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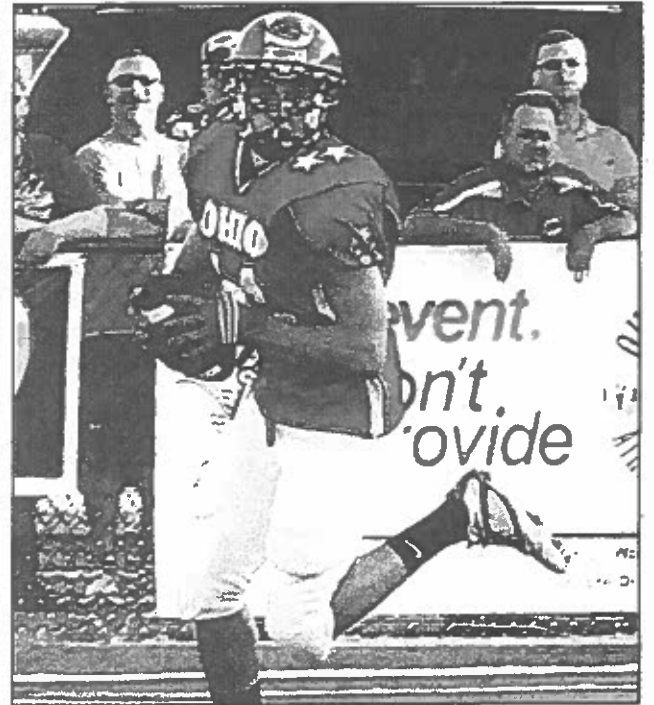
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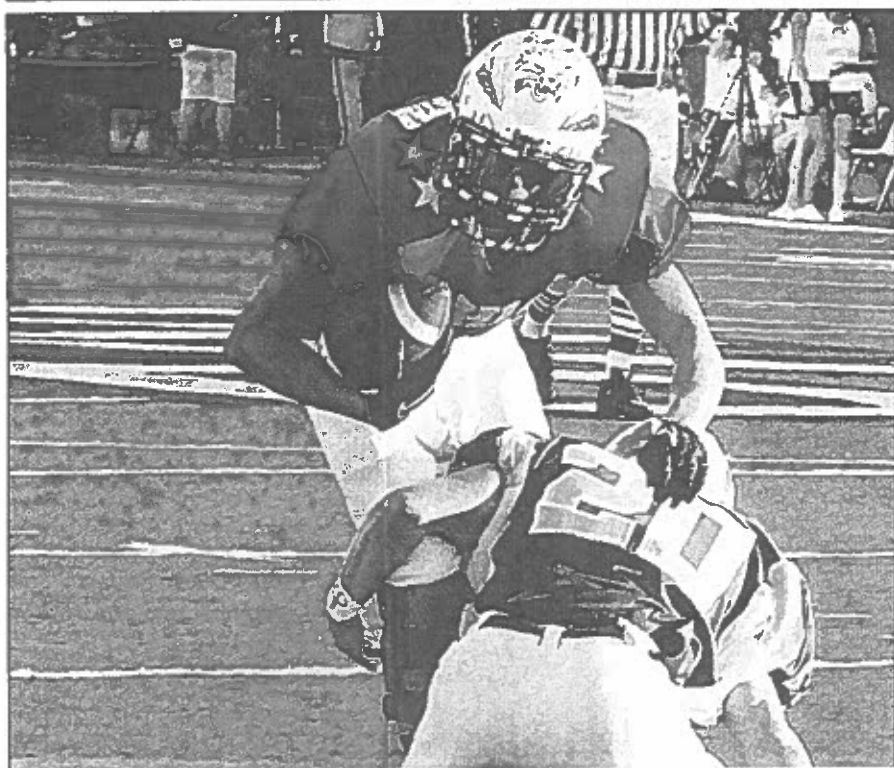
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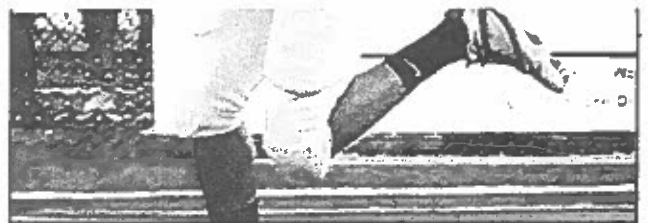
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And believe it or not, there's still more on the horizon for one of the first families of football in the Ohio Valley.

In late June, Martins Ferry head coach Dave Bruney took his rightful place in the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

Then earlier in this month, the entire Bruney family was recognized by the Lou Holtz Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame's Heritage Family Award. And next month, Fred Bruney will be inducted into the OVAC Hall of Fame in Wheeling.

Then there's what happened Sunday evening at Wheeling Island Stadium, which

Brooke High head coach Tom Bruney will never forget.

In his first head coaching assignment of the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, Bruney directed his Mountaineers to their first victory in the bi-state clash since 2004.

"To win this game after the amount of work you put into just makes it even sweeter," Bruney said. "When you work as hard as these kids and coaches did all week and not to win just leaves a sour taste in your mouth, but this was great."

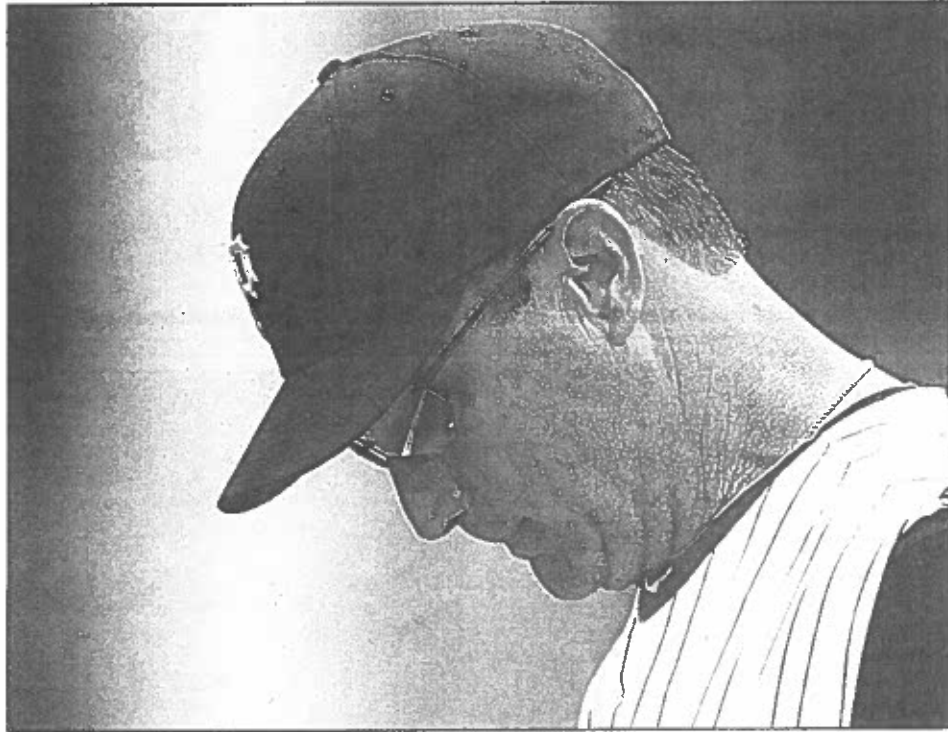
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OHIO'S Dalton Smith runs through the tunnel during pre-game introductions. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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Indians • OVAC fall to Tampa

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Brignac staked Wade Davis to a 3-1 lead with one swing, then made a diving stop to help the right-hander remain unbeaten in July as the Rays beat the Cleveland Indians 4-2 Sunday.

"I was at the right place at the right time," Brignac said of taking away at least one run and possibly two with his stellar seventh-inning stop. "To help save it means more to me."

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West Virginia went into the lockerroom looking up at a 7-3 deficit, but was still riding a ton of momentum. Parkersburg South's Michael Molinari connected on a 47-yard field goal with just over five minutes to go in the half.

It appeared as if Ohio was about to tack on a late touchdown. The Buckeyes - behind Monroe Central's Derek-London Dierkes - marched to the West Virginia red zone with relative ease.

However, a shot-gun snap soared over Dierkes' head for a loss of seven. With nary a time out, the Buckeyes scrambled to get the field goal unit on the field, but St. Clairsville's Logan Cook had his kick blocked after a bull rush up the middle.

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Opting for Barnesville's Dalton Smith, the Buckeyes' offense went back to work.

After moving close to midfield, Smith was picked off, but the ball was then jarred loose into the arms of Indian Creek's Doren Thomas, who raced it to the 36.

Seven plays later, Smith found Steubenville's Trey Wiggins who raced to the left pylon for the touchdown. Cook's PAT was perfect and it was a 17-14 score.

"I was hoping it would stay 17-14," Bruneu said in reference to the final score when he played for Ohio in 1981.

With just under 5 minutes to go, Pabolish opted for an on-side kick, which didn't pan out well at all for

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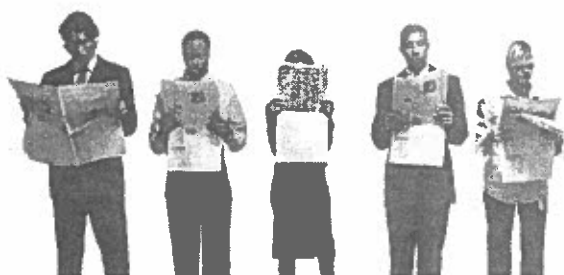
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While it's been a big summer for the Bruney's, it's been a big year for Ohio head coach Ron Pobolish. He led his Panthers to their first-ever home playoff game, an OVAC and Buckeye 8 title during his final season at the helm. He was then honored earlier this month at a huge surprise retirement party.

It's those factors which won't get Pobolish down despite the Buckeyes' setback.

"I've said all week, this game's not about me," Pobolish said. "I coached my final game against Canal Fulton Northwest (in the playoffs) and now I'm going to smoke a few cigars, mow the grass and spend time with my family."

SETH'S SCOOPS

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■ THE ROYALTY was once again crowned at halftime. John Marshall's Shelby Fankhauser was crowned 2010 Queen of Queens. She played the flute for her talent during last Friday's pageant. Locally, St. John Central's Alexa Macri - who was brilliant singing Friday - finished as first runnerup. Bellaire's Abbie Merryman was crowned Miss Congeniality.

■ IT WAS nice to see the standing ovation given for the former all-stars from the 1953, 54 and 55. It's great to see so many of those players return to their roots and take part in the honor given Sunday evening. If we're around, it'll be interesting to see how many of the 2010 stars return in some 60 odd years.

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Ohio broke on top early in the second quarter by putting together an eight-play, 57-yard touchdown drive. Three completions by Dierkes and a 17-yard scramble set up a 10-yard TD run by the ex-Seminole QB, with Cook adding the PAT kick for a 7-0 Ohio lead at the 11:07 mark of the second quarter.

West Virginia countered with a 10-play series which stalled at the Ohio 30, leading to a booming 47-yard field goal by Molinari which pared the lead to 7-3 with 5:14 left in the first half.

The Buckeyes had another scoring chance late in the half, moving from their 36 to the West Virginia seven before a bad snap forced a 32-yard field goal try by Cook that was blocked.

West Virginia finished with a net of 145 offensive yards, including 101 rushing and 44 passing. Wallace accounted for a good portion of the yards, rushing 13 times for 65 yards and completing 7-of-9 passes.

Ohio's offensive output included 149 through the air and 90 on the ground for a total of 239. Smith completed 10-of-21 aerials for 113 yards after entering the fray late while Dierkes was 5-of-12 for 36 yards. Dierkes rushed 13 times for 59 yards and Tyler Hardesty (Cambridge) chipped in four rushes for 18 yards in the early-going. Brandon Nicholes (Union Local) had four catches for 38 yards and Bobby Spence (Buckeye Local) caught three for 41 stripes.

Bruney, who had kicked the winning field goal for Ohio representing his alma mater, Martins Ferry, back in 1981, said the entire experience was a memorable one made even moreso by the victory.

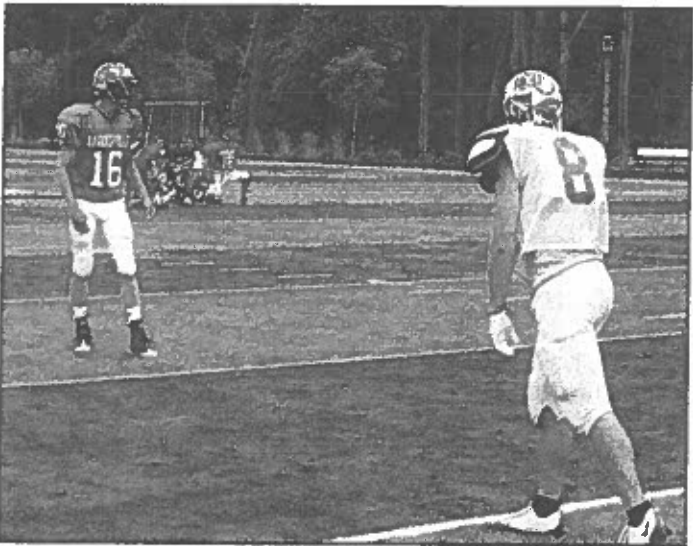
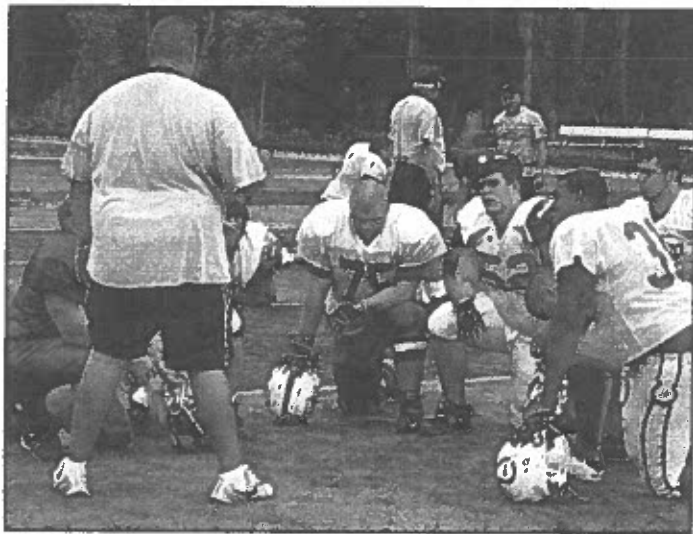
"It was a tremendous experience," he related. "When you put that much time in, you want to win so you don't go away with a sour taste. Now we've got 364 days where West Virginia rules."

In addition to Cambridge's Hardesty and Barnesville's Smith, the local area was represented by offensive guard Zac Wojciechowski of Cambridge, outside linebacker Josh Riggins of Meadowbrook and wide receiver-outside linebacker Wes Rataiczak of Shenandoah.

At halftime, John Marshall's Shelby Fankhauser was crowned the 2010 Queen of Queens. The rest of the court included Alexa Macri of St. John Central (first runner-up), Timothi Williams of Brooke (second runner-up), Jessica Bailey of Wheeling Central (third runner-up), Gabbi Davis of Indian Creek (fourth runner-up) and Abbie Merryman of Bellaire (Miss Congeniality).



OVAC All-Stars continue preparations for the game



Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian

The Ohio All-Stars continued preparing for the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic slated Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium during workouts at West Liberty University. Scenes from the camp include (top left) Cambridge's Zac Wojciechowski (75) and the other offensive linemen taking a break while receiving a few words from assistant coach Nate Skrzypek; (top right) Cambridge's Tyler Hardesty discussing a defensive setup with assistant coach Phil Pest; (bottom left), Shenandoah's Wes Rataiczak (8) and Barnesville's Dalton Smith (16) lining up against one-another; and (bottom right) Meadowbrook's Josh Riggins talking with assistant coach Andy Weiss. Sunday's game kicks off at 7:15 p.m.

Our Opinion

Night of Stars

IT IS said that football is king in the Ohio Valley. That being the case, his royal gridness ascends his throne tonight at the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Prep stars from Ohio and West Virginia will vie at Wheeling Island Stadium, climaxing a week of pageantry and camaraderie. The game is one of the features of the summer season and marks the official kickoff of the high school football for 2010.

The players have been put through a rigorous practice schedule in oppressive weather conditions. Despite the abbreviated preparation time, we are certain Coach Ron Pobolish (Ohio) and Coach Tom Bruney (West Virginia) will have their respective teams primed to perform at peak levels.

We wish both sides the best of luck and we are rooting for an injury-free contest.

The game, however, is just one piece of a sparkling pigskin puzzle. The Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic has often been termed an extravaganza.

We believe that is truly the case.

The football is accentuated by a myriad of events and activities.

The McDonald's All-Star Band brings together more than 200 local prep musicians. In just a few days of practice, they blend their talents into a magnificent musical machine.

Nearly two dozen young ladies add beauty and grace to the festivities as they compete for the right to be crowned Queen of Queens at halftime of tonight's game.

Leading the cheers will be some of the best cheerleaders in the conference as some 20 spirit-generators from both sides of the river will be spurring on the players and crowd.

Not to be forgotten are participants from years' past. A 10-year reunion for the game's participants in 2000 will be held while all-stars from the games in 1953, '54 and '55 will also be recognized.

Game director Bob Koch and his staff leave no stone unturned in putting on a gala affair.

We tip our helmets to all those who help make the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic just that -- a classic.

As a result, there are no losers tonight. Everyone involved is a winner, especially charity, which has realized more than \$800,000 from past games.

OVAC Game Officials, Sponsors Praised

Editor, News-Register:

On behalf of the 1953-54-55 Football All-Star team members, I am taking this opportunity to commend the OVAC committee, sponsors, and particularly Thomas Rataiczak and Ronald Miller for their outstanding details to the activities held in honor of the team members that were in attendance at the All-Star Game. What a spectacular ALL-STAR RECEPTION for the teams that participated 55 plus years ago. OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE.

Carl Huber
Jefferson Union, 1955

West Virginia Names Coaches

Bruney pleased to be
bringing assistants

OVAC All-Star Football

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

West Virginia head coach Tom Bruney knew what he was looking for when he picked his roster for the July 25th Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

He also knew what he was looking for when he was picking a coaching staff for the Mountaineers to take on Ohio.

"We had quite the experience at Brooke last year," Bruney said. "We're coming down to the all-star game with some coaches who've been with us, some new

coaches who we've recently hired and some holdovers from last year."

Joining Bruney on the West Virginia sideline at Wheeling Island Stadium next month and during camp at West Liberty University are Paul Julio, Frank Sisinni, Troy Fetty, Scott Joseph and Stuart Goldstein.

Here's a capsule look at the West Virginia coaching staff:

TOM BRUNEY — The Bruins head coach played for the Buckeye State in 1981, but now he's going to try to do all he can to knock off the Ohio squad.

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Bruney's been a football coach for 25 years, but it took only one season to recreate the magic of Brooke football after he guided the Bruins to a 10-0 regular season and an eventual spot in the West Virginia Class AAA title game where they fell to South Charleston.

Prior to arriving at Brooke, Bruney has made several coaching stops. He was an assistant at his alma mater, Martins Ferry, for five years. He's also coached at the University of Toledo, West Liberty State College and Maryvale High School in Arizona. He later became the head coach of Maryvale, which is located near Phoenix, for 12 years. He was the head coach for one season at both Astabula Lakeside and Maple Heights in Ohio.

He was named The Intelligencer Coach of the Year and WTOV-TV Coach of the Year last season, and was a finalist for OVAC Coach of the Year.

Other accolades on Bruney's resume include six-time Regional Coach of the Year in Arizona and five-time regional champions in Arizona.

Bruney, who earned his bachelor's degree from Ohio University and M.A. from Ohio Wesleyan, owns a career record of 114-51.

Tom and his wife, Shannon, have four children, Samantha (17), Zack (16), Niko (11) and Rocco (7).

PAUL JULIO — This veteran Bruins coach has been on the staff at his alma mater for 16 years.

Julio was a member of the 1985 state champion Bruins squad and also their 1986 team, which finished as state runner-up.

Paul then played four years of football at West Liberty State College where he eventually earned his degree.

Along with football, Julio also serves on the Bruins' track coaching staff.

Paul has three children, Carli Julio (9), Jackson Julio (4) and Alex Martin (19).

FRANK SISINNI — This former Bruin played on the Brooke that won the 1987 Class AAA state championship and finished ranked in the top 25 of the USA Today poll.

He began coaching shortly after finishing his degree at Fairmont State University. He's been a coach for 13 years, including the last four back at his alma mater. He's also coached at Steubenville High.

Sisinni, who is currently the Brooke baseball coach, has also coached basketball during his career.

TROY FETTY — This former Buckeye Local Panther is about to embark on his first football season working under Bruney at Brooke.

He's spent six years coaching football with a stint as defensive coordinator at Weir and has worked with, ironically enough, Ohio head coach Ron Pobolish at Buckeye Local.

Along with his football duties, Fetty also coaches wrestling at Indian Creek and was named 2006 OVAC Junior High Coach of the Year.

Fetty attended Ohio University and currently resides in Tiltonsville.

SCOTT JOSEPH — This former Purple Rider worked under Bruney last season and will return for another one.

Joseph graduated from Martins Ferry in 1990 and then went on to play four years at Ashland where he earned his degree. Along with football, Joseph has also coached track and field.

STUART GOLDSTEIN — This longtime Bruney friend is about to enter his first season as a Bruins assistant.

Goldstein moved to the area from Arizona where he and Bruney became close. He was a head coach for nine years in Arizona. He worked for three years each at Phoenix North, Phoenix Carl Hayden and Scottsdale Saguaro.

All told, Goldstein has 23 years in the sport of football. He's also coached track and wrestling.

Goldstein owns a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University.

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OVAC rosters set

• All-Stars from Ohio and West Virginia chosen for July 25th game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Earning the right to coach in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Football Game is probably the easy part of the equation surrounding the annual Rudy Mumley Charity Football Classic.

West Virginia's Tom Bruney and Ohio's Ron Pobolish both earned their way to the Sunday, July 25th contest at Wheeling Island Stadium thanks to brilliant seasons at Brooke and Buckeye Local, respectively.

However, shortly after the first of the year, game director Bob Koch handed



each coach the nominations of players and the tough part was under way.

Or was it?

"Actually, it was easy at first because we picked a team we thought we could win (the game) with," Bruney said. "But, then the original roster we submitted was sent back to us and we were asked to represent as many schools as we could, so we made the changes and we feel we've still got a good team we can compete with."

Pobolish, meanwhile, used the downtime he had after undergoing hip replacement surgery to sit down with his assembled coaching staff to choose who'd rep-

resent the Buckeyes.

"We took the recommendations of the coaches and tried to fill our needs as best we could with what we were offered," Pobolish said. "I've been around this game a lot of times and people always want to think Ohio is the favorite, but you've got to have the right combination of kids to be successful."

Bruney, like Pobolish, has been a part of several OVAC Games, including as a player in 1981 when he was a member of the Buckeye State and helped earn then Woodsfield High head coach Jay Circosta his first victory in the annual bi-state clash.

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"When I see the guys I played with after all these years we're still hugging each other and catching up because you make friends for a lifetime," Bruney said. "The experience of the game is a great thing for the kids and coaches, but you know when you go, you go into it looking to win."

West Virginia's not had much success of late in the game, finding itself on the short end of several decisive decisions of late. During those lopsided affairs, the Buckeyes are usually able to blow things up on the line of scrimmage, which Bruney observed as well.

"We tried to pick as balanced a team as we could, but the first guys we went looking for were linemen," Bruney said. "We feel the key for us is putting together good lines."

While Bruney was looking at linemen, Pobolish and his staff found quarterbacks a plenty, but names like Dwight Macon of Steubenville and Dylan Potts of River weren't available due to their Division I college careers.

"We're going to have to do a lot of evaluating (in camp)," Pobolish said. "We're not going to do much hitting

when we get there, but we've got to evaluate well and find the right pieces to fit. Because, when we get to camp, we're going to have guys who can adapt to different positions."

Both coaches have dealt with several roster changes since they first submitted their picks to Koch and the OVAC.

"We went after some kids from Zanesville and Wellsville and places like that, but for different reasons those kids decided not to play," Pobolish said. "Obviously, there are some guys we'd like to have on our team, but we feel good about who we've picked."

Bruney was in the same boat even after he had his original roster returned.

"We've had kids in other games, or they're a little bit injured or unable to play due to their college commitments," Bruney said. "None of the reasons were bad by any means, but we've got a lot of two-way players and they'll all fit into the puzzle somewhere."

The complete 2010 Ohio OVAC All-Star Game roster looks like this: Tyler Arigoni (Union Local), Jordan Banks (Steubenville), Brandon Bartrug (Buckeye Local), Mickey Bednar (Steubenville Central), Bobby Bennett (Bellaire), Shaun Berry (Zanesville), Jordan

Burriss (Martins Ferry), Seth Callarik (St. Clairsville), Logan Cook (St. Clairsville), Jamey DeVaul (Steubenville), Derek-London Dierkes (Monroe Central), Tyler Hardesty (Cambridge), J.J. Intorre (Beaver Local), Cody Kaiser (Harrison Central), Dylan Kimble (Shadyside), Nate Maleski (Bridgeport), Jake Mallernee (Harrison Central), Jarod Mellinger (Beallsville), Brandon Nicholes (Union Local), Devon Parson (Martins Ferry), Scott Peach (Edison), Rylan Pyciak (Buckeye Local), Wes Rataiczak (Shenandoah), Marco Ricchetti (Martins Ferry), Josh Riggins (Meadowbrook), Joe Rine (Buckeye Local), Dalton Smith (Barnesville), Bobby Spence (Buckeye Local), Dorian Thomas (Indian Creek), Seth Todd (Caldwell), Michael Wayt (Indian Creek), Trey Wiggins (Steubenville) and Zac Wojciechowski (Cambridge).

The complete West Virginia roster includes: Seth Barnhart (Oak Glen), Stingray Bates (Magnolia), Jared Blatt (Magnolia), Lou Comis (Madonna), Hunter Ferguson (Parkersburg South), Marcus George (Wheeling Park), Alex Gompers (Wheeling Central), Devin Harrison (John Marshall), Zach Hood (Wheeling Central), T.J. Howard (Weir), Andy Huggins (Magnolia), Dominique Jenkins (Wheeling Park), Mike Koscevic (Brooke), Craig Kuhar (Linsly), Jake Lilly (Brooke), Mikey Lough (Wheeling Park), Christian McGaughey (Madonna), Michael Molinari (Parkersburg South), Nick Nero (Madonna), Max Nogay (Madonna), Tyler Reed (Oak Glen), Sam Robinson (John Marshall), Cody Scott (Valley), Kyle Sims (Brooke), Ryan Small (Parkersburg South), Jordan Sorge (Wheeling Central), Nate Taylor (Tyler), Stefan Varner (John Marshall), Cotey Wallace (Brooke), Jordan West (Wheeling Central), Griffen Yocum (John Marshall).

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65th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic



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PICTURED ARE wide receivers and defensive backs for Sunday's 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. Front row, from left, are Trey Wiggins (Steubenville), Bobby Spence (Buckeye Local) and Seth Callarik (St. Clairsville). Back row, from left, are Michael Wayt (Indian Creek), Dylan Kimble (Shadyside), Wes Rataiczak (Shenandoah) and Brandon Nicholes (Union Local). Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

McGrew reflects on 1955 game

• Classes of '53 and '54 also to be honored

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Dan McGrew has been a part of football on all levels.

The Martins Ferry High School graduate played at Purdue University and then professionally before entering the coaching realm.

However, some of his fondest memories stem from two July weeks in 1955.

"Playing in this game was the big thing back then like I am sure it is today," McGrew said.

"It was an honor to be picked because we only had 25 players on the roster."

McGrew and 18 of his teammates along with the West Virginia squad as well as players in the 1953 and 1954 OVAC All-Star Games will be recognized during the first quarter of Sunday's 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic as the conference continues to recognize and pay homage to its rich football history.

"It's nice to be able to get together and see people you've not seen in a long time," McGrew said.

McGrew and several of his teammates and opponents spent the better part of an hour beginning to reminisce over lunch inside of WesBanco Arena Tuesday afternoon as they received instructions about Sunday's game.

"I don't know who all is planning on coming back, but I am excited to see whoever decides to come back," McGrew said.

Earlier in the summer of 1955, McGrew was honored to take part in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game, but it had nothing on what he experienced as part of the OVAC contest.

"To me there was no comparison in the two games," McGrew said. "It was good because there were good players from all over the state, but there wasn't

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'Playing in this game was the big thing back then like I am sure it is today.'

— Dan McGrew

Something's got to give

• Ohio secondary and W.Va. passing game expect to clash often

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

West Virginia head coach Tom Bruney doesn't hide the fact that he likes to throw the football.

His spread attack powered Brooke High to a 13-game winning streak and a spot in the West Virginia Super Six last December.

It'll be Ohio's defensive job to slow that attack down and it could be tough especially when you figure Bruney brought his quarterback Cotey Wallace along for the week after the record-setting campaign he had for the Bruins last season.

"We know what kind of athletes Ohio has over there," Bruney said. "We also know that we're not supposed to win this



game. Wherever you go, whether it's Kroger or to Sheetz or in the media, we're not supposed to win this game, but we're going to go out and work hard all week to win the game."

Wallace — who ran for more than 1,100 yards and passed for more than

2,100 yards — has been surrounded by plenty of weapons and an offensive line which is big and athletic.

"I don't know a lot about their team, but every year in this game (Ohio) is big, strong and fast," Wallace said. "It should be fun and I am expecting a really competitive game."

Wallace and Oak Glen's Seth Barnhart — who Bruney has been impressed with through the early practices this week — are ticketed to see most of the snaps for the Mountaineers during Sunday's 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"I know the offense and I am letting the other quarterbacks get more reps because

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Does Armstrong still have shot at Tour stage win?

PAU, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong came oh-so-close to the Tour de France stage win he's been yearning for in his final appearance, and one could still come with four racing days left.

The seven-time Tour champion ruled himself out of contention 10 days ago after struggling in the first Alpine challenge, and he's looking forward to retirement when the race ends in Paris on Sunday.

But Armstrong's coach says the American could win a stage.

"It's not yet finished," said Johan Bruyneel, manager of Armstrong's RadioShack team and the man who coached him during all his victories from 1999 to 2005.

"There's a single (mountain) stage left on Thursday ... we're going to try again," said Bruyneel, who also has coached the winner in nine of the last 11 Tours — including Spaniard Alberto Contador in 2007 and 2009.

Heading into the final rest day on Wednesday, Armstrong finished a

respectable — even impressive — sixth in Stage 16 on Tuesday by keeping up with and at times leading a breakaway bunch that got out early in the 124-mile trek up four nasty Pyrenean peaks.

Tuesday's stage, which featured a 40-mile ride down from the Aspin pass, wasn't suited for a possible Armstrong win as long as he was surrounded by other — and mostly younger — riders.

After a plodding day of climbs, his 38-year-old legs weren't ready to battle the final bunch sprint won by France's Pierrick Fedrigo.

"It was full-gas all day," said Armstrong. "It's been awhile since I sprinted ... Just not quick enough. I'm not the best guy in the race but I still have the spirit of a fighter."

The main race contenders, including overall leader Contador and his closest rival, Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, trailed deep in the main pack that crossed nearly 7 minutes after Armstrong's breakaway band.

Because the Texan was over 40 minutes back of Contador as the stage began, and

none of the other's who sprinted ahead were in close range, the Spaniard and his biggest challengers didn't lay chase.

Armstrong's now 33:46 back, in 25th place — up from 31st.

Tuesday's trek began along two tough Pyrenean climbs — one right from the start, when Armstrong joined an attack — and then up two even harder ones: the Tourmalet and Aubisque passes.

On paper, it was the hardest day on the Tour this year.

But in terms of consequence for the race victory, Thursday's last of four stages in the mountains straddling the French-Spanish border is likely to be the most important. It features an uphill finish up the Tourmalet — one almost certain to sift out the potential winners from the losers.

Schleck, who has promised "revenge" after Contador swiped the yellow jersey on Monday in Day 2 in the Pyrenees, knows he'll have to make his move to erase his 8-second deficit and hopefully gain time on Contador.

With a mostly flat stage Friday that isn't likely to alter the standings, Saturday's penultimate stage is a 32.3-mile time trial — a discipline Contador excels in.

Within striking distance of the lead, but more likely just battling for a podium spot, are Samuel Sanchez of Spain in third, 2 minutes behind his compatriot, and Denis Menchov of Russia — 2:13 back in fourth.

Contador ran afoul of Schleck and many fans on Monday by not waiting when the Luxembourg rider had a mechanical glitch — his chain came off — in the last climb of Stage 15. Some called it a breach of cycling etiquette.

The defending champion, who's looking for his third Tour win in four years, said he and Schleck — whom Contador calls a friend and competitor — were able to patch things up in the ride Tuesday after Contador apologized on YouTube.

"We used the day to talk and we have already arranged everything," Contador said. "Both of us did not want to see our friendship broken by what happened yesterday."

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OK, but they didn't give me a chance."

Nippert, who never lost consciousness, was taken to a local hospital for a precautionary CT scan, but was back at the team hotel before the Rangers won the 14-inning game at 11:58 p.m.

"They told me that all the tests were normal — I don't have a concussion, just some bruises and a lump," he said. "I don't even really have a headache. The only thing is that I get dizzy when I stand up, and they said that was normal and would go away in a day or two."

One of the happiest people with the outcome was Jackson, who visited Nippert in the Texas clubhouse before

Tuesday's game. He ended up on second base after the ball ricocheted off Nippert's head and into shallow left field for a double.

"It is part of the game, but you never want to see that happen," Jackson said Monday night. "It's weird, because you want to stop and check on him, but you have to keep running."

Despite Nippert's relatively mild injuries, he didn't disagree with the team's decision to put him on the 15-day disabled list.

"This isn't like having a sore elbow or shoulder — this is my brain we're talking about," he said. "I don't have a problem with taking things slowly."

The Rangers were forced into the

move because they used seven pitchers Monday.

"We needed some help in the bullpen, and they told us that Dustin should probably take four or five days off, so we decided to do the smart thing and be extremely cautious with him," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

Texas recalled reliever Doug Mathis from Triple-A Oklahoma City to replace Nippert. Mathis, who is 1-1 with a 6.98 ERA this season for the Rangers, is capable of pitching multiple innings.

"We need someone who can go long right now, and Mathis can do that," Washington said.

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it's all a refresher for me and it's always nice when you've got an all-star line and all-star receivers," Wallace said. "That should definitely make it better."

What they'll be looking at across from them is a Buckeyes' defense, which features a secondary which could be one of the best

ever assembled in the OVAC game.

When Wallace and Barnhart are sitting in the pocket surveying the field, they'll be seeing the likes

of Bobby Spence of Buckeye Local, Seth Callarik of St. Clairsville, Marco Ricchetti of Martins Ferry, Indian Creek's

Michael Wayt and possibly Dalton Smith of Barnesville.

All told, they combined for some 30 interceptions and three of those were pick sixes.

"We've got a heck of a crew," Spence, a two-time Division III all-Ohio defensive back, said. "We really racked up the picks during the season and we were talking about it earlier in the week about the seasons we had."

Callarik — who is expected to line up at cornerback during Sunday's game — had seven of those interceptions himself for the Red Devils last year and took one back for six against Buckeye Local in week two.

"We've pretty much got

the passing game covered," Callarik said. "I am pretty sure they'll try to throw and catch us off guard because of who we have we might think they'll try to run it more, but we'll be ready."

Spence — who did a little bit of everything for Ohio head coach Ron Pobolish at Buckeye — isn't exactly sure what the Buckeyes will see from the Mountaineers, but it's not tough to figure out what he's expecting.

"We'll have to wait and see what they do, but we're sure hoping they try to throw it a little bit," Spence said. "We'll be ready."

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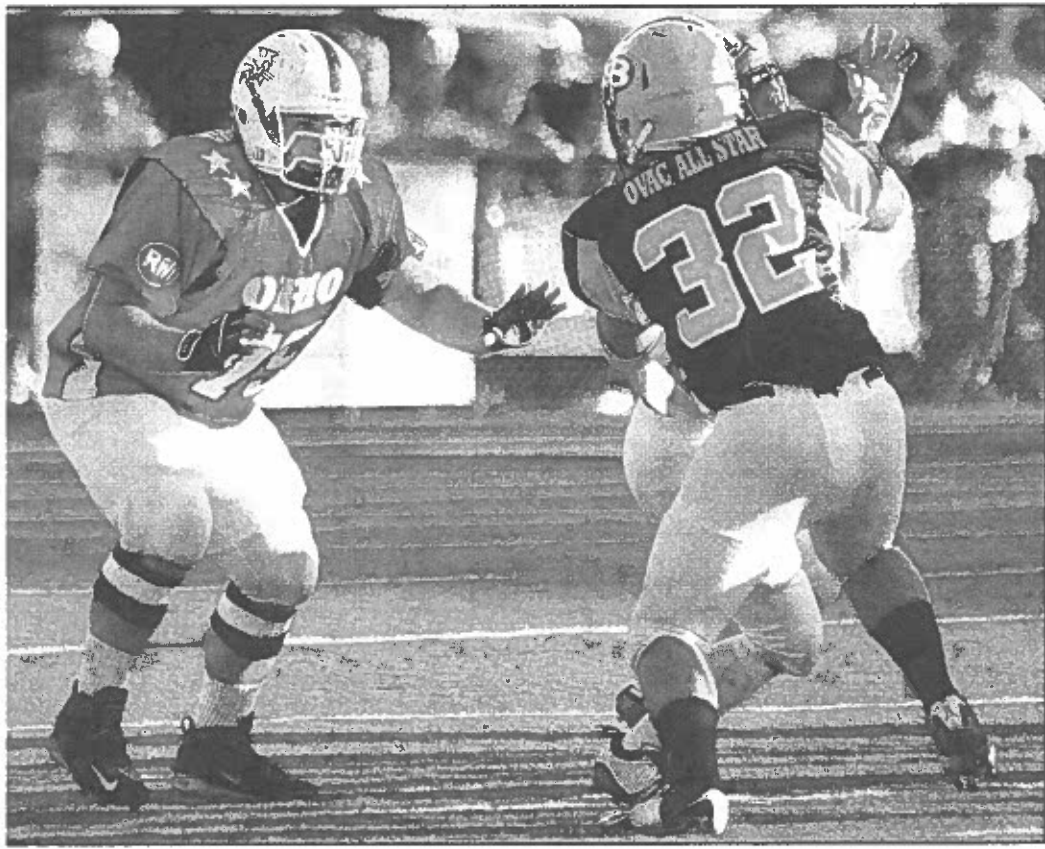
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Cambridge High graduate Zac Wojciechowski (75) prepares to block West Virginia defender Mike Koscevic of Brooke (32) during the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium. West Virginia won, 24-14.



Ryan Pavlov/The Daily Jeffersonian
Barnesville High product Dalton Smith (left) pushes away West Virginia's Griffen Yocum (right) during the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium.

West Virginia snaps skid in OVAC class

EFF HARRISON
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

WHEELING, W.Va. — Speed and skill help sell the tickets, but it's in the trenches where foot-

ball games are usually won.

The West Virginia All-Stars proved that point Sunday night, seizing control of the interior in the second half en route to a 24-

14 upset victory over Ohio in the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The victory snaps a five-year losing streak by West Virginia in the showcase event and trims Ohio's series lead to 41-23-1.

West Virginia barely managed 50 yards in the first half, but Ohio was only able to take a 7-3 lead to the lengthy intermission.

A late third quarter turnover helped turn the tide, however, as West Virginia's Tyler Reed (Oak Glen) picked off a pass by Ohio quarterback Derek-London Dierkes (Monroe Central) at the Ohio 38 and returned it all the way to the nine-yard line.

Two plays later, fullback Hunter Ferguson (Parkersburg South) bulled over from three yards out and Michael Molinari (Parkersburg South) added the point-after kick to put the Mountain State in front, 10-7, with 2:30 remaining in the third period.

After Ohio went three-and-out, West Virginia took over at the Buckeyes' 46 and put together an eight-play scoring series, keyed by a 16-yard keeper by QB Cotey Wallace (Brooke) and capped by a one-yard walk into the end zone by Ferguson.

Molinari's PAT put West Virginia in front, 17-7, with 9:39 remaining in the game.

Ohio got back within three points five minutes later thanks in part to a bizarre play where West Virginia's Nate Taylor (Tyler Consolidated) intercepted a pass by Ohio QB Dalton Smith (Barnesville), but he fumbled it away during the return and it was recovered by Ohio's Doren Thomas (Indian Creek) to give the Buckeyes renewed life at the Mountaineers' 34-yard line.

Smith completed three passes in five tries after the exchange, including a 16-yard hookup to wide-out Trey Wiggins (Steubenville) for a touchdown. Logan Cook (St. Clairsville) booted the extra-point, pulling Ohio within 17-14 with 4:22 to play.

A botched on-side kickoff try by Ohio gave West Virginia possession at the Buckeyes' 40 and the Mountain Staters sealed the deal five plays later. Stefan Varner (John Marshall) got the TD from a yard out with 2:33 left and Molinari's PAT pushed West Virginia's lead back to 10.

Six more Smith completions moved Ohio from its 20 to the West Virginia 11 in the waning moments, but two incompletions in the end zone ended the action.

Victorious West Virginia coach Tom Bruney (Brooke) was quick to credit his linemen for taking over the game.

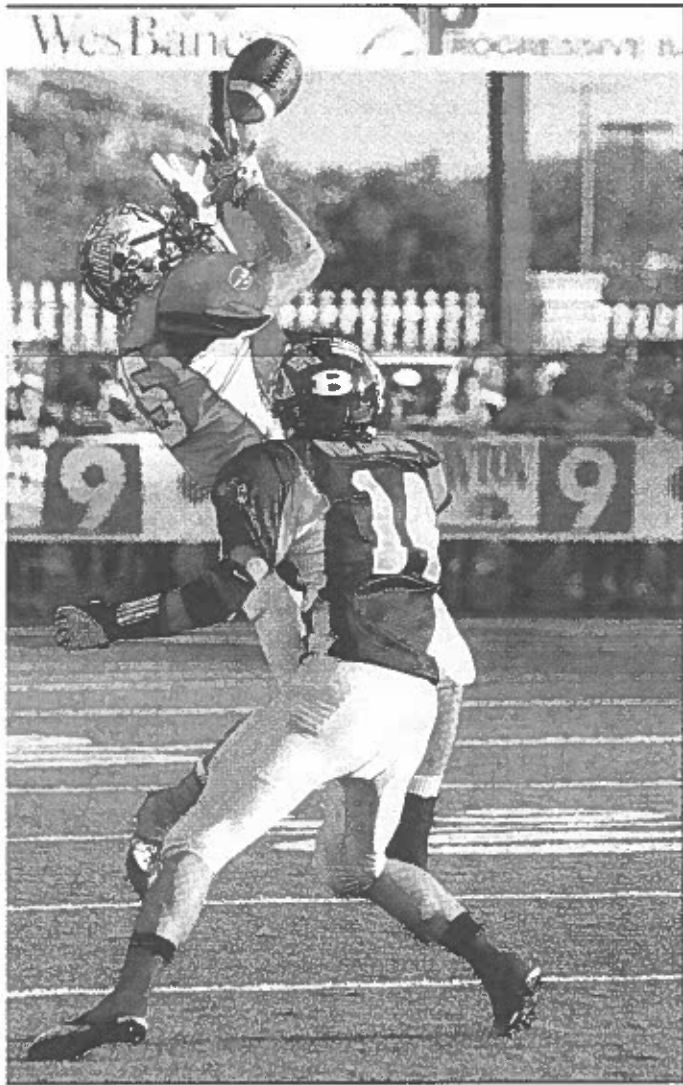
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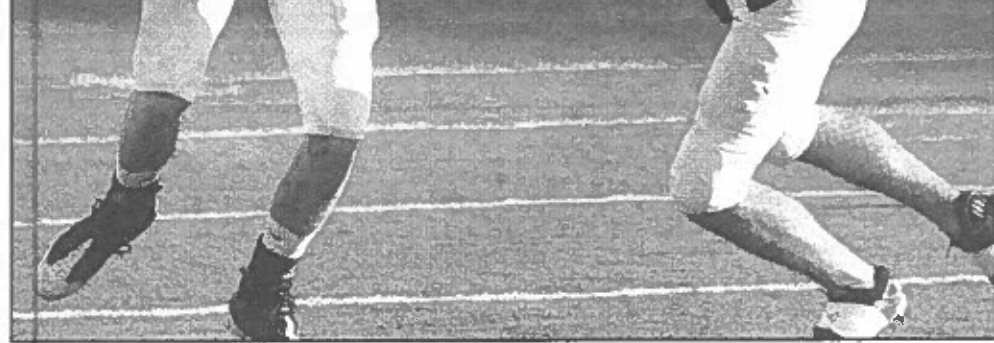


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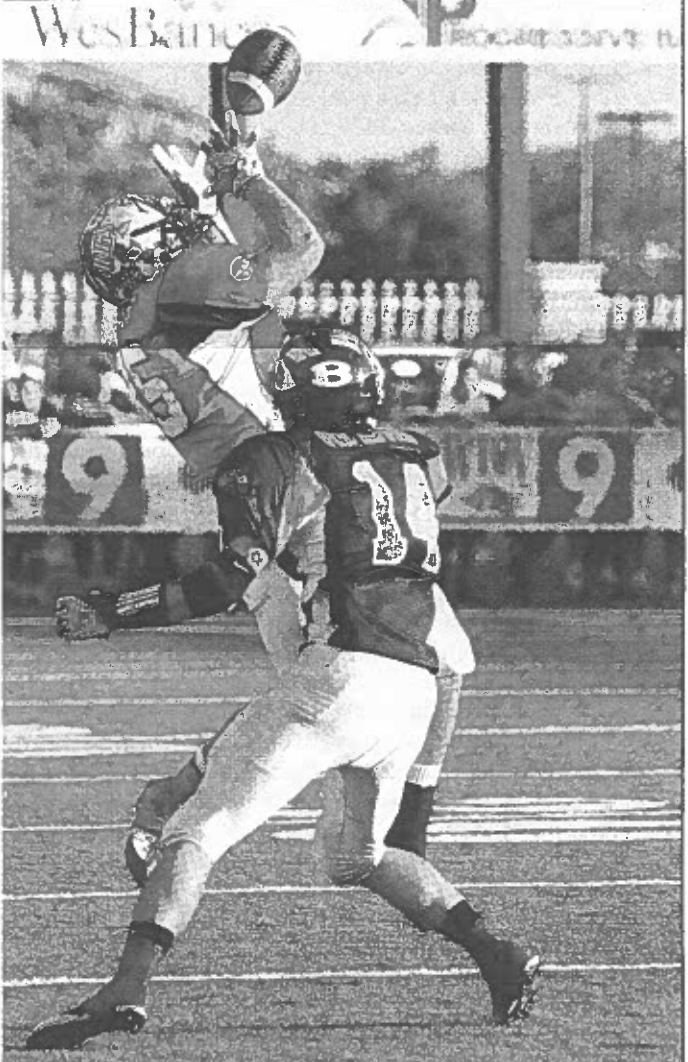
ball games are usually won. The West Virginia All-Stars proved that point Sunday night, seizing control of the interior in the second half en route to a 24-

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The victory snaps a five-year losing streak by West Virginia in the showcase event and trims Ohio's series lead to 41-23-1.

West Virginia barely managed 50 yards in the first half, but Ohio was only able to take a 7-3 lead to the lengthy intermission.

A late third quarter turnover helped turn the tide, however, as West Virginia's Tyler Reed (Oak Glen) picked off a pass by Ohio quarterback Derek-London Dierkes (Monroe Central) at the Ohio 38 and returned it all the way to the nine-yard line.

Two plays later, fullback Hunter Ferguson (Parkersburg South) bulled over from three yards out and Michael Molinari (Parkersburg South) added the point-after kick to put the Mountain State in front, 10-7, with 2:30 remaining in the third period.

After Ohio went three-and-out, West Virginia took over at the Buckeyes' 46 and put together an eight-play scoring series, keyed by a 16-yard keeper by QB Cotey Wallace (Brooke) and capped by a one-yard walk into the end zone by Ferguson.

Molinari's PAT put West Virginia in front, 17-7, with 9:39 remaining in the game.

Ohio got back within three points five minutes later thanks in part to a bizarre play where West Virginia's Nate Taylor (Tyler Consolidated) intercepted a pass by Ohio QB Dalton Smith (Barnesville), but he fumbled it away during the return and it was recovered by Ohio's Doren Thomas (Indian Creek) to give the Buckeyes renewed life at the Mountaineers' 34-yard line.

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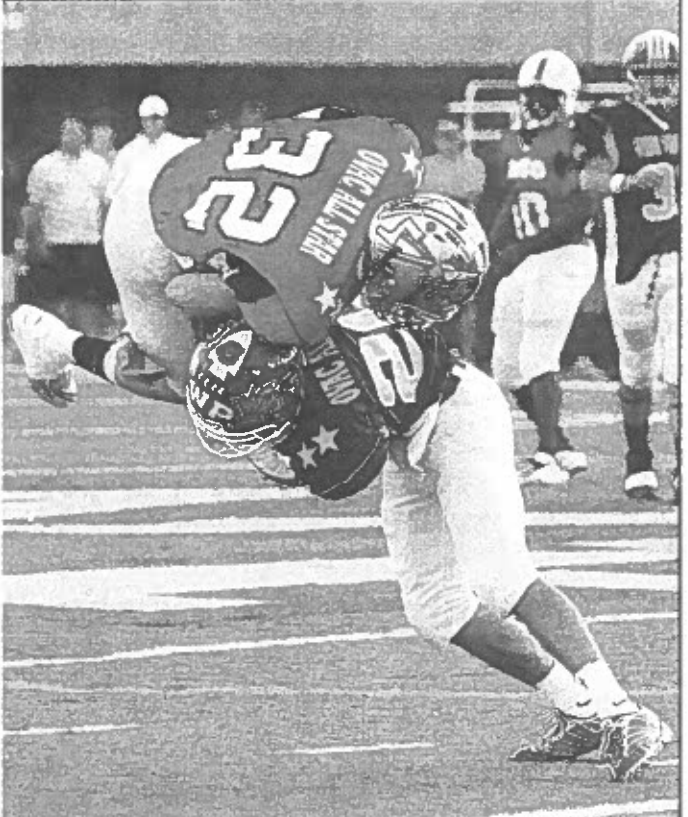
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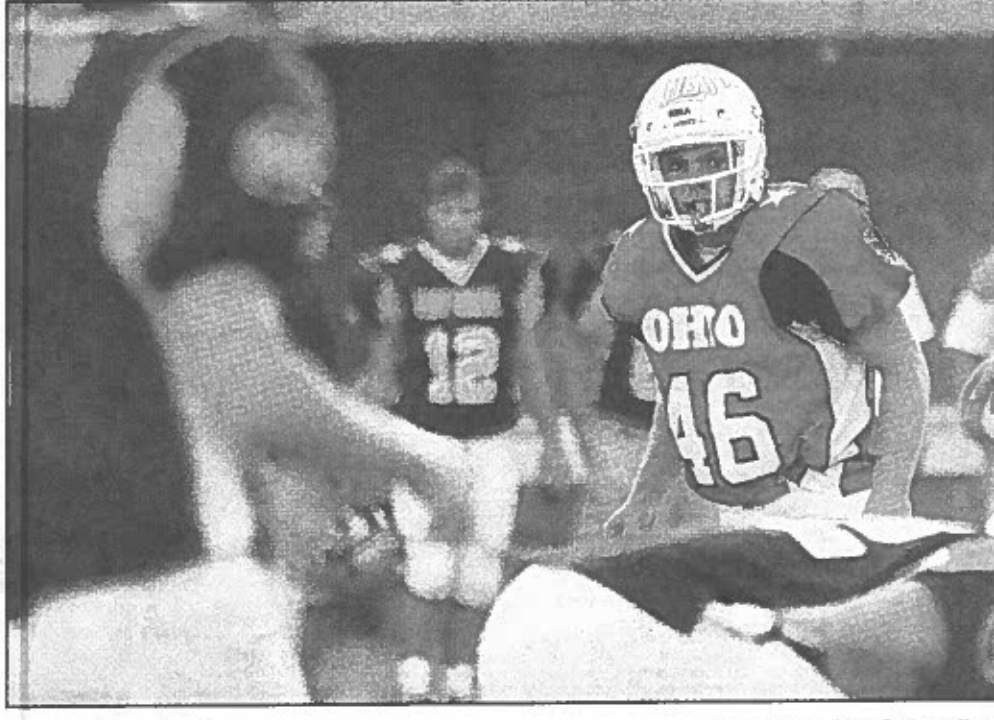


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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS					
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Meadowbrook High product Josh Riggins (46) prepares for the snap from his outside linebacker spot during Sunday night's 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium. West Virginia won, 24-14.

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Breaking a losing streak

West Virginia snaps 5-game skid to Ohio in annual OVAC all-star game

By **MIKE MATHISON**
Sports editor

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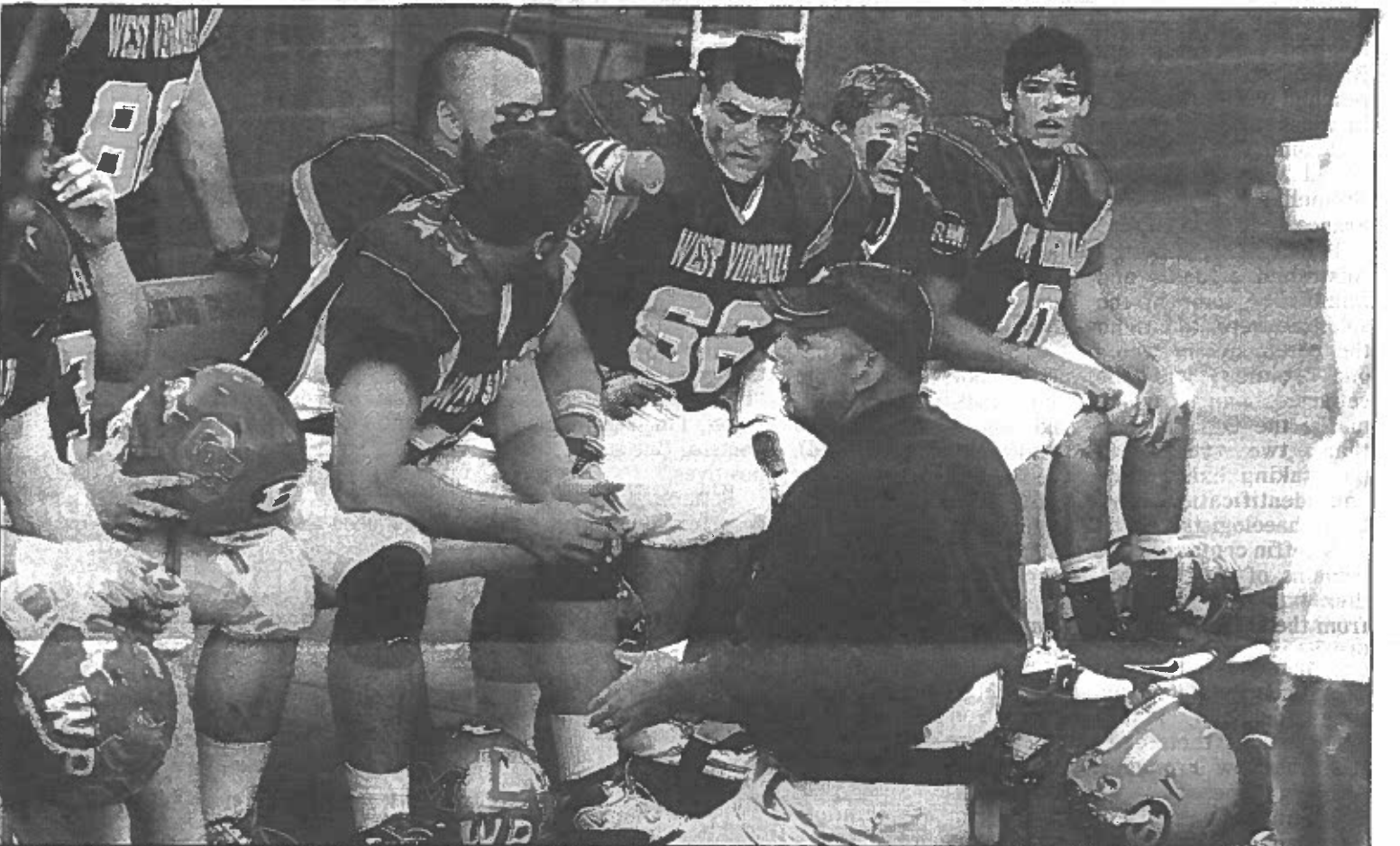
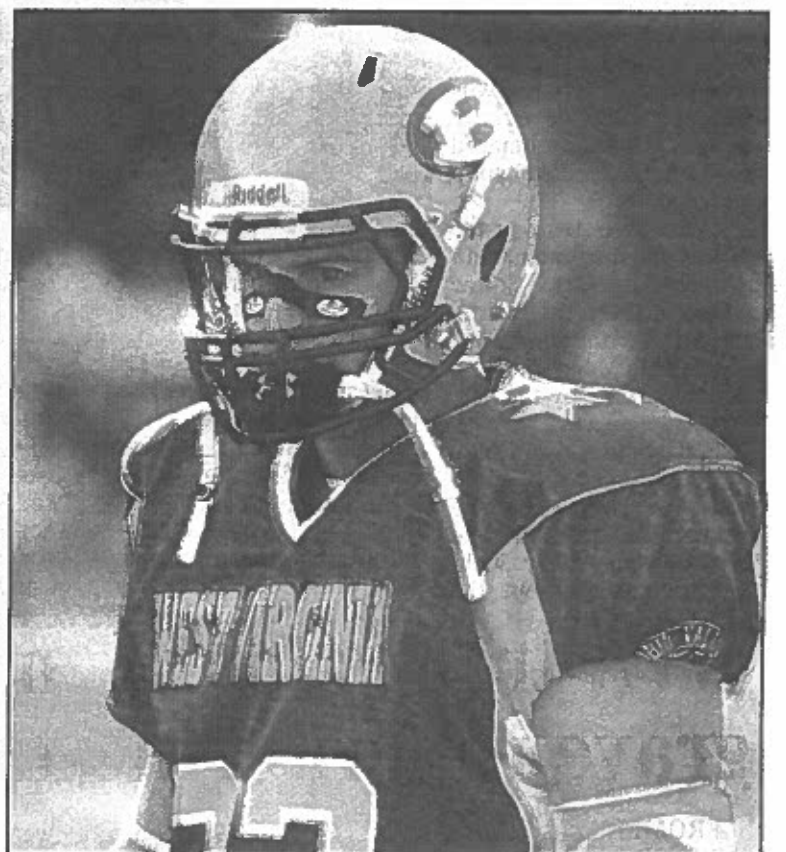
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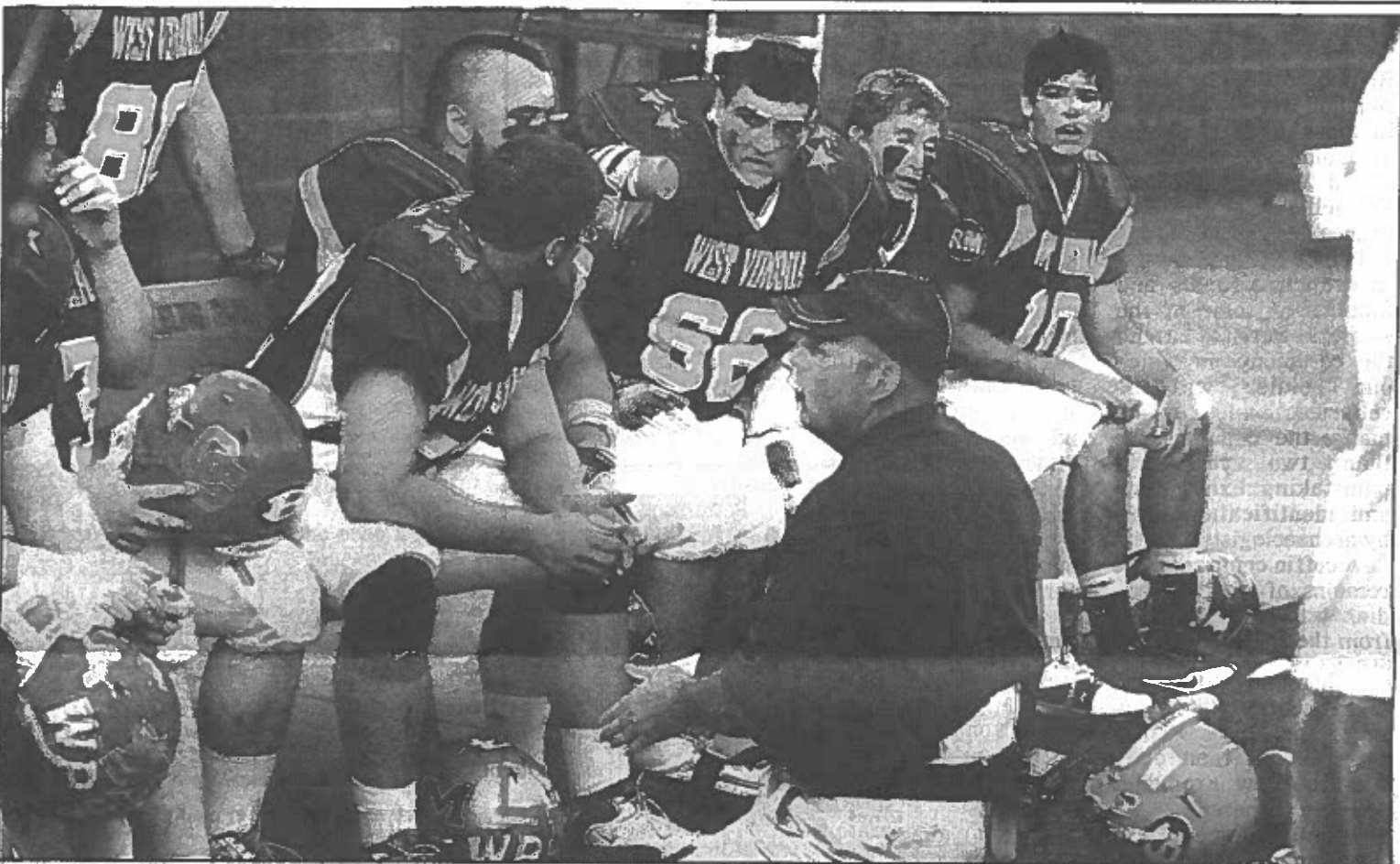
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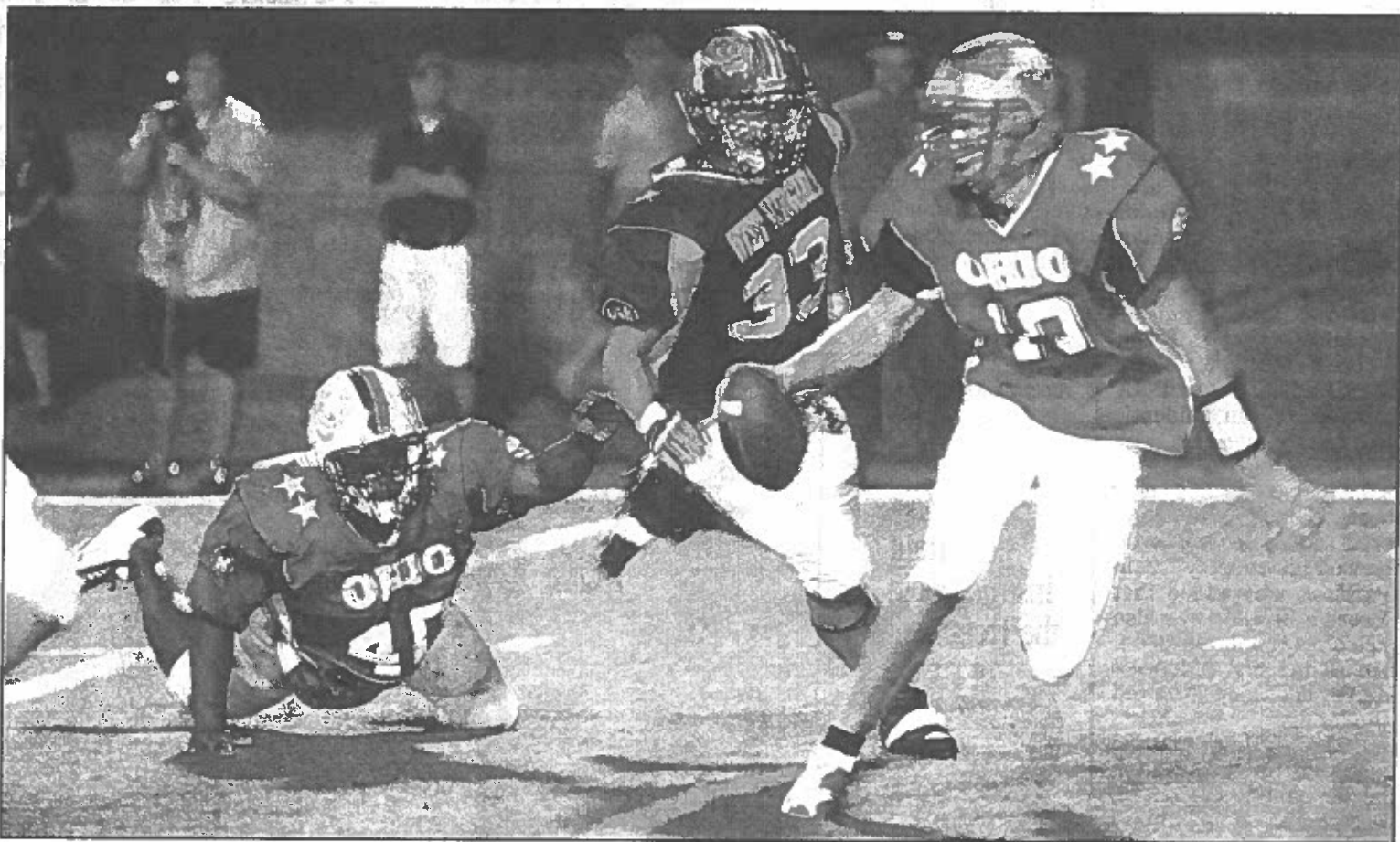
"I knew I was going to block it because his leg wasn't even back to kick and I was about three feet away from the ball. It was a pretty good momentum-changer there.

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Changes made by Bucs after sweep by Padres

By PAUL LADEWSKI
For The Weirton Daily Times

PITTSBURGH — The Pirates' clubhouse was not a good place to be Sunday afternoon.

After the San Diego Padres completed a three-game sweep at PNC Park, 6-3, veteran reliever Brendan Donnelly held court for the final time in front of his locker, where teammates D.J. Carrasco, Javier Lopez, Evan Meek and Jeff Karstens had pulled up chairs in front of him.

At another corner moments earlier, rookie Brad Lincoln tried to explain his latest ineffective start, which would be his last in the major leagues for awhile.

Pirates' bullpen corps comes at a high cost

By PAUL LADEWSKI
For The Weirton Daily Times

PITTSBURGH — Six days before the trade deadline, Pirates general manager Neal Huntington has drawn a line in the sand as it concerns the bullpen corps.

If you want young guns Joel Han-

Donnelly was designated for assignment for purposes of his release, while Lincoln was sent to Triple A Indianapolis to work on his delivery. Their roster spots will be filled Tuesday.

"I don't deserve to be here right

now," Lincoln said. "I need to go (to the minor leagues) to work on things and get back to where I was before I got here. That's probably the best move for me. To continue to struggle is not good for me and it's not good for the team."

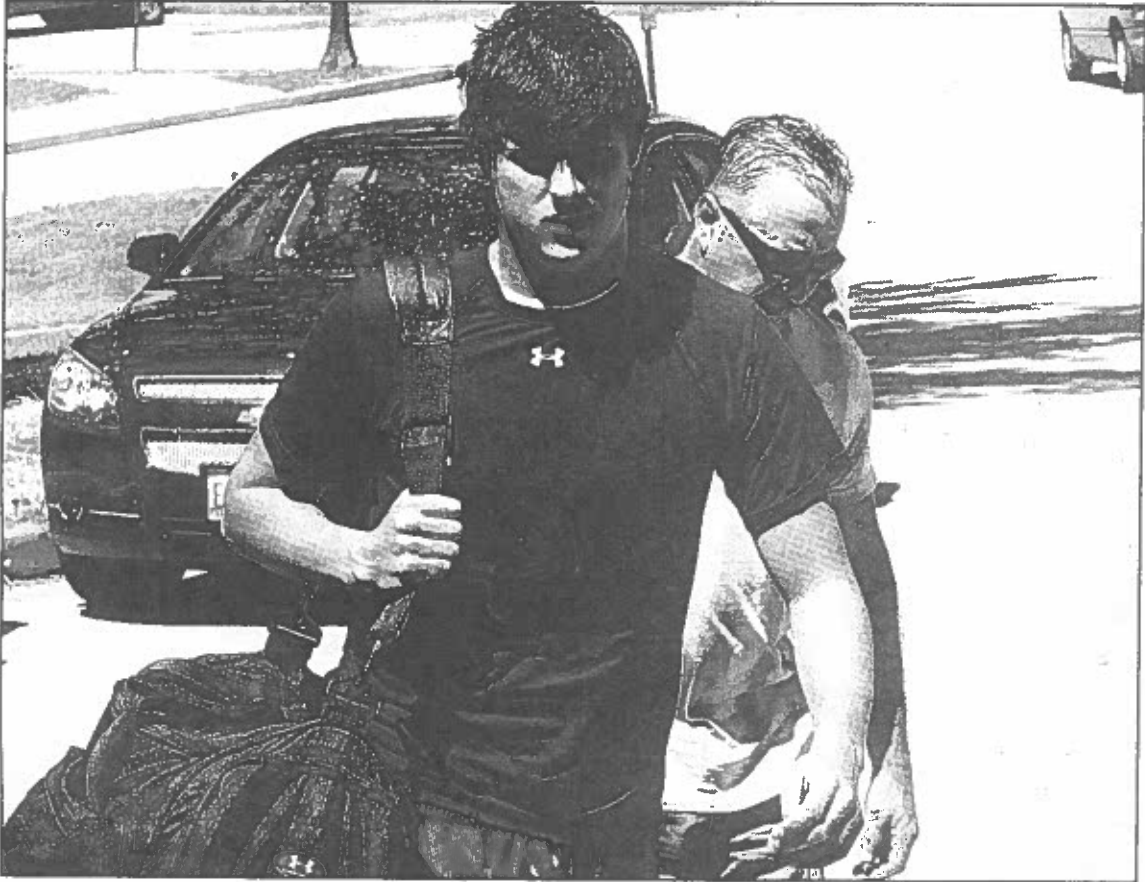
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In 6½ innings, Lincoln allowed six runs on eight hits and two walks. Five of the runs scored in the third inning, when he allowed five hits. That included an Adrian Gonzalez home run with a runner on base.

"He'll be back here," manager John Russell assured. "He has too good of stuff. The first time around was a learning experience for him. He should come back with a different outlook. He'll know what will be expected of him."

In nine starts, Lincoln compiled a 1-4 record and 6.57 earned run average. He allowed 64 hits and nine home runs in 50⅓ innings.

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AT LEFT: Martins Ferry's Marco Ricchetti hauls his luggage into his dorm at West Liberty University to begin preparations for the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. **BELOW:** Beallsville's Jarod Mellinger pulls his suitcase after arriving at West Liberty. The OVAC All-Star Game is slated for Sunday evening at 7:15 p.m.

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Let's get it started...

• Players arrive at West Liberty to begin preparations for Sunday's game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WEST LIBERTY — Preparations for the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic officially got under way for the players Sunday morning.

For Ohio, 30 players reported and one more West Virginia all-star arrived here to begin official training camp.

"We're going to get the kids orientated and out on the field (Sunday) to start to see what we have," said Ohio head coach Ron Pobolish, who refuses to allow the entire week to be about his final week of prep coaching before he fully embarks on retirement from coaching. "As soon as we get done with dinner, we got on the field until dark, but we've got to stretch them out pretty good."

During the opening practice, Pobolish and his staff were scheduled to

stress defense more than anything before starting on offensive work when practice resumes Monday morning here.

"Without them knowing, we wanted to start evaluating and begin looking at breaking them into some offensive groups," Pobolish said. "With a week to get all of this in, it's tough, so we're going to get after it, but nothing too heavy because we don't want anyone being banged up for the game."

When the evaluation process started for the Buckeyes Sunday evening one of the players who could go on either side of the ball in the two-platoon system is Bridgeport High's Nate Maleski.

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come true," Maleski said. "We're here to try to get another win for Ohio and it doesn't matter what side of the ball play. I am just going to do my best wherever the coaches feel I will do my best."

While the Buckeyes seemingly always come into the annual summer clash as the favorite, Tom Bruney, the West Virginia and Brooke High head coach, didn't give up a week of his summer vacation just for a good time or week away.

He showed up here Sunday looking for the same kind of experience he had when he was on the winning side in 1979 for Ohio.

"Looking back at this game, I remember how much fun we had out here, but we won the game," Bruney said. "You need to have fun, develop relationships, but when it gets down to it, you come here to win the game too."

The key — according to Bruney — has nothing to do with the physical condition of the players, it's a lot simpler than that.

"The quicker they bond and become friends will be big in helping them see that we're here to win the ball game," Bruney said. "Early in the week, it's probably the furthest thing from their minds, but as the week progresses and matures, we'll stress the game more and more each day."

One of the players on the West Virginia squad who will be a big help in stressing the winning mentality is Madonna High product Max Nogay, who experienced one of the most successful prep seasons ever during 2009-10.

Nogay led the Madonna football and baseball teams to Class A state titles and during the winter secured a state and OVAC wrestling title.

"I am here to enjoy football one last time and have a good memory and experience," Nogay said. "There's a lot of tradition in this game and I am proud to represent my family and Madonna and hopefully we can win the game."

After their morning practices, both teams will be on Russek Field here for media and picture day.

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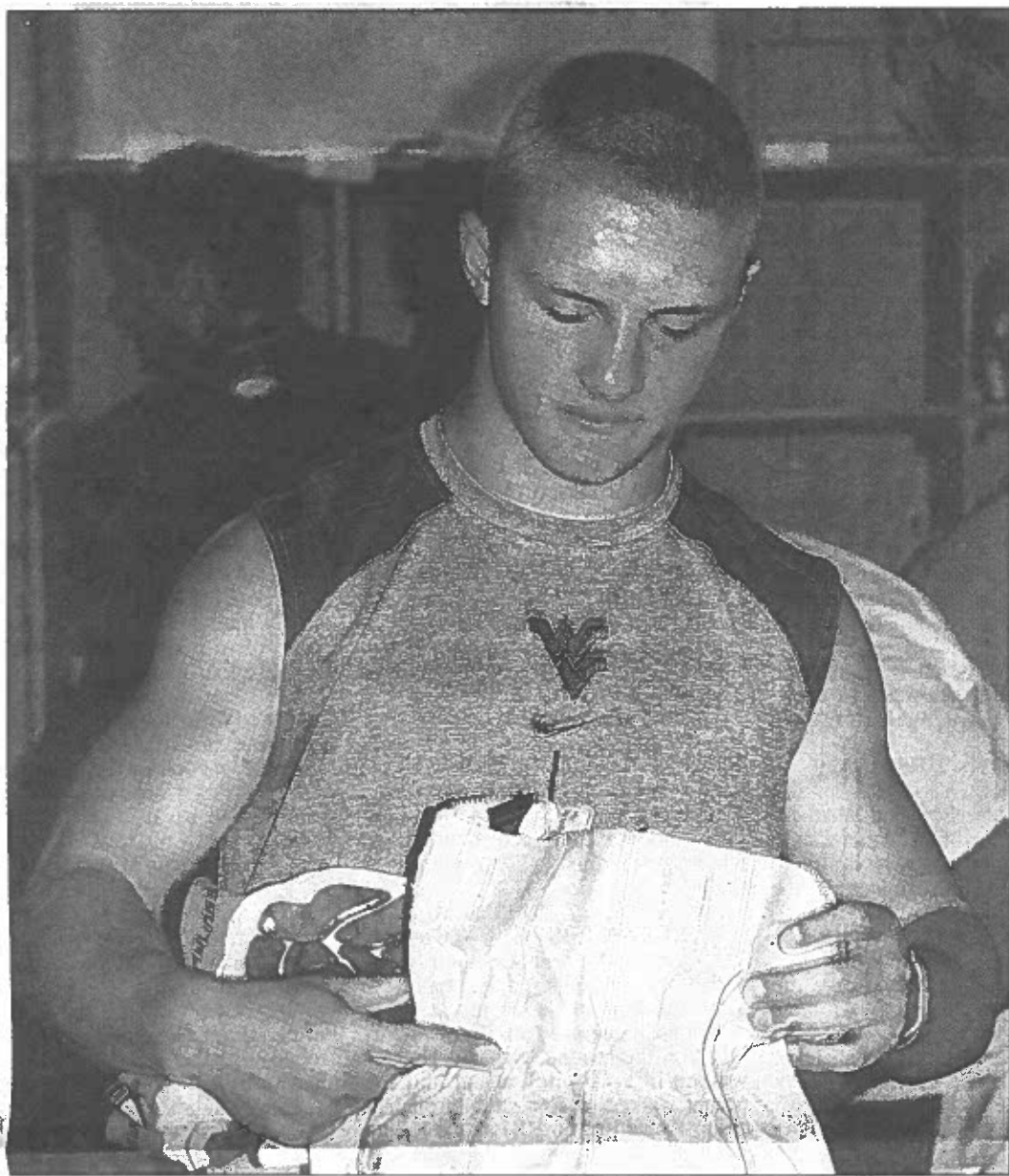


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Weirton Madonna's Max Nogay checks over his equipment during check-in day Sunday at West Liberty. Players reported for camp in preparation for this weekend's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. View additional photos at cu.theintelligencer.net.

Check-In Day

Players get settled in for long week of football

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

WEST LIBERTY — The coaches of the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic wasted little time in starting preparations for the 65th edition of the bi-state gleam game.

Moments after checking in Sunday afternoon at West Liberty University, players from West Virginia and Ohio were talking strategy with their respective mentors.

"I think we'll spend less time on technique and more time on getting down the schemes we're going to run," said Mountaineers coach Tom Bruney, who guided Brooke High School to the West Virginia Class AAA title game last December.

"I think once Sunday rolls around the team that makes the least mistakes is going to win. The more polished we are by Sunday, the better off we'll be."

Buckeyes coach Ron Pobolish was eager to see his players in person.

"We want to evaluate them to see how they run, how they can move," he said. "We want to set them up in a base offense, watch them throw and catch. That's a lot for the first day. But we're going to get it done."

This is the sixth OVAC all-star game for Pobolish, who retired as Buckeye Local coach

following last season's Ohio Division III playoff appearance. And the one thing experience has taught him is evaluating talent quickly is a must.

"The toughest thing is so many players won't be given an opportunity to be given a true look at what they can do," he said. "We have to make a quick evaluation and go with it."

"We have to speed teach."

Bruney and Pobolish have had their roster in hand for some time. So they've had some sort of idea what direction they wanted to take things.

"I think what we've done is we have a Plan A and Plan B," Bruney said. "Plan A is with (quarterback) Cotey Wallace. We're going to run the offense we ran at Brooke last year."

"But we also have a Plan B. We have (Seth) Barnhart from Oak Glen and he is a heckuva a passer. So we can tweak our system and and we'll be able to throw the ball a bit with him."

Pobolish is looking forward to maximizing his team's talent.

"Defensively, we're solid because we have coaches who know the system that we want to run and we selected the players with that in mind," he said. "So defense will be a snap to put together."

"Offensively, people want to see throwing and catching, they don't want to see the old Wing-T."

"You'll see some of the Wing T, but I brought in Gregg Bonar to run the spread offense. So we'll mix the spread with the Wing-T and throw the football around. It should be a lot of fun for everyone to see."

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Check-in

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Another challenge coaches face is getting everyone in the game.

"There is only one football and everyone can't do the things, so to speak, they did in high school," Pobolish said.

"We have many guys that are multi-talented and they can play more than one position. We'll probably ask them to do that."

"We want to get (the players) in a position to play the best they can. They're all-stars and this is a great honor for them."

Bruney knows all about the honor playing in the game. He was on the Ohio roster in 1981 for then Woodsfield High School coach Jay Circosta.

In fact, in that same game, Pobolish was a West Virginia assistant.

"Here we are 29 years later and I'm coaching West Virginia and he's coaching Ohio ... isn't that strange?" Bruney said.

"When we, as a staff, was asked to coach this game it was great because two of the most special weeks I've ever spent in my life were the two weeks here at West Liberty."

"When I bump into one of the guys I played with we're still friends to this day. It's not like 29 years have passed. It's like a couple of days."

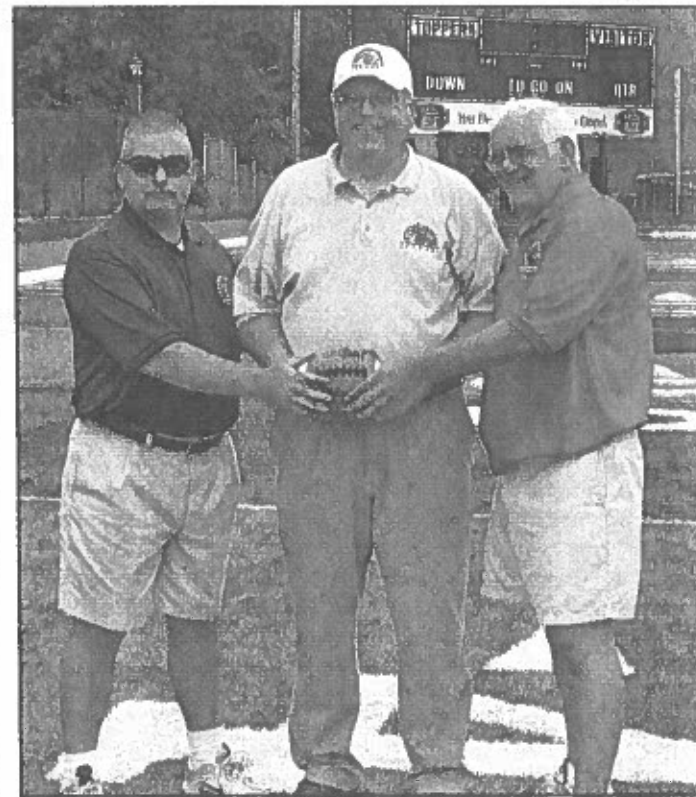
"The honor of playing, and now coaching, in this game is really special."

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Countdown continues for Sunday's OVAC All-Star Football Classic



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Kelsey Leach of Barnesville (top) and Tiffany Zwick of Shenandoah will be competing at the OVAC Queen of Queens pageant tonight at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.

Only two more days until the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic kicks off at Wheeling Island Stadium. Discussing final preparations for the game are, 1 to r, West Virginia head coach Tom Bruney of Brooke High, game director Bob Koch, and Ohio head coach Ron Pobolish of Buckeye Local High. Sunday's kickoff is at 7:15 p.m.



Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian

The George Strager Memorial Football Camp Scholarships were awarded at the George Strager Evening with the Stars at Wheeling Park's White Palace. Pictured, front row 1 to r, are West Virginia-side winners Zach Hood, Jordan Sorge and Alex Gompers of Wheeling Central and Mike Young head coach at Wheeling Central and co-director of the Strager Camp; back row, Ohio-side winners Logan Cook of St. Clairsville, Zac Wojciechowski and Tyler Hardesty of Cambridge, Tyler Arigoni of Union Local and Seth Callarik of St. Clairsville, and Kelly Rine, athletic director at St. Clairsville High and co-director of the Strager Camp.

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SPORTS

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Ohio looks to extend OVAC All-Star dominance Mid-summer extravaganza unfolds tonight at Wheeling Island Stadium

JEFF HARRISON
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WHEELING, W. Va. — Will Ohio continue its dominance or will West Virginia score an upset for the first time since 2004?

That's the question that will be answered tonight when the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic unfolds at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The Buckeye State has been dominant in recent years, winning 14 of the last 15 matchups with its Mountain State rival. The only break in the string came back in 2004 when West Virginia claimed a 21-7 victory and as usual, Ohio comes into the game as the favorite to retain bragging rights for yet another year.

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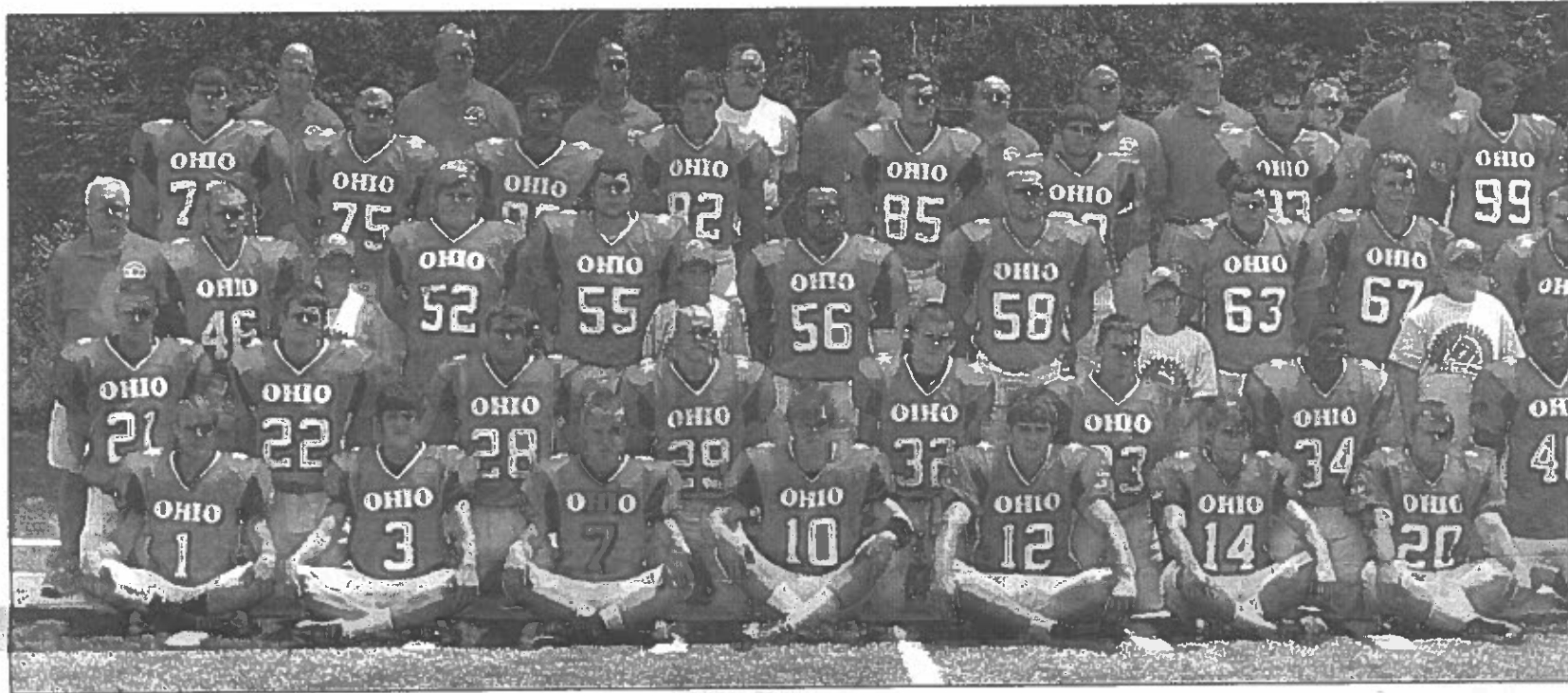
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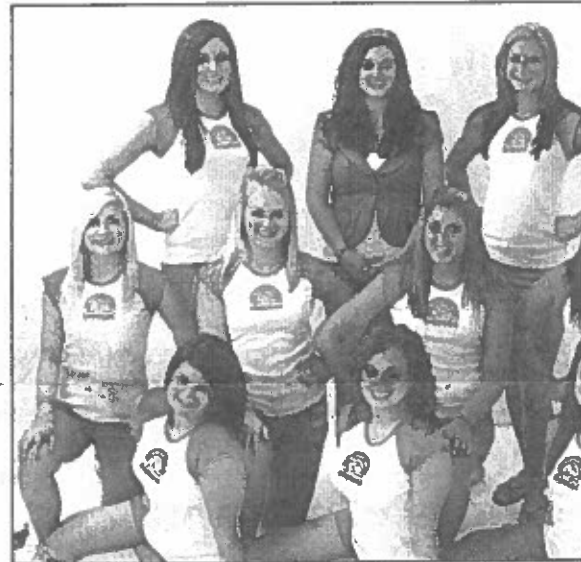


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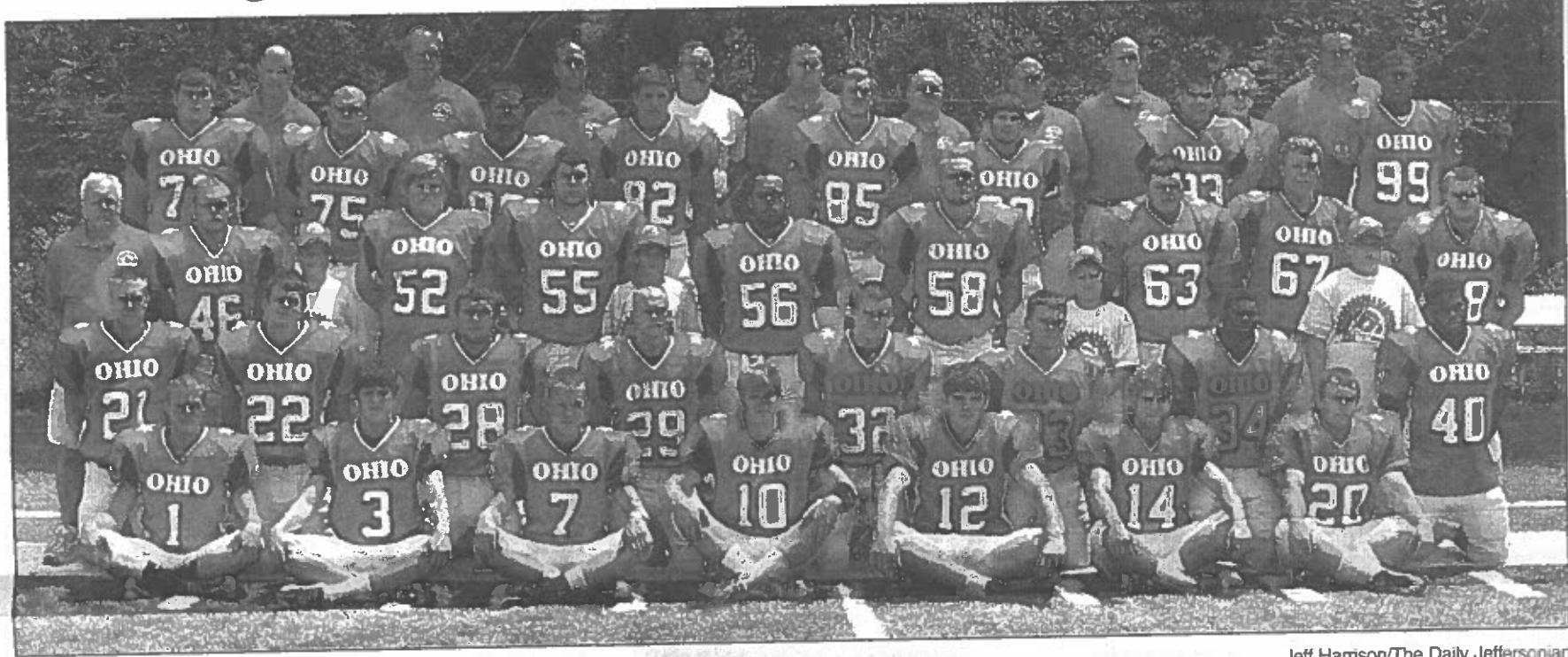
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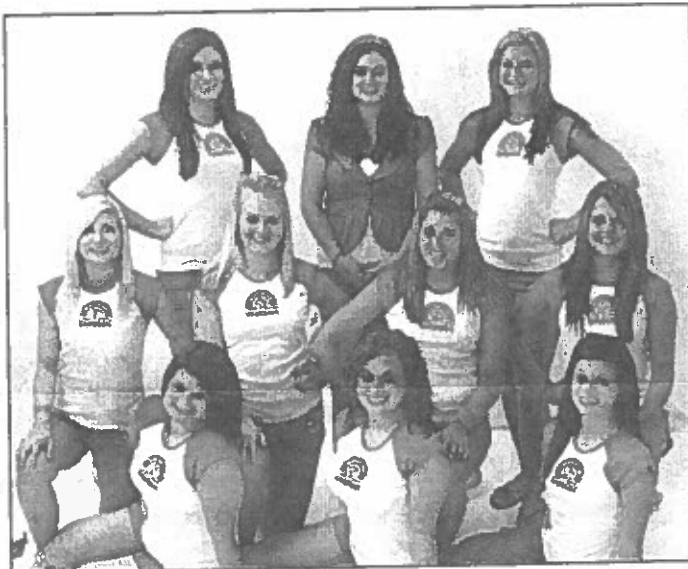


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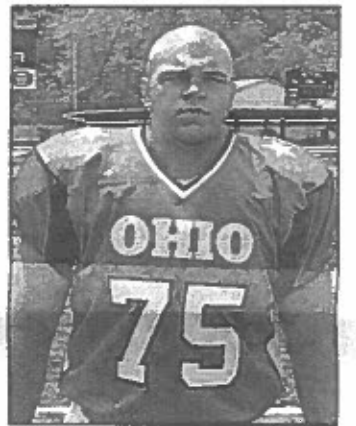
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"We broke down things yesterday (Sunday) and got our keys, responsibilities and everything done defensively," said Pobolish, who will be coaching in the OVAC Classic for the sixth time, "and we put in our basic offensive packages offensively, so it was a busy day."

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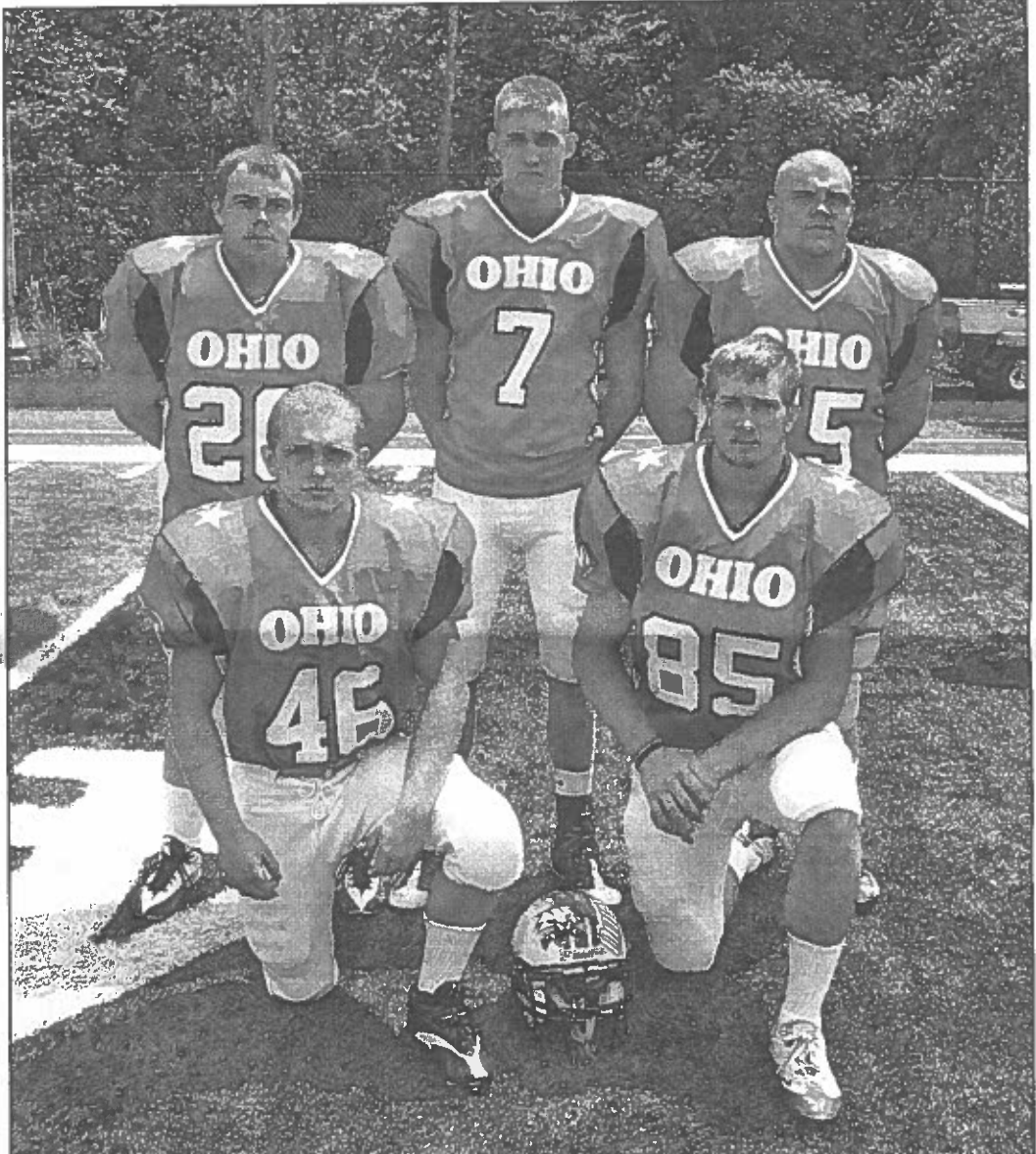
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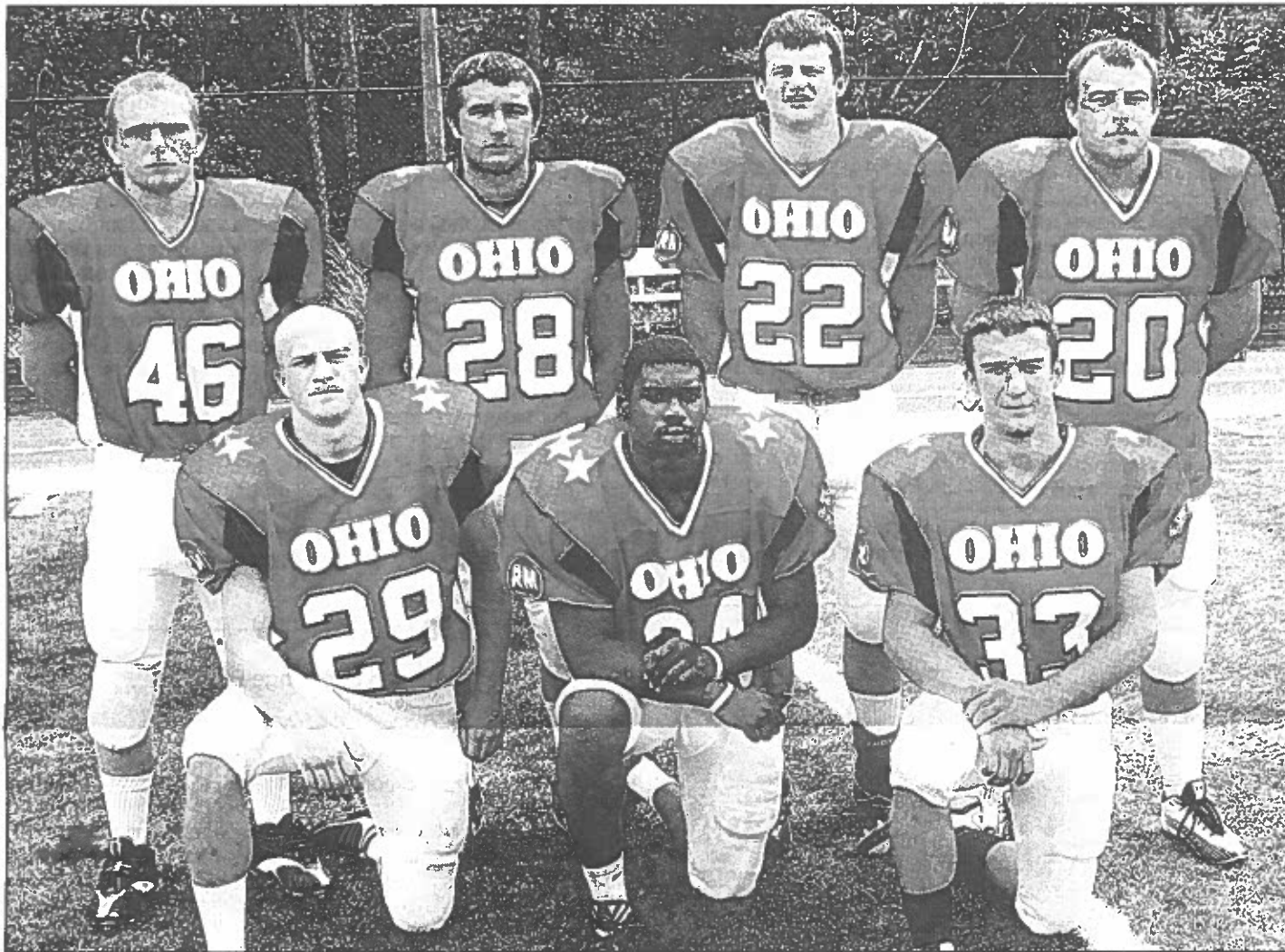
Tickets for the Evening with the Stars are \$25 and must be purchased in advance while tickets for the Queen of Queens Pageant are \$5 and can be purchased at the door the night of the event. There is no admission for the Pep Rally.

Tickets for the game are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the gate. Advance tickets are available locally at The Daily Jeffersonian office in Cambridge Monday through Friday during business hours.

Sunday’s kickoff for the mid-summer showcase will be at 7:15 p.m.

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65th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic



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PICTURED ARE the running backs for this Sunday's 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. Front row, from left, are Scott Peach (Edison), Doren Thomas (Indian Creek) and Brandon Bartrug (Buckeye Local). Back row, from left, are Josh Riggans (Meadowbrook), Tyler Arigoni (Union Local), Mickey Bednar (Steubenville Central) and Tyler Hardesty (Cambridge). Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

Buckeye players happy to share in Pob's finale

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Ron Pabolish has said since he accepted the post as Ohio head coach for this weekend's 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic that he didn't want the week to be all about him.

The highly successful and equally personable former Buckeye Local head coach announced his well-documented retirement prior to last season and then — because the Panthers won the OVAC 4-A title — he was afforded the opportunity to coach in the annual summer bi-state clash, which is set for Sunday evening at 7:15 p.m.

"It's no big deal to me," Pabolish said. "I just think you know when it's time and this was my time. We're trying to do the best we can to end (my career) with a victory."

Pabolish admits he was leery at first to accept the assignment he's held four other times during his career, which has spanned two terms at Buckeye Local,

'This is a great time and I am glad I get to be here for Coach Pob's last go-around.'

— Bobby Spence

Cadiz, Harrison Central, John Marshall.

However, when he sat down and thought about the chance to coach at least four of his players one more time and spend a week with most of his coaching staff one more time, Pabolish became more and more receptive to the idea before he formally accepted the OVAC's offer early this year.

Pabolish — who led the Panthers to a Division II state runnerup finish in 1994

— took the conference up on its Ohio rule and chose four of his own players.

And the likes of Bobby Spence, Joe Rine, Rylan Pyciak and Brandon Bartrug aren't here strictly because Pabolish coached them, but because they earned it.

"This is a great time and I am glad I get to be here for Coach Pob's last go-around and happy to share in that with him," Spence said. "We decided we're going to give it one more run and Coach Pob decided to come with us."

For Bartrug, the opportunity to play for many of the same coaches and with the other three aforementioned players has conjured up plenty of memories.

"I just keep thinking about what we were able to accomplish the last couple of years," Bartrug said. "To be here is an honor and since this is the last time I will be putting the pads on and being allowed to hit someone, I plan on making the most of it."

The four former Panther players are seeing a slightly different Pabolish than

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they're accustomed to from the regular season last fall.

"He's a pretty intense guy all of the time, but I think he's taking it easier on us because he wants to go out with a win and let everyone have a good time," Spence said. "He doesn't know the kids as

well as he knew our team (at Buckeye), so he doesn't want the kids to react differently since they're used to it. It's gone well so far."

Despite his attempts to sell the public, players and media that this year's OVAC Game isn't about him, Pabolish received two

standing ovations at Wednesday's George Strager Evening With the Stars dinner and has drawn constant rave reviews from his West Virginia counterpart, Tom Bruney this week.

It's been quite a few weeks for Pabolish, who doesn't like the limelight. A couple of weekends ago, Pabolish's family surprised him with a retirement party and now the entire OVAC is tipping its cap to him.

There have been

moments where the stern head coach has seemingly gotten a little choked up already.

However, he's been schooling his players all week on keeping their emotions in check until game time Sunday evening. However, he may have a tougher time keeping his own in check come Sunday night when he leaves Wheeling Island Stadium.

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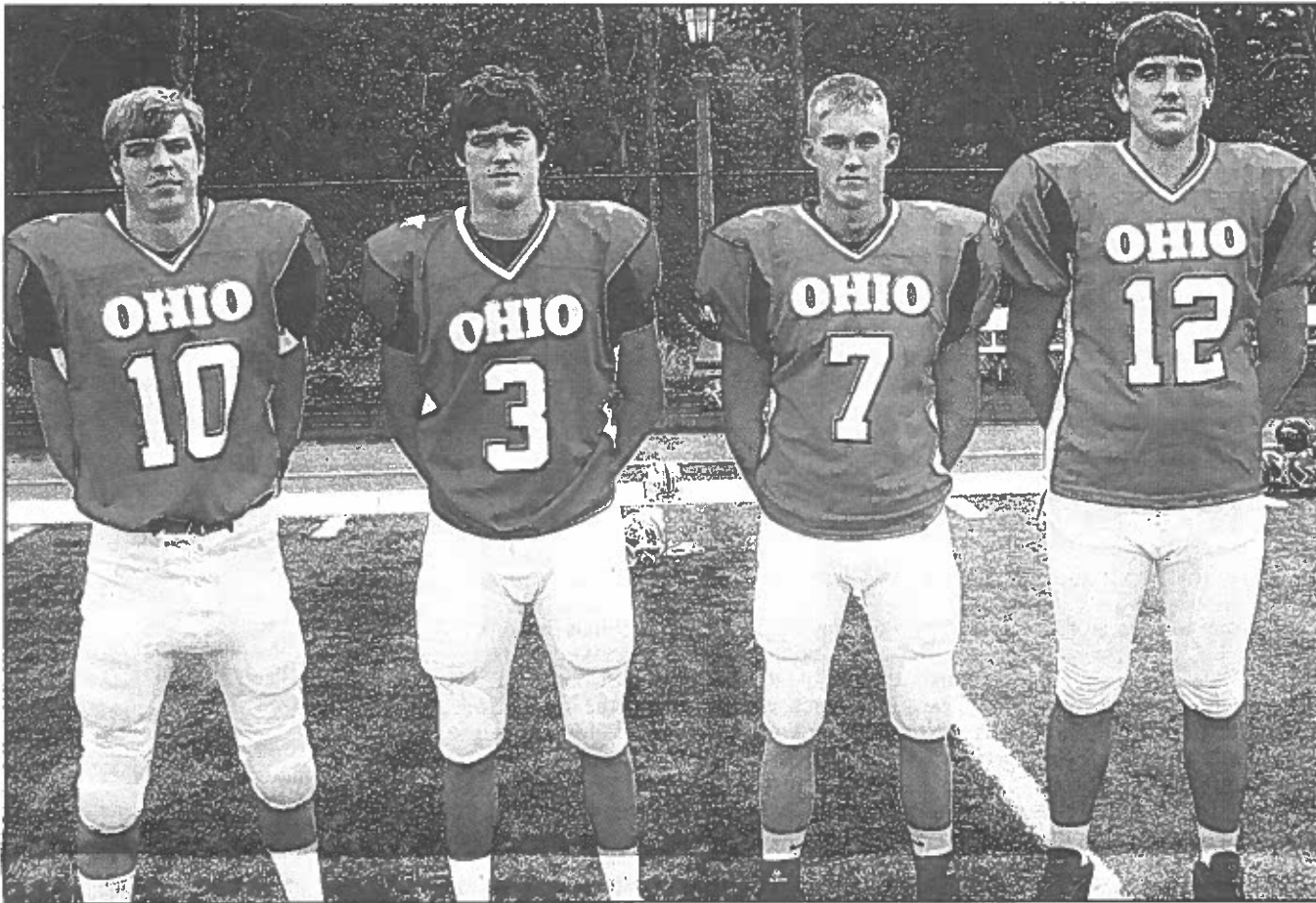
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THE OHIO roster features a plethora of quarterbacks including these four players. From left are Derek-London Dierkes (Monroe Central), Marco Ricchetti (Martins Ferry), Dalton Smith (Barnesville) and Joe Rine (Buckeye Local).



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Milliken wore many hats for OVAC



KIM NORTH
Kim's Korner:

There was something missing when the players from Ohio and West Virginia reported to West Liberty University on Sunday to begin preparations for the 65th annual Rudy Mumley Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Let me re-phrase that. There was someone missing.

That someone was Tom Milliken who donated his time and efforts, not only to the OVAC football game, but the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament and the W.Va. Super Six.

"Tom was a great ambassador for the conference. Wheeling Park High School and the Super Six," former All-Star Game Director Ron Mauck said. "He was a great joy to be around, so this is a sad time for us. He was a very kind person who always addressed everyone with a warm smile."

Milliken passed away last weekend after a short illness. He was laid to rest this morning.

Ironically, for his loyalty the program for this year's game - to be played Sunday night at Wheeling Island Stadium - will be dedicated in his honor.

"Tom was the grease that made the wheel go around," Mauck continued. "He never wanted to be the wheel and he never wanted to be the spoke. He did the little things that no one wanted to do, or that no one saw ... the intangible things."

Mauck's time with Milliken not only involved athletics, but the families. See, KORNER, Page B2

Ohio deep at QB

• Monroe's Dierkes, Barnesville's Smith appear ticketed for signal-caller duties

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

Taking a quick glimpse at the Ohio roster for Sunday's Rudy Mumley Charity OVAC All-Star Football Classic, it's not hard to figure out it was the year of the quarterback.

There are no fewer than five players on the Buckeyes' 31-man roster who've got quarterback listed as their primary offensive position.

Obviously, not all five guys are going to see time under center or in the shotgun for offensive coordinator Gregg Bonar's scheme.

"We've got a lot of back-ups if we need them," smiled Martins Ferry product Marco Ricchetti.

From early indications, the quarterbacking duties will come down to Monroe Central's Derek-London Dierkes and Barnesville's Dalton Smith.

"We've got a lot of kids who can throw," Pabolish said. "But a lot of those kids can also catch or play defense, so they'll all help us come Sunday night."

With the two quarterbacks seemingly entrenched, it's a matter of learning the system - or shall we say systems?

According to Ohio head coach Ron Pabolish, the offensive game plan could feature a mixture of all, but when he and his coaching staff picked their roster in the spring they picked versatile ath-



THE TWO head coaches, West Virginia's Tom Bruneau (left) and Ohio's Ron Pabolish (right), for Sunday's 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic posed with game director Bob Koch during Monday's media day activities at Russek Field at West Liberty University.

T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

letes. "I'm a Wing-T coach and Coach Bonar is a throwing coach, so I don't really know what's going to happen," Pabolish laughed during Monday's media

day at West Liberty University. "I guess you'll have to come to the game to figure that out, but we'll adjust to whatever our personnel dictates."

When they hit the field for

their first practice Sunday evening and during Monday's three workouts, the Buckeyes worked on a little bit of everything offensively.

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along with the Meyer's, would meet several times a year at Oglebay Park.

"Our families developed a great relationship," Mauck recalled. "We'd meet at Oglebay for Oglebayfest and New Years Eve."

Game Director Bob Koch said Milliken had been associated with the game longer than anyone current.

"He was here with Rudy over 30 years ago," Koch noted. "There's not many of those guys left around."

Koch added that Milliken was one of those unique guys.

"He never expected to be paid. He would be at events that nobody else was at," Koch added. "Tom told me one time that he just liked to see the expressions on the kids' faces."

According to Koch, a moment of silence in Milliken's honor will be observed prior to Sunday's contest.

Tom Rataiczak, OVAC executive director, said it will be hard to find another Tom Milliken.

"I don't know how you replace a guy like Tom. The man was always there to promote and help out. Anything we ever asked him to do he did without asking any questions."

"It's guys like him that allow us to do the things we've been able to do," Rataiczak continued. "Nowadays it's hard to find people like that because people just aren't stepping up like they did in the past."

Milliken was probably best known as being the ticket seller at the back door for all Wheeling Park basketball games.

Being a member of the media, I never had to enter that door, but I do remember Tom from my days covering the OVAC wrestling tournament.

I'd almost bet Tom will be watching the game Sunday night, but from a higher level.

O-H-I-O or O-I-H-O?

St. Clairsville's Seth Callarik wasn't sure when he first put his game jersey on Monday during Media



Day activities on the Russek Field turf.

His red No. 32 had O-I-H-O printed across the top of it!

However, OVAC officials said late Monday that Callarik would have a new jersey in time for Wednesday's Strager Evening with the Stars.

Ohio Residents Playing for W.Va.

Two members of the Mountaineer squad have a little added incentive this week.

Wheeling Central's Zach Hood starred for Wheeling Central during his prep days while living in Martins Ferry.

Linsly's Craig Kuhar grew up in St. Clairsville.

"It feels pretty special," Hood admitted Monday. "I always wanted to play in this game. I just want to beat them because they are always favored."

Hood played one of his better games last season in a victory at, ironically, Martins Ferry.

Kuhar said, "Most of my friends are in St. Clairsville, so I'm gearing for them. I want to win this game."

According to both, this will be the last game that play in. Hood is going to attend West Liberty, with Kuhar headed to WVU.

GAME NOTES

■ Ohio head coach Rob Pobolish, while addressing the media Monday, pulled no punches when describing his team.

"We run a 4-4 defense and a wing-T on offense. No tricks," he said.

■ Meanwhile, W. Va. head coach Tom Bruney said he's been associated with this game twice, and Pobolish has been on the other sidelines both times.

"In high school I had the opportunity to play in the 1981 game for Coach (Jay) Circosta and Pob was on the W.Va. staff," he recalled. "Now I'm coaching the W.Va. team against his Ohio team. He's a class act and had a great career."

■ Contrary to recent media reports, Rataiczak stressed to those in attendance that "the OVAC is alive and well. It has been for 68 years and it will be for another 68 years. You can take that to the bank."

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Dierkes is just one of four players on the Ohio roster listed as a one-way player, which may be an indication of what the Buckeyes' depth chart could look like come Sunday evening.

"Coach Pob and Coach Bonar definitely have two different offenses, but that's nice since we've got the ability to change it up on the defense," Dierkes observed. "There could be times when we come with the spread, but the very next play have a full-house backfield. We've got the personnel to be pretty balanced."

Dierkes — who passed for 840 yards and ran for 570 more in the Seminoles' run-first offense — was rather tight lipped during media day on what the Mountaineers and fans could expect to see from the Ohio squad.

"I am not really sure, you'll have to ask the coaches," Dierkes relayed. "But, I am not so sure they'll even tell you."

Smith, meanwhile, was a little more forthright in the Buckeyes' plan.

"We're putting in a little bit of both," said Smith. "We've got some spread from Coach Bonar and then Coach Pob's offense, so it's been fun."

Smith passed for more than 1,400 yards and 13 touchdowns with the Shamrocks and he was also a standout on defense.

Ricchetti, Buckeye Local's Joe Rine and Shadyside's Dylan Kimble are the other quarterbacks listed on the roster.

However, the facts would indicate all three are quite capable of playing other positions.

Ricchetti was a first-team all-Ohioan in the defensive backfield for the Purple Riders, while Rine was a brilliant defensive end with his 6-ft-7 frame. Kimble, meanwhile, shifted to quarterback by near necessity for the Tigers and played all over the field prior to his final campaign.

"It doesn't matter to me to where I play," Ricchetti said. "I can be a utility man if needed and play receiver, defense or even some quarterback if need be. I love playing and I'm just trying to get on the field anywhere I can to help the team."

Despite their athleticism and versatility, Pobolish knows these kids are moving positions and in a week's time they might not be as crisp.

"Moving out of position is tough on some guys, but it's got to happen, so that we can have an actual team with the common goal of winning the game," Pobolish said.

Dierkes, meanwhile, doesn't think any of the Buckeyes — regardless of who's playing where — will have a tough time picking up something new.

"We've got a lot of athletes here who can play any position on the field," Dierkes said. "It's really good that we've got a big group of athletes to choose from."

With so many weapons, could the Buckeyes dig into their bag of tricks?

"We'll be putting them in," Smith smiled.

Kickoff is slated for 7:15 p.m. Sunday evening.

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OVAC All-Star grididders clash tonight at Wheeling Island Stadium

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McDonald's All-Star Band coordinator; Dianna Vargo is the George Strager Evening with the Stars Coordinator; and Steve Kish is the Ten-Year Reunion Coordinator...

A half-dozen of this year's players had relatives participate in previous OVAC games, including Alex Gompers of Wheeling Central (his father Tom played in 1976); Jordan Sorge of Wheeling Central

(his grandfather Jack Schuetz played in 1954); Seth Callarik of St. Clairsville (his father Casey played in 1991); Joe Rine of Buckeye Local (his father Chuck played in 1981); Bobby Spence of Buckeye Local (his father Rob played in 1979); and Ben Wiggins of Steubenville (his father Ben played in 1983)...

The officials for the game include Butch Minkemeyer, John Przelenski,

Mike Clyde, Dave Polanski, Chris Allen, D.J. Hines and Tom Costantini. The honorary official is Ron Mauck...

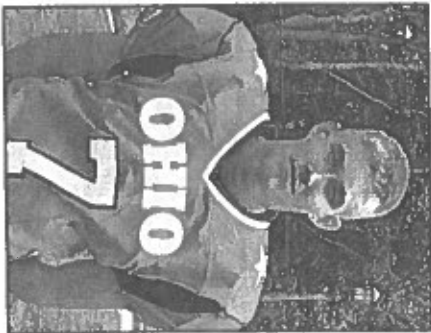
The Ten-Year Reunion of those participating in the game will be recognized during the game and players from the all-star games in 1953, '54 and '55 will be also honored, with 60 or more of those expected to be on hand...

The top finishers of the Queen of

Queens Pageant will be announced at halftime, with a total of \$5,000 in scholarships awarded to the top five finishers as well as Miss Congeniality...

One fan will get the opportunity to attempt the \$10,000 Punt, Pass and Kick event sponsored by The Health Plan at the end of the first quarter...

In 38 years, the Rudy Munley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic has donated more than \$838,000 to charity organizations and scholarships throughout the Ohio Valley.



Dalton Smith



Wes Rataiczak



Josh Riggans



Zac Wojciechowski



Tyler Hardesty



Youth Clinic slated today

WHEELING, W.Va. — The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will be hosting its seventh annual free youth football clinic in conjunction with the Rudy Munley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. The clinic will take place today at Wheeling Island Stadium. Registration will take place at the stadium from 12-12:45 p.m. and will last from 1-2:30 p.m. The clinic will be directed by OVAC football coaches, including members of Coach Chris Daugherty's Wheeling Park High staff with assistance from Tim Weaver and the Bethany College staff. The clinic is free and open to boys and girls ages 6-13. Parents or legal guardians are required to have insurance and be present the day of the clinic to sign a waiver form.

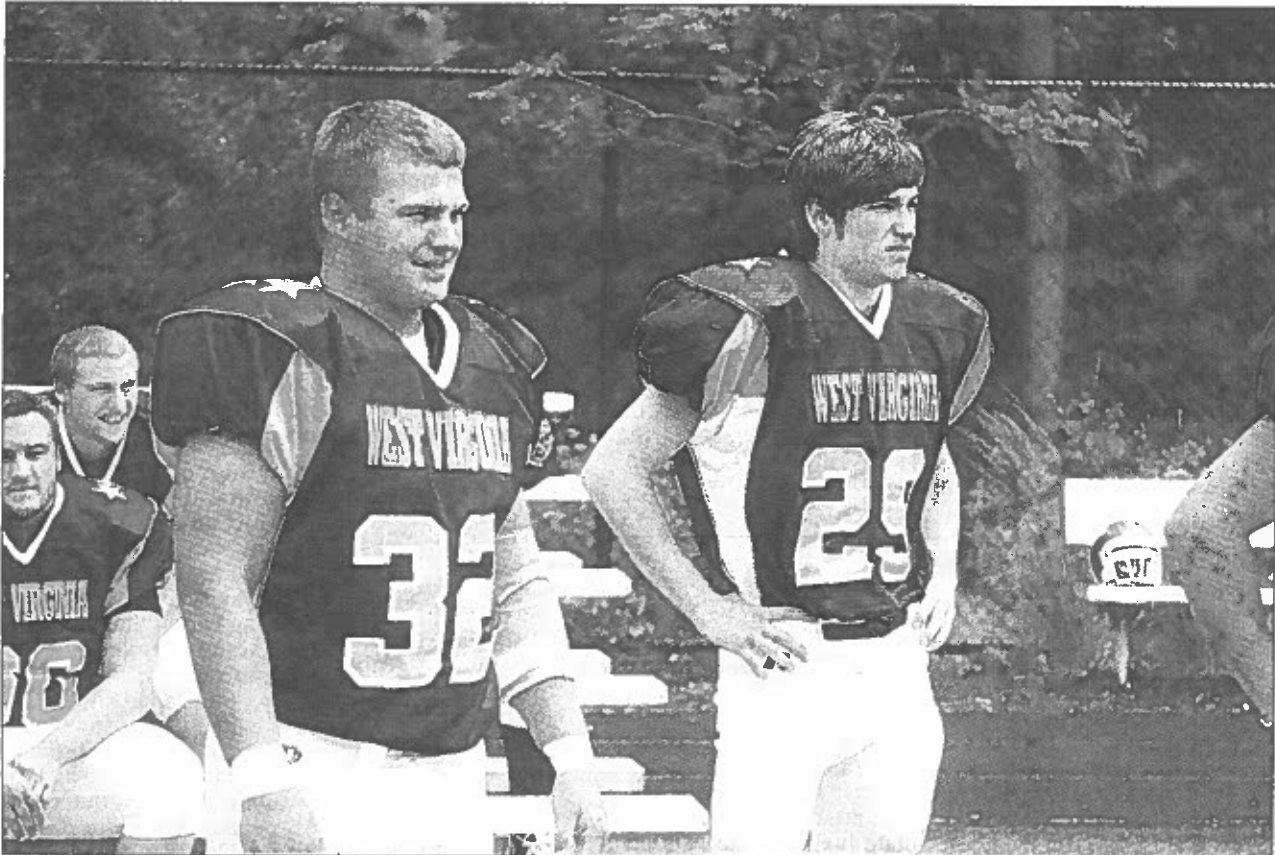


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Brooke's Mike Koscevic (32) and Wheeling Central's Jordan Sorge get ready to have their pictures taken Monday at Media Day for the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic.

Hitting The Ground Running

Coaches implement systems as practice gets going at WLU

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

WEST LIBERTY — The Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic got a lot more colorful Monday afternoon at West Liberty University.

Against the backdrop of Russek Field's Mondo-Turf, players from West Virginia and Ohio donned game jerseys for the event's annual Media Day festivities.

It was a welcome break for the group of nearly 60 players that hit the ground running soon after arriving at camp Sunday afternoon.

But while it was a busy day, Ohio coach Ron Pobolish said plenty was accomplished.

"Our defensive coaches met with all of the players and their responsibilities down," he said. "We implemented our base offense, got to evaluate all

"We have 29 players in camp and we'll play all of them. They are all-stars and we'll cut them loose Sunday."

Ron Pobolish
Ohio coach

of our players, looked at kids for special teams ... so, we had a busy first day."

Pobolish, the former Buckeye Local High School coach, discovered his team had more athleticism than originally thought

"We'll adjust to whatever our personnel dictates," Pobolish noted.

Pobolish will be implementing his Wing-T scheme but, with the help of assistant coach Gregg Bonar, will also be utilizing the spread.

"We have a lot of kids that can catch and we need to highlight that in some fashion," Pobolish said.

Monroe Central quarterback Derek-London Dierkes is the favorite to start

Sunday night's 7:15 p.m. tilt at Wheeling Island Stadium. But Pobolish has plenty of options behind center.

In addition to the former Seminole, Pobolish has at his disposal the services of Martins Ferry's Marco Ricchetti and his own former signalcaller, Joe Rine.

Whomever the quarterback is, the Buckeyes has plenty of speed at receiver, led by Steubenville's Trey Wiggins and Union Local's Brandon Nicholes

"We have a lot of speed and a lot of players that can do damage at different positions," Wiggins said.

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Milliken Left Lasting Impression On the Valley

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

WEST LIBERTY — I never had a chance to meet Tom Milliken.

He was always one of those faces I saw covering games, but never had the opportunity to have a conversation with.

That's my loss. Because from everyone I've spoken with the past few days, I've come to learn more about the type of person he was and the love he had for the youth of the valley.

Milliken, who was a familiar face at Wheeling Park High School and OVAC athletic events for years, died Saturday at age 71.

One of Milliken's favorite events was the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic, slated for 7:15 p.m. Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Bob Koch, the game's director, said Milliken had been involved with the contest since Mumley himself directed the bi-state event.

"Tom was an instrumental guy," Koch said at Monday's Media Day festivities at West Liberty University's Student Union. "As the years go on there are fewer and fewer folks involved in the game that were involved when Rudy was doing it."

During Koch's words to the West Virginia and Ohio squads Sunday, Koch had to compose himself more than once when talking about Milliken, a Warwood resident.

"We dedicated the game program to him this year," he said. "It's pretty tough to realize that after all of these years he's not going to be here."

"When it was time to pass out equipment, he was there. When we needed him to sell programs, he was there. He'd even come out (to West Liberty) for activities through the week."

"And he never wanted anything in return. He never asked for anything. He was just there."

Milliken also fulfilled a myriad of duties for the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships.

"I was talking with Ron (also a former director of the OVAC all-star football game) and he said that Tom wasn't a big wheel or a small wheel, but he was the grease," Koch added. "He just helped make everything go. Those people are hard to find."

Bernie Dolan, principal and former athletics director at Wheeling Park, echoed those sentiments.

"He was a great guy ... a great guy to be greeting people as they came into our events," Dolan said. "He met everyone with a smile and was very dependable and very professional."

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Milliken

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Milliken was probably best known as the backdoor ticket seller at Wheeling Park basketball games.

"Whether it be basketball or football or any kind of event at (Wheeling Island Stadium) Tom was usually there. I also think he worked every Super Six we've had here."

Milliken was also a presence at Patriots track events.

"His wife, Sandy, was always helping," Dolan added. "(Tom) made it a family affair."

Dwaine Rodgers, the Patriots' current athletics

director, remembered Milliken as a key cog in Park's gameday operations.

"Tom played a big role (at Park) for a long time," Rodgers said. "He was always someone you could count on and was a gentle man."

All in the Family

This year's game will be a family affair for six players.

Five of them have fathers who are alums of the contest — Alex Gompers (Wheeling Central), whose father, Tom, played in 176; Seth Callarik (St. Clairsville), whose father, Casey, played in 1991; Joe Rine (Buckeye Local),

whose father, Chuck, played in 1981; Bobby Spence (Buckeye Local), whose father, Rob, played in 1979; and Trey Wiggins (Steubenville), whose father, Ben, played in 1983.

Jordan Sorge and his grandfather, Jack Schuetz, will both be on the field. Sorge, as an all-star for Wheeling Central, and Schuetz, who will be among the returning players from the 1954 contest being recognized.

Teams from 1953 and 1955 will also be feted during the game.

It's Official

Butch Minkemeyer is the referee for Sunday's

contest. The rest of the officiating crew includes John Przelenski (umpire); Mike Clyde (linesman); Dave Polanski (line judge); Chris Allen (side judge); D.J. Hines (field judge); and Tom Castantini (back judge).

Mauck is the Honorary Official.

That's the Ticket

Tickets are the game are available at many locations on the West Virginia and Ohio sides of the Ohio

River. They \$7 in advance and \$10 at the gate. Fans aged 5 and under are admitted free.

West Virginia ticket locations include Benwood (Kroger), Cameron (Greg's Market), Chester (Citizen Drug), Moundsville (Kroger), New Martinsville (Witschey's Supermarket), Warwood (Kroger), Weirton (Kroger), Three Springs Drive and Main Street locations), Wells-

burg (Kroger) and Wheeling (Kroger).

Ohio ticket locations are Bellaire (Kroger), Cambridge (The Jeffersonian), East Liverpool (All-Sports Supplies), Martins Ferry (Kroger), Shadyside (DeFelice Brothers Pizza), St. Clairsville (Kroger), Steubenville (Kroger and Smitty's Floors), Wellsville (Center Pharmacy), Wintersville (Kroger) and Woodsfield (Weber's Drugs).

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Cambridge's Tyler Hardesty, Indian Creek's Doren Thomas and Buckeye Local's Brandon Bartrug are candidates at running back.

Steubenville Catholic's Mickey Bednar, while with the team, is injured and likely won't see action Sunday.

"We have 29 players in camp and we'll play all of them," Pobolish said. "They are all-stars and we'll cut them loose Sunday."

Bruney entered camp without the services of three players, who were unable to attend one reason or another.

But while he may have had to alter his plans a bit, the Brooke High School coach is still excited with the group he has in tow.

"We can't worry about the guys that aren't here," Bruney said. "We have to take care of the guys we do have because they are still all-stars. We'll try to fit them in the puzzle as best we can and see what we can come out with."

"We have enough guys to get it done, but we'll have to move some guys

around.

"One of the things we were shooting for was not having to play guys both ways."

One thing Bruney is sure of is what to expect from quarterback Cotey Wallace, who helped guide the Bruins to a Super Six berth last season.

"It's an honor to be selected and it has been a lot easier with Coach Bruney here," said Wallace, who threw and ran for more than 1,000 yards in 2009.

Wallace is hoping to halt Ohio's five-game winning streak in what will be his second straight game at Wheeling Island Stadium going back to last season.

Ohio has won 14 of the last 15 meetings against West Virginia. The lone Mountaineers triumph during the period was in 2004 (21-7).

"I know most of the stuff in this system," he said, "but I'll refresh a little bit and should be OK."

Oak Glen's Seth Barnhart and Wheeling Central's Zach Hood are also in the quarterback mix for West Virginia.

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W.Va.

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"Everyone says defense wins championships," Weirton Madonna's Lou Comis said, "and that's what happened (Sunday)."

Indeed. "As the game progressed I could sense that our kids were getting stronger and their kids were fatiguing," Bruney said. "I think that was a big factor because about midway of the third quarter our kids started to realize that our plan was coming to fruition."

"We wanted to keep the game close and win it in the fourth quarter."

Actually, West Virginia took the lead for good in the third quarter, on the first of two touchdown runs by Parkersburg South's Hunter Ferguson.

And when Ferguson scored from short yardage again early in the fourth quarter to give West Virginia a 17-7 lead, it increased the Mountaineers' confidence and deflated the Buckeyes.

"We just seemed to be a hair off ... a little sluggish," a disappointed Ohio coach Ron Pobolish said moments after coaching his final game.

"We battled but it looks like we got whipped in the trenches."

"Our kids had a good week and they tried hard, but (Sunday) we came up a bit short."

Things got off to a great start for Ohio as Cambridge's Tyler Hardesty ran for 9 and 11 yards on the first two plays from scrimmage.

But the Buckeyes — and the Mountaineers — couldn't find any offensive rhythm.

That was until late in the first half when Ohio drove 57 yards in eight plays to record the game's first score, a 6-yard jaunt by quarterback Derek-London Dierkes. Logan Cook's extra point gave Ohio a 7-0 lead.

West Virginia, utilizing Bruney's spread offense, marched right back. And when the Mountaineers' drive stalled at the Ohio 30, Parkersburg South's Michael Molinari came on and calmly booted a 47-yard field goal to cut the lead to 7-3 with 5:14 left in the half.

Later in the quarter, Ohio got the ball with 1:57 remaining. On the second play, Dierkes scrambled up the middle for 38 yards.

Then, the former Monroe Central quarterback hit Martins Ferry's Marco Ricchetti for 11 more. Two more Dierkes runs put Ohio inside the 10, poised to take a commanding lead.

But on third down, the

Buckeyes were foiled by a bad snap. Then, with the clock running, Cook's 32-yard field-goal attempt was swatted down by Comis.

"That was outstanding," Bruney said. "Our goal there was to hold them to at least three. We held them and then blocked the darn thing. That gave us momentum going into the third quarter."

With the West Virginia defense doing its thing, the Mountaineers offense followed suit.

After Oak Glen's Tyler Reed picked off a Dierkes pass and returned it to the Ohio 10, West Virginia need just two plays to take the lead.

Ferguson ran for 7 yards on the first play and scored the TD on the second to help give West Virginia a 10-7 lead.

"It might have been odd to see such a big kid in our offense," Bruney said of the former South star, who led West Virginia with 57 yards rushing, "but he has some pretty nimble feet."

Down 17-7 with 9:39 left, Ohio and former Barnesville star Dalton Smith directed a 12-play, 77-yard drive that culminated with a 16-yard touchdown pass from Smith to ex-Steubenville receiver Trey Wiggins to help make the score 17-14.

On the ensuing kickoff, Cook attempted an onside kick, but the ball simply spun around at the Ohio 40, where West Virginia took over.

Wallace had runs of 14 and 16 yards on the drive. And then Stefan Varner, of John Marshall, scored from 1 yard out to seal the victory.

Wallace completed his first eight passes and finished with 60 yards for West Virginia, while Nate Taylor caught three balls for 26 yards.

Smith was 10 of 21 for 114 yards for Ohio, with Brandon Nicholes, formerly of Union Local, catching four passes for 37 yards.

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 W — FG Molinari 47
 W — Ferguson 3 run (Molinari kick)
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Statistics
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First Downs: West Virginia 12; Ohio 13.

Fumbles: West Virginia 1-0; Ohio 0-0.
 Penalties: West Virginia 5-25; Ohio 6-27.

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Turning the Tables

Annually the talk leading up to the game centers on the assumption the Buckeyes simply have too many horses up front for the Mountaineers to handle. Generally speaking, that's been the case pretty much on a yearly basis.

Ohio is said to have bigger, stronger, faster players, and more of them to boot. That wasn't the case this time.

"Surprisingly, you could tell they were starting to fatigue in the third quarter and our guys were getting stronger," Bruney said. "That's what we talked about on the bench during a change of possession — if you keep coming off the ball and changing the line of scrimmage, then we can control the game and win it."

Parkersburg South's Hunter Ferguson, who scored a pair of touchdowns in the victory, saw that coming to fruition as far back as the first days

of camp.

"I like being the underdog," he said. "We knew we had to do what we had to do."

"The whole week (the Buckeyes) were arrogant and didn't work near as hard as us or practice as long as us."

"It showed."

Don't Change a Thing

With West Virginia failing to do much offensively in the first half, the natives, many of them calling for their team to abandon the spread running game in favor of the pass, were getting restless. Bruney may or may not have heard them, but they didn't affect his playcalling.

"Never. Always stick to the game plan," he said. "One thing I always think about is that movie 'Remember the Titans.'"

"The coach said it's just like novocaine — be patient and give it time to work."

"That's just what we did."

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Now, as far as off the field, the biggest concern was the fact the OVAC saw a 30-percent increase in terms of rent to stay at West Liberty during the week of camp leading up to the game.

Again, it's simple.

First of all, don't arrive for camp until Wednesday. How much better will a team get with three less days of practice? Just go twice Wednesday, twice Thursday, and twice Friday.

That cuts out three days of room and board, as well as three meals a day.

If you decide that's not an option and you still want to begin Sunday, then have the players commute for

those three days. Guys from far away places like Zanesville, Parkersburg South, University and Morgantown can be put up in hotels and that significantly reduces your costs for the week.

One final way of cutting cash is by working out some sort of deal with one of the local establishments like Figaretti's, Undos, or Quaker Steak and Lube. I have no second thoughts about each one being more than happy to donate one meal a day.

The game is already good. But it has the potential to be great.

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Brad Lincoln had another poor outing in a loss to San Diego, earning him a trip back to the minor leagues/14

RUDY MUMLEY OVAC ALL-STAR FOOTBALL CHARITY CLASSIC

A Few Simple Fixes to the Mid-Summer Event

WHEELING — A lot of questions have been posed recently about the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. After Sunday's 65th annual installment, each and every one of them persists.

After a week of deliberation and another firsthand view of the event, I think I've come up with some pretty good solutions — both for the conference's wallet and those who attend the game.

We'll start with the game itself. It's admirable what the OVAC has put together for what it is now calling its 'All-Star Gala.' Frankly, however, there's too much shoehorned into one night of entertainment. We've got the

Queen of Queens, the recognition of past all-stars, the All-Star Cheerleaders and the OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band.

Though all are nice ideas, the game itself has almost become secondary. Sunday's edition lasted more than three hours — three hours for a high school football game! And heck, this one went by quickly.

On a sheet of paper taped up inside the West Virginia locker room, the conference allotted 15 minutes for the naming of the Queen of Queens, and another 15 for the band to play during halftime. That's a half an hour — it lasted longer than that — for what is normally a 20-minute affair during a regular-season



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game.

What's the solution?

Well, both those groups are on the field prior to kickoff. How about the band serenades the fans into the stadium with an endless number of songs, and the Queen is actually named at the con-

clusion of the pageant Friday night. You can still introduce them all during pregame, and that way the winner gets not one, but two days in the sun.

In the process, you've just shaved approximately 12 minutes off the time restless fans have to sit in the stands, and everyone gets home that much sooner.

Lastly, get the game off television — at least *live* television.

After the longer-than-necessary half-time (they may as well change the name to 'halftime') we all had to sit through a TV timeout following the first change of possession.

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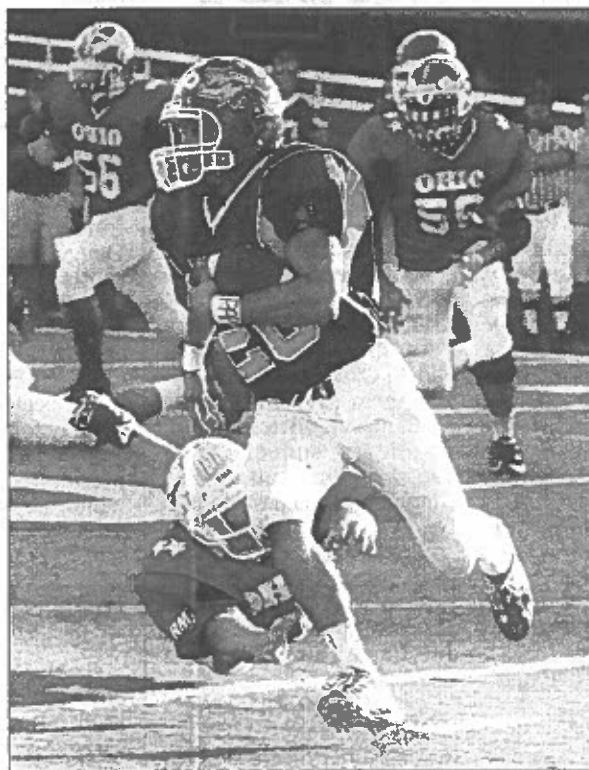
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Family has had one heckuva year

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — It's been a big summer for the Bruney family.

And believe it or not, there's still more on the horizon for one of the first families of football in the Ohio Valley.

In late June, Martins Ferry coach Dave Bruney took his rightful place in the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

Then earlier in this month, the entire Bruney family was recognized by the Lou Holtz

Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame's Heritage Family Award. And next month, Fred Bruney will be inducted into the OVAC Hall of Fame in Wheeling.

Then there's what happened Sunday night at Wheeling Island Stadium, which Brooke High coach Tom Bruney will never forget.

In his first head-coaching assignment of the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, Bruney directed his Mountaineers to their first victory in the bi-state clash since 2004.

"To win this game after the amount of work you put into just makes it even sweeter," Bruney said. "When you work

as hard as these kids and coaches did all week and not to win just leaves a sour taste in your mouth, but this was great."

Bruney's 2-0 in the game. His 1981 story has been well-documented when he kicked the game-winning field goal to give Ohio a 17-14 victory.

Since he's been on both sides, Bruney's a perfect guy to ask about the format of the game, which draws the ire of many during the weeks leading up to and after the game.

"Next year, (West Virginia) gets Morgantown and University in the mix, so we'll have a lot more guys to choose from," Bruney said.

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Cambridge's Tyler Hardesty (20) carries the ball during Sunday's game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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ON THE LINE

Today's Results:
Q. Are you attending the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic?

Yes: 10%

No: 90%

Tomorrow's Poll:
Q. Do you think Lance Armstrong used performance-enhancing drugs?

Tell us what you think.

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

W.Va. roster is complete for OVAC Game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Tom Bruney and the West Virginia coaching staff don't plan on getting too fancy on the defensive side of the ball during the July 25 OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

However, they know the first goal when they begin preparations Sunday at West Liberty University.

"We've got to stop the

run first," Bruney said. "We know we're going to see more passing because of their coaching staff, but it all starts with stopping the run and being able to get some pressure on the quarterback. We feel like we've got good size up front and we've got good people at backers and secondary."

Today, Bruney announced his defensive skill and utility players for

the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic.

Here's a capsule look at the players:

LOU COMIS (Madonna): This two-way player was a standout for Coach Bob Kramer's team the last several years.

The 5-foot-11, 210 pounder logged 80 tackles and ran for 700 yards playing both middle linebacker and fullback. He recovered

two fumbles, which was half as many as he forced.

For his fine seasons, he was twice named all-state. he was a first team All-OVAC and All-Valley pick, a two-time All-River Valley selection and All-Mason Dixon.

Along with football, Comis was the everyday catcher on the Blue Dons' state title winning baseball team.

Lou, who will attend

West Virginia University, is the son of Lou and Lisa Comis of Weirton.

ZACH HOOD (Wheeling Central): This former Maroon Knight was a standout at quarterback for Coach Mike Young's team.

The 5-10, 165 pounder passed for 23 touchdowns and ran for an additional 10. All told, he passed for 2,800 yards and logged 1,300 more rushing.

For his fine career, Hood boasts a state title ring, he was named all-state and All-Valley, and was voted as a Big 22 Finalist.

Along with football, he was a standout in basketball and was a member of two state title-winning teams.

Zach, who is the attending West Liberty University, is the son of Roseann Teramana and Lloyd Hood.

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MICHAEL KOSEVIC (Brooke): This former Bruin was a standout at linebacker for Coach Tom Bruney's team last season.

The 5-10, 205 pounder recorded 136 tackles, nine sacks, 10 tackles for loss, five fumble recoveries and an interception.

Along with football, Kosevic was a member of the National Honor Society, student council, and the principal's honor roll.

Michael, who is heading to Fairmont State University, is the son of Mike Kosevic and Sheryl Kosevic.

MICHAEL MOLINARI (Parkersburg South): This former Patriot was a standout at kicker for Coach Jon Bolen's team.

As a senior, he was true on three field goals with a long of 43 yards and he booted 42 of 48 PATs through the uprights.

He was also valuable as a receiver and ballcarrier and defensively he recorded six interceptions.

Molinari was a second team all-state pick a year ago.

Michael, who will enroll at West Virginia University in the fall, is the son of Serge and Cindy Molinari of Washington.

MAX NOGAY (Madonna): This former Blue Don had one of the most memorable all-around sports years in the Ohio Valley and it all started with a state title in football under Kramer.

The 5-11, 185 pounder ran for 1,107 yards on 140 attempts and 23 touchdowns. Defensively, he had 60 tackles and five interceptions.

He was a first team all-state pick, All-OVAC, All-Valley and played in the West Virginia North-South Game.

In football, Nogay won the OVAC

and West Virginia state title last season and he was a first team all-state baseball player where he led the Blue Dons to the Class A state title.

Max, who plans on playing baseball at WVU, is the son of Michael and Robin Nogay of Weirton.

CODY SCOTT (Valley): This former Lumberjack came through in many regards for Coach Tom West's team.

The 5-8, 180 pounder logged 137 tackles and 102 of those were solo stops. He also had seven sacks and four interceptions. Offensively, he scored six touchdowns on 78 rushes. All told, he gained 400 yards.

Scott was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Mason Dixon, all-Valley and second-team all-state punter.

Cody, who plans on attending technical school, is the son of Rhonda Pigott of Reader.

KYLE SIMS (Brooke): This former Bruin was a standout on defense for Coach Bruney's team.

Sims recorded 70 tackles as a junior and 20 of those were for a loss.

He was a captain for the Bruins, named a WTOV-TV Player to Watch and key returning player.

Kyle, who is unsure of his college plans, is the son of Beth Sims and Wayne Sims of Weirton.

STEFAN VARNER (John Marshall): This former Monarch was a standout for Coach Dan Wilson's team a bevy of spots last season.

The 5-10, 190 pounder recorded 139 tackles, and 106 of those were solo stops from his linebacker spot. He also had 33 assists, 17 tackles for loss and three forced fumbles. He also scored seven touchdowns and had 517 yards.

Along with serving as a two-year captain, he was twice named honorable mention all-state and was the recipient of the JM Wendy's High School Heisman.

Away from football, Varner was a member of the National Honor Society, FCA and he lettered twice in baseball.

Stefan, who plans on attending Averett University in Danville, Va., is the son of Scott and Suzanne Varner.

GRIFFIN YOCUM (John Marshall): This former Monarch was a standout at receiver and served as the punter for Wilson's team.

The 6-0, 175 pounder had 29 receptions for 479 yards and five touchdowns. He landed 10 punts inside the 20 yard line.

Yocum received the 101 percent award and was Athlete of the Month for Marshall County in September.

Griffin, who plans on attending West Liberty, is the son of John and Renae Yocum of Glen Dale.

TEVIN HALL (Cameron): This former Dragon was a standout at receiver for Coach Jim Rogers' team.

The 5-9, 150 pounder was All-Mason Dixon and he received the SSAC State Award for Exemplary Sportsmanship.

Away from football, he was a state wrestling champ as a junior when he recorded all of his victories by pin. He placed in the OVAC three times.

Tevin, who plans on wrestling at West Liberty University, is the son of David and Sharon Hall of Glen Easton.

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OVAC All-Star Grid Game Feeling Pinch

WHEELING — What's wrong with the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference? Why is it losing money? Don't the people who run the thing have a clue as to what they're doing?

Those are all reasonable questions after a report last week that showed the conference lost \$13,661 on last season's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

The fact the game's name has 'charity' in the title couldn't be more ironic, because OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak says the organization is certainly feeling a pinch, though the thought of it going bankrupt couldn't be farther from the truth.

The numbers, to me, didn't seem right. And the fact the conference pays a local television station to broadcast the game strikes many as odd.

After speaking with Rataiczak on Wednesday morning, it's clear something has to be done. Changes need to be made, but where?

Perhaps not having it on television so more people would be enticed to show up, thus making the profit at the gate higher?

"We've talked about it before, but the other thing

we've always thought of is, what's more beneficial for the queens, the band, team? Being seen by 60,000 with television, or another 500 more at the game?" Rataiczak said. "The

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exposure for the kids is something they will probably never get.

"Is the live TV or tape delay killing us? I don't know. Will we get another 4,000 at the gate (without TV)?"

We won't know the answer to that for another "2-3 years" when the current television contract expires. There's a chance the game could switch

stations, or perhaps not be shown on television at all.

However, Rataiczak is quick to point out that paying to have the game televised helps in another regard — it gives the OVAC the right to do whatever it chooses with the footage, and that includes allowing another station to show it later down the road.

That sounds well and good, but when has that ever happened? I can't remember it in my lifetime, and I can't see a competing station paying to rebroadcast an event that has the other's logo and announcers throughout.

Rataiczak, though, said that was a must to keep things

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"neat." Once the OVAC debuted its basketball tournaments, and likewise made them available to TV, there started to be conflicts in that certain sponsors were paying double for one event. In order to circumvent the problem, the conference dipped into its pockets.

"We just said, 'Look, we will do our own marketing, our own production. It's easier and less problematic to control it,'" Rataiczak said.

The sponsorship numbers (\$10,990) seemed awfully low, also.

But Rataiczak explained a lot of people don't realize a company like Wheeling Hospital, which is an across-the-board OVAC supporter, budgets a certain amount of money each year for the conference, and allows the OVAC to choose where it's best put to use. In other words, if the hospital would give \$50,000 — strictly an arbitrary figure — that is divided among all OVAC tournaments, not just the football game.

"These aren't the olden days where we were guaranteed to make a profit off the game," Rataiczak said. "Back when we did that, we weren't paying out for insurance. Now, all the athletes, we carry insurance on them."

"What the marketing people have done, we have package A, B, C, D. 'A' is the premium package, 'B' is down a few dollars and so on."

"When you sign on as a corporate, this is what you get for what you're giving."

The room and board at West Liberty is another obstacle. In 2009 it cost \$49,308, but will go up by 30 percent this year. Rataiczak won't know a precise number on the

damage until the OVAC receives a bill, but school officials say they need to make a profit.

So what's the answer? Move it? Don't have a camp and just have the kids commute every day?

"The problem with that is, if you're a kid from Zanesville, Beaver Local, Morgantown, University or Parkersburg South, are you going to drive to Wheeling Island Stadium seven days in a row?" Rataiczak wondered. "And we've been at West Liberty for 60 years and you don't walk away, ideally. That's the best thing we have because everyone is in one group."

Some have suggested cutting the band in half. Rataiczak, though, said that's not going to work either.

"The thing is, there's no way of proving how many come to that game for the band."

It didn't help matters any that three schools who usually provide a Queen of Queens contestant elected not to this year. Rataiczak estimates that will cost the conference between \$5-6,000 in program revenue.

There don't seem to be any easy solutions, but the OVAC isn't going to stop looking.

"One thing, for the executive committee, at no time in our history have had a better thumb on the pulse of the money," Rataiczak said. "But we can't take care of it two years in a row. It would kill us. We can't justify \$20,000 to make a game break even."

"The game will go on — period. End of discussion."

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Pobolish sets Ohio coaching staff

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The players are in place for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Today, Ohio head coach Ron Pobolish announced his coaching staff, which will be implementing the game plan for the Buckeyes in the July 25th contest.

"We met several times as a staff after I had my hip replaced," Pobolish said. "We've started to work on a game-plan

already and we'll just have to adjust it as we go."

Many of his former Panthers' assistants are going to camp at West Liberty University. He also hired former Bellaire High head coach Gregg Bonar and one of his chief assistants, Mark Spigarelli, as well.

"I admire what Gregg and Mark can do and what they've done," Pobolish said. "Gregg runs a good offense and likes to throw the ball. Trust me, people don't want to see us run the ball down the field.

Gregg's excited about it and we're excited to have him and Mark."

The complete Ohio coaching staff consists of: Phil Pest, George Laase, Blair Closser, Nate Skrzypek, Andy Weiss, Bonar and Spigarelli.

Here's a capsule look at the coaches:

RON POBOLISH - This veteran mentor was a standout player at West Virginia University and then returned to his roots in the Ohio Valley to become one of the area's top coaches.

Pobolish coached football for 32 years

before calling it quits after last season in which he led the Panthers to the Division III playoffs, a first-round home playoff game and also the OVAC Class 4-A title.

All told, Pobolish has made coaching stops at Cadiz, John Marshall, Buckeye South, Buckeye Southwest, Buckeye Local and Harrison Central. He's compiled a 144-102-1 record and owns a state runnerup finish on his resume in 1994.

Pobolish has been inducted to the Ohio

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Valley Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

Ron and his wife Laura reside in Moundsville. The couple has three children, Ashley, Lucey and Chet.

PHIL PEST - This former Wheeling Central standout has been a mainstay on Pobolish's coaching staffs at Buckeye Local.

Pest, who owns a bachelor's from Bethany and a M.A. from West Virginia, has been an assistant football coach at Buckeye Local for 18 years. All told, he's got 30 years of experience on his resume. Along with football, Pest has also coached track and field for the Panthers.

Phil and his wife Jan have three children, Megan, Trevor and Shannon.

GREGG BONAR - This long-time football coach will direct the Buckeyes' offense during the OVAC All-Star Game.

Bonar - a Shadyside High and West Liberty State College graduate - spent 25 years as a football coach at Bellaire. He was the head coach for two seasons. He also coached girls' basketball for 17 years.

In 2005, Bonar, who owns a M.S. from the University of Dayton, was named Offensive Coordinator of the Year after he helped guide the Big Reds' juggernaut offense to a regional championship.

Gregg and his wife Rosemary have three children, Marybeth (24), Carrie (23) and David (19).

ANDY WEISS - This Pobolish assistant has been a member of the Buckeye Local coaching staff for four years.

Weiss is a graduate of Muskingum College. During school, he competed in football and baseball.

Andy and his wife Jennifer reside in Houston, Pa.

NATE SKRZYPEK - This current Panthers' assistant coach was a football and wrestling standout at Wheeling Central during his prep days.

Skrzypek, who graduated from Bethany College, has been coaching football for seven seasons, including four at Buckeye Local. He also serves as the Panthers' head wrestling coach.

Nate and his wife Melanie reside in Wheeling.

BLAIR CLOSSER - This veteran worked for 35 years at Buckeye Local before his retirement in January of 2009.

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Wallace To Reunite With Bruney at All-Star Game

West Virginia staff has eye on two-way players

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

When forming his roster for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, Brooke High and West Virginia head coach Tom Bruney wanted linemen first.

However, he feels like he and his coaching staff did their due diligence on the other positions as well and today he announces his quarterback and running back candidates for the Sunday, July 25 clash with Ohio.

"Most of the guys we've picked are two-way players," Bruney said. "There are going to fit into the puzzle somewhere."

At quarterback, Bruney's own player, Cotey Wallace, and Oak Glen's Seth Barnhart will get the primary looks.

"I think Cotey Wallace learned the system better than I know it last year and I think he'll be a big asset to Seth in helping him learn it too," Bruney said. "We feel like those kids are field generals and we can compete in this game with them directing the team."

At the running back spot, Bruney's looking at Magnolia's Stingray Bates, Weir's T.J. Howard, Wheeling Central's

Jordan Sorge and Wheeling Park's Dominique Jenkins.

"We like a slashing type runner in our offense," Bruney said. "We also like to throw the ball to our backs with screens. As we were picking these kids, some of them may not have carried it as much for their high school team, but they're versatile and can run the ball."

Here's a capsule look at the players who returned their biographical information to game director Bob Koch:

COTEY WALLACE (Brooke) — This Bruins quarterback settled in without a problem to Bruney's offense this past season and turned in a brilliant final campaign.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pounder passed for more than 2,100 yards and 25 touchdowns. He ran for more than 1,100 yards and 15 more touchdowns, while directing the Bruins to a 13-1 season.

Wallace gained all sorts of postseason honors, including first team all-state in Class AAA; first team all-OVAC and Class AAAA captain. He was a finalist for the Big 22 Player of the Year and also the prestigious Kennedy Award. He was also a standout in track and field for the Bruins.

Cotey, who is the son of Garey Wallace of Wellsburg, plans on attending Fairmont State University in the fall.

SETH BARNHART (Oak Glen) — This former Golden Bear played a huge role in helping to lead his team back to the

postseason under the guidance of Coach Tony Filberto.

The 6-3, 215-pounder passed for 2,154 yards and 25 touchdowns. He also ran for four scores.

Barnhart was first team all-state and a Big 22 finalist. He was also named first team all-OVAC, all-Valley and was a finalist for Review Player of the Year. He was a four-year starter at Oak Glen and holds every quarterbacking school record.

Along with football, Barnhart played basketball and baseball.

Away from athletics, he was quite active in Culture Club, Foreign Language Club, Friends of Rachel Club and yearbook staff.

Seth, who is the son of Tracy and the late Gerald Barnhart of Chester, plans on attending California University of Pennsylvania.

STINGRAY BATES (Magnolia) — This former Blue Eagle was a four-year mainstay for Coach Mark Batton's team.

During his prep career in which he earned four letters, Bates ran 462 times for 2,281 yards and 23 touchdowns. He also caught 19 passes and scored two receiving touchdowns.

Bates was a first team all-OVAC performer this past season and was named the winner of the Sam Mumley Memorial MVP Award in Class AA during the 2008 Super Six Football Championships.

Stingray, who is the son of Todd and Cindy Bates of New Martinsville, plans on

attending West Liberty University.

T.J. HOWARD (Weir) — This former Red Rider was a standout all over the field for Coach Tom Taylor's team last season.

The 5-9, 165-pounder ran for 700 yards and accounted for 1,200 all-purpose yardage, which makes him a valuable piece for Bruney and the Mountaineers squad.

He was also a defensive standout with 64 tackles, four interceptions and 12 tackles for loss.

Howard was a honorable mention all-state pick in Class AA.

T.J., who is the son of Tim and Renee Howard of Weirton, is planning to attend West Liberty University in the fall.

JORDAN SORGE (Wheeling Central) — This former Maroon Knight made his presence felt all over the place for Coach Mike Young's team last season.

On the offensive side of the ball, Sorge ran 64 times for 476 yards and six touchdowns. He also caught 22 balls for 542 yards and nine scores. Defensively, he made 30 tackles and recorded five interceptions.

For his efforts, Sorge was named first team all-state in Class A, all-OVAC and all-Valley.

Along with football, Sorge lettered for Central in basketball and tennis.

Jordan, who is the son of Brian and Lisa Sorge of Wheeling, plans on attending West Liberty University.

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OVAC All-Star Football coaches set

• Buckeye's Pobolish, Brooke's Bruney accept invitations for 65th annual Mumley Classic

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

The 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic is still more than eight months away.

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"We're extremely proud of the accomplishments of our team," Bruney said. "It started the first day we met on May 21 where we laid out our plan for the program, our expectations and how we planned to install it."

The Bruins finished second in the OVAC Class 4-A standings despite their

10-0 mark and overcame several adversities both on and off the field en route to the perfect season.

"Now that we've had about 11 days or so since the (state championship) game, it's been refreshing to look back on the year we had," Bruney said. "The run we went on was a direct result of a wonderful group of kids and a very hard-working and loyal coaching staff."

In the playoffs, the Bruins rallied past 16th-seeded Princeton in the opening round and then cruised past Ripley and University en route to Wheeling Island

Stadium.

"We were probably ahead of schedule with what we accomplished," Bruney said. "But, it was wonderful to see week by week the pride and the tradition resurfacing in our community and in our kids. Everyone says we brought the pride back. Well, it was always here, but it was misplaced and through the effort of our kids and coaches we brought it back to the top where it belonged."

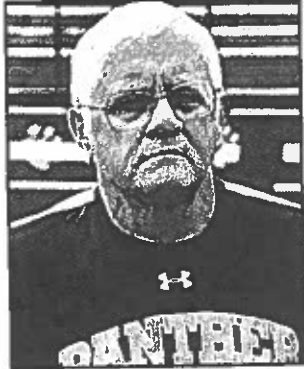
Traditionally, deep post-season runs are made with a large senior class, but the Bruins did it with just seven 12th graders

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TOM BRUNEY
Brooke



RON POBOLISH
Buckeye Local

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on the roster.

"The fact that we only had seven seniors was one of the things that really concerned me when I first got the job," Bruney admitted. "During our first meeting with the kids, we held our seniors back and told them usually coaches build from the ground up, starting with their freshman or even their junior high programs, but we told them we weren't going to throw them aside. We used reverse psychology and built from the bottom up, but our seniors were on the bottom shoving everyone else up."

As for the all-star game, this is Bruney's first assignment in the game. He played in the 1981 contest under current Monroe Central head coach Jay Circosta.

"There was never a doubt in my mind that if (the OVAC) offered it to us that we'd accept," Bruney said. "I played for Ohio, my dad played at Ohio State and I'm a Buckeyes' fan, so if someone's got to beat Ohio, it might as well be me and this Mountaineers' team."

Bruney and his entire coaching staff will be involved in the week-long process which begins July 18 with camp at West Liberty University.

"This is a perfect reward for our coaching staff," Bruney said. "We're really looking forward to picking the team. We think that will be the most fun part of the whole experience. We'll go over the nomination forms as closely as possible and try to find the best 30 or 32 players we can, coach them and see what happens because we're looking at this as our only shot."

POBOLISH, meanwhile, could have easily been on a lengthy vacation at the time of the OVAC All-Star Game after he announced his retirement prior to the start of this past season.

He could have done that especially after the fact that his Panthers sent him out on a high. Buckeye finished the campaign 8-3 with both an OVAC Class 4-A title and as well as a Buckeye 8 title. Throw in a Division III, Region 11 home playoff game and it was quite a year for the Panthers.

"We had the type of team that could surely get beat anytime we stepped on the field, but at the same time, we had a team that could have played with and

beat anyone on any given night."

For Pobolish, this assignment is another way to honor the work put in by the coaches and all of the players during his career at Buckeye.

"Sometimes you don't appreciate winning, but when I came back the second time we had to work extremely hard to become respectable," Pobolish said. "We battled hard to earn that respect back and it goes to show with patience and hard work what you can achieve, so this is a great way to honor the Buckeye Local football team."

After the Panthers' season ended with a loss to Canal Fulton Northwest during the first round of the playoffs, many speculated whether or not Pobolish would accept this post with the all-star game.

"I am accepting this position on behalf of Buckeye Local," Pobolish said. "I can remember struggling to 1-9 and 2-8 seasons, so I'm accepting it for Buckeye and the hard work the kids and coaches put forth."

Pobolish met with his entire varsity coaching staff and all assured him they were on board regardless of who may or may not be the head coach next season.

"Our coaches absolutely wanted to do it," Pobolish said. "I will admit I had my doubts because you obviously can't coach this thing by yourself, but our coaches were gung-ho about it, and it's a great reward for our program and team. They all told me if one of them is fortunate enough to get the head coaching job they would all want to coach."

Pobolish wasn't able to play in the game after his graduation from Dillonvale High School because previous NCAA laws didn't permit future collegiate players from playing in the game.

Since he's entered coaching, Pobolish has been involved with the game five previous times. Three of those were as a head coach and he owns a 1-2 mark in the contest. He was an assistant for Ohio in 1975 and for West Virginia in 1980 under Jake Olsavsky and Jerry Drake, respectively.

Obviously, Pobolish is well-aware of the challenge of selecting the Buckeyes' roster.

"We have a pretty good idea about a lot of the players, but we'll have to research some on the fringe area of the OVAC," Pobolish said. "Plus, we're excited that we'll have the opportunity to coach some of our own kids again. Obviously, we won't announce those until later, but having the chance to coach some of our own kids again was another big part of the reason."

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Bruney, Pobolish Pleased With Squads

Mumley Classic set for July 25 on Island

By SETH STASKEY
For the News-Register

WHEELING — Earning the right to coach in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Football Game is probably the easy part of the equation surrounding the annual Rudy Mumley Charity Football Classic.

West Virginia's Tom Bruney and Ohio's Ron Pobolish both earned their way to the Sunday, July 25th contest at Wheeling Island Stadium thanks to brilliant seasons at Brooke and Buckeye Local, respectively.

However, shortly after the first of the year, game director Bob

Koch handed each coach the nominations of players and the tough part was under way.

Or was it?
"Actually, it was easy at first because we picked a team we thought we could win (the game) with," Bruney said. "But, then the original roster we submitted was sent back to us and we were asked to represent as many schools as we could, so we made the changes and we feel we've still got a good team we can compete with."

Pobolish, meanwhile, used the downtime he had after undergoing hip replacement surgery to sit down with his assembled coaching staff to choose who'd represent the Buckeyes.

"We took the recommendations of the coaches and tried to fill our

needs as best we could with what we were offered," Pobolish said.

"I've been around this game a lot of times and people always want to think Ohio is the favorite, but you've got to have the right combination of kids to be successful."

Bruney, like Pobolish, has been a part of several OVAC games, including as a player in 1981 when he was a member of the Buckeyes and helped earn then Woodsfield High coach Jay Circosta his first victory in the annual bi-state clash.

"When I see the guys I played with after all these years we're

still hugging each other and catching up because you make friends for a lifetime," Bruney said. "The experience of the game is a great thing for the kids and coaches, but you know when you go, you go into it looking to win."

West Virginia's not had much success of late in the game, finding itself on the short end of several decisive decisions of late. During those lopsided affairs, the Buckeyes are usually able to blow things up on the line of scrimmage, which Bruney observed as well.

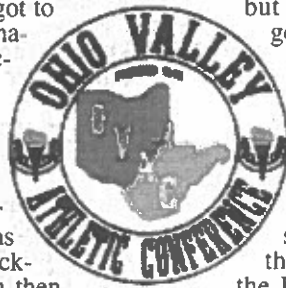
"We tried to pick as balanced a team as we could, but the first

guys we went looking for were linemen," Bruney said. "We feel the key for us is putting together good lines."

While Bruney was looking at linemen, Pobolish and his staff found quarterbacks a plenty, but names like Dwight Macon of Steubenville and Dylan Potts of River weren't available due to their Division I college careers.

"We're going to have to do a lot of evaluating (in camp)," Pobolish said. "We're not going to do much hitting when we get there, but we've got to evaluate well and find the right pieces to fit. Because, when we get to camp, we're going to have guys who can adapt to different positions."

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Both coaches have dealt with several roster changes since they first submitted their picks to Koch and the OVAC.

"We went after some kids from Zanesville and Wellsville and places like that, but for different reasons those kids decided not to play," Pobolish said. "Obviously, there are some guys we'd like to have on our team, but we feel good about who we've picked."

Bruney was in the same boat even after he had his original roster returned.

"We've had kids in other games, or they're a little bit injured or unable to play due to their college commitments," Bruney said. "None of the reasons were bad by any means, but we've got a lot of two-way players and they'll all fit into the puzzle somewhere."

The complete 2010 Ohio OVAC All-Star Game roster looks like this: Tyler Arigoni (Union Local), Jordan Banks (Steubenville), Brandon Bartrug (Buckeye Local), Mickey Bednar (Steubenville Central), Bobby Bennett (Bellaire), Shaun Berry (Zanesville), Jordan Burress (Martins Ferry), Seth Callarik (St. Clairsville), Logan Cook (St. Clairsville), Jamey DeVaul (Steubenville), Derek-London Dierkes (Monroe Central), Tyler Hardesty (Cambridge), J.J. Intorre (Beaver Local), Cody Kaiser (Harrison Central), Dylan Kimble (Shady-side), Nate Maleski (Bridgeport), Jake Mallernee (Harrison Central), Jarod Mellinger (Beallsville), Brandon Nicholes (Union Local), Devon Parson (Martins Ferry), Scott Peach

(Edison), Rylan Pyciak (Buckeye Local), Wes Rataiczak (Shenandoah), Marco Ricchetti (Martins Ferry), Josh Riggins (Meadowbrook), Joe Rine (Buckeye Local), Dalton Smith (Barnesville), Bobby Spence (Buckeye Local), Dorian Thomas (Indian Creek), Seth Todd (Caldwell), Michael Wayt (Indian Creek), Trey Wiggins (Steubenville) and Zac Wojciechowski (Cambridge).

The complete West Virginia roster includes: Seth Barnhart (Oak Glen), Stingray Bates (Magnolia), Jared Blatt (Magnolia), Lou Comis (Madonna), Hunter Ferguson (Parkersburg South), Marcus George (Wheeling Park), Alex Gompers (Wheeling Central), Devin Harrison (John Marshall), Zach Hood (Wheeling Central), T.J. Howard (Weir), Andy Huggins (Magnolia), Dominique Jenkins (Wheeling Park), Mike Koscevic (Brooke), Craig Kuhar (Linsly), Jake Lilly (Brooke), Mikey Lough (Wheeling Park), Christian McGaughey (Madonna), Michael Molinari (Parkersburg South), Nick Nero (Madonna), Max Nogay (Madonna), Tyler Reed (Oak Glen), Sam Robinson (John Marshall), Cody Scott (Valley), Kyle Sims (Brooke), Ryan Small (Parkersburg South), Jordan Sorge (Wheeling Central), Nate Taylor (Tyler), Stefan Varner (John Marshall), Cotey Wallace (Brooke), Jordan West (Wheeling Central), Griffen Yocum (John Marshall).

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Bruney names staff for OVAC game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

West Virginia head coach Tom Bruney knew what he was looking for when he picked his roster for the July 25th Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

He also knew what he was looking for when he was picking a coaching staff for the Mountaineers to take on Ohio.

"We had quite the experience at Brooke last year," Bruney said. "We're coming

down to the all-star game with some coaches who've been with us, some new coaches who we've recently hired and some holdovers from last year."

Joining Bruney on the West Virginia sideline at Wheeling Island Stadium next month and during camp at West Liberty University are Paul Julio, Frank Sisinni, Troy Fetty, Scott Joseph and Stuart Goldstein.

Here's a capsule look at the West



Virginia coaching staff:

TOM BRUNEY - The Bruins head coach played for the Buckeye State in 1981, but now he's going to try to do all he can to knock off the Ohio squad.

Bruney's been a football coach for 25 years, but it took only one year to recreate the magic of Brooke football after he guided the Bruins to a 10-0 regular season and an eventual spot in the West Virginia Class AAA title game where they fell to South Charleston.

Prior to arriving at Brooke, Bruney has made several coaching stops. He was an assistant at his alma mater, Martins Ferry, for five years. He's also coached at the University of Toledo, West Liberty State College and Maryvale High School in Arizona. He later became the head coach of Maryvale, which is located near Phoenix, for 12 years. He was the head coach for one season at both Astabula Lakeside and Maple Heights in Ohio.

He was named WTOV-9 Coach of the

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Year and Ohio Valley Coach of the Year this past season and was a finalist for OVAC Coach of the Year.

Other accolades on Bruney's resume include 6-time regional coach of the year in Arizona and five-time regional champions in Arizona.

Bruney - who earned his bachelor's degree from Ohio University and M.A. from Ohio Wesleyan - owns a career record of 114-51.

Tom and his wife Shannon have four children, Samantha (17), Zack (16), Niko (11) and Rocco (7).

PAUL JULIO - This veteran Bruins' coach has been on the staff at his alma mater for 16 years.

Julio was a member of the 1985 state champion Bruins' squad and also their 1986 team, which finished as state runnerup.

Paul then played four years of football at West Liberty State College where he eventually earned his degree.

Along with football, Julio also serves on the Bruins' track coaching staff.

Paul has three children, Carli Julio (9), Jackson Julio (4) and Alex Martin (19).

FRANK SISINNI - This former Bruin played on the Brooke squad which won the 1987 Class AAA state championship and finished ranked in the top 25 of the USA Today poll.

He began coaching shortly after finishing his degree at Fairmont State University. He's been a coach for 13 years, including the last four back at his alma mater. He's also coached at Steubenville High.

Sisinni - who is currently the Brooke baseball coach - has also coached basketball during his career.

TROY FETTY - This former Buckeye Local Panther is about to embark on his first football season working under Bruney at Brooke.

He's spent six years coaching football with a stint as defensive coordinator at Weir and has worked with ironically Ohio head coach Ron Pobolish at Buckeye Local.

Along with his football duties, Fetty also coaches wrestling at Indian Creek and was named 2006 OVAC Junior High Coach of the Year.

Fetty attended Ohio University and currently resides in Tiltonsville.

SCOTT JOSEPH - This former Purple Rider worked under Bruney this past season and will return to embark on another year.

Joseph graduated from Martins Ferry in 1990 and then went on to play four years at Ashland where he earned his degree. Along with football, Joseph has also coached track and field.

STUART GOLDSTEIN - This long-time Bruney friend is about to embark on his first season as a Bruins' assistant.

Goldstein moved to the area from Arizona where he and Bruney became close. He was a head coach for nine years in Arizona. He worked for three years each at Phoenix North, Phoenix Carl Hayden and Scottsdale Saguaro.

All told, Goldstein's got 23 years in the sport of football. He's also coached track and wrestling.

Goldstein owns a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University.

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Pobolish Selects Staff For All-Star Game

Former Bellaire coach Bonar will join Ohio squad

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

The players are in place for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Today, Ohio coach Ron Pobolish announced his coaching staff,

which will be implementing the game plan for the Buckeyes.

"We met several times as a staff after I had my hip replaced," Pobolish said. "We've started to work on a game plan already and we'll just have to adjust it as we go."

Many of his former Panthers assistants are going to camp at West Liberty University. He also hired former Bellaire High head coach Gregg Bonar and one of his chief assistants, Mark Spigarelli, as

well.

"I admire what Gregg and Mark can do and what they've done," Pobolish said. "Gregg runs a good offense and likes to throw the ball. Trust me, people don't want to see us run the ball down the field. Gregg's excited about it and we're excited to have him and Mark."

The complete Ohio coaching staff consists of: Phil Pest, George Laase, Blair Closser, Nate Skrzypek, Andy Weiss, Bonar and

Spigarelli.

Here's a capsule look at the coaches:

RON POBOLISH — This veteran mentor was a standout player at West Virginia University and then returned to his roots in the Ohio Valley to become one of the area's top coaches.

Pobolish coached football for 32 years before calling it quits after last season in which he led the Panthers to the Division III playoffs, a first-round home playoff game and

also the OVAC Class AAAA title.

Pobolish has made coaching stops at Cadiz, John Marshall, Buckeye South, Buckeye Southwest, Buckeye Local and Harrison Central.

He's compiled a 144-102-1 record and owns a state runnerup finish on his resume in 1994.

Pobolish has been inducted to the Ohio Valley Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

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Ron and his wife Laura reside in Moundsville. The couple has three children, Ashley, Lucey and Chet.

PHIL PEST — This former Wheeling Central standout has been a mainstay on Pobolish's coaching staffs at Buckeye Local.

Pest, who owns a bachelor's from Bethany and a M.A. from West Virginia, has been an assistant football coach at Buckeye Local for 18 years, and has 30 years of experience on his resume.

Along with football, Pest has also coached track and field for the Panthers.

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Phil and his wife Jan have three children, Megan, Trevor and Shannon.

GREGG BONAR — This longtime football coach will direct the Buckeyes' offense during the OVAC All-Star Game.

Bonar, a Shadyside and West Liberty graduate, spent 25 years as a football coach at Bellaire. He was the head coach for two seasons. He also coached girls' basketball for 17 years.

In 2005, Bonar, who owns a M.S. from the University of Dayton, was named Offensive Coordinator of the Year after he helped guide the Big Reds' juggernaut offense to a regional championship.

Gregg and his wife Rosemary have three children, Marybeth (24), Carrie (23) and David (19).

ANDY WEISS — This Pobolish assistant has been a member of the Buckeye Local coaching staff for four years.

Weiss is a graduate of Muskingum College. During school, he competed in football and baseball.

Andy and his wife Jennifer reside in Houston, Pa.

NATE SKRZYPEK — This current Panthers assistant coach was a football and wrestling standout at Wheeling Central during his prep days.

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Bruney, Pobolish to Coach OVAC All-Star Game

Both coaching staffs relish opportunity to lead respective teams

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The Bruins finished second in the OVAC Class 4-A standings despite their 10-0 mark and overcame several adversities both on and off the field en route to the perfect season.

"Now that we've had about 11 days or so since the (state cham-



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pionship) game, it's been refreshing to look back on the year we had," Bruney said. "The run we went on was a direct result of a wonderful group of kids and a very hard-working and loyal coaching staff."

In the playoffs, the Bruins rallied past 16th-seeded Princeton in the opening round and then

cruised past Ripley and University en route to Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We were probably ahead of schedule with what we accomplished," Bruney said. "But, it was wonderful to see week by week the pride and the tradition resurfacing in our community and in our kids. Everyone says we brought the pride back. Well, it was always here, but it was misplaced and through the effort of our kids and coaches we brought it back to the top where it belonged."

Traditionally, deep postseason runs are made with a large senior class, but the Bruins did it with seven seniors on the roster.

"The fact that we only had seven seniors was one of the

things that really concerned me when I first got the job," Bruney admitted. "During our first meeting with the kids, we held our seniors back and told them usually coaches build from the ground up, starting with their freshman or even their junior high programs, but we told them we weren't going to throw them aside."

"We used reverse psychology and built from the bottom up, but our seniors were on the bottom shoving everyone else up."

As for the all-star game, this is Bruney's first assignment in the game. He played in the 1981 contest under current Monroe Central coach Jay Circosta.

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"There was never a doubt in my mind that if (the OVAC) offered it to us that we'd accept," Bruney said. "I played for Ohio, my dad played at Ohio State and I'm a Buckeyes fan, so if someone's got to beat Ohio, it might as well be me and this Mountaineers team."

Bruney and his entire coaching staff will be involved in the week-long process that begins July 18 with camp at West Liberty University.

"This is a perfect reward for our coaching staff," Bruney said. "We're really looking forward to picking the team. We think that will be the most fun part of the whole experience. We'll go over the nomination forms as closely as possible and try to find the best 30 or 32 players we can, coach them and see what happens because we're looking at this as our only shot."

POBOLISH, meanwhile, could have easily been on a lengthy vacation at the time of the OVAC All-Star Game after he announced his retirement prior to the start of this past season.

He could have done that especially after the fact that his Panthers sent him out on a high note. Buckeye finished the campaign 8-3 with both an OVAC Class 4-A title and as well as a Buckeye 8 title. Throw in a Division III, Region 11 home playoff game and it

was quite a year for the Panthers.

"We had the type of team that could surely get beat anytime we stepped on the field, but at the same time, we had a team that could have played with and beat anyone on any given night."

For Pobolish, this assignment is another way to honor the work put in by the coaches and all of the players during his career at Buckeye.

"Sometimes you don't appreciate winning, but when I came back the second time we had to work extremely hard to become respectable," Pobolish said. "We battled hard to earn that respect back and it goes to show with patience and hard work what you can achieve, so this is a great way to honor the Buckeye Local football team."

After the Panthers' season ended with a loss to Canal Fulton Northwest during the first round of the playoffs, many speculated whether or not Pobolish would accept this post with the all-star game.

"I am accepting this position on behalf of Buckeye Local," Pobolish said. "I can remember struggling to 1-9 and 2-8 seasons, so I'm accepting it for Buckeye and the hard work the kids and coaches put forth."

Pobolish met with his entire varsity coaching staff

and all assured him they were on board regardless of who may or may not be the head coach next season.

"Our coaches absolutely wanted to do it," Pobolish said. "I will admit I had my doubts because you obviously can't coach this thing by yourself, but our coaches were gung-ho about it, and it's a great reward for our program and team. They all told me if one of them is fortunate enough to get the head coaching job they would all want to coach."

Pobolish wasn't able to play in the game after his graduation from Dillonvale High School because previous NCAA laws didn't permit future collegiate players from playing in the game.

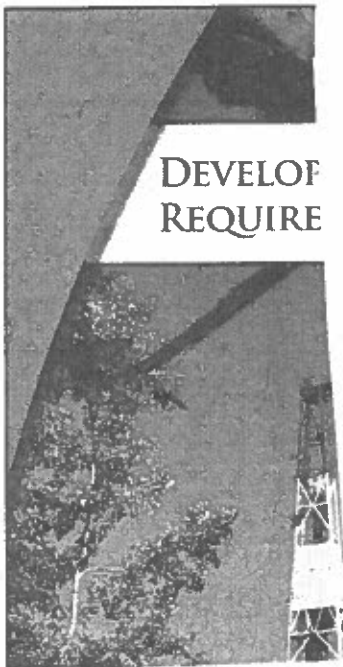
Since he's entered coaching, Pobolish has been involved with the game five previous times. Three of those were as a head coach and he owns a 1-2 mark in the contest. He was an assistant for Ohio in 1975 and for West Virginia in 1980 under Jake Olsavsky and Jerry Drake, respectively.

Obviously, Pobolish is well aware of the challenge of selecting the Buckeyes'

roster.

"We have a pretty good idea about a lot of the players, but we'll have to research some on the fringe area of the OVAC," Pobolish said. "Plus, we're excited that we'll have the opportunity to coach some of our own kids again. Obviously, we won't announce those until later, but having the chance to coach some of our own kids again was another big part of the reason."

An official kick-off meeting to plans for the game will be held next month on a date yet to be determined.



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Pobolish's Interior Lines Feature Versatile Players

By **SETH STASKEY**
For the News-Register
During the course of last decade, the battle in the trenches has gone a long way in determining the winner in the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Game.

Today, Ron Pobolish, the recently retired Buckeye Local coach who will guide the Buckeye State in the July 25 game, announces his linemen for the contest. "I think we're going to be OK up front," Pobolish said. "We've got a lot of guys

who can go either way, so the toughest part for us will be determining who will play on each side of the ball." Slated to open and clog holes for the Buckeye State are: Zac Wojciechowski (Cambridge), Jake

Mallernee (Harrison Central), Jarod Mellinger (Beallsville), Nate Maleski (Bridgeport), J.J. Intorre (Beaver Local), Jamey DeVaul (Steubenville), Jordan Burress (Martins Ferry), Shaun Berry (Zanesville), Bobby Bennett (Bellaire) and Jordan Banks (Steubenville).

"We've got guys who are athletic and skilled," Pobolish said. "It's going to come down to finding the right combination of guys."

Here's a capsule look at the players:

ZAC WOJCIECHOWSKI (Cambridge) — This former Bobcat was a mainstay on both lines for Coach Rich Goodrich's team.

The 5-foot-10, 250-pounder saw time at several spots along the front line and was named first-team all-OVAC, all-ECOL, all-Eastern District and was an academic all-Ohioan.

Along with football, Wojciechowski was a standout wrestler, twice placing in the OVAC tournament. He's also a standout in the classroom and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Zac, who is the son of Les and Beth Wojciechowski, plans on attending Baldwin-Wallace College.

JAKE MALLERNEE (Harrison Central) — This former Huskie was a standout on both lines at tackle for Coach Justin Kropka's team.

The 5-11, 215-pounder recorded 100 tackles and 37 for loss and 11 sacks. He was a two-time all-Buckeye 8 performer, two-time all-OVAC and first-team all-district. He was named third-team all-Ohio this past season.

Jake, who plans on attending Mt. Union College, is the son of Bill and Luann Mallernee.

JAROD MELLINGER (Beallsville) — This former Blue Devil saw time along both lines and some at full-back for Coach Dave Caldwell's club.

The 6-foot, 265-pounder had 11 sacks, nine caught behind the line tackles, 16 unassisted tackles and 87 total stops.

Mellinger was an all-conference selection and took part in the Battle Against Cystic Fibrosis game earlier this summer.

Jarod, the son of Steve and Julie Mellinger, plans on attending Belmont Tech.

NATE MALESKI (Bridgeport) — This former Bulldog was a mainstay on a pair of playoff teams the past two years under head coach Rudy Vavrock.

The 6-2, 270-pounder recorded 50 pancake blocks. On the defensive side of the ball, he recorded 90 tackles and had eight sacks en route to first-team all-Ohio accolades.

Maleski first-team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, all-Times Leader and first-team all-Valley. He was a first-team all-Ohio offensive lineman as a junior. He was also selected to play in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game.

Along with football, Maleski was a standout in basketball.

Nate, who plans on attending West Liberty University, is the son of Richard and Cindy Maleski.

J.J. INTORRE (Beaver Local) — This former Beaver was a standout on the defensive front for Coach Rich Wright's team.

The 6-1, 255-pounder recorded 50 tackles and five sacks this past season. He had 45 tackles and three sacks during his junior season.

Along with earning three letters, Intorre was an all-conference first-team pick, all-Quad County, all-district and first-team all-East Liver-

pool Review.

J.J., the son of April and Joseph Intorre, plans on attending Muskingum University.

JAMEY DeVAUL (Steubenville) — This former Big Red two-way lineman was a standout for head coach Reno Saccoccia.

The 6-3, 220-pounder was a three-year starter at center and won the Calvin Jones Lineman Award and was named a WTOV-9 Block of Granite and also holds the Big Red record for pin blocks. He was a first-team all-Ohioan, all-Eastern District, first-team all-OVAC, all-Valley, first-team Quad County. He also took part in the Penn-Ohio All-Star Game.

Along with football, DeVaul was a standout wrestler. He was also a class officer and he served as Key Club Vice President during his senior year.

Jamey, the Vince and Renee DeVaul, is planning on attending Fairmont State.

JORDAN BURRESS (Martins Ferry) — This former Purple Rider was a two-way standout for head coach Dave Bruney.

The 6-5, 275-pounder saw time at tight end, offensive and defensive tackle.

For his fine season, Burress was named all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, all-valley, all-Buckeye 8 and all-Times Leader.

Jordan, who is planning on attending Mt. Union College, is the son of John and Cindy Burress.

SHAUN BERRY (Zanesville) — This former Blue Devils was a mainstay center for Coach Chad Grandstaff's team.

The 6-2, 225-pounder was a first-team all-district, first-team all-SEOAL and all-league. He was also a standout in baseball for the Blue Devils.

Berry, who is the son of Chuck and Jeannine Berry, is heading to Marietta College.

BOBBY BENNETT (Bellaire) — This former Big Red was a standout on both lines for Coach Jose Davis' team last season.

The 6-5, 225-pounder was in in 31 tackles, five for loss, four fumble recoveries and he blocked three kicks.

Bennett was also a standout in wrestling where he earned a trip to the Ohio State Tournament and he played baseball. He's also earned the distinction of Eagle Scout.

Bobby, who is undecided about his future plans, is the son of Robert Bennett and Roxanne Bennett.

JORDAN BANKS (Steubenville) — This defensive standout saw time both as a down lineman and at linebacker for Saccoccia's team.

The 6-foot, 215-pounder played defensive tackle and defensive end as well.

Along with football, Banks was active in Key Club, Spanish Club and Lift Club.

Jordan, who plans on attending Geneva College, is the son of John and Cathy

W.Va. wide receivers must be very versatile

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Tom Bruney admits that he likes to throw the football.

Earlier this week, he announced his quarterbacks and now the Brooke High and West Virginia coach for the Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football Classic has pegged his targets.

"In our offense, we're able to spread the ball around," Bruney said. "We want to be able to spread the field and take advantage of our athletes. We don't want to hang our hats on one thing because we could become too easy to defend."

Slated to battle for action during camp, which begins on Sunday, July 18 in preparation for the game, which is set for a week later at Wheeling Island Stadium are: Wheeling Park's Marcus George, Wheeling Central's Alex Gompers, Linsly's Craig Kuhar, Oak Glen's Tyler Reed, Magnolia's Jared Blatt and Tyler Consolidated's Nate Taylor.

"We ask our receivers to do several things in our offense," Bruney said. "We feel we've got guys in place who can do those. They look the same and we're hoping they compete the same."

Here's a capsule look at the players who returned their information sheets to OVAC Game director Bob Koch:

MARCUS GEORGE (Wheeling Park) — This former Patriot was a jack of all trade for Coach Chris Daugherty's team during his career.

Due to injury, the 5-ft-10, 165 pounder was a quarterback for much of last season, but also saw time at wide receiver and running back. He accumulated nearly 1,000 yards of total offense last season and threw for seven touchdowns. All told, George ran for more than 1,000 yards in his career.

George was an all-state pick as a sophomore and twice named honorable mention all-OVAC.

Along with athletics, George is active in Young Life, a volunteer at Special Olympics and with Little Patriots.

Marcus — who is heading to West Liberty — is the son of Mark of Candy George of Wheeling.

TYLER REED (Oak Glen) — This former Golden Bear was the go-to wide out for Coach Tony Filberto's team.

The 6-ft-3, 170 pounder made 33

catches for 654 yards. He also hauled in 11 touchdowns, which is a school record.

For his fine season, Reed was named first-team all-Review, first-team all-Valley, first-team all-OVAC and second-team all-state.

Tyler — who is the son of Jay Reed and Barb Reed — is heading to West Virginia.

JARED BLATT (Magnolia) — This former Blue Eagle was a standout tight end for Coach Mark Batton's squad.

The 6-ft-5, 220 pounder made 57 receptions for 919 yards and 11 touchdowns. On the defensive side, he recorded 42 solos and was in on 118 tackles.

Blatt was named second-team all-state, first-team all-OVAC and earned four letters.

Along with athletics, Blatt was a member of the National Honor Society Society, was a Partner in Education representative.

Jared — who is the son of Jim and Claire Blatt of New Martinsville — is attending West Virginia University.

CRAIG KUHAR (Linsly) — This former Cadet was the primary option on the flanks for Coach B.J. DePew's team.

The 6-ft-2, 180 pounder made 14 catches for 295 yards and five touchdowns.

Kuhar was the recipient of the 2009 coach's award and was a third-team all-Valley pick for basketball.

Away from athletics, Kuhar was a member of the Key Club, FCA, Spanish Club, SADD.

Craig — who is the son of Rick and Christine Kuhar of St. Clairsville — plans on attending West Virginia University.

ALEX GOMPERS (Wheeling Central) — This former Knight standout was the top receiver for Coach Mike Young's squad last season.

The 5-ft-10, 170 pounder received the Most Improved Player award.

Away from athletics, Alex is a member of the National Honor Society and was named to the High Honor Roll during every semester. He's also a member of GUTS and serves in the Peer Ministry and served as the co-captain of the lacrosse team.

Alex — who is the son of Tom and Sarah Gompers of Wheeling — plans on attending West Virginia University.

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SETH CALLARIK (St. Clairsville) – This two-way performer enjoyed a big season for Coach Brett McLean's team last fall.

As a wide receiver, Callarik caught 17 balls for 401 yards. He was also a standout in the defensive backfield. He had nine interceptions, 21 solo tackles and eight pass break-ups.

The 5-ft-11, 155 pounder was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, all-Eastern District, all-Valley, all-Times Leader selection. He was a finalist for Big 22 Defensive Player of the Year and was named his team's

MVP.

Callarik was also a standout wrestler, winning two OVAC titles and qualifying to the state tournament twice. He's also active in Young Life.

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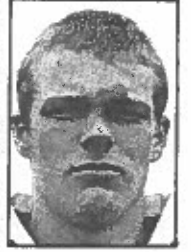
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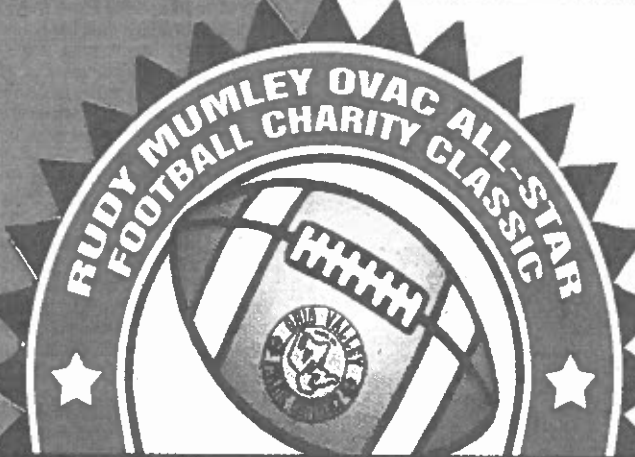
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Bruney Selects His Line

OVAC All-Star Game just 15 days away

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

Tom Bruney played in the OVAC All-Star Game and he's watched several. So he has a good understanding of what it takes to be successful, and it comes down to line play most of the time. He's been on the Ohio side of things in the past and realized the Buckeye State normally overpowers West Virginia up front.

So when the Brooke head coach was selected to guide the Mountain State in the July 25th Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, he made it a point when picking his roster to get the biggest, most-talented offensive and defensive linemen he could find.

"We were looking for guys who we thought could compete with the Ohio guys," Bruney said. "This has been a glaring mismatch for the last several years and we've got to be able to compete with and get at least a stalemate up front."

Today, Bruney named 10 linemen who will spend time working for a spot on either the offensive or defensive line

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(Continued from Page 13) when camp begins next weekend for the game.

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Free OVAC Youth Clinic Set Sunday

To kickoff the beginning of the 2010-11 'SUBWAY Sports Clinic Series' the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will be hosting its seventh annual free youth football clinic in conjunction with the 'Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic' presented by Huntington Bank & WTOV9. The clinic will take place the day of the game on Sunday, July 25, at the Wheeling Island Stadium.

Registration will take place at the Stadium from noon to 12:45 p.m. The clinic will last from 1-2:30 p.m. and will be directed by OVAC football coaches, including members of coach Chris Daugherty's Wheeling Park High School football staff. Tim Weaver and the Bethany College Football staff will assist as well. The instructors will teach the basic fundamentals of football with a focus on building self-esteem. The clinic is free and open to boys and girls ages 6-13.

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

Along with SUBWAY the youth clinic is sponsored by AM 1600 WKKX, Wheeling Hospital, Bordas & Bordas Law Firm, The Health Plan, AT&T and the 'Prevent Don't Provide' initiative."

The annual 'Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic' presented by Huntington Bank & WTOV9 is slated for Sunday, July 25, at Wheeling Island Stadium with kickoff planned for 7:15 p.m.

Beginning on Monday tickets will be available at area Kroger stores, Smitty's Floors and other Ohio Valley retail locations that can be found on line at the OVAC's official Web site, [HYPERLINK "http://www.OVAC.org"](http://www.OVAC.org) www.OVAC.org.

Bruney announces W.Va. backfield for OVAC Game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

When forming his roster for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, Brooke High and West Virginia head coach Tom Bruney wanted linemen first.

However, he feels like he and his coaching staff did their due diligence on the other positions as well and today he announces his quarterback and running back candidates for the Sunday, July 25th clash with Ohio.

"Most of the guys we've picked are

two-way players," Bruney said. "There are going to fit into the puzzle somewhere."

At quarterback, Bruney's own player Cotey Wallace and Oak Glen's Seth Barnhart will get the primary looks.

"I think Cotey Wallace learned the system better than I know it last year and I think he'll be a big asset to Seth in helping him learn it too," Bruney said. "We feel like those kids are field generals and we can compete in this game with them directing the team."

At the running back spot, Bruney's looking at Magnolia's Stingray Bates.

Weir's T.J. Howard, Wheeling Central's Jordan Sorge and Wheeling Park's Dominique Jenkins.

"We like a slashing type runner in our offense," Bruney said.

"We also like to throw the ball to our backs with screens. As we were picking these kids, some of them may not have carried it as much for their high school team, but they're versatile and can run the ball."

Here's a capsule look at the players who returned their biographical information to game director Bob Koch:



COTEY WALLACE (Brooke) — This Bruins quarterback settled in without a problem to Bruney's offense this past season and turned in a brilliant final campaign.

The 6-ft-1, 180 pounder passed for more than 2,100 yards and 25 touchdowns. He ran for more than 1,100 yards and 15 more touchdowns, while directing the Bruins' to a 13-1 season.

Wallace gained all sorts of post-season honors, including first-team all-state in Class AAA; first-team all-OVAC and Class 4-A captain. He was a finalist for the

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Big 22 Player of the Year and also the prestigious Kennedy Award. He was also a standout in track and field for the Bruins.

Cotey — who is the son of Garey Wallace of Wellsburg — plans on attending Fairmont State University in the fall.

SETH BARNHART (Oak Glen) — This former Golden Bear played a huge role in helping to lead his team back to the postseason under the guidance of head coach Tony Filberto.

The 6-ft-3, 215 pounder passed for 2,154 yards and 25 touchdowns. He also ran for four scores.

Barnhart was first-team all-state and a Big 22 finalist. He was also named first-team all-OVAC, all-Valley and was a finalist for Review Player of the Year. He was a four-year starter at Oak Glen and holds every quarterbacking school record.

Along with football, Barnhart played basketball and baseball.

Away from athletics, he was quite active in Culture Club, Foreign Language Club, Friends of Rachel Club and yearbook staff.

Seth — who is the son of Tracy and the late Gerald Barnhart of Chester —

plans on attending California University of Pennsylvania.

STINGRAY BATES (Magnolia) — This former Blue Eagle was a four-year mainstay for Coach Mark Batton's team.

During his prep career in which he earned four letters, Bates ran 462 times for 2,281 yards and 23 touchdowns. He also caught 19 passes and scored two receiving touchdowns.

Bates was a first-team all-OVAC performer this past season and was named the winner of the Sam Mumley Memorial MVP Award in Class AA during the 2008 Super Six Football Championships.

Stingray — who is the son of Todd and Cindy Bates of New Martinsville — plans on attending West Liberty University.

T.J. HOWARD (Weir High) — This former Red Rider was a standout all over the field for Coach Tom Taylor's team last season.

The 5-ft-9, 165 pounder ran for 700 yards and accounted for 1,200 all-purpose yardage, which makes him a valuable piece for Bruney and the Mountaineer squad.

He was also a defensive

standout with 64 tackles, four interceptions and 12 tackles for loss.

Howard was a honorable mention all-state pick in Class AA.

T.J. — who is the son of Tim and Renee Howard of Weirton — is planning to attend West Liberty University in the fall.

JORDAN SORGE (Wheeling Central) — This former Maroon Knight made his presence felt all over the place for head coach Mike Young's team last season.

On the offensive side of the ball, Sorge ran 64 times for 476 yards and six touchdowns. He also caught 22 balls for 542 yards and nine scores. Defensively, he made 30 tackles and recorded five interceptions.

For his efforts, Sorge was named first-team all-state in Class A, all-OVAC and all-Valley.

Along with football, Sorge lettered for Central in basketball and tennis.

Jordan — who is the son of Brian and Lisa Sorge of Wheeling — plans on attending West Liberty University.

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Annual OVAC football game: A costly event

By **SETH STASKEY**
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IF YOU'VE found yourself at the gate of the OVAC All-Star Football game complaining about ticket prices and money, while believing the conference is sitting on a cash cow, you're by no means alone in that school of thought.

However, OVAC Executive Secretary/Treasurer Tom Rataiczak wants to point out you're dead wrong.

"It's a frustrating misconception," Rataiczak said. "I've heard people say how the OVAC is nothing but a money making organization and we're in it for the profit. Those people just don't fully understand."

As the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic quickly approaches at Wheeling Island Stadium, the OVAC is bracing for what could be one of its costliest years in the history of the game.

"People believe we're making a killing off this game and up to this point, it was always a 'little' money-making type venture," Rataiczak admitted. "But, people don't understand what goes into this game and this is probably the first year where we're looking at a major hurt."

Rataiczak and the OVAC are taking out a full-page detailed ad in this year's program, which dissects the revenue and expenditures of the game, which breaks down the 2009 figures.

The big change in the economic climate of the game has been the room and board costs at West Liberty University.

"Obviously, other things have risen, and we expect that, but nothing has risen with the magnitude of the room and board," Rataiczak said. "The cost of our uniforms has been the same, our transportation has gone up a very

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HERE IS A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS.

Based on the 2009 game the revenues include:

- Tickets, \$43,314.
- Program, \$36,340 (advertising); \$2,358 (sales).

- Raffle, \$16,195.
- Evening with the Stars Dinner, \$5,117
- Souvenir clothing, \$1,307.
- Sponsors, \$10,990.

TOTAL INCOME: \$115,622.

However, all of the money is secured before the OVAC pays its bills.

Based on the 2009 game here are the expenditures:

- Payroll, \$16,972.
- Awards/Plaques, \$1,567.
- Security, \$850.
- Rentals, \$1,880.
- Room and Board (at WLU), \$49,308.
- Printing (tickets/programs), \$20,748.
- Office expenses (paper, postage, etc), \$4,184.

■ Evening with the Stars Banquet/Meals, \$6,916.

- Transportation, \$2,409.
- Uniforms/Clothing, \$10,923.
- Scholarships, \$7,000.
- Donations, \$6,525.

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$129,282.

TOTAL NET: -\$13,661.

little bit based on drivers, other expenses and payroll have stayed about the same, but the room and board just cripples us."

West Liberty University houses some 350 students for four nights. The players and coaches move in one week from today, but the band and cheerleaders won't arrive until Wednesday, July 21.

When the OVAC officials and West Liberty met this past April to nail down things about the upcoming camp, it was learned that the housing bill was going up again and is projected to be between \$65,000 and \$70,000, which is about a 30 percent increase.

"That kind of increase in one year is enough to make you say wow," Rataiczak said. "The numbers they gave us didn't really sink in until we started to do the math. There had been minimal increases before, but nothing like this."

By the time the OVAC got the figures, it was almost too late to look into moving the camp to another location because things were booked at most area colleges.

"We probably made contact with every college and/or university in the area," Rataiczak admitted. "We've got a lot of kids we bring to campus for that week and we couldn't change anything because we'd already sent out acceptance letters to the players, band members and cheerleaders."

Another area Rataiczak explained was in the television contract. Unlike most sporting events, the OVAC actually pays its broadcast media partner, which is WTOV-9, to produce and broadcast the game.

"The OVAC is its own production company," Rataiczak said. "We've got to buy the air time to put the game on, and therefore we are responsible to sell the advertising. Our marketing program is tied into the entire year, so it's difficult to break out strictly the revenue generated from the game."

In earlier years, the money generated from television was \$20,000, which is where the profit of \$6,339 is made.

However, that minimal profit will be quickly erased with the aforementioned rise in housing costs, which is why the OVAC is beginning to look at alternatives.

"We can't raise ticket and/or program prices anymore, we know that," Rataiczak said. "We probably can't attract anymore sponsors because we're fortunate to have what we have. So, do we eliminate band, change the date, put bands and teams at different colleges or what?"

Despite the questions to be answered, Rataiczak insists there will continue to be an all-star football game hopefully with all of the aspects the people of the Ohio Valley have come to know and love about the game, but the committee will sit down next month and re-evaluate the aforementioned possibilities and numerous others.

"There's no doubt in my mind the game will go on, but I am unsure of the direction the committee is going to take," Rataiczak said. "Every time we throw out a solution, there's always a what about this, so I am not sure how we're going to approach it, but we're probably going to spend a lot of serious time trying to re-invent the wheel. There just comes a point where this gets to be insane."

Rataiczak doesn't foresee any immediate announcements nor has he set a timetable about the future of the game or its activities.

"We've got to explore options and look at every single detail," Rataiczak said. "It's hard to believe there are some sporting championships throughout the year, which bring in more money than the all-star football game."

Rataiczak couldn't stress enough that the OVAC is for the kids of the Ohio Valley.

"We're not going to cheat our students/athletes out of an experience of a lifetime," Rataiczak said.

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Bruney announces linemen for OVAC Game

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Tom Bruney played in the OVAC All-Star Game and he's watched several.

He's got a good understanding of what it takes to be successful and it comes down to line play most of the team. He's been on the Ohio side of things in the past and realized that the Buckeye State normally overpowers West Virginia up front.

So when the Brooke High head coach was selected to guide the Mountain State in the July 25th Rudy Mumley OVAC All-

Star Charity Football Classic, he made it a point when picking his roster to get the biggest most talented offensive and defensive linemen he could find.

"We were looking for guys who we thought could compete with the Ohio guys," Bruney said. "This has been a glaring mismatch for the last several years and we've got to be able to compete with and get at least a stalemate up front."

Today, Bruney named 10 linemen who will spend time working for a spot on either the offensive or defensive line when camp begins next weekend for the game.

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W.Va. Offense Focuses on Balance

Bruney wants to spread it around

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

Tom Bruney admits he likes to throw the football.

Earlier this week, he announced his quarterbacks and now the Brooke High and West Virginia coach for the Rudy Mumley OVAC Charity Football Classic has pegged his targets.

"In our offense, we're able to spread the ball around," Bruney said. "We want to be

able to spread the field and take advantage of our athletes. We don't want to hang our hats on one thing because we could become too easy to defend."

Slated to battle for action during camp, which begins Sunday, July 18 in preparation for the game, which is set for a week later at Wheeling Island Stadium are: Wheeling Park's Marcus George, Wheeling Central's Alex Gompers, Linsly's Craig Kuhar, Oak Glen's Tyler Reed, Magnolia's Jared Blatt and Tyler Consolidated's Nate Taylor.

■ The annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic is set for July 25 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We ask our receivers to do several things in our offense," Bruney said. "We feel we've got guys in place who can do those. They look the same and we're hoping they compete the same."

Here's a capsule look at the players who returned their information sheets to OVAC Game director Bob Koch:

MARCUS GEORGE (Wheeling Park): This former Patriot was a jack of all trade for Coach Chris Daugherty's team during his career.

Because of injury, the 5-foot-10, 165 pounder was a quarterback for much of last season, but also saw time at receiver and running back.

He accumulated nearly 1,000 yards of total offense last season and threw for seven touchdowns.

All told, George ran for more than 1,000 yards in his career.

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No: 40%

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opinions of Internet users who have chosen to participate.)

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George was an all-state pick as a sophomore and twice named honorable mention All-OVAC.

Along with athletics, George is active in Young Life, a volunteer at Special Olympics and with Little Patriots.

Marcus, who is heading to West Liberty, is the son of Mark of Candy George of Wheeling.

TYLER REED (Oak Glen): This former Golden Bear was the go-to receiver for Coach Tony Filberto's team.

The 6-3, 170 pounder made 33 catches for 654 yards. He also hauled in 11 touchdowns, which is a school record.

For his fine season, Reed was named first team All-Review, first team All-Valley, first team All-OVAC and second team all-state.

Tyler, who is the son of Jay Reed and Barb Reed, is heading to West Virginia.

JARED BLATT (Magnolia): This former Blue Eagle was a standout tight end for Coach Mark Batton's squad.

The 6-5, 220 pounder made 57 receptions for 919 yards and 11 touchdowns. On the defensive side, he recorded 42 solos and was in on 118 tackles.

Blatt was named second team all-state, first team All-OVAC and All-Valley, and earned four letters.

Along with athletics, Blatt was a member of the National Honor Society and was a Partner

in Education representative.

Jared, who is the son of Jim and Claire Blatt of New Martinsville, is attending West Virginia University.

CRAIG KUHAR (Linsly): This former Cadet was the primary option on the flanks for Coach B.J. DePew's team.

The 6-2, 180 pounder made 14 catches for 295 yards and five touchdowns.

Kuhar was the recipient of the 2009 coach's award and was a third team All-Valley pick for basketball.

Away from athletics, Kuhar was a member of the Key Club, FCA, Spanish Club, and SADD.

Craig, who is the son of Rick and Christine Kuhar of St. Clairsville, plans on attending West Virginia University.

ALEX GOMPERS (Wheeling Central): This former Maroon Knight standout was the top receiver for Coach Mike Young's squad last season.

The 5-10, 170 pounder received the Most Improved Player award.

Away from athletics, Alex is a member of the National Honor Society and was named to the High Honor Roll during every semester. He's also a member of GUTS and serves in the Peer Ministry and served as the co-captain of the lacrosse team.

Alex, who is the son of Tom and Sarah Gompers of Wheeling, plans on attending West Virginia University.

Pobolish Fills Out Remainder of Ohio Roster

Linebackers, defensive backs, utility guys profiled

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

With less than a week until the players report to West Liberty University to begin preparation for the July 25th Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, Ohio head coach Ron Pobolish completed his roster.

Today, Pobolish announced his linebackers, defensive backs, utility player and his kicker for the 65th annual meeting with West Virginia scheduled for Wheeling

Island Stadium.

"We've got a bunch of skill guys who can go both ways, so we'll have to figure that out, but we like what we've assembled," Pobolish said. "We're going to play all 32 kids and we think we've got guys who can run to the ball and make plays. We like our kicking game and we're excited to get to camp and start evaluating."

Here's a capsule look at the players:

TYLER ARIGONI (Union Local) — This ballhawking linebacker was all over the field and then some for Coach Mark Cisar's team last season.

The 5-foot-10, 160-pounder recorded 182 tackles and 48 assists this past season

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en route to being named all-Ohio. Of his tackles, 134 were solo and 20 were loss.

For his fine season, he was named all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, all-Times Leader and all-Valley.

Tyler is the son of Tracy Arigoni and Joe Gretchen.

TYLER HARDESTY (Cambridge) — This former Bobcat was another linebacker who was all over the field for Coach Rich Goodrich's team.

The 5-10, 205-pounder recorded 143 tackles from his linebacker spot. He also

made an impact from running back where he racked up 3,938 yards and scored 51 touchdowns during his prep career.

For his fine season, Hardesty was named second-team all-OVAC, first-team district, and first-team ECOL.

Along with football, Hardesty was a standout in baseball.

Tyler is the son of Dennis and Barb Hardesty of Cambridge.

CODY KAISER (Harrison Central) — This former Huskie was a standout at middle linebacker for Coach Justin Kropka's team last season.

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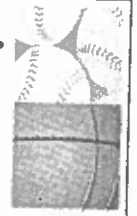
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Rataiczak clears air on game expenses

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

If you've found yourself at the gate of the OVAC All-Star Football game complaining about ticket prices and money, while believing the conference is sitting on a cash cow, you're by no means alone in that school of thought.

However, OVAC Executive Secretary/Treasurer Tom Rataiczak wants to point out you're dead wrong.

"It's a frustrating misconception," Rataiczak said. "I've heard people say how the OVAC is nothing but a money making organization and we're in it for the profit. Those people just don't fully understand."

As the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic quickly approaches at Wheeling Island Stadium, the OVAC is bracing for what could be one of its costliest years in the history of the game.

"People believe we're making a killing off this game and up to this point, it was always a 'little' money-making type venture," Rataiczak admitted. "But, people don't understand what goes into this game and this is probably the first year where we're looking at a major hurt."

Rataiczak and the OVAC are taking out a full-page detailed ad in this year's program, which dis-

NOT SO FAST ...

Here is a look at the numbers. Based on the 2009 game the revenues include:

- Tickets, \$43,314.
- Program, \$36,340 (advertising); \$2,358 (sales).

- Raffle, \$16,195.
- Evening with the Stars Dinner, \$5,117
- Souvenir clothing, \$1,307.
- Sponsors, \$10,990.

TOTAL INCOME: \$115,622.

However, all of the money is secured before the OVAC pays its bills.

Based on the 2009 game here are the expenditures:

- Payroll, \$16,972.
- Awards/Plaques, \$1,567.



- Security, \$850.
- Rentals, \$1,880.
- Room and Board (at WLU), \$49,308.
- Printing (tickets/programs), \$20,748.
- Office expenses (paper, postage, etc), \$4,184.
- Evening with the Stars Banquet/Meals, \$6,916.
- Transportation, \$2,409.
- Uniforms/Clothing, \$10,923.
- Scholarships, \$7,000.
- Donations, \$6,525.

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$129,282.
TOTAL NET: -\$13,661.

sects the revenue and expenditures of the game via the 2009 figures.

The big change in the economic climate of the game has been the room and board costs at West Liberty University.

"Obviously, other things have risen, and we expect that, but nothing has risen with the magnitude of the room and board," Rataiczak said. "The cost of our uniforms has been the same, our transportation has gone up a very little bit based on drivers, other expenses and payroll have stayed about the same, but the room and board just cripples us."

West Liberty University houses some 350 students for four nights. The players and coaches move in one week from today, but the band and cheerleaders won't arrive until Wednesday, July 21.

When the OVAC officials and West Liberty met this past April to nail down things about the upcoming camp, it was learned that the housing bill was going up

again and is projected to be between \$65,000 and \$70,000, which is about a 30 percent increase.

"That kind of increase in one year is enough to make you say wow," Rataiczak said. "The numbers they gave us didn't really sink in until we started to do the math. There had been minimal increases before, but nothing like this."

By the time the OVAC got the figures, it was almost too late to look into moving the camp to another location because things were booked at most area colleges.

"We probably made contact with every college and/or university in the area," Rataiczak said. "We've got a lot of kids we bring to campus for that week and we couldn't change anything because we'd already sent out acceptance letters to the players, band members and cheerleaders."

Another area Rataiczak explained was in the television

contract. Unlike most sporting events, the OVAC actually pays its broadcast media partner, WTOV-9, to produce and broadcast the game.

"The OVAC is its own production company," Rataiczak said.

"We've got to buy the air time to put the game on, and therefore we are responsible to sell the advertising. Our marketing program is tied into the entire year, so it's difficult to break out strictly the revenue generated from the game."

In earlier years, the money generated from television was \$20,000, which is where the profit of \$6,339 is made.

However, that minimal profit will be quickly erased with the rise in housing costs, which is why the OVAC is beginning to look at alternatives.

"We can't raise ticket and/or program prices anymore, we know that," Rataiczak said. "We probably can't attract anymore sponsors because we're fortunate

to have what we have. So, do we eliminate band, change the date, put bands and teams at different colleges or what?"

Despite the questions to be answered, Rataiczak insists there will continue to be an all-star football game hopefully with all of the aspects the people of the Ohio Valley have come to know and love about the game, but the committee will sit down next month and re-evaluate the possibilities and numerous others.

"There's no doubt in my mind the game will go on, but I am unsure of the direction the committee is going to take," Rataiczak said. "Every time we throw out a solution, there's always a what about this, so I am not sure how we're going to approach it, but we're probably going to spend a lot of serious time trying to re-invent the wheel. There just comes a point where this gets to be insane."

Rataiczak doesn't foresee any immediate announcements nor has he set a timetable about the future of the game or its activities.

"We've got to explore options and look at every single detail," Rataiczak said. "It's hard to believe there are some sporting championships throughout the year which bring in more money than the all-star football game."

Rataiczak couldn't stress enough that the OVAC is for the kids of the Ohio Valley.

"We're not going to cheat our students/athletes out of an experience of a lifetime," Rataiczak said.

Free OVAC Youth Football Clinic set

To kickoff the beginning of the 2010-11 'SUBWAY Sports Clinic Series' the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will be hosting its seventh annual free youth football clinic in conjunction with the 'Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic' presented by Huntington Bank & WTOV9. The clinic will take place the day of the game on Sunday, July 25, at the Wheeling Island Stadium.

Registration will take place at the Stadium from noon to 12:45 p.m. The clinic will last from 1-2:30 p.m. and will be directed by OVAC football coaches, including members of coach Chris Daugherty's Wheeling Park High School football staff. Tim Weaver and the Bethany College Football staff will assist as well. The instructors will teach the basic fundamentals of football with a focus on

building self-esteem. The clinic is free and open to boys and girls ages 6-13.

Parents or legal guardians are required to have insurance and be present the day of the clinic to sign a waiver form. For information visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.OVAC.org"](http://www.OVAC.org) or call (304) 639-1238.

Along with SUBWAY the youth clinic is sponsored by AM 1600 WKKX, Wheeling Hospital, Bordas & Bordas Law Firm, The Health Plan, AT&T and the 'Prevent Don't Provide' initiative."

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is the largest functional high school athletic conference in the United States. It is now comprised of 50 member schools with 12,000 ath-

letes and 21,000 students that stretches across two states (Ohio and West Virginia) and 18 counties. The OVAC sponsors 19 sports and recognizes 62 champions. The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is online at [HYPERLINK "http://www.OVAC.org"](http://www.OVAC.org)

The annual 'Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic' presented by Huntington Bank & WTOV9 is slated for Sunday, July 25, at Wheeling Island Stadium with kickoff planned for 7:15 p.m.

Beginning on July 19 tickets will be available at area Kroger stores, Smitty's Floors and other Ohio Valley retail locations that can be found on line at the OVAC's official Web site. [HYPERLINK "http://www.OVAC.org"](http://www.OVAC.org)

Ohio linemen pegged for OVAC game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Over the course of last decade, the battle in the trenches has gone a long way in determining the winner in the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Game.

Today, Ron Pobolish – the recently retired Buckeye Local coach who will guide the Buckeye State in the July 25th game – announces his linemen for the contest.

"I think we're going to be okay up front," Pobolish said. "We've got a lot of guys who can go either way, so the toughest part for us will be determining who will play on each side of the ball."

Slated to open and clog holes for the

Buckeye State are: Zac Wojciechowski (Cambridge), Jake Mallernee (Harrison Central), Jarod Mellinger (Beallsville), Nate Maleski (Bridgeport), J.J. Intorre (Beaver Local), Jamey DeVaul (Steubenville), Jordan Burress (Martins Ferry), Shaun Berry (Zanesville), Bobby Bennett (Bellaire) and Jordan Banks (Steubenville).

"We've got guys who are athletic and skilled," Pobolish said. "It's going to come down to finding the right combination of guys."

Here's a capsule look at the players:
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Along with football, Wojciechowski was a standout wrestler, twice placing in the OVAC tournament. He's also a standout in the classroom and is a member of

the National Honor Society.

Zac – who is the son of Les and Beth Wojciechowski – plans on attending Baldwin-Wallace College.

JAKE MALLERNEE (Harrison Central) – This former Huskie was a

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The 5-ft-11, 215-pounder recorded 100 tackles and 37 for loss and 11 sacks. He was a two-time all-Buckeye 8 performer, two-time all-OVAC and first-team all-district. He was named third-team all-Ohio this past season.

Jake – who plans on attending Mt. Union College – is the son of Bill and Luann Mallernee.

JAROD MELLINGER (Beallsville) – This former Blue Devil saw time along both lines and some at fullback for Coach Dave Caldwell's club.

The 6-ft, 265 pounder had 11 sacks, nine caught behind the line tackles, 16 unassisted tackles and 87 total stops.

Mellinger was an all-conference selection and took part in the Battle Against Cystic Fibrosis game earlier this summer.

Jarod – who is the son of Steve and Julie Mellinger – plans on attending Belmont Tech.

NATE MALESKI (Bridgeport) – This former Bulldog was a mainstay on a pair of playoff teams the past two years under head coach Rudy Vavrock.

The 6-ft-2, 270-pounder recorded 50 pancake blocks. On the defensive side of the ball, he recorded 90 tackles and had eight sacks en route to first-team all-Ohio accolades.

Maleski first-team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, all-Times Leader and first-team all-Valley. He was a first-team all-Ohio offensive lineman as a junior. He was also selected to play in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game.

Along with football, Maleski was a standout in basketball.

Nate – who plans on attending West Liberty University – is the son

of Richard and Cindy Maleski.

J.J. INTORRE (Beaver Local) – This former Beaver was a standout on the defensive front for Coach Rich Wright's team.

The 6-ft-1, 255-pounder recorded 50 tackles and five sacks this past season. He had 45 tackles and three sacks during his junior season.

Along with earning three letters, Intorre was an all-conference first-team pick, all-Quad County, all-district and first-team all-East Liverpool Review.

J.J. – who is the son of April and Joseph Intorre – plans on attending Muskingum University.

JAMEY DeVAUL (Steubenville) – This former Big Red two-way lineman was a standout for head coach Reno Saccoccia.

The 6-ft-3, 220-pounder was a three-year starter at center and won the Calvin Jones Lineman Award and was named a WTOV-9 Block of Granite and also holds the Big Red record for pin blocks. He was a first-team all-Ohioan, all-Eastern District, first-team all-OVAC, all-Valley, first-team Quad County. He also took part in the Penn-Ohio All-Star Game.

Along with football, DeVaul was a standout wrestler.

He was also a class officer and he served as Key Club Vice President during his senior year.

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The 6-ft-5, 275-pounder saw time at tight end, offensive and defensive tackle.

For his fine season, Burress was named all-Eastern District, all-

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Jordan – who is planning on attending Mt. Union College – is the son of John and Cindy Burress.

SHAUN BERRY (Zanesville) – This former Blue Devil was a mainstay center for Coach Chad Grandstaff's team last season.

The 6-ft-2, 225-ounder was a first-team all-district, first-team all-SEOAL and all-league. He was also a standout in baseball for the Blue Devils.

Berry – who is the son of Chuck and Jeannine Berry – is heading to Marietta College.

BOBBY BENNETT (Bellaire) – This former Big Red was a standout on both lines for Coach Jose Davis' team last season.

The 6-ft-5, 225-pounder was in in 31 tackles, five for loss, four fumble recoveries and he blocked three kicks.

Bennett was also a standout in wrestling where he earned a trip to the Ohio State Tournament and he played baseball.

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Bobby – who is undecided about his future plans – is the son of Robert Bennett and Roxanne Bennett.

JORDAN BANKS (Steubenville) – This defensive standout saw time both as a down lineman and at line-backer for Saccoccia's team.

The 6-ft, 215-pounder played defensive tackle and defensive end as well.

Along with football, Banks was active in Key Club, Spanish Club and Lift Club.

Jordan – who plans on attending Geneva College – is the son of John and Cathy Banks.

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OVAC Hall Tix Are on Sale

Tickets for the seventh annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Hall of Fame Banquet, slated for Saturday, Aug. 21 at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling, are currently on sale.

The banquet will honor 17 Hall of Fame inductees as well as five "Legends of OVAC Schools."

This year's Hall of Famers include Rick DeLuca (OVAC Family); Frank Baxter (OVAC Contributor); Bill Davies (Media); John Stephenson and Chuck Watt (Coaches); John "Streaky" Haloszka (Official); Fred Bruney of Martins Ferry (1940s

Athlete); Henry Josefczyk of Yorkville and Don Sutherin of Toronto (1950s Athletes); Larry Duck of Martins Ferry and Joe Niekro of Bridgeport (1960s Athletes); Less Browne of East Liverpool and Mike Wright of Wellsville (1970s Athletes); Melissa Hammond of Shadyside and Jeff Sweitzer of Brooke (1980s Athletes); and Joanna Bernabei of Weirton Madonna and Kyle Rose of River (1990s Athletes).

The "Legends" honorees are Floyd Baker, Carl Hoppel, Dick Mehen, Will Robinson and Jack

Simons.

Tickets are \$25 each or a table of eight can be reserved for \$200. To purchase tickets, call the OVAC office at (740) 671-3269 or e-mail tom@ovac.org.

Although this year's Hall of Fame class has already been selected, the OVAC Hall of Fame Committee is seeking nominations for future consideration. To nominate an individual, send complete biographical details to Tom Rataiczak, OVAC Executive Secretary, 64962 Breezy Point Lane, Bellaire, OH, 43906.

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Bruney Rounds Out Defensive Side of the Ball

W.Va. coach feels he has good size up front

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

Tom Bruney and the West Virginia coaching staff don't plan on getting too fancy on the defensive side of the ball during the July 25 OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

However, they know the first goal when they begin preparations Sunday at West Liberty University.

"We've got to stop the run first," Bruney said. "We know we're going to see more passing because of their coach-

ing staff, but it all starts with stopping the run and being able to get some pressure on the quarterback. We feel like we've got good size up front and we've got good people at backers and secondary.

Today, Bruney announced his defensive skill-and utility players for the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic.

Here's a capsule look at the players:

LOU COMIS (Madonna): This two-way player was a standout for Coach Bob Kramer's team the last several years.

The 5-foot-11, 210 pounder logged 80 tackles and ran for 700 yards playing both middle linebacker and fullback. He recovered two fumbles, which was half as many as he forced.

For his fine seasons, he was twice

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named all-state, he was a first team All-OVAC and All-Valley pick, a two-time All-River Valley selection and All-Mason Dixon.

Along with football, Comis was the everyday catcher on the Blue Dons' state title winning baseball team.

Lou, who will attend West Virginia University, is the son of Lou and Lisa Comis of Weirton.

ZACH HOOD (Wheeling Central): This former Maroon Knight was a standout at quarterback for Coach Mike Young's team.

The 5-10, 165 pounder passed for 23

touchdowns and ran for an additional 10. All told, he passed for 2,800 yards and logged 1,300 more rushing.

For his fine career, Hood boasts a state title ring, he was named all-state and All-Valley, and was voted as a Big 22 Finalist.

Along with football, he was a standout in basketball and was a member of two state title-winning teams.

Zach, who is the attending West Liberty University, is the son of Roseann Teramana and Lloyd Hood.

MICHAEL KOSEVIC (Brooke): This former Bruin was a standout at linebacker for Coach Tom Bruney's team last season.

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Today's Results:
Q. Was George Steinbrenner good for Major League Baseball?

Yes: 81%
No: 19%

ON THE LINE

Tomorrow's Poll:
Q. Is your favorite baseball team in contention heading into the second half of the season?

Tell us what you think.
Register your answer at www.theintelligencer.net
(The results of this poll are not scientific and represent only the opinions of Internet users who have chosen to participate.)



Bruney

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The 5-10, 205 pounder recorded 136 tackles, nine sacks, 10 tackles for loss, five fumble recoveries and an interception.

Along with football, Kosevic was a member of the National Honor Society, student council, and the principal's honor roll.

Michael, who is heading to Fairmont State University, is the son of Mike Kosevic and Sheryl Kosevic.

MICHAEL MOLINARI (Parkersburg South): This former Patriot was a standout at kicker for Coach Jon Bolen's team.

As a senior, he was true on three field goals with a long of 43 yards and he booted 42 of 48 PATs through the uprights.

He was also valuable as a receiver and ballcarrier and defensively he recorded six interceptions.

Molinari was a second team all-state pick a year ago.

Michael, who will enroll at West Virginia University in the fall, is the son of Serge and Cindy Molinari of Washington.

MAX NOGAY (Madonna): This former Blue Don had one of the most memorable all-around sports years in the Ohio Valley and it all started with a state title in football under Kramer.

The 5-11, 185 pounder ran for 1,107 yards on 140 attempts and 23 touchdowns. Defensively, he had 60 tackles and five interceptions.

He was a first team all-state pick, All-OVAC, All-Valley and played in the West Virginia North-South Game.

In football, Nogay won the OVAC and West Virginia state title last season and he was a first team all-state baseball player where he led the Blue Dons to the Class A state title.

Max, who plans on playing baseball at WVU, is the son of Michael and Robin Nogay of Weirton.

CODY SCOTT (Valley): This former Lumberjack came through in many regards for Coach Tom West's team.

The 5-8, 180 pounder logged 137 tackles and 102 of those were solo stops. He also had seven sacks and four interceptions. Offensively, he scored six touchdowns on 78 rushes. All told, he gained 400 yards.

Scott was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Mason Dixon, all-Valley and second-team all-state punter.

Cody, who plans on attending technical school, is the son of Rhonda Pigott of Reader.

KYLE SIMS (Brooke): This former Bruin was a standout on defense for Coach Bruney's team.

Sims recorded 70 tackles as a junior and 20 of those were for a loss.

He was a captain for the Bruins, named a WTOV-TV Player to Watch and key returning player.

Kyle, who is unsure of his college plans, is the son of Beth Sims and Wayne Sims of Weirton.

STEFAN VARNER (John Marshall): This former Monarch was a standout for Coach Dan Wilson's team a bevy of spots last season.

The 5-10, 190 pounder recorded 139 tackles, and 106 of those were solo stops from his linebacker spot. He also had 33 assists, 17 tackles for loss and three forced fumbles. He

also scored seven touchdowns and had 517 yards.

Along with serving as a two-year captain, he was twice named honorable mention all-state and was the recipient of the JM Wendy's High School Heisman.

Away from football, Varner was a member of the National Honor Society, FCA and he lettered twice in baseball.

Stefan, who plans on attending Averett University in Danville, Va., is the son of Scott and Suzanne Varner.

GRIFFIN YOCUM (John Marshall): This former Monarch was a standout at receiver and served as the punter for Wilson's team.

The 6-0, 175 pounder had 29 receptions for 479 yards and five touchdowns. He landed 10 punts inside the 20 yard line.

Yocum received the 101 percent award and was Athlete of the Month for Marshall County in September.

Griffin, who plans on attending West Liberty, is the son of John and Renae Yocum of Glen Dale.

TEVIN HALL (Cameron): This former Dragon was a standout at receiver for Coach Jim Rogers' team.

The 5-9, 150 pounder was All-Mason Dixon and he received the SSAC State Award for Exemplary Sportsmanship.

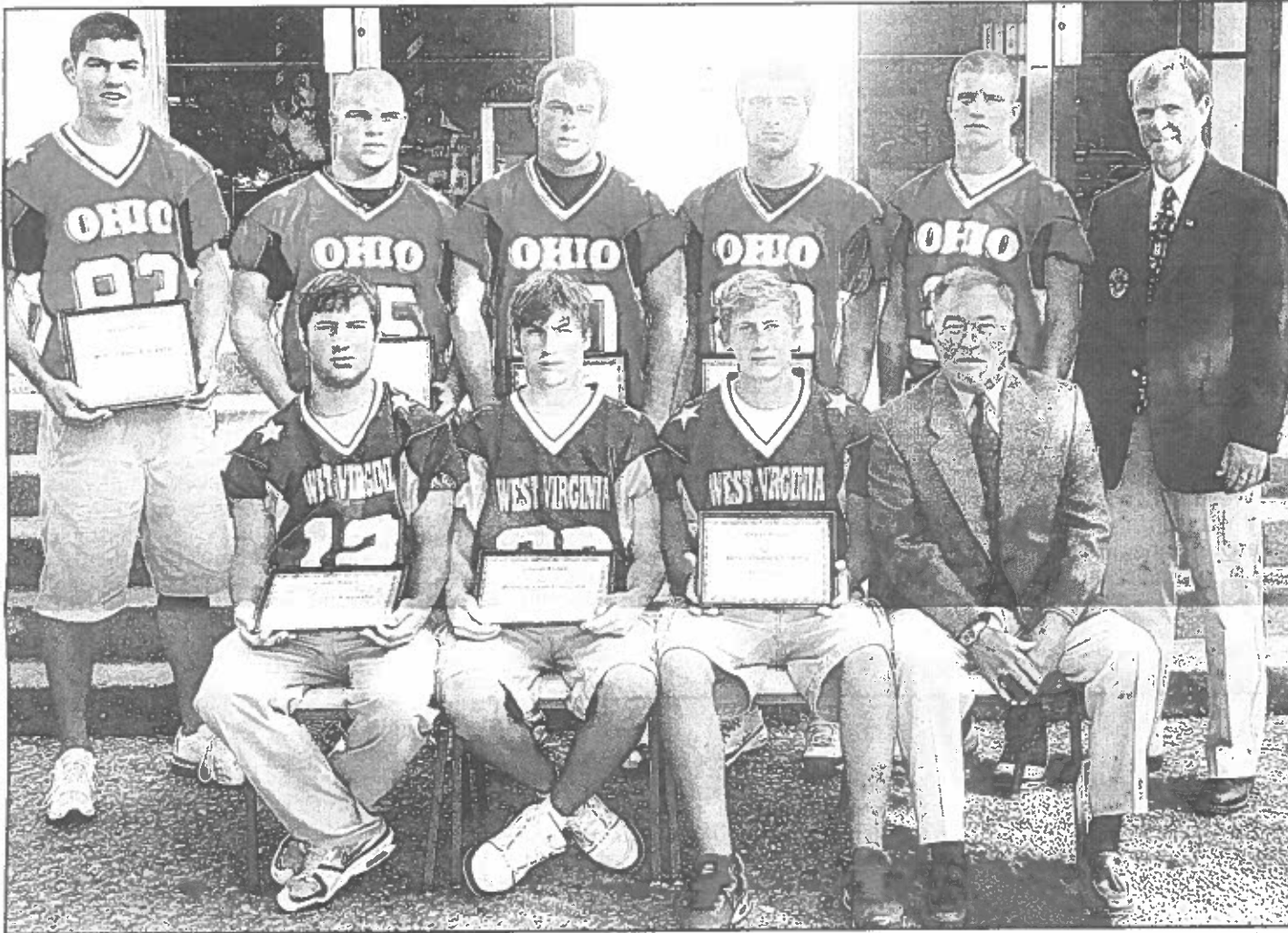
Away from football, he was a state wrestling champ as a junior when he recorded all of his victories by pin. He placed in the OVAC three times.

Tevin, who plans on wrestling at West Liberty University, is the son of David and Sharon Hall of Glen Easton.

SPORTS

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65th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic



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Preparation goes on

• West Virginia down another lineman; Ohio position battles ongoing

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

For the first time since reporting to camp last Sunday, the members of the Ohio and West Virginia All-Star teams came off the hill from West Liberty.

Members of both teams, cheerleaders and Queen of Queens candidates all converged on Wheeling Park's White Palace Wednesday evening to officially begin the festivities surrounding the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at the annual George Strager Evening with the Stars.

"Camp is going well so far," reported Ohio head coach Ron Pobolish, who was the recipient of two standing ovations during the banquet. "We've knocked each



other around a little bit and now it's a matter of fine-tuning things and finding the best combination of people."

On the other side of the coin, West Virginia head coach Tom Bruney indicated his team has taken a few hits this week. Wheeling Central's Jordan West has left

the Mountaineer squad due to injury. Before arriving at West Liberty University last Sunday, Bruney had several other linemen opt against playing as well.

"We're concerned because we're short on offensive linemen," Bruney said. "We had a lineman leave camp (Tuesday) and he won't be returning to the team. Coming into camp, our offensive line is a position we felt so strong about, but now it could be our achilles heel."

Both teams have been getting after it on the practice field, but not taking part in much contact.

"We've not really hit very much," Bruney said. "I don't think we will either especially now because we can't afford to get any guys banged up. We're down to

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Bellaire's
Bennett is
more than
an athlete

By **SETH STASKEY**
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A lot of athletes are mentally tough. However, few are probably as tough as former Bellaire High standout Bobby Bennett.

Along with all of the normal activities and adventures which come with being a high school senior or a recently graduated 18-year old young adult, Bennett has taken on a few more.

Bennett — a former three-sport standout for the Big Reds — is faced with challenges a lot deeper than just preparing for this Sunday's 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium.

For the Big Reds, Bennett was a two-way line standout and also a talented wrestler and baseball player. Away from athletics, Bennett became an Eagle Scout during the school year.

However, the work and mental toughness involved in athletics and reaching the scouting pinnacle wasn't enough for Bennett.

Upon turning 18 in January, Bennett officially joined the Martins Ferry Volunteer Fire Department's Alerts station.

"I grew up around it," Bennett said. "When I was a little kid I was one who was always climbing all over the truck, and as I got to thinking about it I just wanted to do it."

Bennett didn't have to look far for advice. His uncle Dave Maguire is a member of the Alerts and helped him get the paperwork and interview process rolling to join.

"My uncle was a big help," Bennett said.

While anyone can basically apply and join the fire department, Bennett isn't content with that. He was slated to begin his official training classes to become a certified fireman this week-



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end.

However, he'll obviously be in camp for the OVAC Game, so he got a pass and will begin his quest next week.

All told, Bennett needs 36 hours and those come in four, nine-hour classes. He'll have to make up the one he's missing, meaning he'll have to double up one weekend.

Once he completed his certification, Bennett will be allowed to actually go into the fire and help fight it.

Without the classes, Bennett is still able to drive the truck, work the pump and equipment outside the blaze.

"I just can't go into the fire," Bennett said. "There were test runs with the truck that were like a driver's test. They take you down narrow roads and once they feel as if

you're capable of driving the truck without wrecking it, you can drive."

Bennett is also able to drive an emergency car, but he's not yet a certified EMT.

During his six-plus months on the squad, Bennett's been on a few calls, but one instance really sticks out.

While sound asleep one morning, Bennett heard his pager — which he didn't bring to OVAC camp — going off at 4:30 a.m. He quickly jumped out of bed and headed on the call in Colerain, but when he arrived it had been called off.

"Those things happen," Bennett said. "It's just part of it. I've been on a couple of calls and it's tough at first, but you've got to face your fears. Your body doesn't really want to go, but your mind takes over because you know you've got to do

it."

Bennett said he wouldn't be required to leave OVAC camp if there was a call in Martins Ferry or the surrounding areas.

"They know I am up here and they tell you it's family, work and then fire department," Bennett said.

Though he's passionate about fighting fires, Bennett wants to stick with being a volunteer.

"I don't want to make it a career," Bennett said. "I am going to go into criminal justice."

Before he begins any classwork for fire fighting, criminal justice or anything else, Bennett's got some business to take care of, which includes helping the Ohio side to victory this Sunday.

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29 players, so we've got to really be careful to guard against injury."

Pobolish, meanwhile, admits that the approach would be different if this were any other game he was coaching.

"In this short amount of time, we're just trying to get them ready to play Sunday night," Pobolish said. "We're getting a little more anxious each day to play. I know personally I am getting a little more tense because the two teams are together all of the time, so you can see the rivalry heating up again."

As double sessions continued today on the Hilltoppers campus, both coaches indicated that there are still plenty of battles going on for starting positions.

"Obviously, we're going to play everyone, but we've got some good battles going on right now," Pobolish said. "I think we did a great job in the selection process, and I think the Ohio coaches did a great job with their nominations to give us the players. We're pleased and surprised with how athletic all of our players are."

One of the highlights of the Strager Evening with the Stars once again was the presentation of scholarships to players who took part in the George Strager Memorial Football Camp in 2009 and then were chosen for this game.

Receiving the honors were: Logan Cook (St. Clairsville), Seth Callarik (St. Clairsville), Zac Wojciehowski (Cambridge), Tyler Hardesty (Cambridge) and Tyler Arigoni (Union Local) from Ohio. The West Virginia recipients included the Wheeling Central trio of Zac Hood, Jordan Sorge and Alex Gompers.

OVAC NOTES

■ **THE PLAYERS,** cheerleaders and McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band members will all take part in an ice-cream social this evening at West Liberty. The players and cheerleaders, meanwhile, will come off the hill again Friday for the Queen of Queens pageant.

■ **THE ANNUAL** pep rally will be held at West Liberty's Russek Field on Saturday at 6 p.m. Admission is free and several special awards will be presented.

■ **ADVANCE** tickets for the game are currently on sale at several area businesses. Included are Kroger stores in Bellaire, St. Clairsville, Martins Ferry, Steubenville, Wintersville, Wheeling, Benwood, Moundsville, Warwood and two in Weirton; DeFelice Brothers Pizza in Shadyside; Smitty's Floors in Steubenville; Weber's Drug Store in Woodsfield. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the gate.

GEORGE STRAGER EVENING WITH THE STARS



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The Right Chemistry?

Coach Bruney, QB Wallace are on same page

By JIM ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

WHEELING — The chemistry between West Virginia head coach Tom Bruney and quarterback Cotey Wallace, both coming off a sensational season at Brooke, might have actually qualified as a rare advantage for the Mountaineers in the 65th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

That is, of course, if you ignored the idea that Ohio head coach Ron Pobolish also has his quarterback from Buckeye Local, Joe Rine, ready to lead his offense.

Typical of Bruney, he worries only of his own team.

"Cotey knows this offense as well as I do; probably better than I do," Bruney said Wednesday at the Wheeling Park White Palace during the annual George Strager Evening with the Stars Dinner. "Plus, the kid is a leader. Absolutely it's an advantage."

Well, Ohio leads the overall series

41-22, has won 14 of the last 15, including five straight, so forgive the Mountaineers for trying to find something on which to lean.

"We're the underdog," Bruney said, "we know that. We know we're overmanned. It's not hard to look across the cafeteria and see what we're up against. If we can keep it close going into the fourth quarter, we'll have a chance."

Wallace says it was much the same way his senior season, when he led a Brooke team that had virtually no expectations outside the walls of its own locker room to an unbeaten season and a W.Va. Class AAA state runnerup finish.

In that case, he said, it was Bruney who made the difference.

"He's such a great motivator," Wallace said. "At Brooke, we didn't always have as much talent as the other teams but we found a way to win games. I think we're going to do the same thing here."

That was just some of the talk Wednesday night, but just about everyone involved with the Strager Dinner and All-Star week will tell you this is about more than just strategy, cheerleaders, and Queens of Queens.

Just ask the guys who were invited back from the 1953-55 (151 men played, 96 are still living, 63 plan to

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Sunday, Wheeling Island Stadium



attend the game).

"What's going on this weekend is just a game," OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak said. "What is standing before you (pointing to the 50-plus year guys) is what this week is all about."

"Talk to them. In the year 2060, we'll see you here also."

The dinner exists, in part, as a way to continue to remember Strager, who was a head coach at Wheeling Central, Cambridge, and most notably a 19-year run with St. Clairsville. Strager passed away in 1990 but through a football camp and scholarship program, his memory lives in the Ohio Valley.

Scholarships in Strager's name are handed out to participants of the All-Star game who also attended the Strager camp prior to their senior season. This year's winners were: Wheeling Central's Zach Hood, Jordan Sorge, and Alex Gompers; Cambridge's Tyler Hardesty and Zac Wojciechowski; and St. Clairsville's Seth Callarik and Logan Cook; and Union Local's Tyler Hardesty.

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Post 3 Sets Up Key Tilt

Moundsville must beat Wheeling twice

By TRACY WATSON
For The News-Register

GLEN DALE — It may have taken three days and five games to get to this point but, as expected, West Virginia's Area One American Legion championship round will come down to Wheeling Post 1 and Moundsville Post 3 this afternoon.

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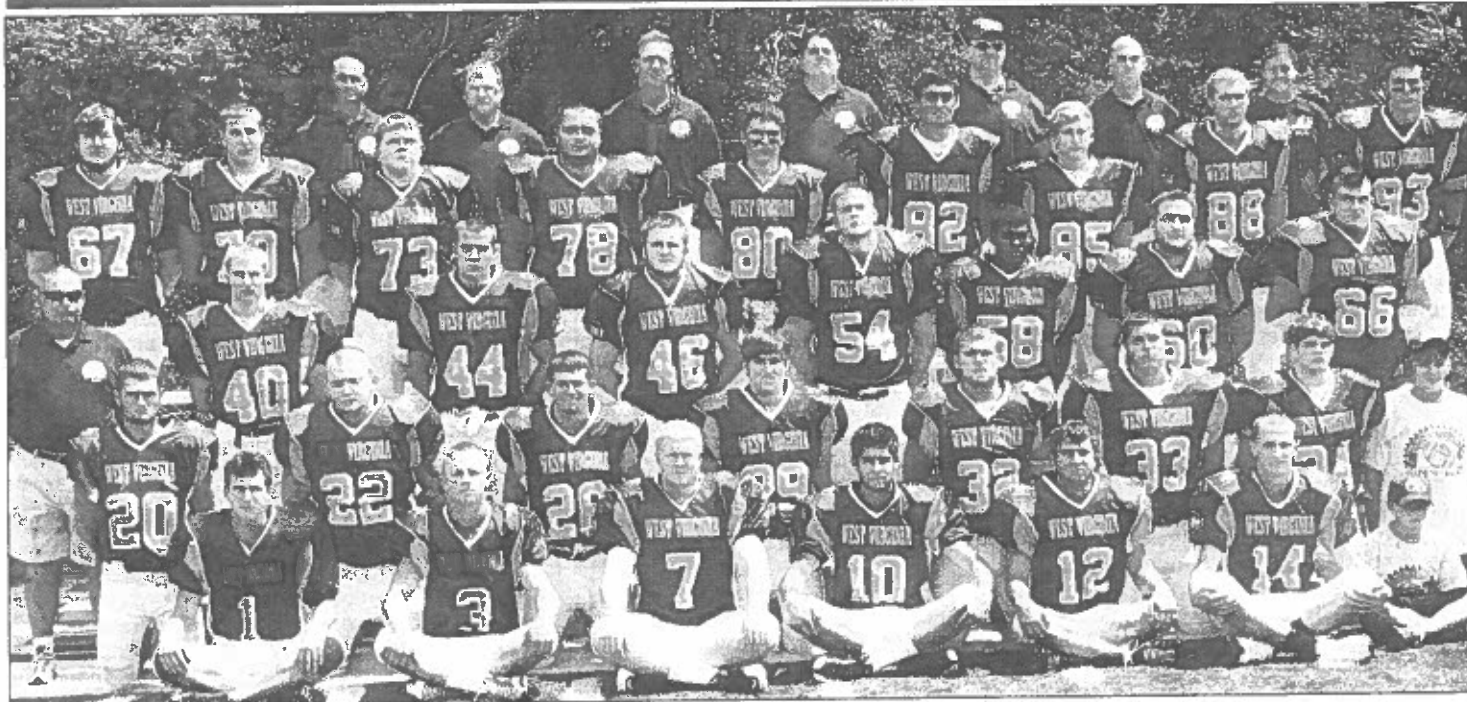


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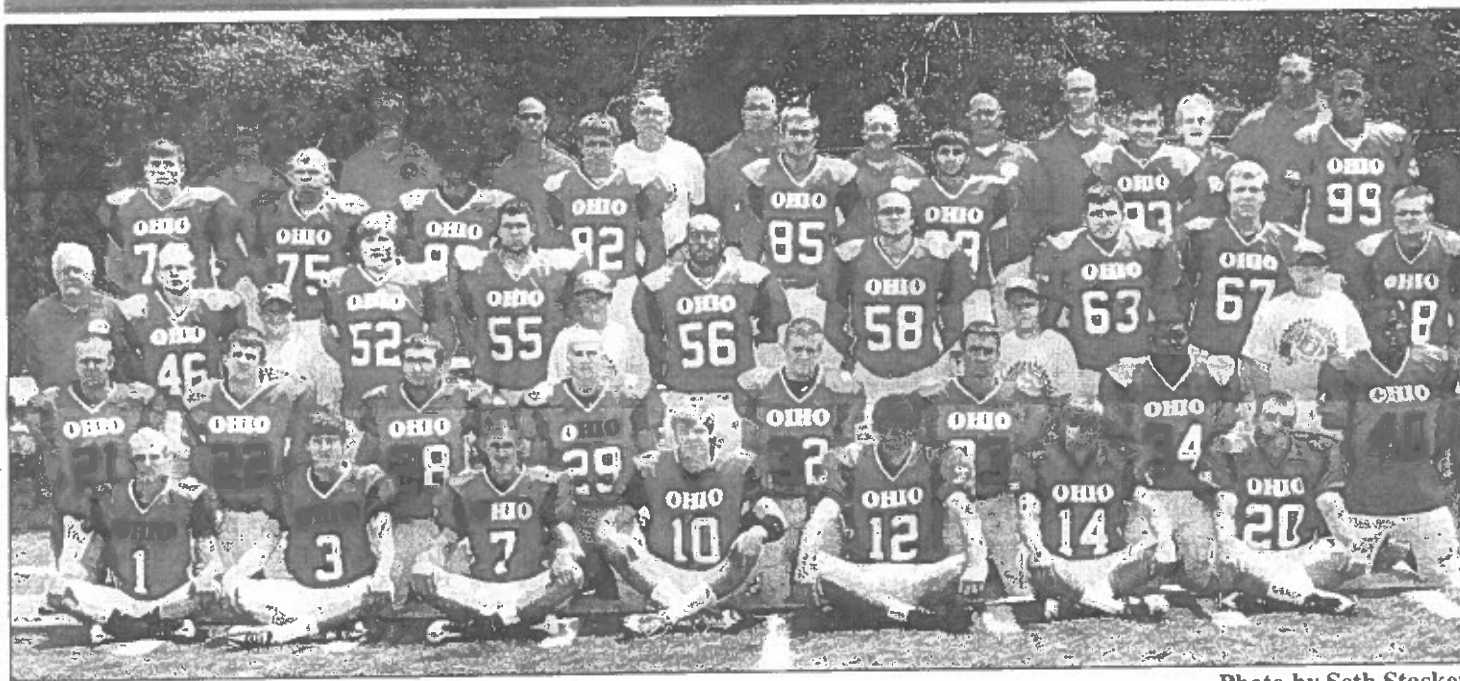


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"We tried to put the best possible plan together that gives the fans something to enjoy," Pabolish said.



Through The Years

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"Now we just have to come back (Sunday) and see what we can do. I really believe that if we can hit the ball like we have the last couple of days we will be alright."

While Rine singled four times and homered, Mirandy chipped in with two singles and a double for the winners. Henderson, who has turned into a very efficient leadoff hitter for Post 3, reached base in 4 of 5 at-bats and scored four runs.

Of Weirton's three hits in the game, two of the runners were erased on the bases via double plays. Moundsville also committed just the two errors, on the same play in the game after having eight in a victory against Wellsburg on Friday.



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"We tried to put the best possible plan together that gives the fans something to enjoy," Pobolish said. "We'll hopefully come away with a victory."

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Through The Years


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- 2004: West Virginia 21, Ohio 7
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- 1995: Ohio 21, West Virginia 0
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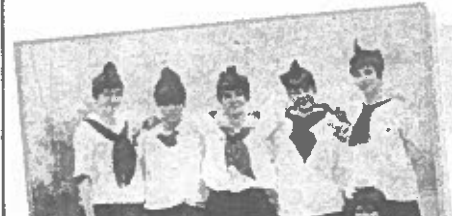
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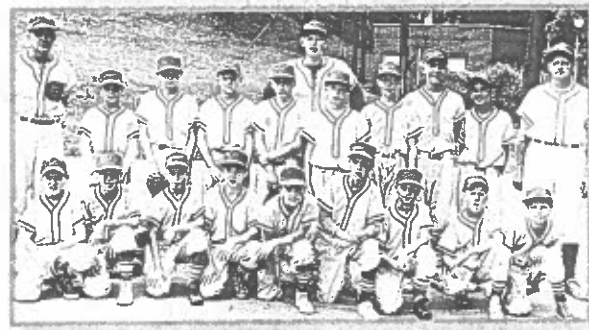


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• Banks, Cook, Pyciak, Spence voted by teammates to lead

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

If the honor of being selected to play in tonight's 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Classic wasn't already enough, four Ohio players learned late Thursday they'd been given another honor.

St. Clairsville's Logan Cook, Steubenville's Jordan Banks and Buckeye Local's Bobby Spence and Rylan Pyciak were voted, by their teammates, as team captains for tonight's game at Wheeling Island Stadium, which is slated for a 7:15 p.m. kick-off.

"We've got a bunch of good kids on this team and I would have been happy with whomever the kids selected," Pobolish said. "This is their team and I think they made some fine selections of young men who will lead us well."

Cook is one of the rare placekickers to be voted as a team captain in this all-star game. However, according to the coaching staff, he's constantly involved in drills and cheering on his teammates, which obviously rubbed off.

"This is just a great honor knowing that I've earned the respect of my teammates in less than a week," Cook said. "I hope I can lead them right."

Cook admits he's not the most vocal guy, but he's worked hard since arriving at West Liberty University Sunday.

"I've been positive throughout the week and made friends with every guy on the team," Cook said. "I was really surprised because I am just a kicker, but it comes down to character and I guess the guys noticed me. I am very humbled."

The former Red Devil spent some time in the lunch room Friday talking to West Virginia head coach Tom Bruney about kicking and how Bruney kicked a game-winner for the Ohio side in 1981.

"Honestly, I hope we're crushing them and I get a chance at some long shots," Cook admitted. "If I get the chance, it's a kicker's dream to get a chance at the long ball."

Pyciak has also been a standout during the week much like he was in both football and wrestling at Buckeye Local.

Along with learning he'd be starting at a defensive end, Pyciak was truly honored to be picked by his teammates.

"I can't wait to lead this team into battle," Pyciak said. "There aren't words to explain it. To be chosen as one of the four from all of these guys is just an honor more than anything."

Knowing that his teammates and not his former coaches at Buckeye Local made the selection makes it even sweeter for the future Baldwin-Wallace athlete.

"I don't look at myself as a very vocal and outstanding person, but I just try to lead by example," Pyciak said. "It makes me feel great that people followed my example. I was captain at Buckeye, but here everyone was a leader on their team."

Banks came to OVAC camp with the same mentality which was instilled on him at Big Red by head coach Reno Saccoccia and his teammates noticed.

Banks will be one of the Ohio defensive starters tonight and he's spent much of the week practicing as if it was already Sunday, of which many Ohio players served notice.

"I was taught to do that at Steubenville Big Red," Banks admitted. "We're always 110 percent and Coach Saccoccia wouldn't have it any other way, but having the ability to lead is something inside of you and I guess I showed that this week."

It's been quite a week for Spence. He's been questioned about his ankle, Pobolish's last go-around and now he's a captain for the Buckeyes after a prep season in which he did basically everything but sell popcorn for the Panthers.

"It's really special to be a captain because of the relationships we've built here this week," Spence said. "I know I am going to love playing with these guys because I already love practicing with them. I hope I can fulfill all of the team's needs as a captain and plan on doing the best I can."

Spence never once went through a drill or practice expecting he'd be voted a captain.

"I am definitely happy to be one," Spence said. "I don't know if being a captain creates anymore pressure, but it makes me want to help my teammates out a lot



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OVAC Cheerleaders



PICTURED IS the 2010 Ohio OVAC All-Star Cheering Squad. Front row, from left, are Shelby Bartrug (Buckeye Local), Leandra Winland (Meadowbrook), Morgan Pryor (Barnesville) and Marissa Lagon (Bridgeport). Standing, from left, are Alisha Ensell (Steubenville), Jalynn Keyser (Bellaire), Bailey Sickles (Steubenville Central), Emily Tennant (St. Clairsville) and Kristy Smith (River).



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Cook is one of the rare placekickers to be voted as a team captain in this all-star game. However, according to the coaching staff, he's constantly involved in drills and cheering on his teammates, which obviously rubbed off.

"This is just a great honor knowing that I've earned the respect of my teammates in less than a week," Cook said. "I hope I can lead them right."

Cook admits he's not the most vocal guy, but he's worked hard since arriving at West Liberty University Sunday.

"I've been positive throughout the week and made friends with every guy on the team," Cook said. "I was really surprised because I am just a kicker, but it comes down to character and I guess the guys noticed me. I am very humbled."

The former Red Devil spent some time in the lunch room Friday talking to West Virginia head coach Tom Bruney about kicking and how Bruney kicked a game-winner for the Ohio side in 1981.

"Honestly, I hope we're crushing them and I get a chance at some long shots," Cook admitted. "If I get the chance, it's a kicker's dream to get a chance at the long ball."

Pyciak has also been a standout during the week much like he was in both football and wrestling at Buckeye Local.

Along with learning he'd be starting at a defensive end, Pyciak was truly honored to be picked by his teammates.

"I can't wait to lead this team into battle," Pyciak said. "There aren't words to explain it. To be chosen as one of the four from all of these guys is just an honor more than anything."

Knowing that his teammates and not his former coaches at Buckeye Local made the selection makes it even sweeter for the future Baldwin-Wallace athlete.

"I don't look at myself as a very vocal and outstanding person, but I just try to lead by example," Pyciak said. "It makes me feel great that people followed my example. I was captain at Buckeye, but here everyone was a leader on their team."

Banks came to OVAC camp with the same mentality which was instilled on him at Big Red by head coach Reno Saccoccia and his teammates noticed.

Banks will be one of the Ohio defensive starters tonight and he's spent much of the week practicing as if it was already Sunday, of which many Ohio players served notice.

"I was taught to do that at Steubenville Big Red," Banks admitted. "We're always 110 percent and Coach Saccoccia wouldn't have it any other way, but having the ability to lead is something inside of you and I guess I showed that this week."

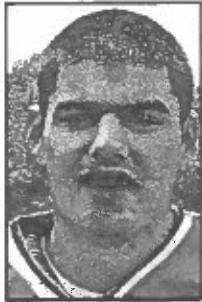
It's been quite a week for Spence. He's been questioned about his ankle, Pobolish's last go-around and now he's a captain for the Buckeyes after a prep season in which he did basically everything but sell popcorn for the Panthers.

"It's really special to be a captain because of the relationships we've built here this week," Spence said. "I know I am going to love playing with these guys because I already love practicing with them. I hope I can fulfill all of the team's needs as a captain and plan on doing the best I can."

Spence never once went through a drill or practice expecting he'd be voted a captain.

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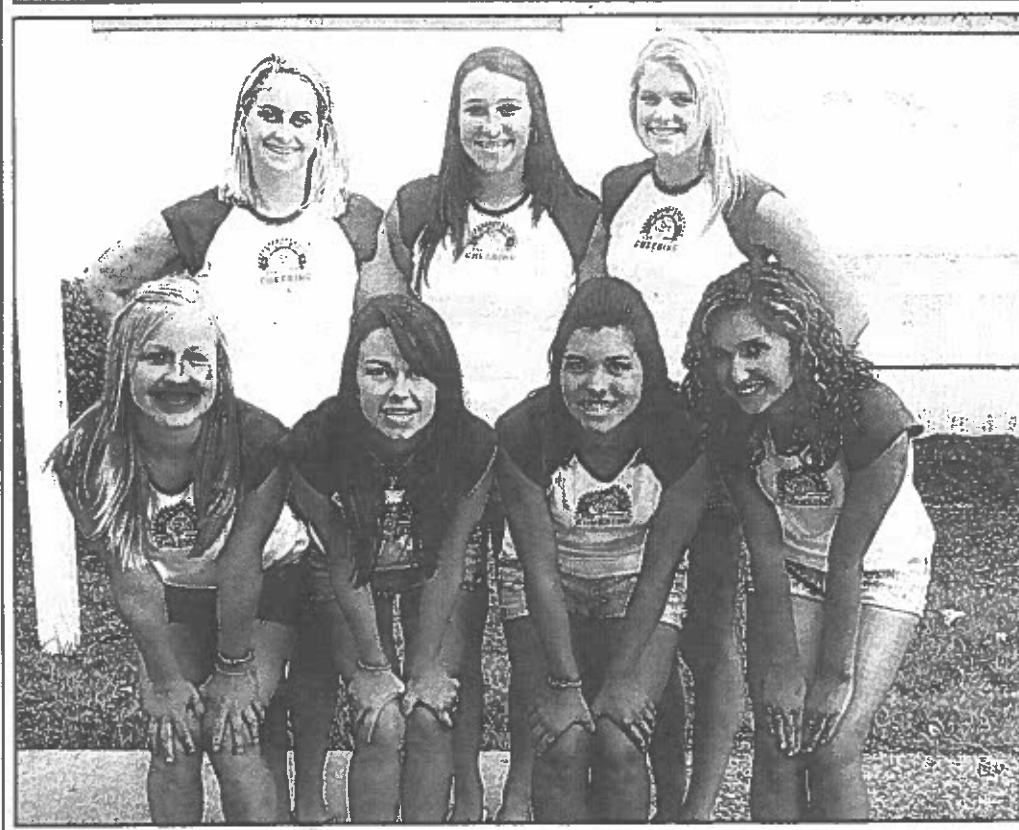
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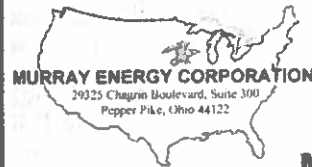
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Each of their fathers — Rob and Chuck, respectively — played in the OVAC All-Star Game and in 1979 and 1981, respectively. Taking it a step further, both played on winning Buckeye squads adding to the pressure for their sons come Sunday evening.

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■ IN 2006, after talking the Ball State coaches into it, Bellaire High's Nate Davis returned from Muncie to take part in the game he grew up dreaming of playing in. Former Bridgeport High and current Cambridge head coach Rick Goodrich couldn't have been happier as Davis and Harrison Central's Willy Walker hooked up to help give Ohio a 22-0 blanking.

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I've been hooked ever since!

Hopefully, the format, date, time and all of the events surrounding the Rudy Mumley Classic remain as is in these growing tough financial times.

It would be a definite shame to tinker with something that's worked so well for so long. The kids growing up in the immediate area today will be in attendance tonight just counting the days until they can dawn their respective state's jersey.

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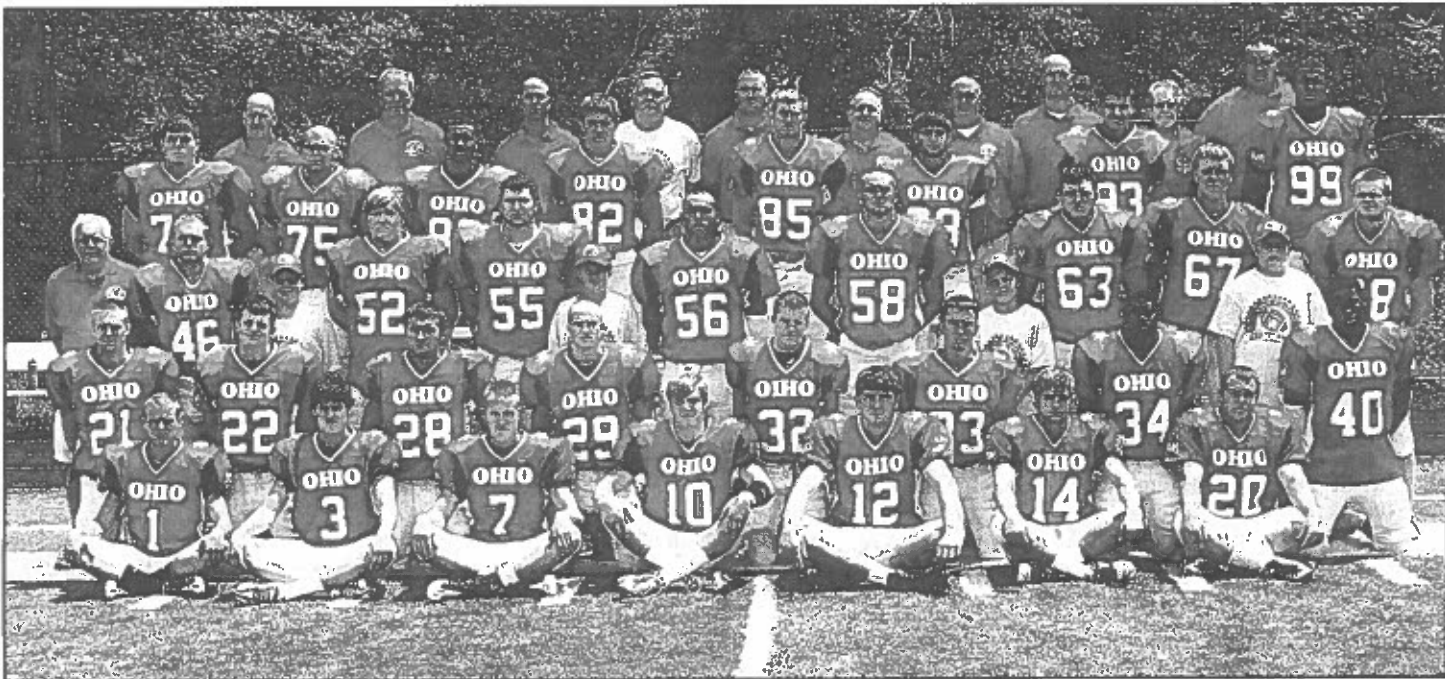
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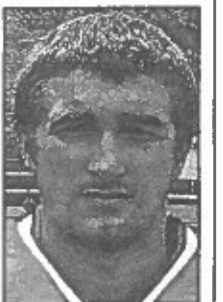
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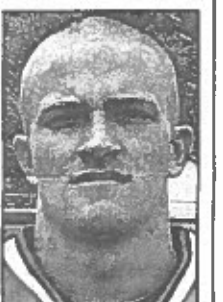
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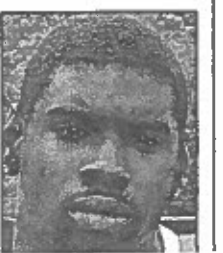
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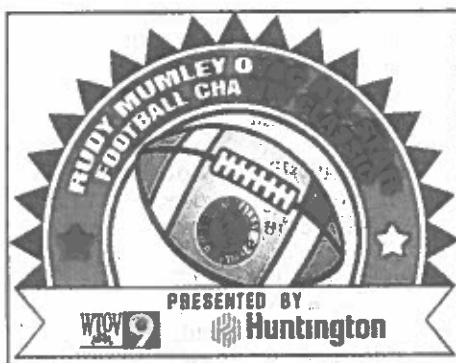
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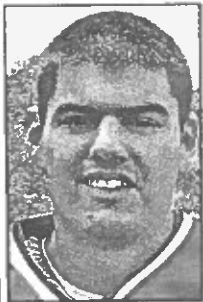
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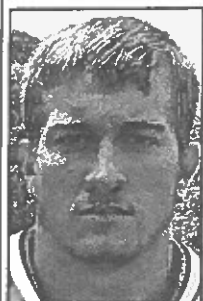
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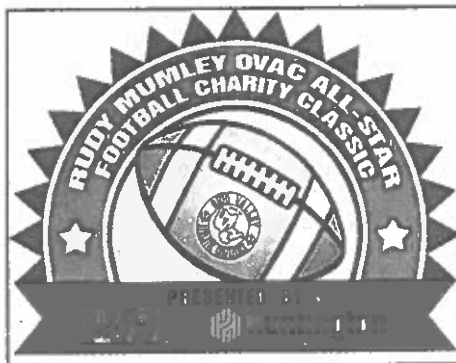
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The West Virginia offensive players have thoroughly enjoyed Bruney's system, which is a wide-open spread attack that gets many people involved.

"A lot of the kids have said, 'boy, coach I wish we would have ran this offense at

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RIGGANS

Bruney, Circosta recall '81 Ohio win

There have been countless memories formed at the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic over the course of time.

Regardless if you've attended the extravaganza for the game, the Queen of Queens, the McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band or cheerleaders, there's a year that sticks in your memory.

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Bruney lined up the kick and was perfect on the field goal, which hit the cross bar and deflected through the up-rights with nine seconds to go, giving Ohio the victory.

Almost every year Circosta gets a call from Bruney on Aug. 1, which was the date of the OVAC Game that year.

"I don't get them all, but on most August firsts, I call Coach Circosta up and ask him if he remembers where he was that many years ago," Bruney said.

The first time Bruney called him was 10 years after the game.

"I remember Tommy was in Arizona and I'd just come in the field house and the phone rang," Circosta said. "This guy was on the other end and said, 'hey, do you remember where you were 10 years ago today?' I said 'No, I don't.' He then explained it to me and that's become a tradition almost ever since."

Bruney learned that trick from his uncle and OVAC Hall of Famer Fred Bruney.

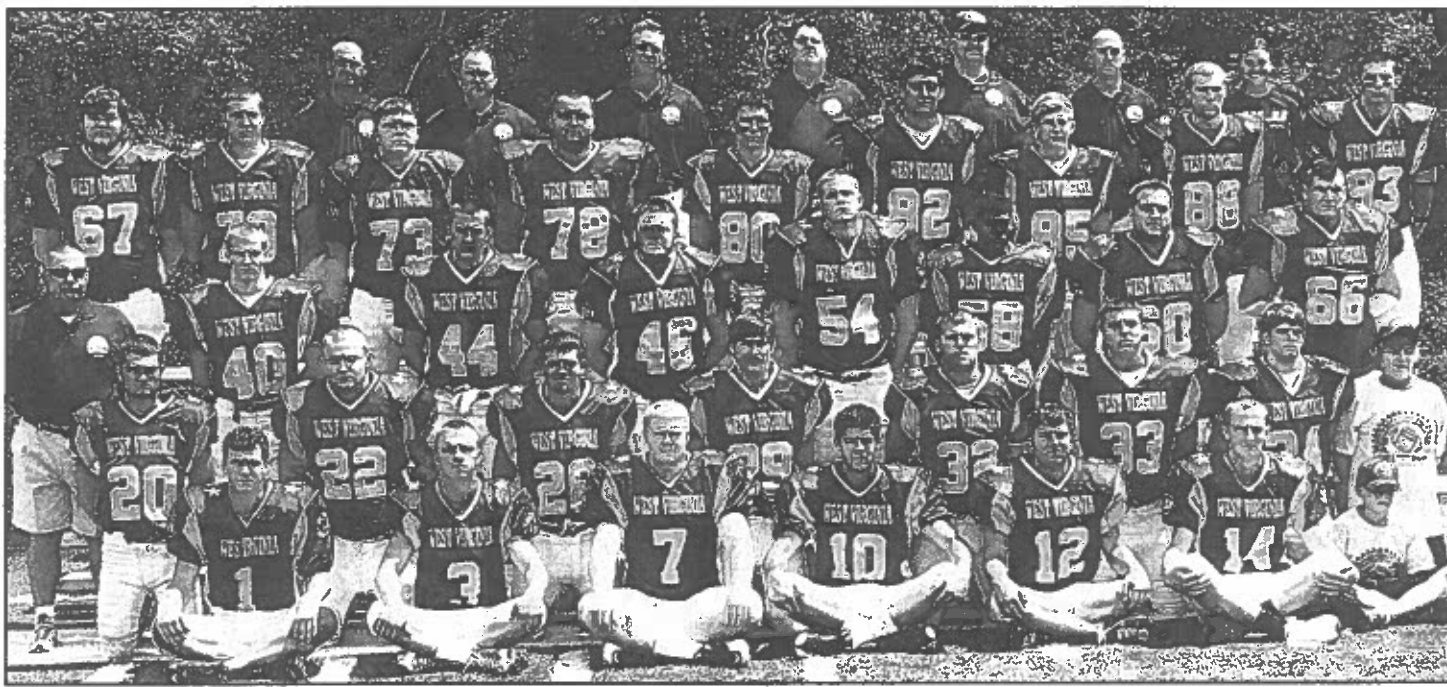
After helping steer Ohio State to a win over Michigan 10 years prior, Woody Hays called Bruney and asked him the same question Circosta was asked.

"Any kid can step up and have a moment like I was fortunate enough to have," Bruney said. "There was no plan that it would work out that way for me that night."

Ironically, Circosta will be on hand this evening to take part in the 10-year anniversary of coaching in the 2000 contest, which was another late Ohio victory.

"It's really something that Tommy is coaching in this game and I'm celebrating a reunion," Circosta said.

That 1981 game also left a lasting impression on the fans in the stadium. Bridgeport High graduate Jay Meager, who is a long-time local sports afficionado and resident expert on 1980 sports in the Ohio Valley, has told me on several occasions he remembers almost every



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The remainder of the Mountaineers' offensive unit has taken some time to figure out.

"I think we were still tinkering with it and looking at people through Thursday, but we're carved in stone now," Bruney said. "Only area still questionable is probably on the right side of our line where we've got three guys battling for two spots."

Wallace will be joined in the Mountaineer backfield by South's Hunter Ferguson and Magnolia's Stingray Bates.

Wheeling Park's Marcus George and Tyler Consolidated's Nate Taylor will share time at the H-back spot.

According to Bruney all of his receivers will see time and could get their hands on the ball.

Magnolia's Jared Blatt will start at tight-end and he'll be joined along the front line by a formidable and big bunch, which is comprised of Brooke's Jake Lilly (left tackle), Madonna's Christian McGaughey (left guard), Magnolia's Andrew Huggins (center) and on the right side the battle could go up until game time between Park's Rusty Byhanna, John Marshall's Devin Harrison and Wheeling Park's Mikey Lough.

"We've put in almost a week now and the kids and are starting to understand and see why we're doing what we're doing," said Tom Bruney. "Because of that, we've had some really good practices late in the week in almost unbearable heat."

From that he's seen during the week, Pabolish is extremely impressed with the work of his defensive coaching staff and players.

"When I look at our defense, I truly like the looks of it," Pabolish said. "We've got a ton of respect for Cotey Wallace and West Virginia."

"They've got four or five quick kids who can run, a fullback not many people know about and put guys like Lilly on the line and that to me is a formidable opponent."

Harrison Central's Jake Mallernee and DeVaul will open the game at the defensive tackle spot. Beaver Local's J.J. Intorre was originally penciled in for one of those spots, but he's come up lame during the week. Pabolish was unsure whether or not he'd be able to go at all.

On the defensive ends will be a pair of former Buckeye Local Panthers, Joe Rine and Rylan Pyciak.

Cambridge's Tyler Hardesty and Steubenville's Jordan Banks will open at the linebacker spot. The outside linebackers will be Union Local's Tyler Arigoni and Meadowbrook's Josh Riggins with Rataiczak and Marco Ricchetti are set to see a lot of action at that spot

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Spence, Wiggins and Shadyside's Dylan Kimble are the primary kick returners for the Buckeyes.

The Mountaineers' defensive unit has been basically set since Tuesday when Bruney approached Oak Glen's Seth Barnhart, who reported to West Liberty as a quarterback, to move to the defensive line.

"A lot of people are going to find this move odd, but I asked Seth about it and he was all for it," Bruney relayed.

"He was an all-state linebacker, so all we did was put his hand on the ground. He's athletic, and we think he can cause some problems."

Joining him at the down-tackle spot is Ferguson. Madonna's Louie Comis will be one of the defensive ends, while John Marshall's Sam Robinson is the other end.

The Brooke High duo of Kyle Sims and Mike Koscevic will get the call at linebacker. Stefan Varner - of John Marshall - is ticketed for the weak safety spot.

Another big move was Madonna's Max Nogay will get the call at strong safety after roaming as a free safety. South's Michael Molinari will now be the free safety.

"Moving Max was a big move for us," Bruney said. "Molinari covers a lot of ground and Max is a contact player who can now be up in the box making some contact."

Also in the defensive backfield, George and Taylor have earned the nods at corner.

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12	Joe Rine	6-7	250	QB/DE
14	Dylan Kimble	5-11	170	QB/DB
20	Tyler Hardesty	5-10	205	RB/LB
21	Bobby Spence	6-0	165	WR/S
22	Mickey Bednar	6-0	185	RB/DB
28	Tyler Arigoni	5-10	160	LB
29	Scott Peach	5-10	165	RB/DB
32	Seth Callarik	5-11	155	WR/DB
33	Brandon Bartrug	5-7	160	FB/LB
34	Doren Thomas	5-10	180	RB/LB
40	Devon Parson	6-0	215	FB/LB
46	Josh Riggins	5-8	170	RB/LB
52	Jarod Mellinger	6-0	265	OL/DL
55	Nate Maleski	6-2	270	OL/DL
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58	Jamey DeVaul	6-3	220	C/DL
63	Jake Mallernee	5-11	215	OL/LB
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28	Stingray Bates	5-8	181	RB/S
29	Jordan Sorge	5-11	170	RB/DE
32	Mike Koscevic	5-10	170	RB/DE
33	Louie Comis	5-11	210	FB/LB
34	Nate Taylor	5-9	175	RB
40	T.J. Howard	5-9	165	RB/SS
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46	Kyle Sims	5-11	200	LB
54	Mike Lough	6-4	220	OL/DL
58	Tevin Hall	5-9	150	WR/DB
66	Jake Lilly	6-3	280	OL/DL
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Bruney lined up the kick and was perfect on the field goal, which hit the cross bar and deflected through the up-rights with nine seconds to go, giving Ohio the victory.

Almost every year Circosta gets a call from Bruney on Aug. 1, which was the date of the OVAC Game that year.

"I don't get them all, but on most August firsts, I call Coach Circosta up and ask him if he remembers where he was that many years ago," Bruney said.

The first time Bruney called him was 10 years after the game.

"I remember Tommy was in Arizona and I'd just come in the field house and the phone rang," Circosta said. "This guy was on the other end and said, 'hey, do you remember where you were 10 years ago today?' I said 'No, I don't.' He then explained it to me and that's become a tradition almost ever since."

Bruney learned that trick from his uncle and OVAC Hall of Famer Fred Bruney.

After helping steer Ohio State to a win over Michigan 10 years prior, Woody Hays called Bruney and asked him the same question Circosta was asked.

"Any kid can step up and have a moment like I was fortunate enough to have," Bruney said. "There was no plan that it would work out that way for me that night."

Ironically, Circosta will be on hand this evening to take part in the 10-year anniversary of coaching in the 2000 contest, which was another late Ohio victory.

"It's really something that Tommy is coaching in this game and I'm celebrating a reunion," Circosta said.

That 1981 game also left a lasting impression on the fans in the stadium. Bridgeport High graduate Jay Meager, who is a long-time local sports afficionado and resident expert on 1980 sports in the Ohio Valley, has told me on several occasions he remembers almost every

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our school," Bruney said. "The offense is fun and we'll probably have seven or eight different guys touch the ball in some capacity (tonight). Early in the week, I didn't know or think we'd be able to move the ball (tonight), but it's come together really well."

The remainder of the Mountaineers' offensive unit has taken some time to figure out.

"I think we were still tinkering with it and looking at people through Thursday, but we're carved in stone now," Bruney said. "Only area still questionable is probably on the right side of our line where we've got three guys battling for two spots."

Wallace will be joined in the Mountaineer backfield by South's Hunter Ferguson and Magnolia's Stingray Bates.

Wheeling Park's Marcus George and Tyler Consolidated's Nate Taylor will share time at the H-back spot.

According to Bruney all of his receivers will see time and could get their hands on the ball.

Magnolia's Jared Blatt will start at tight-end and he'll be joined along the front line by a formidable and big bunch, which is comprised of Brooke's Jake Lilly (left tackle), Madonna's Christian McGaughey (left guard), Magnolia's Andrew Huggins (center) and on the right side the battle could go up until game time between Park's Rusty Byhanna, John Marshall's Devin Harrison and Wheeling Park's Mikey Lough.

"We've put in almost a week now and the kids and are starting to understand and see why we're doing what we're doing," said Tom Bruney. "Beacuse of that, we've had some really good practices late in the week in almost unbearable heat."

From that he's seen during the week, Pabolish is extremely impressed with the work of his defensive coaching staff and players.

"When I look at our defense, I truly like the looks of it," Pabolish said. "We've got a ton of respect for Cotey Wallace and West Virginia."

"They've got four or five quick kids who can run, a fullback not many people know about and put guys like Lilly on the line and that to me is a formidable opponent."

Harrison Central's Jake Mallernee and DeVaul will open the game at the defensive tackle spot. Beaver Local's J.J. Intorre was originally penciled in for one of those spots, but he's come up lame during the week. Pabolish was unsure whether or not he'd be able to go at all.

On the defensive ends will be a pair of former Buckeye Local Panthers, Joe Rine and Rylan Pyciak.

Cambridge's Tyler Hardesty and Steubenville's Jordan Banks will open at the linebacker spot. The outside linebackers will be Union Local's Tyler Arigoni and Meadowbrook's Josh Riggans with Rataiczak and Marco Ricchetti are set to see a lot of action at that spot.

"We can go small or big at a lot of spots," Pabolish said. "If I have a concern (defensively), it's whether or not we'll wrap tackle because you can't really get that done during the week."

Spence will open at safety with Smith and Ricchetti punched in as starters at corner.

"We drafted all-stars and we're going to play them all," Pabolish said. "Being big and able to run well is

a big part of this game and we've got guys who can do those things and we'll get them on the field."

Spence, Wiggins and Shadyside's Dylan Kimble are the primary kick returners for the Buckeyes.

The Mountaineers' defensive unit has been basically set since Tuesday when Bruney approached Oak Glen's Seth Barnhart, who reported to West Liberty as a quarterback, to move to the defensive line.

"A lot of people are going to find this move odd, but I asked Seth about it and he was all for it," Bruney relayed.

"He was an all-state linebacker, so all we did was put his hand on the ground. He's athletic, and we think he can cause some problems."

Joining him at the down-tackle spot is Ferguson. Madonna's Louie Comis will be one of the defensive ends, while John Marshall's Sam Robinson is the other end.

The Brooke High duo of Kyle Sims and Mike Koscevic will get the call at linebacker. Stefan Varner - of John Marshall - is ticketed for the weak safety spot.

Another big move was Madonna's Max Nogay will get the call at strong safety after roaming as a free safety. South's Michael Molinari will now be the free safety.

"Moving Max was a big move for us," Bruney said. "Molinari covers a lot of ground and Max is a contact player who can now be up in the box making some contact."

Also in the defensive backfield, George and Taylor have earned the nods at corner.

"We've made a few adjustments position wise, which has really helped us out, and the kids have been great and receptive to all of the changes," Bruney continued. "I think the first three days we spent most of our time trying to find the right combination of people, but once you find that combination and then you start reping and get your polish going, it comes together."

■ **OVAC NOTES**

The players and coaches will attend a Vespers service today at 9 a.m. Both will go to a brunch at 10 a.m. and then a walk-through at 12:30 p.m., relax, enjoy a pre-game meal and then board up for Wheeling Island Stadium at approximately 3:30 p.m.

"During our last few practices, we want to make sure everyone's on the same page," Pabolish said. "We also want to get rid of the jitters and make sure guys are ready to go at game time."

■ **THE WEST VIRGINIA** captains were chosen late Saturday and announced to the players.

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No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.
1	Brandon Nicholes	5-11	160	WR/DB
3	Marco Ricchetti	6-3	190	QB/DB
7	Dalton Smith	6-3	180	QB/DB
10	Derek-London Dierkes	6-3	195	QB
12	Joe Rine	6-7	250	QB/DE
14	Dylan Kimble	5-11	170	QB/DB
20	Tyler Hardesty	5-10	205	RB/LB
21	Bobby Spence	6-0	165	WR/S
22	Mickey Bednar	6-0	185	RB/DB
28	Tyler Arigoni	5-10	160	LB
29	Scott Peach	5-10	165	RB/DB
32	Seth Callarik	5-11	155	WR/DB
33	Brandon Bartrug	5-7	160	FB/LB
34	Doren Thomas	5-10	180	RB/LB
40	Devon Parson	6-0	215	FB/LB
46	Josh Riggans	5-8	170	RB/LB
52	Jarod Mellinger	6-0	265	OL/DL
55	Nate Maleski	6-2	270	OL/DL
56	Jordan Banks	6-0	215	OT/LB
58	Jamey DeVaul	6-3	220	C/DL
63	Jake Mallernee	5-11	215	OL/LB
67	Bobby Bennett	6-5	225	OT/DE
68	Cody Kaiser	5-11	215	DT/LB
72	J.J. Intorre	6-1	255	OL/DL
75	Zac Wojciechowski	5-10	250	OL/DL
80	Trey Wiggins	5-10	170	WR/DB
82	Rylan Pyciak	6-2	230	OL/LB
85	Wes Rataiczak	6-3	215	WR/RB
88	Michael Wayt	5-9	155	WR/S
93	Logan Cook	6-1	180	K
99	Jordan Burress	6-5	275	OL/DL

Head Coach: Ron Pabolish.
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Trainer: Randy Elliott
Team Doctor: Dr. Christian Sonnefeld.
Managers: Rodney Roe, Logan Barsch, Matthew Barsch, Ryan Gossett, Aiden Lucey.

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7	Seth Barnhart	6-3	215	QB/LB
10	Craig Kuhar	6-2	180	WR
12	Zach Hood	5-10	165	QB
14	Michael Molinari	6-2	180	WR/K
20	Marcus George	5-10	165	RB/DB
22	Hunter Ferguson	6-0	230	FB
28	Stingray Bates	5-8	181	RB/S
29	Jordan Sorge	5-11	170	RB/DE
32	Mike Koscevic	5-10	170	RB/DE
33	Louie Comis	5-11	210	FB/LB
34	Nate Taylor	5-9	175	RB
40	T.J. Howard	5-9	165	RB/SS
44	Stefan Varner	6-1	190	RB/LB
46	Kyle Sims	5-11	200	LB
54	Mike Lough	6-4	220	OL/DL
58	Tevin Hall	5-9	150	WR/DB
66	Jake Lilly	6-3	280	OL/DL
67	Devin Harrison	6-3	270	OL/DL
70	Andy Huggins	6-4	235	OL/DL
73	Rusty Byhanna	6-0	260	OL/DL
78	Christian McGaughey	6-3	315	OL/DL
80	Griffen Yocum	6-0	175	WR/P
82	Jared Blatt	6-5	220	TE/DL
85	Alex Gompers	5-10	170	WR
88	Tyler Reed	6-3	170	WR/DB
93	Sam Robinson	6-5	225	WR/DE

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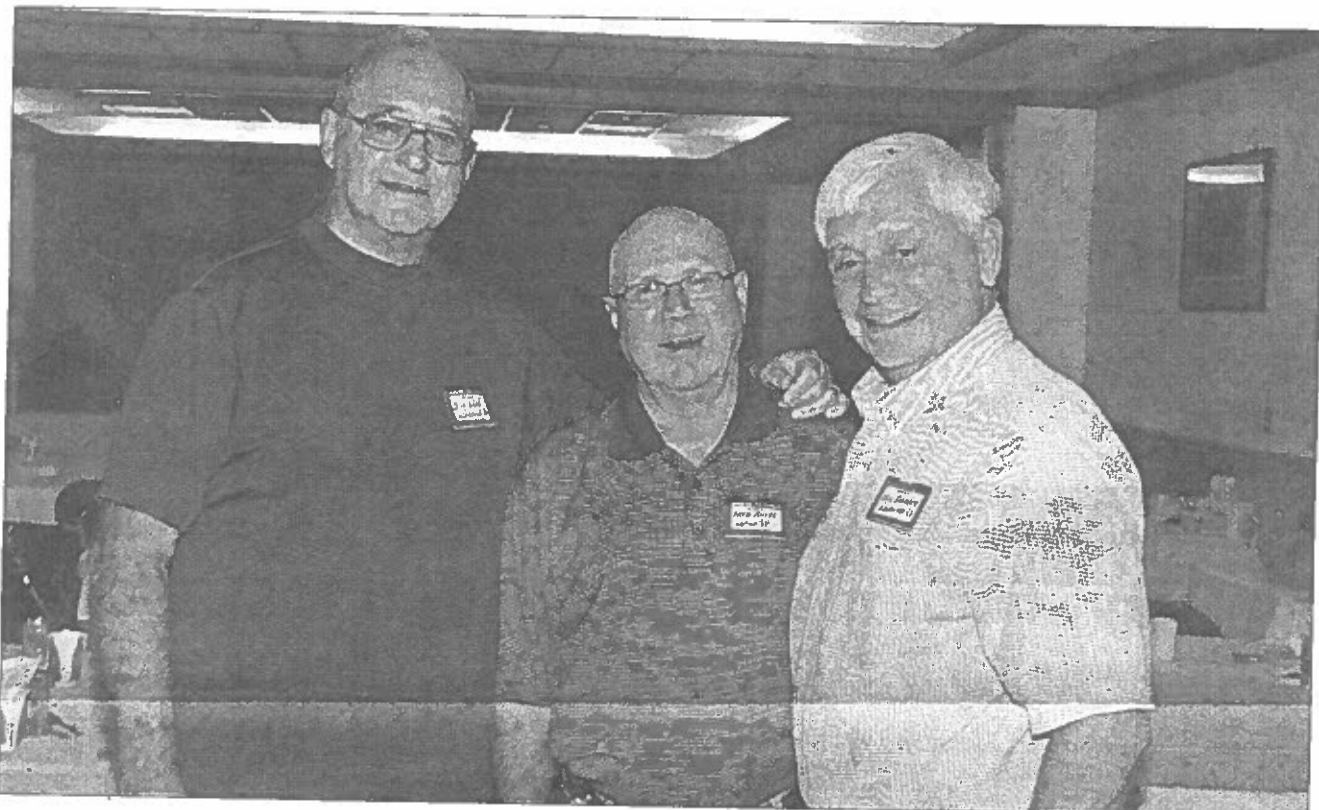


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Some of the OVAC all-stars from the 1953, 1954, and 1955 gathered for a luncheon Tuesday at WesBanco Arena to talk about their experiences playing in the game more than 50 years ago. They'll be honored during Sunday's game. Pictured, from left, are Dick Edge (Wheeling); Fred Butts (Benwood Union) and Jack Schuetz (Warwood).

OVAC continues to celebrate past all-stars

By JOSH STROPE
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Jack Schuetz knows it's going to be an emotional week for him.

As a player of the West Virginia squad in the 1954 All-Star Game, Schuetz was the second member of his family to take part in the annual game.

When he takes the field Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium to be recognized during the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic, his journey will have come full circle as he watches his grandson and the sixth member of the family, Wheeling Central's Jordan Sorge, also don a helmet and pads.

"It's going to be emotional and exciting," Schuetz said. "It's hard to put a lot of things in words. The whole family is coming in also because (my wife, Sandy, and I) are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary and we are the first in the family to do that."

"It's been quite a July."
Schuetz, a Warwood graduate and an OVAC Hall of Famer, remembers quite a bit about his experience at old Wheeling Stadium.

During the opening kickoff, he missed a wide-open tackle. Not exactly the way you want to start.

But he later made up for it, scoring a

touchdown in a 13-0 West Virginia victory.

Five years later, he and his wife were engaged on the same night as the game, a 7-6 Mountaineers victory.

In the late 70s, Schuetz served as referee as West Virginia downed Ohio.

Schuetz was recognized as an honorary referee in 2004, a 21-7 West Virginia triumph and the only one for the Mountaineers in the past 15 years.

Sensing a pattern here? Maybe West Virginia coach Tom Brunej just found his secret weapon.

"I'm 4-0 so I've got a little bit of history with the West Virginia team," Schuetz said. "Hopefully we can make it 5-0."

Many of those old memories came back Tuesday at WesBanco Arena when many of the all-stars from the 1953, 1954, and 1955 gathered for a luncheon to go over Sunday's preparations.

Schuetz shared stories with guys like Wheeling High's Dick Edge, Moundsville's Tom Hill and Benwood Union's Rich Canestra. Among his former teammates at Warwood and in the all-star game was Chuck Howley, a former Super Bowl Most Valuable Player with the Dallas Cowboys.

"They were a good group of guys and every time we get together, we

OVAC All-Star Game

Sunday, Wheeling Island Stadium



mention these things," Schuetz said. "It's something you are going to remember all your life."

But as much as Schuetz is proud and honored to be recognized, he's the first person to tell you that family comes first. He has already give Sorge some words of wisdom.

"I told him that he has to show things real early in the week because it's not a long week," Schuetz said. "Do things quick like he's done in everything else. I am very proud of what he has accomplished."

Sorge is just as happy to see his grandfather there to watch him play.

"He's been excited for this for weeks," Sorge said. "He's been telling me all about the game he was in."

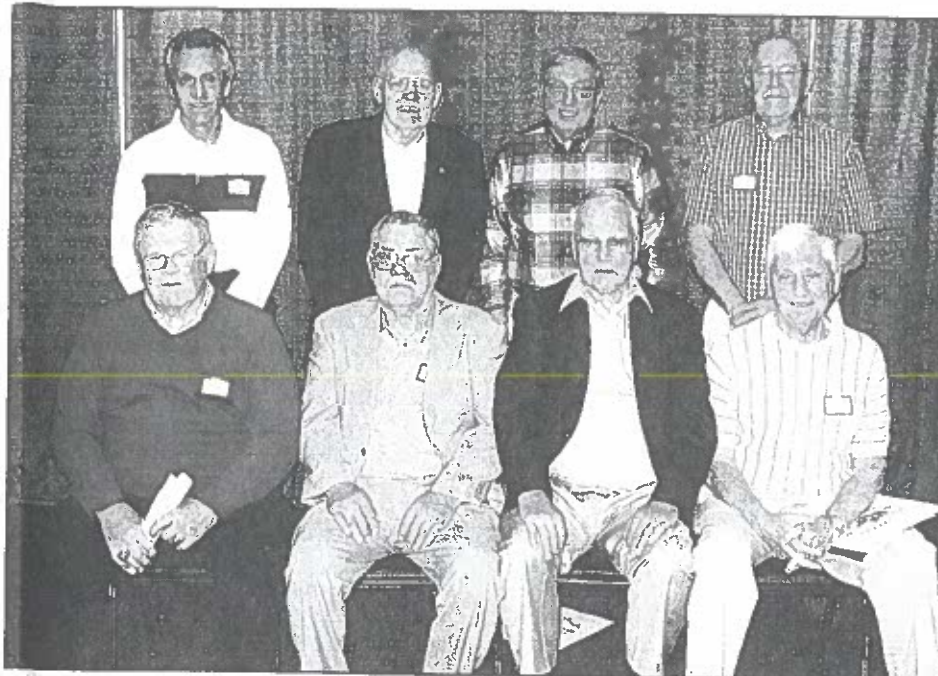
"He's told me a lot stories about when he was up here. It makes this game a lot more special for me."

Other family members that played in the game were Pete Schuetz (1946), Bob Schuetz (1957), Ron Schuetz (1976), and Brad Sorge (1989). West Virginia is 3-2 in those games.



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OVAC Game was once bigger?

• 1953, 54, 55 all stars to be recognized during annual reunion at this year's classic

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

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Some of that talent was on display Monday afternoon in downtown Wheeling as the OVAC played host to some of the returning members from the 1953, '54 and '55 Ohio and West Virginia squads for a luncheon to inform them of plans for the annual reunion, which takes place during the Mumley Classic game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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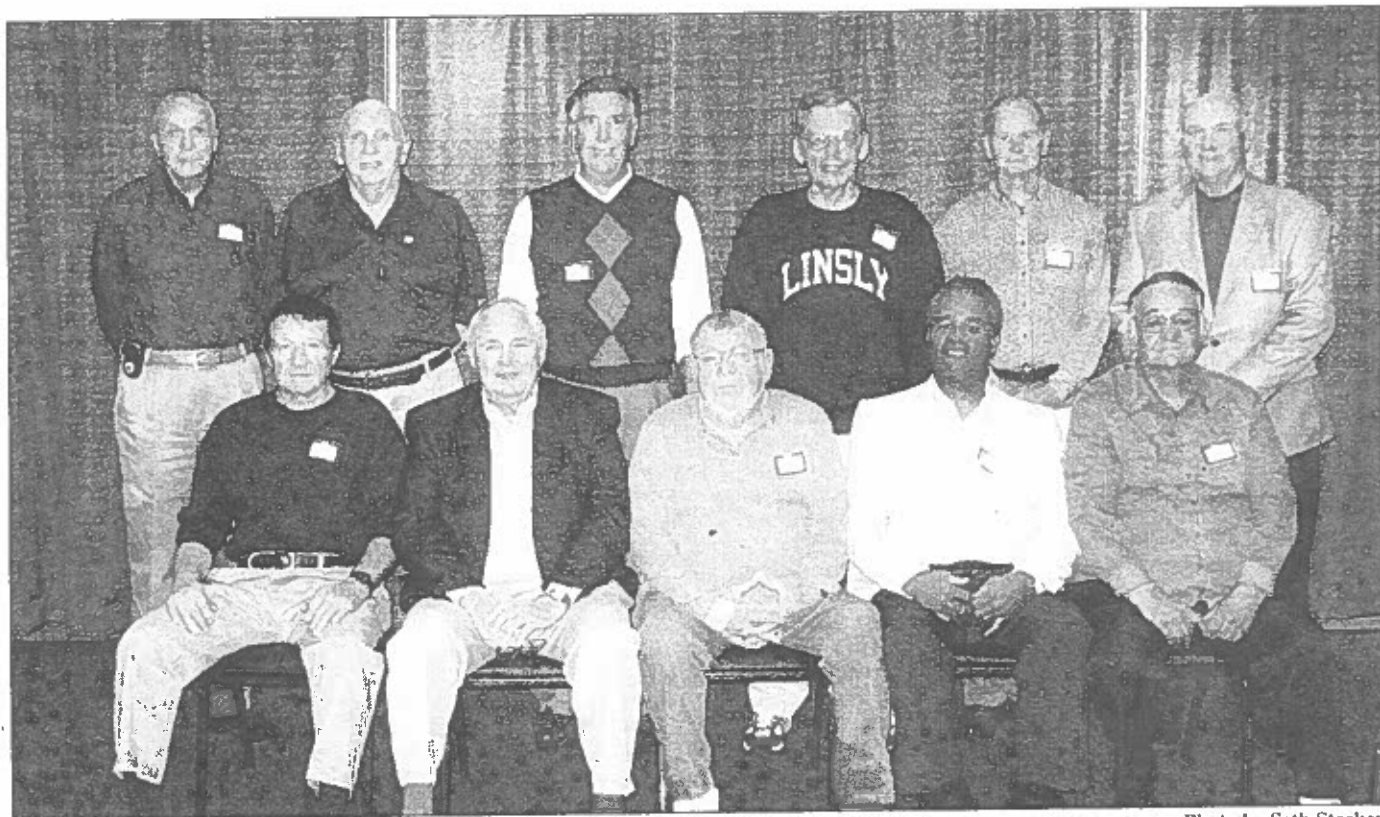


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Appreciation

Dear Editor:

How gratifying it is to be remembered!

We must give an ovation to all of the OVAC staff for the All-Star Game between Ohio and West Virginia and the extraordinary week of festivities.

It took countless hours for them to create this sporting event. And those individuals need to be recognized for the fantastic game and the accumulated festivities throughout the year, to include the Sports Museum at Wes Banco Arena, displaying a vast array of history.

As a player on the 1953 Ohio team (from Yorkville) it has been 57 years since we last hit pads on that field.

Having lost touch with most everyone from that time, the continued festivities were unknown to me.

So it was really a surprise to receive an invitation to attend the event from Ron Miller last November.

Now at 75, the celebration on July 25 has added another explanation to my life.

My wife and I attended the entire extravaganza put on by the amazing OVAC team: luncheon, dinner, Queen of Queens, Pep Rally, the social before the game, and the game itself.

It was an incredible event. It was a great feeling stepping back on to the playing field, hearing the ovation from the crowd.

The experience was monumental. It was an unbelievable week, rekindling memories long forgotten.

Thanks for the pleasure, the night and week were great.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Haranzo, Jr.
Class of 1953 Yorkville
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Pictured at top are the 1953 OVAC All-Star players who returned for Monday's luncheon. Front row, from left, are Frank Haranzo (Yorkville), Tom Neuman (Wheeling), Ron Pavloic (Dillonvale), Cecil Huss (Linsly) and Ross Sissini (Follansbee). Back row, from left, are Ted Pavlec (Wellsburg), Bob Seyler (Wheeling Central), Jerry Comer (Linsly) and Bob Mudron (Toronto). Pictured at bottom are the 1954 OVAC All-Star players who returned for Monday's luncheon at WesBanco Arena. Front row, from left, are Don Sutherin (Toronto), Tom Hill (Moundsville), Kenny Mikes (Sistersville) and Jack Schuetz (Warwood). Second row, from left, are Ralph Anastasia (Follansbee), Paul Parker (Jefferson Union), Nick Nardo (New Cumberland) and Ed Skocik (Warren Consolidated).

Getting Together With Old Friends

OVAC will again honor ex-all-star participants

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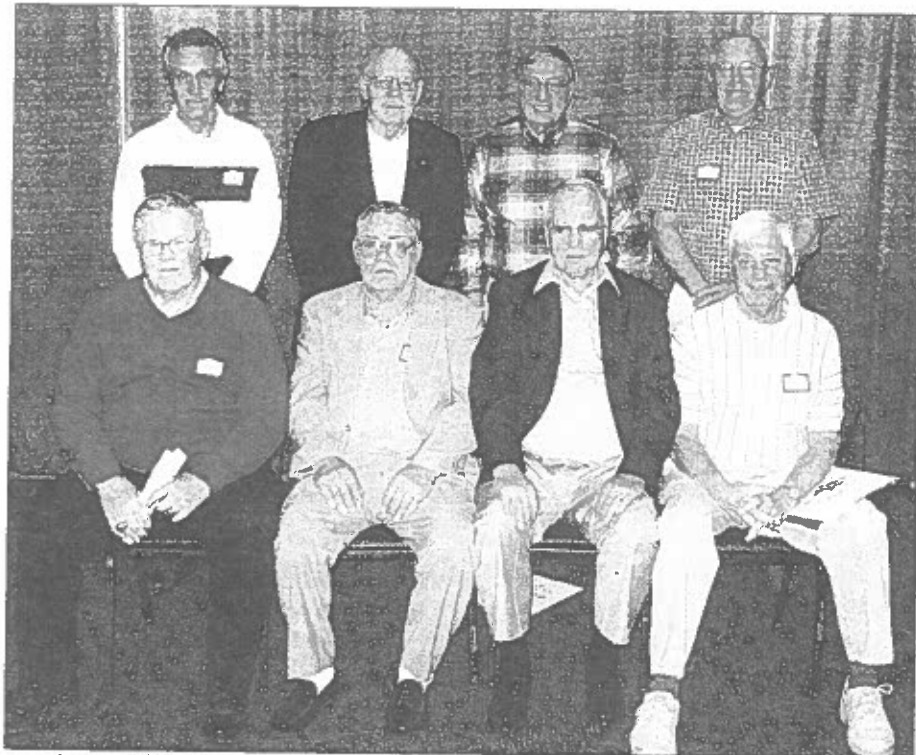
WHEELING — A lot has changed in the Ohio Valley since 1955.

However, the area's thirst for prep football and its ability to churn out top-notch talent hasn't relented.

Another thing that remains steadfast is the the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, which is entering its 60th edition this summer.

But before the spectacle that area fans have grown accustomed to currently came to be, the game went off without nearly as much hoopla, but just as much, if not more talent.

Some of that talent was on display Monday afternoon in downtown Wheeling as the OVAC played host to some of the returning members from the 1953, '54 and '55 Ohio and West Virginia squads for a luncheon to inform them of plans for the annual



reunion, which takes place during the Mumley Classic game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Former players from both teams gathered, shared stories and rekindled some old relationships.

"Some of these guys I've seen here. I hadn't seen since the actual game," said Martins Ferry High graduate Dan McGrew, who went on to play for Purdue after taking part in the 1955 all-star game. "What's interesting is talking to all these guys and seeing where they've been. Some of the guys have

had glamorous lives whereas some of the guys have worked in a factory or in a mine or whatever, but basically when you get back here everyone's the same."

Like today, players were only permitted to take part in a certain number of all-star games per NCAA rules. But unlike today's game, college coaches did a lot of their scouting and recruiting during the all-star games.

However, the Division I pipeline

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flowed freely. Along with McGrew, Toronto High product Don Sutherin, who is an OVAC Hall of Famer and a former Canadian Football League player and coach, was scouted and recruited to Ohio State University by Woody Hayes during the OVAC game.

Sutherin turned down an invitation to the state of Ohio's premier all-star game that season because it conflicted with the OVAC game.

"I am a firm believer that I wanted to play my last (high school) game

in front of the people I played for when I was in high school," Sutherin said. "I thought long and hard about it because I knew there would be a lot of scouts at that game."

McGrew actually took part in the state's all-star game in Canton and immediately after the game returned to the Ohio Valley to begin preparations for the OVAC game.

"The state game was nothing," McGrew said. "The OVAC Game was the biggest thing. We had 10,000 people in the stands at the game and it meant something to play

in this game."

The scouts knew all about Sutherin seeing as though he had 76 collegiate offers as a kicker before settling on the Buckeyes.

"It worked out beautifully," Sutherin said. "I never looked back on my decision to play in this game. I was always an OSU fan."

Sutherin, who resides in Hartville, Ohio, near Canton, kicked the game-winning field goal in the 1958 Rose Bowl, which lifted the Buckeyes to the national championship.

Before he received his letter in the mail about the reunion from OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak, Sutherin had no idea about the events, which have been taking place for three years.

"It was great to come back and see all the guys

and talk about the things that happened during and before the game," Sutherin said. "I made a lot of good friends during that game and that's what it's all about. Camaraderie is what it's all about."

McGrew, who still resides in the Ohio Valley, had been following the reunions the last few summers, but admits he was awaiting his class's opportunity to get back together.

"We've all got egos and anybody who says they don't like to be remembered is a liar," McGrew said. "I was fortunate to play at Purdue and in the NFL, but once you leave high school it's a job, and I remember the good things about high school football more than any of the others."

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