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## Ohio Valley Athletic Conference: Championship Saturday

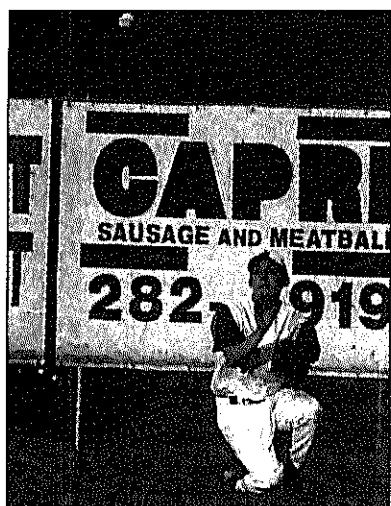


Photo provided  
John Marshall's Jason Hupp crouches under a fly ball during the OVAC Class AAAA Final.

## Monarchs Put it All Together

JM, Montgomery claim ninth crown

By RICK THORP  
Staff Writer

STEUBENVILLE — One night after dropping a heartbreaking 6-5 decision to Steubenville on Friday night, John Marshall returned to Vaccaro Field on Saturday evening hoping for better results.

**Class AAAA  
Baseball**

Veteran skipper Bob Montgomery got the performance he was looking for — offensively and defensively — as the Monarchs secured their third OVAC Class AAAA Tournament crown in the last five seasons with a 4-1 triumph against top-seeded Cambridge.

"We came from behind against Steubenville (OVAC quarterfinal), we had to come from behind against Wheeling Park (OVAC semifinal) and (Saturday) we played a really good game against a really good team," Montgomery said. "And we had to win in order to win."

It's the ninth overall tournament crown for JM (16-3) and Montgomery, who carried a championship trophy off the field a few hours after fellow 700-victory club

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Photo by Mike Palmer  
Magnolia's Mason Rine (7) looks to turn a double play as St. Clairsville's Zack Kinnick (5) slides into second base during Saturday's OVAC Class AAA championship at Steubenville's Vaccaro Field.

## Cisar's Eagles Fly Away With Title

Robinson allows one run, whiffs four

By RICH GIBSON  
For the News-Register  
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## Radvansky, Knights Rough Up Blue Dons

Left-hander strikes out 15 in revenge victory

By ASHLEY NEWMAN  
For the News-Register

STEUBENVILLE — As Toronto's Mike Radvansky delivered the pitch that forced Weirton Madonna's George Magnone to ground the ball into the final out of the game, the Red Knights surrounded their pitching ace on the mound, celebrating a 9-5 victory and a Class A Ohio Valley Athletic Conference baseball championship at Vaccaro Field on Saturday.

"This is always a goal and it is a great conference," Toronto coach Brian Perkins said. "We're excited to win it and now we are looking forward to making a nice run in the state tournament."

The final out put a cap on what was an overpowering performance by the Toronto ace. Radvansky struck out 15 and walked two, allowing five hits in the com-

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plete-game victory.

"Mike threw a heckuva game and he has been doing that all season," Perkins said. "Really, he has been doing it all four years for us. I can't say enough about Mike. There was a couple of times in the game where we had our backs against the wall and it showed something that our kids were able to fight through adversity."

On the other side of the field, Madonna coach Jeff Baire praised the work of Radvansky, keeping his team's powerful offense in check for much of the contest.

"We faced a pitcher that was on and a pitcher that throws really well. He is the type of pitcher that we haven't seen a whole heckuva lot of this year," Baire said. "There aren't a whole lot of pitchers that possess his ability that are floating around out there."

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Toronto lefty Mike Radvansky went the distance to lift Toronto past Weirton Madonna.

Photo by Ashley Newman

## Linsly Gets It Done

Kozusko, Dodd lead the charge

By ASHLEY NEWMAN  
For the News-Register

STEUBENVILLE — In a game for which hits and runs were at a premium, the Steubenville Catholic offense struggled to find its rhythm and Linsly did just enough to earn a 4-1 victory at Vaccaro Field in the Class AA Ohio Valley Athletic Conference title game.

Steubenville Catholic coach Frank Spence was impressed with Linsly

hurler Alex Kozusko, who struck out three and walked two in the complete-game victory.

"Give credit to Linsly's pitcher. I thought that the kid pitched a very strong game," Spence said. "He spotted the ball and pitched us away, which we knew he would do coming in."

"We knew that it was going to be hard to get a lot of good swings on him. But, when we did make contact, it seemed like we were hitting atom balls."

Linsly coach Jay Cartwright was equally impressed with the Crusaders.

"It was a great high-school game. (Central) is very well coached and I knew that we were going to have to hit the ball to beat them, because they don't make mistakes and they don't beat themselves," Cartwright said. "They were everything that we thought that they would be. They were really good defensively. I knew that we would have to play well, and we did."

Although Toby Longo took the loss, the senior was able to keep the Cadets in check for most of the afternoon. He finished with five strikeouts and two walks.

After a scoreless first inning, Linsly struck in the top of the second. Back-to-back singles by Chris Kiedaisch and Alex Stephens set the table for Jordan Medley. The slugger did not disappoint, clearing the bases with a two-out triple, giving the Cadets a 2-0 lead.

The Crusaders were able to get on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third inning with a two-out rally. Sean Laukert and Jordan Porreca earned back-to-back singles and Jordan Teramana responded with an RBI hit, cutting the lead to 2-1.

That was all the Central offense could muster, however, as Kozusko and the Linsly defense took control in the final five frames.

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# Blue Eagles deny St. C. repeat bid

• Magnolia wins fifth OVAC title

By RICH GIBSON  
Times Leader Sports Writer

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—Tom Sliva



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER  
ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Zack Kinnick tags out Magnolia's Davey Howell trying to steal during the third inning of the OVAC Class 3-A Baseball Championship at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville. Magnolia won the game 4-1.

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St. Clairsville's run production was limited to a first inning tally after leadoff man Brody Call singled to open the game. Shortstop Zack Kinnick followed with a base rap.

Robinson then induced three consecutive infield grounders with Jarvie's allowing Call to score. St. C., though, could do no additional damage.

Magnolia answered immediately when Robinson drew a leadoff walk, swiped second base and advanced on shortstop Jordan Ash's ground ball. Jarvie then unleashed a wild pitch allowing Robinson to race home.

Robinson ignited a two-run Eagles' uprising in the third, beating out a leadoff bunt for a base hit. The senior again pilfered second base and scored when Ash reached on a one-out infield hit.

When St. C. couldn't make a potentially inning-ending play in left field, Ash came home and it was 3-1.

The Devils placed runners in scoring position in innings four and five but could not break through.

Magnolia came back to plate a big insurance run in the sixth.

Leftfielder Davey Howell drew a leadoff walk and was sacrificed to second by second baseman Mason Rine. Catcher Traeh Keller followed with a clutch RBI hit for a 4-1 lighting.

The Blue Eagles' defense did the rest, executing a 6-4-3 double play in the sixth followed by a game-ending 1-6-3 twin killing to end the contest.

"Jarvie is about as tough as they come," Cisar stated. "This very easily could have been a one-run game. Fortunately, we made a few good decisions on the basepaths."

Robinson recorded four strikeouts and issued just one free pass. Jarvie chalked up nine Ks but yielded four walks.

"Of course, we came to win today but our season does not end here," Sliva stressed. "Our ultimate goal is playing in the (Ohio) postseason tournament."

Improving to 13-4, Magnolia received a single and double apiece from Keller and Robinson. The Blue Eagles also achieved four stolen bases.

Now 13-5, St. C. rightfielder Kenny Nickerson rapped two singles while DH Dan Slavik drilled a double.

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BATTERIES: Jarvie and Machovina. Robinson and Keller.

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## OVAC Baseball

School	W	L	CP	AVG
Cambridge	12	2	630	45.0
Wheeling Park	11	5	620	38.8
John Marshall	8	2	350	35.0
Edison	8	5	430	33.1
Park. South	11	10	650	30.9
Steubenville	7	7	420	30.0
Buckeye Local	6	8	320	22.9
Brooke	4	8	220	18.3
Indian Creek	4	9	210	16.2
East Liverpool	3	7	140	14.6
Weir	2	11	110	8.4
*Zanesville	3	0	140	46.7
*Beaver Local	10	3	540	41.8

School	W	L	CP	AVG
Magnolia	8	3	440	40.0
Union Local	7	3	380	38.0
St. Clairsville	6	4	340	34.0
Bellaire	8	5	390	30.0
Martins Ferry	8	6	400	28.6
Barnesville	8	3	310	28.2
Tyler Consolidated	5	8	190	14.6
Oak Glen	4	11	190	12.1
Meadowbrook	3	10	120	9.2
Harrison Central	1	10	50	4.6

School	W	L	CP	AVG
Steub. Central	9	1	460	46.0
Fort Frye	9	2	480	43.6
Linsly	8	2	300	30.0
River	5	2	190	27.1
Wheeling Central	10	7	390	22.9
Buckeye Trail	5	8	200	15.4
Shadyside	4	6	150	15.0
Frontier	4	6	140	14.0
Shenandoah	2	4	70	11.7
Caldwell	2	9	70	6.4
Monroe Central	1	8	40	4.4
*Wellsville	0	4	0	0.0

School	W	L	CP	AVG
Toronto	12	2	650	46.4
Weirton Madonna	10	2	390	32.5
Paden City	12	3	390	26.6
Bishop Rosecrans	8	2	250	25.0
Cameron	6	6	200	16.7
Valley	5	7	150	12.5
Bridgeport	4	6	120	12.0
Bishop Donahue	5	12	150	8.8
Beallsville	0	8	0	0.0
St. John Central	0	11	0	0.0
*Conotton Valley	0	4	0	0.0

Note: Records based on results provided to the OVAC as of 4/18/2009.  
\*Ineligible for playoffs, Zanesville, Beaver Local, Wellsville, Conotton Valley failed to either schedule 10 OVAC games by April 18 cutoff or play eight OVAC games by April 18 cutoff.

### Tuesday QUARTERFINAL PAIRINGS

AAA  
Parkersburg South at Edison  
Steubenville at John Marshall  
Buckeye Local at Wheeling Park  
Brooke at Cambridge

AAA  
Martins Ferry at Bellaire  
Barnesville at St. Clairsville  
Tyler Consolidated at Union Local  
Oak Glen at Magnolia

AA  
Wheeling Central at River  
Buckeye Trail at Linsly  
Shadyside at Fort Frye  
Frontier at Steubenville Central

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Cameron at Bishop Rosecrans  
Valley at Paden City  
Bridgeport at Weirton Madonna  
Bishop Donahue at Toronto

## SPORTS

## OVAC Baseball Semifinals

## St. Clairsville takes rubber match with UL

• Red Devils seek repeat in 3-A Saturday at Vaccaro

By MIKE PALMER  
Times Leader Staff Writer

Back-to-back big innings propelled Tom Sliva and his St. Clairsville Red Devils past Union Local 15-7 Saturday afternoon at Cadiz's Mazerowski Field. The win moves the Devils into the OVAC AAA baseball finals next Saturday at Vaccaro Field against Magnolia.

The Jets' Justin Curry started strong on the mound recording strikeouts for four of the first five retired.

Curry came out in the top of the third down by just one run, but unraveled quickly, issuing two free passes and hitting a batter to load the bases with no outs.

Union Local head coach Rich Mercer had seen enough and called for Myron Jellison in relief. Jellison retired the first batter then issued a four pitch walk to make it 2-0.

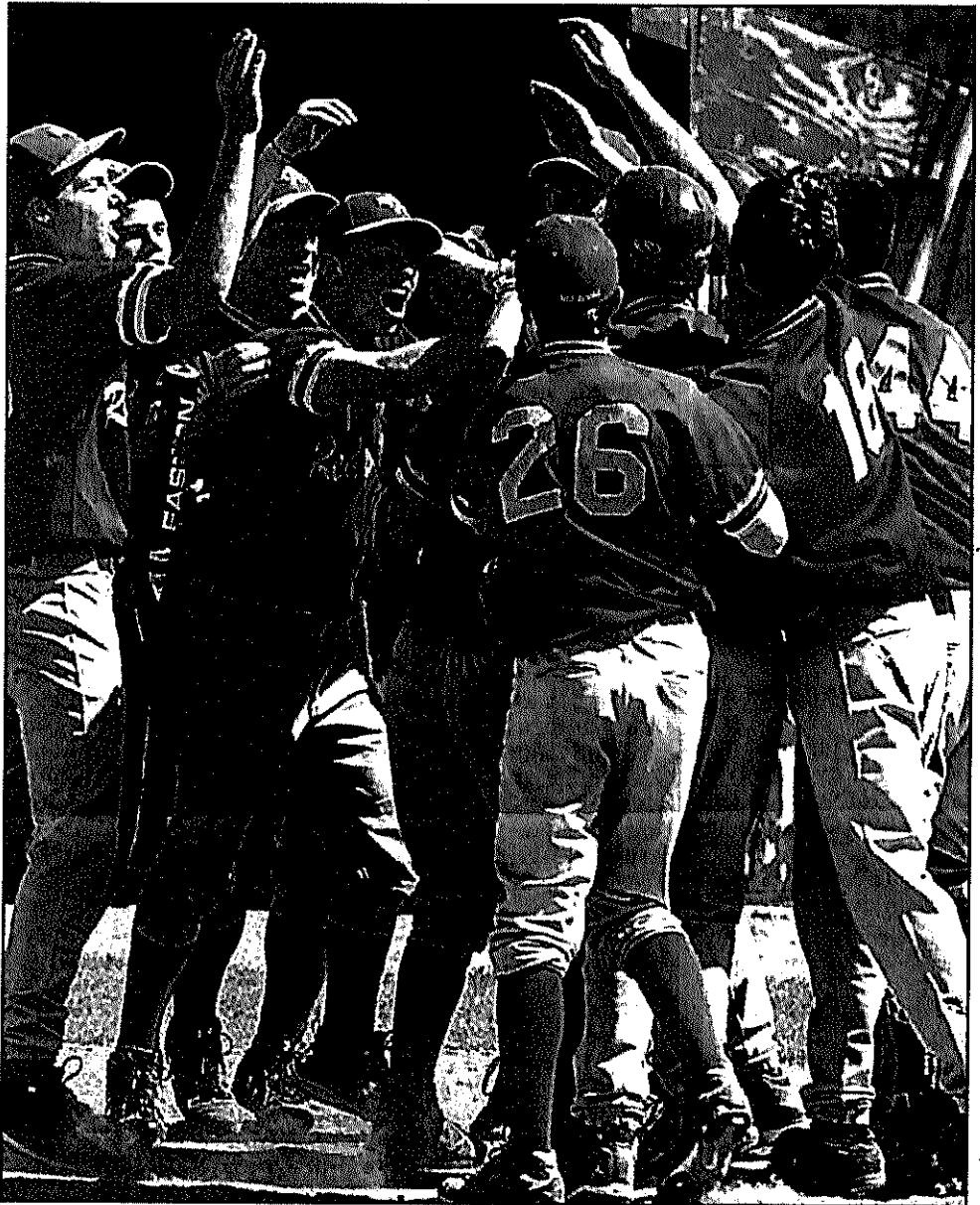
Jellison missed on his next two and the Jets went to the bullpen for the second time in the inning.

Darby Waller took the mound and sent one past catcher Mark Thompson to the backstop to give the Devils a 4-0 advantage. Waller found the strike zone and retired Michael Young on a fly ball to center field, then Brody Call took a 2-1 pitch over the left field fence for a three-run homer.

"I am proud of our guys," said Sliva. "We had the good inning and I told them there was still a lot of game left to play and UL just never goes away."

The Jets answered with three base hits in the bottom of the inning but none for RBI's as the two

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T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Brody Call is mobbed by his teammates after he hit a home run during Saturday's OVAC Class 3-A semifinal at Cadiz's Mazerowski Field. St. Clairsville went on for a 15-7 victory to advance to this Saturday's OVAC Championship Game against Magnolia at Vaccaro Field.

## Magnolia takes care of Ferry, 5-2

By RICH GIBSON  
Times Leader Sports Writer

Magnolia's Blue Eagles are in the OVAC 3-A championship game.

Coach Dave Cisar's formidable combine broke a 2-2 fifth inning tie with Martins Ferry and went on for a 5-2 victory in one of two semifinal games staged at Cadiz, Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Eagles twice took early leads against Ferry only to see Josh Lucas' Purple Riders rally to gain a 2-2 lockup.

After Ferry stranded two runners in scoring position in the top of the fifth, Magnolia responded.

Eagles' junior centerfielder Seth Pay ignited the uprising, dumping a leadoff single into centerfield.

Senior shortstop Jordan Ash followed with a drive to deep center that glanced off the fence for a go-ahead, run-scoring double.



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

MARTINS FERRY third baseman Jordan Murray applies the tag to a Magnolia runner during Saturday's OVAC Class 3-A semifinal at Cadiz.

Cleanup hitter Justin Fox then reached on the first of two costly infield errors committed by the Riders.

Magnolia second baseman Mason Rine made the Purple pay dearly, driving a two-run single to center, scoring both Ash and Fox

for a 5-2 reading.

With but six outs remaining, Ferry could not mount a serious threat against Fox who earned the mound decision in relief of Eagles' starter and ace southpaw Andrew Robinson.

Coming on in the top of the fifth, Fox allowed four baserunners but no runs in a solid outing. The tough righty struck out two and issued three walks.

Ferry's only two runs were the result of a Clay Francis triple and ensuing balk called on Robinson in the third frame.

One inning later, Riders' left-fielder Marco Ricchetti rapped a solo homer off Robinson over the fence in left-center field.

"We had our chances. We just failed to execute on a couple occasions and that cost us," Lucas said afterward. "You have to be on your game against Magnolia."

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runs in their half of the frame crossed on an errant pick-off throw to second base and one of the few blemishes on Saints' pitcher Ryan Jarvie's record as he walked Ryan Tobicyzk with the bases loaded to make it 7-2.

"Rhino is a work horse and there haven't been many 80 degree days this season, he had thrown a lot of pitches and was a little tired," said Sliva. "He just bulled up his neck and got the job done for us," as Jarvie set the next two batters down looking on a 3-2 count to end the inning.

Waller came out in the top of the fourth and St. Clairsville got out the sticks to greet him.

Slavik reached on a walk then scored on a double by Jerod Clovis.

Young followed that up by taking his first pitch to the fence in right center for an RBI triple and scored from there when a pickoff attempt skipped into left field.

Waller hit a batter and

issued a single and Mercer called for Jordan Barbina to come in and try and put the fire out. The senior hurler retired the first batter he faced, however, Young found the gap this time up to bat and notched two RBI's.

Then Tom Machovina tagged a twin bagger to score Young, and Jarvie followed suit circling his own 2B in the scorebook to give the Devils a twelve run lead, 14-2.

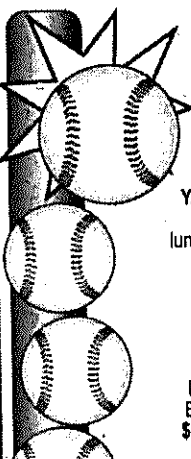
That would be enough to

hold off the Jets.

"No excuses," said Mercer, "We missed some opportunities, some clutch hits, but we battled for seven innings."

The Jets came up with five more runs and Clovis went yard in the top of the seventh to round the scoring for St. Clairsville.

"We're not going to dwell on it," said the Jets diamond commander, "We have games all next week and we need to get ready for sectionals."



## BASEBALL TOURS

**MAY 29-30**  
**YANKEES AT CLEVELAND & HOUSTON AT PITT**  
 Includes: Motor coach and 2 games plus hotel, lunch at Hard Rock Cafe, tour of Great Lakes Brewing, Tour of Rock N Roll Hall of Fame, PNC Park, Clemente Museum, lunch at Max's Tavern  
**\$299 Per Person**

**JULY 5-8**  
**WASHINGTON - NY YANKEES - BOSTON**  
 Includes: 3 games, 3 nights hotel & cont. breakfast, Boston city tour, Fenway Park tour, West Point Tour  
**\$625 pp (double), \$575 pp (triple), \$525 pp (quad)**

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● **Magnolia**

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Normally, they aren't going to beat themselves."

Magnolia took a 1-0 first inning lead against Ferry lefthander Michael Roach. Ash clubbed a double and later scored from third base when Roach was charged with a balk.

After Ferry gained a 1-1 knot, Ash reached on a two-out error in the third and scored when Fox clouted an RBI double.

Ricchetti's fourth inning blast made for a 2-2 lighting before the Purple stranded Francis and Josh Nagel in the top of the fifth.

Ash and Rine rapped two hits apiece for Magnolia. Sophomore catcher Traeh Keller contributed a two-base knock.

Nagel singled and doubled for the Purple. Ferry was without the services of starting shortstop and number three hitter Brandon Leonard.

Roach allowed seven hits in a route-going effort. He recorded six strikeouts and three walks.

Robinson yielded four hits in a four-inning stint. He fanned one and also walked a batter.

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BATTERIES: Roach and Francis. Robinson, Fox (5) and Keller.

OVAC Baseball Tournament

# Mother Nature Finally Relents

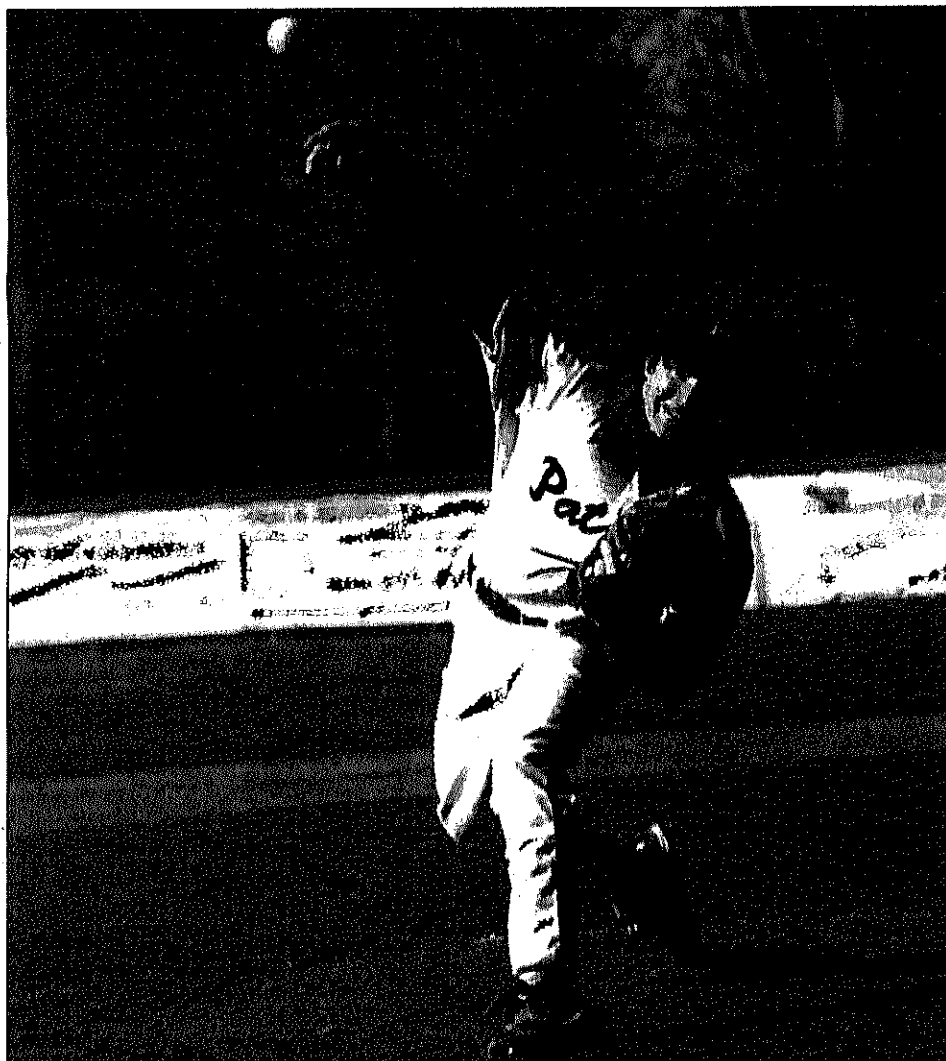


Photo by Rick Thorp

Wheeling Park's Christian Lewton works to the plate in Thursday's OVAC Class 4-A quarterfinal vs. Buckeye Local. View additional photos at [cu.theintelligencer.net](http://cu.theintelligencer.net).

## Bats, Lewton's arm key Park by Buckeye

By RICK THORP  
Staff Writer

Power and patience. They're two traits Wheeling Park has exhibited all season, and they were on display again Thursday as the Patriots pounded Buckeye Local, 10-3, in an OVAC Class AAAA quarterfinal at Patriot Field.

The power came in the fashion of six second-inning runs.

The patience came from the entire Patriots batting order — all nine rapped hits.

It was a recipe for success, one Park coach Chad Stout hopes his squad can cook up a few more times the next few weeks.

"We did what we had to do to move on," Stout said. "We talked about being aggressive and disciplined and I think we did that in all areas."

Park advances to the conference semifinals where it will face a familiar foe — John Marshall. The game will played at 11 a.m. Saturday on the Monarchs' home diamond.

"This will be the third time we've played this season and we could probably play them another 23 times," Stout joked.

"Not every team plays each other as much as we do. And when you play each

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P.J. Ratcliffe went the distance as Wheeling Central knocked off River/Page 19

other so much you start to learn a lot about one another. That's what makes it so special."

What was special about Park's performance against the Panthers was its penchant for coming up with the clutch hit, something that wasn't lost on Buckeye Local coach George Laase.

"My hat's off to them," he said. "They executed when they needed to."

Leading 1-0, the Patriots found themselves with two men on with one out and Ryan Orth at the plate. Orth belted a double that scored R.J. Vargo to give the hosts a 2-0 lead.

Brian Coen, batting at the bottom of the order, followed with another two-bagger that scored Orth to make the count 3-0.

After Ricardo Farrow reached first on an error, Jordan Daugherty followed with a single that sent him to third. Daugherty stole second moments later, placing two men in scoring position.

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## Blue Eagles blank Bears to advance in 3-A

By TRACY WATSON  
For The Intelligencer

NEW MARTINSVILLE

— So often in prep baseball, kids are looking to step to the plate and knock one over the fence.

However, Magnolia Coach Dave Cisar is old school, and while his players can hit home runs, the Blue Eagles are not afraid to play station-to-station baseball. A fact that they more than proved Thursday.

Senior Andrew Robinson and junior Mason Rine combined on a one-hitter and Magnolia pushed across six runs with six singles in the second inning en route to a 10-0, five-inning, victory against Oak Glen in an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAA quarterfinal contest.

The victory not only breaks a three-game losing streak for the Blue Eagles (9-3), it sends them into the semifinals against Martins Ferry on Saturday afternoon at Mazeroski Field in Cadiz.

While Golden Bears starter, and loser, Bryan Highfield was able to keep Magnolia off-balance in the first inning, the second featured a Blue Eagles explosion.

Rine led off with a single before Davey Howell's hit-and-run base hit to center put runners at first and third. Following an out and a Howell stolen base, sophomore Traeh Keller ripped a two-run single off the third-base bag to plate the game's first runs.

Jordan Moore was hit by a pitch before Ben Clark's single to right made it 3-0. Seth Pay added a two-out RBI single before senior Jordan Ash's base hit to center scored two more and made it 6-0.

Landon Herrick added an RBI double in the third with Robinson bringing across a pair with a single down the right-field line. Ash capped the scoring in the fourth when he smoked a 1-0 pitch deep over the right-center field fence, just the second extra-base hit of the game for the Eagles.

"It's real nice to get a win," Cisar said.

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## JM erupts for 10 runs in final three innings to top Big Red

By NICK BEDWAY  
For The Intelligencer

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Starting time for the first pitch, also to be held at John Marshall's well-manicured home diamond, will be at 11 a.m. The Patriots advanced with a 10-3 romp against Buckeye Local on the home field Thursday evening.

"Any time Wheeling Park and John Marshall play you can expect a very good ball game," Montgomery pointed out. "We're excited about having another chance to host an OVAC Tournament game on our field."

The longtime rivals already split their regular-season meetings and also can look forward to at least one more battle next month in the West Virginia Class AAA Section One Tournament.

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"There's no doubt that Zane and Ryan are our big guys but it was good to see so many other kids contributing the way they have all season," Montgomery said. "We're blessed to have a lot of players in our lineup who can swing the bat."

Travis Whitfield singled and tripled, collecting one RBI; Chuck Ziants doubled and smashed a two-run single, while Wyatt Persinger rapped a pair of base hits. Jay Hupp, the No. 9 hitter, also had a lot to say about the outcome as he connected for a two-run double during JM's five-run uprising in the fifth.

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Photo provided  
Steubenville's Angelo Iachini is safe at the plate as John Marshall's Jason Troy holds up the ball.

## ON THE LINE

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Yes: 77%

No: 23%

Tomorrow's Poll:  
Q. Do you plan to watch any of Saturday's NFL Draft coverage?

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## SPORTS

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### Sizemore's Eighth-Inning Blast Propels Cleveland's Victory

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Grady Sizemore greeted reliever Ron Mahay with a tiebreaking, three-run homer

in the eighth inning Thursday and the Cleveland Indians beat the Kansas City Royals 5-2.

Royals starter Gil Meche (1-1) had retired 16 straight batters and took a 2-1 lead into the eighth. An error by second baseman Alberto Callaspo let the tying run score and finished Meche.

Sizemore followed with his sixth home run.

**Mariners 1, Rays 0**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Ichiro Suzuki lined James Shields' second pitch of the game for a home run and ace Felix Hernandez helped his injury riddled team with a seven-inning gem.

**Orioles 6, White Sox 2**

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Adam Eaton took a four-hitter into the eighth inning to earn his first victory with Baltimore, and the Orioles roughed up Bartolo Colon.

Eaton (1-2) allowed six hits, struck out nine and walked none in 7 1-3 innings. The right-hander left with runners at the corners in the eighth, and Jim Thome ruined the shutout bid with a two-out, two-run single off Jim Johnson.

**Blue Jays 5, Rangers 2**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Alex Rios hit a two-run homer, Vernon Wells and Lyle Overbay also connected and the Blue Jays beat Texas.

Josh Hamilton and Chris Davis hit solo shots for Texas, with six of the game's seven runs coming on homers.

**National League**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Dave Bush held Philadelphia hitless for 7 1-3 innings before pinch-hitter Matt Stairs homered off the foul pole, and Milwaukee beat the Phillies 6-1.

**Cardinals 12, Mets 8**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Albert Pujols homered twice and Kyle Lohse hung on for another win as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the New York Mets to complete a three-game sweep.

Reds 7, Cubs 1

### Park

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And Ryan Sengewalt took advantage, belting a two-run single that gave Park a commanding 6-0 lead.

Corey Walter finished the barrage two batters later, with a single that scored Sengewalt to make the score 7-0.

"I was happy with how we swung the bats," Stout said after his team finished with 13 hits.

Only two of those were of the extra-base variety, but Stout was pleased with how everyone was able to get into the hit parade.

"I told them I didn't want them to do anything spectacular," he said. "I told them we have to do the four things we always talk about — show up, pitchers get ahead, make routine plays, and hit with men on base. I can go through each one after (Thursday) and check each one off."

Buckeye Local let loose some of its power in the top of the third when J.D. Sokolowski led off the inning with a blast

that sailed over the fence in left-center.

But while the Patriots scored at least one run in the first five innings, the Panthers were struggling to string together enough hits to put together a rally.

The Panthers put up a run in the fourth inning on a Brandon Bartrug sacrifice fly and scored again in the sixth on a homer by Derek Supanik. But it wasn't enough to curtail Park pitcher Christian Lewton, who went the distance and fanned seven, including five in the first two innings.

"Supanik is battling the flu, but he had a great day," Laase noted. "We'd like to have him back in the outfield, but just having him back in the lineup was good."

Supanik came up a triple short of the cycle and plated a run, while Brad Hughes rapped two singles.

Farrow (double, single, two RBI), Daugherty (two singles, RBI) and Vargo (two singles, RBI) had multiple hits for Park.

### Eagles

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"Take nothing away from Oak Glen, they came to play, but it is hard for any team to develop any consistency with the weather we have had this spring.

"To play well, pitchers have to pitch, hitters have to hit and fielders have to field. You have got to play games to get better. Baseball is not a game that was made to be played in the gym.

"Oak Glen has a couple of nice off-speed pitchers, and they puzzled a couple of pretty good hitters in that first inning. But we just told the kids to stay back, see the ball and line it up the middle and that is what they did in that second inning.

### JM

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In pitching John Marshall to victory No. 10 against just two setbacks, Defibaugh had to overcome some early wildness. He walked three straight Big Red batters and yielded a two-run single to Angelo Iachini with one out in the first inning. After that, Defibaugh allowed only one

struck out a pair, the 11th and 12th Steubenville batters to go down on strikes.

Big Red's other two runs were plated in the top of the fourth as Iachini singled for his second hit, Caleb Westlake doubled and Anderson slashed a triple up the right-center alley.

"Casey did a nice job after that first inning but he

of our mistakes."

Heatherington, without a senior pitcher on his staff this season, handed the ball to sophomore Jovan Pilutti and he did a nice job through the early innings, limiting the Monarchs to three harmless singles.

Two hits, a walk and a glaring three-base error enabled John Marshall to

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# Lewicki a Hero as Monarchs Bounce Patriots

## JM will meet Cambridge in Class 4-A Final

**By NICK BEDWAY**  
For the News-Register  
**GLEN DALE** - After crushing a three-run homer in the first inning, John Marshall first baseman Ryan Lewicki's bat was needed again later in the day. And he came through in a big way Saturday afternoon at Monarch Field.

With the Monarchs trailing by a run and the bases loaded with two outs in the top of the seventh, Lewicki dropped a two-run single into right field lifting John Marshall to a 7-6 victory against second-seeded Wheeling Park in an OVAC Class AAAA Tournament semifinal.

Batting first because the Patriots were the higher seed among the remaining teams in the tournament, John Marshall entered the final inning trailing 6-4 despite the opening fireworks that featured back-to-back home runs by Lewicki and Chuck Ziants.

Wheeling Park starting pitcher Danny Doyle settled down after a rough beginning and retired 11 straight batters from the third inning until Casey Defibaugh drew a walk to open the seventh.

Defibaugh moved up to second base when Stefan Varner grounded out, but Jay Hupp, the No. 9 hitter in the Monarchs lineup, kept the rally going with a hard single up the middle. It was the first hit surrendered by the Patriots pitcher since Zane Madden and Lewicki touched him for consecutive singles with one out in the third.

Concerned about the location of Doyle's pitches at this point, Park coach Chad Stout decided it was time to make a change as he pulled him in favor of Cody Bishop.

"In the first inning when John Marshall scored the four runs, Danny was behind the hitters and his pitches were up in the strike zone. The same thing was happening in the seventh inning," Stout pointed out.

The pitching change actually should have worked as Bishop retired Travis Whitfield on a fly ball tracked down by Ricardo Farrow in center as Defibaugh remained at third. The next swing should have ended the game. Jason Troy's hard smash got through the infield for an error, allowing Defibaugh to score while Hupp stopped at second base.



Photo provided  
**John Marshall catcher Jason Troy catches a pop foul in front of teammate Travis Whitfield on Saturday against Wheeling Park.**

The last thing any opposing coach in the Ohio Valley would want to see with the tying and winning runs on base was the Monarchs' Madden standing at the plate with Lewicki behind him also eager for another chance to swing the bat.

Madden, already with two base hits, looped a single behind second base but John Marshall coach Bob Montgomery decided not to risk sending Hupp home after seeing the hustling Farrow rush in and play the ball cleanly on the first hop.

Montgomery, who was coaching third base, said: "I probably hold up a runner about every 26 years and I did it this time because I didn't think he could make it."

In this case, the wily old coaching veteran's caution paid off thanks, or course, to Lewicki's bat. He lined the ball over second base in front of Patriots right fielder R.J. Vargo to score both Hupp and Troy as John Marshall went back ahead. The single was his third hit and his fourth and fifth RBI.

Madden, who replaced Monarchs starter Whitfield during Park's rally to take a 5-4 third-inning lead, then clinched the victory by striking out the side in the bottom of the seventh.

"When we got the lead back, Zane stepped it up, put them down," Montgomery praised. "He hasn't had the opportunity to throw much this spring and that probably hurt his control when he first came in to pitch."

Another key Monarchs senior, Madden walked six but struck out five and surrendered just two hits in 3 2/3 innings.

John Marshall (11-2) came out of the gate quickly against Doyle as Troy and Madden hit back-to-

back singles with one out: Lewicki, a lefty swinger facing a southpaw pitcher, teed off on one of Doyle's deliveries up in the strike zone and blasted the ball well over the fence in right-center field. Ziants went the other way to left field with another big belt to give the Monarchs a 4-0 lead.

Ryan Sengewalt lashed a single to right field in the bottom of the first, scoring Farrow, who had walked and moved up on an infield out.

The Patriots rallied for four runs in the third inning to go ahead for the first time. Jordan Daugherty's single and an error put two Park runners aboard with one out. Scott Castilow reached out and lofted a single into right, driving home Daugherty to make it a 4-2 game while Sengewalt advanced to third base. Walter hit a blooper over shortstop, driving across the second run of the inning and Lewton raked a double along the right field line to tie it up.

Madden took over for Whitfield at this point and walked Vargo, followed by Bishop's bloop single to right that scored the go-ahead run but also left the bases filled for Brian Coen. Park's No. 9 hitter made solid contact but had the misfortune to line the ball right at Whitfield, resulting in another double play.

An inning later, the Patriots (12-7) extended their advantage to 6-4 as Farrow walked, stole second and came home on Castilow's second RBI single of the game.

"Sometimes you win games like this and sometimes you don't," said Stout after Park's OVAC championship dreams were ended. "It was a shame we came up short but congratula-

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tions to John Marshall. We wish them well and we are looking forward to seeing them again in the sectional next month.

"We still have a lot to play for and several goals ahead of us. The OVAC was one of them, but it's gone now and we have to focus on the others."

Next Saturday, John Marshall will go after its fourth conference baseball championship in the 2000s when it takes on Cambridge, which beat Parkersburg South 5-2.

"We've had a nice run going in this decade," Montgomery pointed out. "We'll see what happens in the final next Saturday."

### Cambridge 5

**Parkersburg South 2**  
**GLEN DALE** - Timmy Harvey went the distance, scattered four hits and struck out seven to lead Cambridge (16-3) to the conference championship game. He also tripled in a run to help an offense that also featured an RBI each from Zach Freeman, and Taylor Leppa.

Shawn Brand and Kyle Wiegel singled home a run each for the Patriots.

### CLASS AAA

**Magnolia 5, Martins Ferry 2**  
**CADIZ** - Jordan Ash doubled in a run and Mason Rine followed with a two-run single as part of a three-run Magnolia (10-3) fifth that propelled it past Martins Ferry (8-6). Justin Fox, who earned a victory with three scoreless innings of relief work, added an RBI double for the Blue Eagles.

Marco Richetti hit a solo homer for the Purple Riders, and Clay Francis tripled.

### CLASS AA

**Staubville Catholic 3**  
**Wheeling Central 2**

**TORONTO** - Toby Longo struck out seven and scattered four hits while also doubling, as Staubville Catholic squeezed past Wheeling Central. Jordan Teramana knocked home a run for the Crusaders, and Justin Teramana had two hits.

Jack Weishar took the loss, despite striking out six.

### CLASS A

**Toronto 11, Cameron 0**  
**BRIDGEPORT** - Mike Radvansky whiffed eight and Mitch Ludewig plated three with a single and a double as Toronto blanked Cameron. Jordan Cooper produced another Red Knights run with a single.

**Weirton Madonna 14**  
**Paden City 0**  
**BRIDGEPORT** - Winning

**OVAC Baseball Finals**  
Saturday  
(at Vaccaro Field, Steubenville)  
AAA  
11 a.m.  
Magnolia vs. St. Clairsville  
AAA  
1:30 p.m.  
Steubenville Central vs. Linsly  
AA  
4 p.m.  
Toronto vs. Weirton Madonna  
A  
6:30 p.m.  
John Marshall vs. Cambridge

pitcher George Magnone (three-hitter, six strikeouts), Max Nogay, Austin Pitchok and Eddie Nogay evenly divided eight RBI as Weirton Madonna took care of Paden City.

Malakai Anderson had two hits for the Wildcats.

### Edison 7

**Steubenville Catholic 3**  
**STEUBENVILLE** - Jonathan Byers had three hits and two RBI and Jarrod Falasca drove another in with a triple to propel Edison past Steubenville Central (12-2). Greg Stagani earned a victory with a trio of strikeouts.

Matt Robinson, Joe Bahen and Mickey Bednar plated on each for the Crusaders.

**Indian Creek 13, Oak Glen 11**  
**NEW MANCHESTER** - Alan Hastwell drove in five runs with three hits as Indian Creek (7-10) rallied from a seven-run, first-inning deficit to top Oak Glen in eight innings. Justin Wilson, Tim Newburn and Adam Young plated two runs for the Redskins.

Joe Hopwood paced the Golden Bears with a double and three RBI.

### Shenadoah 9-1

**River 2-2**  
**SARAHSVILLE** - Dalton Pritchard homered and drove in three runs, and Wes Rataiczak added three more RBI to help Shenadoah take Game 1 of a doubleheader with River. Brandon Starr went six innings, striking out as many to earn a victory.

Tyler Brooks smacked a two-run homer for the Pilots. In Game 2, Devan Potts singled and doubled to drive in a run in support of winning pitcher Joey Austuri, who induced the Zeps into 13 flyouts. J.R. Lovette hit a solo homer for Shenadoah.

## PREP BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL LINESCORES

OVAC Class AAAA Semifinals (at Glen Dale)	Neely and Koontz (4), Warsinsky D; Cottrell D.	O - Porter (6SO, 1W), Barnhart (5) (1SO, 3W), Highfield (6) (1SO, 3W) and Lescola, Travaglio 2S; Barnhart S, D; Ford S, rbi; Hopwood D, 3rbi; Lascola S, 2rbi; Koper D, 2rbi.	Tyler Consolidated 3, Weir 1	First Game	U - Bowman (4SO, 1W), Schefer (5) (1SO, 0W) and Yoho.
John Marshall 400 060 3 - 7 9 1	T - Radvansky wp (8SO, 2W) and Burtler, Ludewig S, D, 3rbi; Zeigler 2S; Cooper S, rbi.	Edison 002 401 0 - 7 9 1	Weir Consolidated 200 010 x - 3 8 1	Cambridge 12, Union Local 9	C - Young wp (3SO, 0W) and Kehn, Ford 3S, D, 3rbi; Starr 2S, rbi; Francis 2S, 2rbi; Kehn 2S.
Wheeling Park 104 100 0 - 8 7 1	W - Weirton Madonna 14, Paden City 0	Staubville Catholic 120 000 0 - 3 12 1	W - Switzer (7SO, 0W) and E.Cowder, Rosnick T.	Cambridge 403 410 x - 12 12 1	Indian Creek 10, Bellaire 0
J - Whitfield (2SO, 2W), Madden (3) wp (6SO, 6W) and Troy, Madden 2S; Lewicki HR, 2S, 5rbi; Ziants HR.	Paden City 000 00 0 - 0 3 5	E - Staganip wp (3SO, 3W), Barnhart (6) (2SO, 2W) and Spears, Byers D, 2S, 2rbi; Falasca T, 2rbi; Mack 2S; McCoy S, rbi; Spring D, S; Matka rbi.	T - Goudy wp (6SO, 0W) and Jones, S.Jones D, rbi; Goudy 2S, 2rbi; Dawson 2S.	Union Local 110 301 0 - 9 11 4	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
W - Doyle (1SO, 1W), Walter (7) (1SO, 0W) and Lewton, Sengewalt S, rbi; Castilow 2S, 2rbi; Walter S, rbi; Lewton D, rbi; Bishop S, rbi.	Weirton Madonna 501 0x - 14 9 3	W - McDonald wp (4SO, 4W), Dittmar S - McDonald and Bahen and Lauckert (6). Robinson 2S, rbi; Bednar T, S, rbi; Bahen S, D, rbi; Jo, Teramana 3S.	Magnolia 14, Tyler Consolidated 2	Cambridge 403 410 x - 12 12 1	Bellaire 305 2x - 10 8 0
Cambridge 5, Pkbg. South 2	P - Anderson (1SO, 3W), Heasley (3) (1SO, 1W) and Thoburn, Anderson 2S; Heasley S.	Tyler Consolidated 002 00 - 2 1 7	Magnolia 260 33 - 14 10 0	Union Local 000 00 - 0 2 2	Indian Creek 305 2x - 10 8 0
Pkbg. South 100 100 0 - 2 4 5	W - G.Magnone wp (6SO, 0W), Mandenhall (4) (3SO, 0W) and Comis and Elol (4), Elol 2S, D; E.Nogay S, 2rbi; Pitchok S, 2rbi; G.Magnone D, 2rbi; M.Nogay D, 2rbi; Comis S, rbi.	Tyler Consolidated 002 00 - 2 1 7	Magnolia 020 33 - 14 10 0	Cambridge 10, Union Local 0	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
Cambridge 400 010 x - 5 4 4	Regular Season	M - Homer wp (6SO, 3W) and Bosley, Carr 3S, rbi; Bosley 2S, T, rbi.	Tyler Consolidated 002 00 - 2 1 7	Union Local 000 00 - 0 2 2	Indian Creek 305 2x - 10 8 0
P - Smith (4SO, 4W) and Kimerer, Brand S, rbi; Wiegall S, rbi.	First Game	T - K.Suter (1SO, 3W), H.Suter (2) (3SO, 6W) and S.Jones.	M - Homer wp (6SO, 3W) and Bosley, Carr 3S, rbi; Bosley 2S, T, rbi.	Cambridge 233 11 - 10 13 0	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
C - Harvey wp (7SO, 1W) and Freeman, Harvey T, rbi; Freeman S, rbi; Leppa S, rbi; Van Dyme D.	Shenadoah 9, River 2	Shenadoah 020 000 0 - 2 2 4	T - K.Suter (1SO, 3W), H.Suter (2) (3SO, 6W) and S.Jones.	Union Local 000 00 - 0 2 2	Bellaire 305 2x - 10 8 0
Ferry 001 100 0 - 2 5 3	River 020 000 0 - 2 2 4	R - D.Potts (3SO, 5W), Brooks (6) (0SO, 0W) and Wells, Brooks HR, 2rbi.	Shenadoah 020 000 0 - 2 2 4	Cambridge 233 11 - 10 13 0	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
Magnolia 101 030 x - 5 7 3	Shenadoah 002 052 x - 9 8 0	R - D.Potts (3SO, 5W), Brooks (6) (0SO, 0W) and Wells, Brooks HR, 2rbi.	Shenadoah 002 052 x - 9 8 0	Union Local 000 00 - 0 2 2	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
Mar - Roach (6SO, 3W) and Francis, Nagel D, S; Francis T; Richetti HR, rbi.	R - D.Potts (3SO, 5W), Brooks (6) (0SO, 0W) and Wells, Brooks HR, 2rbi.	R - D.Potts (3SO, 5W), Brooks (6) (0SO, 0W) and Wells, Brooks HR, 2rbi.	Shenadoah 002 052 x - 9 8 0	Cambridge 233 11 - 10 13 0	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
Mag - Robinson (1SO, 1W), Fox (5) wp (2SO, 3W) and Keller, Keller D; Fox D, rbi; Ash 2D, rbi; Mason Rine 2S, 2rbi.	S - Storr wp (6SO, 3W), Rataiczak (7) (2SO, 0W) and Rataiczak and Starr (7). Pritchard HR, D, 3rbi; Starr 3S, rbi; Rataiczak D, 3rbi; Lovette rbi; Ginn D, rbi.	R - D.Potts (3SO, 5W), Brooks (6) (0SO, 0W) and Wells, Brooks HR, 2rbi.	Shenadoah 002 052 x - 9 8 0	Union Local 000 00 - 0 2 2	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
CLASS AA (at Red Knight Complex, Toronto)	Second Game	S - Rataiczak (2SO, 0W), Crum (3) (4SO, 5W), Matheny (6) (0SO, 1W) and Davis, Lovette HR, rbi.	Shenadoah 000 010 0 - 1 3 1	Cambridge 233 11 - 10 13 0	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
Staubville Catholic 3	River 2, Shenadoah 1	R - Asturi wp (4SO, 2W) and Brown, D.Potts D, S; Krupa S, rbi.	Shenadoah 000 010 0 - 1 3 1	Union Local 000 00 - 0 2 2	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
Wheeling Central 2	River 000 200 0 - 2 5 0	S - Rataiczak (2SO, 0W), Crum (3) (4SO, 5W), Matheny (6) (0SO, 1W) and Davis, Lovette HR, rbi.	Shenadoah 000 010 0 - 1 3 1	Cambridge 233 11 - 10 13 0	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
Catholic Catholic 101 001 x - 3 5 0	Shenadoah 000 010 0 - 1 3 1	Indian Creek 13, Oak Glen 11	R - Asturi wp (4SO, 2W) and Brown, D.Potts D, S; Krupa S, rbi.	Union Local 000 00 - 0 2 2	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
W - Weishar (6SO, 2W) and Parsons.	Shenadoah 000 010 0 - 1 3 1	Oak Glen 700 201 10 - 11 9 4	S - Rataiczak (2SO, 0W), Crum (3) (4SO, 5W), Matheny (6) (0SO, 1W) and Davis, Lovette HR, rbi.	Cambridge 233 11 - 10 13 0	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
S - Longo wp (7SO, 1W) and Lauckert, Ju, Teramana 2S; Longo D; Jo, Teramana rbi.	Indian Creek 004 015 12 - 13 16 3	Oak Glen 700 201 10 - 11 9 4	Indian Creek 004 015 12 - 13 16 3	Union Local 000 00 - 0 2 2	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
CLASS A (at Bridgeport)	Oak Glen 700 201 10 - 11 9 4	Oak Glen 700 201 10 - 11 9 4	Oak Glen 700 201 10 - 11 9 4	Cambridge 233 11 - 10 13 0	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0
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C - Scott (1SO, 2W), Hughes (2) (1SO, 2W), French (4) (0SO, 2W) and	Oak Glen 700 201 10 - 11 9 4	Oak Glen 700 201 10 - 11 9 4	Oak Glen 700 201 10 - 11 9 4	Cambridge 233 11 - 10 13 0	Bellaire 000 00 - 0 2 0

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# Wheeling CC ousts River; Shadyside, Bridgeport bounced

• Harrison Central girls still perfect

At Wheeling, the Maroon Knights were never threatened in an OVAC Class 2-A quarterfinal tournament game at the I-470 Complex.

P.J. Ratcliffe struck out 11 and walked one in fashioning a 5-hitter.

He also drove in a run with a single and triple, while Joey Baker had a trio of ribbies. Budda Henry singled and doubled to produce another tally.

Kurt Indermuhle's bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the seven allowed the Pilots (5-3) to avoid being shutout.

## Class A

### Madonna 10, Bridgeport 0

AT WEIRTON, winning pitcher Max Nogay (seven strikeouts) ripped a pair of extra-base hits and drove in three, leading Weirton Madonna (11-2) past Bridgeport (4-7).

Logan Linder doubled and drove in two.

## Class AA

### Fort Frye 10, Shadyside 0

AT BEVERLY, Fort Frye finished what it started Wednesday when the rains came by polishing off a victory against Shadyside on Thursday.

Josiah Fryman struck out seven in a one-hit shutout and Chad Stengel had two hits and drove in four for the Cadets (10-2).

### St. Clairsville 14, Indian Creek 7

Visiting St. Clairsville made itself at home at Wintersville, scoring in five at-bats en route to a 14-7 victory over Indian Creek.

Michael Young, coming on in relief of starter Mike Androsko, recorded the mound decision. He struck out three and walked a like number.

No fewer than five St. C. players enjoyed multi-hit outings, including Tom Machovina (double, two singles, five RBI); Zack Kinnick (triple, double, two singles, RBI); Brody Call (single, double, RBI); Ryan Jarvie (single, double); Jared Clovis (two singles, RBI).

T.J. Sliva contributed a base knock and run batted in.

St. C. was slated to host Barnesville this afternoon (5:00) in OVAC 3-A quarterfinal play.

### Paden City 8, St. John 0

PADEN CITY — Wes Coper struck out 14 and didn't allow a hit, then rapped a pair of singles and drove in two to lead Paden City past St. John.

## SOFTBALL

Harrison Central made Union Local victim No. 13 Thursday night in girls' softball action.

The Lady Huskies (13-0) continued their perfect run with a 10-1 triumph at Sally Buffalo Park in Cadiz.

Sara Pelegreen, a W.Va. State recruit, fanned a dozen and walked none in scattering three hits.

Brooke Shultz and Jackie Sentich evenly divided four singles, with Shultz driving in a run.

Kaylee Horn had a two-

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run single and Sabrina Cunningham also drove in a pair with a single.

Shayla Lucas had the Jets lone RBI with a single. Rachel Stahl singled twice.

### Linsly 10, Whg. CC 10

At Wheeling, the Lady Cadets (5-9) scored early and often in knocking off the Maroon Knights at Lisa's Field at the I-470 Complex.

Megan Byhanna struck out nine, walked none and allowed just two hits. She also drove in a pair of runs with a single and double.

Caitlyn Johnson produced three ribbies with a single, while Stephanie Johnstone knocked in two with a pair of base raps. Erika Mitchem slapped a run-scoring triple.

### Beaver Local 8, Buckeye Local 5

AT CONNORVILLE, the Lady Panthers (6-7) committed six errors and left 11 runners stranded on base in falling to the Beavers (5-7).

Tori Nest singled twice and tripled to drive in a pair of runs for Buckeye Local. Jaycee Gotschall drove in two more with a single and double, while Paige Harter singled and doubled to plate a run.

### Wheeling Park 14, Martins Ferry 3

AT WHEELING, two-way threat Angela Johnson struck out nine, doubled twice and homered, leading Wheeling Park (14-2) past Martins Ferry.

Amy Mathieu and Elizabeth Kosowski each had three hits for the Patriots.

Kaci Rykowski's double was one of four hits for the Purple Riders.

### Bishop Donahue 9, Shadyside 3

AT WHEELING, Jessica Midcap singled, doubled, and drove in four to back the three-hit pitching of Sarah Blazer and Taylore Barry, as Bishop Donahue (8-9) defeated Shadyside (4-9).

Barry and Alexis George each added two RBI in the victory.

Hanna Caldwell singled and drove in two for the Tigers.

### Weir 7, Bellaire 1

AT BELLAIRE, Ashley Jones homered and drove in two runs and Kaitlyn Pitchok added two RBI, as Weir (13-3) defeated Bellaire.

Megan Kowalczyk and Sara Marlin each had two singles for the Big Reds.

### Bridgeport 3, Barnesville 2

AT PERKINS FIELD, the Lady Bulldogs improved to 8-5 with the win.

Taylor Lohr earned the win in the circle with seven strikeouts. Bev Reed drove in the game winning run with a double. Rachel Benda also had a RBI double.

Carpenter had a RBI triple for Barnesville. Starr had two singles.



# Ferry erupts to rout Bellaire

• Purple Riders advance to semis to meet Magnolia

By RICH GIBSON  
Times Leader Sports Writer

Thursday afternoon's Bellaire-Martins Ferry OVAC Tournament matchup had all the makings of an instant classic.

That is, until the sixth inning came around. The historic rivals went toe to toe in an 3-A quarterfinal scoreless dual through five frames before Josh Lucas' Purple Riders emphatically put the hammer down.

Ferry sent 12 batters to the plate and scored eight times during a mammoth sixth inning uprising en route to a 10-0 triumph in a game played on the campus of West Liberty State College.

Improving to 9-6, Ferry moves on to 3-A semifinal play Saturday morning (11:00) at Cadiz where the Purple will meet Magnolia's Blue Eagles.

Bellaire drops to 8-6 with three of its setback having been inflicted by the Purple Gang and senior pitcher Zac Menough.

"That was Zac's best performance of the season," Lucas advised following an 11-strikeout, one-walk performance by the crafty righthander.

"Zac had some pop on his fastball and was able to locate a majority of his pitches."

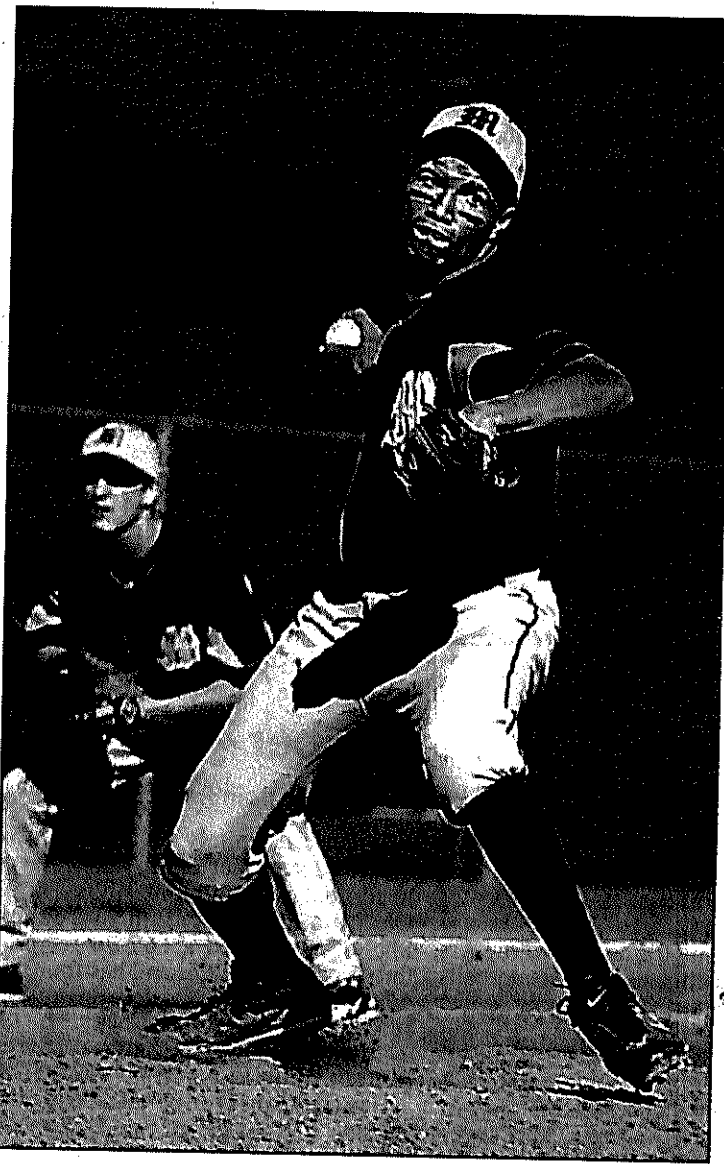
Menough surrendered consecutive hits in the Reds' first but Bellaire's Ty Tobiczky was gunned down at the plate. That proved as close as John Patrone's team would come to scoring.

"We put the bat on the ball (against Menough) early, but it seemed he got stronger as the game wore on," Patrone explained. "He mixed his pitches well and kept us off balance."

As did Bellaire starter Levi Crozier who worked a superb five innings against Ferry prior to the Riders' sixth inning onslaught.

"I thought we had some great at-bats (in the sixth inning) off a really tough pitcher in Crozier," Ferry's coach added. "It was a collective (offensive) effort on our guys' part. That was nice to see."

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—Ferry head coach  
Josh Lucas



MARTINS FERRY pitcher Zac Menough turns to make a pick-off attempt at first base. Menough worked the distance on the mound for the win. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

# Buckeye ousted by Park

By RICK THORP  
For The Times Leader

Power and patience.

They're two traits Wheeling Park has exhibited all season, and they were on display again Thursday as the Patriots pounded Buckeye Local, 10-3, in an OVAC Class AAAA quarterfinal at Patriot Field.

The power came in the fashion of six second-inning runs.

The patience came from the entire Patriots batting order — all nine rapped hits.

It was a recipe for success, one Park coach Chad Stout hopes his squad can cook up a few more times the next few weeks.

"We did what we had to do to move on," Stout said.

"We talked about being aggressive and disciplined and I think we did that in all areas."

Park advances to the conference semifinals where it will face a familiar foe — John Marshall. The game will be played Saturday on the Monarchs' home diamond.

"This will be the third time we've played this season and we could probably play them another 23 times," Stout joked.

"Not every team plays each other as much as we do. And when you play each other so much you start to learn a lot about one another. That's what makes it so special."

What was special about Park's performance against the Panthers was its penchant for coming up with the clutch hit, something that wasn't lost on Buckeye Local Coach George Laase.

"My hat's off to them," he said, "they executed when they needed to."

Leading 1-0, the Patriots found themselves with two men on with one out and Ryan Orth at the plate. Orth belted a double that scored R.J. Vargo to give the hosts a 2-0 lead.

Brian Coen, batting at the bottom of the order, followed with another two-bagger that scored Orth to make the count 3-0.

After Ricardo Farrow reached first on an error,

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# Union Local makes quick work of Tyler

• Jets to meet the winner of today's Barnesville-St. C. encounter in semis

By KIM NORTH  
Times Leader Sports Writer

The name Barbina has been synonymous with athletic success at Union Local during Jordan Barbina's four years.

However, younger cousin, Andrew, is not about to let people forget about their last name.

In fact, the right-hander made sure Tyler Consolidated doesn't remember it as he hurled a masterpiece Thursday afternoon in Morristown.

The junior faced just two batters over the minimum, striking out nine, as the Jets (8-3) rolled to a 11-1 triumph over the Silver Knights (5-9) in an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAA quarterfinal baseball tournament game that lasted just four-and-a-half innings.

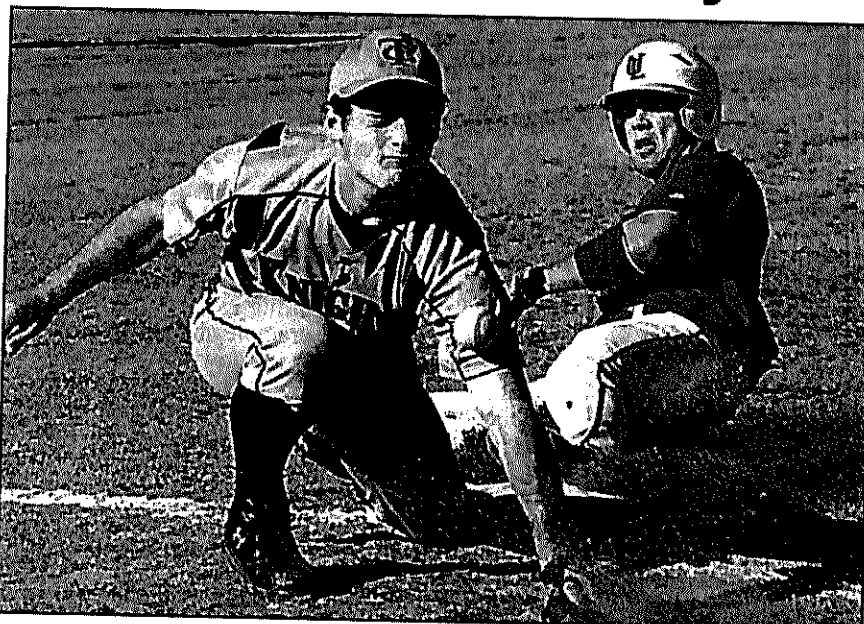
"I just wanted to throw strikes, get ahead of the hitters and let my defense do the rest," said Barbina, who threw a mere 57 pitches, 46 of which were strikes.

As far as following in his cousin's shoes, Andrew just wants to perform well.

"Baseball really isn't his thing, so we'll separate it there," he said with a smile.

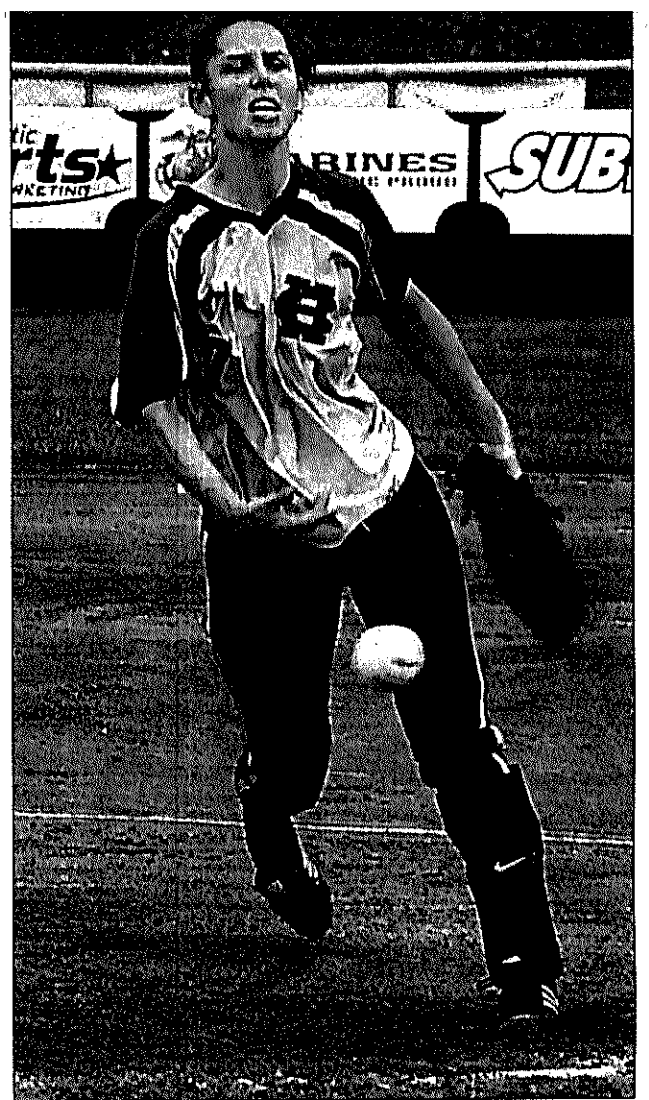
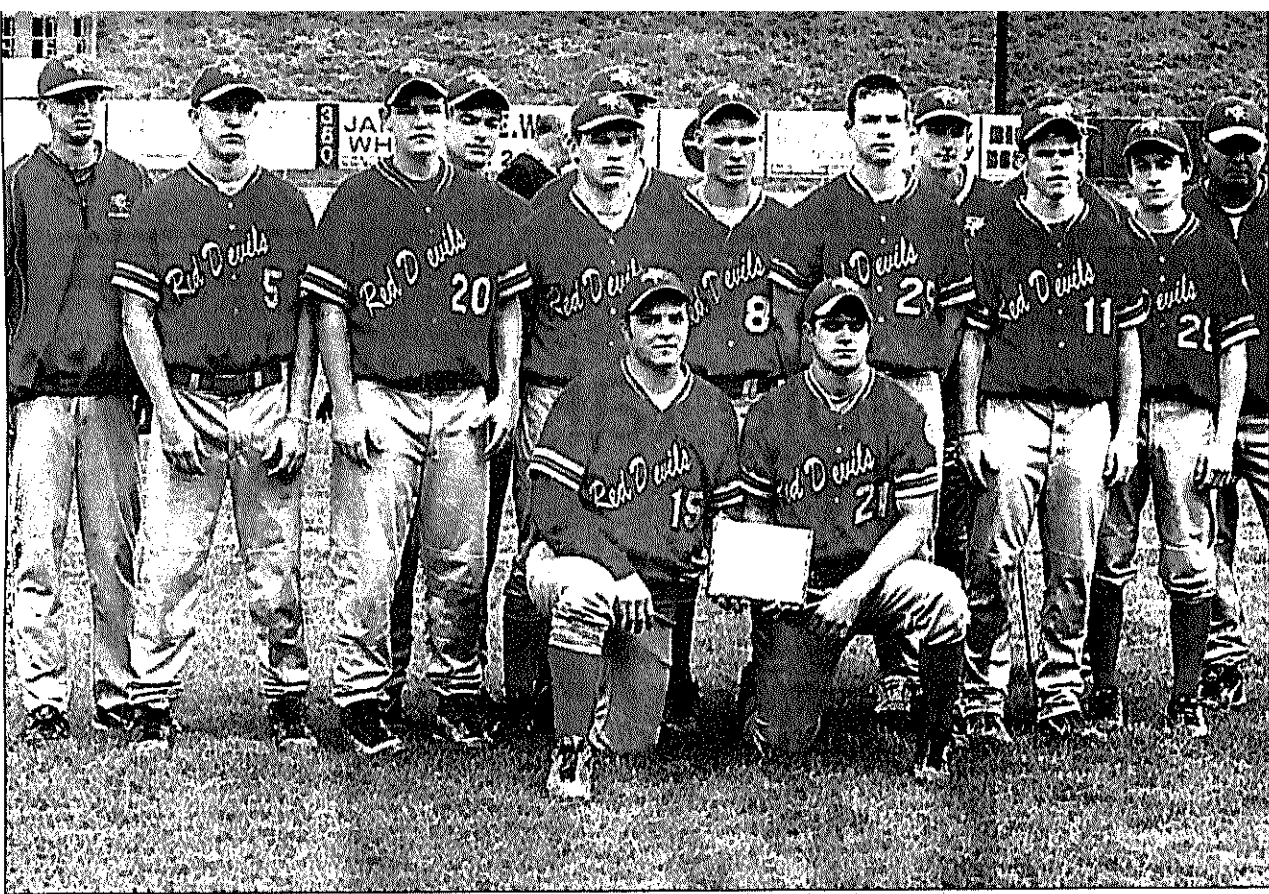
Union Local head coach Rich Mercer said as dominating as

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UNION LOCAL'S Tyler Grant slides safely into third base with a stolen base as Tyler Consolidated's Cody Laugh tries to field the baseball. The Jets won 11-1 in an OVAC Class 3-A quarterfinal tournament game Thursday in Morristown. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)





**ABOVE:** St. Clairsville's team poses with the runner-up plaque after Saturday's OVAC Class 3-A Championship Game at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville. The Red Devils fell to Magnolia, 4-1.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Harrison Central senior pitcher Sara Pelegreen delivers to the plate during Saturday's OVAC Class 3-A semifinal against Union Local. The Lady Huskies prevailed on the strength of Pelegreen's one-hitter, 5-0.

**AT LEFT:** Union Local second baseman Katie Lucas pivots and throws to first as shortstop Shayla Lucas looks on.

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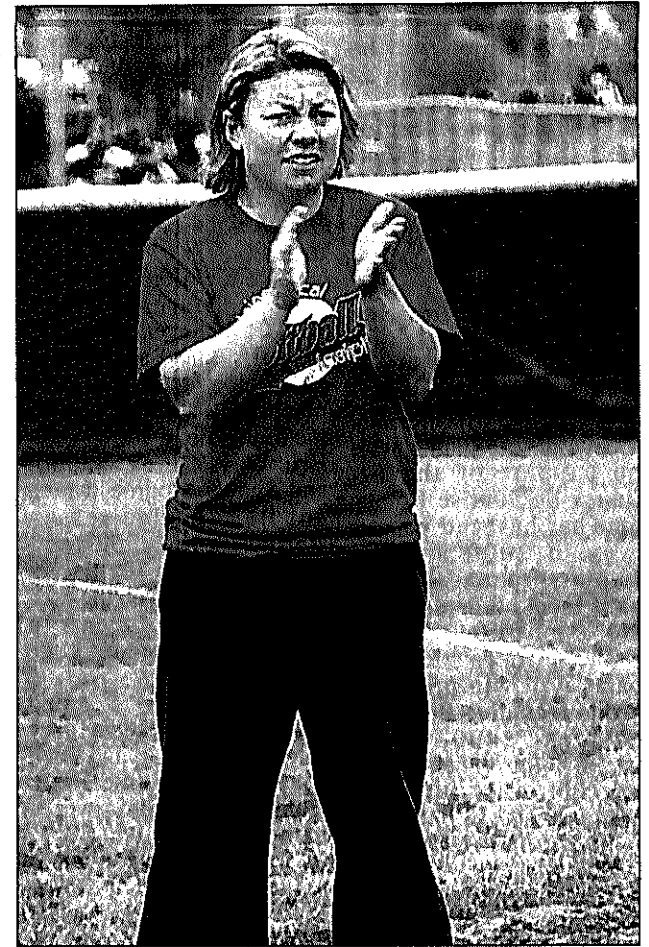
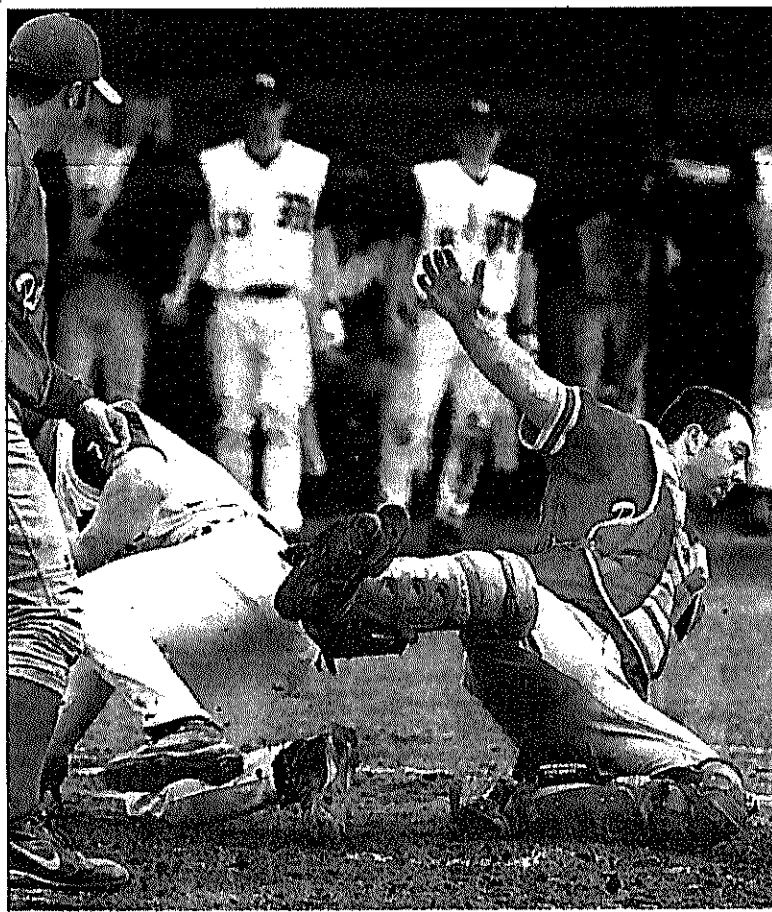
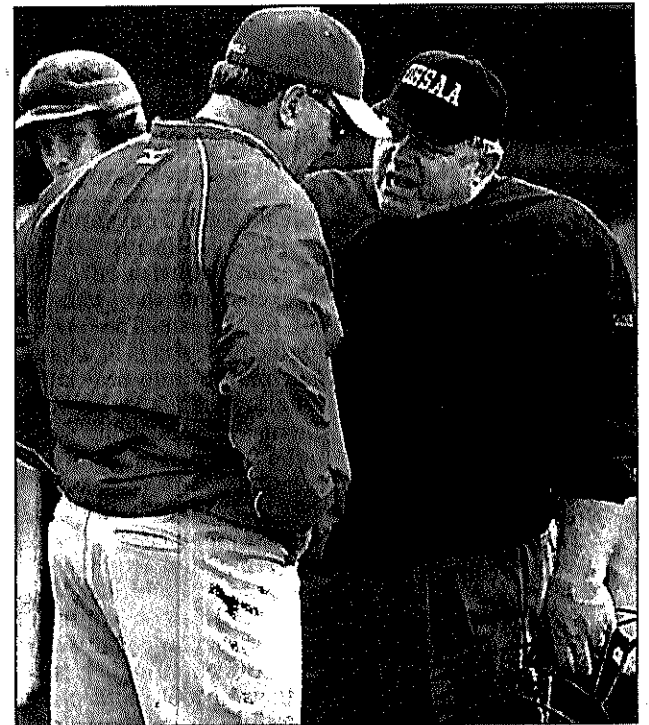
**AT RIGHT:** St. Clairsville skipper Tom Sliva discusses a call with home plate umpire Bill Fox during Saturday's OVAC 3-A championship game at Vaccaro Field.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Union Local head coach Bridget Applegarth claps from the third-base coaching box during Saturday's game against Harrison Central.

**BELOW LEFT:** St. Clairsville catcher Tom Machovina tumbles as Magnolia's Andrew Robinson crosses the plate. Pitcher Ryan Jarvie is looking on.

**BELOW LEFT:** Umpire Dan Delande punches out Union Local's Rachel Stahl after she attempted to steal second during the first inning of Saturday's OVAC Class 3-A semifinal at Lisa's Field in Elm Grove. Showing Delande the ball is Harrison Central Brooke Schultz.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Magnolia's Justin Fox is knocked to the ground as St. Clairsville's Michael Androsko slides into third base.



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