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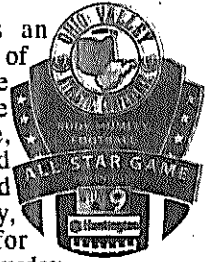
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LBs Key For Holt's System

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WHEELING — Scott Holt and his Cameron Dragons coaching staff employ a 3-5 scheme on the defensive side of the ball.

So, when the West Virginia staff was selecting its roster for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, which is slated for Saturday, July 28, the volume of possibilities at linebacker was paramount.

As he took a step back to evaluate his roster — with less than a week before the opening camp of Bethany College — Holt and Co. certainly like what they've selected.

"We have some kids who played in big-time programs and won a lot of big games," Holt said. "From looking at film on kids, they're all very active and get to the football. We want a lot of those kinds of guys on the field and we selected it that way for depth. We have a lot of guys who are very capable of running sideline to sideline."

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PATRICK BROWN, Wheeling Central — This former Maroon Knight was a key contributor for Coach Mike Young's state championship squad last season.

The 6-foot, 180-pounder played outside linebacker, wide receiver and served as the punter.

Brown was also a standout in the classroom. He was the Valedictorian of the Class of 2018 and named the WVSSAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Patrick, who is the son of Beth and Geoff Brown, plans to attend the University of Notre Dame.

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NICK COULTER, John Marshall — This former Monarch was a key for Coach Rick Goodrich's squad on both sides of the ball.

Defensively, the 6-2, 230-pounder posted 75 solo tackles, 36 assists and 12 tackles for loss. He had four sacks, four forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. He also took an interception back for a touchdown.

Coulter was named first team all-state, All-OVAC and All-TRAC.

Along with football, Coulter played baseball and ran track during his prep career.

Nick, who is the son of Ken and Lori Coulter, plans to attend West Virginia University.

RONNIE DURRAH, John Marshall — This former Monarch was also a standout at linebacker for Goodrich's team.

The 5-9, 210-pounder posted 54 solos, 13 assists and seven tackles for loss. He also caught three passes for 57 yards.

Durrah was named second team All-OVAC.

Ronnie, who plans to attend Northwest Lineman College, is the son of Leigh Ann Durrah and Ronnie Durrah.

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The 5-10, 180-pounder finished his prep career with more than 300 tackles.

Giovengo was named first team All-OVAC and was a nominee for WTOV-9 Defensive Player of the Year.

Vic, who plans to attend Marietta College, is the son of Tom and Jonette Giovengo.

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Mack was named second-team all state, first team All-OVAC and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Tyler, who plans to attend West Liberty, is the son of Jeremy and Mindi Mack.

COLE STREYLE, Morgantown — This former Mohigan was an impressive linebacker for Coach Matt Lacey's team.

The 6-foot, 215 pounder finished with 81 tackles, three for loss, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

A team captain, Streyle was named first-team all-OVAC, second-team all-TRAC and special mention all-state.

Cole, who plans to attend the University of Charleston, is the son of Harry and Tracy Streyle.

DAWSON WEAR, Wheeling Central — This former Maroon Knight shined on both sides of the ball for Young's state championship squad.

The 5-10, 185-pounder recorded 81 tackles and six sacks from his linebacker post. Offensively, he rushed for 1,169 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Wear was named Central's Offensive Player of the Year, All-OVAC and first team All-Valley, while serving as team captain.

Along with football, Wear was a four-year letterman in lacrosse. He's also a member of the Drug Free Club and Peer Ministry Club.

Dawson, who plans to attend West Virginia University, is the son of Amy and Jeff Wear.

WYATT WINGROVE, Cameron — This former Dragon "played wherever needed" for Holt's team.

The 6-foot, 185-pounder shined primarily at linebacker and handled the kicking duties. He led the Dragons in tackles.

He was named Elks Athlete of the Month in December and receive the Walter Black Memorial Award.

Away from football, Wingrove was also active in wrestling and track.

On top of athletics, he was part of the Drug Free Club, FFA, won the grand prize at the West Liberty Science Fair and took part in 'Rachel's Challenge.'

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Loy's efforts were recognized via his placement on the All-Eastern District team. He was honorable mention All-Ohio and All-OVAC.

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MORRISTOWN — Bruce Stiles has never coached against Scott Holt.

However, the Ohio coach expects the West Virginia staff to exploit their athletes, so when he and his staff made their defensive backfield selections, for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, they did so with that in mind.

"We have a lot of guys who can get up in your face and play man (coverage) or drop into zone," Stiles said. "We feel like we have a lot of athletes back there."

Along with the defensive backs, Stiles

also named St. Clairsville's Matt Greenwood as his placekicker.

"Matt will be ready to go," Stiles said. "He's an athlete. There are a lot of things he can do to help us. He's a quality kid."

Here's a capsule look at the players:

JONATHAN BLACKMON, Steubenville — This former Big Red standout shined at several spots for Coach Reno Saccoccia's team.

The 6-2, 180 pounder recorded 56 tackles, 15 for loss, a sack and three pass breakups from his linebacker spot. He also accumulated more than 1,000 yards of offense

with 585 on the ground and 485 receiving. He scored 14 touchdowns.

Blackmon was named all-OVAC, received the OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award and was a WTOV-9 Scholar Athlete.

Along with football, Blackmon was a standout in track and field.

He qualified for the Division II state meet.

Jonathan, who will attend Youngstown State, is the son of Angela and Terrance Montgomery and Jonathan Blackmon.

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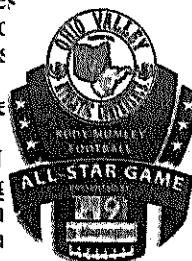
year standout for Coach Brett McLean's team.

Greenwood handled the Devils' kicking and punting duties for the bulk of his career. He also saw time at defensive end and tight end during his tenure, but saw his senior season cut short due to a knee injury.

Along with football, Greenwood was a four-year member of the St. C. basketball team.

Outside of athletics, Greenwood was a member of the Student Council for four years, the National Honor Society, all-OVAC Academic team and attended Buckeye Boys State last summer.

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Matt, who is the son of Randy and Annette Greenwood, plans to attend Wheeling Jesuit.

BRADON LUCAS, Union Local — This former Jet made his senior season one to remember for Stiles' club.

The 5-9, 165 pounder scored 30 touchdowns and accumulated 1,300 yards en route to being named Eastern District Offensive Player of the Year and first-team all-Ohio. He also recorded three interceptions.

Lucas also lettered in baseball.

Bradon is the son of Amanda Sager and Chris Lucas.

JAMAAL PETTEWAY, Steubenville — This two-way standout shined all season for Saccoccia's state championship squad.

The 5-6, 180 pounder

finished with 66 tackles and 15 pass breakups. He also forced five fumbles and picked off a pass. He had 497 return yards.

Petteway, who graduated with honors, was also a member of the Key Club and Rotary Club. He also lettered in wrestling.

Jamaal, who plans to attend Wheeling Jesuit, is the son of Shon and Omeka Petteway.

AARON ROBINSON, Indian Creek — This former Redskin was a defensive force for Coach Andrew Connor's team.

The 6-2, 180 pounder logged 73 tackles, recovered three fumbles and forced three last season. He also caught 11 passes from his tight end spot.

Along with football, Robinson was active in swimming and track.

A standout in the classroom, Robinson was an

Indian Creek Gold Key Scholar, received the President's Award for Academic Excellence, Ohio University Success and Pathway's Distinction Scholarship.

Aaron, who will attend Ohio University, is the son of Davie and Julie Robinson.

COLTON STUTZMAN, Shadyside — This former Tiger developed into a lock-down defensive back for Coach Mark Holenka's team.

The 6-2, 151 pounder posted 10 interceptions and 92 tackles last season for the Tigers. He also had 160 yards receiving.

Stutzman was a first-team all-Eastern District and second-team all-Ohio pick.

Colton, who plans to attend Columbus State Community College, is the son of Ben and Donna Street.

Ohio has plenty of backfield options

• Stiles pleased with versatility of the group

By **SETH STASKEY**
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MORRISTOWN — Bruce Stiles and the Ohio coaching staff isn't worried that the quarterbacks on their roster for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game don't have a lot of experience.

The Buckeye State plans to implement things that requires an athlete and it has plenty of those options in the backfield.

Stiles announced that basically Monroe Central's Ryan LaFollette is the lone true quarterback on the team, but his collection of running backs is deep, talented and versatile.

"We played against Monroe Central and Ryan last year and he did a great job in that game and all season," Stiles said. "We're confident he can do the job. We have some other kids who have a little bit of experience there, but once we get into camp, we may just find an athlete and utilize there if need be. With some of the stuff we're going to do, we feel comfortable."

Stiles said to share carries are a host of talented running backs, including Martins Ferry's Dalton Hoover, Union Local's Ben Howell and Shenandoah's Nick Miller.

"We have a lot of quality running backs," Stiles said. "I am worried we may have a hard time getting them all involved. We'll just try to mix around the carries and give everyone an opportunity."

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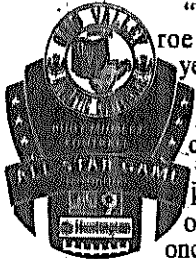
DALTON HOOVER, Martins Ferry — This former Purple Rider defined the term 'two-way standout' for Coach Dave Bruney's team.

The 5-11, 220 pounder shined at both running back and linebacker. He even saw some time at quarterback during his career. He finished his prep career with an impressive 3,231 yards rushing and 41 touchdowns. Included was a senior season in which he logged 1,570 yards rushing and scored 24 touchdowns.

On the defensive side, Hoover was impressive at linebacker. He accumulated 363 career tackles, including 170 last season en route to first-team all-Ohio.

The all-Ohio acclaim was the second time he earned the distinction. He was twice

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named the Eastern District's Defensive Player of the Year. He was also named all-OVAC, all-Buckeye 8, all-Times Leader and all-Valley.

Along with his football success, Hoover was just as impressive on the wrestling mat. He earned all-Ohio three times, including a state runner-up finish as a sophomore. He was third in 2018. He was a three-time OVAC champion and four-time Buckeye 8 champion. He also won a national championship this spring in Virginia Beach.

Dalton, who plans to wrestle at Wheeling Jesuit, is the son of Jim and Robyn Hoover of Mingo Junction.

BEN HOWELL, Union Local — This rugged fullback was a two-way standout for Stiles' squad.

The 5-6, 165 pounder lettered three times for the Jets and enjoyed a highly productive senior campaign in helping UL to the OVAC title and a playoff berth. He was named all-Eastern District, honorable mention all-Ohio, all-Times Leader and all-OVAC.

Also a standout in the classroom, Howell was ranked 10th in the Class of 2018. He was a four-year academic letterman, all-OVAC academic selection, a member of the National Honor Society and attended Buckeye Boys State in 2017.

Away from athletics, Howell was active in Drug Free Club, Fellowship of Christian Students, Spanish Club and 4-H.

Ben, who plans to attend Waynesburg, is the son of John and Leanne Howell of Flushing.

RYAN LAFOLLETTE, Monroe Central — This former Seminole had a highly successful and memorable final season for Coach Jay Circosta's team.

The 6-0, 172 pounder shifted to quarterback as a senior — basically due to necessity — and shined all season. He passed for 1,290 yards and rushed for 1,256 yards. Prior to making the shift, he had accumulated 873 yards. All told, he scored 195 points during his career.

LaFollette was a first-team all-Easter District selection and second-team all-Ohio in Division VII. He was also an all-OVAC, all-PVC and all-Times Leader pick.

Away from football, LaFollette was a standout in basketball and also a member of the student council, served as class vice president and took part in the Science Olympiad.

Ryan, who plans to attend Wheeling Jesuit, is the son of Rod and Sally LaFollette of Woodsfield.

NICK MILLER, Shenandoah — This former Zep was a standout in the backfield for Coach Jesse Wells' team.

The 6-0, 218 pounder finished his prep career with 2,932 yards and 38 touchdowns on the ground. He also caught 38 passes for 265 yards and 5 touchdowns. He had five touchdowns via kick and/or punt returns. He also had 26, 2-point conversions during his career for a total of 340 career points.

Miller was named first-team all-Ohio in Division VI and All-Eastern District first team. He was named to the all-OVAC squad, too. He was a multi-year selection to the all-Eastern District and OVAC teams.

Along with football, Miller was a standout discus thrower for the Zeps and also played basketball.

Nick, who plans to attend Mt. Union, is the son of Brian and Shari Miller of Sarahsville.

SPORTS

Line play expected to be key for W.Va.

By **SETH STASKEY**
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WHEELING – It never seems to matter. Regardless of what level of football or if it's an all-star game or a state championship game, success usually boils down to line play.

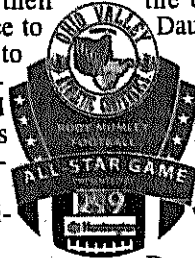
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"We need these kids to hold their own to give our skill kids a chance to shine," Holt said. "We're going to be asking some kids to play positions they probably haven't played and we may lean on some kids who didn't specialize in that position during the regular season."

Holt likes the size and athleticism he and his staff selected.

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– This former Patriot was a stalwart on the defensive line for Coach Chris Daugherty's team.

The 6-2, 250 pounder saw time at both nose guard and defensive tackle. He finished with 63 tackles, six sacks, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery.

Along with football, Donohew was a baseball player at Park.

Brett, who is the son of Scott Donohew and Laura Donohew, plans to attend West Virginia Northern Community

College.

RYAN EKEY, Madonna – This former Blue Don caused all sorts of problems for opposing teams as part of the Coach Darren Hicks' defensive line.

The 6-0, 260 pounder finished his prep career with 111 tackles, 17 sacks, 51 tackles for loss, five forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and two pass deflections.

Ekey was recognized as honorable mention all-state, all-OVAC and all-Area.

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Brooks, who is the son of Robby Parsons and Christina Coulter of New Martinsville, will attend Marshall.

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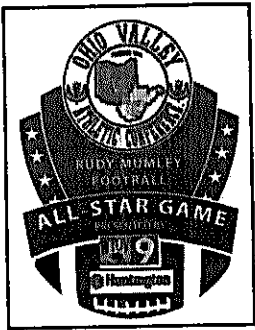
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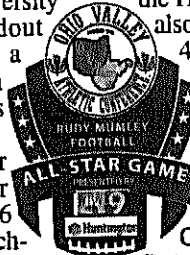
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second-team all-state and first-team all-TRAC.

Clark, who also participated in track, will attend West Virginia University.

He's the son of Larissa Johnson.

DERECK HESS, John Marshall — This former Monarch was a workhorse for the bulk of

the season for Coach Rick Goodrich's team.

The 5-11, 185 pounder carried the ball 206 times for 1,367 yards and scored 27 touchdowns as the Monarchs advanced to the second round of Class AAA playoffs.

Hess posted those numbers despite being slowed by an

injury for parts of the season.

Hess still earned first-team all-state and all-OVAC for his work.

Dereck, who plans to attend West Virginia, is the son of Hilary and Donald Hess.

BROOKS PARSONS, Magnolia — This former Blue Eagle speedster was a multi-position

standout for Coach Doc Chapman's team.

The 6-1, 200 pounder shined for the majority of the season at wide receiver. However, he accumulated 2,200 all-purpose yards as a senior.

Parsons was accorded first-team all-state and first-team all-OVAC. He was a second-team,

all-state selection as a junior.

Along with football, Parsons was a standout on the Blue Eagles' track team, leading it to a Class A state title this past spring.

Brooks, who is the son of Robby Parsons and Christina Coulter of New Martinsville, will attend Marshall.

Stiles has many versatile pieces

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader
Sports Editor

MORRISTOWN — Ohio head coach Bruce Stiles and his coaching staff stressed the word versatility when they began evaluating the wide receiver nominees for the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game.

After sifting through film, the Buckeye State coaching staff believes it found interchangeable pieces to utilize on the perimeter during the showdown with West Virginia that's slated for Saturday, July 28th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"It's exciting because we have a lot of kids who can go in there at receiver," Stiles said. "We're able to put some kids in motion, move some in and out of the backfield. It's nice to have that versatility. We're really excited about this group because it's so diverse and we'll be able to do a lot of things with them."

Slated to work in the receiver group when camp opens at Bethany College on July 21 are Caden Arbaugh (Harrison Central), Easton Black (Meadowbrook), Thor Duffy (Bellaire), Josh Dulesky (Buckeye Local) and Jake Keenan (Toronto).



Here's a capsule look at the players:

CADEN ARBAUGH, Harrison Central — This versatile player was a two-way standout for Coach Justin Kropka's team.

The 6-1, 185 pounder caught 20 passes for 389 yards and a touchdown. On the defensive side, he recorded 63 tackles and picked off two passes.

Arbaugh's performances didn't go unnoticed. He

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Holt makes his receiving selections

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — It didn't take Scott Holt and his coaching staff long to identify the wide receiver options they wanted for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game.

After all, they knew what they wanted and four players fit the bill perfectly.

"We're going to have some big, athletic kids," Holt said. "We're going to have some real speed, too. These guys all have the ability to go up and get the ball. I think we'll be able to stretch the field both vertically and horizontally."

Slated to begin camp, which opens in less than two weeks, at receiver are Hunter Partridge (Magnolia), Nate Phillips (Wheeling See, **HOLT**, Page C2

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Park), Ethan Secrist (Brooke) and Owen Zeiders (University).

Here's a capsule look at the players:

HUNTER PARTRIDGE, Magnolia — This former Blue Eagle was a two-way standout for Coach Doc Chapman's team.

The 5-11, 205 pounder saw a bulk of his offensive time at running back. He carried 168 times for 1,090 yards. During a game against Williamstown in week two, he racked up a school record 360 yards on 41 carries and scored four touchdowns.

A member of the 2015 state championship team, Partridge was also named all-OVAC.

Along with football, Partridge was active in wrestling, track and FFA.

Hunter, who plans to attend Fairmont State, is the son of Mark and Janie Partridge.

NATE PHILLIPS, Wheeling Park — This former Patriot shined for many seasons on both sides of the ball for Coach Chris Daugherty's team.

The 5-11, 175 pounder recorded 98 career receptions and owns the single-game record with 10 catches. On the defensive side, he logged eight career interceptions from his safety spot and ran three back for touchdowns. He also finished with 110 tackles.

Phillips earned a myriad of accolades during his career, including first-team all-state, all-OVAC, all-Valley, all-TRAC and was a finalist for the Big 22 Defensive Player of the Year. A participant in the Blue-Gray All-American Game, Phillips was also named to the West Virginia all-USA Today team.

Away from football, Phillips is a member of the National Honor Society, OVAC Varsity Board, OVAC all-Academic team

and Drug Free Club of America.

Nate, who is the son of Keith and Terry Phillips, plans to attend West Liberty.

ETHAN SECRIST, Brooke — This former Bruin speedster was a big-play threat for Coach Mac McLean's team.

The 6-4, 190 pounder recorded 39 receptions for 729 yards and scored 7 touchdowns as a senior.

He was named all-OVAC, all-TRAC and all-state.

Secrist was a standout in track and field, too. He was one of the top high hurdlers in the state of West Virginia.

Away from athletics, Secrist was a member of DECA, Sign Language Club and Interact.

Ethan, who plans to attend West Liberty, is the son of Mark and Mary Secrist.

OWEN ZEIDERS, University — This former Hawk had an impressive career as both a receiver and defensive back for Coach John Kelley's team.

The 5-8, 165 pounder finished his senior season with 19 receptions for 242 yards and a touchdown. He charted 58.5 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 7.5 tackles for loss, four fumble recoveries and two interceptions. He scored three defensive touchdowns.

Zeiders was recognized for his campaign by being named all-TRAC and all-OVAC.

Along with football, Zeiders was a standout in wrestling, winning the OVAC title and finishing second in the state tournament. He's a multiple-time OVAC and state placer.

Away from athletics, Zeider is a member of his church's youth group and also attended a mission trip.

Owen, who plans to attend West Liberty, is the son of Jeremy and Amy Zeiders.

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was named first-team all-Eastern District, Buckeye 8, honorable mention all-OVAC and all-Ohio.

Along with football, Arbaugh was a standout in basketball and baseball, too.

Away from athletics, Arbaugh is active in FFA and 4-H.

Caden, who is the son of Russell and Tricia Arbaugh of Cadiz, plans to attend the University of Akron.

EASTON BLACK, Meadowbrook — Whether it was on offense or defense, this former Colt was seemingly always around the ball for Coach Jeff Twiddy's team.

The 6-2, 165 pounder recorded 63 receptions for 1,279 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also posted 158 tackles, including 93 solo. He had 11 interceptions, three fumble recoveries and scored two defensive touchdowns.

Black earned second-team all-Ohio, first-team all-Eastern District, all-ECOL and was that league's defensive player of the year. All told, he owns four Meadowbrook school records.

Also a standout in the classroom, Black has earned academic all-OVAC multiple times.

Easton, who plans to attend Malone University in Canton, is the son of Trevor and Jennifer Black of Senecaville.

THOR DUFFY, Bellaire — This former Big Red did a little bit of everything for Coach Mark Spigarelli's team.

The 5-11, 180 pounder saw a bulk of his offensive time at running back, accumulating 500 yards rushing.

He also had 378 receiving yards and scored nine touchdowns total. Also a defensive back, he posted 31 tackles and two interceptions. On top of that, he handled the Big Reds' punting duties and owned a 34.3 yard average on 30 punts.

Duffy also played basketball and baseball for the Big Reds.

Thor, who is the son of Troy and Missy Duffy, plans to attend the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics.

JOSH DULESKY, Buckeye Local — This former Panther was one of the go-to-guys for Coach Roger Herbert's offense.

The 6-1, 185 pounder caught 39 passes for 660 yards and scored five touchdowns. He also posted 54 tackles from his linebacker spot.

Dulesky also lettered in track and field and carried a 3.74 grade point average.

Josh, who plans to attend Ohio University Eastern, is the son of Michelle Dulesky and Brad Kurtz.

JAKE KEENAN, Toronto — This talented former Red Knight saw his season cut short due to injury, but still managed some impressive numbers for Coach Eric Meek's team.

The 6-2, 200 pounder played in only five games in 2017, but still caught 17 passes for 360 yards and eight touchdowns. He had 25 catches for 447 and four touchdowns as a junior.

Keenan was named all-OVAC and all-Tri County.

Jake, who plans to attend Wheeling Jesuit University, is the son of Patrick and Heather Keenan.

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OVAC All-Star grid rosters set

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Choosing the best 33 senior football players in both Ohio and West Virginia can be a most difficult task.

Add head coaches Scott Holt and Bruce Stiles to the list of guys who've learned that all too well.

The respective West Virginia and Ohio head coaches believe to have finalized their rosters for the 73rd annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, which is

set to return to Wheeling Island Stadium on Saturday, July 28.

As has been a growing trend in recent years, both Holt and Stiles, who led Cameron and Union Local, respectively, to OVAC titles in the fall have incurred many hiccups in finalizing their rosters, which report to Bethany College on July 21 to begin training camp. "We feel like we've put together a roster that has a lot of talent, but is also deep, particularly at the skill positions," Holt, who led Cameron to the Class A title last season, said.

"We have some names on the roster that

Ohio Valley fans will certainly recognize, but we also have some players who maybe haven't been front-page names that will need to play a significant role if we're going to win."

Obviously, both states' coaching staffs dealt with the big question of who to take, but Stiles has spent a lot of time communicating with game director Bob Koch because — for a myriad of reasons — the Ohio roster has endured several changes from what the Ohio staff had originally envisioned when it

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began this process.

"Our roster is coming together," Stiles said. "We've had a lot of players simply not willing to play. We're still trying to find guys to fill certain positions, which is frustrating. Bob Koch has been a great help and really does a lot to support the game."

Some names that a general prep football fan in Ohio and West Virginia would expect to see aren't on their respective state's team and most have cited their upcoming college commitments as the chief reasoning.

Regardless, the game will go on and 66 players will be afforded the opportunity, which is still highly cherished.

"(Picking the roster) is tough because not only are you splitting hairs when it gets down to the last few selections because you're not only determining who will play, but also who gets the experience and life-long

memories that come along with the selection."

One thing that remains constant, however, is coaching the OVAC All-Star Game affords both coaches to recognize a handful of the players who helped put them in position to be invited to coach.

Holt chose three Dragons — Colby Brown, Wyatt Wingrove and Trey Scott — while Stiles selected the maximum number of four Jets — Lucas Donley, Bradan Lucas, Ben Howell and Cody Ray.

All told, the West Virginia squad has a representative from 13 schools, while Ohio features at least one player from 18 different schools.

Steubenville, which finished 15-0 and won the Division IV state championship, Martins Ferry, Union Local, John Marshall and Wheeling Park are the only schools who have the maximum four players selected.

Big Red will be represented by Johnny Agresta, Jonathan Blackmon, Tyler Ely and Quentin Moore.

The Purple Rider selections are Hunter Bodkin, Demetrius Dokes, Dalton Hoover and Rayquan Prayear.

The Patriots chosen are Rennie Clark, Brett Donohew, Austin Loew and Nate Phillips.

The Monarchs' representatives are Nick Coulter, Ronnie Durrah, Dereck Hess and Andrew Simonton.

When the players report to camp, there can be no further changes to the roster, so the rosters — as of today — are as follows:

Ohio

Johnny Agresta, Steubenville; Caden Arbaugh, Harrison Central; Luc Baker, River; Koby Berger, Cambridge; Easton Black, Meadowbrook; Jonathan Blackmon, Steubenville; Hunter Bodkin, Martins Ferry; DeJuan Cald-

well, Harrison Central; Demetrius Dokes, Martins Ferry; Lucas Donley, Union Local; Geno Drake, St. Clairsville; Thor Duffy, Belaire; Josh Dulesky, Buckeye Local; Tyler Ely, Steubenville; Bobby Feyko, Meadowbrook; Matt Greenwood, St. Clairsville; John Hawley, St. Clairsville; Dalton Hoover, Martins Ferry; Ben Howell, Union Local; Jake Keenan, Toronto; Alex Krupa, Shadyside; Ryan LaFollette, Monroe Central; Michael Loy, East Liverpool; Bradan Lucas, Union Local; Nick Miller, Shenandoah; Quentin Moore, Steubenville; Jacob Morgan, Beaver Local; Rayquan Prayear, Martins Ferry; Cody Ray, Union Local; Levi Thompson, Steubenville Central; Andy Waggoner, Indian Creek; Alex Webb, Monroe Central.

West Virginia

Clay Bailey, University; Jaylon Bridges, Weir; Pat Brown, Wheeling Central;

Colby Brown, Cameron; Rennie Clark, Wheeling Park; Nick Coulter, John Marshall; Brett Donohew, Wheeling Park; Ronnie Durrah, John Marshall; Ryan Ekey, Madonna; Nick Falbo, Linsly; Vic Giovengo, Linsly; Dereck Hess, John Marshall; Luke Lawrence, Wheeling Central; Austin Loew, Wheeling Park; Derek Lowery, Morgantown; Tyler Mack, Weir; Neil McKnight, Morgantown; Dawson Meilinger, Linsly; Brooks Parsons, Magnolia; Hunter Patridge, Magnolia; Nate Phillips, Wheeling Park; Mac Raymond, Madonna; Mason Rice, Weir; Trey Scott, Cameron; Ethan Secrist, Brooke; Andrew Simonton, John Marshall; Haydan Starcher, University; Benji Steele, Clay-Battelle; Cole Streyle, Morgantown; Dawson Wear, Wheeling Central; Collin Williams, Oak Glen; Wyatt Wingrove, Cameron; Owen Zeiders, University.

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OVAC All-Star coaches named

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

BETHANY — Bruce Stiles and Scott Holt are certainly no strangers to the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Game.

Both have been involved in a bevy of ways in the annual summer classic, which will celebrate its 73rd birthday when it returns to Wheeling Island Stadium on Saturday, July 28.

The role both are headed for this year, however, is quite different than being a player, assistant coach or spearheading the youth clinic.

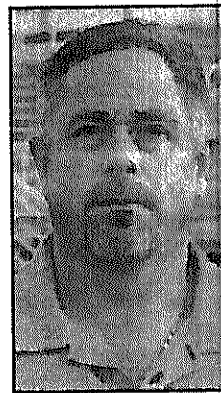
Stiles and Holt — after guiding Union Local and Cameron, respectively to

impressive regular seasons and playoff berths — have accepted the invitation to serve as the Ohio and West Virginia head coaches.

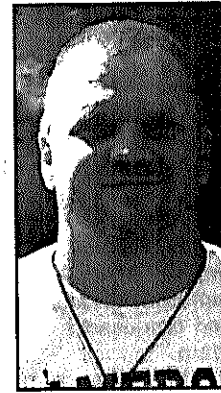
“I’ve been a part of the game three times as an assistant and each time it’s been a very enjoyable experience and I am looking forward to this opportunity,” Stiles said. “The main thing we want to do is make it an enjoyable experience for the kids.”

Stiles directed his Jets to the school’s first OVAC football title thanks to an 8-2 record. They qualified for the Division V playoffs and hosted a first-round game, but were eliminated by Columbus Academy.

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“I am very proud of the kids and what they were able to accomplish,” Stiles said. “We had a bunch of blue-collar type kids. We didn’t have any Division I or probably even Division II (college) players, but we had kids who were just able to get it done. They weren’t physically awesome players, but they played hard and this was actually one of my most enjoyable years. We really had a lot of fun.”

Holt, meanwhile, played in the 1997 OVAC Game, was a member of the West Virginia coaching staff in 2000 and the last few years has helped work with the youth clinic, which is held the morning of the game.

“This (opportunity) means a lot to me and our entire staff and school,” Holt said. “The pride that people from all over the Ohio Valley have in this game and watching kids, who have been rivals on the field, come together in seven days to become a team makes it really special.”

The Dragons were selected on the third tiebreaker under the OVAC’s new format for picking the coaches. The 1A,

2A and 3A classes were combined into “small school” and the 4A and 5A schools were combined into “big school.”

While Cameron won the 1A conference title thanks to a strong 9-1 record, Linsly won the 2A title with an identical 9-1 mark.

But, the Dragons had eight wins over OVAC members, while the Cadets logged only seven, giving the Cameron staff the spot.

“When I got the call from (Bob) Koch, the only thing I had to do was make sure all of my assistant coaches would be available that week and willing to do the game,” Holt said. “I think it was within an hour that I was back on the phone accepting the job.”

The head coaches and OVAC game officials had their annual meeting at Bethany College this past Thursday. Each staff was presented with the nomination forms that the member schools submit.

However, to hear both coaches tell it, the work on formulating the rosters began sooner than that.

“As soon as we accepted, we went online looking for rosters and films of the schools to see what potential players we could have,” Holt said. “We have a pretty good idea of the (players) we’re targeting, but with other commitments and such you don’t know until they officially accept. The difficult part, for us, is we don’t have a lot of familiarity with the big schools, so we’re going to have to lean on those coaches and see what they think.”

As for Stiles and the Ohio roster, he watched nary a player from his 7-3 squad get a bid to the game in 2017, so the opportunity to recognize some of his own players was a big selling point for him.

“Our kids had a great year and it’s going to be nice to get some of our own kids in the game,” Stiles said. “Playing in this game is a tremendous honor and experience for the kids. I still see kids around that I’ve coached in my other times and they come up and speak and stuff. The bonds that are created through this game last a lifetime and that’s what makes this so special.”

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Stiles has a lot of depth on Ohio offensive line

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

MORRISTOWN — Bruce Stiles knows depth along the offensive and defensive lines is paramount anytime, but especially during the July heat.

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No Shortage in the Trenches for Ohio Squad

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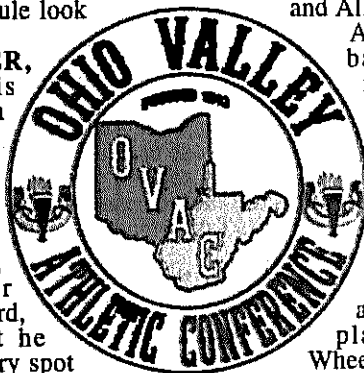
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Jacob is the son of Darin and Mary Anne Morgan.

RAYQUAN PRAYEAR, Martins Ferry — This former Purple Rider shined at multiple spots during his time under Bruney's watch.

The 6-3, 235-pounder played defensive end, linebacker, fullback and tight end at times for the Purple Riders.

Along with football, Prayear played basketball.

Rayquan is undecided about his future plans.

ANDY WAGGONER, Indian Creek — This former Redskins was a multi-year standout along the offensive line for Coach Andrew Connor's team.

The 6-1, 230-pounder graded out with an 'A' along the offensive line for the Redskins. He also posted 34.5 tackles, three tackles for loss and three quarterback hurries as a senior.

Waggoner's fine season was recognized by his placement on the second team All-Ohio unit, Eastern District first team, All-Buckeye 8, All-Valley, All-Quad County and honorable mention All-OVAC.

Prior to the OVAC game, Waggoner took part in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game and the Ohio-Penn All-Star Game, becoming the first Redskins player to take part in all three games.

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Along with football, Morgan also took part in wrestling and track.

Jacob is the son of Darin and Mary Anne Morgan.

RAYQUAN PRAYEAR, Martins Ferry — This former Purple Rider shined at multiple spots during his time under Bruney's watch.

The 6-3, 235 pounder played defensive end, linebacker, fullback and tight end at times for the Purple.

Along with football, Prayear played basketball.

Rayquan is undecided about his future plans.

ANDY WAGGONER, Indian Creek — This former Redskins was a multi-year standout along the offensive line for Coach Andrew Connor's team.

The 6-1, 230 pounder graded out with an 'A' along the offensive line for the Redskins. He also posted 34.5 tackles, three tackles for loss and three quarterback hurries as a senior.

Waggoner's fine season was recognized by his placement on the second-team all-Ohio unit, Eastern District first team, all-Buckeye 8, all-Valley, all-Quad County and honorable mention all-OVAC.

Prior to the OVAC game, Waggoner took part in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game and the Ohio-Penn All-Star Game, becoming the first Redskins to take part in all three games.

Andy, who is planning to attend John Carroll University, is the son of Michael and Heather Waggoner.

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Stiles sets Ohio coaching staff

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

MORRISTOWN – It didn't take long for Bruce Stiles and his now former Union Local staff to accept the invitation to coach the Ohio squad for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

"When Bob (Koch) called me, I took it to our coaches and it was a unanimous, 'yes,'" Stiles, who stepped down after the

season, said. "It's exciting to coach this game. Most of the guys have some kind of experience in the game, whether coaching it or as a player."

The Jets' coaches earned the invitation after leading their team to the OVAC Class 3A title and an 8-2 record. The Jets also qualified for the Division V playoffs, but were eliminated, on their home field, by Columbus Academy in the opening round.

Stiles, who hopes to be involved in

football in some way this coming season, has spent a lot of time preparing for the upcoming assignment in the game, which will be played on Saturday, July 28th at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We're going to make this a fun experience for the kids," Stiles said. "We're actually planning some exciting things that the kids may or may not have done before."

Here's a capsule look at the Ohio

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coaching staff:

BRUCE STILES, Union Local – This veteran coach called it quits after leading his Jets to their first OVAC title in football.

Stiles spent five seasons at the Jets' helm, posting a career mark of 26-25. Along with the OVAC titles, Union Local qualified for the Division V playoffs, falling to Columbus Academy in the opening round.

Stiles was named Eastern District Division V Coach of the Year and Times Leader Coach of the Year for his efforts.

For Stiles, this was his 31st season in football coaching. He also had stops at Barnesville, Buckeye Trail and St. Clairsville on his resume. Along with football, Stiles coached boys, girls basketball and track at St. C., too.

Stiles, who graduated from Union Local in 1981 and Salem College in 1986, is coaching in his fourth OVAC game.

Bruce and his wife, Leslie, have two children – Zak and Carlee.

VAUGHN BUTLER, Union Local – This long-time assistant coach has spent basically his entire adult life coaching at his alma mater.

Butler has been on the Union Local

staff for 28 seasons. He also had a stint as head basketball coach and remains on the Jets' hoop staff currently.

Butler is a 1981 graduate of UL and attended Fairmont State.

Vaughn and his wife, Lisa, have four children, Brenynn, Payton, Saige and Sutherland.

ANTHONY ROCCHIO, Union Local – This Jets' assistant just completed his second season working under Stiles.

Prior to coaching at the high school level, the former Bellaire Big Reds' quarterback coached at Waynesburg University. He also owns a degree from West Virginia Uni-

versity. Rocchio and his wife, Andrea, have no children.

JEFF STEWART, Union Local – This Jets' assistant has been a member of Stiles' staff for two seasons.

Stewart's coaching resume also includes a lot of experience in swimming where he still serves as a coach for USA Swimming. He's worked at Upper Arlington High School, Penn State, Purdue and Wheeling Jesuit.

A 1979 St. Clairsville High School graduate, Stewart went on to earn a

degree from the University of Cincinnati.

Jeff is the father of four children, Josh (26), Jake (20), Jeb (17) and Jenna (15). Jake played in 2016 all-star game.

BERNIE THOMPSON, Union Local – This former Team Ohio captain worked under Stiles for three years and will also be taking over the program's reins.

Thompson was hired as the Jets' head coach in the spring. He's a graduate of Waynesburg University where he played for four years.

Bernie is engaged to Karlie Russell.

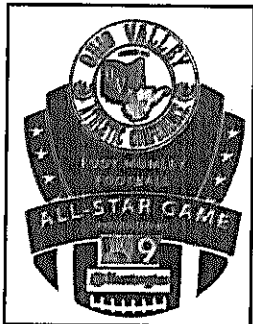
RANDY THOMPSON, Union Local – This coaching veteran wrapped up his second year of his second tenure at his alma mater last season.

Thompson had spent 18 years as an assistant at UL before moving to Buckeye Trail where he was the head coach for 10 years, including the 2008 season when he was the Ohio head coach. Thompson also sprinkled in two seasons at Harrison Central.

Along with his football duties, Thompson also spent many years as the track coach at Union Local.

A 1970 UL graduate, Thompson owns a degree from Bethany College in 1974.

Randy and his wife, Cheryl, are the parents of Josh and Miranda.



Rosters Announced for OVAC All-Star Football Classic

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

Choosing the best 33 senior football players in both Ohio and West Virginia can be a most difficult task.

Add head coaches Scott Holt and Bruce Stiles to the list of guys who've learned that all too well.

The respective West Virginia and Ohio head coaches believe to have finalized their rosters for the 73rd annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game,

which is set to return to Wheeling Island Stadium on Saturday, July 28.

As has been a growing trend in recent years, both Holt and Stiles, who led Cameron and Union Local, respectively, to OVAC

titles in the fall have incurred many hiccups in finalizing their rosters, which report to Bethany

College on July 21 to begin training camp.

"We feel like we've put together a roster that has a lot of talent, but is also deep, particularly at the skill positions," Holt, who led Cameron to the Class A title last season, said. "We have some names on the roster that Ohio Valley fans will certainly recognize, but we also have some players who maybe haven't been front-page names

that will need to play a significant role if we're going to win."

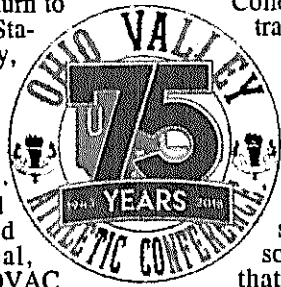
Obviously, both states' coaching staffs dealt with the big question of who to take, but Stiles has spent a lot of time communicating with game director Bob Koch because — for a myriad of reasons — the Ohio roster has endured several changes from what the Ohio staff had originally envisioned when it began this process.

"Our roster is coming together," Stiles said. "We've had a lot

of players simply not willing to play. We're still trying to find guys to fill certain positions, which is frustrating. Bob Koch has been a great help and really does a lot to support the game."

Some names that a general prep football fan in Ohio and West Virginia would expect to see aren't on their respective state's team and most have cited their upcoming college commitments as the chief reasoning.

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Regardless, the game will go on and 66 players will be afforded the opportunity, which is still highly cherished.

"(Picking the roster) is tough because not only are you splitting hairs when it gets down to the last few selections because you're not only determining who will play, but also who gets the experience and life-long memories that come along with the selection."

One thing that remains constant, however, is coaching the OVAC All-Star Game affords both coaches to recognize a handful of the players who helped put them in position to be invited to coach.

Holt chose three Dragons — Colby Brown, Wyatt Wingrove and Trey Scott — while Stiles selected the maximum number of four Jets — Lucas Donley, Bradan Lucas, Ben Howell and Cody Ray.

All told, the West Virginia squad has a representative from 13 schools, while Ohio features at least one player from 18 different schools.

Steubenville, which finished 15-0 and won the Division IV state championship, Martins Ferry, Union Local, John Marshall and Wheeling Park are the only schools who have the maximum four players selected.

Big Red will be represented by Johnny Agresta, Jonathan Black-

mon, Tyler Ely and Quentin Moore.

The Purple Riders selections are Hunter Bodkin, Demetrius Dokes, Dalton Hoover and Rayquan Prayear.

The Patriots chosen are Rennie Clark, Brett Donohew, Austin Loew and Nate Phillips.

The Monarchs' representatives are Nick Coulter, Ronnie Durrah, Dereck Hess and Andrew Simon-

ton. When the players report to camp, there can be no further changes to the roster, so the rosters — as of today — are as follows:

Ohio

Johnny Agresta, Steubenville; Caden Arbaugh, Harrison Central; Luc Baker, River; Koby Berger, Cambridge, Easton Black, Meadowbrook; Jonathan Blackmon, Steubenville; Hunter Bodkin, Martins Ferry; DeJuan Caldwell, Harrison Central; Demetrius Dokes, Martins Ferry; Lucas Donley, Union Local; Geno Drake, St. Clairsville; Thor Duffy, Bellaire; Josh Dulesky, Buckeye Local; Tyler Ely, Steubenville; Bobby Feyko, Meadowbrook; Matt Greenwood, St. Clairsville; John Hawley, St. Clairsville; Dalton Hoover, Martins Ferry; Ben Howell, Union Local; Jake Keenan, Toronto; Alex Krupa, Shadyside; Ryan LaFollette, Monroe Central;

Michael Loy, East Liverpool; Bradan Lucas, Union Local; Nick Miller, Shenandoah; Quentin Moore, Steubenville; Jacob Morgan, Beaver Local; Rayquan Prayear, Martins Ferry; Cody Ray, Union Local; Levi Thompson, Steubenville Central; Andy Waggoner, Indian Creek; Alex Webb, Monroe Central.

West Virginia

Clay Bailey, University; Jaylon Bridges, Weir; Pat Brown, Wheeling Central; Colby Brown, Cameron; Rennie Clark, Wheeling Park; Nick Coulter, John Marshall; Brett Donohew, Wheeling Park; Ronnie Durrah, John Marshall; Ryan Ekey, Madonna; Nick Falbo, Linsly; Vic Giovengo, Linsly; Dereck Hess, John Marshall; Luke Lawrence, Wheeling Central; Austin Loew, Wheeling Park; Derek Lowery, Morgantown; Tyler Mack, Weir; Neil McKnight, Morgantown; Dawson Mellinger, Linsly; Brooks Parsons, Magnolia; Hunter Patridge, Magnolia; Nate Phillips, Wheeling Park; Mac Raymond, Madonna; Mason Rice, Weir; Trey Scott, Cameron; Ethan Secrist, Brooke; Andrew Simonton, John Marshall; Haydan Starcher, University; Benji Steele, Clay-Battelle; Cole Streyle, Morgantown; Dawson Wear, Wheeling Central; Collin Williams, Oak Glen; Wyatt Wingrove, Cameron; Owen Zeiders, University.

Holt, Stiles Set To Coach OVAC Game

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

BETHANY — Bruce Stiles and Scott Holt are certainly no strangers to the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Game.

Both have been involved in a bevy of ways in the annual summer classic, which will celebrate its 73rd birthday when it returns to Wheeling Island Stadium on Saturday, July 28.

The role both are headed for this year, however, is quite different than being a player, assistant coach or spearheading the youth clinic.

Stiles and Holt — after guiding Union Local and Cameron, respectively, to impressive regular seasons and playoff berths — have accepted the invitation to serve as the Ohio and West Virginia head coaches.

"I've been a part of the game three times as an assistant and each time it's been a very enjoyable experience and I am looking forward to this opportunity," Stiles said. "The main thing we want to do is make it an enjoyable experience for the kids."

Stiles directed his Jets to

the school's first OVAC football title thanks to an 8-2 record. They qualified for the Division V playoffs and hosted a first-round game, but were eliminated by Columbus Academy.

"I am very proud of the kids and what they were able to accomplish," Stiles said. "We had a bunch of blue collar-type kids. We didn't have any Division I or probably even Division II (college) players, but we had kids who were just able to get it done. They weren't physically awesome players, but they played hard and this was actually one of my most enjoyable years. We really had a lot of fun."

Holt, meanwhile, played in the 1997 OVAC Game, was a member of the West Virginia coaching staff in 2000 and the last few years has helped work with the youth clinic, which is held the morning of the game.

"This (opportunity) means a lot to me and our entire staff and school," Holt said. "The pride that people from all over the Ohio Valley have in this game and watching kids who have

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been rivals on the field come together in seven days to become a team, makes it really special."

The Dragons were selected on the third tiebreaker under the OVAC's new format for picking the coaches. The 1A, 2A and 3A classes were combined into "small school" and the 4A and 5A schools were combined into "big school." While Cameron won the 1A conference title thanks to a 9-1 record, Linsly won the 2A title with an identical 9-1 mark.

But, the Dragons had eight wins over OVAC members, while the Cadets logged only seven, giving the Cameron staff the spot.

"When I got the call from (Bob) Koch, the only thing I had to do was make sure all of my assistant coaches would be available that

week and willing to do the game," Holt said. "I think it was within an hour that I was back on the phone accepting the job."

The head coaches and OVAC game officials had their annual meeting at Bethany College this past Thursday. Each staff was presented with the nomination forms that the member schools submit.

However, to hear both coaches tell it, the work on formulating the rosters began sooner than that.

"As soon as we accepted, we went online looking for rosters and films of the schools to see what potential players we could have," Holt said. "We have a pretty good idea of the (players) we're targeting, but with other commitments

and such you don't know until they officially accept. The difficult part for us, is we don't have a lot of familiarity with the big schools, so we're going to have to lean on those coaches and see what they think."

As for Stiles and the Ohio roster, he watched as not a single player from his 7-3 squad got a bid to the game

in 2017, so the opportunity to recognize some of his own was a big selling point for him.

"Our kids had a great year and it's going to be nice to get some of our own kids in the game," Stiles said. "Playing in this game is a tremendous honor and experience for the kids. I still see kids around that I've coached in my other times

and they come up and speak and stuff. The bonds that are created through this game last a lifetime and that's what makes this so special."

The coaching staffs will make their selections and letters will go out to the 32 chosen players from game director Bob Koch in the spring. The players will report to camp at Bethany College on July 21.



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Holt Is High On WRs

By SETH STASKEY
For the News-Register

WHEELING — It didn't take Scott Holt and his coaching staff long to identify the wide receiver options they wanted for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game.

After all, they knew what they wanted and four players fit the bill perfectly.

"We're going to have some big, athletic kids," Holt said. "We're going to have some real speed, too. These guys all have the ability to go up and get the ball. I think we'll be able to stretch the field both vertically and horizontally."

Slated to begin camp at receiver, which opens in less than two weeks, are Hunter Partridge (Magnolia), Nate Phillips (Wheeling Park), Ethan Secrist (Brooke) and Owen Zeiders (University).

Here's a capsule look at the players:

HUNTER PARTRIDGE, Magnolia — This former Blue Eagle was a two-way standout for Coach Doc Chapman's team.

The 5-foot-11, 205-pounder saw a bulk of his offensive time at running back. He carried 168 times for 1,090 yards. During a game against Williamstown in Week 2, he racked up a school-record 360 yards on 41 carries and scored four touchdowns.

A member of the 2015 state championship team, Partridge was also named All-OVAC.

Along with football, Partridge was active in wrestling, track and FFA.

Hunter, who plans to attend Fairmont State, is the son of Mark and Janie Partridge.

NATE PHILLIPS, Wheeling Park — This former Patriot shined for many seasons on both sides of the ball for Coach Chris Daugherty's team.

The 5-11, 175-pounder

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recorded 98 career receptions and owns the single-game record with 10 catches. On the defensive side, he logged eight career interceptions from his safety spot and ran three back for touchdowns. He also finished with 110 tackles.

Phillips earned a myriad of accolades during his career, including first team all-state, All-OVAC, All-Valley, All-TRAC and was a finalist for the Big 22 Defensive Player of the Year. A participant in the Blue-Gray All-American Game, Phillips was also named to the West Virginia all-USA Today team.

Away from football, Phillips is a member of the National Honor Society, OVAC Varsity Board, OVAC All-Academic team and Drug Free Club of America.

Nate, who is the son of Keith and Terry Phillips, plans to attend West Liberty.

ETHAN SECRIST, Brooke — This former Bruin speedster was a big-play threat for Coach Mac McLean's team.

The 6-4, 190-pounder recorded 39 receptions for 729 yards and scored seven touchdowns as a senior.

He was named All-OVAC, All-TRAC and all-state.

Secrist was a standout in track and field, too. He was one of the top high hurdlers in

the state of West Virginia.

Away from athletics, Secrist was a member of DECA, Sign Language Club and Interact.

Ethan, who plans to attend West Liberty, is the son of Mark and Mary Secrist.

OWEN ZEIDERS, University — This former Hawk had an impressive career as both a receiver and defensive back for Coach John Kelley's team.

The 5-8, 165-pounder finished his senior season with 19 receptions for 242 yards and a touchdown. He charted 58.5 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 7.5 tackles for loss, four fumble recoveries and two interceptions. He scored three defensive touchdowns.

Zeiders was recognized for his campaign by being named All-TRAC and All-OVAC.

Along with football, Zeiders was a standout in wrestling, winning an OVAC title and finishing second in the state tournament. He's a multiple-time OVAC and state placer.

Away from athletics, Zeider is a member of his church's youth group and also attended a mission trip.

Owen, who plans to attend West Liberty, is the son of Jeremy and Amy Zeiders.

Versatile Works For Stiles

By SETH STASKEY

For the News-Register

MORRISTOWN — Ohio head coach Bruce Stiles and his coaching staff stressed the word versatility when they began evaluating the wide receiver nominees for the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game.

After sifting through film, the Buckeye State coaching staff believes it found interchangeable pieces to utilize on the perimeter during the showdown with West Virginia that's slated for Saturday, July 28 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"It's exciting because we have a lot of kids who can go in there at receiver," Stiles said. "We're able to put some kids in motion, move some in and out of the backfield. It's nice to have that versatility. We're really excited about this group because it's so diverse and we'll be able to do a lot of things with them."

Slated to work in the receiving group when camp opens July 21 at Bethany College are Caden Arbaugh (Harrison Central), Easton Black (Meadowbrook), Thor Duffy (Bellaire), Josh Dulesky (Buckeye Local) and Jake Keenan (Toronto).

Here's a capsule look at the players:

CADEN ARBAUGH, Harrison Central — This versatile player was a two-

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way standout for Coach Justin Kropka's team.

The 6-foot-1, 185-pounder caught 20 passes for 389 yards and a touchdown. On the defensive side, he recorded 63 tackles and picked off two passes.

Arbaugh's performances didn't go unnoticed. He was named first team All-Eastern District, Buckeye 8 and honorable mention All-OVAC and All-Ohio.

Along with football, Arbaugh was a standout in basketball and baseball, too.

Away from athletics, Arbaugh is active in FFA and 4-H.

Caden, who is the son of Russell and Tricia Arbaugh of Cadiz, plans to attend the University of Akron.

EASTON BLACK, Meadowbrook — Whether it was on offense or defense, this former Colt was always around the ball for Coach Jeff Twiddy's team.

The 6-2, 165-pounder recorded 63 receptions for 1,279 yards and 18 touchdowns. He also posted 158 tackles, including 93 solo. He had 11 interceptions, three fumble recoveries and scored two defensive touchdowns.

Black earned second team All-Ohio, first team All-

Eastern District, All-ECOL and was that league's defensive player of the year. All told, he owns four Meadowbrook school records.

Also a standout in the classroom, Black has earned academic All-OVAC multiple times.

Easton, who plans to attend Malone University in Canton, is the son of Trevor and Jennifer Black of Senecaville.

THOR DUFFY, Bellaire — This former Big Red did a little bit of everything for Coach Mark Spigarelli's team.

The 5-11, 180-pounder saw a bulk of his offensive time at running back, accumulating 500 yards rushing. He also had 378 receiving yards and scored nine touchdowns total.

Also a defensive back, Duffy posted 31 tackles and two interceptions. On top of that, he handled the Big Reds' punting duties and owned a 34.3 yard average on 30 punts.

Duffy also played basketball and baseball for the Big Reds.

Thor, who is the son of Troy and Missy Duffy, plans to attend the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics.

JOSH DULESKY,

Buckeye Local — This former Panther was one of the go-to guys for Coach Roger Herbert's offense.

The 6-1, 185-pounder caught 39 passes for 660 yards and scored five touchdowns. He also posted 54 tackles from his linebacker spot.

Dulesky also lettered in track and field and carried a 3.74 grade point average.

Josh, who plans to attend Ohio University Eastern, is the son of Michelle Dulesky and Brad Kurtz.

JAKE KEENAN, Toronto — This talented

former Red Knight saw his season cut short due to injury, but still managed some impressive numbers for Coach Eric Meek's team.

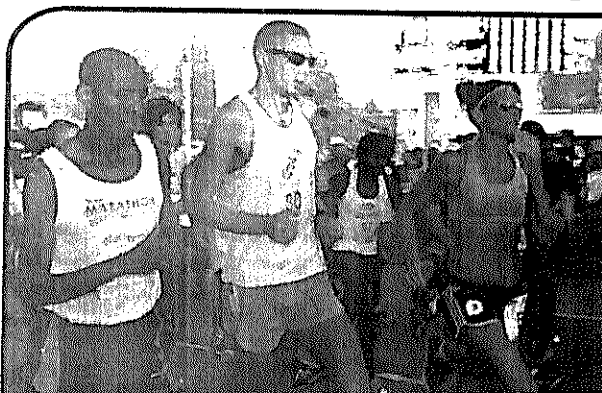
The 6-2, 200-pounder played in only five games in 2017, but still caught 17 passes for 360 yards and eight touchdowns. He had 25 catches for 447 and four touchdowns as a junior.

Keenan was named All-OVAC and All-Tri County.

Jake, who plans to attend Wheeling Jesuit University, is the son of Patrick and Heather Keenan.

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Countdown to OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game

Hoover, Hanson Live Dream

Ferry, Shadyside stars enjoying experience

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

BETHANY — For many — if not all — football players in the Ohio Valley, one of the individual goals players focus on is being part of the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.



Hoover



Hanson

Though that goal exists for many since the time they are young and come to Wheeling Island Stadium for the first time, the path to actually playing in the annual affair, which will commence at 7:15 on Saturday night at the stadium, is quite different.

Just ask Martins Ferry's Dalton Hoover and Shadyside's Dylan Hanson.

Both players are soaking up everything the all-star camp has to offer as preparations continue at Bethany College. But, the experience almost

didn't come to fruition for either one.

Though both Hoover and Hanson put forth tremendous, all-state campaigns for the Purple Riders and Tigers, respectively, it takes more than that.

For Hoover, all it took was the changing of his mind on his future collegiate home. Hanson, meanwhile, received a call a little more than a week ago from Ohio coach Bruce Stiles, extending him an invitation.

Hoover had planned on putting the football cleats away when his season ended last November in the Ohio Division V playoffs at Portsmouth West.

After all, Hoover had committed to wrestle at the Division-I level for Northern Illinois University. So, as is the case for most D-I athletes, Northern Illinois had expected Hoover to be on campus in DeKalb taking classes and beginning his preparations for next winter.

"When I was originally told I couldn't play, I was extremely disappointed but I had to live with it," Hoover said.

However, changing your mind is a person's prerogative. Hoover did and was released from his National Letter of Intent and opted to stay closer to home and sign with Wheeling Jesuit to wrestle.

Quickly after making that decision, he approached his prep coach, Dave Bruney, about the possibility of playing in the OVAC Game. Bruney then reached out to Stiles and a roster spot happened to open up, allowing Hoover to be selected.

"It was kind of short notice when we gave Coach Stiles a call and told him that I was willing to play, so I just feel

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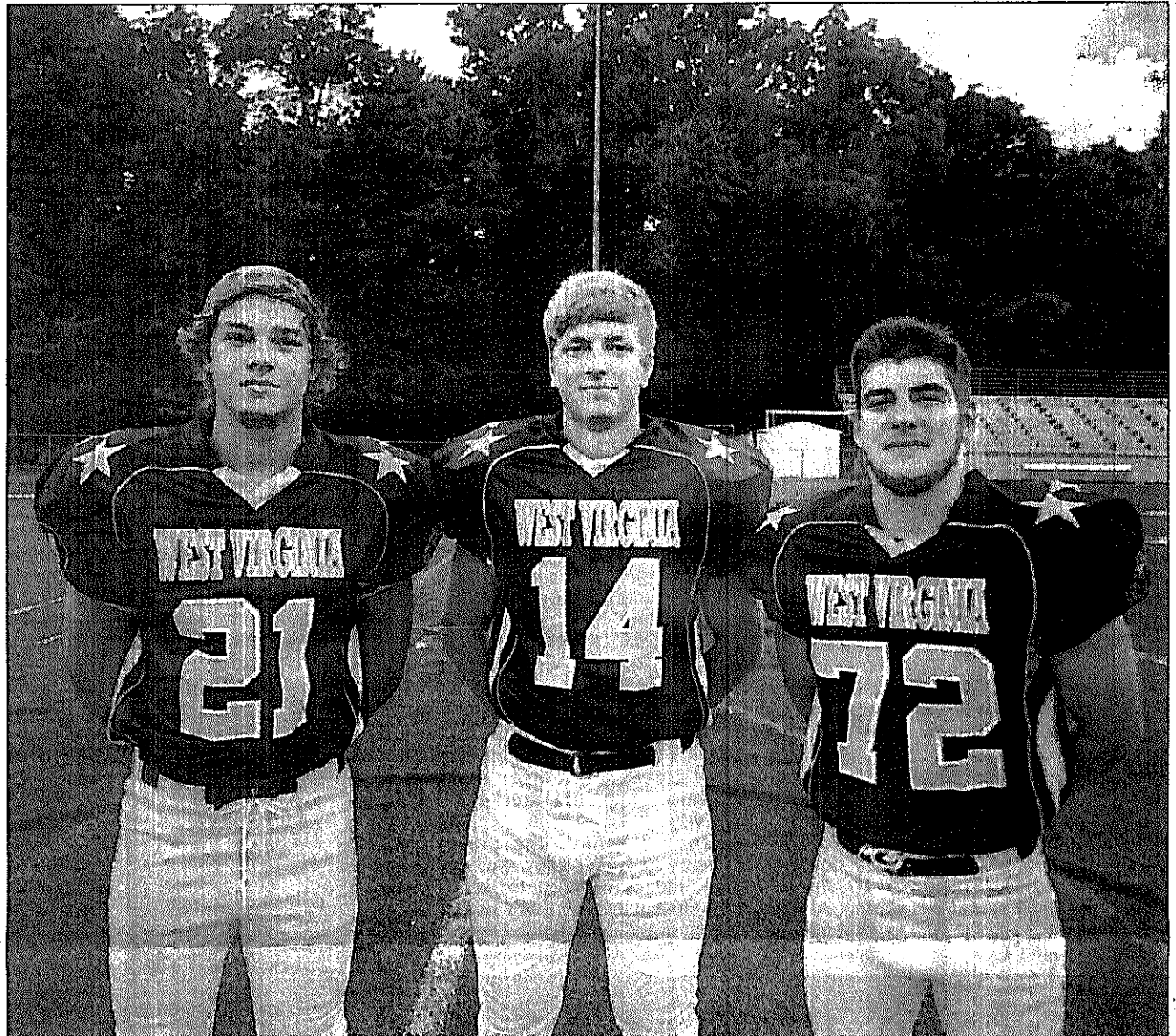


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The W.Va. Class A champion Wheeling Central Maroon Knights will be represented in the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Game by, from left, Dawson Wear, Pat Brown and Luke Lawrence.

Maroon Knights Are Set For One Final Hurrah

Trio will play first game at Wheeling Island since winning championship

By JOSH STROPE
Sports Editor

BETHANY — When the players set foot on the Wheeling Island Stadium turf Saturday for the 73rd annual Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Game, a lot of emotions will run through their heads.

For one trio of teammates, it will bring back a wave of good memories shared eight months ago.

Dawson Wear, Pat Brown and Luke Lawrence will suit up for the final time representing Wheeling Central, a moment that is surreal for any player.

But these three share a special bond. After all, the last game they played at Wheeling Island Stadium resulted in capturing a state championship.

"We had a lot of fun at the island the last time we were there so hopefully we can keep that going one last time,"

Brown said. "Fun time out there on the football field."

December 2, 2017 was a day these players will never forget.

With a 40-21 victory against St. Marys, Wheeling Central ended a tumultuous season and raised a state championship trophy.

Wear, Brown and Lawrence all played a big part in that big day.

Wear rushed for 153 yards and scored a pivotal touchdown to open the second half.

Lawrence was part of an offensive line that opened up holes all day for Wear and Bray Price (190 yards rushing, two touchdowns).

Brown helped lead a stingy defense that kept an explosive Blue Devils offense in check.

"That was the highlight of our careers and this should be just as exciting," Wear said. "We are expecting a big crowd turnout just like the last time. I am excited for Saturday."

Added Brown: "We bring a lot of hard

work because that is just what Coach (Mike) Young and all the other coaches instilled in us. Come out here, work hard every day and use the experience from our playoff run. We played the best players in our playoff run, guys like the Freddy Canarys and Jaden Smiths of the state. We were state champs and to bring that and mix it with all these other great athletes is incredible."

The trio is expecting that playoff run to help them when it comes to Saturday's game against the Ohio squad.

Another advantage they expect to have comes from their regular-season schedule.

While Saturday will mark the first time many of the West Virginia players will take on opponents from across the river, Wheeling Central will be familiar with some.

The Maroon Knights had regular-season games with Martins Ferry, Steubenville Catholic and Shadyside last

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season. The Ohio squad has eight combined players from those teams.

"We are expecting a close game," Brown said. "The good thing about being from Wheeling Central is getting to play everyone from around the valley. We played Ferry, Steubenville Central and have seen a lot of these Ohio guys before.

"We know they are tough to prepare for in the regular season and they will be tough to prepare for on Saturday night. We are going to give it everything we got."

Added Lawrence: "We can prepare for their play style because we are familiar with them. Like Pat said, with Ferry and Steubenville Central, we know how physical they are and what to expect."

Still, with all the success Wheeling Central has had, there is no ego when it comes to this group. As they don helmets that showcase various logos, the trio may be representing Wheeling Central, but Saturday they are playing for West Virginia.

"It is a big accomplishment for us three," Wear said. "Meeting all these guys that we played against, it is a big deal and an honor.

"These guys are great and you don't expect that. You are used to playing against them and they are always your enemies. You come out here and now we are all teammates and all brothers. It is awesome

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blessed that he gave me the opportunity to be here," Hoover said. "I am just thankful that he and the coaches were able to find a spot for me."

Quite frankly, a player of Hoover's ability would have been a no-brainer of a selection from the get-go. After all, he's a two-time first team All-Ohioan, who can play multiple positions on both sides of the ball.

For the Purple Riders, Hoover was the team's leading tackler (157), rusher (1,530) and scorer (22 touchdowns).

Though he wouldn't be reporting to campus quite as soon, Hoover still made sure he had Wheeling Jesuit's blessing to play in the game before fully committing to Team Ohio.

"The Jesuit coaches were cool with me playing, so then it was a no-brainer for me," Hoover said.

Hanson, meanwhile, is headed to Marietta College to continue his football career, so he had been working out since graduation.

Though he had a season that culminated with second team All-Ohio accolades and included nearly 100 tackles, he didn't draw an original invite when the rosters were chosen.

seeing us all hang out."

Added Lawrence: "This experience means a lot. Growing up and always going to the island to watch this game and thinking 'Wow, I want to be here some day and be an all-star and represent West Virginia,' it is something special.

"This is always something I will always remember with Dawson and Pat. It will help build our camaraderie together. Being on that state championship team and now an all-star team with these guys, I will never forget it."

Notes

■ Wear follows in the footsteps of his father, Jeff, who played in the game in 1993, and his uncle, Brent, who suited up in 1997.

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■ While they aren't from defending state champions, the West Virginia squad will also feature players from Wheeling Park and Magnolia, which won the title in 2015 when they were sophomores. The Patriots are represented by Nate Phillips, Rennie Clark, Brett Donohew and Austin Loew, while Brooks Parsons and Hunter Partridge played for the Blue Eagles.

He wasn't mad and understood the process.

"There are a lot of great athletes in the Ohio Valley," Hanson said. "It didn't matter to me when I got the call. It was a great honor to be chosen."

Whenever Hanson's phone rang, he didn't even give not playing a second thought.

"It was great news to hear," Hanson said. "Obviously, I only had a week or so to prepare, but it's just great to be in this game. I was going (to play) for sure."

Hanson, who is vying for time at linebacker this week, is soaking up everything he can and forming as many new friendships and bonds as possible.

"It's great being here," Hanson said. "I feel like I am definitely part of this team and we're looking pretty good so far, so we're excited to get out there Saturday."

Hoover called OVAC week "an amazing atmosphere and great time."

"We've been building friendships quickly and it's a really good time," he said. "It's just great to have a chance to have one last high school game with your buddies and guys you've grown up playing against."

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W.Va. boasts deep linebacker unit

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING – Scott Holt and his Cameron Dragons' coaching staff employ a 3-5 scheme on the defensive side of the ball.

So, when the West Virginia staff was selecting its roster for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, which is slated for Saturday, July 28th, the volume of possibilities at linebacker was paramount.

As he took a step back to evaluate his roster – with less than a week before the opening camp of Bethany College – Holt and co. certainly like what they've selected.

"We have some kids who played in big-time programs and won a lot of big games," Holt said. "From looking at film on kids, they're all very active and get to the football. We want a lot of those kinds of guys on the field and we selected it that way for depth."

Here's a capsule look at the players:

PATRICK BROWN, Wheeling Central – This former Knight was a key contributor for Coach Mike Young's state championship squad last season.

The 6-foot, 180 pounder played outside linebacker, wide receiver and served as the punter.

Brown was also a standout in the classroom. He was the Valedictorian of

the Class of 2018 and named the WVSSAC Male Student-Athlete of the Year.

Patrick, who is the son of Beth and Geoff Brown, plans to attend the University of Notre Dame.

NICK COULTER, John Marshall – This former Monarch was a key for Coach Rick Goodrich's squad on both sides of the ball.

Defensively, the 6-2, 230 pounder posted 75 solo tackles, 36 assists and 12 tackles for loss. He had four sacks, four forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. He also took an interception back for a touchdown.

Coulter was named first-team all-state, all-OVAC, all-TRAC.

Along with football, Coulter played baseball and ran track during his prep career.

Nick, who is the son of Ken and Lori Coulter, plans to attend West Virginia University.

RONNIE DURRAH, John Marshall – This former Monarch was also a standout at linebacker for Goodrich's team.

The 5-9, 210 pounder posted 54 solos, 13 assists and seven tackles for loss. He also caught 3 passes for 57 yards.

Durrah was named second-team all-OVAC.

Ronnie, who plans to attend Northwest Lineman College, is the son of Leigh Ann Durrah and Ronnie

Durrah.

VIC GIOVENGO, Linsly – This former Cadet shined at linebacker for Coach B.J. Depew's team.

The 5-10, 180 pounder finished his prep career with more than 300 tackles.

Giovengo was named first-team all-OVAC and was a nominee for WTOV-9 Defensive Player of the Year.

Vic, who plans to attend Marietta College, is the son of Tom and Jonette Giovengo.

TYLER MACK, Weir – This former Red Rider was a standout at both running back and middle linebacker.

The 5-10, 185 pounder rushed for 650 yards on 77 carries and six touchdowns. Defensively, he posted 80 tackles and had two sacks.

Mack was named second-team all-state, first-team all-OVAC and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Tyler, who plans to attend West Liberty, is the son of Jeremy and Mindi Mack.

COLE STREYLE, Morgantown – This former Mohigan was an impressive linebacker for Coach Matt Lacey's team.

The 6-foot, 215 pounder finished with 81 tackles, three for loss, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

A team captain, Streyle was named first-team all-OVAC, second-team all-

TRAC and special mention all-state.

Cole, who plans to attend the University of Charleston, is the son of Harry and Tracy Streyle.

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Wear was named Central's 'Offensive Player of the Year,' all-OVAC and first-team all-Valley, while serving as team captain.

Along with football, Wear was a four-year letterman in lacrosse. He's also a member of the Drug Free Club and Peer Ministry Club.

Dawson, who plans to attend West Virginia University, is the son of Amy and Jeff Wear.

WYATT WINGROVE, Cameron – This former Dragon "played wherever needed" for Holt's team.

The 6-0, 185 pounder shined primarily at linebacker and handled the kicking duties. He led the Dragons in tackles.

He was named Elks Athlete of the Month in December and receive the Walter Black Memorial Award.

Wyatt is the son of Dennis and Lisa Wingrove.

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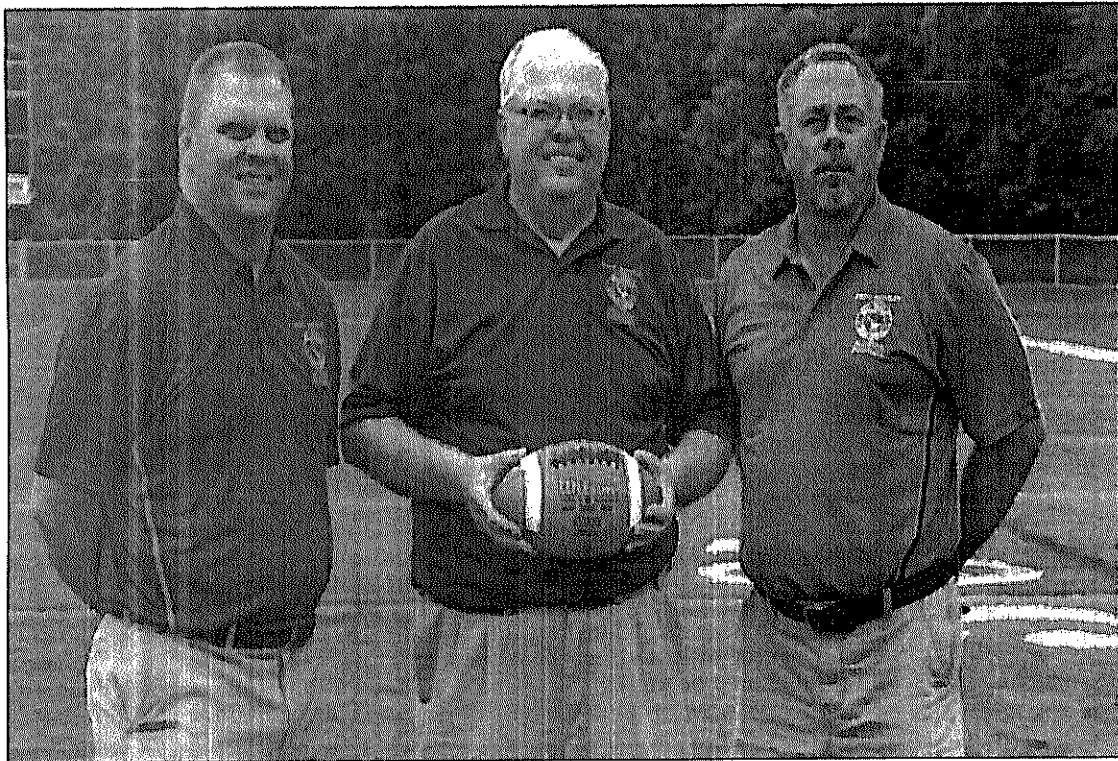


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OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game Director Bob Koch, center, poses with West Virginia and Cameron coach Scott Holt, left, and Ohio and former Union Local coach Bruce Stiles during Media Day on Monday on the Bethany College campus.

West Virginia, Ohio All-Stars Ready for Battle

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Secrist Hopes Size, Speed Will Be Advantage

Brooke receiver is game's tallest player

By JOSH STROPE
Sports Editor

BETHANY — It won't be hard to find Ethan Secrist on Saturday during the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

He will be the tall guy.

At 6-foot-4, Secrist will be the tallest guy to take the field when the annual classic takes place at Wheeling Island Stadium.

It's an advantage the former Brooke standout hopes serves him and the West Virginia squad well.

"It's really an honor to be where I am," Secrist said during Media Day on Monday on the Bethany College campus. "I worked really hard all during football and track season and am excited to be here."

"I think me being 6-4 will help a lot. Most of the defensive backs will be shorter, but I know there are a lot of athletic guys over there for Ohio. It will be a tough competition."

For his career, it helped him tremendously.

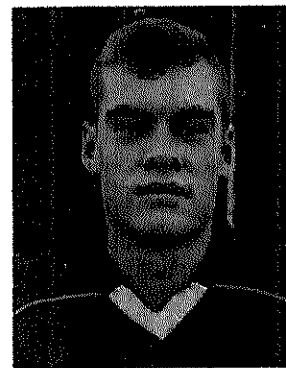
The former big-play threat for Coach Mac McLean, Secrist recorded 39 receptions for 729 yards and seven touchdowns during his final season with the Bruins.

But don't think size is everything.

This kid can fly, too.

Not only will he be the tallest player on the field, he will be one of the fastest.

Secrist was a state champion in the W.Va.



SECRIST

Class AAA 110 high hurdles, earning a gold medal with a time of 14.92.

"I think my speed will definitely play a factor in Saturday's game," Secrist said. "Hopefully that will allow me to get past some of the DBs and into the secondary where I can go up and make a play."

"I know (Ohio) has a great coaching staff from Union Local and there are a lot of great athletes."

Playing against top competition has been nothing new for Secrist.

Brooke always plays a tough schedule, especially as part of the Two Rivers Conference, facing off against teams such as traditional rivals Wheeling Park and John Marshall, as well as top-caliber programs such as Morgantown and University.

All four made the playoffs last season.

But for this week, those foes will turn into friends as members from each of team are represented on the W.Va. squad.

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"The first couple days it really surprised me how much we've come together as a team," he said. "We really don't know each other, only of each other. The fact that we are coming together as a team is really awesome."

"It makes me realize how dumb it was to be in a rivalry with them because they are such good guys. I am looking forward to the game and being their teammates this Saturday."

One guy who is glad he doesn't have to worry about making a plan to defend Secrist is West Virginia coach Scott Holt.

"Physically our wide receivers are really gifted and Ethan Secrist is at or near the top of that list," Holt said. "We also bring in Brooks Parsons (Magnolia),

Nate Phillips (Wheeling Park), who are excellent receivers in their own right.

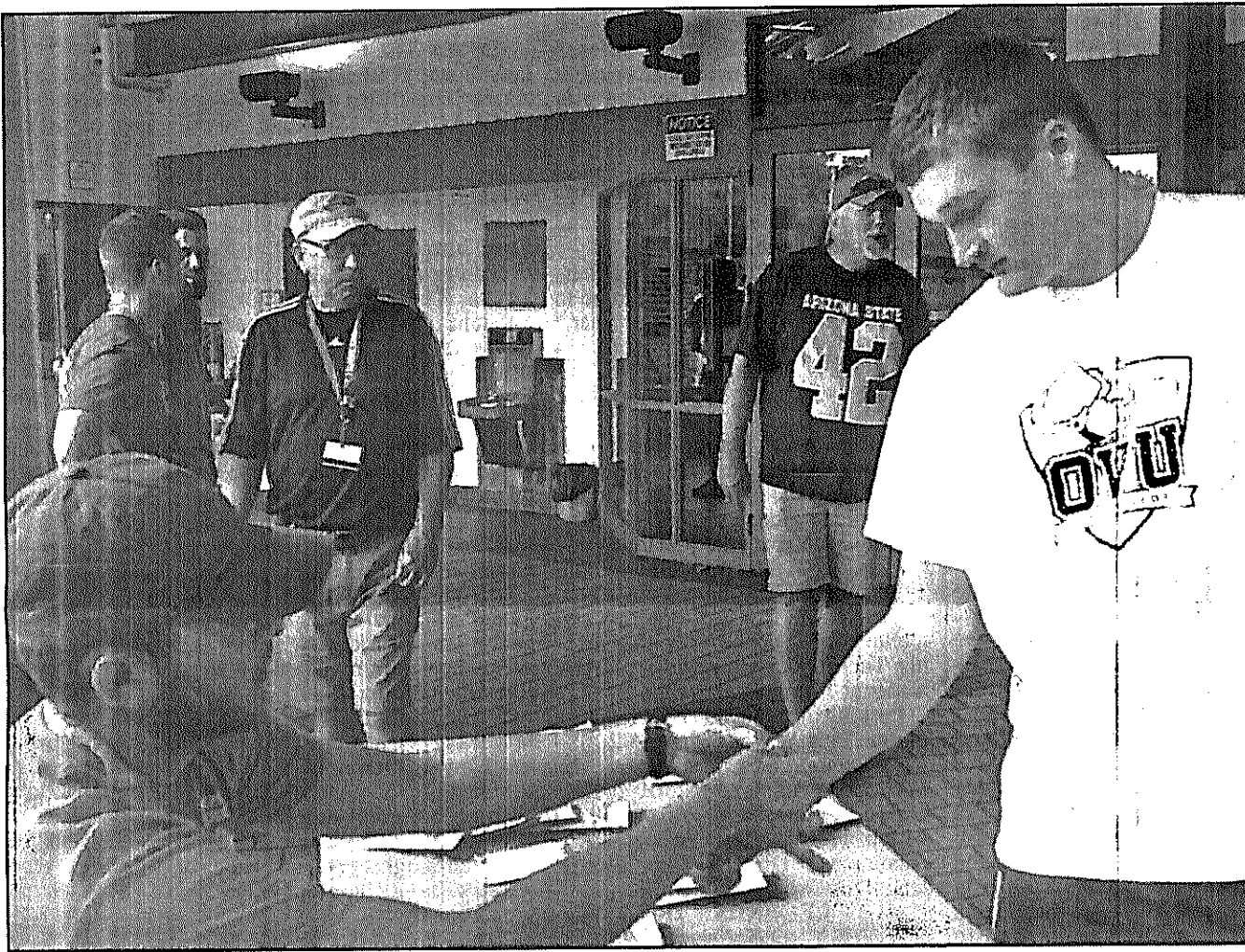
"We feel we have multiple weapons. Can we protect those weapons and utilize them right seems to be the big question."

After Saturday's game, Secrist will head to West Liberty where he plans on being a two-sport athlete in football and track.

"Next week we go up there for camp and I am really excited," he said. "Coach (Roger) Waialae is excited to get me up there for football and Coach (Justin) Simpson is just as excited to get me out there for track."

"I had the North-South Game in June and this OVAC game will help knock some of the rust off so I will be ready to go once I get up there."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



T-L Photo/RICK THORP

FORMER UNION Local standout Cody Ray, right, continues the check-in process Saturday afternoon at Bethany College's Thomas P. Johnson Health and Recreation Center.

Reporting for duty

• Ohio, W.Va. gridders arrive at Bethany eager to begin all-star week

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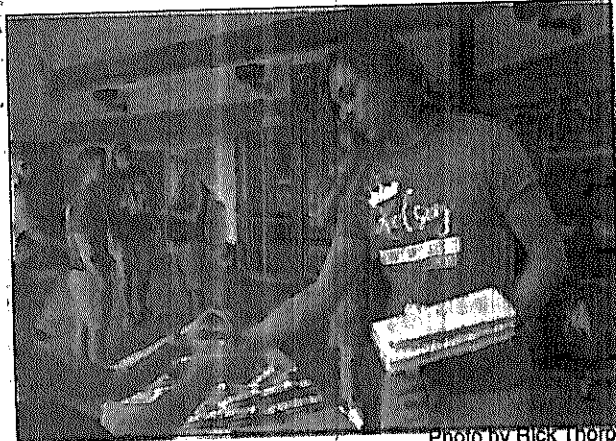


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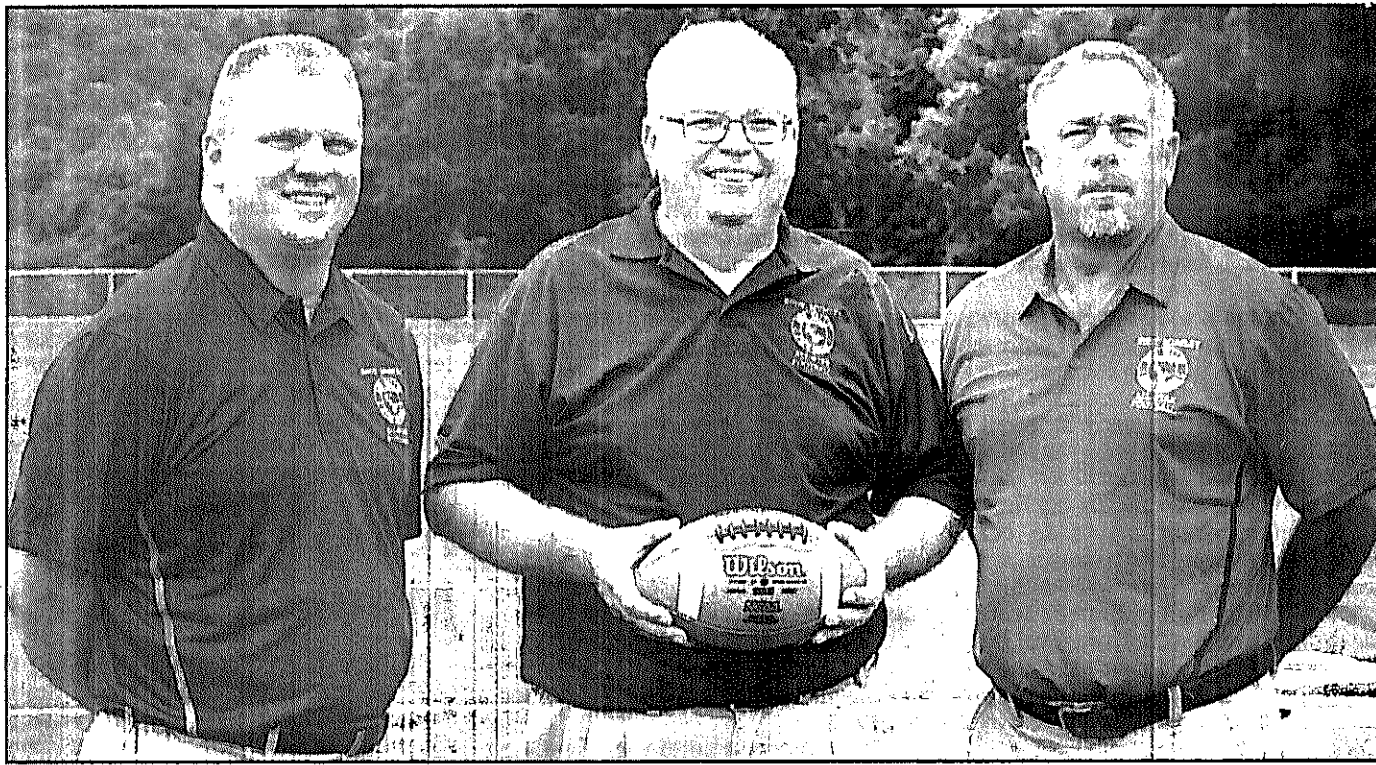
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Duffy tradition continues in OVAC All-Star Game

By **BUBBA KAPRAL**
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BELLAIRE - Playing in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game is a notable achievement. For the Duffy family it is more than that -- it has become a tradition.

Thor Duffy enjoyed a solid senior season for Coach Mark Spigarelli at Bellaire this past fall, earning him a spot in the mid-summer classic. Former Big Red standouts by the name of Duffy are no strangers to the OVAC All-Star Game.

Thor becomes the third member of the family to play in the contest.

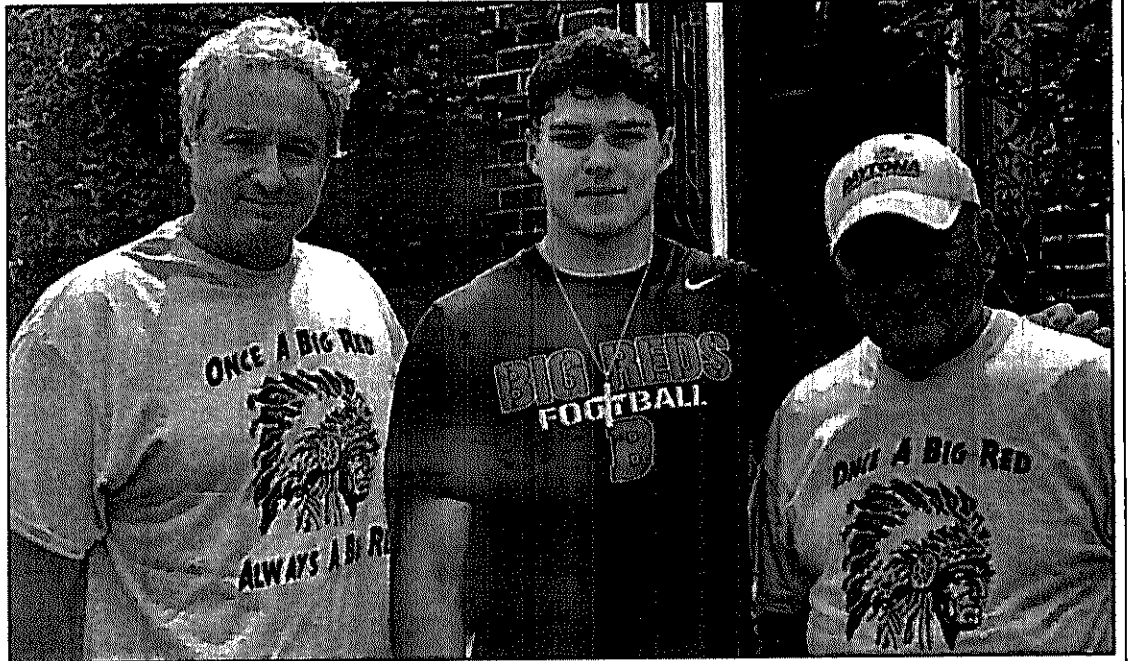
Wendell Duffy, Thor's grandfather, led the way, playing in the 1958 affair, a game in which Ohio prevailed. The Buckeyes

were coached by Winterville legend Bob Kettlewell.

Trey Duffy, Wendell's son and Thor's uncle, started in the 1981 affair. The Buckeyes, under the direction of Jay Circosta, posted a 17-14 triumph.

Wendell remembers his all-star experiences quite well, some 60 years later. He played center, snapping the ball to future NBA star John Havlicek.

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THOR DUFFY — a Bellaire High School graduate — will join the family tradition of playing in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game Saturday night. Duffy (center) is flanked by his uncle Trey Duffy (left), who played in the 1981 all-star game and his grandfather, Wendell Duffy, who played in 1958.

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Scott, Vucelick make OVAC Game a true 'family affair'

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

BETHANY - The annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game continually represents as a family affair.

This year's showdown between Ohio and West Virginia, which is slated for 7 p.m. Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium, is no different. Sixteen of the 65 players on the rosters have had at least one relative take part in the game.

But, for Cameron's Trey Scott and his grandfather, Larry Vucelick, the roots run even deeper. More so than maybe anyone else on the West Virginia side, Scott will pay special attention to the annual 50-year reunion recognition, which will take place during the first quarter.

Scott may even vacate his position - if time allows - for a moment to pay homage to his grandfather, who represented defunct Moundsville High in the OVAC Game 50 years ago and will be taking part in the ceremony this weekend.

"This means a lot to me and my entire family, and I am sure there will be some tears," Scott said. "My grandfather has told me how much fun he had in this game. Actually, he recovered a fumble and he still talks about that play to this day."

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IT'S A family affair for Trey Scott (center) and his grandfather Larry Vucelick (right) at this weekend's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, which will be played Saturday night at Wheeling Island Stadium. Scott, who played at Cameron, is part of the West Virginia squad, while Vucelick will be recognized during the 50-year reunion in the first half of the game. He played in the 1968 OVAC Game, representing Moundsville. Also pictured is Scott's father, John, who was an OVAC All-Star in 1980.

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football," Duffy, now age 78, mused. "We stayed at West Liberty for two weeks of camp and it was very hot. We teased Joe to have his dad bring us air conditioners. We had two-a-day practices but we had a real good time at West Liberty.

"Our senior year at Bellaire we went 6-3. I played a lot of different positions. I just wanted to play. They asked me if I could play center in the all-star game," he added. "Bud Bonar was our coach at Bellaire. He knew football. He came up with the no-huddle offense."

Trey led the Big Reds of Mike Sherwood to an 8-1-1 mark his senior season as he earned all-Ohio honors as he was one of the Buckeye State's premier linebackers. The Reds tied Brooke, 0-0, in a mudfest at Nelson Field with the lone loss coming at the hands of Steubenville Central. Bellaire did beat Wheeling Park for the first time.

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"I came home to watch Thor play against River this year. I will be coming in to watch him in the OVAC game for sure," Trey added. "It is a pretty neat thing (three generations playing in the OVAC Game). I am not sure how often they happens," Trey said. "I am proud of Thor. He is a good kid and good football player. It is neat he is carrying on the family tradition."

Trey went on to play football and baseball both at Marshall University. He is a successful executive with Ricart Food in Columbus. He and his family reside in Logan.

Thor, meanwhile, appreciates what three generations of OVAC all-stars means.

"I am honored to be selected for the game. It is a great event," he said. "But being the third Duffy to play in the game makes it extra special. It give me a sense of family pride.

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Thor is the son of Troy and Missy Duffy.

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Thor also drew praise for Bellaire head coach Mark Spigarelli.

"Thor kind of did it all for us last year. He was our starting tailback, an outstanding receiver and had an outstanding career punting the football. On defense he played strong and free safety and had some amazing hits," Spigarelli said. "But the one thing that I liked most about Thor was that after my mom passed away he made our practices fun and kept my mind off that horrible tragedy.

"He, along with the other seniors, will be hard to replace," he added. "I wish Thor nothing but the best in the OVAC All-Star Game."

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By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

BETHANY – For many – if not all – football players in the Ohio Valley, one of the individual goals players focus on is being part of the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

Though that goal exists for many since the time they are very young and come to Wheeling Island Stadium for the first time, the path to actually playing in the annual affair, which will commence Saturday evening at 7:15 at Wheeling Island Stadium, is quite different.

Just ask Martins Ferry's Dalton Hoover and Shadyside's Dylan Hanson.

Both players are soaking up everything the all-star camp has to offer as preparations continue at Bethany College. But, the experience almost didn't come to fruition for either one.

Though both Hoover and Hanson put forth tremendous, all-state campaigns for the Purple Riders and Tigers, respectively, it takes more than that.

For Hoover, all it took was the changing of his mind on his future collegiate home. Hanson, meanwhile, received a call a little more than a week ago from Ohio coach Bruce Stiles, extending him an invitation.

Hoover had planned on putting the football cleats away when his season ended last November in the Division V playoffs at Portsmouth West.

After all, Hoover had committed to wrestle at the Division I level for Northern Illinois University. So, as is the case for most Division I athletes, Northern Illinois had expected Hoover to be on campus in DeKalb taking classes and beginning his preparations for next winter.

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PICTURED ARE the Ohio running backs for Saturday's annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game. Front row, from left, are Ben Howell (Union Local), Jamaal Petteway (Steubenville) and Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry). Standing, from left, are Jonathan Blackmon (Steubenville), Alex Krupa (Shadyside), Koby Berger (Cambridge) and Nick Miller (Shenandoah).

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"When I was originally told I couldn't play, I was extremely disappointed, but I had to live with it," Hoover said.

However, changing your mind is a person's prerogative. Hoover did and was released from his National Letter of Intent and opted to stay closer to home and sign with Wheeling Jesuit to wrestle.

Quickly after making that decision, he approached his prep coach Dave Bruney about the possibility of playing in the OVAC Game. Bruney then reached out to Stiles and a roster spot happened to open up, allowing Hoover to be selected.

"It was kind of short notice when we gave Coach Stiles a call and told him that I was willing to play, so I just feel blessed that he gave me the opportunity to be here," Hoover said. "I am just thankful that he and the coaches were able to find a spot for me."

Quite frankly, a player of Hoover's ability would have been a no-brainer of a selection from the get-go. After all, he's a two-time first team All-Ohioan, who can play multiple positions on both sides of the ball.

For the Purple Riders, Hoover was the team's leading tackler (157), rusher (1,530) and scorer (22 touchdowns).

Though he wouldn't be reporting to campus quite as soon, Hoover still made sure he had Wheeling Jesuit's blessing to play in the game before fully committing to Team Ohio.

"The Jesuit coaches were cool with me playing, so then it was a no brainer for me," Hoover said.

Hanson, meanwhile, is headed to Marietta College to continue his football career, so he had been working out since graduation.

Though he had a season which culminated with second team All-Ohio accolades and included nearly 100 tackles, he didn't draw an original invite when the rosters were chosen.

He wasn't mad and simply understood the process.

"There are a lot of great athletes in the Ohio Valley," Hanson said. "It didn't matter to me when I got the call. It was a great honor to be chosen."

Whenever Hanson's phone rang, he didn't even give not playing a second thought.

"It was great news to hear," Hanson said. "Obviously, I only had a week or so prepare, but it's just great to be in this game. I was going (to play) for sure."

Hanson, who is vying for time at linebacker this week, is simply soaking up everything he can and forming as many new friendships and bonds as possible.

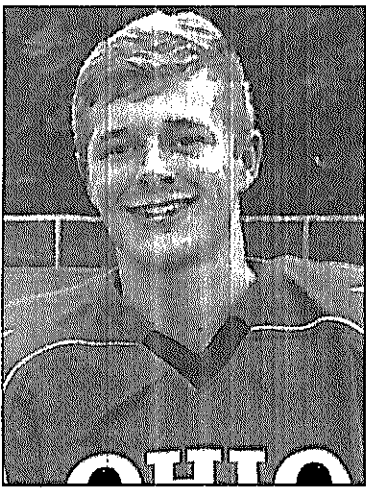
"It's great being here," Hanson said. "I feel like I am definitely part of this team and we're looking pretty good so far, so we're excited to get out there Saturday."

Hoover called OVAC week, "an amazing atmosphere and great time."

"We've been building friendships quickly and it's a really good time," Hoover said.

"It's just great to have a chance to have one last high school game with your buddies and guys you've grown up playing against."

SPORTS

Friday,
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A long road back ...

St. C.'s Greenwood relishes OVAC Game after knee surgery

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

BETHANY — Matt Greenwood entered his senior season at St. Clairsville with numerous goals, aspirations and confidence.

And who could blame him? He was coming off a 2016 season in which he was a standout along the defensive line, tight end and as the Red Devils placekicker. It was actually to the point where he was receiving collegiate inter-

est as a kicker.

However, things can change in an instant. And for Greenwood, he realized that almost immediately during a Week 3 game against Meadowbrook.

"I knew when I went down it was pretty serious," Greenwood said. "It was just awful."

Trying to keep his spirits as high as possible, Greenwood underwent a MRI in the coming days, which determined what the St. C. senior had feared.

"It was a complete tear of the ACL," Greenwood said. "What made it really tough was the fact that I had worked so hard during the summer and had a pretty good season (as a junior) and to lose it all with something like that injury was terrible."

Since surgery would be required, Greenwood realized that he was going to miss the remainder of the football season and all of the basketball season, too.

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"Missing that much time in football and all of basketball season made it really tough," Greenwood admitted. "I knew that my knee would eventually be fine, but missing your senior season in basically two sports was the worst part."

Greenwood, however, tried again to remain as positive as possible. He had some other opportunities ahead, but he knew they'd be rendered moot if he didn't attack the months of rehab that were forthcoming.

"I am not going to lie," Greenwood said. "(The road back) was hard. Both the physical and mental sides were tough."

Shortly after doctors repaired the knee, the road back began.

"It was pretty much the same routine every day," Greenwood said. "Wake up, ice my knee, go to physical therapy and then ice my knee again. I really couldn't do much else."

Despite not having an entire season of film, Greenwood's abilities caught the eye of both Wheeling Jesuit head coach Zac Bruney and then Union Local head coach Bruce Stiles. The former offered Greenwood the opportunity to continue his football career at the fledgling Cardinals' program, while the latter chose him for Team Ohio in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

"Playing in college and this game really provided a lot of motivation," Greenwood

said.

Greenwood signed his National Letter of Intent to attend WJU in February. Three months later, he received two bits of good news. He was fully cleared to return to football and he had been chosen to serve as the Buckeye State kicker.

"I never would have thought it was possible," Greenwood admitted. "Hearing that I had been fully cleared was an awesome feeling. To be able to walk out of that hospital — after going there so many times for treatments — knowing I was clear was just a huge relief."

While all 32 members of Ohio are certainly cherishing the opportunity they have this week, culminating with Saturday's game against West Virginia at Wheeling Island Stadium, Greenwood has soaked up every second of camp this week at Bethany College.

"It's just surreal being here and being a part of this (team)," Greenwood said. "I think it's going to be even more surreal on Saturday."

Greenwood has worked out diligently since he's been cleared, preparing for both this weekend and what lies ahead in a few weeks when he reports to camp with the Cardinals.

"There might be some nerves at first, but I've worked hard and I think I'll be OK," Greenwood confessed. "

Brown Leaves Legacy at Cameron

Dragons standout gets one last game with coaches, teammates

By **JOSH STROPE**
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BETHANY — An undefeated regular season and two straight playoff appearances, Colby Brown leaves Cameron as one of the most successful quarterbacks in school history.

His legacy is one that will be hard to be matched.

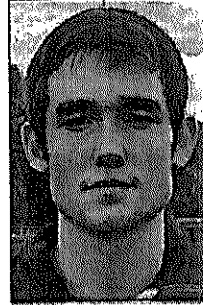
As he prepares to represent Cameron one final time during Saturday's Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Game, the Dragons standout had time to reflect during Monday's Me-

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"Me, my teammates, feel a sense of pride," Brown said. "It is great to be here representing Cameron, representing Marshall County, representing West Virginia and representing our coaching staff."

"It is great to have my teammates playing in this game and makes me feel more comfortable having my coaches around, too."

During his Cameron career, Brown accumulated 7,000 all-purpose yards, including 5,024 passing. He also accounted for 99 career



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touchdowns with 73 of those coming through the air.

Twice, Brown was named first team all-state in Class A. He was a three-time selection to the All-OVAC and All-Mason Dixon squads.

Needless to say, Brown isn't one dimensional.

The quarterback always plays an important role in any offense, and Brown is lucky to have his coaching staff calling the plays Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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All-Star Game a Family Affair for Scott, Vucelick

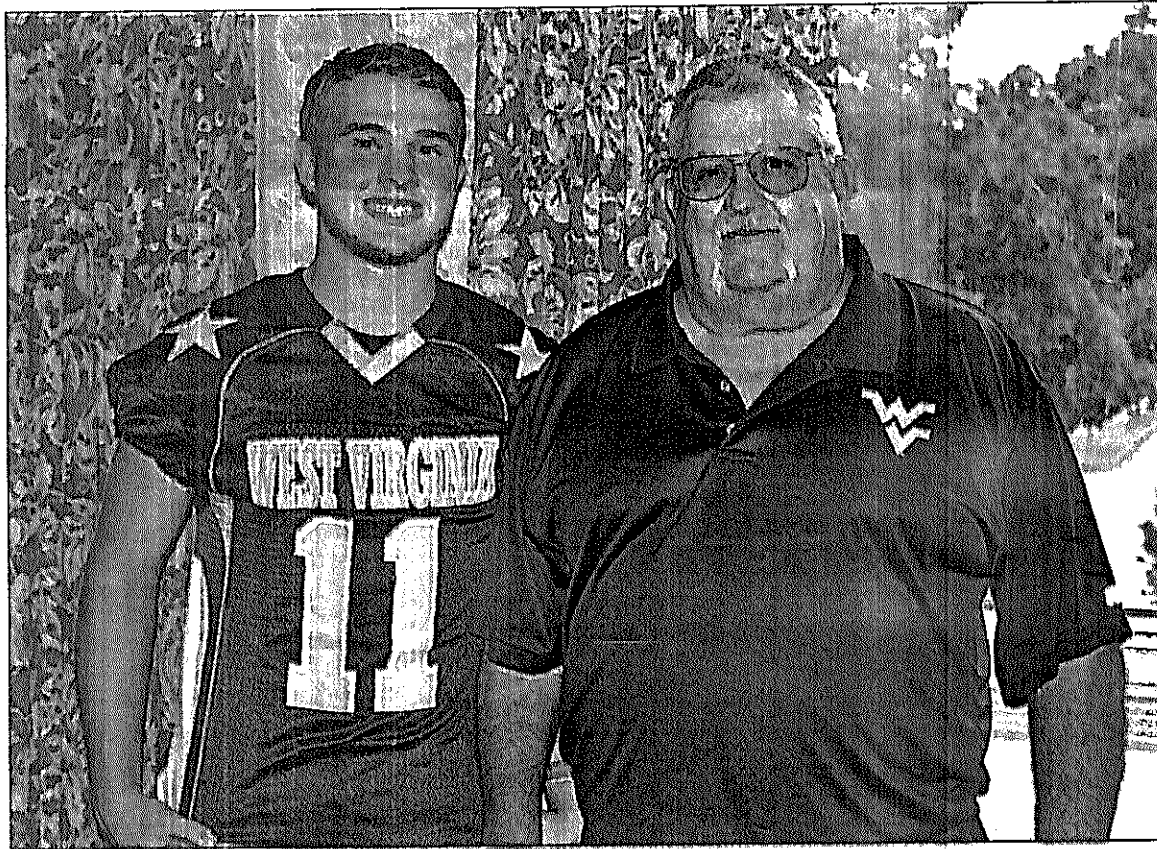


Photo by Kristin Mazgaj

It's a family affair for Trey Scott, left, and his grandfather Larry Vucelick at this weekend's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, which will be played Saturday night at Wheeling Island Stadium. Scott, who played at Cameron, is part of the West Virginia squad, while Vucelick will be recognized during the 50-year reunion in the first half of the game. He played in the 1968 OVAC Game, representing Moundsville.

Cameron WR to share special moment with grandfather

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

BETHANY — The annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game continually represents as a family affair.

This year's showdown between Ohio and West Virginia, which is slated for 7 p.m. Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium, is no different. Sixteen of the 65 players on the rosters have had at least one relative take part in the game.

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first quarter.

Scott may even vacate his position — if time allows — for a moment to pay homage to his grandfather, who represented defunct Moundsville High in the OVAC Game 50 years ago and will be taking part in the ceremony this weekend.

"This means a lot to me and my entire family, and I am sure there will be some tears," Scott said. "My grandfather has told me how much fun he had in this game. Actually, he recovered a fumble and he still talks about that play to this day."

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Also helping ease his play will be two other Dragons teammates in Trey Scott and Wyatt Wingrove.

Like any all-star game, Brown won't be the only quarterback lining up in the West Virginia backfield.

Joining him under center will be University's Clay Bailey.

Brown has shown this week the leadership qualities that have made him such an integral part of Cameron's success through the years, helping Bailey learn the offense in a short period of time.

"Just timing routes, which way kids are turning off breaks, who to look for in passing schemes," Brown said. "He has got it pretty easily and learning quick."

"The biggest adjustments (for me) is the speed, timing on routes. Just getting used to the new receivers."

It hasn't gone unnoticed by the West Virginia coaching staff, including head coach Scott Holt.

"Colby has been invaluable," Holt said. "Bringing three kids is invaluable because where they go, their knowledge in the system goes with them. Colby has a history with (Ethan) Secrist from Brooke because they played in the North-South game together."

"Helping with Clay and making the transition easy, it is like having an extra coach here.

These kids are part of the reason we are here and it is almost fitting that we would get to spend this last week here and have this memory together. When they think about the all-star game, they will hopefully think about us and when we think about the all-star game, we will definitely think about them."

Brown is hoping his experience this summer will help him on his next journey — a walk-on to the Marshall football program.

"Marshall is a big school, D-I and a lot of great athletes," Brown said. "These two all-star games have given me the opportunity to work with some better athletes and help me progress toward timing up routes and throwing to faster guys. It is going to be a great experience."

Brown won't be practicing with the team until January, taking his redshirt season this fall. He feels that will allow him to make the transition easier and get his classes straightened out.

The Thundering Herd coaching staff is also looking to use the 6-foot-4, 215-pounder at quarterback.

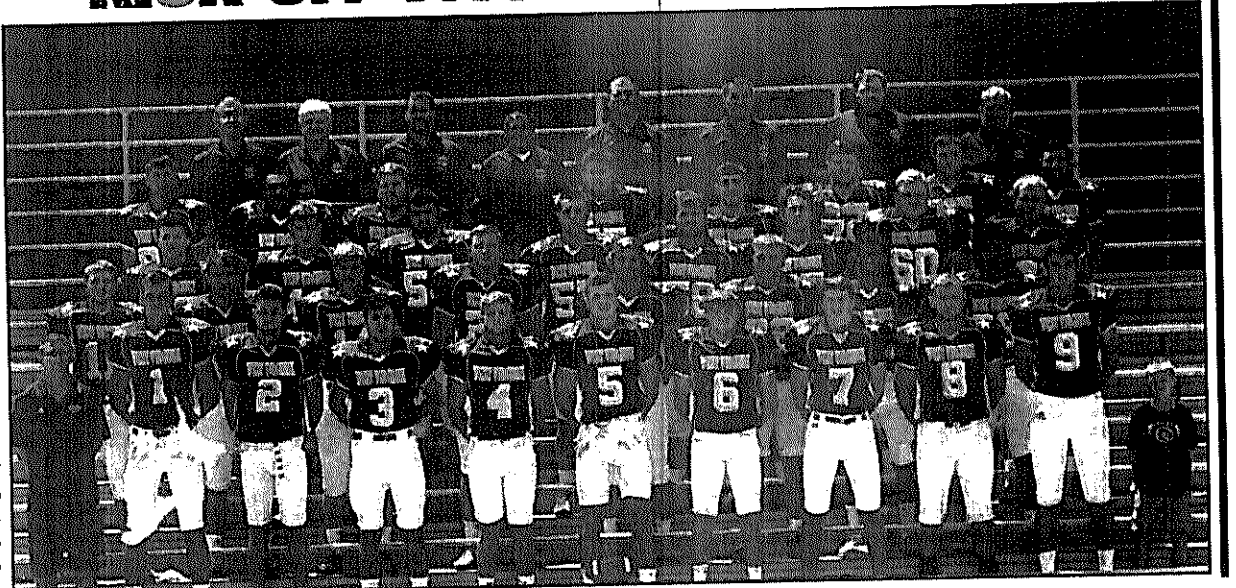
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"I have to work on throwing on the run, accuracy for sure, can't miss any passes. The speed of the receivers, leading them and know where to put the ball and when. How quick the defense recovers on things. It will be a faster game."

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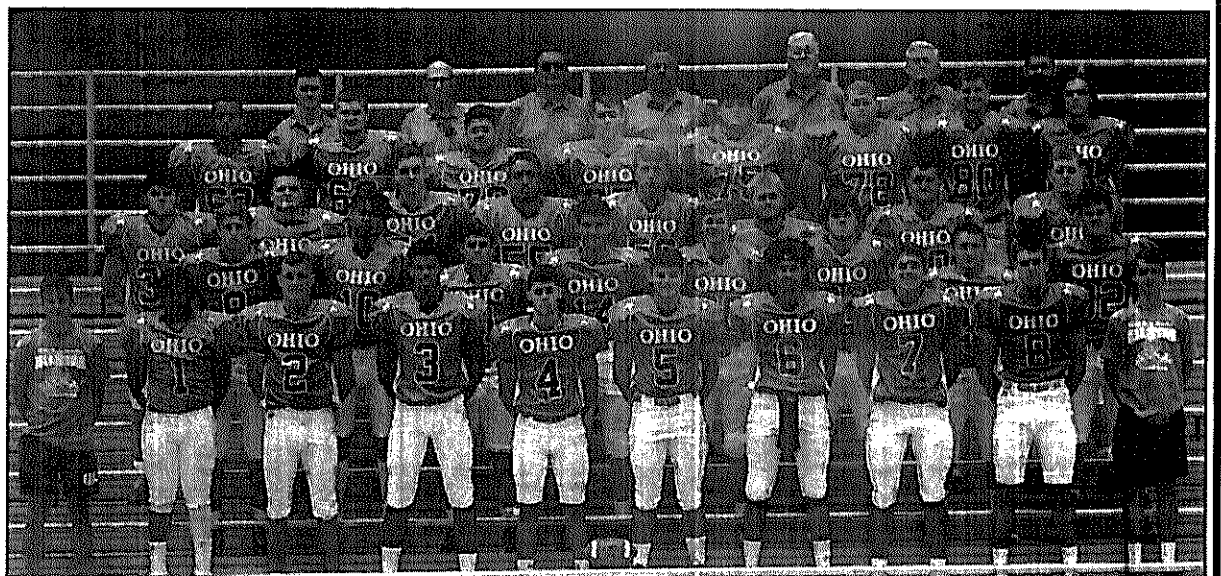
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BIG CAT CHALLENGE

Area offensive linemen get their chance to shine at the ninth annual even in Shadyside/12

The Intelligencer SPORTS

All-Star Game Kicks Off Tonight

West Virginia has three-game winning streak in annual classic

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — The Ohio Valley's love affair with the gridiron resumes tonight and unofficially kicks off the 2018 season when Ohio and West Virginia clash for the 73rd time in the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game. Kickoff is slated for 7:15 and the game returns to Wheeling Island Stadium after spending a year at Martins Ferry because of structural issues at the stadium.

The site of the game doesn't matter to neither Bruce Stiles' Ohio squad nor Scott Holt's West Virginia side. After spending the last week in camp at Bethany College, both teams are simply ready to go.

"Our kids are itching to play a game," Stiles said. "It's been a great week. They've had a good time and built a lot of relationships, but we could just sense (Friday) at our final practice that the kids are ready to go."

Holt's Mountaineers squad is feeling the same way.

"We've had a great time with these kids and it'll be tough to see it end, and as much fun as we've had, we've still gotten a team ready to play a football game and that's why they came," Holt said. "These kids will carry memories of this week with them forever, but getting a win will make a great memory, too."

Regardless of the experiences, all 65 players in camp this week want to win the game. Ohio owns the overall upperhand in the series with a 43-28-1 edge, but West



Virginia has narrowed that gap each of the last three seasons. Ohio's last victory came in 2014. The Mountain State posted an exciting 20-13 victory last season when Isaac Rine found John Burkhalter on a late touchdown pass.

"It's been a while (since Ohio won)," Stiles said.

"We've prepared well, our kids know the system and we really like our team, so we'll have to go out and see what happens."

If West Virginia is to continue its winning streak, Holt believes the play in the trenches will be where the difference lies. According to Holt, West Virginia won't have an offensive lineman playing in the same position he held for his high school team in 2017.

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"We play a little bit differently (at Cameron) and we do more pulling, trapping and probably zone block more than most small schools," Holt said. "We took kids who fit that system, so these guys might be out of position for their teams, but if they had played at Cameron, the spot they're playing (in the game) would be where they'd play for us."

With Dragons alumnus Colby Brown at the controls at quarterback and University's Clay Bailey also expected to see plenty of action, Holt is looking to get his plethora of speed and skill on the outside involved early and often.

"We're going to need production from the outside," Holt said. "We need those kids to produce for us."

At the quarterbacks' disposal will be the likes of Dereck Hess (John Marshall) and Rennie Clark (Wheeling Park) at running back. On the perimeter, Ethan Secrist (Brooke), Brooks Parsons (Magnolia) and Nate Phillips (Wheeling Park) are expected to get plenty of opportunities to catch passes.

The line will be comprised of center Mason Rice (Weir), right guard Ryan Ekey (Madonna), left guard Dawson Mellinger (Linsly),

right tackle Cole Streyle (Morgantown) and left tackle Austin Loew (Wheeling Park).

"Most of the teams we play (during the season) at Cameron do not use a 4-3 defense like Union Local and Coach Stiles do, so we actually relied on input from some of the kids," Holt said. "We asked what they liked and did against that scheme and used that information. It's been a total team effort not just on the kids switching positions, but also how we're going to try to get something going against Ohio."

Don't be surprised if West Virginia tries to dial something big up early because Stiles admitted that there will be adjustments made defensively as the game unfolds.

"We've spent so much time (in camp) working on us that we really didn't prepare much for what West Virginia may do," Stiles said. "My goal was to make us the best we can and then adjust. I am sure West Virginia is well prepared and I know from seeing them walk around at camp, they have some impressive athletes."

Stiles also pointed out that the Buckeyes' offense is ahead of the defense. He put

some of that on himself because he's coordinating the defense for the first time in several seasons.

"There's been a learning curve for me getting back into running a defense," Stiles said. "I am doing some things that I've never done before."

At defensive end, Ohio will utilize a mixture of Demetrius Dokes (Martins Ferry), Rayquan Prayear (Martins Ferry) and Alex Krupa (Shadyside), while Alex Webb (Monroe Central) and Geno Drake (St. Clairsville) will get the start at defensive tackle.

The linebacking crew will be led by Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry) and Koby Berger (Cambridge), while Levi Thompson (Steubenville Central) and Jamaal Petteway (Steubenville) will be in the mix at strong safety. Caden Arbaugh (Harrison Central), Easton Black (Meadowbrook), Michael Loy (East Liverpool) and Braden Lucas (Union Local) will all see quality action in the secondary.

Ohio's offense is going to try to establish the run and then go from there, according to Stiles.

"There are no secrets with me," Stiles said. "We have to establish the run, but we do feel comfortable that we can throw the ball, too. We're going to try to have some fun with this offense."

Ryan LaFollette (Monroe Central) is expected to see the first opportunity at quarterback. Jonathan Blackmon (Steubenville), Nick Miller (Shenandoah) and Ben Howell (Union Local) are ticketed for the backfield.

Bobby Feyko (Meadowbrook), Jake Keenan (Toronto), Josh Dulesky (Buck-

eye Local) and DeJuan Caldwell (Harrison Central) were named at receiver. Caldwell will also be LaFollette's chief understudy.

Up front, the Buckeye State is going with a combination of Dylan Hanson (Shadyside), Jacob Donley (Union Local), Luc Baker (River), Hunter Bodkin (Martins Ferry), John Hawley (St. Clairsville).

West Virginia's defense, meanwhile, is similar to Ohio in the sense that it's behind the offense.

"We've focused on offense so much this week in finding a way to move the ball that we ended up backloading the week with defensive work," Holt said. "We have capable kids on defense and we've developed a good trust with these kids. It's just a matter of giving them the game plan of what we expect to see."

Holt raved about his linebacking crew, which is comprised of Vic Giovengo (Linsly), Wyatt Wingrove (Cameron) and Nick Coulter (John Marshall). The outside linebackers are the Wheeling Central duo of Dawson Wear and Pat Brown. Up front, Loew is the lone player in the game expected to start both ways. Hayden Starcher (University) is the other end, while Brett Donohew (Wheeling Park) is the defensive tackle.

In the secondary, Nick Falbo (Linsly), Jaylon Bridges (Weir) and Trey Scott (Cameron) are slated for safety and the two corners, respectively.

Matt Greenwood (St. Clairsville) will handle the Ohio kicking duties, while Collin Williams (Oak Glen) is the West Virginia specialist.

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Representing Linsly during tonight's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium is Nick Falbo (3), Vic Giovengo (4) and Dawson Mellinger (77). Photo by Seth Staskey

Linsly's Falbo, Mellinger Take A Different Path

Teammates grew up cheering for Ohio, will play for W.Va.

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

BETHANY — Nick Falbo and Dawson Mellinger will fulfill a dream tonight when they suit up to play in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

It just so happens, though, neither's dream turned out just how it was originally portrayed.

Both have attended many OVAC Games, sitting on the Ohio side, rooting for the Buckeye State. After all they attended St. Clairsville and Union Local, respectively, before opting to enroll at Linsly.

When they step onto the turf tonight for the 7:15 kickoff, they'll wearing the Mountain State's Blue and Gold, representing Linsly School. Both admitted that it's a weird feeling leaving the scarlet and gray behind ... at least for a night.

"I don't think I even went over to the West Virginia side when I've attended this game," Falbo, who resides in St. Clairsville, joked. "I just didn't know anyone over there, but I am excited to be on that side now."

Falbo transferred to Linsly for his junior and senior seasons after enjoying a solid sophomore campaign at St. Clairsville.

As a Cadet, Falbo shined at running

back and linebacker for Coach B.J. Depew's team. He will get the start at free safety for the Mountaineers this evening.

Headed to Ohio University in the fall, Falbo is looking for one more time to shine on the Ohio Valley gridiron.

"I've been waiting a long time on this opportunity to play in this game," Falbo said. "I can't wait. I love the atmosphere that comes with this game and the chance to play in it is something that I am really excited about."

Ironically, when Falbo was first thinking about going to Linsly, he shadowed with Mellinger during his visits to the Leatherwood campus.

"I knew Nick a little bit from when we were growing up and playing sports and stuff, but we really got to know each other during that visit," Mellinger said. "It's exciting to be able to play with him and Vic (Giovengo) one more time."

Mellinger's decision to go to Linsly had nothing to do with athletics. Foot-

ball was simply a bonus for him.

"It was academics," Mellinger said. "I wanted to focus and be challenged more from an academic standpoint."

Entering his sophomore year, Mellinger transferred from Union Local.

"It was definitely a transition," Mellinger said. "Leaving all my friends and buddies was tough after coming all the way up with them into high school. But, I still keep in touch with some of them, which is nice."

Mellinger said he was welcomed to Linsly with open arms by everyone from the students, faculty and administration.

"Linsly took me into their family and that's what the school is ... a family," Mellinger said. "I was able to find my niche there and it's where I wanted to be."

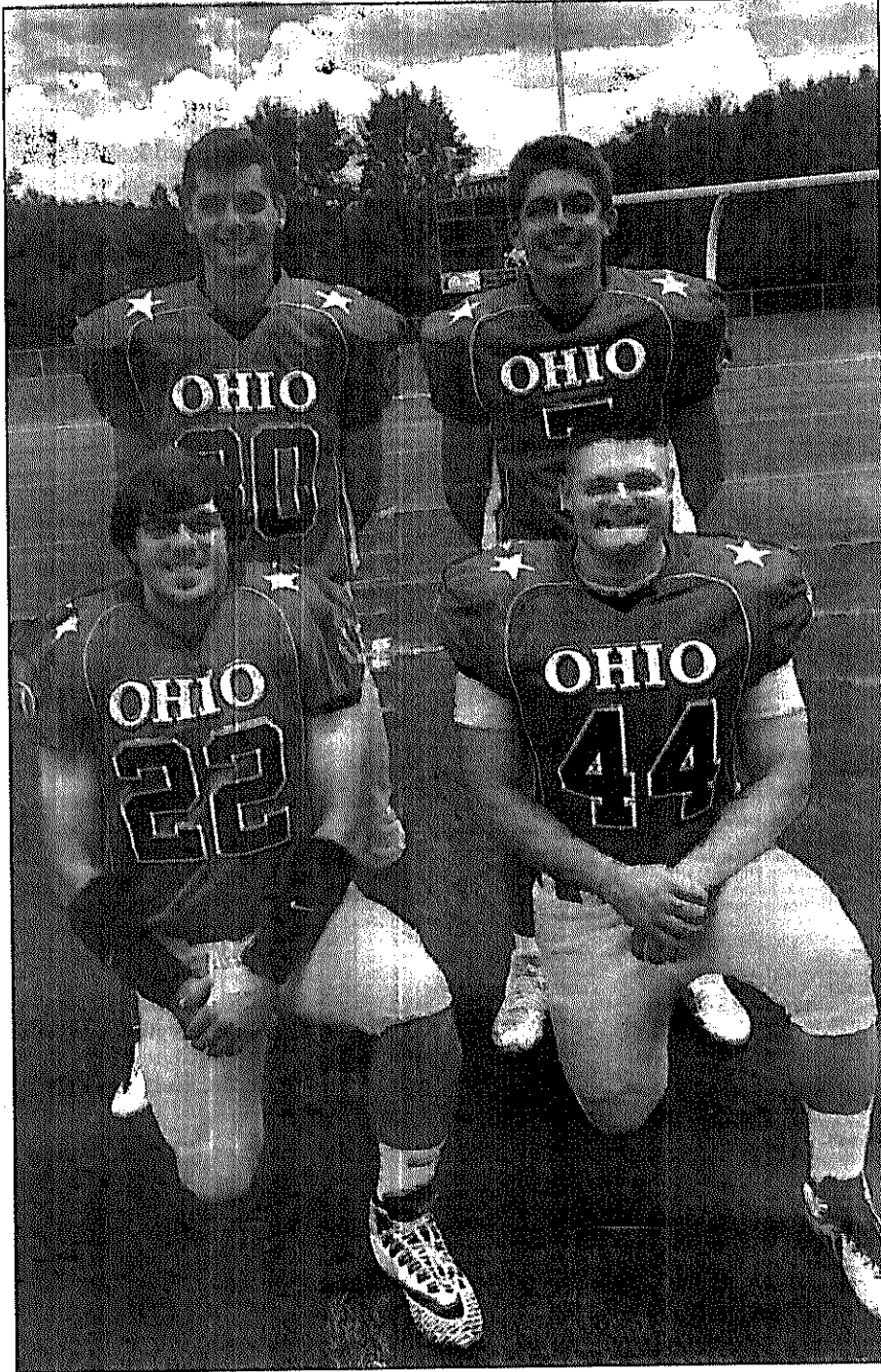
Mellinger will line up along the offensive line tonight for the Mountain State, getting the start at left guard.

"Linsly took me into their family and that's what the school is ... a family. I was able to find my niche there and it's where I wanted to be."

Linsly's Dawson Mellinger

OVAC All-Stars getting ready for Rudy Mumley Game

By JEFF HARRISON
The Daily Jeffersonian



Representing the local area in the 73rd OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game slated Saturday night at Wheeling Island Stadium are, front row left to right, Nick Miller of Shenandoah and Koby Berger of Cambridge; back row, Easton Black and Bobby Feyko of Meadowbrook. Tickets for the game, slated to kick off at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, are available at The Daily Jeffersonian office through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Jeff Harrison, Daily-Jeff.com

BETHANY, W.Va. — With the hellos and handshakes taken care of, it's on to forming lasting friendships and getting ready to play some football on Saturday, as camp is well under way for the participants in the 73rd OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

Media day activities were sandwiched in between practice sessions Monday on the campus of Bethany College — which is serving as the host of the weeklong camp for the eighth time — as the players and coaches get ready for the mid-summer classic which returns to Wheeling Island Stadium after a one-year stop in Martins Ferry.

The Ohio roster features four local participants — Koby Berger of Cambridge, Nick Miller of Shenandoah and the Meadowbrook duo of Easton Black and Bobby Feyko. Each was pleasantly surprised at being selected to the 33-man Buckeye State squad, and they're all looking forward to what lies ahead this week.

"It's a very big honor and I'm excited to be here," said Berger. "There are a lot of good guys with some great personalities."

Berger pointed out that he's joined on the Ohio squad by fellow Marietta College freshman-to-be Dylan Hanson from Shady-side.

"We'll both be linebackers at Marietta, so it'll be good to get to know him because we'll be seeing a lot of each other," he said.

Berger likes what he sees

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on "D" so far.

"We've got a lot of athleticism on defense," he said, "so we're going to use it and have a lot of fun out there."

"I didn't really know much about this game until we had Michael (VanFossen) playing in it," said Shenandoah's Miller, who's headed to the University of Mount Union, "but I was pretty excited when Coach (Jesse Wells) texted me asking if I'd want to play in it, because I didn't really think I'd get selected since I got hurt halfway through the season."

"A couple of these guys were in the other all-star game (last month's BACF All-Star Game in Parkersburg), so I got to know them a little there," noted the Zeps' standout, who will see action at both running back and linebacker. "The biggest thing you get from these types of games is the memories and friendships, and hopefully we'll come out on top."

"I wasn't really expecting it," said Meadowbrook's Black, a tal-

ented wide receiver. "I felt I had a good year, but didn't think I'd end up here, so I'm pretty excited since it's probably the last football game I'll ever play."

"I've been making a lot of new friends with my roommates and some others," said Black, who'll attend Malone University where he'll focus on pre-med studies, "and it's nice to have Bobby (Feyko) here, too."

"I'm really glad to be here and be a part of something special like this," said Meadowbrook's Feyko. "There are a bunch of great guys here, and getting to know people you've played up close is a neat experience."

Feyko, who'll see action as a slot receiver in the game, says the toughest part is getting used to a new system quickly.

"It's different learning a new offense in a short time," he admitted, "but we've got until Saturday, so we'll be fine."

Bruce Stiles, who's been coaching in his final game after stepping down at Union Local after last year's playoff-qualifying season, likes what he sees from his Ohio team so far, but points out that the week is about far more than just a football game.

"We stressed doing every-

thing as a team this week to develop chemistry," he said, including corn hole tournaments and card games. "Things for them to develop relationships, because that's what this game is about."

On the field, Stiles hopes that "team" feeling carries over and he also promises to have a few "wrinkles" in the game plan.

"They're all pretty good athletes," he smiled, "and we don't have too many who are individuals. They really buy in to the team concept and that's great to see."

"I'm a fun guy," he said of his coaching style. "We like to do a lot of trickery and things like that, so I'm sure we'll have a couple things ready for Saturday."

Although this will be his last time on the sideline, at least for now, it was more about being able to give a quartet of Union Local players (Bradán Lucas, Ben Howell, Cody Ray and Lucas Donley) the chance to participate in the game for Coach Stiles.

"I'm excited about it," he said, "but I'm most excited about having four Union Local kids here with us who get to experience this. When you watch them, they all fit in and they deserve to be

here with these other all-stars."

Scott Holt of Cameron High — serving as head coach of the West Virginia squad — had a few take-aways from early in camp.

"We've got 33 kids getting to know each other," he noted. "The big-school kids have come in without a chip on their shoulder and the kids from smaller programs have come in and blended well with those kids, too."

"It feels like an old school all-star game with 10 players from Ohio County and seven from Marshall County," Holt pointed out, "so we're excited about being able to bring a little more local flare this year."

EXTRA POINTS

— While the players and coaches have been at Bethany since Saturday, they'll be joined by the 124-member OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band, which begins preparations for Saturday's pregame and halftime festivities.

— Tonight's spotlight will be the 32nd George Strager Evening with the Stars event for the participants and their families at Wheeling Park's White Palace, with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. and the program starting at 7:30.

— The Queen of Queens T-

lent Show featuring contestants from 22 conference schools will take place Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Capitol Theater in downtown Wheeling. That event is open to the public, with tickets \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. The lone local participant is Kiley Ciroli of Barnesville.

— There will be a pep rally at Bison Field (free admission) on the Bethany campus Friday, with the gates opening at 5 p.m. and the event starting at 6:30. In addition to the introduction of the teams, band, cheerleaders and Queen of Queen candidates, the announcement of the Rudy Mumley Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarships will take place.

— Ohio leads the all-time series 42-29-1, including a 28-17-1 edge under OVAC sponsorship. The Buckeyes eked out a 27-26 victory in last year's game to snap a three-year win streak by West Virginia.

— Tickets for the game will be on sale through Friday during business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at The Daily Jeffersonian office in Cambridge. Presale tickets are \$7, while all tickets at the game — scheduled for Saturday, July 28, at 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium — are \$10.



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OVAC All-Stars ready to tangle on Saturday

By JEFF HARRISON
The Daily Jeffersonian

WHEELING, WV — The pre-game hype is nearly complete, so it's time to play some football!

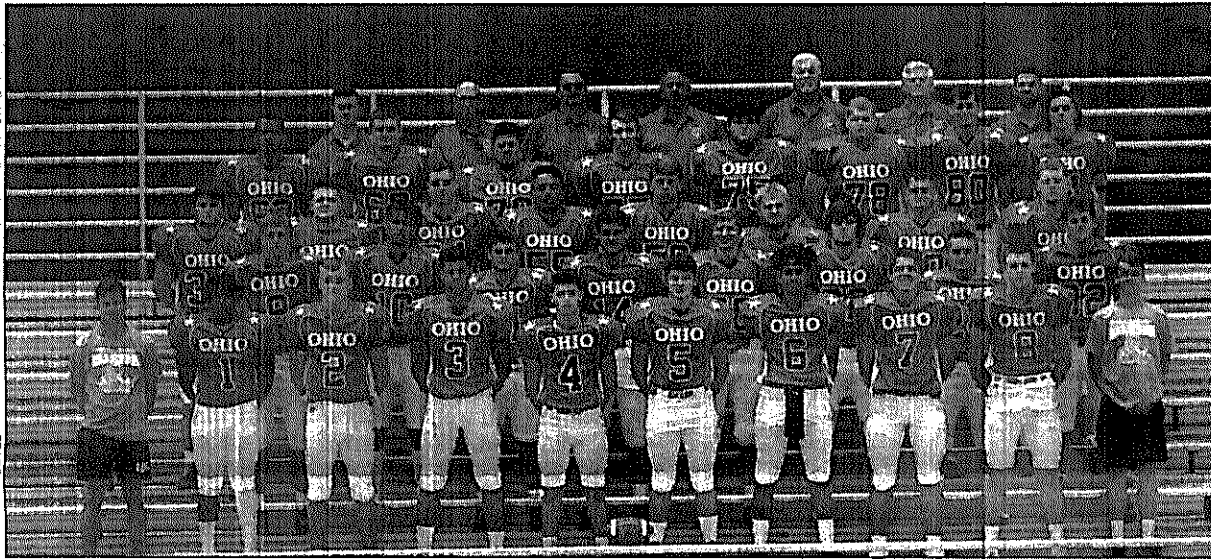
Tonight's pep rally at Bison Field on the campus of Bethany College — the site of week-long practice — marks the last in a series of game-related activities which have led up to Saturday night's 73rd OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Always anticipated as the unofficial start to football season for teams in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference (practices for this year's high school teams get under way on Monday), this year's game returns to its traditional site after last year's switch to Martins Ferry due to stadium repairs taking place on the island.

Coaches Bruce Stiles of Union Local and Scott Holt of Cameron will lead Ohio and West Virginia, respectively, in the mid-summer classic which kicks off Saturday at 7:15 p.m. Ohio will be looking to snap a three-year losing streak, having dropped last year's game by a 27-26 score after falling in 2015 (35-7) and 2016 (26-6).

Despite the skid, the Buckeyes still lead the all-time series 42-29-1, including a 28-17-1 edge under OVAC sponsorship which began in 1972.

Four local players will suit up for Ohio — linebacker Koby Berger of Cambridge, running back/linebacker Nick Miller of Shenandoah, and the Meadowbrook receiver duo of Bobby Feyko and Easton Black.



Representing Ohio in the 73rd OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game set to kick off Saturday at 7:15 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium are, front row l to r, manager Cal Kildow, Jamaal Petteway of Steubenville, Ryan LaFollette of Monroe Central, Jonathan Blackmon of Steubenville, Bradan Lucas of Union Local, Thor Duffy of Bellaire, DeJuan Caldwell of Harrison Central, Bobby Feyko of Meadowbrook, Jake Keenan of Toronto and manager Kane Kildow; second row, Caden Arbaugh of Harrison Central, Levi Thompson of Steubenville Catholic, Micahel Loy of East Liverpool, Josh Dulesky of Buckeye Local, Matt Greenwood of St. Clairsville, Nick Miller of Shenandoah, Ben Howell of Union Local and Alex Krupa of Shadyside; third row, Dalton Hoover of Martins Ferry, Koby Berger of Cambridge, Lucas Donley of Union Local, Rayquan Prayear of Martins Ferry, Jacob Morgan of Beaver Local, Dylan Hanson of Shadyside, Andy Waggoner of Indian Creek and John Hawley of St. Clairsville; fourth row, Demetrius Dokes of Martins Ferry, Cody Ray of Union Local, Hunter Bodkin of Martins Ferry, Alex Webb of Monroe Central, Geno Drake of St. Clairsville, Luc Baker of River, Easton Black of Meadowbrook and Aaron Robinson of Indian Creek; back row, assistant coaches Bernie Thompson, Randy Thompson and Vaughn Butler, head coach Bruce Stiles, assistant coaches Jeff Stewart, Rick Barnhouse and Anthony Rocchio.



Queen of Queen candidates, the announcement of the Rudy Mumley Memorial Scholar Athlete Scholarships will take place.

— A free youth football clinic will take place Saturday at the stadium, with registration from 12-12:45 p.m. and the clinic taking place from 1-2:30. Several OVAC football coaches, including members of Coach Chris Daugherty's Wheeling Park High School football staff, will participate along with the Bethany College staff. The instructors will teach the basic fundamentals of football with a focus on building self-esteem. The clinic is free and open to boys and girls ages 6-13. Parents or legal guardians are required to have insurance and be present to sign a waiver form.

— Halftime festivities will include a performance by the OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band featuring some 124 local musicians and the crowning of the Queen of Queens from a field of 22 candidates who took part in the talent show Thursday at the Capitol Theater in downtown Wheeling.

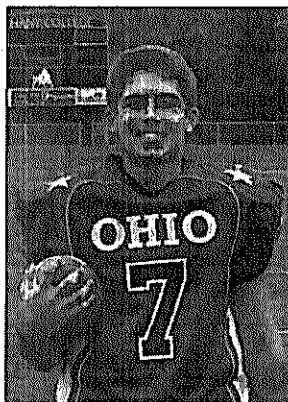
— Bob Koch is once again the Game Director

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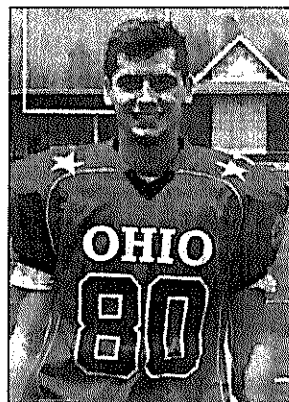
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Selected as captains for the Buckeyes were Ohio captains include Dalton Hoover of Martins Ferry,



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Luc Baker of River and the Steubenville duo of Jamaal Petteway and Jonathan Blackmon.



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EXTRA POINTS — For tonight's pep rally (free admission), the gates opening at 5 p.m. and the



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and he's joined by Joyce Jingle, Queen of Queens Coordinator; Ben McPherson, McDonald's All-Star Band Coordinator; Dr. Dianna Vargo, George Strager Evening with the Stars Coordinator; and Chuck Taskalines, 25-Year Reunion Coordinator.

— The cheering coaches are Stephanie Wineman of Steubenville (Ohio) and Shawna Shepherd and Dana Mele of Wheeling Park (West Virginia).

— Officials for the game are

Dan Harbaugh (Mason-Dixon Board/Morgantown) as the referee; Calvin Platt-Wicker (West Virginia-Ohio Board/Weirton) as the umpire; Jason Harrold (Columbiana Board/East Liverpool) as the linesman; Michael Lee (Ohio Valley Board/Wheeling) as the line judge; Alan Cox (West Virginia-Ohio Board/Weirton) as the field judge; Ramsey Rahi (Ohio Valley Board/Wheeling) as the side judge; and Mark Eisenbarth (Ohio-West Virginia Board/Parkersburg) as the back judge.

— The honorary official is Art Musicaro of Wheeling and this year's program is dedicated to Vargo.

— Members of the 1968

team will be recognized as part of a 50-year reunion. Local players included on the Ohio team that year — coached by Barnesville's Harold Mercer — were Dave Grimes, Dan Hannahs, Charles Morrison and Arthur Reed, who all played for the Shamrocks.

— In 47 years, the game has donated \$924,800 to charity organizations and scholarships throughout the Ohio Valley.

— Tickets for the game, which kicks off at 7:15 p.m., can be purchased at the gate for \$10.

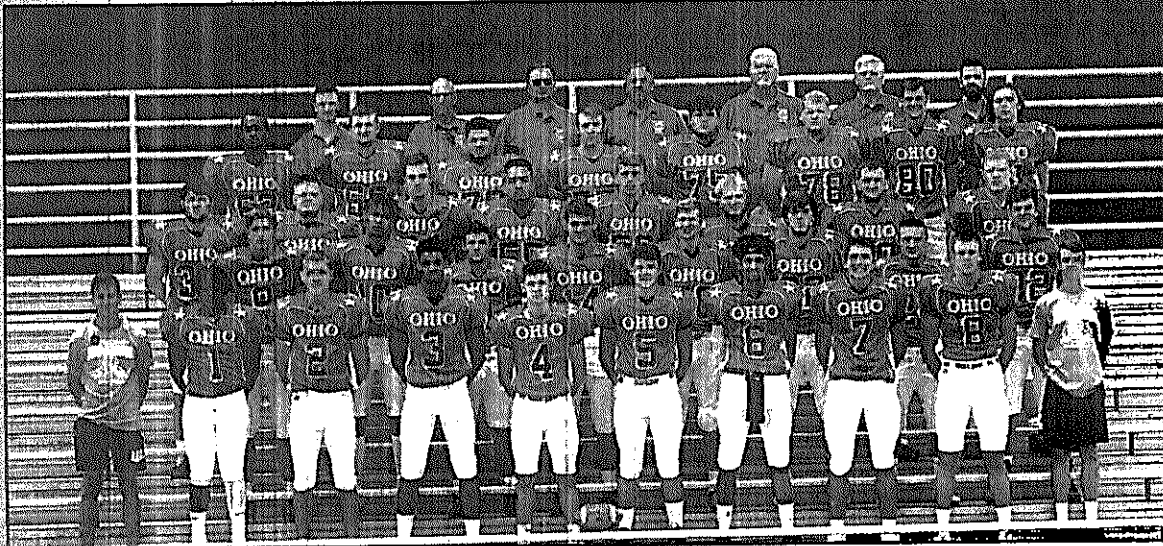
— For those unable to attend, the game will air live on WTOV-TV9.

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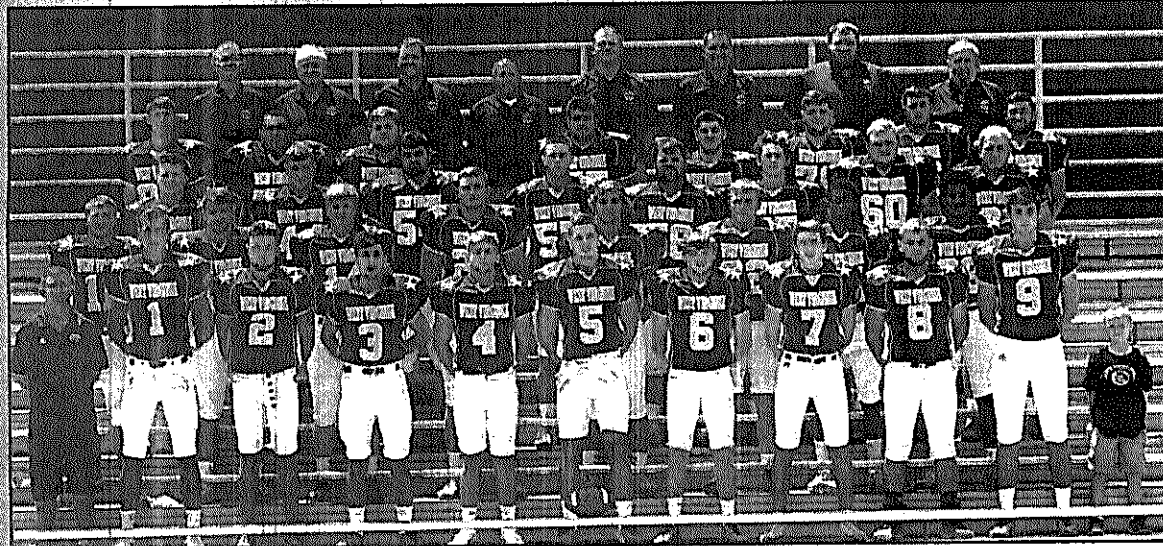
73ND ANNUAL OVAC RUDY MUMLEY ALL-STAR CHARITY CLASSIC OHIO VS. WEST VIRGINIA



Saturday, July 28, 2018 • Kickoff 7:15 p.m. • Wheeling Island Stadium



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PICTURED IS team West Virginia for the 73rd OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game. Front row, from left, are manager Robert Miroslaw, Ethan Secrist of Brooke, Clay Bailey of University, Nick Falbo of Linsly, Vic Giovengo of Linsly, Brooks Parsons of Magnolia, Owen Zelders of University, Nate Phillips of Wheeling Park, Ronnie Durrah of John Marshall, Colby Brown of Cameron and manager Blaise Holt. Second row, from left, are Trey Scott of Cameron, Derek Hess of John Marshall, Pat Brown of Wheeling Central, Nick Coulter of John Marshall, Dawson Wear of Wheeling Central, Hunter Partridge of Magnolia, Jaylon Bridges of Weir and Lorenzo Clark of Wheeling Park; third row, Tyler Mack of Weir, Collin Williams of Oak Glen, Neil McKnight of Morgantown, Cole Streyke of Morgantown, Benji Steele of Clay-Battelle, Hayden Starcher of University, Bratt Donohew of Wheeling Park and Austin Lowe of Wheeling Park; fourth row, Wyatt Wingrove of Cameron, Mac Raymond of Madonna, Ryan Ekey of Madonna, Luke Lawrence of Wheeling Central, Andrew Simonton of John Marshall, Dawson Melling of Linsly, Mason Rhea of Weir and Drew Lowery of Morgantown. Back row, from left, are assistant coaches Matt Wiseman, Gibbs Davidson, Roger Cain, Matt Burge, head coach Scott Holt, assistant coaches Eric James, L.J. Winland and Mike Ramsden.

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Free OVAC Football Clinic Coming Up

WHEELING — To kick-off the beginning of the 2018-19 'SUBWAY Sports Clinic Series' the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will be hosting its annual free youth football clinic in conjunction with the 'Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic presented by Huntington Bank & WTOV9.' The clinic will take place the day of the game on Saturday, July 28, at the Wheeling Island Stadium. Registration will take place at the Stadium from noon to 12:45 p.m. The clinic will last from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. and will be directed by OVAC football coaches, including members of Coach Chris Daugherty's Wheeling Park High School football staff. Additionally, Bethany College Football staff will assist with the clinic. The instructors will teach the basic fundamentals of football with a focus on building self-esteem. The clinic is free and open to boys and girls ages 6-13. Parents or legal guardians are required to have insurance and be present the day of the clinic to sign a waiver form. For more information visit

www.OVAC.org, email: james@ssmlc.com or phone 304.639.1238. Along with SUBWAY the youth clinic is sponsored by Health Management Solutions and Paramount Preferred Solutions, AM 1600 WKKX, Wheeling Hospital, Bordas & Bordas, The Health Plan and the 'Family Talk About Drinking' initiative. The annual 'Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Charity Football Classic presented by Huntington Bank & WTOV9' is slated for Saturday, July 28, at the Wheeling Island Stadium with kickoff planned for 7:15 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.OVAC.org by clicking on the "GoFan" icon. The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is the largest functional high school athletic conference in the United States. It is comprised of 51 member schools with over 12,000 athletes and 22,000 students that stretches across two states (Ohio and West Virginia) and 16 counties. The OVAC sponsors 19 sports and recognizes 75 champions. The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is online at www.OVAC.org.

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Bubba Kapral
Executive Sports Editor

Hudson recalls OVAC, Bellaire grid memories

WHEELING – Football can evoke memories. Even a half-century later.

Dave Hudson can remember his gridiron playing days just like they were yesterday. Those playing days for the former Bellaire High star, however, ended nearly 50 years ago.

Hudson was one of the guests when the OVAC invited back players from the 1968 all-star classic. The 68-years-old, who looks like he could still be an effective gridder, recalls that Ohio won that contest while also oozing out vivid highlights from his brilliant career with the Big Reds, one in which earned him a grid scholarship to WVU.

While touching base on the OVAC game, Hudson couldn't resist talking about his grid time in the All-American Town.

"I owe everything to Coach (Don) Ault. I wouldn't have had the success if not for him. He was a great mentor and pushed me in a positive way. Coach Ault was truly concerned about my future, football-wise and after," Hudson said of his former Bellaire High grid boss. "He had great respect for family and his players. He was like a guidance counselor for me, guiding on what the best courses to take to get into college. I would not have went to college if not for Coach Ault. He just turned 90 last week.

"Ohio State, Marshall and a lot of other schools were recruiting me. He steered me toward WVU. Although I blew my knee out early on at WVU, the school did a great deal for me. I would not have ended up as vice-president of one of the largest underground coal companies (Consol) in the nation if not for Coach Ault and WVU," he added. "He left (Bellaire High) after our junior year and went to Marshall. That Big Reds' team was one of the greatest in Ohio Valley history. We went 9-1, blowing a late-game lead to Washington (Pa.) in the final two minutes."

Hudson, a sledgehammer of a fullback and punishing linebacker, and his Big Reds teammates welcomed Rudy Sharkey his senior season. It was a far cry from the Ault era.

Bellaire won just two games in Sharkey's maiden campaign, defeating Moundsville and Martins Ferry. Hudson relishes the fact that he never lost to the arch-rival Purple Riders. Despite Bellaire's lowly record, Hudson was selected to play in the OVAC All-Star Game.

"We won the OVAC game 6-0. We thought going in we were just going to run all over them. In addition to me in the back-

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T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

UNION LOCAL head football coach Bernie Thompson (center) had a busy week. He served as an assistant coach in Saturday's OVAC All-Star Game. He also spent time in Morristown with his Jets. Thompson is flanked by Cal Kildow (left) and Kane Kildow. They served as managers for Team Ohio during the week at Bethany College.

No rest for the weary

• Fresh off OVAC Game, Thompson set for doubles at UL

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING – The last four or so months have been an absolute whirlwind for Bernie Thompson.

And there's no slowing down anywhere in the near future.

But, that's quite OK for the Union Local Jets' head football coach.

"When I first got the job, everyone told me how fast things would go," Thompson said. "It's gone even faster than that."

With the start of his first training camp as head coach just 24 hours away, Thompson had no time to sneak in any last few seconds of relaxation last week.

"It was a busy week," Thompson said. Indeed.

After all, Thompson was pulling double and, on some days, triple duty. Along with preparing his Jets players with weight lifting and conditioning, he spent the week as part of the Ohio coaching staff at the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, working under now retired UL head coach Bruce Stiles. He also had to work a couple of days at his full-time job at the Belmont County Courthouse.

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– Bernie Thompson
Union Local Head Coach

Thompson said. "I knew how special of an experience this game was for me, as a player, so when Coach Stiles got chosen to coach there was no doubt, in my mind, that I was going to come and help coach, too."

Thompson was a team captain in the 2010 OVAC All-Star Game in what was Dave Bruney's final time as the Ohio head coach.

"This game was so impactful to me and when I thought about the chance to be involved, I wanted to be a part of it just to be able to try do my best to help some of these kids have the same wonderful experiences that I did," Thompson said.

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There were several times when he was excused, by Stiles, from OVAC camp to head back to Belmont County to check in with his 2018 Jets.

"Our guys definitely didn't get the week off since I was at OVAC camp," Thompson smiled. "They worked hard. Our kids are young, but they've had a great summer and we'll just continue to work hard in everything we do."

Even when he wasn't physically there, he was quick to check in with his team and its leaders.

"Multiple times I day, I talked to our coaches and I contacted some of the kids, too," Thompson said. "I guess I am a personal guy, so I would send text messages to my players and just ask them how the day went, how the workout was, that kind of thing."

Though a few of his assistant coaches were also part of the Buckeye State staff, a handful of the Jets' coaches remained in Morristown to oversee the team in Thompson's absence.

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The meet, however, will be staged at a new site. OVAC CC and Track Commissioner Dugan Hill and Executive Director Tom Rataiczak both confirmed that the conference championship will be staged at Cambridge High School's 3.1 mile course.

This was a move that many knew was coming sooner than later after Meadowbrook announced it would be withdrawing from the OVAC to join



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Following Friday's practice, Browns coach Hue Jackson would not comment on whether Cleveland's interest in Bryant has progressed to contract talks. On Wednesday, general manager John Dorsey said Bryant was under consideration.

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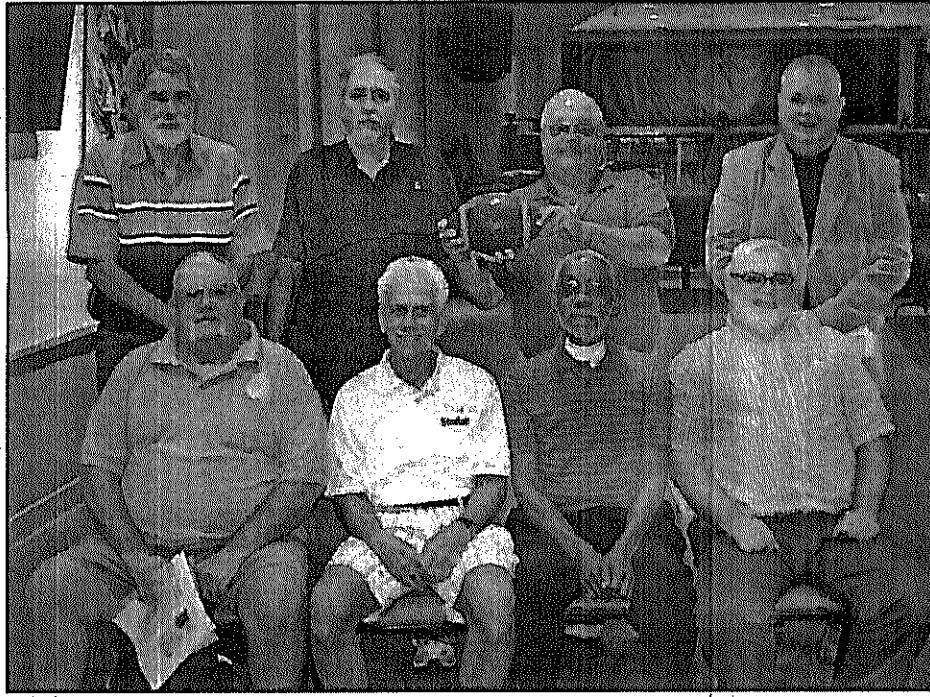
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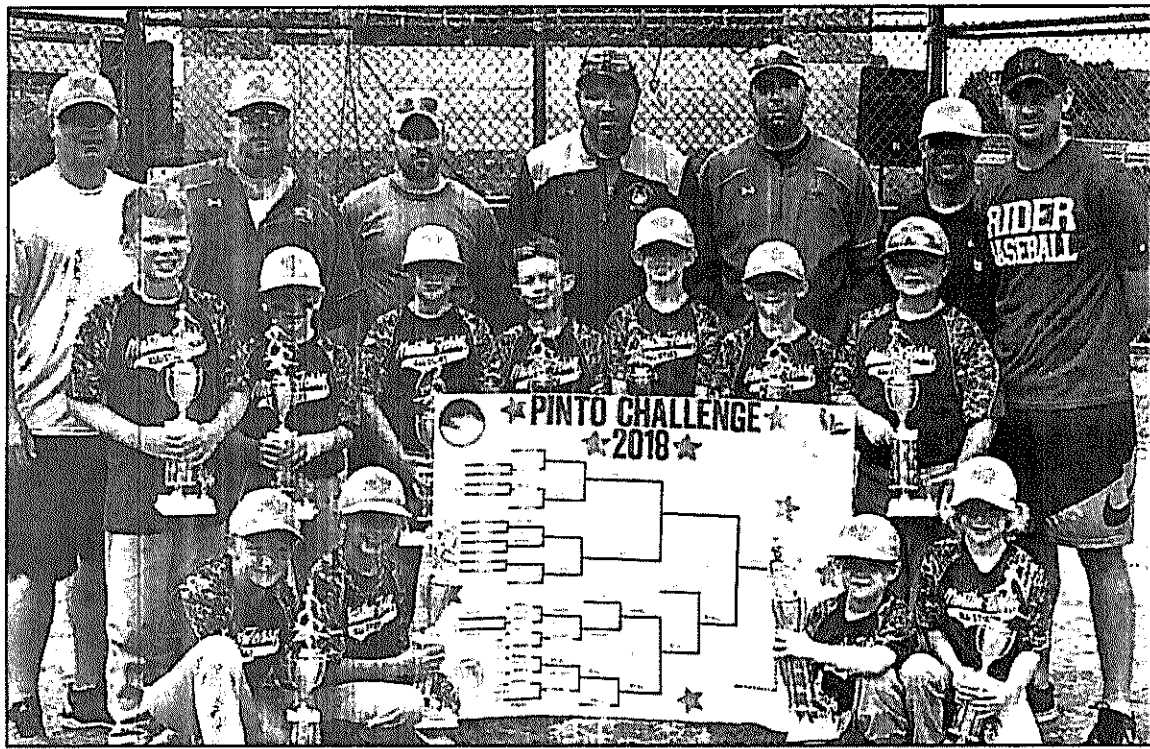
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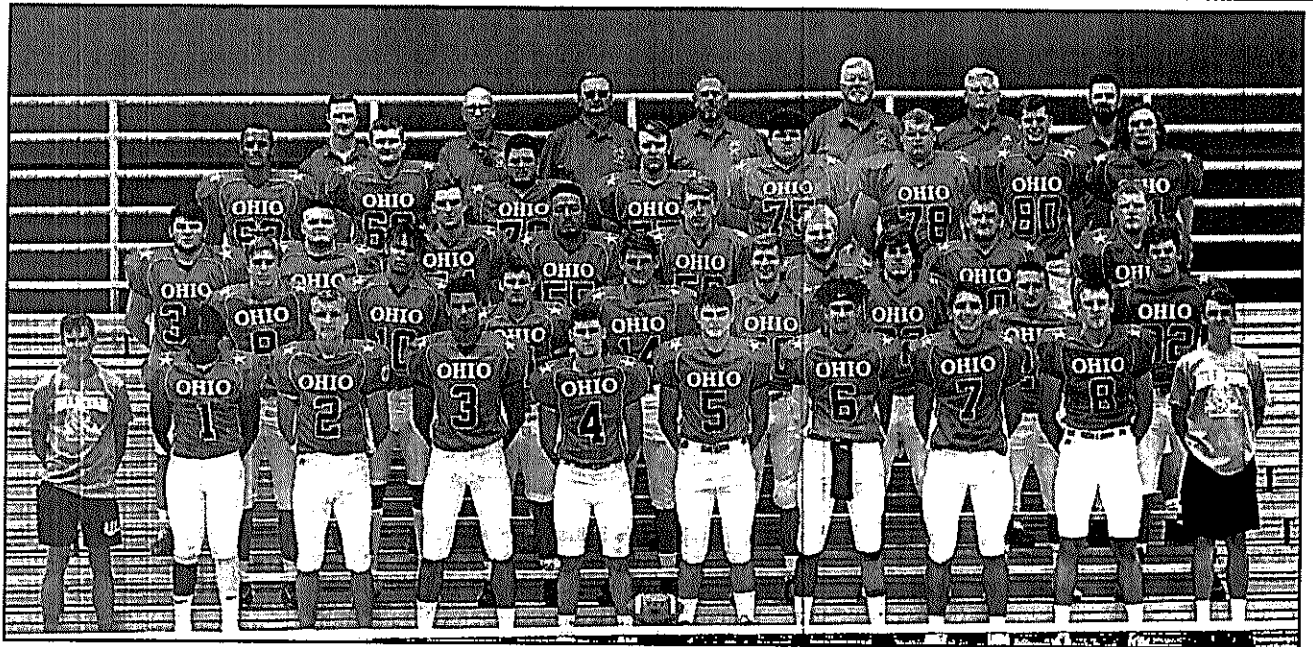
SPORTS

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OVAC All Stars set to shine

73rd Mumley Game kicks off at 7:15 p.m.

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"Our kids are itching to play a game," Stiles said. "It's been a great week. They've had a good time and built a lot of relationships, but we could just sense (Friday) at our final practice that the kids are ready to go."

Holt's Mountaineer squad is feeling the same way.

"We've had a great time with these kids and it'll be tough to see it end, and as much fun as we've had, we've still gotten a team ready to play a football game and that's why they came," Holt said. "These kids will carry memories of this week with them forever, but getting a win will make a great memory, too."

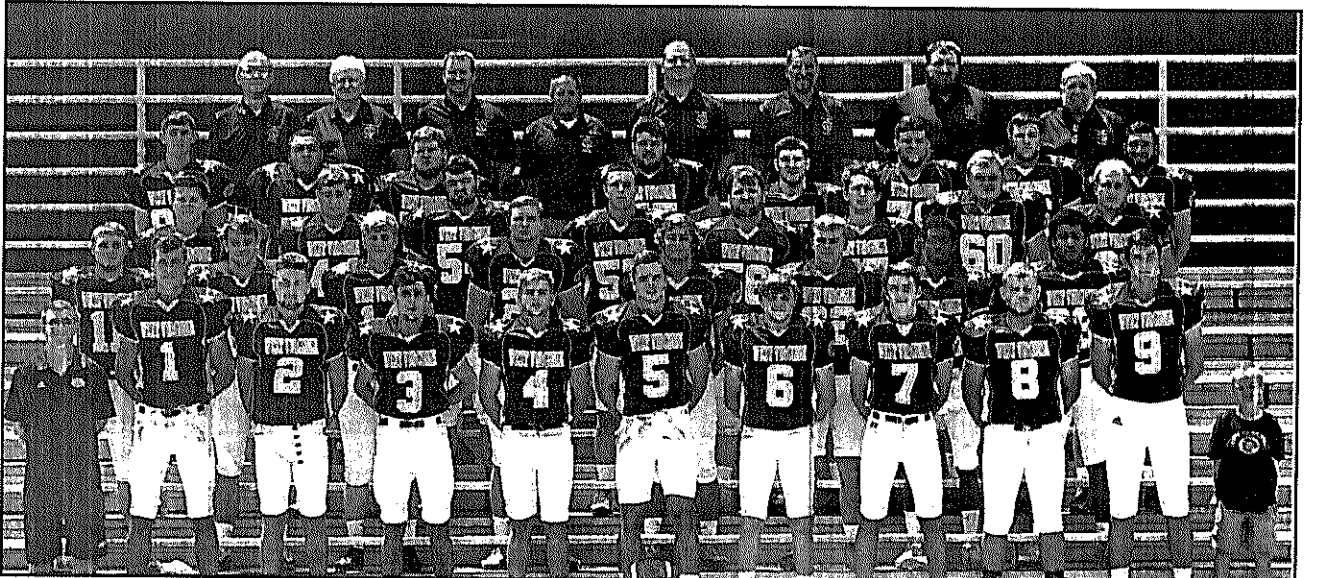
Regardless of the experiences, all 65 players in camp this week want to win the game. Ohio owns the overall upperhand in the series with a 43-28-1 edge, but West Virginia has narrowed that gap each of the last three seasons. Ohio's last victory came in 2014. The Mountain State posted an exciting 20-13 victory last season when Isaac Rine found John Burkhalter on a late touchdown pass.

"It's been a while (since Ohio won)," Stiles said. "We've prepared well, our kids know the system and we really like our team, so we'll have to go out and see what happens."

If West Virginia is to continue its winning streak, Holt believes the play in the trenches will be where the difference lies. According to Holt, West Virginia will have nary an offensive lineman playing in the same position he held for his high school team in 2017.

"We play a little bit differently (at Cameron) and we do more pulling, trapping and probably zone block more than most small schools," Holt said. "We took kids who fit that system, so these

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When that distinction comes because your team voted for you, it carries even more weight.

Each team voted during their camps at Bethany College to determine who would represent it at midfield for the ceremonial coin flip.

Representing Ohio will be Jamaal Petteway (Steubenville), Luc Baker (River), Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry) and Jonathan Blackmon (Steubenville).

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INJURY REPORT

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The site of the game actually doesn't matter to neither Bruce Stiles' Ohio squad nor Scott Holt's West Virginia side. After spending the last week in camp at Bethany College, both teams are simply ready to go.

"Our kids are itching to play a game," Stiles said. "It's been a great week. They've had a good time and built a lot of relationships, but we could just sense (Friday) at our final practice that the kids are ready to go."

Holt's Mountaineer squad is feeling the same way.

"We've had a great time with these kids and it'll be tough to see it end, and as much fun as we've had, we've still gotten a team ready to play a football game and that's why they came," Holt said. "These kids will carry memories of this week with them forever, but getting a win will make a great memory, too."

Regardless of the experiences, all 65 players in camp this week want to win the game. Ohio owns the overall upperhand in the series with a 43-28-1 edge, but West Virginia has narrowed that gap each of the last three seasons. Ohio's last victory came in 2014. The Mountain State posted an exciting 20-13 victory last season when Isaac Rine found John Burkhalter on a late touchdown pass.

"It's been a while (since Ohio won)," Stiles said. "We've prepared well, our kids know the system and we really like our team, so we'll have to go out and see what happens."

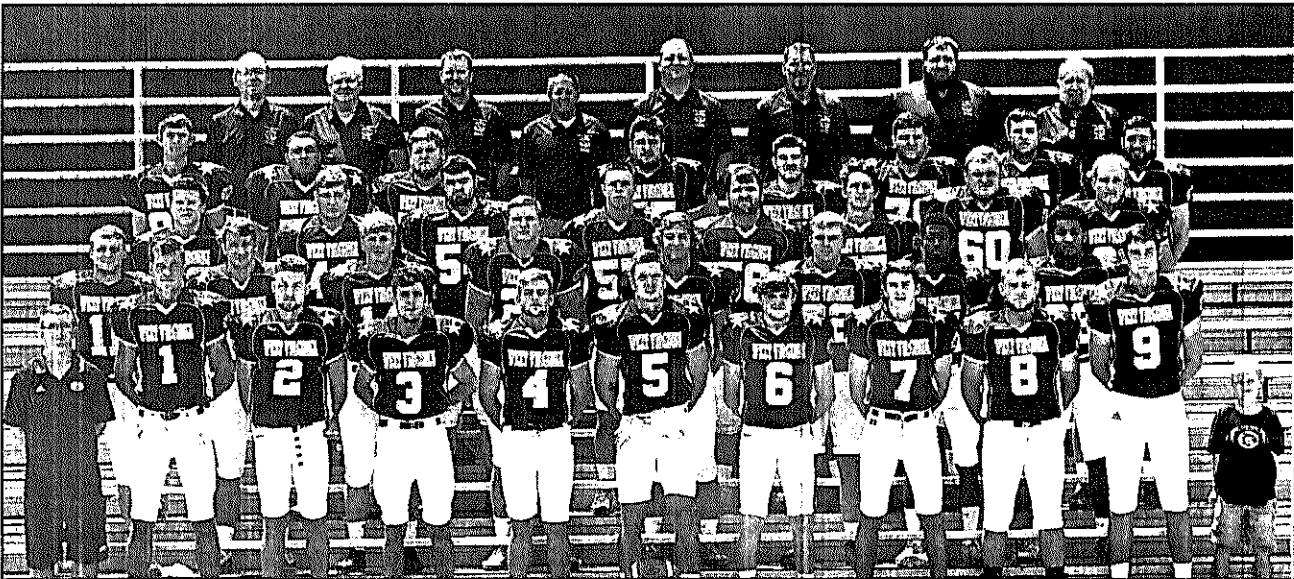
If West Virginia is to continue its winning streak, Holt believes the play in the trenches will be where the difference lies. According to Holt, West Virginia will have nary an offensive lineman playing in the same position he held for his high school team in 2017.

"We play a little bit differently (at Cameron) and we do more pulling, trapping and probably zone block more than most small schools," Holt said. "We took kids who fit that system, so these

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PICTURED IS team Ohio for the 73rd OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game. Front row, from left, are manager Cal Kildow, Jamaal Petteway (Steubenville), Ryan LaFollette (Monroe Central), Jonathan Blackmon (Steubenville), Bradan Lucas (Union Local), Thor Duffy (Bellaire), DeJuan Caldwell (Harrison Central), Bobby Feyko (Meadowbrook), Jake Keenan (Toronto) and manager Kane Kildow (Union Local). Second row, from left, are Caden Arbaugh (Harrison Central), Levi Thompson (Steubenville Catholic), Michael Loy (East Liverpool), Josh Dulesky (Buckeye Local), Matt Greenwood (St. Clairsville), Nick Miller (Shenandoah), Ben Howell (Union Local) and Alex Krupa (Shadyside). Third row, from left, are Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry), Koby Berger (Cambridge), Lucas Donley (Union Local), Rayquan Prayear (Martins Ferry), Jacob Morgan (Beaver Local), Dylan Hanson (Shadyside), Andy Waggoner (Indian Creek) and John Hawley (St. Clairsville). Fourth row, from left, are Demetrius Dokes (Martins Ferry), Cody Ray (Union Local), Hunter Bodkin (Martins Ferry), Alex Webb (Monroe Central), Geno Drake (St. Clairsville), Luc Baker (River), Easton Black (Meadowbrook) and Aaron Robinson (Indian Creek). Back row, from left, are assistant coaches Bernie Thompson, Randy Thompson and Vaughn Butler, head coach Bruce Stiles, assistant coaches Jeff Stewart, Rick Barnhouse and Anthony Rocchio.

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PICTURED ARE the Ohio captains for tonight's 73rd annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game, which will kick off at 7:30 Wheeling Island Stadium. From left are Jonathan Blackmon (Steubenville), Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry), Jamaal Petteway (Steubenville) and Luc Baker (River).

OVAC All-Star Game Notebook Team captains set to lead squads

By **SETH STASKEY**
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WHEELING – No matter the game or team, being chosen as a captain is a definite honor.

When that distinction comes because your team voted for you, it carries even more weight.

Each team voted during their camps at Bethany College to determine who would represent it at midfield for the ceremonial coin flip.

Representing Ohio will be Jamaal Petteway (Steubenville), Luc Baker (River), Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry) and Jonathan Blackmon (Steubenville).

On the Mountain State side of the flip will be Colby Brown (Cameron), Clay Bailey (University), Nick Coulter (John Marshall) and Dereck Hess (John Marshall).

INJURY REPORT

Both teams enter the game fairly healthy as neither coach put his team through much contact this week. However, Ohio will be down two players from the allotted 33.

Indian Creek's Andy Waggoner has been ruled out for this evening with a wrist injury.

"We've promoted him to assistant coach," Stiles said. "It's a shame that he won't be able to play. He's a tough kid, but since he's going to

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Linsly duo puts Ohio roots aside for OVAC Game

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BETHANY – Nick Falbo and Dawson Mellinger will fulfill a dream tonight when they suit up to play in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

It just so happens, though, neither's dream turned out just how it was originally portrayed.

Both have attended many OVAC Games, sitting on the Ohio side, rooting for the Buckeye State. After all they attended St. Clairsville and Union Local, respectively, before opting to enroll at Linsly.

When they step onto the turf tonight for the 7:15 kickoff, they'll wear the Mountain State's Blue and Gold,

representing Linsly School. Both admitted that it's a weird feeling leaving the scarlet and gray behind ... at least for a night.

"I don't think I even went over to the West Virginia side when I've attended this game," Falbo, who resides in St. Clairsville, joked. "I just didn't know anyone over there, but I am excited to be on that side now."

Falbo transferred to Linsly for his junior and senior seasons after enjoying a solid sophomore campaign at St. Clairsville.

As a Cadet, Falbo shined at running back and linebacker for Coach B.J. Depew's team. He will get the start at free safety for the Mountaineers this evening.

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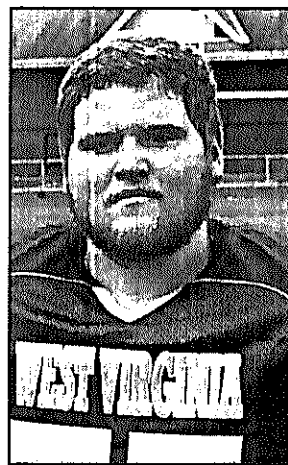
time to shine on the Ohio Valley gridiron.

"I've been waiting a long time on this opportunity to play in this game," Falbo said. "I can't wait. I love the atmosphere that comes with this game and the chance to play in it is something that I am really excited about."

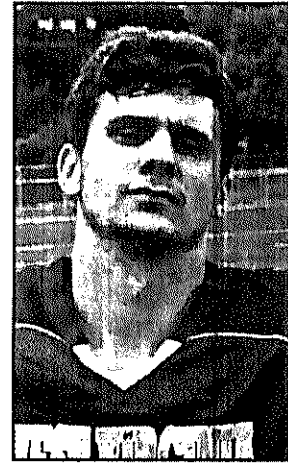
Ironically, when Falbo was first thinking about going to Linsly, he shadowed with Mellinger during his visits to the Leatherwood campus.

"I knew Nick a little bit from when we were growing up and playing sports and stuff, but we really got to know each other during that visit," Mellinger said. "It's exciting to be able to play with him and Vic (Giovengo) one more time."

Mellinger's decision to go to Linsly. See, **LINSLY**, Page B2



DAWSON MELLINGER
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Offensive Line



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Defensive Back

OVAC BAND

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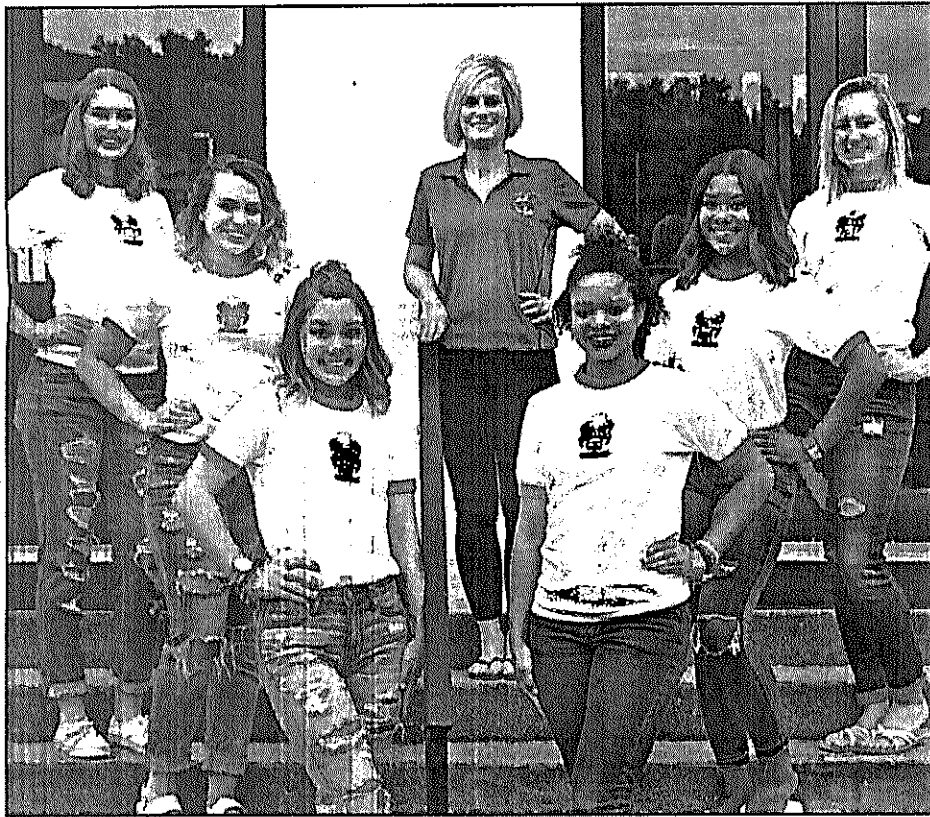


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guys might be out of position for their teams, but if they had played at Cameron, the spot they're playing (in the game) would be where they'd play for us."

With Dragon alumnus Colby Brown at the controls at quarterback and University's Clay Bailey also expected to see plenty of action, Holt is looking to get his plethora of speed and skill on the outside involved early and often.

"We're going to need production from the outside," Holt said. "We need those kids to produce for us."

At the quarterbacks' disposal will be the likes of Dereck Hess (John Marshall) and Rennie Clark (Wheeling Park) at running back. On the perimeter, Ethan Secrist (Brooke), Brooks Parsons (Magnolia) and Nate Phillips (Wheeling Park) are expected to get plenty of opportunities to catch passes.

The line will be comprised of center Mason Rice (Weir), right guard Ryan Ekey (Madonna), left guard Dawson Mellinger (Linsly), right tackle Cole Streyle (Morgantown) and left tackle Austin Loew (Wheeling Park).

"Most of the teams we play (during the season) at Cameron do not use a 4-3 defense like Union Local and Coach Stiles do, so we actually relied on input from some of the kids," Holt said. "We asked what they liked and did against that scheme and used that information. It's been a total team effort not just on the kids switching positions, but also how we're going to try to get something going against Ohio."

Don't be surprised if West Virginia tries to dial something big up early because Stiles admitted that there will be adjustments made defensively as the game unfolds.

"We've spent so much time (in camp) working on us that we really didn't prepare much for what West Virginia may do," Stiles said. "My goal was to make us the best we can and then adjust. I am sure West Virginia is well prepared and I know from seeing them walk around at camp, they have some impressive athletes."

Stiles also pointed out that the Buckeyes' offense is ahead of the defense. He put some of that on himself because he's coordinating the defense for the first time in several seasons.

"There's been a learning curve for me getting back into running a defense," Stiles said. "I am doing some things that I've never done before."

At defensive end, Ohio will utilize a mixture of Demetrius Dokes (Martins Ferry), Rayquan Prayear (Martins Ferry) and Alex Krupa (Shadyside), while Alex Webb (Monroe Central) and Geno Drake (St. Clairsville) will get the start at defensive tackle.

The linebacking crew will be led by Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry) and Koby Berger (Cambridge), while Levi Thompson (Steubenville Central) and Jamaal Petteaway (Steubenville) will be in the mix at strong safety. Caden Arbaugh (Harrison Central), Easton Black (Meadowbrook), Michael Loy (East Liverpool) and Braden Lucas (Union Local) will all see quality action in the secondary.

Ohio's offense is going to try to establish the run and then go from there, according to Stiles.

"There are no secrets with me," Stiles said. "We have to establish the run, but we do feel comfortable that we can throw the ball, too. We're going to try to have some fun with this offense."

Ryan LaFollette (Monroe Central) is expected to see the first opportunity at quarterback. Jonathan Blackmon (Steubenville), Nick Miller (Shenandoah) and Ben Howell (Union Local) are ticketed for the backfield.

Bobby Feyko (Meadowbrook), Jake Keenan (Toronto), Josh Dulesky (Buckeye Local) and DeJuan Caldwell (Harrison Central) were named at receiver. Caldwell will also be LaFollette's chief understudy.

Up front, the Buckeye State is going with a combination of Dylan Hanson (Shadyside), Jacob Donley (Union Local), Luc Baker (River), Hunter Bodkin (Martins Ferry), John Hawley (St. Clairsville).

West Virginia's defense, meanwhile, is similar to Ohio in the sense that it's behind the offense.

"We've focused on offense so much this week in finding a way to move the ball that we ended up backloading the week with defensive work," Holt said. "We have capable kids on defense and we've developed a good trust with these kids. It's just a matter of giving them the game plan of what we expect to see."

Holt raved about his linebacking crew, which is comprised of Vic Giovento (Linsly), Wyatt Wingrove (Cameron) and Nick Coulter (John Marshall). The outside linebackers are the Wheeling Central duo of Dawson Wear and Pat Brown. Up front, Loew is the lone player in the game expected to start both ways. Hayden Starcher (University) is the other end, while Brett Donohew (Wheeling Park) is the defensive tackle.

In the secondary, Nick Falbo (Linsly), Jaylon Bridges (Weir) and Trey Scott (Cameron) are slated for safety and the two corners, respectively.

Matt Greenwood (St. Clairsville) will handle the Ohio kicking duties, while Collin Williams (Oak Glen) is the West Virginia specialist.

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play in college, we told him he probably needs to focus on getting it healthy. But, he's still going to help us (Saturday)."

Stiles also reported that Martins Ferry's Demetrius Dokes is nursing a finger problem, but will play.

Ohio's other loss was Shadyside graduate Colton Stutzman, who didn't report to camp last week because of an unforeseen circumstance.

West Virginia's injury report included nary a name, which Holt was happy to report.

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He had received an eight-year deal worth at least \$65 million in May 2017.

Then Saban claimed his fifth title with the Crimson Tide in January with a come-from-behind overtime win over Georgia, thanks to a halftime quarterback switch that paid off.

• Linsly

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ly had nothing to do with athletics. Football was simply a bonus for him.

"It was academics," Mellinger said. "I wanted to focus and be challenged more from an academic standpoint."

Entering his sophomore year, Mellinger transferred from Union Local.

"It was definitely a transition," Mellinger said. "Leaving all my friends and buddies was tough after coming all the way up with them into high school. But, I still keep in touch with some of them, which is nice."

Mellinger said he was welcomed to Linsly with open arms by everyone from the students, faculty and administration.

"Linsly took me into their family and that's what the school is ... a family," Mellinger said. "I was able to find my niche there and it's where I wanted to be."

Mellinger will line up along the offensive line tonight for the Mountain State, getting the start at left guard.

adjustments made defensively as the game unfolded. "We've spent so much time (in camp) working on us that we really didn't prepare much for what West Virginia may do," Stiles said. "My goal was to make us the best we can and then adjust. I am sure West Virginia is well prepared and I know from seeing them walk around at camp, they have some impressive athletes."

Stiles also pointed out that the Buckeyes' offense is ahead of the defense. He put some of that on himself because he's coordinating the defense for the first time in several seasons.

"There's been a learning curve for me getting back into running a defense," Stiles said. "I am doing some things that I've never done before."

At defensive end, Ohio will utilize a mixture of Demetrius Dokes (Martins Ferry), Rayquan Prayear (Martins Ferry) and Alex Krupa (Shadyside), while Alex Webb (Monroe Central) and Geno Drake (St. Clairsville) will get the start at defensive tackle.

The linebacking crew will be led by Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry) and Koby Berger (Cambridge), while Levi Thompson (Steubenville Central) and Jamaal Petteway (Steubenville) will be in the mix at strong safety. Caden Arbaugh (Harrison Central), Easton Black (Meadowbrook), Michael Loy (East Liverpool) and Braden Lucas (Union Local) will all see quality action in the secondary.

Ohio's offense is going to try to establish the run and then go from there, according to Stiles.

"There are no secrets with me," Stiles said. "We have to establish the run, but we do feel comfortable that we can throw the ball, too. We're going to try to have some fun with this offense."

Ryan LaFollette (Monroe Central) is expected to see the first opportunity at quarterback. Jonathan Blackmon (Steubenville), Nick Miller (Shenandoah) and Ben Howell (Union Local) are ticketed for the backfield.

Bobby Feyko (Meadowbrook), Jake Keenan (Toronto), Josh Dulesky (Buckeye Local) and DeJuan Caldwell (Harrison Central) were named at receiver. Caldwell will also be LaFollette's chief understudy.

Up front, the Buckeye State is going with a combination of Dylan Hanson (Shadyside), Jacob Donley (Union Local), Luc Baker (River), Hunter Bodkin (Martins Ferry), John Hawley (St. Clairsville).

West Virginia's defense, meanwhile, is similar to Ohio in the sense that it's behind the offense.

"We've focused on offense so much this week in finding a way to move the ball that we ended up backloading the week with defensive work," Holt said. "We have capable kids on defense and we've developed a good trust with these kids. It's just a matter of giving them the game plan of what we expect to see."

Holt raved about his linebacking crew, which is comprised of Vic Giovengo (Linsly), Wyatt Wingrove (Cameron) and Nick Coulter (John Marshall). The outside linebackers are the Wheeling Central duo of Dawson Wear and Pat Brown. Up front, Loew is the lone player in the game expected to start both ways. Hayden Starcher (University) is the other end, while Brett Donohew (Wheeling Park) is the defensive tackle.

In the secondary, Nick Falbo (Linsly), Jaylon Bridges (Weir) and Trey Scott (Cameron) are slated for safety and the two corners, respectively.

Matt Greenwood (St. Clairsville) will handle the Ohio kicking duties, while Collin Williams (Oak Glen) is the West Virginia specialist.

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play in college, we told him he probably needs to focus on getting it healthy. But, he's still going to help us (Saturday)."

Stiles also reported that Martins Ferry's Demetrius Dokes is nursing a finger problem, but will play.

Ohio's other loss was Shadyside graduate Colton Stutzman, who didn't report to camp last week because of an unforeseen circumstance.

West Virginia's injury report included nary a name, which Holt was happy to report.

WELCOME BACK

Members of the 1968 Ohio and West Virginia all-star teams will be recognized in the first quarter as they celebrate their 50th reunion. Ohio won the game that year, 6-0. Those players and queen candidates will be get a chance to play catch up this afternoon at a social event, which will be held at WesBanco Arena.

MEN IN STRIPES

The OVAC All-Star Game officiating crew includes a representative from every board that serves the conference. Included are referee Dan Harbaugh, Calvin Platt-Wicker, Jason Harrold, Michael Lee, Alan Cox, Ramsey Rahi and Mark Eisenbarth.

Harbaugh will serve as the white cap, but originally Sam DeMarco was chosen for the duty, but because of an injury he was forced to be replaced.

Art Musicaro of Wheeling will serve as the honorary official.

TAKING PART

The OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game includes a representative from all but 13 conference members. That includes the players, cheerleaders, band members and Queen of Queens candidates.

CHARITY GAME

The proceeds of the OVAC All-Star Game benefit charities and scholarships.

In 47 years, the game has donated \$942,800 to those funds.

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Ohio outlasts W.Va. to take bragging rights

By SHAWN RINE
For The Times Leader

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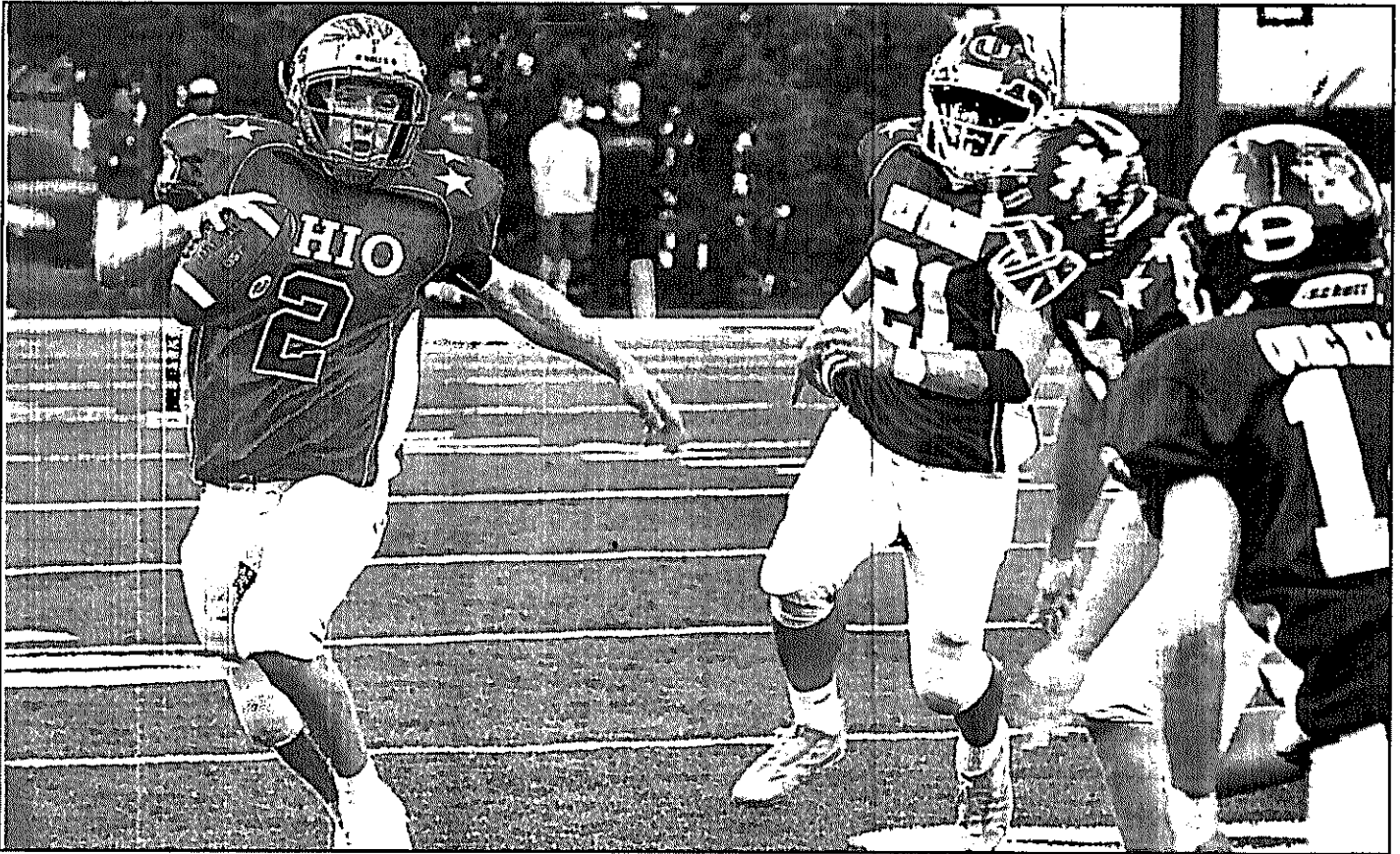
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ABOVE: Ohio quarterback Ryan LaFollette scrambles for yardage during Sunday's OVAC All-Star Game.

AT LEFT: Ohio head coach Bruce Stiles talks with Nick Miller during the game. Stiles is now retired as a football coach after guiding the Buckeyes to a 21-14 victory.

AT RIGHT: Ohio defensive back Caden Arbaugh goes up for an interception.

BELOW: Ohio running back Jonathan Blackmon runs toward a hole during the first half of Sunday's game.

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LaFollette was the unquestioned star of stars for Ohio

WHEELING — During the course of the 2017 high school season there were a handful of quarterbacks who many thought could get the call to serve as the leader of the Ohio squad in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game.

I'd be willing to bet that not too many — outside of Woodsfield anyway — thought that Monroe Central's Ryan LaFollette would be the guy.

That's no knock on LaFollette's ability. He had a brilliant senior season for now retired head coach Jay Circosta, earning all-Ohio acclaim. But, it was just his first full season at the position and he moved there basically out of necessity.

Necessity proved to be the common theme once again. Bruce Stiles admitted that the two quarterbacks he originally planned to take opted not to play in the game, citing their need



Seth Staskey
Sports Editor

to focus on their upcoming college sports careers.

So low and behold, LaFollette was back at quarterback. It's a decision that worked out brilliantly Saturday night at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"Not bad, huh?" Stiles smiled when asked about LaFollette's performance in the 21-14 Ohio victory. "What an athlete! We know coming in he was a good athlete, but he's really developed (physically) since the season. And his confidence has increased with that, too."

LaFollette showed up at all-star camp at Bethany College simply looking to do anything he could to

help Ohio win. He showed during the opening drive in which he engineered an 88-yard drive, which culminated when he threw over the top of the West Virginia defense for a 28-yard touchdown to Steubenville's Jamaal Petteway.

"That was a huge confidence booster for our team," LaFollette said. "We proved we could score and we could score fast. But, we had some times where we didn't move the ball well and that's a credit to West Virginia, but we went into halftime tied and it was a new game."

Knotted at 7, Ohio took the lead for good when LaFollette capped a drive with a 1-yard plunge. Earlier in that march, he had gains of 13 and 18 yards and also hooked up with Toronto's Jake Keenan for a 12-yard gain.

Whenever it seemed Ohio needed a play, it's quarterback made one for it.

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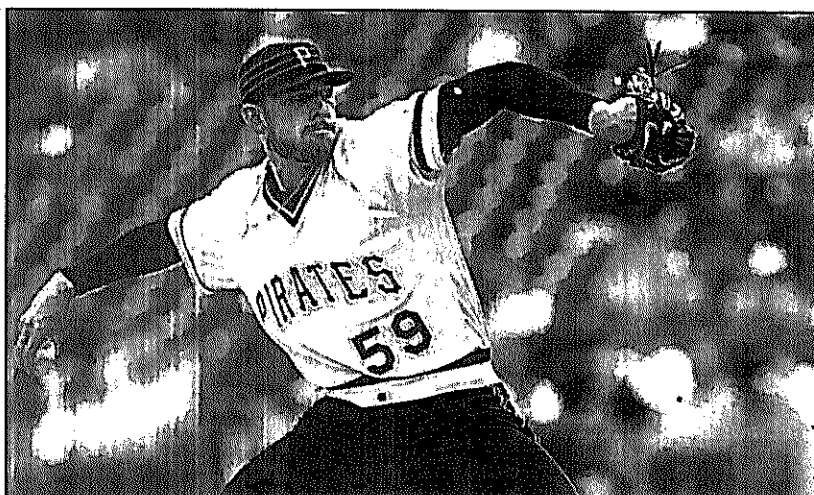


Wheeler, Mets stymie Bucs

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Zack Wheeler didn't receive much help from the New York Mets on offense. Luckily for the Mets, Wheeler was prepared to help himself.

The right-hander pitched six strong innings and drove in the lone run, leading New York to a 1-0 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday.

"I think being successful definitely helps," Wheeler said. "I have the same confidence, or same demean-



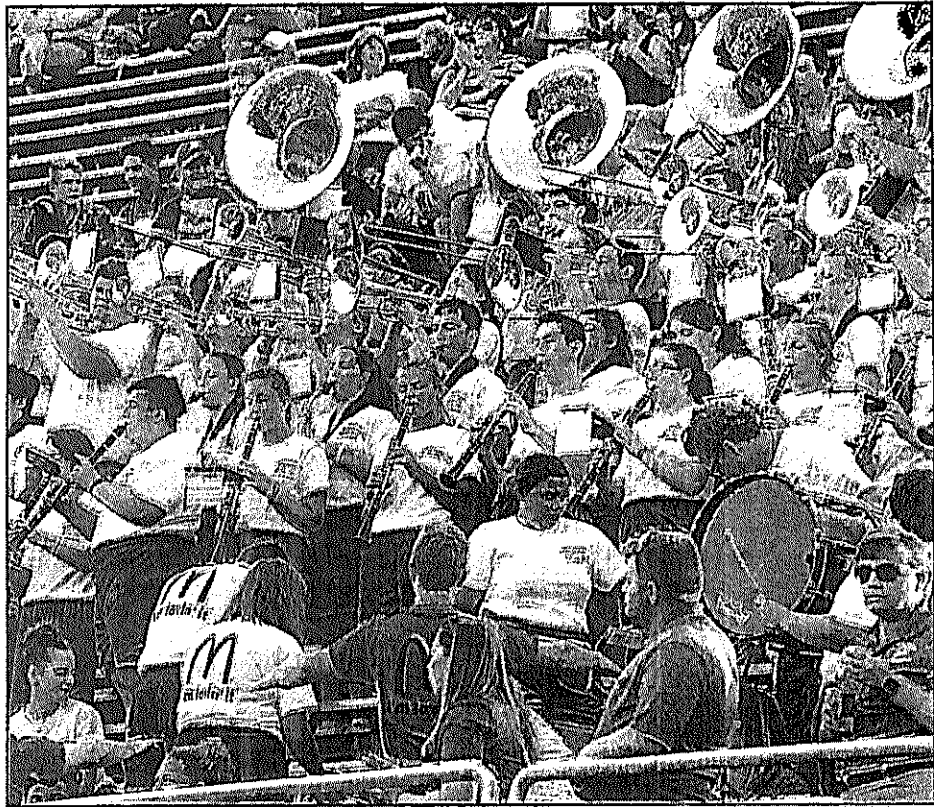
Indians stretch Central Division lead to nine

DETROIT (AP) — Terry Francona sounds confident that Corey Kluber will have another big second half for the Cleveland Indians.

Yonder Alonso, Melky Cabrera and Edwin Encarnacion all homered for Cleveland, and Kluber pitched into the eighth inning in an 8-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Sunday. It was a positive step for the star right-hander, who was coming off a couple unimpressive starts.

Last year, Kluber went 11-1 with a 1.79 ERA after the All-Star break, on his way to his second Cy Young Award. Francona has high hopes that his pitcher is rounding into form again.

"He will. He's going in the right direction, and he's not



Photo/SCOTT McCLOSKEY

THE OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band performs from the stands after an Ohio touchdown during the first quarter of Saturday's game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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Starting to seemingly put the game away, LaFollette's second rushing touchdown covered 26 yards and was a run in which he made several Mountaineers miss along the way.

It was really just a sign of things to come, too. LaFollette finished with an astounding 255 yards of total offense. He rushed 21 times for 119 yards and two touchdowns. He also completed all 11 of his passes for 136 yards and a touchdown.

And when you add all of that up, it resulted in being named the game's MVP, which is an award voted on by a fan vote via social media.

"That's just awesome," LaFollette said about being named MVP. "If you had asked me if I had a chance to be MVP, I would have said, 'no way' because of all of the ball players we have on this team. It's just amazing."

Compared to some all-star games, the players in the OVAC Game want to win in the worst way. On top of it being a cross-river rivalry, it's also the last chance many of the players will have to play a competitive football game.

"You spend an entire week at Bethany in camp putting in work just to be able to have the opportunity to play in a game like this in front of a lot of people ... (winning) is just a great accomplishment," LaFollette said. "We knew they had a lot of good athletes on their team, but we had a lot of good athletes, too. So, it was going to come down to who made the most plays."

LaFollette, however, isn't one of those players who's putting his equipment away. He's continuing his playing career at Wheeling Jesuit. Actually, he was one of eight players in the game who will be a part of the fledgling Cardinals' program.

There's no doubt in LaFollette's mind that he'll be able to contribute in some way at Jesuit.

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Though OVAC week is over, LaFollette

— like so many all stars before him — knows the memories of the game will last forever because of the relationships that were forged during the week.

"This week — no doubt — was a 10 out of 10," LaFollette said. "It was awesome. Football brings everyone together and I met a lot of guys who I will know the rest of my life and we'll be friends forever."

That thought alone makes winning and being the MVP secondary.

SETH'S SCOOPS

WHILE the OVAC Game marks the end of the careers of many of the players, this year's affair also marked the end of Bruce Stiles' coaching career. Retired from Union Local in the spring, Stiles won't have a problem filling his time.

"I am now a motorcycle rider," Stiles laughed. "It's nice to win your last game, but honestly, a coach always told me to not get too excited about your wins and not too down about your losses. I've honestly tried to (coach) that way throughout my career. All I do is try to put the kids in the right spots, they take over from there."

MARTINS FERRY'S Dalton Hoover turned in a brilliant performance on the defensive side. A future wrestler at Wheeling Jesuit, he was playing physical the entire game, including lowering the boom on a West Virginia defensive back after catching a short pass in the first half.

THE SIDELINES were littered with college coaches. West Liberty and Wheeling Jesuit had nearly their entire staffs on the field. Manny Matsakis — who is a Shadyside High School graduate — was on the sideline. He was recently hired as the head coach at Division III Defiance College in northwest Ohio.

LINSLEY'S Sophia Gretchen was crowned the 2018 Queen of Queens at halftime. Other area ladies to earn a spot on the court were St. Clairsville's Rhyanna Wiethe (Miss Congeniality) and Buckeye Local's Brianna Pasco (Fourth Runnerup).

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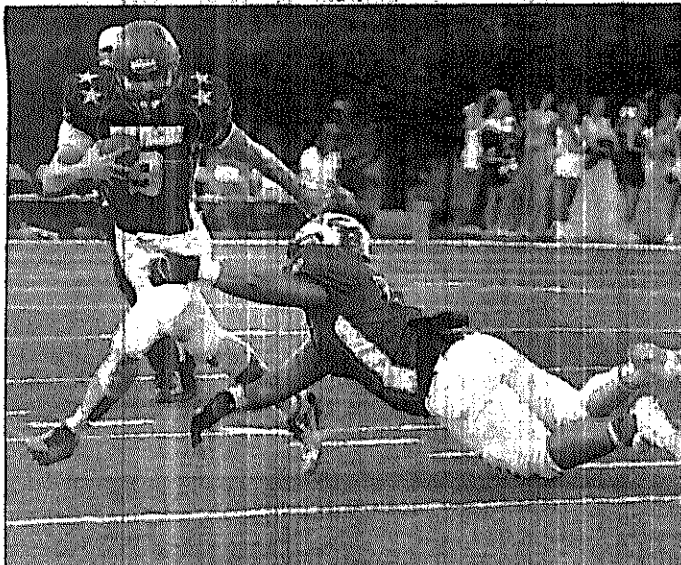
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Ohio Snaps Losing Skid In OVAC All-Star Game



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Ohio quarterback Ryan LaFollette looks for running room as West Virginia's Jaylon Bridges closes in. Below, clockwise: W.Va.'s Colby Brown escapes the outstretched arms of Rayquan Prayer. Wheeling Central's Pat Brown has a hold of Ohio's DeJuan Caldwell. Jonathan Blackmon of Steubenville fends off Nick Coulter of John Marshall.



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First Downs: Ohio 11, West Virginia 18.
Penalties: Ohio 6-65, West Virginia 4-35.



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The Ohio All-Stars celebrate following Saturday night's 21-14 victory over West Virginia in the 73rd OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

LaFollette shines as Ohio wins OVAC All-Star Game

By JEFF HARRISON
The Daily Jeffersonian

WHEELING, WV — Monroe Central's Ryan LaFollette came into Saturday night's 73rd OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game somewhat under the radar, but he left as the star of stars after leading Ohio to a 21-14 victory at Wheeling Island Stadium.

LaFollette completed a perfect 11-of-11 passes for 133 yards and rushed 21 times for 119 yards and he had a hand in all three Ohio scores with a 28-yard TD pass and scoring runs of one and 26 yards.

"I coached against him and I know he was overlooked a bit," said victorious Ohio coach Bruce Stiles, who had to scheme for LaFollette when Union Local faced Monroe Central. "He was probably one of the biggest surprises in camp physically because he's really put together.

"He's extremely athletic, but the best thing about him is that he's a great kid," added Stiles. "There's no ego with him...he just goes out there and plays hard."

Ohio's victory snapped a three-year streak of West Virginia victories and boosted the Buckeye State's series lead to 43-29-1, including a 29-17-1 mark under OVAC sponsorship (since 1972).

Ohio scored off the opening kickoff, traveling 88 yards in seven plays featuring runs of 14 and 12 yards by LaFollette and a 17-yard scamper by Steubenville's Jonathan Blackmon.

The score came when LaFollette hit Steubenville's Jamaal Petteway with a screen pass and the speedy Big Red turned it into a 28-yard touchdown. St. Clairsville's Matt Greenwood nailed the point-after kick to give the Buckeyes a 7-0 lead at the 8:39 mark of the first quarter.

West Virginia appeared on its way to a game-tying score on the ensuing possession thanks in part to a 31-yard pass from Cameron QB Colby Brown to Magnolia's Brooks Parsons, but Meadowbrook's Easton Black short-

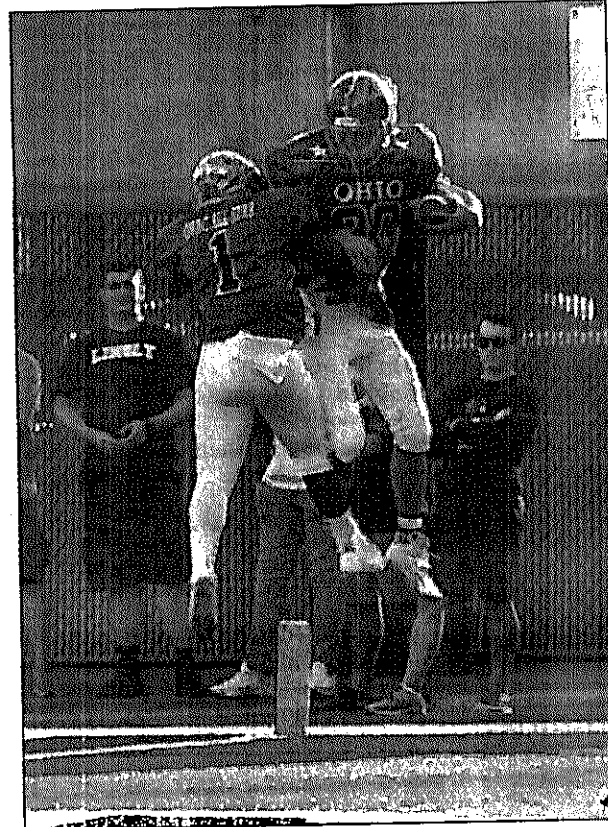


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Easton Black of Meadowbrook (80) celebrates with Ohio teammate Jamaal Petteway of Steubenville (1) after Black recorded an interception to halt a West Virginia scoring bid during the 73rd OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium.

circuited the scoring bid when he intercepted a pass at the two-yard line.

After Ohio was forced to punt after an 18-yard sack at the one by Wheeling Central's Pat Brown, and the Mountain State squad got great field position at the Buckeyes' 29-yard line after a 13-yard return by John Marshall's Dereck Hess.

Consecutive Ohio penalties gave the Mountaineers a first-and-goal at the nine where Brown lofted a perfect corner pass to Brooke's Ethan Secrist for a TD, with Oak Glen's Collin Williams adding the extra-point to knot the score at 7-7 with 2:21 left in the

opening round.

Ohio moved in front 14-7 in the third quarter by putting together a nine-play, 61-yard series which again featured LaFollette — four pass completions and runs of 13 and 18 yards — the latter carrying to the one-yard line where LaFollette scored two plays later (followed by another Greenwood PAT) with 4:12 left in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth period, Ohio's lead increased to 21-7 on a 26-yard TD run by LaFollette, set up by a

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nifty 39-yard pass connection from the talented QB to Toronto's Jake Keenan. Greenwood added the PAT.

West Virginia looked to cut the lead in half on its next series, driving all the way to the Ohio three-yard line before Union Local's Bradan Lucas came up with a big fumble recovery to halt the bid with 8:28 remaining.

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Fourth Quarter	
OH — LaFollette 26 run (Greenwood kick), 10:55	
WV — Brooks Parsons 40 pass from Brown (Williams kick), 5:37	

get within 21-14 with 5:37 to play, but three first downs enabled Ohio to run out the clock.

"Our kids played real well, but give West Virginia props...they came out and played a physical foot-

ball game," said Coach Stiles.

"We talked at halftime about eliminating mistakes," he related. "We got lined up in the wrong formations...running the wrong way...and we did a better job of that in the second half. We gave up a couple of plays defensively, but overall we played well."

Ohio rushed for 191 yards and passed for 133 for a total offensive output of 324 while West Virginia had 233 yards through the air and a net of just 13 on the ground for 246 total yards.

Blackmon backed LaFollette's rushing total with 12 carries for 68 yards while Petteway and Keenan each caught four passes.

The West Virginia QB duo of Brown and University's Clay Bailey completed 18-of-30 passes with two interceptions, with Parsons and Secrist each landing four aeri-

For Stiles, it was his final game as a head coach and a perfect ending to an enjoyable week.

"It's a nice way to go out," he admitted. "There's not too many times you get to go out that way, but I'm really happy for the kids and the staff to get a win after we had a great week together."

EXTRA POINTS

— Sophie Gretchen of The Linsly School was crowned "Queen of Queens" during halftime festivities, which also in-

cluded a stellar performance by the OVAC McDonald's All-Star Band.

— When the 50-Year Reunion of the 1968 was announced, among those on hand was 92-year old Harold Mercer of Barnesville, who was Ohio's coach that year.

— Spectators at the game got an unexpected jolt in the fourth quarter when fireworks began booming over the Ohio River just behind the stadium as the Upper Ohio Valley Italian Heritage Festival came to a close.