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SPORTS

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OVAC CC Championship to look a bit different

By **SETH STASKEY**
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CAMBRIDGE – The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Cal Pokas Cross Country Championship is set for Saturday at Cambridge High School.

The meet, which will feature more than 200 high school competitors from throughout the conference, will have a much different look than it's ever had before.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions that surround the sport – from both Ohio and West Virginia – the OVAC meet will feature a new format.

Each state will run separately and then

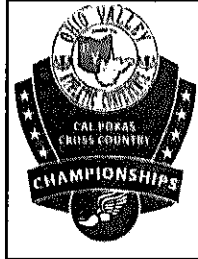
the results will be compiled to determine the team and individual champions.

"I hate not having head-to-head competition, but with the restrictions from both states, this is the best situation we have to get through this season," OVAC CC and Track Commissioner Dugan Hill said. "Let's hope this is a one-time deal."

Quite simply, it boiled down to finding a way to crown a champion and have the student-athletes competing.

"We'd heard from coaches and people that they'd do anything to run, which is how

we feel, too," Hill said. "The bottom line is we're getting the event in the best way we can."



West Virginia's Secondary Schools Activities Commission restricts the number of competitors who can be at the starting line to 84, regardless of what state the team is competing in. Ohio, meanwhile, permits 150, but the number of OVAC entrants still surpasses that barrier.

Hill talked with SSAC Executive Director Bernie Dolan about whether or not the West Virginia schools could simply follow the Ohio rules since

that's where the meet is being held.

"The SSAC wants to keep the risk of spreading COVID-19 back to their state as low as possible," Hill said.

"They settled on that number and that's what it has to be. I think we're lucky that they're allowing them to even come to Ohio to run."

Thus, Hill and his committee had to devise a way to get everyone on the course. Wanting to avoid a "wave start" because of concerns about points of the course that intersect, the OVAC will race the states separately.

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2020 NBA FINALS

Lakers top Heat to take 3-1 lead

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) – Anthony Davis punched his chest in celebration. LeBron James let out a huge scream.

The Los Angeles Lakers are on the cusp of what they want most – the franchise's first championship in 10 years.

Davis' 3-pointer with 39.5 seconds left was the back-breaker. James finished with 28 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists, and the Lakers beat the Miami Heat 102-96 in Game 4 of the NBA Finals on Tuesday night.

The Lakers lead 3-1 and can win the title when the series resumes Friday.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 15 and Danny Green added 10 for the Lakers, who didn't trail at any point in the final 20-plus minutes. Davis' 3-pointer in the final minute made it 100-91, starting the celebration that took the Lakers all night to earn.

"Felt like a finals game," James said. "Felt like both teams were desperate ... and that's what it's all about."

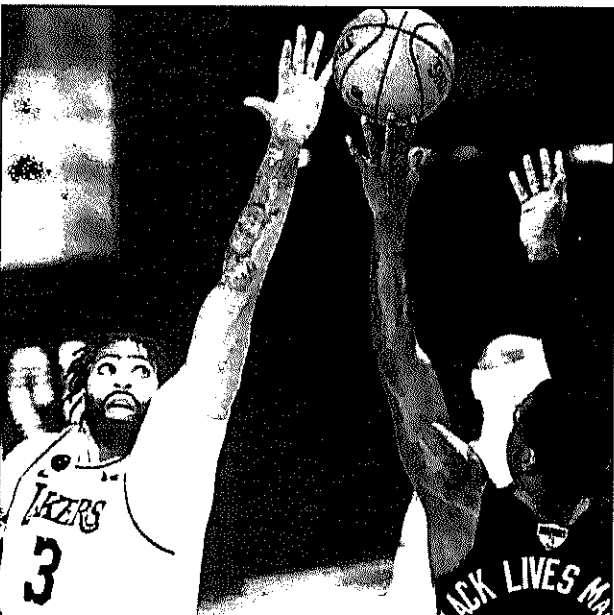
Jimmy Butler scored 22 points for Miami, which got 21 from Tyler Herro, 17 from Duncan Robinson and 15 from Bam Adebayo – who returned after missing two games with a neck injury.

James' 3-pointer with 8:18 left in the third put the Lakers up 55-54 and set the tone for the way the rest of the night was going to go; L.A. leading, Miami chasing.

The Lakers were up by seven with 2:27 left in the third after a 3-pointer by Davis – the 71-64 margin representing the biggest by either side to that point. Miami scored the next six to get within one, yet couldn't get back on top, a trend that persisted into the fourth.

Herro made a 3 early in the fourth to get Miami within one again; the Heat promptly fouled Markieff Morris on a 3-point try, and he made all three shots. Butler scored inside to tie the game with 6:27 left; James scored the next five points himself, including a three-point play where he ended up flat on his back after spinning the ball perfectly off the glass for a score on a drive while taking contact.

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AP Photo

MIAMI HEAT guard Kendrick Nunn, right, shoots over Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis during the first half in Game 4 of the NBA Finals Tuesday, in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.



TL Photo/KIM NORTH

ST. CLAIRSVILLE goalkeeper Jaeda Nowak (in pink) leaps to punch the ball away from the goal as Wheeling Park's Morgan Stauver (24) also leaves the ground. Defending are the Red Devils' Bella Swan (2) and Megan Malin (4).

Wheeling Park dominates, holds off St. Clairsville, 3-2

• Despite loss, Red Devils' Nowak sets school mark for saves

By **KIM NORTH**
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WHEELING – Not being able to play for a conference championship due to circumstances beyond a team's control can drive it to higher goals. Such is the case for the Wheeling Park girls' soccer team which was denied participation in the recent Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 5A Tournament because of Ohio County's COVID-19 color-coded status the week of the event.

However, instead of hanging their heads, the Patriots are hoping for a little *deja vu*.

"I think it was a stinger to be in gold that particular week. It was unfortunate that we missed that opportunity," Wheeling Park head coach Carrie Hanna said after watching her team dominate St. Clairsville in a 3-2 victory Tuesday night on the artificial pitch inside Wheeling Island Stadium. The final score was not indicative of the way the Patriots (9-2) controlled the contest. "I always look at the silver lining. Two years ago when we went down to (the) state (tournament) we didn't even qualify for the OVACs, so we always look at these type of things as a blessing in disguise. We had a good week of practice that week, but we also had a week of sting. Hopefully we come back with vengeance."

So far. So good.

Freshman Merritt Delk got Wheeling Park on the scoreboard in the sixth minute. She split a pair of defenders with a nifty move and dribbled the ball down low to St. Clairsville goalkeeper Jaeda Nowak's right. Delk then unleashed a laser that found the far corner of the net for a 1-0 margin. Emma Shelek charted an assist.

It became 2-0 in the 24th minute. Gracelynn Hanna's perfect cross from the left corner to the crease found the foot of Maya Taggart, but Nowak denied that attempt. However, Delk was in the right spot at the right time to bang home the rebound. Taggart logged the assist.

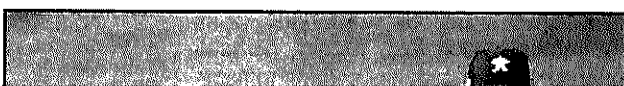
Delk completed her natural hat trick as time was winding down in the first half. Taking a pass from Lily Hanna, Delk blasted the ball into the net as the lead ballooned to 3-0.

"We told her we're happy she is on the hat trick train again. It seems like when we score a lot of goals she always has a hat trick," Hanna allowed. "She may only be a freshman on the roster, but she plays like a senior on the field."

The score remained that way until late in the second half, mainly due to the aggressive play of the Patriots' midfielders.

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Springer homers twice,



Braves hook

Hendershot added seven kills, six aces and four digs. Paige Gorby added five kills, three digs, while Baylee Wach donated two kills, two assists, two aces and a dig. Caroline Mercer posted 24 assists and six digs.

Monroe Central d. Frontier
24-26, 25-15, 25-17, 25-14

WOODSFIELD -- Kynzi Bishop charted 17 points, five aces and five kills as Monroe Central downed Frontier.

Haylin Hiles smashed a team-high 14 kills, followed by Abby Thompson's 10 in the win.

• **Lakers** — NLDS

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A bounce here, a bounce there. Those were the differences late, and the Lakers made their own breaks.

Butler had a corner 3 that would have given Miami the lead rim out with 3:05 left; Caldwell-Pope made a corner 3 at the other end seven seconds later and the Lakers were up 93-88.

Miami then turned the ball over on a shot-clock violation; Caldwell-Pope scored on a drive for a seven-point lead.

"The job is not done," James said.

Not yet. But they're on the brink.

• **ALDS**

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Houston improved to 7-3 in Dodger Stadium since that World Series. Current A's pitcher Mike Fiers last year told of his old team's sign-stealing scandal used in 2017, a revelation that rocked baseball.

The scandal led to season-long suspensions of

• **OVAC**

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On top of the possible issues of people crossing paths on the course, Hill believes those running in the second wave have a competitive advantage because they have someone in front of them "to go catch."

For instance, the Ohio boys will be the first race to go off and will hear the sounding of the gun at 9 a.m.. At 9:45 a.m., the West Virginia boys will begin. The first girls race will feature the Ohio schools at 10:30 and then at 11:15, the West Virginia girls will hit the course.

"The only way we figured out how to solve the problem, based on the number of participants from each school, was to run one state and then immediately followed by the other state with the same gender," Hill, who is also the head coach at Caldwell, said. "That way, everyone is running in as close to the same weather conditions as possible."

There will be no open races contested, meaning schools will be limited to seven competitors at the starting line, which will also be socially distanced. The starting boxes will be six feet apart and the runners who

• **Park**

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"Midfielders are work-horses. We have Abby Barkin in there and she just runs a mile and is all over the place. Morgan Stauver is one of the most composed players that I've seen and we have Loryn Ramsey there as our kind of anchor who demands and directs the plays. They do a great job."

Starting goalkeeper Josephine Kulpa wasn't called upon to make a save as she was in between the pipes for the first 40 minutes. Backup netminder Ryleigh Hicks didn't face a shot until the 67th minute. She stopped three of five fired at her.

Emily Thompson gave the Red Devils (10-3-1) some much-needed momentum. She completed a Me-

Isaac Knowlton recorded his 62nd goal of the season for the Seminoles. His 62 goals ties the Ohio State record for goals in a season.

(Late Monday)
GIRLS SOCCER

Harrison Central 1, Carrollton 1
CADIZ -- Angi Ferri scored for the Huskies as they played the Warriors to a deadlock at Wagner Field.

Britton Positano had 17 saves for Harrison Central.

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Acuna got things going for the Braves in the bottom of the first when he sent Alcantara's second pitch into right-center for a homer.

He watched it for a second before flipping his bat and rounding the bases as he became the youngest player (22 years, 293 days old) in postseason history with a leadoff home run.

Things turned testy in the third when Acuna was nailed by a 98 mph fastball. The showy All-Star outfielder held onto his bat and walked a few steps toward the mound before umpires and Braves coaches surrounded him and directed him away from Alcantara, who had started to walk toward him.

After a short delay, featuring plenty of chirping from both dugouts, Acuna took his base. Umpires warned the teams against further trouble.

There's already been plenty — in 2018, when Acuna was a rookie and on a big homer-hitting streak, Jose Urena nailed him with a fastball on his first pitch.

He's become a Marlins target over the years.

Houston general manager

Jeff Luhnow and manager AJ Hinch, who both were fired. Boston manager Alex Cora and Mets manager Carlos Beltran also lost their jobs as fallout their roles with the '17 Astros, and Houston still draws ire of other players and fans.

"This is a team that believes in one another and sticks together and really tries to enjoy the day," Springer said.

Houston turned three double plays, including one to end the game. Second baseman Jose Altuve got the first two going and had a hand in all three.

start behind with their teams will be six feet behind the runners in the front of the box.

Traditionally, after the high school races conclude and prior to the start of the junior high events, there would be an awards ceremony.

That, however, isn't expected to occur because of the restrictions. The top 10 finishers in each class will still be recognized with a medal and the team trophies will still be awarded, but there isn't expected to be a formal ceremony.

"We are going to try to present the team trophy and runner-up plaque, but Ohio has frowned upon that because technically there isn't supposed to be an awards ceremony," Hill said.

The junior high races will be done similarly to the high school in terms of separation by state. The Ohio junior high boys will go off at 12:30 and West Virginia boys will follow at 1 p.m., while the Ohio junior high girls will begin at 1:30 and the final race will be the West Virginia junior high girls at 2 p.m.

gan Malin feed in the 73rd minute to avoid the shutout.

Thompson was pulled down moments later, resulting in a penalty kick. Mikayla Hendershot sent a bullet along the turf into the bottom right-hand corner of the net to make it 3-2 in the 74th minute, but that was as close as the visitors would get.

Despite the loss, Nowak established a school-record with 19 saves. She already holds the school mark for career shutouts.

The West Virginia Class AAA sectional tournament is scheduled for the end of the month and Hanna will see how her team stacks up against a couple of teams in her region in the near future.

"We've got a pair of big

games coming up against University (home on Thursday) and at Morgantown (next Tuesday)," Hanna said.

For St. Clairsville head coach Wes Stoner, he said his team has nothing to hang its head about in losing to Wheeling Park.

"That is a good Wheeling Park team. They kept possession of the ball and we couldn't get it away from them for most of the night," he said. "This will be a good loss for us to learn from. I'm confident in my girls of bouncing back."

The Red Devils return home Monday to host Oak Glen in a rematch of the OVAC Class 4A finals won by the Golden Bears.

Ohio Playoffs

Friday Division III	Division VI	Saturday Division IV	Division V	Division VI	Division VII
Youngstown East at Steubenville Tuscarawas at Dover	Tuscarawas CC at Toronto Fairfield Christian at Frontier Buckeye Central at Wellsville	Union Local at Vinton County Indian Creek at Indian Valley Linden McKinley at Cambridge Gibson Academy at East Liverpool Merrill at Sevier Local	Rootstown at Harrison Central Buckeye Local at Peninsula Southwest, 1:30 p.m. Jefferson Area at Martins Ferry Aron Manchester at Edison	Mt. Gilead at Buckeye Trail	Stressburg at Monroe Central

Football Card

(all games leave 7 p.m. starts unless noted)

Friday	Saturday
Racine Southern at Beaverville Morgantown at Wheeling Park Plymouth at John Marshall Jefferson at University Brooks at Oak Glen Wheeling Central at West Liberty at Parkersburg South Berkey Springs at Magnolia Patten City at Clay City Valley at Cameron	Bridgeport at Steubenville Catholic, 1 p.m. Hundred at Madison

NBA Finals

(Best-of-7)
x-if necessary

L.A. Lakers 3, Miami 1
L.A. Lakers 116, Miami 99
L.A. Lakers 124, Miami 114
Miami 115, L.A. Lakers 104
Tuesday: L.A. Lakers 102, Miami 96
Friday: Miami vs. L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
x-Sunday: L.A. Lakers vs. Miami, 7:30 p.m.
x-Tuesday, Oct. 13: Miami vs. L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

Sports on TV

Today	SHO	COLLEGE GOLF	COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)	HORSE RACING	MLB BASEBALL	MLB	TBS	TBS	FS1	NHLN	ESPN2
8 p.m.	8 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	6 p.m.	6 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	3:35 p.m.	7:10 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	Game 2, Game 2	11:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.

French Open

PARIS (AP) — Results Tuesday from French Open at Stade Roland Garros (seedings in parentheses):

Men's Singles Quarterfinals
Diego Schwartzman (12), Argentina, def. Dominic Thiem (3), Austria, 7-6 (1), 5-7, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Janik Sinner, July 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-1.

Women's Singles Fourth Round
Danielle Collins, United States, def. Ons Jabeur (3), Tunisia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Women's Singles Quarterfinals
Nastja Pietrangola, Argentina, def. Elina Svitolina (3), Ukraine, 6-2, 6-4.
Iga Swiatek, Poland, def. Maria Trevisan, July 6-3, 6-1.

Men's Doubles Quarterfinals
Kevin Krawietz and Andreas Mies (3), Germany, def. Jamie Murray and Neal Skupski (13), Britain, 6-4, 6-4.
Nicola Pietrangola, Croatia, and Wesley Koolhof (6), Netherlands, def. Nicholas Pietrangola and Tommy Paul, United States, 6-4, 6-4.

Women's Doubles Quarterfinals
Kristina Mladenovic, France, and Timea Babos (2), Hungary, def. Aleksandra Sramkovic, Serbia, and Maria Koryuk, Ukraine, 6-2, 7-5.
Barbora Krejickova and Katerina Siniakova (4), Czech Republic, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Sofia Kenin (9), United States, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

NHL Draft

Tuesday's Selections Final Round

1. N.Y. Rangers, Alex Larneman, Jr. (Rusovici) (OHL)
2. Los Angeles, Quinn Byfield, c. Sudbury (OHL)
3. Ottawa (from San Jose), Tim Stuetzle, Jr. Mannheim (Germany)
4. Detroit, Lucas Raymond, Jr. Fribourg (Switzerland)
5. Ottawa, Jake Sanderson, d. USA U-18 (NTDP)
6. Anaheim, James Drysdale, c. Elm (OHL)
7. San Jose, Alexander Holtz, Jr. Skelleftea (Sweden)
8. Buffalo, Jack Quinn, Jr. Ottawa (OHL)
9. Minnesota, Marco Rossi, c. Saginaw (OHL)
10. Winnipeg, Cole Perlick, c. Otagara (OHL)
11. Nashville, Iaroslav Akhmetov, Jr. N.S. Petersburg (Russia)
12. Florida, Ardon LZundic, c. HFK (Finland)
13. Carolina (from Toronto), Seth Jarvis, c. Portland (OHL)
14. Edmonton, Dylan Holloway, c. Woodstock (Big Ten)
15. Toronto (from Pittsburgh), Pridon Ananov, Jr. Ufa (Russia)
16. Montreal, Kaden Hultis, c. Prince Albert (OHL)
17. Chicago, Lukas Reichel, Jr. Eisbaren Berlin (Germany)
18. New Jersey (from Arizona), Dawson Mercer, c. Chicoutimi (OHL)
19. N.Y. Rangers (from Calgary), Braden Schneider, d. Brandon (OHL)
20. New Jersey (from Vancouver), Brock Boesl, Jr. Skelleftea (Sweden)
21. Columbus, Yegor Chuprunov, Jr. Omsk (Russia)
22. Washington (from Calgary), Noah Hanford, Jr. N.Y. Rangers (through Carolina)
23. Philadelphia, Tyson Foerster, Jr. Bemis (OHL)
24. Calgary (from Washington), Connor Zary, c. Nankoo (OHL)
25. Colorado, Justin Barron, d. Halifax (OHL)
26. St. Louis, Jake Neighbours, Jr. Edmonton (OHL)
27. Anaheim (from Boston), Jacob Fernelund, Jr. Bemis (OHL)
28. Ottawa (from N.Y. Islanders), Ricky Greig, c. Brandon (OHL)
29. Vegas, Brandon Brisson, c. Chicago (USHL)
30. Dallas, Mavrik Bourque, c. Shawinigan (OHL)
31. San Jose (from Tampa Bay), Coby Moskaluk, Jr. Prince Albert (OHL)

Transactions

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB — Reinstated New York Yankees RHP Domingo Germen from the restricted list.

American League
HOUSTON ASTROS — Sent RHP Joe Blanton outright to Round Rock (PCL).
NEW YORK YANKEES — Reassigned RHP Domingo Germen to the minor leagues.
TEXAS RANGERS — Announced pitching coach Julio Rangel and catching coach Hector Cruz will not be returning for 2021 season.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Reassigned INFs John Camargo and William Contreras to the minor leagues. Activated RHPs Bryce Wilson and Haascar Ynoa.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Activated INF Gavin Lux and RHP Dylon Feno. Reassigned INFs Keibert Ruiz and Edmundo Flores to the minor leagues.
MIAMI MARLINS — Activated LHP Daniel Cantano and RHP Nick Vincent. Reassigned INF Lewis Diaz, OF Stading Marie and PFP Stephen Terpstra to the minor leagues. Selected the contract of INF Sean Rodriguez from alternate training site.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reassigned RHP Dan Altavilla and INFs Jorge Mateo and Greg Garcia to the minor leagues. Activated RHP Mike Clevinger and OF Greg Allen. Designated OF Abraham Alcantara for assignment. Selected the contract of LHP Ryan Weathers from Fort Wayne (Nickles League).

HOCKEY
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Acquired C Max Domi and a third-round pick in the 2021 draft from Montreal in exchange for F Josh

Friday	Saturday
Buckeye Trail 2, 3, 0, 5, 80, 12.08 Magnolia 1, 4, 0, 5, 60, 12.00 Buckeye Local 1, 5, 0, 6, 68, 10.83	CLASS 2-A School W L T TG CP AVE. River 4 2 0 6 255 42.50 Shenandoah 4 2 0 6 235 39.17 Southern Local 5 1 6 6 225 37.50 Caldwell 4 2 0 6 195 32.50 California 4 2 0 6 165 27.50 Frontier 3 3 0 6 155 25.83 Shadyville 3 3 0 6 135 22.50 Tuscarawas 2 3 0 5 126 21.00 Bridgeport 2 4 0 6 85 14.17 Cay Valley 0 0 0 0 0 0.00

NFL Glance

AMERICAN CONFERENCE		NATIONAL CONFERENCE	
East	West	East	West
Buffalo 0 0 0 1,000 123 100 New England 2 2 0 500 97 92 Miami 1 3 0 250 93 86 N.Y. Jets 0 4 0 000 65 131	Tennessee 3 0 0 1,000 80 74 Indianapolis 3 1 0 750 133 56 Jacksonville 1 3 0 250 95 117 Houston 0 4 0 000 80 126	Philadelphia 1 2 1 250 84 107 Dallas 1 3 0 250 126 146 Washington 1 3 0 250 79 112 N.Y. Giants 6 4 0 000 47 98	Green Bay 4 0 0 1,000 152 101 Chicago 3 1 0 750 85 81 Detroit 1 3 0 250 99 127 Minnesota 1 3 0 250 106 125

PGA Tour FedEx Cup Leaders

Through Oct. 4	Points	Money
1. Bryson DeChambeau	600	\$2,250,000
2. Stewart Cink	558	\$1,319,010
3. Hudson Swafford	505	\$735,114
4. Sergio Garcia	500	\$1,186,000
5. Tyler McCumber	383	\$637,300
6. Matthew Wolff	330	\$1,250,000
7. Peter Malnati	311	\$732,252
8. Larry Hogg	300	\$719,400
9. Lucas Douthett	210	\$651,457
10. J.T. Poston	190	\$454,400
11. Mackenzie Hughes	180	\$276,000
12. Kristoffer Ventura	178	\$425,380
13. Adam Long	173	\$374,757
14. James Hahn	165	\$302,650
15. Doc Redman	163	\$368,363
16. Brian Stuard	153	\$342,610
17. Harris English	150	\$603,903
18. Chez Cheuvie	143	\$340,143
19. Charley Hoffman	140	\$281,414
20. Hale Lashley	135	\$196,000
21. Kevin Streelman	134	\$322,163
22. Anirban Lahiri	128	\$198,121
23. Keegan Bradley	123	\$297,000
24. Henrik Stenson	123	\$297,000
25. Xander Schauffele	120	\$602,993
26. Cameron Percy	120	\$189,204
27. Zach Johnson	118	\$361,306
28. Sam Burns	116	\$241,900
29. Kiranmayi Zhang	114	\$193,650
30. Pat Perez	107	\$206,650
31. Dustin Johnson	105	\$428,400
32. Cameron Davis	100	\$220,711
33. Danny McCarthy	94	\$214,162
34. Doug Ghim	85	\$159,720
35. Luke List	84	\$131,124
36. Scott Stallings	83	\$201,300
37. Emiliano Grillo	83	\$115,536
38. Rory McIlroy	83	\$362,236
39. Webb Simpson	83	\$302,236
40. Tony Finau	83	\$302,236
41. Justin Thomas	83	\$302,236
42. J.J. Spaun	75	\$175,610
43. Sungjae Im	75	\$175,607
44. Patrick Rodgers	74	\$111,292
45. Russell Knox	70	\$166,650
46. Snoop Shikato	69	\$121,100
47. David Hearn	69	\$121,100
48. Scott Harrington	68	\$94,411
49. Vincent Whalley	67	\$39,142
50. C.T. Pan	67	\$154,330

MLB Playoffs

Monday: New York Yankees @ Tampa Bay 3
Tuesday: New York Yankees @ Tampa Bay 3
Tonight: Tampa Bay (Aron 2-0) vs. New York Yankees (Tanaka 3-0), 7:10 p.m.
x-Thursday: Tampa Bay vs. New York Yankees (Montgomery 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
x-Friday: New York Yankees vs. Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Houston 2, Oakland 0

Monday: Houston 10, Oakland 5
Tuesday: Houston 5, Oakland 2
Tonight: Oakland (Luzardo 3-2) vs. Houston (Urquy 1-1), 3:35 p.m.
x-Thursday: Oakland vs. Houston, 3:35 p.m.
x-Friday: Houston vs. Oakland, 3:35 p.m.

National League
San Diego vs. Los Angeles Dodgers
At Arlington, Texas
Tuesday: San Diego vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 9:05 p.m. (MLB)
Tonight: San Diego vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (Kershaw 6-2), 9:05 p.m. (FS1)
x-Saturday: San Diego vs. Los Angeles Dodgers, 8:05 p.m. (FS1)

Atlanta 1, Miami 0
At Houston

Today: Miami (Lopez 6-4) vs. Atlanta (Anderson 3-2), 2:08 p.m. (MLB)
Thursday: Atlanta (Wright 2-4) vs. Miami (Garcia 3-2), 2:08 p.m. (FS1)
x-Friday: Atlanta vs. Miami, 2:08 p.m. (FS1)
x-Saturday: Miami vs. Atlanta, 4:35 p.m. (FS1)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-7)
American League
At San Diego
(All Games on TBS)
Sunday, Oct. 11:
Monday, Oct. 12:
Tuesday, Oct. 13:
Wednesday, Oct. 14:
x-Thursday, Oct. 15:
x-Friday, Oct. 16:
x-Saturday, Oct. 17:
National League
At Arlington, Texas
(Free or FS1)
Monday, Oct. 12:
Tuesday, Oct. 13:
Wednesday, Oct. 14:
Thursday, Oct. 15:
x-Friday, Oct. 16:
x-Saturday, Oct. 17:
x-Sunday, Oct. 18:
WORLD SERIES (Best-of-7)
At Arlington, Texas
(All Games on Fox)
Tuesday, Oct. 20:
Wednesday, Oct. 21:
Friday, Oct. 23:
Saturday, Oct. 24:
x-Sunday, Oct. 25:
x-Tuesday, Oct. 27:
x-Wednesday, Oct. 28:

NFL Moves

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed RB Jonathan Ward to the active roster. Released CB Curtis Riley. Waived OL Brett Turk from injured reserve.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Activated LB Khatron Welch. Released TE Jerrell Adams.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed WR Khaleke Hudson on IR.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Released CB Brandon Carr. OT Alex Light. Signed OT Greg Senat to the active roster. Signed OT Willie Sweet to the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed MT Mike Pucillo to a three-year contract extension through 2023.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released WR Reggie Beylinton and LB Carter Bolton from the PUP list. Released WR Cole Scott from the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed CB Christian Apple to the practice squad. Released WR Eastern Hoge and TE Ethan Huff.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Re-signed S Doug Middleton to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed OL Bill Murray on the COVID-19 list.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Waived S Sam Childers. Signed TE Eric Tompkins to the active roster.
TAMPA BAY BUCCINERS — Placed TE O.J. Howard on injured reserve. Signed WR Cyril Grayson to the active roster.
WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM — Waived WR Jordan Vasser from

Division III	Division IV	Division V	Division VI	Division VII
1, Cheston (11) 6-0 158 2, Bellbrook (3) 6-0 160 3, Hamilton Basin (2) 6-0 130 4, Canfield (1) 6-0 131 5, Streetsboro 6-0 117 6, Plain City Jonathan Alder (1) 6-0 109 7, Thornville Sheridan (1) 6-0 63 8, Columbus St. Francis DeSales (2) 5-1 79 9, Trolwood-Madison 3-0 22 10, New Philadelphia 5-1 21 Others receiving 12 or more points: 11, Aurora 18, 12, Columbus Bishop Harley 17, 13, Hamilton Pass 15.	1, Clarksville Clinton-Messie (6) 6-0 158 2, ST. CLAIRSVILLE (8) 6-0 158 3, Cincinnati Wyoming (3) 6-0 134 4, Cincinnati Indian Hill (1) 6-0 132 5, Bellvue 6-0 112 6, Bloom-Carroll (1) 6-0 92 7, Canal Fulton Northwest 6-0 85 8, Waverly 6-0 73 9, Shelby (1) 6-0 63 10, Beloit West Branch (1) 6-0 30 Others receiving 12 or more points: 11, Deyeville Meadowbrook 22, 11, Poland Seminary 22, 13, Cincinnati McKinicholas 15, 13, Perry 15	1, Kirtland (15) 5-0 201 2, Ironon (2) 6-0 176 3, Canfield S. Range (2) 6-0 144 4, Findley Liberty-Benton (1) 6-0 131 5, West Lafayette Hedgeswood 6-0 114 6, St. Bernard Finger Bacon (1) 6-0 103 7, Garrettsville Garfield 6-0 96 8, Wheelersburg 5-1 50 9, Tontogany Oscego 6-0 48 10, Gahanna Columbus Academy 5-1 21 Others receiving 12 or more points: 11, Brookville 13.	1, Coldwater (14) 6-0 193 2, BEVERLY FORT FRYE (3) 6-0 185 3, Mechanicsburg (1) 6-0 152 4, New Middletown Springfield (1) 6-0 129 5, Archbold (1) 6-0 108 6, Wickliffe 6-0 103 7, North Robinson Colonel Crawford 6-0 71 8, Frankfort Adena 6-0 70 9, Centerville 6-0 56 10, Mogadore 4-1 33 Others receiving 12 or more points: 11, Creston Norwayne (1) (1), 12, Northwood 13.	1, Maria Stein Marion Local (20) 6-0 209 2, New Madison Tri-Village (1) 6-0 165 3, Glouster Triamba 6-0 150 4, Lima Central Catholic 5-1 119 5, Ft. Lorain 5-1 109 6, Mahoning 6-0 107 7, Lima Perry 6-0 63 8, Warren John F. Kennedy 4-2 49 9, Norwalk St. Paul 5-1 24 10, Leetonia 5-1 21 Others receiving 12 or more points: 11, Bascom Hopewell-Loudon 16, 12, Lucas 15, 13, Hamilton New Miami 14, 13, Howard East Knox 14.

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5. Lee Hodges	19	\$300,632
6. Brandon Wu	8	\$291,961
7. Stephen Jaeger	19	\$281,482
8. Greyson Sigg	19	\$249,502
9. Mike Perera	19	\$245,386
10. David Lipsky		

OVAC XC Championship To Look a Bit Different

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

CAMBRIDGE — The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Cal Pokas Cross Country Championship is set for Saturday at Cambridge High School.

The meet, which will feature more than 200 high school competitors from throughout the conference, will have a much different look than it's ever had before.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions that surround the sport — from both Ohio and West Virginia — the OVAC meet will feature a new format.

Each state will run separately and then the results will be compiled to determine the team and individual champions.

"I hate not having head-to-head competition, but with the restrictions from both states, this is the best situation we have to get through this season," OVAC CC and Track Commissioner Dugan Hill said. "Let's hope this is a one-time deal."

Quite simply, it boiled down to finding a way to crown a champion and have the student-athletes competing.

"We'd heard from coaches and people that they'd do anything to run, which is how we feel, too," Hill said. "The bottom line is we're getting the event in the best way we can."

West Virginia's Secondary Schools Activities Commission restricts the number of competitors who can be at the starting line to 84, regardless of what state the team is competing in. Ohio, meanwhile, permits 150, but the number of OVAC entrants still surpasses that barrier.

Hill talked with SSAC Executive Director Bernie Dolan about whether or not the West Virginia schools could simply follow the Ohio rules since that's where the meet is being held.

"The SSAC wants to keep the risk of spreading COVID-19 back to their state as low as possible," Hill said. "They settled on that number and that's what it has to be. I think we're lucky that they're allowing them to even come to Ohio to run."

Thus, Hill and his committee had to devise a way to get everyone on the course. Wanting to avoid a "wave start" because of concerns about points

of the course that intersect, the OVAC will race the states separately.

On top of the possible issues of people crossing paths on the course, Hill believes those running in the second wave have a competitive advantage because they have someone in front of them "to go catch."

For instance, the Ohio boys will be the first race to go off and will hear the sounding of the gun at 9 a.m.. At 9:45 a.m., the West Virginia boys will begin. The first girls race will feature the Ohio schools at 10:30 and then at 11:15, the West Virginia girls will hit the course.

"The only way we figured out how to solve the problem, based on the number of participants from each school, was to run one state and then immediately followed by the other state with the same gender," Hill, who is also the head coach at Caldwell, said. "That way, everyone is running in as close to the same weather conditions as possible."

There will be no open races contested, meaning schools will be limited to seven competitors at the starting line, which will also be socially distanced. The starting boxes will be six feet apart and the runners who start behind with their teams will be six feet behind the runners in the front of the box.

Traditionally, after the high school races conclude and prior to the start of the junior high events, there would be an awards ceremony. That, however, isn't expected to occur because of the restrictions. The top 10 finishers in each class will still be recognized with a medal and the team trophies will still be awarded, but there isn't expected to be a formal ceremony.

"We are going to try to present the team trophy and runner-up plaque, but Ohio has frowned upon that because technically there isn't supposed to be an awards ceremony," Hill said.

The junior high races will be done similarly to the high school in terms of separation by state. The Ohio junior high boys will go off at 12:30 and West Virginia boys will follow at 1 p.m., while the Ohio junior high girls will begin at 1:30 and the final race will be the West Virginia junior high girls at 2 p.m.

STATE

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Seivertson made the individual race with Brooke's back-to-back champion Ryan Bilby close down the stretch with a birdie on 14 to move him to 1-over par before Bilby pulled away for a four-stroke victory.

Seivertson also birdied the fifth hole to cut into the lead but Bilby was happy for his friends at Wheeling Park to earn the crown.

"I'm pumped that they won as a team and I won, too," Bilby said. "That's what we wanted. I stayed with them in the cabin last night and I couldn't ask for anything else."

As for Salvatori, a birdie on the Par-5 fifth hole helped gain momentum as he delivered a score of 84 on Day 2 to help catapult his team to victory.

Gavin Goodrich was also a huge key to success for Park in the No. 3 spot, missing all-state honors by only one stroke, finishing with a 167, while Owen Leary shot a 91 on Day 2 and Campbell Koegler fired an 86 on Day 1.

"I've never actually felt this feeling before," Salvatori said. "Much like when I won the Bordas. We were kind of heavyweights in this so we had to deal with a lot of pressure but it felt pretty good to play (Wednesday)."

Due to COVID-19, Salvatori made the decision to spend the summer golfing instead of playing baseball. The move looks to have paid off.

"It was a blessing in disguise,"

Salvatori said. "I got to play a lot more golf and I wouldn't have played if I had played baseball. I would have been playing baseball until August, so it definitely helped me for sure."

The wind however, once again, did not help anyone.

"Hole 11, 12 and 13 became a factor like it did (Tuesday)," Headley said.

"The wind didn't help anybody out. Jones doesn't give up many birdies and it doesn't care how it treats you. You have to play well here to win anything."

John Marshall's Colton Sprowls shot a 90 on Day 2 and completed the round with a 176 to complete his memorable state tournament run.

In Class A, Wheeling Central sophomore Justin Doerr placed second overall for his first all-state finish in his second state tournament by shooting a 163, six shots back of sophomore champion Blake Lewis of Parkersburg Catholic (157).

"It was a lot of fun. It's always good to compete," Doerr said. "Blake played a great round (Wednesday). The guy didn't miss a putt it seemed like. I'm a little disappointed after having a Day 1 lead but I'll be back next year ready to go."

St. Marys took home the Class A team title with a 523 score, while Shady Spring carded a 519 to win the Class AA event, led by medalist Todd Duncan's 155 two-day total.

BILBY

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On the 18th and final hole, as Bilby waited for the group ahead to finish, he thought about his career and took in the moment.

"Standing on the 18th tee, I thought 'it's me and Noah at the top of the leaderboard on the last hole of our senior year,'" Bilby said with a smile.

Bilby came inches from chipping in for birdie on 18 as fans let out a roar and when he completed his round and his high school career, Brooke coach Ron Ujcich Jr. was there to greet him with a hug.

"It's incredible. I'm just very proud of him," said an emotional Ujcich.

"Looking back 10-15 years from now is something that he can be very proud of. I've been here long enough and seen some great golfers like Thadd Obecnny, Cole Hand, Dylan Wojcik. You can throw a ton of names out there and he's right

there with them.

"This is so well deserved.

"All the work he's put in, the tournaments he's traveled to, what his parents (Christy and Glenn) have done for him just to put him in this position, all the guys involved and his friends being out on the course.

"Then, all the older guys in the valley that have taken him to golf with them — going back-to-back — not many people get a chance to do that. I'm going to miss him but it's a great day."

Bilby extended his lead with birdies on holes 5, 6 and 14, while playing with an injured wrist he suffered Tuesday.

"It was iffy," Bilby said of his wrist. "I tried to punch a shot on 13 and I jabbed it in the ground and it felt pretty bad but other than that it was OK, just a little sore."

Bilby has golfed

many rounds with members of the Wheeling Park team, which also won the team state title, and Park coach Don Headley thinks very highly of him.

"He's a Park guy in disguise," Headley said with a laugh.

"He's the reason why James (Salvatori) and Noah and the rest of our kids are so good because we play so much golf with him that he makes our kids better because they want to beat him. It didn't happen this year. Noah almost had him but he is definitely the reason why James, Noah, Gavin (Goodrich) and the rest of our crew played well this year."

In Bilby's career, he has racked up two state titles, three OVAC titles, three regional crowns, all-state and All-OVAC honors as a freshman and most importantly represented his school, the Ohio Valley and the state of West Virginia with class and greatness.

PATRIOTS

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"We could only trade one game. They have a new coach and things are different all together, Daugherty said. "We played Coach Biser when he was at Biser. But it's going to be same old same old. They will have a big, physical and strong football team like they always do."

The Patriots offense has been clicking on all cylinders thanks to many offensive weapons. In his first year under center, Beau Heller has been solid as he has thrown for 1,064 yards with 14 touchdowns compared to two interceptions. He has completed about 72 percent of his passes (71 of 99).

Stevie Mitchell leads the ground attack for Park as he has averaged 134.4 yards per game, garnering 672 total and finding the end zone nine times.

ots have plenty of weapons. Shaheed Jackson leads the way with 404 yards on 24 receptions and six scores while Sincere Sinclair has 267 on 14 catches and three touchdowns.

Carson Namack has hauled in 18 passes good for 253 yards and three touchdowns.

Nate Shelek leads the defense with four interceptions along with 49 total tackles. Colton Thomas has 48 tackles (31 solo) and three TFL.

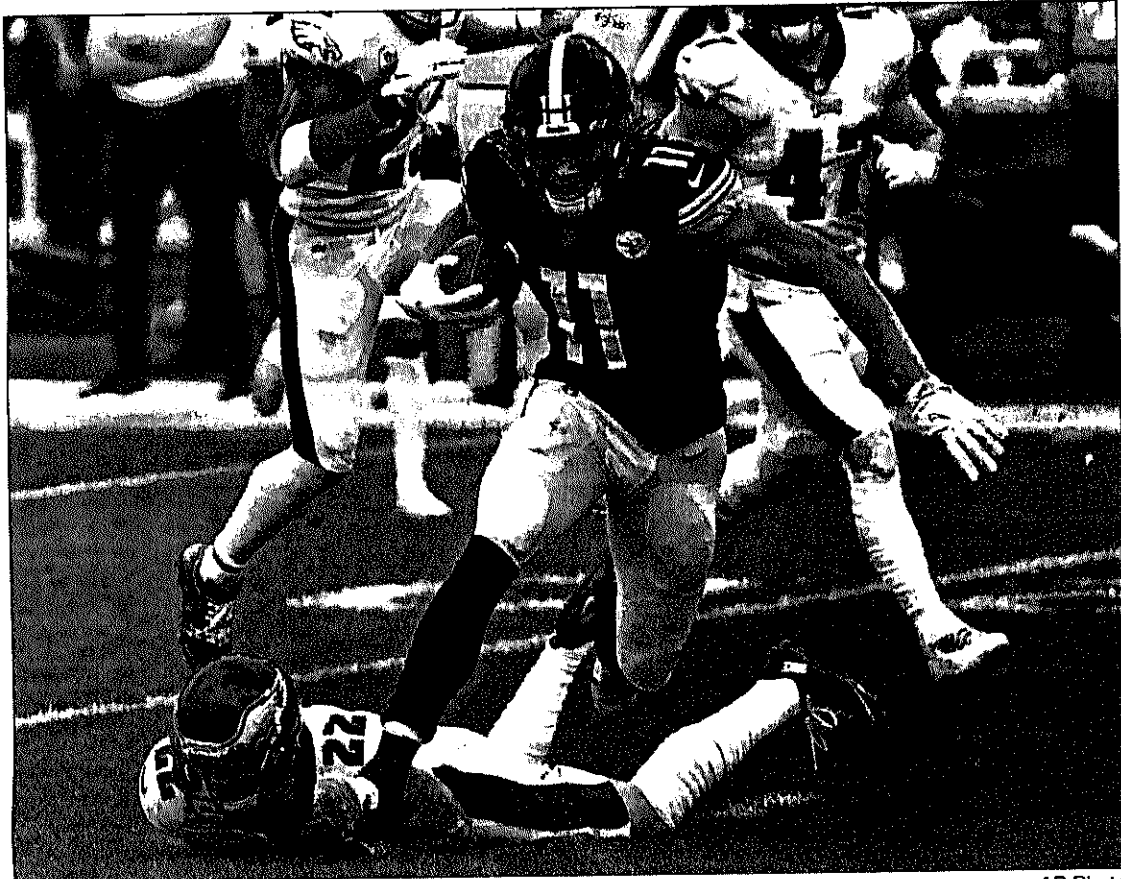
"We're going to have to at some level win the line of scrimmage," Daugherty said. "It'll be a handful. Our kids will have to battle and we will have to play well on the offensive line and defensive line. (Morgantown) is very good in both of those positions. We're going to have to match that physical-



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Pittsburgh Soars Past Philadelphia



AP Photo

Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Chase Claypool (11) gets past Philadelphia Eagles safety Marcus Epps (22) after taking a pass.

Rookie wide receiver Claypool scores four TDs

By WILL GRAVES
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — The text message Steelers wide receiver Chase Claypool received from quarterback Ben Roethlisberger on Friday couldn't have been more direct.

"I just told him just keep doing what you're doing and you're going to have a big game," Roethlisberger said.

A historic one too.

Claypool scored four touchdowns, including the clincher on a 35-yard dart from Roethlisberger with 2:59 to go, and the Steelers remained unbeaten with a 38-29 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

The 22-year-old second-round pick out of Notre Dame dashed into the end zone on a 2-yard jet sweep in the first quarter, sprinted away from defenders on a 32-yard catch-and-run in the second, danced across the goal line on a 5-yard wide receiver screen in the third and finished off Philadelphia in the fourth when Roethlisberger audibled to a play Claypool had never run before, at least while lined up in the slot.

At the snap, however, the 6-foot-4, 238-pounder from Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada, never hesitated, racing past overmatched Eagles linebacker Nate Gerry and into the end zone. "We changed the play," Roeth-

lisberger said. "I can't say enough about Chase getting down the middle of the field and make a play for us."

Claypool became the first Steelers player to score four times in a game since wide receiver Roy Jefferson did it in 1968. He's also the first rookie since at least 1950 to catch three touchdowns and add another on the ground and the first Canadian to have three receiving touchdowns in one game since Joe Rooney of the Duluth Eskimos on Oct. 23, 1927, six years before the Steelers were established and more than seven decades before Claypool was born.

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AP Photo

Rafael Nadal celebrates winning the final match of the French Open.

Nadal Claims French Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH and JOHN LEICESTER
AP Sports Writers

PARIS — Rafael Nadal tied Roger Federer with 20 Grand Slam titles by producing a nearly perfect performance against Novak Djokovic in the French Open final.

Nadal equaled long-time rival Federer for the most major singles tennis championships won by a man and added to his own record at Roland Garros with No. 13 on the red clay, courtesy of a surprisingly dominant 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 victory over the No. 1-ranked Djokovic on Sunday.

When Nadal ended it with an ace, he dropped to his knees, smiled widely and pumped his arms.

He did not cede a set in his favorite tournament this year.

"The love story that I have with this city, and with this court, is unforgettable," Nadal said.

He deflected a question during the on-court, post-match interview about catching Federer, saying his focus

remained squarely on the French Open.

"I spent here the most important moments — or most of the important moments — in my tennis career," Nadal said.

Nadal, No. 2 in the rankings, improved to 100-2 at the French Open, including a combined 26-0 in semifinals and finals, and picked up his fourth consecutive title in Paris.

The 34-year-old left-hander from Spain previously put together streaks of four French Open championships from 2005-08, then five in a row from 2010-14, to go alongside his four trophies at the U.S. Open, two at Wimbledon and one at the Australian Open.

Nadal is now even with Federer for the first time since each man had zero Slams to his name in 2003. Federer's first arrived at Wimbledon that year; Nadal, naturally, earned his first in France in 2005, by which point he trailed 4-0.

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Red Devils, Purple Riders' Dominance Continues

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

CAMBRIDGE — At University, St. Clairsville, Martins Ferry and Caldwell winning has become a habit.

Especially as it pertains to the sport of cross country.

After all, those schools entered Saturday's annual OVAC Cal Pokas Cross Country Championship meet at Cambridge High School having combined for 43 conference championships.

Now all four are making room in their respective trophy cases for another trophy after they prevailed once again.

University, which won its eighth title, won the 5A and overall crown with 36 points. Wheeling Park finished second.

St. Clairsville recorded its 12th crown by winning the 4A trophy with 306 points. Oak Glen was the runner-up.

Martins Ferry pocketed its 12th conference banner and finished fifth overall with an impressive 179 points. Bellaire grabbed the second-place plaque.

Caldwell won the combined 1A/2A title, which is the Redskins 15th overall with 245 points. Southern Local

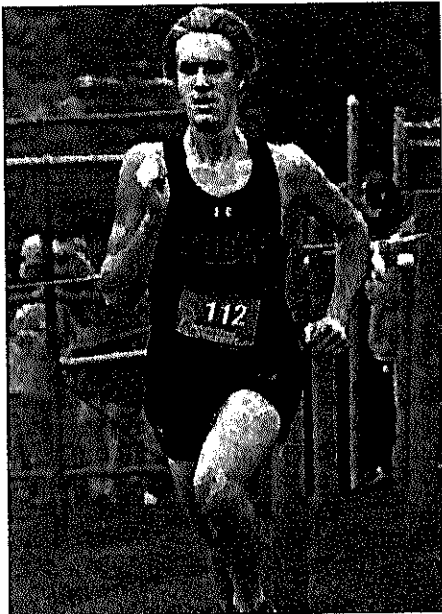


Photo by Seth Staskey

Martins Ferry's Francis Toohey runs to the finish line during Saturday's race.

was second.

Here's a look at the classes:

1A/2A

Caldwell has been impressive time and time again at the OVAC meet.

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Barnesville, St. C. Girls Secure OVAC XC Titles

By KYLE LUTZ
Sports Writer

CAMBRIDGE — Going into Saturday's OVAC Cross Country championship at Cambridge High School, Barnesville coach Mark Brown knew it was between him and a couple teams that were going to take home the Class 3A title. When it came down to it, the Shamrocks were the ones taking home the hardware.

Sophomore Aubrey Johnson's 18th place finish (21:18) paced the Shamrocks to the title while.

"We knew it was going to be between us and Buckeye Trail. We've been real close all year," Brown said. "And Linsly, they haven't run much and we haven't seen them and Ferry ran well, too."

It's nice to win this. It's been about 10 years since we won one in the girls, so it's finally nice to get one again."

What's even more special is that there are no seniors on the team for the Shamrocks.

Mara Bethel, a freshman placed 27th in a time of 21:41 while Emma Helmick (junior, 22:12) got 37th.

A pair of freshmen rounded out the scoring for Barnesville in Layna Kuhn (24:25) and Kylee Moore (25:11).

Barnesville defeated runner-up



Photo by Seth Staskey

St. Clairsville's Allyson Evonek placed 10th at the OVAC meet.

Buckeye Trail, which was paced by Kathryn Williams (eighth, 20:46) by 40 points.

In Class 4A, St. Clairsville reclaimed the throne winning the title for the first time since 2017.

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Derek Mayfield passed for a season-high 247 yards and two touchdowns against the NFL's No. 1 defense, Myles Garrett forced a crucial safety in the fourth quarter and Cleveland held on for a 32-23 win over Indianapolis on Sunday.

Cleveland improved to 4-1 for the first time since 1994.

Mayfield made sure the Browns (4-1) kept the momentum going in their first game without Pro Bowl running back Nick Chubb, who sprained his knee last week. Mayfield, though, appeared to hurt his right hand in the fourth quarter.

Cheered on by 12,000 fans inside FirstEnergy Stadium, Mayfield threw TD passes to Kareem Hunt and Rashard Higgins in the first half while rolling up 228 yards passing. The Colts' defense came in allowing the fewest passing yards, points and led the NFL in interceptions. The Colts fell to 3-2 on the season.

The Browns seemed to be in total control when safety Ronnie Harrison picked off Philip Rivers and returned it 47 yards for a TD in the third quarter to give Cleveland a 27-10 lead.

But Colts returner Isaiah Rodgers brought back the ensuing kickoff 101 yards for a TD — the longest play in the league this season. Then the Browns turned to their defense and a huge run by backup running back D'Ernest Johnson to finish the job.

COWBOYS 37, GIANTS 34

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott sustained a gruesome ankle injury not long after his first career touchdown catch before backup Andy Dalton led a drive to a field goal on the final play, and the Dallas Cowboys beat the winless New York Giants.

Michael Gallup made two spectacular sideline catches on throws from Dalton, the second a 38-yarder to the New York 16. The Cowboys ran the clock down to 3 seconds, and Greg Zuerlein had his second game-ending kick of the season, from 34 yards.

RAIDERS 40, CHIEFS 32

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Derek Carr threw for 347 yards and three touchdowns, outplaying Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes along the way, and the Las Vegas Raiders nearly shut out the potent Kansas City offense in the second half to rally for a 40-32 victory Sunday that ended the Chiefs' franchise-record 13-game winning streak.

Josh Jacobs scored the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter, Daniel Carlson added a field goal a few minutes later, and Mahomes was intercepted on fourth down to set up another touchdown by Jacobs that make it 40-24 with 5:26 left.

RAMS 30, WASHINGTON 10

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Jared Goff threw for 309 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another, and Los Angeles improved to 4-1 by beating Washington in Alex Smith's return almost two years since a gruesome injury put his career in jeopardy.

Smith played his first NFL game 693 days since breaking his right tibia and fibula, entering when new Washington starting quarterback Kyle Allen injured his left arm. He was 9 of 17 for 37 yards on the same field he was carted off of on Nov. 18, 2018, before undergoing 17 surgeries to repair the injury.

DOLPHINS 43, 49ERS 17

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Ryan Fitzpatrick threw for 350 yards and three touchdowns and Miami sent defending NFC champion San Francisco to its third straight home loss to open the season.

Fitzpatrick connected on a 3-yard TD pass to Adam Shaheen on the opening drive of the game for the Dolphins (2-3) and didn't let up, quieting talk for at least another week that rookie Tua Tagovailoa should take over as starter.

HOUSTON (AP) — Deshaun Watson threw for a season-high 359 yards and three touchdowns and Houston got its first win of the season with a victory over Jacksonville in the wake of coach Bill O'Brien's firing.

O'Brien, who was also the general manager, was let go on Monday after the Texans fell to 0-4 last weekend. Romeo Crennel was named interim coach and at 73 he become the oldest coach in NFL history, passing Hall of Famer George Halas, who was 72 in his last game with the Bears in 1967.

PANTHERS 23, FALCONS 16

ATLANTA (AP) — Teddy Bridgewater threw for 313 yards and two touchdowns, Juston Burris made a huge interception in the end zone and Carolina held on for a victory over winless Atlanta, perhaps finishing off the coaching career of Atlanta's Dan Quinn.

The Falcons dropped to 0-5 for the first time since 1997, turning up the heat even more on their embattled coach.

RAVENS 27, BENGALS 3

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Ravens sacked Joe Burrow seven times, forced the Bengals rookie into a pair of turnovers and effectively stuffed Cincinnati's running game in a meticulous victory Sunday.

Baltimore stout defensive performance was punctuated by Patrick Queen's 52-yard fumble return in the fourth quarter. It was the first NFL touchdown for Queen, who played with Burrow last year for national champion LSU.

CARDINALS 30, JETS 10

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Arizona came to MetLife Stadium and like every other team this season found a cure-all for its woes with a game against a winless team from New York's rotten football apple.

Kyler Murray ran for a touchdown and threw another to DeAndre Hopkins as the Cardinals snapped a two-game losing streak with a victory over the Jets, further putting coach Adam Gase's future in jeopardy after an 0-5 start.

Murray had a 2-yard TD run and hit Hopkins on a 37-yard strike on a day the Cardinals (3-2) had 496 yards in total offense. Chase Edmonds scored on 29-yard run, Kenyan Drake tallied from a yard out and Zane Gonzalez kicked a 47-yard field goal. Arizona scored touchdowns on drives of 96, 89, 75 and 70 yards.

The 0-5 start is the third in Jets history. The other years were 1980 and '96. The '96 team went 1-15 and had the worst start in franchise history at 0-8.

SEAHAWKS 27

VIKINGS 26

SEATTLE (AP) — Russell Wilson capped a 94-yard drive with a 6-yard touchdown pass to DK Metcalf on fourth-and-goal with 15 seconds left, and Seattle beat Minnesota.

Seattle improved to 5-0 for the first time in franchise history with Wilson providing some more prime-time magic and yet another late comeback.

Wilson finished 20 of 32 for 217 yards and three touchdowns. It wasn't his best performance but he made the key throws late when it was needed.

Seattle's last drive included a fourth-and-10 conversion on a 39-yard pass to Metcalf early in the possession. Seattle appeared to get a winning TD to Metcalf on second-and-goal, but he lost the ball as he was hit from behind.

Given another chance on fourth-and-goal, Metcalf flashed open cutting across the end zone and Wilson delivered a fastball into a tight window.

Minnesota's Kirk Cousins was 27 of 39 for 249 yards and two second-half TD passes to Adam Thielen.

turn to 36-year-old Charlie Morton, who was with Houston when it won the 2017 World Series. Houston counters with Lance McCullers Jr.

The Astros, who got into the playoffs with a losing record, are in the ALCS for the fourth straight season and are trying to advance to the World Series for the third time in that span.

They are villains in many people's eyes for their sign-stealing scandal three years ago, when they beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series. They also remain unapologetic.

Tampa Bay is trying to reach its second World Series after losing to the Philadelphia Phillies in

outs in the fifth off lefty Framber Valdez. Adames reached on a leadoff walk and advanced on consecutive ground outs to Valdez.

Arozarena continued his breakout postseason with his fourth homer in six games, sending a 1-2 pitch from Valdez to center field with one out in the fourth to tie it at 1. He homered in each of the first three games of the AL Division Series against the New York Yankees, also in San Diego.

Nicknamed "The Cuban Rocket," Arozarena defected to Mexico in 2015 and signed as a free agent with the St. Louis Cardinals in 2016. He made his big league debut

At San Diego
Sunday, Oct. 11: Tampa Bay 2, Houston 1
Today: Houston (McCullers 3-3) vs. Tampa Bay (Morton 2-2), 4:07 p.m.
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Wednesday, Oct. 14: Tampa Bay vs. Houston
x-Thursday, Oct. 15: Tampa Bay vs. Houston
x-Friday, Oct. 16: Houston vs. Tampa Bay
x-Saturday, Oct. 17: Houston vs. Tampa Bay
National League
(Fox or FS1)
Atlanta, Los Angeles
At Arlington, Texas
Tonight: Atlanta (Fried 7-0) vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (Buehler 1-0), 8:08 p.m. (Fox)
Tuesday, Oct. 13: Atlanta (Anderson 3-2) vs. Los Angeles Dodgers (Kershaw 6-2)
Wednesday, Oct. 14: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Atlanta (Wright 2-4)
Thursday, Oct. 15: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Atlanta
x-Friday, Oct. 16: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Atlanta
x-Saturday, Oct. 17: Atlanta vs. Los Angeles Dodgers
x-Sunday, Oct. 18: Atlanta vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

XC

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Allyson Evonek secured a Top 10 overall spot pacing the Red Devils with a 20:59 good enough for 10th.

"This is one of the first times; I think, that my top seven came together as a team and were able to compete, which is something we need this year," St. Clairsville coach Tony Ciroti said. "We need that practice competing because we've been cut out of (a couple of invitationals). The girls came together really well (Saturday) and I hope we continue this on into districts."

Maggie Marody was also solid for the Red Devils as she placed 26th in a time of 21:40.

St. Clairsville's final three scorers all came within 26 seconds of each other. Kylie McKeegan crossed the finish line in a time of 24:51 while Victoria Trouten finished in 25:02. Mattie Arbenz clocked in at 25:15.

In Class 5A, University went home

victorious as Caroline Kirby paced the Hawks with a second place finish (19:33).

Morgantown's Irene Riggs ran away from the competition securing the individual title in a time of 18:18.

Caldwell took home the Class 1A/2A championship as it was paced by Page Speck (20th, 21:25).

Harrison Central's Jasmine Arnold was the top local placer finishing in fifth (20:09) while John Marshall's Zara Zervos finished seventh (20:39).

River's Mara Beard also placed in the Top 10 finishing ninth (20:58).

Other local racers that earned All-OVAC honors (Top 30) were Martins Ferry's Josie Hancock (11th, 21:00); Wheeling Park's Lacey Wright (17th, 21:16); Oak Glen's Sophia Arner (21st, 21:32); Bellaire's Bethany McElfresh (25th, 21:39) and Linsly's Haley Heitz (30th, 21:49).

DOMINANCE

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The Redskins had only five runners compete, but all finished inside the top 65 overall for the title.

Wheeling Central freshman Aidan Scott continued his fine first season by winning the individual small-school title. He was 10th overall for All-OVAC.

3A

Martins Ferry hasn't had an individual champion at basically any invitational it's ran all season. But, Chrissy Lewis' Purple Riders have continually found themselves at or near the top of seemingly every team score listing.

And that continued again. The Purple Riders did it with depth, placing all seven of their runners inside the top 60 (with displacement).

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Junior Larry Josh Edwards basically sprinted the 3.1 mile race in 15:14 to win the overall top spot and the class title.

All five of University's scorers cracked the top 15 overall.

Wheeling Park had a strong showing en route to finishing second with 94 points.

The Patriots were led by a quartet of All-OVAC finishers, including Jonah Nizami (8th), Brady Miller (9th), Max Morgan (11th) and Hunter Midcap (25th).

John Marshall's Mack Allen achieved All-OVAC thanks to finishing seventh overall.

Claypool received from quarterback Ben Roethlisberger on Friday couldn't have been more direct.

"I just told him just keep doing what you're doing and you're going to have a big game," Roethlisberger said.

A historic one, too.

Claypool scored four touchdowns, including the clincher on a 35-yard dart from Roethlisberger with 2:59 to go, and the Steelers remained unbeaten with a 38-29 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

The 22-year-old second-round pick out of Notre Dame dashed into the end zone on a 2-yard jet sweep in the first quarter, sprinted

receiver screen in the third and finished off Philadelphia in the fourth when Roethlisberger audibled to a play Claypool had never run before, at least while lined up in the slot.

At the snap, however, the 6-foot-4, 238-pounder from Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada, never hesitated, racing past overmatched Eagles linebacker Nate Gerry and into the end zone.

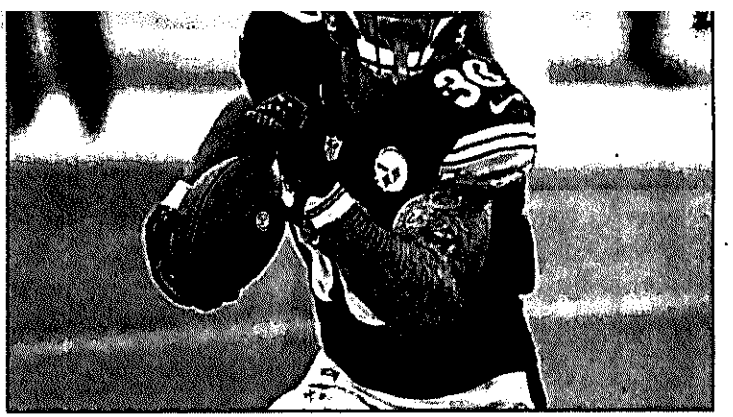
"We changed the play," Roethlisberger said. "I can't say enough about Chase getting down the middle of the field and make a play for us."

Claypool became the first Steelers player to score four times in a game since wide receiver Roy Jef-

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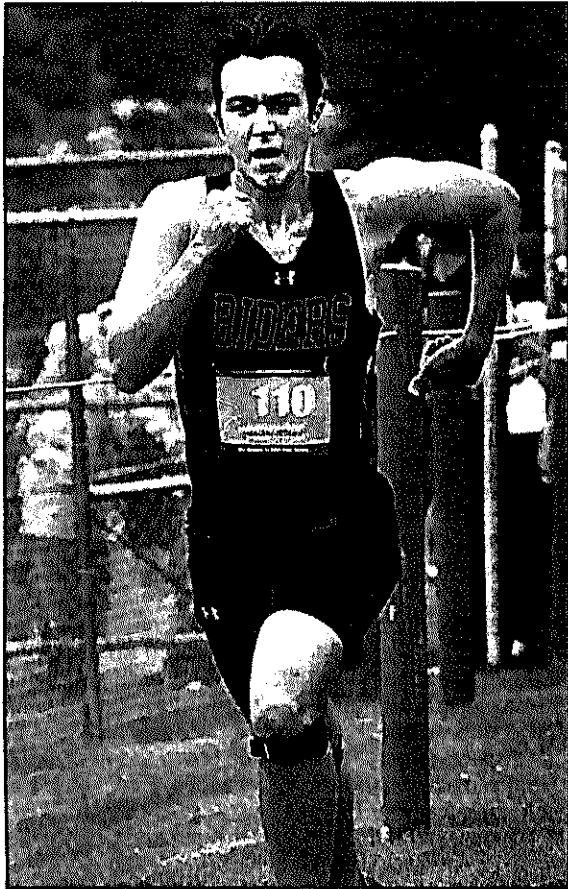
"It is definitely insane, it's crazy," said Claypool, who hauled in seven passes for 110 yards and added 6 yards rushing on three carries. "But I don't really like to think about breaking records or making history."

"It's super cool but it's not something I go into the game thinking 'I'm going to try to make history today.'"



AP PHOTO

PITTSBURGH STEELERS running back James Conner (30) carries the ball during the second half of an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Pittsburgh, Sunday.



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By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

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Especially as it pertains to the sport of cross country.

After all, those schools entered Saturday's annual OVAC Cal Pokas Cross Country Championship meet at Cambridge High School having combined for 43 conference championships.

Now all four are making room in their respective trophy cases for another trophy after they prevailed once again.

University, which won its eighth title, won the 5A and overall crown with 36 points. Wheeling Park finished second.

St. Clairsville recorded its 12th crown by winning the 4A trophy with 306 points. Oak Glen was the runnerup.

Martins Ferry pocketed its 12th conference banner and finished fifth overall with an impressive 179 points. Bellaire grabbed the second-place plaque.

Caldwell won the combined 1A/2A title, which is the Redskins 15th overall with 245 points. Southern Local was second.

Here's a look at the classes:

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Barnesville, St. C. girls win OVAC CC

By KYLE LUTZ
For The Times Leader

CAMBRIDGE -- Going into Saturday's OVAC Cross Country championship at Cambridge High School, Barnesville coach Mark Brown knew it was between him and a couple teams that were going to take home the Class 3A title. When it came down to it, the Shamrocks were the ones taking home the hardware.

Sophomore Aubrey Johnson's 18th place finish (21:18) paced the Shamrocks to the title while.

"We knew it was going to be between us and Buckeye Trail. We've been real close all year," Brown said. "And Linsly, they haven't run much and we haven't seen them and Ferry ran well, too. It's nice to win this. It's been about 10 years since we won one in the girls, so it's finally nice to get one again."

What's even more special is that there are no seniors on the team for the Shamrocks.

Mara Bethel, a freshman placed 27th in a time of 21:41 while Emma Helmick (junior, 22:12) got 37th.

A pair of freshmen rounded out the scoring for Barnesville in Layna Kuhn (24:25) and Kylee Moore (25:11).

Barnesville defeated runner-up Buckeye Trail, which was paced by Kathryn Williams (eighth, 20:46) by 40 points.

In Class 4A, St. Clairsville reclaimed the throne winning the title for the first time since 2017.

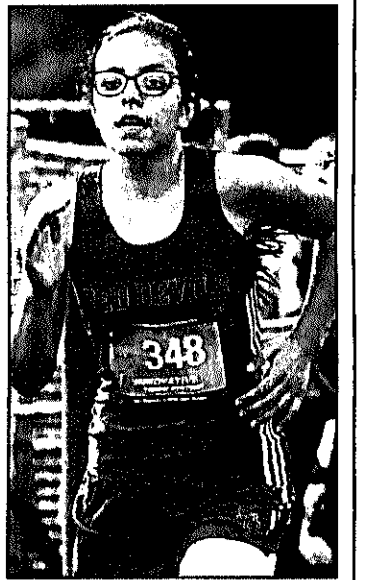
Allyson Evonek secured a Top 10 overall spot pacing the Red Devils with a 20:59 good enough for 10th.

"This is one of the first times, I think, that my top seven came together as a team and were able to compete, which is something we need this year," St. Clairsville coach Tony Cirolini said. "We need that practice competing because we've been cut out of (a couple of invitationals). The girls came together really well (Saturday) and I hope we continue this on into districts."

Maggie Marody was also solid for the Red Devils as she placed 26th in a time of 21:40.

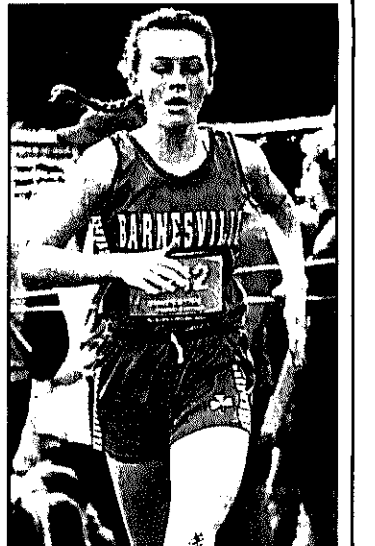
St. Clairsville's final three scorers all came within 26 seconds of each other. Kylie McKeegan crossed the finish line in a time of 24:51 while Victoria Trouten finished in 25:02. Mattie Arbenz clocked in at 25:15.

Morgantown's Irene Riggs



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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Allyson Evonek finishes at Saturday's OVAC CC Meet. The Red Devils won the 4A title.



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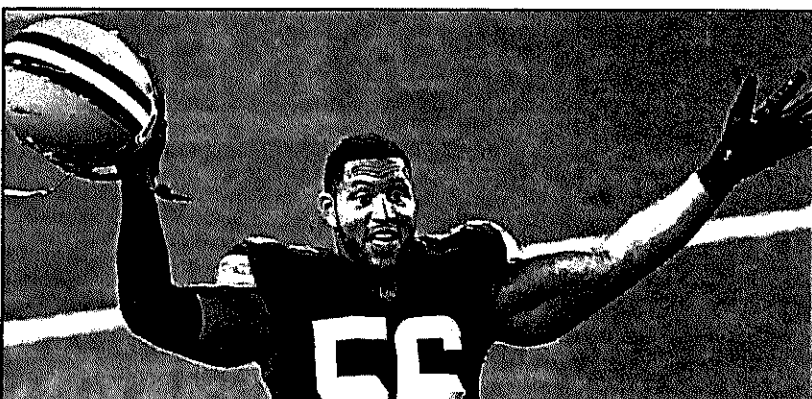
ran away from the competition securing the individual title in a time of 18:18.

Caldwell took home the Class 1A/2A championship as it was paced by Page Speck (20th, 21:25).

Harrison Central's Jasmine Arnold was the top local placer finishing in fifth (20:09) while John Marshall's Zara Zervos finished seventh (20:39).

River's Mara Beard also placed in the Top 10 finishing ninth (20:58).

Other local racers that earned All-OVAC honors (Top 30) were Martins Ferry's Josie Hancock (11th, 21:00); Bellaire's Bethany McElfresh (25th, 21:39) and Linsly's Hailey Heitz (30th, 21:49).



Browns hold on to topple Colts

CLEVELAND (AP) — Bill Belichick was their coach and Nick Saban was on his staff the last time the Cleveland Browns were this good this early.

Baker Mayfield passed for a season-high 247 yards and two touchdowns against the NFL's No. 1 defense, Myles Garrett forced a crucial safety in the fourth quarter and the Browns

ing a hard hit in the first quarter. "We continue to make strides each week.

"It's not surprising we're in this position."

Mayfield made sure the Browns (4-1) kept the momentum going in their first game without Pro Bowl running back Nick Chubb, who sprained his knee at Dallas last week. The

Mayfield threw TD passes to Kareem Hunt and Rashard Higgins in the first half while rolling up 228 yards passing.

The Colts' defense came in allowing the fewest passing yards, points and led the NFL in interceptions.

The Browns seemed to be in total control when safety Ronnie Harrison picked off Philip Rivers