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- Limit practice to only one contact day per week;
- No pre- or post-game handshakes;
- Electronic tickets recommended;
- Hand-sanitizing stations on the sidelines;
- Follow local health department guidelines for reporting suspicious COVID cases;
- Band and cheerleaders - recommended not to travel to away games.

I touched base with some local grid coaches on their thoughts about the new guidelines. "I am good with some of the changes. I'd be OK with the 15/15 rule permanently," Oak Glen head coach Ted Arneault Jr. stated. "The only thing I worry about with the recommendations are limiting the travel squads. When you are a smaller school like we are there is a need to have adequate subs in a game.

"Maybe if you are a 100-person squad like Park you would have more ability to limit who travels for away games and dresses for home games," he added. "Ultimately, we will do whatever it takes to have a season because it is a life-changing opportunity that our kids need."

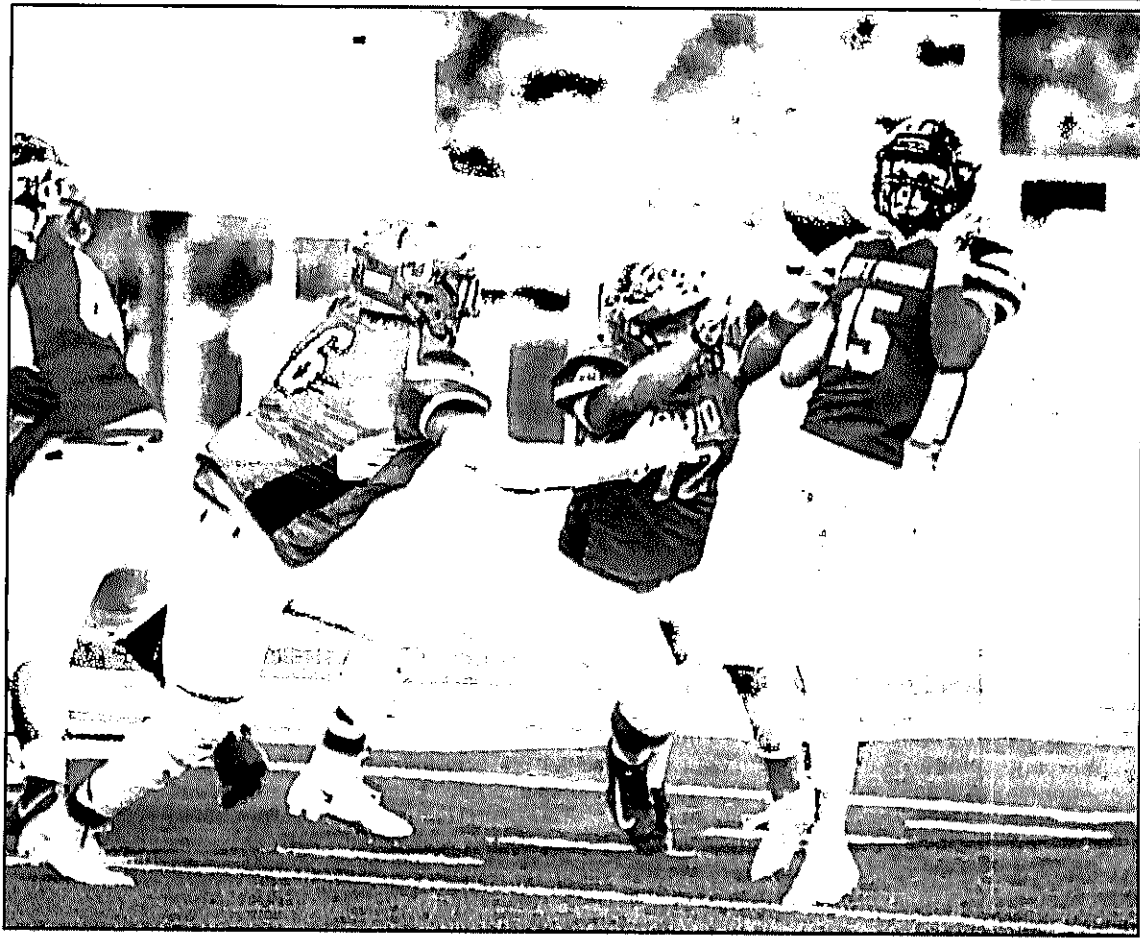
Arneault guided the Golden Bears to a 10-0 regular season en route to advancing to the Class AA playoff semifinals last fall.

Wheeling Central's Mike Young enters the season riding the wave of three successive state Class A championships. He is supportive of the new regulations.

"The guidelines are going to be a challenge for everyone and the procedures are very safety specific. Adjustments with distancing is really going to be the leadership of the administration and physical management team," Young said. "The players and coaches will adjust and make it work. In order for it to work to play...let's go for it."

Zach Heasley is embarking on his second tour of duty as Paden City's head coach. He sees the regulations as a way to save the season.

"I think the regulations are fair. The SSAC is doing everything they can to have a season and I greatly appreciate that," Heasley said. "Being a small school, I don't agree with some of the recommendations such as staying on the field during halftime. That



WEST VIRGINIA quarterback Wyatt Hirt is pressured by Cole LaRoche and Kwadre Williams during the 2019 OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game last July. Camp for this year's all-star game would have opened Saturday at Bethany College, but the game was canceled in late April due to coronavirus.

File Photo

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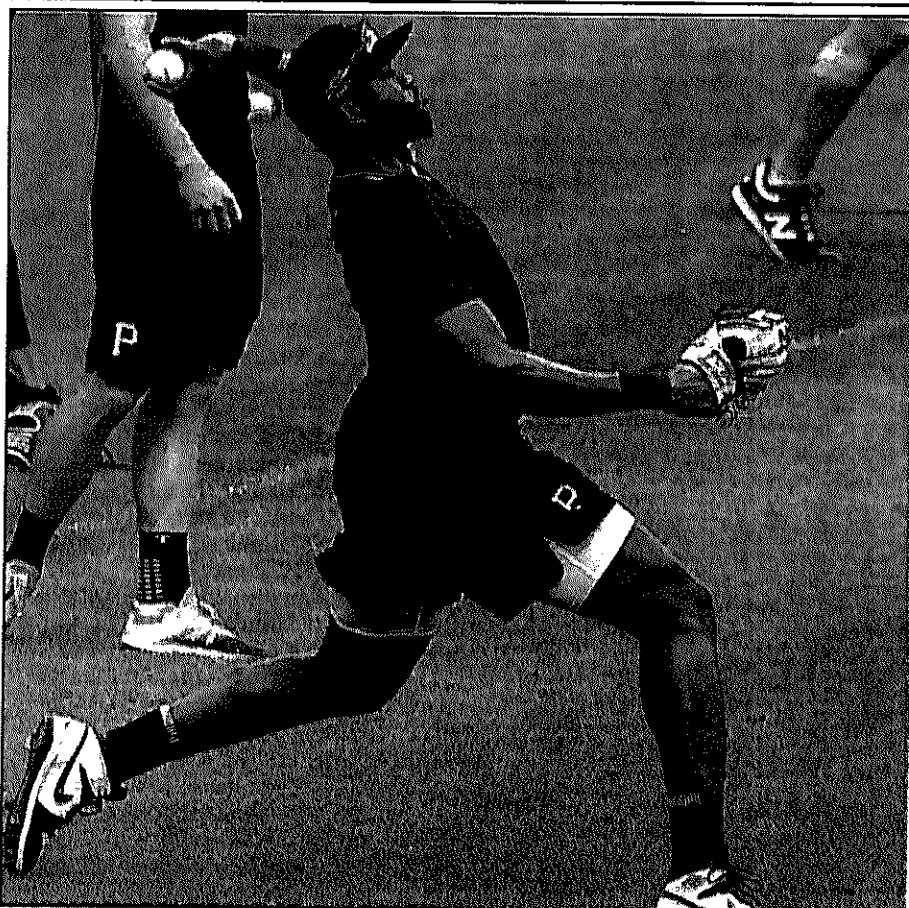
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AP PHOTO

PITTSBURGH PIRATES Gregory Polanco throws during a long toss warm up

Bridgeport's Jozwiak to play football at Geneva

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

BRIDGEPORT - Despite only playing one full season of high school football, Isaac Jozwiak drew the attention of a handful of college recruiters. One school, however, stood out over the others.

Jozwiak, who was a jack-of-all-trades as Bridgeport, recently announced that he will further his academic and athletic skills at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa. The Golden Tornadoes are members of the NCAA Division III and the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) Division I.

"When I went for my overnight stay, it just felt like family. The coaching staff was great. The players I met were great.



Five teams of distinction chosen for MF Athletic HOF

By JEFF HARRISON
For The Times Leader

The Martins Ferry Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has selected five more deserving teams from the past as "Teams of Distinction" to be honored during the coming school year.

The "Teams of Distinction" category was established to bring to light Purple Rider teams who may not have been state champions like the three teams inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2015 (1930 baseball; 1941 basketball; 1941 football) but they set standards in their sport by reaching the regional finals and/or state level, and others deemed to have gone "above and beyond" in some manner.

The teams selected this year include 1998 Wrestling; 2002 Volleyball; 2002 Football; 2004 Football; and 2005 Softball.

These teams will be recognized at the Ferry vs. Linsly football game on Friday,

Sept. 4 at halftime. Any players/coaches who were members of these teams planning to attend that night should contact either Joe Mamone (740-633-0684, ext 1312 or joe.mamone@omeresanet.net) or Mark Cook (740-633-0684, ext. 1427 or mark.cook1@omeresanet.net) by Aug. 15 so a list of those attending can be put together.

Photos of these teams will join those previously selected on the wall inside the MFHS cafeteria.

Here are this year's "Teams of Distinction":

1998 Wrestling Team

The 1998 wrestling team captured the school's third overall championship in the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament and was also the Class 3A titlist. Under the guidance of Hall of Fame coach Jeff Oberdick, the Purple Riders were also the OHSAA Division III Sectional champions and qualified eight wrestlers for the OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament - the

most in school history.

2002 Volleyball Team

The 2002 volleyball team posted the school's only undefeated regular season and finished the year with a 24-2 record. The Lady Riders, coached by Tom Suriano, were OHSAA Division III Sectional champions and D-III District runner-up, and also were OVAC Class 3A Tournament runner-up, defeating St. Clairsville in the semifinals before falling to Shenandoah in the championship.. The team included Hilary Smith, Bianca

2002 Football Team

The 2002 football team registered an undefeated regular season, winning the OVAC Class 3A championship under Coach Dave Bruney and earning an OHSAA Division IV, Region 15 playoffs where they dropped a 27-24 overtime heartbreaker to Coshoc-ton. The Riders finished with a 10-1 record and outscored their opponents by a whopping 390-98 margin

2004 Football Team

The 2004 football team's opener with Lisbon David Anderson was postponed, but Coach Dave Bruney's Riders didn't miss a beat and put together an unbeaten 9-0 regular season and then advanced farther in the OHSAA playoffs than ever, winning the Division IV, Region 15 championship by defeating West Muskingum, Bellaire Albany. Ferry lost to Youngstown Cardinal Mooney in the state semifinals, finishing the year with a 12-1 record and outscoring its opponents by a 466-111 margin.

2005 Softball Team

The 2005 softball team enjoyed the school's best season to date. The Lady Riders of Coach Jess Cordery finished with a 23-4 record; captured the OVAC Class 3A championship and won OHSAA Division III Sectional and District titles to earn a spot in the D-III Regional semifinals where they lost a 4-3 heartbreaker to eventual state champion Sycamore Mohawk.

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Jozwiak also played half of his junior season for head coach Fred Ray before hav-

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"Coach Ray has helped me tremendously. He was my mentor the time I was at Bridgeport," Jozwiak mentioned. "I loved

his play calling and his style of offense."

Jozwiak will be majoring in psychology and minoring in business.

He resides in St. Clairsville with his parents, Joe and Sheri Jozwiak.

Geneva, a Christian liberal arts college, has been playing football since 1890. It has

an all-time record of 496-437-48. However, the Golden Tornadoes, who play at the 6,000-seat Reeves Field, have only had two winning seasons (8-3 in both 2007, 2009) since joining the PAC in 2007. They were 3-7 last season.

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• Flex days may be used only with the principal's approval and Phase III limitations must be followed;

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SKATING MONARCH

KRISTIN LEWICKI has opted to return to the Buffalo Beauts of the National Women's Hockey League. This will mark the fourth season the John Marshall High product has played in the NWHL.

In her first professional year, the former Adrian College star played for the Buffalo Beauts before moving onto the Metropolitan Riveters the next season. Lewicki returned to Buffalo last season.

Lewicki made the NWHL All-Star Game as a rookie, winning the Fastest Skater Award in conjunction with the game.

The soft-spoken standout was a two-time All-American at Adrian and is the sixth all-time leading scorer in NCAA D-III history. Lewicki authored a sensational senior season with 32 goals and 34 assists in 31 games. Those numbers pushed her career totals to 179 points in 113 games - 90 goals and 89 assists.

The multi-talented forward also received the ultimate honor. She was named the U.S. College Hockey Division III Women's Player of the Year for the 2016-17 season.

BUBBA'S BITS

• THE HIGHLANDS Sports Complex hosted an open house last week, showcasing the massive facility. The state-of-the-art complex is impressive to say the least. It offers something for every sports-minded person. Moreover, the staff is the utmost in professionalism. Grand opening is set for Aug. 1.

Yankees are the trendy picks for a World Series matchup. But a coronavirus infection to a key player or two can train wreck the best-laid plans.

• BUILT DIFFERENT is staging a baseball and softball camp at the Highlands Sports Complex this week. In addition, a high school baseball showcase will be offered. The baseball and softball camp will be held on Tuesday, July 21 and Wednesday, July 22 from 9 a.m. till noon each day. The showcase is set for 1-3 p.m. the same days. The camp is for ages 6-13 baseball and softball while the showcase is for ages 14-18 baseball. The camp will consist of hitting, fielding and agility instruction. There will be competition drills and awards given out throughout the camp. A Built Different hat and shirt will be given to each camper/showcase player. The showcase will consist of - Pitchers: bullpen, velocity, 30-yard shuttle; Position players/catchers: BP, exit velocity, 60-yard dash, arm velocity, pop time, 5-10-5s. Drop-off time for camp starts at 8:15 a.m. while pickup ends at 12:15 p.m. The showcase drop-off starts at 12:30 p.m. and pickup ends at 3:15 p.m. Cost is \$50 which can be paid at the door. Checks should be made payable to Built Different LLC. Advance registration is available online at Builtdifferentllc.com under "Camps." For more information, call 304-650-5655.

• DARIUS STILLIS turned in a stellar junior season last fall for WVU. So much so, Stills has been added to the watch list for the 26th annual Chuck Bednarik Award. The award has been presented to the College Defensive Player of the Year since 1995. Bednarik is a member of both the



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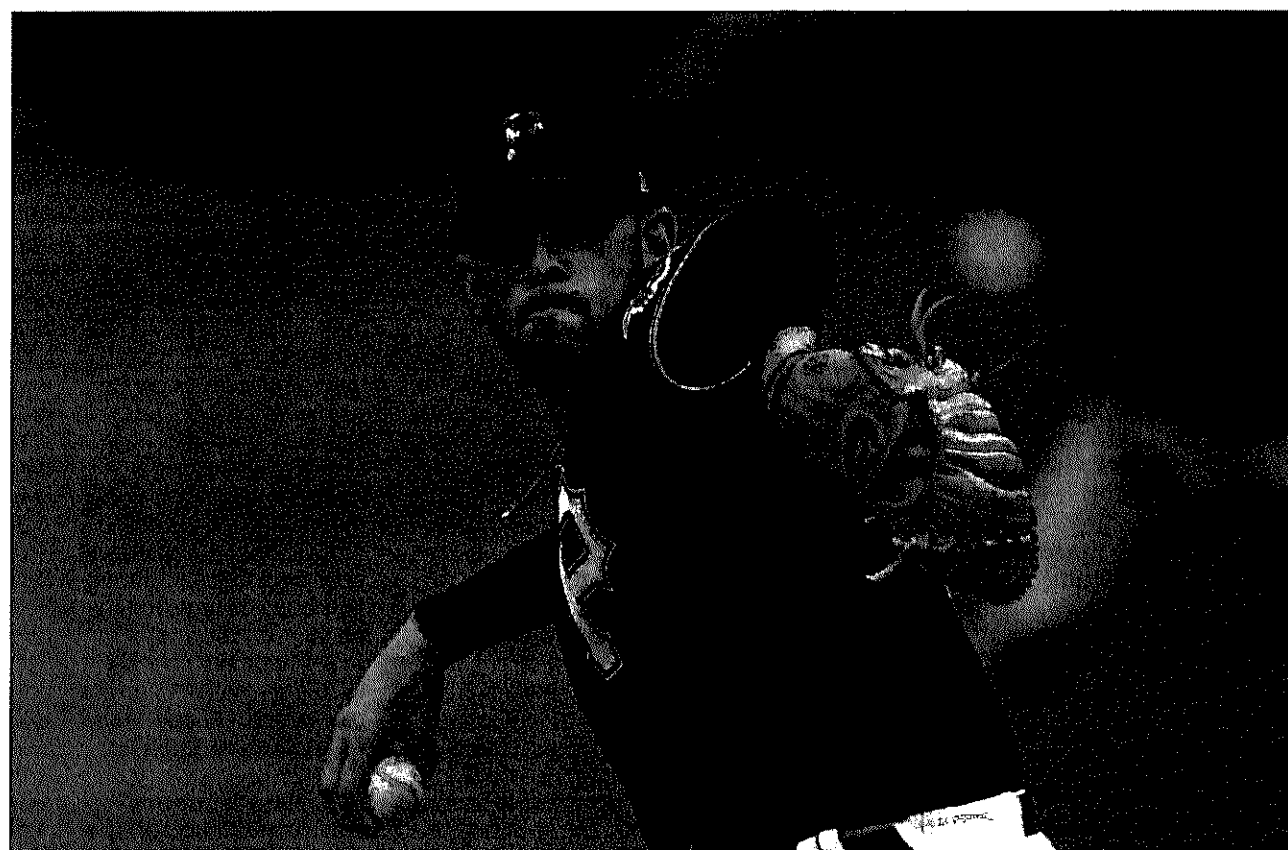
Red Riders Boys' Basketball Coach Amassed 241 Wins

By BUBBA KAPRAL
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WEIRTON -- Sometimes, you just know when the time is right.

Mike Granato knew it was time.

After 21 successful years as Weir boys' basketball coach and 38 years of coaching all told, Granato came to the realization that it was time to step away from the coaching realm.



Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Joe Musgrove delivers during an intrasquad game at PNC Park. Musgrove has been named the Opening Day starter against the St. Louis Cardinals

Pirates Hit Reset Button

Team Enters With New Energy And New Leadership

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) -- New Pittsburgh Pirates general manager Ben Cherington and manager Derek Shelton have used a lot of words to describe the situation they inherited when they arrived last fall.

The word "rebuild" has not escaped their mouths even once. A "rebuild" hints a returning something to what it was. The truth is, the giddy stretch from 2013-15 when the Pirates ripped off three straight playoff berths has become a distant speck in the rearview mirror. Only one player -- right fielder Gregory Polanco -- from the group that won 98 games in 2015 remains on the roster.

Diminishing returns over the last four seasons, including a last-place

finish in the NL Central in 2019, led to what can best be described as a "reset." While Cherington and the rest of the front office talk energetically about the future and the need to restock talent at the minor league level, Shelton is in charge of trying to find a way to navigate the uncertain present.

Amid unprecedented challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, Shelton is attempting to keep things loose. He's also optimistic that a shortened 60-game season might benefit a group that has struggled since 2016.

"I think number one everyone's coming into it on equal footing," the 49-year-old Shelton said. "Number two obviously everyone is coming into it with different rule changes and I like where we're at. I like our good young core of players and I've said that from the beginning. I've never really had any concern about what external people have said about our group ... you play really good for a month, you're going to put yourself in a situation."

Something the Pirates are confident they can do. Amid the sea of losses and clubhouse issues that marked the second half of 2019, there were slivers of hope. First baseman Josh Bell became an All-Star. Shortstop Kevin Newman and left fielder Bryan Reynolds both hit over .300. Jacob Stallings evolved into a competent everyday catcher with a knack for game calling.

Pittsburgh has a chance to score enough runs to be competitive in 2020. Last year Bell practically almost single-handedly kept the team in contention through an injury-marred first half before things fell apart. New pitching coach Oscar Marin is hoping a mix of old school work ethic and new school analytics will help a staff missing injured starters Jameson Taillon and Chris Archer take a needed step forward.

Either way, the Pirates enter the season with energy and a new vibe that focuses on upfront communication and honest dialogue.

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It's much the same on the back end of the bullpen. Kela was set to return to the closer's role he held in Texas in 2018, when he recorded 24 saves before being sent to Pittsburgh at the trade deadline. Now the job will likely be spread between Kyle Crick, Nick Burdi and Richard Rodriguez among others.

One place that isn't a question mark for the Pirates is at the top of the rotation. With ace Jameson Taillon already out for the season while recovering from Tommy John surgery and Chris Archer also shut down, Musgrove was an easy choice to take the ball against the Cardinals.

The 27-year-old, acquired in a January 2018 trade that sent Gerrit Cole to Houston, has embraced his role as a leader for a largely anonymous rotation. He went 11-12 with a 4.44 ERA in 2019 and has become a leader for a group that could use one. He advocated the use of masks when summer camp opened and has aggressively embraced new pitching coach Oscar Marin's use of analytics.

While admitting he was smiling underneath his mask when Shelton told him the news, Musgrove also understands the circumstances are less than ideal with the league banning fans as it attempts to put together some version of a season amid a pandemic.

"It is going to be a pretty dull, boring opening day, but it is opening day nonetheless and really honored to get it and I'm proud of myself and I put in a lot of work to get to this point," said Musgrove.

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Executive Sports Editor**Steubenville CC grad Mannie ends 45-year football coaching career**

STEUBENVILLE — He lived a Spartan lifestyle for a quarter of a century, and loved every minute of it.

Ken Mannie was Michigan State's head strength and conditioning coach for the past 25 years. The 1970 Steubenville Catholic Central grad announced his retirement earlier this month, dropping the curtain on a 45-year coaching career.

Mannie is the brother-in-law of Steubenville Big Red football coaching legend Reno Saccoccia.

"My wife and I have been thinking about this (retirement) for the past few years. Last January we decided that the 2019 season would be my final one coaching," Mannie said in a phone interview Monday afternoon. "I will be 68 this July. It is time to spend time with the family."

"Coaching is a demanding profession. The time constraints are great," he added. "We have two grandchildren here in East Lansing. It is time to give more back to my wife and family."

Mannie's expertise as a strength and conditioning coach is reflected in that he worked for four different head coaches at Michigan State. Most times, a new head coach brings in his own staff.

"I first came to Michigan State with Nick Saban. We worked together at the University of Toledo. Coach Saban left Toledo to become Bill Belichick's defensive coordinator with the Cleveland Browns," Mannie said. "After he spent four years with the Browns, I got a call at 3 o'clock in the morning from him. He asked, 'are you sleeping?' I responded jokingly that I just finished my final set of pushups for the night."

"He said that he was going to be named head coach at Michigan State the next day and that he wanted me to go with him. Coach Saban said that he was picking me up the next morning on his way to East Lansing. I have been here ever since," the former Crusader added. "I have had a lot of great opportunities to leave. I could have went to LSU, Ohio State and Alabama. All three went on to win national championships. I may put on my tombstone that I passed on more national championships than any coach in history."

After graduating Catholic Central, Mannie continued his academic and football careers at the University of Akron. He was a two-year starter for the Zips.

Mannie subsequently cut his coaching teeth at his alma mater.

"After 10 years of coaching high school, I wanted to see if I could do it on the college level. I landed a graduate assistant's position at Ohio State. I was the oldest GA there. They called me grandpa," Mannie said. "It was there that I met Mark Dantonio (recently retired Michigan State head coach and Zanesville High grad). Ohio State proved a springboard for my college career."

And what a career it was.

Mannie was enshrined into the USA Strength/Conditioning Coaches Hall of Fame, Collegiate Division, in 2014. He was also named the Football Scoop Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year in 2015 when Michigan State won a Big Ten title and reached the College Football Playoff.

Moreover, the Spartans' closed out the 2017 season with a Holiday Bowl win over Washington State in San Diego. The junket featured a tour of the USS Essex. While aboard, Mannie was presented with the Admiral U.S. Grant Sharp Trophy as the individual who embodies dedication and teamwork but doesn't receive much recognition.

Depew, Huck to coach OVAC grid gameBy SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

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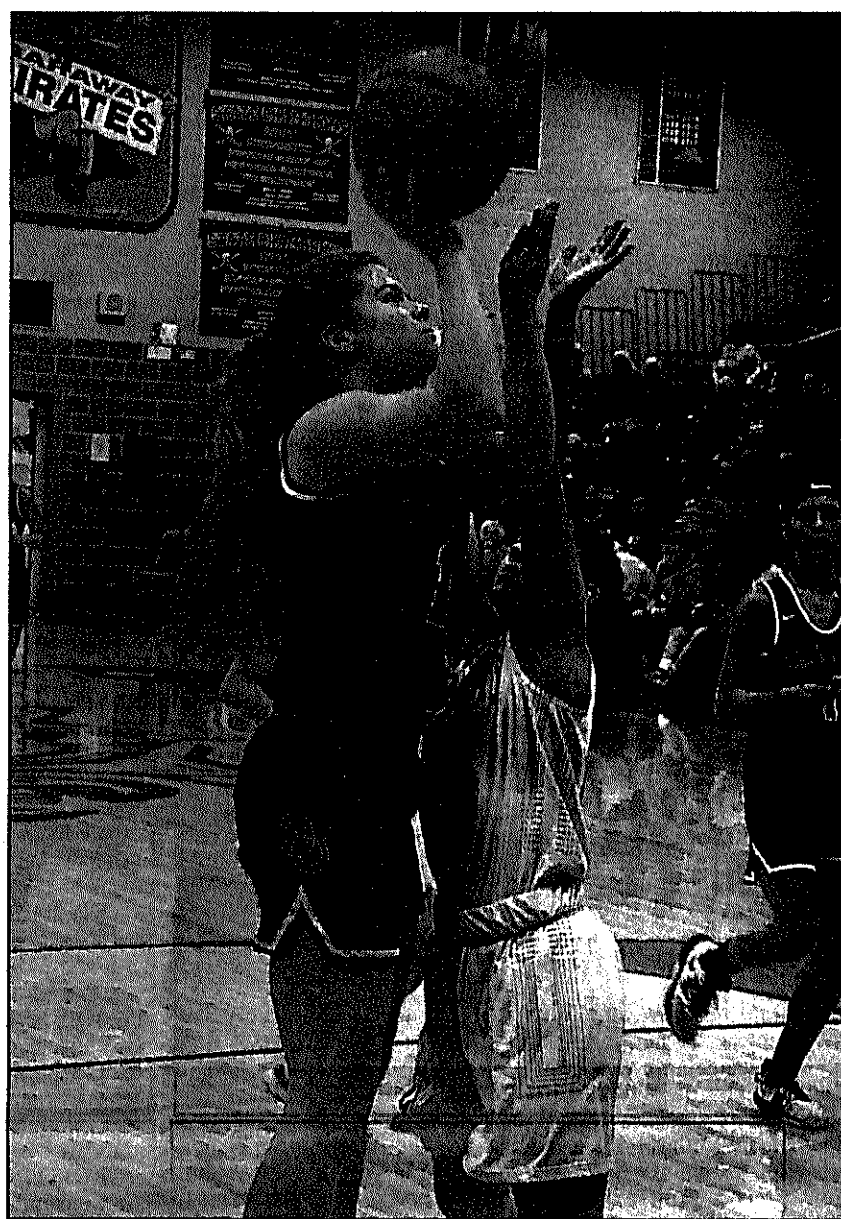
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MARTINS FERRY'S Maria Clark goes up for a shot during the Purple Riders' sectional victory against Garaway.

Ferry rolls past Pirates for crown

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By KIM NORTH

Times Leader Sports Writer

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Union Local surges late in ousting MorganBy MIKE HUGHES
For The Times Leader

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teristically sloppy for UL. The Jets committed 15 turnovers for the game, but five came in the first half. They also shot an abysmal 29 percent from the floor.

Couple that with Morgan's owning of the glass early and it's easy to see why the Jets clung to a 9-8 advantage after one.

"They boxed us out and Reagan didn't have the usually offensive rebounds she normally does," Barr said. "But they are a good team. Every team from now on will be better. That's tournament basketball."

Vinskovich had nine at the half and was backed by six from Casey Kildow as the rest of the team struggled to find the range early.

Leading 23-18, the Jets began the third quarter with the aforementioned three straight turnovers. That allowed Morgan to take its first lead of the game, 25-23, on a Shelby Fisher 3-ball from the corner.

The Raiders only managed four points the rest of the half as the Jets set off on a 16-4 run to close the quarter.

UL's press was able to hurt some, but it was the team's base 2-3 zone



UNION LOCAL'S Reagan Vinskovich goes in for a

Jairé Grayer broke the 55-all tie with his only 3-pointer to start overtime, and Samuel hit two buckets and two free throws as the Mountaineers lost their fifth straight road conference game after beating TCU by 32 at home.

Derek Culver had 18 points and 12 rebounds, and Taz Sherman scored 16 points for West Virginia (19-8, 7-7).

Mountaineers coach Bob Huggins stayed tied with Dean Smith on the all-time coaching victories list with 879.

Samuel made all seven of his shots and had eight rebounds, RJ Nembhard scored 16 points and Bane finished with eight points and 10 assists in TCU's second home victory over a

55-all tie with 1:03 to go. Miles McBride couldn't finish off a possible three-point play, and Culver missed two free throws.

Culver scored six points and Sherman had the last five on a 15-1 run that put West Virginia up 25-15 in the first half.

TCU later answered with a 19-2 run that carried over halftime, turning a 31-21 deficit into a 40-33 lead when Nembhard hit a 3-pointer.

The Horned Frogs scored the final eight points of the first half, starting with a 3-pointer from guard Francisco Farabello.

The only points for the freshman from Argentina came moments before he ended up on the floor holding his head following a scramble for a loose

league coaches in a preseason poll. But this is quite a boost coming off seven losses in eight games.

UP NEXT

West Virginia: At Texas on Monday.

TCU: At Iowa State on Tuesday.
No. 5 Dayton 80, Duquesne 70
DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Obi Toppin had 28 points as No. 5 Dayton won its 16th game in a row, beating Duquesne.

Jalen Crutcher added 17 points and five assists for the Flyers (25-2, 14-0 Atlantic 10), who have yet to lose in regulation this season.

Toppin, a redshirt sophomore and potential first-round NBA draft choice, was 11 for 16 from the field, including 3 for 5 from beyond the 3-point arc.

"That's a really good team. It's a good way to play there. We smothered them, we back-pressured. We played a good team game on the road."

• Mannie

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Class of 2020. The story last week on McLane's HOF selection contained some inaccuracies.

McLane rates among the best hoopsters ever to suit up at Steubenville Catholic Central. McLane put together a dominating senior year for the Crusaders. He averaged 25.4 points and an amazing 20 rebounds a contest.

Not surprisingly, a slew of honors came his way following that memorable campaign. He was tabbed first team all-OVAC, all-District and District 5 player-of-the-year.

Moreover, McLane was selected by both UPI and AP as a first-team all-Ohio honoree. He was also chosen to play in the Ohio North/South All-Star Game.

McLane was named to a pair of All-American teams: The U.S. Basketball Writers Association Coach and Athletic Magazine and the Surildest Growers A-A squad. He ended his Steubenville Central career with 1,008 points and is a member of the school's Hall of Fame.

McLane received a basketball scholarship to Duquesne University where he was a three-year starter.

He died on Dec. 12, 2014, at the age of 61.

BUBBA'S BITS

LAST WEEK in this space we talked about the PAC 8 basketball championships. Not to be overlooked is one of the Ohio Valley's largest and most competitive junior high tournaments. The Al Glitch Junior High Invitational is staged each February at St. Clairsville High. Last weekend's seventh championship game featured two excellent squads before a packed house. Steubenville Harding (17-2) downed St. Clairsville (16-2) by a 51-37 count in the title tilt. Aiden Davis and Will Taylor each netted 19 points for Harding while Tyson Pastor led the Red Devils with 16 counters while Brady Schafer added nine tallies.

THE ST. THOMAS University men's basketball team is an impressive 19-5 this season. The Florida-based institution is coached by D.P. Harris. The Wheeling Park grad is in his first year at St. Thomas after authoring a hall of fame coaching career at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa.

THE UNIVERSITY of North Alabama women's basketball team is 17-8 this season. Former Bellaire High and West Liberty hoopster Missy Tiber is the Lions' head coach.

ST. JOHN Central Academy in Bellaire is holding a free soccer clinic for boys and girls in grades 4-8 on March 18th and March 25th. The camp will run from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration will start at 6 p.m. at the door and close at 6:30. The camp will be directed by Wheeling University head soccer coach Jim Regan, West Liberty head men's coach Sean Regan and West Liberty head women's coach Barry Christmas. Campers should bring their own soccer ball. Shinguards are recommended. For additional information, call 740-312-3185.

KRISTIN LEWICKI returned to professional hockey last weekend, playing two games with the Buffalo Beauts of the National Women's Hockey League. The John Marshall grad scored one goal and dished out two assists while playing under a Professional Tryout Agreement. Her stellar play in those two games earned her a contract with the Beauts for the remainder of the season. Lewicki played with Buffalo two years ago and with the Metropolitan Riveters last season. She scripted an All-American hockey career at Adrian College, finishing her career with 90 goals and 89 assists. Lewicki was the Division III Women's Player of the Year for the 2016-17 season.

THE SUPER SIX is staying in Wheeling for four more years. The West Virginia SSAC made that decision Wednesday. It was a no-brainer. I have said repeatedly that the Super Six will never leave the Friendly City. Kudos to Super Six co-chairmen Greg Stewart and Dwaine Rodgers as well as their army of volunteers.

AUDREY TINGLE was an all-Ohioan hoopster at Ridgewood High. The talented point guard has subsequently scripted a banner career at West Liberty University. The junior dandy is the first Lady Hilltopper to reach the 500 mark for rebounds, points and assists. She is the daughter of former River High hoop standout Jana Isaly and the cousin of Lady Pilot head girls' coach Rick Isaly.

DON HERTLER Jr. has been named the new Conotton Valley High School football coach. He takes over for Mike Winland, who guided the Rockets to a 4-5-1 record in 2019. Hertler, age 58, began his hall of fame coaching career as an assistant at Conotton Valley in the mid-1980s. He was inducted into the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2019 after resigning as the North Canton Hoover Vikings head coach in 2015. He also had a successful tenure at Garaway.

• Ferry

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five points in taking a 35-16 advantage into the locker room.

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"This is the second

straight game we've come out and played lights-out in the first half but haven't been able to sustain that play in the second half," Reasbeck said. "If we play like we did in the first half today against Hiland, we'll be able to compete. If we play against them like we did in the second half, they'll beat

us by 60."

Reasbeck praised the the play of Schuster.

"Shayla Schuster doesn't get enough credit. Rishella (Spielvogel) gets accolades. Maddie gets praise, but Shayla is the key," he stressed. "She gets everybody the ball. She controls our offense. Tonight she got

some big rebounds."

Garaway, who had lost twice to Hiland in the regular season, made a run in the early portion of the fourth quarter, but Clark drilled a three from the left corner that put the Purple Riders ahead 45-30.

"Maria hit a big three right there," Reasbeck recalled.

• Ousting

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that kept Morgan from getting closer.

Morgan as a team likes to penetrate and score points in the paint off drives but against UL's back three, those points were difficult to come by. Instead, the Raiders settled for drive and dishing or skip passes around the arc to get open looks from beyond.

The problem was, they weren't hit-

ting many.

"We saw on film that they liked to drive the ball, but they sort of did it out of control," Barr said. "So we told the girls to find your spot, get your hands up and make them go around."

"We forced a lot of walks as they were trying to step around our big people and it worked out."

Vinskovich finished with 24 points

and seven rebounds while Torre Kildow had 11 points, her sister, Casey, added 10 and Hannah Merritt chipped in nine. Keira Gregor, who missed most of the second half in foul trouble, made her presence known in the second half with seven rebounds.

Morgan was led by Rilee Coon, who totaled nine points and seven rebounds.

• Rahi

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"You have to have each other's back," he said. "The bottom line is you're out there with a lot of people and it's just you three. Everyone supports each other. You have to."

Rahi has been officiating hoops in Ohio for 30 years and in West Virginia for 28. He also has worked football games for 17 years and, for the last four, prep lacrosse, which is growing locally, especially in West Virginia high schools.

"I love that sport," he

beamed. "It's a blast. I wish they had it when I was growing up."

Basketball is Rahi's bread and butter, though. Even though the prep season is winding down, Rahi keeps busy — he works up to four nights a week — with other types of basketball, including games in the American Basketball Association, a semi-pro league that has a myriad of teams in the region, including Akron. He's also worked college games.

As a seasoned veteran,

Rahi has now turned his attention to helping younger officials hone their craft.

"The last two or three years, the local board has made a commitment to having an actual mentoring program," Rahi explained. "It works very well. There's a lot of younger officials that are becoming very, very good and are going to be good. It's a really nice situation."

Rahi cited Jimmy Schmidt as someone he looked up to as he rose through the ranks.

"I called him every day and asked questions," Rahi said. "A lot of older guys, if they see that you have that drive and aren't there just for the money, they'll help you. If you're lollygagging up the court, no one wants to work with you."

If you know of someone in sports in the Ohio Valley whom I could feature as an Ohio Valley Unsung Hero, drop me a line at rthorp@timesleaderonline.com or via Twitter @RickThorp1

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"Getting to know the kids is by far the best part (of the game)," Depew said. "I had the chance to play in the game in 1994, but coaching in it and getting to know all of the kids is an absolute treat."

Depew guided his Cadets to a 7-3 season in 2019, which resulted in a third-place finish in the 3A standings.

"The (OVAC Game) week itself with all of the different events and how it's planned out is wonderful," Depew said. "I tell the kids (at Linsly) who may have a chance to play in it that you get treated like a rockstar all week

long. You go to all of these events and you're the center of attention. That kind of thing doesn't happen much past this week for a lot of those guys. It's fun to watch them in that setting."

Having done it before is helpful, but it doesn't alleviate the difficulty in selecting the roster.

"It's almost impossible to get all of the deserving kids onto the team," Depew said. "It's also getting trickier because of the number of kids who will decline the initial invite or drop out later on, in the summer. The last time we coached it, I remember, we made our 33 initial selections and only 23 of those ended up in camp, so it was challenging and a little bit stressful."

The invitations for the players will be finalized in the coming weeks.

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Wheeling Park Rallies To Take Down Preston

Vargo Scores 29 Points in Second Half

By BUBBA KAPRAL
Executive Sports Editor

WHEELING — It was Athletic Hall of Fame Night at The Palace on the Hill Saturday. Keeping with that theme for the evening, Wheeling Park senior Alex Vargo delivered his own personal hall of fame performance.

The Patriots found themselves on the short end of a 34-27 halftime reading to Preston. Vargo, however, stepped up in all-state fashion over the final two periods.

The 6-foot-5 standout opened the third quarter with seven straight points to deliver the hosts a much-needed spark. Vargo's scoring onslaught continued the balance of the contest, tossing in 29 of his game-high 35 points after intermission in helping to lead Park to a hard-earned 76-71 win over the hot-shooting Knights.

Preston buried 13 treys on the night.

"That is what all-staters are supposed to do. They respond and step up," Park coach Michael Jebbia said. "Alex really came up big in the second half. We definitely needed that."

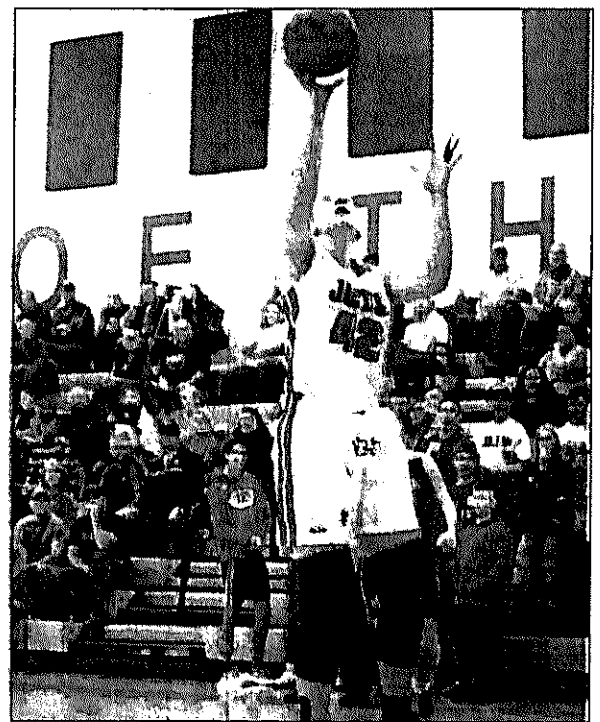
Vargo also produced nine rebounds and four steals to go with his scoring antics.

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Wheeling Park's Nate Halrston drives to the hoop during Saturday's game against Preston.

Photo by Kyle Lutz



Union Local's Reagan Vinskovich goes in for a layup during the Jets' sectional co-final victory over Morgan.

Photo by Mike Hughes

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Shadyside's Season Comes to an End

By SETH STASKEY
For the News-Register

SHADYSIDE — What was expected to be a season to remember in Shadyside ended in disappointment Saturday afternoon.

After advancing to the Division IV State Tournament in 2019, the Tigers saw their season come to a close on their home floor in a Division IV sectional co-final to Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans, 43-

"We've lived on the edge all season with the little things," a disappointed Shadyside coach Serge Gentile said. "Those came back to haunt us again. We got broke down defensively at times late and we just couldn't get into an offense."

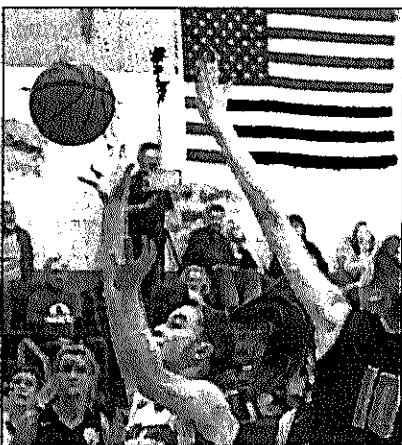
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on scoring the final seven points of the half, Shadyside went into the locker room at halftime with a 21-13 lead. They proceeded to extend that upperhand to 11 early in the third.

However, Rosecrans wasn't fazed.

The Bishops stared up at a six-point deficit after three. The Bishop knotted the game with 1.4 seconds to go in regulation on a

Shadyside's Tory Hendershot attempts a shot during Saturday's game against Bishop Rosecrans.



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Sophomore Maria Clark knocked down four treys in the game, with two coming in the second quarter when the Purple Riders held the Pirates to five points in taking a 35-16 advantage into the lockerroom.

Martins Ferry got sloppy in the second half as it turned the ball over at an alarming rate while trying to hold onto its margin. It had 24 miscues, with 16 of those coming after the intermission.

"This is the second straight game we've come out and played lights-out in the first half but haven't been able to sustain that play in the second half," Reasbeck said. "If we play like we did in the first half today against Hiland, we'll be able to compete. If we play against them like we did in the second half, they'll beat us by 60."

Reasbeck praised the play of Schuster.

"Shayla Schuster doesn't get enough credit. Rishella (Spielvogel) gets accolades. Maddie gets praise, but Shayla is the key," he said. "She gets everybody the ball. She controls our offense. (Saturday) she got some big rebounds."

Garaway, who had lost twice to Hiland in the regular season, made a run in the early portion of the fourth quarter, but Clark drilled a three from the left corner that put the Purple Riders ahead 45-30.

"Maria hit a big 3 right there," Reasbeck said.

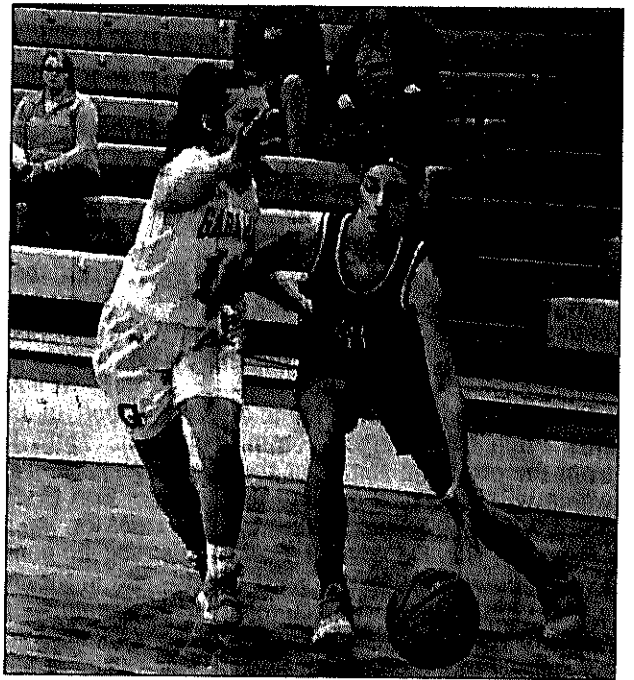


Photo by Kim North
Martins Ferry's Madison Ging (4) drives to the basket during Saturday's game against Garaway.

Interim HEALTH CARE

Interim HealthCare of Moundsville welcomes Natalie Walsh, BSN, RN as Director of Health Care Services.

Natalie is a graduate of Wheeling Jesuit University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Nursing. She resided in Pittsburgh, PA where her career path includes six years with UPMC's Montefiore Transplant ICU & followed with six years of case management for pre & post transplant patients in the northeast. Natalie returned to her hometown of Wheeling, WV where she worked private duty and transitioned to home health as a nurse case manager.



Natalie Walsh, BSN, RN

Natalie is excited to be part of the Interim HealthCare family and in the role as the Director. She is a patient advocate & eager to show the quality care we provide as she focuses on education & patient empowerment. Natalie is looking forward to the success Interim HealthCare of Moundsville will experience in 2020.

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ALL-STAR

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He was also an assistant under his father, Terry, once. On top of that, Depew worked with the game for a couple of summers in an organizational manner.

"Getting to know the kids is by far the best part (of the game)," Depew said. "I had the chance to play in the game in 1994, but coaching in it and getting to know all of the kids is an absolute treat."

Depew guided his Cadets to a 7-3 season in 2019, which resulted in a third place finish in the 3A standings.

"The (OVAC Game) week itself with all of the different events and how it's planned out is wonderful," Depew said. "I tell the kids (at Linsly) who may have a chance to play in it that you get treated like a rockstar all week long. You go to all of these events and

you're the center of attention. That kind of thing doesn't happen much past this week for a lot of those guys. It's fun to watch them in that setting."

Having done it before is helpful, but it doesn't alleviate the difficulty in selecting the roster.

"It's almost impossible to get all of the deserving kids onto the team," Depew said. "It's also getting trickier because of the number of kids who will decline the initial invite or drop out later on, in the summer. The last time we coached it, I remember, we made our 33 initial selections and only 23 of those ended up in camp, so it was challenging and a little bit stressful."

The invitations for the players will be finalized in the coming weeks.

SHADYSIDE

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Shadyside came up empty on the other end, but fouled with 4.4 seconds to go. The Bishops rimmed out, sending the missed the front end of the bonus and they were called for a loose ball foul, sending the Tigers to the line with a chance to win. However, after

cashing in the first, Rosecrans took a timeout and the second free throw rimmed out, sending the game to the second OT. There, Zemba took over. After Rosecrans ran a minute off, she got a 3-pointer to drop that seemingly touched every

portion of the rim before falling through the net. Another Shadyside misfire was rebounded and Zemba dialed up another trey.

Shadyside, which was clobbered on the glass to a tune of 40-17, was called for a foul and Zemba dropped 1 of 2 pushing the lead to seven. It grew to nine before Selmon stopped the Tigers bleeding with a bucket and Tory Hendershot, who led the Tigers with 17, got a transition bucket to go in, but it was too little too late.

"We got good looks, for the most part, but we just didn't shoot it well," Gentile said. "They made the plays in the second overtime. They made shots and we didn't. By making shots is obviously how you put points on the board."

Hendershot's production was backed by classmate Baylee Wach, who finished with 10. Selmon added nine and only one other Tiger — Gentry Brown — dented the scoring column.

Rosecrans, which will take on Monroe Central at St. Clairsville, was led by Zemba's 16. McLaughlin finished with a solid double-double of 14 points and 16 rebounds.

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SCHLEGEL

ing Julie Barack. Schlegel is a Connecticut native but quite familiar with the Ohio Valley soccer scene. The Providence College grad (1984) is no stranger to Wheeling Central. He served as the Maroon Knights' head boys' coach

children on the team." He left the East Wheeling school to become assistant boys' coach at Wheeling Park. He served in that capacity for three years (2012, 2013 and 2015.) Schlegel, age 58, is taking over a program

girls' soccer, developing our students' faith, sportsmanship and teamwork are a priority, but that does not preclude winning from the equation. Time will tell."

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Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Game Canceled



File Photo

Because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Game has been canceled. It was slated for July 25 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Marks the second time since 1972 event wasn't played

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

Because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, another staple of the Ohio Valley has summer has been canceled.

During Wednesday's OVAC Executive Board Meeting, which was held via Zoom, the conference formally called off the Rudy Mumley OVAC All-Star Football Game, which was slated for July 25 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We went down to the wire (during the meeting) trying to pull everything possible out of a hat to find a way (to hold the game), but in the end the common denominators — with every suggestion — we kept coming back to were safety and health," OVAC Executive Director Dirk DeCoy said. "It was determined that it wasn't going to be worth the risk of exposing people and these kids to the possibility of getting sick."

This marks only the second time since the OVAC took over the all-star game in 1972 that the game wasn't played. Weather caused the 1992 game to be canceled.

However, this is the first time that the entire event has been canceled. Even in '92, the events surrounding the game, including the camp, were held. The Queen of Queens winner was crowned under the grandstand to avoid the weather.

"This definitely hurts," DeCoy said of the decision. "It hurts more because we're giving it our all to give (a sense of) normalcy, and to realize it's not worth the risk is tough."

On top of the cancellation of the entire spring sports card, the cancellation of the all-star game makes it now four all-star contests that have been done in because of COVID-19. The others are the basketball, baseball and softball games.

"My message to the student-athletes, the parents and fans is we're down, but we're not out," DeCoy said. "We're going to wrap up some things for spring and now that we have the all-star decision (made), we'll stand by it and start moving on to fall sports."

Shortly after the meeting, game director Dirk Fitch began the process of reaching to each person involved with the game via email.

DeCoy estimated the game involves nearly 300 kids

in terms of the players, cheerleaders, band members and Queen of Queens candidates.

"When you consider the kids, coaches, chaperones, 400 people at the Evening With the Stars, 800 at the queen pageant, 300 at the pep rally and then another 2,600 in the stands, can we say it's worth the risk?" DeCoy said.

Fitch has been involved with the game in nearly way possible from player, assistant coach, father of a player and now game director, so he's well aware of the meaning the game has for the Ohio Valley.

"We realize how big of a part of the Ohio Valley this game is," Fitch said. "It's a shame, but the safety of everyone takes top priority."

Fitch, who is in his second year as game director, has had a challenging early spring simply because all of the schools — on both sides of the river — have been closed.

"I feel really bad for this senior class," Fitch said. "They've missed out on so many things already and this is another."

"Obviously, these kids will go on to have bigger events in their lives at some point, but we realize that many of these kids have grown up watching and attending this game and they dream about the opportunity."

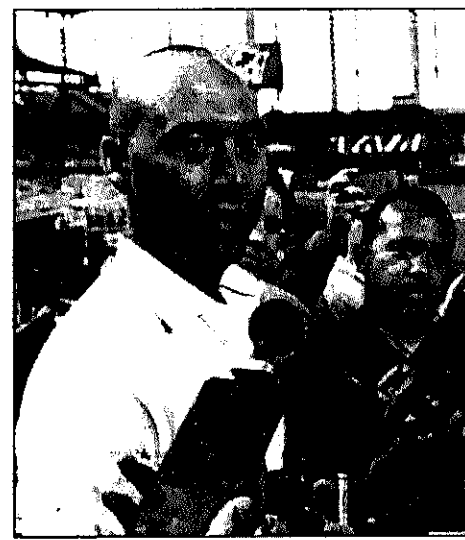
Fitch confirmed that plans for the 2021 game are already under way.

"The game will definitely continue and we want it to come back as strong as ever," Fitch said. "Hopefully, next summer, we're able to pick up where we left off, move forward and put on a great experience for everyone involved."

Along with the OVAC All-Star Game, the Upper Ohio Valley Italian Festival, which is held concurrently on the waterfront in downtown Wheeling, was canceled earlier this month.

The Ogden Newspapers Half Marathon and Wellness Weekend, which is usually held on Memorial Day weekend, was canceled and the Debbie Green Memorial 5K road race has been canceled as well.

No decision has been announced about the status of the Beast of the East Baseball Tournament, which is held annually all over the Ohio Valley over Fourth of July weekend.



AP Photo

Derek Jeter will have to wait another year for his big moment at Cooperstown.

No Induction Ceremony This Year For Baseball

By JOHN KEKIS
AP Sports Writer

Derek Jeter, Larry Walker and the rest of this year's Baseball Hall of Fame class will have to wait another year for their big moment at Cooperstown.

The Hall of Fame announced Wednesday that it has canceled the July 26 induction ceremony because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Instead, the class will be included at next year's induction festivities — along with any additional new choices — on July 25, 2021.

A record crowd of over 70,000 had been expected this summer in an outdoor field at the small town in upstate New York to honor Jeter, the former New York Yankees captain who came within one vote of unanimous election by the Baseball Writers' Association of America in January.

Jeter and Walker were to be inducted with catcher Ted Simmons and the late Marvin Miller, the pioneering players' union head who negotiated free agency and transformed the sport.

"Being inducted into the Hall of Fame will be an incredible honor, but the health and safety of everyone involved are paramount," Jeter said in a statement released by the Hall.

"I respect and support the decision to postpone this year's enshrinement and am looking forward to joining current Hall of Famers, fans, staff and my family and friends in Cooperstown in 2021," he said.

This will be the first year without an induction ceremony since 1960.

"It was a very difficult decision, but with so many unknowns facing the world, the board felt strongly that this was the right decision," said Hall member Joe Morgan, vice chairman of the shrine's board.

Record attendance for an induction ceremony was set in 2007, exceeding 70,000 when Cal Ripken Jr. and the late Tony Gwynn were enshrined. Cooperstown is within easy driving distance of the New York metro area, and loads of Yankees fans had already made their plans to see Jeter on the Hall stage.

The Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum closed at the end of the day on March 15 due to the virus outbreak.

Jeter, now the CEO of the Miami Marlins, and Walker were elected by member of the BBWAA. Simmons and Miller were chosen in December by the Hall's Modern Era Committee.

Goodell Reduces Salary to \$0, NFL Workers Taking Pay Cuts

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

Commissioner Roger Goodell has reduced his salary to \$0 and other NFL employees will be taking pay cuts or furloughs due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Goodell, who makes upward of \$30 million a year from salaries and bonus-

The league also is implementing tiered reductions in base salary, beginning with the pay period ending May 22. The reduction will be 5% for workers up to the manager's level, 7% for directors, 10% for vice presidents, 12% for senior vice presidents, and 15% for executive vice presidents.

In a memo sent to league office

"We hope that business conditions will improve and permit salaries to be returned to their current levels, although we do not know when that will be possible," Goodell said.

While the NFL has gone about business as usual with free agency and the draft — and currently is planning to play a full season beginning in Sep-

cial adjustments.

That means furloughs and adjustments to pension plans.

The furlough program "for individuals in our workforce who are unable to substantially perform their duties from home and/or whose current workload has been significantly reduced" Goodell wrote will become