

Top quarter-back sacks cancer, eyes D-I career

BETHEL PARK - Profiles in courage. Anthony Chiccitt is that and so much more.

Chiccitt is a senior at Bethel Park High in suburban Pittsburgh. He is also a three-sports star who attracted heavy attention from college football recruiters before serious adversity entered his world.

A year ago at this time, Chiccitt was fighting for his life. He was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma last February. A college football career at quarterback, as well as the Black Hawks looming baseball season, were blindsided.

Rather, he had the ultimate life-or-death battle on his hands. After extensive chemotherapy treatments, Chiccitt received word this summer that he had beaten the deadly disease.

With a clean bill of health, the 6-2, 180-pounder set his sights on again leading the Black Hawks on the gridiron. Just like his fight against cancer, Chiccitt came through with flying colors.

He helped lead Bethel Park to the WPIAL Class 5A quarterfinals. Chiccitt completed 95-of-135 passes (71 percent) for 1,082 yards and eight TDs.

His sparkling season did not go unnoticed by college recruiters. Chiccitt will continue his grid career at nearby Robert Morris University, an NCAA D-I institution.

Chiccitt's mom is an Eastern Ohio native. Kelly (Stoffer) Chiccitt is a Barton native and a 1980 St. John Central grad. Kelly's brother, John, was a standout safety for the 1984 Fighting Irish OVAC champion grid team.

"It was definitely shocking, but initially I took it pretty well when my parents told me. I was strong and so were they, but as soon as I was by myself, my parents broke down. I immediately began to fight this cancer with everything I had, both mentally and physically," Chiccitt said. "The treatments got progressively worse and were easily the toughest thing I've had to do in my life.

"I did four cycles that consisted of all-day chemo on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday. Then my dad gave me a shot at home Thursday and I would go back Monday for a short chemo," he noted. "Then I was off 13 days. I repeated that for three more cy-

COLUMBUS - Several impressive seasons were put forth this winter in boys and girls basketball by teams and individuals.

Many of those are being recognized today as part of the All-Eastern District Boys and Girls Basketball Teams, which are selected by a media panel within the Eastern District.

Five area players and two coaches were recognized with the top honor as player or coach of the year.

GIRLS

In Division III, Bellaire standout senior Katrina Davis posted one of the most memorable individual seasons in recent memories in helping to lead Bellaire to 15

scored 0.29 points this season for a 27.4 points per game average. She didn't just score the ball, however. She also collected 8.6 rebounds a game and 8.2 steals. Her 188 steals this season qualifies her eighth in OHSAA history.

Davis filled up the stat sheet night in and night out. She had four triple doubles this winter and in a game against East Liverpool, she recorded 18 steals, which is tied



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Bellaire



ASHLIE LOUDEN
Beallsville



LUKE POWELL
Barnesville



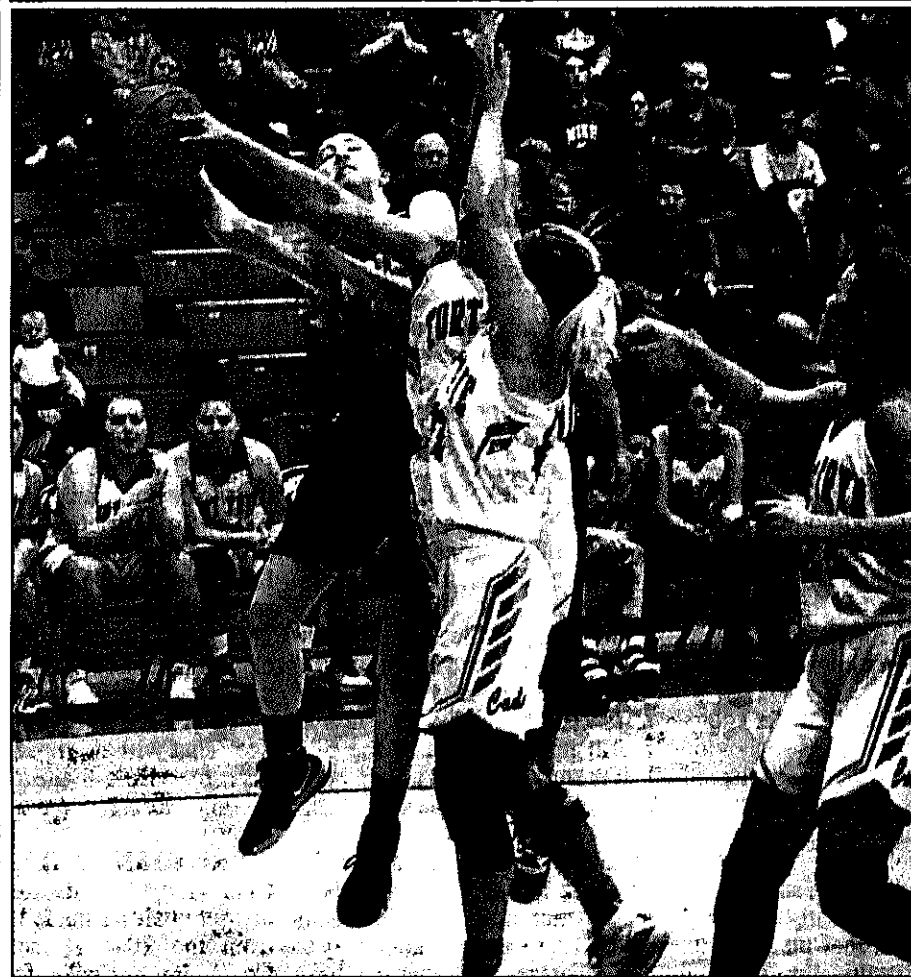
KOBE MITCHELL
Harrison



KELLY HENDERSHOT
Shadyside

for fourth all time in Ohio history. For her career, Davis finished with 1,579 points, 727 rebounds and 444 steals, which also qualifies for the OHSAA's top 25 listing.

Davis, who was also named the District See, **DISTRICT**, Page C3



ABOVE: MONROE Central's Haylynn Hines goes up for a shot as two Fort Frye defenders converge during Saturday's Division IV district championship game at Meadowbrook High School in Byesville. **BELOW:** Monroe Central players Allee Zwick (21), Haylynn Hiles (3) and Haven Dick (10) react as they watch Fort Frye receive its championship medals. The Cadets prevailed 39-24.

OVAC All-Star hoop rosters announced

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

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season that Giffin has been eligible, he's worked.

Actually, Giffin did work on Ohio prep basketball's biggest stage 12 consecutive years when you consider the six girls state tournaments he's worked. He garnered his first in 1998 and went every other year until 2008.

Of his appearances in Columbus, five have been in the state final.

Obviously, Giffin's first assignment — the 1998 girls event — sticks out the most.

"It was at St. John Arena and to say I was nervous wouldn't be enough," Giffin said. "I could barely breathe. Part of it is you're under such a microscope and you don't want to screw something up because you won't come back."

Clearly, Giffin did OK.

He worked the next season in the inaugural season of the Jerome Schottenstein Center in a state final between Worthington Christian and Fort Recovery that went triple overtime and had a final score of 95-90.

"The crazy thing about that game was it ended with one of the smallest attendances in state tournament history because Ohio State was playing in the NCAA that night," Giffin joked. "It was definitely one of the best games I worked."

Along with 17 state tournaments, Giffin has worked 35 regionals and will actually make it 36 later this month in Athens. He's been honored by the District 12 Coaches Association as Official of the Year in 1999 and by District 5 in 2000, 2005 and 2019.

Giffin, who worked three tournament games this week, estimated he and his whistle have been in 75 games this winter.

That's where his wife, Lisa, comes into play. During Giffin's career, his

Even when he gets to hang up his whistle, don't think Giffin will simply walk off into the sunset of officiating. He wants to help pay it forward to young officials and the game of basketball itself.

"I really enjoy where we've taken our officials association, and I want to be involved in some capacity," Giffin said. "I want to help teach new officials and help them to reach their highest level possible. I really enjoy that side of it."

Giffin did offer a quick bit of advice to newer officials or those who may be thinking about entering the profession.

"A guy once told me to enjoy the journey because if you're slow to rise, you'll slow to fall, but if you're fast to rise, you'll be fast to fall," Giffin said. "You have to find the level that meets you and then keep progressing and stick with it. Don't worry about other officials and who's getting what games. Worry about yourself because you can only worry about the games you don't get."

Just in case it wasn't clear, Giffin no longer officiates just for the money. "The people you meet (through sports and officiating) is what's kept me in it," Giffin said. "I work games in the MVL, ECOL, IVC and obviously the OVAC. Some of those people in those other leagues I only see once a year, but you become good friends with them. Plus, a lot of the games I work in the other conferences are with Joe Hissom, Matt Hisson and Jimmy Hood. And we've all become just great friends over the years."

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COLLEGE LACROSSE (MENS)
5 p.m.
PAC-12N — Utah at Washington
COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMENS)
12 p.m.
ESPN2 — Cornell at Ohio State
COLLEGE TENNIS (WOMENS)
4 p.m.
TENNIS — Ohio State at Florida State
GOLF
3 a.m.
GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Oman Open, Final Round, Muscat, Oman
1 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Honda Classic, Final Round, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
3 p.m.
NBC — PGA Tour: The Honda Classic, Final Round, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
4:30 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Cognacard Classic, Final Round, Tucson, Ariz.
MLB BASEBALL
1 p.m.
MLBN — Spring Training: Atlanta vs. Boston, Fort Myers, Fla.
NBA BASKETBALL
3:30 p.m.
ABC — Philadelphia at LA Clippers
8 p.m.
ESPN — LA Lakers at New Orleans
NBAGL BASKETBALL
3 p.m.
NBATV — Raptors 905 at Long Island
NFL FOOTBALL
2 p.m.
NFLN — NFL Scouting Combine: Defensive Backs, Indianapolis
NHL HOCKEY
12 p.m.
NBC — Philadelphia at NY Rangers
8 p.m.
NBCSN — Washington at Minnesota
10:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Los Angeles at Vegas
RODEO
12:30 p.m.
CBS — PBR: The Caterpillar Classic, Kansas City, Mo. (taped)
8 p.m.
CBSSN — PBR: The Caterpillar Classic, Kansas City, Mo. (taped)
RUGBY
8 a.m.
ESPNEWS — Pro14: Connacht at Southern
11:30 a.m.
NBCSN — HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series: Teams TBD, Los Angeles
6 p.m.
CBSSN — MLR: United New York at Saberscats de Houston
SOCCER (MENS)
6:25 a.m.
ESPN2 — Serie A: Genoa at AC Milan
7:20 a.m.
FS1 — Bundesliga: VfL Wolfsburg at Union Berlin
8:55 a.m.
ESPN2 — Serie A: Lecce vs. Atalanta
NBCSN — Premier League: Manchester United at Everton
9:30 a.m.
FS1 — Bundesliga: Bayer Leverkusen at RB Leipzig
11:30 a.m.
FS2 — Bundesliga: Frankfurt at Werder Bremen
3 p.m.
ESPN — MLS: Chicago at Seattle
5:30 p.m.
ESPN — MLS: Inter Miami CF at LA FC
7:30 p.m.
FS1 — MLS: Minnesota United at Portland
TENNIS
2 p.m.
TENNIS — ATP: Santiago, Singles Final
5 a.m. (Monday)
TENNIS — WTA: Lyon: Early Rounds
6 a.m. (Monday)

PAC WEST
Idaho St. at Weber St. 9 p.m.
Tuesday EAST
Albany (NY) at Vermont, 7 p.m.
Maine at Hartford, 7 p.m.
Maryland at Rutgers, 7 p.m.
Mass.-Lowell at New Hampshire, 7 p.m.
Miami (Ohio) at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Michigan St. at Penn St., 7 p.m.
Stony Brook at UMBC, 7 p.m.
Syracuse at Boston College, 7 p.m.
SOUTH
Mississippi St. at South Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas St. at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at South Florida, 7 p.m.
Davidson at Richmond, 7 p.m.
Duquesne at VCU, 7 p.m.
Texas-Arlington at Troy, 7 p.m.
UALR at Georgia St., 7 p.m.
Wake Forest at North Carolina, 7 p.m.
Appalachian St. at Louisiana-Monroe, 8 p.m.
Coastal Carolina at Louisiana-Lafayette, 8 p.m.
Texas State at South Alabama, 8 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Alabama, 8:30 p.m.
Tennessee at Kentucky, 9 p.m.
MIDWEST
Bowling Green at Kent St., 7 p.m.
Cent. Michigan at Ball St., 7 p.m.
E. Michigan at W. Michigan, 7 p.m.
Marquette at DePaul, 8 p.m.
Toledo at N. Illinois, 8 p.m.
Purdue at Iowa, 9 p.m.
West Virginia at Iowa St., 9 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
Stephen F. Austin at Abilene Christian, 8:30 p.m.
Texas at Oklahoma, 9 p.m.
Wednesday EAST
Xavier at Providence, 6:30 p.m.
Canisius at Marist, 7 p.m.
FAU at Marshall, 7 p.m.
Fairfield at Monmouth (NJ), 7 p.m.
Fordham at George Washington, 7 p.m.
Manhattan at Rider, 7 p.m.
Niagara at Siena, 7 p.m.
Quinnipiac at Iona, 7 p.m.
Saint Joseph's at St. Bonaventure, 7 p.m.
Tulsa at Temple, 7 p.m.
UMass at La Salle, 7 p.m.
Villanova at Seton Hall, 8:30 p.m.
Dayton at Rhode Island, 9 p.m.
SOUTH
Clemson at Virginia Tech, 7 p.m.
Florida at Georgia, 7 p.m.
North Texas at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
SMU at UCF, 7 p.m.
Saint Louis at George Mason, 7 p.m.
Texas A&M at Auburn, 7 p.m.
UTSA at Old Dominion, 7 p.m.
FIU at Louisiana Tech, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Northwestern St., 7:30 p.m.
UTEP at Middle Tennessee, 7:30 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas at SE Louisiana, 8 p.m.
McNeese St. at Nicholls, 8 p.m.
Rice at Southern Miss, 8 p.m.
Missouri at Mississippi, 9 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Georgia Tech, 9 p.m.
Virginia at Miami, 9 p.m.
MIDWEST
Minnesota at Indiana, 7 p.m.
St. John's at Butler, 7 p.m.
Georgetown at Creighton, 8 p.m.
TCU at Kansas, 8 p.m.
Florida St. at Notre Dame, 9 p.m.
Northwestern at Wisconsin, 9 p.m.
SOUTHWEST
LSU at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
Houston Baptist at Incarnate Word, 8 p.m.
Sam Houston St. at Texas A&M-CC, 8 p.m.
Kansas St. at Oklahoma St., 9 p.m.
FAR WEST
CS Northridge at UC Irvine, 10 p.m.

Division III
Co-Players of the Year: Jenna Riccardio, Lisbon Beaver; Bailee Smith, Zanesville Maysville.
Coach of the Year: Steve Eft, Wintersville Indian Creek.
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First Team: Katrina Davis, Bellaire, 5-3, sr., 27.1; Reagan Vinskeovich, Belmont Union Local, 6-1, fr., 19.5; Zoe Miller, Berlin Hilland, 6-0, jr., 18.0; Richella Spielvogel, Martins Ferry, 5-11, sr., 16.0; Morgan Yoder, Berlin Hilland, 5-9, jr., 15.0; Karlee Allmore, Magnolia Sandy Valley, 5-6, sr., 16.6; Kallie Regula, Sugar Creek Garaway, 5-8, sr., 17.4.
Second Team: Taylor Slaughter, Cambridge, 5-6, jr., 15.2; Arora Levanogood, Zoraville Tuscarawas Valley, 5-9, jr., 16.5; Casey Kiddow, Belmont Union Local, 5-7, jr., 10.0; Rilee Coon, McConnelsville Morgan, 5-8, sr., 10.2; Bryn Mullet, Berlin Hilland, 5-7, jr., 12.0; Terra Kiddow, Belmont Union Local, 5-9, fr., 16.3; Madison Ging, Martins Ferry, 5-8, sr., 13.0.
Third Team: McKayla Dunkle, Cadiz Harrison Central, 6-0, so., 15.0; Alyssea Fedorczyk, Richmond Edison, 5-3, so., 14.1; Kallie Westos, West Lafayette Ridgewood, 5-7, sr., 13.2; Rylee Stephens, Barnesville, 6-7, jr., 12.2; Sophia Smith, McConnelsville Morgan, 5-8, jr., 13.6; Riley Smith, Old Washington Buckeye Trail, 5-6, sr., 12.3; Keeley Murray, Coshocton, 5-5, so., 12.7; Hayley Barker, Zanesville West Muskingum; 5-8, sr., 12.0.
Special Mention: Hannah Merritt, Belmont Union Local; Ali Shane, Zoraville Tuscarawas Valley; Abbey Parker, Magnolia Sandy Valley; Kendra Shetter, Berlin Hilland; Kelsie Stephens, West Lafayette Ridgewood; Savannah Ankrum, Richmond Edison; Rylee Platt, Sugar Creek Garaway; Lili Peterson, Zoraville Tuscarawas Valley; Lizzie Mullet, Sugar Creek Garaway; Alexis Wilkinson, Cambridge; Olivia Thomas, Zanesville West Muskingum.
Honorable Mention: Shayla Schuster, Martins Ferry; Jaden Stalder, Martins Ferry; Megan Valuska, Rayland Buckeye Local; Mia Gavarkavich, Bellaire; Jayden Lowe, Bellaire; Keith Gregor, Belmont Union Local; Brooke Baird, Old Washington Buckeye Trail; Katie Clipper, Old Washington Buckeye Trail; Ton Sickalosse, Magnolia Sandy Valley; Kirstin Moricori, Magnolia Sandy Valley; McKinzi Linscott, Cambridge; Braxton King, Cambridge; Mikayla Petrisco, Edison; Aiyana Meadows, Edison; Olivia Huff, Edison; Mariska McCune, Zanesville West Muskingum; Sierra Williams, Zoraville Tuscarawas Valley; Kelly Maslowski, West Lafayette Ridgewood; Abbey Dillon, Zoraville Tuscarawas Valley.
Co-Players of the Year: Katrina Davis, Bellaire; Zoe Miller, Berlin Hilland.
Co-Coaches of the Year: Rob Barr, Belmont Union Local; Dave Schlabach, Berlin Hilland.
Division IV
First Team: Cayton Seccrest, Caldwell, 5-6, jr., 21.3; Ashlie Louden, Bealsville, 5-7, sr., 17.0; Hannah Archer, Beverly Fort Frye, 5-7, so., 15.1; Ashleigh Wheeler, Sarahsville Shenandoah, 5-5, jr., 17.8; Baylee Wach, Shadyside, 5-6, jr., 17.0; Tory Hendershot, Shadyside, 5-8, jr., 17.6; Isabella Oliver, Steubenville Catholic Central, 5-8, sr., 13.3; Kaitisa Fridy, Woodsfield Monroe Central, 5-5, so., 16.2; Sydney Lyon, Bowerton Conotton Valley, 5-9, sr., 21.0.
Second Team: Jaren Tucker, Bridgeport, 5-5, sr., 19.9; Ashley Howell, Bealsville, 6-1, sr., 16.0; Jazmanah Moore, Malvern, 5-8, sr., 16.0; Kallei Zemba, Bishop Rosecrans, 5-8, sr., 14.0; Annette Weston, New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic, 5-8, sr., 13.5; Kenzie Dalton, Beverly Fort Frye, 5-2, jr., 9.0.
Third Team: Allie Long, Hannibal River, 5-8, sr., 12.0; Reagan Food, Sarahsville Shenandoah, 6-0, sr., 12.7; Lexie Huck, Beverly Fort Frye, 5-5, jr., 11.0; Amy Betsinger, Woodsfield Monroe Central, 6-0, sr., 11.6; Jenna Carlisle, Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans, 5-5, so., 11.2; Emma Gilkerson, Strasburg-Franklin, 5-6, so., 8.2; Mattie Clark, Caldwell, 5-8, sr., 8.2.
Special Mention: Taylor Lafferty, Newcomerstown; Maddie Fish, Newcomerstown; Emily Siedel, Bowerton

Division III
First Team: Luke Powell, Barnesville, 6-3, sr., 33.0; Kobe Mitchell, Cadiz Harrison Central, 6-1, jr., 31.4; Trey Stoffer, West Lafayette Ridgewood, 6-4, sr., 14.0; Luke Merritt, Belmont Union Local, 6-1, jr., 19.2; Logan Smith, Martins Ferry, 6-5, jr., 16.3; Brady Schilling, Beverly Fort Frye, 6-2, sr., 12.4; Carver Myers, McConnelsville Morgan, 6-5, jr., 18.0.
Second Team: Franko Rome, Old Washington Buckeye Trail, 5-8, so., 14.5; Trenton Wilson, Bellaire, 6-1, sr., 17.0; Keegan Olfenberger, Magnolia Sandy Valley, 6-1, sr., 13.1; Kaitlen Smith, West Lafayette Ridgewood, 5-11, sr., 13.0; Zane Wallace, Beverly Fort Frye, 5-9, sr., 12.6; Gaven Williams, Coshocton, 6-1, sr., 16.4; Sam Ray, Zoraville Tuscarawas Valley, 6-5, sr., 12.0.
Third Team: Alec McBane, Edison, 6-0, sr., 17.9; Nathan Meyer, Belmont Union Local, 5-10, jr., 10.1; Kaiton Fogle, Beverly Fort Frye, 6-0, jr., 12.1; Jack Parrish, Old Washington Buckeye Trail, 6-2, sr., 15.3; Dalton Patton, West Lafayette Ridgewood, 6-0, so., 9.0; Zack Bekford, Sugar Creek Garaway, 5-11, jr., 11.2; Kyle Reilly, Zanesville West Muskingum, 6-0, jr., 14.6; Alex Porcher, Newcomerstown, 6-1, sr., 17.0.
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Third Team: Jack Gockin, Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans, 6-0, sr., 8.1; Dakota Phillips, Bealsville, 5-3, sr., 16.9; Jett Lori, Caldwell, 6-0, so., 14.8; Tai Babcock, Woodsfield Monroe Central, 5-11, sr., 12.6; Brendan Matyas, Toronto, 6-0, sr., 15.4; Korie Hosteller, Berlin Hilland, 5-8, sr., 9.6; Landon Potopsky, New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic, 6-2, so., 13.0.
Special Mention: Max McKicker, Sarahsville Shenandoah; Mat Kowalsky, Caldwell; Ty Long, Hannibal River; Taysan Curtis, Strasburg; Kenneth Martin, Malvern; Michael Minor, Malvern; A.J. Clegg, Toronto; Ryan Dick, New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic; Hunter Sommers, Berlin Hilland; Will Schlabach, Berlin Hilland; Pablo Franca, Strasburg; Garson Innes, Bowerton Conotton Valley; Ben Mauge, Bowerton Conotton Valley; Shane Keenan, Toronto; Austin Howe, Woodsfield Monroe Central; Brady Linkhain

MLB Slate

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The West Virginia girls team, which will be coached by Wheeling Central's Penn Kurtz and Cameron's Holly Pettit, features a heavy Wheeling flavor with no fewer than six players coming from OVAC 2A champion Wheeling Central and 5A runner-up Wheeling Park.

Kurtz, who guided the Maroon Knights to the conference title as a four-seed, will be joined by Eden Gainer, Kaylee Reinbeau and Hannah White. The former

two have battled injuries much of the season, but Reinbeau returned for the conference final.



Wheeling Park, which spent most of the season ranked number one in the big-school state poll, will be represented by Kieran Johnson, Abby Snedeker and Shanley Woods.

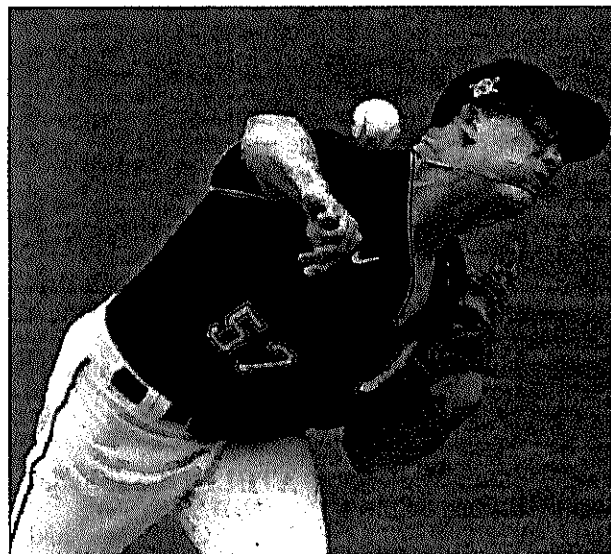
University, which was the OVAC champion in 2019, also had three players chosen. They are Ashten Boggs, Abbie Coen

and Mallory Napolillo.

The remainder of the West Virginia squad includes: Sydney Duckworth (Hundred), Kennedy Martin (Madonna), Sophia Mikula (Weir), Kyndra Pilant (Magnolia), Natalie Ryan (Brooke) and Jamey White (Valley). Meanwhile, the Ohio squad, which features six players who helped lead their teams to the OVAC championship game, will be coached by conference-title winning head coaches Steve Eft of Indian Creek and Tori Jarrett of Beallsville.

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AP Photo Pittsburgh relief pitcher Nick Burdi (57) delivers a pitch during Spring Training action.

Buckeyes Surge Late to Top Michigan





Cook to Play Lacrosse at Bethany

Photo Provided

Haleigh Cook recently signed to continue her academic and lacrosse careers at Bethany College. Cook, a senior at Wheeling Park High School, maintained a 2.9 grade point average while enrolled in multiple honors classes. She received second place honors in the Young Writers Contest during the 2018-2019 school year. Cook is a three-year starter on the varsity lacrosse team. She takes draws and plays both attack and midfield positions. Pictured in the photo are, front from left, Haleigh Cook and Justin Cook (father). Back, Melonie Miller (coach), Jill Stephens (coach) and Dwayne Rodgers (athletic director).

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DIVISION III

Barnesville won its own sectional with 192 points and nine district qualifiers. Going as sectional champions are Griffen Stephen (113), George Hoover (126) and Owen Oliver (160). Bryce Hall (138), Jacob Boulet (145) and Cameron Woods (152) were all runners-up. The Shamrocks also have two third-placers and

finished third and two were fourth. Bridgeport and Buckeye Local each have six wrestlers headed to the districts. The Bulldogs' Zach Kuneff (285) and the Panthers' Brian Palmer Jr. (138) and Charles Smith (182) were titlists. Buckeye Local's Alexio Morales (195) was second, while one was third and two

Sampson (106) while Dillon Drapp (220) was second. They also had a fourth. The Big Reds had three thirds. Beallsville had one qualifier who was a fourth-place finisher. At Sandy Valley, Shadyside had two fourth-place finishers. Shenandoah, which won the event with 220 points, is sending 12 individuals.

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be two Blue Devils - Ashlie Louden and Ashley Howell - taking part. Representing the 5A champion Redskins is Ally Tweedy.

Martins Ferry, which won the 4A title, has two representatives as well. Post player Richella Spielvogel and shooting guard Madison Ging will put on their Ferry jersey at least one more time.

Bellaire's Katrina Davis, who put forth one of the most memorable seasons in area memory, was chosen to represent the Big Reds. Beaver Local's Jenna Riccardo, who led her team to an OVAC title in 2019 and a return trip to the final this winter, was also chosen for the team.

The balance of the roster includes: Amy Bettinger (Monroe Central), Raegan Flood (Shenandoah), Keri Klinkoski (St. Clairsville), Alli Long (River), Sydney Lyon (Conotton Valley), Isabella Oliver (Steubenville Catholic), Rylie Smith (Buckeye Trail) and Jaren Tucker (Bridgeport).

BOYS

The West Virginia squad has a heavy taste of Tallman involved. Magnolia's Dave Tallman and his son David, who is the head coach at Morgantown, will serve as the coaches and each will have two of his former players involved, too.

Representing the Blue Eagles are Qwailei Turner and Jake Gamble, while Morgantown's Mac McMillen and Alex Rudy will also take part.

Wheeling Park has two representatives, including Alex Vargo and Travis Zimmerman. The only other team with

two players is Trinity, which will send Seth Goins and Fletcher Hartsock.

The remainder of the Mountaineer roster includes: Clayton Abate (Wheeling Central), Coltin Barr (Clay-Battelle), Jessop Broughton (Cameron), Brennan Secrist (Madonna), Cody Soles (Hundred), Marshall Taylor (Linsly) and Zach Taylor (Oak Glen).

The Ohio boys roster has the largest number of schools represented with 14 with only St. Clairsville and Meadowbrook having two players suiting up. The Buckeye State will be coached by Frontier's Roger Kirkpatrick, who guided the Cougars to the 1A title, and East Liverpool's Nate Conley, who guided the Potters to the 4A final.

Each coach will have one of his own players taking part. Representing Frontier is Logan Brookover, while Tresean Jackson was selected from Liverpool.

Meadowbrook, which won the 4A title, has Johnathan McCall and Addy Black in the game. St. Clairsville got Nate Harris and Brett Vike into the game.

The Ohio roster actually has 16 players. Barnesville senior Luke Powell will be part of the festivities, but will not participate because of an injury.

The remainder of the Buckeye squad includes: Luca Connor (Steubenville Catholic), Cameren Grodhaus (Southern Local), Kelly Hendershot (Shadyside), Brendan Matyas (Toronto), Alec McBane (Edison), Jack Parry (Buckeye Trail), Kendal Sherman (Shenandoah), Darien Suggs (Wellsville) and Trenton Wilson (Bellaire).

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start for Washington.

MARLINS 7

METS (SS) 1

Miami starter Jose Urena struck out three in three shutout innings, his second straight scoreless

striking out four while allowing four runs on three hits.

CUBS 7, MARINERS 3 Javier Baez and Albert Almora Jr. each hit their second home run and scored two runs. Je-

ATHLETICS (SS) 8

INDIANS (SS) 5

Matt Chapman and Matt Olson both doubled for the A's and Tony Kemp singled, doubled and scored two runs. Je-