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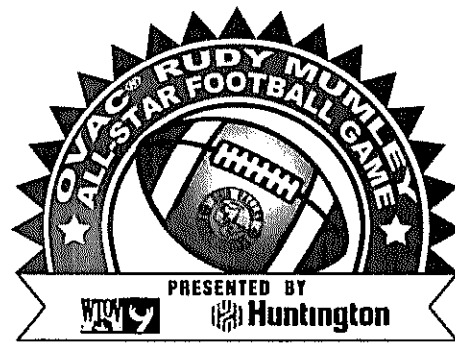
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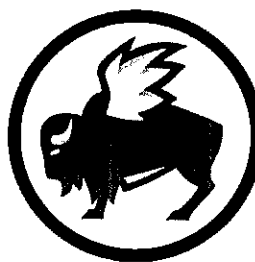
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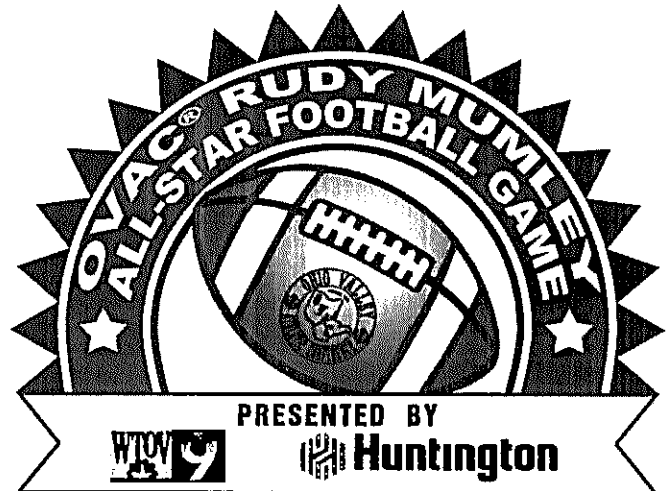
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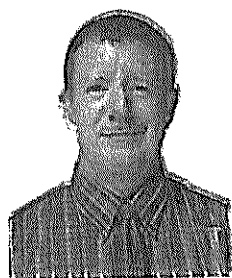
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Bubba Kapral
Executive Sports Editor

OVAC bids to make grid game more fan-friendly

WHEELING — Even successful events are subject to change.

That has been borne out once again by a major announcement from the OVAC. Conference officials disclosed Sunday the Rudy Mumley All-Star Charity Football Game will be contested on a Saturday night.

The late-July spectacle has been played on Sunday nights for the past quarter century. It is one of the highlights of the summer season, attracting thousands to Wheeling Island Stadium and countless more on television.

The 2016 contest will be held on Saturday, July 23.

The move makes sense due to the expanding boundaries of the conference.

In years past, Morgantown and Parkersburg schools were not involved. Since coming on board, they have made the game much more competitive. But also such expansion has proven a hardship to many families involved.

For instance, the game may not end until 10 p.m. Players, coaches and fans mill around for a good while, soaking up the camaraderie.

A post 11 p.m. stadium departure is not unusual, resulting in some families not returning home to 1 a.m. or later. That proves a hardship on the working class.

Moreover, the coaches and their staff involved with the game will gain a much-needed day to prep for their respective seasons. Sunday night games make for a brutal turnaround for the all-star staff.

The one major concern is the Wheeling Italian Festival will be in full swing. Saturday night is huge for the festival. Only time will tell what impact, if any, it will have on all-star game attendance.

By advancing the game a day, everything — except for media day — also moves up a day as well. That will result with the Queen of Queens Pageant being staged on Thursday night and the pep rally on Friday. I would suggest flipping those two events, keeping the pageant on its current Friday night as it is a popular and well-attended event.

There is nothing wrong with OVAC officials testing the waters with making it a Saturday night game. Should unexpected issues arise, the template is already in place for a move back to Sundays.

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Rosters for OVAC Game announced

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — The rosters are officially set.

King Football makes its return to the Ohio Valley in less than four weeks when the 72nd annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Classic kicks off at Wheeling Island Stadium on Saturday, June 23.

The 33 players on each team — and coaching staffs — will report to camp at Bethany College one week prior to the game. Head coaches Chris Daugherty of West Virginia and Kevin Gunn of Cambridge can't wait to begin the process of preparing their respective teams.

"I am really excited about this team," Daugherty, who led Wheeling Park to its first state football title in December, said. "We had more than a normal amount of OVAC kids play in the West Virginia North-South Game this year. I went down and watched it and our kids really played well in that game. Every team is a stud for his team back home, but it's neat to see how they all work and come together."



Gunn, who is the head coach at Cambridge, described the entire process of picking the Ohio roster like a "fantasy football draft."

"Our staff was like kids in a candy shop when we sat down and met about who to pick," Gunn said. "It was a blast going through the rosters, researching the kids, looking up their film on the Internet, going through different scenarios and trying to get the best kids you can. It was a blast."

Obviously, both coaches are restricted by certain rules, including representing so many schools and they're unable to choose more than three off one team in Ohio and four off one team in West Virginia because of the difference in number of schools. Two schools in Ohio can have four as bonus selections and the kicker doesn't count amongst the school's total players, so one West Virginia school can have up to five.

That rule made it especially tough for Daugherty after his senior-laden team claimed a state championship.

"The most difficult part of the whole process was figuring out which of our own kids we were going to take," Daugherty admitted. "We had so many good football players that deserve to play. We literally could have picked any of our seniors. We didn't pick anyone who played in the North-South

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Game. We tried to limit it that way, so we had a great representation of our kids."

The five Patriots who will play one more game under their prep head coach include Chase Adams, Richard Blackwell, Jamez Coles, Clay McDonald and Isaiah Myers.

According to Daugherty, the West Virginia roster has one spot to fill after one player just informed that he would not be able to play due to his collegiate commitment.

Gunn utilized the all-Ohio teams and post-season accolades as his first way of paring down the nominees.

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year," Jets head coach Zach Delman said. "He hadn't run since the seventh grade, but I knew he could have a really good year if his work habits allowed him to. He was kind of against running the 400 early in the season, but after the first time of running it, you could tell he knew it was going to be his best

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"We looked up the all-Ohio teams and tried to pick the kids who were absolute no brainers first," Gunn said.

"We tried to get as many solid players as we could and build some depth, too. The unfortunate thing was there were still so many kids to choose from and the toughest part is you can't take all the kids who

deserve to play."

Martins Ferry led Ohio with four selections, including Emilio Appolloni, Arjay Burress, Andrew Hython and Matt Barbour. From there, Gunn selected three of his own former Bobcats. Also garnering three selections were St. Clairsville, Harrison Central and Caldwell.

The complete rosters are as follows:

Ohio
Emilio Appolloni, Martins Ferry; Tony Barber, Steubenville Central; Matt Barbour, Martins Ferry; Nathan Bloom, Buckeye Local; Arjay Burress, Martins Ferry; Mason Campbell, Shadyside; Logan Castello, Barnesville; Tanner Clark, Caldwell; Zach Cole, Indian Creek; Stevie Doughty, Shadyside; Austyn Dozier, East Liverpool; Joey Flannery, River; Adam Fox, Cambridge; Mike Furbee, St. Clairsville; Andrew Hython, Martins Ferry; Charles Iacobucco, East Liverpool; Justin Kilburn, Monroe Central; Josh Lewis, Cambridge; Drew

Lowery, Toronto; Brandon Mitchell, Harrison Central; Clay Polling, Caldwell; Austyn Porter, Harrison Central; Chance Rucker, Caldwell; Josh Seckman, Cambridge; Cole Skaggs, St. Clairsville; Travis Stenson, Harrison Central; Bobby Stewart, Union Local; Jake Stewart, St. Clairsville; Demitree Turner, Union Local; Michael VanFossen, Shenandoah; Dalton Wiggins, Meadowbrook; Zach Williams, Indian Creek; Anthony Winters, Fort Frye.

West Virginia

Chase Adams, Wheeling Park; Gage Adams, John Marshall; Tyler Anderson, Magnolia; Brandon Angallch, Wheeling Central; Kyle Baldwin, Weir; Richard Blackwell, Wheeling Park; Jamez Coles, Wheeling Park; Kam Davis, Weir; Cole Day, Parkersburg South; Dyan Druschel, Bishop Donahue; Noah Flowers, Oak Glen; Cole Griffin, Linsly; Chase Gump, John Marshall; Brady Hatch, Morgantown; Zayne Herr, Morgantown; Kaleb Jennings, University; Matt Lazear, Brooke; Justin Loughrie, Brooke; Wyatt Mackey, Cameron; Clay McDonald, Wheeling Park; Isaiah Myers, Wheeling Park; Cyle Perez, Oak Glen; Mitchell Powers, Morgantown; Levi Putnam, Parkersburg South; Kyle Ritz, Magnolia; Tanner Six, Clay-Battelle; Austin Skrzynecki, John Marshall; Trey Streets, Valley; Brandon Taylor, Weir; Luke Williams, Parkersburg South; Josh Wolfe, Parkersburg South; Von Wooding, Linsly.

JOEY FLANNERY, River — This senior put the finishing touches on a solid prep career in the 400 meter dash for his father's squad.

The younger Flannery was a regional placer, tallying a sixth place finish. He was third at both the district and OVAC meet.

"For the first time since

Thursday,
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Daugherty high on WV receivers

• OVAC All-Star Game set for July 23rd

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING – Chris Daugherty and the West Virginia coaching staff plan on showcasing their team's talents in the 71st annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game.

Whether on the ground or through the air, the Wheeling Park head coach, who will guide the Mountain State in the July 23rd game, plans to exhaust all of his options, which includes a talented corps of receivers.

"We have some guys who we believe can go and get the ball," Daugherty said. "Some of these kids we coached against, so we're aware of and we know about a lot of the others. We have a bunch of different kids who we can pull from running backs as well to use at receiver. We really think we have pretty good speed out there."

The wide receiver candidates include: Cole Day (Parkersburg South), Cole Griffin (Linsly), Kaleb Jennings (University), Cyle Perez (Oak Glen) and Austin Skrzynecki (John Marshall).

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

COLE GRIFFIN, Linsly – This former Cadet is still relatively new to the sport as he played only a year-and-a-half for Coach B.J. Depew's team.

As a wide receiver, Griffin made 34 catches for 486 yards and four touchdowns. He was also a standout in the secondary where he posted 48 tackles and collected two interceptions.

Griffin was a second-team all-Valley pick after last season.

Along with football, he's a member of the Spanish Club, volunteers at the Mel Blount Youth Home and took part in basketball and track.

Cole, who plans to attend John Carroll University, is the son of Robert and Cynthia Griffin of Washington, Pa.

KALEB JENNINGS, University – This former Hawk shined on both sides of the ball for Coach John Kelly's squad.

The 6-0, 185 pounder had 24 catches for 386 yards, averaging 13.7 yards per catch. He scored five touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, he had 42 tackles and picked off five passes.

Jennings was a first-team all-OVAC selection.

Along with football, Jennings was active in basketball.

Kaleb, who plans on attending Fairmont State, is the son of Jonathan and Rachel Wilson of Morgantown.

CYLE PEREZ, Oak Glen – This former Golden Bear was a big-play threat for Coach Ian Whittington's squad last season.

The 6-2, 180 pounder recorded 54 catches for 718 yards and scored five touchdowns. As a junior, he caught 37 passes for 403 yards and two touchdowns.

Perez was an honorable mention all-state selection. He was all-OVAC and

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W.Va. Has Strong Backfield For OVAC All-Star Game

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — As West Virginia head coach Chris Daugherty and his coaching staff began assembling their roster for the 71st annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game, versatility was a desired trait for their skill players.

The Wheeling Park mentor believes he's found in his backfield. He announced his quarterback and running back options for the game, which will be played at Wheeling Island Stadium on July 23.

"Our quarterbacks are a little bit different styles and our running backs are tough, have good vision and good speed," Daugherty said. "We're excited to get to camp

and see exactly how well these guys fit in with our system."

The quarterback options are Morgantown's Zayne Hern and Valley's Trey Streets. The running backs, meanwhile, include Weir's Kam Davis, Brooke's Justin Loughrie, Magnolia's Tyler Anderson, John Marshall's Chase Gump and Valley's Trey Streets.

Here's a capsule look at the West Virginia backfield candidates:

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The 6-1, 190 pounder rushed for 2,972

yards and 23 touchdowns. He had 577 yards receiving and six touchdowns. On the defensive side, he was in on 120 tackles and had 10 interceptions.

Anderson was a first-team all-state, all-OVAC and all-Valley selection.

Along with his athletic talents, Anderson is a member of the National Honor Society, student council and National Science Honor Society.

Anderson, who is the son of Scott and Teresa Anderson of New Martinsville, plans on attending West Liberty University.

KAM DAVIS, Weir — This former Red Rider enjoyed a brilliant senior season for Coach Tony Filberto's squad last fall.

The 5-10, 182-pound speedster racked up 1,239 yards and scored 16 touchdowns on the ground. He had 249 yards receiving and scored four times.

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Gunn Happy With 'Passionate' Ohio Defense

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

CAMBRIDGE — When Kevin Gunn began looking at film of area players to choose the Ohio roster for the 71st annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game, a key trait jumped out when he was searching for defensive players.

"We saw a lot of kids who have passion for football and that excites me," Gunn said. "Plus, we saw kids who are playmakers. It's a good mixture of old-school studs and guys who are really fast and athletic."

Those films made the task of picking his linebackers, defensive backs and even his kicker for the battle with West Virginia on July 23 much easier. The players report Saturday to camp at Bethany College.

The players ticketed primarily for the

defensive side of the ball are Nathan Bloom, Buckeye Local; Zach Cole, Indian Creek; Stevie Doughty, Shadyside; Adam Fox, Cambridge; Drew Lowery, Toronto; Brandon Mitchell, Harrison Central; Cole Skaggs, St. Clairsville; Bobby Stewart, Union Local; Jake Stewart, St. Clairsville; Cole Susac, Barnesville and Demitree Turner, Union Local.

Here's a capsule look at the players:

NATHAN BLOOM, Buckeye Local

— This former Panther was impressive at safety for his coach, Phil Pest.

The 6-foot-1, 165 pounder had 57 tackles and 41 assists. He had two tackles for loss.

He was recognized as All-OVAC, All-Buckeye 8, All-Valley second team, All-Eastern District Special Mention and All-Jefferson County.



Away from football, Bloom is a volunteer at United Methodist Food Bank and a member of the Thespians.

Nathan, who is the son of Nicolle and Carl Bloom of Rayland, plans to attend Ohio University.

ZACH COLE, Indian Creek

— This former Redskin shined at both defensive end and linebacker for Coach Andrew Connor's squad.

The 6-1, 200-pounder finished with 279 career tackles and six interceptions. He had 105 stops and two picks as a sen-

ior.

Cole was named first team All-Eastern District, All-Quad County and All-OVAC.

Zach, who plans to attend the University of Akron, is the son of Gary and Sheryl Butto of Wintersville.

STEVIE DOUGHTY, Shadyside — This former Tiger was a standout at both linebacker and running back for Coach Mark Holenka's squad.

The 6-2, 190-pounder finished with 87 tackles last season, including 38 solo stops and 48 assists. He had a sack and an interception. Offensively, he added 321 rushing yards and 12 catches for 83 yards. He scored four touchdowns.

Doughty's season didn't go unnoticed.

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He was first team All-Eastern District, third team All-Ohio, All-OVAC and All-Times Leader.

Stevie, who plans to attend Belmont College, is the son of Steven and Melissa Doughty.

ADAM FOX, Cambridge — This former Bobcat shined both as a punter and place kicker for Gunn's squad.

The 6-0, 170-pounder finished with a 38-yard punting average. He converted 20 of 23 PAT tries and had 10 field goals with a long of 40 yards.

Fox was an All-Eastern District pick and special mention All-Ohioan.

Along with football, he lettered four times in soccer, wrestling and track.

Adam, who is the son of J.R. and Tracy Fox, plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan.

DREW LOWERY, Toronto — This former Red Knight was the leader of the defense from his middle linebacker post for Coach Eric Meek's squad.

The 6-0, 215-pounder had 143 tackles and two interceptions as a senior. He also posted 6.5 sacks and had 355 yards of offense and scored six touchdowns.

Lowery was a first team All-Eastern District, All-OVAC, All-Quad County and All-Valley pick. He was a second team all-state selection.

Drew, who plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan, is the son of Jay and Rachel Lowery.

BRANDON MITCHELL, Harrison Central — No matter where Justin Kropka put this talented former Husky, he shined.

The 6-1, 145-pounder spent most of his senior season at quarterback, while also anchoring the secondary. He finished with 1,871 yards and 14 touchdowns passing. On defense, he broke up 15 passes and had 41 tackles.

Mitchell was named first team All-Ohio twice and was also first team All-OVAC, All-Eastern District, All-Valley and All-Times Leader.

Mitchell also shined in basketball and baseball for the Huskies.

Brandon is the son of Stanley and Tonya Mitchell of Cadiz.

COLE SKAGGS, St. Clairsville — This former Red Devil was a key cog for Coach Brett McLean's defense from his outside linebacker post.

The 6-1, 205-pounder had 35 solo tackles and 57 initial tackles. He also had 13 assists and recovered four fumbles and posted two sacks.

Skaggs was a first team All-OVAC, Eastern District, Times Leader and Buckeye 8 selection.

Along with football, Skaggs was a standout in wrestling, placing twice in the OVAC Tournament.

Away from athletics, Skaggs is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Drug Free Club of America, French Club and Sweet Harmony Chamber Choir.

Cole, who is the son of Dr. Walt and Denise Skaggs, plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan.

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Gunn of Cambridge can't wait to begin the process of preparing their respective teams.

"I am really excited about this team," Daugherty, who led Wheeling Park to its first state football title in December, said. "We had more than a normal amount of OVAC kids play in the

West Virginia North-South Game this year. I went down and watched it and our kids really played well in that game. Every team is a stud for his team back home, but it's neat to see how they all work and come together."

Gunn, who is the head coach at Cambridge, described the entire process of picking the Ohio roster like a "fantasy football draft."

"Our staff was like kids in a candy shop when we sat down and met about who to pick," Gunn said. "It was a blast going through the rosters, researching the kids, looking up their film on the Internet, going through different scenarios and trying to get the best kids you can. It was a blast."

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Versatility abound in West Virginia backfield

• Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game three weeks from today

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — As West Virginia head coach Chris Daugherty and his coaching staff began assembling their roster for the 71st annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game, versatility was a desired trait for their skill

players.

The Wheeling Park mentor believes he's found in his backfield. He announced his quarterback and running back options for the game, which will be played at Wheeling Island Stadium on July 23.

"Our quarterbacks are a little bit different styles and our running backs are tough, have good vision and good speed," Daugherty said. "We're excited to get to camp and see exactly how well these guys fit in with our sys-

tem."

The quarterback options are Morgantown's Zayne Hern and Valley's Trey Streets. The running backs, meanwhile, include Weir's Kam Davis, Brooke's Justin Loughrie, Magnolia's Tyler Anderson, John Marshall's Chase Gump and Valley's Trey Streets.

Here's a capsule look at the West Virginia backfield candidates:

TYLER ANDERSON, Magnolia — This former Blue Eagle

played a huge role on both sides of the ball for the Josh Simms' team, which claimed the Class A state championship.

The 6-1, 190 pounder rushed for 2,972 yards and 23 touchdowns. He had 577 yards receiving and six touchdowns. On the defensive side, he was in on 120 tackles and had 10 interceptions.

Anderson was a first-team all-state, all-OVAC and all-Valley selection.

Along with his athletic talents, Anderson is a member of the

National Honor Society, student council and National Science Honor Society.

Tyler, who is the son of Scott and Teresa Anderson of New Martinsville, plans on attending West Liberty University.

KAM DAVIS, Weir — This former Red Rider enjoyed a brilliant senior season for Coach Tony Filberto's squad last fall.

The 5-10, 182-pound speedster racked up 1,239 yards and

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took part in the West Virginia North-South Game.

Cyle, who plans on attending West Liberty, is the son of Tom Perez of Chester.

AUSTIN SKRZYNEKI, John Marshall — This former Monarch made an impact on both sides of the ball for Coach Rick Goodrich's team during his career.

The 6-1, 180 pounder made 36 catches for 237 yards and two touchdowns. He also had 114 tackles, including 82 solos and 32 assists. He picked off two passes, too. For his career, he finished with 93 receptions for 607 yards and six touchdowns. He also recorded 239 career solo tackles.

Skrzyneki's fine season garnered him all sort of accolades. He was all-OVAC, captained the all-Valley squad and was named first-team all-state.

Austin, who is the son of James and Lori Skrzyneki of Glen Dale, plans to attend West Liberty University to play football.

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The 6-0, 160 pounder caught 41 passes for 778 yards and six touchdowns this past season. He also saw time at safety.

Porter's fine campaign was recognized by his first-team placement on the all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-Buckeye 8 squads. He was also an honorable mention all-Ohio pick.

Porter was also a standout on the Huskies' baseball team that advanced to the regional tournament.

Austyn, who is the son of Sabrina Porter, plans to attend the University of Akron.

JOSH SECKMAN, Cambridge — This talented receiver was one of the key cogs in the Bobcats' passing game.

The 5-9, 150 pounder made 30 receptions for 491 yards and seven touchdowns. He averaged 16.4 yards per catch and had a long of 65 yards. On the defensive side of the ball, Seckman had 38 tackles, including 27 solo from his cornerback spot.

Seckman was recognized as all-OVAC, all-ECOL and second-team all-Eastern District.

Along with football, Seckman ran track for the Bobcats.

Josh, who is the son of Wayne and Mary Seckman, plans on attending Ohio University-Zanesville.

Gunn likes receiver options for OVAC game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

CAMBRIDGE — Kevin Gunn gets excited simply thinking about the options Ohio may have in the passing game for the 71st annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Game.

Not only is he extremely high on his quarterbacks, Gunn is also stoked about the options the quarterbacks have at wide receiver.

"There is so much I would love to do with these guys," Gunn said. "It's non-stop with how we can approach (this game). We have such a nice mixture of athletes that we could go five-wide.

We definitely have the personnel to throw it around a good bit."

The game is slated for Saturday, July 23rd at Wheeling Island Stadium. The players from both Ohio and West Virginia report to camp at Bethany College on Saturday, July 16.

The wide receiver and tight end options for Ohio include: Matt Barbour (Martins Ferry), Josh Lewis (Cambridge), Austyn Porter (Harrison Central) and Josh Seckman (Cambridge).

Here's a capsule look at the players:

MATT BARBOUR, Martins Ferry — This former Purple Rider shined on both sides of the

ball for Coach Dave Bruney's team last season.

The 6-2, 235 pounder saw action at tight end and defensive end. He was exceptional on the defensive side of the ball, accumulating 75 tackles, including 20 for loss. He made 27 receptions. As a junior, he finished with 82 tackles and had 13 catches.

His efforts didn't go unnoticed. He was a second-team all-Ohioan, all-Eastern District selection and twice named all-OVAC, all-Valley and all-Times Leader.

Along with football, Barbour lettered in both basketball and football.

Matt, who plans to attend Ohio Dominican, is the son of Drew and Sherry Barbour of St. Clairsville.

JOSH LEWIS, Cambridge — This former Bobcat wore a lot of hats for Gunn and company during his career as he saw time at quarterback, receiver and defensive back.

The 6-0, 185 pounder threw for 1,187 yards on 85-of-168 accuracy this past season. He landed eight touchdowns and was intercepted eight times. He also rushed for 627 yards and nine touchdowns.

Lewis was a second-team all-Eastern District selection, all-

OVAC and all-ECOL.

Along with his football prowess, Lewis shined in basketball.

Also a standout in the classroom, Lewis was a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council.

Josh, who plans to attend Flagler College in Florida to play basketball, is the son of David Lewis and Julia Hill of Cambridge.

AUSTYN PORTER, Harrison Central — This former Huskie was one of the go-to-guys in the passing game for Coach Justin Kropka's team.

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Ohio sets linebackers, secondary for OVAC Game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

CAMBRIDGE — When Kevin Gunn began looking at film of area players to choose the Ohio roster for the 71st annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game a key trait jumped out time and time again when he was looking for defensive players.

"We saw a lot of kids who have passion for football and that excites me," Gunn said. "Plus, we saw kids who are playmakers. It's a good mixture of old-school studs and guys who are really fast and athletic."

Those films made the task of picking his linebackers, defensive backs and even his kicker for the battle with West Virginia on July 23 much easier. The players report to camp at Bethany College on Saturday.

The players ticketed primarily for the defensive side of the ball include: Nathan Bloom, Buckeye Local; Zach Cole, Indian Creek; Stevie Doughty, Shadyside; Adam Fox, Cambridge; Drew Lowery, Toronto; Brandon Mitchell, Harrison Central; Cole Skaggs, St. Clairsville; Bobby Stewart, Union Local; Jake Stewart, St. Clairsville; Cole Susac, Barnesville and Demitree Turner, Union Local.

Here's a capsule look at the players:

NATHAN BLOOM, Buckeye Local — This former Panther was impressive at safety for his head coach, Phil Pest.

The 6-1, 165 pounder had 57 tackles and 41 assists. He had two tackles for loss.

He was recognized as all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, all-Valley second team, all-Eastern District Special Mention and all-Jefferson County.

Away from football, Bloom is a volunteer at United Methodist Food Bank and a member of the Thespians.

Nathan, who is the son of Nicolle and Carl Bloom of Rayland, plans to attend Ohio University.

ZACH COLE, Indian Creek — This former Redskin shined at both defensive end and linebacker for Coach Andrew Connor's squad.

The 6-1, 200 pounder finished with 279 career tackles and six interceptions. He had 105 stops and two picks as a senior.

Cole was named first-team all-Eastern District, all-Quad County and all-OVAC.

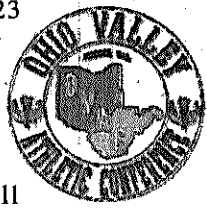
Zach, who plans to attend the University of Akron, is the son of Gary and Sheryl Butto of Wintersville.

STEVIE DOUGHTY, Shadyside — This former Tiger was a standout at both linebacker and running back for Coach Mark Holenka's squad.

The 6-2, 190 pounder finished with 87 tackles last season, including 38 solo stops and 48 assists. He had a sack and an interception. Offensively, he added 321 rushing yards and 12 catches for 83 yards. He scored four touchdowns.

Doughty's season didn't go unnoticed. He was first-team all-Eastern District, third-team all-Ohio, all-OVAC and all-Times Leader.

Stevie, who plans to attend Belmont College, is the son of Steven and Melissa



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Doughty.

ADAM FOX, Cambridge — This former Bobcat shined both as a punter and place kicker for Gunn's squad.

The 6-0, 170 pounder finished with a 38 yard punting average. He converted 20 of 23 PAT tries and had 10 field goals with a long of 40 yards.

Fox was an all-Eastern District pick and special mention all-Ohioan.

Along with football, he lettered four times in soccer, wrestling and track.

Adam, who is the son of J.R. and Tracy Fox, plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan.

DREW LOWERY, Toronto — This former Red Knight was the leader of the defense from his middle linebacker post for Meet's squad.

The 6-0, 215 pounder had 143 tackles and two interceptions as a senior. He also posted 6.5 sacks. He had 355 yards of offense and scored six touchdowns.

Lowery was a first-team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC, all-Quad County and all-Valley pick. He was a second-team all-state selection.

Drew, who plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan, is the son of Jay and Rachel Lowery.

BRANDON MITCHELL, Harrison Central — Wherever Justin Kropka put this talented former Huskie he shined.

The 6-1, 145 pounder spent most of his senior season at quarterback, while also anchoring the secondary. He finished with 1,871 yards and 14 touchdowns passing. On defense, he broke up 15 passes and had 41 tackles.

Mitchell was named first-team all-Ohio twice and was also first-team all-OVAC, all-Eastern District and all-Times Leader.

Mitchell also shined in basketball

and baseball for the Huskies.

Brandon is the son of Stanley and Tonya Mitchell of Cadiz.

COLE SKAGGS, St. Clairsville — This former Red Devil was a key cog for Coach Brett McLean's defense from his outside linebacker post.

The 6-1, 205 pounder had 35 solo tackles and 57 initial tackles. He also had 13 assists. He recovered four fumbles and posted two sacks.

Skaggs was a first-team all-OVAC, Eastern District, Times Leader and Buckeye 8 selection.

Along with football, Skaggs was a standout in wrestling, placing twice in the OVAC Tournament.

Away from athletics, Skaggs is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Drug Free Club of America, French Club and Sweet Harmony Chamber Choir.

Cole, who is the son of Dr. Walt and Denise Skaggs, plans to attend West Virginia Wesleyan.

BOBBY STEWART, Union Local — This former Jet did a little bit of everything for Coach Bruce Stiles' squad.

The 5-10, 160 pounder served as the Jets' quarterback, linebacker and kicker last season. He finished with 1,938 yards of offense and had 77.5 tackles.

Stewart was a first-team all-Eastern District selection as well as his team's offense and special teams player of the year.

Along with football, Stewart was a standout wrestler. He was the OVAC champion last season at 145 pounds and qualified for the OHSAA State Tournament. He was also the every day catcher for the Jets' baseball team.

Away from athletics, Stewart is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Drug Free Club of

America and the Spanish Club.

Bobby, who plans to attend Belmont College, is the son of Mike and Amy Stewart of Belmont.

JAKE STEWART, St. Clairsville — This Red Devil mainstay wreaked all sorts of havoc on opposing offenses as one of the leaders of McLean's defense.

The 6-3, 215 pounder finished his career with an astonishing 532 tackles. He also scored seven touchdowns rushing and caught three more.

Stewart was a second-team all-Ohioan and was twice named honorable mention all-Ohio. He was a three-time all-Eastern District, all-Times Leader and all-Valley pick.

Along with football, Stewart was an all-Ohioan in swimming as a senior in both the 50 and 100 freestyles.

Jake, who plans to enlist in the United States Marines, is the son of Jeff Stewart and Jodie Burnett.

COLE SUSAC, Barnesville — This former Shamrockshined at center and inside linebacker for Coach Matt Johnson's squad.

The 5-9, 190 pounder finished his career with 263 tackles and 18 sacks. He picked off four passes.

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Cole is the son of Steve and Pam Susac.

DEMITREE TURNER, Union Local — This former Jet was a talented cornerback for Stiles' quad.

The 6-1, 180 pounder was an all-Eastern District and second-team all-OVAC selection. He was named special mention all-Ohio.

Turner also took part in basketball and track for the Jets.

Demitree, who is the son of Kim and Eric Paulick, plans to attend Muskingum University.

Daugherty likes West Virginia's defensive unit

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The defensive players vying for time include: Wheeling Central's Brandon Angalich, Wheeling Park's Jamez Coles, Brooke's Matt Lazear, Cameron's Wyatt Mackey, Madonna's Nate Martin, Wheel-

ing Park's Clay McDonald and Linsly's Von Wooding.

Along with his defensive unit, Daugherty has announced his own kicker, Chase Adams and Morgantown punter Brady Hatch will also head up the special teams unit.

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

BRANDON ANGALICH, Wheeling Central — This former Maroon Knight shined both at linebacker and running back for Coach Mike Young's squad last season.

The 5-11, 200 pounder recorded 144 tackles and six sacks during his final two prep seasons.

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As a runner, he totaled 1,258 yards and 18 touchdowns on 167 carries. He also had four receptions for 19 yards.

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Along with his football prowess, Angalich takes part in Peer Ministry and serves a volunteer with the Miracle League.

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Away from football, Wooding was active in wrestling and lacrosse. He was also a class officer and member of the Latin Honor Society.

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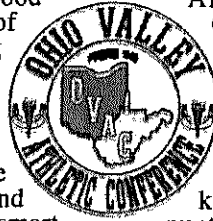
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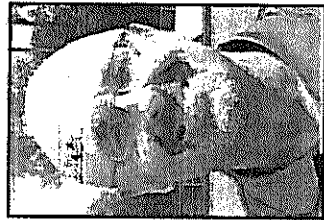
But, the work leading up to the Saturday, July 23rd game is well under way.

The head coaches - for Ohio and West Virginia - are in place. Cambridge's Kevin Gunn and Wheeling Park's Chris Daugherty accepted Bob Koch's invitation to serve as the head coaches in the 72nd annual event, which will once again be held at Wheeling Island Stadium.

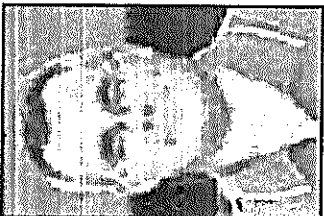
Daugherty is coming off a season no one will soon forget.

He led his Patriots to a 12-1-1 season and the school's first West Virginia Class AAA State Championship in its 34-year existence. The Patriots laid claim to the gold trophy thanks to a 23-15 victory against Capital in the state championship game.

"It was quite a ride," Daugherty said. "It was a special group of players and coaches. We thought we were good enough in 2013, but we weren't healthy enough. Last



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year, we took Capital to the wire in the quarterfinals and we were missed several key guys. We thought we'd be good this year, but you're never sure how good and you never know about health. We stayed healthy throughout and our guys battled every week."

Along with the state's top trophy, the Patriots also claimed the OVAC Class 5A title.

This will be Daugherty's first coaching go-around in the OVAC All-Star Game. He was chosen to represent Park as a player in 1990, but had to turn it down because of a knee injury.

Gunn's Bobcats, meanwhile, finished the season with a 3-7 record against a very challenging schedule.

He has prior experience with the OVAC game. He was a member of Rick Goodrich's staff during the 2006 contest, in which Ohio cruised to victory.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity because doing it as an assistant was a great experience," Gunn said. "It's great to be able to represent Cambridge, the OVAC and the state of Ohio."

The Bobcats' entire staff was on board immediately when the opportunity to coach was presented.

"We have several young coaches and when they played here having a good season and being chosen to play in this game was always a goal," Gunn said. "So, the excitement I see from them to be able to coach makes it nice, too."

Daugherty's coaching staff was eager for the opportunity, too. Coming off their memorable campaign and the fact that it's a five-year wait between opportunities for each class made it a much easier decision for the Patriots' coaches.

"In my short time as head coach, I've talked to some guys who have coached for a long time and never had the opportunity to coach in the game and they've had some good, and even, great years," Daugherty said. "You need those good and great years to match up with the class you're coaching in, so it doesn't always happen. As a staff, we just thought you never know when you may get the chance again."

For several reasons, the most challenging part of the Mumley Classic is formulating the rosters. Whether it be some kids turning it down, some being unavailable because of college commitments or each school is only permitted to have so many representatives, the selection process can be taxing.

"Being here at Cambridge, we don't play a lot of the OVAC schools, so I am going to calling coaches and leaning on some friends in the coaching business to get me some additional information," Gunn said. "We have so many great athletes in this area who can play. There are a lot of outstanding players who may not have gotten the recognition week in and week out that some guys did. We're going to try to identify them and fill a need at the same time."

The coaches will receive their nomination packets during a meeting this week.

"I am excited to see who's been nominated and start choosing the team," Daugherty said. "There are a lot of good players to choose from."

One of the aspects that Daugherty, especially, is going to have to deal with is only being able to take so many players from each school.

"It's hard that you can only take so many of your own, but it's a blessing that you have a bunch of good kids to pick from," Daugherty said. "We are going to spread (all-star games) out. We won't have any kids play in more than one all-star game. It's going to be a tough decision, but we have a good bunch of guys, and they'll understand."

Neither coach has an issue with the game moving to a Saturday.

"Sunday can sometimes be tough," Daugherty said. "I like the Saturday night game. There's more than enough time to get the kids ready, so that shouldn't be an issue."

Gunn admits that the late Sunday nights can definitely become taxing for the folks who have to work on Monday.

"I think moving it to Saturday will get more fans there," Gunn said. "That will create an even better experience for the kids."

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Daugherty sets WV linemen for OVAC Game

• Camp opens Saturday at Bethany College

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — When he and his staff sat down to pick their roster for the 71st annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game, West Virginia head coach Chris Daugherty admitted their toughest portion was linemen.

Not because there wasn't enough good options, but because of trying to figure out which ones could fit best "schematically."

"We're a zone-blocking team (at Wheeling Park) and not a lot of other team do that, so we have to get these guys to pick up our concepts," Daugherty said. "We'll take a look at all of them on offense and then determine which guys go to the defensive line. We like the kids we have because they're very strong and explosive. We have some quick kids and we have a little bit of beef inside who can get after the quarterback."

The OVAC All-Star Game is slated for Saturday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium. The players report to camp on Saturday.

The linemen options include: Kyle Baldwin (Weir), Richard Blackwell (Wheeling Park), Dylan Druschel (Bishop Donahue), Noah Flowers (Oak Glen), Isaiah Myers (Wheeling Park), Mitchell Powers (Morgantown), Levi Putnam (Parkersburg South), Kyle Ritz (Magnolia), Tanner Six (Clay-Battelle), Brandon Taylor (Weir) and Josh Wolfe (Parkersburg South).

Here's a capsule look at the players:

KYLE BALDWIN, Weir — This former Red Rider was tough against the run from his defensive tackle spot for Coach Tony Filberto's squad.

The 6-3, 304 pounder consumed multiple blockers, which allowed his linebackers to make plays.

Kyle is the son of Wayne and Lisa Calvin Morris.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Wheeling Park — This former Patriot was a two-way standout for Daugherty's team.

The 6-3, 263 pounder played in 18 games during his prep career. He was in on 46 tackles,

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recorded three sacks, forced a fumble and batted down three passes.

Richard, who is the son of Christy and Jimbo Dominquez, plans to attend West Liberty.

DYLAN DRUSCHEL, Bishop Donahue — This talented Bishop was a standout at defensive end for Coach John Dudines' squad.

The 6-2, 210 pounder logged 16.5 sacks and 26 tackles last season. He also had nine tackles for loss.

His efforts were recognized by his placement on the all-state, all-OVAC, all-Valley and all-Mason Dixon teams.

Dylan, who is the son of Kevin Druschel and Lori Druschel, plans to attend Concord University.

NOAH FLOWERS, Oak Glen — This former Golden Bear anchored the line for Coach Ian Whittington's team.

The 5-11, 250 pounder served as the Golden Bears' center and long snapper.

Flowers received Oak Glen's outstanding junior award in 2014.

Along with football, Flowers was a three-year mainstay in wrestling. He's also a member of the National Honor Society.

Noah, who is the son of Ralph and Amy Flowers of Chester, plans to attend Fairmont State.

ISAIAH MYERS, Wheeling Park — This ex-Patriot shined at defensive end for Daugherty's state champion squad.

The 5-11, 230 pounder finished with 51 tackles and six sacks last year. He had 135 tackles in his career to go along with 16 sacks.

Myers was also a standout in wrestling, he won the 220 pound Class AAA state championship and was named West Virginia Wrestler of the Year.

Myers is also very active in the community. He's a volunteer for Relay for Life, Special Olympics and Miracle League.

Isaiah, who is the son of Robert Myers Sr. and Gwen Thornburg, plans to attend Waynesburg.

MITCHELL POWERS, Morgantown — This former Mohigan was a two-year, two-way starter for Coach John Bowers' team.

The 6-1, 230 pounder excelled on the offensive line and defensive line.

Along with this all-star game, Powers was chosen as a participant in the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. He was also named second-team all-TRAC.

Away from football, Powers is a member of Athletes Edge, Peer Educators and was a standout wrestler, placing in both the state and placewinner.

Mitchell, who is the son of Tom and Staci Powers, plans to attend Pierpoint Community and Technical College.

LEVI PUTNAM, Parkersburg South — This former Patriot was a standout at nose tackle for Coach Mike Eddy's team.

The 6-1, 270 pounder shared the team lead with 62 tackles, he had nine tackles for loss.

Levi is the son of Gregory Putnam.

KYLE RITZ, Magnolia — This former Blue Eagles wreaked all sorts of havoc for Coach Josh Sims' team.

The 6-2, 230 pounder recorded 82 tackles, nine sacks, two forced fumbles and had an interception from his defensive end post. He had 22 catches for 310 yards and seven touchdowns.

Ritz was named to the all-state team. He was a captain of the all-Valley squad and first-team all-OVAC.

Ritz was also a standout in basketball, too.

Kyle, who will play football at West Liberty, is the son of Mandy Ware.

TANNER SIX, Clay-Battelle — This former CeeBee lined up at right guard and defensive tackle for Coach Ryan Wilson's squad.

The 6-0, 285 pounder finished with 137 tackles, two interceptions, four fumble recoveries and nine sacks.

He was a first-team all-OVAC, all-Mason Dixon Conference and honorable mention all-state selection.

Along with football, Six is a member of the FFA, Pep Club and he took part in wrestling and track.

Tanner, who plans to attend Waynesburg, is the son of Fred and Bobbie Six.

BRANDEN TAYLOR, Weir — This former Red Rider logged action at defensive tackle as well as right guard and right tackle for Filberto's squad.

The 6-4, 290 pounder finished with 44 tackles and five sacks, despite missing two games due to injury.

Brandon, who is the son of James Taylor and Dawn Brown, is planning to attend West Liberty.

JOSH WOLFE, Parkersburg South — This Patriot product spent most of his time at defensive end for Eddy's team.

The 6-1, 225 pounder posted 50 tackles, four sacks and an interception. He was recognized as honorable mention all-state and all-OVAC as well as second-team all-TRAC.

Josh, who is the son of John and Dorraine Wolfe, plans to attend Glenville State.

West Virginia Receivers Can Go Get the Ball

Daugherty pleased with what the group can do

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Chris Daugherty and the West Virginia coaching staff plan on showcasing their team's talents in the 71st annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game.

Whether on the ground or through the air, the Wheeling Park head coach who will guide the Mountain State in the July

23rd game, plans to exhaust all of his options including a talented corps of receivers.

"We have some guys who we believe can go and get the ball," Daugherty said. "Some of these kids we coached against, so we're aware of and we know about a lot of the others. We have a bunch of different kids who we can pull from running backs as well to use at receiver. We really think we have pretty good speed out there."



The receiver candidates include Cole Day (Parkersburg South), Cole Griffin (Linsly), Kaleb Jennings (University), Cyle Perez (Oak Glen) and Austin Skrzyneki (John Marshall).

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

COLE GRIFFIN, Linsly — This former Cadet is still relatively new to the sport as he played only a year-and-a-half for Coach B.J. Depew's team.

As a wide receiver, Griffin made 34 catches for 486 yards and four touchdowns. He was also a standout in the secondary where he posted 48 tackles and collected two interceptions.

Griffin was a second team All-Valley pick after last season.

Along with football, he's a member of the Spanish Club, volunteers at the Mel Blount Youth Home and took part in basketball and track.

Cole, who plans to attend John Carroll

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University, is the son of Robert and Cynthia Griffin of Washington, Pa.

KALEB JENNINGS, University — This former Hawk shined on both sides of the ball for Coach John Kelly's squad.

The 6-foot, 185-pounder had 24 catches for 386 yards, averaging 13.7 yards per catch. He scored five touchdowns. On the defensive side of the ball, he had 42 tackles and picked off five passes.

Jennings was a first team All-OVAC selection.

Along with football, Jennings was active in basketball.

KALEB, who plans on attending Fairmont State, is the son of Jonathan and Rachel Wilson of Morgantown.

CYLE PEREZ, Oak Glen — This former Golden Bear was a big-play threat for Coach Ian Whittington's squad last season.

The 6-2, 180-pounder recorded 54 catches for 718 yards and scored five touchdowns. As a junior, he caught 37 passes for 403 yards and two touchdowns.

Perez was an honorable mention all-state selection. He was All-OVAC and took part in the West Virginia North-South Game.

CYLE, who plans on attending West Liberty, is the son of Tom Perez of Chester.

AUSTIN SKRZYNEKI, John Marshall — This former Monarch made an impact on both sides of the ball for Coach Rick Goodrich's team during his career.

The 6-1, 180-pounder made 36 catches for 237 yards and two touchdowns. He also had 114 tack-

les, including 82 solos and 32 assists. He picked off two passes, too. For his career, he finished with 93 receptions for 607 yards and six touchdowns. He also recorded 239 career solo tackles.

Skrzyneki's fine season garnered him all sort of accolades. He was All-OVAC, captained the All-Valley squad and was named first team all-state.

Austin, who is the son of James and Lori Skrzyneki of Glen Dale, plans to attend West Liberty University to play football.

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Ohio line looks to have pieces in place

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Ohio's Lines 'Solid Units'

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Ohio All-Stars Have Versatility in The Backfield

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

CAMBRIDGE — When he and his coaching began choosing their roster for the July 23rd Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game, Ohio head coach Kevin Gunn wanted versatility.

He thinks he found that in his backfield. Gunn formally announced his quarterback and running back options entering camp, which opens in less than two weeks at Bethany College.

"We had a lot of options at quarterback," Gunn said. "The kids are athletes. We're not plan-

ning on using a different series for six quarterbacks, but we can use them at running back or wide receiver. We could put in some 'Wildcat' packages, too. We just want to play them and use their abilities rather than have them standing on the sideline waiting for their turn to be quarterback."

The quarterback options include: Steubenville Central's Tony Barber, Caldwell's Tanner Clark, River's Joey Flannery and Meadowbrook's Dalton Wiggins.

At the running back spot, Gunn has accumulated a solid mix of speed and power.

"That's my type of personnel," Gunn said of the balance at running back. "We're able to package those kids together and some kids may be used at tight end, too. We have kids who we think can complement each other, so we can get creative to get the ball into these kids' hands."

Options to carry the ball for Ohio include: Martins Ferry's Arjay Burress and Andrew Hython, Harrison Central's Travis Stenson and East Liverpool's Austyn Dozier.

Here's a capsule look at the players:

TONY BARBER, Steubenville Central — This former Crusader put together a big senior season for Coach Steve Daley's team.

The 5-11, 155 pounder passed for 2,554 yards and 31 touchdowns last season. He added 432 rushing yards and six more touchdowns. He finished his career with 4,101 yards and 46 passing touchdowns along with 702 rushing yards and 10 scores.

Barber was a first-team all-Ohio selection last fall. He was the Eastern District's co-offensive player of the year. Along with those hon-

ors, he was first-team all-OVAC and captained the all-Valley Small-School Team.

ARJAY BURRESS, Martins Ferry — This Purple Rider standout turned in an impressive career for Coach Dave Bruney's team.

The 6-foot, 195 pounder was a four-year letterman and finished with 3,900 rushing yards in his career.

His production was recognized by the fact that he was named all-Ohio on multiple occasions. He was a four-time all-OVAC pick.

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TANNER CLARK, Caldwell — This former Redskin had a season to remember for Coach Josh Perkins' squad.

In helping to lead Caldwell to the regional championship game, Clark rushed for 2,237 yards, including a 377-yard outburst in the playoffs. He finished his career with more than 4,600 yards rushing and 2,700 yards passing. He accounted for 95 touchdowns. He finished with 32.5 tackles.

Clark was a Division VII first-team all-Ohioan. He was first-team all-OVAC, all-Eastern District and PVC.

AUSTYN DOZIER, East Liverpool — This former Potter had a big season on both sides of the ball for Coach Josh Ludwig's team.

The 6-2, 225 pounder ran for 934 yards and seven touchdowns last season. He also accumulated 73 tackles and 24 of those were for loss. He added nine sacks.

Dozier was all-Buckeye 8, all-Quad County Football Coaches Association, All-Area by the Morning Journal and first team all-OVAC.

JOEY FLANNERY, River — This former Pilot had an impressive two year stint as starting quarterback for his father and head coach, Mike Flannery.

The 6-2, 175 pounder passed for 1,289 yards and 17 touchdowns last season. As a junior, he accumulated 1,711 yards and 14 touchdowns through the air.

Flannery was named third-team all-Ohio, all-Eastern District and all Times Leader for as a senior. He also took part in the North-South Game.

ANDREW HYTHON, Martins Ferry — This former Purple Rider turned in an all-Ohio season at tailback for Bruney's squad.

The 5-11, 180 pounder rushed for 1,371 yards and 15 touchdowns this season.

Defensively, he recorded 48 solo tackles and 27 assists.

Hython was an all-Ohio selection and all-Eastern District pick. He was also all-OVAC.

TRAVIS STENSON, Harrison Central — This former Huskie was a go-to option for Coach Justin Kropka's team.

The 6-2, 185 pounder ran for better than 1,000 yards en route to all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-Ohio honors.

DALTON WIGGINS, Meadowbrook — This former Colt had an impressive career for Coach Jeff Twiddy's team.

The 6-1, 195 pounder finished with 3,944 yards and 43 touchdowns passing. He also ran for 1,585 yards and added another 26 touchdowns on the ground.

Wiggins was twice named to the all-Ohio team and was first-team all-OVAC and all-ECOL.

Ready for football on Saturday night?

• Kickoff slated for 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

BETHANY: — It's been said that a change is for the good. The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is going to find out.

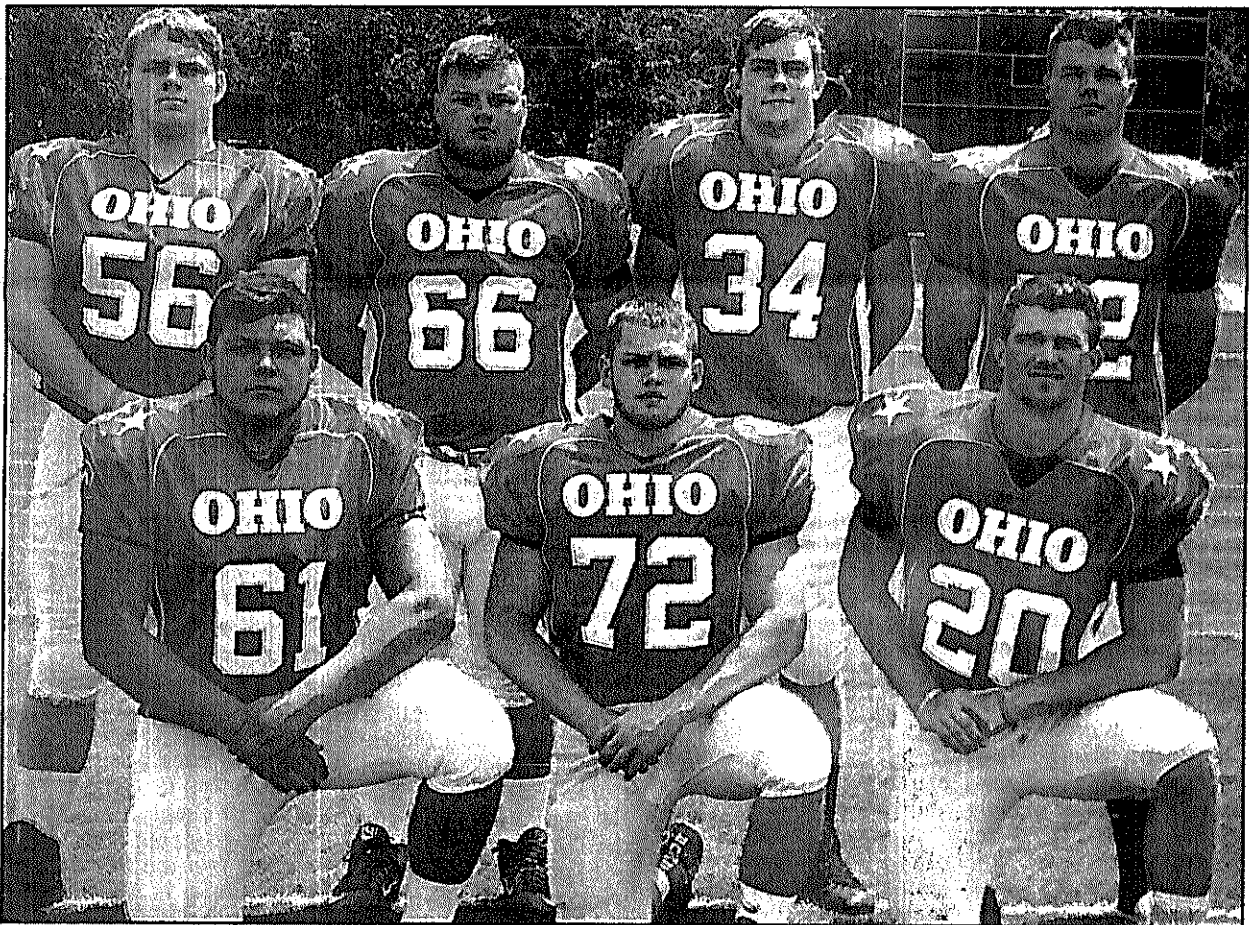
Held annually on a Sunday night in late July for 70 years, the 71st OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game will be played on a Saturday this summer ... July 23. Kickoff is set for 7:15 p.m. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m.

Game Director Bob Koch, in his 16th year of spearheading the week-long festivities, can't wait for the ball to be teed up.

"It's made for an interesting week," he quickly noted while observing media day activities at Bethany College Monday afternoon. "I'm excited and I think it's going to be a good year."

Moving something that has become a summer staple in the Ohio Valley wasn't a spur of the moment idea by all means, according to Koch.

"The main reason was with the conference continuing to grow, we're up to 52 schools, that it was



T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

REPRESENTING SEVERAL high schools in the Times Leader coverage area are, front row from left, Justin Kilburn (Monroe Central), Cole Susac (Barnesville) and Cole Skaggs (St. Clairsville). Back row from left are Michael Furbee (St. Clairsville); Tanner Potts (Monroe Central); Jacob Stewart (St. Clairsville) and Logan Castello (Barnesville).

getting harder and harder on the parents getting home so late on Sunday night," he explained. "So we came up with the idea of playing it on a Saturday

night, and here we are." Switching days hasn't been easy on anybody involved, but the game director seems to be in the middle of it all.

"It's probably been harder on me because I've got 15 years of the game on Sunday; the pep rally Saturday; the Queen of Queens Friday; and so

forth," he noted. "Now, with the change, I've got to stop and think before I open my mouth and say anything now."

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Association, the Region One Coaches Association, the Marshall County Coaches Association and many others.

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ognized by friends and coaches," Hinegardner said. "I had good coaches with me and a good school system. It really worked out well and I am very pleased."

"If you surround yourself with good people, good things will happen," he continued. "The people here have treated me very well and it has been a pleasure living here."

The people that have been by his side throughout his incredible journey

have been his wife Shirley, son Tim and daughter Tammy, as well as his assistant coach at John Marshall, Ed Dugas.

"Life has been good for us," he noted. "We were fortunate to have a good school system and quality athletes. It takes everyone to make a machine run."

Hinegardner will be in attendance on Saturday evening with his wife.

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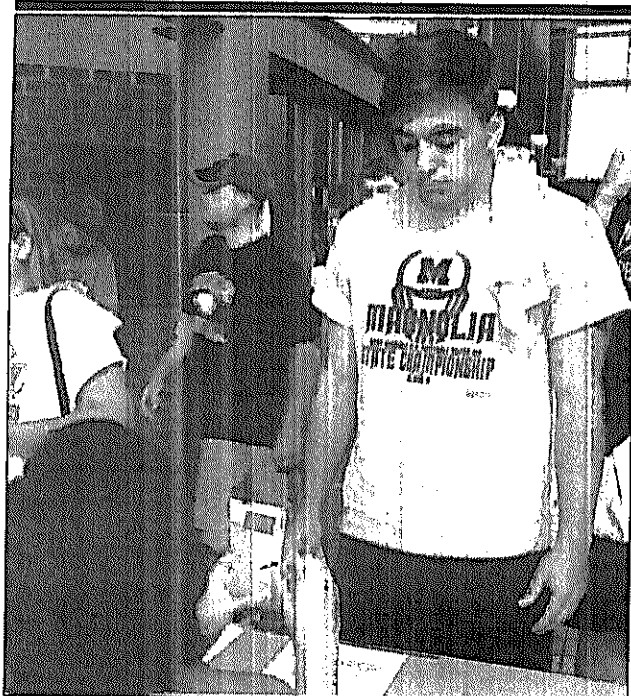


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One game is a miniscule sample size, but it appears the move from Sunday has been well received by all those involved, despite a smaller than normal crowd.

The dip in attendance could be attributed to two other factors other than switching days.

One was the extreme heat. It was blistering hot all day. Fans



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did catch a break when extensive cloud cover arrived shortly before kickoff and remained throughout the game, offering some relief. Second was the Italian Festival which was going full go well past the game's conclusion.

While the smaller crowd is reason for concern, Game Director Bob Koch was pleased with the new format.

"From my standpoint, I really liked it. The week flowed much better for me," Koch said. "I also think both coaching staffs liked it. They were able to have two days of practice before we had Media Day. They had a better handle on their teams by then.

"We will get together in September to discuss the pros and cons of the game," he added. "But I think things went real well tonight (Saturday) and all week long.

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The one thing we need to tweak is the time for the Friday pep rally, so we can give families time to get there."

Longtime OVAC wrestling director Ron Mauck is an advocate of the Saturday night game.

"I like the game on Saturday. We used to play it all the time on Saturdays," Mauck said. People can spend all day at the Italian Festival and come straight to the game. It also worked well for having the Queen of Queens pageant on Thursday as we didn't have any parking issues with the Italian Festival."

I asked several current head prep coaches their preference of game nights. All opted for the Saturday option.

Wheeling Park's Chris Daugherty, who guided the West Virginia All-Stars to a convincing 26-6 win, liked Saturday night but offered an intriguing option.

"I prefer Saturday over Sunday for sure. But I think Friday would be a great night for this game," Daugherty offered. "We had everything in place early in the week. We were ready to go. Friday is workable."

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■ The game did have one ugly episode when two players were ejected for unacceptable behavior. The actions were not reflective of Daugherty and Ohio's

Kevin Gunn — two classy coaches.

■ I continue to sing the praises of Koch as game director. His job is massive in nature, and once again the game played out seamlessly.

■ The Italian Festival did provide an entertaining fireworks show near the end of the third quarter.

■ The addition of Morgantown, Parkersburg South and University has definitely leveled the playing field as West Virginia has won five of the last seven games. Ohio could have definitely used the services of Steubenville Big Red grid-ders. Steubenville was ineligible for the conference crown, making the all-star game off limits for its players.

■ Valley's Tret Streets was named the game's MVP, and deservedly so. He was just of several Mountaineers turning in sparkling efforts. Caldwell's Tanner Clark and Martins Ferry's Andrew Hython were two of the Buckeyes who played well in a losing cause.

■ The Class A coaches will be in charge of the all-star squads in next year's game.

■ The McDonald's All-Star Band delivered another rousing performance. It is amazing that 143 members can come together on Wednesday and musically mesh in just three days.

Our Opinion

An OVAC tradition

We all have traditions that we observe, but some traditions are more meaningful than others because they accomplish a lot of good.

Right now, folks are preparing to put on a local tradition that gets teens from both sides of the Ohio River together for an annual competition. The 71st Annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Classic will take place at 7:15 p.m. Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The game between the best gridders from Eastern Ohio and the Northern Panhandle is an important tradition in itself, giving sports fans an early taste of the upcoming autumn football season.

But there are more traditions contained within the overarching event, including marching band camp, cheering camp, a pep rally, a reunion luncheon and the Queen of Queens Pageant, which will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Wheeling. During the pageant, the reigning queen, Bridgeport High School graduate and U.S. Air Force Airman Briana Massey, will crown this year's winner.

Massey also participated in another OVAC tradition on Tuesday — as the outgoing queen, she hosted a fundraiser. Massey chose LEEK, a Pennsylvania hunting and mountain preserve, as the beneficiary of her effort.

By conducting a car wash, Massey hoped to raise at least \$500 to help LEEK provide a handicap-accessible, therapeutic outdoor environment for wounded or disabled veterans who come to the site through the Wounded Warrior Project. With help from a few of this year's queen candidates, Massey raised funds to support the veterans as they heal.

As a military member herself, Massey understands the importance of this effort. And she did an outstanding job of fulfilling the tradition that the outgoing queen works for a good cause.

Congratulations to Massey on the end of her reign, on her fundraising effort and on her Air Force career. And good luck to all of the young ladies who will be competing for the 2016-17 title of Queen of Queens this evening. We hope to see you — and many Ohio Valley residents — at the game on Saturday.

Gunn names Ohios backfield for OVAC game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

CAMBRIDGE — When he and his coaching began choosing their roster for the July 23rd Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game, Ohio head coach Kevin Gunn wanted versatility.

He thinks he found that in his backfield. Gunn formally announced his quarterback and running back options entering camp, which opens in less than two weeks at

Bethany College.

"We had a lot of options at quarterback," Gunn said. "The kids are athletes. We're not planning on using a different series for six quarterbacks, but we can use them at running back or wide receiver. We could put in some 'Wildcat' packages, too. We just want to play them and use their abilities rather than have them standing on the sideline waiting for their turn to be quarterback."

The quarterback options include: Steubenville Central's Tony Barber, Cald-

well's Tanner Clark, River's Joey Flannery and Meadowbrook's Dalton Wiggins.

At the running back spot, Gunn has accumulated a solid mix of speed and power.

"That's my type of personnel," Gunn said of the balance at running back. "We're able to package those kids together and some kids may be used at tight end, too. We have kids who we think can complement each other, so we can get creative to get the ball into these kids' hands."

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Options to carry the ball for Ohio include: Martins Ferry's Arjay Burress and Andrew Hython, Harrison Central's Travis Stenson and East Liverpool's Austyn Dozier.

Here's a capsule look at the players:

TONY BARBER, Steubenville Central — This former Crusader put together a big senior season for Coach Steve Daley's team.

The 5-11, 155 pounder passed for 2,554 yards and 31 touchdowns last season. He added 432 rushing yards and six more touchdowns. He finished his career with 4,181 yards and 46 passing touchdowns along with 702 rushing yards and 10 scores.

Barber was a first-team all-Ohio selection last fall. He was the Eastern District's co-offensive player of the year. Along with those honors, he was first-team all-OVAC and captained the all-Valley Small-School Team.

Away from football, Barber is a member of the National Honor Society and served as Student Council President. He's a member of the Key Club, Foreign Language Club and the Anti-Drug Coalition. He was the Class of 2016's valedictorian.

Tony, who is the son of Michael and Sheri Barber of Steubenville, plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh.

ARJAY BURRESS, Martins Ferry — This Purple Rider standout turned in an impressive career for Coach Dave Baucy's team.

The 6-foot, 195 pounder was a four-year letterman and finished with 3,900 rushing yards in his career.

His production was recognized by the fact that he was named all-Ohio on multiple occasions. He was a four-time all-OVAC pick.

Along with football, Burress was a standout in track and field for the Purple Riders.

Arjay, who is the son of Brandi Aubrey and Christopher Burress, plans to attend West Liberty.

TANNER CLARK, Caldwell — This former Redskin had a season to remember for Coach Josh Perkins' squad.

In helping to lead Caldwell to the regional championship game, Clark rushed for 2,237 yards, including a 177 yard outburst in the playoffs. He finished his career with more than 4,600 yards rushing and 2,700 yards passing. He accounted for 95 touchdowns. He finished with 32.5 tackles.

Clark was a Division VII first-team all-Ohioan. He was first-team all-OVAC, all-Eastern District and PVC.

Along with football, Clark was a standout in both basketball and baseball, too. He took part in both of those OVAC All-Star Games.

Tanner, who plans to attend Marietta College, is the son of Mike and Liz Clark.

AUSTYN DOZIER, East Liverpool — This former Pecker had a big season on both sides of the ball for Coach Josh Ludwig's team.

The 6-2, 225 pounder ran for 934 yards and seven touchdowns last season. He also accumulated 73 tackles and 24 of those were for loss. He added nine sacks.

Dozier was all-Buckeye 3, all-Quad County Foot-

ball Coaches Association, All-Area by the Morning Journal and first team all-OVAC.

Away from football, Dozier is a member of the Outdoor Adventure Club and took part in the American Red Cross Leadership Program. He was also a four-year letterman in baseball and three-year letterman in wrestling.

Austyn, who is the son of Dave and Nici Dozier, plans to attend Mount Union.

JOEY FLANNERY, River — This former Pilot had an impressive two-year stint as starting quarterback for his father and head coach, Mike Flannery.

The 6-2, 175 pounder passed for 1,289 yards and 17 touchdowns last season. As a junior, he accumulated 1,711 yards and 14 touchdowns through the air.

Flannery was named third-team all-Ohio, all-Eastern District and all-Times Leader for as a senior. He also took part in the North-South Game.

Along with football, Flannery lettered in basketball and track. He was a regional finalist and OVAC champion on the oval.

Away from athletics, Flannery was a member of Business Professionals of America, founder of the Student Union, Pep Club President, Student Council and founder of the school's social media page.

Joey, who is the son of Mike and Carolyn Flannery, plans to attend Ohio University Eastern.

ANDREW HYTHON, Martins Ferry — This former Purple Rider turned in an all-Ohio season at tailback for Bruney's squad.

The 5-11, 180 pounder

rushed for 1,371 yards and 15 touchdowns this season. Defensively, he recorded 48 solo tackles and 27 assists.

Hython was an all-Ohio selection and all-Eastern District pick. He was also all-OVAC. He was a standout in track as well.

Andrew, who plans to attend John Carroll University, is the son of Andy Hython and Lisa Simmons.

TRAVIS STENSON, Harrison Central — This former Huskie was a go-to option for Coach Justin Kropka's team.

The 6-2, 185 pounder ran for better than 1,000 yards en route to all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-Ohio honors.

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Travis is the son of Donna Stenson.

DALTON WIGGINS, Meadowbrook — This former Colt had an impressive career for Coach Jeff Twiddy's team.

The 6-1, 195 pounder finished with 3,944 yards and 43 touchdowns passing. He also ran for 1,585 yards and added another 26 touchdowns on the ground.

Wiggins was twice named to the all-Ohio team and was first-team all-OVAC and all-ECOL. He was also a four-year letterman in baseball.

Away from football, Wiggins was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society and was the school's Homecoming King.

Dalton, who plans to attend Cincinnati Christian University, is the son of Michael and Karen Wiggins.

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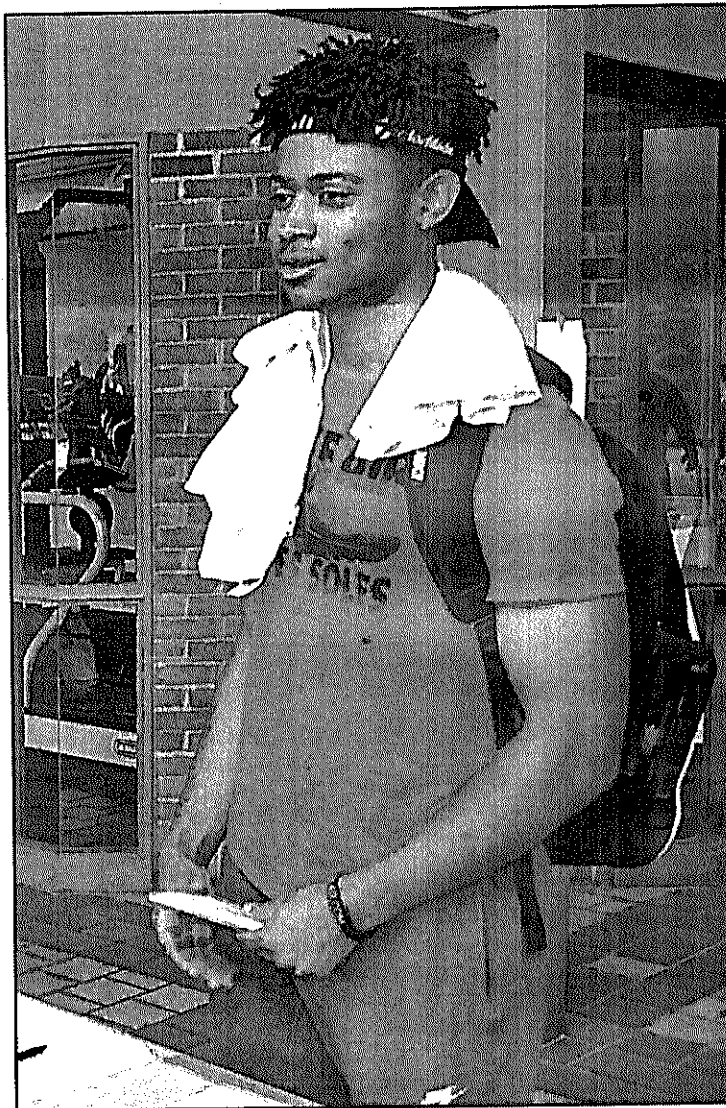
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Held annually on a Sunday night in late July for 70 years, the 71st OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game will be played on a Saturday this summer ... July 23. Kickoff is set for 7:15 p.m. Gates will open at 5:30 p.m.

Game Director Bob Koch, in his 16th year of spearheading the week-long festivities, can't wait for the ball to be teed up.

"It's made for an interesting week," he quickly noted while observing media day activities at Bethany College Monday afternoon. "I'm excited and I think it's going to be a good year."

Moving something that has become a summer staple in the Ohio Valley wasn't a spur of the moment idea by all means, according to Koch.

"The main reason was with the conference contin-

uing to grow, we're up to 52 schools, that it was getting harder and harder on the parents getting home so late on Sunday night," he explained.

"So we came up with the idea of playing it on a Saturday night, and here we are."

Switching days hasn't been easy on anybody involved, but the game director seems to be in the middle of it all.

"It's probably been harder on me because I've got 15 years of the game on Sunday; the pep rally Saturday; the Queen of Queens Friday; and so forth," he noted. "Now, with the change, I've got to stop and think before I open my mouth and say anything now."

"But, overall, there's been several plusses with the flow of things. The coaches have been able to get their squads together and they've had four practices already before this media day," he added. "We didn't have that luxury before, so I think it had kind of worked out pretty well."

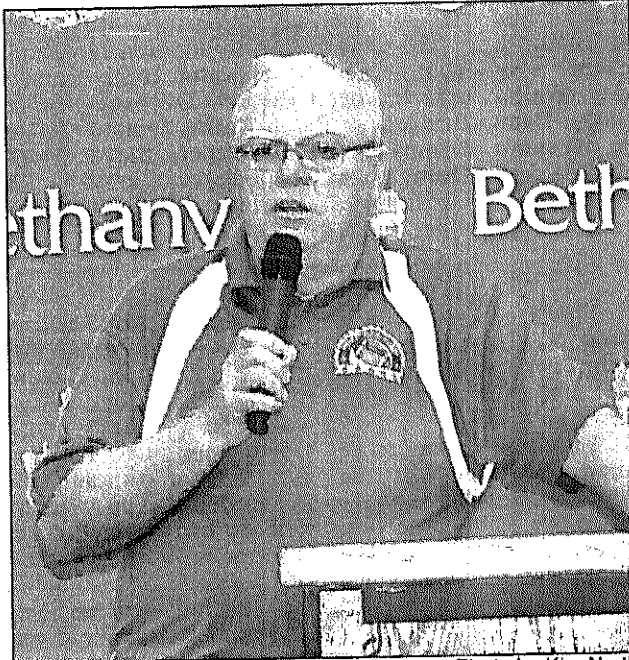


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OVAC All-Star Football Game Director Bob Koch talks during Media Day on Monday.

Members of the McDonald's All-Star Band will report to camp at Bethany College today, while the cheerleaders report Wednesday. The 30th annual George Strager Evening

With the Stars will be held at Wheeling Park's White Palace tonight. Social hour at 6:30. The program begins an hour later.

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Today's Results:
Q. Will Henrik Stenson win another major?

Yes: 40%

No: 60%

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Tomorrow's Poll:
Q. Can West Virginia University make a run at the Big 12 title?

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There hasn't been one major hurdle or obstacle concerning moving the game.

"It was just a matter of coordination. The first thing we did was call Wheeling Island Racetrack and Casino because we do

use there parking lot," he continued. "We then checked with WTOV-9 to make sure it was alright with their schedule. We also had to check with Bethany College to see if we could get in here any earlier than before. Everybody has been so flexible and cooperative with us."

Ohio head coach Kevin Gunn, of Cambridge High School, is proud to be a part of the first-ever Saturday night game.

"I think it's going to be exciting for the fact that we're going to have possibly more fans come out, weather permitting. We want those stands packed," he said. "You get a kid that's a teenager in front of thousands of people and their juices get flowing. That's what we want these kids to experience."

Downtown Wheeling's

renovated Capitol Theatre will serve as the venue for the 23-contestant Queen of Queen's Talent Show on Thursday at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. The winner will be crowned during halftime festivities Saturday night.

A pep rally will be held Friday at Bison Field on the Bethany College campus at 6 p.m. Gates open at 5 and admission is free. Announcement of the Rudy Mumley Scholar-

Athlete scholarships; introduction of the 143 band members; introductions of the 33 Ohio players and 31 W.Va. players; introductions of the cheerleaders and Queen of Queens will take place.

Koch also revealed that some afternoon activities were held during the week when it's the hottest and tough to practice.

"We had an activity Sunday and Monday afternoons and the teams have been able to practice in the mornings and evenings."





Photo by Kim North

St. Clairsville's Jakob Stewart (left) and Wheeling Central's Brandon Angalich receive the George Strager Memorial Camp Scholarship Tuesday. They are joined with St. Clairsville AD Kelly Rine.

OVAC Teams Gather For Evening With The Stars

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Nearly 150 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference athletes from 16 schools have benefited from the more than \$30,000 in scholarships derived from the George Strager Football Camp, which held its 25th and final session in 2014.

The number of scholarships and dollar amounts both increased Tuesday night when Wheeling Central's

Brandon Angalich and St. Clairsville's Jakob Stewart were named as the latest recipients during the 30th annual George Strager Evening with the Stars inside the Wheeling Park's spacious White Palace.

"Both of those young men are very deserving," St. Clairsville athletic director Kelly Rine, who made the presentations, said. "Brandon comes very highly regarded from (head football coach) Mike Young

and the Wheeling Central community. Certainly, Jake's accolades speak for himself. He did a lot of good things for our football team for three years and this year in swimming."

High in ideals and principles, Coach Strager initiated the Evening with the Stars for the specific purpose of placing the athlete first by exhibiting respect, admiration and support relative to his/her all-star status.

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All-Star Week Takes Shape

By CODY TOMER
Staff Writer

WHEELING — There are many fun festivities that are involved in the Annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game but only the coaches and the players see the hard work put in behind the scenes. For West Virginia, head coach Chris Daugherty of Wheeling Park has seen the progress his squad has made in just four days and is excited to see what they can do in the days leading up to the big game.

"It has been a fun four days," Daugherty said. "It is different bringing in a group of kids that don't know each other and don't know my language or coaching

style but it is cool to see how the relationships have grown everyday, as well as their play and understanding of what needs to be done. We still have four days left and hopefully they get better everyday."

There is no question that the OVAC All-Star Game is a highly anticipated game all around the Ohio Valley for the fans, players, coaches, cheerleaders, the band and everyone involved. Everyone is ready for the start of football season and Daugherty knows this all too well.

"It's the opportunity of a lifetime to get to coach in this game," Daugherty said.

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"Growing up in the Ohio Valley, I know the importance of the game and when we got the chance to coach, we took it."

Daugherty is coming off of a season in which his Patriots won the West Virginia State Championship with a 12-1-1 record and he is bringing back his entire coaching staff to join him on the sideline on Saturday, along with five players and an obvious home field advantage.

The West Virginia coaching staff is made up of Jack Doyle, Shane Glass, Tim Ickes, Boogie Johnson, Rick Marsh, Keith Phillips, Andy Seals and Dave Stahnke.

The five Patriots joining Daugherty and his staff are Jamez Coles, Isaiah Myers, Clay McDonald,

Chase Adams and Richard Blackwell.

"We had a special season winning the state championship, so to get one more week with five of my players has been a blast," Daugherty said. "I'd love to be able to get one more week with all 65 of them but we created a relationship of a lifetime. It is also nice to play for the state title and an all-star game in our stadium so our staff and those five players will definitely feel at home."

Magnolia High also won a state championship in the 2016 campaign and there will be three Blue Eagles putting on that all-star uniform, which will include Tyler Anderson, Zach Haught and Kyle Ritz.

With so many different players coming together

for just one week, there is a lot of work to do to attempt to get everyone on the same page understanding the plays and finding chemistry with each other.

"The All-Star game is much different because there is no film on Ohio to watch so we have to just get to the game and adjust," Daugherty said. "I imagine that the defense will be ahead of the offense but I think that the team that makes the least amount of mistakes will be the team that is victorious. It is definitely going to be good game."

Daugherty is very proud of his team and the effort they have put forth so far in this busy week and believes that a group of kids that love football as much as they do, they should easily mix together and be ready for Saturday.

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OVAC executive director Tom Rataiczak was all wrapped up in numbers Tuesday night. He had his calculator working overtime in figuring out that there has been nearly 12,200 individuals take part in the game over the years. The breakdown goes like this: 6,849 students have marched in the McDonald's All-Star Band, while 3,843 players have strapped on a helmet and shoulder pads. Another 1,464 have been Queen of Queens candidates for a grand total of 12,156.

Also attending Tuesday night's dinner were the Queen from 1957, that being Mary Lee Zeakes Boroski of Warren Consolidated High School, and Kym Strager-Smith, Coach Strager's daughter who still resides in St. Clairsville.

WTOV-9 will present a 30-minute preview show tonight at 7:30 on Fox9. There will be live segments from the campus of Bethany College. Rob Metzger and Ryan Stanko will handle the duties.

The first-ever George Strager Evening with the Stars was held in 1987 at Ernie's Esquire Supper Club in Bethlehem. Scholarships were presented in 1993.

an affair would also further generate a strong and sincere feeling, demonstrating that our adults do have a genuine interest in development and future of our young student-athletes.

"This is really an honor to win this award," Angalich said. "I was a participant at the camp for three years and I knew he (Coach Strager) and Coach Young were good friends. Coach Young has told us about what kind of man Coach Strager was, so it's really an honor to win such a prestigious scholarship."

Angalich will attend West Virginia University.

"Coming from St. Clairsville, this honor really means a lot to me," Stewart acknowledged. "Having two awards being named for Coach Strager and being family friends with them really means a lot to win this award."

"I would like to thank the OVAC staff and Kelly Rine," he added. "They did a great job and I think they deserve more recognition for what they do. As football players, we take advantage of this and I don't think we really let them know how much it means to us."

Lazears a Family Of OVAC All-Stars

Brooke grad joins father, brother among elite

By CODY TOMER
Staff Writer

WELLSBURG — There have been many great moments in the 71 year history of the OVAC Rudy Mumley Football All-Star Game and the Lazear family is about to experience one themselves on Saturday.

Brooke graduate Matthew Lazear has been selected to the West Virginia All-Star team and will join his older brother Ryan and his father Jim as OVAC All-Star Alum.

Jim Lazear played for Brooke and was a participant in the game in 1983, while Ryan was also a Bruin and a member of the West Virginia squad in 2011.

Both Ryan and Jim were also members of the North and South All-Star teams, just another impressive feat for the Lazear family.

"This has definitely always been one of my goals," Matthew said. "To do what they did and reach the OVAC All-Star Game is a big accomplishment for me."

Matthew is heading to Bethany College to play football next season, which also has some family history. His grandfather Harry Lazear Sr. played for Bethany and was in the OVAC All-Star game 70 years ago and now Matt is continuing the family legacy.

Matt's father Jim attended West Liberty from 1983-86 and Ryan was a Huff Award Winner at Brooke and a member of the Mount Union National Championship team in 2012.

"The OVAC All-Star Game is special," Ryan said.

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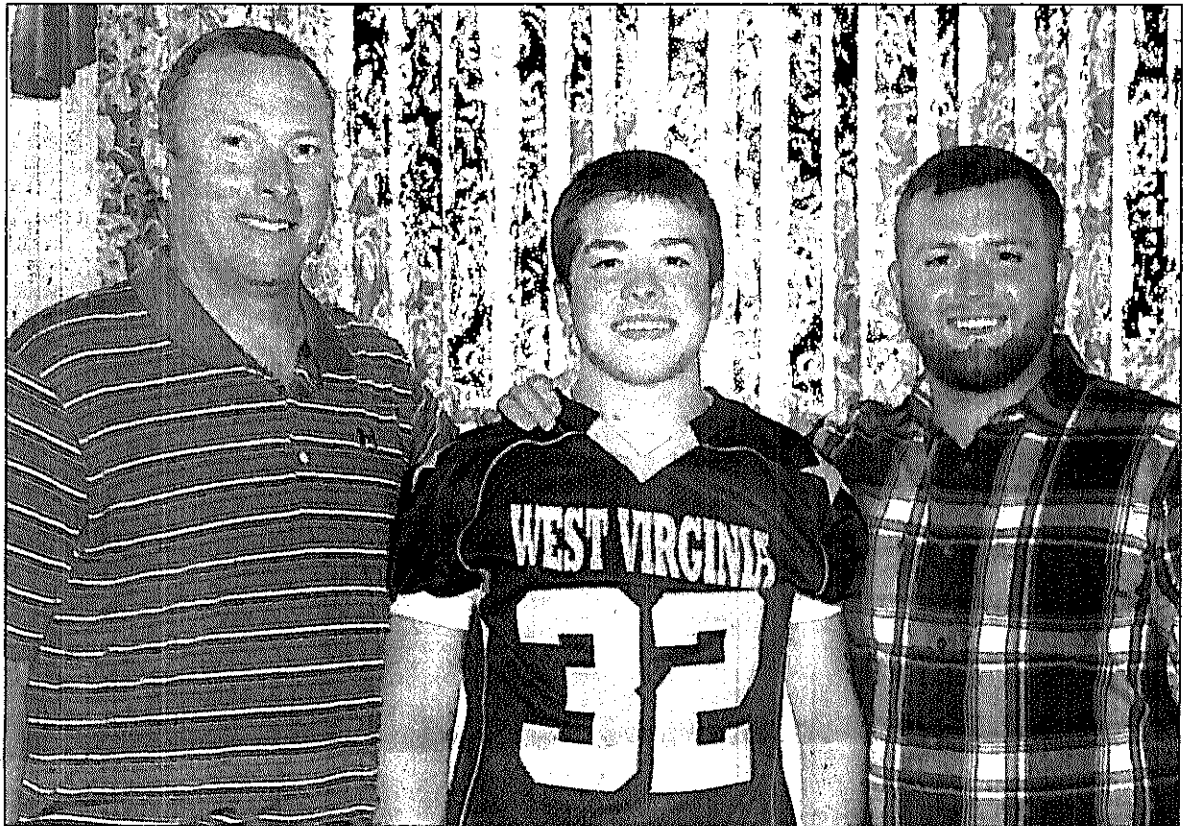


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Brooke High School graduate and member of the West Virginia squad of this year's OVAC Rudy Mumley Football All-Star Game Matthew Lazear, center, is flanked by his father Jim, left, and brother Ryan. Jim and Ryan also represented Brooke High School in past all-star games.

Wooding and Griffin Took Very Different Routes to All-Star Game

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

BETHANY — Von Wooding and Cole Griffin arrived at the Linsly School four years ago from different directions. Wooding from Flushing and Griffin from Washington, Pa.

The talented Cadets duo will conclude the prep careers together as they are members of the W.Va. squad which will battle Ohio when the 71st annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game kicks off Saturday night at 7:15 inside Wheeling Island Stadium.

Wooding, who attended Union Local schools until seventh grade, will be lining up against some familiar faces.

"It's going to be cool, actually," he said. "I played pee wee football in Cadiz with the kids from Harrison Central. They're my dudes. They're my

friends."

That friendship will be put on hold for 48 minutes come Saturday.

"You know what it's all about when you step on the field," the 6-1, 200-pound Wooding said. "I expect to have fun with it being my last high school game, but at the same time, I'm also looking to do some damage, especially on defense."

Listed as a linebacker, Wooding said the coaching staff has had him working out at defensive end.

"It doesn't matter where I play."

He will attend NCAA Division III Oberlin College where he will play football.

Griffin, meanwhile, although living in nearby Washington, admitted that he had never heard of the game until eighth grade.

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LAZEARS

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"I remember hearing the names of the other players on the news and to come together for camp was pretty cool. After spending the week with them, I made some lifelong friends and we still keep in touch to this day."

Football is definitely a special bond for the Lazear family but Jim gives his two sons all of the credit for their accomplishments.

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the All-Star team."

After playing just five games in his junior season due to an injury that occurred on the wrestling mat, Matt was named the special teams Player of the Year for Brooke, which just shows his work ethic and love for the game of football.

"We have always been hard-nosed, we all love football in this family and we play with a lot of heart," Matt said. "I want to make some friends this week and take this experience into the college level and go from there. I would also love to get an interception on Saturday to wrap up my high school career."

If Matthew can record that interception, it would just add to the memories for the Lazear family at the OVAC All-Star Game.

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"I had no clue. I didn't even know where Wheeling was until then," he said. "My cousins, Akil and Jabri Blount, went to Linsly."

He said he's making the most of his opportunity to play in the game.

"It's been great so far up here at Bethany. I've got to meet some great people. I'm having a great time."

The 6-1, 198-pounder will play collegiately at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He is listed as a wide receiver/defensive back for Saturday, but said he will play defense at the next level.

GAME NOTES

■ In addition to the three generations of Lazear's playing in the contest, which was chronicled earlier this week, there are several other family connections.

For Ohio, River quarterback Joey Flannery's father, Mike, played in the 1973 game; Harrison Central's Brandon Mitchell watched his brother, Kalub, played a summer ago; St. Clairsville's Cole Skaggs' father, Walt, was the starting center for Ohio's winning team in 1987; while fellow Red Devil Jakob Stewart's grandfather, Rich Lazasz, played in the 1961 game.

For W.Va., Weir's Kyle Baldwin's brother, Daren, played in the 2013 game and Brooke's Nathan Green is following in the footsteps of his brother, Logan, who participated in 2014.

■ A handful of talented athletes would have been selected if not for attending NCAA Division I schools.

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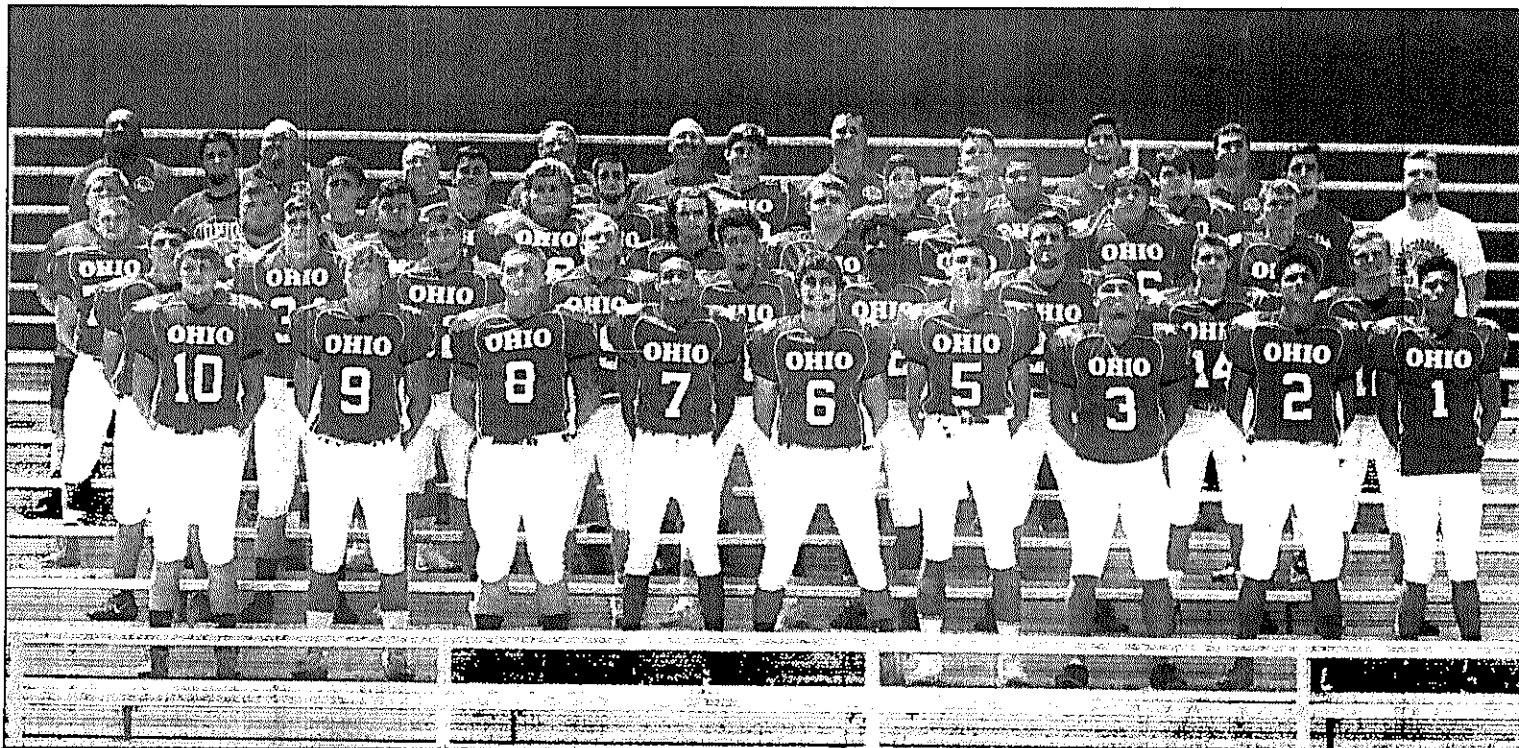
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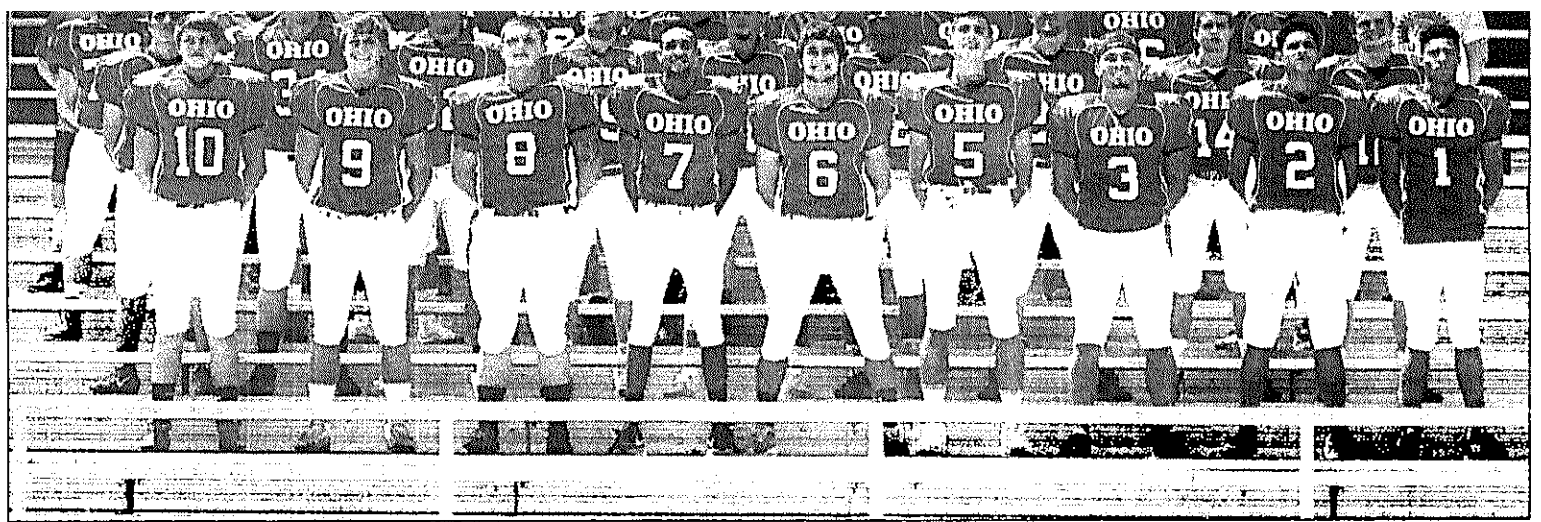
While last-minute changes are always possible, Ohio's offensive line-up looks like this:

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Tailback - Martins Ferry's Andrew Hython and Harrison Central's Travis Stenson, with Caldwell's Clark again seeing action here.

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EXTRA POINTS

A pep rally this evening will get the participants fired up for Saturday's game, with the event slated at Bison Field on the campus of Bethany College starting at 6 p.m. (gates open at 5). The players, coaches, cheerleaders, McDonald's All-Star Band and Queen of Queens candidates will all be introduced at the event, which is free of charge.

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OVAC All-Stars bonding quickly at camp

Week-long activities lead to Saturday's Ohio-W. Va. clash at Wheeling Island Stadium

By **JEFF HARRISON**
The Daily Jeffersonian



BETHANY, W.V. — If the ability to bond quickly pays dividends on the field, then the Ohio squad should be successful in Saturday's 71st OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

With media day activities on the campus of Bethany College in the rear-view mirror, the Ohio and West Virginia players will now battle the heat as they pre-

pare for the annual mid-summer clash which kicks off Saturday at 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Both head coaches — Ohio's Kevin Gunn from Cambridge and West Virginia's Chris "Doc" Daugh-

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"It's great when you see the kids bonding," said Gunn. "Some of them were pretty quiet at first, but they're coming out of their shell and that's great to see."

"Like Coach Gunn said," echoed Daugherty, "it's nice to see the kids going from nobody talking the first 24 hours or so to now where you can't get them to shut up."

Both coaches liked the fact that the teams also seemed to be developing a "friendly" rivalry.

"There's no animosity between the teams," said Daugherty. "That's something that crept in a time or two in the past, but we're not having that at all with this year's group."

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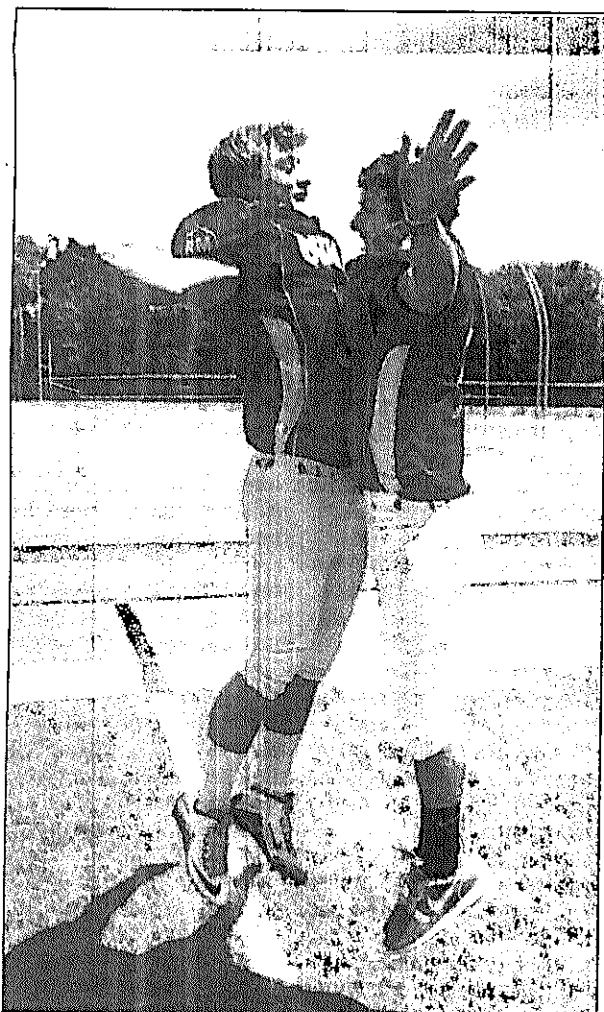
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"I'm very excited to represent Meadowbrook one more time," said Wiggins, who'll be heading to Cincinnati Christian College on July 30 to begin conditioning drills where he'll have a new offense to learn — the wing-T.

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Call it their form of "bonding" as Caldwell's Tanner Clark (left) and Meadowbrook's Dalton Wiggins practice their touchdown celebration during media day activities at Bethany College in preparation for Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

been "interesting", according to Wiggins.

"It's been an adjustment, but it's been fun," he said. "It kinda makes you wish there was just one school in the county and we could've played together all along."

"I'm definitely excited ... it's quite an honor," said Caldwell's Chance Rucker. "I grew up watching this game when I was just a short, little guy (he's 6-3, 295 now) and to realize that dream is pretty special."

The Redskin two-time first team all-Ohioan is also looking forward to taking the field one final time with teammates Tanner Clark and Clay Poling.

"It's our last high school game together," he noted, "and then we move on and do our own thing."

Rucker, who will be doing his "thing" just down the road on Route 88 at

West Liberty University, said the all-important interior line is meshing nicely.

"Our offensive line really started jelling right away and we're anxious to get out there Saturday," he said.

"It's definitely an honor to play with all of these great athletes and to be considered an all-star, too," said Caldwell's Clark. "It's crazy to adapt to everything so quickly, but with the athletes we've got it's been pretty easy. It's hard to get used to someone else's offense or defense, but we'll be ready to go."

"It's exciting being a part of this," offered Cambridge's Josh Lewis. "We watched a video yesterday (Sunday) on the history of the game about Rudy Mumley, and it's great to be able to continue what he started a long time ago."

Having his coaches there

plus teammates Josh Seckman and Adam Fox has been an added bonus for Lewis, whose biggest concern was that he'll be sporting an unfamiliar number (44) rather than his traditional No. 13 jersey.

"I'm not as nervous since I'm familiar with them," he said, "and to get a chance for one more win with my coaching staff and my teammates is great."

Lewis said he was happy to serve as a resource for the other players due to his familiarity with the overall system being used by the Ohio squad.

"The coaching staff told the other players if they have questions to ask the Cambridge guys, so we've been able to help out a lot early," he said.

He's also looking forward to teaming up with

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his former rival, Wiggins, on the Island turf Saturday night.

"That's nice," he said. "I always hated having to chase after him, so it'll be nice being on the same team and catching passes from him this time."

Gunn pointed out that while winning is always a goal, showcasing the players' talents and having an enjoyable week for all were at the top of his priority list.

"We want to make them comfortable with what we're doing," he said. "We want to be able to get the most done in a short amount of time; find out what their strengths are and ride them."

"I've got plenty of athletes," he understated. "Most of them can play offense or defense...we've got

quarterbacks who can play wide receiver ... and we just want to get them out there where they can show people what they can do."

"We've asked them to come here and do basically double-sessions for an entire week and we want them all to play," he added. "and our number one goal is to make sure they all have fun."

"Their energy level has been outstanding and even our coaches' energy level is the best it's been in a long time."

One thing both teams will have to contend with is the heat, with temperatures expected near the 90 degree mark all week including a potential high of 97 on Saturday.

"We've had full pads the first couple of days to get them acclimated," said Gunn. "We're not going to kill them as it gets hotter as the week goes along, but at the same time they have to

realize they have to be in shape and stay hydrated."

He's already counting down the hours until game time, too.

"I think it'll be exciting and hopefully more folks will come out with the game on a Saturday," Gunn offered. "The kids' energy level will just skyrocket when they get to play in front of thousands of fans."

"When 7:15 Saturday comes, we'll be ready to play," he added.

EXTRA POINTS

— With the adjusted schedule due to the game being played Saturday, the rest of the week's activities include:

Tuesday: the 30th annual George Strager Evening with the Stars banquet at Wheeling Park's White Palace, with social hour at 6:30 and the program at 7:30; also the arrival of the 143-member McDonald's All-Star Band and the Ohio

and West Virginia All-Star Cheerleaders to Bethany College.

Thursday: the annual Queen of Queens Talent Show at the Capitol Theater in downtown Wheeling starting at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6). Admission to this event is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

Friday: the annual Pep Rally at Bison Field on the campus of Bethany College at 6 p.m. (gates open at 5). There is no admission for this event which will include the players, coaches, cheerleaders, band and Queen of Queens candidates.

— Tickets for the game will be on sale through Friday during business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at The DailyJeffersonian office located at 831 Wheeling Ave. in downtown Cambridge.

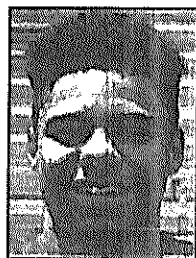
Advance tickets are \$7 and all tickets at the game cost \$10.



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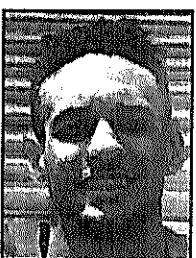
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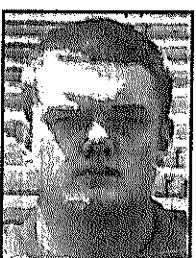
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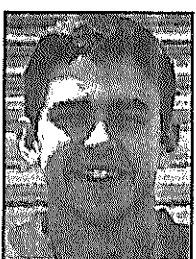
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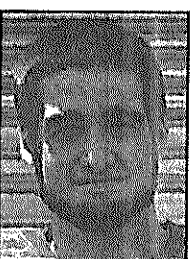
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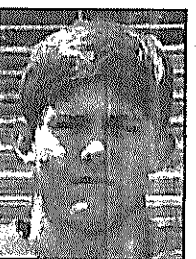
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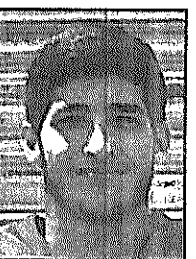
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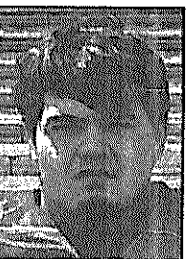
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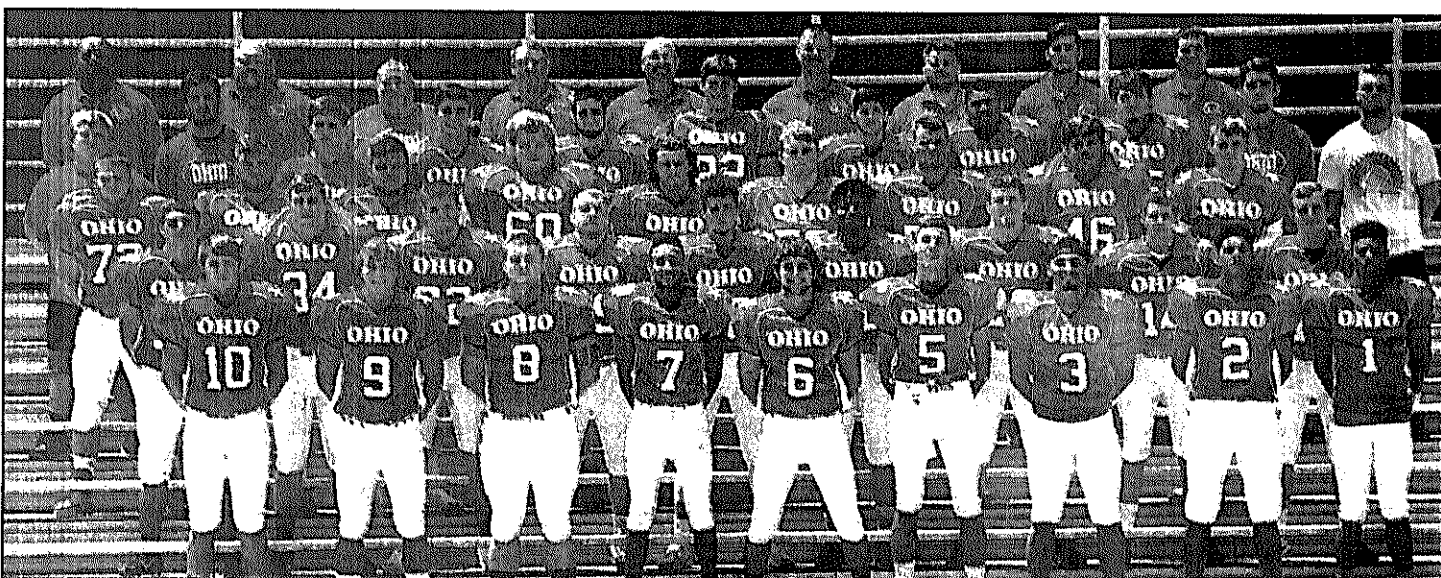
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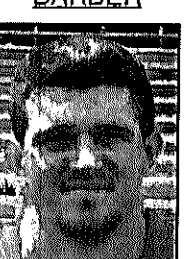
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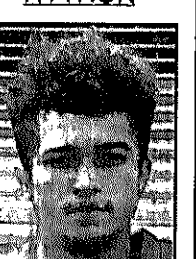
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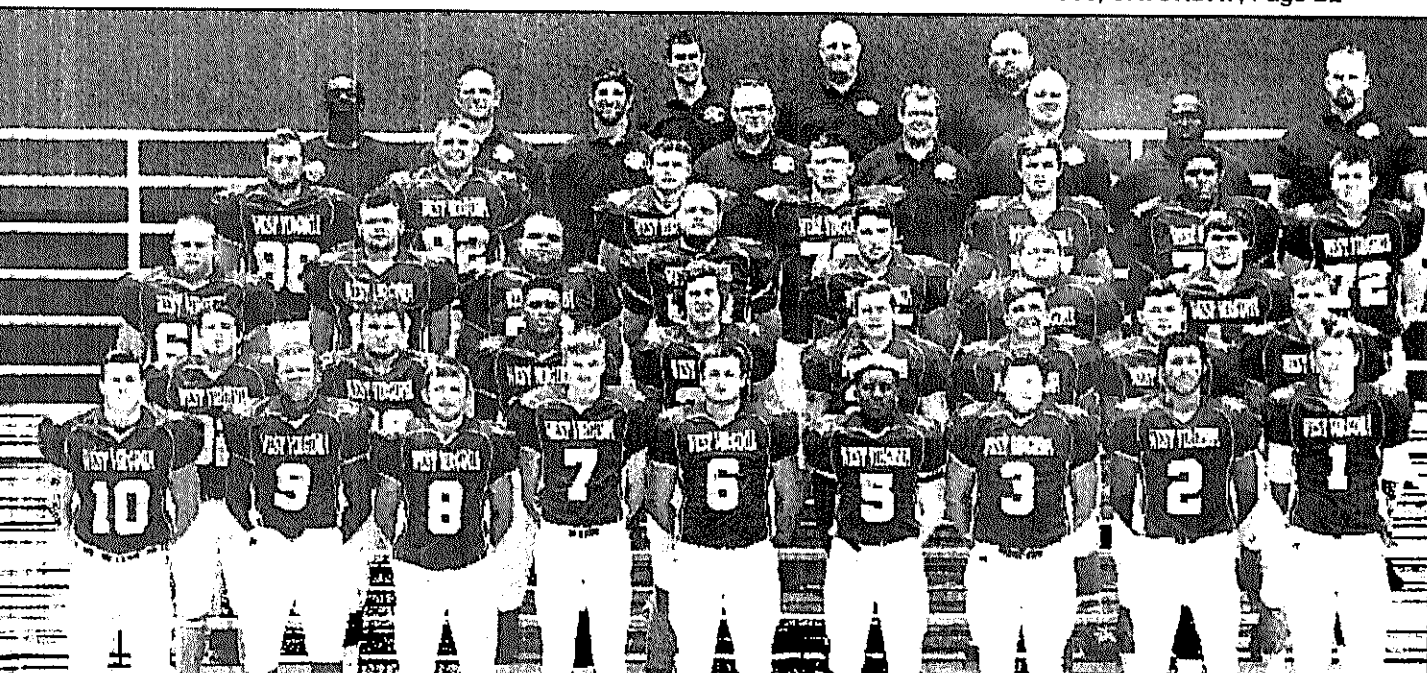
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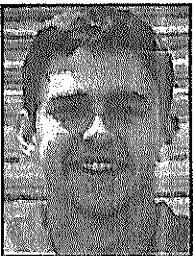
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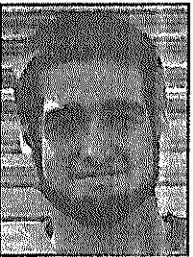




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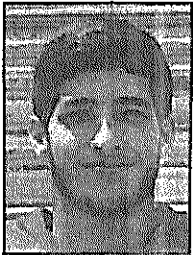
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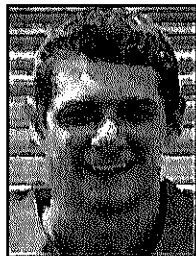


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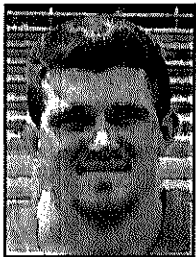
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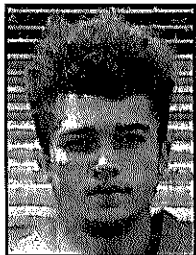
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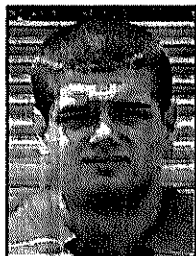
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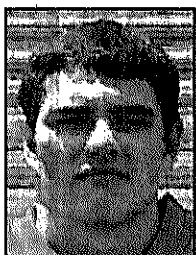
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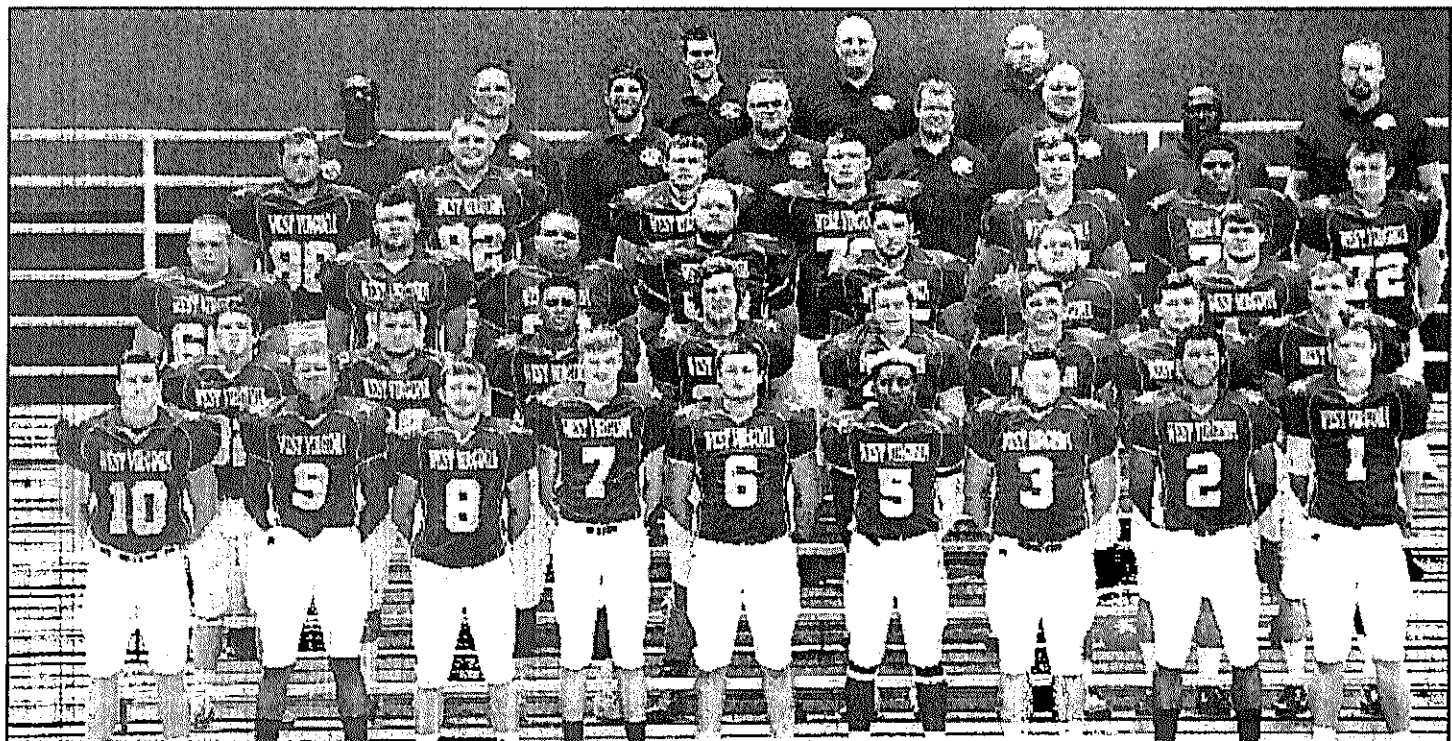
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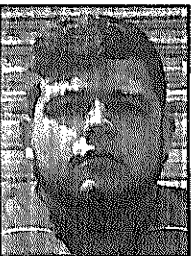
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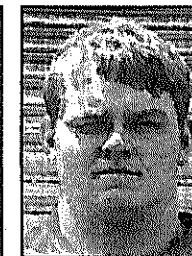
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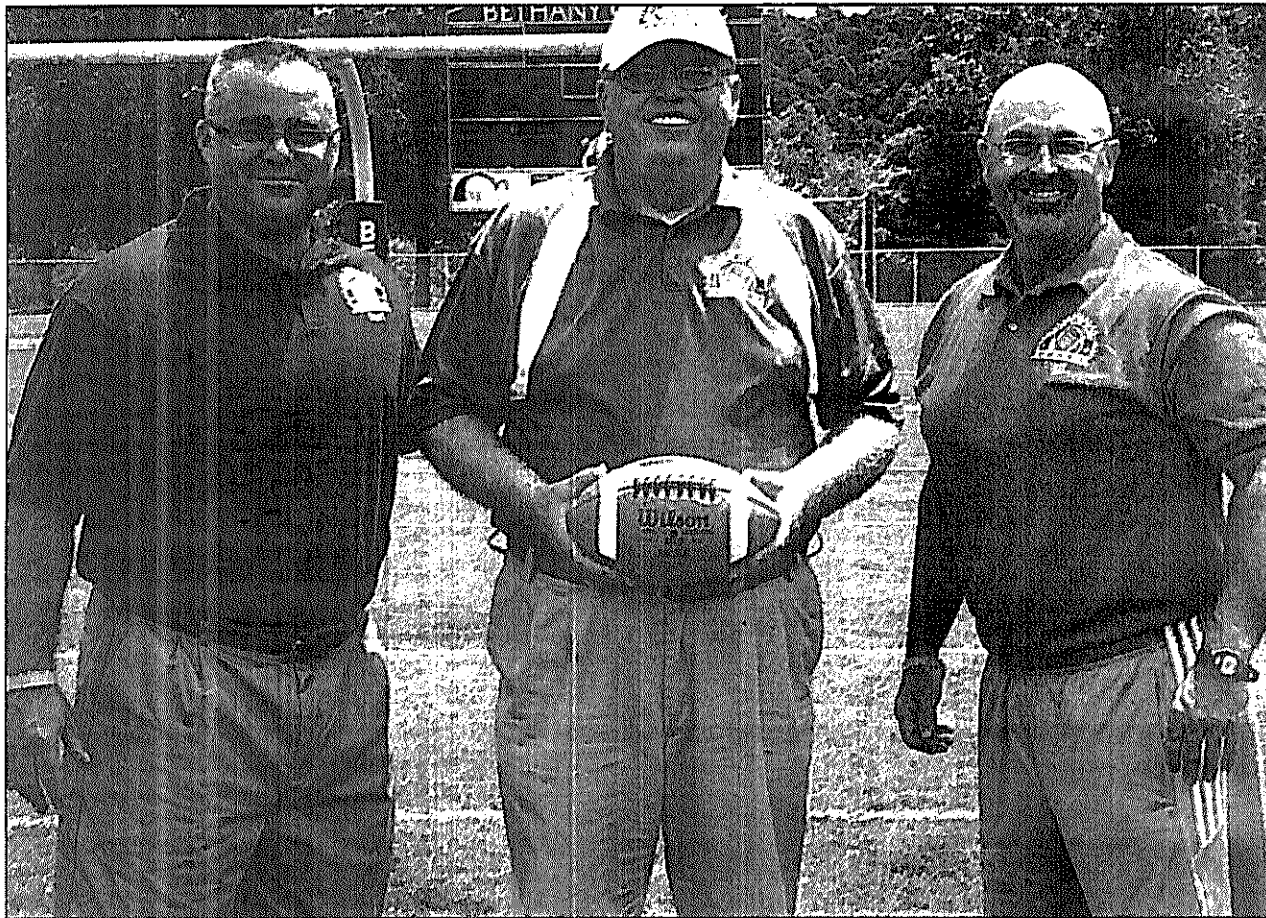
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"We've got some very talented kids that we want to get in space," Gunn said of his offensive strategy. "We'll definitely spread the field."

Manning the trenches will be center Cole Susac of Barnesville; guards Michael Furbee of St. Clairsville and Indian Creek's Zach Williams, while Caldwell's Chance Rucker will play one tackle and Justin Kilburn of Monroe Central the other.

Defensively, the Buckeyes will utilize the 3-4 alignment with Barnesville's Logan Castello at nose guard. The down tackles are Barbour and Campbell.

Lining up as inside linebackers will be St. Clairsville's hard-hitting duo of Cole Skaggs and Jakob Stewart, while Hython and Indian Creek's Zach Cole will roam the outside.

The secondary consists of Mitchell and Union Local's Demitree Turner at the corners, with Lewis and Buckeye Local's Nathan Bloom at safeties. River's Joey Flannery will also play safety.

East Liverpool's Austyn Dozier could play fullback or linebacker, while Monroe Central's Tanner Potts, Shenandoah's Michael VanFossen, Caldwell's Clay Poling and East Liverpool's Charles Iacobucci are all listed as two-way linemen.

Adam Fox of Cambridge will handle the placekicking and kickoff duties. Campbell will be the punter.

West Virginia, like its border rival, will spread the ball out all over the field.

Taking the snaps from center will



be Morgantown quarterback Zayne Hern. His backup is Valley's Trey Streets. Weir's fleet-footed Kam Brown is listed as the featured back. He will be spelled by Magnolia's Tyler Anderson and John Marshall's Chase Gump.

On the receiving end of the aerials will be Wheeling Park's Jamez Coles, Parkersburg South's Cole Day and Linsly's Cole Griffin.

Oak Glen's Cyle Perez could also see time on the outside. Magnolia's Kyle Ritz is the tight end, while Perez can also play there.

Anchoring the offensive line will be John Marshall's Gage Adams at center. The guards will be Mitchell Powers of Morgantown and Clay-Battelle's Tanner Six. Manning the tackles are Wheeling Park's Richard Blackwell and Magnolia's Zack Haught.

Defensively, the Mountaineers will also employ a 3-4 alignment with Weir's Kyle Baldwin at nose guard. Blackwell and Madonna's Nate Martin will be the tackles.

Gump and Wheeling Park's Clay McDonald will serve as inside line-

backers, with Linsly's Von Wooding and Wheeling Park's Isaiah Myers on the outside. Wheeling Central's Brandon Angalich and Cameron's Wyatt Mackey will also see action here.

Coles and University's Kaleb Jennings will man the corners, while Brooke's Matthew Lazear is the strong safety. John Marshall's Austin Skrzynecki is the free safety. Brooke's Justin Loughrie is listed here, as well.

Weir's Brandon Taylor, Oak Glen's Noah Flowers and Bishop Donahue's Dylan Druschel are listed as two-way linemen.

Morgantown's Brady Hatch is the punter. Wheeling Park's Chase Adams handles the kicking duties.

"These kids are all stars for a reason," Daugherty, who guided Wheeling Park to its first-ever W.Va. Class AAA state championship last fall, said. "We knew they were leaders for their schools. We also knew they practiced and worked hard."

"Our biggest concern was getting them all on the same page as far as x's and o's goes."

He said Anderson has been a pleasant surprise.

"With all the stuff we were throwing at them, we didn't think anyone would pick it all up," he noted. "But the Anderson kid has shown his versatility and could end up playing multiple positions."

While Gunn reported no serious injuries, Daugherty said Taylor is questionable, but should be able to play.

Mountaineers' defensive front will stand Tall

By JIM BUTTA
Special to The Times Leader

MORGANTOWN — West Virginia's 2016 football opponents that are expecting the Mountaineers' defense to be an easy target this season may be in for a big surprise when the campaign opens with Missouri coming to Milan Puskar Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 3.

"I think with all the pieces that we have coming back, we will be a good defensive team," redshirt senior lineman Noble Nwachukwu said prior to the Big 12's annual Media Days. "If we keep listening to coach and getting better, we should be fine."

And for Nwachukwu and the other players who will line up and man the trenches against the Tigers in the season opener, that primary coach is former-Michigan defensive line coach Bruce Tall.

"I feel good," said Tall. "We'll see. Until we can actually start doing football type drills then we'll have a better grasp of that."

Having Nwachukwu, who has started 26 of the 35 games in which he has appeared since arriving in Morgantown in 2012, as well as fellow seniors Christian Brown and Darren Howard will only aid in Tall's development of a defensive front that will have its hands full going up against some of the top offenses in the country when Big 12 play rolls around.

"Like always, the key is depth," continued Tall, who has served NFL internships with Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions, Chicago Bears and Tampa Bay Buccaneers. "We believe we are developing that, but some of it is going to be very, very young."

That youth movement begins with redshirt sophomores Jaleel Fields and Larry Jefferson and includes redshirt freshmen Adam Shuler and Alec Shriner and true freshmen Jeffrey Pooler and Reese Donahue.

"I think some of the younger guys are stronger," said the coach. "It's just that they don't have some of that natural strength that the older guys have who have been doing it for years. We have a good group of older guys who help the younger guys and bring them up to par. They're closer than you would think strength wise (the younger guys)."

One of those is Donahue. A two-year starter for former-Ravenswood High School standout Luke Salmons at Cabell Midland High School, the 250-pounder was the first Mountain State product to capture both the 2015 Stydarhar Award (state's top lineman) and the 2015 Huff Award (state's best defensive player).

"I would say that would be a good analysis," said Tall when asked if Donahue was ahead of the curve as far as strength.

Another local product who has worked his way into the Mountaineers' depth chart following the spring is redshirt junior D.J. Carozza, who played for Don Reeves at Parkersburg High School. Also look for redshirt junior Xavier Pegues to see plenty of action as Tall looks to utilize as many as nine or 10 linemen per game to keep them fresh when they face Big 12 offensive attacks that want to run as many as 85-90 plays per contest.

Nwachukwu and Brown are the unit's top two performers, stat wise, returning. Nwachukwu finished with 47 total tackles (37 solo), 13 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks during WVU's 8-5 season while Brown chipped in with 33 stops (24 solo), 4.5 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks. Howard, who played in all 13 games a year ago, finished with 16 tackles (13 solo), three tackles for loss and one sack. Jefferson saw action in eight games and Fields played in four.

"What we lack in experience we will have to make up for with our effort," said the coach. "But, right now, all of that is unknown until we see these guys in football style drills and against some competition."

Gordon readies for Brickyard in spot return

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jeff Gordon always expected to be at this week-end's Brickyard 400.

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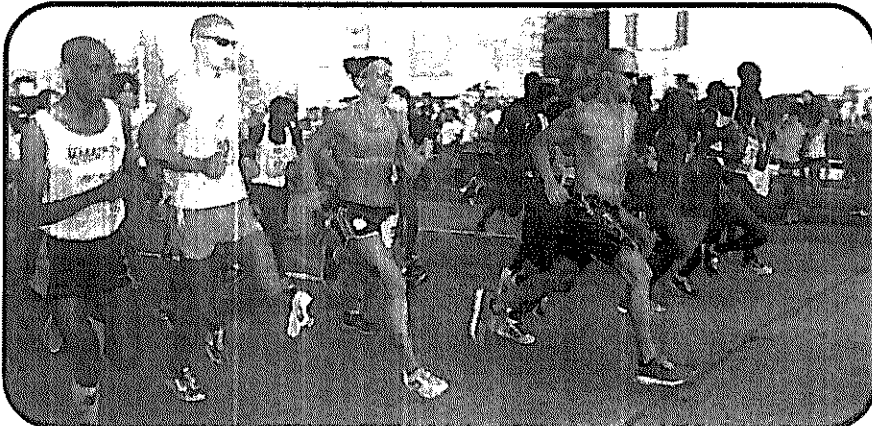
One week after Gordon asked his publicist to delay a long-planned announcement that he would drive the pace car before a race he won five times, the four-time Cup champion returned to the 2.5-mile oval as Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s replacement and the top attraction in Sunday's race.

"When (team owner) Rick (Hendrick) said to me, 'Are you coming to Indianapolis?' I said 'Yes I am. I am coming on Saturday.'" Tuesday, then hopped on Hendrick's plane, bound for North Carolina as Earnhardt was seeing doctors in Pittsburgh.

After landing in Charlotte, Gordon was whisked to team headquarters for a seat fitting. On Wednesday, the day it was announced Earnhardt would miss two more races, Gordon had a physical, applied for driver's credentials and met with crew chief Greg Ives. Gordon spent the rest of the week watching Go-Pro videos, researching data and working in the simulator before practicing Friday. Qualifying will be held Saturday.

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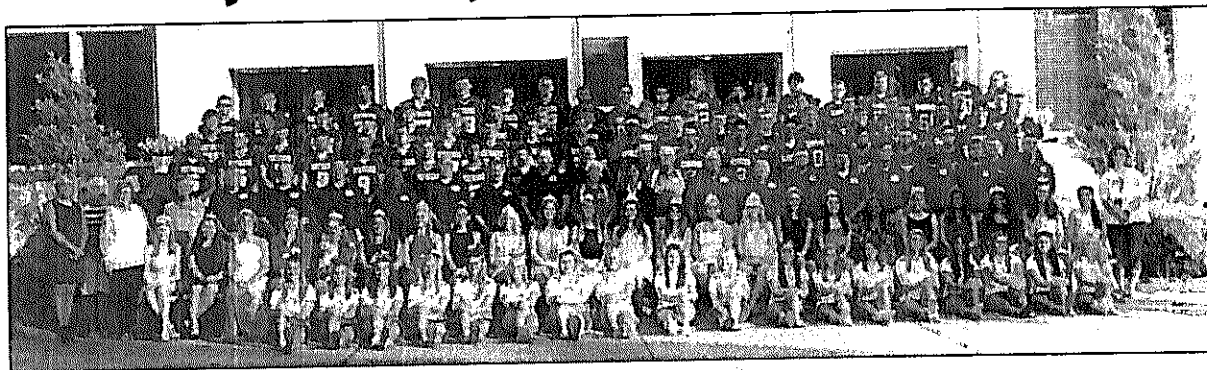
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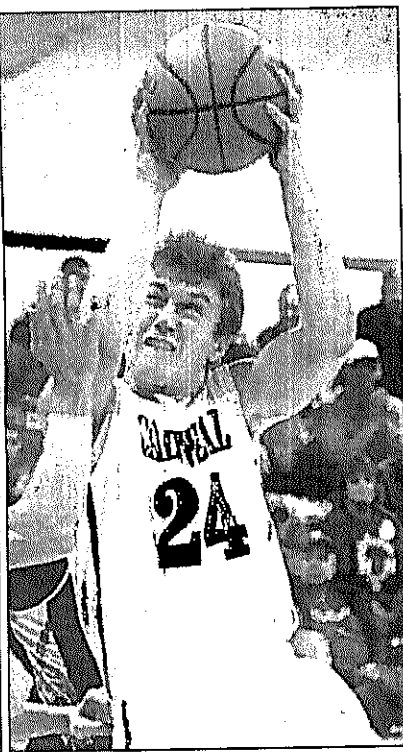
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OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Classic draws closer



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Players, coaches, cheerleaders, Queen of Queen candidates and game officials gathered for the 30th annual George Strager Evening with the Stars banquet at Wheeling Park's White Palace as the countdown continues for the 71st OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game slated Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium. The Ohio and West Virginia all-star gridgers will kick off at 7:15 p.m. Saturday. Advance tickets costing \$7 can be purchased at The Daily Jeffersonian office today and Friday until 5 p.m.



Caldwell High's Tanner Clark...three-sport OVAC All-Star Game participant

OVAC 'trifecta' for Caldwell's Clark

By JEFF HARRISON
The Daily Jeffersonian

WHEELING, W.Va. — Call it an OVAC All-Star "trifecta."

While there have been countless of thousands of Ohio Valley athletes take part in Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Games over the years, it's estimated that only a few dozen have been selected to take part in three sports.

Count Caldwell's Tanner Clark among that select group.

When the 71st OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game kicks off Saturday night at Wheeling Island Stadium, the multi-talented Clark will officially close out his prep career. He's already participated in the

OVAC Samuel A. Mumley All-Star Basketball Classic and the OVAC George Kovalick All-Star Baseball Game, thus the "trifecta" will be complete.

"It's pretty cool to play in all three games," Clark ad-

mitted. "It comes with hard work and I tell that to everybody that you have to work hard to accomplish things like this."

Clark's list of accomplishments as a Redskin is impressive, to say the least.

In football, he amassed 4,600 yards rushing and 2,700 yards passing (7,300 total yards) with 96 touchdowns, leading Caldwell to a 30-5 record and three OHSAA playoff berths as the starting quarterback.

He was first team all-Ohio Division VII, all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-PVC on the gridiron.

In basketball, Clark racked up 1,088 points and was named second team all-Ohio Division IV and first team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-PVC while also playing in the OHSBCA North-South Game.

In baseball, his three-year batting average (he didn't play as a junior) was .302 and he gained first team all-Eastern District, all-OVAC and all-PVC and participat-

ing in the Eastern District All-Star Game.

While excelling in all three, Clark was quick to point out that football is his first love, thus his decision to attend Marietta College and play for the Pioneers' football team starting in about three weeks.

"I love the game...it's definitely first in my heart," he said. "I just love becoming a team and the family and I already feel that way about these guys (his fellow Ohio All-Stars)."

While Clark's statistics are well-documented, his character and team-oriented approach are equally impressive.

Case in point: Although he's known Clark less than a week, count Cambridge High coach Kevin Gunn — who is in charge of the Ohio squad for Saturday's game — among those impressed by the youngman.

"His personality sets him apart from a lot of the others," said Gunn. "He such a great kid and such a leader. He's always supporting ev-

eryone. There's no 'me' in him...he's definitely a 'we' individual.

"His character is far beyond his athletic ability," he added.

Gunn plans to take advantage of Clark's versatility to bolster the Buckeyes' offense.

"He has the ability to run the ball and throw the ball," said Gunn. "We'll play him everywhere including quarterback and receiver and he can go at running back if we need him to."

"He's got heart...he's a competitor and he's a horse," he added.

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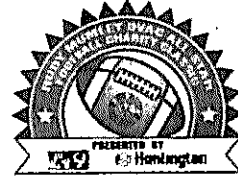
The always-positive Clark is anxious for Saturday's 7:15 p.m. kickoff.

"It's been an honor to play for Caldwell and represent the town," he said. "It gives me chills to think that this is my last high school game."



Sports

Cambridge staff to guide Ohio squad in OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game



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The Cambridge High coaching staff will lead the Ohio squad into battle Saturday night against West Virginia in the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium. Tickets for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game slated Saturday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium will be on sale Tuesday through Friday during business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at The Daily Jeffersonian office located at 831 Wheeling Ave. in downtown Cambridge. The staff includes, front row l to r, Riley Hayhurst, head coach Kevin Gunn, J.R. Fox and Kyle Winland; back row, Jake Tharp, Josh Lowery, Tim Wilson, Phil Doan and Tom "Tank" Moore. Absent was Kyle Cox. Tickets are on sale through Friday at The Daily Jeffersonian office during business hours. Advance tickets are \$7 and all tickets at the game cost \$10. Game time Saturday is 7:15 p.m.

All-Star Game Kicks Off Tonight

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — The Ohio and West Virginia teams have went through a steamy week of practices. The Queen of Queens have had their talent show. The McDonald's Band and Cheerleaders have fine tuned their instruments and routines, respectively. It's game time!

The OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game represents the start to the fall high school sports season. The 71st edition of the late July spectacle is slated to kick off at 7:15 tonight inside what-is-expected-to-be a stacked Wheeling Island Stadium. Gates open at 5:30.

Ohio leads the all-time series 43-26 and there's been one tie. However, West Virginia has won four of the last six — including 35-7 last year — after the Buckeyes had reeled off 14 of 15 from 1995-2009. Since the OVAC took over sponsorship of the contest in 1972, Ohio holds a 28-15-1 mark.

Both head coaches — Ohio's Kevin Gunn of Cambridge and Chris Daugherty of Wheeling Park — expect a hard-hitting, physical game in their first go-round.

"They've got a lot of great talent," Daugherty said of the Buckeyes. "Offensively, they've got the capability to throw the ball or run it. Defensively, they've got some great athletes there, too."

Gunn said he and Daugherty have talked during the week of preparations.

"You know what they are going and try to do, but you don't know," Gunn said. "I know they like to use five-man fronts and zone blocking schemes, so we'll have to prepare accordingly."

When Ohio has the football, Meadowbrook's Dalton Wiggins will get the start at quarterback. He will be backed up by Caldwell's Tanner Clark and Steubenville Central's Tony Barber.

The tailbacks will be Martins Ferry's Andrew Hython and Travis Stenson of Harrison Central, while the fullbacks will be Drew Lowery of Toronto and Shadyside's Stevie Doughty.

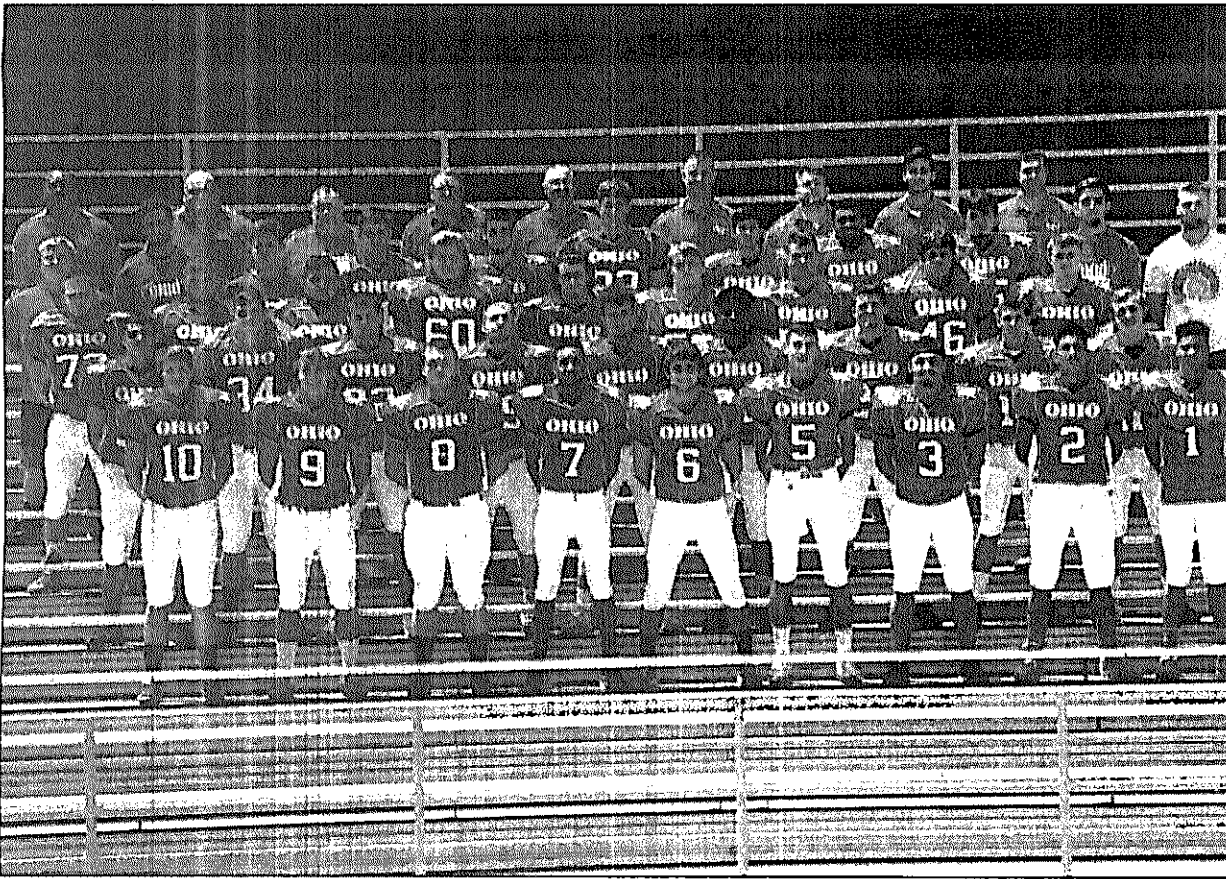
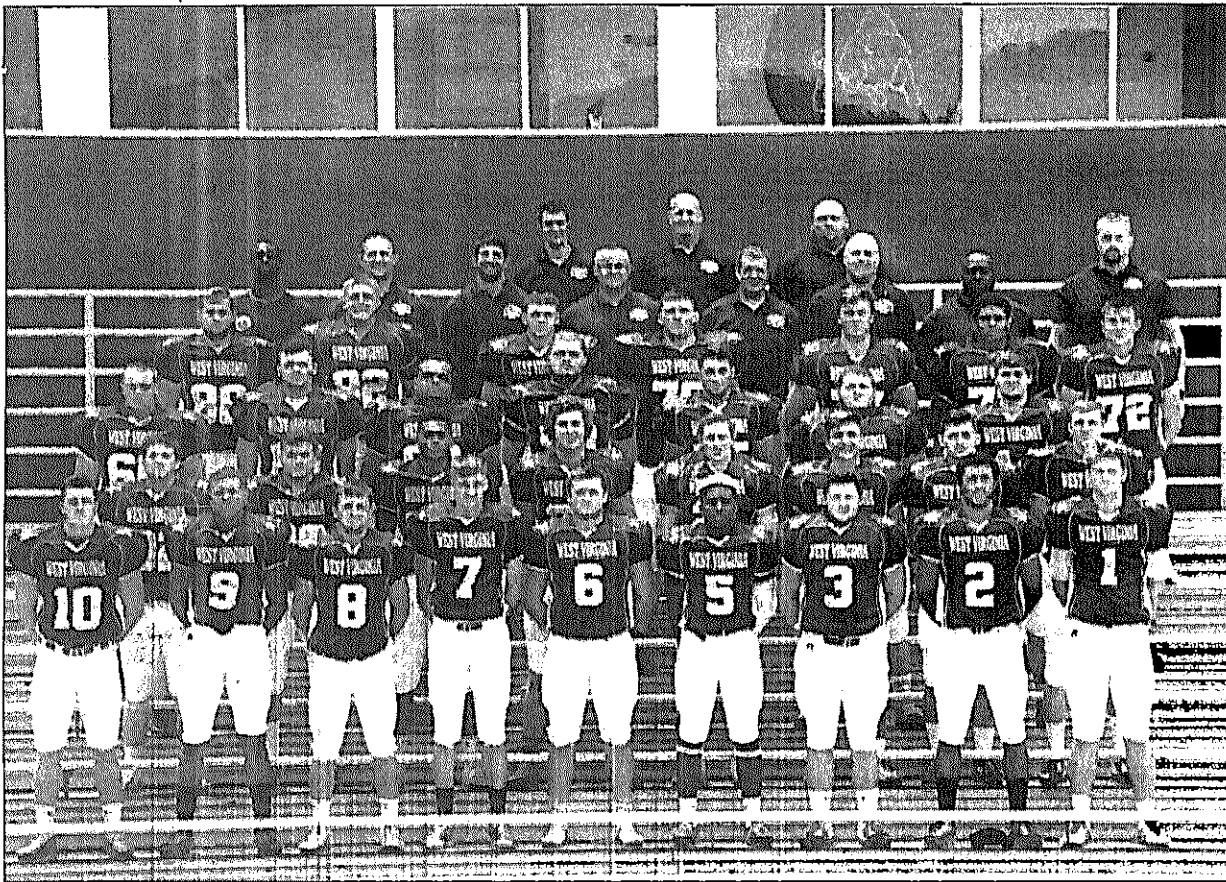
Harrison Central's Brandon Mitchell leads a talented cast of wide receivers, which also includes Arjay Burress of Martins Ferry; Austyn Porter of Harrison Central; and the Cambridge duo of Josh Lewis and Josh Seckman. Lining up at tight end will be Matthew Barbour of Martins Ferry and Shadyside's Mason Campbell.

"We've got some very talented kids that we want to get in space," Gunn said of his offensive strategy. "We'll definitely spread the field."

Manning the trenches will be center Cole Susac of Barnesville; guards Michael Furbee of St. Clairsville and Indian Creek's Zach Williams, while Caldwell's Chance Rucker will play one tackle and Justin Kilburn of Monroe Central the other.

Defensively, the Buckeyes will utilize the 3-4 alignment with Barnesville's Logan Castello at nose guard. The down tackles are Barbour and Campbell.

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Photos by Kim North

The West Virginia (top) and Ohio (bottom) OVAC All-Star teams pose for a photo during Media Day earlier in the week. The 71st Annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game kicks off tonight at 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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Lining up as inside linebackers will be St. Clairsville's hard-hitting duo of Cole Skaggs and Jakob Stewart, while Hython and Indian Creek's Zach Cole will roam the outside.

The secondary consists of Mitchell and Union Local's Demitree Turner at the corners, with Lewis and Buckeye Local's Nathan Bloom at safeties. River's Joey Flannery will also play safety.

East Liverpool's Austyn Dozier could play fullback or linebacker, while Monroe Central's Tanner Potts, Shenandoah's Michael VanFossen, Caldwell's Clay Poling and East Liverpool's Charles Iacobucci are all listed as two-way linemen.

Adam Fox of Cambridge will handle the placekicking and kick-off duties. Campbell will be the punter.

West Virginia, like its border rival, will spread the ball out all over the field.

Taking the snaps from center will be Morgantown quarterback Zayne Hern. His backup is Valley's Trey Streets. Weir's fleet-footed Kam Brown is listed as the featured back. He will be spelled by Magnolia's Tyler Anderson and John Marshall's Chase Gump.

On the receiving end of the aeriels will be Wheeling Park's Jamez Coles, Parkersburg South's Cole Day and Linsly's Cole Griffin. Oak Glen's Cyle Perez could also see time on the outside. Magnolia's Kyle Ritz is the tight end, while Perez can also play there.

Anchoring the offensive line will be John Marshall's Gage Adams at center. The guards will be Mitchell Powers of Morgantown and Clay-Battelle's Tanner Six. Manning the tackles are Wheeling Park's, Richard Black-

well and Magnolia's Zack Haught.

Defensively, the Mountaineers will also employ a 3-4 alignment with Weir's Kyle Baldwin at nose guard. Blackwell and Madonna's Nate Martin will be the tackles.

Gump and Wheeling Park's Clay McDonald will serve as inside linebackers, with Linsly's Von Wooding and Wheeling Park's Isaiah Myers on the outside. Wheeling Central's Brandon Angalich and Cameron's Wyatt Mackey will also see action here.

Coles and University's Kaleb Jennings will man the corners, while Brooke's Matthew Lazear is the strong safety. John Marshall's Austin Skrzynecki is the free safety. Brooke's Justin Loughrie is listed here, as well.

Weir's Brandon Taylor, Oak Glen's Noah Flowers and Bishop Donahue's Dylan Druschel are listed as two-way linemen.

Morgantown's Brady Hatch is

the punter. Wheeling Park's Chase Adams handles the kicking duties.

"These kids are all stars for a reason," Daugherty, who guided Wheeling Park to its first-ever W.Va. Class AAA state championship last fall, said. "We knew they were leaders for their schools. We also knew they practiced and worked hard."

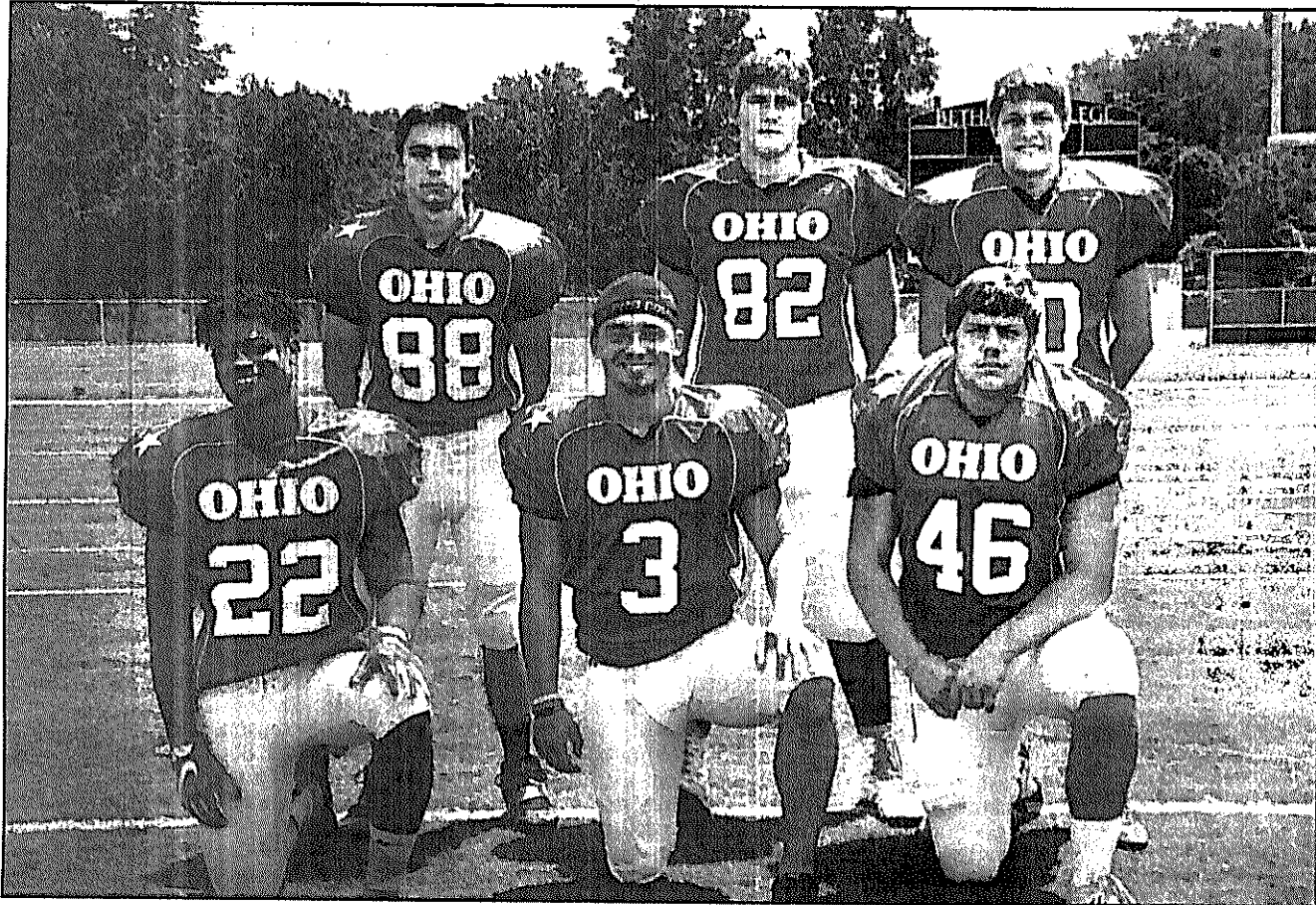
"Our biggest concern was getting them all on the same page as far as x's and o's goes."

He said Anderson has been a pleasant surprise.

"With all the stuff we were throwing at them, we didn't think anyone would pick it all up," he noted. "But the Anderson kid has shown his versatility and could end up playing multiple positions."

While Gunn reported no serious injuries, Daugherty said Taylor is questionable, but should be able to play.

71ST OVAC RUDY MUMLEY ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME



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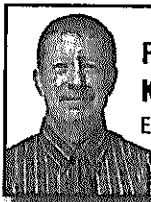
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In his 14 years at the helm, he brought a winning tradition to the school that saw three straight state championships from 1972-74 and another in 1979, as well as five OVAC Class 4A titles.

"John Marshall has a very nice wrestling program and all of the coaches worked together with the athletes," Hinegardner said. "The faculty and administration made it go. From the superintendent to the principal, we all worked for a common goal but the wrestlers should be credited most of all for making the program successful."

His squad came close four more times as they finished as state runner-ups, and from December of 1971-Dec. of 76, he led his team to 41 consecutive dual meet victories.

"We practiced every day and the wrestlers were athletes," Hinegardner recalled. "They all played different sports all year long and were always in good shape. They knew what I expected from them and they worked hard to get it done."

Hinegardner has served as the president or director of the West Virginia Wrestling Coaches

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Monroe Central duo started together, end together

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

BETHANY — The Monroe Central tandem of Justin Kilburn and Tanner Potts have known each other all their lives. They've grown up together. They've lined up next to each other in the trenches for the Seminoles and they've pushed each other in the wrestling room.

So, it's only fitting that the duo finish their scholastic foot-

ball careers playing side-by-side when the 71st annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game takes place at Wheeling Island Stadium Saturday night. Kickoff is set for 7:15.

"We've known each other for as long as I can remember," Kilburn, who is headed to Mount Union to continue his gridiron exploits. "We've been friends forever and it's going to really be fun to get on the field together for one last time."



KILBURN



POTTS

Potts, who will attend Belmont College in the fall, had the same feelings.

"Justin and I have been going to school together for a long time. We've become good friends and it's going to be a great feeling to play football with him one last time."

In addition to football, the duo were also four-year lettermen on the Seminoles wrestling team. Potts was a two-time Ohio state tournament qualifier, while Kilburn was a three-time district qualifier and two-time state alternate.

STACK THE STADIUM

Game organizers are hoping for a huge turnout on the first-ever Saturday night contest. They've even started a #Stack-theStadium promotion.

One Ohio Valley school will win a \$1,000 grant during the Spirit Contest. Individuals attending the game will have the ability to text from the stadium. Details will be announced on game night at the stadium.

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QUEEN OF QUEENS

Twenty-three candidates did their very best Thursday night during the Talent Show inside downtown Wheeling's historic Capitol Music Hall while trying to become the 2016 Queen of Queens. The new Queen will be crowned at halftime of Saturday night's game by Bridgeport's Briana Massey, who became her school's first-ever Queen of Queens last summer.

The candidates include, in alphabetical order of the schools, Madison Neiswonger (Barnesville); Kaitlyn Callarik (Bellair); Lexie Willoughby (Bridgeport); Alexis Turner-Davis (Brooke); Alexa Mayle (Buckeye Local); Madison Ross (Cameron); Kayla Speedy (Edison); Brianna Piergallini (Indian Creek); Alyssa Wallace (John Marshall); Carleigh West (Linsly); Tessie Tokash (Madonna); Rachel Arbogast (Magnolia); Jennifer Reuther (Martins Ferry); Alli Wilcox (Monroe Central); Samantha Rosser (Shadyside); Madison Pitcher (St. Clairsville); Maria Ducci (St. John Central); Maurkesha Young (Steubenville); Miranda Robinson (Toronto); Kelsi Anderson (Tyler Consolidated); Alicia Palmeri (Weir); Teresa Pockl (Wheeling Central) and Katherine Adase (Wheeling Park).

Joyce Jingle is the Queen of Queens coordinator.

PEP RALLY PLANNED

A pep rally will be held tonight at Bison Field on the campus of Bethany College. The gates will open at 5, with the pep rally an hour later. Admission is free.

Introductions of the McDonald's Band, football teams, cheerleaders and Queen of Queens candidates will take place, as will announcements of the Rudy Mumley Memorial Scholar-Athlete and Ron Mauck Scholar-Athlete scholarships.

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remained for 35 years.

In that time, he was an assistant coach for wrestling and football at Moundsville High School for three years before taking over the reins at John Marshall in 1968 as the head wrestling coach.

In his 14 years at the helm, he brought a winning tradition to the school that saw three straight state championships from 1972-74 and another in 1979, as well as five OVAC Class 4A titles.

"John Marshall has a very nice wrestling program and all of the coaches worked together with the athletes," Hinegardner said. "The faculty and administration made it go. From the superintendent to the principal, we all worked for a common goal but the wrestlers should be credited most of all for making the program successful."

His squad came close four more times as they finished as state runner-ups, and from December of 1971-Dec. of '76, he led his team to 41 consecutive dual meet victories.

"We practiced every day and the wrestlers were athletes," Hinegardner recalled. "They all played different sports all year long and were always in good shape. They knew what I expected from them and they worked hard to get it done."

Hinegardner has served

as the president or director of the West Virginia Wrestling Coaches Association, the Region One Coaches Association, the Marshall County Coaches Association and many others.

He has also won prestigious awards such as the National Wrestling Hall of Fame Lifetime Service in Wrestling Award, National High School Coaches Association District 3 Coach of the Year, OVAC Coach of the Year, and a handful of others.

"It felt good to be honored and recognized by friends and coaches," Hinegardner said. "I had good coaches with me and a good school system. It really worked out well and I am very pleased."

"If you surround yourself with good people, good things will happen," he continued. "The people here have treated me very well and it has been a pleasure living here."

The people that have been by his side throughout his incredible journey have been his wife Shirley, son Tim and daughter Tammy, as well as his assistant coach at John Marshall, Ed Dugas.

"Life has been good for us," he noted. "We were fortunate to have a good school system and quality athletes. It takes everyone to make a machine run."

Hinegardner will be in attendance on Saturday evening with his wife.

OVAC honors stars from 1966

By **BUBBA KAPRAL**
Executive Sports Editor

WHEELING — The Rudy Mumbley OVAC All-Star Football Game showcases players, cheerleaders and band members.

It also turns the spotlight on another group of all-stars much longer in the tooth.

OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak implemented a program several years ago holding a 50-year reunion for the players. Thus, the players from the 1966 game, won by Ohio, are being honored in conjunction with this year's game.

A luncheon was held for those players last week at WesBanco Arena. Although the turnout was light, the stories were aplenty.

Rick Blake, who starred at Union High before enjoying a successful tenure as Bishop Donahue's head coach, was one of those attending the lunch. He remembers the 1966 game quite well.

"Things were not like what they are now with all the activities and housing. When we played, they put both teams in the Cadiz High gym for two weeks. We slept on Army cots. All that divided the teams was a curtain," Blake said. "We didn't have the social events either. One night we went to a pool hall. One day for lunch we had peanut butter sandwiches and tomatoes."

Blake has deep connections with the OVAC game. Not only did he play in the game, he coached it twice, successfully guiding the Mountaineers to victories in 1985 and 1993. Moreover, his son also played in the game.

Also returning to the luncheon was Richard Marmie of Barnesville. He said Ohio had many good players on that team, noting the Thornton brothers (Chris and Harry) were exceptional.

Two Wheeling Central players returned to the 50-year fete in Jim Taylor and Paul West. Taylor said he made many lifelong friends at the game and had many good memories from it.

The players and coaches from the 1966 game will be introduced at Saturday night's game and are invited to all the activities during the week.

Joe Ault from Bridgeport was Ohio's head coach, assisted by Red Higgenbotham of St. Clairsville. Randy Massey and Jim King were the Buckeye managers.

Fred Tweedlie of Union was the head man for West Virginia. Rich Canestra, also of Union, was the assistant. Mike Tribett and Tucker Burch were the managers.

The West Virginia roster in 1966 in addition to Taylor and West included: Tim Bostaph, Magnolia; David Cucarese, Follansbee; Edward Donley, Wellsburg; Greg Donley, Linsly;

Dann Forsythe, Oak Glen; Herman Gongola, Union; Thomas Gordon, Moundsville; Tom Haight, Magnolia; David Hodgson, Wheeling; Lester Jarboe, Linsly; Jack Klein, Warwood; Don Latimer, Follansbee; Donald Layburn, Follansbee; Joe Matkovich, Bishop Donahue; Don Murray, Warwood; Bob Orlando, Weir; Steve Robinson, Wellsburg; Dave Shimek, Union; Charles White, Wellsburg; Charles Wolfe, Moundsville; Harry Zerkowski, Wheeling Central and John Zuk, Union.

The Ohio roster, in addition to Marmie and the Thornton Brothers, featured Ed Bondzeleski, Bridgeport; Ralph Burke, Mingo; Dennis Covey, Bridgeport; Steve Domyan, Martins Ferry; Larry Drummond, Bellaire; Robert Falbo, Steubenville Catholic; Bruce Graham, Brilliant; Gary Hudson, Bellaire; Robert Jacobs, Bellaire; Dennis Kernik, Powhatan; Gay Lucci, Bellaire; Nick Marzella, Shadyside; Richard Mason, Mount Pleasant; Joe Planey, St. Clairsville; Joe Schumacher, Woodsfield; Dale Senatore, Tiltonsville; James Shields, Jefferson Union; Gary Sivert, Jefferson Union; Ernest Smalis, Martins Ferry; Greg Tesniarz, Martins Ferry; Gary Timko, Bellaire; Frank Vingia, St. John's; Richard Warrington, Cadiz and Monty Witzberger, Bridgeport.

Tom Wilson served as trainer for both squads.

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71ST OVAC RUDY MUMLEY ALL-STAR FOOTBALL GAME



PICTURED ARE representatives from several area high schools. Front row, from left, are Joey Flannery (River); Bobby Stewart (Union Local); and Demitree Turner (Union Local). Back row, from left, are Travis Stenson (Harrison Central); Brandon Mitchell (Harrison Central); and Austyn Porter (Harrison Central).

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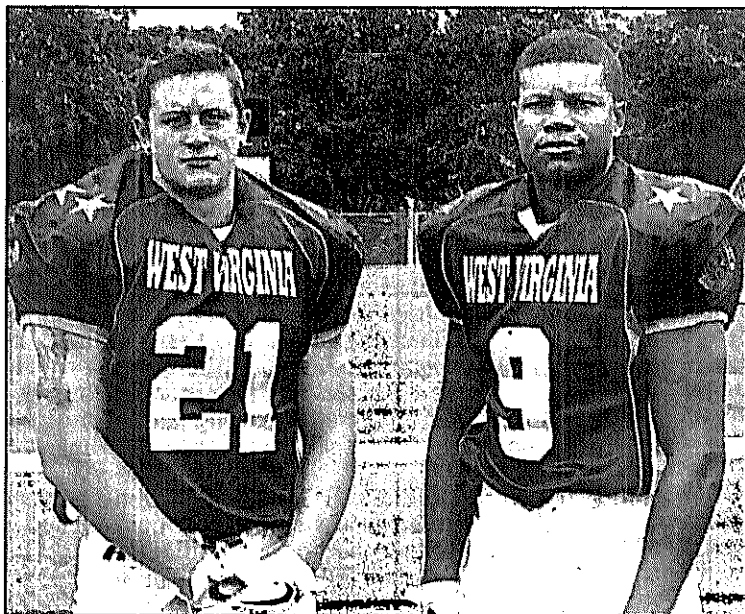
Linsly tandem took different routes to game

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

BETHANY — Von Wooding and Cole Griffin arrived at the Linsly School four years ago from different directions. Wooding from Flushing and Griffin from Washington, Pa.

The talented Cadets duo will conclude the prep careers together as they are members of the W.Va. squad which will battle Ohio when the 71st annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game kicks off Saturday night at 7:15 p.m. inside Wheeling Island Stadium.

Wooding, who attended Union Local schools until



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LINSLY WILL be represented by Von Wooding, left, and Cole Griffin.

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Stewart a true all-star

• UL graduate playing in third OVAC A-S game

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

BETHANY — In this day and age, most athletes are trying to specialize in one sport in hopes of that activity leading to a college scholarship or, perhaps, a shot at a professional career.

Bobby Stewart wasn't born from that mold. The former Union Local three-sport standout is about to conclude a superb high school career when he suits up for the Ohio squad in Saturday night's 71st annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.



The star-studded midsummer classic will serve as the third OVAC All-Star contest that Stewart has participated in since March when he helped the conference defeat the MAC Stars from Western Pennsylvania in the Clash of Champions wrestling dual meet. Three months later, he was a member of the winning Ohio team in the Rich Gibson OVAC All-Star Baseball game.

"It's quite the privilege," the always modest Stewart said. "You just go out and play your hardest. Being around these guys for a week has been an awesome experience."

The 4-year veteran for the Morristown-based Jets did just about everything for the Red-and-White. He was the quarterback, linebacker, placekicker, punter and played on return teams.

"This will absolutely be my last football game," he said. "I'm hanging it up."

For this weekend, Stewart is only listed as a quarterback, linebacker and placekicker. His favorite?

"I like the defensive side better," he offered without hesitation. "I like hitting people. I'll let the skilled people take care of the offense."

Once again downplaying his offensive talents, the 5-10, 160-pounder combined for nearly 2,000 yards of total offense for head coach Bruce Stiles. He passed for 1,263 and

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seventh grade, will be lining up against some familiar faces.

"It's going to be cool, actually," he said. "I played pee wee football in Cadiz with the kids from Harrison Central. They're my dudes. They're my friends."

That friendship will be put on hold for 48 minutes come Saturday.

"You know what it's all about when you step on the field," the 6-1, 200-pound Wooding said. "I expect to have fun with it being my last high school game, but at the same time, I'm also looking to do some damage, especially on defense."

Listed as a linebacker, Wooding said the coaching staff has had him working out at defensive end.

"It doesn't matter where I play."

He will attend NCAA Division III Oberlin College where he will play football.

Griffin, meanwhile, although living in nearby Washington, admitted that he had never heard of the game until eighth grade.

"I had no clue. I didn't even know where Wheeling was until then," he said. "My cousins, Akil and Jabri Blount, went to Linsly."

He said he's making the most of his opportunity to play in the game.

"It's been great so far up here at Bethany. I've got to meet some great people. I'm having a great time."

The 6-1, 198-pounder will play collegiately at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He is listed as a wide receiver/defensive back for Saturday, but said he will play defense at the next level.

GAME NOTES

■ In addition to the three generations of Lazear's playing in the contest, which was

chronicled earlier this week, there are several other family connections.

For Ohio, River quarterback Joey Flannery's father, Mike, played in the 1973 game; Harrison Central's Brandon Mitchell watched his brother, Kalub, played a summer ago; St. Clairsville's Cole Skaggs' father, Walt, was the starting center for Ohio's winning team in 1987; while fellow Red Devil Jakob Stewart's grandfather, Rich Lazasz, played in the 1961 game.

For W.Va., Weir's Kyle Baldwin's brother, Daren, played in the 2013 game and Brooke's Nathan Green is following in the footsteps of his brother, Logan, who participated in 2014.

■ A handful of talented athletes would have been selected if not for attending NCAA Division I schools.

They include St. Clairsville's Brendan Ferns and Meadowbrook's Josh Sills (WVU); Brooke's Thomas Cole (Wake Forest); Martins Ferry's Emilio Appolloni (preferred walk-on Purdue); and the Wheeling Park duo of Savion Johnson and Elijah Bell (N.C. A&T).

■ Selected to officiate the game are the following: Warren Elliott (Referee, Ohio Board, Weirton); George Brandenburg (Umpire, W.Va. Board, Weirton); Chad Zambori (Linesman, Ohio Valley Board, Wheeling); David Frey (Line Judge, W.Va.-Ohio Board, Weirton); Bill Sams (Field Judge, W.Va. Ohio Board, Parkersburg); Steve Dalton (Mason-Dixon Board, Morgantown); and Vince Levi (Back Judge, Ohio Valley Board, Wheeling).

The honorary official is Bill Wilhelm of Wheeling.

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ran for another 675. Defensively, he was among the Jets leaders in tackles.

As a wrestler, he captured the 145-pound championship at the 52nd annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament inside downtown Wheeling's WesBanco Arena his senior season. He was a runnerup as a junior and qualified for the Ohio state tournament twice.

A 4-year letterman, his career record was 162-38.

On the baseball diamond, he transformed into first-year head coach Andy Sutak's everyday catcher and performed admirably. He also saw some mound duty where he also shined.

"They all mean a lot to me," he said when asked which sport he favored. "I've always enjoyed bumping from one to the next. I like them all about the same and they've all done a lot for me."

Of the three, however, wrestling has taught him the most.

"Wrestling has taught me a lot about discipline, as has football," he noted. "Getting your weight to muscle is the hardest part of football, and then you have to lose it for wrestling. I was always able to keep my weight under control."

"Baseball is just using your mind. A lot of mental stuff."

Like all good athletes do, Stewart deflected most of his successes to his high school coaches, of which he had numerous.

"They were all great. Coach Stiles really helped me develop my career. He was there for me my senior year and made me a better person as a result. The same can be said for Coach Lewis in wrestling, but he's been with me since I started wrestling. He prepared me for life and I feel I can do anything I want."

Stewart will attend Belmont College for two years

before heading to Akron University where he will major in civil engineering.

GAME NOTES

■ Dana Mele of Bishop Donahue High School and Shawna Shepherd of Wheeling Park are coaching the W.Va. cheerleaders. The Ohio squad is led by Shenandoah's April Giesey.

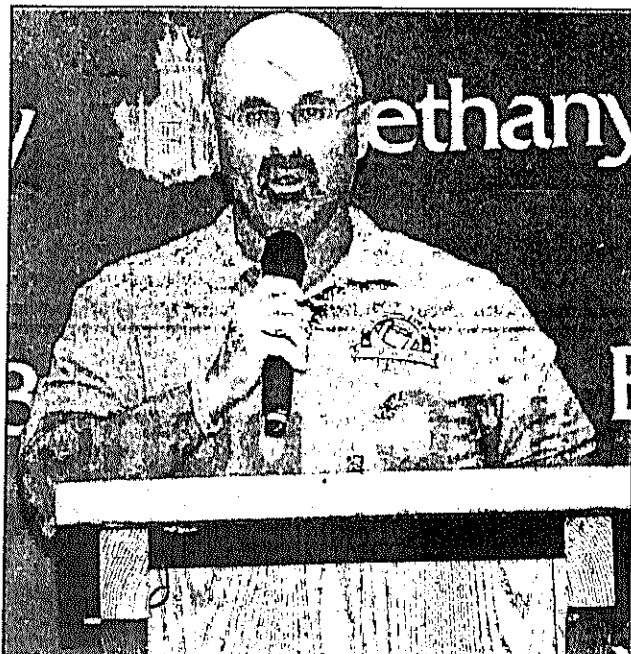
Cheerleaders for W.Va. are Steffani Cummins (Weir); Shalby Davis, Abbey Mele and Sommer South (Bishop Donahue); Carli Whorton (John Marshall); and Jordan Stahl and Natalie Wiethe (Wheeling Park).

Ohio's squad features Mollie Chetock and Elyse Price (Toronto); Dallas DeLong and Kaylie Kinder (St. Clairsville); Paige Heller and McKayla Kinemond (Shadyside); Megan Lattocha and Raegan Ricer (Union Local); Chelsea Pandzik (River); and Kimberly West (Shenandoah).

■ 10-year reunion attendees for Ohio include players Andrew Bobka and Nate Davis (Bellaire); Jim Bowersock (Beaver Local); Shane Clark (Martins Ferry); Eric Francis (St. Clairsville); Kyle Windland (Cambridge); assistant coach Devin Nicholes; cheerleaders Alyssa Dixon (Bellaire); Nicole Sturgeon Lennex (Bridgeport); and Kelsey Thompson Union Local); and Queen of Queens Kayla Ralston Pritchard (Barnesville) and Amanda Hamrick (Monroe Central).

Davis is unable to attend, but will be presented by his father, Charles (Tubey).

W.Va. honorees are players Travis Goddard (John Marshall); Chris Nemeth (Brooke); and Dan Vogel (Weir); head coach Eric Meek; assistant coaches Paul Stevens, John Wiseman and Doug Taylor); and Queen of Queens Shayna Varner (John Marshall).



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OHIO HEAD coach Kevin Gunn, of Cambridge, addresses the media Monday afternoon at Bethany College.

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"But, overall, there's been several plusses with the flow of things. The coaches have been able to get their squads together and they've had four practices already before this media day," he added. "We didn't have that luxury before, so I think it had kind of worked out pretty well."

Members of the McDonald's All-Star Band will report to camp at Bethany College today, while the cheerleaders report Wednesday. The 30th annual George Strager Evening With the Stars will be held at Wheeling Park's White Palace tonight. Social hour at 6:30. The program begins an hour later.

There hasn't been one major hurdle or obstacle concerning moving the game.

"It was just a matter of coordination. The first thing we did was call Wheeling Island Racetrack and Casino because we do use there parking lot," he continued. "We then checked with WTOV-9 to make sure it was alright with their schedule. We also had to check with Bethany College to see if we could get in here any earlier than before. Everybody has been so flexible and cooperative with us."

Ohio head coach Kevin Gunn, of Cambridge High School, is proud to be a part of the first-ever Saturday night game.

"I think it's going to be exciting for the fact that we're going to have possibly more fans come out, weather permitting. We want those stands packed," he said. "You get a kid that's a teenager in front of thousands of people and their juices get flowing. That's what we want these kids to experience."

Downtown Wheeling's renovated Capitol Theatre will serve as the venue for the 23-contestant Queen of Queen's Talent Show on Thursday at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. The winner will be crowned during halftime festivities Saturday night.

A pep rally will be held Friday at Bison Field on the Bethany College campus at 6 p.m. Gates open at 5 and admission is free. Announcement of the Rudy Mumley Scholar-Athlete scholarships; introduction of the 143 band members; introductions of the 33 Ohio players and 31 W.Va. players; introductions of the cheerleaders and Queen of Queens will take place.

Koch also revealed that some afternoon activities were held during the week when it's the hottest and tough to practice.

"We had an activity Sunday and Monday afternoons and the teams have been able to practice in the mornings and evenings."

71st annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game

W. Virginia
cruises by
Ohio, 26-6

• Buckeyes pass for 5 yards

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

WHEELING — West Virginia continued its recent dominance in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game Saturday night with a convincing, 26-6, shellacking of Ohio in the 71st edition at steamy Wheeling Island Stadium.

The Mountaineers overcame a 3-0 deficit after 12 minutes by scoring 19 consecutive second-quarter points and never looked back. They intercepted three passes in the first half — four in the game — and capitalized on two of the picks.

"Our defense played outstanding," West Virginia head coach Chris Daugherty said. "We were able to capitalize on a couple of their mistakes.

"It was a classic all star game," he added. "There were big plays and bad plays, but overall I was pleased."

With the second straight blowout victory, West Virginia cuts the all-time record to 43-27 in favor of the Buckeyes.

"Whenever we started to get a drive going it was one little hiccup after another," Ohio head coach Kevin Gunn said. "They were able to capitalize upon our mistakes and we couldn't do the same on theirs."

Ohio took a 3-0 lead on a 37-yard field goal by Cambridge's Adam Fox at the 5:30 mark of the opening quarter. It capped a drive that saw the Buckeyes have first-and-goal at the 13, but they had to settle for the three-pointer when Brooke's Matthew Lazear sacked Meadowbrook quarterback Dalton Wiggins for an 8-yard loss on third-and-9.

West Virginia came right back as Weir's Kameron Davis returned the ensuing kickoff

"IT WAS a classic all-star game. There were big plays and bad plays, but overall I was pleased."

— Chris Daugherty
W. Va. Head Coach

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WEST VIRGINIA wide receiver Cole Day and Ohio defensive back Demitree Turner go up to battle for a jump ball during the first half of Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game. Day caught the pass after two deflections for a touchdown. West Virginia posted a 26-6 victory.

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Though it wanted more, Ohio settles for the memories

WHEELING — You'd be hard pressed to find anyone who was involved with Saturday night's 71st annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game who won't rave about the experience.

For 33 Ohio players, however, the experience was there and many called it "the time of their lives," but in the immediate moments following the contest, that seemed like simply a consolation prize.

People are sometimes greedy. They want every positive they can take from a certain event. Whether it's a trip to the beach, an amusement park or playing in a football game, people want to take as much from it as possible.

None of the Ohio players we talked to wanted to trade the experience of meeting so many new guys and making life-long friends. But, they all wanted to win, too. Because of a suffocating West Virginia defense and some big plays in the passing game by Trey Streets, Justin Loughrie and Cole Day, it was the West Virginia players who got to complete the OVAC experience with a 26-6 victory at sultry Wheeling Island Stadium.

The part that makes it tough for many of the Ohio players is the fact that the Mumley game marks the final time they'll play the sport. Such is the case for St. Clairsville's Jake Stewart, who was visibly upset as he

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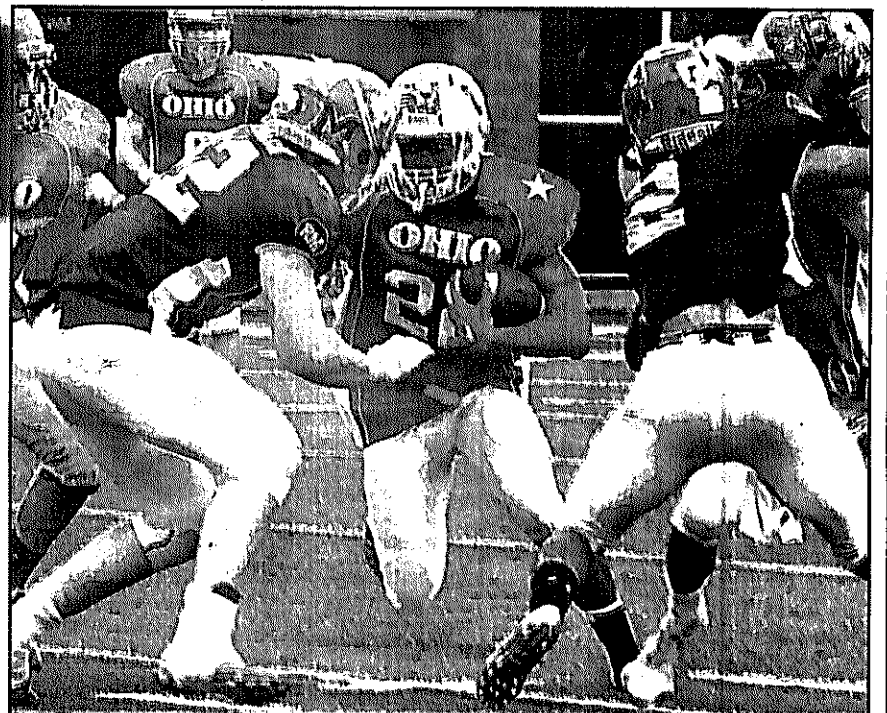
stood outside the Buckeyes' lockerroom, basically by himself.

"The week was a blast and I met some of the best guys I've ever known," Stewart said. "If I had seen some of these guys just on the street before this, I never would have expected to talk to them, but we built a brotherhood."

Many of the Ohio players exchanged hugs and posed for pictures together as families made their annual swarm to the playing field after the game. In today's age of social media, it's a safe bet that each player's Twitter and Instagram account gained several new followers. As the all-stars went in different directions Saturday night, the ability to stay in touch is much easier.

"We always had a blast in everything we did together," Stewart, a multiple-time all-Ohio selection, continued. "I'll never forget this week."

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OHIO RUNNING back Andrew Hython finds a seam in the West Virginia defense as West Virginia linebacker Clay McDonald (Wheeling Park) moves in to make a play during Sunday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Robert "Bubba"
Kapral
Executive Sports EditorOVAC All-Star
Game on Friday?

WHEELING — The \$64,000 question surrounding the 71st annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game was how it would play out on Saturday night?

One game is a miniscule sample size, but it appears the move from Sunday has been well received by all those involved, despite a smaller than normal crowd.

The dip in attendance could be attributed to two other factors other than switching days.

One was the extreme heat. It was blistering hot all day. Fans did catch a break when extensive cloud cover arrived shortly before kickoff and remained throughout the game, offering some relief. Second was the Italian Festival which was going full go well past the game's conclusion.

While the smaller crowd is reason for concern, Game Director Bob Koch was pleased with the new format.

"From my standpoint, I really liked it. The week flowed much better for me," Koch said. "I also think both coaching staffs liked it. They were able to have two days of practice before we had Media Day. They had a better handle on their teams by then."

"We will get together in September to discuss the pros and cons of the game," he added. "But I think things went real well tonight (Saturday) and all week long. The one thing we need to tweak is the time for the Friday pep rally, so we can give families time to get there."

Longtime OVAC wrestling director Ron Mauck is an advocate of the Saturday night game.

"I like the game on Saturday. We used to play it all the time on Saturdays," Mauck said. People can spend all day at the Italian Festival and come straight to the game. It also worked well for having the Queen of Queens pageant on Thursday as we didn't have any parking issues

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Angels.

Joyce also walked and scored as part of the Pirates' two-run second inning. Marte led off the inning with a single and Elias Diaz drove him in with a groundout to record his first career RBI. Sean Rodriguez then drove in Joyce with a double to center.

The Phillies scored a pair off Taillon in the third when he gave up a leadoff single to his mound opponent, Vince Velasquez. Cesar Hernandez drove in Velasquez with a triple off the wall in center field and then came around to score on Herrera's groundout.

Mark Melancon pitched the ninth inning to record his 30th save, the third most in the National League. He became the first Pirates pitcher to have three consecutive seasons with 30 or more. He led the big leagues with 51 saves in 2015, and his 114 saves since the start of 2014 are the most in the majors.

The 5-foot-10 Frazier was an unlikely source of fences-clearing power. The 407-foot home run was not only his first since being recalled from Triple-A Indianapolis on June 24, it also was his first home run at any level since Sept. 5, 2015, when he was with Double-A Altoona. He hit just three total minor-league home runs in the Pirates organization since being drafted out of Mississippi State in 2013.

PNC Park continues to be a problem spot for the Phillies. They dropped the three-game series, 2-1, and have now lost three consecutive series in Pittsburgh with just one win in that span. Since PNC Park opened in 2001, the Phillies are 16-31 at the home of their in-state rival.

The game was delayed an hour and 32 minutes by a thunderstorm in the bottom of the eighth inning.

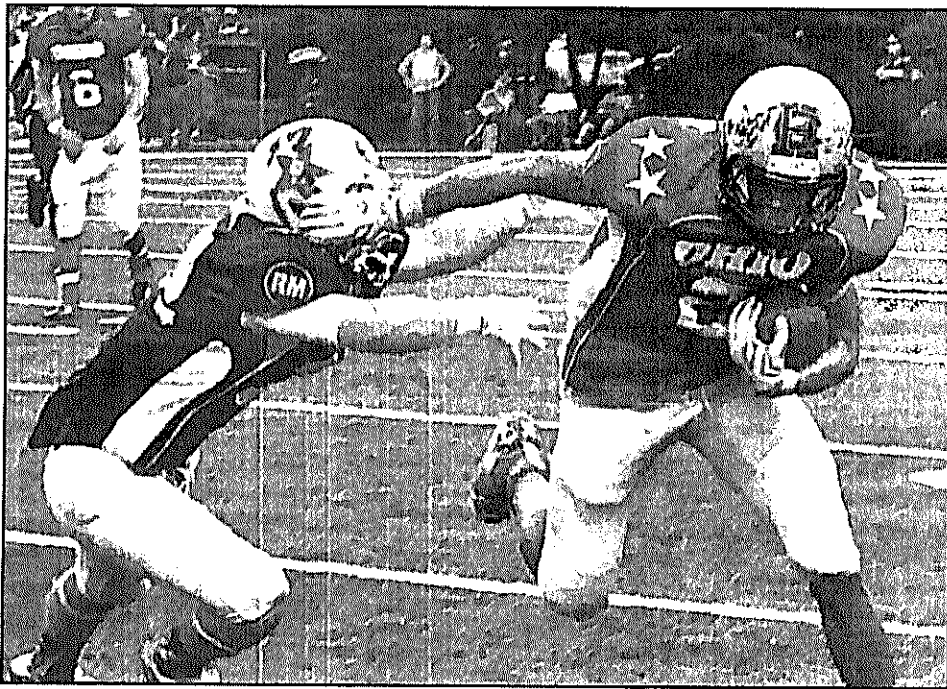
Two punters killed in crash

WAUKESHA, Wis. (AP) — Nebraska punter Sam Foltz and former Michigan State punter Mike Sadler died in a car crash in Wisconsin after working at a kicking clinic, a sheriff's department official said Sunday. LSU kicker Colby Delahoussaye was injured in the crash.

Waukesha County Sheriff's Lt. Thom Moerman said speed was likely a factor in the single-vehicle crash that happened around 11:45 p.m. Saturday.

The 24-year-old Sadler, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was driving. He and 22-year-old Foltz, of Greeley, Nebraska, both died at the scene. Delahoussaye, 21 of New Iberia, Louisiana, was also a passenger. He was treated at Waukesha Memorial Hospital and released. A statement from LSU said his injuries were minor and that he was scheduled to return home Monday.

Moerman said in a statement that Sadler lost control on the wet pavement, left the roadway and struck a tree.



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OHIO RUNNING back Travis Stenson sheds an attempted West Virginia tackle as he tries to turn the corner during Saturday night's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game at Wheeling Island Stadium. West Virginia prevailed in the 71st annual game, 26-6.

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38 yards to the 40. After losing a dozen yards on first down, Morgantown quarterback Zayne Hern found Magnolia tight end Kyle Ritz for a 30-yard gain as the Blue Eagles standout made a nifty diving catch.

The Mountaineers found themselves with a fourth-and-2 from the Ohio 13, but the Buckeyes jumped offside to give West Virginia a first-and-goal at the 8. Brooke's Justin Loughrie swept around his right end and used a superb block by Linsly's Cole Griffin to reach the end zone. The two-point run was stuffed, but the Mountaineers had a 6-3 lead with 11:52 on the second-quarter clock.

On Ohio's second play following the touchdown, John Marshall's Austin Skrzynecki came out of a jump-ball with an interception, returning it to midfield.

Daugherty didn't waste any time in going for it all as Valley quarterback Trey Streets lofted a strike down the left sidelines to Parkersburg South's wide-open Cole Day for a 47-yard pickup. On third-and-goal, Streets followed his blocking up the middle from five yards out. Wheeling Park's Chase Adams split the uprights for a 13-3 advantage with 9:08 remaining in the first half.

On the touchdown run, however, Davis suffered a serious ankle injury and was taken from the field on a stretcher. There was no word on his condition.

Disaster struck Ohio four plays later as Steubenville Central quarterback Tony Barber has a pass attempt deflected by Magnolia's Zach Haught, which conveniently fell into the arms of Wheeling Park defensive end Richard Blackwell at the Buckeyes' 30.

John Marshall's Chase Gump rumbled for a dozen yards on first down, but the Ohio defense stiffened and forced a fourth-and-8 from the 16. Streets, who was named the West Virginia's MVP for his performance, found Day in the back right-hand corner of the end zone. Day went high in the air and came down with a magnificent one-handed grab while keeping his

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with the Italian Festival." I asked several current head prep coaches their preference of game nights. All opted for the Saturday option.

Wheeling Park's Chris Daugherty, who guided the West Virginia All-Stars to a convincing 26-6 win, liked Saturday night but offered an intriguing option.

"I prefer Saturday over Sunday for sure. But I think Friday would be a great night for this game," Daugherty offered. "We had everything in place early in the week. We were

ready to go. Friday is workable."

BUBBA'S OVAC BITS I CONTINUE to sing the praises of Koch as game director. His job is massive in nature, and once again the game played out seamlessly.

THE ITALIAN Festival did provide an entertaining fireworks show near the end of the third quarter.

THE ADDITION of Morgantown, Parkersburg South and University has definitely leveled the playing field as West Virginia has won five of the last

feet inbounds. The PAT was blocked, but West Virginia had mounted a 19-3 margin.

Ohio, which was held to a meager five yards passing on nine completions, managed a little more offense in the second half. However, it would only account for three more points — those on a booming 40-yard field goal by the strong-legged Fox.

The Buckeyes would collect a pair of fumble recoveries in the third quarter, but couldn't punch the ball in the end zone against the tough-as-nails West Virginia defense.

Loughrie found himself wide open over the middle early in the fourth quarter and Streets delivered a strike to complete a 66-yard scoring play. Adams' placement made it 26-6.

Lazear had another interception for West Virginia, while Skrzynecki finished with two.

Streets completed all but one of his eight passes for 152 yards and the two scores. He also ran half-a-dozen times for team-high 25 stripes and the aforementioned six-pointer.

"Tremendous athlete," Daugherty said of Streets. "He's one heckuva athlete and I'm glad he was on our team."

Hern completed 7-of-9 passes for 76 yards as West Virginia threw for 228 while running for 78.

Caldwell's Tanner Clark gave Ohio a shot in the arm when he was inserted at quarterback. He ran for a game-best 68 stripes on 13 carries, with 63 of those coming after the halftime festivities in which Cameron's Maddie Ross was crowned Queen of Queens. Harrison Central's Travis Stenson and Martins Ferry's Andrew Hython evenly divided 54 yards rushing.

"The kids played hard," Gunn added. "Yes, we lost the game which we would've liked to win, but the bottom line is these kids bonded with each other. Everyone wants to win, but I'm still proud of them."

seven games. Ohio could have definitely used the services of Steubenville Big Red gridders. Steubenville was ineligible for the conference crown, making the all-star game off limits for its players.

VALLEY'S TREY Streets was named the game's MVP, and deservedly so. He was just of several Mountaineers turning in sparkling efforts. Caldwell's Tanner Clark and Martins Ferry's Andrew Hython were two of the Buckeyes who played well in a losing cause.

THE CLASS A coaches will be in charge of the all-

Ohio

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Stewart is also one of the guys who won't play the sport anymore. Originally, the former Red Devil has signed to attend Division II power Shepherd. Since signing day in February, though, a change of plans has led Stewart to pursue a career in the United States Marines.

"It really sucks (not to get to play anymore)," Stewart said. "I am going to miss the game very much. Not going to Shepherd was the toughest decision of my life, but I think I made the right decision for me."

While Stewart won't play anymore, some guys have made late decisions to pursue football at the collegiate level and playing in the OVAC Game helped to fuel their desire even further.

Such is the case for Harrison Central's Brandon Mitchell. A two-time, first-team, all-Ohioan, Mitchell had come to grips with the decision that his athletic career was finished. However, thinking about how big of a part of his life sports had played for so many years, Mitchell has since decided to play football at Walsh University, a Division II school in North Canton.

"I wanted to go to Akron and figured I'd be done with sports, but I just couldn't picture myself not playing anymore," Mitchell said. "I've been playing something since I was a little kid and just wanted to keep playing. I report in August and I am excited about it."

When Mitchell goes to Walsh, he'll have at least one person there that he knows. Travis Stenson — another former Huskies' all-Ohioan — also has decided to pursue his degree and play for the Cavaliers.

"I am really excited to be playing side-by-side with Travis again," Mitchell continued.

The aforementioned West Virginia defense had a host of standouts as it limited Ohio to just a pair of field goals despite being put in a few tough spots after turnovers in Ohio territory.

The win and defensive performance was especially sweet for Linsly School product Von Wooding. The hard-nosed linebacker, who is headed for Oberlin College, shifted to defensive end — a position he's never played — and made the transition look easy.

He was a constant member of the Ohio backfield, while making upwards of 10 tackles.

"The week leading up to (Saturday) was a blast and winning makes it even more special," Wooding said. "I am at a loss for words, actually. I moved to end the second day of camp (at Bethany), so I just picked up the position in three days."

Wooding actually resides in Flushing and knew many of the Ohio players from his years in youth sports. He actually got his football start in Cadiz in the pee wee leagues.

"It was pleasure to go out by playing against a lot of the guys that I started with. It was cool getting to play against the guys from Harrison Central and Union Local," Wooding said. "Plus, I know a lot of the other guys from wrestling and stuff, so it was a cool experience."

With the high school chapter of his career now officially closed, Wooding is now full steam ahead to get ready for life at Oberlin, which begins on Aug. 12.

"I am in the best shape of my life and I am ready to go up there and do the same stuff I did here," Wooding said.

"This game was helpful to get ready. I've been training for months, but this allowed me to put the pads on and really get back into the swing of things against some top-notch competition."

SETH'S SCOOPS

■ **UNFORTUNATELY**, for the second straight season, the game was marred by a couple of near donnybrooks. Obviously, competitive nature takes over during games, but there's no place for that kind of behavior in an all-star game. Kudos to the officiating crew for taking control early. As soon as a second incident occurred, a player from each team was ejected. Hopefully, the ejections send a clear message to future all-star selections that acting a fool won't be tolerated.

■ **ON THE** other side of the coin, both teams deserve to be commended for their showing of sportsmanship when West Virginia's Kam Davis was injured. As Davis was being loaded onto a stretcher, both teams went out onto the field and let Davis know they were thinking of him. It's a shame to see anyone get hurt in the game, but Davis was expected to attend Youngstown State University to play football.

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Brickyard

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Tony," Gordon said. "I love this guy. I have always respected his talent."

Everybody respected Busch's talent this weekend, too. The reigning Sprint Cup Series champion, who used last year's win at the Brickyard to jumpstart his title campaign, joined third-place finisher Jimmie Johnson as the only back-to-back winners of NASCAR's race at Indy. Johnson won in 2008 and 2009.

Busch surrendered the lead for 14 laps after his first pit stop, regained it when Brad Keselowski pitted, then gave it up again for only five laps when he made his second pit stop.

Everyone else spent their day chasing Busch. The Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota was so strong that Roger Penske's drivers started with a strategy of trying stretch their runs long enough to make one fewer pit stop. It didn't work — Joey Logano finished seventh and Keselowski wound up 17th.

71ST ANNUAL OVAC RUDY MUMLEY ALL-STAR GAME

West Virginia All-Stars Defeat Ohio, 26-6

Score 19 Straight In Second Quarter

By KIM NORTH
For the News-Register

WHEELING — West Virginia continued its recent dominance in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game Saturday night with a convincing, 26-6, shellacking of Ohio in the 71st edition at steamy Wheeling Island Stadium.

The Mountaineers overcame a 3-0 deficit after 12 minutes by scoring 19 consecutive second-quarter points and never looked back. They intercepted three passes in the first half — four in the game — and capitalized on two of the picks.

"Our defense played outstanding," West Virginia head coach Chris Daugherty said. "We were able to capitalize on a couple of their mistakes."

"It was a classic all star game," he added. "There were big plays and bad plays, but overall I was pleased."

With the second straight blowout victory, West Virginia cuts the all-time record to 43-27 in favor of the Buckeyes.

"Whenever we started to get a drive going it was one little hiccup after another," Ohio head coach Kevin Gunn said. "They were able to capitalize upon our mistakes and we couldn't do the same on theirs."

Ohio took a 3-0 lead on a 37-yard field goal by Cambridge's Adam Fox at the 5:30 mark of the opening quarter.

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West Virginia's Cole Day (1) of Parkersburg South tries to make a get around Ohio's Demitree Turner (7) of Union Local.

Photo by Joe Lovell

OVAC All-Star Game: A Vrotsos Tradition

WHEELING — Family ties run deep in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Game.

So much so, the 71st game has connections with the initial contest.

Vince Levi was on the officiating crew for last night's contest at Wheeling Island Stadium. He served as the back judge.

Levi is the son of Roger & Sue (Vrotsos) Levi of Martins Ferry. The Vrotsos name is one deeply etched within the OVAC All-Star Football Game annals.

So much so, Levi, age 33, is the third generation of the family to participate in the contest.

His great uncle, Nick Vrotsos, played in the first OVAC All-Star grid game.

Vrotsos was a three-sport star at Martins Ferry, gaining all-Ohio honors in football and basketball.

He earned a football scholarship to Alabama. A knee injury ended his Crimson Tide grid career. He, however, switched to basketball, being named all-SEC as a senior.

He also enjoyed a stellar coaching career.



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Trey Streets Named Most Valuable Player

By CODY TOMER
Staff Writer

WHEELING — It was clear that the sizzling heat did not effect Valley's Trey Streets and his fellow West Virginia teammates, as he was named the 71st Annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game Most Valuable Player, after leading the Mountaineers to a 26-6 victory on Saturday night at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Streets dazzled, as he did all season, throwing for two touchdowns and rushing for another. His second passing score was a 66-yard dime to Brooke's Justin Loughrie who took it in for six.

He also scampered into score from five yards out and found South High's Cole Day

for a 16-yard touchdown to help earn him MVP honors.

Streets combined for a total of 177 yards with 25 coming on the ground on six rushes and 152 coming through the air as he connected on seven of eight passes.

The Valley quarterback set school passing and rushing records during the 2015 campaign, while leading the Lumberjacks to the state playoffs for the first time since the 2004 season.

"I broke a few school records this past year," Streets said. "However, winning this MVP (Saturday) probably ranks above any other accomplishments in my high school career. I will never forget it."

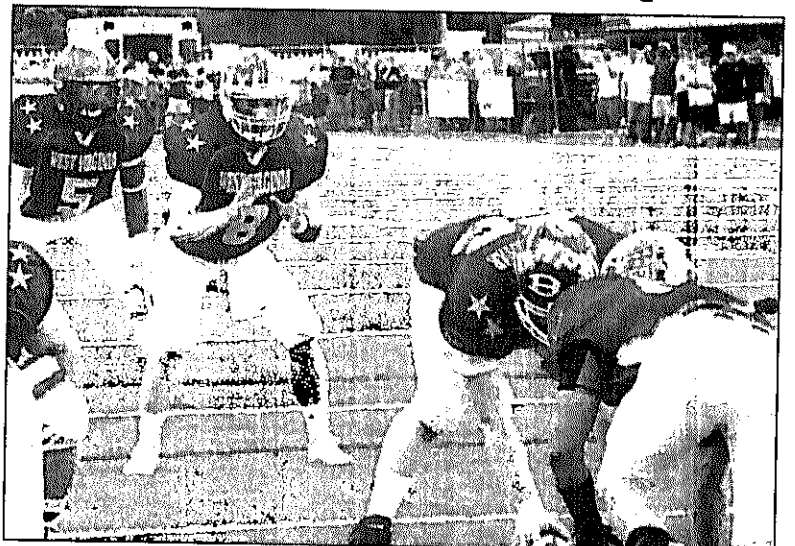
Streets was the only repre-

sentative of Valley High in the game but it is safe to say that he made his classmates, teammates and coaches proud with a true all-star performance.

"My mindset tonight was to just have fun and play my game," Streets said. "I felt calm and collected out there on the field but I think the key was playing with a lot of confidence."

Streets displayed outstanding athleticism on the field but showed great character after being named the game's MVP, by praising the game-plan put forth by the coaching staff and the play and preparation of his West Virginia teammates.

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West Virginia's Trey Streets (8) of Valley awaits the snap during the 71st Annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

Photo by Joe Lovell

It capped a drive that saw the Buckeyes have first-and-goal at the 13, but they had to settle for the three-pointer when Brooke's Matthew Lazear sacked Meadowbrook quarterback Dalton Wiggins for an 8-yard loss on third-and-9.

West Virginia came right back as Weir's Kameron Davis returned the ensuing kickoff 38 yards to the 40. After losing a dozen yards on first down, Morgantown quarterback Zayne Hern found Magnolia tight end Kyle Ritz for a 30-yard gain as the Blue Eagles standout made a nifty diving catch.

The Mountaineers found themselves with a fourth-and-2 from the Ohio 13, but the Buckeyes jumped off-sides to give West Virginia a first-and-goal at the 8. Brooke's Justin Loughrie swept around his right end and used a superb block by Linsly's Cole Griffin to reach the end zone. The two-point run was stuffed, but the Mountaineers had a 6-3 lead with 11:52 on the second-quarter clock.

On Ohio's second play following the touchdown, John Marshall's Austin Skrzynecki came out of a jump-ball with an interception, returning it to midfield.

Daugherty didn't waste any time in going for it all as Valley quarterback Trey Streets lofted a strike down the left sidelines to Parkersburg South's wide-open Cole Day for a 47-yard pickup. On third-and-goal, Streets followed his blocking up the middle from five yards out. Wheeling Park's Chase Adams split the uprights for a 13-3 advantage with 9:08 remaining in the first half.

On the touchdown run, however, Davis suffered a serious ankle injury and was taken from the field on a stretcher. There was no word on his condition.

Disaster struck Ohio four plays later as Steubenville Central quarterback Tony Barber has a pass attempt deflected by Magnolia's Zach Haught, which conveniently fell into the arms of Wheeling Park defensive end Richard Blackwell at the Buckeyes' 30.

John Marshall's Chase Gump rumbled for a dozen yards on first down, but the Ohio defense stiffened and forced a fourth-and-8 from the 16. Streets, who was

named the West Virginia's MVP for his performance, found Day in the back right-hand corner of the end zone. Day went high in the air and came down with a magnificent one-handed grab while keeping his feet inbounds. The PAT was blocked, but West Virginia had mounted a 19-3 margin.

Ohio, which was held to a meager five yards passing on nine completions, managed a little more offense in the second half. However, it would only account for three more points — those on a booming 40-yard field goal by the strong-legged Fox.

The Buckeyes would collect a pair of fumble recoveries in the third quarter, but couldn't punch the ball in the end zone against the tough-as-nails West Virginia defense.

Loughrie found himself wide open over the middle early in the fourth quarter and Streets delivered a strike to complete a 66-yard scoring play. Adams' placement made it 26-6.

Lazear had another interception for West Virginia, while Skrzynecki finished with two.

Streets completed all but one of his eight passes for 152 yards and the two scores. He also ran half-a-dozen times for team-high 25 stripes and the aforementioned six-pointer.

"Tremendous athlete," Daugherty said of Streets. "He's one heckuva athlete and I'm glad he was on our team."

Hern completed 7-of-9 passes for 76 yards as West Virginia threw for 228 while running for 78.

Caldwell's Tanner Clark gave Ohio a shot in the arm when he was inserted at quarterback. He ran for a game-best 68 stripes on 13 carries, with 63 of those coming after the halftime festivities in which Cameron's Maddie Ross was crowned Queen of Queens. Harrison Central's Travis Stenson and Martins Ferry's Andrew Hython evenly divided 54 yards rushing.

"The kids played hard," Gunn added. "Yes, we lost the game which we would've liked to win, but the bottom line is these kids bonded with each other. Everyone wants to win, but I'm still proud of them."

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He coached at Dillonvale and Dover before embarking on a 33-year coaching career at Massillon Washington. He is a member of the Martins Ferry Hall of Fame.

Levi's grandfather, John "Corky" Vrotsos, is a Ferry legend after building a powerhouse Purple Riders' wrestling program. He was also a football and basketball star at Martins Ferry and West Liberty. Vrotsos was selected for the all-star clash but was unable to play as he was sidetracked by faulty train service in returning from California.

More recently, Levi has had an uncle and cousin play in the OVAC game.

Andy Vrotsos, Vince's cousin and a Linsly linebacking standout, played for West Virginia in 1973, while uncle Keith Vrotsos, a Martins Ferry Hall of Famer, quarterbacked Ohio in 1979.

"It is really cool to be the third generation of the Vrotsos family to be participating in such a great game. I am not a Hall of Famer like the others but it is a special honor," Levi said. "I grew up watching this game. When Mr. (Dave) Clutter called me in March telling me I was selected to officiate in the game I was shocked. I am excited about being part of such a class event."

Levi has been officiating football for eight years. He worked his first state playoff game last fall — Huntington vs. Point Pleasant.

"My dad (Roger) has officiated basketball for a long time. He got me interested in officiating. I am very glad he did," the Martins Ferry resident said. "I have enjoyed it very much. I am also fortunate to work with a great crew during the season. We have excellent camaraderie."

Levi is part of a regular-season officiating contingent consisting of veterans Sam Jones, Pete Tamborella and Jim Hood.

The OVAC game utilizes a seven-man crew. Levi has worked previously with only one member of the all-star unit — Chad Zambori of Martins Ferry. The remain-

der of the zebra contingent is composed of three from the Weirton board and one from Parkersburg and one from Morgantown.

"The seven-man crew will help with the extreme heat predicted," Levi said in a phone interview Wednesday night. "It will be a three-hour long game so you must stay focused in that heat. I worked the Ridgewood at Bellaire game two years ago in 90-plus weather. It was tough."

"Although we haven't worked together (OVAC's game crew), we will get together Saturday afternoon," Levi said. "We will have a meal at 3:30 at West-Banco. Then each of us will put on a presentation on a specific aspect of officiating. Mine is red-zone mechanics."

Levi is employed by Nucor in Wheeling as an engineer.

BUBBA'S BITS

■ Buckeye Local's Ryan Moffo has been named to the Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Ohio Academic Team. The former Panthers' standout played for Rick DeLuca.

■ The Final major golf tournament of the year plays out this week. I have to go with Jason Day to win the PGA. He is too good a golfer not to win a major this year.

■ Former Buckeye Local head football coach Karl Justus III is the new grid boss at Conotton Valley. Most recently, he has served as a varsity assistant at Chillicothe High School, helping the Cavaliers to the OHSAA playoffs three times (2015, 2013, 2006).

■ The Big 12 is talking expansion. Houston and BYU would be the obvious first two choices.

■ Three local American Legion teams launch their state title bids this week. Moundsville and defending champion Wheeling are in the West Virginia tourney while St. Clairsville Post 159 is competing in Lancaster. We wish all three squads the best of luck.

STREETS

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"The coaches drew it up perfectly," Streets said. "They knew exactly what to expect in this game. They are just coming off of a state championship so I knew that they would be great coaches."

"It was also a great experience to share the field with these all-stars," he continued. "I wouldn't want to spend a week with anyone else. They are all

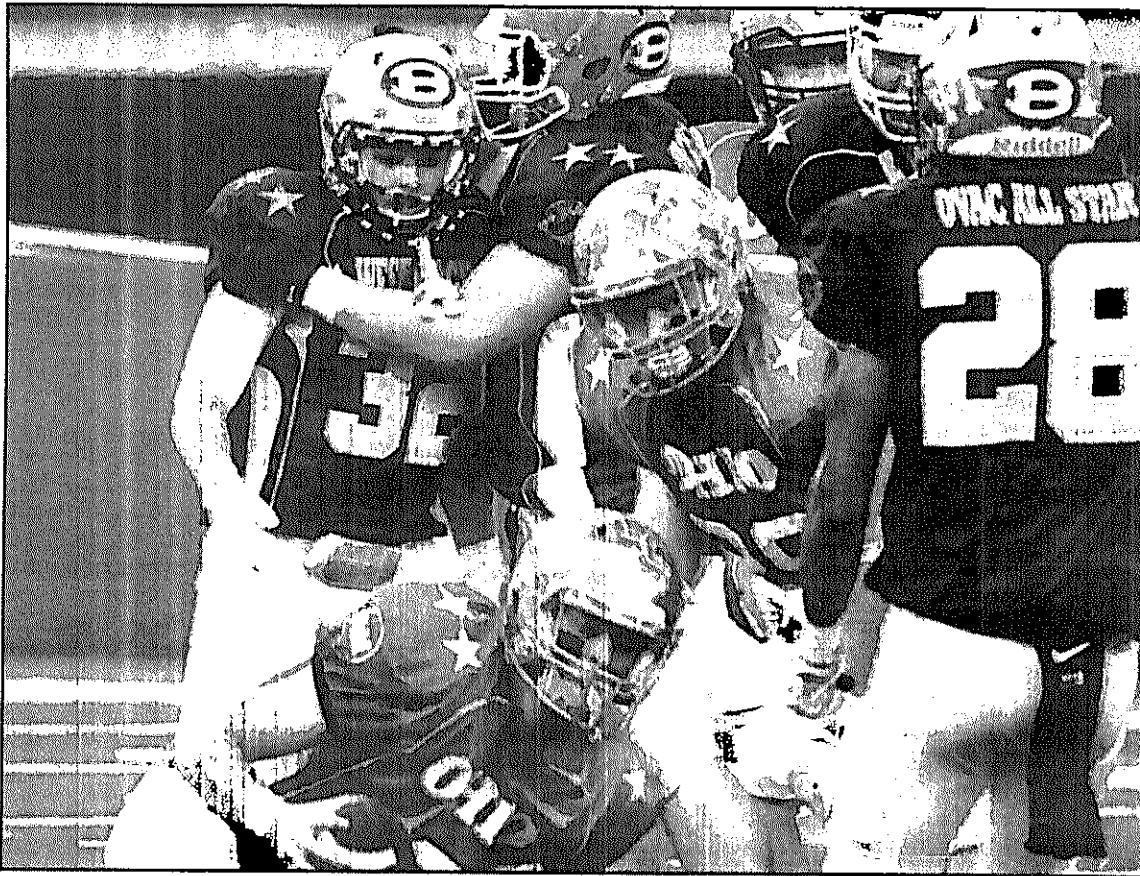
great and we instantly became best-friends."

That is what is so memorable about the OVAC All-Star Game, is getting the opportunity to spend quality time with superb coaches and the most talented athletes in the area, which leads to friendships that last a lifetime.

"My family, my girlfriend and her family are in attendance," Streets

noted. "I'm glad that they were able to be here to share this moment with me."

Streets can now take this experience and use it going forward as he plans to walk-on the football team at Glenville State College and following his performance on Saturday, it would be no surprise if he turned some heads in the process.



SACK ATTACK — West Virginia's Matt Lazear (32) reacts after sacking Ohio quarterback Tanner Clark in the first half of Saturday's OVAC All-Star Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Matthew Peaslee

Brooke grads have a hand in West Virginia win over Ohio in OVAC All-Star Game

By ED LOOMAN
Sports correspondent

WHEELING — Under second-year coach Mac McLean, Brooke's football team "walked the walk" during the 2015 season.

The Bruins finished at 8-4, knocked off eventual Class AAA champion Wheeling Park and advanced to the second round of the West Virginia playoffs.

In Saturday's 71st edition of the OVAC's Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, two former Bruins (Matt Lazear and Justin Loughrie) played critical roles as West Virginia rolled to a 26-6 victory over Ohio.

Lazear, who will play at Shepherd, delivered a key quarterback sack early in the contest and also recorded one of West Virginia's four interceptions. Loughrie, who will play at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa., scored the game's first and last touchdowns.

Ohio's second possession on Saturday began at the West Virginia 35 following a short punt. Thanks to some hard runs by Harrison Central's Travis Stenson and Caldwell's Tanner Clark, the Buckeyes moved to the Mountaineer 13.

On third-and-9 from the 12, Lazear, who was listed in the OVAC program as 5-9, 165 pounds, broke through from his



Loughrie

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Brooke

safety position and threw Ohio quarterback Dalton Wiggins, a Meadowbrook product, for an eight-yard loss.

Instead of going for it on fourth down, Ohio coach Kevin Gunn opted to boot a field goal (a 37-yarder by Cambridge's Adam Fox. Lazear's sack not only thwarted the possible touchdown drive, it also seemed to shift the momentum.

On its next touch, West Virginia moved 60 yards to take the lead for good. Loughrie capped the march with an eight-yard burst. Weir's Kam Davis, who was injured later in the game, gave the Mountaineers great field position with his kickoff return.

Lazear's interception came just before half.

"The sack and the interception — those were everything I was hoping for," Lazear said following the game. "I wouldn't have done either without my teammates around me."

By earning a spot in the OVAC game, Lazear followed in the footsteps of his father, Jim, who played in the game in 1983, and his brother, Ryan, who was selected in 2011. Ohio posted a 26-16 win in 1983 while the Mountaineers emerged with a 24-3 victory in 2011.

"It's an honor to be in that W column along with my brother," Lazear stressed. "Winning this game just feels great. One of my biggest goals was to get here.

Making plays here and winning were just huge accomplishments for me going forward."

Loughrie's second touchdown came on a 66-yard pass from Valley's Trey Streets, who earned game MVP honors.

"Awesome," Loughrie was quick to say when describing his feelings after the victory. "Everyone is so happy. We came in with one goal this week and that was to put in all the work we needed and come out with a win on Saturday."

A four-year starter at Brooke, Loughrie said the long touchdown was a "great play call."

"I streaked down the field and our quarterback Trey made a great throw," he noted as his jubilant teammates offered their rendition of "Country Roads" in the background. "At the game went on, we put the throttle down and started to make things happen offensively. Defensively, we stayed steady the whole game, which was huge."

The West Virginia defense held Ohio to 125 total yards, had the four interceptions (two led to touchdowns) and kept the Buckeyes out of the end zone.

Ohio's stars had five pass completions result in no gain from scrimmage.

"Our defense played outstanding," said West Virginia coach Chris Daugherty. "We were able to capitalize on a

couple of their mistakes."

Two local products (Madonna's Nate Martin and Weir's Kyle Baldwin) saw plenty of time along the West Virginia defensive front.

"It's a wonderful experience, there's nothing like it," said Martin, who will be attending West Virginia University. "I played football for a long time and this game is something I've watched since I was a little kid. Now, it's just like wow! I still have some butterflies in my stomach."

Martin, who also wrestled for the Blue Dons, was quick to note "hard work" made the difference on the turf of Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We've been working so hard this week," he stressed. "I wasn't worried when we fell behind early. I knew we'd come back. We definitely worked harder than they (Ohio) did and all that hard work just paid off."

Prior to the game, Martin called the OVAC contest "a great opportunity to play football for the last time."

During a post-game interview, when asked about the possibility of strapping pads on again, he replied:

"I don't think so but who knows, I guess."

Baldwin played the role of run stopper well from his defensive tackle for West Virginia. Like Martin, the former Red Rider, has no plans to keep his football

career going.

"It's just an amazing feeling," he said Saturday. "I really can't describe it, it's just a good feeling."

"Our goal was to work hard and get the win and it's just awesome that we were able to that. I felt like I owed it to Kam (his injured teammate Kam Davis)."

Baldwin plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice and admitted the OVAC contest "probably was the late time I'll be strapping on the pads."

Weir's Brandon Taylor also saw action at defensive tackle for West Virginia before leaving the game with an injury.

Ohio's Gunn stated his team was done in by "one little hiccup after another."

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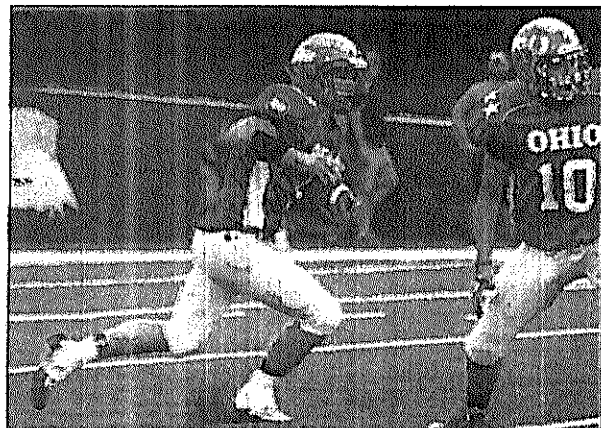
With its second straight victory, West Virginia now trails Ohio 43-27 in the OVAC contest. There has been one tie.

The Mountaineers collected back-to-back victories for the first time since 2010-2011.



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Caldwell's Tanner Clark runs with the ball after the snap toward teammate Stevin Doughty of Shadyside during Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.



Caldwell High's Chance Rucker (60) prepares to block West Virginia's Kyle Ritz (82) from Magnolia during Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.



Cambridge High's Josh Lewis, r, looks over his shoulder as teammate Demitree Turner of Union Local makes a tackle during Saturday evening's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

W.Va. wins OVAC All-Star Game, 26-6

By JEFF HARRISON
The Daily Jeffersonian



WHEELING, W. Va. — Ohio had what appeared to be plenty of offensive weapons to make some noise in Saturday night's 71st OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, but the West Virginia defense never let them get untracked and rode a decisive edge in the passing game to a 26-6 victory in the annual midsummer classic at steamy Wheeling Island Stadium.

The West Virginia defense shut down Ohio's passing game to the tune of 9 completions in 17 attempts for a miniscule 10 yards, with four of the aerial attempts picked off.

Meanwhile the Mountaineers' small school/big school quarterback combo of Valley High's Trey Streets and Morgantown's Zayne Hern were nearly perfect. Streets completed 7-of-7 passes for 159 yards and two TDs to earn MVL honors while Hern was 8-of-10 for 72 additional yards. West Virginia's second straight win and fifth in the last seven years pares Ohio's overall lead to 43-27-1 in the bi-state rivalry.

After an early exchange of punts, Ohio got on the scoreboard first thanks to an 11-play ground-oriented drive which carried from its 35-yard line to the West Virginia 20 before a QB sack by Matthew Lazear of Brooke forced Coach Kevin Gunn to call on one of his own — Cambridge place-kicker Adam Fox — who delivered a 37-yard field goal to put the Buckeyes on top, 3-0, with 3:17 remaining in the first quarter.

West Virginia took the ensuing kickoff and drove 60 yards for the go-ahead score, with the big play an early 30-yard pass connection from Hern to Magnolia's Kyle Ritz.

The six-pointer came on an eight-ard rush around the right side by Brooke's Justin Loughrie, with Wheeling Park's Chase Adams stopped short on the two-point attempt out of a spread formation which left the Mountain State squad on top, 6-3, with 11:52 left in the second period.

The first of two interceptions in the game by John Marshall's Austin Skrzynecki set up West Virginia at midfield.

Another big pass play - this time a 41-yard hook-up from Sheets to Parkersburg South's Cole Day, advanced the ball to the three-yard line and after a couple of one-yard losses, Streets pushed his way five yards to the endzone.

Park's Adams connected on the extra-point to give West Virginia a 13-3 lead with 9:08 until halftime.

Another "pick" by the West Virginia "D" — this one by Wheeling Park's Richard Blackwell off a deflection by Magnolia's Zach Haught — gave the Mountaineers time to score for the third time in the quarter.

This one came on a nifty 16-yard Streets-to-Day in the back right corner of the end zone and although Adams' PAT was blocked, West Virginia had a 19-6 upperhand with 3:53 left in the half.

The Mountaineers came on with their third TD of

Ohio finally benefitted from a West Virginia turnover at the outset of the third quarter as Toronto's Drew Lowery pounced on a fumble at the Ohio 49.

A 25-yard gainer out of shotgun formation by Meadowbrook QB Dalton Wiggins got the Buckeyes to the 25-yard line, but three plays netted just four yards and once again Cambridge's Fox got the call, this time for a 40-yard field goal which had Ohio within 19-6 with 8:01 left in the period.

Another lost fumble by West Virginia — recovered by East Liverpool's Austyn Dozier — set in motion an Ohio possession at the opponents' 28-yard line.

Behind an 11-yard run by Caldwell QB Tanner Clark and a Clark-to-Austyn Porter of Harrison Central pass play, the Buckeyes had a first-and-goal at the five but they couldn't get the ball into the end zone and turned it over on downs on the first play of the fourth quarter.

From there, West Virginia turned out the lights with what turned out to be a five-play, 97-yard scoring series.

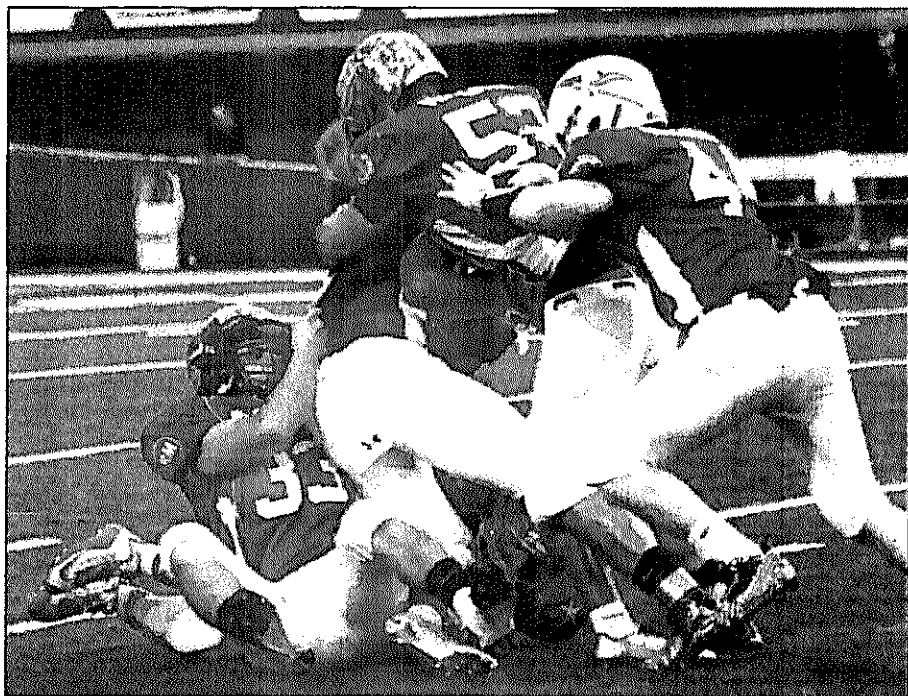
A 15-yard run by John Marshall's Chase Gump and an 18-yard pass from Streets to Magnolia's Tyler Anderson advanced the ball to the 34, and that's where Streets found Brooke's Loughrie at the Ohio 35 and he broke free for a 66-yard touchdown.

Adams' conversion kick widened the gap to 26-6 and closed out the scoring with 10:20 remaining.

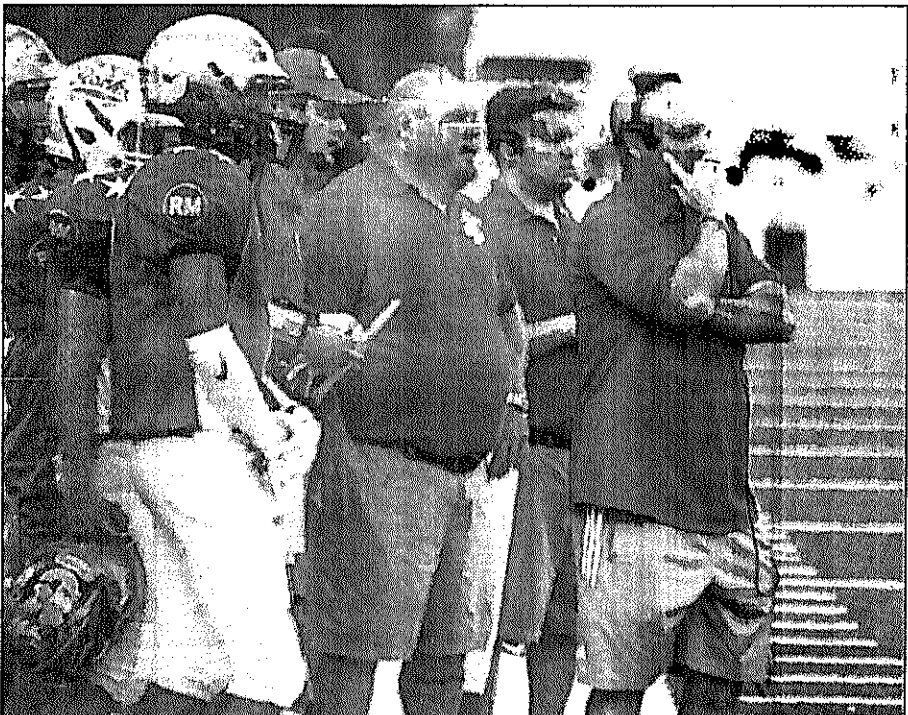
Coach Gunn credited West Virginia's defense for shutting down his offense to a net of 116 yards and forcing four turnovers.

"They played differently than we anticipated," he stated, "but we were able to make some adjustments at halftime at at least move the ball a little but it just didn't go our way."

"We thought we'd be able to go more to the outside, but they were contained us so we had to adjust things," he continued. "We had some inconsistencies and they were able to capitalize on our mistakes. Once they got the momentum, it was hard to try to take that away from them."



Shenandoah's Michael VanFossen (33), Barnesville's Logan Castello (52) and Cambridge's Josh Lewis (44) of the Ohio squad work together to bring down Linsly's Cole Griffin during Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.



Ohio head coach Kevin Gunn from Cambridge (right) and staff members Riley Hayhurst Tom "Tank" Moore and Jake Tharp watch from the sidelines during Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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"It was a classic all star game," Daugherty continued. "There were big plays and bad plays, but overall I was pleased."

Despite being disappointed at the loss, Gunn felt the friendships and memories his players and coaches gained from the

time, which also featured yet another quality performance by the OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band.

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W.Va. wins OVAC All-Star Game, 26-6

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WHEELING, W. Va. — Ohio had what appeared to be plenty of offensive weapons to make some noise in Saturday night's 71st OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, but the West Virginia defense never let them get untracked and rode a decisive edge in the passing game to a 26-6 victory in the annual midsummer classic at steamy Wheeling Island Stadium.

The West Virginia defense shut down Ohio's passing game to the tune of 9 completions in 17 attempts for a miniscule 10 yards, with four of the aerial attempts picked off.

Meanwhile the Mountaineers' small school/big school quarterback combo of Valley High's Trey Streets and Morgantown's Zayne Hern were nearly perfect. Streets completed 7-of-7 passes for 159 yards and two TDs to earn MVL honors while Hern was 8-of-9 for 72 additional yards.

West Virginia's second straight win and fifth in the last seven years pares Ohio's overall lead to 43-27-1 in the bi-state rivalry.

After an early exchange of punts, Ohio got on the scoreboard first thanks to an 11-play ground-oriented drive which carried from its 35-yard line to the West Virginia 20 before a QB sack by Matthew Lazear of Brooke forced Coach Kevin Gunn to call on one of his own — Cambridge place-kicker Adam Fox — who delivered a 37-yard field goal to put the Buckeyes on top, 3-0, with 3:17 remaining in the first quarter.

West Virginia took the ensuing kickoff and drove 60 yards for the go-ahead score, with the big play an early 30-yard pass connection from Hern to Magnolia's Kyle Ritz.

The six-pointer came on an eight-ard rush around the right side by Brooke's Justin Loughrie, with Wheeling Park's Chase Adams stopped short on the two-point attempt out of a spread formation which left the Mountain State squad on top, 6-3, with 11:52 left in the second period.

The first of two interceptions in the game by John Marshall's Austin Skrzynecki set up West Virginia at midfield.

Another big pass play - this time a 41-yard hook-up from Sheets to Parkersburg South's Cole Day, advanced the ball to the three-yard line and after a couple of one-yard losses, Streets pushed his way five yards to the endzone.

Park's Adams connected on the extra-point to give West Virginia a 13-3 lead with 9:08 until halftime.

Another "pick" by the West Virginia "D" — this one by Wheeling Park's Richard Blackwell off a deflection by Magnolia's Zach Haught — gave the Mountaineers time to score for the third time in the quarter.

This one came on a nifty 16-yard Streets-to-Day in the back right corner of the end zone and although Adams' PAT was blocked, West Virginia had a 19-6 upperhand with 3:53 left in the half.

The Mountaineers came up with their third INT of the first half on the final play, with Lazear making the theft this time.

Ohio finally benefitted from a West Virginia turnover at the outset of the third quarter as Toronto's Drew Lowery pounced on a fumble at the Ohio 49.

A 25-yard gainer out of shotgun formation by Meadowbrook QB Dalton Wiggins got the Buckeyes to the 25-yard line, but three plays netted just four yards and once again Cambridge's Fox got the call, this time for a 40-yard field goal which had Ohio within 19-6 with 8:01 left in the period.

Another lost fumble by West Virginia — recovered by East Liverpool's Austyn Dozier — set in motion an Ohio possession at the opponents' 28-yard line.

Behind an 11-yard run by Caldwell QB Tanner Clark and a Clark-to-Austyn Porter of Harrison Central pass play, the Buckeyes had a first-and-goal at the five but they couldn't get the ball into the end zone and turned it over on downs on the first play of the fourth quarter.

From there, West Virginia turned out the lights with what turned out to be a five-play, 97-yard scoring series.

A 15-yard run by John Marshall's Chase Gump and an 18-yard pass from Streets to Magnolia's Tyler Anderson advanced the ball to the 34, and that's where Streets found Brooke's Loughrie at the Ohio 35 and he broke free for a 66-yard touchdown.

Adams' conversion kick widened the gap to 26-6 and closed out the scoring with 10:20 remaining.

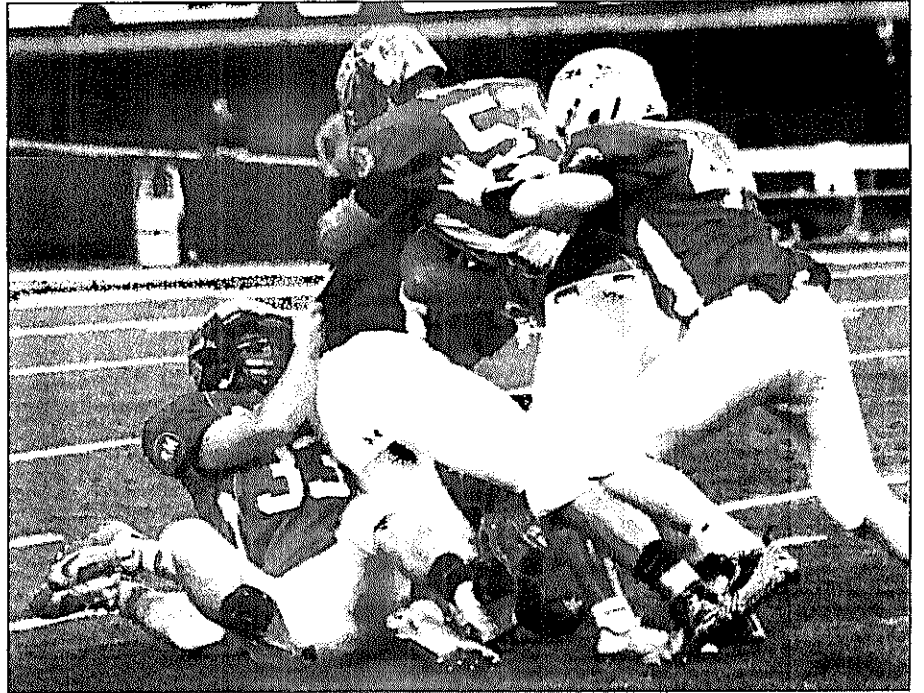
Coach Gunn credited West Virginia's defense for shutting down his offense to a net of 116 yards and forcing four turnovers.

"They played differently than we anticipated," he stated, "but we were able to make some adjustments at halftime at at least move the ball a little but it just didn't go our way."

"We thought we'd be able to go more to the outside, but they were containing us so we had to adjust things," he continued. "We had some inconsistencies and they were able to capitalize on our mistakes. Once they got the momentum, it was hard to try to take that away from them."

West Virginia coach Chris Daugherty from Wheeling Park agreed.

"Our defense played out-



Shenandoah's Michael VanFossen (33), Barnesville's Logan Castello (52) and Cambridge's Josh Lewis (44) of the Ohio squad work together to bring down Linsly's Cole Griffin during Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.



Ohio head coach Kevin Gunn from Cambridge (right) and staff members Riley Hayhurst Tom "Tank" Moore and Jake Tharp watch from the sideline during Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

standing," he said. "We were able to capitalize on a couple of their mistakes."

"It was a classic all star game," Daugherty continued. "There were big plays and bad plays, but overall I was pleased."

Despite being disappointed at the loss, Gunn felt the friendships and memories his players and coaches gained from the week-long activities will far outweigh the final score.

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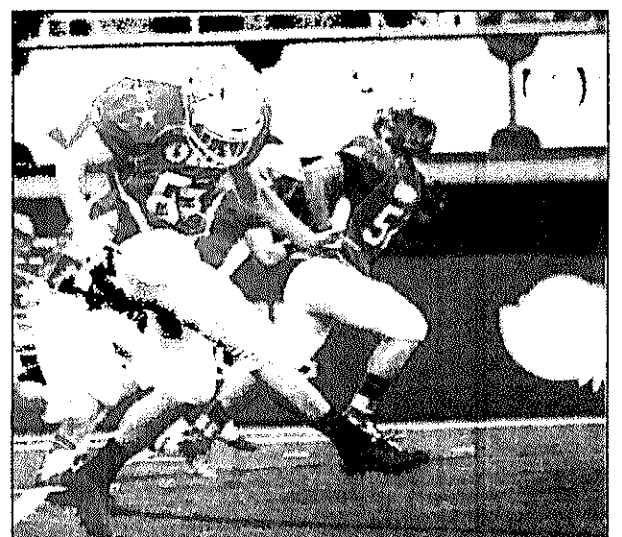
talking about the bigger things. These young men bonded with each-other all week, and I know everybody wants to win, but I'm still proud of them."

EXTRA POINTS

Madison Ross of Cameron High was crowned the 2016 OVAC Queen of Queens at half-

time, which also featured yet another quality performance by the OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band.

Meadowbrook's Wiggins was the recipient of the OVAC Rudy Mumley Scholarship presented at Friday's Pep Rally which took place at Bethany College's Bison Field.



Cambridge High's Adam Fox kicks the ball off as teammate Logan Castello of Barnesville (52) starts downfield during Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium. Fox accounted for all of Ohio's points with field goals of 37 and 40 yards.

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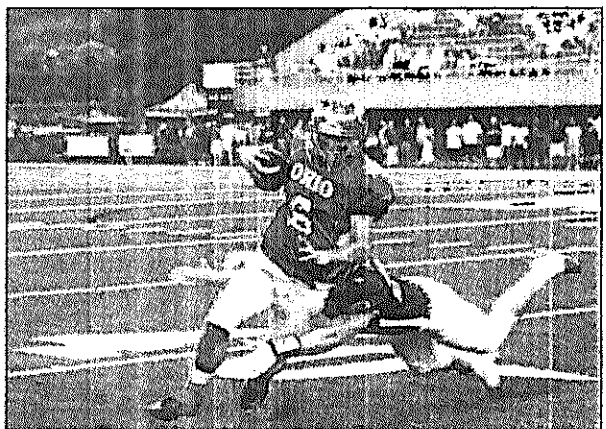
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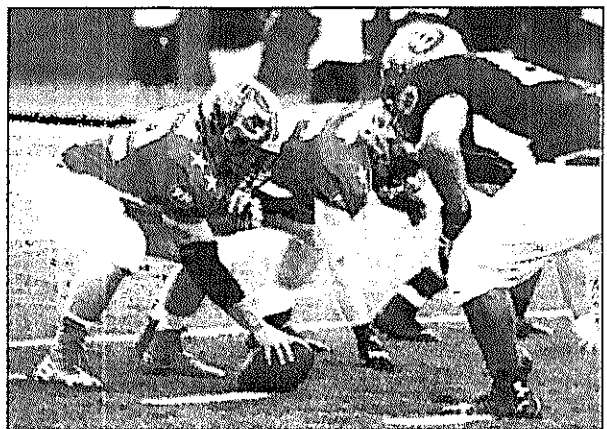
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Meadowbrook's Dalton Wiggins (6) attempts to escape the the clutches of a West Virginia defender during Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.



Barnesville's Cole Susac prepares to snap the football for Ohio during Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.