# SPORTS Ohio runs over

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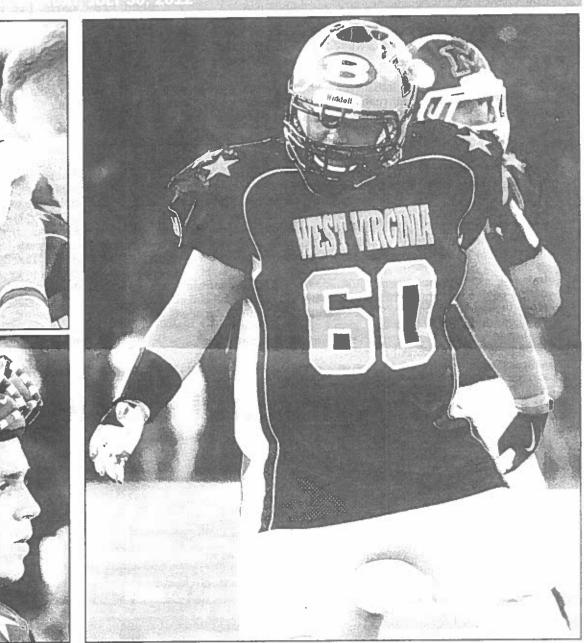
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**OHIO CHEERLEADERS** pose for a photo during the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football game at Wheeling Island Stadium last Sunday. From left are Nicole Kelley, Dana Bettineschi, Kenzie Wright, Ashley Kindelberger, Brooklyn Phillips, Taryne Soukup, Tierney Duncan, Lacee Dobrovich and Lindsey Robinson. *To view these or other OVAC images see cu.timesleaderonline.com* 

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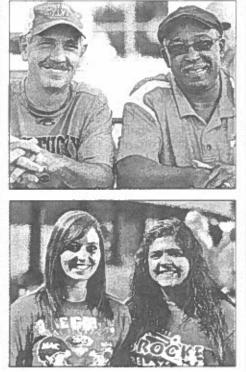








TOP LEFT: The OVAC All Star Band Flag Corps. TOP RIGHT: The endzone celebration led by Jordan Piergallini. LEFT: Nancy Mumley was an original Queen of Queens contestant in 1952 and Ceclia Favede was first runner-up in 2012. RIGHT: Buckeye Local's Austin Ferguson is awarded the band scholarship during the halftime show. MIDDLE LEFT: 2011 Queenof Queens Bria Cross with 2012 winner Odessa Copney. MIDDLE RIGHT: TOP: Fans Randy McCain and Jay Smith. BOTTOM: Water girls Kaleena Crane and Rachelle Woofter. BELOW LEFT: Queen of Queens 10 year reunion participant Amber N. Bauer, DDS. BELOW MIDDLE: Cheering on West Virginia is Jana Shodzinski age 4. BELOW **RIGHT:** Zane Ayouch catches some towels while Briget Briggs hauls in a pigskin.

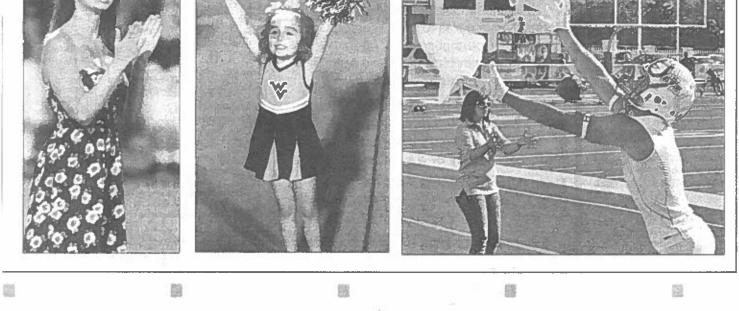














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Photos by Mike Palmer

Left: Meadowbrook's Eric Black, right, drags down Wheeling Park quarterback Lee Peluchette during action Sun-day in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. Right: Brooke's Timmy Faulkner carries the ball as he is being chased by Harrison Central's Matt Shurina. Ohio won, 33-14.

# Dear, Lewis do the damage for Buckeyes

#### By RICK THORP Staff Writer

WHEELING - If there was one play that epitomized Sunday night's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic. it was one that came midway through the third quarter.

Faced with a fourth-and-2 at the West Virginia 31. Ohio's Josten Dear barreled his way for a first down on a tremendous second effort.

The Buckeyes took the lead for good five plays later and went on to drub the Mountaineers, 33-14, before a packed house at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Dear, a Buckeye Local product, finished with 152 yards and a score on 24 carries en route to being named the game's Most Valuable Player as Ohio snapped West Virginia's two-game win-

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wasn't broke," he said. "Once we got going early we stuck with it. It was a night to remember for our offensive backs and our offensive line.

Ohio ran the ball a staggering 56 times, while quarterbacks Cole Smelley and David Kemp only attempted 13 passes. Smelley gave Ohio all of its 39 yards through the air, while adding 36 rushing yards of his own.

"Coming out we hit them in the mouth and kept going." Schumacher said.

Dear scored his only touchdown as the first quarter ran down. And when Lewis scampered in from a yard out as the Mountaineers did. And along with early in the second. Ohio had a 13-0

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# Hammond, Houst Lead Dominant D

WHEELING - If we were choosing sides, I'd take Shadyside's Matt Hammond and Steubenville's Williams Houst and allow you to select your entire team before I made another pick. Pile up all the offensive weapons you desire, but know one very important thing: your quarterback won't have time to get them the ball. Just ask West Virginia

after Sunday night's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium. which was won by the Buckeyes in dominating fashion. 33-14.



**Shawn Rine** 

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Gino Bianconi had 43

yards on seven touches.

The defense limited West

Virginia to 99 yards of offense and just six first downs. Apparently the Buckeyes heard more than they could stomach about the Mountaineers' two-game winning streak in the series coming in.

Houst fought off routine double teams, and even played a little bit as a devastating fullback. Hammond was unstoppable on one end, closing out W.Va. with one final sack with 27 seconds remaining

Now You Know

Dashawn Lewis led the OVAC in rushing last season. but the guess here is that few

actually knew about him coming into this game. Lewis attended Cambridge, which doesn't get a lot of exposure in our part of the Ohio Valley.

Well, people know about Lewis now after he ran around and through the Mountaineers to the tune of 23 carries for 114 yards and three touchdowns.

"I tried to do my best and keep my composure." Lewis said. "The line was amazing. They read their keys and

got their blocks out. They got their pull and I just followed them.

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"They are amazing blockers and I am glad to

call them my linemen. So too is Buckeye Local's Josten Dear, the game's Most Valuable Player after carrying 24 times for 152 yards and a score. All told, Ohio racked up 317 yards on the ground.

**Giving Them the Boot** Hidden yardage in football always means a lot.

Like for instance in the kick return game where West Virginia, at least on paper, seemed to have an advantage with guys like Bianconi and Hissam back deep.

Martins Ferry's Richie Padyjasek turned that into advantage Ohio. The Mountaineers got to return just a pair of kicks as Padyjasek routinely put the football in the end zone. **All Points Local** 

West Virginia scored 14

points, not one of which came from someone outside Ohio County.

Wheeling Central's Erik Gompers hauled in a 17yard touchdown pass, Wheeling Park's Vondel Bell returned an interception 32 yards for a score, and the Patriots' Matt Carter added the extra points on both. Shawn Rine can be

reached via e-mail at Rine@theintelligencer.net

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The Mountaineers got back into the game thanks to a couple of miscues.

The first came midway through the second when East Liverpool's Marky Thompkins muffed a punt deep in Ohio territory. That mistake resulted in a 17yard strike from John Marshall's Aaron Fonner to Wheeling Central's Erik Gompers

Three plays later, Indian Creek quarterback Kemp was picked off by Wheeling Park's Vondel Bell, who raced 32 yards for a score. The Patriots' Matt Carter nailed the extra-point to give West Virginia a 14-13 lead and the momentum going into halftime.

"We told them to settle down," Schu-macher said. "We knew we were playing well on both sides of the ball and if it wasn't for two mistakes we'd be sitting pretty.

'But give them credit. They took advantage of the turnovers and took that momentum into halftime. We did a good job of getting it back in the third."

Did they ever.

After making West Virginia punt in four plays, the Buckeyes marched 14 plays to take the lead for good. Lewis and Dear carried the ball a combined 12 of the

plays on the drive, which Lewis culminated with a 1-yard run. The conversion run failed, but Ohio held a 19-14 lead.

While the Buckeyes' offense was cranking, so was it's defense. West Virginia didn't score in the second half and was limited to 99 total yards.

"We just never got into an offensive rhythm all night and it really hurt us in the second half," Taylor said. Fonner finished with 39 passing yards

for West Virginia, while Brooke's Timmy Faulkner was the team's leading rusher with 28.

"We were a bunch of ball hawks." Schumacher said. "(The defense) did everything well. They had a few really talented athletes and we were able to cover them pretty well and that was the one thing that concerned us.

The victory was the first for Schumacher as a varsity coach.

"It's a win for me but more than anything else it's a win for the kids," he said. 'It's an all-star game and these are some memories they'll have for the rest of their

"We wanted those memories to be pleasant ones and fortunately we played well and were able to get the win.

# **Our Opinion** -A Special Event

IT HAS often been said that foot- practice, they blend their talents into ball is king in the Ohio Valley. With a magnificent musical machine. that being the case, his royal gridness ascended to the throne Sunday night at the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Prep stars from Ohio and West Virginia vied at Wheeling Island Stadium Sunday, climaxing a week of pageantry and camaraderie. The game is one of the features of the summer season and marks the official kickoff of high school football and crowd. for 2012.

rigorous practice schedule in some reunion for the game's participants in tough weather conditions. Despite the abbreviated preparation time, Coach Eric Schumacher (Ohio) and Coach Doug Taylor (West Virginia) had their respective teams primed to perform at peak levels. 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 some of the premier prep musicians. In just a few days of

Nearly two dozen young ladies add beauty and grace to the festivities as they compete for the right to be crowned Queen of Queens. That prestigious honor went to Odessa Copney of Wheeling Park.

Leading the cheers were some of the best cheerleaders in the conference as some 20 spirit-generators from both sides of the river as they passionately spurred on the players

Not to be forgotten were the par-The players were put through a ticipants from years' past. A 10-year 2002 was held while all-stars from the games in 1959 and 1960 were also be recognized.

Game Director Bob Koch and his staff left no stone unturned in putting on a gala affair. We tip our helmets to all those who helped make another Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic just that -- a classic.

As a result, there were no losers Sunday. Everyone involved was a winner, especially charity.

We congratulate the Ohio all-stars on their gridiron victory, Queen Copney and the McDonald's Band for a night worth remembering.



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# The Times Leader **SPORTS**



67th Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic

# **Ground game** sparks Ohio by West Virginia

• BL's Dear, Cambridge's Lewis combine for 267 yards and 4 TDs in 33-14 victory

#### **By SETH STASKEY** Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING - When many people think about all star games, they want razzle, dazzle and wideopen attacking offenses.

None of that mattered to Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher who's main focus all week leading up to the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic was getting the Buckeye State back on the winning side.

Using an impressive combination of backs, a powerful, athletic offensive line and a fast defense, the Ohio squad snapped its twogame skid to its Mountain State counterparts, 33-14, before a large crowd Sunday night at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"It's great, not only for the state of Ohio, but for these kids to be able get a win in this game," Schumacher, the new head coach at Conotton Valley, said. "This is a night, and week, they'll remember for the rest of their lives."

Schumacher and offensive coordinator Jesse Wells, who is the head coach at Meadowbrook, thought that if they could establish the ground game and get talented tailbacks Josten Dear and Dashaun Lewis going on the ground, behind their offensive front, it could be a good night.

"We knew we had two pretty good backs and once we started having success early, we just stuck with it." Schumacher said, "We wanted to make this a memorable experience and the best way to do that is going out and winning the game.

Ohio attempted only 13 passes in the game, one of which was picked off and returned for the second West Virginia score by



throw because they kept West Virginia off the field by virtue of 58 rushes for 313 yards.

"Showing off or being fancy was never in my mind," Schumacher said. "I never gave a thought to any of that. All we wanted to do was cap off a great week, with a great bunch of kids, with a victory.

After jumping out to a 13-0 lead thanks to a 3-yard plunge by Dear and a 1-yard tote by Lewis, West Virginia, which had done little on offense, took advantage of backto-back Buckeye turnovers to snag the momentum with a 14-13 lead at halftime.

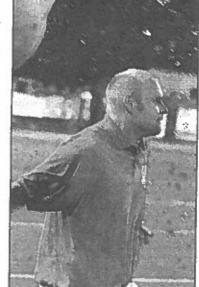
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On the ensuing possession, Bell stepped right in front of a pass from David Kemp and took it to See, OVAC, Page B2



**ABOVE:** Ohio running back Josten Dear turns the corner for a big gain during Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. Trailing the play, for Ohio, is Tyler Fitzpatrick (80).

AT RIGHT: Ohio wide receiver Zane Ayouch hauls several tacklers after making a reception during Sunday's game. **INSET:** Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher receives the ceremonial Gatorade bath after leading Ohio to a 33-14 victory, snapping West Virginia's two-game winning streak. Additional images may be found at

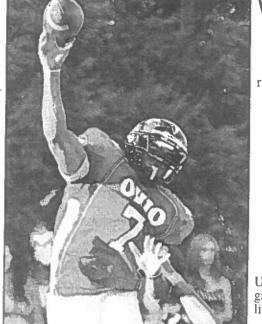


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**OHIO QUARTERBACK** Cole Smelley throws a pass during Sunday's OVAC All-Star Game.

# W.Va. was a 'Dear' in head lights against Ohio run game

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For his efforts, the West Liberty University-bound Dear was named the game's Most Valuable Player in an online vote by fans.

"This feels amazing," Dear said amid the celebration of Buckeye State players and fans. "I've been watching this game since I was six years old, and to be the

'I've been watching this game since I was six years old, and to be the MVP is just a shock.'

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Dear's touchdown, which came on a 3-yard burst to open the scoring late in the first quarter, gave Ohio a 6-0 lead.

That's something I will always remember," the soft-spoken Dear advised.

His ground assault was a big part of Ohio's domination along the front line as the Buckeye Staters ran for 313 stripes on nearly 60 carries (58) and four sixpointers. The other three TDs belonged to Dashaun Lewis, of Cambridge, who picked up 118 yards on 24 totes.

Like a good running back always does, Dear gave praise to the offensive

"The line blocked amazing. I couldn't have asked for a better line," he lauded. "The Ohio Valley has a whole lot of athletes.

Dear could've had another touchdown in the third quarter, but after carrying inside the West Virginia 5, he was stripped off the pigskin. It landed in the end zone where, after a wild scramble, his Buckeye local teammate Jordan Piergallini emerged with it for the final touchdown of the game.

"I was just glad that someone on our team was able to come up with it." Dear added.

Piergallini, who is best friends with Dear, was just glad to help out.

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WHEELING - When many people think about all star games, they want razzle, dazzle and wideopen attacking offenses.

None of that mattered to Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher who's main focus all week leading up to the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic was getting the Buckeye State back on the winning side.

Using an impressive combination of backs, a powerful, athletic offensive line and a fast defense, the Ohio squad snapped its twogame skid to its Mountain State counterparts, 33-14, before a large crowd Sunday night at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"It's great, not only for the state of Ohio, but for these kids to be able get a win in this game." Schumacher, the new head coach at Conotton Valley, said. "This is a night, and week. they'll remember for the rest of their lives."

Schumacher and offensive coordinator Jesse Wells, who is the head coach at Meadowbrook, thought that if they could establish the ground game and get talented tailbacks Josten Dear and Dashaun Lewis going on the ground, behind their offensive front, it could be a good night.

"We knew we had two pretty good backs and once we started having success early, we just stuck with it," Schumacher said. "We wanted to make this a memorable experience and the best way to do that is going out and winning the game.

Ohio attempted only 13 passes in the game, one of which was picked off and returned for the second West Virginia score by Wheeling Park product Vondell Bell. The Buckeyes didn't need to



throw because they kept West Virginia off the field by virtue of 58 rushes for 313 yards.

"Showing off or being fancy was never in my mind," Schumacher said. "I never gave a thought to any of that. All we wanted to do was cap off a great week, with a great bunch of kids, with a victory.

After jumping out to a 13-0 lead thanks to a 3-yard plunge by Dear and a 1-yard tote by Lewis, West Virginia, which had done little on offense, took advantage of backto-back Buckeye turnovers to snag the momentum with a 14-13 lead at halftime. The Mountaineers got on the

board when John Marshall's Aaron Fonner found Wheeling Central's Erik Gompers all alone on a 17yard passing strike. The drive was started after Wheeling Park's Eli Stewart recovered a muffed punt.

On the ensuing possession, Bell stepped right in front of a pass from David Kemp and took it to

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**ABOVE:** Ohio running back Josten Dear turns the corner for a big gain during Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. Trailing the play, for

Ohio, is Tyler Fitzpatrick (80).

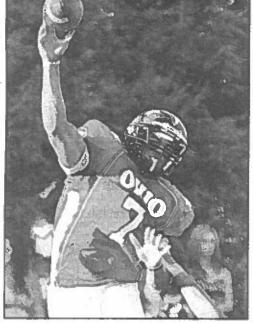
AT RIGHT: Ohio wide receiver Zane Ayouch hauls several tacklers after making a reception during Sunday's game. **INSET:** Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher

receives the ceremonial Gatorade bath after leading Ohio to a 33-14 victory, snapping West Virginia's two-game winning streak. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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W.Va. was a 'Dear' in head lights against Ohio run game



**OHIO QUARTERBACK** Cole Smelley throws a pass during Sunday's OVAC All-Star Game.

Nothing-runs like a Dear. Except if its first name is Josten. The former Buckeye Local tailback ran the ball two dozen times for 149

KIM NORTH

Kim's Korner: Stadium.

For his efforts, the West Liberty University-bound Dear was named the game's Most Valuable Player in an online vote by fans.

"This feels amazing," Dear said amid the celebration of Buckeye State players and fans. "I've been watching this game since I was six years old, and to be the

'I've been watching this game since I was six years old, and to be the MVP is just a shock.'

– Josten Dear

MVP is just a shock."

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Dear's touchdown, which came on a 3-yard burst to open the scoring late in

the first quarter, gave Ohio a 6-0 lead. "That's something I will always remember," the soft-spoken Dear advised.

His ground assault was a big part of Ohio's domination along the front line as the Buckeye Staters ran for 313 stripes on nearly 60 carries (58) and four six-



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pointers. The other three TDs belonged to Dashaun Lewis, of Cambridge, who picked up 118 yards on 24 totes.

Like a good running back always does, Dear gave praise to the offensive line

"The line blocked amazing. I couldn't have asked for a better line," he lauded. 'The Ohio Valley has a whole lot of athletes.

Dear could've had another touchdown in the third quarter, but after carrying inside the West Virginia 5, he was stripped off the pigskin. It landed in the end zone where, after a wild scramble. his Buckeye local teammate Jordan Piergallini emerged with it for the final touchdown of the game.

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Piergallini, who is best friends with Dear, was just glad to help out. "I told Josten that I always have his

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OVAC All-Star Game Notebook Piergallini caps impressive few months with a score

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By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor



yards and a touchdown Sunday night as Ohio rallied from a 14-13 halftime deficit to win the 67th annual Rudy

Mumley Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Football Charity Classic, 33-14, at overflowing Wheeling Island

WHEELING – It's been quite a few months for Buckeye Local product Jordan Piergallini.

Not even in his craziest dreams did Piergallini ever envision the finish to his prep sports career that he had Sunday evening during the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The young man burst onto the scene in track and field and finished second in the Division II state meet in the 100 meter dash.

Just a few weeks later, he was named to the Ohio squad. Being on the team wasn't good enough.

Playing in a different position at end, Piergallini was in the right place, at the right time, to recover an Ohio

fumble in the end zone for a thirdquarter touchdown.

"I think everything turned out alright for us," Piergallini smiled. "To score felt awesome, but it was even better because, basically, I was just backing up my best friend (Josten Dear) that I grew up with. If the ball didn't roll my way, I wouldn't have scored. Josten deserves all of the credit in the world

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races to beat West Virginia's Gianni Fuscaro to a fumble in the end zone during the third quarter of Sunday's OVAC All-Star Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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back. I blocked for him in high school as our fullback. He was a workhorse then and he was a workhorse today.'

A PAIR of former Bridgeport standouts enjoyed fine performances in their final scholastic contest.

It was just like his high school days for Cole Smelley. He hardly ever left the field, but that was okay to him.

"I like playing on both sides of the ball," he admitted.

Smelley was the starting quarterback for Ohio, as well as the starter at free safety. He carried the ball seven times for 31 yards, but one run in particular (a 22-yard jaunt) showcased his athletic ability as he dazzled a handful of Mountain State defenders with a couple of spin moves.

Mike Dalto, who was a two-way terror as a Bulldog, lined up on the offensive line and made his presence known on just about every snap he was on the field.

The 6-2, 260-pound Dalto bypassed college to take a job in the mine apprenticeship program, admitted that playing in the game gave him a slight taste for the sport again.

"I'd like to play (in college)," he said. "But, I've got a nice opportunity ahead of me."

# **Piercy wins** in Canada

ANCASTER, Ontario (AP) = Scott Piercy madefour straight birdies early and one big par late to win the Canadian Open on Sunday.

Piercy closed with a 3under 67 and tied the oldest ing on throwing errors. 72-hole scoring record on survival.

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#### **By KIM NORTH** Times Leader Sports

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because he played tonight that we won

great tonight. SACKMASTER Shadyside product Matt Hammond was

one of the more laid back Ohio players this week. He didn't get into any trash talking or anything of the sort.

Similarly to what he did with the Tigers, Hammond just went about his business and business was good.

Hammond blocked a punt and had two sacks in the game.

"We came to play and wanted to get some revenge for the last couple of years." Hammond said. "When you break through the line (on the punt), it was just wide open. Wow! That was fun."

played, Hammond still found a reason to be unhappy. "I didn't have a

tackle," Hammond laughed.

BRAGGING **RIGHTS** 

You'll have to forgive Cole Smelley is a little boastful this Marshall's week.

The Bridgeport High product secured ultimate bragging rights over his brothers – Curt and Chris – with the victory.

The Smelley twins were members of squad, which lost to West Virginia, 24-3. "This feels great." Smelley said. "I'll

probably start (getting on) my brothers four days.

Eric Schumacher is certainly going to enjoy Sunday night's outcome for quite some time, but it might be some time before he actually

gets to. "It'll be a little bit of a shock (going to practice) because, unfortunately, we won't have 33 all stars coming out of Conotton Valley," Schumacher said. 'It'll be fun, and I am looking forward to the season. I won't have a chance to enjoy this (victory) until we play our last game."

QUEENS

The West Virginia schools did prevail on one portion of the As well as he evening. They swept all of the awards involved with the annual Queen of

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HARDBALLS

Sunday's crowd, which enjoyed sunfilled skies for most of the 1-hr., 39minute contest, was estimated at almost 100

Koch said he would hand the ball to Matt Masarick, the Game 1 starter, in Game 3. Barton will throw Tom Pasco.

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the house from 33 yards away. Park's Matt Carter was perfect on both PATs.

"West Virginia did a good job of capitalizing on turnovers and I said earlier in the week that was a concern," Schumacher said. "I couldn't ask for anything more, though, in the second half. They were upset at half and they came out and played really well in the third quarter."

In the second half, the Ohio defense, which received standout performances from the likes of Matt Hammond, LeShawn Luke, William Houst, Josh Davis, Cole Smelley, Marky Thompkins and numerous others, forced a quick punt and the offense went right back to work with the same recipe it utilized in the first half ... run, run run.

"We were able to grab the momentum at the end of half and we talked in the lockerroom about being able to seize it and continue it," said West Virginia head coach Doug Taylor. "We thought when we got the kick that if we could sustain the drive, get a couple of first downs and just possess the ball for a little bit, we'd be okay. Give credit to Ohio.

Lewis waltzed into the end zone from a yard out, capping a 13-play drive, which outside of a Mountaineer penalty, was done exclusively on the ground.

After Thompkins picked off a pass, Ohio was back in business on the West Virginia 38. Four plays, later, Ohio had struck again. After Smelley, who played well at quarterback, took a busted play for 22 yards. Two plays later, Lewis went into the end zone again, this time from eight yards out.

All told, Lewis finished with 118 yards and three touchdowns on 24 carries.

"I didn't really think about how many carries or what kind of stats I would have," Lewis said. "I just hoped for the best for our team. Our line was amazing. They led the way, and I just ran through the hole.

Ohio went back to work with another short field after Hammond, who had two sacks, blocked a punt. Two plays later, it looked like Dear was headed for his second touchdown, but he fumbled into the end zone.

Dear's Buckeye Local teammate Jordan Piergallini was johnny-on-the-spot and pounced on it for the touchdown. Martins Ferry's Richie Padyjasek followed with his third PAT kick of the game, capping the scoring.

Dear, who was voted, by the fans, as game's MVP, finished with 149 yards and the score on 24 rushes.

Smelley added 31 yards on seven rushes and he passed for 44 yards.

The Ohio offensive line was impressive with Michael Camiletti, Mike Dalto, Elliott Albert, Shane Crum and C.J. Wise doing yeomans work all evening.

"We felt confident that we'd be able to run the ball well," Albert said. "(The line) is really proud of how well our backs played. Those guys ran hard. To win this game means everything. It's fun to just come here and watch, but playing in and winning it is unbelievable.

West Virginia was just never able to get untracked offensively. It finished with just 85 yards of total offense and only five first downs.

"I can't complain about our team's effort because I thought we played our hearts out until the very end," said Taylor. "I feel for the kids because they busted their tails all week, so to come up short, is tough and my heart goes out to them.'

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MEDAL PROJECTIONS

The last year's Ohio McDonald's All-Star och covering Band put forth yet r attempting to another brilliant per- second. Nagel formance after prac- ling second the ticing together for i-3 double play just a little more than

Queens pageant. Wheeling Park's Odessa Copney was crowned the Queen. Her court consisted Favede.

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### **WOMEN**

**48 kg** Gold: Tian Yuan, China Silver: Panida Khamshi, Thailand Bronze: Marzena Karpinska, Poland

53 kg Gold: Zulfiya Chinshanlo, Kazakhstan Silver: Li Yingyi, China Bronze: Hsu Shu-Ching, Taiwan

**58 kg** Gold: Li Xueying, China Silver: Natassia Novikava, Belarus Bronze: Pimsiri Sirikaew, Thailand

63 kg Gold: Svetlana Tsarukaeva, Russia Silver: Maiya Maneza, Kazakhstan Bronze: Ouvang Xiaofang, China





### MEN

56 kg Gold: Wu Jingbao, China Silver: Tran Le Quoc Toan, Vietnam Bronze: Valentin Hristov, Azerbaijan

62 kg Gold: Zhang Jie, China Silver: Kim Un-Guk, North Korea Bronze: Oscar Figueroa, Colombia

69 kg Gold: Tang Deshang, China Silver: Oleg Chen, Russia Bronze: Săiad Behrouzi. Iran

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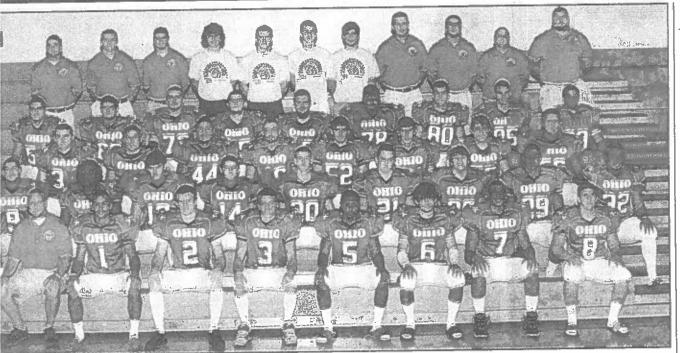


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Ohio squad for tonight's 67th Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic includes, front row I to r, head coach Schumacher, Marky Thompkins (1), Brandyn Heath (2), Kyle Minger (3), Juwan Whetstone (5), Chase Garan (6), Cole tley (7), David Kemp (8); second row, Brannt Pieniazek (9), LeShawn Luke (10), Cory Kotopka (12), Josh Davis (14), Seth edge (20), Shane Crum (21), Jordan Piergallini (28), Dashaun Lewis (29), Josten Dear (32); third row, Jesse Stoudt (34), ier Roller (40), Willie Houst (44), Kole Hogue (46). Matt Shurina (52), Matt Hammond (54), Eric Black (55), Bryan Sawyer fourth row, Anthony Kuhn (58), Michael Camilletti (66), C.J. Wise (72), Mike Dalto (75), Elliott Albert (77), Greg Ring Tyler Fitzpatrick (80), Richie Padyjasek (85), Zane Ayouch (88); fifth row: assistant coach Josh Ischy, assistant coach Matt , trainer Jason Coleman, manager Dalton Wiggins, manager Clay Lapp, manager Taylor Bowdish, manager Colton Cottis, tant coach Mike Jorris, assistant coach Ty Carrothers, assistant coach Luke Donohoe, assistant coach Jesse Wells.

# **)VAC All-Stars ready to tangle** hio looks to end West Virginia's two-year victory streak

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IEELING. WV Will return to its winning ways Il West Virginia extend its ing streak to three for the ime since the mid-1970s? t question will be ered tonight when the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Football Charity Classic place at Wheeling Island um.

Ohio All-Stars had taken inglehold on the series by hut the tables were turned ast two years when West nia claimed back-to-back ries, winning 24-14 in and 24-3 last year.

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won more than two years in sive end Tyler Fitzpatrick of a row was a four-year stretch Barnesville. from 1973-76.

Head coaches of the teams are Eric Schumacher (Conotton in the OVAC are represented by Valley) for Ohio and Doug participants in activities related Taylor (Madonna) for West Virginia. Ironically, this marks 66 football players, 18 cheer-Schumacher's first-ever game as a head coach as he was candidates and 151 members of named the Rockets' head coach the McDonald's All-Star Band.

earlier this summer. Ohio's roster includes seven local 🚽 players running back-linebacker

ing 14 times in a 15-year Dashaun Lewis and running back-

linebacker Tanner Roller of Cambridge: offensive line- is serving as the Ohio cheerman-linebacker Eric Black of leader coach while Megan referee Keith Bloom, umpire Meadowbrook: running back- Stevens of The Linsly School linebacker Shane Crum of is in charge of the West Il series to 42-24 with one Shenandoah; two-way lineman Virginia squad. Ohio's group Bryan Sawyer of Caldwell: includes Ashley Kindelberger judge Bill Flanagan and bac running back-linebacker Jesse and Lindsey Robinson of : last time West Virginia Stoudt and tight end-defen- Barnesville.

EXTRA POINTS

• Thirty-nine of the 50 schools to this year's game including leaders, 26 Queen of Queen

> Several players have "family ties" to the game, including Cambridge's game in 1981.

Kayla Detling of Barnesville

• The only local participant in the McDonald's All-Star Band is Tyler Dingus of Meadowbrook.

· Two area girls are Queen of Queens participants -Samantha Schaeffer of Buckeye Trail and Amanda McPeek of Shenandoah.

· Individuals serving as coordinators of the various activities surrounding the game include Joyce Jingle, Queen of Queens; Dru Meyer, McDonald's All-Star Band; Dianna Vargo. Roller, whose father George Strager Evening with Tim played in the the Stars; Steve Kish, 10-year-Reunion; and John Howell, 50-year Reunion.

• The game officials include Chris Schubert, linesman Joe Koler, line judge Ernie Fithyan, side judge Don Hynes, field

Lochte wins the first U.S. gold in 400 IM

July 29, 2012

Sunday

LONDON (AP) - Five things to know about Saturday. Day 1 of the London Olympics: -Lochte wins first U.S. gold.

Phelps fourth in 400 IM. -Brits struggle in cycling as Vinokourov wins road race.

-Serena, Federer advance at

All England Club. -U.S. men lead surprising Britain in gymnastics qualifying.

-Hey, there's the new Bond Girl! It's the queen.

Ryan Lochte won the 400meter individual medley. China collected a couple of gold medals and Australia set an Olympic record while winning the women's 400-meter freestyle relay.

Oh, and Michael Phelps went without a medal in an Olympic race for the first time since 2000.

It was quite the opening night at the pool.

After barely qualifying for the final. Phelps struggled to a fourth-place finish and was denied his 17th career Olympic medal. When it was done, he could barely get out of the pool. Lochte took the gold with a time of 4 minutes, 5.18 seconds. Brazil's Thiago Pereira (4:08.86) settled for silver. while Japan's Kosuke Hagino (4:08.94) claimed the bronze.

"I think I'm kind of in shock right now." Lochte said. As for his defeated rival Phelps. "I know he gave it everything he had. That's all you can ask for." The women's 400 individual medley went to 16-year-old Ye Shiwen, who set a world record with a time of 4:28.43. It was the third mark to fall since high-tech bodysuits were banned at the end of 2009.

American Elizabeth Beisel took silver and China's Li Xuanxu grabbed the bronze.

Sun Yang flirted with a world record in the men's 400 free-



style. He took gold in 3:40.14. just off the mark of 3:40.07 by Germany's Paul Biedermann in a rubberized suit three years ago.

South Korea's Park Tae-hwan was the silver medalist in 3:42.06, and American Peter Vanderkaay took the bronze in 3:44.69.

Australia finished the 400-free relay in 3:33.15. Netherlands won the silver and the Americans got bronze.

The U.S. finish was enough to deliver a 12th medal to Natalie Coughlin, who matched Dara Torres and Jenny Thompson for most decorated U.S. female Olympian. Coughlin swam in the morning prelims, but wasn't used in the evening; everyone who swims on a relay gets a medal.

After hosting a dazzling opening ceremony Friday night Britain got off to a shaky star on the first full day of actior when favored cycling star Mark Cavendish finished 28th in the road race.

Kazakhstan's Alexande Vinokourov, who has said he will retire from cycling afte the games, won gold. Rigoberte Uran of Colombia took sil ver, and Alexander Kristoff o Norway won a mass sprint fo the bronze.

"The guys all sat there it the tent absolutely spent. W did everything we could, Cavendish said afterward, "W didn't expect any help. We rod the race we wanted to ride."

Wimbledon champions Roge Federer and Serena William See OLYMPICS page B-



ncluding a 26-13-1 mark r OVAC sponsorship.

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### ycarponeu. **OVAC gridders in camp**

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- The Queen of Queens Talent Show featuring contestants from 26 schools will take place Friday at the Wheeling Civic Center starting at 7 p.m. Admission for this event is \$6. - A Pep Rally will set the stage for the game on Saturday night at Eethany College's Bison

Field at 6 p.m. The event will include the introduction of the players, coaches, cheerleaders. Queen of Queens candidates, band members and the announcement of the scholarship winners. Admission to this is free.

- West Virginia has won the last two games, including last year by a 24-3 score.

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# local area well-represented at OVAC extravaganza



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Jesse Stoudt Barnesville





S: Taylor Bowdish, Colton Cottis, Clay Lapp, Dalton Wiggans etor, Dr. Christian Sonnefeld; Trainers: Herb Minch, Jason Coleman

# **)VAC All-Stars vie tonight at Wheeling Island Stadium**

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dge Jim Sperlazza Jr. Dave Clutter of Wheeling is this year's onorary official.

Players from the 1959 and 1960 all-star games will be honored

currently the head coach at Meadowbrook High and a member of this year's Ohio coaching staff, and Buckeye Trail product Cody Lenarz.

• In 40 years under OVAC sponsorship, the all-star game has donated more than \$861,000 to charity organizations and scholarships throughout the Ohio





Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian/www.buyjeffphotos.cr Barnesville High is well-represented on the Ohio All-St cheerleading squad for tonight's game. Flanking coach Kay Detling are Lindsey Robinson (left) and Ashley Kindelberg





Samantha Schaeffer **Buckeye Trail** Queen of Queens Participant Queen of Queens Particip:

Savannah McPeek Shenandoah

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	1964 - Ohio 2, W. Va. 0
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well as those from the 10-year reunion group that played in 2002. mong the players in 1960 was Barnesville's Larry Marmie while e 10-year honorees include Shenandoah High grad Jesse Wells.

Valley.

- All tickets at tonight's game are \$10.
- Kickoff is at 7:15 p.m.

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Overall series; Ohio 41, W.V 24, 1 tie Under OVAC sponsorship: Of 26 wins, W. Va. 13 wins, 1 tie Pre-OVAC sponsorship: Ohio wins, W. Va. 11 wins

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# OVAC Notebook Some Ohio players sporting fresh cuts

#### **By SETH STASKEY** Times Leader Sports Editor

Each year it seems like there's a new method of team bonding during the week of OVAC All-Star camp.

Sometimes, the players have a video game tournament or some other kind of competition. This year, it was a hair do showing of unity.

When the players take the field tonight at Wheeling Island Stadium for the 67th annual OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, while it will be under their helmets, three members of the Ohio squad are sporting fresh mohawks.

Buckeye Local's Josten Dear and Greg Ring as well as St. Clairsville's Chase Garan came to camp last Sunday with one kind of hair cut and will return home tonight after the game with a different look.

"I got the look I was hoping for," Dear said. "I was just looking for something to do and everyone liked it.

Monroe Central's Kole Hogue stepped up to the plate and performed the cut after word leaked that he was an adept hairstylist when it comes to shaving.

With the use of Anthony Kuhn's sheers, Hogue worked "Ohio" into the side of Dear's head.

"I just learned from watching YouTube videos and practicing on my buddies," Hogue said of his talent. "I can draw, so I am good at doing hair. It's basically the same thing.

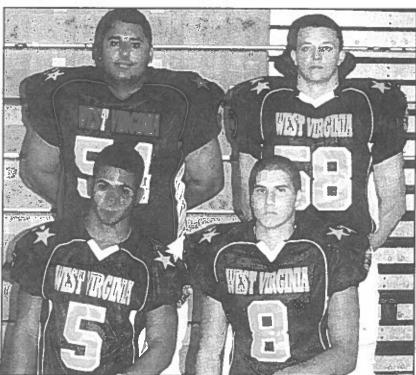
Hogue isn't planning on furthering his ability in cosmotology.

"It's just fun and something to do to pass time," Hogue said. "If they let me do it and want me to do it, I've got no problem doing it. For the clippers that I used, it turned out really well.

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#### By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING - Before heading to the Queen of Queens pageant Friday afternoon, Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher sat his team down for the annual vote.

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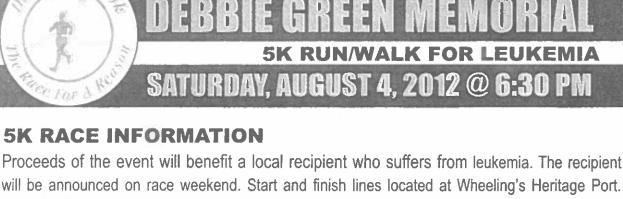
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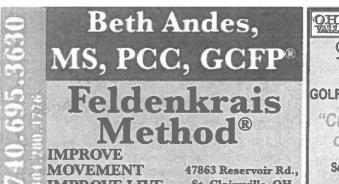
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# Ohio All-Star Cheerleaders



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# 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game

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# **Ohio special** teams solid with Ferry's Padyjasek

#### **By SETH STASKEY** Times Leader Sports Editor

BETHANY - For nearly four hours a day for the past week, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Football All-Stars have been working toward Sunday's 67th annual game.

While 32 of the players are working to learn all of the schemes involved for the respective teams, there's two guys in camp who've been working basically by themselves

"Whenever we're on the field practicing as a team, I am practicing my kicking and punting, too," Ohio Richie kicker Padyjasek said during media day earlier this week.

However, don't think for a minute that their jobs are any less important. The Rud

Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity

Football Classic allows the head coaches to select 32 position players and one kicker

When choosing their rosters, the head coaches often times spend as much time choosing their kicker as they do their quarterback.

It seems as if Padyjasek - the Martins Ferry High product - was a no-brain selection after the last couple of seasons he put forth for Coach Dave Bruney's squad.

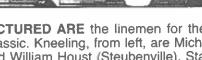
At Martins Ferry last season. Padyjasek recorded 24 touchbacks, connected on 36 point-after kicks and punted at a 38.2-yard

clip. Not bad for a kid who only picked up kicking a football four years prior.

"I just started kicking the ball one day in the eighth grade and then as a sophomore, I got the chance to kick in a varsity game." Padyjasek recalled. "I really don't know what made me try it, it just jumped into my head one day, but I had played



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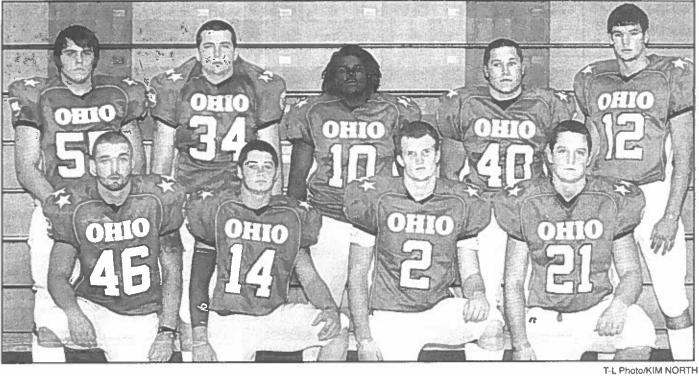
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PICTURED ARE the linemen for the Ohio squad in the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. Kneeling, from left, are Michael Camilletti (Steubenville), Mike Dalto (Bridgeport), Greg Ring (Buckeye Local) and William Houst (Steubenville). Standing, from left, are Bryan Sawyer (Caldwell), C.J. Wise (Monroe Central), Matt Shurina (Harrison Central), Elliott Albert (Martins Ferry), Anthony Kuhn (St. Clairsville) and Matt Hammond (Shadyside).



PICTURED ARE the linebackers for the Ohio squad in the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. Kneeling, from left, are Kole Hogue (Monroe Central), Josh Davis (Bellaire), Brandyn Heath (Beallsville) and Shane Crum (Shenandoah). Standing, from left, are Eric Black (Meadowbrook), Jesse Stoudt (Barnesville), LeShawn Luke (Steubenville), Tanner Roller (Cambridge) and Cory Kotopka (St. Clairsville). Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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### OVAC

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soccer in St. Clairsville for six years in recreation league, so that helped, too."

During his senior season, Padyjasek also saw some time at wide receiver and defensive back, so the opportunity to strictly kick and work on his kicking has been a relatively new occurence.

"I am able to get more focused on each kick because I've not been running in and out of the game," Padyjasek said.

Padyjasek, who will run track at Seton Hill University, didn't have any second thought about accepting the invitation to handle the Buckeye State's special teams duties.

"I've been coming to this game probably since I was in eighth grade and every year. I'd hoped to, one day, be down on that field taking part in this," Padyjasek said, "Now, I am getting to live it out and it's really exciting.'

This summer, Padyjasek worked "here and there" on his kicking to "keep loose" as he was coming off a track season in which he finished fourth in the Division II 110M high hurdle state final with a time of 14.76.

Padyjasek feels comfortable that if the Buckeye offense can get the ball to the 30 yard line, Ohio will come out with some points.

"I feel pretty comfortable from 35 or 40 yards out," Padyjasek said.

Making any high school team = all star or not - drive 80 or so yards is a luxury and Padyjasek hopes he's got a few touch-backs in him to give West Virginia a longer field to deal with Sunday.

"Tâm probably right at the goal line," Padyjasek said.

"And I am averaging 45 yards on a punt right now."

Padyjasek would love to be on the field for a try at a game-winning field goal come

Sunday evening, but if it doesn't happen? "I just hope we come out on top," Padyjasek said. "I see everything whether it be a field goal try, a key extra point or maybe we have to recover an on-side kick."

#### **OVAC NOTES**

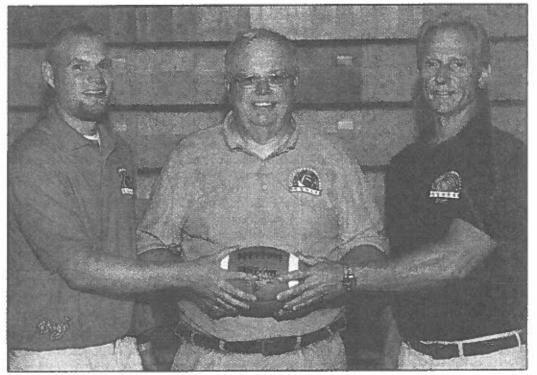
■ THE PLAYERS came off the Bethany College campus again Friday for the annual Queen of Queens Pageant at WesBanco Arena.

THE TEAMS will go through light workouts today and then this evening the campus will be abuzz with the pep rally where the OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band and All-Star Cheerleaders will debut their routines.

■ AFTER THE pep rally, all of the players, queen candidates, cheerleaders and band members will have a dance.

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# **Countdown to kickoff continues**



Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian

The 67th Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic is drawing ever-closer, and the head coaches for the respective squads are ready for battle. Flanking Game Director Bob Koch are Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher of Conotton Valley (left) and West Virginia head coach Doug Taylor of Madonna. The game is slated Sunday at 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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**FORUM/OPINION** 

THE TIMES LEADER

#### The davs of Ohio domination mav e **OV**

SHOULD THE West Virginia football all-stars win tonight's OVAC Rudy Mumley Charity Classic, would Ohio Valley prepgrid fans begin clamoring for a new format to the game?

We doubt it, but a Blue & Gold win would mark a third straight West Virginia triumph. Such an achievement would have been deemed impossible years ago. Ohio's past domination has spawned cries for a new selection process, be it eastwest, north-south or random drafting of players.

Should that happen, the game would lose its rich flavor that only an Ohio vs. West Virginia matchup can provide.

Two straight Mountaineer victories has spiced the contest. A third tonight would spark even more intrigue.

Virginia big-school heavyweights such as Morgantown, University and Parkersburg South to the OVAC has leveled the playing field in terms of available talent. With those three schools now in the all-star fold, there is no reason **BUBBA** West Virginia has to KAPRAL be the weak sister in

the game. That trio of schools combined with primetime players from Brooke, Wheeling Park, John Marshall, Linsly and Wheeling Central is a recipe for all-star game success. Less schools to choose from is also a boost to West Virginia's chances. With all that said, I still

have a hard time believing the Buckeyes will fall for a third straight year. I have been impressed with how

The addition of West youthful Conotton Valley coach Eric Schumacher has handled himself and his Buckeye players.

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When the final horn sounds tonight at Wheeling Island Stadium, I expect a 24-21 Ohio win, courtesy of a Richie Padyjasek (Martins Ferry)

Managing field goal in the Editor waning moments. **BUBBA'S BITS** SPEAKING OF the OVAC game, congratulations to Ohio County Schools Superintendent Dr. Dianna Vargo for putting an another first class George Strager Evening With the Stars event Wednesday at the White Palace

> I WOULD be remiss if I didn't mention Tim

chance to meet the man. That is my loss, as by all accounts he was a special Bethesda police chief. administrator and person.

He was genuinely and totally loved by all who came in contact with him. He accomplished so much. leaving a legacy that will shine forever.

TWO LOCAL basketball players are currently competing in the National AAU 15 and under national championships in Hampton, Va. Émilio Appolloni and Chase Harler are playing with the Morgantown-based TOGS. Appolloni is a 6 ft. 8 forward freshman-to-be at Martins Ferry. Harler is a 6 ft. guard and will be a frosh season.

WITH JUST three days

today will mark the initial time I have had to mow my lawn in July. I would rather mow more frequently than stare at brown grass.

KUDOS TO Shadyside Village Council for its change of heart, opting to keep its recreation board. Recreation is a key entity in any community and obviously the board in Tigertown is working effihas proven a popular attraction for the second successive summer.

that there is nothing to do Bellaire Police Chief Mike in the Ohio Valley. That Festival and the OVAC football game serving up at Wheeling Central this all the entertainment one at bkapral@timesleader could want in a single day. A POLL released

Zdanski. I never had the remaining in the month. Thursday revealed that the majority of the nation has a negative opinion of both presidential hopefuls. That is hardly surprising. With all the negative campaigning being traded by both candidates, it may only worsen. Unfortunately, we have three more campaigning months to suffer through.

WE COMMEND Martins Ferry Police Chief John ciently as the village pool McFarland and his force for their work in making quick arrests in the baseball field vandalism case. OFTEN TIMES we hear Also, after talking to Kovalyk Thursday we are complaint falls on deaf ears confident his department's today with the Italian murder probe is making positive advancements.

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PICTURED ARE the wide receivers and kicker for Team Ohio in this Sunday's 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium. Front row, from left, are Seth Rutledge (Conotton Valley), Jordan Piergallini (Buckeye Local), Zane Ayouch (Union Local), Chase Garan (St. Clairsville) and Brannt Pieniazek (Steubenville Central). Back row, from left, are Richie Padyjasek (Martins Ferry), Kyle Minger (Edison), Juwan Whetstone (Bellaire), Marky Thompkins (East Liverpool), Cory Kotopka (St. Clairsville) and Tyler Fitzpatrick (Barnesville). Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com.

# Smelley continues the family legacy at OVAC All-Star Game legacy at

Cole Smelley is carrying on a family tradition.

When the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic kicks off Sunday night at Wheeling Island Stadium.



**KIM NORTH** 

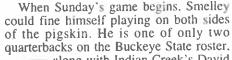
the Bridgeport graduate will be the fourth in his family to participate in the late-summer extravaganza.

pounder follows in the walked on last spring. footsteps of older

"It's a big accomplishment to get picked, and I'm looking forward to playing with all these amazing athletes.

The first-team All-Ohio Division IV defensive back for Rudy Vavrock's Bulldogs plans to enroll at Ohio University Eastern for a year before attempting to walk-on at West Virginia University, once again following in the footsteps of The 6-1, 190- Chris and Curt who successfully

With only one scholastic game brothers Ty Platt remaining in his stellar career, (2003), and Chris Cole said he will always cherish and Curt Smelley the memories of playing at



along with Indian Creek's David Kemp, and is also listed as a free safety.

"Wherever they want me to play, I'll do it," he said. "All I want to do is win this game."

Smelley was a 4-year letterwinner for the Bulldogs. He started every game of his career. with the exception of one his senior season when an ankle injury sidelined him. He made

COLE SMELLEY

	Kim's Korner: (2011).	Bridgeport.	three trips to the post-season.
	"It's just amaz-	"I had a great time, but I will	including an impressive run to
	ing." Cole said during the recent media	always remember my junior year when	the regional finals during that 2010 sea-
ì	day at Bethany College. "I'm glad that I	we went 10-0 and playing with my broth-	son.
	could keep the legacy going, and be a part	ers," he recalled. "That was a great expe-	ANOTHER Eastern Ohio standout will
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# Smelley

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suit up for Sunday's contest. However, he will be donning the dark blue jersey of West Virginia

instead of the Ohio red. Gino Bianconi grew up within walking distance of Bill Jobko Stadium in Brookside, but went to Wheeling Central where he helped the Maroon Knights win a Class A state championship in his final campaign.



<u>GINO</u>

**BIANCONI** 

"I've got friends on both sides," he said. "It's interesting, but exciting at the same time.

I just hope that everyone plays well ... to their full expectations ... and has a good time, win or lose,'

The 5-10, 180 pounder had a

game no one will soon forget last December with a state championship game-record 355 yards and 5-TD perform-ance. All told, he ran for 2,139 yards and 31 touchdowns.

Bianconi was named first-team all-state, all-OVAC and all-valley. He was MVP of the Super Six. 

Tickets for Sunday's game can be purchased at all Ohio Valley Kroger stores. Advance tickets are \$7, while all tickets at the gate will be \$10. In addition, tickets can be purchased at DeFelice Brothers Pizza in Shadyside, Smitty's Floors in Steubenville and Weber's Drug Store in Woodsfield.

Children under 5 years of age will be admitted free of charge. at

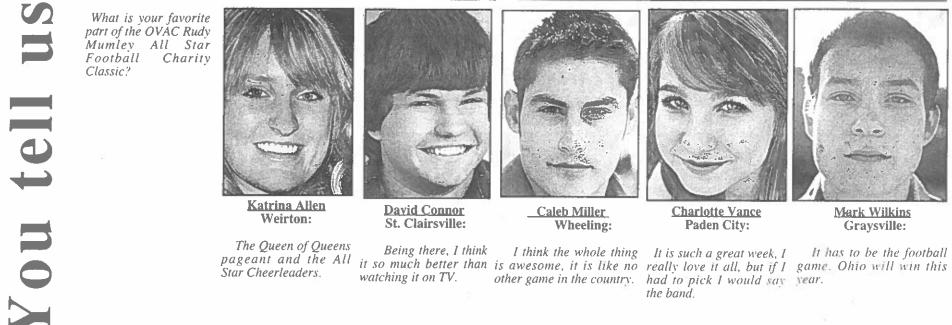
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# **Ohio All-Star coaching staff**



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The Ohio coaching staff for the 67th Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic slated Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium includes, front row I to r, head coach Eric Schumacher and assistant coach Luke Donohoe; back row, assistant coaches Ty Carrothers, Jesse Wells, Matt **Rees and Michael Jorris.** 



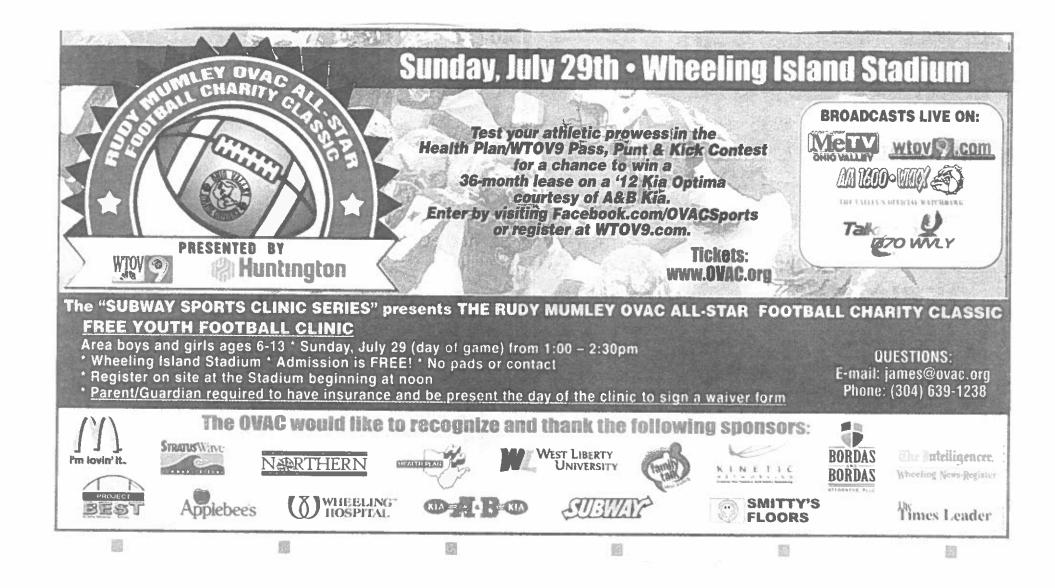
The Queen of Queens pageant and the All Star Cheerleaders.

Being there, I think watching it on TV.

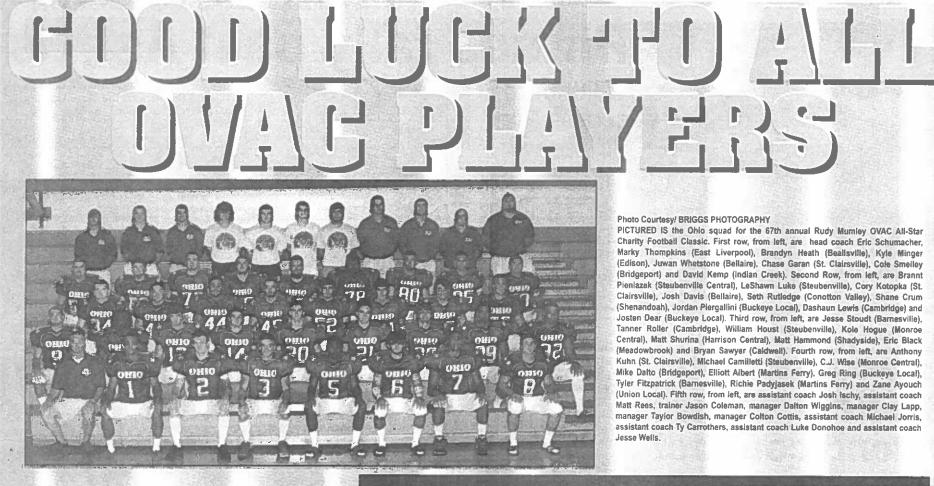
I think the whole thing it so much better than is awesome, it is like no really love it all, but if I game. Ohio will win this other game in the country.

It is such a great week, I had to pick I would say year. the band.

It has to be the football





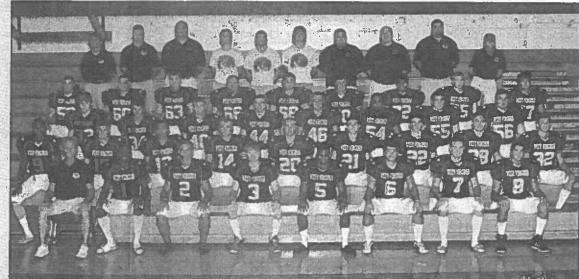


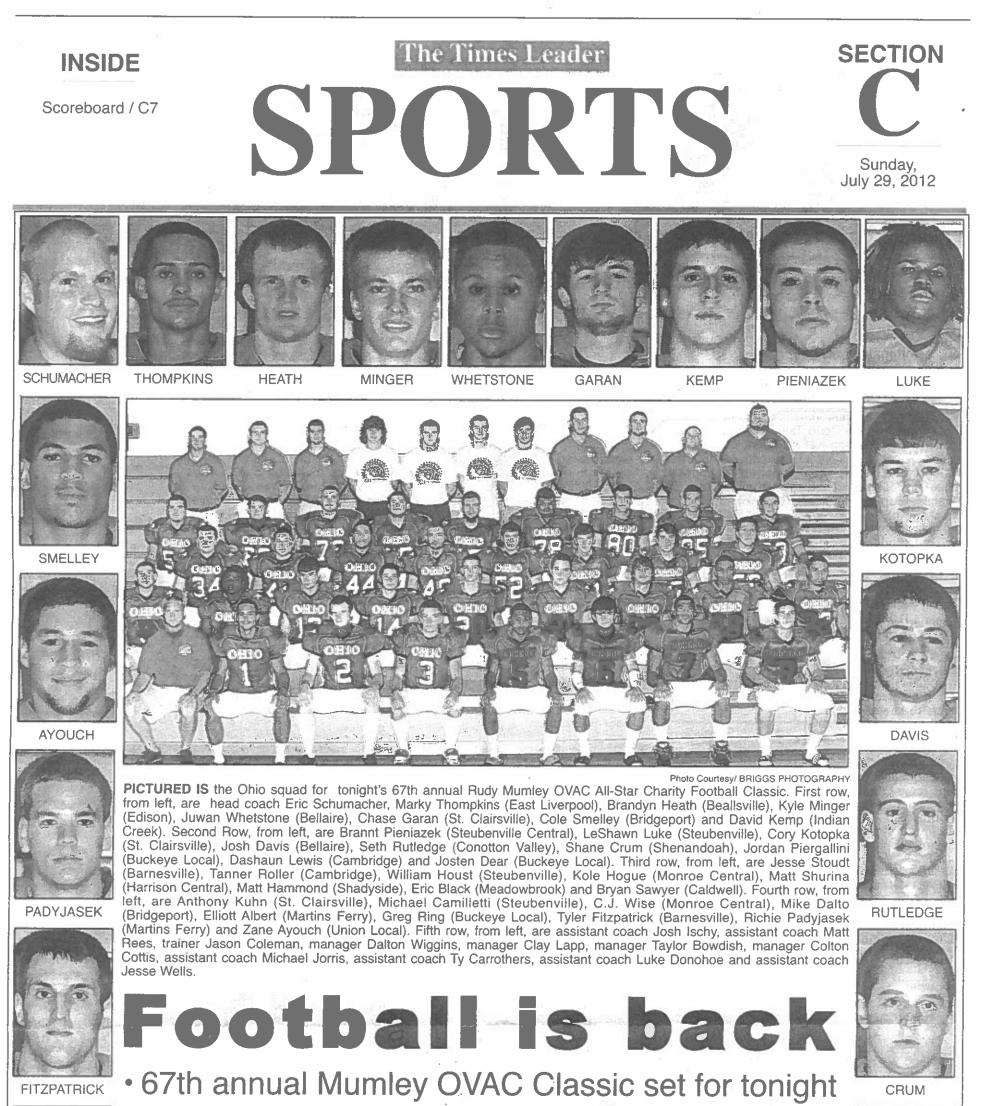
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PICTURED IS the West Virginia squad for the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Chanty Football Classic. First row, from left, are head coach Doug Taylor, Boo Lathon (Wheeling Park), Lucas McDowell (Oak Glen), Kyle Gillis (Bishop Donahue), Ricky Jordan (Linsly), Jayson Keller (Magnolia), Lee Peluchette (Wheeling Park) and Gino Bianconi (Wheeling Central) Second row: Vondel Bell (Wheeling Park), Matt Carter (Wheeling Park), Jaff Hissam (Oak Glen), Aaron Fonner (John Marshall), Ryan Mozingo (Madonna), Kevin Minehart (Morgantown), Sammy Lusk (Morgantown), Glanni Fuscardo (Brooke) and Erik Gompers (Wheeling Central). Third row, from left, are Derek Hinkle' (Clay-Bettelle), Ollie Parker (Bishop Donahue), Evan Cline' (Tyler Consolidated), Tim Faulkner (Brooke), Dylan Davis (Oak Glen), Neil Drennan (Linsly), Zaylor Neely (Cameron) and Daniel Berry (Morgantown).<sup>5</sup> Fourth Row, from left, are Adam Jones (Linsly), Zach Massie (Brooke), Bentley, Knight (Magnolia), Mike Wise (John Marshall), Max Hudson (Weir), Eli Stewart (Wheeling Park), David Stanley (Wheeling Central), Seth Vost (Wheeling Central) and Andrew Beveridge (Blshop Donahue), Fith row, from laft, are assistant coach Brad Kessel, assistant coach Ray Pernell, assistant coach Jon Kendrick, manager Marcello Viondillo, manager Nick Ossman, manager Garrett Hypes, assistant coach McClelland, assistant coach Eric Nerus, trainer Zack Moody, trainer Randy Elliot.



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**By SETH STASKEY** 

Times Leader Sports Editor

"We're going to narrow some things down (Saturday) and make sure we've got everyone in the right place," Taylor said." Ohio, meanwhile, is hopeful that it'll be able to go through its final walk through at Wheeling Island Stadium as it fine tunes its approach. "We had an all offensive practice (Saturday) morning." Schumacher said. "We wanted to make sure our timing is down with the receivers and linemen. It's usually a lot more difficult to get that down than the defense and then a walk through in the afternoon."



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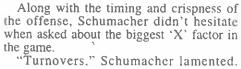
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"That's what these game always seem to come down to. I was talking to Coach Taylor the other night and we honestly both feel we're pretty evenly matched teams, so it's going to come down to whoever takes care of the ball."

The yearly chess match in the Mumley Classic is about to unfold. Unlike their games in the regular season, the coaching staffs basically have absolutely no idea what the opposition is going to do or what players will be utilized where.

"That's one of the beautiful things about this game," Taylor said of the unknown. "A lot of all star games, the offense or the



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Cottis, assistant coach Michael Jorris, assistant coach Ty Carrothers, assistant coach Luke Donohoe and assistant coach Jesse Wells. Football is back

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For Schumacher, this was his first time both involved with the OVAC Game and also leading a football team.



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Schumacher and his staff have liked how their team have improved as the week went along, leading to what he called their best practice on Friday.

"We've got a good understanding of the offense and defense," Schumacher said. "We've had to weed out of a couple of things offensively because we didn't want to put too much on the kids." Both teams went through light practices on Saturday before heading to the Bethany College stadium for the annual pep rally. After breakfast and Vespers services this morning, the West Virginia side will go through an abbreviated walk through, clean up their belongs and head for the stadium

"We're going to narrow some things down (Saturday) and make sure we've got everyone in the right place." Taylor said. "

Ohio, meanwhile, is hopeful that it'll be able to go through its final walk through at Wheeling Island Stadium as it fine tunes its

approach. "We had an all offensive practice (Saturday) morning," Schumacher said. We wanted to make sure our timing is down with the receivers and linemen. It's usually a lot more difficult to get that down than the defense and then a walk through in the afternoon.

Along with the timing and crispness of the offense, Schumacher didn't hesitate when asked about the biggest 'X' factor in the game.

Turnovers," Schumacher lamented. "That's what these game always seem to come down to. I was talking to Coach Taylor the other night and we honestly both feel we're pretty evenly matched teams, so it's going to come down to whoever takes care of the ball.

The yearly chess match in the Mumley Classic is about to unfold. Unlike their games in the regular season, the coaching staffs basically have absolutely no idea what the opposition is going to do or what players will be utilized where.

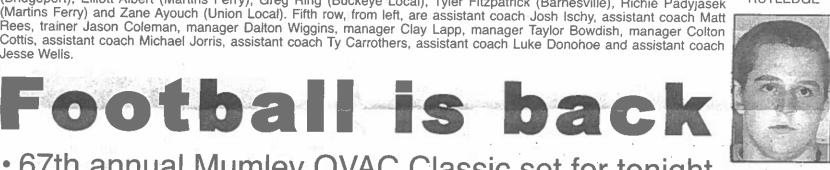
"That's one of the beautiful things about this game," Taylor said of the unknown. "A lot of all star games, the offense or the defense is limited, but this is a wide-open game. We've kind of prepared for two or three different looks, but we're probably still going to have to adjust on the fly somewhat.

Ohio did some advance scouting of



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"I'd like to say it's been an easy week, but it's been difficult and stressful at times," Schumacher said. "We wanted to make sure we got everything in and all of the kids understood their roles for every single down and every single play."

The Buckeye State is trying to snap a two-game losing streak to its West Virginia counterparts. Ohio hasn't won the game after a pre-game meal.

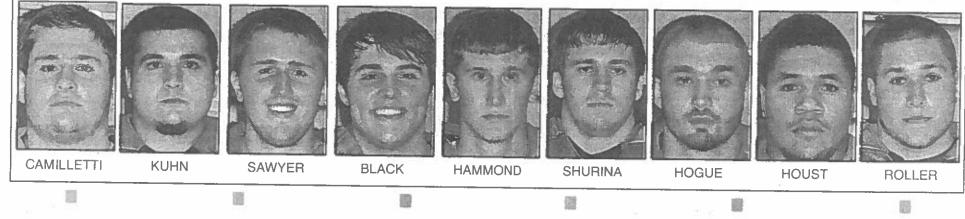
Madonna tapes and sort of built a game plan from there, but Schumacher knows they'll be a lot of adjustments during

tonight's action. "We've thrown a lot of looks at them just trying to prepare for everything possible." Schumacher said. "We won't know until (tonight) and our kids know that and they're prepared for that. Our guys are knowledgeable enough to be able to make

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#### the best of it."

Though he's unsure of the schematic approach, Taylor knows enough about some of the Buckeye State players to know his team had better come ready to

play. "I've coached at Weir High and Oak Glen and we've played some of the teams from Ohio, so we know about those kids," Taylor said. "Ohio has some great ball players and we know we'll have our hands full."

Schumacher doesn't only think the two teams are balanced. He believes there's a lot of balance on his own team. He couldn't single out just one guy who shined this week in practice.

"They showed why they're all all-stars." Schumacher said. "We did see some things from kids we didn't necessarily



expect them to be able to do, which is never a bad thing, but I don't think I can really point to just one kid. As a whole, they've all stepped up their games because they know they're going against all stars every day in practice and then

again (tonight).' Ohio is turning its starting quarterback duties over to Bridgeport's Cole Smelley. Indian Creek product David Kemp will also see time.

The duo of Cambridge's Dashaun Lewis and Buckeye Local's Josten Dear will be working

together in the backfield. When the Buckeye State fullback, uses а Barnesville's Jesse Stoudt will get the call.

On the perimeter, Steubenville Central's Brannt Pieniazek, Union Local's Zane Ayouch and East Liverpool's Marky Thompkins will be the primary receivers.

In the trenches, Big Red's Michael Camilletti will anchor the line at center. Meadowbrook's Eric Black and Martins Ferry's Elliott Albert are ticketed for the guard spots, while Monroe Central's C.J. Wise and Bridgeport's Mike Dalto will line up at tackles. The tight ends are Barnesville's Tyler Fitzpatrick and Buckeye Local's Jordan Piergallini.

"We're really pleased with our offensive unit.' See, OVAC, Page C4





# Free grid camp set for today

To kickoff the beginning of the 2012-13 'SUBWAY Sports Clinic Series' the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will be hosting its eighth annual free youth football clinic in conjunction with the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

The clinic will take place today at 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 staff. Tim Weaver and the Bethany College 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.

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# Post 3 Captures Crown Moundsville tops Wheeling twice

# **By SHAWN RINE**

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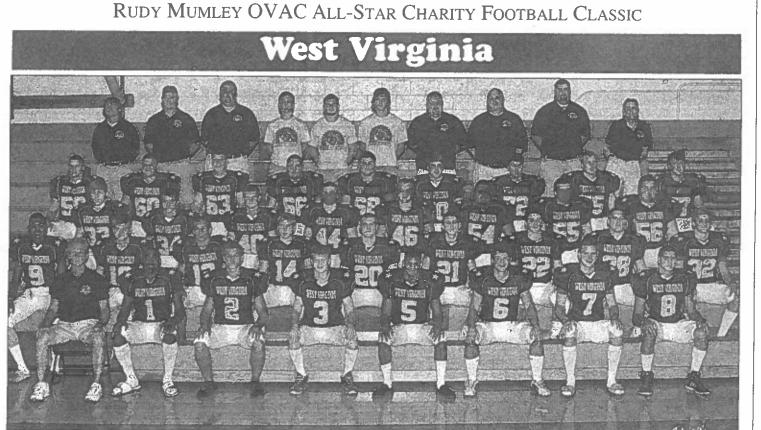
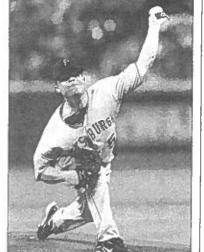


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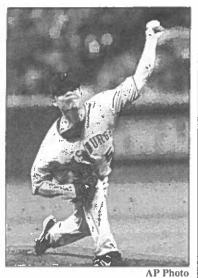
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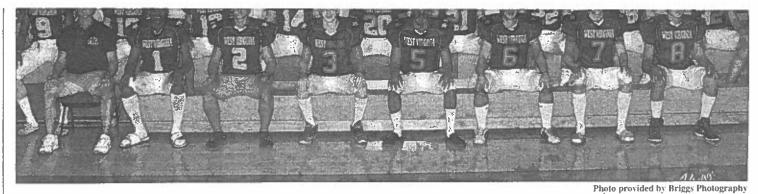
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The Mountaineers haven't won three in a row since a five-game winning streak from 1973-77. In fact, since that streak ended, Ohio has captured 25 of the last 33. The 1992 game was the only game in the series wiped out due to weather. "Our kids know all about that," Ohio and Conotton Valley coach Eric Schumacher said prior to practice at Bethany College on Friday,

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The injury bug bit the Moun-taineers hard earlier in the week. But as the week went along Taylor said his players healed dramatically.

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back on the field and our trainer (Randy Elliott) is doing a really good job with that." West Virginia has three quarterbacks in the fold – Oak Glen's Lucas McDowell, John Marshall's Aaron Fonner and Wheeling Park's Lee Peluchette. Taylor said all three will get their share of playing time. "We'd like to establish the run, but if they give us the pass then we'll pass the football." Taylor said.



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HOUSTON (AP) - Rod Barajas hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning and the Pittsburgh Pirates, winners of four straight, rallied past Houston 4-3 on Satur-day night, sending the Astros to their club-record 12th straight loss.

Wandy Rodriguez pitched six innings in his Pittsburgh debut, allowing three runs and six hits with five walks against his former team. The free-falling Astros, who have lost 25 of 27, traded the lefthander to the Pirates on Tuesday for three minor leaguers.

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"They're excited. That's what they've been using as motivation to dethrone them.'

West Virginia and Weirton Madonna coach Doug Taylor and his players are well-aware of what's at stake.

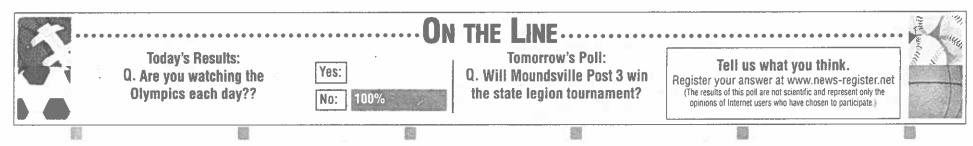
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7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Those wishing to sign up during the week may do so during the Y's regular business hours - 5 a.m. to 10 p.m

"We already have more than

Games will be played on Sat-urdays at either the Y in Elm Grove, Elm Grove Elementary or Bridge Street Middle School. Shinsky said players will practice two or three times a week.

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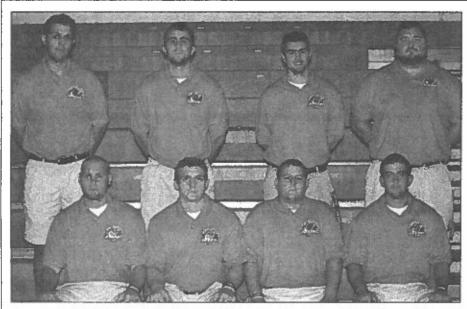
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game gets to play on the Island, gets a DVD of the game and a trophy, as well as a Nike shirt," Shinsky said.

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For more information about the program and to register, call The amount and effort the Y the Y at (304) 242-8086.

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## **Ohio Coaches**

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staff is to slot the players into the best positions in which they can be most effective.

That can be a challenge. But Taylor said the players have been receptive to any suggestion. "It's hard to say who

the most impactful players will be on both sides of the ball," he said. "Right now, they all look pretty

good. "The kids have really been receptive to us mov-ing around and finding the best positions for them.

That is a result, Taylor said, of a lack of big egos in his locker room.

"These kids are really humble," he said." and they've done everything

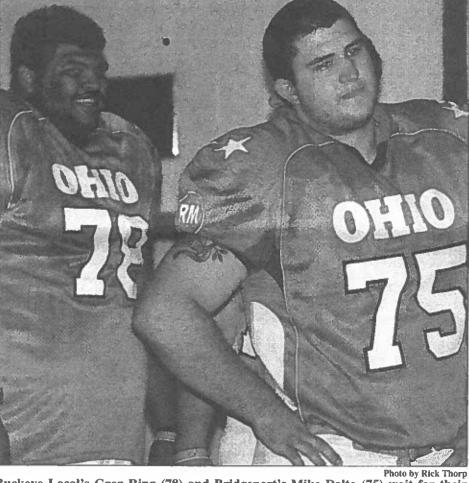
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Like West V¶rginia, Ohio has seen it's squad really gel the last few

days. "Things are finally coming together," Schu-macher said. "We're look-ing good on both sides of the ball. We still have a far wrinkles to work out w wrinkles to work out, but for the most part we're

getting things in line. "We're going to try and mix it up as much as possible and do what's best for the team to win the game.'

Bridgeport's Cole Smelley and Indian Cole Creek's David Kemp will take snaps for the Buckeyes.



Buckeye Local's Greg Ring (78) and Bridgeport's Mike Dalto (75) wait for their opportunity in front of the camera during media day activities.

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63	Bentley Knight	6-3	243	OT/DT	Magnolia
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Ohio has a wealth of talent at the skill positions. ers who look to have their Cambridge's Dashaun Lewis, Buckeye Local's Josten Dear, Union



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Steubenville and Catholic's Brannt Pieniazek are among the playnumbers called a lot.

While chemistry and the unit will be ready

tonight. ''That's been our big hangup,'' he said. ''Not just with our receivers and quarterback, it's just all timing on offense. It's starting to come around."

Schumacher has been 'pleasantly surprised'' by the play of his defense, which includes the likes of Steubenville standout Willie Houst.

Schumacher said. "If they don't play a lot on offense or defense we'll get them on to special teams.

#### Game Notes

Early during the game, rhythm offensively came about 30 players who par-slowly, Schumacher said ticipated in the 1959 and 1960 all-star games will be recognized on the southwest side of the field.

At halftime, the winners of the annual Queen of Queens Talent Show will be announced. The competition took place Friday night at WesBanco Arena. Joyce Jingle is in her first year coordinating the event.

■ Nearly 151 members of the McDonald's All-Star Band will perform prior to



Kayla Detling (Ohio) and Megan Stevens (West Virginia) will coach the allstar cheering squads.



#### **HEAD COACH**

Eric Schumacher, Conotton Valley

#### Assistant Coaches

Ty Carrothers, Luke Donohoe, Josh Ischy, Mike Jorris, Matt Rees, Jesse Wells, Herb Minch, Jason Coleman

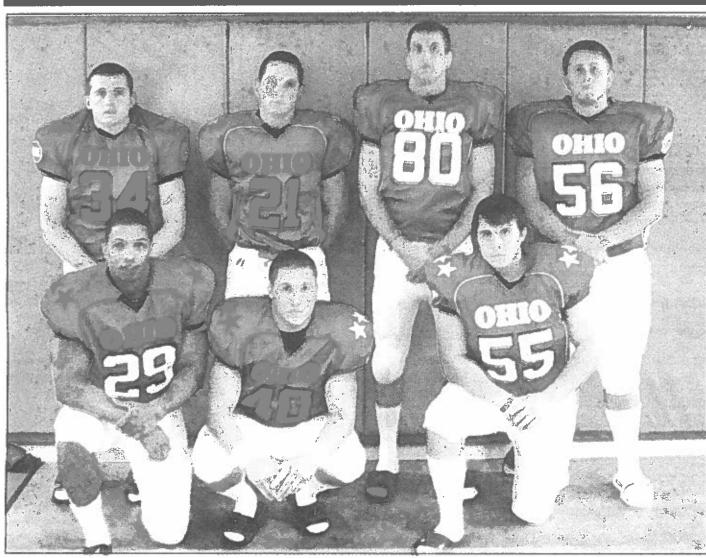
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	2	Brandyn Heath	6-1	175	RB/DL	Beallsville	
	3	Kyle Minger	6-1	175	WR/DB	Edison	
2	5	Juwan Whetstone	5-8	160	WR/DB	8ellaire	
	6	Chase Garan	5-10	165	WR/DB	St. Clairsville	
	7	Cole Smelley	5-11	190	QB/DB	Bridgeport	
	8	David Kemp	5-11	190	QB	Indian Creek	
	9	Brannt Pieniazek	5-11	168	WR/DB	Steub. Cath.	
	10	LeShawn Luke	5-7	200	RB/LB	Steubenville	
	12	Cory Kotopka	6-2	200	WR/DB	St. Clairsville	
1	14	Josh Davis	5-7	155	RB/LB	Bellaire	
8	20	Seth Rutledge	5-11	150	WR/LB	Con.Valley	
8	21	Shane Crum	6-1	220	RB/LB	Shenandoah	
8	28	Jordan Piergallini	6-1	220	RB/LB	Buck, Local	
8.	29	Dashaun Lewis	6-1	220	RB/LB	Cambridge	
8	32	Josten Dear	6-0	225	RB/DE	Buck. Local	
	34	Jesse Stoudt	6-0	220	RB/LB	Barnesville	
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à	46	Kole Hogue	5-11	185	RB/LB	Mon. Central	
	52	Matt Shurina	5-10	200	OL/DL	Har. Central	
	54	Matt Hammond	6-1	190	OL/DE	Shadyside	
	55	Eric Black	5-11	210		Meadowbrook	
5	56	Bryan Sawyer	6-3	275	OUDL	Caldwell	
ł.,	58	Anthony Kuhn	6-1	225	OL/DL	St. Clairsville	53
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	72	C.J. Wise	6-6	240	OL/DL	Mon. Central	
	75	Mike Dalto	6-1	260		Bridgenort	

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# SPORTS



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These seven players will represent the local area in the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic on Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium. Front row, I to r, are Dashaun Lewis and Tanner Roller of Cambridge and Eric Black of Meadowbrook; back row, Jesse Stoudt of Barnesville, Shane Crum of Shenandoah, Tyler Fitzpatrick of Barnesville and Bryan Sawyer of Caldwell.

# Players getting down to business preparing for OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic

#### JEFF HARRISON THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

BETHANY. WV — It's time on what his players can do. to get down to business for the players and coaches who will participate in the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All- and defensively each day. We're Star Charity Football Classic getting an understanding of who this Sunday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

chance to get acquainted and tively." Monday's media day activi- Schumacher is also glad to be off-season and had our camp

Schumacher & Co. to have the participants in the OVAC Classic game plan fully implemented, but he's already getting a handle

"We just put the basic stuff in so far," he said, "and we'll get into more details offensively will play where at this point ...figuring out who fits where Now that everyone has had a best to make things work effec-

ties on the campus of Bethany representing Conotton Valley, a last week," he said, "so we're

staff, Schumacher enlisted the

services of Meadowbrook High

head coach Jesse Wells as an

"I met Eric at an AD meeting

and when he found out late that

he was going to be coaching

in the game, he asked if I'd

be interested in helping out,"

said Wells. "I jumped at the

chance because you never know

if you'll get this opportunity in

It just so happens that Wells,

a 2002 graduate of Shenandoah

for Sunday."

assistant coach.

the future."

honored at Sunday's affair.

"It's huge for me because it's also my 10-year reunion of at The Jeff office playing in the game," he said, "so I would have been here anyway but to be coaching in the game makes it extra-special."

The Colts' coach isn't worried about taking a little time away from his squad just before the start of two-a-day practices.

"We've been working hard all

# Tickets are on sale

Tickets for the annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic will be on sale Tuesday through Friday at The Daily Jeffersonian office (831 Wheeling Ave. in Cambridge) during business hours. Advance tickets are \$7 and all tickets at the game will cost \$10.

College are out of the way, the Ohio and West Virginia squads comer, in the game. will be working hard to get "To be here repready for Sunday's 7:15 p.m. resenting Conotton kickoff. Valley is a wonder-

Head coaches for the game are ful opportunity." he Eric Schumacher of Conotton said. "We can't wait Valley and Doug Taylor of Weirton Madonna.

Schumacher is excited at the opportunity and is looking forward to preparing his team for action.

"It's such an honor," he said of the opportunity to pilot the Buckeye squad. "Growing up in the Ohio Valley and watching this game and now to be a part of it is very exciting. This is something these kids will remember for the rest of their lives and we want to make it an enjoyable experience all the way around."

It's a little early for

relative OVAC newready to go when we

2.9

get back.

There are seven players from the local area suiting up for Ohio — running back-defensive end Dashaun Lewis and

In addition to his Rockets' running back-linebacker Tanner Roller of Cambridge; offensive lineman-linebacker Eric Black Meadowbrook; running of back-linebacker Shane Crum of Shenandoah: two-way lineman Bryan Sawyer of Caldwell; and running back-linebacker Jesse Stoudt and tight end-defensive end Tyler Fitzpatrick of Barnesville.

#### **EXTRA POINTS**

- This is the second year that Bethany College has been utilized for the week-long camp, and Game Director Bob Koch High, will be among the past says it's a perfect fit.

"We've definitely found a nice home here at Bethany." he said.

-OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak pointed to the all-star game as the kick-off to the 70th year of the conference. "I find it mind-boggling that the conference has been around for that length of time," he said. "A lot of conferences have come and gone in that time, but we continue to grow."

-The 151-member McDonald's All-Star Band will report to Bethany on Wednesday and the 18 cheerleaders will arrive on Thursday.

- The 26th annual George Strager Evening with the Stars Banquet will take place Wednesday at Wheeling Park's White Palace, with a social hour at 6:30 and the event beginning at 7.

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PICTURED are the Ohio quarterbacks and running backs for Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium. Kneeling, from left, are quarterbacks David Kemp (Indian Creek) and Cole Smelley (Bridgeport). Standing, from left, are running backs Josten Dear (Buckeye Local), Shane Crum (Shenandoah), Dashaun Lewis (Cambridge), Jesse Stoudt (Barnesville) and LeShawn Luke (Steubenville).

### Va. both have speed hio, By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

BETHANY - There's a cliche that says there's no substitute for speed.

If that's true. Ohio should be in pretty good shape when it takes the field Sunday evening for the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

When Buckeye State head coach Eric Schumacher and his coaching staff were selecting their players, they didn't select the biggest team, but, instead, went after guys who could run.

Obviously, West Virginia has its fair share of speed guys, too, but the Ohio side has plenty of options of guys who are game breakers.



we're pretty fast, which is a thing," said Buckeye Local's Josten Dear.

It would be interesting to see just who the fastest guy for Ohio is because football speed and track speed are highly different.

If it was based strictly on track, We're not the biggest team, but Buckeye Local's Jordan Piergallini is the fastest. He was the dominant area sprinter in the 100 and 200 meter dash. He was the state runnerup at 100 meters.

"The more I try to put the summer I've had from track and now into this game, into perspective, the harder it is," Piergallini said. "They are two complely different sports, but I think track helped me and it's going to help me in this game."

He'd be challenged by the likes of Bellaire's Juwan Whetstone, a state meter dash qualifier; 100 Cambridge's Dashaun Lewis, a former state track participant: Union Local's Zane Ayouch, a 400 meter dash state qualifier as a junior and Martins Ferry's Richie Padyjasek, a state placer in the high hurdles.

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## Taylor

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safeties.

Beveridge was a firstteam all-state selection. He Mason Dixon.

Andrew, who is the son squad. of Angelie Beveridge and ning on attending West Virginia University.

**ĚVAN CLINĖ, Tyler** Consolidated - This former Silver Knight was a team captain as a senior. standout on both sides of Caldwell's souad The 5-9, 180 pounder made 68 solo tackles, 36 assists, picked off two passes and returned one for a touchdown.

**DYLAN DAVIS, Oak** Glen – This former averaged 5.7 yards per and all-Valley. Golden Bear played a myri- carry and 23 yards per Adam, who was also all-OVAC and all- ad of positions for then catch. He also scored 19 coach Tony Filberto's

The 6-2, 230 pounder leading tacklers. Rusty Beveridge, is plan- saw time at running back and linebacker. He ran for 872 yards.

Davis was a four-year letterman and served as

the ball for Coach Rob for the Golden Bears' wrestling g team, winning the regional and state title at University. 220 pounds.

The 6-2, 172 pounder was first-team all-OVAC touchdowns. Defensively, he was one of the team's

Hinkle was first-team allstate, all-OVAC, all-Mason Dixon and was named to the Dominion Post All-Area Team.

Derek, who is the son of He was also a standout Julie and Tony Luzader and Steve Hinkle, is planning Waynesburg on attending

Adam, who is the son of Linda and Dennis Jones of ing John Carroll University near Cleveland.

ZACK MASSIE, Brooke - This former Bruin was a standout along the defensive front for then head coach Tom Bruney's squad.

The 5-10, 258 pounder future plans. recorded 17 tackles and a sack for the Bruins.

is planning on attending Waynesburg University

TAYLOR NEELY, Cameron - This former Wheeling, plans on attend- Dragon was a standout at nose tackle for head coach Jim Rogers' squad.

The 5-11, 215 pounder was one of the Cameron leading tacklers. Taylor, who is the son of

Blair and Michelle Neely. is undecided about his

DARREN STARR

Cline was first-team all-OVAC, all-LKC, all-Valley and second-team all-state.

Evan, who plans on attending West Virginia University, is the son of Bryon and Janet Cline of Sistersville.

Dylan, who plans on West Liberty, is the son of Bob and Cindy Davis of Chester.

DEREK Clay-Battelle - This former CeeBee was a utility Wilson's squad.

ADAM JONES, Linsly This former Cadet attending West Virginia caused all sorts of trouble Northern before heading to for opposing teams last season under head coach B.J. Depew.

The 6-0, 210 pounder HINKLE, had more than 200 career tackles and 52 pancakes. Jones was a two-year

player for Coach Ryan captain for the Cadets and team MVP as a senior. He

Zack, who is the son of Jeff and Charissee Massie of Follansbee, plans on attending Glenville State.

RYAN MOZINGO, Madonna - This former Blue Don was a standout at tackles for loss, five fumble middle linebacker for recoveries and an intercep-Taylor.

The 5-8, 190 pounder recorded 216 career tackles, six sacks, five fumble recoveries and three interceptions. He also scored three defensive touchdowns.

Mozingo was a first-team all-OVAC. all-Mason Dixon Conference player and special mention allstater.

Ryan, who is the son of Rick and Roberta Mozingo,

Weir - This two-way lineman was a standout for the Red Riders last season.

The 6-1, 250 pounder had 72 tackles from his defensive tackle spot. He also had 10 sacks, seven tion.

He was a nominee for the Big 22 Player of the Year as well as the Block of Granite.

Along with football, Starr was a standout in wrestling, winning the OVAC heavyweight title and then finishing as state runnerup.

Darren, who is the son of Dale Starr of Weirton, plan on attending Ohio Valley University.



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# Ohio Coaches Like Linebackers, D-Linemen

### Rutledge first player picked from Rockets

#### By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

There's a cliche that defenses are always ahead of the offenses in all-star games.

Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher believes he's got the pieces in place for a stout defensive unit when the Buckeye State meets West Virginia on Sunday, July 29 in the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

Schumacher has chosen his defensive linemen and linebackers, which will report to training camp Sunday at Bethany College.

"Our defensive linemen are fumbles, picked off a pass and and Sherry Morrison. pretty agile and quick and we blocked a kick. MIKE DALTO, Bridgeport – think our linebacking corp will be one of the strengths of our team." Schumacher said. "Our lineback-ers will probably be the focal point of our defense and our defensive linemen should allow them to make some plays. Our guys have the speed to go side-toside well.

Here's a capsule look at the players who returned their information sheets:

ERIC BLACK. Meadowbrook The former Colt was a tackling machine for Coach Jesse Wells' squad last season.

The 5-foot-11, 210 pounder was in on 110 tackles, including 68 solo and eight for loss. He

Black was a first team All-OVAC, All-ECOL and All-Eastern District pick.

Eric, who is the son of Dwaine and Spring Black of Cumberland, is planning on attending Marietta College.

SHANE CRUM, Shenandoah - This former Zep was a two-way standout for Coach Tim Wilson's squad.

The 6-1, 220 pounder ran for ,076 yards and had 80 tackles from his linebacker spot.

Crum was a first team All-OVAC, All-Eastern District, All-PVC and honorable mention All-Ohio.

Shane, who is heading to Mt. broke up six passes, forced two Union, is the son of Steve Crum

He was a standout along the defensive line for Coach Rudy Vavrock's team.

The 6-1, 260 pounder made 70 tackles, had seven sacks and 16 tackles for loss last season.

Dalto was a first team All-OVAC, All-Eastern District, and All-Valley pick. He was also a Big 22 Award finalist.

Mike, who is the son of Mike and Missy Dalto of Lansing, is undecided about his college plans.

MATT HAMMOND, Shadyside - This former Tiger was tough to block as a standout for

Mark Holenka's team. The 6-1, 190 pounder had 87

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Buckeyes could turn to our kids are in good shape include: Dear, Bellaire's Josh Davis, Bridgeport's Cole Smelley and St. Clairsville's Chase Garan.

lot different than running<br/>100 yards on a footballgives this weekend.OVAC NOT field with pads and equipment on," Piergallini said. "We've got a lot of speed and a lot of fast guys, which

the biggest challenge for reunion. All told, 29 play-Schumacher and company has been determining what guys to use where.

We're still figuring it out, but we're getting a better grasp of it with each drill and practice," Schumacher said. "The hardest thing coming in was being able to see who we can put where in what situation."

The West Virginia side doesn't exactly have a bunch of slow guys especially when you talk about Linsly's Ricky Jordan, who didn't go to show much during track because he nursed a hamstring from the middle of April on and didn't compete in the conference meet.

Central's Gino Bianconi Evening With The Stars. was one of the area's pre- THE OV was one of the area's premier running backs in lead- McDonald's All-Star Band ing the Knights to the Class reported to Bethany College A state title.

Other speedsters the lot of big kids, so most of and they run pretty well."

Since football has transformed into more of a speed game than power, it'll be "The 100 meter dash is a interesting to see what

**OVAC NOTES** 

A FEW of the all stars from the 1959 and 1960 teams were at WesBanco Arena Tuesday morning for is a nice luxury." a luncheon and one final With all of that speed, meeting for Sunday's ers from those two teams will be on hand for the game. There will be 15 members of the 1959 game and 14 from 1960.

THE EVENING events, at Bethany College, got under way Tuesday as the players and coaches heard from members of the Osiris Shrine in Elm Grove. The Shriners are the chief charity that benefits from the all-star game.

FOR THE first time since reporting on Sunday. the players and coaches will leave campus this evening and eat something other than cafeteria food. The allstars, queens and cheerlead-Wheeling Park's Boo Lathon and Vondel Bell are also speedy. Wheeling the annual George Strager

OVAC

#### backs, but I really think them are those other guys will be

able to go," Taylor said. " The Ohio side, meanwhile, has one injury to report and it was suffered by Caldwell's Bryan Sawyer who tweaked his meniscus during practice on Wednesday.

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Injury -

"We think he's going to be able to play on Sunday." Schumacher said. "Actually, he's going to give it a go (today) in practice and see how it feels. It's nothing too serious."

Schumacher indicated the remainder of the squad is just nursing the normal bumps and bruises at this point and his team has found its way to several ice baths after practice.

"Those are two good the ice baths and a lot of sore, Schumacher said. "I had five or six kids in the ice baths last night trying to get past the soreness.

Both coaches came up a similar reason for the injury battles.

"Football is a rough game and when you've not played the sport for seven or eight months it can be a challenge," Taylor said. "We decided to hit early in the week, so we could let the bumps and bruises heal.'

**OVAC NOTES** 

ALONG WITH receiving their first noncafeteria meal since reporting to camp, five players left the Strager banquet \$300 richer as they "The kids like to get in received the George Strager online.com Camp

**Scholarships**! Receiving the award from Ohio were: St. Clairsville's Cory Kotopka and Chase Garan as well as Cambridge's Tanner Roller and DaShaun Lewis. The West Virginia recipients were Bianconi. Erik Gompers and Seth Yost.

Football

The awards were presented by Strager Camp Directors Kelly Rine and Mike Young.

PLAYERS. THE McDonald's All-Star Band members and cheerleaders will all enjoy an ice-cream social this evening on Bethany's campus. A speaker will address the group as well.

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> this morning to begin their "We've got versatile, preparation for Sunday's athletic kids," said West show. The band is com-Virginia head coach Doug prised of more than 150 Taylor. "We don't have a members this year.

# Schumacher **Likes Options In Backfield**

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

Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher has a level of comfort when it comes to his backfield for the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

The Conotton Valley coach has announced who he believes will be running the offense and carrying the ball in the annual battle with West Virginia, which unfolds on Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium. "We've got some really

good-looking kids at the skill positions." Schumacher said. "We've got backs who can run well and athletic quarterbacks, who, we believe, we can plug in and run the offense very well."

With so many options. Schumacher and his staff have already been trying to come up with ideas on just how to get all of them involved.

"We're going to try to use their athletic talents in a lot of different ways." Schu-macher said. "It should be fun.

The quarterback battle will be between Indian Creek's David Kemp and Bridgeport's Cole Smelley. The tailback duties are expected to fall to Buckeye Local's Josten Dear, Cambridge's DaShaun Lewis and Martins Ferry's C.J. Williams.

Here's a capsule look at the players, who returned their biographical information sheets:

JOSTEN DEAR, Buckeye Local – This Panthers' mainstay was a four-year regular for Coach Anthony Barsch's squad.

The 6-foot, 205 pounder produced a fine senior campaign in which he rushed for 1.212 yards and 16 touchdowns.

He was named secondteam all-Ohio. first-team all-OVAC and first-team All-Valley for his efforts.

Josten, who is the son of Kelli Terrance Flanerty of Dillonvale, will attend West Liberty University.

DAVID KEMP, Indian Creek – This Redskins standout was a three-year letterman for Coach Andrew

Connor's squad. Inc 5911, 190 pound quarterback passed for a school-record 1.519 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also holds school records with four touchdowns passing in one game, which he accomplished twice and a singlegame yardage record at 305. Kemp's fine season didn't go unnoticed. He was recognized as Joe Fortunato Co-Player of the Year: first-team all-OVAC 5A. Firstteam Quad County, First-Team Buckeye 8, Secondteam Eastern District.

Along with football prowess. Kemp was a two-

year letterman in baseball. Kemp, who is the son of Mark Kemp and Renee Kemp of Steubenville, will attend Capital University in the fall.

DASHAUN LEWIS. Cambridge – This former Bobcat was a four-year contributor for Coach Rick

Goodrich's squad. The 6-1, 220 pounder had a brilliant senior season, rushing for 1,656 yards and 27 touchdowns, which was good enough for first-team

all-Ohio, all-Eastern Dis-trict, all-OVAC and all-ECOL, where he was named Offensive Player of the Year.

Lewis also eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark as a sophomore.

Dashaun, who is the son of Malinda Newman and Roland Hairston, is plan-ning on attending Musk-

ingum University. COLE SMELLEY. Bridgeport – This former Bulldog had a brilliant career both as a quarterback and defensive back for Coach Rudy Vavrock's squad.

The 5-11, 190 pounder accounted for better than 1.000 yards rushing and 886 yards passing from his quarterback spot. In the sec-ondary, Smelley had two interceptions, two fumble recoveries and recorded 63 tackles.

He was a first-team all-Ohio defensive back after being named Division VI Eastern District Defensive Player of the Year. He was

first-team all-OVAC, all-Valley and all-Times Leader as well as a finalist for the WTOV-9 Big 22 Award. Along with football,

Smelley was a standout for the Bulldogs in basketball.

Cole. who plans on attending West Virginia University, is the son of Dawn Booker of Bridgeport.

C.J. WILLIAMS, Martins Ferry - This former Purple Rider made up for his lack of size with an unlimited amount of determination and heart for Coach Dave Bruney's squad.

The 5-6, 140 pounder was a two-way standout last season for the Purple Riders. He finished just 12 yards short of 1,000 and scored 14 touchdowns. Defensively. Williams was a standout at linebacker. Williams' season was recognized by his berths on the all-district, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader teams. Along with his football talents. Williams was a standout wrestler, qualifying for the state tournament last March.

# West Virginia receivers set for OVAC Game

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

West Virginia head coach Doug Taylor believes his Mountaineer squad could be able to throw the ball quite well because of the solid group of receivers to go along with established quarterbacks.

Taylor, the head coach at Madonna, plans on opening things up somewhat at the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, which is set for Sunday, July 29th at 7:15 p.m.

"With these receivers and quarterbacks, we're going to throw the ball up and let these kids go get it," Taylor said. "These kids are well-established and they've got good hands and good speed. We're going to get the ball into their hands and see what they can do." Here's a capsule look at the players:

ERIK GOMPERS, Wheeling Central - This former Maroon Knight played linebacker and fullback for the Knights, but will see time at tight end for the Mountain State stars.

The 6-2, 175 pounder was the lead blocker for the vaunted Knights' ground game. He was a defensive leader en route to earning co-MVP honors for the season.

Along with football, Gompers is a member of the National Honor Society. French Honor Society and he's active in several community service projects.

Erik, who plans on attending West Virginia University, is the son of Tom and Sarah Gompers of Wheeling,

JEFF HISSAM, Oak Glen - This former Golden Bear got it done in all three phazes for then OG head coach Tony Filberto.

The 5-11, 175 pounder made 25 receptions for 530 yards and nine touchdowns. He had 908 yards and six touchdowns in the return game. He was also a standout in the secondary.

Hissam was a first-team all-state and all-OVAC pick. He was also recipient of Review Player of the Week and produced a WTOV-9 Electrifying Play of the Week.

Jeff, who is unsure about his future plans, is the son of Tina Hissam of Chester.

BOO LATHON, Wheeling Park - This former Patriot had big-play capability for Patriots' head coach Chris Daugherty.

The 6-3, 205 pounder made 42 catches for 480 yards and scored 13 touchdowns. He was chosen to play in the West Virginia North-South Game.

Along with football, Lathon was a standout for the Patriots' basketball team, earning West Virginia Class AAA State Player of the Year. He was also first-team all-OVAC. all-Valley and played in the OVAC All-Star Game.

Boo, who is planning on attending West Liberty, is the son of Demetrius and Constina Lathon of Wheeling.

KEVIN MINEHART, Morgantown - This former Mohigan wore many hats for head coach John Bowers last season.

Minehart was a second-team all-stater after seeing time at wide receiver, running back, defensive back and kick and punt returner.

Kevin, who is the son of Samuel and Jennifer Minehart of Morgantown, is planning on attending Alderson-Broaddus College to play football.

# **Taylor Is** Enamored With Backs

### Veteran QBs, RBs will highlight W.Va. squad

#### By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

West Virginia coach Doug Taylor is quite fond of his stable of backfield candidates for the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

And rightfully so.

Taylor announced his options for the backfield, including a pair of record-setting quarterbacks and a pair of tailbacks who are coming off fine seasons and careers.

Camp for the game, which is slated for Sun-day, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium, begins in a little more than two weeks.

"We're blessed that we have two weeks. "We're blessed that we have two established quarterbacks, who have proven themselves over the long haul," Taylor said, "We feel our two quarterbacks bring a lot of leadership qualities and, on top of that, they're quality kids.

Slated to battle for the quarterback role in the week-long camp are Wheeling Park's Lee Peluchette and John Marshall's Aaron Fonner. The Mountaineers' tailbacks are also impres-

sive, including Wheeling Central's Gino Bian-coni, Magnolia's Jayson Keller, Brooke's Tim Faulkner and Morgantown's Sammy Lusk

"We've got good speed and good athleti-cism," Taylor said. "The kids we chose are two and three-year starters from good pro-grams. We obviously want to throw the ball some, but we still feel we'll have to establish the run, and I think we can do that."

Here's a capsule look at the players, who had returned their biographical information: GINO BIANCONI, Wheeling Central -

This Maroon Knights tailback had a season no one will soon forget for Coach Mike Young.

The 5-foot-10, 180-pounder led the Maroon Knights to the Class A state championship last December with a record 355-yard, five-touchdown performance in the title game. All told, he ran for 2,139 yards and 31 touchdowns.

Bianconi was named first team all-state, All-OVAC and All-Valley. He was MVP of the Super Six.

Gino, who is the son of Michael and Polly Bianconi of Bridgeport, plans to attend the University of Akron.

AÁRON FONNER, John Marshall – This veteran had an impressive career calling the signals for the Monarchs offense.

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# **Ohio backfield named**

# Mumley OVAC All-Star Classic set for July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium

**By SETH STASKEY** Times Leader Sports Editor

Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher has a level of comfort when it comes to his backfield for the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

The Conotton Valley head coach has announced who he believes will be running the offense and carrying the ball in the annual battle with West Virginia,



'We've got some really good-looking kids at the skill positions," Schumacher said. "We've got backs who can run well VALLE and athletic quarterbacks, who, we

believe, we can plug in and run the offense very well.

With so many options, Schumacher and his staff have already been trying to come up with ideas on just how to get all of them involved.

"We're going to try to use their athletic which unfolds on Sunday. July 29 at talents in a lot of different ways,"

Schumacher said. "It should be fun." The quarterback battle will be between Indian Creek's David Kemp and Bridgeport's Cole Smelley. The tailback duties are expected to fall to Buckeye Local's Josten Dear, Cambridge's DaShaun Lewis and Martins Ferry's C.J. Williams.

Here's a capsule look at the players, who returned their biographical information sheets:

JOSTEN DEAR, Buckeye Local -This Panthers' mainstay was a four-year

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regular for Coach Anthony Barsch's squad.

The 6-0, 205 pounder produced a fine senior campaign in which he rushed for 1,212 yards and 16 touchdowns.

He was named second-team all-Ohio, first-team all-

OVAC and first-team all-Times Leader for his efforts. Josten, who is the son of Kelli Terrance Flanerty of Dillonvale, will attend West Liberty University.

DAVID KEMP. Indian Creek - This Redskins' standout was a three-year letterman for Coach Andrew Connor's squad.

The 5-11, 190 pound quarterback passed for a school-record 1.519 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also holds school records with four touchdowns passing in one game, which he accomplished twice and a single-game yardage record at 305.

Kemp's fine season didn't go unnoticed. He was recognized as Joe Fortunato Co-Player of the Year; first-team all-OVAC 5A. First-team Quad County, First-Team Buckeye 8, Second-team Eastern District.

Along with football prowess, Kemp was a two-year letterman in baseball.

Kemp, who is the son of Mark Kemp and Renee Kemp

of Steubenville, will attend Capital University in the fall. DASHAUN LEWIS, Cambridge – This former Bobcat was a four-year contributor for Coach Rick Goodrich's squad.

The 6-1, 220 pounder had a brilliant senior season, rushing for 1,656 yards and 27 touchdowns, which was good enough for first-team all-Ohio, all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-ECOL, where he was named Offensive Player of the Year.

Lewis also eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark as a sophomore

Dashaun, who is the son of Malinda Newman and Roland Hairston, is planning on attending Muskingum University

COLE SMELLEY, Bridgeport - This former Bulldog had a brilliant career both as a quarterback and defensive back for Coach Rudy Vavrock's squad.

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# **Free OVAC Youth Football Clinic Set**

To kickoff the beginning of the 2012-639-1238. 13 'SUBWAY Sports Clinic Series' the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will be hosting its eighth 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 29 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 www.OVAC.org, email: james@ovac.org or phone (304)

Along with SUBWAY the youth clinic is sponsored by AM 1600 WKKX, Wheeling Hospital, Bordas & Bordas Law Firm, The Health Plan and the 'Family Talk About Drinking' initiative.'

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is the largest functional high school athletic conference in the United States. It is comprised of 50 member schools with 12,000 athletes and 21,000 students that stretches across two states (Ohio and West Virginia) and 18 counties. The OVAC sponsors 19 sports and recognizes over 60 champions. The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is online at

The 5-11, 190 pounder accounted for better than 1,000 yards rushing and 886 yards passing from his quarterback spot. In the secondary, Smelley had two interceptions, two fumble recoveries and recorded 63 tackles.

He was a first-team all-Ohio defensive back after being named Division VI Eastern District Defensive Player of the Year. He was first-team all-OVAC, all-Valley and all-Times Leader as well as a finalist for the WTOV-9 Big 22 Award.

Along with football. Smelley was a standout for the Bulldogs in basketball.

Cole, who plans on attending West Virginia University, is the son of Dawn Booker of Bridgeport.

C.J. WILLIAMS, Martins Ferry -This former Purple Rider made up for his lack of size with an unlimited amount of determination and heart for Coach Dave Bruney's squad.

The 5-6, 140 pounder was a two-way standout last season for the Purple Riders. He finished just 12 yards short of 1,000 and scored 14 touchdowns. Defensively, Williams was a standout at linebacker.

Williams' season was recognized by his berths on the all-district, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader teams.

Along with his football talents, Williams was a standout wrestler, qualifying for the state tournament last March.

Williams is the son of Dawn and Jesse Outward of St. Clairsville.

www.OVAC.org.

The annual 'Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic presented by Huntington Bank & WTOV9' is slated for Sunday, July 29, at Wheeling Island Stadium with kickoff planned for 7:15 p.m. Beginning on July 20 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, www.OVAC.org.

# **The Times Leader** SECTION SP()RTS Sunday, June 10, 2012 **OVAC football rosters set**

#### By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

Camp for the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic opens six weeks from today.

The head coaches Ohio's Eric Schumacher (Conotton Valley) and West Virginia's Doug Taylor (Madonna) – have formally announced their rosters for the July 29th contest.

Each squad is comprised of 33 of the

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finest senior players from throughout the OVAC, which will spend a week together a tough task, but we feel we've got 33 pretat Bethany College in preparation for the game, which West Virginia has captured the last two seasons.

THE WEST VIRGINIA coaching staff spent a lot of time reviewing films and talking to coaches as it made its selections for the game.

"It was a daunting task to say the least." Taylor said. "A lot of schools had great seasons with a

ty good players. We feel like we got a lot of high character kids, too, which is something we were definitely looking for.

Taylor selected two of his own players from last year's Madonna squad in Ryan Mozingo and Christian Roe.

After getting his own players chosen, Taylor went right to the Mountain State's big schools. Of his remaining 31 spots, 13 went to either Wheeling Park. Brooke. Morgantown, University, John Marshall or

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Parkersburg South. The Patriots, who advanced to the second round of the playoffs before falling to Bridgeport.

The Park will be represented by Boo Lathon. Bell. Vondel Lee Peluchette, Eli Stewart and Matt Carter.

Brooke's trio of players includes Robert Downing. Timmy Faulkner and Zack Massie.

Linsly, which finished its season with a spotless 10-0 record and the OVAC 2A title, had three players chosen, including Ricky Jordan, Neil Drennan and Adam Jones. Wheeling Central, which claimed the West Virginia Class A State Championship, also had three players selected. The Knights who will take part are Gino Bianconi, Erik Gompers and David Stanley.

"We picked this team defense first and we started with the defensive line," Taylor said. "When we got also went with line first. We hope we don't have anyone playing both ways in this game. We're excited to get to camp and see what we have.' THE OHIO coaching staff has had not only the task of picking players, but Schumacher was hired for this job after Mike Bigler resigned as Rockets' head roster had been basically put together prior to the change. "We're still waiting on a couple of kids (to commit), Si to be honest," Schumacher via turn it down, but most of the kids realize what kind

Complete **OVAC** rosters can be found on Page C7

of honor it is to play in this game and they're looking forward to taking advantage of it and getting to camp.'

The Buckeye State roster is deep in the skill positions, which is exactly the approach Schumacher and Bigler took during the

selection process. "There was a lot of talent in the OVAC again this year," Schumacher said. "We've got some goodlooking kids at the skill positions, and I think that will be a strength of our team. I really think we've got some guys who will allow us to move the ball up and down the field.'

Schumacher's roster repto the offensive group, we resents 20 of the conference's schools, including Seth Rutledge from the Rockets; Martins Ferry leads the way. on the Ohio side, with four players taking part. The Purple Riders chosen for the contest are Elliott Albert, Richie Padyjasek, Tyrel Simmons and C.J. Williams. Steubenville is the only other Ohio school with as coach earlier this spring. other Ohio school with as However, most of the many as three selections. Representing Big Red are Camilletti, Michael Houst William and LeShawn Luke. Staskey can be reached email at said. "We had a few kids sstaskey@timesleaderonlin e.com or on Twitter @TLSportsSeth

# **Bigler**, Taylor **To Lead Teams** In OVAC Game

Class A coaches to square off

Sports Editor WHEELING - High School football in January? In the Ohio Valley it can be argued there is no

Almost every school in the area is well into its offseason weight-lifting and conditioning program, but two small school coaching staffs are already formulating early plans for the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity

Because of the the reclassification required to add a fifth class, the OVAC has elected to start its yearly rotation in Class A. That means the Conotton Valley coaching staff led by Mike Bigler will represent Ohio and oppose West Virginia and the Weirton Madonna contingent led by Doug Taylor. "I was shocked whenev-

er I got the phone call, as hes. when I told them on New Years Eve," Bigler said. "It's a real good opportunity and we're happy to do it. It's an opportunity that arose because of the retirement of Beallsville's Dave Caldwell. The veteran Blue Devils coach declined the chance to coach in the game, and the OVAC then went to the next Ohio school in line, which was Conotton Valley. The Rockets left the conference for a while before returning this season, and because they are on the outer portion of the OVAC geographically, a lot of people may not be familiar with the Bowerston school. That, Bigler said, makes this even better.

The 67th annual **Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Classic** will kickoff at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

the Conotton Valley sports community," he said. "It's great for recognition and brings some notoriety.

Bigler will be assisted y Eric Schumacher. James Custer, Darren Yosick and Ty Carrothers. Meanwhile for Taylor.

it's a chance he didn't see coming, in part because he's only been the Blue Dons coach for one season.

"I'll be honest with you. I've been blessed with my whole career to work with great coaches and to get to lead the program at Madonna," Taylor said. "We got offered it and kind of looked at it and made sure we wouldn't be taking away from our own program. Óur coaches are

really excited. "I'm humbled and real-

### **ØVAC** Football.

Ohio School

Name	School
Elliott Albert	Martins Ferry
Zane Ayouch	Union Local
Eric Black	
	Meadowbrook
Michael Camilletti	Steubenville
Shane Crum	Shenandoah
Mike Dalto	Bridgeport
Josh Davis	Bellaire
Jostan Door	
Josten Dear	Buckeye Local
Tyler Fitzpatrick	Barnesville
Mike Furda	Indian Creek
Matt Hammond	Shadyside
Brandyn Heath	Beallsville
William Houst	
William Houst	Steubenville
David Kemp	Indian Creek
Tyler Kinchen	Monroe Central
Cory Kotopka	St. Clairsville St. Clairsville
Anthony Kuhn	St. Clairsville
BaShoun Louise	Combudee
DaShaun Lewis	Cambridge
LeShawn Luke	Steubenville
Richie Padyjasek	Martins Ferry
Brant Pieniazek	Steubenville CC
Greg Ring	Buckeye Local
Tanner Roller	
Cath Dutledes	Cambridge
Seth Rutledge	Conotton Valley
Bryan Sawyer	Caidwell
Matt Shunna	Harrison Central
Tyrel Simmons	Martins Ferry
Cole Smelley	
loose Onlevely	Bridgeport
Jesse Stouat	Barnesville
Jesse Stoudt Marky Thompkins	Easi Liverpool
Juwan Whetstone	Bellaire
C.I. Williams	Martins Ferry
C.J. Williams C.J. Wise	Manna Carlial
Cooch Can Caluma	Monroe Central
Coach: Eric Schuma	cher, Conotton Valley.
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Vondel Bell	Wheeling Park
Daniel Berry	
Sadeen Denry	Morgantown
Andrew Bevendge	Bishop Donahue
Gino Bianconni	Wheeling Central
Robert Downing	Brooke
Matt Carler Evan Cline	Wheeling Park
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Dylan Davis	Oak Glen
Neil Drennan	Linsly
Timmy Faulkner	Brooke
Aaron Fonner	John Marshall
Karl Gall	University
Kula Gillie	Pichon Danahua
Kyle Gillis	Bishop Donahue
Enk Gompers	Wheeling Central
Derek Hinkle	Clay-Battelle
Jeff Hissam	Oak Glen
Adam Jones 🔄	Linsly
Ricky Jordan	Linsly
leven Kelle-	
Jayson Keller	Magnolia
Bentley Knight	Magnolia
Boo Lathon	Wheeling Park
Zack Massie	Brooke
Lucas McDowell	
Koun Muschart	Oak Glen
Kevin Minehart Ryan Mozingo	Morgantown
Hyan Mozingo	Madonna
aylor Neely	Cameron
Lee Peluchette	Wheeling Park
Christian Hoo	Madonna
David Stanley	
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Darren Starr	Weir
EN Stewart	Wheeling Park
Taylor Still	Paden City

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there's a lot of good kids. "We need to go down and look at positions and what we need. There are only 30 some spots to fill, but in a perfect world you'd like to take them The game is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 29 at Wheeling Island Stadium. all /c'rc getting the f the best.`` d Taylor: '`Some-that brings on some enges because t's actually going to etty fun, but going to retty challenging, ' r said. We're going to be to hand-pick our Said able t team. best of 0 be pret be pre Bigler chall (Cont. from Page 13) Both Bigler and Taylor agree that selecting the teams may be harder than coaching the game. They'll chose the best players according to what they want to do schemati-cally, though each said they were open to run-ning any number of offenses and defenses. NVA

By SHAWN RINE

true offseason.

Football Classic

'It's a good thing for

ly excited.

Once he and his staff, which includes Jim Petrovich, John McClelland. Ray Pernell and Jon Kendrick, figured out the opportunity was logistical-ly possible, Taylor thought the right thing to do would be to reach out to Bishop Donahue. The Blue Dons won a tiebreaker with the Bishops for the best Class A record on the W.Va, side of the river.

"We've opened the door to them coming and help-ing us out," Taylor said. 'John Durdines is probably going to do it and maybe some of his coach-

es. "We've always had a great relationship with Bishop Donahue."

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# West Virginia boasts quality backfield options

# By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

West Virginia head coach Doug Taylor is quite fond of his stable of backfield candidates for the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic. And rightfully so!

Taylor announced his options for the backfield, including a pair of record-setting quarterbacks and a pair of tailbacks who are coming off fine seasons and careers

Sunday, July 29th at Wheeling Island are Wheeling Park's Lee Peluchette and Stadium, begins in a little more than two John Marshall's Aaron Fonner. The Mountaineers' tailweeks. backs are also impressive, including Wheeling

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Central's Gino Bianconi,

Magnolia's Jayson Keller,

Brooke's Tim Faulkner and

Morgantown's Sammy

"We've got good speed

"We're blessed that we have two established quarterbacks, who have proven themselves over the long haul," Taylor said. "We feel our two quarterbacks bring a lot of leadership qualities and, on top of that, they're quality kids." Slated to battle for the

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and good athleticism," Taylor said. "The kids we

Camp for the game, which is slated for quarterback role in the week-long camp chose are two and three-year starters from

good programs. We obviously want to throw the ball some, but we still feel we'll have to establish the run, and I think we can do that."

Here's a capsule look at the players who had returned their biographical information

GINO BIANCONI, Wheeling Central - This Maroon Knights' tailback had a season no one will soon forget for head coach Mike Young.

The 5-10, 180 pounder led the Maroon Knights to the Class A State See, OVAC, Page D2

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Championship last December with a record 355-yard, five touchdown performance in the title game. All told, he ran for 2,139 yards and 31 touchdowns.

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# West Virginia Linemen 'Fit Well Into Scheme'

### Taylor says unit has 'good feet and size'

Shepherd University, is the son of By SETH STASKEY earned nearly every postseason Dan and Becky Berry of Morgan-For The Intelligencer award imaginable as he led an The West Virginia offensive town size. We like to pull our guards offensive line that paved the way ROBERT BROWNING, Brooke line for the 67th annual Rudy and tackles, so the kids we selectfor an impressive offensive sea-Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity ed, we feel fit well into our son at Morgantown. standout along the offensive Football Classic won't be overly Berry was a first-team all-state front, splitting time between guard scheme big." But, that's OK, according to players: DANII Here's a capsule look at the selection in Class AAA. He was a and tackle. for Coach Tom senior year. first-team all-OVAC and all- Bruney's squad. DANIEL BERRY, Morgantown TRAC honorce. The 6-2, 265 pounder was a

head coach Doug Taylor, who will guide the Mountaineers into battle on the Sunday, July 29 game.

- This former Mohigan will anchor the line at center like he did for Coach John Bowers'

Along with football, Berry's team captain as a senior and been active in Rowdie Society and Chess Club.

earned three letters during his prep days.

squad last season. The 6-foot-2, 310 pounder "We've got some decently sized kids," Taylor said. "We selected kids who had good feet and good Daniel, who plans on attending Along with his football exploits, Browning received the West Virginia House of Delegates Legislative Citation and was the winner of the FBLA Scholarship, which - This former Bruin was a he was a four-year member of and served as president during his Robert, who is the son of Dave Please See LINEMEN Page 14

### LINEMEN -

(Continued from Page 13) and Lori Browning, is planning on attending Community College of Baltimore County to study air traffic control.

NEIL DRENNAN, Linsly - This former Cadet was a standout on both lines for Coach B.J. Depew's team last season.

The 5-11, 250 pounder was especially impressive at defensive tackle where he recorded 60 career tackles, five sacks and five fumble recoveries. Drennan was an honorable mention all-OVAC pick.

Neil, who is the son of Julee Dren-nan of Gaithersburg, Md., plans on attending Bethany College. BENTLEY KNIGHT, Magnolia –

This former Blue Eagle was a mainstay at left tackle for Coach Mark Batton's team.

The 6-3, 243 pounder graded out as

88 percent blocking for his career. He also saw time along the defensive front, making seven solo tackles, 39 assisted tackles, two" for loss and a sack.

Knight was an honorable mention all-OVAC performer.

Along with football, Knight was a member of the Blue Eagles' baseball team.

Bentley, who is the son of Bentley and Judy Knight of New Martinsville, is planning on attending West Virginia University

DAVID STANLEY, Wheeling Central – This former Maroon Knight was a three-year mainstay on both lines for Coach Mike Young's squad.

The 5-11, 190 pounder was a defensive end and an offensive tackle for a Central squad, which won the Class A State Championship last December.

Stanley was a co-captain of the squad and a three-year varsity letterman.

Along with football, he was a threeyear letterman in lacrosse and earned second-team all-state.

David, who is the son of George and Susan Stanley, is planning to attend Wheeling Jesuit University.

ELI STEWART, Wheeling Park -This former Patriot was a three-year starter along the offensive front for Coach Chris Daugherty's squad.

The 6-0, 240 pounder was a firstteam all-state selection, all-OVAC and all-TRAC.

Along with football. Stewart was also a member of the Patriots' track team.

Eli, who is the son of Greg and Jodi Stewart of Wheeling, is planning on attending West Virginia Universi-

# **Schumacher Excited About Athleticism of Players Up Front**

Ohio coach pleased with to camp at Bethany College a unit's coordination, size

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

WHEELING - The majority of the time in high school football, the team is only as good as its offensive line.

That might be why Conotton Valley and Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher is so excited to get

week from today to begin preparations for the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, which is slated for July 29.

Schumacher has named his offensive lineman and likes their size as well as their athleticism. 'The ability to move well was

one of the biggest things we looked for." Schumacher said. "We want them to be able to get season.

to the perimeter and block, so we looked for guys who had good feet and good coordina-VALLE

tion. Here's a capsule look at the players:

ELLIÓTT ALBERT. Martins Ferry - This former Purple Rider developed into one of the

top offensive lineman for Coach Dave Bruney's squad last

The 5-foot-11, 225 pounder Albert of Martins Ferry was a two-way tackle for the

Riders and carned thirdteam all-Ohio. He was first-team all-Eastern District. all-Times SE Leader and all-Valley.

Along with football. Albert was a member of the Riders' football team. Elliott, who plans on attend-

ing West Liberty University, is the son of Bill and Stefania

MICHAEL CAMILLETTI. Steubenville - This former Big Red standout anchored the offensive line at center for Coach Reno

Saccoccia's squad. The 5-10, 200 pounder was a three-year main stay for Big Red. winning a Block of Granite Award last season. He was also a third-team all-Ohio. first-team

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all-district, all-Valley and Quad County.

Along with football. in the classroom. He was a member of the National Honor Society, carried a at-least a 3.5 GPA every grading period and was a member of the Key Club. He's also active in St. Anthony's Church.

Michael, the son of Rick of Pam Camilletti of Follansbee, plans to attend Kent State University.

ANTHONY KUHN, St. Clairsville - This Red Devils mainstay was a Camilletti was a standout standout at right guard for Coach Brett McLean's squad.

The 6-1, 225 pounder graded out at 92 percent for the season as he earned his third letter for the Red Devils.

Anthony, the son of Joe Kuhn and Rikki Kuhn of St. Clairsville, will leave for the United States Marines in October.

BRYAN SAWYER. Caldwell - This former Redskin was a standout on both lines for Coach Josh Perkins' squad during his prep career.

The 6-3, 275 pounder was a four-year letterman and served as a team captain during his senior season. As a senior, he paved the way for a record-setting rushing season for the Redskins. On the defensive side of the ball. Sawyer had 106 tackles, 14 sacks,

Sawyer was first-team all-OVAC, all-PVC, all-Eastern District and all-Ohio Special Mention.

Along with football, Sawyer played basketball and baseball during his prep career.

Away from athletics, Sawyer was a standout in the classroom. He was the winner of the Presidential Club Award and served as the secretary of his class.

Bryan, the son of Dan and Vanessa Sawyer of Caldwell, plans on attending Kent State University.

C.J. WISE, Monroe Central - This former Seminole was a leader on both lines for Coach Jay Circosta's squad during his prep career.

The 6-6, 240 pounder was a two-way tackle. He had 53 tackles, 5.5 sacks, nine caught behind the lines, an interception and a fumble recovery last season.

Wise was a first-team all-Ohio selection. He was also first-team all-OVAC. all-Eastern District, all-PVC, all-Times Leader and all-Valley.

He also received a WTOV-9 Block of Granite Award.

C.J., who is undecided about his college plans, is the son of Robert and Sheilla Wise of Woodsfield.



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# Schumacher, Buckeyes Boast Talented Receivers

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# Schumacher high on Ohio offensive line

#### **By SETH STASKEY** Times Leader Sports Editor

The majority of the time in high school football, the team is only as good as its offensive line.

That might be why Conotton Valley and Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher is so excited to get to camp at Bethany College a week from Sunday to begin preparations for the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic, which is slated for July 29.

Schumacher has named his offensive

lineman and likes their size as well as their athleticism.

The ability to move well was one of the biggest things we looked for," Schumacher said.

We want them to be able to get to the perimeter and block, so we looked for guys who had good feet and good coordination.

Here's a capsule look at the players:

**ELLIOTT ALBERT**, Martins Ferry

This former Purple Rider develor into one of the top offensive lineman Coach Dave Bruney's squad 1

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The 6-2, 265 pounder was a team captain as a senior and earned three letters during his prep days.

Along with his football exploits, Browning received the West Virginia House of Delegates Legislative Citation and was the winner of the FBLA Scholarship, which he was a four-year member of and served as president during his senior year.

Robert, who is the son of Dave and Lori Browning, is planning on attending Community College of Baltimore County to study air traffic control.

NELL DRENNAN, Linsly - This former Cadet was a standout on both lines for Coach B.J. Depew's team last season.

The 5-11, 250 pounder was especially impressive at defensive tackle where he recorded 60 career tackles, five sacks and five fumble recoveries.

Drennan was an honorable mention all-OVAC pick.

Neil, who is the son of Julee Drennan of Gaithersburg, Md., plans on attending Bethany College

BENTLEY KNIGHT, Magnolia - This former Blue Eagle was a mainstay at left tackle for Coach Mark Batton's team.

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DAVID STANLEY, Wheeling Central - This former Maroon Knight was a three-year mainstay on both lines for Coach Mike Young's squad.

The 5-11, 190 pounder was a defensive end and an offensive tackle for a Central squad, which won the Class A State Championship last December.

Stanley was a co-captain of the squad and a three-year varsity letterman.

Along with football, he was a three-year letterman in lacrosse and earned second-team all-state.

David, who is the son of George and Susan Stanley, is planning to attend Wheeling Jesuit University.

ELI STEWART, Wheeling Park - This former Patriot was a three-year starter along the offensive front for Coach Chris Daugherty's squad.

The 6-0, 240 pounder was a first-team all-state selection, all-OVAC and all-TRAC.

Along with football, Stewart was also a member of the Patriots' track team.

Eli, who is the son of Greg and Jodi Stewart of Wheeling, is planning on attending West Virginia University.

# V.Va. names defensive backs, placekicker

#### By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

West Virginia head coach Doug Taylor expects his Ohio counterparts to put the ball up quite a bit in the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic.

To help combat the Ohio aerial attack, Taylor has named his defensive backs and his kicker for the allstar game, which will be held on July 29.

Along with his secondary options. Taylor has also chosen his placekicker for the contest.

"We think we have two rattled." of the best corners in the valley and we'll be able to look at the players put them on an island by themselves to make plays," Taylor said. "We feel we'll be quick and fast in the secondary and those kids can make plays all over the

field for us." As for choosing Wheeling Park's Matthew Carter. Taylor called it a "no brainer."

"I had saw him on the highlights and I was just hoping he was a senior." Taylor said. "He's definitely a weapon. He's very steady and he doesn't get

Here's a capsule who returned their information:

VONDEL PLOTTE CONTU BELL, Wheeling **Park** – This former Patriot was a force on both sides of the ball for Coach

Chris Daugherty's team. The 6-4, 185 pounder averaged 4.1 tackles per game from his corner position. As a wide receiver, he averaged 16 yards a catch and scored 12 touchdowns.

Along with football, Bell was a standout and OVAC All-Star for the Patriots'

VALL hoop team. He also ran track,

Vondel, who is planning

attending Fairmont State University, is the son of Lance Bell and

Dawn Hanna of Wheeling. MATTHEW CARTER, Wheeling Park - This former Patriots place kicker was quite the weapon for Daugherty's team.

The 6-1, 165 pounder ing connected on 36 extra points, five field goals, which is the school record.

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Carter was first-team all-Valley, special mention all-state and WTOV-9 Special Teams Player of the on Year.

> prowess. Carter was a member of the National Honor Society, Student pick six. Council and Freshmen Mentoring Program.

of Mark and Mary Carter of Wheeling, plans on attend-West Virginia University.

**KYLE** GILLIS, Bishop including a 48-yarder. Donahue - This former Don and Chris Gillis of Bishop was a lockdown He also had 23 touchbacks. corner for Coach John

Durdines' squad last season

The 6-1, 180 pounder finished his prep career with 270 tackles, two Along with his football forced fumbles, two recovered fumbles, seven interceptions, including one

For his efforts, Gillis was named to the all-Valley Matthew, who is the son team, all-Mason Dixon squad, all-OVAC and firstteam all-state.

> Gillis, who is planning on attending West Virginia University, is the son of Wheeling.

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RICKY JORDAN, Linsly - This former Cadet was a speedster who made his presence felt on both sides of the ball for Coach B.J. Depew's squad.

The 5-11, 175 pounder saw time at running back, but cornerback is where he plans to play at the next level. For his fine season, Jordan was named first-team all-

OVAC.

Along with football, Jordan was a standout on the track, winning two OVAC titles in the 100 meter dash.

Ricky, who is the son of Richard Jordan and Kimberly Hairston of Pittsburgh, plans on attending St. Francis University

LUCAS McDOWELL, Oak Glen - This former Golden Bear was the quarterback and an outside linebacker for then coach Tony Filberto's team.

The 6-5, 200 pounder accounted for 24 touchdowns and more than 2,200 yards of total offense. Defensively, he had six interceptions and was in on 88 tackles.

McDowell was a first team all-state, all-OVAC and a nominee for the WTOV-9 Big 22 Award.

Lucas, who is undecided about his college, is the son of Steven and Kennishewa McDowell of New Cumberland.

team. Elliott, who plans on attending West Liberty University, is the son of Bill and Stefania Albert of Martins Ferry

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MICHAEL CAMILLETTI, Steubenville - This former Big Red standout anchored the offensive line at center for Coach Reno Saccoccia's squad.

The 5-10, 200 pounder was a three-year main stay for Big Red, winning a Block of Granite Award last season. He was also a third-team all-Ohio, first-team all-district, all-Valley and Quad County.

Along with football. Camilletti was a standout in the classroom. He was a member of the National Honor Society, carried a at-least a3.5 GPA every grading period and was a member of the Key Club. He's also active in St. Anthony's Church.

Michael, who is the son of Rick of Pam Camilletti of Follansbee, plans to attend Kent State University.

ANTHONY KUHN, St. Clairsville - This Red Devils' mainstay was a standout at right guard for Coach Brett McLean's squad.

The 6-1, 225 pounder graded out at 92 percent for the season as he earned his third letter for the Red Devils.

Anthony, who is the son of Joe Kuhn and Rikki Kuhn of St. Clairsville, will leave for the United States Marines in October.

BRYAN SAWYER. Caldwell - This former Redskin was a standout on both lines for Coach Josh Perkins' squad during his prep career.

The 6-3, 275 pounder was a four-year letterman and served as a team captain during his senior season. As a senior, he paved the way for a record-setting rushing season for the Redskins. On the defensive side of the ball, Sawyer had 106 tackles, 14 sacks, 15 tackles for loss.

Sawyer was first-team all-OVAC, all-PVC, all-Eastern District and all-Ohio Special Mention.

Along with football, Sawyer played basketball and baseball during his prep career.

Away from athletics, Sawyer was a standout in the classroom. He was the winner of the Presidential Club Award and served as the secretary of his class.

Bryan, who is the son of Dan and Vanessa Sawyer of Caldwell, plans on attending Kent State University.

C.J. WISE. Monroe Central - This former Seminole was a leader on both lines for Coach Jay Circosta's squad during his prep career.

The 6-6, 240 pounder was a two-way tackle. He had 53 tackles, 5.5 sacks, nine caught behind the lines, an interception and a fumble recovery last season.

Wise was a first-team all-Ohio selection. He was also first-team all-OVAC, all-Eastern District, all-PVC, all-Times Leader and all-Valley. He also received a WTOV-9 Block of Granite Award.

C.J., who is undecided about his college plans, is the son of Robert and Sheilla Wise of Woodsfield.

# THE PULSE OF LOCAL SPORTS offensive linemen ames $V_Va$

#### By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

The West Virginia offensive line for the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic won't be "overly big"

But, that's okay, according to Mountain State and Madonna head coach Doug Taylor, who will guide the Mountaineers into battle on the Sunday, July 29th game.

'We've got some decently sized kids," like he did for Coach John Bowers' squad Taylor said. "We selected kids who had last season

good feet and good size. We like to pull our guards and tackles, so the kids we selected, we feel fit well into our scheme.

Here's a capsule look at the players

**DANIEL** BERRY. Morgantown - This former Mohigan will anchor the line at center

The 6-2, 310 pounder earned nearly every post-season award imaginable as he led an offensive line that paved the way for an impressive offensive season at Morgantown.

Berry was a first-team allstate selection in Class AAA. He guard and tackle, for Coach Tom Bruney's was a first-team all-OVAC and all-

TRAC honoree.

Along with football, Berry's been active in Rowdie Society and Chess Club.

Daniel, who plans on attending Shepherd University, is the son of Dan and Becky Berry of Morgantown.

ROBERT BROWNING. Brooke --This former Bruin was a standout along the offensive front, spliting time between

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# Madonna staff to lead W.Va. in OVAC Game

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

Being part of the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic is exciting for the players.

Madonna head coach Doug Taylor thinks his coaching staff might be more excited than even the players to get to camp later this month to begin preparations for the 67th annual game, which is slated for Sunday, July 29th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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Doug and his wife Mary McClelland worked at Anne, who reside in Wellsville and Weir High. Weirton, have two children. He was a member of the Derek (25) and Mallory 2005 Weir High staff, (19).

JOHN DURDINES, state title. Bishop Donahue - This Bishops' head coach is making his second appear- Pa. ance in the OVAC All-Star Game. He was a member of the West Virginia staff in 2009.

Durdines has been in charge of the Bishops' program for 11 years and, all told, has been a member of the staff for 13 seasons.

During his career, he's been named Mason Dixon Coach of the Year three times and also received a Dapper Dan Award.

The Wheeling Park and West Liberty graduate has also spent time coaching wrestling at Donahue.

John and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters Anastasia and Ashley.

JOHN McCLELLAND. Madonna - This Blue Dons' assistant is making his first appearance on the coaching staff of the Mumley Classic. McClelland is a 1999

Wellsville graduate, who attended Washington & Jefferson College and Franciscan University. Prior to coaching at Madonna.



which won the Class AA

John and his wife, Jessica, reside in Carnegie,

RAY PERNELL. Madonna - This long-time assistant coach has been with the Blue Dons for just one season.

His prior 14 years of football coaching experience came at Weir High. The Weir High graduate was in charge of the Madonna wrestling program from 1980-1991

Ray and his wife, Debbie reside in Weirton and are the parents of two children, Jamie and Justin.

BRAD KESSEL. Madonna – This veteran football coach has made stops at three different area schools, including this past season with the Blue Dons.

Prior to joining Taylor's staff. Kessel was an assistant for two seasons at Weir High and then spent 12 seasons at Indian Creek High School.

The Oak Glen High School ('91) and West Virginia University ('95) graduate played football, basketball and baseball in high school and has since coached baseball, basketball and track.

Brad and his wife Amy reside in Weirton and are the parents of two children. Alexa (12) and Braden (7). JON KENDRICK, Madonna - This veteran Blue Dons' coach has been on the staff for eight seasons.

Kendrick helped guide the Blue Dons to the 2009 West Virginia Class A State Championship along with three OVAC titles and four Mason-Dixon crowns. He also serves as a Blue Dons' track coach.

The Madonna High School graduate earned his degree from Robert Morris

"We've got a good bunch of guys, who are really excited for this opportunity." Taylor said. "We're just chomping at the bit to get to work. This is a great opportunity and we're going to give it our best shot.

Taylor brought most of

his current Blue Dons' staff and plucked a Dons' head coach has been at the helm of few pieces from other staffs to complete the roster of coaches.

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**DOUG TAYLOR**. Madonna – This Blue

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the Madonna program for just one season, ed in football, wrestling and track. finishing 6-5 after reaching the Class A

"We all get along playoffs extremely well and we've

The 1978 Oak Glen High School graduate has been a football coach for 12 seasons, including stops at Weir and Oak Glen. He served with the Red Riders from 2000-08, which included a state title in 2005, which was his first as offensive coordinator. Prior to arriving at Madonna, Taylor was the offensive coordinator with the Golden Bears.

During his prep days. Taylor participat-See, OVAC, Page B2

# Taylor Names LB, **DL Assignments**

W.Va. feels solid at those positions

By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

West Virginia coach Doug Taylor and his staff went after the defensive line position before they chose any other leading up to the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game.

Then the Mountain State coaches shifted to the linebackers and were pleased with all of the nominees.

Now with training camp just a few days away. Taylor has named his defensive line and linebacker candidates, which he expects to be one of the keys to the game on July 29th.

"We picked who we felt were the four best defensive linemen available and then we got some good-sized kids who played linebacker for their schools, but can help us on the defensive front." Taylor said. "All of our guys, who we're planning on using along the line, have a good combination of size Please See OVAC. Page 18

and speed."

As for the linebackers, Taylor said, "they may be our strength. There were a lot of good linebackers who can run and make tackles.

Here's a capsule look at the players: ANDREW

BEV-ERIDGE, Bishop Donahue - This former Bishop was a tough guy to block for Coach John Durdines' squad.

The 6-foot-1, 220 pounder recorded 88 tackles, including 17 for loss, seven sacks, two forced fumble and an interception, which he returned for a touchdown. He also had 14.5 sacks. forced six fumbles, recovered five and had two safeties.

Beveridge was a first team all-state selection and a member of the All-Valley team for the second consecutive season. He was also All-OVAC and all-Mason Dixon.

Andrew, who is the son of Angelie Beveridge and Rusty Beveridge, is plan-ning on attending West Virginia University.

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(Continued from Page 17) EVAN CLINE, Tyler Consolidated – This former Silver Knight was a standout on both sides of the ball for Coach Rob Caldwell's squad.

The 5-9, 180 pounder made 68 solo tackles, 36 assists, picked off two passes and returned one for a touchdown,

Cline was first team All-OVAC, All-LKC, All-Valley and second team all-state.

Evan, who plans on attending West Virginia University, is the sonof Bryon and Janet Cline of SisThe 6-2, 172 pounder averaged 5.7 yards per carry and 23 yards per catch. He also scored 19 touchdowns. Defensively, he was one of the team's leading tacklers.

Hinkle was first team all-state, All-OVAC, all-Mason Dixon and was named to the Dominion Post All-Area Team.

Derek, who is the son of Julie and Tony Luzader and Steve Hinkle, is planning on attending Waynesburg University

ADAM JONES, Linsly - The former Cadet caused all sorts of trouble for opposing teams last sea-

out at middle linebacker for Taylor. The 5-8, 190 pounder recorded 216 career tackles, six sacks, five fumble recoveries and three interceptions. He also scored three defensive touchdowns.

Mozingo was a first team All-OVAC, All-Mason Dixon Conference and special mention-all-stater.

Ryan, who is the son of Rick and Roberta Mozingo, is planning on attending Waynesburg University. TAYLOR NEELY, Cameron –

This former Dragon was a standout at nose tackle for head coach Jim Rogers' squad. The 5-11, 215 pounder was one



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University and owns a master's degree from the University of Phoenix. ERIC NEJUS. Madonna This long-time assistant football coach has been on staffs of two highly successful programs in his career.

Prior to coming to Madonna eight years ago, Nejus worked at Beaver Local High School for 14 years.

Nejus was a member of the Ohio coaching staff under Dan Wesson in 2004.

The South Side Beaver High School graduate graduated from Youngstown State University.

tersville.

DYLAN DAVIS, Oak Glen -This former Golden Bear played a myriad of positions for then coach Tony Filberto's squad.

The 6-2, 230 pounder saw time at running back and linebacker. He ran for 872 yards.

Davis was a four-year letterman and served as team captain as a sen-101

He was also a standout for the Golden Bears' wrestling team, winning the regional and state title at 220 pounds.

Dylan, who plans on attending West Virginia Northern before heading to West Liberty, is the son of Bob and Cindy Davis of Chester. DEREK HINKLE, Clay-Battelle He was a utility player for Coach Ryan Wilson's squad.

son under head coach B.J. Depew.

The 6-0, 210 pounder had more than 200 career tackles and 52 pancakes

Jones was a two-year captain for the Cadets and team MVP as a senior. He was first team All-OVAC and All-Valley.

Adam, who is the son of Linda and Dennis Jones of Wheeling, plans on attending John Carroll University near Cleveland.

ZACK MASSIE, Brooke - He was a standout along the defensive front for then head coach Tom Bruney's squad.

The 5-10, 258 pounder recorded 17 tackles and a sack for the Bruins.

Zack, who is the son of Jeff and Charissee Massie of Follansbee, plans on attending Glenville State.

RYAN MOZIÑGO, Madonna -This former Blue Don was a stand-

of Cameron's leading tacklers.

Taylor, who is the son of Blair and Michelle Neely, is undecided about his future plans

DARREN STARR, Weir - This two-way lineman was a standout for the Red Riders last season.

The 6-1, 250 pounder had 72 tackles from his defensive tackle spot. He also had 10 sacks, seven tackles for loss, five fumble recoveries and an interception.

He was a nominee for the Big 22 Player of the Year as well as the Block of Granite.

Along with football, Starr was a standout in wrestling, winning the OVAC heavyweight title and then finishing as state runnerup.

Darren, who is the son of Dale Starr of Weirton, plan on attending Ohio Valley University.

# Taylor sets defensive line and linebackers

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

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defensive front." Taylor said. Bishop Donahue - This for-Now with training camp just "All of our guys, who we're mer Bishop was a tough guy to planning on using along the line, have a good combination

As for the linebackers, Taylor said, "they may be our "We picked who we felt strength. There were a lot of

Here's a capsule look at the ANDREW BEVERIDGE.

block for Coach John Durdines' squad

The 6-1, 220 pounder recorded 88 tackles, including 17 for loss, seven sacks, two forced fumble and an interception, which he returned for a touchdown. He also had 14.5 sacks, forced six fumbles, recovered five and had two

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# Schumacher names Ohio defenders

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There's a cliche that defenses are always ahead of the offenses in all-star games.

Ohio head coach Eric Schumacher believes he's got the pieces in place for a stout defensive unit when the Buckeye State meets West Virginia on Sunday. July 29th in the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic:

Schumacher has chosen his defensive linemen and linebackers, which will report to training camp at Bethany College on Sunday.

Our defensive linemen are pretty agile and quick and we think our linebacking corp will be one of the strengths of our team." Schumacher said. "Our linebackers will probably be the focal point of our defense and our defensive linemen should allow them to make some plays. Our



guys have the speed to go side-toside well.

Here's a capsule look at the

mation sheets:

BLACK, ERIC Meadowbrook - This former Colt was a tackling machine for Coach Jesse Wells' squad last season.

The 5-11, 210 pounder was in on 110 tackles, including 68 solo and eight for loss. He broke up six passes, forced two fumbles. picked off a pass and blocked a kick

Black was a first-team all-

players who returned their infor- OVAC, all-ECOL and all-Eastern District pick.

Eric, who is the son of Dwaine and Spring Black of Cumberland, is planning on attending Marietta College

#### SHANE CRUM, Shenandoah

- This former Zep was a twoway standout for Coach Tim Wilson's squad.

The 6-1, 220 pounder ran for 1.076 yards and had 80 tackles from his linebacker spot.

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Crum was a first-team all- Leader. Shadyside Lineman of the OVAC, all-Eastern District, all-PVC and honorable mention all-Ohio.

Union, is the son of Steve Crum on attending Belmont College. and Sherry Morrison.

MIKE DALTO, Bridgeport -This former Bulldog was a standout along the defensive line for Coach Rudy Vavrock's team.

tackles, had seven sacks and 16 tackles for loss last season.

Dalto was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Eastern District, and all-Valley pick. He was also a Big 22 Award finalist.

Mike, who is the son of Mike and Missy Dalto of Lansing, is undecided about his college plans.

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# Schumacher set to lead Ohio stars

#### By SETH STASKEY

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Getting to the point of formally announce ing the Ohio coaching staff for the 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All Star Charity Football Classic wasn't as smooth as most years.

After Conotton Valley underwent a coaching change in the spring, the Ohio side also endured a change, leading to rookie head coach Eric Schumacher earning the job as Ohio side head coach for the all-star game slated for Sunday, July 29th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We're very excited about this opportunity." Schumacher said. "Actually, the entire Conotton Valley community is excited. I've

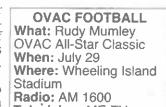
already had people inquire to me about get- Valley — This first-year head coach will be ting tickets and things. This is a great honor making his debut on the sidelines in the allfor our staff and our school."

Schumacher put together his coaching staff and incorporated his Rockets' staff along with coaches from his alma mater, Monroe Central, and Meadowbrook.

"We wanted people who had a lot of knowledge in a lot of areas." Schumacher said. "We're all very com-

start preparing our guys to hopefully win degree from Ohio University Zanesville. the game.

Here's a capsule look at the coaches: ERIC SCHUMACHER, Conotton



Television: ME-TV

star game. Schumacher just took over the job this past spring after gaining seven years of assistant coaching experience previously. He worked at Coshocton for six years and then spent last fall with the Rockets' program.

The Monroe Central graduate, who also has

petitive and we want to get to camp and coaching experience in baseball, earned his Eric resides in Dover.

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TY CARROTHERS, Conotton Valley - This Rockets' assistant is preparing for his first season on the varsity coaching staff.

The Conotton Valley and Kent State University graduate has spent two seasons coaching junior high football and basketball.

Ty resides in Scio.

MATT REES, Conotton Valley - This former Dover High School standout has been a football coach for one season.

Rees was a member of the Rockets' staff a season ago. Rees played college football at Mt. Union.

Matt and his wife Courtney are the parents of a son, Rocco, and reside in Dover.

JESSE WELLS, Meadowbrook - This former Shenandoah Zep has been the head coach of the Colts for

the past two seasons.

Wells also serves as the head wrestling coach and athletic director for the Colts.

After his prep career, Wells went to Mt. Union where he was a member of two NCAA Division III National Championship teams. After earning his degree, Wells stayed in Alliance as a member of the Purple Raiders' coaching staff and won two more title rings.

Wells will be celebrating his 10-year OVAC reunion at this year's game.

Jesse is engaged to Alaina Houmard.

MICHAEL JORRIS, Monroe Central - This former Seminoles' standout has returned to his alma mater to serve as a member of the coaching staff.

After his playing days, Jorris went to Mt. Union where he played quarterback. He returned to serve under Jay Circosta and has done so for the past five years.

Also during his prep days, Jorris was a standout in basketball and baseball.

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# Conotton not forgotten for 2012 OVAC Grid Classic

Like anything or anyone in the public eye, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference has its detractors.

Everyone's heard the arguments that

the conference only cares about its members that are located right here in the immediate Ohio Valley.

Obviously, the city of Wheeling is the center of the conference geographically, but judging by the announcement of the coaches for

SETH STASKEY this summer's From the Press Box:

Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football

Classic, geography doesn't mean a thing.

A member is a member.

OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak and Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game Director Bob Koch formally extended invitations to Conotton Valley's Mike Bigler and Madonna's Doug Taylor to coach in the July game. Both coaches just finished their first seasons at their respective helms, posting 2-8 and 6-4 records, respectively.

Beallsville won the Class A championship last season and earned the right to coach in the game. However, because of Dave Caldwell's retirement from the post, he and the Blue Devils passed on the assignment, which opened the door for Conotton Valley.

"Dave not only paid his dues to Beallsville and Ohio Valley football, but also to the OVAC." Rataiczak said. "He's probably coached

the game more than any other coach, so he earned the right to say 'no.' It's not like he's not supported the game in the past."



Ironically,

Caldwell's son, Ryan, is the superintendent and principal at Conotton Valley. He had the chance to play in the game as a senior and has been around the game numerous times throughout his life.

"I have a feeling that Ryan Caldwell is going to make sure his coaches are aware that this is a big-time event and game," Rataiczak said.

It marks the first time the Rockets' staff has been chosen to coach in the game since its inception into the conference. Bigler, a 1983 graduate of Conotton, can't even come up with any names of Rockets who've been a part of the game.

"Conotton Valley has been a member of the OVAC since I've been here in 1999." said OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak. "So, it's not like they're new or have never been heard of. I think it's kind of a neat thing to see them coming into the OVAC as full members and it's a great way to introduce Conotton Valley to the confer-

When Rataiczak was informed by Beallsville that it would be passing on the chance to coach, he immediately called Conotton Valley, which was the next highest finishing Ohio-side school.

"I was very shocked and surprised," Bigler said of receiving the phone call. "I had never thought that opportunity would come my way. especially after one season."

The Rockets had been dual members, playing in both the OVAC as well as the Inter-Valley Conference, but deemed the OVAC a better fit because of the smaller schools involved.

"The OVAC is a quality conference and being a member gives more opportunities for our student-athletes to compete against schools our size or just a little bigger, but not on the scale of (IVC opponents) Garaway and Ridgewood." Bigler said.

The Rockets and Blue Dons' staffs have the chance to coach the game because the OVAC re-aligned to five classes this year. In doing so, the OVAC brass made the decision to start over their rotations at 1A, which is why Class 2A was skipped after Dave Bruney and the Martins Ferry staff coached last year's contest.

"We wanted everything to be on the same page." Rataiczak said of altering the rotations.

The head coaches, game officials and support staff of the all-star game are scheduled to meet early next month at Bethany College, which will once again serve as headquarters for the camp.

At that meeting, both coaching staffs will receive the player nominations, which is when the difficult work begins.

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"It's going to be an interesting process." Rataiczak said. "Usually, you know the Class A coaches know the Class A kids and so on, but I think Coach Bigler is going to be savvy enough to realize that if you load up with Class A players, you could be in for a rude awakening.

Bigler, who's never coached in an allstar game, admits choosing the team will be the most difficult part, but he and his staff plan on giving the job its due diligence.

"We're going to have to be very selec-tive," Bigler said. "We want to pick the best athletes available to fill the positions we need. It's really tough because there are a lot of athletes who won't be chosen due to rules and roster size, but I am really anxious to get the packet of nominees. We're jumping into this 100 percent committed to put the best student-athletes on the field to represent the great state of Ohio."

SETH'S SCOOPS

FREDDIE FITZSIMMONS of Wheeling recently recorded a hole-in-one on the 215-yard No. 4 hole at Wheeling Park. The 13-year old golfer used a 3wood for his shot, which was witnessed by Hunter Bryan, Colin Bryan and David Coram. Fitzsimmons' golf resume is certainly building. He was the champion of the Elks Junior Tournament and represented the Elks in the Seven Springs tournament. He plays on the Ohio County Middle School Golf Team.

THE OHSAA held its Board of Directors meeting for January late last week. It was formally approved for the OHSAA to sponsor a cross country invitational at National Trail Raceway, which is the site for the state meet. The invitational wouldn't count against the team's 16-meet alotment.

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# **Ohio squad changes coaches**

 Conotton Valley's Schumacher to take over for Bigler in Mumley Classic **3y SETH STASKEY** conflict with a new job.

Along with taking over the Rockets'

program, which is about to have its fifth

coach in as many years, Schumacher will

also serve as the Ohio head coach for the

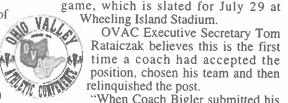
Times Leader Sports Editor

History will be made in the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity ootball Classic.

For the first time, the head coach of ne of the teams will be making his verall head coaching debut.

Monroe Central graduate Eric chumacher, who is currently the tockets' athletic director, was ired last Thursday at the Conotton

alley School Board meeting to take ver the reins of the Rockets' program rom Mike Bigler, who resigned due to a



relinquished the post. "When Coach Bigler submitted his letter of resignation, he informed our principal, Mr. (Ryan) Caldwell, that he

wouldn't be able to coach the OVAC game also," Schumacher said.

Caldwell immediately approached Schumacher, who had served as the defensive coordinator with the Rockets and spent six years as an assistant at Coshocton before matriculating to Bowerstown this year

"When Mr. Caldwell talked to me about the job, he also talked to me about doing the OVAC game," Schumacher said. "He told me it would be something for me to build on and a great way to get Conotton Valley's name out there. I consider it an

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honor and privilege to coach in such a wonderful eve Schumacher, who will turn 27 on the Tuesday (Jul of all-star week, played football for one season und Circosta, but knee injuries derailed his prep caree was a standout baseball player for the Seminole eventually played four seasons as OU-Zanesville who earned his degree in middle childhood education v specialty in math and science.

Since he was one of Bigler's top aides, Schumache

a hand in the selection of Ohio players, who will make their way to Bethany College for training camp on July 22.

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'It's one of those even you grow up watching and always dream to *k* a part of.'

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roster, Schumacher said. "I've attended all of the meetings Mike, so I know what's going on. I really don't thi will be that big of a difference with me stepping int job.`

Along with his duties as A.D., math teacher and football coach. Schumacher is working vigorous assemble a coaching staff for both the OVAC game also his Rockets' squad.

He's got OVAC commitments from Meadowb head coach Jesse Wells and Dover graduate Matt R who played at Mt. Union with Wells.

"I'm still trying to find a couple of more coache sprinkle in," Schumacher said. "When Mike and I c nally did the coaching roster, we had several Conc Valley people, who we thought would be able to do it we've since found out they won't be able to.

Though Conotton Valley is in just its first school as a full-fledged OVAC member. Schumacher has gr up around the OVAC game and realizes how serio winning and losing is taken between the two states.

"It's one of those events you grow up watching always dream to be a part of," Schumacher said. "Bei part of it as a head coach is a thrill for me and one I di forsee coming. But, I am certainly going to do my pa make it enjoyable for our players and coaches.

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# oaches Submit Rosters for OVAC Football ( lassic

**By SETH STASKEY** For the News-Register Camp for the 65th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic opens six weeks

great seasons with a lot of great, deserving players.

It's certainly a tough task, but we feel we've got 33 pretty good players. We feel like we got a lot of high character kids, too. which is something we were definitely looking for.

Timmy Faulkner and Zack resigned as Rockets' head Massie.

Linsly, which finished its

includes Robert Downing, job after Mike Bigler up and down the field." coach earlier this spring.

However, most of the season with a spotless 10-0 roster had been basically Seth Ru record and an OVAC 2A put together prior to the Rockets. title, had three players cho-"We're still waiting on a "We're still waiting on a couple of kids (to commit), to be honest." Schumacher Wheeling Central, which said. "We had a few kids claimed the West Virginia turn it down, but most of the kids realize what kind of honor it is to play in this game and they're looking forward to taking advantage

Schumacher's roster represents 20 of the conference's schools, including Seth Rutledge from the

Martins Ferry leads the

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The head coaches -Ohio's Eric Schumacher (Conotton Valley) and West Virginia's Doug Taylor (Madonna) - have formally announced their rosters for the July 29th contest

Each squad is comprised of 33 of the finest senior players from throughout the OVAC, which will spend a week together at Bethany College in preparation for the game, which West Virginia has captured the last two seasons.

Virginia The West coaching staff spent a lot of time reviewing films and talking to coaches as it made its selections for the game.

"It was a daunting task to say the least." Taylor said. "A lot of schools had

Taylor selected two of his own players from last year's Madonna squad in Ryan Mozingo and Christian Roe.

After getting his own players chosen, Taylor went right to the Mountain State's big schools. Of his remaining 31 spots, 13 went to either Wheeling Park, Brooke, Morgantown. University, John Marshall or Parkersburg South. Wheeling Park, which

advanced to the second round of the playoffs before falling to Bridgeport, will be represented by Boo Lathon, Vondel Bell, Lee Peluchette, Eli Stewart and Matt Carter.

Brooke's trio of players

dan, Neil Drennan and Adam Jones.

Class A State Championship, also had three players selected. The Knights who will take part are Gino Bianconi, Erik Gompers and David Stanley.

We picked this team defense first and we started with the defensive line." Taylor said. "When we got to the offensive group, we also went with line first. We hope we don't have anyone playing both ways in this game. We're excited to get to camp and see what we have.

The Ohio coaching staff has had not only the task of picking players, but Schumacher was hired for this

of it and getting to camp." The Buckeyes roster is deep in the skill positions; which is exactly the approach Schumacher and Bigler took during the selection process.

"There was a lot of talent in the OVAC again this year.'' Schumacher said. "We've got some goodlooking kids at the skill positions, and I think that will be a strength of our team. I really think we've got some guys who will allow us to move the ball

way, on the Onio side, with four players taking part.

The Purple Riders chosen for the contest are Elliott Albert, Richie Padyjasek. Tyrel Simmons and C.J. Williams.

Steubenville is the only other Ohio school with as many as three selections. Representing Big Red are Camilletti. Michael Houst and William LeShawn Luke.

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# **SPORTS**

**Ohio back on top at OVAC All-Star Classic** Buckeye Local's Dear, Cambridge's Lewis provide one-two punch in Buckeyes' 33-14 victory

#### JEFF HARRISON THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

WHEELING, WV --- They say "nothing runs like a deer" ... but a gazelle named Lewis proved equally effective as Ohio regained supremacy at Sunday night's 67th annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Charity Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium



With its blockers performing like a pack of hungry animals at times, Ohio unleashed its deer (Buckeye Local's Josten Dear) and gazelle (Cambridge's Dashawn Lewis) and the dynamic duo dominated the action as the Buckeyes shook off a couple of second quarter turnovers to claim a 33-14 victory over their West Virginia counterparts.

Both players carried the football 24 times, with Dear amassing 152 yards and one touchdown while Lewis collected 119 stripes and scored three times as Ohio snapped a two-year losing streak and pushed its overall series lead to 43-24-1, including 27-13-1 under OVAC sponsorship.

Paving the way for Dear and Lewis was fullback Jesse Stoudt

of Barnesville and a line that included four local players at various times - Eric Black of Meadowbrok and Bryan Sawyer of Caldwell on the interior and Tyler Fitzpatrick of Barnesville and Shane Crum of Shenandoah at tight end.

The game proved to be a successful head coaching debut for Ohio's Eric Schumacher, who will now turn his attention to his first year at the helm of Conotton Valley High.

"It's great for these kids," said Schumacher of the victory. "It's something they will cherish for the rest of their lives and now they'll be able to say they won the game, too."

Schumacher credited his team's ability to run the football as the obvious key to the outcome.

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Both players carried the football 24 times, with Dear amassing 152 yards and one touchdown while Lewis collected 119 stripes and scored three times as Ohio snapped a two-year losing streak and pushed its overall series lead to 43-24-1, including 27-13-1 under OVAC sponsorship.

Paving the way for Dear and Lewis was fullback Jesse Stoudt

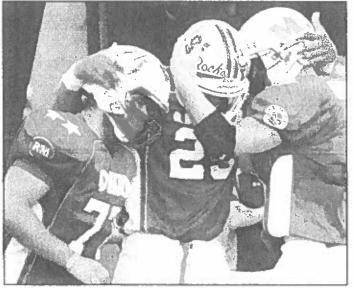
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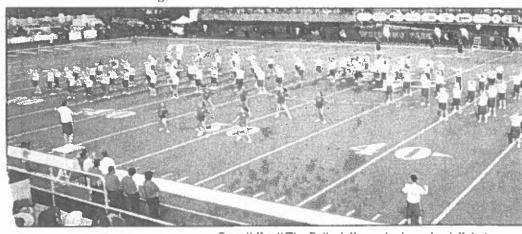
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OH - Josten Dear 3 run (kick failed), 0:47, Second Quarter

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RUSHING - One Josten Dear (Buckeye Local) 24-152 Dashaun Lewis (Cambridge) 24-119, Cole Smelley (Bridgeport) 6-32,

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49. Peluchete 4-10-1-7. RECEIVING - Ohio, Zane Ayouch (Union Local) 3-9, Chase Garan (St. Clairsville) 1-14,

Marky Thompkins (East Liverpool) 1-13, Tyler Filzpatrick (Barnesville) 1-4. W. Va., Bianconi 2-24, Kavin Minehart (Morgantown) 2-4. Boo Lathon (Wheeling Park) 1-3, Eric Gompers (Wheeling Central) 1-17, Jeff Hissam (Oak Glen) 1-8, Faulkner 1-(-1).

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another punt, but an attempt-

ed fair-catch was fumbled and

Wheeling Park's Eli Stewart

recovered the loose ball to set

West Virginia up at the Ohio 41.

From there, QB Aaron Fonner

of John Marshall teamed with

Wheeling Central's Gino

Bianconi for 19 yards and then

capped the four-play series with

a 17-yard toss to a wide-open

Erik Gompers of Wheeling

Matt Carter of Wheeling Park

kicked the point-after, pulling the

Mountaineers within 13-7 with

Ohio's second miscue less

than two minutes later put West

Virginia on top as Wheeling

Park's Vondell Bell stepped in

front of a pass by Indian Creek's

5:37 to go in the second period.

Central for a touchdown,

ee Peluchette (Wheeling Park) 3-(-8), Team

57-317

6-13-1

4-45

2-38.0

24-30

9-21-1

5-40.4

2-20

OH - Lewis 1 run (run failed), 4:44. OH - Lewis 8 run (Padyjasek kick), 3:47,

end zone (Padyjasek kick), 1:27

Punts-avg 2-: INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

West Virginia

(Carter kick), 4:02. Third Quarter

irst Downs

Rushes-yards

Passing vards

Inl-ttA-cmo

mbles-los

Penalties-vds

W. Va., none.

**First Quarter** 

7 6 20 0 - 33 0 14 0 0 - 14

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Lewis carried six times for 29 yards, including going into the end zone standing up from a yard out for the TD.

Martins Ferry's Richie Padyjasek booted the PAT to give the Buckeyes a 13-0 lead with 7:55 remaining in the first half.

The momentum, however, took an abrupt about-face due to a pair of Ohio turnovers in the next few minutes

The Buckeyes' defense forced



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the intermission.

series of the third quarter, with Dear and Lewis each carrying good, 19-14, with 4:44 left in (30 rushing and 55 passing). round three.

over set up an Ohio score, with Park's Lee Peluchette at the West - tackling," Virginia 38.

Smelley was followed by a nine- by the McDonald's All-Star yard gainer from Dear and an Band during pregame and halfeight-yard TD burst by Lewis.

Following Padyjasek's PAT, third chapter.

breaking through to block a punt, ond runner-up); Jessica Kuna Mountaineers' 17.

David Kemp and sprinted 33 paydirt on the second carry, but yards to paydirt, with Carter's the ball popped out of his hands PAT giving West Virginia a and into the end zone where St. 14-13 upperhand with 4:02 until Clairsville's Jordan Piergallini alertly dove on the ball for a TD. Ohio regained control with a Padyjasek's point-after closed 13-play, 75-yard drive on its first the scoring with 1:27 left in the third quarter.

While Ohio finished with 357 six times and Lewis getting his total yards (317 rushing and 40 second TD on a one-yard plunge. passing), the Buckeye "D" ---Lewis' try for the two-point which included Cambridge lineconversion was stopped short, backer Tanner Roller --- limited but the Buckeyes were ahead for West Virginia to a net of 85 yards "They were ball-hawks out

This time a West Virginia turn- there." Schumacher said of the Ohio defense. "They got to the Thompkins picking off Wheeling ball in a hurry and did a nice job

As always, the fans were treat-A nifty 21-yard scramble by ed to another fine performance time festivities.

At halftime, Wheeling Park's Ohio's lead had increased to Odessa Copney was crowned 26-14 at the 3:47 mark of the the Queen of Queens. Her court included Cecilia Favede Another Mountaineer miscue of Linsly (first runner-up); Mia soon followed, with Hammond Jordan of John Marshall (secgiving Ohio possession at the of Brooke (third runner-up); Allison Viakley of Weir (fourth · Dear gained 11 on Ohio's first runner-up) and Anna Haught of play and appeared headed for Magnolia (Miss Congeniality).