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## OVAC Softball Championships

# Wildcats Nab Title

Edison takes advantage of Park errors to win, 3-0

By NICK BEDWAY  
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — It's no secret that good defense and good pitching win championships.

The Edison softball team got plenty of both Tuesday night in defeating Wheeling Park 3-0 in the final of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAAA Division tournament played on Lisa's Field at the Chambers I-470 Sports Complex.

Senior left-hander Ashley Bendle, avenging a 3-2 defeat at the hands of the Patriots earlier this spring on the same field, tossed a five-hit shutout, striking out four while issuing one walk.

"Ashley had better movement and rotation on her pitches," pointed out her cousin, Spencer Bendle, the long-time,

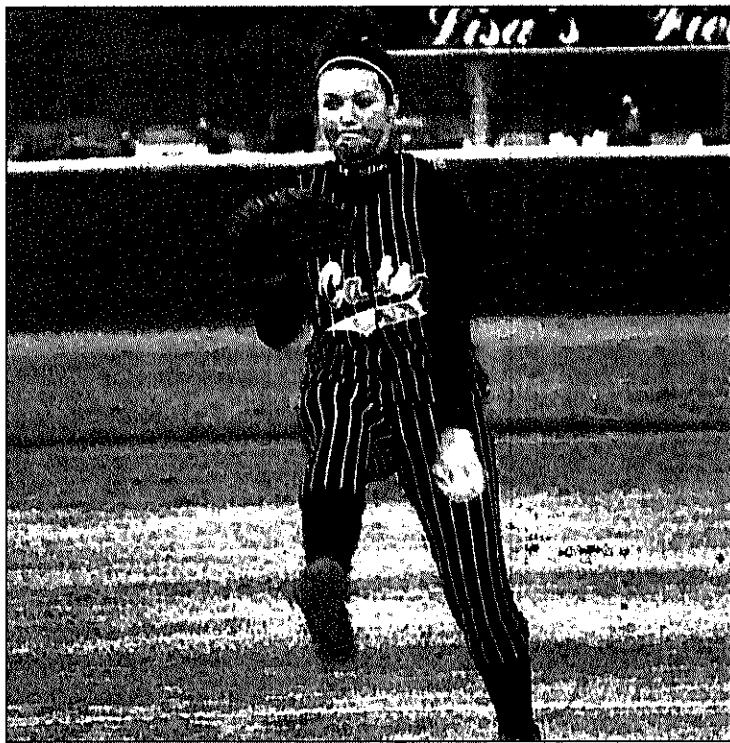


highly successful coach of the Wildcats. "Her location was excellent. She can throw hard, but not real hard. She probably has less velocity of most the pitchers we've had the last 15 or 20 years. But she pitches with great determination and she usually works ahead in the count."

However, after Edison picked up its 14th victory in 19 games, Coach Bendle was just as quick to praise the effort of his team's defense in keeping Wheeling Park (17-3) off the board.

"Park has a fine ballclub, one of the best teams around this year," he said. "But don't forget about the girls playing behind Ashley. They did a terrific job in the field. When we play well defensively, we are extremely tough to beat."

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Edison's Ashley Bendle was solid Monday, keeping Wheeling Park off the scoreboard as the Wildcats claimed the OVAC Class AAA championship at Lisa's Field in Wheeling.

Photo by Josh Strope



Photo by Mike Mathison

The Cameron Dragons softball team poses with the OVAC Class Championship following their 7-0 victory against Weirton Madonna on Tuesday at Lisa's Field in Wheeling.

# Breathing Fire

Cameron unseats Weirton Madonna as Class A champs

By TRACY WATSON  
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Cameron coach Mark Witzberger will be the first person to tell you that in his team's two previous trips to the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class A championship game, the Dragons just did not hit the softball.

Tuesday afternoon at Lisa's Field, the Marshall-County squad not only hit the ball, it combined impeccable



fielding, outstanding fundamental offense and great pitching to secure the school's first conference softball crown.

Freshman ace Tara Paczewski allowed three hits and struck out 11 while Morgan Hughes collected three singles and a pair of RBI as Cameron rapped nine hits in rolling to a 7-0 victory against defending champion and top-seed Weirton Madonna in the OVAC small-school title game.

The victory moves Cameron to 16-6 heading into sectional play. The Dragons are scheduled to take on Valley today at 5 in Cameron with

the winner to play Paden City at 7 p.m.

"We just plain could not hit the ball the last two times we made it to this game, but we turned that around," Witzberger, who is in his fifth year at the school and coaching in his third title contest said.

"I told the girls coming in that if we could get some timely hits and get down some bunts we could win this. My goal for this team is to play hard for seven innings and if something bad happens move on and forget about your mistakes."

Luckily for the Dragons, there was very little that went wrong against Blue Dons.

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# Huskies Outduel Colts, 1-0

Lone run comes in bottom of the seventh

By SETH STASKEY  
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Harrison Central's been close before in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Softball Tournament.

After several empty trips, the Huskies finally reached the top of the Class AAA mountain in dramatic fashion Tuesday.

The Huskies pushed the game's only run across in the bottom of the seventh to knock off Meadowbrook, which has been the tough-luck OVAC runner-up the last two springs.

"I am really, really happy for the girls," Harrison Central coach Donnie Bethel said as he grasped the OVAC hardware. "This is really special because of the amount of time and work the girls put in to get to this point. This is definitely one of our goals."

The Huskies and Colts met in the middle of April and hooked up in a pair of dandies with Harrison Central ace Sara Pelegreen and Meadowbrook ace Kinsi Tellep battling it out inning-for-inning on the rubber.

The Huskies eventually swept the doubleheader, including posting a 1-0 victory in 14 innings in which Tellep was the tough-luck loser with an astounding 37 strikeouts.

Looking back at that game, Bethel, who coaches his softball team much like a baseball team, opted to take more of a small-ball approach and had many of the players in his lineup bunting to at least put the ball in play.

"We wanted to take a page from the Dean Harrah's School of Baseball," Bethel said. "That is, get the ball down on the ground, make (Tellep) move around a little bit and try to get her out of sync a little bit."

For the better part of six innings it was all moot.

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# Wildcats

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The Wildcats were charged with just one error, while Park had three miscues, including a pair in the bottom of the fourth inning when Edison scored all three of its runs.

In the sixth inning, the Wildcats infield helped pull its ace pitcher out of a huge jam by turning a double play with runners on first and second and just one out. Angela Johnson, the Patriots' pitcher and cleanup hitter, slapped a hard-hit ground ball down the third-base line which was gloved nicely by Kayla Prokopakis, who stepped on the bag and fired to first in time to complete the double play.

The Wildcats also took advantage of a couple of baserunning mistakes by the Patriots. After Carley Slater led off the second inning with an infield single, courtesy runner Stephanie Barbeau strayed too far off second base on Shannan Orum's well-executed sacrifice bunt and was tagged out on a run-down play.

In the final inning, Slater reached on a double as her fly ball was lost in the lights by right fielder Abby Connelly. However, Slater was tagged out a couple of pitches later while attempting to steal third base.

"This was the worst game we played all year," Wheeling Park coach Dee Davis said. "We made more mistakes (Tuesday) than in any other game. That's for sure."

Davis was also upset with the Patriots' lack of patience at the plate.

"The first time we played them we waited on that changeup and got some key hits off her. She threw the same

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Edison coach Spencer Bendle

(Tuesday) as the last time, changeup after changeup. But we didn't sit back and wait on her pitches," Davis said.

Park couldn't have had any complaints about the pitching performance turned in by junior ace Angela Johnson. She struck out 10, walked two, worked her way out of one jam in the third inning and nearly escaped unscathed in the fourth when the Wildcats broke up the scoreless duel.

Throwing with excellent velocity most of the game, Johnson found herself in a second-and-third jam with one out in the bottom of the third after Courtney Leggett dropped a single into right field and took third as the speedy Kayla Marcus raced to second when her ground ball to third was thrown away for a two-base error.

Johnson then struck out Megan Antigo and got a good play from Amy Mathieu who nipped Kristin Blake at first with a strong throw from deep in the hole at shortstop.

An inning later, Johnson was faced with a runner at third with none out as Kayla Prokopakis laced a double into right field and continued on to third

base when the ball was bobbled for an error.

Again Johnson turned up the heat on her pitches and struck out Shelby DiPasquale and Kristin Prokopakis. She came ever so close to whiffing the side without a run crossing the plate but just missed down in the strike zone on a 3-2 pitch that resulted in a walk to her pitching rival.

Courtesy runner Nicola Leoni then stole second without a play as the Patriots did not want to risk a throw with a runner at third base. Abby Connelly slapped the ball to the left of Alyssa Abrigg at third and was credited with an RBI single as Mathieu went into the hole but couldn't come up with it in time to make a throw to first.

Edison then picked up its second and third runs on a two-base when center fielder Elizabeth Kosowski had a ball off the bat of Courtney Leggett drop out of her glove for an error.

Park put some pressure on Bendle in the top of the fifth as Slater and Orum collected back-to-back singles. However, a fielder's choice and back-to-back strikeouts ended the threat.

# Huskies

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The Colts didn't commit an error and the Huskies didn't register a hit. Harrison Central did manage a runner in the fourth, but she was retired when called out for leaving the base too early.

The Huskies came to the plate in the bottom of the seventh with the top of their order due up against Tellep, who had fanned seven to that point and faced the minimum.

Freshman shortstop Brooke Schultz looped a single into center field. She moved up to second on a passed ball, but was held there after Pelegreen's sac-

rifice attempt was caught. However, second baseman Kasey Bethel got her bunt down and Schultz moved up to third, bringing up Christina Brandon.

Brandon waited back on a Tellep offering and lined it back up the middle. It deflected off Tellep's shoulder and caromed into the outfield, bringing Schultz home with the game-winning run.

"She just waited on a real nice pitch," Bethel said. "When she waits back, she can be a real dangerous hitter. But what a timely hit."

"(Meadowbrook) definitely hit the ball harder

than we did, but in this sport it's all about when you get the hit and where the runners are."

Tellep, who has now lost four games on the season by 1-0 verdicts, was saddled with the loss despite allowing two hits and fanning seven.

"(Tellep) is a great pitcher," Bethel said. "I think we slayed the dragon. We're really happy that we could do that for a second time this season."

Meadowbrook had some opportunities on Pelegreen long before the Husky bats came alive. The Byesville-based school had a pair of runners aboard with no one out in the fourth, but an attempted sacrifice hit the batter outside of the box for an out and then a strikeout and a ground out back to the circle ended the rally.

In the top of the sixth, the Colts threatened again.

After a strikeout, Kylee Williams was plunked by a fastball. She went to the bench in favor of a courtesy runner. After Pelegreen got a lazy flyout to left, the runner moved up

to second on an errant pick-off try. She then moved up to third on a wild pitch.

Pelegreen then issued a free pass to Chelsey Roberts, putting runners on the corners.

"We were fortunate," Bethel said. "Our defense came up with big plays when we needed them."

Catcher Brandon caught the runner at third napping and made a snap throw to Sabrina Cunningham who applied the tag to get out of that jam.

"We definitely had some chances to get on the board," Meadowbrook coach Bridget George said. "We just couldn't get a break to go our way."

Pelegreen struck out six, walked one and hit a batter. She also had six defensive assists and two putouts, including snaring a line drive off the bat of Tellep.

"We're fortunate to have the pitching that we do, and I take nothing away from Sara," Bethel said. "There's no doubt about it that Sara's been a major key to our success all year and she still is."

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## Fire

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A one-out Madonna error and senior Kayla McConnell's sacrifice bunt set the stage for the first two Cameron runs. Senior Brooke Trowbridge followed with a run-scoring single through the box to make it 1-0. Meghan Marsh then singled past third with Trowbridge moving to third before scoring on a wild pitch a short time later.

Lauren Siburt's leadoff double in the third and a Hughes RBI single to left made it 3-0 before the Dragons pushed across a run with a hit in the fourth to go up by four on a Trowbridge fielder's choice.

Senior Janet Peterson, who reached on a pair of errors and scored three times, tripled to lead off the sixth and later scored on the Dons' fifth and final miscue.

The Dragons added two in the seventh with three base hits, their fourth sacrifice bunt, and some crafty base running to push the margin to an insurmountable 7-0.

Coach Chris Conti's Weirton Madonna squad had its chances, leaving runners at first and second

in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings and the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh, but could not get the big hit off of Paczewski.

"I have had my share of games this season in which I have left the field scratching my head wondering what happened," Witzberger admitted.

"But the girls just played like they would not be denied. We also toughened up our schedule this season to be ready for games like this.

"Tara is only a freshman, but pitches like she has a lot more experience than her age indicates. She likes to paint the corners, so depending on how the game is called she can walk some batters. No matter how that turns out, she knows that her defense is there to help her if she gets into a jam.

"We have a nice blend of group of five seniors and some younger kids. They all fit together nice and the younger kids know they can rely on the veterans."

Emily Velto singled twice and Devon McCune doubled for the Blue Dons.

# Magnolia ousts St. C; Monroe advances to OVAC semifinals

By TRACY WATSON  
For The Times Leader

NEW MARTINSVILLE - There is no question that the road to an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAA championship will not be an easy one with powerhouses such as Harrison Central, Meadowbrook and Magnolia all looking to take that path.

And while the Huskies and Colts may still be on the horizon, Coach Mark Batton's Lady Blue Eagles took care of the first obstacle in their way Monday afternoon on the home diamond.

Freshman Tori Tharp kept St. Clairsville's hitters at bay, scattering three hits, and Corrine Murdock chased home four runs with a homer and single as Magnolia cruised to a commanding 8-0 blanking of the Red Devils in an OVAC Class AAA quarterfinal contest.

The win moves Batton's squad to 13-2 on the season and into a Thursday evening matchup with either Meadowbrook or Martins Ferry at the Chambers 1-470 Sports Complex.

"There are a lot of very good, quality teams in Class AAA," Batton admitted. "And we don't get the opportunity to see many of them during the regular season. We did get to play Harrison Central and Meadowbrook last year and look forward to the opportunity to do that again.

"No matter what the score was, I think St. Clairsville showed today that they are another good team in this division."

It would take a Red Devil error with one out in the bottom of the first to open the gate for Murdock, who drilled the first pitch she saw deep over the left-centerfield fence for a quick 2-0 lead, and the only runs the hosts would even need.

A two-out walk to Dallas Mullett followed by senior Bree Carr's run-scoring double into the right-centerfield gap would push the lead to 3-0 in the third. Magnolia would turn three singles, a walk, and a hit batsman into four more tallies and a 7-0 margin in the fourth.

Carr and Abbey Horner would have run-scoring singles in the frame while Murdock's two-run base hit to left would give her four rbi for the afternoon.

Horner would add another rbi single in the sixth following Carr's second two-out double of the game.

"We were able to make the routine plays that you have to have to get outs," Batton mentioned. "Tori struggled a little bit at times, but she managed to battle back, keep the ball down and get outs.

"I really think their pitcher did a great job also with her off-speed stuff. She really had us confused for awhile. Corrine's home run in the bottom of the first was a big boost and we got more timely hitting along the way and came through with runners on.

"St. Clairsville is a very nice, fundamentally sound ball club."

Carr finished with a single, two doubles

and an rbi while Horner, Murdock and Alexa Jo Hanna all had two safeties apiece. The Red Devils were limited to just three singles in the contest.

### Monroe Central 6, Buckeye Trail 1

For the second time in four days, Monroe Central has defeated Buckeye Trail in girls' softball action.

Monday night in Woodsfield, the Lady Seminoles (8-5) didn't wait until their last at-bat to beat their Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AA rival as they scored twice in the bottom of the first and pitcher Sarah Lucas made them stand up in a 6-1 victory.

With the win, Monroe Central, the No. 3 seed, advances in the Class AA tournament and will meet Linsly Wednesday at 5 p.m. on Field 4 at the 1-470 Complex in Wheeling.

Lucas struck out six and didn't walk a batter in tossing a six-hitter.

Karlie Davis led the Monroe Central seven-hit attack with a single, two doubles and three RBI. She smacked a run-scoring double in a two-run third and then slugged a two-run in the fourth. Stacey Schumacher added a RBI single.

Julie Bates singled in the Lady Warriors only run.

### Edison 6, Buckeye Local 0

At Richmond, Ashley Bendle fired a two-hitter as the Lady Wildcats (11-5) proved why they are the top seed in the 'big school' division.

She struck out a dozen, walked two and permitted just Tessa Gretchen's leadoff double in the third inning.

Three Buckeye Local errors led to five unearned runs for Edison.

Buckeye Local entertains Martins Ferry today at 4:30 in Connorville.

### Linsly 2, Shenandoah 0

AT SARAHSVILLE, Megan Byhanna came one walk from a perfect game Monday as Linsly blanked Shenandoah 2-0 in an OVAC Class AA softball quarterfinal.

Byhanna finished with 14 strikeouts for the Cadets (7-9).

Caitlyn Johnson singled and scored a run for Linsly, while Byhanna provided the other RBI.

### Wheeling Central 11, Fort Frye 7

AT BEVERLY, Madison Siebieda belted four singles as the Maroon Knights advanced behind a 13-hit day.

Rachel Helms, Maggie Ball, Kylie Gray and Lauren Baker all added two each for Wheeling Central (14-9).

### Steub. Catholic 10, Caldwell 0

AT STEUBENVILLE, Paige Creamer fired a one-hitter, fanning 11 and walking one as the Crusaders cruised past the Redskins.

Brianne Bahen had two singles for Steubenville Catholic (15-1).

### Meadowbrook 1, Martins Ferry 0

AT BYESVILLE, Kinsi Tellep had another fine outing, allowing just one hit - a single to Karlen Vinci - as the Colts topped the Purple Riders.

Chelsey Roberts homered for Meadowbrook.



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## Cambridge drops 4-1 nod to John Marshall in OVAC 4-A title tilt

RON MILLER  
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

STEUBENVILLE — A productive fifth inning lifted the John Marshall Monarchs to a 4-1 OVAC 4-A Championship win over the Cambridge Bobcats at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville on Saturday night.

After two scoreless innings, John Marshall (16-3) drew first blood in the third when Zane Madden smashed a two-out double and Ryan Lewicki followed with an RBI single to right-center to give the Monarchs a 1-0 edge.

Cambridge (18-4) answered in the bottom of the frame. Winston Turner worked John Marshall starter Casey Beifbaugh for a two-out base on balls and catcher Zac Freeman then brought Turner in with an RBI triple. Tyler Hardesty drew another walk to put runners at the corners, but a pop-up to second ended the rally with the score knotted at 1-1.

After both teams went down one-two-three in the fourth, Matt Carnahan led off the Monarchs' fifth with a single to right-center and Stefan Varner moved him over with a sacrifice bunt.

Jay Hupp then dribbled one down the first base line which hugged the line for a single to put runners on the corners.

Jason Troy then delivered an RBI-single to score Carnahan and move Hupp to third after he moved to second on a passed ball.

Hupp then scored on a sacrifice fly to left. Lewicki reached on a Cambridge error which scored

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Troy to give the Monarchs a 4-1 lead.

"You might say we had one bad inning," Cambridge coach Dave Gray said, "but good pitching will always beat good hitting."

After the 'Cats went quietly in the fifth, Biefbaugh reached on a dropped fly ball with one out and Carnahan drew a walk in the Monarchs' sixth.

Varner then walked to load the bases, but Cambridge pitcher Timmy Harvey got a comebacker off the bat of Hupp and Freeman completed the double-play with a throw to first to end the threat.

John Marshall threatened again in the seventh, getting runners to second and third, but Harvey got a groundout and struck out DH Chuck Ziants to get out of the jam.

Cambridge couldn't mount a comeback in the seventh as Biefbaugh struck out the first three batters, but pinch-hitter Nick Liptak reached on a passed ball.

Biefbaugh then got a comebacker to end the game.

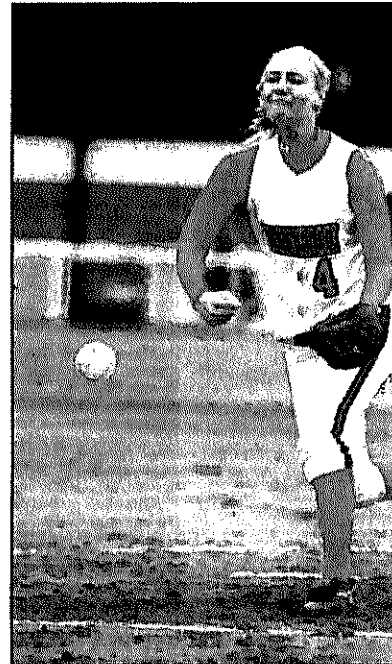
"They kept us off balance and they got their hits together," Gray said. "We didn't play a

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Meadowbrook infielders Maurie Delong (13), Chelsey Roberts (22), Alyssa Wright (1) and Candace Neff (5) gather around pitcher Kinsi Tellep (behind Delong) after a strikeout. Wright belted a two-run home run in the Lady Colts' 4-0 win over Magnolia.



Ryan Pavlov/The Daily

Meadowbrook High's pitcher K tossed a no-hitter with 21 strikeouts faced to lead the Lady Colts to win over Magnolia in the OVAC semifinals at the I-470 Complex in W. Va. on Saturday.

## Tellep shakes off injury, strikes out 21 to lead Meadowbrook back into OVAC 3-A title game

JEFF HARRISON  
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STAT LEADERS—For Meadowbrook, Alyssa Wright, home run, three RBI, run; Maurie Delong, two singles, run; Abby Dudley, two singles, run; Candace Neff, double, RBI, run; Williams, double.

Tellep, who allowed six sixth-inning one-out 3-2 pitches to Magnolia's Hanna, put her name in the OHSAA record again with her 21 strikeouts.

"They kept saying the sectionals, but I play," said Tellep at "I really like play OVACs and I could teammates down."

How bad was she? "Not as bad as the pile of days," Tellep said. "but there were a tweaked it a little."

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## Cambridge falls to Edison in OVAC 4-A semis

JEFF HARRISON  
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ELM GROVE, W.Va. — Cambridge High coach Bob

Shepard likes to put pressure on the opposing defense, but the tables were turned by Edison High on Saturday afternoon

in the OVAC Class 4-A semifinals and the Lady Wildcats topped the Lady Bobcats, 3-1, to advance to the championship game.

Edison (13-5) had countless scoring opportunities in the game, but managed to push across two runs in the third inning and one in the sixth while riding the complete-game pitching of southpaw Ashley Bendle.

The Wildcats failed to capitalize early, loading the bases in the first inning on singles by Kayla Marcus, Kaitlin Blake and Kayla Prokopakis before Cambridge pitcher Paige Young posted back-to-back strikeouts to end the threat.

Cambridge's first scoring chance came in the top of the third when Megan Tharp drilled

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Edison then put together a two-run third, starting with a leadoff walk to Megan Antigo. After a sacrifice bunt, Prokopakis ripped an RBI double to right-center to score Antigo.

A hit batsman and a fielder's

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Cambridge High's Chanel Ford takes a swing at a pitch during Saturday's OVAC Class 4-A semifinal game. Also in the action are Edison catcher Kourtnie Leggett and home plate umpire Dan Delande. Edison advanced to the finals with a 3-1 victory.



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Cambridge High's Megan Tharp (4) slides safely into base with a triple as Edison's Alexis Kunkel into the air for the ball during Saturday's OVAC semifinal game at the I-470 Complex in Elm Grove. Cambridge dropped a 3-1 decision.

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Magnolia 000 000 0-0 0 3  
Kinsi Tellep (WP 13-5, 21 Ks, 1 BB) and Kyle Williams, Tori Tharp (LP, 8 Ks, 1 BB) and Marissa Boelgy.  
RECORDS—Meadowbrook 14-5; Magnolia 13-3.  
STAT LEADERS—For Meadowbrook, Alyssa Wright, home run, three RBI, run; Maurie Delong, two singles, run; Abby Dudley, two singles, run; Candace Neff, double, RBI, run; Williams, double.

Meadowbrook coach Bridget George, searching for the appropriate words to describe Tellep's performance. "We were definitely worried about her throwing today, but she doesn't want to be held back at all. She really came through for us. That was a good team with some big swingers that she beat."

Tellep, who allowed only a sixth inning one-out walk on a 3-2 pitch to Magnolia's Alexajo Hanna, put her name into the OHSAA record book once again with her 21 Ks, only the third girl to accomplish that feat in a seven-inning contest.

"They kept saying to think of the sectionals, but I just want to play," said Tellep after her gem. "I really like playing in the OVACs and I couldn't let my teammates down."

How bad was she hurting? "Not as bad as the last couple of days," Tellep related, "but there were a few times I tweaked it a little."

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## Cambridge falls to Edison in OVC 4-A semis

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Cambridge's pitching lifted the Monarchs to a 4-1 championship win over John Marshall in the OVC 4-A title tilt at Steubenville on Saturday.



Ryan Pavlov/The Daily Jeffersonian  
Cambridge High's Chanel Ford takes a swing at a pitch during OVC Class 4-A semifinal game. Also in the action, pitcher Kourtne Leggett and home plate umpire Edison advanced to the finals with a 3-1 victory.

in the OVC Class 4-A semifinals and the Lady Wildcats topped the Lady Bobcats, 3-1, to advance to the championship game.

Edison (13-5) had countless scoring opportunities in the game, but managed to push across two runs in the third inning and one in the sixth while riding the complete-game pitching of southpaw Ashley Bendle.

The Wildcats failed to capitalize early, loading the bases in the first inning on singles by Kayla Marcus, Kaitlin Blake and Kayla Prokopakis before Cambridge pitcher Paige Young posted back-to-back strikeouts to end the threat.

Cambridge's first scoring chance came in the top of the third when Megan Tharp drilled

**EDISON 3, CAMBRIDGE 1**  
Edison 000 000 1-1 5 0  
Cambridge 002 001 x-3 9 0  
Paige Young (LP 9-4, 8 Ks, 2 BB, 1 HP) and Chely Kehn, Ashley Bendle (WP 13-4, 10 Ks, 1 BB) and Kourtne Leggett.  
RECORDS—Edison 13-5; Cambridge 14-4.  
STAT LEADERS—For Cambridge, Megan Tharp, triple, single, RBI; Brittany Berger, two singles, Kehn, single, run. For Edison, Kaitlin Blake, three singles, RBI; Kayla Marcus, three singles, run; Kayla Prokopakis, double, single, RBI, run; Shelby DiPasquale, single, RBI; Megan Antigo, run.

chance came in the top of the third when Megan Tharp drilled a leadoff triple to right-center field, but Bendle fanned the next three hitters in order to keep the game scoreless.

Edison then put together a two-run third, starting with a leadoff walk to Megan Antigo. After a sacrifice bunt, Prokopakis ripped an RBI double to right-center to score Antigo.

A hit batsman and a fielder's

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Cambridge High's Megan Tharp (4) slides safely into third base with a triple as Edison's Alexis Kunkel leaps high into the air for the ball during Saturday's OVC Class 4-A semifinal game at the I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, W. Va. Cambridge dropped a 3-1 decision.

## Lady Colts make finals

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Posting 21 strikeouts will make you forget about the pain for a little while, too.

Meadowbrook had a couple of early scoring chances go by the boards — a first inning double by junior Kylee Williams and then back-to-back Magnolia errors in the fourth frame — but the Lady Colts finally broke through with two tallies in the fifth.

Freshmen Maurie Delong and Abby Dudley got things started with back-to-back singles before freshman Sarah Stine, attempting a sacrifice, reached on an error to load the bases. Junior Candace Neff followed with an RBI groundout to plate Delong and then, after a walk to Williams, junior Alyssa Wright lofted a sacrifice fly to center to score Dudley for a 2-0 MHS lead.

Delong and Dudley singled again in the sixth but nothing materialized.

Meadowbrook doubled its lead in the seventh when Neff ripped a double to left and, after

an out, Wright unloaded her sixth home run of the season — a two-run shot to left — and Tellep did her thing in the bottom of the innings to seal the victory.

"We started hitting the ball... finally," said George. "We didn't execute early, but we did late. We got some big hits from a couple of our young kids down in the order that got us going and then Alyssa continued her hot hitting to break it open."

While Tellep improved to 13-5 on the mound, Magnolia (13-3) pitcher Tori Tharp took the loss with eight strikeouts and one walk.

The stage is now set for another "classic" on Monday.

"We expect another tight ballgame with Harrison Central," said George. "We'll have to take advantage of opportunities if we get them, because (HC's Sara) Pelegreen is an outstanding pitcher, too."

NEXT — Meadowbrook and Harrison Central square off for the OVAC Class 3-A championship Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the 1-470 Complex in Elm Grove.

## Lady 'Cats fall in semis

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choice loaded the bases and then a bunt off the bat of Shelby DiPasquale resulted in the second run as Prokopakis slid home safely.

The Lady Bobcats (14-4) let another scoring chance slip away in the fifth when Brittany Berger and Tharp collected consecutive one-out single, but again Bendle was up to the challenge by inducing a groundout and strikeout.

Edison made it 3-0 in the bottom of the sixth on a one-out bunt single by Marcus and a two-out RBI single by Blake.

Cambridge got its only run in the seventh when Carly Kehn singled; Berger moved her to third with a base hit and then Tharp picked up an RBI on a groundout.

"They put pressure on our defense," said Cambridge's Shepard, "and a couple of plays really hurt us offensively — the ball called foul (off the bat of Kayla Francis) in the second inning and a couple of big catches by their left fielder.

"You've got to score when you get a runner on third," the CHS coach continued, "because whoever scores first in these types of games tends to get the momentum and we weren't able

to do that until the last inning.

Edison's Bendle finished with 10 strikeouts and one walk while Young (9-4) had six Ks, two walks and one hit batsman.

"We've had trouble with change-ups all year," said Shepard, and she (Bendle) was very effective today."

Marcus and Blake each had three singles to lead Edison while Prokopakis added a double and single.

Tharp's triple and single and Berger's two singles led Cambridge.

Despite the loss, Shepard felt his team had a good week overall and looks forward to today's sectional tournament drawing.

"We played three tough games in a row (Meadowbrook, Dover and Edison) and to be able to win two of the three, we're not too disappointed," he said, "We really wanted to get back to the championship game here, but we'll just have to refocus and battle for the ECOL and the tournament."

In the other Class 4-A semifinal, Wheeling Park edged Parkersburg South, 3-1. Edison and Wheeling Park will meet Monday at 7:15 for the 4-A title.

NEXT — Cambridge plays at River View on Monday at 5 p.m.

## m sweeps st Capital

**GAME ONE**  
**MUSKINGUM 4, CAPITAL 0**  
Muskingum 002 200 0 — 4 5 1  
Capital 000 000 0 — 0 3 1  
Nathan VanMeter (WP 4-3, 13 Ks, 1 BB) and Brock Whitman, Nick Brown (LP 2-6, 3 Ks, 2 BB) and Zach Byers.  
**STAT LEADERS**—For Muskingum, Wes Carder, double, run; Forrest Wright, double, two RBI; Erik Spitzer, single, run; Colton Newell, run; Tyler Hardcastle, RBI; Tyler Gibbs, single, RBI; Adam Smith, single, run. For Capital, Ian Smith, two singles; Zach Ringey, single.  
**GAME TWO**  
**MUSKINGUM 11, CAPITAL 2**  
Muskingum 021 500 102 — 11 16 4  
Capital 100 010 000 — 2 5 6  
Levi Shaw (WP 4-2, 7 Ks, 2 BB) and Whitman, Josh Balknap (LP 1-2, 3 Ks, 1 BB), Matt Uy (4th inn., 1 K, 0 BB), Matt Mercer (7th inn., 0 K, 1 BB) and Byers.  
**RECORDS**—Muskingum 23-16, 10-9 OAC; Capital 12-26, 4-14 OAC.  
**STAT LEADERS**—For Muskingum, home run, double, single, three RBI, two runs; home run, double, single, RBI, run; Spitzer, single, run; Newell, home run, RBI, three runs; Jared Whittington, three singles, RBI, run; Hardcastle, home run, three RBI, run; Gibbs, double, RBI, run; Smith, double, single, run. For Capital, Mike St. John, two singles, two runs; Tommy Stovison, single; Smith, RBI; Byers, single, RBI; Rigney, single.

had the other two doubles and Jared Whittington contributed three singles.

Levi Shaw struck out seven and walked two to take the win on the mound.

Josh Balknap took the loss for the Crusaders (12-26, 4-14 OAC), striking out three and walking one in three innings of work.

Mike St. John had a pair of singles in the loss for the hosts.

## Cambridge falls in finals

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bad game, they just got their hits together and we didn't. Tomorrow is another day. We have three league games yet to play and hopefully our best baseball is in front of us."

Biefbaugh went the distance, striking out 12 and walking four. Harvey also went the complete seven innings with seven Ks and three walks.

Lewicki had three singles and an RBI while Madden had a double and single, scored a run and had an RBI to lead the Monarchs at the plate.

The three hits for Cambridge were a triple by Freeman with an RBI, a double by Taylor Leppla and a single by Tyler Ford.

In the other championship games, Magnolia beat St. Clairsville, 4-1, to win the Class 3-A title; Linsly topped Steubenville Catholic, 4-1, to win the Class 2-A crown; and Toronto beat Weirton Madonna, 9-5, for the Class 1-A championship.

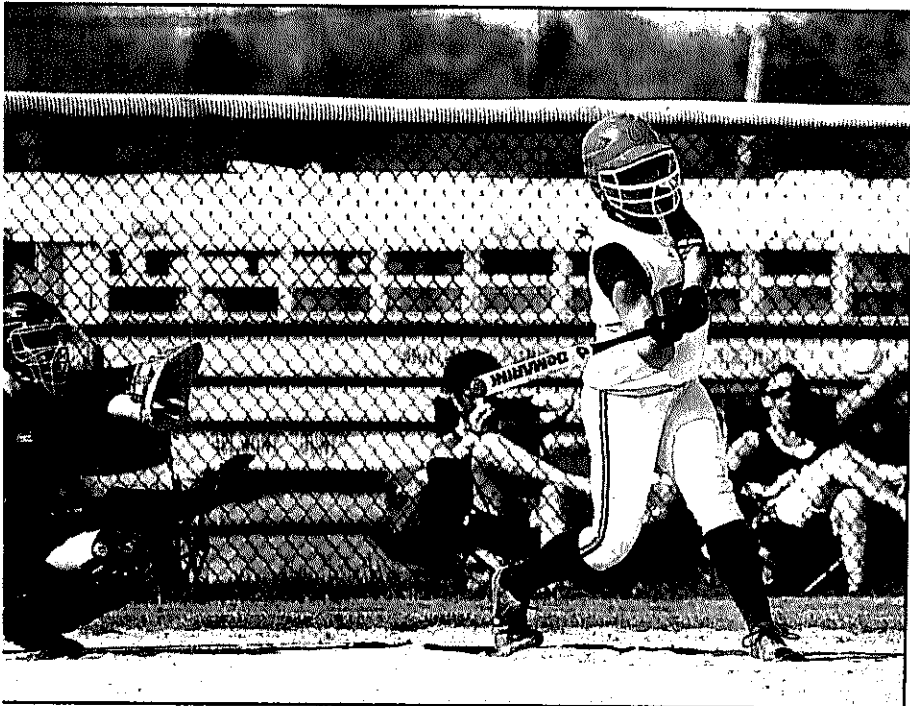
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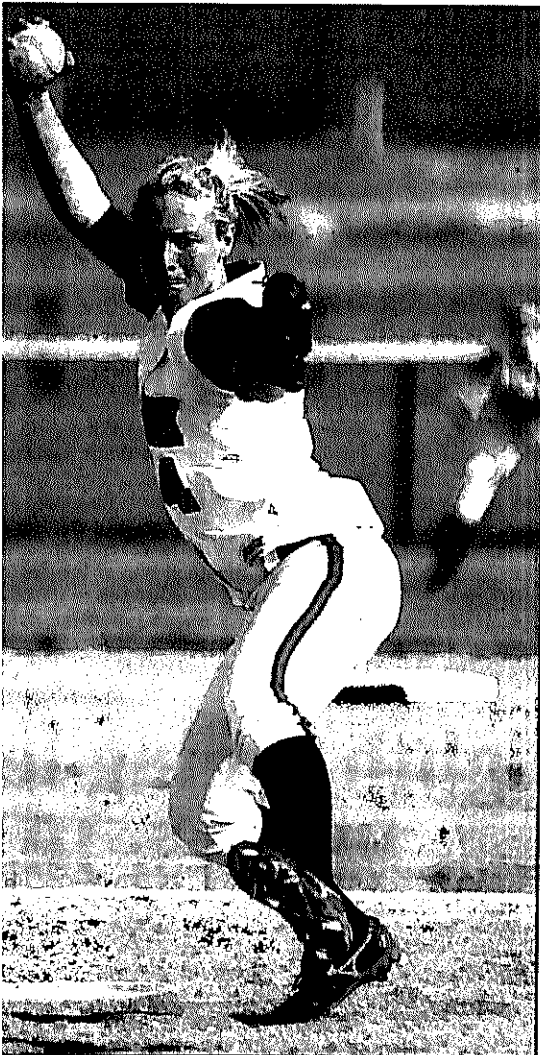
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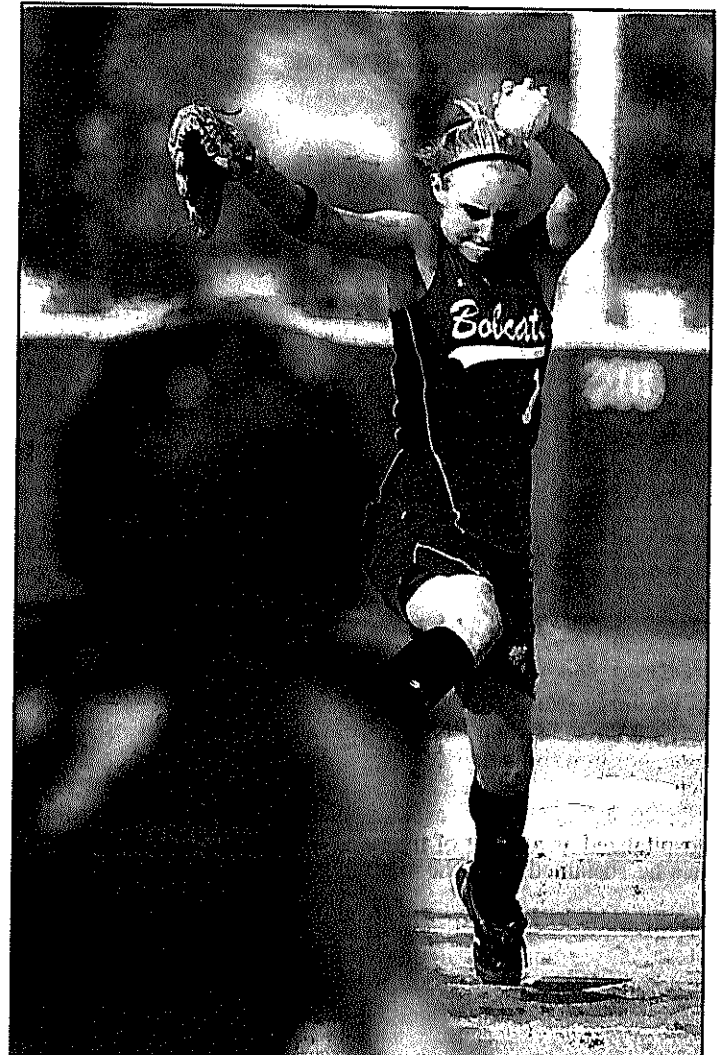
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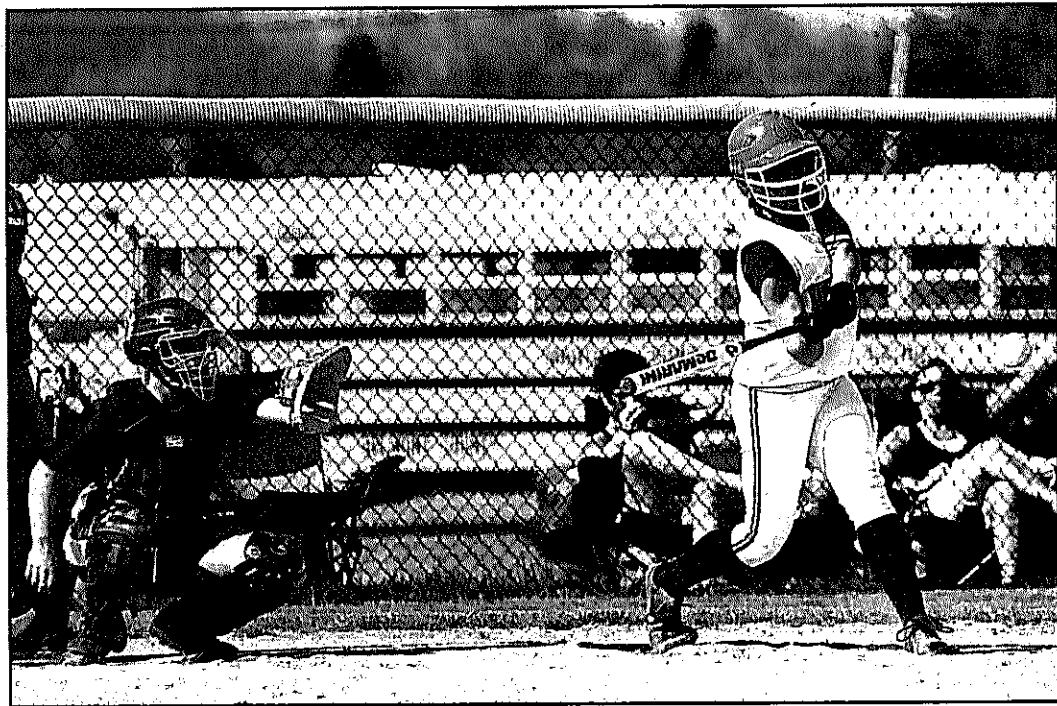
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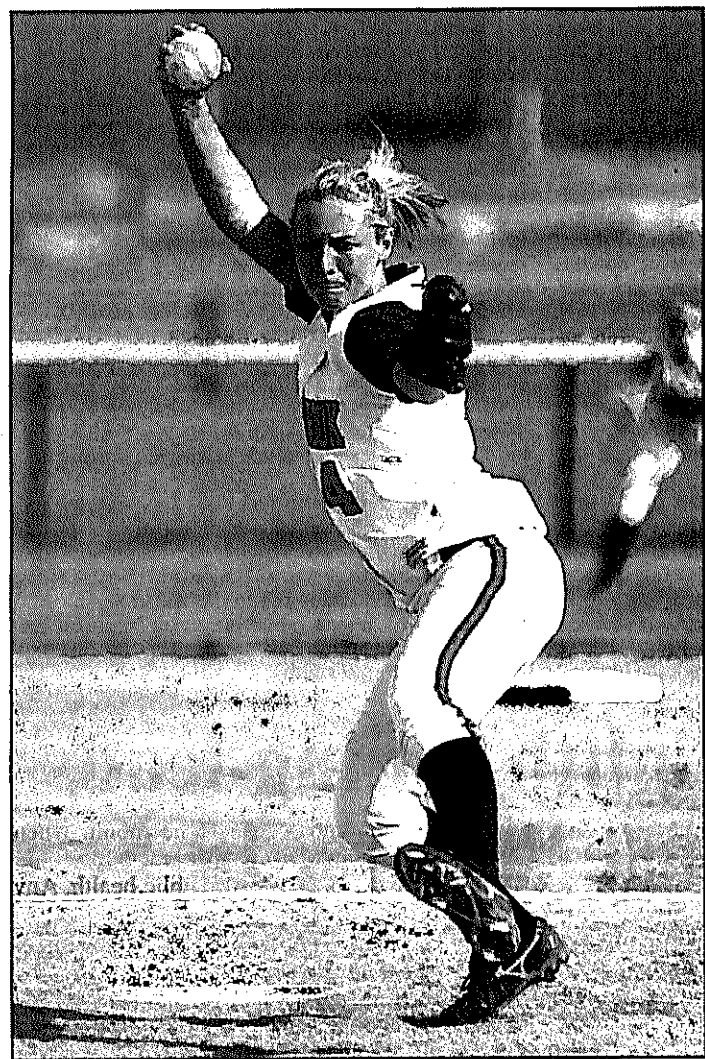
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## Three local teams ousted

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Claymont today at 5 p.m.

**Linsly 2, Shenandoah 0**  
**SARAHSVILLE**—The Lady Zeps of Shenandoah High fell in Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournament class 2-A action Monday, dropping a tough 2-0 nod to Linsly.

The Cadets (5-7) were led by Megan Nelson, who spun a one hitter, striking out 14 Lady Zeps while only walking one.

Rachel Dodd hit a single and scored in the fourth on a passed ball. The other Cadet run was scored by Alexis Penz, who was plated on a Caitlyn Johnson single in the same inning.

Ashley Butcher had six Ks and a walk in the loss.

Katie Hill had the lone hit for Shenandoah (11-4).

**NEXT**— Shenandoah hosts Beallsville today at 5 p.m.

**Monroe Central 6, Buckeye Trail 1**

**WOODSFIELD**—The Lady Warriors of Buckeye Trail High fell Monday in Woodsfield to the Monroe Central Lady Seminoles by a 6-1 count in Ohio Valley Athletic Conference class 2-A tournament action.

Sarah Lucas took the victory for the Lady 'Noles (7-5) with four Ks and no walks.

Karlie Davis led the Monroe

bats, recording four RBI on a double and a single. Stacey Schumacher had a trio of singles and an RBI, while Alex Kuhn added two singles and an RBI.

Julie Bates recorded three Ks and walks in the loss for Trail (6-9).

Cori Poland and Dani Sells each tripled for the Lady Warriors and Hannah Jones contributed two singles.

**NEXT**— Buckeye Trail travels to Hannibal to face River today at 5 p.m.

**Steub. Catholic 10, Caldwell 0**

**STEUBENVILLE**—Caldwell High was eliminated from OVAC tournament action on Monday with a 10-0 loss to Steubenville Catholic Central in class 2-A action.

Kaitlyn Weisend struck out two and finished with the only hit for Caldwell (4-12) in a losing effort.

Paige Kramer finished with nine strikeouts and had an RBI single to lead Steubenville Central.

Other hitters for the Lady Crusaders included Emily Canella with two singles, a triple and two RBI and Chelsea Hutton with a single, triple and two RBI.

**NEXT**— Caldwell travels to Woodsfield to take on Monroe Central today at 5 p.m.

#### CAMBRIDGE 11, BEAVER LOCAL 1

Beaver Local 010 00 — 1 4 2  
 Cambridge 302 24 — 11 12 0  
 Kayla Mackall (LP, 1 K, 4 BB) and Allieon Bereneger, Paige Young (WP 8-3, 11 Ks, 0 BB) and Carty Kehn.

**RECORDS**—Beaver Local 9-6; Cambridge 12-3.

**STAT LEADERS**—For Beaver Local, Sami Cianni, single; Aly Owens, single; Missi Headley, single; Monique Fluharty, single; Kim Rotelloni, RBI. For Cambridge, Kristina Cosgrave, single, two runs; Chanel Ford, two doubles, three RBI, three runs; Maggie Starr, two singles, RBI, two runs; Lacie Mahley, two singles, RBI, run; Kehn, double, two RBI; Brittany Hazinakia, run; Calya Francis, two singles, three RBI; Brittany Berger, single, RBI; Megan Tharp, run; Young, two singles; Abby Martin, run.

#### MEADOWBROOK 1, MARTINS FERRY 0

Martins Ferry 000 000 0 — 0 1 2  
 Meadowbrook 000 100 x — 1 5 0  
 Shayla Outward (L, 2 Ks, 3 BB), Taylor Campbell (6th, 1 K, 0 BB) and Kaci Rykowski. Kinsi Tellep (W, 13-2, 11 Ks, 0 BB) and Kylee Williams.

**RECORDS**—Meadowbrook 13-3.

**STAT LEADERS**—For Martins Ferry, Karlen Vinci, single. For Meadowbrook, Chelsey Roberts, home run, single, RBI, run; Williams, double; Alyssa Wright, single; Maurie DeLong, single.

#### LINSLY 2, SHENANDOAH 0

Linsly 000 200 0 — 2 5 3  
 Shenandoah 000 000 0 — 0 1 1  
 Megan Nelson (WP, 14 Ks, 1 BB) and Erika Mitchem. Ashley Butcher (LP 11-4, 6 Ks, 1

BB) and Megan Grywalski.

**RECORDS**—Linsly 6-7; Shenandoah 11-4.  
**STAT LEADERS**—For Linsly, Rachel Dodd, single, run; Caitlyn Jones, single, RBI; Lauren Novotney, single; Stephanie Johnstone, single; Whitney Young, single; Alexis Penz, run. For Shenandoah, Katie Hill, single.

#### MONROE CENTRAL 6, BUCKEYE TRAIL 1

Buckeye Trail 000 100 0 — 1 6 4  
 Monroe Central 202 200 x — 6 8 2  
 Julie Bates (LP 1-1, 3 Ks, 3 BB) and Dani Sells. Sarah Lucas (WP, 4 Ks, 0 BB) and Raven DeLong.

**RECORDS**—Buckeye Trail 8-9; Monroe Central 7-5.

**STAT LEADERS**—For Buckeye Trail, Cori Poland, triple, run; Sells, triple; Julie Bates, single, RBI; Hannah Jones, two singles; Sheena Patterson, single. For Monroe Central, Alex Kuhn, two singles, RBI, two runs; Karlie Davis, double, single, four RBI, two runs; Stacey Schumacher, three singles, RBI, Leah Winland, single; Aleisha Guiter, run; DeLong, run.

#### STEUB. CATHOLIC 10, CALDWELL 0

Caldwell 000 00 — 0 1 2  
 Steub. Catholic 711 1x — 10 11 0  
 Kaitlyn Weisend (L, 2 Ks, 1 BB) and Stacey Clark. Paige Kramer (W, 9 Ks, 0 BB) and Kelly Costantini.

**RECORDS**—Caldwell 4-12.

**STAT LEADERS**—For Caldwell, Weisend, single. For Steub. Catholic, Rachel Hupp, single, RBI; Sara Ashmead, two singles; Costantini, single, RBI; Chelsea Hutton, single, triple, two RBI; Kramer, single, RBI; Briann Bayne, single, RBI; Emily Canella, two singles, triple, two RBI.

# Pelegreen Paces Huskies

## Harrison Central gets all 3 phases going vs. UL

By SETH STASKEY  
For the News-Register

WHEELING — The Harrison Central Huskies have received solid pitching all spring thanks to senior Sarah Pelegreen.

Saturday's OVAC Class AAA semifinal against Union Local on Lisa's Field at the Chambers' I-470 Complex was no different, but Donnie Bethel left the field feeling even better than most days.

"We hit the ball well, fielded the ball well and got good pitching again," Bethel said. "I am really pleased with our effort and the focus the girls came to the field with (Saturday)."

The results of those factors was a 5-0 victory, which earned the Huskies (15-1) the right to return to Elm Grove on Monday to meet Meadowbrook for the OVAC championship.

"We expected Union Local to come down here ready to play and they were," Bethel said. "That program is headed in the right direction, but I am really excited for our team."

Monday's championship game appearance will be the second for Harrison Central. It last advanced in 2004 and fell to Martins Ferry.

"We've been here before, but we want to take the next step," Bethel said. "We've had some classic games with (Meadowbrook) before and we expect the same Monday."

Before plans could be officially made for the Colts, the Huskies had to take care of the Jets.

Pelegreen and Union Local's Kayla Jack put up zero-for-zero in the first couple of innings.

Harrison Central finally broke through in the bottom of the third.

After Jack had sat down the first eight hitters with relative ease, she issued a walk to No. 9 hitter Morgan Heavilin. She came around to score two pitches later when shortstop Brooke Schultz rifled a double over the head of the UL outfielder.

Schultz came around to score on a single from Pelegreen.

Pelegreen went to the hill and retired UL in order, which became a recurring theme, during the final four innings.

"(Pelegreen) is a really good pitcher, but I am happy with how we made better contact than we did the first time we played them," UL coach Bridget Applegarth said. "We didn't have base hits, but we made good contact."

The Harrison Central offense got it cranked up again in the fourth. Kaylee Horn reached on a fielder's choice and Sabrina Cunningham followed with a single.

After a popout, Kasey Pelegreen roped a double into right-center, plating the two aboard.

In the fifth, the Huskies added an insurance run. Sarah Pelegreen singled, stole second, moved to third on a single by Kasey Bethel and scored on a single by her battery mate Kristina Brandon.

Pelegreen finished with eight strikeouts and issued nary a walk. She plunked a batter.

Union Local's lone hit was a



Photo by Jim Elliott

Cambridge third baseman Brittany Berger takes a low throw as Edison's Kayla Prokopakis slides in safely on the back end of a fielder's choice in the third inning. View additional photos at [cu.news-register.net](http://cu.news-register.net).

# Bendle, Edison Move On

## Wildcats ace leaves Bobcats feeling helpless

By JIM ELLIOTT  
W.Va. Sports Editor

WHEELING — At times, the Cambridge batters were practically screwing themselves into the ground swinging at a changeup that never got there until it was too late.

Other times, they didn't even bother taking the bat off their shoulders.

Edison pitcher Ashley Bendle had it all working Saturday at Lisa's Field, where she struck out 10, yielded five hits and walked one, leading the Wildcats to a 3-1 victory against the Bobcats in the OVAC Class AAAA Tournament semifinals.

"We had trouble with her change-ups," Cambridge coach Bob Shepard said. "That sets up her other pitches. She's very effective. If you go swiping at it or if you start guessing, that's when you get into trouble. That's what we tended to do a little bit too much."

From the start, half of Bendle's strikeouts happened without a swing.

"I'm happy with Ashley, she pitched another good ballgame, as she tends to do most of the time," understated Edison coach Spencer Bendle. "The thing about Ashley that makes her tough is that she doesn't get herself in trouble. Most of the time she's ahead in the count, and she's got good location with her pitches."

Just once in the first six innings did Ashley Bendle find herself in trouble, when Megan Tharp led off the third inning with a triple.

She was completely unfazed, setting down the next three without breaking a sweat.

First it was opposing pitcher Paige Young swinging. Then it was leadoff

hitter Kristina Cosgrave swinging. Then it was Chanel Ford looking.

"You've got to score when you get a runner on third," said Shepard, who was still thinking about five called third strikes all the way in the parking lot. "We didn't get her in. I felt that came back to get us. Whoever scores first in these kind of games, the momentum tends to go their way."

It's true.

Edson's Megan Antigo started the bottom of the third with a walk, was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kaitlin Blake and came around to score on an RBI double by Kayla Prokopakis. A few batters later, Prokopakis scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Shelby DiPasquale before Young finally wiggled her way out of a bases-loaded jam.

"I'm always one to find negatives," Spencer Bendle said. "We left too many baserunners on (11). When you get that many opportunities, you've got to push some runs across."

The way Ashley Bendle was pitching, they already had enough.

For good measure, though, the Wildcats added another in the top of the sixth when Kayla Marcus singled, moved up on Antigo's groundout, and scored on Blake's RBI single up the middle.

"When you get a three-run lead, most of the time it's tough to overcome," Spencer Bendle said.

Doesn't Shepard know it.

"They put pressure on our defense," Shepard said. "He's always going to be doing things like that. Spencer's a good coach. He's known to bunt and do things like that. We couldn't contain it."

Cambridge scored its run in the seventh when catcher Carly Kehn singled, moved up one out later on a single by Brittany Berger, and came around to score on a groundout by Tharp.

# Park Rallies To Topple South

## Patriots score three in sixth

By TRACY WATSON  
For The News-Register  
WHEELING

Through five innings of play Saturday, Wheeling Park's softball team had been limited to one infield single and had hit the ball to the outfield just twice, while trailing Parkersburg South 1-0 in an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAAA semifinal contest.

However, coach Dee Davis' determined bunch was not about to go out that way. The Patriots turned a walk, bunt single, fielder's choice and an error into a game-winning, sixth-inning rally.

Junior standout Caitlin Jividen pushed home Park's first run with a fielder's choice, while her base running helped lead to the eventual winner as the Patriots rallied for an improbable 3-1 victory against Parkersburg South at the Chambers' I-470 Sports Complex.

The victory moves Davis' second-seeded squad to 17-2 and into Monday's 7:15 championship game against powerful top-seeded Edison.

It was a scoreless game through three, with the Wood County Patriots (19-5) actually out-hitting their up-river rivals by a 2-1 margin in that span.

But coach Jennifer Null's team put up the game's first run with two outs in the top of the fourth. Morgan Wilson worked a walk just ahead of Kaitlyn Porter's hard single to left. Wilson advanced to third with Porter moving on to second on the throw.

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Junior pitcher Angela Johnson then hit a grounder to second, but as the fielder tried to tag Jividen she ran back toward first base. Johnson was then thrown out at first with Jividen advancing to second and Kosowski scoring from second on the play to make it 2-1.

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...was a 3-0 victory, which earned the Huskies (15-1) the right to return to Elm Grove on Monday to meet Meadowbrook for the OVAC championship.

"We expected Union Local to come down here ready to play and they were," Bethel said. "That program is headed in the right direction, but I am really excited for our team."

Monday's championship game appearance will be the second for Harrison Central. It last advanced in 2004 and fell to Martins Ferry.

"We've been here before, but we want to take the next step," Bethel said. "We've had some classic games with (Meadowbrook) before and we expect the same Monday."

Before plans could be officially made for the Colts, the Huskies had to take care of the Jets.

Pelegreen and Union Local's Kayla Jack put up zero-for-zero in the first couple of innings.

Harrison Central finally broke through in the bottom of the third.

After Jack had sat down the first eight hitters with relative ease, she issued a walk to No. 9 hitter Morgan Heavilin. She came around to score two pitches later when shortstop Brooke Schultz rifled a double over the head of the UL outfielder.

Schultz came around to score on a single from Pelegreen.

Pelegreen went to the hill and retired UL in order, which became a recurring theme, during the final four innings.

"(Pelegreen) is a really good pitcher, but I am happy with how we made better contact than we did the first time we played them," UL coach Bridget Applegarth said. "We didn't have base hits, but we made good contact."

The Harrison Central offense got it cranked up again in the fourth. Kaylee Horn reached on a fielder's choice and Sabrina Cunningham followed with a single.

After a popout, Kasey Pelegreen roped a double into right-center, plating the two aboard.

In the fifth, the Huskies added an insurance run. Sarah Pelegreen singled, stole second, moved to third on a single by Kasey Bethel and scored on a single by her battery mate Kristina Brandon.

Pelegreen finished with eight strikeouts and issued nary a walk. She plunked a batter.

Union Local's lone hit was a solid single by Jack.

bridge batters were practically screwing themselves into the ground swinging at a changeup that never got there until it was too late.

Other times, they didn't even bother taking the bat off their shoulders.

Edison pitcher Ashley Bendle had it all working Saturday at Lisa's Field, where she struck out 10, yielded five hits and walked one, leading the Wildcats to a 3-1 victory against the Bobcats in the OVAC Class AAAA Tournament semifinals.

"We had trouble with her changeups," Cambridge coach Bob Shepard said. "That sets up her other pitches. She's very effective. If you go swiping at it or if you start guessing, that's when you get into trouble. That's what we tended to do a little bit too much."

From the start, Half of Bendle's strikeouts happened without a swing.

"I'm happy with Ashley, she pitched another good ballgame, as she tends to do most of the time," understated Edison coach Spencer Bendle. "The thing about Ashley that makes her tough is that she doesn't get herself in trouble. Most of the time she's ahead in the count, and she's got good location with her pitches."

Just once in the first six innings did Ashley Bendle find herself in trouble, when Megan Tharp led off the third inning with a triple.

She was completely unfazed, setting down the next three without breaking a sweat.

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It's true.

Edson's Megan Antigo started the bottom of the third with a walk, was moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Kaitlin Blake and came around to score on an RBI double by Kayla Prokopakis. A few batters later, Prokopakis scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Shelby DiPasquale before Young finally wiggled her way out of a bases-loaded jam.

"I'm always one to find negatives," Spencer Bendle said. "We left too many baserunners on (11). When you get that many opportunities, you've got to push some runs across."

The way Ashley Bendle was pitching, they already had enough.

For good measure, though, the Wildcats added another in the top of the sixth when Kayla Marcus singled, moved up on Antigo's groundout, and scored on Blake's RBI single up the middle.

"When you get a three-run lead, most of the time it's tough to overcome," Spencer Bendle said.

Doesn't Shepard know it.

"They put pressure on our defense," Shepard said. "He's always going to be doing things like that. Spencer's a good coach. He's known to bunt and do things like that. We couldn't contain it."

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Perhaps not, but Melissa Costantini was equally effective, as she allowed only three hits, walked two, and only once did a Linsly baserunner reach third base. That was Lauren Novotney, who worked a one-out walk in the fifth, moved to second on Stephanie Johnstone's single and third on a wild pitch. She was left stranded after Melissa Costantini retired both Linden Nelson and Whitney Young.

It was the Crusaders' 12th shutout of the season, 11th authored by Melissa Costantini.

"When we get a run, we feel confidence that Melissa can hold them," Rossi said. "We feel confident in our defense. I didn't feel like the pressure of the game got to the girls."

Nelson, who had singled in her third-

inning at-bat, plopped a base hit behind first base with two outs in the seventh, keeping the defending champion Cadets alive. Crusaders shortstop Ashmead took hope away with a diving catch of a looper off the bat of Young that traveled a little too far for the pitcher and not far enough for just about any other shortstop.

"Stuebenville Central is clearly one of the best teams in the area right now," Hofreuter-Landini said. "The two Costantini girls have an obvious sister connection. But I couldn't be more proud. I don't know that there are many teams in the OVAC that could be in a one-run game with them having walked the one run in."

### Note

Of that 11-1 game two weeks earlier, Rossi said "We knew we weren't going to do that again."

So did Hofreuter-Landini.

"Nobody gave us much of a chance coming into this game because they beat us 11-1 when we faced them two weeks ago," she said. "Two weeks ago, I told the girls if you work hard enough over the next two weeks, you'll be standing on that field facing Steubenville Central. And they did exactly what they needed to do to be here."

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## OVAC SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Slipper still fits  
for Linsly girls

• Seventh-seeded Cadets take out Monroe

By KIM NORTH  
Times Leader Sports Writer

After claiming the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AA girls' softball tournament title last season, Linsly is back for seconds.

The No. 7 seed Lady Cadets (8-9) scored a run in the top of the seventh inning to snap a 1-all deadlock and hold off third-seeded Monroe Central (8-6) by a 2-1 count in a semifinal contest at the I-470 Complex in Wheeling.

"That's how our whole season has gone," explained Linsly head coach Liz Hofreuter-Landini. "We've had to battle all season and the good thing about it is that the girls learned a lot about their character."

Tied at one, Linden Nelson started the game-winning rally with a triple to deep right-centerfield. She would race home on Whitney Young's ensuing infield single.

"That's another thing about this team," Hofreuter-Landini said. "If you come to scout us one day you're probably going

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T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

LINSLY'S Linden Nelson beats the tag of Monroe Central catcher Raven DeLong during the top of the seventh during Wednesday's OVAC Class 2-A semifinal game at Chambers' I-470 Complex in Elm Grove. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

## ST. JOHN'S

Lakyn McFarland turns to throw to first during the OVAC Class 1-A semifinal in Elm Grove Wednesday. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)



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## Cameron slays St. John

• Lady Dragons overcome Lady Irish for first time ever in tourney

By SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Cameron and St. John Central have gotten to know each other quite well during the last several years in the Class 1-A OVAC Softball Tournament.

And putting it mildly, the Lady Irish had the Lady Dragons' number in the two prior meetings, both of which occurred in the championship game.

However, that was all in the past Wednesday evening when the two clashed in the opening semi-final game on Lisa's Field at the Chambers' I-470 Complex in Elm Grove.

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young, the Lady Dragons removed the Lady Irish (15-6) from their backs and advanced to Saturday's 10 a.m. title game by virtue of a 3-1 win in eight innings.

"St. John's has been our nemesis for several years," said Lady Dragons head coach Mark

veterans on this club, but everyone contributed to this game today."

While the Lady Dragons are preparing for Madonna, which blanked Bridgeport, 6-0 in the nightcap, the Lady Irish for only the second time in Jerry Magistro's nine-year coaching career will be nothing but spectators at the OVAC title game.

"What are you going to do?," Magistro said. "I'd been following Cameron's scores all year, and I knew they had a solid team. They got some timely hits and we didn't."

The Lady Dragons nursed a 1-0 lead and it looked to be plenty for freshman fireballer Tara Paczewski who hadn't allowed a Lady Irish hit through five innings.

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Madonna blanks  
Bridgeport, 6-0By SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Weirton Madonna had been slumping according to its head coach Chris Conti.

And unfortunately for Bridgeport, the Lady Blue Devils broke out of it Wednesday evening during their semi-final contest of the Class 1-A OVAC Softball Tournament on Lisa's Field at the Chamber's I-470 Complex in Elm Grove.

Class  
1-A

The defending class 1-A champs scored a trio of runs in both the second and third innings and then turned it over to sophomore ace Rebecca Stewart to do the rest en route to a 6-0 victory.

"There was a stretch where we didn't play for about a week and we went into a slump," Conti said. "I am glad for the girls because they were in a little bit of a funk, but we snapped out of it and hopefully we'll carry the momentum into the weekend."

Madonna will return to the Grove Saturday morning to

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T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

BRIDGEPORT centerfielder Jenae Vavrock dives as a ball lands between her and shortstop Tia Butler during Wednesday's Class 1-A OVAC semifinal.

# Ferry girls knock off St. Clairsville, 6-3

By KIM APPOLLONI  
Times Leader Sports Writer

Two young clubs battled it out on the hill-top in Martins Ferry Wednesday evening with the Lady Riders pulling out a 6-3 win over rival St. Clairsville.

Both clubs have struggled to get in the win column, but are playing with several freshman and sophomores in their respective lineups. With the win the Riders improve to 5-10 while the Red Devils fell to 4-9.

"Finally we got a couple key hits with runners on base," smiled Rider skipper Jess Cordery. "We have played well defensively and we have had solid pitching. We just have not been able to hit the ball in key situations; tonight we did and we picked up a good win. If we can continue to do that I feel we can make a run in the tournament."

Leading 3-2 in the bottom of the fifth inning, sophomore hurler Sarah Slenski placed two aboard before the bases were jammed when the Rider's Sarah Clark beat a throw to third on a fielders choice. On the next play Slenski got Shayla Outward to hit one hard to promising freshman third baseman Jessie Machovina who scooped it and promptly threw out Clark at home. A wild pitch plated a run.

With runners on second and third, junior standout Courtney "Sis" Frohnapfel stepped in a drilled a gapper to center. The twin-bagger scored two tallies and when the ball was mishandled in the outfield, Frohnapfel alertly raced to third. Senior Allison Wright made contact to chase in Frohnapfel to end the scoring for the Riders.

The Red Devils took an early 2-0 lead on the hosts as they tallied a run in the second and fourth innings. Freshman Alexis

Emrisko ripped a single and scored on a Rider drop in the outfield for a 1-0 count.

The invaders from the Belmont County seat started the fourth with three straight singles. Sophomore Tashia Hummel led off with one up the middle, followed by a hit from senior Ashley Gillespie. When Emrisko ripped one to right, Hummel raced in, but junior Sarah Clark made an outstanding throw gunning her down at the dish. Slenski stepped up and got a sacrifice RBI for a 2-0 showing before pitcher Taylor Campbell placed the final out in the inning herself.

In the Purple fourth, freshman catcher Casey Rykowski stepped up and knotted the contest at 2-all with a two-out, two run double. The hit came with two strikes and was a shot. Cordery remarked, "Casey has been hitting the ball pretty well and has the potential to be a very good player. I couldn't be happier for her because she works hard and loves the game. That's a very clutch hit for a freshman. It really gave us a lift."

The Devils recaptured the lead in the fifth, 3-2, when senior Cheryl Vicker doubled with two in the books. Freshman Taylor Clark drove her in with a base hit into center field.

The Riders had a pair of young bucks combine to get the mound decision. Freshman Kristy DelGuzzo started the contest and sat down four batters and didn't issue a pass before being replaced by sophomore Taylor Campbell with one out in the fourth. Campbell fanned three and walked one to notch the win.

Frohnapfel added a base hit to go with her two-run double. DelGuzzo chipped in with a single. Emrisko had two base hits on the evening.

Slenski had six whiffs, two walks and hit one batter in a complete game effort.

# Linsly boys upend Monroe Central; River girls cruise

AT Wheeling, Linsly's Alex Kozusko teamed with Pat Milton and Mark Dodd on a two-hit shutout. Kozusko struck out six and did not issue a walk.

Chris Kiedaisch singled and doubled, good for two RBIs. Dodd delivered two singles and a run batted in. Derek Miller also singled twice and knocked in one. Contributing RBI hits were Jordan Medley, Alex Stephens and Milton.

## SHENANDOAH 6, BARNESVILLE 0

AT Sarahsville, the Zeps' Eric Matheny and West Raticzak teamed to blank Barnesville on two hits. The duo totaled eight strikeouts and four walks.

Tyler Kurtz and Clint Healey worked the hill for the now 9-5 Shamrocks who were scheduled to host Martins Ferry this evening.

## BRIDGEPORT 6, BISHOP DONAHUE 2

AT McMechen, Bridgeport's Justin Gregorcic stopped Donahue on three hits. He recorded seven strikeouts and two walks. Gregorcic also starred at the plate, socking two singles and knocking in two teammates.

The 5-8 Bulldogs were slated to host Weirton Madonna this afternoon.

## SHADYSIDE 9 ST. JOHN'S 0

AT Bellaire, the Tigers' Cody Kubancik and Josh Enix teamed on a three-hit shutout.

The duo totaled five strikeouts and four walks. Brennan Binni recorded 10 Ks for the Irish.

Enix singled and doubled for the Orange. Heath Brooks singled and knocked in a pair; Kraig Kubancik contributed a single and double.

Binni, Nick Falcone and Corey Lyden each singled for the Green.

## BUCKEYE LOCAL 7, MARTINS FERRY 0

AT Ferry, the Panthers' Brad Hughes blanked Ferry on four hits. Hughes struck out two and also walked a pair. Justin Sutphin belted two singles and knocked in a Panthers' run.

Brandon Borkoski and Vinny Iadanza contributed RBI base hits.

Josh Nagel and Marco Ricchetti drilled doubles for the Purple.

## ST. CLAIRSVILLE 3, HARRISON CENTRAL 2

AT CADIZ, Jared Clovis had a double and an RBI as St. Clairsville (12-4) edged Harrison Central.

The Huskies (1-13) received multiple hits from Jack Graham, Drew Phillips, Cody Coffman and Kody Reppart — each with two singles — in a losing effort.

## SOFTBALL

### EDISON 5, BELLAIRE 0

AT RICHMOND, Ashley Bendle struck out eight and blanked Bellaire on two hits in an Edison victory.

Bendle hit a double for the Wildcats (12-5), who also saw solid games from Nicola Leoni (two doubles) and Megan Antigo (single, triple).

### RIVER 18, BARNESVILLE 8

AT BARNESVILLE, River scored 10 runs in the 10th inning to win a wild affair against Barnesville.

Lexy Wells knocked in the winning run for the Pilots (4-12) and finished with two singles.

Tanya Altizer tripled and had two singles, while Caitlin Owens rapped a triple and two singles.

Megan Phillips homered and singled for the Shamrocks.

### MAGNOLIA 13, UNION LOCAL 3

AT MORRISTOWN, Alexa Jo Hanna picked up the victory and also hit two singles with an RBI as Magnolia routed Union Local.

Marissa Bosley added two doubles and two RBI for the Blue Eagles (12-2), followed by Dallas Mullett with two singles, a double, and three RBI.

Katie Lucas, Lindsay Shaffer, and Courtney Stack each had a single and an RBI for the Jets (7-12).

## Reds blank Astros

CINCINNATI (AP) — Edinson Volquez ended the longest current streak of domination in the majors by allowing only one hit through eight innings Wednesday night, leading Cincinnati to a 3-0 victory over Houston.

The Astros had won their last 11 games at Great American Ball Park.

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Van Every, a left-handed hitter, began the season on the disabled list with a sprained ankle and was activated April 24. He signed with the Red Sox as a minor league free agent following the 2007 season and played in 17 games with Boston last season. Van Every started in right field because J.D. Drew has been bothered by a sore quad.

Lewis and Van Every were teammates at various times and even roomed together occasionally.

"I've been around for a while," the 29-year-old Van Every said. "I know most of that team over there. I played with them coming up through the system. I made all the stops."

Lewis also allowed Jacoby Ellsbury's tying single in the eighth when Boston scored three times.

"It was a changeup down the middle," Lewis said of the home run. "Judging by his swing, it looked like he was sitting on it."

Van Every said: "I hit it good. It's all the power I've got."

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"We've made some mistakes here and there throughout the year, but we also know not to give up and we play seven innings," Witzeberger explained. "I told the girls before the game no matter what happens play the current moment all the way through, and we did that."

Ayla Spoljar's grounder was misplayed in the infield, allowing Cera to score and the bases to remain loaded.

However, Paczewski recorded a strikeout and then a groundout to avoid further damage.

"We had the bases loaded and couldn't execute," Magistro said. "We've been doing that pretty well all year, but when you get into these kind of games, you've got to be able to do the little things."

Cameron threatened in the top of the seventh. Kayla McConnell drove a triple down the right-field line, but Cera got a pop-out and a comebacker to get out of the jam.

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The Red Devils took an early 2-0 lead on the hosts as they tallied a run in the second and fourth innings. Freshman Alexis

The Riders had a pair of young bucks combine to get the mound decision. Freshman Kristy DelGuzzo started the contest and sat down four batters and didn't issue a pass before being replaced by sophomore Taylor Campbell with one out in the fourth. Campbell fanned three and walked one to notch the win.

Frohnapfel added a base hit to go with her two-run double. DelGuzzo chipped in with a single. Emrisko had two base hits on the evening.

Slenski had six whiffs, two walks and hit one batter in a complete game effort.

## Linsly boys upend Monroe Central; River girls cruise

AT Wheeling, Linsly's Alex Kozusko teamed with Pat Milton and Mark Dodd on a two-hit shutout. Kozusko struck out six and did not issue a walk.

Chris Kiedaisch singled and doubled, good for two RBIs. Dodd delivered two singles and a run batted in. Derek Miller also singled twice and knocked in one. Contributing RBI hits were Jordan Medley, Alex Stephens and Milton.

**SHENANDOAH 6, BARNESVILLE 0**  
AT Sarahsville, the Zeps' Eric Matheny and West Raticzak teamed to blank Barnesville on two hits. The duo totaled eight strikeouts and four walks.

Tyler Kurtz and Clint Healey worked the hill for the now 9-5 Shamrocks who were scheduled to host Martins Ferry this evening.

**BRIDGEPORT 6, BISHOP DONAHUE 2**

AT McMechen, Bridgeport's Justin Gregoric stopped Donahue on three hits. He recorded seven strikeouts and two walks. Gregoric also starred at the plate, socking two singles and knocking in two teammates.

The 5-8 Bulldogs were slated to host Weirton Madonna this afternoon.

**SHADYSIDE 9 ST. JOHN'S 0**  
AT Bellaire, the Tigers' Cody Kubancik and Josh Enix teamed on a three-hit shutout.

The duo totaled five strikeouts and four walks. Brennan Binni recorded 10 Ks for the Irish.

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Binni, Nick Falcone and Corey Lyden each singled for the Green.

**BUCKEYE LOCAL 7, MARTINS FERRY 0**

AT Ferry, the Panthers' Brad Hughes blanked Ferry on four hits. Hughes struck out two and also walked a pair. Justin Sutphin belted two singles and knocked in a Panthers' run.

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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE 3, HARRISON CENTRAL 2**

AT CADIZ, Jared Clovis had a double and an RBI as St. Clairsville (12-4) edged Harrison Central.

The Huskies (1-13) received multiple hits from Jack Graham, Drew Phillips, Cody Coffman and Kody Reppart - each with two singles - in a losing effort.

**EDISON 5, BELLAIRE 0**

AT RICHMOND, Ashley Bendle struck out eight and blanked Bellaire on two hits in an Edison victory.

Bendle hit a double for the Wildcats (12-5), who also saw solid games from Nicola Leoni (two doubles) and Megan Antigo (single, triple).

**RIVER 18, BARNESVILLE 8**

AT BARNESVILLE, River scored 10 runs in the 10th inning to win a wild affair against Barnesville.

Lexy Wells knocked in the winning run for the Pilots (4-12) and finished with two singles.

Tanya Altizer tripled and had two singles, while Caitlin Owens rapped a triple and two singles.

Megan Phillips homered and singled for the Shamrocks.

**MAGNOLIA 13, UNION LOCAL 3**

AT MORRISTOWN, Alexa Jo Hanna picked up the victory and also hit two singles with an RBI as Magnolia routed Union Local.

Marissa Bosley added two doubles and two RBI for the Blue Eagles (12-2), followed by Dallas Mullett with two singles, a double, and three RBI.

Katie Lucas, Lindsay Shaffer, and Courtney Stack each had a single and an RBI for the Jets (7-12).

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In the bottom of the third, Madonna's Sam Myers doubled and Megan Dulaney was plunked. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch and Myers was driven in by Nicka who reached on a throwing error. Maguire drove in a run during the inning and final tally of the contest crossed when Devin McCune lifted a sacrifice fly.

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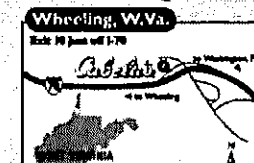
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 Steubenville Catholic first baseman Toni Jo Teramana, left, hands the ball to second baseman Emily Canella to record an out Saturday. View additional photos at [cu.news-register.net](http://cu.news-register.net)

# Crusaders Blank Cadets for Crown

## Bases-loaded walk scores the lone run

**Class AA Softball**

By **JIM ELLIOTT**  
 W.Va. Sports Editor  
 WHEELING — Chelsea Hutton didn't like it. Too high, too high. Standing in a pressure-packed batter's box with a full count and the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth inning of a scoreless game, Hutton's "good eye" helped her lay off a fastball from Linsly's Megan Byhanna, driving in the only run in Steubenville Central's 1-0 victory against the

Cadets on Saturday in the OVAC Class AA championship game at Lisa's Field.

"That was a tough, tough situation," Crusaders coach Jackie Rossi confirmed.

"We had gone down swinging all day. I thought we were chasing a couple pitches I didn't want them to chase, but she was able to hold back on that and draw that run in."

For a long time, there was a lot more painting than drawing in this one.

Byhanna and Steubenville Central's Melissa Costantini were matching zeros and frustrated opponents through the first 5 1/2 innings before the Crusaders loaded the bases with one out. Happ and Sara Ashmead both reached on bunt singles — two of their four hits for the game — and Kelly Costantini juiced the bases when she reached on an error. After Hutton walked, Byhanna whiffed back-to-back hitters to get out end the inning. She wound up with 10 strikeouts in suffering a finger nails-to-chalkboard type of loss.

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# Cameron Tops St. John

## Paczewski again the story in the circle for Dragons

**Class A**

By **SETH STASKEY**  
 For The Intelligencer

Cameron and St. John Central have gotten to know each other quite well during the last several seasons in the Class A OVAC Softball Tournament.

And putting it mildly, the Irish had the Dragons' number in the two prior meetings, both of which occurred in the championship game.

However, that was all in the past Wednesday evening when the two clashed in the opening semifinal game on Lisa's Field at the Chambers' I-470 Complex.

With a solid mix of old and young, the Dragons removed the Fighting Irish (15-6) from their backs and advanced to Saturday's 10 a.m. title game by virtue of a 3-1 victory

in eight innings.

"St. John's has been our nemesis for several years," Cameron coach Mark Witzberger said. "It's nice to have some veterans on this club, but everyone contributed to this game."

While the Dragons are preparing for Weirton Madonna, which blanked Bridgeport 6-0 in the nightcap, the Fighting Irish for only the second time in Jerry Magistro's nine-year coaching career will be nothing but spectators at the OVAC title game.

"What are you going to do?" Magistro asked. "I'd been following Cameron's scores all year, and I knew they had a solid team. They got some timely hits and we didn't."

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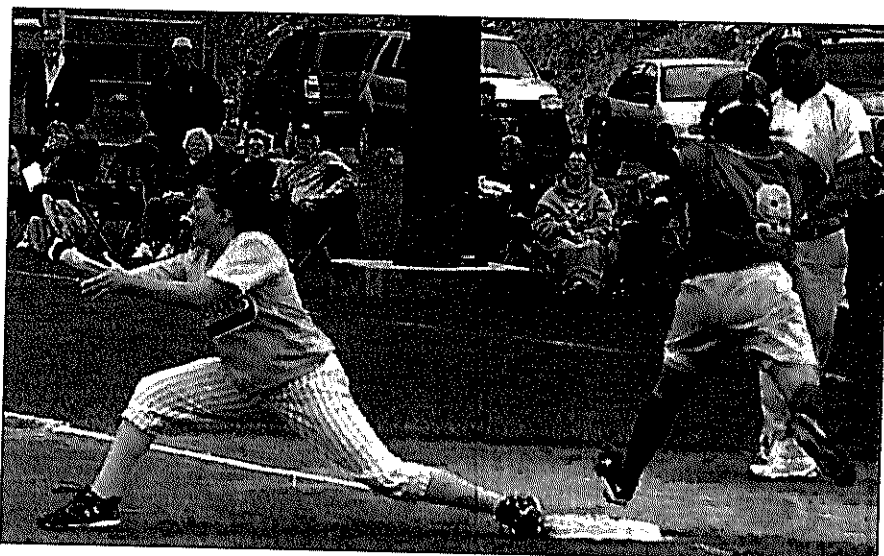


Photo by Seth Staskey  
 Cameron first baseman Janet Peterson stretches for a throw in time to get Bellaire St. John Central baserunner Rosa Young (9) during action of their OVAC Class A semifinal game Thursday at Lisa's Field in Wheeling.

# Crusaders Blank Knights

Costantini fires no-hitter  
for Steubenville Catholic

By NICK BEDWAY  
For The Intelligencer

Steubenville Catholic Central senior right-hander Melissa Costantini pitched her second no-hitter of the spring and the Crusaders pounded out 11 hits in defeating Wheeling Central Catholic 10-0 in six innings Wednesday evening at the Chambers Memorial I-470 Complex in Wheeling.

The runaway victory, No. 16 overall for Steubenville Catholic against just one defeat, advanced Coach Jackie Rossi's team into Saturday's OVAC Class AA Division finals against Linsly. The Cadets edged Monroe Central, 2-1, in the other AA semifinal played on Field No. 4.

Class  
AA

"Trying for the OVAC (title) has been one of our goals this season," Rossi said. "Last year Fort Frye took it to us in the first round and we've been a team on a mission this week."

Helping to bring that mission closer to reality has been the long-armed Crusaders pitching ace, who improved her own pitching mark to 14-1 by shutting down an opponent that has been a Steubenville Catholic nemesis in recent conference softball tournaments.

"Wheeling Central beat us the last two times we played them in the OVAC," Rossi pointed out.

Overcoming wildness problems in the first and fifth innings when she issued four of the five walks taken by the Maroon Knights, Costantini struck out seven. Crusaders second baseman Emila Canella, along with driving in three runs with a pair of singles and one sacrifice fly, saved the no-hit bid with an excellent play in the top of the fifth.

After Central's Kylie Gray reached via a free pass to start the frame, Wheeling Central pitcher Alexis Christakis stepped to the plate and hit a looper that appeared destined to land just behind the infield for a single. However, Canella retreated quickly and reached high above her head to snag the ball. Rachael Helms came up next and drew another walk only to have Costantini get the final two outs of the inning on infield ground balls.

Beside the walks, only two other Maroon Knights reached base in the mercy-rule shortened game that was halted in the bottom of the sixth after Steubenville Catholic had scored five times on six hits to go up 10-zip.

A dropped fly ball with two outs in the second inning allowed Gray to reach second. The Crusaders first baseman Lacey Murphy came off the bag while fielding a throw from shortstop Sarah Ashmead on Brittany Miller's ground ball in the top of the sixth.

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Before plans could be officially made for the Lady Colts, the Lady Huskies had to take care of the aforementioned Lady Jets.

Pelegreen and Union Local's Kayla Jack put up zero for zero in the first couple of innings.

Harrison Central finally broke through in the bottom of the third.

After Jack had sat down the first eight hitters of the game with relative ease, she issued a walk to ninth-hitter Morgan Heavilin. She came around to score two pitches later when shortstop Brooke Schultz rifled a double over the head of the UL outfielder.

Schultz came around to score on a single from Pelegreen.

Pelegreen went to the hill and retired UL in order, which became a recurring theme, during the final four innings.

"(Pelegreen) is a really good pitcher, but I am happy with how we made better contact than we did the first time we played them," said UL head coach Bridget Applegarth. "We didn't have base hits, but we made good contact."

The Harrison Central offense got it cranked up again in the fourth. Kaylee Horn reached on a fielder's choice and Sabrina Cunningham followed with a single.

After a pop-out, Kasey Pelegreen roped a double into rightcenter, plating the two aboard.

In the fifth, the Lady Huskies added an insurance tally. Sarah Pelegreen singled, stole second, moved to third on a single by Kasey Bethel and scored on a single by her battery mate Kristina Brandon.

Pelegreen finished eight strikeouts and issued nary a walk. She plunked a batter.

Union Local's lone hit was a solid single by Jack.

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UNION LOCAL first baseman Ashten Butler stretches for a put out on Sabrina Cunningham with umpire Bob Gabel moving in for the call during Saturday's Class 3-A OVAC semifinal in Elm Grove.

## Harrison girls blank UL to advance to 3-A final

By SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Editor

The Harrison Central Lady Huskies have received solid pitching all spring thanks to senior Sarah Pelegreen.

Saturday's OVAC Class 3-A semifinal against Union Local on Lisa's Field at the Chambers' I-470 Complex was no different, but Donnie Bethel left the field feeling even better than most days.

"We hit the ball well, fielded the ball well and got good pitching again," Bethel said. "I am really pleased with our effort and the focus the girls came to the field with today."

The results of those factors was a 5-0 victory, which earned the Lady Huskies (15-1) the right to return to Elm Grove Monday evening to meet Meadowbrook for the OVAC Class 3-A championship.

"We expected Union Local to come down here ready to play and they were," Bethel said. "That program is headed in the right direction, but I am really excited for our team."

Monday's championship game appearance will be just the second for Harrison Central. It last advanced in 2004 and fell to Martins Ferry.

"We've been here before, but we want to take the next step," Bethel said. "We've had some classic games with

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## OVAC Softball Tournament

### Bridgeport dispatches Beallsville

By **SETH STASKEY**  
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Adjusting to the velocity of a pitcher can take a few innings in girls' softball.

Thankfully for the Bridgeport Lady Bulldogs' sake, the adjustment process took only three innings.

After spotting Beallsville a 1-0 lead in the second inning, the Lady Bulldogs shook loose of the early leash and went on to post a 7-1 victory over the Lady Blue Devils in a Class 1-A OVAC Quarterfinal game.

"We came out flat without a doubt and our timing was off at the plate early," said Bridgeport head coach Bob Krajnyak. "Fortunately, we were able to overcome the deficit, but we were flat the entire game."

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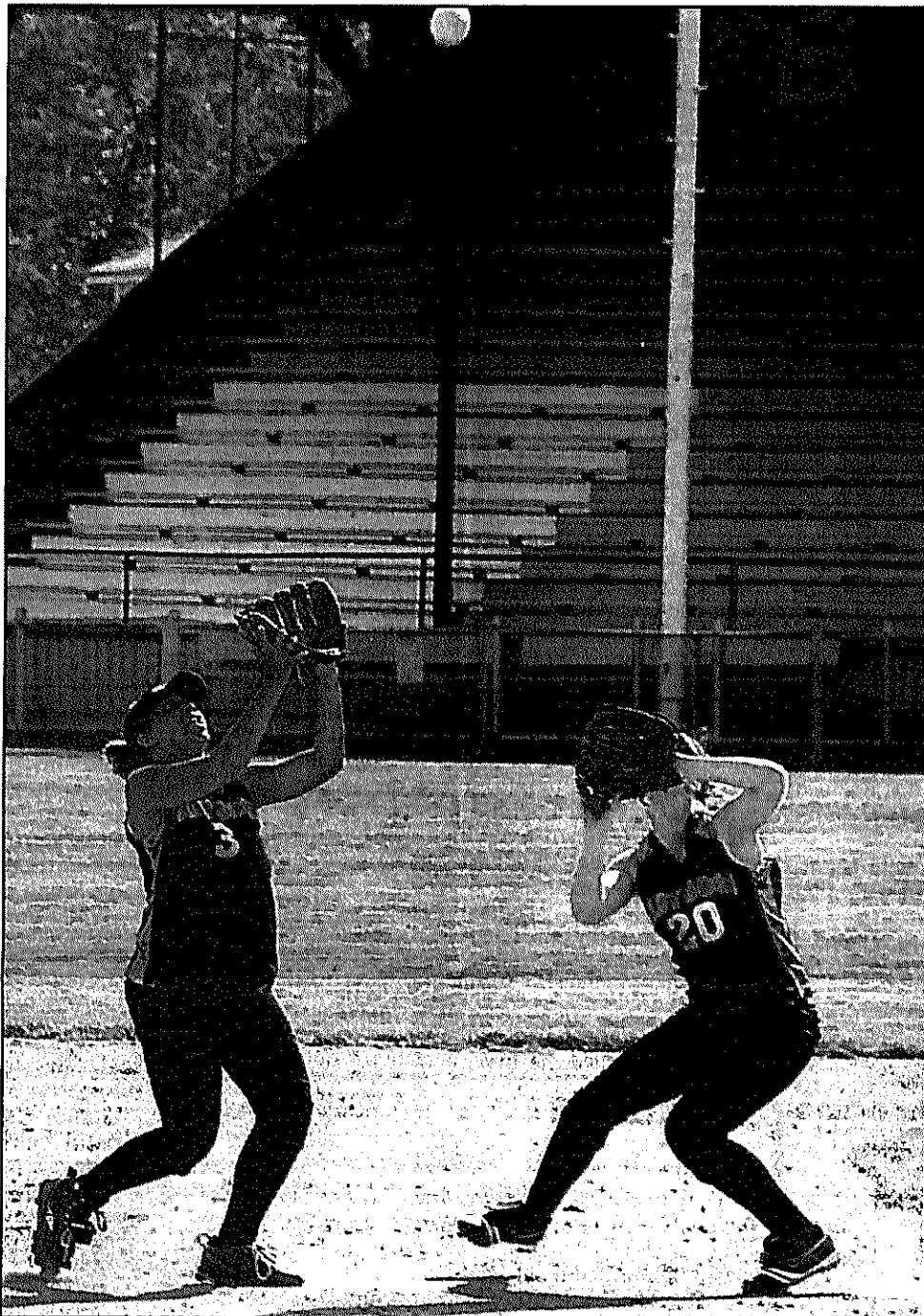
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In the home half of the fourth, Bridgeport (11-5) finally got its offense going against southpaw Cheyenne Moore who was effective early in the contest.

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**BRIDGEPORT SHORTSTOP** Tia Butler and second baseman Sarah Bowers converge on a pop-up during the first inning of their OVAC Class 1-A quarterfinal game on the Niekro Diamond at Perkins Field. The Lady Bulldogs prevailed by a 7-1 count to advance to Wednesday's semifinal. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

### Lady Irish strong in Class 1-A

• St. John rolls past Valley

By **KIM NORTH**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

St. John Central made short work of visiting Valley Monday night as the 2009 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference girls' softball tournament got underway.

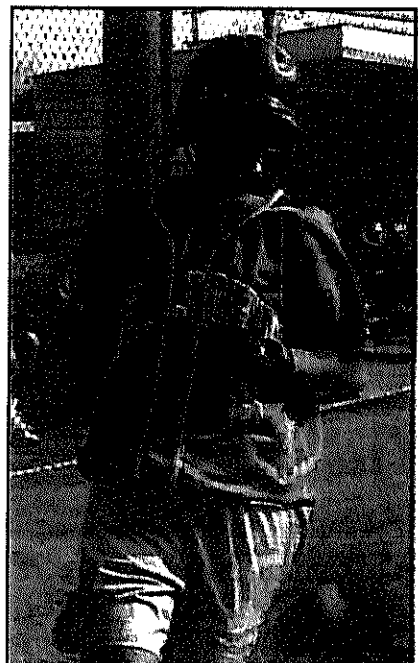
Such that the Lumberjills (9-12) spent nearly four hours on their bus traveling to and from Pine Grove to Bellaire to play exactly 71 minutes.

And when the dust had settled on the all-dirt infield at the 42nd diamond, 16 Lady Irish (14-5) baserunners had circled the bases and touched home plate in a 16-0 rout in Class A quarterfinal action.

"I can't ask for anything better than that," said St. John Central head coach Jerry Magistro. "We played a very solid game in all aspects."

Indeed, the Green-and-White did to the tune of 15 hits, no errors, near-perfect pitching and aggressive

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**ST. JOHN'S** Alexis Sharpe crosses the plate during Monday's Class 1-A quarterfinal in Bellaire vs. Valley.

### Harrison makes quick work of Bellaire

By **RICH GIBSON**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

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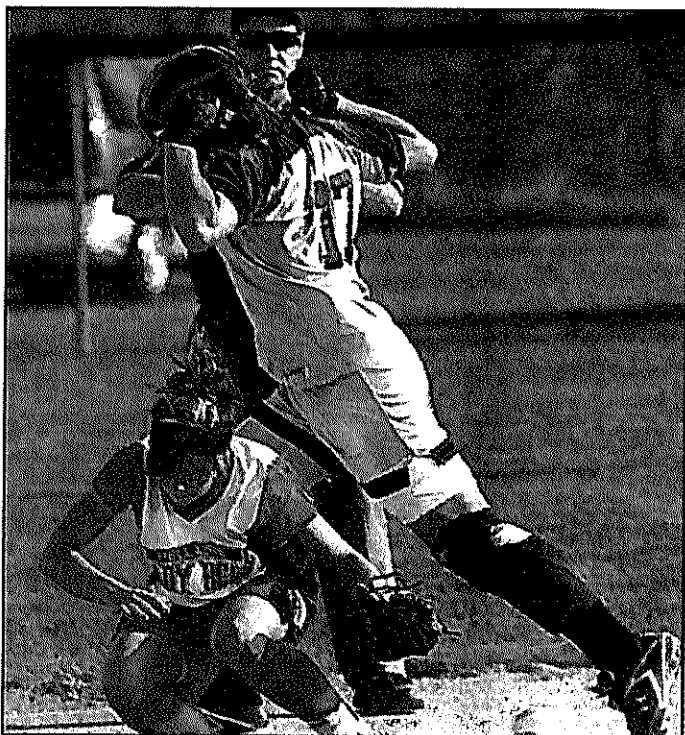
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"We're not unbeatable and proved that (at Weirton). It was good to put that game behind us," Bethel added. "Hopefully, we learned a lesson."

Harrison received another solid outing from ace pitcher Sara Pelegreen who allowed only a pair of infield singles to a Lady Reds' club which did nothing to help itself by committing four fielding errors.

Following a scoreless opening inning, Harrison erupted for four, second inning runs and later added a three-run fifth. "I thought we were aggressive at the plate and played pretty decent defense," Bethel observed.

First baseman Kaylee Horn singled to ignite Harrison's second inning uprising. Third baseman Sabrina Cunningham and right fielder Madison Richards then reached on consecutive infield hits that



**HARRISON CENTRAL** freshman Madison Richards tries to avoid Bellaire shortstop Katie Fry during Monday's OVAC Class 3-A quarterfinal game at Sally Buffalo Park. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

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scored a run.

Leadoff hitter Brooke Shultz then lined a two-run double to left center. Pelegreen followed with a sacrifice fly to left and it was a 4-0 lighting.

Bellaire threatened to retaliate in the top

of the third. Katie Fry and Sarah Marlin were in scoring position but Pelegreen induced an inning-ending ground ball.

Harrison added a run in the fourth. Shultz drew a two-out walk from Bellaire's

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### Union Local moves past Oak Glen

By **KIM APPOLLONI**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

Union Local's second-year head coach Bridgette Applegarth must feel like her team has taken her on an early season trip to Cedar Point.

The young Lady Jets have experienced the roller coaster of highs and lows this season. In Morristown Monday the Lady Jets were at the top of their game, capturing a 4-1 win over Oak Glen in OVAC AAA quarterfinal action.

With the win, the Lady Jets soar to 7-9 while the Hancock County crew



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fell to 7-10.

"We played exceptional defense tonight and that is exactly how we started the season," smiled Applegarth. "These girls can be very good when they are focused. We went through a period when we seemed to lose confidence midway through the season, but I liked our chemistry and intensity tonight. We're excited to be in the semifinals."

The hosts wasted no time jumping out to a comfortable advantage. With one out in the bottom of the first frame, junior second baseman Katie Lucas reached on a Golden Bear bobble before sophomore standout Kayla Jack ripped a single.

Shayla Lucas followed with an RBI single and a 1-0 showing. Sierra Yoho put the ball in play and reached via a fielder's choice because Bear hurler Erika Shuman gunned down Jack at the plate when she tried to score on Yoho's contact. With Yoho and Lucas aboard, promising freshman Ashton Butler drilled a deep shot to right, notching a pair of ribbies thanks to a timely three-bagger.

"I was really excited for Ashton (Butler)," added Applegarth. "For a freshman to step in and deliver a big hit like that says a lot about her. She had two strikes on her, but she kept her composure and really got into the hit. It really fired up the team and I think it sparked us in the field."

Shuman dug in and fanned the next batter for the final out of the inning, but the damage was done with the Jets holding a 3-0 edge.

Oak Glen got on the board in the fifth inning when Bethany Behanna opened the inning with a twin-bagger. She was replaced with a courtesy runner who tallied when Megan Watson put on on the dirt. Watson was thrown out, but Sarah Baker touched the dish.

Applegarth stated, "I thought Kayla (Jack) did a nice job just giving up one run in that inning. She showed a lot of poise and let the run go and then battled back and got their three and four hitters out."

McHaffie added, "We hit the ball hard tonight, but Union Local made some very good plays. We just couldn't get anything going on offense."

The Jets placed an insurance run in the books in the sixth stanza. Lindsay Shafer belted a single that chased in a speedy Yoho who reached on an error.

Jack ended the contest with five K's and just one walk. She scattered five hits. Shuman had seven whiffs and did not issue a free pass.

Lucas added a base hit in the third to go with her RBI single in inning one. Rachel Stahl chipped in with a base hit.

The Lady Jets are scheduled to travel to St. Clairsville tonight while the Lady Bears must wait a week to face Toronto.

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BATTERIES: Shuman and Behanna; Jack and Yoho

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baserunning.

"If we can continue to hit the ball like we did today, we'll be tough to beat," Magistro added. "Our pitching has been coming on and our defense has been getting better and better."

St. John Central, the regular season champions and No. 1 seed, tallied two runs in the first before sending 11 batters to the plate in a seven-run second frame. The Lady Irish tacked on four more runs in the third and finished off with three in the fourth.

The 15 hits were a season-high as hitting has not been St. John Central's main forte.

"We haven't been getting the clutch hits that we need, but tonight we broke out of that slump," he continued. "That was good to see."

Winning pitcher Ayla Spoljar knocked in what turned out to be the only run she would need with two out in the first as she singled to left to plate Rosa Young, who had doubled with one-out. After advancing to second, Spoljar would race home on Brandi Richards' looping single to shallow left-center.

Six different Lady Irish batters recorded a hit in the second-inning uprising, with Lakyn McFarland chasing home two teammates with a single. Spoljar promptly followed with a solid double to left-center that also drove in two. Gina Beekman and Kylie Caddell added run-producing base-raps.

Alisha Gould's two-run single highlighted the four-

run third, with Young and Caddell driving in the other two. Devon Kahl contributed a sacrifice fly in the fourth for a ribbie, while a trio of Valley errors led to the other two tallies.

"It only gets tougher from here on," Magistro advised. "We need to come ready to play every day. We can't afford to lose another game."

After making the trek to Toronto for a regular season game today, St. John Central meets fourth-seeded Cameron Wednesday at the I-470 Complex in Wheeling in semifinal action.

Young and McFarland each rapped out three hits, with Young pounding out a pair of doubles and scoring three times. McFarland also crossed the plate three times.

Spoljar was the beneficiary of the lumber attack as she allowed just a solid single to left by Heidi Shaw with one out in the second inning. Spoljar struck out six and walked only one, that coming with two outs in the fifth. She needed just 73 pitches - 52 strikes - and went to three balls on just two batters.

"Ayla was under the weather today. I could tell it in her face and in her eyes, but she sucked it up. She's that type of player," Magistro said.

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Michelle Palicka then raced home when Pelegreen pounded a triple to the left field fence.

The Lady Huskies came back for three more in the fifth. Catcher Kris Brandon belted a leadoff double and scored on Horn's base rap. Cunningham reached on an error preceding Richards' run-scoring single.

Pelegreen recorded nine strikeouts and issued a pair of walks. Bellaire's Palicka deserved a better fate. She fanned three and walked a pair.

Horn and Richards were multi-hitters for the now 14-1 Lady Huskies. Marlin and Megan Kowalczyk accounted for Bellaire's lone safeties.

Harrison Central has a regular season home game scheduled this evening against Indian Creek. The Huskies play a OVAC semifinal contest Thursday at Wheeling's I-470 complex.

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Harrison 040 130 x - 8 10 2  
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holding the Lady Bulldogs at bay.

Amelia Smith led off the fourth with a double and then was singled home by Shauna Bandy, who advanced to second when the outfielder misplayed the ball.

After an out was recorded and Bandy moved up to third, she crossed the plate on an error in the infield on a hard-hit ball by Bev Reed.

The Lady Bulldogs went back to work in the fifth. Hard-hitting junior Rachel Benda drilled a double into rightcenter, which scored Smith. Benda later scored on a Reed single, who also came home. She was driven in by pitcher Taylor Lohr who helped her own cause with a single into left.

"If our middle hitters aren't hitting, it's going to be tough for us to win a ball game," Krajnyak said. "We've got a good chance to win every game we play if we get our bats going."

Defensive breakdowns plagued the Lady Blue Devils once again the sixth. Tia Butler reached on an error and was moved around to third on a double by Smith. Butler then scored on a wild pitch. Benda - who is coming off a week in which she hit better than .600 - singled again to score Smith.

While the offense was coming alive, Lohr was seemingly mowing the Lady Blue Devils down. She faced just one over the minimum after the second inning and that was a single by Kristen Lallathin. For the game, she fanned six and walked just two.

"Taylor's done a nice job for us this year," Krajnyak said. "She's come with her head ready to play every game this season, and I can't say anything bad about her."

Junior Cammie Groves had two singles and senior Kristin Lallathin had the other hit for the Lady Blue Devils.

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BATTERIES: Moore and Groves. Lohr and Bandy.  
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Florida pitcher seeks fifth no-no

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) - A Florida high school pitcher is trying for his fifth consecutive no-hit game.

Mitchell High School senior Patrick Schuster will try to extend the streak Tuesday afternoon in a district tournament start in Clearwater.

The 18-year-old left-hander - who has already signed to play at the University of Florida - notched his fourth straight no-hitter last week in a win at home, setting a new Florida state record.

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extra runs after the bullpen squandered a 5-3 lead in the eighth: Carlos Villanueva allowed a two-out, two-run double to Freddy Sanchez.

The Pirates came into the three-game series winners of five of six and were off to their best start since 2002.

Milwaukee's five-run outburst in the bottom of the inning spoiled a potential save situation for all-time saves leader Hoffman, who was primed and ready but stood watching in the bullpen while the Brewers kept pouring it on.

"It was a long wait, kind of obviously felt longer because of the circumstances. But, when you're scoring five runs, nobody's going to be upset about it," Hoffman said.

"I'm not into drama. Those guys did a great job." Brewers reliever Todd Coffey (1-0) earned the win after Pirates reliever Tyler Yates struggled.

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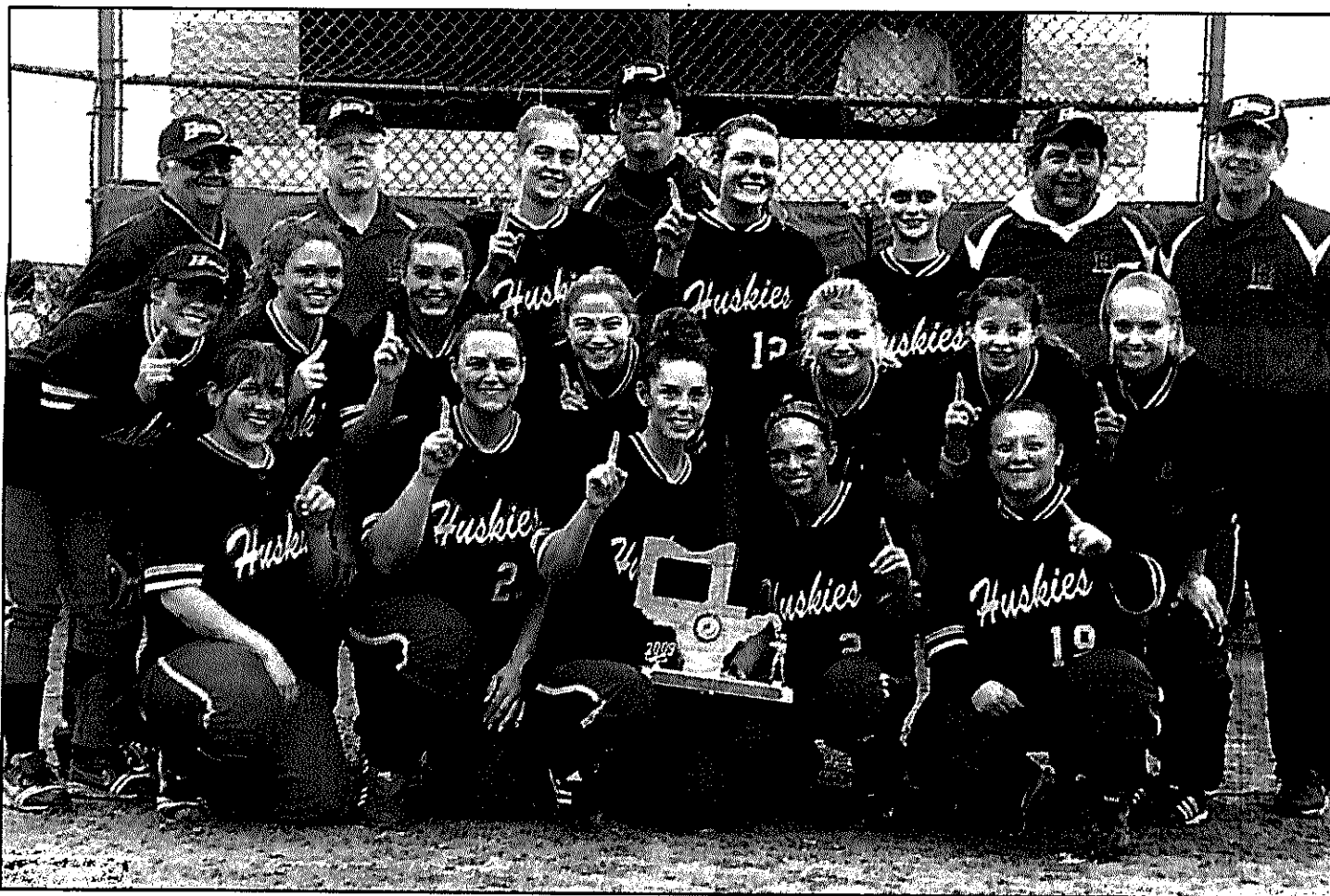
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**THE HARRISON** Central Lady Huskies pose with their first OVAC Softball Championship trophy following their 1-0 victory over Meadowbrook Tuesday evening on Lisa's Field at the I-470 Chambers Complex. Additional images may be viewed at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

## Worth the wait

• Harrison Central outlasts Meadowbrook, 1-0 for first OVAC softball title

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Harrison Central's been close before in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Softball Tournament.

After several empty trips to Elm Grove, the Lady Huskies finally reached the top of the Class 3-A mountain in dramatic fashion Tuesday evening on Lisa's Field at the Chamber's I-470 Complex.

The Lady Huskies pushed the game's only run across in the bottom of the seventh to knock off Meadowbrook, which has been the tough-luck OVAC runnerup the past two springs.

"I am really, really happy for the girls," said Harrison Central head coach Donnie Bethel, grasping the OVAC hardware. "This is really special because of the amount of time and work the girls put in to get to this point. This is definitely one of our goals."

The Lady Huskies and Lady Colts met in the middle of April and hooked up in a pair of dandies with Harrison Central senior ace Sara Pelegreen and Meadowbrook ace Kinsi Tellep battling it out, inning for inning on the rubber.

The Lady Huskies eventually swept the doubleheader, including posting a 1-0 win in 14 innings in which Tellep was the tough-luck loser with an astounding 37 strikeouts.

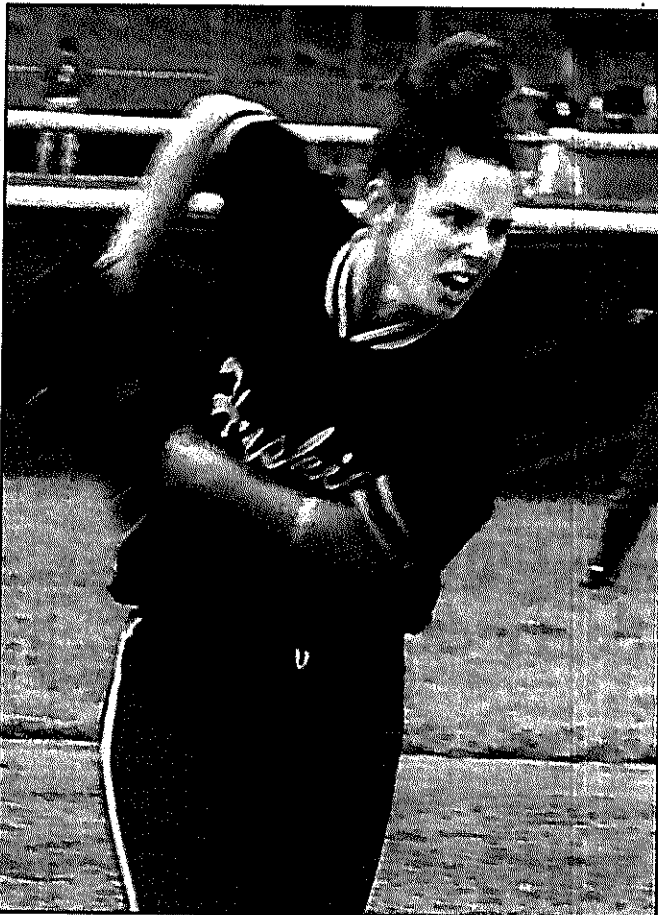
Looking back at that game, Bethel — who coaches his softball team much like a baseball team — opted to take more of a small-ball approach and had many of the players in his lineup bunting to at least put the ball in play.

"We wanted to take a page from the Dean Harrah's School of Baseball," Bethel said. "That is get the ball down on the ground, make (Tellep) move around a little bit and try to get her out of sync a little bit."

For the better part of six innings it was all moot.

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*'I think we slayed the dragon tonight.'*  
— Harrison coach



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**HARRISON CENTRAL** senior pitcher Sara Pelegreen delivers a pitch to the plate during Tuesday's OVAC Class 3-A softball championship game at Lisa's Field at the Chambers I-470 Complex in Elm Grove.

## Pelegreen vs. Tellep didn't disappoint

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

The cliché that good pitching stops good hitting couldn't have been any more true than during Tuesday's OVAC Class 3-A softball championship game in Elm Grove.

If that cliché continues this spring, the Harrison Central Lady Huskies could be playing a good while.

Matching up against another one of the OVAC's premier pitchers in Meadowbrook Kinsi Tellep, Harrison Central senior ace Sara Pelegreen didn't bat an eye lash.



"I thought coming into the game, we'd better be ready for a long game," Pelegreen said moments after being named the game's Most Valuable Player in her team's 1-0 win.

But what else is new.

The Lady Huskies' ace has been doing it that way for years.

The West Virginia State recruit has been close in the OVAC Softball tournament and spent her freshman season awaiting a turn behind another outstanding Lady Huskies' pitcher in Katy Leeper.

She and the six other Lady Huskie seniors have been playing together since the

seventh grade and now collectively will make the trip to Wheeling on May 18 for the Banquet of Champions where they will pick up their championship banner.

"This is amazing," Pelegreen said. "We've been together since seventh grade and we're all real close."

Coming into the game, much of the pre-game hype surrounded the matchup of the aforementioned ace pitchers and rightfully so after witnessing zero for zero being traded for the first six and a half innings.

Pelegreen and Tellep are friends off the field, having played during summer events

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together and have a mutual respect for one another. The two played in an underclassmen all-star game together.

"Kinsi is a really good pitcher and she kept the ball moving on us and out of the strikezone," Pelegreen said. "We came through when we needed to thankfully."

Pelegreen wasn't as sharp as she's been at times this spring. She fanned six, hit a batter, walked one and allowed three hits.

"I was just focused on not allowing (Meadowbrook) to hit the ball hard," Pelegreen said. "There was one time when I had the count at 0-2, but I threw a fastball and she almost cranked it over the fence. I didn't pitch as well as I usually do. I was working harder today and sometimes it just doesn't go the way you want it to."

Pelegreen recorded six defensive assists and two putouts. One of those putouts was an injury-saver catch in the circle. Tellep rifled a pitch back through the middle, but Pelegreen stuck out her glove and pulled the 'look what a found' approach to defense on a softball diamond.

"I saw my life flash before my eyes on that play," Pelegreen laughed. "I was scared, but there wasn't a lot of time."

Pelegreen was happy and somewhat surprised when she heard head coach Donnie Bethel's game plan of attempting to bunt more than usual, trying to ignite the offense against Tellep, who fanned the Lady Huskies 37 times during their meeting in April, which Harrison won 1-0 in 14 innings.

"I think the bunting was a good approach today," Pelegreen said. "It worked well against (Tellep) because we struggled so bad to put the ball in play the last time."

Let's not forget in the OVAC semifinals, Tellep recorded all 21 outs via the K and had just one walk, so igniting the offense is a must anyway possible against the Lady Colts.

Tellep finished with seven strikeouts and allowed just two hits, both of which came in the seventh inning when the Lady Huskies pushed their run across.

Pelegreen is also quick to compliment the work done by her battery mate Kristina Brandon behind the plate. The two have been playing together for the better part of 10 years coming up through the ranks, meaning in a few weeks when the two officially separate will be awful tough.

"Kristina and I have been pitching and catching together since the seventh grade," Pelegreen said.

"I don't know what I am going to do when I don't have her catching me anymore. She's going to West Liberty, so I will be playing against her next year, which will be really strange."

While extremely excited about the OVAC title, don't think for a minute that the Lady Huskies are content.

"Our goal is to make it past the districts," Pelegreen said. "We've been to the district the last couple of years, but I want to go further."

The Lady Colts committed nary an error and the Lady Huskies had nary a hit. Harrison Central did manage a runner in the fourth, but she was retired when called out for leaving the base too early.

The Lady Huskies came to the plate in the bottom of the seventh with the top of its order due up against Tellep who had fanned seven to that point and faced the minimum.

Freshman shortstop Brooke Schultz looped a single into centerfield. She moved up to second on a passed ball, but was held there after Pelegreen's sacrifice attempt was caught. However, second-baseman Kasey Bethel got her bunt down and Schultz moved up to third, bringing up the aforementioned Brandon.

Brandon waited back on a Tellep offering and lined it back up the middle. It deflected off Tellep's shoulder and caromed into the outfield, bringing Schultz home with the game-winning run.

"She just waited on a real nice pitch," Bethel said. "When she waits back, she can be a real dangerous hitter, but what a timely hit. (Meadowbrook) definitely hit the ball harder than we did today, but in this sport it's all about when you get the hit and where the runners are."

Tellep — who has now lost four games on the season by 1-0 verdicts — was the tough-luck loser despite allowing just two hits and fanning seven.

"(Tellep) is a great pitcher," Bethel said. "I think we slayed the dragon tonight. We're really happy that we could do that for a second time this season."

Meadowbrook had some opportunities on Pelegreen long before the Lady Huskie bats came alive.

The Byesville-based school had a pair of runners aboard with no one out in the fourth, but an attempted sacrifice hit the batter outside of the batter's box for an out and then a strikeout and a ground out back to the circle ended the rally.

In the top of the sixth, the Lady Colts threatened again.

After a strikeout, Kylee Williams was plunked by a fastball. She went to the bench in favor of a courtesy runner. After Pelegreen got a lazy flyout to left, the runner moved up to second on an errant pick-off try. She then moved up to third on a wild pitch.

Pelegreen then issued a free pass to Chelsey Roberts, putting runners on the corners.

"We were fortunate tonight," Bethel said. "Our defense came up with big plays when we needed them."

Catcher Kristina Brandon caught the runner at third napping and made a snap throw to Sabrina Cunningham who applied the tag to get out of that jam.

"We definitely had some chances to get on the board," said Meadowbrook head coach Bridget George. "We just couldn't get a break to go our way."

Pelegreen fanned six runners, walked one and hit a batter. She also had six defensive assists and two putouts, including snaring a line drive off the bat of Tellep.

"We're fortunate to have the pitching that we do, and I take nothing away from Sara," Bethel said. "There's no doubt about it that Sara's been a major key to our success all year and she still is."

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# Huskies Back on Track

### Pelegreen whiffs nine in victory

**By RICH GIBSON  
For The Intelligencer**  
CADIZ — It was a long weekend for Donnie Bethel and his Harrison Central softball team.

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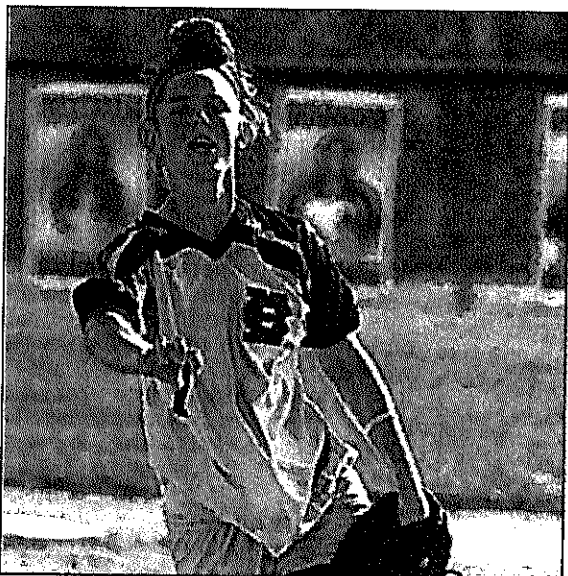
second-inning runs and later added a three-run fifth.

"I thought we were aggressive at the plate and played pretty decent defense," Bethel said.

First baseman Kaylee Horn singled to ignite Harrison's second-inning uprising. Third baseman Sabrina Cunningham and right fielder Madison Richards then reached on consecutive infield hits that scored a run.

Leadoff hitter Brooke Shultz then lined a two-run double to left center. Pelegreen followed with a sacrifice fly to left and it was a 4-0 lead.

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Harrison Central's Sara Pelegreen delivers to the plate against Bellaire.

Photo by Mike Palmer

## Eagles Blank Devils

### Tharp's arm, Murdock's bat lead the way

**By TRACY WATSON  
For The Intelligencer**  
NEW MARTINSVILLE — There is no question that the road to an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAA championship will not be an easy one with powerhouses such as Harrison Central, Meadowbrook and Magnolia all looking to take that path.

**Class AAA** While the Huskies and Colts may still be on the horizon, Coach Mark Batton's Blue Eagles took care of the first obstacle in their way Monday afternoon on the home diamond.

Freshman Tori Tharp kept St. Clairsville's hitters at bay, scattering three hits, and Corrine Murdock chased home four runs with a homer and single as Magnolia cruised to an 8-0 blanking of the Red Devils in an OVAC Class AAA quarterfinal contest.

The victory moves Batton's squad to 13-2 and into a Thursday evening matchup with either Meadowbrook or Martins Ferry at the Chambers I-470 Sports Complex.

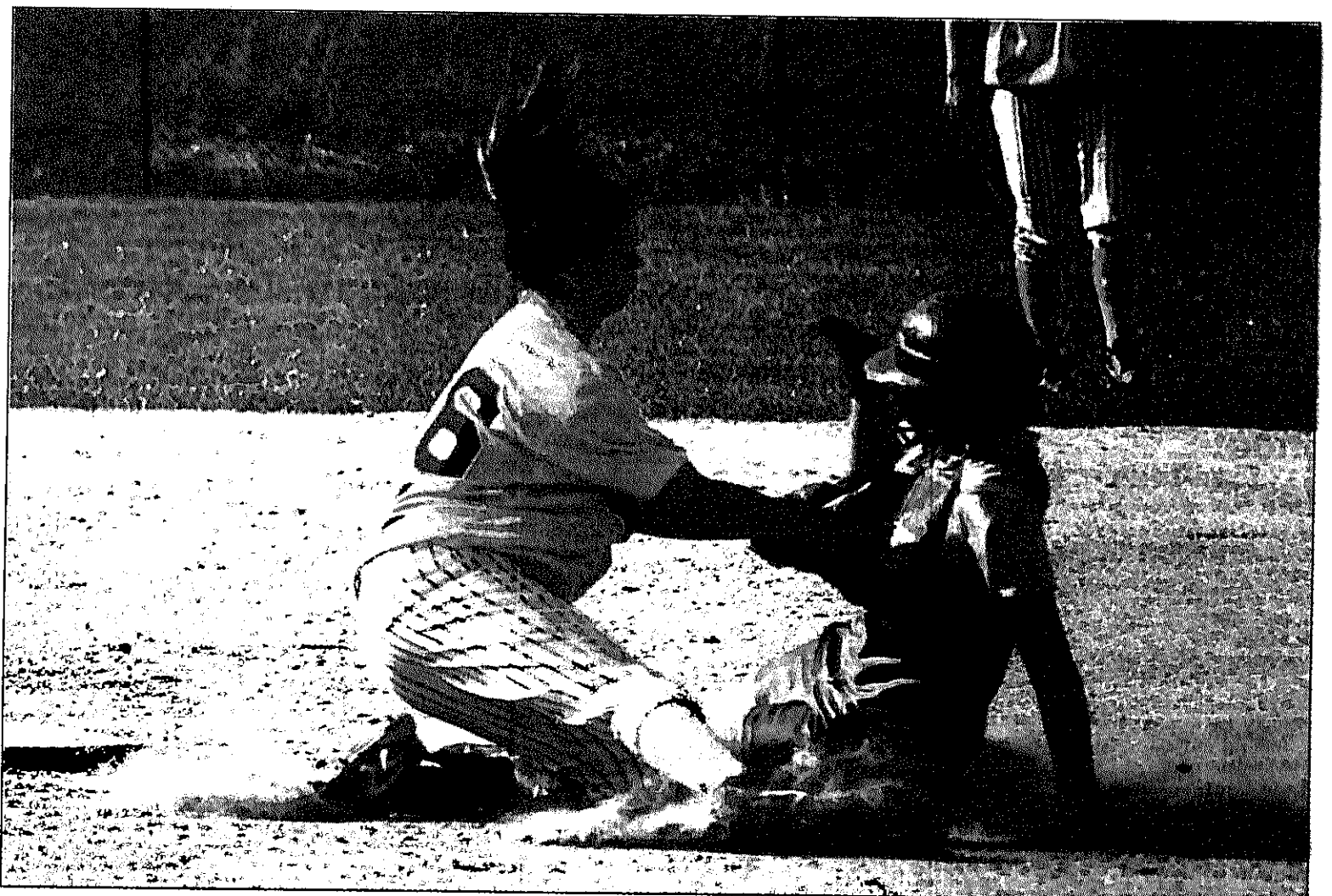
"There are a lot of very good, quality teams in Class AAA," Batton said. "And we don't get the opportunity to see many of them during the regular season. We did get to play Harrison Central and Meadowbrook last year and look forward to the opportunity to do that again."

"No matter what the score was, I think St. Clairsville showed that they are another good team in this division."

It took a Red Devils error with one out in the bottom of the first to open the gate for Murdock, who drilled the first pitch she saw deep over the left-center field fence for a quick 2-0 lead, and the only runs the hosts needed.

A two-out walk to Dallas Mullett followed by senior Bree Carr's run-scoring double into the right-center gap pushed the lead to 3-0 in the third.

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Bishop Donahue's Taylore Barry is tagged out Monday by Cameron shortstop Kelsey Allen during their OVAC Class A Tournament game at Cameron. The Dragons were victorious, 2-1. View additional photos at [cu.theintelligencer.net](http://cu.theintelligencer.net).

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# Dragons Squeeze By Rival Bishops

### Frosh Paczewski allows three hits against Donahue

**By JIM ELLIOTT  
W.Va. Sports Editor**  
CAMERON — When it was all said and done, the scoreboard read 'Cameron 2, Bishop Donahue 1' after Monday's OVAC Class A softball tournament quarterfinal, but it might well have said 'Mental Errors 2, Bishop Donahue 1' the way Bishop coach Curt Mele was reading it.

Taking nothing away from Cameron — nobody keeps that mashing lineup down forever — Mele felt like he was watching a rerun.

"If we can cut out the mental mistakes — and we have like two a game — we'd be tough to beat," Mele said. "But we always have that bonehead inning."

The Bishops had two of those Monday, though that wording may be a little strong. Cameron tied the game in the fifth when Bishop Donahue threw to the wrong bag, allowing a run to score after earlier permitting a seemingly catchable popup fall harmlessly to the ground. The Dragons scored the game-winner in the sixth when the Bishops couldn't get a handle on a ball hit 15 feet behind third base, allowing Janet Peterson to score from second.

Bishop Donahue scored its run in the first inning when Taylore Berry walked, stole second and third, and walked home after a ringing double

**Class A**

by Sarah Blazer.

Everything in between was done by the pitchers, Tara Paczewski for Cameron and Blazer for Bishop Donahue.

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# Blank Devils

Tharp's arm, Murdock's bat lead the way

By TRACY WATSON  
For The Intelligencer  
NEW MARTINSVILLE —

There is no question that the road to an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAA championship will not be an easy one with powerhouses such as Harrison Central, Meadowbrook and Magnolia all looking to take that path.

**Class AAA** While the Huskies and Colts may still be on

the horizon, Coach Mark Batton's Blue Eagles took care of the first obstacle in their way Monday afternoon on the home diamond.

Freshman Tori Tharp kept St. Clairsville's hitters at bay, scattering three hits, and Corrine Murdock chased home four runs with a homer and single as Magnolia cruised to an 8-0 blanking of the Red Devils in an OVAC Class AAA quarterfinal contest.

The victory moves Batton's squad to 13-2 and into a Thursday evening matchup with either Meadowbrook or Martins Ferry at the Chambers I-470 Sports Complex.

"There are a lot of very good, quality teams in Class AAA," Batton said. "And we don't get the opportunity to see many of them during the regular season. We did get to play Harrison Central and Meadowbrook last year and look forward to the opportunity to do that again."

"No matter what the score was, I think St. Clairsville showed that they are another good team in this division."

It took a Red Devils error with one out in the bottom of the first to open the gate for Murdock, who drilled the first pitch she saw deep over the left-center field fence for a quick 2-0 lead, and the only runs the hosts needed.

A two-out walk to Dallas Mullett followed by senior Bree Carr's run-scoring double into the right-center gap pushed the lead to 3-0 in the third.

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Photo by Jim Elliott

Bishop Donahue's Taylore Barry is tagged out Monday by Cameron shortstop Kelsey Allen during their OVAC Class A Tournament game at Cameron. The Dragons were victorious, 2-1. View additional photos at [cu.theintelligencer.net](http://cu.theintelligencer.net).

# Dragons Squeeze By Rival Bishops

Frosh Paczewski allows three hits against Donahue

By JIM ELLIOTT  
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CAMERON — When it was all said and done, the scoreboard read 'Cameron 2, Bishop Donahue 1' after Monday's OVAC Class A softball tournament quarterfinal, but it might well have said 'Mental Errors 2, Bishop Donahue 1' the way Bishops coach Curt Mele was reading it.

Taking nothing away from Cameron — nobody keeps that mashing lineup down forever — Mele felt like he was watching a rerun.

"If we can cut out the mental mistakes — and we have like two a game — we'd be tough to beat," Mele said. "But we always have that bonehead inning."

The Bishops had two of those Monday, though that wording may be a little strong. Cameron tied the game in the fifth when Bishop Donahue threw to the wrong bag, allowing a run to score after earlier permitting a seemingly catchable popup fall harmlessly to the ground. The Dragons scored the game-winner in the sixth when the Bishops couldn't get a handle on a ball hit 15 feet behind third base, allowing Janet Peterson to score from second.

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# Johnson, Patriots Shut Out Big Red, 10-0

Bunt single in first is all Park ace allows in rout

By NICK BEDWAY  
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Wheeling Park ace Angela Johnson struck out 10 and allowed just one hit, a bunt single leading off the game, as the Patriots rolled past Steubenville 10-0 in Monday's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAAA Division softball quarterfinal played at Lisa's Field in Wheeling.

Speedy Big Red third baseman T.T. Snyder pushed a bunt toward the circle and easily beat Johnson's throw to first base to open the game. Just three other Steubenville batters got aboard in the matchup that was shortened to six innings because of the mercy rule.

**Class AAAA**

Hannah Meyer walked starting the second inning but was erased on a 2-3-6 double play when she strayed too far off the bag on Brittany Roberts' sacrifice bunt. Park catcher Carley Slater fielded the ball in front of the plate and her throw to Shannan Orum at first base retired Roberts. Orum then spotted Meyer off the bag and delivered a strike toward shortstop Amy Mathieu, who applied the tag to complete the DP.

Big Red's Alexis Auteri reached on a throwing error in the fourth inning, while Snyder walked in the sixth.

"When you're facing Angela Johnson, you have to get the bat on the ball," Steubenville coach David Ziarko said. "We couldn't do it very

often. A couple of times when we hit a ball hard, it was right at them."

"Definitely, she's up there with the best pitchers in the OVAC," Ziarko continued. "(Monday) she did a good job of pitching around the play, making us swing at pitches that were out of the strike zone."

After that leadoff single by Snyder, Johnson delivered only 10 more pitches in the first inning, nine of which were strikes as she fanned the side. She whiffed two batters in the third and fourth innings and recorded one strikeout in each of the other innings.

The victory improved Wheeling Park's overall record to 16-2 and advanced the 2008 OVAC runner-up Patriots into Thursday's semifinals against Parkersburg South.

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# Byhanna Throws No-Hitter

Central wins behind the bat of Siebieda, 11-7

Prep Roundup

SARAHSVILLE — Megan Byhanna came one walk from a perfect game Monday as Linsly blanked Shenandoah 2-0 in an OVAC Class AA softball quarterfinal.

Byhanna finished with 14 strikeouts for the Cadets (7-9).

Caitlyn Johnson singled and scored a run for Linsly, while Byhanna provided the other RBI.

## Wheeling Central 11, Fort Frye 7

BEVERLY — Madison Siebieda belted four singles as the Maroon Knights advanced behind a 13-hit day.

Rachael Helms, Maggie Ball, Kylie Gray and Lauren Baker all added two each for Wheeling Central (14-9).

## Steub. Catholic 10

Caldwell 0

STEUBENVILLE — Paige Creamer fired a one-hitter, fanning 11 and walking one as Steubenville Catholic cruised past Caldwell.

Brianne Bahen had two singles for the Crusaders (15-1), while Emily Canella rapped a triple, two singles and had two RBIs.

## Class A

### Bridgeport 7, Beallsville 1

BRIDGEPORT — Bev Reed slapped three singles and Rachel Benda doubled, singled and knocked in two runs as Bridgeport took care of Beallsville.

Taylor Lohr tossed a one-hitter for the Bulldogs (11-5), striking out four and walking two. She aided her own cause with a double and single.

Cammie Groves doubled for the Blue Devils.

## St. John Central 16

Valley 0

BELLAIRE — Ayla Spoljar hurled a one-hitter as St. John Central rolled past Valley.

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and single, while Rosa Young had two doubles and a single.

## Weirton Madonna 15

Paden City 0

WEIRTON — Rebecca Stewart hurled a one-hitter, striking out 10 and walking none as Weirton Madonna rolled past Paden City.

The Blue Dons (8-5) scored 10 runs in the third inning.

Stephanie Magnone tripled, singles and plated three runs for Madonna.

## Class AAAA

### Parkersburg South 7

Indian Creek 2

PARKERSBURG — Sammie Fordyte struck out seven and singled with an RBI as Parkersburg South advanced.

The Patriots (19-4) scored six runs combined in the fifth and sixth innings to take control.

Haley Mays and Emily Mathieu doubled and singled for the Redskins (9-6), while Gabbi Davis had two singles with an RBI.

## Cambridge 11, Beaver Local 1

CAMBRIDGE — Paige Young struck out 11, walked none and allowed four hits for Cambridge.

Young, Chanell Ford and Kayla Francis had two hits for Cambridge (12-3).

## Edison 6, Buckeye Local 0

RICHMOND — Ashley Bendle fired a two-hitter as Edison blanked Buckeye Local.

Bendle finished with 12 strikeouts and two walks.

## Class AAA

### Union Local 4

Oak Glen 1

MORRISTOWN — Union Local scored three runs in the first inning and that's all the Jets would need to punch a ticket to the conference semifinals.

Shayla Lucas belted two doubles and knocked in a run for the Jets (7-10), while Ashton Butler tripled and plated two runs

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Magnolia turned three singles, a walk, and a hit batsman into four more runs and a 7-0 margin in the fourth.

Carr and Abbey Horner had run-scoring singles in the inning, while Murdock's two-run base hit to left gave her four RBIs.

Horner added another RBI single in the sixth following Carr's second two-out double.

"We were able to make the routine plays that you have to have to get outs," Batton said. "Tori struggled a little bit at times, but she managed to battle back, keep the ball down and get outs."

"I really think their pitcher did a great job also with her off-speed stuff. She really had us confused for a while. Corrine's home run in the bottom of the first was

a big boost and we got more timely hitting along the way and came through with runners on.

"St. Clairsville is a very nice, fundamentally sound ballclub."

Carr finished with a single, two doubles and an RBI while Horner, Murdock and Alexa Jo Hanna all had two safeties apiece. The Red Devils were limited to three singles.

# Patriots

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Ziarko's youthful Big Red stand at 9-9.

Park's offense also had a big day, pounding out 11 hits against Steubenville sophomore Terri-Lynn Wolfe. Caitlin Jividen led the hit parade with two singles and a two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth that finished a four-RBI day for the senior Park infielder.

Slater and Kirsti Scott added two hits each, while Taylor Cope knocked in two runs with a single. Also with RBI hits were Alyssa Abrigg and Elizabeth Kosowski.

"This was a good day," pointed out Patriots coach Dee Davis. "Teams usually don't get much off Angie and when our sticks are going, we're tough to beat."

Right now, everything seems to be working for the Patriots, according to the veteran coach.

"Our defense is good. Our pitching is good and we are hitting the ball with runners on base," Davis said.

Park also might have some additional motivation for the OVAC Tournament. Davis pointed out the Patriots were disappointed at being the No. 2 seed after handing top-seeded Edison its only loss of the spring. The point system worked against Park during the cutoff week as it finished up with games against Class AA Wheeling Central and Class A Bishop Donahue.

"If we didn't play those games we would have been the top seed," Davis said.

After being held hitless the first two innings by Wolfe, the Patriots exploded for four runs in the third inning. Scott beat out a slow roller to the right side for Park's first hit and she raced around the bases to score when Abrigg belted an RBI double over the head of the Big Red left fielder, who made the costly mistake of starting in on the ball after it left the bat.

Mathieu reached on a two-base outfield error as Abrigg stopped at third. Kosowski's RBI single advanced the lead to 2-0 and Jividen finished off the rally with her two-run single past shortstop.

The Patriots advantage reached 7-0 in the fifth inning, as Jividen singled and the next two batters reached base on blown force plays by the Big Red infield. Shannan Orum walked forcing in a run and, one out later, Cope's single plated two more Park runners.

The game came to an end an inning later when the Patriots scored three more times. After Kosowski walked with one out, Jividen crushed a spinner thrown by Wolfe, rocketing the ball well over the fence in left center. After Johnson singled, Slater hit a shot down the left field line that fell off Shanna Robert's glove for an RBI double to bring home the 10th and final run.

# Squeeze

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Paczewski, a freshman who combines a hard fastball with a changeup that, when hit (a rarity), becomes a souvenir in the stands on the batter's pull side, struck out nine and yielded three hits.

She ran into little trouble after the first — only twice the rest of the way did a runner get into scoring position.

One of those times was the sixth when Bishop Don-

ahue was threatening to take a 2-1 lead of its own. Berry singled up the middle, was bunted to second by Alexis George and moved to third on a groundout by Blazer. Paczewski then induced Lindsay Cook to pop up harmlessly to center field.

"Tara buckled down when she had to," Witzberger said.

Cameron's first real chance to score came in the

third when Bungard doubled with one out and moved up on a wild pitch. Blazer blew a fastball past Morgan Hughes and got Shelby Wood to pop up to shortstop.

## Game notes

Down to her last strike, Bishop Donahue's Megan Norman singled with two outs in the seventh to extend things before Morgan Pelley was retired by Paczewski to end things.

# Huskies

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Bellaire threatened to retaliate in the top of the third. Katie Fry and Sarah Marlin were in scoring position but Pelegreen induced an inning-ending ground ball.

Harrison added a run in the fourth. Shultz drew a two-out walk from Bellaire's Michelle Palicka then raced home when Pelegreen pounded a triple to the left-field fence.

The Huskies came back for three more in the fifth. Catcher Kris Brandon belted a leadoff double and scored on Horn's base rap. Cunningham reached on an error pre-

ceding Richards' run-scoring single.

Pelegreen recorded nine strikeouts and issued a pair of walks. Bellaire's Palicka deserved a better fate. She fanned three and walked a pair.

Horn and Richards were multi-hitters for the 14-1 Huskies. Marlin and Megan Kowalczyk accounted for Bellaire's lone hits.

Harrison Central has a regular-season home game scheduled today against Indian Creek. The Huskies play a OVAC semifinal contest Thursday at Wheeling's I-470 complex.