckeyes would have Liptak attempt a 49-yard field goal, but after a timeout, Caldwell & Co. reconsidered and went for it on a fourth-and-

10 and the decision proved to be correct as Barbina connected with Steubenville's Brandon Carroll for a 32-yard touchdown strike.

A celebration penalty made Liptak's PAT try longer and it was off the mark, leaving Ohio on top 27-7 with 1:09 left in the second quarter.

After the crowning of Allison Clark of Wheeling Park as the Queen of Queens (Caldwell's Megan McConnell finished as the second runner-up) and another dazzling show by the McDonald's All-Star Band, Ohio continue its onslaught



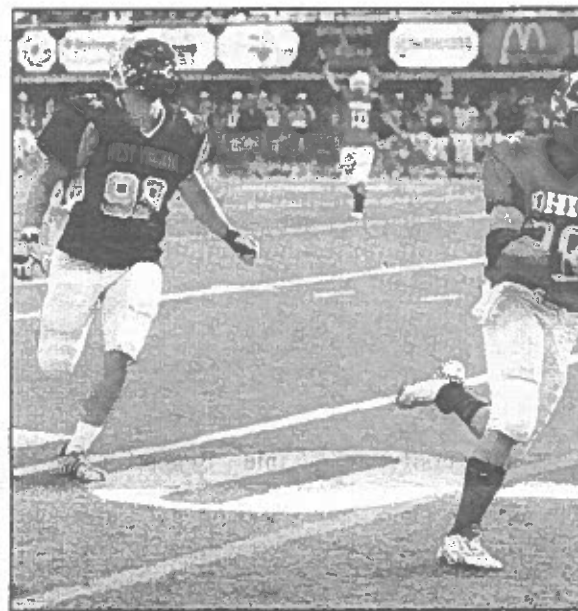
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Ohio's Lance Morrison of Cambridge High and West Virginia's Matt Scrupf of Bishop Donahue during evening's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium.



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nien extended its dominance the conference showcase with a 47-7 trouncing of West Virginia before a nice-sized crowd at Wheeling Island stadium. The win was the 14th in the last 15 years for the Buckeye

possession. The Buckeyes moved 66 yards in six plays, featuring a half-back pass from Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray to Beallsville's Eric Lucas which covered 29 yards and capped on a 33-yard

DeVaughn Gordon on its first snap for 43 yards and then going right back to Gordon who reversed directions and scampered 27 yards to paydirt. The PAT by Jon Hood of Brooke evened the score at 7-7 with 8:05 left in round one.

The rest of the game belonged to Ohio.

After an exchange of punts, Ohio went 81 yards in 12 plays, highlighted by a 16-yard pass from Barbina to Lucas and a 19-yard keeper and ensuing late-hit penalty against West Virginia. The six-pointer came on a one-yard keeper by Barbina on a busted play, with Liptak's point-after giving the Buckeyes the lead for good at 14-7 with 14 seconds left in the opening quarter.

Ohio went 53 yards in just six snaps for its next tally, with a 34-yard Barbina-to-Call aerial fueling the drive and an 11-yard toss from Barbina to Lucas finishing things off. Again Liptak converted, giving Ohio a 21-7 lead with 8:33 left in the first half.

The Buckeyes got on the board one more time before the intermission.

After stalling at the West Virginia 32-yard line, it appeared the Buckeyes would have Liptak attempt a 49-yard field goal, but after a timeout, Caldwell & Co. reconsidered and went for it on a fourth-and-

Queen of Queens (Caldwell's Megan McConnell finished as the second runner-up) and another dazzling show by the McDonald's All-Star Band, Ohio continue its onslaught



after Harrison Central's Westley Skinner got things rolling with a 50-yard kickoff return to the West Virginia 40-yard line.

Eight plays later, the Buckeyes were in the end zone again, this time on a one-yard run by Monroe Central's Mike Habig. Liptak's kick bounded off the left upright, but Ohio's lead had ballooned to 33-7 with 8:32 remaining in round three.

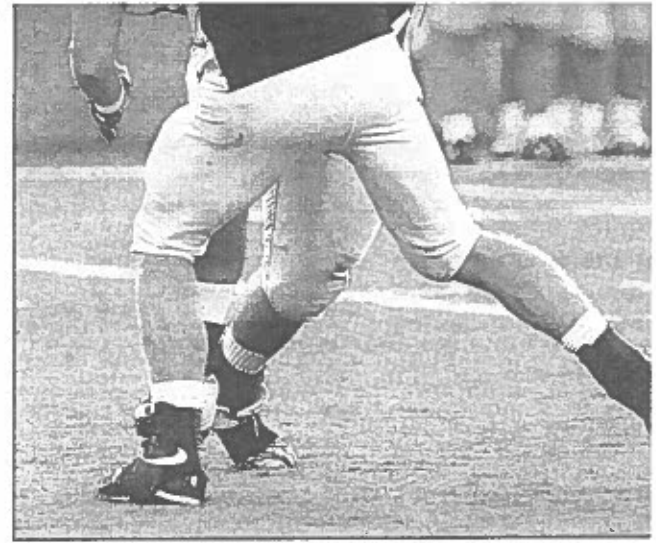
A nine-play, 83-yard drive pushed the lead to 40-7, with Ferry's Murray turning in a 32-yard run and Barbina and Habig combining for a 17-yard pickup along the way.

Habig got his second TD on a seven-yard run and Liptak added the PAT for the 33-point lead with 11:24 left in the game.

Ohio added one more score for good measure, with St. Clairsville's Zane Butler blocking a West Virginia punt and scooping it up at the 20-yard line and rambling in for the TD. Liptak's PAT closed the scoring with 1:52 remaining.

The Buckeyes finished with 374 net yards, with 181 on the ground and 193 through the air. Barbina completed 9-of-22 passes, with Lucas and Murray each catching three balls. Murray led the running game with 14 carries for 87 yards while Habig added 13 attempts for 51 stripes.

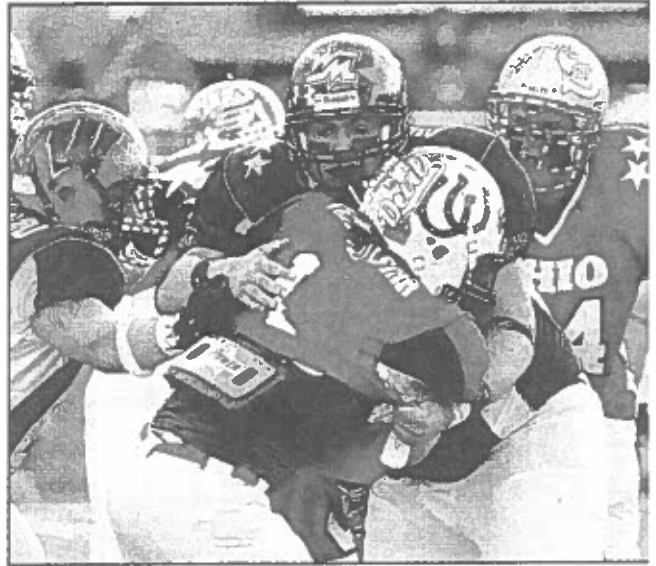
West Virginia totaled 283 yards, with 233 coming through the air and just a net of 50 on the ground. Wheeling Park's Ryan Sengewalt did most of the QB work, hitting eight of his 22 attempts with Park teammate Eric Mendenhall catching five passes for 71 yards. Wheeling Central's Gordon finished with eight rushes for 93 yards.



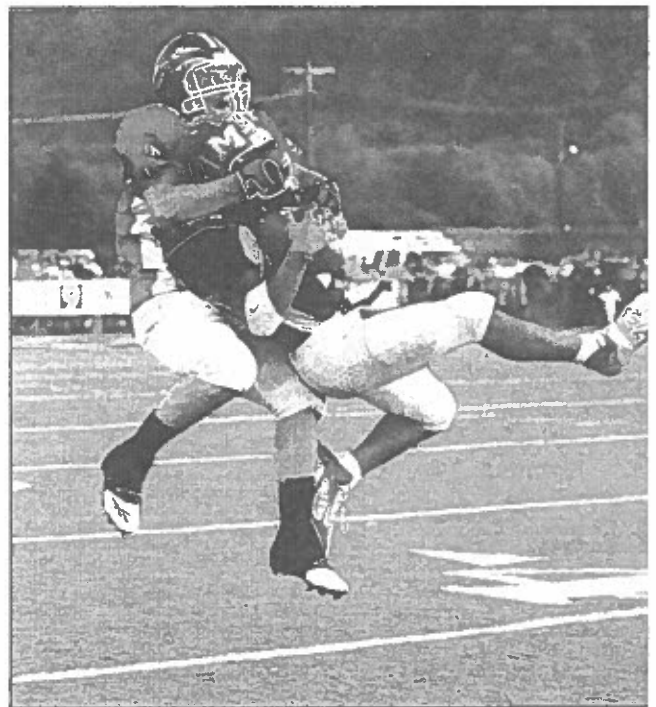
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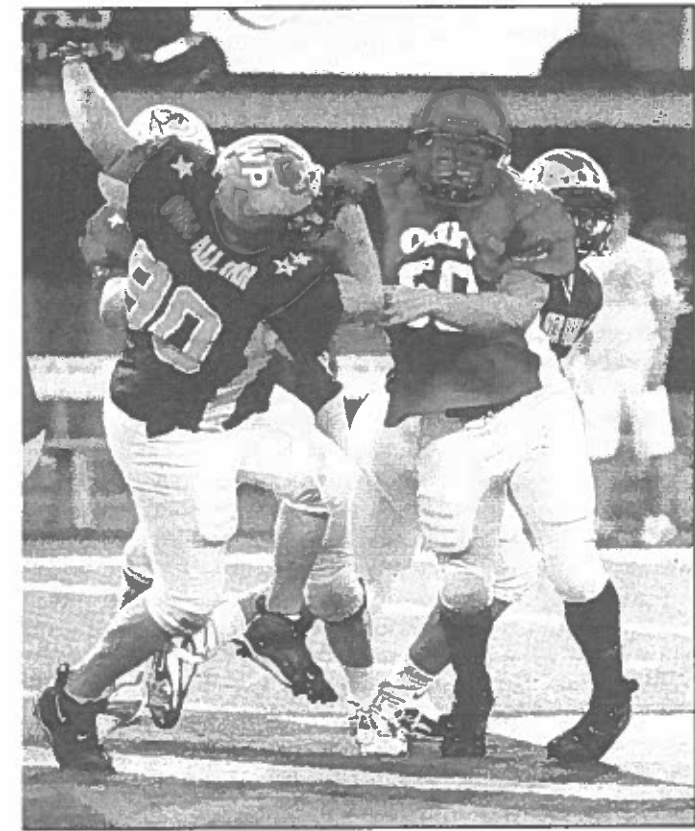
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Ohio's Eric Lucas from Beallsville and West Virginia's Ricardo Farrow from Wheeling Park battle for the football with Farrow coming up with an interception on the play.



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The 2009 Queen of Queens royalty from the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, from left to right, Stacey Schumaker of Monroe Central, Miss Congeniality; third runner-up, Kayla Morris of Parkersburg South; first runner-up Anna McCombs of John Marshall, Queen of Queens Allison Clark of Wheeling Park; second runner-up Megan McConnell of Caldwell; and fourth runner-up Allie Hundley of Linsly.

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First Downs	17	13
Rushes-yards	36-181	29-50
Passing yards	193	233
Comp-Att-Int	10-23-2	13-30-1
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-yds	8-70	9-75
Punts-avg.	2-41.5	3-34.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Ohio, Jeremy Murray (Martins Ferry) 14-87, Mike Habig (Monroe Central) 13-51, Jordan Barbina (Union Local) 7-36, Matt Shreve (Martins Ferry) 1-4, Eric Lucas (Beallsville) 1-3, West Virginia, DeVaughn Gordon (Wheeling Central) 8-93, Chanz Jarrrell (Parkersburg South) 6-1, Nate Zills (Tyler) 1-9, Matt Scrumpf (Bishop Donahue) 4-(-14), Michael Newton (Brooke) 2-(-15), Ryan Sengewalt (Wheeling Park) 8-(-24).
PASSING—Ohio, Barbina 9-22-2-164, Murray 1-1-0-29, West Virginia, Sengewalt 8-22-1-128, Newton 3-6-0-28, Eric Mendenhall (Wheeling Park) 1-1-0-34, Ryan Lewicki (John Marshall) 1-1-0-43.
RECEIVING—Ohio, Lucas 3-56, Murray 3-21, Brody Call (St. Clairsville) 2-67, Brandon Carroll (Steubenville) 1-32, Habig 1-17, West Virginia, Mendenhall 5-71, Jason Utt (Magnolia) 2-36, Zills 2-44, Ricardo Farrow (Wheeling Park) 1-43, Brandon Sprouse (Magnolia) 1-28, Jarrrell 1-19, Dan Gordon (Wheeling Central), 1-(-5).
INTERCEPTIONS—Ohio, Jordan Clegg (River), West Virginia, Farrow, Jacob Porter (Oak Glen).
FUMBLE RECOVERIES—Ohio, none, West Virginia, none.
KICKOFF RETURNS—Ohio, Westley Skinner (Harrison Central) 2-53, West Virginia, Utt 2-16, Farrow 3-68, DeVaughn Gordon 2-42, Jarrrell 1-28.
PUNT RETURNS—Ohio, Lucas 1-10, Murray 1-7, West Virginia, Utt 1-(-3).

SPORTS

Tuesday, February 3,
2009OVAC Football Classic
coaches announced

• Beallsville's Caldwell, Madonna's Kramer selected

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

Summertime may seem like a long time away.

However, thoughts of summer were evident Monday evening at Undo's West in St. Clairsville when the coaches for the 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic were formally introduced and received their packets of player nominations.

On the OVAC's rotating system of selecting the coaches, it's Class 1-A's turn and Madonna's Bob Kramer and Beallsville's Dave Caldwell will guide their respective states in the game, which

is slated for Sunday, July 26 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Caldwell is by no means a stranger to the game. He'll be guiding the Buckeyes for the fifth time and owns a 3-1 record in the game. He last coached the game in 2006 and the Buckeyes rolled.

"Being around so many talented kids, taking part in all of the events and the fact that the proceeds from this game go to such a good cause never gets old," Caldwell said. "Sometimes doing it so often can become redundant a little bit, but knowing all of the good things that come out of it helps you get over that."

The Blue Devils finished 9-1 last sea-

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COACHES FOR the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic are Beallsville's Dave Caldwell, left, who will direct the Ohio squad, while Madonna's Bob Kramer, right, will lead W.Va. Game Director Bob Koch is also pictured.

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son and advanced to the Ohio Division VI playoffs before being bounced by Shadyside in the opening round.

Caldwell admits that for the first time since he's been doing it he had to think long and hard before accepting the job.

"I had some doubt," Caldwell said. "I talked it over with my staff and some other people and it seemed that a lot of people wanted me to do it again, so I just decided to take it."

Seeing that he's been around the game so often, he understands the immediate pressure that's placed on the Ohio coaching staff. The Buckeye State is revered all over the nation as a high school football hotbed and there are several more schools to pick from.

"Ohio's won 13 of the last 14 or something like that, so the odds are definitely in the favor of West Virginia," Caldwell confessed. "There are a lot of good players in Ohio and there are a lot of good players in West Virginia, which is something we've got to consider."

While Caldwell is a seasoned veteran at picking the team and knowing the procedure, Kramer is in the position as head coach for the first time. He guided his Blue Dons to the Class 1-A OVAC title and they advanced to the West Virginia Class A State Championship Game before falling to Williamstown.

"It's a lot of work, but it's going to be a lot of fun," Kramer said. "You get to meet kids from schools that you played or saw during the season. My coaches and I are looking forward to it."

While in the role of head coach for the first time, Kramer was on the Mountaineer staff in 2004, serving as an assistant to then Oak Glen head coach Tom Taylor, who now serves on the Blue Dons' staff.

"I was anxious to do this," Kramer said. "I wanted to see what it was all about being the head coach, and my assistants were really anxious."

For the Blue Dons' braintrust the toughest part will be deciding which players to bring to camp for the game.

"It's tough because you don't get to see all of the players," Kramer said. "We'll be contacting a lot of coaches for information about the players and I don't know what positions we'll be overloaded at, so that's the toughest part to find ways to form the most even squad so you don't have too much at one spot."

Other than the coaches, very little is changed with the all-star game. Valley High School band director Ben McPherson and his wife Amanda are co-directing the McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band.

Cameron Athletic Director Bob Koch is once again serving as the game director.

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OVAC All-Star Football Game Rosters Announced

OHIO

Jason Bahen, East Liverpool
Taylor Banks, Harrison Central
Jordan Barbina, Union Local
Nick Bickar, Edison
Kyle Blackman, Union Local
Schuyler Bondy, Monroe Central
Tyler Brooks, River
Zane Butler, St. Clairsville
Brody Call, St. Clairsville
Jeryl Christian, Steubenville
Jordan Clegg, River
Ryan Dugan, Steubenville
D.J. Duke, River
Pat Gerst, Caldwell
Mikey Habig, Monroe Central
Anthony Hocker, Bellaire

Taylor Leppla, Cambridge
Nick Liptak, Cambridge
Eric Lucas, Beallsville
Johnny Merryman, Shadyside
Jeremy Murray, Martins Ferry
Bo Olexo, Union Local
Russell Paugh, Beaver Local
Brant Powell, Barnesville
George Ruckman, Beallsville
Nathan Schaal, Buckeye Local
Anthony Scott, Zanesville
Matt Shreve, Martins Ferry
Wes Skinner, Harrison Central
Brent Snider, Indian Creek
Sean West, Bridgeport
Steven Woodford, Martins Ferry

By SETH STASKEY For the News-Register

When the 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic takes the field on Sunday, July 26 at Wheeling Island Stadium, Beallsville head coach Dave Caldwell will be in charge of the Buckeyes for the fifth time.

However, this year's selection process has been one of the most difficult, he said.

And that's not necessarily because the talent is any greater than in his four previous appearances.

"It's a tough process," Caldwell said of assembling the 33 best football players in the Buckeye State. "We've had some kids drop out due to various reasons in the past, but never have we had to replace as many players as we have had to this year."

Despite the roster turnover, Caldwell and his trusted Blue Devil staff feels it's assembled a quality group of players who will report to camp at West Liberty University on Sunday, July 19.

"I don't know a lot about the kids, but we feel we're going to be a talented team which is going to be able to do the job," Caldwell said. "We tried to represent as many schools as possible and in the meantime tried to balance out the roster as best we could."

The Ohio side of the river — like West Virginia — had several teams make deep runs into the postseason and when you do that good players usually play a role and Caldwell didn't hesitate to represent those squads.

"You'd be foolish if you didn't take as many kids from the good programs as you can," Caldwell said. "We think we did a good job of selecting kids who came from teams which had good records."

All told, the Ohio squad features players from 20 different schools.

Leading the way with three selections each are: Steubenville, Martins Ferry, Union Local and River.

Steubenville, which played for the Division IV state championship last December in Canton, features three recent alumni in the annual summer classic. Brandon Carroll, Jeryl Christian and Ryan Dugan will all wear the Block S on their helmet once more.

Martins Ferry, which rattled off a 9-1 regular season, won the OVAC Class AAA title and advanced to the Region 15 title game before falling, has a notable trio taking part in the game. All-Ohioan Jeremy Murray leads

the way. He's joined by linebacking aces Steve Woodford and Matt Shreve.

Union Local, which lost just twice — both to Martins Ferry — featured one of the most electric offenses around this past season. Quarterback Jordan Barbina, who was a first-team all-Ohioan, was a key cog in that success and will be one of the players for the Buckeyes. He'll be joined by receiver Kyle Blackman and versatile line player Bo Olexo.

River put together a perfect regular season, winning the OVAC Class AA title and finishing as Region 23 runnerup last fall. The Pilots were a senior dominated group and got three bids to the all-star game. Two-time first-team all-Ohio and two-time state shot put champion D.J. Duke will be one of the forces on the interior for the Buckeyes.

He'll be joined in camp for the Buckeyes by Jordan Clegg and Tyler Brooks.

Caldwell took two of his own players with him off a Blue Devils' squad that advanced to the Region 23 playoffs and finished second in the OVAC. Muskingum College recruits Eric Lucas and George Ruckman will play for their head coach once more before heading to college.

St. Clairsville qualified for the Division IV playoffs last season and the Red Devils will have two representatives in the game in Zane Butler and highly touted running back Brody Call.

Cambridge got a pair of players into the game. Rick Goodrich's Bobcats finished 4-6 in the regular season. Taylor Leppla and Nick Liptak will participate.

Monroe Central, which was one of the hottest teams around at the end of the season and came up just shy of qualifying for the Division V playoffs, has two of its players taking part. Mikey Habig and Schuyler Bondy were the chosen Seminoles.

Harrison Central's backfield tandem of Wes Skinner and Taylor Banks will take part in the game and could provide versatility. Both were also defensive standouts for Coach Justin Kropka's squad.

The remainder of the Ohio squad consists of: Jason Behan (East Liverpool); Nick Bickar (Edison); Pat Gerst (Caldwell); Anthony Hocker (Bellaire); Johnny Merryman (Shadyside); Russell Paugh (Beaver Local); Brant Powell (Barnesville); Nathan Schaal (Buckeye Local); Anthony Scott (Zanesville); Brent Snider (Indian Creek) and Sean West (Bridgeport).

WEST VIRGINIA

Joey Capito, Madonna
Artie Chappell, Weir
Wes Cospers, Paden City
Vic DeCaria, Madonna
Ricardo Farrow, Wheeling Park
Zach Foose, Wheeling Central
James Gifford, Pkb. South
Dan Gordon, Wheeling Central
DeVaughn Gordon, Wheeling Central
Dante Greco, Madonna
Tyler Hanna, Magnolia
Mike Henderson, Brooke
Jordan Holliday, Pkb. South
Jon Hood, Brooke
Nick Hurley, Wheeling CC
Chanz Jarrell, Pkb. South
Ryan Lewicki, John Marshall

Morgan Long, Valley
Eric Mendenhall, Wheeling Park
Doug Murray, Oak Glen
Mike Newton, Brooke
Nick Ohrman, Linsly
Anthony Pietranton, Madonna
Jon Przelenski, Bishop Donahue
Derrick Rovira, Weir
Matt Schrupf, Bishop Donahue
Michael Scott, Cameron
Ryan Sengewalt, Whg. Park
Brandon Sprouse, Magnolia
Derek Stahl, Wheeling Park
Jason Utt, Magnolia
Adam Vaughn, Oak Glen
Nate Zills, Tyler Consolidated

By SETH STASKEY For the News-Register

The hard part is over.

Compared to picking the roster, taking on Ohio in the 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium on Sunday, July will seem like a walk in the park.

Weirton Madonna head coach Bob Kramer, who guided his Blue Dons to the West Virginia Class A State Championship Game last December, spent countless hours with his coaching staff, on the phone and watching films trying to formulate a 33-man roster that will give the Mountaineers their best chance to knocking off the Ohio squad.

"(Picking) the roster is probably the hardest thing I've ever had to do in my entire life," Kramer said. "There are so many deserving kids, but you can't take everyone."

Certain game rules dictate representation and coaches are encouraged to represent as many member schools as possible.

Kramer has done that very well seeing that every West Virginia school in the league has at least one player in the upcoming classic.

"The coaching part of this game is going to breeze, and that's no disrespect to Ohio, but picking the team was really tough," Kramer continued. "I feel bad that I had to disappoint some of the kids, but it was a great honor for them just to be nominated by their coaches. You've got to fill positions."

Kramer recognized four of his own players who led the Blue Dons to the OVAC title and the Super Six berth.

"I could have taken five of my own, but went with four," Kramer admitted. "At a small school, you've got to be able to play several positions, so the kids we took from (Madonna) are versatile players."

Representing the Blue Dons will be: Joey Capito, Vic DeCaria, Dante Greco and Anthony Pietranton.

No fewer than eight players will get to play on their home field for a

final time before officially hanging up the high school football cleats.

Wheeling Park and Wheeling Central each have four representatives in the game. The Patriots were in the W.Va. Class AAA playoffs and the Maroon Knights advanced to the state semifinals before being bounced by eventual state champion Williamstown.

The Patriots' foursome is: Ricardo Farrow, Eric Mendenhall, Ryan Sengewalt and Derek Stahl. The Maroon Knights' group is: Zach Foose, all-stater Dan Gordon, all-stater DeVaughn Gordon and Nick Hurley.

Magnolia, which played for the Class AA state championship as well last December, has a trio of players on the Mountaineers' roster.

The Blue Eagles' representatives include: Tyler Hanna, Brandon Sprouse and Jason Utt.

Brooke, which finished with a 3-7 record last season, garnered three roster bids for the OVAC Game. Mike Henderson, Jon Hood and Mike Newton were the chosen ones for the Bruins.

Weir, which qualified for the Class AA playoffs, got a pair of roster spots. Artie Chappell and Derrick Rovira were chosen.

Parkersburg South, which wasn't admitted to the OVAC until after the football season was completed, is full-go and has three of its players in the game.

James Gifford, Jordan Holliday and Chanz Jarrell will all represent the Wood County school on Wheeling Island.

Bishop Donahue grabbed a pair of spots. Kramer chose Jon Przelenski and Matt Schrupf to represent the Bishops. Oak Glen was the only other school with multiple members. Doug Murray and Adam Vaughn will represent the Golden Bears.

Completing the West Virginia roster are: Ryan Lewicki (John Marshall); Wes Cospers (Paden City); Morgan Long (Valley); Nick Ohrman (Linsly); Michael Scott (Cameron) and Nate Zills (Tyler Consolidated).

Mumley Classic Notebook

Ohio players donning new hairdos

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

Each year during the week leading up to the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic the teams try to come up with a way to show a measure of unity.

This year, Shadyside's Johnny Merryman — who reported for camp with a fresh mohawk — enticed the rest of his teammates to do the same.

Not all of them took the bait however.

To do such a thing, however, someone had to have a set of clippers.

River's D.J. Duke — the owner of two state shot put championships — came to camp sporting a well-groomed beard and it was realized that he had a set of clippers.

"I brought the clippers because I hate trimming this (beard) with a regular razor, so I brought my clippers from home," Duke said. "I like the new look. It's just something different to try. I know it will grow back."

Let the work begin.

Martins Ferry's Steven Woodford took the plunge and is sporting a new haircut for tonight's game.

"I kind of like it," Woodford admitted. "It was a sign of unity, but not everyone took part. But it was fun though."

Ohio quarterback Jordan Barbina was one of the guys who opted to go with the mohawk, but realized it didn't look right on him and shaved all the way down to a buzz cut.

Even a member of the Ohio coaching staff is sporting a mohawk for tonight's game.

IT'S OFFICIAL: The Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic isn't just an honor for the players, coaches, cheerleaders and Queen of Queens contestants.

The officials selected to work tonight's game also view the game as a reward.

Sam "Chicken" Jones — a football official of 22 years — draws his first assignment as referee in the annual summer extravaganza.

"I am fired up about this," Jones said. "I am almost as fired up as I was about working the Super Six, but this has all local teams and local players. I grew up watching this game, and it's just like a big social event to kick off the season."

Unlike regular season games, this isn't a crew which works together all the time.

The officials are selected and assigned by a formula used by football commis-



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PICTURED IS the Ohio cheering squad for this evening's 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic slated to kick off at 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium. Kneeling, from left, are Jessica Donley (Harrison Central), Kaiyn O'Donnell (Shadyside), Kristen Fraley (Union Local), Mallory Waldman (Steubenville Central) and Cheryl Vicker (St. Clairsville). Back row, from left, are Brianna Haggerty (Buckeye Local), Landyn Lucas (River), Shailla Kovacs (Bellaire), Cassi Baugh (St. Clairsville), Kelsey Krempasky (River) and advisor Angi McDonald (River).

sioner Don Zinni.

Jones will be joined in the stripes by Joe Michaels (umpire), Lance Rice (linesman), T.J. Brancazio (line judge), Matt Young (side judge) and Mark Sperlazza (back judge).

"We plan on working this game like a regular season game, but we understand the fans aren't there to see us throw flags," Jones continued. "We'll let the kids play, but with the safety issue, we'll keep the game under control."

The honorary official for the game is Jim Sperlazza of Wellsburg.

WELCOME ABOARD: Parkersburg South joined the OVAC at the end of the football season last year and has been a member ever since. It took part in the spring sports championships.

Three football players and a Queen of Queens candidate are taking part in tonight's game. The players are Chanz Jarrell, James Gifford and Jordan Holliday. The Queens entrant is Kayla Morris who performed a baton routine, which was impressive to say the least.

Jarrell had never been to the Mumley Classic let alone have any connection to it.

"I didn't realize just how big this game was," Jarrell said earlier in the week. "This has been a great time, and I feel honored to have gotten picked."

The week leading up to tonight's game has definitely left a lasting impression on him.

"I will definitely go back and tell the guys how fun this was and to honestly set their goal to get picked to play in this," Jarrell said. "I knew football was big up here, but I didn't realize

this game was important to everyone as it is."

RELATIVELY SPEAKING: No fewer than 10 players in tonight's game, including seven on the West Virginia side have had either their dad or brother take part in tonight's game as well.

Dan Gordon — the all-stater from Wheeling Central — has followed his father (Gordon) and brother (Jonathan) to the island. John Marshall's Ryan Lewicki has heard tale of his grandfather, Raymond, who took part in the very first OVAC All-Star Game in 1948.

Others involved in the family tree include: Monroe Central's Schuyler Bondy, Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray, St. Clairsville's Brody Call, Tyler's Nate Zills, Wheeling Park's Derek Stahl, Linsly's Nick Ohrman, Oak Glen's Doug Murray and Brooke's Mike Henderson.

ON CALL: Speaking of the aforementioned Brody Call, tonight's game caps a hectic couple weeks of sports for the future Kent State Golden Flash.

Call was a key member of the St. Clairsville's Post 159 American Legion baseball team.

That unit appeared to be on the cusp of advancing to the state tournament, but two losses in the district final last Saturday derailed that hope.

The very next day, Call reported to West Liberty University for Mumley OVAC All-Star Camp, meaning not even 24 hours had passed and Call had traded in his baseball bat for a football helmet.

"It was a hectic few days trying to get everything ready to come up here and still playing baseball," Call admitted. "I wish I was going to be playing some

more baseball (this week in the Ohio State tournament), but it didn't work out that way, so I am just going to enjoy this experience as much as I can."

Another connection for Call is his dad played in this game in 1993 and who was the coach? None other than Beallsville's Dave Caldwell.

WELCOME BACK: The Mumley Classic will welcome back its class of 1999 this evening to celebrate its 10-year reunion.

Confirmed to return for Ohio this evening are: Craig Bruney (Martins Ferry), Derrick Leach (Shenandoah), Ryan "Scoops" Myers (Union Local), Eric Battistel (Steubenville Central), Jayson Johnson (Shadyside), George Shreve (Martins Ferry), Seth Francis (East Liverpool), Ohio head coach Dave Bruney (Martins Ferry) and Queen Kelli Detling-Wehr (Barnesville).

The West Virginia returnees include: Jay Johnson (Wheeling Park), Derek Palmer (Magnolia), Chad Bailey (Tyler Consolidated), Greg Kobulnicky (Weir), Quincy Wilson (Weir), Klete Kutrovac (Linsly), Loren Heldreth (Wheeling Park), Andre Barnabei (Weir), head coach John Stender (Tyler), assistant coaches Rick Leach (Tyler) and Rob Caldwell (Tyler).

CHARITY CLASSIC: The term charity isn't just stuck into the title of tonight's game for show. Over the course of the 37 years of the game, it's donated more than 800K to charity organizations and scholarships throughout the Ohio Valley.

COME ON IN: Gates for tonight's game open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets at the gate will cost \$10.

Youth grid camp planned prior to all-star game

Part of the reason Subway and the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference seem to be an ideal fit is their message. Each wants to promote a healthy lifestyle for area youth, so it was only natural the two agreed recently to extend their partnership for another two years.

Prior to this Sunday's 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic the 'Subway Sports Clinic Series' will be playing host to its sixth annual football clinic in conjunction with the game itself.

That group included both boys and girls, which is atypical of such an event. Companion says the ratio of boys to girls is still about 5-to-1 at the clinic, which is open to anyone between the ages of 6-13. Perhaps it's the fact newly appointed Wheeling Park football coach Chris Daugherty and his staff will be on hand to offer instruction. Bethany coach and athletics director Tim Weaver is bringing his coaching contingent to Wheeling Island Stadium the same day.

It's a camp for both boys and girls, and offers instruction from two quality football coaching staffs. Just when it seems like it can't get any better, it does. The clinic is free.

Registration will take place at the stadium at 12:45 Sunday, and the clinic will run from 1-2:30 p.m. It will be split into stations, some offering individual instruction, and others taking place in a group setting.

YOUTH GRID CLINIC
Who: Boys and Girls
ages 6-13
When: Today, 1-2:30
Where: Wheeling Island
Stadium
Cost: Free.

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ST. JOHN — Jaimie Clark.
STUEBENVILLE CENTRAL — Regina Anderson, Cerra Atkins, Sarah Christian, Derek Costlow, Marcus Giannamore, Samuel Ivkovich, Michael Larue, Bethany Ledyard, Austin Mattoli, Aann Mattoli, Rebecca McGrail, Emily Merriman, Genetto Paprocki, Angela Sengenberger.

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Kramer, Caldwell to Lead All-Stars

Mentors have coached in game

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Summer may seem like a long time away.

However, thoughts of the season were evident Monday evening at Undo's West when the coaches for the 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic were formally introduced and received their packets of player nominations.

On the OVAC's rotating system of selecting the coaches, it's Class A's turn and Weirton Madonna's Bob Kramer and Beallsville's Dave Caldwell will guide their respective states in the game, which is slated for Sunday, July 26 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Caldwell is no stranger to the game. He'll be guiding the Buckeyes for the fifth time and owns a 3-1 record in the game. He last coached the game in 2006 and the Buckeyes rolled.

"Being around so many talented kids, taking part in all of the events and the fact that the proceeds from this game go to such a good cause never gets old," Caldwell said. "Sometimes doing it so often can become redun-



Photo by Seth Staskey

Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic Director Bob Koch, center, is flanked by Ohio coach Dave Caldwell, left, and West Virginia coach Bob Kramer. The game will take place Sunday, July 26.

dant a little bit, but knowing all of the good things that come out of it helps you get over that."

The Blue Devils finished 9-1 last season and advanced to the Ohio Division VI playoffs before being bounced by Shady-side in the opening round.

Caldwell admits that for the first time since he's been doing it he had to think long and hard before accepting the job.

"I had some doubt," he said.

"I talked it over with my staff and some other people

and it seemed that a lot of people wanted me to do it again, so I just decided to take it."

Being that he's been around the game so often, he understands the immediate pressure that's placed on the Ohio coaching staff.

The Buckeye State is revered all over the nation as a high school football hotbed and there are several more schools to pick from.

"Ohio's won 13 of the last 14 or something like that, so the odds are definitely in the favor of West

Virginia," Caldwell confessed. "There are a lot of good players in Ohio and there are a lot of good players in West Virginia, which is something we've got to consider."

While Caldwell is a seasoned veteran at picking the team and knowing the procedure, Kramer is in the position as head coach for the first time.

He guided his Blue Dons to the Class A OVAC title and they advanced to the West Virginia Class A State Championship Game before falling to

Williamstown.

"It's a lot of work, but it's going to be a lot of fun," Kramer said. "You get to meet kids from schools that you played or saw during the season. My coaches and I are looking forward to it."

While in the role of head coach for the first time, Kramer was on the Mountaineers staff in 2004, serving as an assistant to then-Oak Glen head coach Tom Taylor, who now serves on the Blue Dons' staff.

"I was anxious to do this," Kramer said. "I wanted to see what it was all about being the head coach, and my assistants were really anxious."

For the Blue Dons' braintrust, the toughest part will be deciding which players to bring to camp for the game.

"It's tough because you don't get to see all of the players," Kramer said. "We'll be contacting a lot of coaches for information about the players and I don't know what positions we'll be overloaded at, so that's the toughest part to find ways to form the most even squad so you don't have too much at one spot."

Valley High School band director Ben McPherson and his wife, Amanda, are co-directing the McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band.

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W.Va. coaching staff announced

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

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"I warned them it's a lot of time and a lot of hard work, but it's worth it when you see the results of the time and work," Kramer continued.

Kramer will be joined on the Mountaineers' staff by Don Ogden, John Durdines, Jon Kendrick, John Lesho, Tom Taylor, and Robert Kramer Jr.

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Ogden is a 1978 Buckeye North graduate. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Akron and a master's degree from Nova University and Franciscan University in 1986 and 1998, respectively.

His coaching career has taken him to Pahokee High School in Florida, Buckeye North, Toronto, Madonna and he spend the 2007 season at Wellsville.

Don and his wife Marianna have a 14-year old daughter Jenna. The family resides in Steubenville.

JOHN DURDINES — This Wheeling Park High School graduate is the head coach at Bishop Donahue High School and was asked to join the Mountaineers' staff due to his long-standing relationship with Kramer.

Durdines graduated from Park in 1985 and earned his degree at West Liberty State College. He's been a football coach for nine year and eight of those have been spent as the head coach of the Bishops.

Along with football, Durdines has also coached baseball and wrestling.

John and his wife Michelle have been married for 20 years. The couple has two daughters, Ana (18) and Ashley (14). The family resides in Wheeling.

JON KENDRICK — This coach is one of the newest members to the

Blue Dons' staff.

He's been a coach at Madonna for the last five seasons after playing for the Blue Dons up until his graduation in 2001. He earned his degree in 2005 from Robert Morris University and just completed his masters work through the University of Phoenix.

Kendrick also coaches basketball and is the head track coach at Madonna.

JOHN LESHO — This Blue Dons assistant has been around the game of football as a coach for 14 years and nine of those have been spent under Kramer.

Lesho is a Madonna High School graduate and earned his degree from West Liberty State College. Along with football, Lesho is on the boys basketball staff at Madonna.

John and his wife Marianna have three children, John, Jamie and Lisa and four granddaughters, Katelyn, Kristine, Julia and Ella.

TOM TAYLOR — This former Oak Glen head coach has OVAC game experience seeing he guided the Mountaineers in 2003.

After leaving Oak Glen, Taylor joined Kramer on the Blue Dons' staff. All told, he's spent 20 years as a football coach and the last three with the Blue Dons.

Along with football, Taylor was the head boys track coach at Weir for 10 years from 1989-99 and he also coached wrestling for the Red Riders.

The 1981 Weir High graduate went on to earn his bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College.

Tom and his wife Roberta have a daughter Lydia and he resides in Weirton.

ROBERT KRAMER, Jr. — The son of the Blue Dons' head coach has been the defensive coordinator for the Blue Dons for the past 10 years.

Kramer — a Wintersville High School graduate — has been a football coach for 18 years and has spent time on the staffs at Toronto and Steubenville Central.

Along with football, he's coached track.

Kramer has a daughter, Kaitlin (14).

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Tuesday, July 21,
2009OVAC All-Stars
meet the mediaBy **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WEST LIBERTY — Interviews, cameras, photo ops and a lot of banter back and forth.

It was media day for the 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic held here Monday afternoon where the players and coaches met with area media in preparation for Sunday's All-Star Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

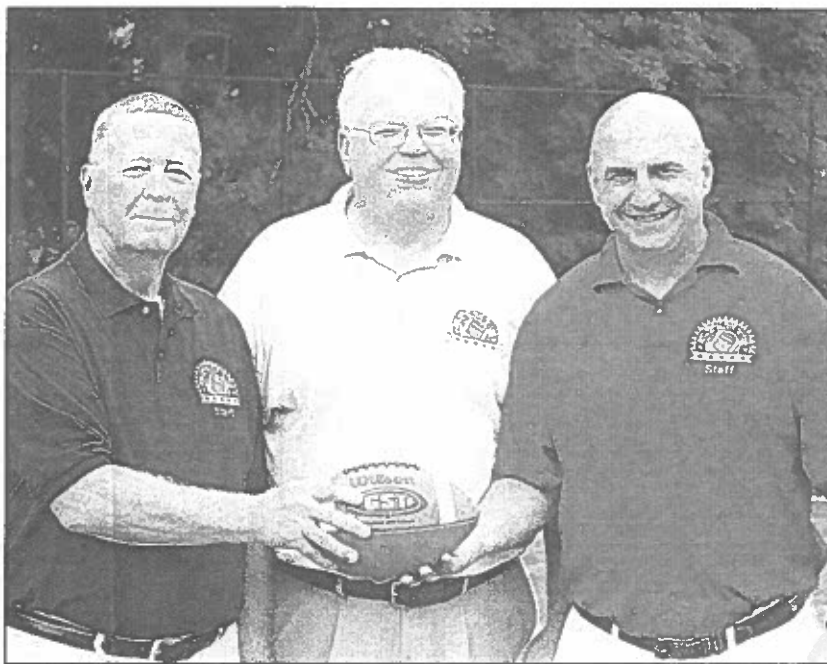
Prior to pictures and interviews each team got into workout mode at

its camp here on the Hilltoppers' campus.

The Ohio players were the first to meet the media and have their pictures taken and the unity was quite visible from the coaches' interaction with the players as well as the players with each other.

"The kids have been super so far," said Ohio and Beallsville head coach Dave Caldwell. "It's a really fun group to be around and they have a good time, but when we're on the practice field, we've gotten a lot of

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RUDY MUMLEY
OVAC All-Star
Game Director
Bob Koch (center) poses with
West Virginia
head coach Bob
Kramer (left) and
Dave Caldwell
(right) during
media day activities at West
Liberty
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work done."

The Buckeyes went through three workouts Monday, including an early-morning session and a late evening light session.

But the workload hasn't deterred anything about the experience for the Ohio players, most of whom have grown up watching and dreaming of playing in the game.

"This is a big honor to even be selected to play in this game," said Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray. "I grew up around this game and then you hear everything about it and the history that goes along with it really makes it a big deal for me."

West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer and his staff have gotten a lot done in a short amount of time since Sunday's check-in day.

"I really like the balance we have on this team," Kramer said. "We've got some strong, quick backs, receivers and our quarterbacks are very talented."

Finding the skill people for the Mountaineers hasn't been the problem in recent Mumley games. Opening running lanes and protecting the quarterback have been the issues because in past games Ohio's not just won, but dominated the game in the trenches.

"We're really happy with how our line is coming together," Kramer continued. "We picked guys based on being big, quick and able to move. We can't have our guys getting over-powered at the line of scrimmage."

In just three practices, Kramer thinks his team's going to have the capability to two-platoon on the offensive front.

"Being able to find two sets in a game like this is a big plus," Kramer relayed.

"We're in a position right now where we feel we can give any kid a break at anytime and not lose a thing, and that's a really good feeling."

Kramer put his team through a series of wind sprints late Sunday evening and couldn't differentiate between his linemen, which is something that he had in mind when he drafted his squad.

"I am just really pleased with the effort these kids have put in so far," Kramer said.

"We've broken into groups and all of the coaches come back and tell me how well everyone is doing and how hard they're working, so what more can you ask for as a coach?"

Along with the on-field preparations the new teammates have been able to do a great deal of bonding and Kramer's already noticing how close his team is becoming.

"I am getting kinda old, so I really don't know how they act with each other away from the field, but as a team, they're really coming together," Kramer smiled. "These guys have been going at it tooth and nail against each other, but they all walk off the field together, and that's a great sign."

OVAC NOTES

* TICKETS FOR the game are currently on sale at all area Kroger stores and select other locations for \$7, which is \$3 less than the gate price.

OVAC Football Game



Photo by Seth Staskey

The Ohio receivers are front row, from left: Nick Bickar (Edison), Eric Lucas (Beallsville) and Brandon Carroll (Steubenville). Back row is Zane Butler (St. Clairsville), Kyle Blackman (Union Local) and Jason Bahen (East Liverpool).



Photo by Seth Staskey

The West Virginia receivers are, front row, from left: Joe Capito (Weirton Madonna), Brandon Sprouse (Magnolia), Eric Mendenhall (Wheeling Park) and Jason Utt (Magnolia). Back from, from left: Jacob Porter (Oak Glen), Ricardo Farrow (Wheeling Park), Dan Gordon (Wheeling Central), Derek Stahl (Wheeling Park) and Anthony Pietranton (Weirton Madonna).

George Strager Evening With the Stars Change in the Air?

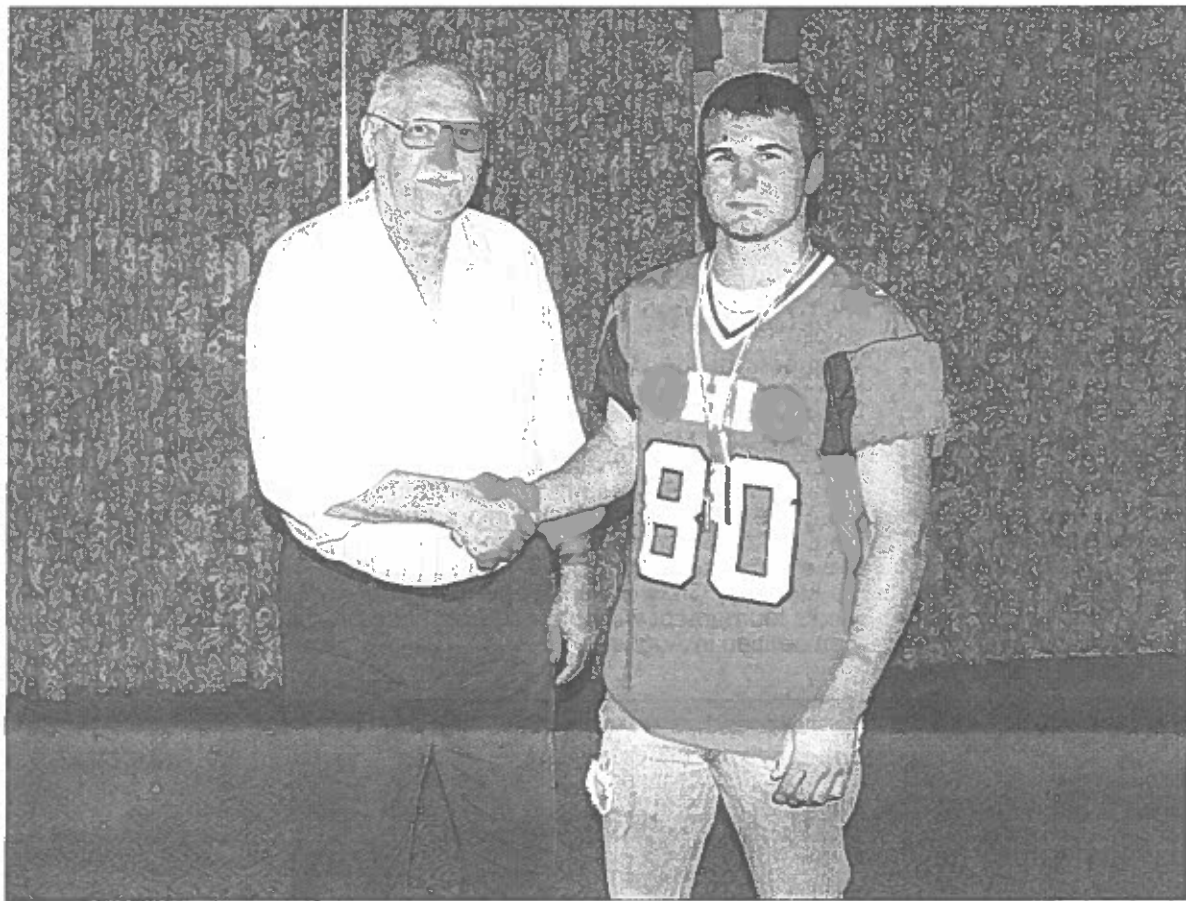


Photo by Jim Elliott

Nathan Schaal of Buckeye Local, right, shakes hands with Vince Orban, who played in the 1950 all-star game for Yorkville High School. The got together, along with many other past and present OVAC all-stars for the 23rd Annual George Strager Evening With the Stars on Wednesday.

W.Va. players not fazed by history

By JIM ELLIOTT
W.Va. Sports Editor

WHEELING — The idea behind the annual George Strager Evening with the Stars Banquet was to get the players away from the field and provide them a way to interact in a different type of setting during the week of the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

While that remains the primary goal of the event, which is in its 23rd year and was held again Wednesday evening inside the Wheeling Park White Palace, lately it's turned into a platform for some to remind the West Virginia players history has not been on their side of late. Mountaineers teams have lost 13 of the last 14 Mumley Classics.

To that, Wheeling Park and West Virginia defensive back Ricardo Farrow says, so what!

"The past is the past," he said. "It's always going to be there. Honestly, I think we're just focused on practice. I don't think we're worried about the record books at all. We're just trying to win this game."

He knows it won't be easy. "Ohio's got a lot of size on them, but I'll tell you what, we've got some strong kids, and we've got heart on our team, so we're going to put that to the test on Sunday," Farrow said.

Win or lose, West Virginia coach Bob Kramer of Weirton Madonna took a moment to thank the parents in attendance for sending him some great kids.

"They're a lot of fun to be around," the coach said. "They're working real hard, they're coming together as a team. We're looking for big things from them. I'm very happy with their effort and the way they've responded to our coaching. I just hope we can put a good product on the field Sunday, and I'm sure we will."

The memories created this week will last a lifetime, which is why the guys who played in the game in the 1950s came all the way back to be honored for the game. They may remember who won, but that's secondary to the stories of lifelong friendships created during all-star week.

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The banquet, which is named after Strager, the longtime record holder for victories among OVAC high school football coaches until he was passed by Monroe Central's Jay Circosta a few years ago, is a celebration not only for the football players, but also the cheerleaders, the Queen of Queens participants, the corporate sponsors, the league itself, and for the parents.

Ohio coach Dave Caldwell, who is coaching in his fifth OVAC All-Star game, was speaking to those groups when he proudly boasted about his Ohio coaching staff, which is made up entirely of Beallsville High School

graduates and former players.

"One thing that you kids can learn from this is if you surround yourself with good people, you can become successful," he said. "That's what I've been able to do is surround myself with good people."

Note

Also on Wednesday, the winners of the George Strager Memorial Scholarships were announced: On the West Virginia side, it was Wheeling Central's Dan Gordon, DeVaughn Gordon, and Zach Foose. On the Ohio side, it was St. Clairsville's Brody Call, Monroe Central's Mike Habig and Schuyler Bondy. Cambridge's Lance Morrison, and Edison's Nick Bickar.

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Caldwell announces staff

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

Successful coaching requires knowledge, dedication, good players and a good support system.

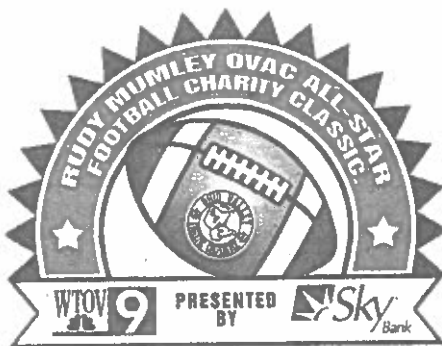
Beallsville High's Dave Caldwell's had all four of those during his career at his alma mater and that success this past season has once again earned him the right to coach the Ohio squad in the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, which will be held on July 26th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"I'm really pleased with the staff I've been able to put together over the years," Caldwell said. "Most of them have been with me for a while and most have coached in this (all-star) game and several of them played for me."

Here is a capsule look at the coaches:

DAVE CALDWELL – The veteran Blue Devils' head coach has been at the helm of the Monroe County outfit for 26 years.

All told, he's compiled a 178-87-1 mark and has won a regional championship along with seven OVAC champi-



onships. He's been a football coach for 30 years and has spent time on the staff at Caldwell High School.

Along with coaching football, the Muskingum College graduate has also dabbled in basketball and track during his coaching career.

Caldwell owns a masters degree from Salem Teikyo.

Dave and his wife Karon – who reside in Beallsville – have two children and four grandchildren. They are the parents of Alisha Jefferis and Ryan Caldwell and the grandparents of Ella Jefferis, Gwen Jefferis, Xander Caldwell

and Zoey Caldwell.

CLINT ABBOTT – This former Blue Devils' standout has been on the staff at his alma mater for eight years and has been on Caldwell's football staff for seven of those years.

After his graduation from Beallsville, Abbott graduated from Muskingum College and has since earned his masters degree in administration.

Along with his football duties, Abbott's been the head wrestling coach at Beallsville and has twice been named OVAC Class 1-A wrestling coach of the year. He's also coached track during his career.

Clint – who was recently hired as a principal at Monroe Central High School – resides in Jerusalem with his wife Cyrena.

RUSTY LUCAS – This long-time Caldwell aide has been on the staff for the past 10 years.

Upon his graduation from Beallsville, Lucas spent 19 years in the United States Army and has coached in the OVAC All-Star Game with three Caldwell overseeing the Buckeye staff.

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Along with his football prowess, Lucas has also coached junior high football.

Rusty and his wife Kathy reside in Alledonia and have two sons, Eric, who's a member of the Ohio squad and Derek.

FRANLIN HOLLEY – This veteran of the Blue Devils' staff graduated from Beallsville in 1989 after a four-sport career.

He then attended University of Charleston and graduated in 1994. He's been a member of Caldwell's staff for 14 years.

Franklin and his wife Michele reside in Massillon.

TYLER BROWN – This former Blue Devils' player returned to his roots to begin his professional and coaching careers.

Brown played for Caldwell and earned all-state status both in football and in baseball.

Brown graduated in 2003 and earned his degree from Ohio University in 2007. Along with his football duties, Brown is also a wrestling coach.

He's been hired to work at Edison High School.

PAUL KANZIGG – He has been coaching for 10 years, all at Beallsville where he graduated from. He played football, wrestled and ran track; he is a farmer and Washington Co. trustee - not a teacher; has also coached 7/8 girls basketball; he and his wife Silvia; have a son Adam, 20, a junior at Kent State, and daughters Alexis, a senior at Beallsville; and Alicia, a sophomore at Beallsville. He coached in this game four years ago with Dave Caldwell.

MICAH FUCHS – The 32-year-old has been an assistant coach for seven years at his alma mater – Beallsville, where played football, basketball and ran track. He has also coached track. He went to Muskingum College where he also played football. He is now principal at Hannibal and Sardis Elementary schools. He and his wife Stephanie have a 15-month-old daughter Lydia. He also coached in this game four years ago.

Coaches Dave Wiles and Vice Wallace didn't submit information sheets.

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DON OGDEN — This long-time coach has seen his career take him to a variety of stops over the course of 25 years in the business.

Ogden is a 1978 Buckeye North graduate. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Akron and a master's degree from Nova University and Franciscan University in 1986 and 1998, respectively.

His coaching career has taken him to Pahokee High School in Florida, Buckeye North, Toronto, Madonna and Wellsville.

Don and his wife Marianna have a 14-year old daughter Jenna. The family resides in Steubenville.

JOHN DURDINES — This Wheeling Park High School graduate is the head coach at Bishop Donahue High School and was asked to join the Mountaineers staff because of his long-standing relationship with Kramer.

Durdines graduated from Park in 1985 and earned his degree at West Liberty State College. He's been a football coach for nine years, eight of those having been spent as the head coach of the Bishops.

Along with football, Durdines has also coached baseball and wrestling.

John and his wife, Michelle, have been married for 20 years. The couple has two daughters, Ana (18) and Ashley (14). The family resides in Wheeling.

JON KENDRICK — This coach is one of the newest members to the Blue Dons staff.

He's been a coach at Madonna for the last five seasons after playing for the Blue Dons up until his

graduation in 2001. He earned his degree in 2005 from Robert Morris University and just completed his masters work through the University of Phoenix.

Kendrick also coaches basketball and is the head track coach at Madonna.

JOHN LESHO — This Blue Dons assistant has been around the game of football as a coach for 14 seasons, nine of which have been spent under Kramer.

Lesho is a Madonna High School graduate and earned his degree from West Liberty State College. Along with football, Lesho is on the boys basketball staff at Madonna.

John and his wife, Marianna, have three children, John, Jamie and Lisa and four granddaughters, Katelyn, Kristine, Julia and Ella.

TOM TAYLOR — This former Oak Glen and current Weir head coach has OVAC game experience seeing he guided the Mountaineers in 2003.

After leaving Oak Glen, Taylor joined Kramer on the Blue Dons staff. He's spent 20 years as a football coach, the last three with the Blue Dons.

Along with football, Taylor was the head boys track coach at Weir for 10 seasons (1989-99) and he also coached wrestling for the Red Riders.

The 1981 Weir High graduate went on to earn his bachelor's degree from West Liberty State College.

Tom and his wife, Roberta, have a daughter Lydia and he resides in Weirton.

ROBERT KRAMER, Jr. — The son of the Blue Dons head coach has been the defensive coordinator for the Blue Dons for the past 10 seasons.

Kramer, a Wintersville High School graduate, has been a football coach for 18 years and has spent time on the staffs at Toronto and Steubenville Central.

Along with football, he's coached track. Kramer has a daughter, Kaitlin (14).

Caldwell Back on Ohio Sideline

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

Successful coaching requires knowledge, dedication, good players and a good support system.

Beallsville High's Dave Caldwell's had all four of those during his career at his alma mater and that success this past season has once again earned him the right to coach the Ohio squad in the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, slated for July 26th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"I'm really pleased with the staff I've been able to put together over the years," Caldwell said. "Most of them have been with me for a while and most have coached in this (all-star) game and several of them played for me."

Here is a capsule look at the coaches:

DAVE CALDWELL — The veteran Blue Devils head coach has been at the helm of the Monroe County outfit for 26 years.

He's compiled a 178-87-1 mark and has won a regional championship along with seven OVAC championships. He's been a football coach for 30 years and has spent time on the staff at Caldwell High School.

Along with coaching football, the Muskingum College graduate has also dabbled in basketball and track during his coaching career.

Caldwell owns a masters degree from Salem Teikyo.

Dave and his wife Karon — who reside in Beallsville — have two children and four grandchildren. They are the parents of Alisha Jefferis and Ryan Caldwell and the grandparents of Ella Jefferis, Gwen

Jefferis, Xander Caldwell and Zoey Caldwell.

CLINT ABBOTT — This former Blue Devils standout has been on the staff at his alma mater for eight seasons and has been on Caldwell's football staff for seven of those years.

After his graduation from Beallsville, Abbott graduated from Muskingum College and has since earned his masters degree in administration.

Along with his football duties, Abbott's been the head wrestling coach at Beallsville and has twice been named OVAC Class A Wrestling Coach of the Year. He's also coached track during his career.

Abbott, who was recently hired as a principal at Monroe Central High School, resides in Jerusalem with his wife Cyrena.

RUSTY LUCAS — This veteran Caldwell aide has been on the staff the past 10 seasons.

Upon his graduation from Beallsville, Lucas spent 19 years in the United States Army and has coached in the OVAC All-Star Game with Caldwell three times overseeing the Buckeye staff.

Lucas has also coached junior high football.

Rusty and his wife Kathy reside in Allenedonia and have two sons, Eric, who's a member of the Ohio squad, and Derek.

FRANLIN HOLLEY — This veteran of the Blue Devils staff graduated from Beallsville in 1989 after a four-sport career.

He then attended University of Charleston and graduated in 1994. He's been a member of Caldwell's

staff for 14 seasons.

Franklin and his wife, Michele, reside in Massillon.

TYLER BROWN — This former Blue Devils player returned to his roots to begin his professional and coaching careers.

Brown played for Caldwell and earned all-state status both in football and in baseball.

Brown graduated in 2003 and earned his degree from Ohio University in 2007. Along with his football duties, Brown is also a wrestling coach.

He's been hired to work at Edison High School.

PAUL KANZIGG — He has been coaching for 10 seasons, all at Beallsville where he graduated from. He played football, wrestled and ran track. He is a farmer and Washington County trustee and has also coached seventh- and eighth-grade girls basketball. He and his wife, Silvia, have a son Adam, 20, a junior at Kent State, and daughters Alexis, a senior at Beallsville, and Alicia, a sophomore at Beallsville. He coached in this game four years ago with Caldwell.

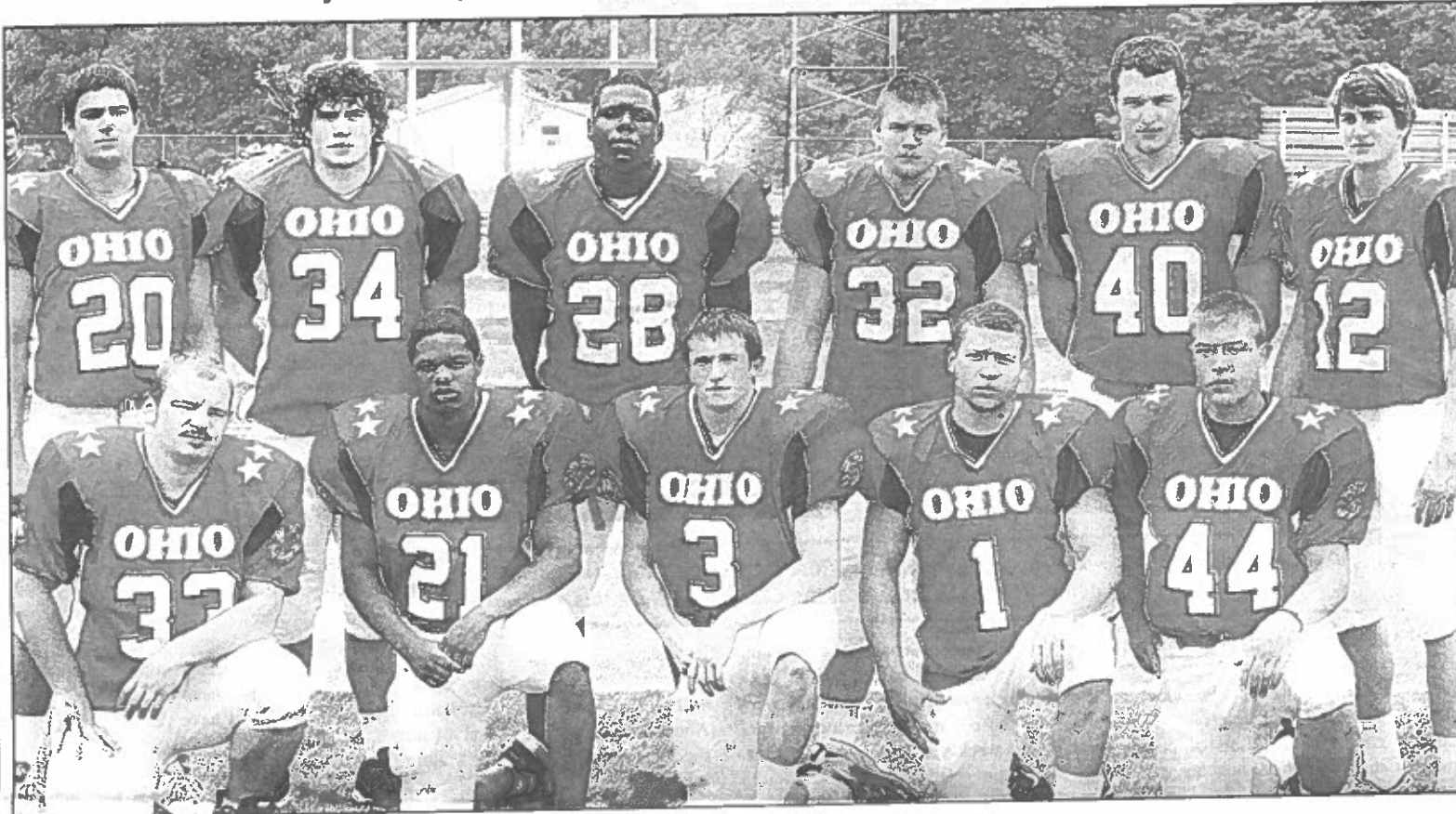
MICAH FUCHS — The 32-year-old has been an assistant coach for seven seasons at his alma mater, where played football, basketball and ran track. He has also coached track. He went to Muskingum College where he played football. He is now principal at Hannibal and Sardis elementary schools. He and his wife, Stephanie, have a 15-month-old daughter, Lydia. He also coached in this game four years ago.

Coaches Dave Wiles and Vice Wallace didn't submit information.

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PICTURED ARE the quarterbacks and running backs for Ohio in Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. Front row, from left, are Anthony Scott (Zanesville), Taylor Banks (Harrison Central), Wes Skinner (Harrison Central), Jeremy Murray (Martins Ferry) and Tyler Brooks (River). Back row, from left, are Brody Call (St. Clairsville), Jordan Clegg (River), Jeryl Christian (Steubenville), Matt Shreve (Martins Ferry), Mikey Habig (Monroe Central) and Jordan Barbina (Union Local). Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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Redemption on the mind of Ohio trio

• Barbina, Call, Murray hope to make amends for North-South game letdown

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Not often in sports are there chances at redemption.

The Ohio All-Star trio of Jordan Barbina, Jeremy Murray and Brody Call have the opportunity that sometimes never passes by again.

The three Ohio teammates in Sunday's OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic were all rivals during their regular-season playing days in the Buckeye 8 at Union Local, Martins Ferry and St. Clairsville, respectively.

However, they were all three chosen to

represent their schools in the prestigious North-South Game in Columbus last month.

It was an experience that none will ever forget after having the opportunity to play with and against Division I signees and well-known players from throughout the Buckeye State.

The aforementioned opportunity at redemption stems from the sour taste all three Stadium with in their mouths.

The three locals who were in

Columbus were members of the South team, which got — to put it mildly — drilled by the North to a tune of 49-7.

"We definitely got beat real bad," Call smiled. "Hopefully this week will be a different story."

All three reported to training camp for this weekend's Rudy Mumley OVAC Game with the usual motivation that comes with the game.

including beating the rival state, wanting to represent your alma mater well and get to meet new players from all over the val-

ley in the process.

But seeing the early portion of their all-star summers didn't go well three of the key cogs this week for Dave Caldwell's Buckeyes have additional motivation.

"I've been looking forward to this game for a long time," Call said. "This is the game you want to play in when you're a kid growing up in this area and I am just honored to be here, and after what happened earlier, we don't want that to happen again."

Barbina — who played quarterback in

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Stars from 1951, '52, '53 to be honored at OVAC All-Star Classic

By **JOSH STROPE**
For The Times Leader

WHEELING — OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak stood in front of a room Tuesday at WesBanco Arena filled with former football players from the early 1950s.

He stood there and talked about the things they didn't have. Things like Under Armor and Adidas apparel, IPODs, and laptops. Some didn't even have facemasks.

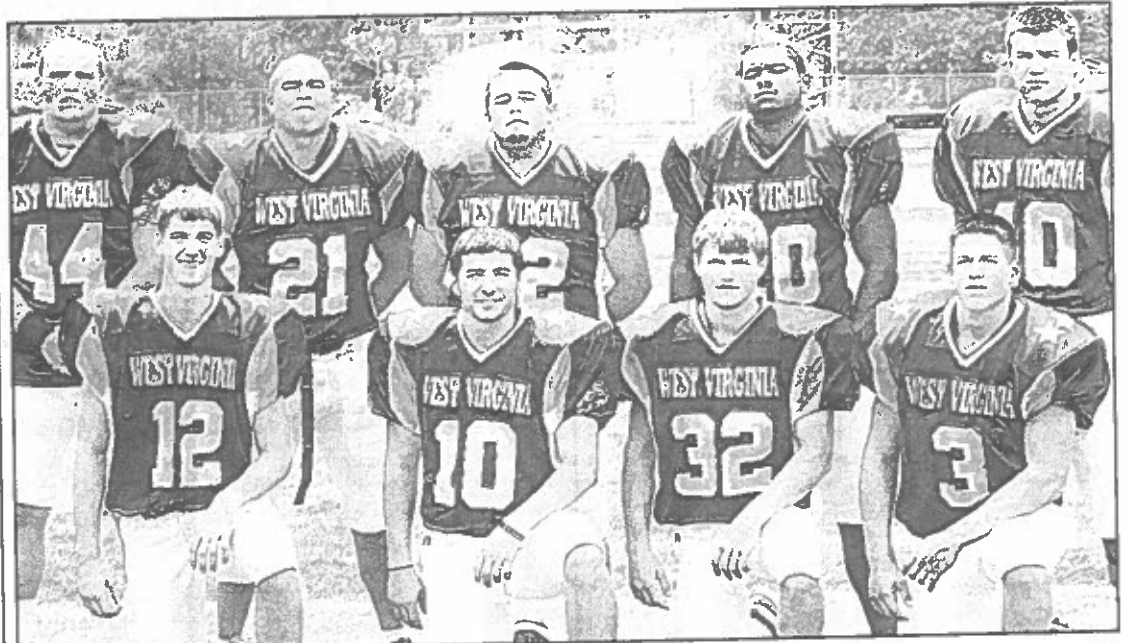
But what that group did have is the same thing they have today — the love of football.

Sunday at the Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Classic, they will be honored for just that as the OVAC recognizes the players from the 1950, 1951 and 1952 all-star teams.

"The neat part is seeing it in their faces and listening to them recall the history and the heritage of this game and the valley," Rataiczak said. "I only hope we can get the kids today to see that this is what the game is all about."

"We have guys in wheelchairs and walkers and they can remember

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PICTURED ARE the quarterbacks and running backs for West Virginia. Front row, from left, are Ryan Sengewalt (Wheeling Park), Michael Newton (Brooke), Matt Schrupf (Bishop Donahue) and Chanz Jarrell (Parkersburg South). Back row, from left, are Derrick Rovira (Weir), Zach Foose (Wheeling Central), Ryan Lewicki (John Marshall), DeVaughn Gordon (Wheeling Central) and Nate Zills (Tyler).

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Barbina — who played quarterback in the game — spent much of the game running for his safety and had little time to operate the offense and was guilty of an interception early in the game, which the North turned into points to set the tone.

While that game was a big honor for Barbina after his first-team all-Ohio campaign, this coming Sunday is what he's had marked on his calendar since learning of his selection and dating back to probably junior high.

"We're going into this game looking to win big time because it's the Ohio vs. West Virginia OVAC matchup that you dream about playing in," Barbina said. "It's really nice because you've read up about all of these guys throughout the season and followed them all year."

Unlike most North-South games and teams, people in the Ohio Valley have long memories about wins and losses the OVAC Game and Barbina's aware of that fact.

"People definitely remember this game, there's no doubt about that," Barbina explained. "We're practicing hard and everyone's got the same goal in mind. That's to win the game and hopefully do

something on the field."

Murray — who was also an all-Ohioan this past season after rushing for more than 2,000 yards for the Martins Ferry Purple Riders — saw time at tailback and quarterback in Columbus and like the rest of the South offense just couldn't fend off the North to make anything really happen.

"It's nice to have another chance to just go out and play, but to win and have a lot better showing would definitely make it a lot nicer," Murray said.

Along with having former prep teammates Matt Shreve and Steve Woodford in camp along with Call and Barbina, there are numerous others that Murray knew before he got to West Liberty Sunday, which is much different than earlier in the summer.

"You don't have to spend a lot of time getting to know everyone," Murray said. "That helps things a lot because you can just go out and work on things and get a lot more accomplished on the practice field."

Whether or not that redemption is earned for these three Buckeyes will be determined Sunday evening, but all three are thoroughly enjoying the Mumley Game experience, which kicks into full gear tonight.

OVAC NOTES

• TONIGHT the players, coaches, queens and cheerleaders will meet at Wheeling Park's White Palace for the annual George Strager Evening With the Stars Dinner.

• THE OVAC All-Star Band and All-Star Cheerleaders report to West Liberty University today to begin their preparations for Sunday's game.

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every detail of the game 60 years later. Here they are just like they left camp. That is what this conference is all about."

There are 83 living members from those three games and this weekend is a welcome trip down memory lane.

For some, the trip to Wheeling Island Stadium will be a simple drive across the river or down the street. But for others like Tom Shively, it was a cross-country trip from his home in Roseville, Calif.

"It blew my mind," Shively said about being contacted by Ron Miller. "I first thought, 'How did you find me?'"

"I still have family (in Wheeling). I'm getting Wheeling Park T-shirts every day. It makes for a nice trip to see my family and see this new group of kids. I still remember it like it was yesterday. I loved it."

Shively, whose great nephew is current Wheeling Park boys' basketball and cross country coach Michael Jebbia, was the quarterback for West Virginia in 1952.

The Wheeling High School product had a heckuva game.

"I threw three touchdown passes," Shively said. "I don't think I ever had a better day in my life before or after that. All of them went to Paul Kramer, who we called 'Wow-Wow.'"

"I kid him that I should get to keep that (Most Valuable Player) trophy for one year because I threw all of them and you wouldn't have been the star."

But West Virginia lost the game, 26-19. Ohio won all three of the games being represented this weekend.

Shively takes away many memories from that particular contest. It also brought him something more — a college scholar-

ship.

After his performance, he was offered a scholarship to Pitt. His stint there, though, was short-lived.

"I went to Pitt and after a week-and-a-half, I realized 165 pounds wasn't good enough," Shively joked. "So then I hopped on a bus and went to Virginia and went to school at Washington and Lee. Two years later, I ended up at Arizona State and that is where I got my degree."

While Shively was a star, just being picked for the game was a thrill for some of these players.

Warwood's Don Mayles was Shively's backup and he got in for just three plays. But those three plays have lasted him a lifetime.

"We moved the ball for a first down and then I got taken out," Mayles said. "But it was still great to be able to get in and play against these guys. Back at that time, we all knew each other. Everybody was friends."

"In 1952, every team was a good team and just to get picked and be on the team was a privilege."

And those memories are something that the players participating this weekend should take with them. The return of the game's players is becoming one of the feature attractions of the annual weekend, along with the Queen of Queens, Evening With the Stars, and, of course, the game itself.

"Not to be negative, but I don't know if (the kids today) can play on the field with these guys," Rataiczak said. "These guys were hard-nosed, tough, competitive, and they didn't have the things the kids have today."

Ohio Again Has Speed to Burn

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

Dave Caldwell is well known at Beallsville for his wide-open approach to offense.

During his previous stints as the Ohio head coach in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, Caldwell held little back and was successful each time he's been at Wheeling Island Stadium.

He and his coaching staff recently announced the players they intend to feature at quarterback and running back for the annual summer classic, which is slated for July 26th.

A pair of first-team all-Ohioans, Jordan Barbina of Union Local and Jeremy Murray of Martins Ferry, are ticketed to see time at quarterback.

At the running back spot, St. Clairsville's Brody Call, Harrison Central's Wes Skinner, Martins Ferry's Matt Shreve and Steubenville's Jeryl Christian will be doing much of the ball carrying.

"I like to think we've got a good combination of speed, size and strength," Caldwell continued. "You can't coach speed, and I think we've got some guys who can fly. Speed is one of those things either you have or you don't."

Here is a capsule look at the players:

JORDAN BARBINA, Union Local — Saying this quarterback was the unquestioned leader of the Jets the last couple of seasons, could be the understatement of the century.

The 6-foot-1, 180 pounder wore a lot of hats for Coach Mark Cisar during his two full seasons at the helm of the potent Jets offense.

As a senior, he accounted for 52 touchdowns and 4,190 yards. He passed for 3,194 of those yards and 32 touchdowns. He ran for 946 yards and 19 touchdowns.

In addition, he was an ace on the defensive side with 51 tackles and five interceptions.

For his fine season, Barbina was first-team all-Ohio, first-team all-Eastern District, all-Buckeye 8, all-OVAC, all-Times Leader and All-Valley. He received the WTOV-9 Big 22 Player of the Year Award and was also the Dapper Dan Male Athlete of the Year. He took part in the Ohio North-South Game earlier this summer.

Along with football, Barbina was a four-year starter in basketball and baseball.

Jordan, who will play football at Lake Erie College, is the son of James and Lu Anne Barbina of Bethesda.

BRODY CALL, St. Clairsville — This Red Devils ace was the go-to offensive player for Coach Brett McLean's team last season.

The 5-11, 175 pounder ran for 950 yards and scored 13 touchdowns. He was a standout on the defensive side as well with 50 tackles. As a receiver, he grabbed 14 balls for 200 yards and three scores. He also had three interceptions.

Call was a first-team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, All-Times Leader, All-Valley and was named the Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year.

Brody, who will attend Kent State University, is the son of Carri Wagner and Mike Call of St. Clairsville.

JERYL CHRISTIAN, Steubenville — This Big Red force was a key player for Reno Saccoccia's squad both as a fullback and as a

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linebacker.

The 6-2, 230 pounder made a living in opponent's backfield as a defensive end with 70 tackles — 28 for loss — and two forced fumbles. He also had an interception and seven fumble recoveries.

While serving as a fullback, Christian had four touchdowns on 18 carries.

He was named second-team all-District, first-team all-OVAC, all-Quad County. Along with football, Christian was a standout in track and field.

Jeryl, who is the son of Veronica Price and Terrell Scyles, plans on attending the University of Akron.

JEREMY MURRAY, Martins Ferry — This Purple Rider made the transition to quarterback a seamless one last season for Coach Dave Bruney's OVAC, Buckeye 8 championship squad.

The 5-8, 185 pounder established Purple Riders benchmarks in rushing yards for a career and a season when he put up 2,125 yards last season with 35 touchdowns. He finished his prep career with 4,190 yards rushing.

Through the air, he amassed 990 yards passing with six touchdowns.

All told, he scored 70 career touchdowns.

He was a first-team all-Ohioan last year after earning co-Eastern District Player of the Year in Division IV. He was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, All-Valley and All-Times Leader selection. He also took part in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game.

Jeremy, who is the son of Dawn Stewart, will continue his academic and athletic careers at Mt. Union College in the fall.

MATT SHREVE, Martins Ferry — This Purple Rider missed the early portion of his senior season, but appeared as if he didn't miss a beat once he returned in helping to lead Bruney's squad to the Region 15 championship game.

The 6-0, 215 pounder was a solid two-way performer. As a blocking back, he paved the way for Murray and countless other runners to rush for more than 4,000 yards last season.

On the defensive side of the ball, Shreve played with reckless abandon. He finished his career with 362 tackles, including 122 his senior season. He had 10 sacks.

He was a two-time first-team all-Buckeye 8; all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, second-team all-Ohio as a senior and twice named to the All-Times Leader team.

Matt, who plans on attending Mt. Union College, is the son of Michael and Barbara Shreve of Dillonvale.

WES SKINNER, Harrison Central — This Husky was the speedster of the backfield for Coach Justin Kropka's squad last fall.

The 5-8, 170 pounder ran for 1,069 yards and 10 scores. He caught eight balls for 168 yards and three scores.

All told, he rushed for 2,713 yards and 24 touchdowns.

For his fine season, Skinner was named to the first-team all-Eastern District and was second-team all-Ohio in 2008. He was a three-time all-Buckeye 8 pick and an all-Times Leader selection.

Wes, who plans on attending Ohio University, is the son of Alvin Skinner and Cindy Barnhart.

W.Va. linemen are good-sized

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

The recipe for linemen in the Mountain State was simple.

"We were looking for good-sized kids who could move well," said West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer.

Well, it appears he's found what he's looking for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic continues to draw closer to its July 26th kickoff at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We spent a lot of time looking at film on these linemen, and I am really impressed with what I've seen from them," Kramer continued. "We stressed both size and athleticism and we've found that, but now we just got to mesh them together and hope that can mold."

The Mountaineers and Buckeyes will begin training camps for the 7:15 p.m. kickoff Sunday at West Liberty University.

Set to battle for offensive line action are: Victor DeCaria (Madonna), James Gifford (Parkersburg South), Tyler Hanna (Magnolia), Jordan Holliday (Parkersburg South), Doug Murray (Oak Glen) and Adam Vaughn (Oak Glen).

Here is a capsule look at the players:

VICTOR DECARIA, Madonna — This former Blue Don was a two-way standout for Kramer's team in helping it to the Super Six last December.

The 6-ft, 185 pounder graded out with a 90 percent blocking percentage and on the defensive side of the ball he had 12 tackles, a tackle for loss and a fumble recovery in limited defensive action.

Along with football, DeCaria is active in basketball and baseball.

Victor — who plans on attending West Liberty University — is the son of Vince and Diana DeCaria of Weirton.

JAMES GIFFORD, Parkersburg South — This former Patriot was a two-way ace this past season for Coach Jon Bolen's team.

The 6-ft-2, 275 pounder started on the defensive side of the ball since his sophomore season and moved into the offensive lineup this past season.

Gifford received the Mahone Tire Award after this past season.

Along with football, Gifford was active in band and track and field.

James — who plans to attend Bethany College — is the son of Bill and Debbie Gifford.

TYLER HANNA, Magnolia — This two-way lineman had a banner year for Coach Mark Batton's state runnerup Blue Eagles' squad.

The 6-ft-2, 225 pounder was a solid defensive end with 29 solo tackles, 76 assists, two sacks, an interception and eight tackles for loss.

He was an all-Valley pick as an offensive lineman and was all-OVAC. He was a first-team all-state selection.

Away from athletics, Hanna is active in the community with Young Life, flood relief, food drive and campaigners.

Tyler — who plans on attending West Virginia University — is the son of Joseph and Penny Hanna of New Martinsville.

JORDAN HOLLIDAY, Parkersburg South — This Patriot two-way player was a mainstay for Coach Bolen's team.

The 6-ft-3, 225 pounder logged action at center and defensive end last season.

He was a special mention all-state selection.

Along with football, Holliday also got it done in the classroom, earning a spot in the National Honor Society.

Jordan — who is the son of Brenda Holliday and Robert Holliday of Washington — plans to attend WVU.

DOUG MURRAY, Oak Glen — This former Golden Bear was a key component to Coach Tony Filberto's squad last season.

The 6-ft, 270 pounder saw time at left guard and defensive tackle. As a defensive standout, he recorded 59 tackles and 29 of those were soli. He also had a sack and two tackles for loss.

Murray served as co-captain this past season and was named to the all-Review first team and earned four letters.

Doug — who is the son of Scott and Joan Murray — plans on attending Bethany College.

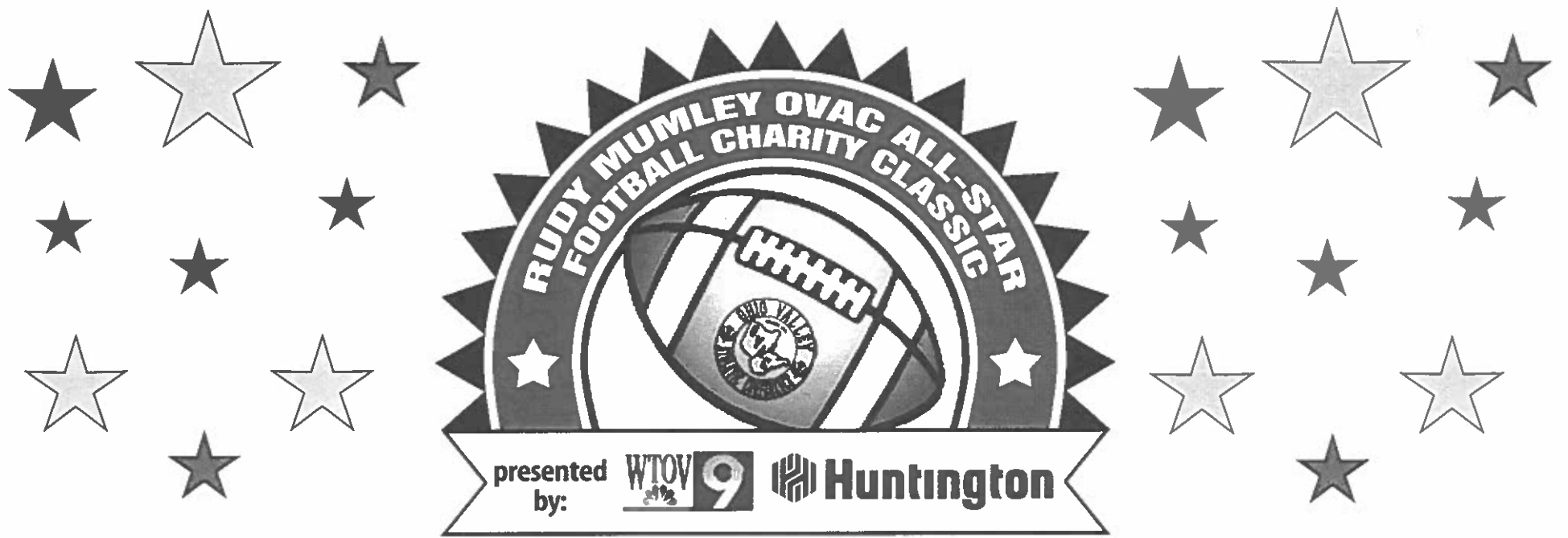
ADAM VAUGHN, Oak Glen — This former Golden Bear was a two-way lineman for Filberto and company.

The 6-ft, 260 pounder anchored the offensive front and was an honorable mention all-OVAC pick.

Away from athletics, Vaughn was a member of the National Honor Society and he received the Denis Huff Award as well as the Mark Wright Memorial Award.

Adam — who is the son of Ray and Beth Vaughn — plans on attending WVU.

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Ohio OVAC all stars will air it out

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Dave Caldwell's got to love the collection of players he's assembled to play wide receiver in the upcoming Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

With Jordan Barbina and Jeremy Murray set to lead the way at quarterback, Caldwell and the Ohio coaching staff really like the attributes of the receiving corps, which should allow for an easy transition into the wide-open attack normally implemented by Caldwell.

"I love the size and the speed of the

kids we've got targeted for wide receiver," Caldwell admitted. "We had kind of the same combination with our backs and we just picked a lot of kids who've got good combinations for football."

Fans in attendance for the July 26th game at Wheeling Island Stadium had better be comfortable in their seats.

"We want to make this enjoyable for the fans and the players," Caldwell said. "People don't come to an all-star game to see run, run pass, punt."

Set to battle for time at receiver and/or tight end, during camp, which opens Sunday are: Eric Lucas (Beallsville), Jason

Bahen (East Liverpool), Brandon Carroll (Steubenville), Kyle Blackman (Union Local), Anthony Hocker (Bellaire), Zane Butler (St. Clairsville) and Mikey Habig (Monroe Central).

Here is a capsule look at the players:

ERIC LUCAS, Beallsville - This former Blue Devil did a little bit of everything during his four year career under Caldwell.

The 6-ft. 185 pounder finished his prep career with 70 touchdowns, more than 2,000 yards rushing and 1800 yards receiving.

He earned first-team all-Ohio after his

senior campaign. He was also first-team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader. He earned four letters and was team MVP.

Eric - who will attend Muskingum College - is the son of Rusty and Kathy Lucas.

JASON BAHEN, East Liverpool - This former Potter was a standout at wide receiver for the Columbiana County crew.

The 6-ft-3. 173 pounder's solid season earned him a spot on the Quad County Football All-Star Team as well as The Review All-Star Team.

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Bahen - who is undecided about his future plans - is also a volunteer fire fighter in Liverpool Township.

Jason is the son of Paul and Kimberly Bahen.

BRANDON CARROLL, Steubenville - This two-way standout was a key member of Coach Reno Saccoccia's state runner-up squad last season.

The 6-ft-1. 180 pounder caught 22 passes for 313 yards and scored four touchdowns. Defensively, he had 46 total tackles and three interceptions.

Carroll was named first-team all-OVAC, all-Eastern District, all-Quad County

and was named player of the game in the state championship game by 106.3 The River.

Along with sports, Carroll is also active in Florida's UAI Speed Camp, Youth Ministries Leader, University Scholar and earned an academic letter.

Brandon - who plans to attend the University of Akron - is the son of Brian and Sharon Carroll of Bloomingdale.

KYLE BLACKMAN, Union Local - This Jets' wide receiver was a big-play target all season for Coach Mark Cisar's Jets.

The 6-ft-4, 185 pounder hauled in 62 catches for

1,226 yards and 17 touchdowns during his prep career. He was named to the second-team all-Eastern District as a junior and was honorable mention all-Buckeye 8. He was a first-team all-district player this past season.

Along with football, Blackman lettered four times in basketball and once in track and field.

Kyle - who plans to attend OUE - is the son of Fred and Kim Blackman of Belmont.

ANTHONY HOCKER, Bellaire - This Big Reds' big-play threat made life difficult on opposing teams' secondaries under

the guidance of then head coach Gregg Bonar.

The 6-ft-1, 155 pounder made 18 catches for 314 yards and a touchdown during his senior season.

Along with football, Hocker also lettered in basketball.

Anthony - who plans to attend OUE - is the son of Robert Hocker and Roveine Brown of Bellaire.

MIKEY HABIG, Monroe Central - This two-way standout was one of the more versatile players for Coach Jay Circosta's team this past season.

The -ft-3, 225 pounder was a standout at defensive end and fullback and figures to see time at tight end during this all-star contest.

Habig earned four letters in football and was an all-district and all-OVAC performer this past season after rushing for 568 yards and nine touchdowns on 98 carries.

Habig - who plans to

attend Belmont Technical College - is the son of Cathy Markey and Bradley Habig of Woodsfield.

ZANE BUTLER, St. Clairsville - This defensive mainstay created his fair share of havoc for opposing teams this past season for Brett McLean's Red Devils.

The 6-ft-2, 210 pounder led the Red Devils with nine sacks and he had 28 solo tackles. He had 16 tackles for loss and was credited with eight quarterback hurries.

He was a first-team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, all-Times Leader and all-Valley selection. He was mentioned on the all-Ohio squad.

Zane - who is the son of Tom Butler and Rhonda Butler - is undecided about his college plans.

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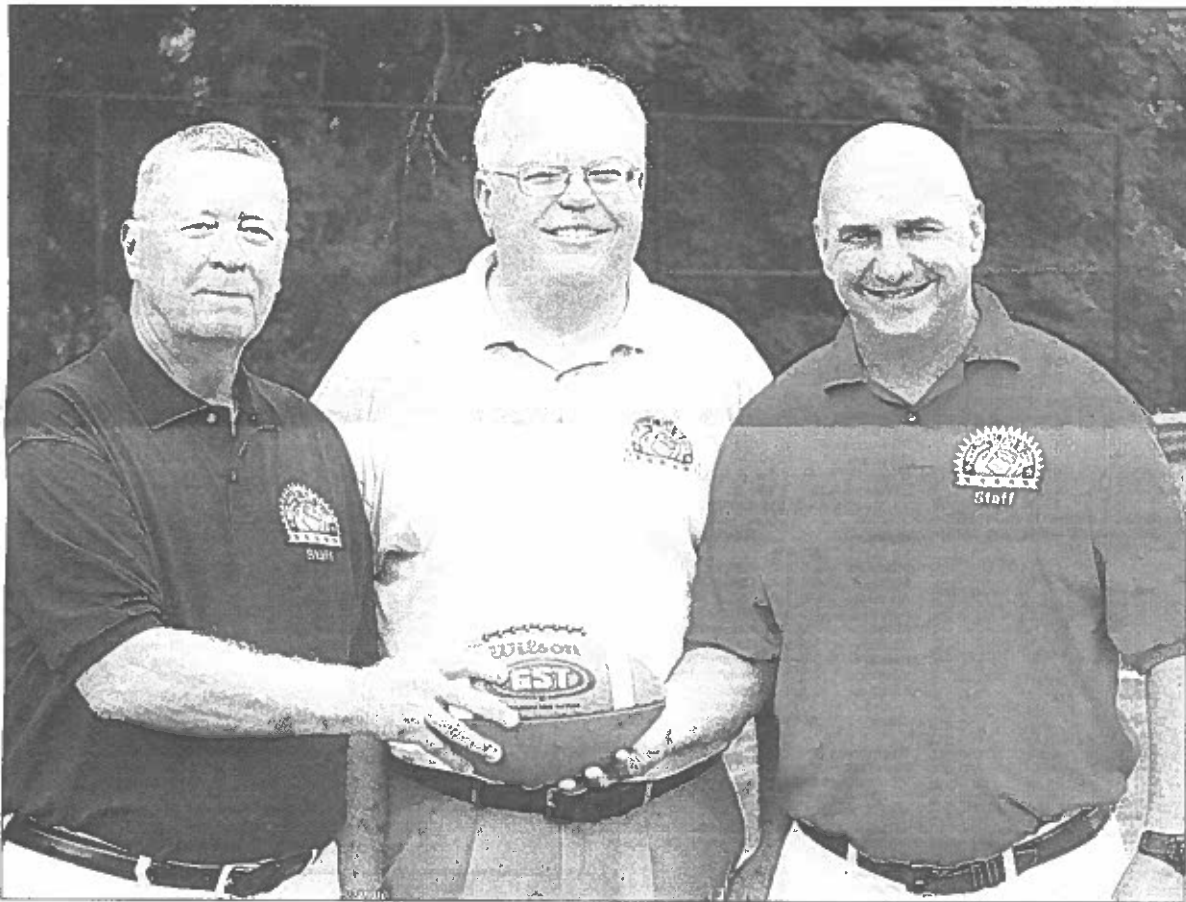


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West Virginia coach Bob Kramer, left, and Ohio coach Dave Caldwell, right, pose with Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic director Bob Koch during Media Day on Monday at West Liberty.

Ohio, West Virginia start their preparations

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

WEST LIBERTY — Interviews, cameras, photo ops and a lot of banter back and forth.

It was media day for the 64th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic held Monday afternoon where the players and coaches met with area media in preparation for Sunday's All-Star Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Prior to pictures and interviews, each team got into workout mode at its camp on the Hilltoppers' campus.

The Ohio players were the first to meet the media and have their pictures taken, and the unity was quite visible from the coaches' interaction with the players as well as the players with each other.

"The kids have been super so far," Ohio and Beallsville coach Dave Caldwell said. "It's a really fun group to be around and they

"The kids have been super so far. It's a really fun group to be around and they have a good time."

Ohio coach Dave Caldwell

have a good time. But when we're on the practice field, we've gotten a lot of work done."

The Buckeyes went through three workouts Monday, including an early morning session and a late evening light session.

But, the workload hasn't deterred anything about the experience for the Ohio players, most of whom have grown up watching and dreaming of playing in the game.

"This is a big honor to even be selected to play in this game," Martins Ferry's Jeremy Murray

said. "I grew up around this game and then you hear everything about it and the history that goes along with it really makes it a big deal for me."

West Virginia coach Bob Kramer and his staff have gotten a lot done in a short amount of time since Sunday's check-in day.

"I really like the balance we have on this team," Kramer said. "We've got some strong, quick backs, receivers and our quarterbacks are very talented."

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Finding the skill people for the Mountaineers hasn't been the problem in recent Mumley games. Opening running lanes and protecting the quarterback have been the issues, because in past games Ohio's not just won, but dominated in the trenches.

"We're really happy with how our line is coming together," Kramer continued. "We picked guys based on being big, quick and able to move. We can't have our guys getting overpowered at the line of scrimmage."

In just three practices, Kramer thinks his team's going to have the capability to two platoon on the offensive front.

"Being able to find two sets in a game like this is a big plus," Kramer said. "We're in a position right now where we feel we can give any kid a break at anytime and not lose a thing, and that's a really good feeling."

Kramer put his team through a series of wind sprints late Sunday evening and couldn't differentiate

between his linemen, which is something he had in mind when he drafted his squad.

"I am just really pleased with the effort these kids have put in so far," Kramer said. "We've broken into groups and all of the coaches come back and tell me how well everyone is doing and how hard they're working, so what more can you ask for as a coach."

Along with the on-field preparations the new teammates have been able to do a great deal of bonding and Kramer's already noticing how close his team is becoming.

"I am getting kinda old, so I really don't know how they act with each other away from the field, but as a team, they're really coming together," Kramer smiled. "These guys have been going at it tooth and nail against each other, but they all walk off the field together, and that's a great sign."

OVAC Notes

■ Tickets the game are currently on sale at all area Kroger stores and select other locations for \$7, which is \$3 less than the gate price.

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Ohio linemen: Big and athletic

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Good linemen boast a combination of size and speed.

Dave Caldwell and the Ohio coaching staff thinks he's found a group that's got just that for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic slated for Sunday, July 26 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"The guys we picked are big and athletic," Caldwell said. "They've all got some speed, and I think they've got good skills both offensively and defensively, so they can play a variety of spots.

Vying for time during camp, which opens Sunday at West Liberty University will be: Ryan Dugan (Steubenville), D.J. Duke (River), Schuler Bondy (Monroe Central), Bo Olexo (Union Local), Steven Woodford (Martins Ferry), Sean West (Bridgeport), Brent Snider (Indian Creek), George Ruckman (Beallsville), Brant Powell (Barnesville) and Patrick Gerst (Caldwell).

"If you notice our linemen come from top-notch programs, and I am not worried at all about them being able to pick up our schemes and doing the job," Caldwell relayed.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

RYAN DUGAN, Steubenville – This offensive tackle opened many holes for the Big Red skill players during his senior season under head coach Reno Saccoccia.

The 6-ft., 250 pounder earned second-team all-Ohio, all-OVAC, all-Eastern District and all-Quad County and he served as team captain.

Dugan is a National Scholar and is also the vice president of the Key Club.

Ryan – who plans on attending Tiffin University – is the son of James and Margaret Dugan of Steubenville.

D.J. DUKE, River – This Pilot left a lasting mark on the Pilots program under the direction of Mike Flannery.

The 6-ft., 250 pounder was one of the area's most dominating defensive tackles and made a living in opposition's backfields.

For his fine season, Duke was named first-team all-Ohio for the second straight year and was all-OVAC and all-Times Leader. He was also an all-Valley pick.

Duke also made his mark in track and field where he established the state record in the shot put and won two state championships under the direction of Coach Tim Frye.

D.J. – who plans to attend Ashland

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University for track and field – is the son of Don Duke and Kim Dye.

SCHUYLER BONDY, Monroe Central – This two-way tackle was a four-year regular for the Seminoles and head coach Jay Circosta.

The 6-ft-3, 230 pounder was the starting center as a sophomore and junior and shifted to the tackle spot this past season and was the starting defensive tackle for three seasons. This past season on the defensive side, Bondy recorded 8.5 sacks.

He was named first-team all-Eastern District and honorable mention all-Ohio, he was first-team all-OVAC and all-PVC this year.

Along with football, Bondy earned all-Ohio accolades in wrestling twice, finishing seventh both as a junior and senior.

Away from athletics, Bondy was active in several academic programs. He was a HOBY Scholar, member of the Art Club and took part in Buckeye Boys State.

Schuyler – who is the son of Rusty and Susan Bondy – plans on attending Ohio University in the fall.

BO OLEXO, Union Local – This former Jet was a two-way standout for Mark Cisar's team this past fall.

The 6-ft., 205 pounder was a mainstay on the defensive side of the ball and earned first-team all-Buckeye 8, all-OVAC and honorable mention all-Ohio.

Away from athletics, Olexo was a member of the Spanish Club, Student Council and served as a class officer.

Bo – who is the son of Bo Olexo – is undecided about his future plans.

STEVEN WOODFORD, Martins Ferry – This Purple Rider was a two-way standout for Coach Dave Bruney's Region 15 runner-up squad last year.

As an offensive lineman, Woodford was a guard and paved the way for nearly 4,000 Purple Rider rushing yards. As a linebacker he was one of the team's top tacklers.

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

Along with football, he was also a standout wrestler for the Riders.

Steven – who is the son of Oliver and Donna Woodford of St. Clairsville – will attend West Liberty University and play football.

SEAN WEST, Bridgeport – This Bulldog lineman was a two-way ace for Coach Rudy Vavrock's squad this past season helping it to the Division VI playoffs.

The 5-ft-10, 240 pounder recorded 75 tackles and six sacks as a senior and was a dandy offensive lineman helping to pave the way for the Bulldogs' ground game.

For his fine season, West was a first-team all-district, all-OVAC and special mention all-state selection.

Along with football, West was a standout in wrestling, qualifying for the Division III state tournament.

Sean – who is the son of Rhonda and Michael West of Bridgeport – plans on attending Muskingum College.

BRENT SNIDER, Indian Creek –

This former Redskin was a stalwart as a two-way tackle for head coach Andrew Connor this past season.

The 6-ft-2, 220 pounder was a menace on the defensive side of the ball and was one of the top blockers for the Redskins' offensive front.

He was a first-team Buckeye 8 pick as well as honorable mention all-Eastern District.

Brent – who is the son of Robert Snider and Sandra McMichael of Steubenville – plans on attending Bethany College.

GEORGE RUCKMAN, Beallsville – This former Blue Devil was a four-year mainstay for Caldwell's squad.

The 6-ft., 260 pounder anchored the offensive line at center and defensive tackle. He finished his prep career with 380 tackles and 45 sacks.

For his efforts he was an all-Eastern District pick, received mentioning on the all-Ohio squad; was first-team all-OVAC, all-Valley, all-River Valley, all-Times Leader and was nominated for one of the OVAC's Blocks of Granite.

Along with football, Ruckman lettered in wrestling and baseball. Away from sports, he was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Yearbook Staff and honor roll.

George – who is the son of George and Linda Ruckman of Malaga – plans on attending Muskingum College.

BRANT POWELL, Barnesville – This former Shamrock was a standout two-way tackle for Coach Luke Johnson's squad the past three years.

The 6-ft-2, 250 pounder was a first-team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, all-Valley selection and served as co-captain this past season.

He received the defensive lineman award and was team MVP.

Brant – who is the son of Duane and Lisa Powell of Barnesville – plans on attending either Mt. Union College or Belmont Technical College.

PATRICK GERST, Caldwell – This former Redskin wore several different hats for head coach Mike DeVol's team the past several seasons.

The 6-ft., 24 pounder was a guard, punter, kicker and linebacker during his prep days.

On the defensive side of the ball he recorded 103 tackles and had two fumble recoveries last season. He also held a 36-yard punting average and a 50-yard kick-off average.

For his fine campaign, he was named first-team all-OVAC, all-Eastern District, all-PVC and earned special mention all-Ohio.

Along with football, Gerst is active in scouting where he's earned Eagle Scout distinction. He's also a member of the National Honor Society.

Patrick – who is the son of Gerald and Christine Gerst of Caldwell – plans on attending Marietta College.

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Ohio offers versatility as camp opens

By **SETH STASKEY**
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When he sat down to pick his roster and having four other times of experience on his side, Beallsville and Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell knew he needed versatile players.

He's done a good job of that because he's got a bunch of interchangeable parts for when he and the rest of the Buckeyes arrive at West Liberty University today to begin training camp for next Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, which will be held at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"I think we've got a good set up for linebackers and defensive backs," Caldwell said. "We've got guys who could go either way, so we'll have to determine in camp where they are best suited. Some guys are going to probably play in a position they aren't real used to playing, but we're confident they can handle it."

Here is a capsule look at the players who will make up some of the defensive spots:

LANCE MORRISON, Cambridge - This former Bobcat played a bevy of positions for the Coach Rick Goodrich during his years in the program.

The 5-ft-10, 215 pounder was a standout at linebacker and fullback during his prep days.

Along with football, Morrison was a standout in baseball.

Lance - who plans to enter the workforce in the oil and gas industry - is the son of Harry and Lethisa Morrison of Cambridge.

NICK LIPTAK, Cambridge - This former Bobcat was a standout at punter and kicker for Goodrich's club.

The 5-ft-9, 160 pounder broke the CHS record for longest field goal in 2007 when he connected from 46 yards away. He tied that mark last season.

For his fine campaign, he was a second-team all-district pick as a senior. He was a first-teamer as a junior.

Along with football, Liptak was a member of the varsity soccer and baseball teams.

Away from athletics, he was a member of the National Honor Society, VISIONS, Ohio Model United Nations and the Guernsey County Youth Leadership Program.

Nick - who is the son of Tina Fillippis of Cambridge - plans on attending The Ohio State University to study chemistry and pre-medicine.

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went for loss.

Sprouse - who transferred from River - earned second-team all-PVC and honorable mention Eastern District as an underclassmen.

Brandon - who is unsure of his future plans - is the son of Mark and Buffy Sprouse of New Martinsville.

MICHAEL SCOTT, Cameron - This former Dragon was a two-way standout under head coach Jim Rogers during his prep days.

The 5-ft-9, 190 pounder saw time on the offensive line and at linebacker.

For his efforts he earned first-team all-Valley, all-Mason-Dixon and second-team all-state honors.

Scott was also active in basketball and baseball for the Dragons.

Michael - who is the son of Lisa Yoss of Cameron - plans on attending West Liberty University.

JONATHAN HOOD, Brooke - This place kicker was one of the more accurate ones in the area under head coach Dave Reitter.

The 5-ft-10, 170 pounder was true on 42-of-44 on extra points and six-of-eight on field goals with a long of 43 yards.

Along with football, he was active in soccer, class play, Madrigal Choir and Bruins at the Cross.

Jonathan - who plans on attending West Virginia Wesleyan - is the son of Randy Hood and Pam Lizon and he resides in Follansbee.

JOSEPH CAPITO, Madonna - This linebacker was a standout for Kramer's state runner-up squad last season.

The 5-ft-11, 173 pounder checked in with 107 career tackles, 12 sacks and two interceptions. He had three forced and three recovered fumbles.

The all-OVAC student was second-team all-Mason Dixon and was special mention all-valley as a junior.

Along with football, Capito was a letterman in basketball and track.

Away from sports, he was in SADD, Interact Club, JETS, National Honor Society, Prayer Club, Pro-Life Alliance of Youth, Art Club, Pep Club and yearbook staff.

Joseph - who plans on attending WVU to major in biochemistry - is the son of John and Darlene Capito of Weirton.

ARTIE CHAPPELL III, Weir - This former Red Rider was a standout at middle linebacker for Coach Eric Meek's team the last four seasons.

He recorded three-year totals of 217 tackles, three sacks and three fumble recoveries. He forced five fumbles and had an interception.

Chappell was a Wendy's High School Heisman nominee and carried a 3.15 grade point average and was also a member of the Hi-Y Club.

Artie - who's the son of Dee and Art Chappell - is planning on attending Fairmont State University.

ZACHARY FOOSE, Wheeling Central - This former Maroon Knight was the quarterback and a standout on the defensive side for Coach Mike Young's club.

The 5-ft-11, 200 pounder averaged more than eight yards per carry during his senior season as a quarterback and he was in the top five for tackles since his sophomore season. He also led the team in sacks this past season.

He was a second-team all-state pick and a first-team all-Valley selection while serving as team captain.

Away from football, Foose is active in peer ministry and sings in the senior men's choir.

Zach - who is the son of Maria and Robert Foose of Wheeling - plans on attending West Liberty University.

DANIEL GORDON, Wheeling Central - This former Maroon Knight was one of the players that every team had to game plan for under Young.

The 6-ft-2, 225 pounder logged more than 300 tackles and 20 plus sacks for his career. He also had two interceptions and three forced fumbles.

Gordon was a two-time first-team all-stater and a second-team pick as a sophomore. He was a two-time all-Valley squad captain and was team Defensive Player of the Year three times and Team MVP as a senior. He was a three-time all-OVAC pick.

Gordon also lettered in basketball for the Maroon Knights.

Daniel - who is the son of Gordon and Janet Gordon - will attend Robert Morris University and play football.

MIKE HENDERSON, Brooke - This former Bruin was a standout at linebacker for Coach Reitter's team last season.

The 6-ft-2, 235 pounder recorded 105 tackles and had 124 assists this past season. He also had 104 stops as a junior.

He was a second-team all-Valley selection and all-state pick.

Away from football, Henderson is also active in karate.

Mike - who plans on attending West Liberty University - is the son of Keith and Dana Henderson of Wellsburg.

RYAN LEWICKI, John Marshall - This former Monarch was a bright spot in an otherwise down year for the Glen Dale based school and head coach Dan Wilson.

The 5-ft-9, 210 pounder was a standout at linebacker, recording 63 tackles in only five games before he was lost to an injury. He was in on 107 stops as a junior. He also a kicker and had 18 PATs and a field goal as a junior.

Despite missing half the season, he was still an honorable mention all-state pick. As a junior he earned the same honor.

Ryan - who is the son of Roger and Sue Lewicki of Moundsville - is undecided about his college plans.

ERIC MENDENHALL, Wheeling Park - This former Patriot was a versatile player as a receiver and defensive back for Coach Mark Nardone's team the past several years.

The 6-ft, 185 pounder recorded 91 tackles, recovered two fumbles and picked off a pass as a defensive whiz. He also had 33 carries for 270 yards and five scores on the offensive side of the ball.

He was a first-team all-OVAC, honorable mention all-state pick as well as the state winner of the West Virginia Athletic Director's Association Scholarship. He's also a member of the National Honor Society and a finalist for the West Virginia Wendy's High School Heisman.

Mendenhall was also active in Varsity Athletic Club, Student Council, Key Club, SAAD, JETS, camp instructor for the Little Patriots and OVAC Football Camp.

Eric - who is the son of Thomas and Cheryl Mendenhall - will attend The College of William & Mary in Virginia.

RICARDO FARROW, Wheeling Park - This former Patriot was a standout in the defensive secondary for Nardone and the Patriots.

Farrow was a first-team all-valley selection and earned special mention all-state.

Along with football, Farrow was co-captain of the Pats' baseball team and was a first-team all-valley pick on the diamond as well.

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West Virginia sets defensive candidates

By **SETH STASKEY**
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The final pieces of the West Virginia roster are set.

West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer announced his linebackers, defensive backs and place kicker for Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic to be held at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We feel like the strong point of our team is our linebacker group," Kramer said. "We want to be able to utilize them the best we can. Some of the guys are big and versatile enough that they could see time as defensive linemen too depending on the situation."

As for the defensive backfield, Kramer and his staff spent a lot of time trying to piece this group together since he knows it'll be challenged by an explosive Ohio offense.

"We feel we got the best defensive backs available," Kramer pointed out. "We've got to be ready for whatever Ohio throws at us. We're confident the kids we've picked are able to do the job that's been asked of them."

Here is a capsule look at the players:

BRANDON SPROUSE, Magnolia — This versatile former Blue Eagle played a key role in the success experienced this past season under head coach Mark Batton.

The 6-ft., 175 pounder saw time at receiver, safety and linebacker and recorded 30 receptions for 800 yards eight touchdowns in his career. He also had six interceptions, 212 tackles and 20 of those

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Moving day



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

LOCAL GRID stars from Ohio and West Virginia reported to camp Sunday at West Liberty University in conjunction with the Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football Classic. The game will be staged Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium. Pictured receiving a good-bye hug from his mother, LuAnne, is former Union Local all-Ohio quarterback Jordan Barbina. For additional images view cu.timesleaderonline.com.

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JOHNNY MERRYMAN, Shadyside — This former Tiger was a two-way standout for the now retired Ty Fleming during his prep days.

The 5-ft-9, 180 pounder served as the fullback and linebacker for the Tigers.

He was the team's leading tackler during his senior season and as a rusher he accumulated more than 900 yards rushing. All told, he finished his prep career with more than 1,700 yards.

He was a second-team all-Ohioan and during the Tigers' state championship game appearance in 2006, he was the starting middle linebacker.

Merryman was also a standout in wrestling, winning a pair of OVAC titles and also placing in the Ohio State Tournament twice.

Johnny is undecided upon his college plans.

RUSSELL PAUGH, Beaver Local — This former defensive whiz was a standout for Coach Rich Wright's team the past four seasons.

The 6-ft-3, 235 pounder lined up at defensive end and this past season received the Outstanding Defense Award for his efforts.

Russell — who plans on attending Lake Erie College — is the son of Laurie and James Kittle of East Liverpool.

JORDAN CLEGG, River — This former Pilot was a two-way standout in the Pilots' undefeated regular season for Coach Mike Flannery last fall.

The 6-ft, 205 pounder ran for close to 1,000 yards as a running back and was one of the team's leading tacklers on defense.

For his fine season, he was named all-PVC, all-OVAC, second-team all-Eastern District and member of the BACF All-Star Team.

Jordan — who is the son of Chuck and Mary Clegg of Sardis — plans on attending Mt. Union.

NATHAN SCHAAL, Buckeye Local — This defensive lineman was borderline unblockable for the Panthers and head coach Ron Pobolish last season.

The 5-ft-9, 165 pounder recorded 123 tackles and an astounding 24 sacks en route to being named first-team all-Ohio and Eastern District Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

Schaal also garnered all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8 and all-Valley.

Along with athletics, Schaal is also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Nathan — who is the son of Thomas Schaal of Yorkville — will attend either Mt. Union or Bethany.

ANTHONY SCOTT, Zanesville — This former Blue Devil was a standout on both sides of the ball during his days under Chad Grandstaff.

The 5-ft-7, 215 pounder saw time at running back on the offensive side of the ball and as a sophomore ran for more than 1,000 yards.

Anthony is the son of Tammy and Eugene Scott of Zanesville.

TAYLOR BANKS, Harrison Central — This Huskie was a

two-way standout for Coach Justin Kropka's squad the past three seasons.

The 5-ft-7, 165 pounder saw time at running back and outside linebacker for the Huskies. On the offensive side of the ball, he racked up 968 yards this past season and scored 12 touchdowns. As a junior, he rushed for 798 yards and 10 scores.

He was a first-team Buckeye 8 and first-team all-OVAC selection and received special mention all-Ohio after earning first-team all-District.

Banks — who was also a standout wrestler for the Huskies — plans on attending the Pittsburgh Technical Institute.

Taylor is the son of Tamara Banks of Cadiz.

TYLER BROOKS, River — This two-way standout was a key cog in the success of Mike Flannery's crew this past fall.

The 5-ft-10, 187 pounder running back/linebacker did most of his damage on the offensive side at tailback.

He accumulated 1,400 yards and scored 26 touchdowns. He also had 350 yards receiving and on the defensive side of the ball he finished with 56 tackles.

Brooks was named Athlete of the Week by WTOV, The Times Leader and WTRF-7 during the season. He was first-team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-PVC.

Tyler — who is the son of Doug and Krysta Brooks of Powhatan Point — will attend Belmont Technical College.

NICK BICKAR, Edison — This former Wildcat played primarily in the defensive secondary for Coach Mike McKenzie's team last fall.

The 5-ft-10, 180 pounder earned honorable mention all-OVAC for his efforts.

Away from athletics, Bickar is a member of the National Honor Society and Beta Club.

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OVAC Players Report

Camps begin in preparation for Sunday's game

**By SETH STASKEY
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WEST LIBERTY - It's officially all-star week in the Ohio Valley.

The players and coaches reported for the week-long camp Sunday afternoon at West Liberty University to prepare for this Sunday's annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

All 33 players from both squads reported to camp and were set to be put through physicals and a series of team meetings before hitting the practice field during the evening to begin to install the systems each team will use at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"I am really excited about this week," Beallsville and Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell said. "This is a great honor to be here, and I like what I've seen from all of the kids."

Caldwell - who is undefeated in four other times as the Buckeyes head coach - had a tough time finalizing his rosters after players dropped out and had to be replaced, but now it's all about football.

"All of the kids reporting makes it look like we're going to have a real nice week," Caldwell said.

The West Virginia squad was under the same plan as the Buckeyes and were scheduled to go through a light workout at Russek Field prior to supper time.



Photo by Seth Staskey

John Marshall's Ryan Lewicki hauls his luggage into West Liberty University Sunday afternoon to begin preparations for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, which will be played Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"Getting to know the kids is the toughest part because some of them I'd never seen before," Weirton Madonna and West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer said. "It's great to be here and great to be around them."

The week kicks off officially today. The players and coaches will go through a pair of workouts daily and they will meet the media

with the annual media day activities at West Liberty.

As is always the case, Wednesday the players, queens and cheerleaders will converge on Wheeling Park's White Palace for the annual George Strager Evening with the Stars.

Friday is the annual Queen of Queens Pageant at WesBanco Arena and Saturday is the pep rally at West Liberty University.

West Virginia's DL not afraid to hit

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

Finding guys who like to hit people in the game of football isn't a tough challenge normally.

And West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer didn't have much trouble finding his defensive linemen who would bring that attitude to the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, which is slated for Sunday, July 26 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We went after our defensive linemen much like we went after our offensive linemen," Kramer said. "We wanted big, athletic guys who who like to hit."

With the likes of Derrick Rovira (Weir), Jonathan Przelenski (Bishop Donahue), Nick Ohrman (Linsly), Dante Greco (Madonna) and Derek Stahl (Wheeling Park), the Mountaineers' coaching staff likes what they've assembled.

"From what we've seen of the kids we're going to use, I really like the way this group could come together," Kramer said.

The players report to training camp Sunday at West Liberty University.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

DERRICK ROVIRA, Weir - This former Red Rider was a stalwart on the defensive side of the ball for Coach Eric Meeks' squad last fall.

The 6-ft-1, 230 pounder logged 110 tackles this past season along with 11 sacks and 17 tackles for loss. He also recovered two fumbles. As a fullback, he ran for 850 yards and 11 touchdowns.

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Ohio Linemen Have Size, Speed

Caldwell's unit looks to push around foes

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

Good linemen boast a combination of size and speed.

Dave Caldwell and the Ohio coaching staff think they found a group that's got just that for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic slated for Sunday, July 26 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"The guys we picked are big and athletic," Caldwell said. "They've all got some speed, and I think they've got good skills both offensively and defensively, so they can play a variety of spots."

Vying for time during camp, which opens Sunday at West Liberty University, will be: Ryan Dugan (Steubenville), D.J. Duke (River), Schuler Bondy (Monroe Central), Bo Olexo (Union Local), Steven Woodford (Martins Ferry), Sean West (Bridgeport), Brent Snider (Indian Creek), George Ruckman (Beallsville), Brant Powell (Barnesville) and Patrick Gerst (Caldwell).

"If you notice our linemen come from top-notch programs, and I am not worried at all about them being able to pick up our schemes and doing the job," Caldwell said.

Here is a capsule look at the players:

RYAN DUGAN, Steubenville - This offensive tackle opened many holes for the Big Red skill players during his senior season under coach Reno Saccoccia.

The 6-foot, 250 pounder earned second-team All-Ohio, All-OVAC, All-Eastern District and All-Quad County and he served as team captain.

Dugan is a National Scholar and is also the

vice president of the Key Club.

Ryan, who plans to attend Tiffin University, is the son of James and Margaret Dugan of Steubenville.

D.J. DUKE, River - This Pilot left a lasting mark on the program under the direction of Mike Flannery.

The 6-0, 250 pounder was one of the area's most dominating defensive tackles and made a living in the opposing backfield.

For his fine effort, Duke was named first-team All-Ohio for the second straight season and was All-OVAC, All-Valley and All-Times Leader.

Duke also made his mark in track and field where he established the state record in the shot put and won two state championships under the direction of Coach Tim Frye.

D.J., who plans to attend Ashland University for track and field, is the son of Don Duke and Kim Dye.

SCHUYLER BONDY, Monroe Central - This two-way tackle was a four-year regular for the Seminoles and coach Jay Circosta.

The 6-3, 230 pounder was the starting center as a sophomore and junior and shifted to the tackle spot last season and was the starting defensive tackle for three seasons. Last season on the defensive side, Bondy recorded 8.5 sacks.

He was named first-team All-Eastern District and honorable mention All-Ohio. He was first-team All-OVAC and All-PVC this season.

Along with football, Bondy earned All-Ohio accolades in wrestling twice, finishing seventh both as a junior and senior.

Away from athletics, Bondy was active in several academic programs. He was a HOBY Scholar, member of the Art Club and took part in Buckeye Boys State.

Schuyler, who is the

son of Rusty and Susan Bondy, plans on attending Ohio University in the fall.

BO OLEXO, Union Local - This former Jet was a two-way standout for Mark Cisar's team last fall.

The 6-0, 205 pounder was a mainstay on the defensive side of the ball and earned first-team All-Buckeye 8, All-OVAC and honorable mention All-Ohio.

Away from athletics, Olexo was a member of the Spanish Club, Student Council and served as a class officer.

Bo, who is the son of Bo Olexo, is undecided about his future plans.

STEVEN WOODFORD, Martins Ferry - This Purple Rider was a two-way standout for Coach Dave Bruney's Region 15 runner-up squad last season.

As an offensive lineman, Woodford was a guard and paved the way for nearly 4,000 Purple Riders rushing yards. As a linebacker, he was one of the team's top tacklers.

He was a first-team All-District, All-Times Leader, All-Buckeye 8 and All-OVAC selection.

Along with football, he was also a standout wrestler for the Riders.

Steven, who is the son of Oliver and Donna Woodford of St. Clairsville, will attend West Liberty University and play football.

SEAN WEST, Bridgeport - This Bulldogs lineman was a two-way ace for Coach Rudy Vavrock's squad last season in helping it to the Division VI playoffs.

The 5-10, 240 pounder recorded 75 tackles and six sacks as a senior, and was a dandy offensive lineman helping to pave the way for the Bulldogs ground game.

For his fine season, West was a first-team All-district, All-OVAC and special mention all-state selection.

Along with football,

West was a standout in wrestling, qualifying for the Division III state tournament.

Sean, who is the son of Rhonda and Michael West of Bridgeport, plans on attending Muskingum College.

BRENT SNIDER, Indian Creek - This former Redskin was a stalwart as a two-way tackle for Coach Andrew Connor last season.

The 6-2, 220 pounder was a menace on the defensive side of the ball and was one of the top blockers for the Redskins' offensive front.

He was a first-team Buckeye 8 pick as well as honorable mention All-Eastern District.

Brent, who is the son of Robert Snider and Sandra McMichael of Steubenville, plans on attending Bethany College.

GEORGE RUCKMAN, Beallsville - This former Blue Devil was a four-year mainstay for Caldwell's squad.

The 6-0, 260 pounder anchored the offensive line at center and defensive tackle. He finished his prep career with 380 tackles and 45 sacks.

For his efforts, he was an All-Eastern District pick, received mentioning on the All-Ohio squad; was first-team All-OVAC, All-Valley, All-River Valley, All-Times Leader and was nominated for one of the OVAC's Blocks of Granite.

Along with football, Ruckman lettered in wrestling and baseball.

Away from sports, he was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Yearbook Staff and honor roll.

George, who is the son

of George and Linda Ruckman of Malaga, plans on attending Muskingum College.

BRANT POWELL, Barnesville - This former Shamrock was a standout two-way tackle for Coach Luke Johnson's squad the last three seasons.

The 6-2, 250 pounder was a first-team All-Eastern District, All-OVAC, and All-Valley selection and served as co-captain last season.

He received the defensive lineman award and was team Most Valuable Player.

Brant, who is the son of Duane and Lisa Powell of Barnesville, plans on attending either Mt. Union College or Belmont Technical College.

PATRICK GERST, Caldwell - This former Redskin wore several hats for Coach Mike DeVoi's team the last several seasons.

The 6-, 240 pounder was a guard, punter, kicker and linebacker during his prep days.

On the defensive side of the ball he recorded 103 tackles and had two fumble recoveries last season. He also held a 36-yard punting average and a 50-yard kickoff average.

For his fine campaign, he was named first-team All-OVAC, All-Eastern District, All-PVC and earned special mention all-Ohio.

Along with football, Gerst is active in scouting where he's earned Eagle Scout distinction. He's also a member of the National Honor Society.

Patrick, who is the son of Gerald and Christine Gerst of Caldwell, plans on attending Marietta College.

Cavendish wins Stage 10 of Tour

ISSOUDUN, France (AP) - Teammates Alberto Contador and Lance Armstrong remained second and third in the Tour de France after a technology-free day of riding in

tactics without radio instructions from team cars.

Rinaldo Nocentini of Italy kept the leader's yellow jersey on a flat route that favored sprinters. Armstrong, the seven-time champion,

Ohio Receivers Fit Well With Caldwell

Buckeye coach loves their speed and size

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

Dave Caldwell has to love the collection of players he's assembled to play receiver in the upcoming Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

With Jordan Barbina and Jeremy Murray set to lead the way at quarterback, Caldwell and the Ohio coaching staff really like the attributes of the receiving corps, which should allow for an easy transition into the wide-open attack normally implemented by Caldwell.

"I love the size and the speed of the kids we've got targeted for wide receiver," Caldwell raved. "We had kind of the same combination with our backs and we just picked a lot of kids who've got good combinations for football."

Fans in attendance for the July 26th game at Wheeling Island Stadium had better be comfortable in their seats.

"We want to make this enjoyable for the fans and the players," Caldwell said. "People don't come to an all-star game to see run, run pass, punt."

Set to battle for time at receiver and/or tight end during camp, which opens Sunday are: Eric Lucas (Beallsville), Jason Bahen (East Liverpool), Brandon Carroll (Steubenville), Kyle Blackman (Union Local), Anthony Hocker (Bellaire), Zane Butler (St. Clairsville) and Mikey Habig (Monroe Central).

Here is a capsule look at the players:

ERIC LUCAS, Beallsville - This former Blue Devil did a little bit of everything during his four year career under Caldwell.

The 6-foot, 185 pounder finished his prep career with 70 touchdowns, more than 2,000 yards rushing and 1,800 yards receiving.

He earned first-team all-Ohio after his senior campaign. He was also first-team All-Eastern District, All-OVAC, All-Times Leader and All-Valley. He earned four letters and was team Most Valuable Player.

Eric, who will attend Muskingum College, is the son of Rusty and Kathy Lucas.

JASON BAHEN, East Liverpool - This former Potter was a standout at wide receiver for the Columbiana County crew.

The 6-3, 173 pounder's solid season earned him a spot on the Quad County Football All-Star Team as well as The Review All-Star Team.

Bahen, who is undecided about his future plans, is also a volunteer fire fighter in Liverpool Township.

Jason is the son of Paul and Kimberly Bahen.

BRANDON CARROLL, Steubenville - This two-way standout was a key member of Coach Reno Saccoccia's state runner-up squad last season.

The 6-1, 180 pounder caught 22 passes for 313 yards and scored four touchdowns. Defensively, he had 46 total tackles and

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three interceptions.

Carroll was named first-team All-OVAC, All-Eastern District, All-Quad County and was named Player of the Game in the state championship game by 106.3 The River.

Along with sports, Carroll is also active in Florida's UAI Speed Camp, Youth Ministries Leader, University Scholar and earned an academic letter.

Brandon, who plans to attend the University of Akron, is the son of Brian and Sharon Carroll of Bloomingdale.

KYLE BLACKMAN, Union Local - This Jets' wide receiver was a big-play target all season for Coach Mark Cisar's Jets.

The 6-4, 185 pounder hauled in 62 catches for 1,226 yards and 17 touchdowns during his prep career. He was named to the second-team All-Eastern District as a junior and was honorable mention All-Buckeye 8. He was a first-team all-district player this past season.

Along with football, Blackman lettered four times in basketball and once in track and field.

Kyle, who plans to attend OUE, is the son of Fred and Kim Blackman of Belmont.

ANTHONY HOCKER, Bellaire - This Big Reds' big-play threat made life difficult on opposing teams' secondaries under the guidance of then-head coach Gregg Bonar.

The 6-1, 155 pounder made 18 catches for 314 yards and a touchdown during his senior season.

Along with football, Hocker also lettered in basketball.

Anthony, who plans to attend OUE, is the son of Robert Hocker and Roveine Brown of Bellaire.

MIKEY HABIG, Monroe Central - This two-way standout was one of the more versatile players for Coach Jay Circo's team last season.

The 6-3, 225 pounder was a standout at defensive end and fullback and figures to see time at tight end during this all-star contest.

Habig earned four letters in football and was an all-district and All-OVAC performer last season after rushing for 568 yards and nine touchdowns on 98 carries.

Habig, who plans to attend Belmont Technical College, is the son of Cathy Markey and Bradley Habig of Woodsfield.

ZANE BUTLER, St. Clairsville - This defensive mainstay created his fair share of havoc for opposing teams last season for Brett McLean's Red Devils.

The 6-2, 210 pounder led the Red Devils with nine sacks and he had 28 solo tackles. He had 16 tackles for loss and was credited with eight quarterback hurries.

He was a first-team All-Eastern District, All-OVAC, All-Buckeye 8, All-Times Leader and All-Valley selection. He was mentioned on the All-Ohio squad.

Zane, who is the son of Tom Butler and Rhonda Butler, is undecided about his college plans.

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Five Selected To Line Up at Receiver

Kramer might look to the air more than usual

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer admits that when he calls the offense for Weirton Madonna during the regular season, he's primarily a run-first coach.

"We're probably about 80 percent run and 20 percent pass," Kramer pointed out.

However, he's got nothing against throwing the football and with the wide receivers he and his West Virginia coaching staff have selected for the July 26th Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, the Mountaineers could be opening things up a little bit more.

"We've got a lot of versatility with the kids we've picked for receivers and tight ends," Kramer said. "Most of the kids come from passing-type offenses, and we'll take a hard look at camp and try to figure out what we can do."

The Mountaineers will be seeking a balance when the game begins at Wheeling Island Stadium because of the depth and ability of the Ohio defense.

"We're going to try to be as balanced as we can be," Kramer said. "We can't make ourselves too predictable or easy to defend, and we want to get all of the kids involved."

Slated to play wide receiver and tight end for the Mountaineers are: Jason Utt (Magnolia), Anthony Pietranton (Madonna), Morgan Long (Valley), Jacob Porter (Oak Glen) and Wes Cosper (Paden City).

Here is a capsule look at the players:

JACOB PORTER, Oak Glen - This former Golden Bear was one of the go-to-guys for Coach Tony Filberto's team this past season.

The 6-foot-1, 150-pounder was named all-OVAC and named to the All-East Liverpool Review team after this past season.

Jacob - who is the son of John and Michelle Porter of New Cumberland - will attend Fairmont State University.

MORGAN LONG, Valley - This versatile two-way player did a little bit of everything for Tom West and the Lumberjacks for the past four seasons.

The 6-1, 265-pounder carried the ball 32 times for 164 yards and made his mark as a defensive end.

He recorded 249 career tackles from his defensive end spot as well.

For his fine career, he was named to the honorable mention all-state this past season as well as first-team All-OVAC and second-team All-Mason Dixon.

Along with football, he was a four-year member of the band, four-year member of the FFA and he took part in track and hoops.

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West Virginia

Long of Reader - will attend Fairmont State University.

ANTHONY PIETRANTON, Weirton Madonna - This former Blue Don was a four-year mainstay for Kramer's team.

The 6-2, 180-pounder caught 14 passes for 209 yards and a touchdown. For his career, he caught 30 passes for 385 and scored two touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, he recorded 41 tackles and eight sacks. He had 62 tackles, 10 sacks and 15 tackles for loss.

Pietranton was second-team All-OVAC and first-team Mason Dixon. He was also a standout on the basketball court and took part in the OVAC All-Star Game All told, he earned 10 varsity letters.

Away from athletics, Pietranton was vice president of the Drama Club and President of the Prayer Club. He played the lead in the school musical for two years. He's also a member of the Wheeling and Weirton Youth Leadership Group.

Anthony - who will attend West Virginia University - is the son of Tony and Kathy Pietranton of Weirton.

JASON UTT, Magnolia - This former Blue Eagle had a highly productive career and senior season for head coach Mark Batton.

The 6-0, 185-pounder had 1,200 yard receiving with 13 touchdowns. As a defensive standout, he had 180 tackle and eight interceptions.

He set the Class AA Super Six record with 11 catches for 138 yards. He was All-OVAC, all-state, All-Valley and All-Mid Ohio Valley.

Jason - who is the son of Rob and Alisha Utt of New Martinsville - will attend Bethany College.

WES COSPER, Paden City - This former Wildcat did nearly everything but sell popcorn for head coach Brent Croamun.

The 5-10, 190-pounder ran for 3,16 yards and 40 touchdowns during his prep career. He also passed for 2,478 yards and 18 touchdowns and had 176 yards and three scores receiving. Oh, by the way, he had 310 tackles from his linebacker spot.

He was a two-time first-team all-state and All-Valley pick. He was a three-time first-team All-OVAC selection and a second-team all-state after his sophomore campaign.

Along with football, Cosper was a productive member of the Wildcats baseball and basketball teams. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and Alpha Theta.

Wes - who is the son of Dave and Susan Cosper of Paden City - will attend West Virginia University.

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Players report to begin Mumley All-Star Camp

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

WEST LIBERTY - It's officially all-star week in the Ohio Valley.

The players and coaches reported for the week-long camp Sunday afternoon at West Liberty University to prepare for this Sunday's annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

All 33 players from both squads reported to camp and were set to be put through physicals and a series of team meetings before hitting the practice field during the evening to begin to install the systems each team will use at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"I am really excited about this week," Beallsville and Ohio head coach Dave Caldwell said. "This is a great honor to be here, and I like what I've seen from all of the kids."

Caldwell - who is undefeated in four other times as the Buckeyes head coach - had a tough time finalizing his rosters after players dropped out and had to be replaced, but now it's all about football.

"All of the kids reporting makes it look like we're

going to have a real nice week," Caldwell said.

The West Virginia squad was under the same plan as the Buckeyes and were scheduled to go through a light workout at Russek Field prior to supper time.

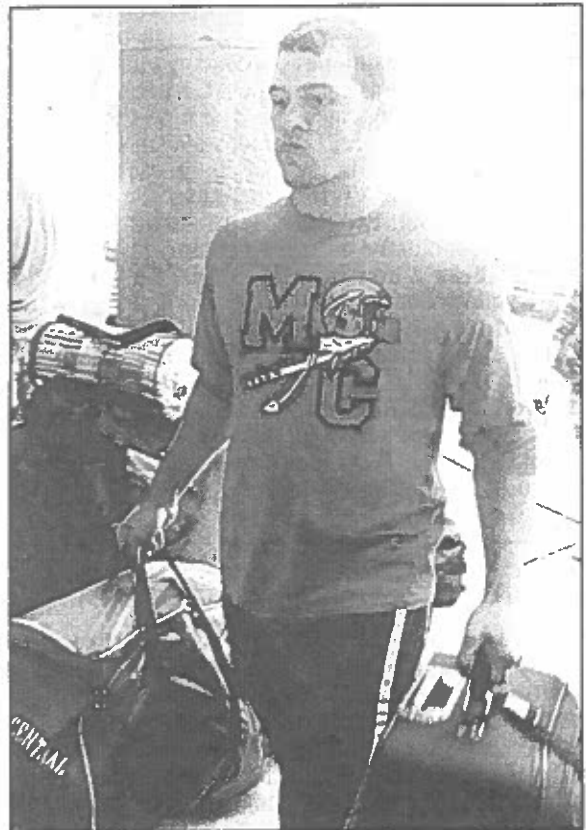
"Getting to know the kids is the toughest part because some of them I'd never seen before," Weirton Madonna and West Virginia head coach Bob Kramer said. "It's great to be here and great to be around them."

The week kicks off officially today. The players and coaches will go through a pair of workouts daily and they will meet the media with the annual media day activities at West Liberty.

As is always the case, Wednesday the players, queens and cheerleaders will converge on Wheeling Park's White Palace for the annual George Strager Evening with the Stars.

Friday is the annual Queen of Queens Pageant at WesBanco Arena and Saturday is the pep rally at West Liberty University.

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OHIO all-star Mikey Habig of Monroe Central carries his luggage into the Ohio dorm at West Liberty University Sunday afternoon. The Ohio and West Virginia squads will begin preparations for Sunday's game. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleadersonline.com

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W.Va. Strong in the Trenches

Kramer says unit is coming together

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

Finding guys who like to hit people in the game of football isn't a tough challenge normally.

And West Virginia coach Bob Kramer didn't have much trouble finding his defensive linemen who would bring that attitude to the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, which is slated for Sunday, July 26 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We went after our defensive linemen much like we went after our offensive linemen," Kramer said. "We wanted big, athletic guys who who like to hit."

With the likes of Derrick Rovira (Weir), Jonathan Przelenski (Bishop Donahue), Nick Ohrman (Linsly), Dante Greco (Madonna) and Derek Stahl (Wheeling Park), the Mountaineers coaching staff likes what they've assembled.

"From what we've seen of the kids we're going to use, I really like the way this group could come together," Kramer said.

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Along with football, Stahl was a member of the Patriots' hockey team and helped it to back-to-back state championships.

Away from athletics, Stahl is a member of SADD, the Varsity Athletic Club and the Lacrosse Club. He's a four-year member of the Park High Honor Roll.

W.Va. Has Big, Fast Offensive Line

Kramer, crew knew what they wanted

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

The recipe for linemen in the Mountain State was simple.

"We were looking for good-sized kids who could move well," West Virginia coach Bob Kramer said.

Well, it appears he's found what he's looking for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic continues to draw closer to its July 26th kickoff at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We spent a lot of time looking at film on these linemen, and I am really impressed with what I've seen from them," Kramer continued. "We stressed both size and athleticism and we've found that. But now we just got to mesh them together and hope that can mold."

The Mountaineers and Buckeyes will begin training camps for the 7:15 p.m. kickoff Sunday at West Liberty University.

Set to battle for offensive line action are: Victor DeCaria (Madonna), James Gifford (Parkersburg South), Tyler Hanna (Magnolia), Jordan Holliday (Parkersburg

South), Doug Murray (Oak Glen) and Adam Vaughn (Oak Glen).

Here is a capsule look at the players:

VICTOR DECARIA, Madonna - This former Blue Don was a two-way standout for Kramer's team in helping it to the Super Six last December.

The 6-foot, 185 pounder graded out with a 90-percent blocking percentage, and on the defensive side of the ball he had 12 tackles, a tackle for loss and a fumble recovery in limited defensive action.

Along with football, DeCaria is active in basketball and baseball.

Victor, who plans on attending West Liberty University, is the son of Vince and Diana DeCaria of Weirton.

JAMES GIFFORD, Parkersburg South - This former Patriot was a two-way ace last season for Coach Jon Bolen's team.

The 6-2, 275 pounder started on the defensive side of the ball since his sophomore season and moved into the offensive lineup last season.

Gifford received the Mahone Tire Award after last season.

Along with football, Gifford was active in band and track and field.

James, who plans to attend Bethany College, is the son of Bill and Debbie Gifford.

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TYLER HANNA, Magnolia - This two-way lineman had a banner season for Coach Mark Batton's state runnerup Blue Eagles' squad.

The 6-2, 225 pounder was a solid defensive end with 29 solo tackles, 76 assists, two sacks, an interception and eight tackles for loss.

He was an All-Valley pick as an offensive lineman and was All-OVAC, as well as a first-team all-state selection.

Away from athletics, Hanna is active in the community with Young Life, flood relief, food drive and campaigns.

Tyler, who plans on attending West Virginia University, is the son of Joseph and Penny Hanna of New Martinsville.

JORDAN HOLLIDAY, Parkersburg South - This Patriots two-way player was a mainstay for Coach Bolen's team.

The 6-3, 225 pounder logged action at center and defensive end last season.

He was a special mention all-state selection.

Along with football, Holliday also got it done in the classroom, earning a spot in the National Honor Society.

Jordan, who is the son of Brenda Holliday and Robert Holliday of Washington, plans to attend WVU.

DOUG MURRAY, Oak Glen - This former Golden Bear was a key component to Coach Tony Filberto's squad last season.

The 6-0, 270 pounder saw time at left guard and defensive tackle.

As a defensive standout, he recorded 59 tackles and 29 of those were solo. He also had a sack and two tackles for loss.

Murray served as co-captain last season and was named to the All-Review first team and earned four letters.

Doug, who is the son of Scott and Joan Murray, plans on attending Bethany College.

ADAM VAUGHN, Oak Glen - This former Golden Bear was a two-way lineman for Filberto and company.

The 6-0, 260 pounder anchored the offensive front and was an honorable mention All-OVAC pick.

Away from athletics, Vaughn was a member of the National Honor Society and he received the Denis Huff Award as well as the Mark Wright Memorial Award.

Adam, who is the son of Ray and Beth Vaughn, plans on attending WVU.

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Ohio backs named for OVAC Game

By **SETH STASKEY**
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Dave Caldwell is well known at Beallsville for his wide-open approach to offense.

During his previous stints as the Ohio head coach in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, Caldwell has held little back and been successful each time he's been at Wheeling Island Stadium.

He and his coaching staff recently announced the players he intends to feature at quarterback and running back for the annual summer classic, which is slated for July 26th.

A pair of first-team all-Ohioans — Jordan Barbina of Union Local and Jeremy Murray of Martins Ferry — are ticketed to see time at quarterback.

"Obviously those two kids are great athletes," Caldwell said. "When you've got great athletes at quarterback you can do a lot of things and good things happen. We're looking for those two to make some big plays for us."

At the running back spot, St. Clairsville's Brody Call, Harrison Central's Wes Skinner, Martins Ferry's Matt Shreve and Steubenville's Jeryl Christian will be doing much of the ball carrying.

"I like to think we've got a good combination of speed, size and strength," Caldwell continued. "You can't coach speed, and I think we've got some guys who can fly. Speed is one of those things either you have or you don't."

Here is a capsule look at the players:
JORDAN BARBINA, Union Local — Saying this quarterback was the questioned leader of the Jets the past couple of seasons could be the understatement of the century.

The 6-ft-1, 180 pounder wore a lot of hats for Coach Mark Cisar during his two full seasons at the helm of the potent Jets' offense.

As a senior he accounted for 52 touchdowns and 4,190 yards. He passed for 3,194 of those stripes and 32 touchdowns through the air. He ran for 946 yards and 19 touchdowns. He was an ace on the defensive side with 51 tackles and five interceptions.

For his fine season, Barbina was first-team all-Ohio, first-team all-Eastern District, all-Buckeye 8, all-OVAC, all-Times Leader and all-Valley. He received the WTOV-9 Big 22 Player of the Year Award and was also the Dapper Dan Male Athlete of the Year. He took part in the

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Ohio North-South Game earlier this summer.

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Away from athletics, Barbina was a member of the Spanish Club. Junior Sports Camps Assistant and he takes part in Young Life as well as the Youth Group at the East Richland Evangelical Friends Church.

Jordan - who will play football at Lake Erie College - is the son of James and Lu Anne Barbina of Bethesda.

BRODY CALL, St. Clairsville - This Red Devil ace was the go-to offensive player for Coach Brett McLean's team this past season.

The 5-ft-11, 175 pounder ran for 950 yards and scored 13 rushing touchdowns. He was an ace on the defensive side as well with 50 tackles. As a receiver, he grabbed 14

balls for 200 yards and three scores. He also had three interceptions.

Call was a first-team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, all-Times Leader, all-Valley and was named the Old Spice Red Zone Player of the Year.

Along with sports, Call's a member of the Buckeye 8 student committee and also on the Student Action Committee.

Brody - who will attend Kent State University - is the son of Carri Wagner and Mike Call of St. Clairsville.

JERYL CHRISTIAN, Steubenville - This Big Red force was a key player for Reno Saccoccia's squad both as a fullback and as a linebacker.

The 6-ft-2, 230 pounder made a living in opponent's backfield as a defensive end with 70 tackles, two forced fumbles and 28 tackles for loss. He also had an interception and seven fumble recoveries. While

serving as a fullback, Christian had four touchdowns on 18 carries.

He was named second-team all-District, first-team all-OVAC, all-Quad County. Along with football, Christian was a standout in track and field.

Away from athletics, he was a member of the Key Club and Spanish Club.

Jeryl - who is the son of Veronica Price and Terrell Scyles - plans on attending the University of Akron.

JEREMY MURRAY, Martins Ferry - This Purple Rider made the transition to quarterback a seamless one this past season for Coach Dave Bruney's OVAC, Buckeye 8 championship squad.

The 5-ft-8, 185 pounder established new Purple Rider benchmarks in rushing yards for a career and a season when he put up 2,125 yards this past season with 35 touchdowns. He finished his prep career

with 4,190 stripes on the ground.

Through the air, he amassed 990 yards passing with six touchdowns. All told, he scored 70 career touchdowns.

He was a first-team all-Ohioan this past year after earning co-Eastern District Player of the Year in Division IV. He was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, all-Valley and all-Times Leader selection. He also took part in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game.

Murray also lettered in track and field during his prep days.

Jeremy - who is the son of Dawn Stewart - will continue his academic and athletic careers at Mt. Union College in the fall.

MATT SHREVE, Martins Ferry - This Purple Rider missed the early portion of his senior season, but appeared as if he didn't miss a beat once he returned in helping to

lead Bruney's squad to the Region 15 championship game.

The 6-ft, 215 pounder was a solid two-way performer. As a blocking back, he paved the way for the aforementioned Murray and countless other Ferry runners to rush for more than 4,000 yards this past season.

On the defensive side of the ball, Shreve played with reckless abandon. He finished his career with 362 tackles, including 122 this past season. He had 10 sacks.

He was a two-time first-team all-Buckeye 8; all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, second-team all-Ohio as a senior and twice named to the all-Times Leader team.

Along with football, Shreve was a standout wrestler for the Purple, qualifying to the state tournament.

Matt - who plans on attending Mt. Union College - is the son of

Michael and Barbara Shreve of Dillonvale.

WES SKINNER, Harrison Central - This Huskie was the speedster of the backfield for Coach Justin Kropka's squad last fall.

The 5-ft-8, 170 pounder ran for 1,069 yards and 10 scores last year for the Huskies. He caught eight balls for 168 yards and three scores. All told, he rushed for 2,713 yards and 24 touchdowns.

For his fine season, Skinner was named to the first-team all-Eastern District and was second-team all-Ohio in 2008. He was a three-time all-Buckeye 8 pick and an all-Times Leader selection.

Along with football, Skinner qualified twice to the Division II state track meet.

Wes - who plans on attending Ohio University - is the son of Alvin Skinner and Cindy Barnhart.

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West Virginia Unveils Final Pieces to its Puzzle

By **SETH STASKEY**
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The final pieces of the West Virginia roster are set.

West Virginia coach Bob Kramer announced his linebackers, defensive backs and placekicker for Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic to be held at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We feel like the strong point of our team is our linebacker group," Kramer said. "We want to be able to utilize them the best we can."

"Some of the guys are big and versatile enough that they could see time as defensive linemen too depending on the situation."

As for the defensive backfield, Kramer and his staff spent a lot of time trying to piece this group together since he knows it'll be challenged by an explosive Ohio offense.

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BRANDON SPROUSE, Magnolia — This versatile former Blue Eagle played a key role in the success experienced last season under the guidance of coach Mark Batton.

The 6-foot, 175 pounder saw time at receiver, safety and linebacker and recorded 30 receptions for 800 yards and eight touchdowns in his career. He also had six interceptions, 212 tackles, 20 of those for loss.

Sprouse, who transferred from River, earned second-team all-PVC and honorable mention Eastern District as an underclassman.

Brandon, who is unsure of his future plans, is the son of Mark and Buffy Sprouse of New Martinsville.

MICHAEL SCOTT, Cameron — This former Dragon was a two-way standout under coach Jim Rogers.

The 5-9, 190 pounder saw time on the offensive line and at linebacker.

For his efforts he earned first team All-Valley, All-Mason Dixon and second team all-state honors.

Scott was also active in basketball and baseball for the Dragons.

Michael, who is the son of Lisa Yoss of Cameron, will attend West Liberty.

JONATHAN HOOD, Brooke — This placekicker was one of the more accurate ones in the area under coach Dave Reitter.

The 5-10, 170 pounder was true on 42 of 44 on extra points and 6 of 8 field goals with a long of 43 yards.

Along with football, he was active in soccer, class play, Madrigal Choir and Bruins at the Cross.

Jonathan, who will attend West Virginia Wesleyan, is the son of Randy Hood and Pam Lizon and he resides in

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Follansbee.

JOEY CAPITO, Madonna — This linebacker was a standout for Kramer's state runner-up squad last season.

The 5-11, 173 pounder checked in with 107 career tackles, 12 sacks and two interceptions. He had three forced and three recovered fumbles.

The All-OVAC student was second team All-Mason Dixon and was special mention All-Valley as a junior.

Along with football, Capito was a letterman in basketball and track.

Away from sports, he was in SADD, Interact Club, JETS, National Honor Society, Prayer Club, Pro-Life Alliance of Youth, Art Club, Pep Club and year-book staff.

Joseph, who will attend WVU to major in biochemistry, is the son of John and Darlene Capito of Weirton.

ARTIE CHAPPELL, Weir — This former Red Rider was a standout at middle linebacker for Coach Eric Meek's team the last four seasons.

He recorded three-year totals of 217 tackles, three sacks and three fumble recoveries. He forced five fumbles and had an interception.

Chappell was a Wendy's High School Heisman nominee and carried a 3.15 grade point average and was a member of the Hi-Y Club.

Artie, who's the son of Dee and Art Chappell, will attend Fairmont State.

ZACH FOOSE, Wheeling Central — This former Maroon Knight was a standout on the defensive side for Coach Mike Young's club.

The 5-11, 200 pounder averaged more than 8 yards per carry during his senior season and he was in the top five for tackles since his sophomore season. He also led the team in sacks last season.

He was a second team all-state pick and a first-team All-Valley pick while serving as team captain.

Away from football, Foose is active in peer ministry and sings in the senior men's choir.

Zach, who is the son of Maria and Robert Foose of Wheeling, plans on attending West Liberty.

DAN GORDON, Wheeling Central — This former Maroon Knight was one of the players that every team had to game plan for under Young.

The 6-2, 225 pounder logged more than 300 tackles and 20 plus sacks for his career. He also had two interceptions and three forced fumbles.

Gordon was a two-time, first team all-stater and a second-team pick as a sophomore. He was a two-time All-Valley squad captain and was team Defensive Player of the Year three times and Team Most Valuable Player as a senior.

He was a three-time All-OVAC pick.

Gordon also lettered in basketball for the Maroon

Knights.

Dan, who is the son of Gordon and Janet Gordon, will attend Robert Morris and play football.

MIKE HENDERSON, Brooke — This former Bruin was a standout at linebacker for Coach Reitter's team last season.

The 6-2, 235 pounder recorded 105 tackles and had 124 assists last season. He had 104 stops as a junior.

He was a second-team All-Valley selection and all-state pick.

Away from football, Henderson is active in karate.

Mike, who plans on attending West Liberty University, is the son of Keith and Dana Henderson of Wellsburg.

RYAN LEWICKI, John Marshall — This former Monarch was a bright spot in an otherwise down season for the Glen Dale-based school and coach Dan Wilson.

The 5-9, 210 pounder was a standout at linebacker, recording 63 tackles in only five games before he was lost to an injury. He was in on 107 stops as a junior. He also a kicker and had 18 PATs and a field goal as a junior.

Despite missing half the season, he was still an honorable mention all-state pick. As a junior he earned the same honor.

Ryan, who is the son of Roger and Sue Lewicki of Moundsville, will play baseball at West Virginia Wesleyan.

ERIC MENDENHALL, Wheeling Park — This former Patriot was a versatile player as a receiver and defensive back for Coach Mark Nardone's team the last several years.

The 6-0, 185 pounder recorded 91 tackles, recovered two fumbles and picked off a pass as a defensive whiz. He also had 33 carries for 270 yards and five scores.

He was a first-team All-OVAC, honorable mention all-state pick as well as the state winner of the West Virginia Athletic Director's Association Scholarship. He's also a member of the National Honor Society and a finalist for the West Virginia Wendy's High School Heisman.

Mendenhall was also active in Varsity Athletic Club, Student Council, Key Club, SAAD, JETS, camp instructor for the Little Patriots and OVAC Football Camp.

Eric, who is the son of Thomas and Cheryl Mendenhall, will attend The College of William & Mary.

RICARDO FARROW, Wheeling Park — This former Patriot was a standout in the defensive secondary for Nardone and the Patriots.

Farrow was a first-team All-valley selection and earned special mention all-state.

Along with football, Farrow was co-captain of the Patriots baseball team and was a first-team All-Valley pick on the diamond.