

AP Photo  
Pittsburgh starting pitcher Mitch Keller throws against San Francisco.

## Giants Take Down Pirates

By JOHN PERROTTO  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Alex Wood pitched six innings while keeping his perfect record intact and Mike Yastrzemski hit a game-sealing home run as the San Francisco Giants beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 4-1 on Sunday.

Wood (5-0) gave up one run while scattering eight hits. He struck out six and walked one as NL West-leading San Francisco gained a split of the four-game series.

It has been a resurgent season for Wood, who went a combined 1-4 with a 5.96 ERA in 2019 and 2020 with the Cincinnati Reds and Los Angeles Dodgers while hampered by back problems.

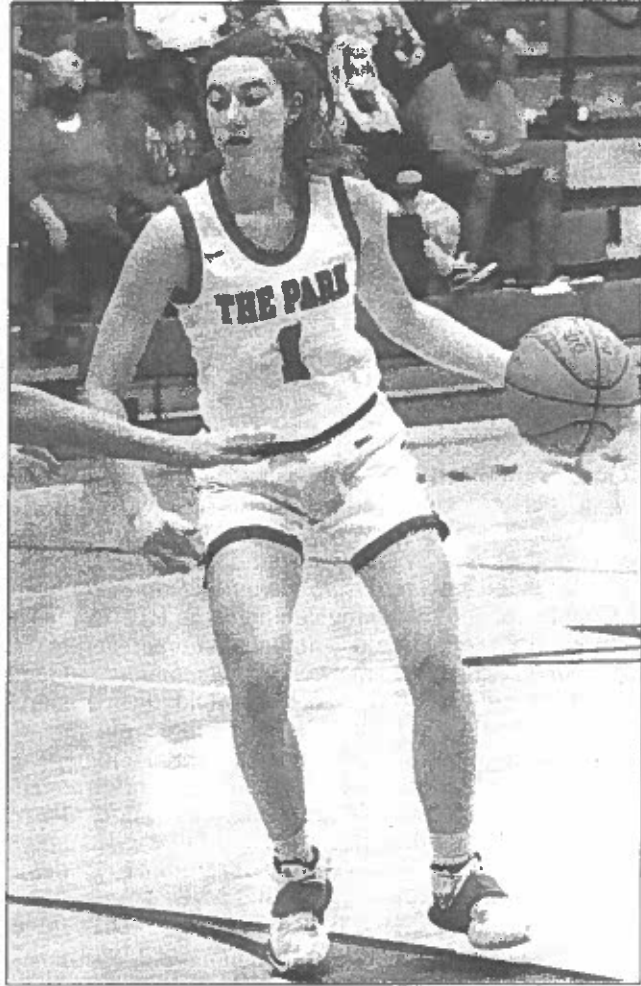
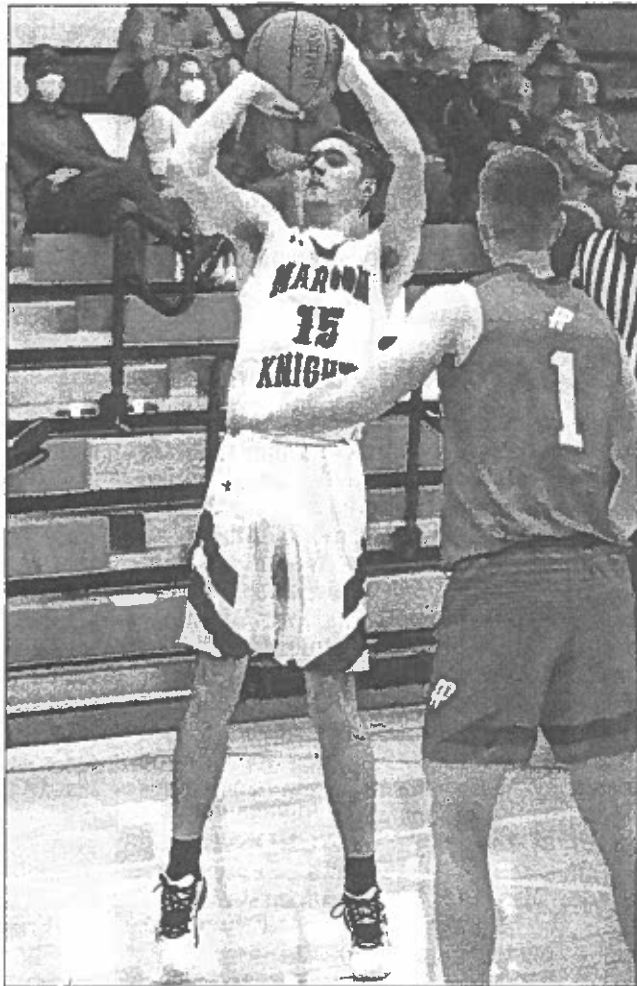
“He’s an excellent example of what we believe in as an organization about a pitcher,” Giants manager Gabe Kapler said. “He works fasts, pushes the pace, pounds the zone, is around the zone when he’s not throwing strikes, resilient, always pushes (to pitch) another inning. If we continue to be cognizant of keeping him healthy, we’re confident he’s going to continue to produce.”

Wood, who is the first San Francisco pitcher to start a season 5-0 since Barry Zito in 2010, feels the Giants’ philosophy of having pitchers work fast has helped.

“I’ve always liked to push the pace,” Wood said. “A lot of that is my personality.”

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# W.Va. Sweeps Ohio In OVAC All-Star Games



Photos by Kristin Mazgaj  
Wheeling Central's J.C. Maxwell, left attempts a shot while Wheeling Park's Lindsey Garrison looks for an open teammate during the 43rd annual OVAC Samuel A. Mumley All-Star Basketball Classics on Sunday at Wheeling Park High School. West Virginia defeated Ohio in both the boys' and girls' games.

## Girls from Mountain State win, 70-56; Boys prevail, 119-102

By SETH STASKEY  
For The Intelligencer

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# Palmieri's OT Goal Lifts Islanders Past Penguins

By WILL GRAVES  
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“There were some good saves at both ends of the rink. I just think we have to do a better job as a group.”

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AP Photo  
Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby, center, cannot get his stick on the puck in front of New York goaltender Ilya Sorokin, right, with Ryan Pulock (6) defending.

## Lee Gets 1st PGA Tour Win



## Wheeling Falls to Greenville

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throw a perfect game while Mason Nichols threw a one-hitter as Tyler Consolidated swept Wirt County for its 13th straight victory.

The Silver Knights won the first game 13-0 and then secured a 12-1 victory in the nightcap.

Walton fanned seven in three innings pitched, while Gorby finished the job.

Jayden Helmick smashed three hits in the win and added a home run, a single and four RBI in the nightcap.

**Greenbrier East 15**  
**John Marshall 14**  
BERKELEY — John Marshall rallied from 9-0 down to take an 11-9 lead but ultimately fell to Greenbrier East.

Joel Wise belted his fourth home run in the

nomer in the last week. Wise added a single, a triple and three RBI, while Neely tact on two singles and three RBI in his impressive performance.

Jacob Coffield turned in a double, three singles and three RBI for the Monarchs and Dillon Wright had a single, double, triple and three RBI.

**John Marshall 11**  
**Spring Mills 1**  
BERKELEY — Dillon Wright recorded two hits and three RBI as the Monarchs won the second game of a doubleheader, this one against Spring Mills.

Ethan Neely had two hits and two RBI in the win.

**Magnolia 15-10,**  
**Clay-Battelle 3-0**  
NEW MARTINS-

tion in Game 1 of a doubleheader as he belted a grand slam and Magnolia swept Clay-Battelle.

The Blue Eagles shut out the Cee Bees in Game 2 behind a strong start from Caden Cisar.

**Linsly 12**  
**Weir 7**

Hunter Kelley tallied two doubles, one single and two RBI as Linsly defeated Weir.

Alex Taylor also had three hits for the Cadets (two singles, one double).

Zac Taylor, Collin Paull and Ben Selmon all had two singles for Linsly.

**Ohio**  
**Division IV**  
**East District**  
**Toronto 3**  
**Stuebenville Catholic 0**  
TORONTO — Ca-

survived an upset bid by Steubenville Catholic.

Evan Wolter and Brycen Miller each tallied a RBI single for Toronto.

**Shenandoah 7**  
**Monroe Central**

SARAHSVILLE — Landen Lydick doubled and singled for Monroe Central, but was eliminated by Shenandoah.

**LACROSSE**  
**Wheeling Central 14**  
**John Marshall 4**

WHEELING — Caleb Karnell had four goals and three assists to lead Wheeling Central to a victory over John Marshall.

Mason Smith and John Emmerth both had three goals and two assists for the Maroon Knights.

For the Monarchs, Matt Douglas had two goals.

ieri gave the Islanders the early lead with a wrist shot from the right circle that Jarry couldn't snag, Gaudreau tied it 11:10 into the first when he collected a rebound off his own shot and ripped it by Sorokin.

Crosby then picked up his 69th career playoff goal — and 190th career postseason point — with a sublime deflection in which he fended off New York defenseman Andy Greene and redirected the puck with just the tip of his stick.

The goal — which moved Crosby into a tie with Hall of Famer Brett Hull for seventh on the NHL's career postseason scoring list — gave the Penguins a 2-1 lead 3:47 into the second.

"Just tried to get my stick on it," Crosby said. "Didn't know which way

**WILD 1, KNIGHTS 0**  
LAS VEGAS (AP) — Joel Eriksson Ek scored at 3:20 of overtime lifted to lift Minnesota past Vegas in Game 1.

After Vegas defenseman Alex Pietrangolo failed to clear the puck, Eriksson Ek was in the slot to send a shot that went off the skate of Golden Knights defender Alec Martinez and past goalie Marc-Andre Fleury.

**LIGHTNING 5**  
**PANTHERS 4**

SUNRISE, Fla.- (AP) — Brayden Point scored two late goals, breaking a tie with 1:14 left to give defending champion Tampa Bay a 5-4 victory over Florida in Game 1.

Point tied it at 4 with seven minutes to go on a power play, then skated in on a breakaway and backhanded the puck past Bobrovsky for the winner.

## PIRATES

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"I don't like waiting around. I want to work at my pace. I want to get in my groove. I don't want the hitter to dictate the pace or how fast I'm attacking."

Yastrzemski's two-run homer to right-center field in the ninth off David Bednar extended the Giants' lead to 4-1. Yastrzemski returned to the lineup after missing Saturday's game with side soreness.

San Francisco's Buster Posey had three hits and a walk. The six-time All-Star catcher is enjoying quite a return, batting .382 in 26 games after opting out of last year's shortened season because of COVID-19 concerns.

Kapler has been giving the 34-year-old Posey regular rest and the plan is working.

Sidearmer Tyler Rogers pitched a scoreless ninth inning for his fourth save.

Evan Longoria scored the tie-breaking run in the sixth on a wild pitch by reliever Clay Holmes. Longoria began the inning with a single off Mitch Keller (2-5).

Keller allowed two runs and six hits in five-plus innings while striking out eight and walking three. That was a major improvement over his previous start when he was rocked for seven runs in 3 1/3 innings by Cincinnati on Tuesday.

"I thought it was the best we've seen out of him this year," Pirates manager Derek Shelton said. "We saw the ball with a different life on it and it was definitely the best execution of his pitches."

**ANGELS 6, RED SOX 5**  
BOSTON (AP) — Shohei Ohtani hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth inning and the Los Angeles Angels rallied past the Boston Red Sox, ending a four-

game losing streak.

**BLUE JAYS 10, PHILLIES 8**  
DUNEDIN, Fla. (AP) — Television cameras showed a confrontation in the dugout between Phillies manager Joe Girardi and second baseman Jean Segura, who committed two errors.

**ORIOLES 10, YANKEES 6**  
BALTIMORE (AP) — Maikel Franco homered and drove in three runs, rookie Bruce Zimmermann (2-3) came out of the bullpen to allow one run and two hits over 5 2/3 innings as Baltimore avoided rallied from a four-run deficit to avoid a three-game sweep.

**RAYS 7, METS 1**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Manuel Margot, Willy Adames and Brandon Lowe homered off Marcus Stroman (3-4) as Tampa completed a three-game sweep and extended its winning streak to four.

**CUBS 5, TIGERS 1**  
DETROIT (AP) — Kyle Hendricks (3-4) allowed one run and eight hits in eight-plus innings, and struck out a season-high eight.

**ASTROS 6, RANGERS 2**  
HOUSTON (AP) — Yuli Gurriel broke a 2-2 tie with a sacrifice fly off Joely Rodriguez (1-2) in a four-run eighth, Chas McCormick added a two-run single and Houston won its sixth straight game.

**WHITE SOX 4, ROYALS 3**  
CHICAGO (AP) — Wade Davis (0-2) bounced a wild pitch that allowed Jose Abreu to dash home with the game-ending run, capping a two-run rally in the ninth that included Yoan Moncada's RBI single.

**ATHLETICS 7, TWINS 6**  
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Matt Chapman had three hits and three RBIs and Ramon Laureano scored

the go-ahead run on a wild pitch in the ninth inning by Taylor Rogers (0-2) as Matt Chapman struck out.

**BREWERS 10, BRAVES 9**  
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Freddy Peralta (4-1) struck out eight and allowed two hits over six scoreless innings for Milwaukee, which took an 8-0 lead and held on.

**NATIONALS 3**  
**DIAMONDBACKS 0**  
PHOENIX (AP) — Erick Fedde (3-4) allowed three hits in seven innings with four strikeouts, Daniel Hudson pitched a one-hit eighth and Brad Hand struck two for his fourth save, finishing a four-hitter.

**REDS 7, ROCKIES 6**  
DENVER (AP) — Dom Nunez's passed ball allowed home the tying run in the ninth inning and Jordan Sheffield's wild pitch scored the go-ahead run.

**MARLINS 3, DODGERS 2**  
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Adam Duvall hit a three-run homer in the fifth inning off Edwin Uceta (0-2) for three unearned runs in a rally that began with fill-in second baseman Sheldon Neuse's fielding error.

**MARINERS 3, INDIANS 2**  
SEATTLE (AP) — Mitch Haniger hit two doubles and ended the record streak of Shane Bieber (4-3), who struck out seven, ending a string of 20 games with eight or more.

**PADRES 5, CARDINALS 3**  
SAN DIEGO (AP) — Rookie Ivan Castillo had a pinch RBI single for his first big league hit to cap a go-ahead, four-run rally in the fourth inning and the San Diego Padres, bolstered by minor leaguers during a COVID-19 outbreak, beat the NL Central-leading St. Louis Cardinals.

## LEE

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Burns finished 22 under, a shot ahead of 2011 Masters champion Charl Schwartzel, Daniel Berger, Patton Kizore and Scott Stallings. Troy Merritt and Joseph Bramlett finished two more back at 19 under.

When the delay hit, Jordan Spieth already knew he was going to fall short again in his hometown event, played on its third course in the past four Nelsons at the rain-soaked TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, about 30 miles north of Dallas.

Spieth, three back to start the day, shot 71 and

tied for ninth at 18 under, giving him his first top 10 at the Nelson 11 years after he contended Sunday as a 16-year-old when the course was at its home of three decades, the TPC Four Seasons.

"Coming into the week if you told me top 10, I would probably take it," said Spieth, playing for the first time since finishing third at the Masters and testing positive for COVID-19. "I didn't know where anything stood."

South Korea's Sung Kang was the defending champion after winning

in 2019, when the second of just two Nelsons was played at the treeless links course Trinity Forest in Dallas. The move was unpopular with fans and players, and Craig Ranch became the home following last year's COVID-19 cancellation.

One thing about this Nelson was the same, though: notorious spring weather in Texas.

Threesomes started from the first and 10th tees just after daybreak to try to beat a forecast calling for increasing rain throughout the day.

Steady rain for two-plus hours got progres-

sively worse as players began ducking for cover under umbrellas immediately after shots and constantly wiped grips with towels.

From the start of the round, they got to lift, clean and place their shots in the fairways.

"I have been drier swimming in the ocean," Stallings said.

"If there is any video of us walking down 18, the goal of trying to stay dry was over by the time we got to 18 because there was just water everywhere. We were like kids walking through puddles."

## OVAC

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Ohio stared up at a 54-45 deficit at halftime and never got any closer because West Virginia continued its hot shooting.

Whether it was Morgantown's Carson Poffenberger, Linsly's Max Washington, Paden City's Ty Cain or John Marshall's Derrick Derrow Ohio couldn't get enough stops.

Poffenberger scored 10 of his team-high 17 in the second half. Washington followed up a strong, 10-point first half with six more points. Cain went for seven in the second half and Derrow added six.

Meanwhile, Ohio relied

on the scoring of Fort Frye's Nic Hart, who went for 24 of his game-high 29 in the second half.

Union Local's Luke Merritt was impressive, scoring 17 points.

For the game, West Virginia was led by Neely — a key member of the Cameron Dragons — and Washington (16). Wheeling Park's Avery Lee was next in line with 14 points. Cain and Wheeling Central's J.C. Maxwell each had 10 points.

Along with Hart and Merritt, Steubenville Catholic's Charles Miller finished with 15 points. Buckeye Local's Mason Brown closed with nine points.

**OVAC NOTES**  
■ Wheeling Park's Lindsey Garrison won the 3-point shootout at halftime, scoring 17 points. She edged out Shadyside's Baylee Wach for the title.

■ Magnolia's Gavin Postlewait was the champion of the slam dunk competition at halftime of the boys' game.

■ A moment of silence was observed at halftime of the girls game, prior to the 3-point shootout, to honor Fritz Lewton, who passed away last week. Lewton was the father of the late Phil Lewton, a long-time basketball official. He helped organize and start the Phil Lewton Sportsmanship Award, which had been presented annually to an OVAC boys and girls basketball team.

■ Several special presentations were held during the course of the afternoon. Special award winners were John Sorrenti (Bob Burton Distinguished Service), Mike DelRe (Richard Saffield Girls Coach), Mike Coyne (Robert Dawson Officials Award), Chink Ward (Thomas E. Rataiczak Timer/Scorekeeper Award) and Fred King (Earl Haberfield Award).

■ Prior to the start of the girls game, Wheeling Park sophomore Laken Milton performed the National Anthem.

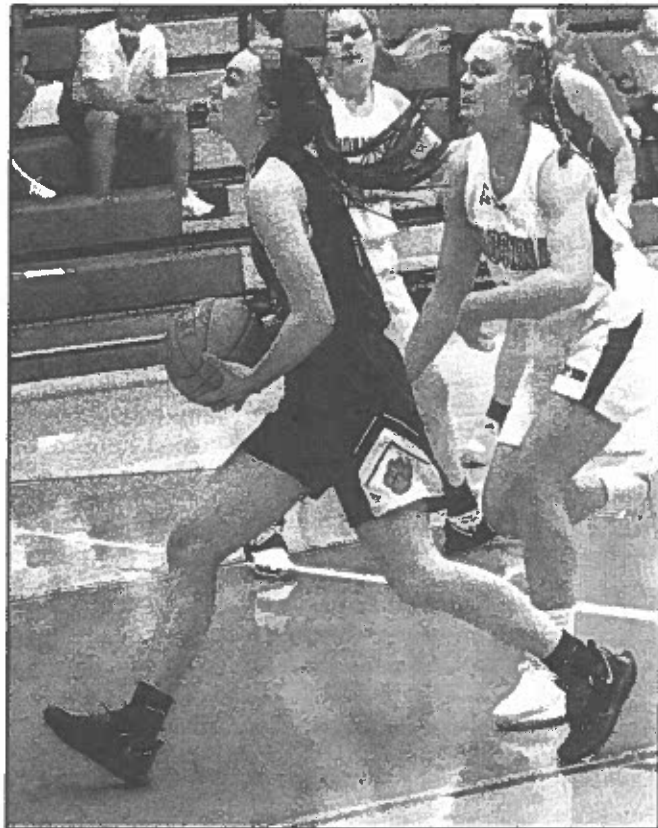
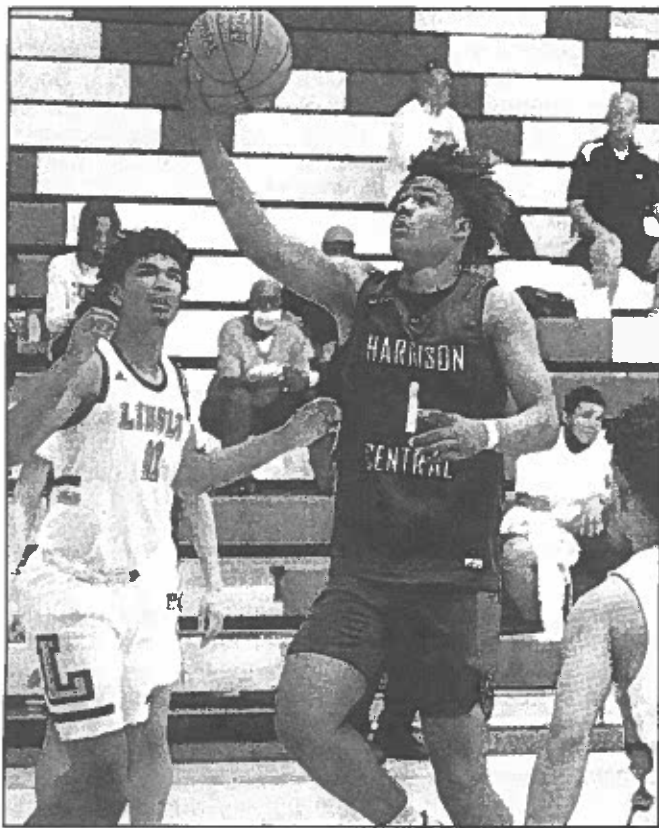


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# SPORTS

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## OVAC SAM MUMLEY ALL-STAR BASKETBALL CLASSIC



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LEFT: HARRISON Central's Kobe Mitchell drives to the basket Sunday at Wheeling Park High School. RIGHT: SHADYSIDE'S Tory Hendershot makes a move in the lane during the girls contest.

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# Shadyside advances in D-IV baseball

By **KIM NORTH**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

SHADYSIDE — Good pitching and defense have been constants all season for the Shadyside baseball team. When you add the bats into the equation, the Tigers can be dangerous.

Korey Beckett and Eric Allen combined on a two-hitter and Shadyside cracked out 11 hits in rolling past visiting Tuscarawas Catholic, 9-1, Saturday afternoon in Division IV sectional tournament action at the sun-splashed Fleming Field Complex.

"Something that has been solid all season for us has been our pitching and defense, but with us it's been the bats," Shadyside head coach Shawn Selmon said. "When

Beckett worked the first four frames, allowing two singles while striking out six and walking a pair. He threw 55 pitches, with 32 being strikes.

Allen finished up with two punchouts and three base-on-balls. He needed just 47 offerings, of which 25 were in the strike zone.

The third-seeded Tigers (19-6) scored four times in the second inning on three hits and tacked on four more in the fourth on five safeties. Seven of the nine spots in the order recorded at least one base hit, with Jordan Joseph, Rhys Francis, Ryan Florence and Ben Wach all had a pair of base raps.

"Hitting is contagious for any ballclub, even if you aren't hitting the ball," Selmon explained. "Once you start getting those hits

the ball in play. We hit the ball in some open spots today and moved some runners around."

Jordan drove in three of the runs from the leadoff spot with a pair of singles. Francis tripled and singled to plate two and Wach singled and doubled from the No. 9 hole. Florence had two one-base knocks. Beckett and Alex Baker each singled.

Even though he didn't have a hit, No. 8 hitter Grant Miller reached base and scored all three of his plate appearances.

Seeded 15th, the Saints (4-21) scored an unearned run in the seventh.

Shadyside is back in action Wednesday when it hosts Strasburg at 5 p.m. in the sectional co-final. The sixth-seeded Tuscarawas



T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

SHADYSIDE SECOND baseman Tyler Stottlemyer tries to complete a double play Saturday as Tuscarawas Catholic's Riley Fotheringham breaks it up during their Division IV sectional

OH — 28; 28 — 56  
 WV — 33; 37 — 70

**Boys**  
 West Virginia 119, Ohio 102  
 OHIO (102) — Green 1, 0-0 2; Duni-  
 ver 3, 0-0 8; Hart 9, 9-9 28; Mitchell  
 2, 0-0 5; Sawyer 2, 0-0 5; Brown 3,  
 0-0 9; Merritt 7, 0-0 17; Fogle 3, 0-0  
 7; VanDine 3, 1-1 7; Zwack 0, 0-0 0;  
 Cork 0, 0-0 0; Balgo 0, 0-0 0; Mill-  
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 WEST VIRGINIA (119) — Derrow 4,  
 0-0 9; Heller 2, 0-0 5; Pryor 4, 0-0 8;  
 Saunders 1, 0-0 2; Bechtel 1, 0-0 3;  
 Lee 5, 0-0 14; Washington 7, 2-2 16;  
 Cain 3, 2-2 10; Maxwell 4, 0-0 10;  
 Postlewait 4, 1-1 9; Kelley 2, 0-0 5;  
 Poffenberger 7, 0-0 17; Pulice 2, 0-0  
 4; Moore 3, 0-0 6; Chisler 1, 0-0 3;  
 Totals: 50, 5-5 119.  
 3 point goals: OH — Duniver (2),  
 Hart, Mitchell, Sawyer, Brown (3),  
 Merritt (3), Fogle, Miller (3), WV  
 — Derrow, Heller, Bechtel, Lee (4),  
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Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	21	20	.512	—
Atlanta	19	21	.475	2
Miami	18	22	.450	3
Washington	16	20	.444	3
<b>Central Division</b>				
W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	23	17	.575	—
Milwaukee	21	20	.512	2½
Cincinnati	19	19	.500	3
Chicago	19	20	.487	3½
Pittsburgh	17	23	.425	6
<b>West Division</b>				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	24	16	.600	—
San Diego	23	17	.575	1
Los Angeles	22	18	.550	2
Arizona	18	23	.438	6½
Colorado	15	26	.365	9½

**Sunday's Games**  
 Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Mets 1  
 Chicago Cubs 5, Detroit 1  
 San Francisco 4, Pittsburgh 1  
 Toronto 10, Philadelphia 8  
 Milwaukee 10, Atlanta 9  
 Washington 3, Arizona 0  
 Cincinnati 7, Colorado 6  
 Miami 3, L.A. Dodgers 2  
 St. Louis at San Diego, late

**Monday's Games**  
 San Francisco (Webb 2-3) at Cincinnati (Gray 0-2), 6:40 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Walker 3-1) at Atlanta (Fried 1-1), 7:10 p.m.  
 Washington (Lester 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Alzobay 1-3),  
 7:40 p.m.  
 Arizona (Bumgarner 4-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 1-0),  
 10:10 p.m.

**NFL Moves**  
**BUFFALO BILLS** — Signed LB Joe  
 Giles-Harris to a one-year contract.  
**CAROLINA PANTHERS** — Signed S De-  
 ano Hill and DE Kendall Donnerson.  
**CHICAGO BEARS** — Signed WR Chris  
 Lacy. Waived LB Michael Pinckney.  
**LOS ANGELES RAMS** — Signed DE  
 Earnest Brown, RB Jake Funk, WR Ben  
 Showronek and LB Chris Garrett.  
**NEW YORK GIANTS** — Signed WR Kel-  
 vin Benjamin and RB Corey Clement.  
 Waived RB Jordan Chunn and TE Nate  
 Wieting.

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
z-Philadelphia	48	23	.676
x-Brooklyn	47	24	.662
x-New York	41	31	.569
Boston	36	36	.500
Toronto	27	45	.375
<b>Southeast Division</b>			
W	L	Pct	GB
y-Atlanta	40	31	.563
x-Miami	39	32	.549
Washington	34	38	.472
Charlotte	33	39	.458
Orlando	21	50	.296
<b>Central Division</b>			
W	L	Pct	GB
y-Milwaukee	46	25	.648
Indiana	34	38	.472
Chicago	30	41	.423
Cleveland	22	49	.310
Detroit	20	51	.282

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Southwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
y-Dallas	42	29	.592
Memphis	38	34	.528
San Antonio	33	39	.458
New Orleans	31	40	.437
Houston	17	54	.239
<b>Northwest Division</b>			
W	L	Pct	GB
y-Utah	51	20	.718
x-Denver	47	24	.662
Portland	41	30	.577
Minnesota	22	49	.310
Oklahoma City	21	50	.296
<b>Pacific Division</b>			
W	L	Pct	GB
y-Phoenix	51	21	.708
x-L.A. Clippers	47	24	.662
L.A. Lakers	41	30	.577
Golden State	39	33	.542
Sacramento	31	40	.437

**Monday's Games**  
 No games scheduled.

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Charlotte at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.  
 Washington at Boston, 9 p.m.

The Tigers (15-12) will trek to Shadyside Wednesday to play in a sectional co-final.

**Hiland 14, Beallsville 0**  
**BERLIN** — The Blue Devils man-  
 aged just one hit during their sectional  
 opener against the state-ranked Hawks  
 Saturday.

Derrick Troyer earned the win for the Hawks and Dakota Miller had three RBI.

**TRACK AND FIELD**  
**Bellaire boys, Linsly win Barnesville Invite titles**  
**BARNESVILLE** — The Big Reds and Cadets followed up their OVAC titles by adding the Shamrock Invite titles to their collection Saturday.

Bellaire scored 99 points, which was six more than the host Shamrocks. Linsly finished with 159 points, which was

The Barnesville girls recorded their first win in the shot put thanks to junior Anna Yater's 34-8 toss.

Senior Grace Detling pocketed the pole vault with an 8-6 clearance. Detling also won the 300 hurdles in 52.46.

Freshman Mara Bethel won the 1600 in 5:33.04.

The Bellaire girls picked up a victory in the discus thanks to junior Katelyn Hart's 115-foot effort.

Harrison Central sophomore Grace Goudy won the long jump with a mark of 14-6.

Union Local sophomore Josie Goodson won the 400 in 64.09.

St. Clairsville freshman Angel Heath-erington won the high jump with a 4-10 clearance.

River freshman Mara Beard won the 3200 meter run in 12:21.01.

**Sports on TV**

**Today**  
**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
 2 p.m.  
 Rutgers at Penn St.  
**COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
 8 p.m.  
 Indiana, Championship, Cary, N.C.  
**COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)**  
 5:30 p.m.  
 NCAA College Cup: Santa Clara vs. Florida St., Cary, N.C.  
**MLB BASEBALL**  
 7 p.m.  
 NY Mets at Atlanta  
 10 p.m.  
 Arizona at LA Dodgers OR Col-wado at San Diego  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Stanley Cup East Division  
 Playoff: Boston at Washington, First Round, Game 2  
 8 p.m.  
 Stanley Cup Central Division  
 Playoff: Nashville at Carolina, First Round, Game 1

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The Islanders came in on their heels after finishing the regular season in a 6-6-3 funk, with none of the victories coming against playoff qualifiers.

In the end, it ultimately didn't matter. Sorokin — just the second rookie goaltender in Islanders history to start the first game of the postseason — played spectacularly at times while filling in for injured Semyon Varlamov to help New York steal home-ice advantage.

"He's a goalie, he's a person, that has a lot of confidence and is super calm," Pageau said of Sorokin. "You see him in practice, he's a competitive guy. ... He's a huge part of that win tonight."

Even if it didn't seem as if it would go that way at the outset.

The 25-year-old Russian appeared a little shaky early. While Palmieri gave the Islanders the early lead with a wrist shot from the right circle that Jarry couldn't snag, Gaudreau tied it 11:10 into the first when he collected a rebound off his own shot and ripped it by

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Sorokin.

Crosby then picked up his 69th career playoff goal — and 190th career postseason point — with a sublime deflection in which he fended off New York defenseman Andy Greene and redirected the puck with just the tip of his stick.

The goal — which moved Crosby into a tie with Hall of Famer Brett Hull for seventh on the NHL's career postseason scoring list — gave the Penguins a 2-1 lead 3:47 into the second.

"Just tried to get my stick on it," Crosby said. "Didn't know which way it was going to go. Fortunately, (Brian Dumoulin) put it in a good spot."

Sorokin responded by settling in and giving his teammates time to collect themselves. New York eventually found its footing, playing the heavy, thudding game favored by coach Barry Trotz. The Islanders pinned the Penguins down in their own end and kept firing away at Jarry.

Pageau's wrist shot from the left circle zipped over Jarry's glove 3:33

into the third to tie it and when Nelson knuckled the puck by Jarry, the Islanders appeared ready to steal the series opener.

Kapanen, however, responded less than a minute later. His fifth career playoff goal with 3:39 remaining shook the Penguins out of their doldrums and forced the extra period.

The teams traded chances for most of over-time until Palmieri found room down low to end the longest-ever playoff game in six all-time series between the two clubs.

"He's an Islander ... he fits right in," Pageau said of Palmieri. "He's our best player tonight. That's why he got so many chances."

The Penguins played without Russian star Evgeni Malkin.

The three-time Stanley Cup winner missed 23 games during the regular season with a lower-body injury but did appear in Pittsburgh's final four games.

He was limited at times during practice last week and did not take the ice for pregame warmups.

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Ohio stared up at a 54-45 deficit at halftime and never got any closer because West Virginia continued its hot shooting.

Whether it was Morgantown's Carson Poffenberger, Linsly's Max Washington, Paden City's Ty Cain or John Marshall's Derrick Derrow, Ohio couldn't get enough stops.

Poffenberger scored 10 of his team-high 17 in the second half. Washington followed up a strong, 10-point first half with six more points. Cain went for seven in the second half and Derrow added six.

Meanwhile, Ohio relied on the scoring of Fort Frye's Nic Hart, who went for 24 of his game-high 29 in the second half.

Union Local's Luke Merritt was impressive, scoring 17 points.

For the game, West Virginia was led by Poffenberger (17) and Washington (16). Wheeling Park's Avery Lee was next in line with 14 points. Cain and Wheeling Central's J.C. Maxwell evenly divided 20 points.

Along with Hart and Merritt, Steubenville Catholic's Charles Miller finished with 15 points. Buckeye Local's Mason Brown closed with nine points.

**OVAC NOTES**

■ **WHEELING PARK'S** Lindsey Garrison won the 3-point shootout at halftime, scoring 17 points. She edged out Shadyside's Baylee Wach for the title.

■ **MAGNOLIA'S** Gavin Postlewait was the champion of the slam dunk competition at halftime of the boys' game.

■ **A MOMENT** of silence was observed at halftime of the girls game, prior to the 3-point shootout, to honor Fritz Lewton, who passed away last week. Lewton was the father of the late Phil Lewton, a long-time basketball official. He helped organize and start the Phil Lewton Sportsmanship Award, which had been presented annually to an OVAC boys and girls basketball team.

■ **SEVERAL** special presentations were held during the course of the afternoon. Special award winners were John Sorrenti (Bob Burton Distinguished Service), Mike DelRe (Richard Saffield Girls Coach), Mike Coyne (Robert Dawson Officials Award), Chink Ward (Thomas E. Rataiczak Timer/Scorekeeper Award) and Fred King (Earl Haberfield Award).

■ **PRIOR TO** the start of the girls game, Wheeling Park sophomore Laken Milton performed the National Anthem.

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# SPORTS

Sunday,  
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## OVAC All-Star basketball rosters set

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

For the first time since November 2019, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is holding one of its prestigious all-star games. The Samuel A. Mumley Boys and Girls All-Star Basketball Games will be played on Sunday, May 16 at Wheeling Park High School. The girls game will begin at 1 p.m. and the boys game is scheduled for a 3 p.m.

The Ohio girls will be coached by OVAC 2A champion coach Serge Gentile, who guided his Shadyside Tigers to the Division IV regional final, and Beallsville's Tori Lang, who coached the Blue Devils to a conference title in both 2019 and 2020. Shadyside's dynamic duo of Tory Hendershot and Baylee Wach both were voted into the game. Indian Creek, which played in the Division II Sweet 16, also had two selections.

They are Taylor Jones and Kylie Kiger. Fort Frye, which fell in the Division III regional semifinal, will be represented by Lexie Huck and Karlee Ross. The remainder of the Ohio girls roster includes: Makayla Abrams (Steubenville), Olivia Alloway (Warren), Maddie Anderson (Toronto), Lily Goodwin (New Philadelphia), Casey Kildow (Union Local), Makenna Phillips (Beallsville), Mikayla Reed (East Liverpool), Emily Siedel

(Conotton Valley) and Ashleigh Wheeler (Shenandoah). The West Virginia girls squad will be led by Wheeling Park's Ryan Young and Cameron's Holly Pettit. Both have led their schools to this week's state tournament in Charleston. The Patriots actually lead the way with three players on the roster. Included are Bella Abernathy, Lindsay Garrison and

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## UL girls cruise by Buckeye

By **BUBBA KAPRAL**  
For The Times Leader

MORRISTOWN - Keira Gregor turned in a sparkling effort to help carry Union Local past Buckeye Local, 14-4, in five innings Friday afternoon.

Gregor went the distance in the circle to earn the pitching win. She scattered five hits while fanning two and walking just one.

The talented junior was also very productive at the plate. She slammed a homer over the left center fence while also banging out two doubles.

The truncated triumph was the ninth in 14 starts for the vastly improved Jets. Union Local hosts Cambridge today in a single game, commencing at noon.

"Keira is a beast," Jets' coach Melissa Lahna noted. "She had a great game today. Keira isn't overpowering but she can hit her spots. She really hit the ball hard today."

"She is also one of our leaders. She is always the first to pick up a teammate when needed," the Hall of Fame coach added. "Keira doesn't boast of her success. She is a true team player."

Buckeye Local took a quick 2-0 lead in the first inning on the strength of an RBI single from Josey Meedles and a throwing error.

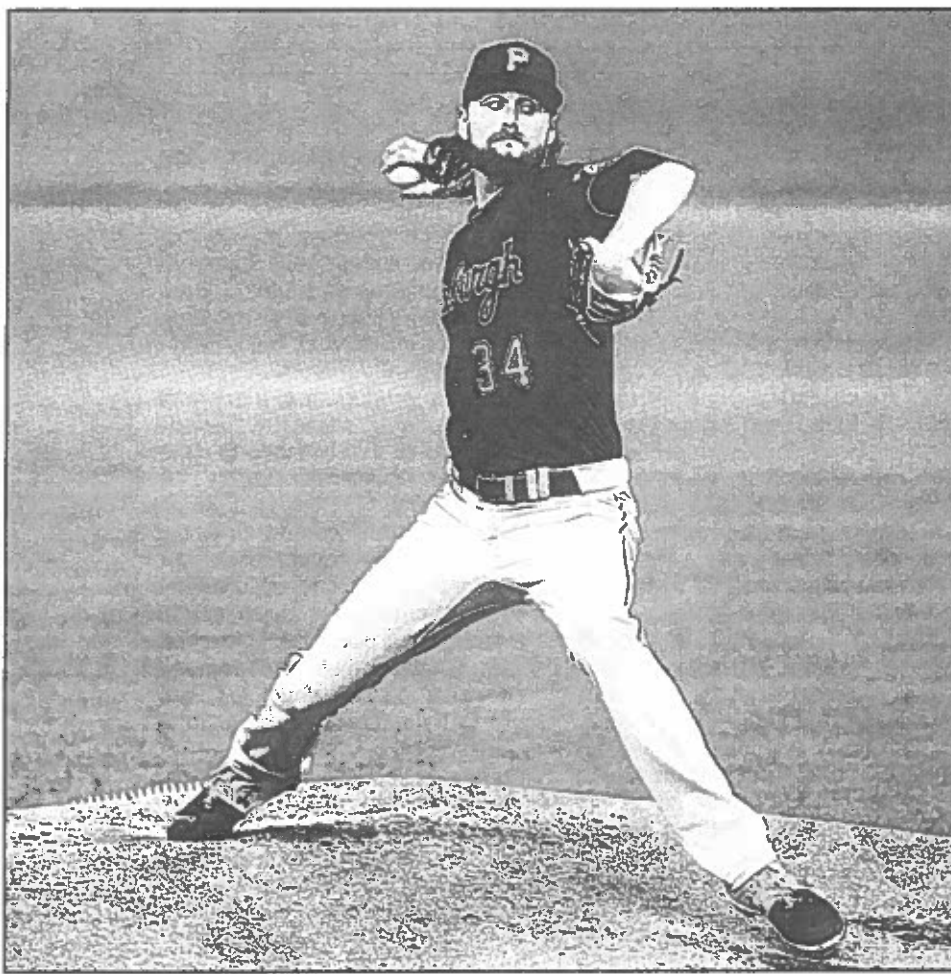
The tide turned Union Local's way in the third inning as the hosts erupted for five runs.

Marissa McGary triggered the outburst with a single followed by another single from Torre Kildow. Both Jets came home on a throwing error. After a base on balls, Hannah Merritt launched a deep shot to right field, resulting in an inside-the-park home run, plating three runs.

After Buckeye Local tallied an unearned run in the top of the third to make it 5-3, Union Local responded immediately and emphatically with five more runs in the home-half of the third.

Gregor got things rolling with a double. Two successive walks loaded the bases, setting the table for a two-run single off the bat of Rylee Magnani. Abi Marinelli followed with another two-run single with the fifth run coming home via a fielder's choice.

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AP PHOTO

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** starting pitcher JT Brubaker delivers to the Minnesota Twins in the first inning of a baseball game Friday in Minneapolis.

## Happ throws a gem as Twins baffle Pirates, 2-0

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Minnesota left-hander J.A. Happ lost his bid for a no-hitter when Jacob Stallings doubled with one out in the eighth inning, and the Twins beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-0 on Friday night.

Happ, in his first season with the Twins, was immediately removed by manager Rocco Baldelli with a two-run lead and replaced by Tyler Duffey.

The 38-year-old Happ (1-0) walked two batters, both in the second, and struck out three. He threw 95 pitches, with 51 strikes, and lowered his ERA after three starts to 1.69.

Duffey walked Wilmer Difo after the double by Stallings, but struck out Adam Frazier with runners at second and third to end the eighth.

Duffey retired the first batter in the ninth. Then Taylor Rogers took the last two outs for the save to finish the one-hitter, preserving just the second win for the Twins in their last 11 games.

Williams Astudillo and Jake Cave each hit their first home runs of the season for Minnesota, spoiling another stellar start by JT Brubaker (2-1). The right-hander finished seven innings with five hits and no walks allowed. His ERA actually crept up to 2.01. Brubaker had given up only one homer in his first three turns.

Happ, who left the New York Yankees and signed a one-year, \$8 million contract this winter to join his seventh major league team, pitched a two-hitter for Houston against St. Louis on Aug. 30, 2010, for his career-low-hit complete game.

His bid for the no-no caught quite a break in the fifth, when Wilmer Difo hit a comebacker that Happ tried to scoop with his glove.

The ball ricocheted toward third base, where Happ hustled and used a slide to grab the ball in the grass. His throw, which likely

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## St. C.'s Sliva relishes win number 400

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - To say Tom Sliva is a baseball purist wouldn't be doing him enough justice.

While developing and molding student-athletes as well as winning certainly motivates Sliva, it's making sure his ball club is doing all of the little things that drive him.

And the veteran St. Clairsville head coach will be the first to admit that it really bothers him when his team is doing those little things - on and off the field.

"I still get mad at those things, so I know my passion is still there," Sliva said. "Good things happen when you do the little things, and I still worry about all of those little things."

Sliva took a step back earlier this week and put his entire career in perspective. Who could blame him after he picked up career win number 400 at Buckeye Local and then 401 the following day against John Marshall.

"(Getting to 400) is awful exciting," Sliva said. "It means I've been blessed with a lot of really good kids and really good assistant coaches. Obviously, it shows longevity and the fact that I've done it for a while, too. It was really a lot of fun."

After the game, Sliva and his entire team celebrated little league style. They stopped at Dairy Queen for ice cream.

"We celebrated together," Sliva said. "I was excited because of how excited the kids were. Them being excited made it really fun."

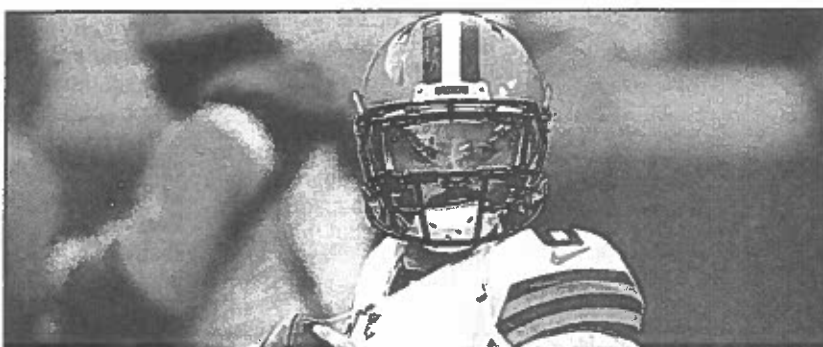
Sliva has been doing it a long time. Actually, he began his head coaching career in 1997 at St. John Central. He racked up four OVAC titles, three sectionals and a district championship.

After six seasons, Sliva was hired to continue the Red Devils tradition that was really started by legendary Richard "Lefty" Hall. Sliva was well aware of that because he served on Hall's staff for five seasons before accepting the Irish post.



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## Browns exercise Mayfield's option



## Browns enter draft with Super Bowl expectations, needs on defensive side

CLEVELAND (AP) - The Browns are hosting the NFL draft this year. Usually, they're headlining it.

After finally ending their nearly two-decades-old post-season drought last season, winning their first playoff game since 1994 - over dreaded archrival Pittsburgh - and establishing themselves as one of the NFL's rising teams.

the Browns may select one of the top corners as protection.

There are some good cornerbacks in this draft, and Berry, who prides himself on leading an aggressive front office, might trade up if there's a player he really wants.

While it would be safe to assume the Browns are focused on defense, and most mock drafts have them leaning that direction, Stefanski said the team won't be boxed in.

"You want to add good players," he said. "I know it is easy to say. 'It is definitely going to be here' or 'It is definitely going to be there.' We are looking to add good players to this roster. We are looking to bring in competition at all levels - offense, defense and special teams - because I think that is what makes you better."

#### CORNER MARKET

The Browns surprised many in 2018 by picking Ohio State's Denzel Ward fourth overall. Draft experts didn't have Ward rated that highly, but

Now, the Browns need a partner for Ward.

Among the possibilities, if the Browns stay at No. 26, are Virginia Tech's Caleb Farley, Northwestern's Greg Newsome II and Georgia's Eric Stokes.

#### INTERIOR DESIGN

Veteran defensive tackle Sheldon Richardson's surprise release last week due to salary-cap concerns has created an unexpected hole up front.

Alabama's Christian Barmore could fill it.

The 6-foot-4, 310-pounder was dominant in postseason games against Notre Dame and Ohio State, helping the Crimson Tide win another national title. Barmore is rated as the draft's best tackle among a weak group and could be gone unless the Browns move to get him.

Cleveland currently has Malik Jackson, Andrew Billings and Jordan Elliott as tackles. However, two of them are on one-year contracts and there's

Week 7, the Browns lacked a deep threat capable of vertically stretching a defense for quarterback Baker Mayfield.

There's a good chance Berry will look in the middle rounds to find another speedster as insurance in case Beckham isn't ready after surgery.

#### FUTURE QB

Mayfield established himself as the Browns' franchise quarterback last season, and the Browns are counting on him to improve in his fourth season.

Veteran Case Keenum is a solid backup, but the Browns need to think about adding another younger QB to groom for the future in case of an injury to Mayfield.

There could be several available in the middle-to-late rounds with Notre Dame's Ian Book, Washington's Kevin Thomson and Northwestern's Peyton Ramsey among a group of experienced QBs.

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ly would have been too late, went wide of first and into foul territory.

But instead of getting an error and allowing Difo to reach second base, Happ was off the hook when home plate umpire Jose Navas called Difo out for straying too far inside the base line and thus interfering with the throw. Pirates manager Derek Shelton argued to no avail.

The last no-hitter by a Twins pitcher was Francisco Liriano on May 3, 2011, at Chicago against the White Sox. Target Field, in its 12 seasons, has yet to host one.

#### HOMETOWN HERO

The Twins placed Miguel Sano on the injured list with a strained left hamstring before the game and promoted outfielder Alex Kirilloff among a handful of roster moves.

Kirilloff, the team's first-round draft pick in 2016 and one of the game's top prospects, is a native of Pittsburgh.

"It's just a cool experience, just to see the team you grew up rooting for in the other dugout," said Kirilloff, who made his major league debut in the playoffs last year.

"I'm not really rooting for them today. I don't think anyone can blame me for that."

said. "I actually loved it down there. But, (St. Clairsville) was a great opportunity that came at the right time."

Since Sliva was hired, the Red Devils have continued to win at a high rate. He's guided St. C. to four trips to the Sweet 16, four OVAC championships, eight Buckeye 8 titles and in 2019 the Red Devils reached the Division II State Tournament for the first time since Hall guided them there in 1997.

"When you're in the moment, you really don't have a lot of time to enjoy or have it set in on what you accomplished," Sliva said. "We looked at it as a business trip. Were we elated and excited that we won the regional? Absolutely that we accomplished the dream that is so hard to do in making the state. But, at the same time, we had another game to prepare for."

But, was that even the best moment of Sliva's illustrious career?

Not necessarily to hear him tell it.

Sliva talked about the opportunity to coach his son, T.J., for four years and then have his son serve as an assistant coach, too.

"All seasons are special and exciting. But, being able to coach my son was exciting for me. I coached that group basically from Pony League up and we had some big wins in Pony ball, too."

So with 400 wins now behind him, a state tournament berth on his resume, how long will Sliva continue to coach?

"I plan to coach for a long time," Sliva said. "They say, 'you'll know when it's right (to retire).' I don't feel anything like that yet. I am still excited to come to the field every day and when we don't do the little things, it still bothers me, so when I get to the point where I don't care about those things, I'll know it's time."

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Asia Roby.

Pettit, who coaches an underclass-heavy squad, will have one representative in Lili Neely.

John Marshall, Weir and Wheeling Central also received multiple bids to the team.

The Monarchs are Lakyn Groves and Madge Lucey. Representing the Red Riders are Isabella Aperfine and Leah Maley. The Maroon Knights chosen are Marisa Horan and Tristen White.

The balance of the West Virginia squad includes: Rylee Harner (South), Molly Herron (Linsly), Jazzy Melnyk (Madonna), Brianna Rinehart (Hundred) and Jaclyn Smith (Trinity).

The West Virginia boys coaches will be a father-son duo. Magnolia's Daye Tallman and his oldest son, David, who is the head coach at Morgantown, will guide the Mountain State boys.

There are three Mohigans committed to take part, including Luke Bechtel, Xavier Pryor and Carson Poffenberger.

The lone Blue Eagle to be selected was Gavin Postlewait.

Wheeling Park also got a trio of bids. Representing the Patriots will be Beau Heller, Avery Lee and D.J. Saunders.

Linsly's duo of Hunter Kelley and Max Washington will also take part.

The balance of the roster includes: Ty Cain (Paden City), Mojo Chisler (Clay-Battelle), Derrick Derrow (John Marshall), J.C. Maxwell (Wheeling Central), Gavin Moore (Clay-Battelle) and Lucky Pulice (Madonna).

The Ohio boys team will be coached by the Washington County duo of Eric Henniger of Fort Frye and Roger Kirkpatrick of Frontier.

Henniger's Cadets won the OVAC 3A title this season and Kirkpatrick guided the Cougars to an OVAC title in 2020.

Henniger will have two of his own players - Kelton Fogle and Nic Hart - taking part in the game.

The Ohio squad features the lone Division I boys signee in the game in Harrison Central's Kobe Mitchell.

The balance of the Buckeye State boys squad includes: Will Balgo (St. Clairsville), Mason Brown (Buckeye Local), Dominic Cork (Cambridge), Christian Duniver (Shenandoah), Luke Green (Wellsville), Luke Merritt (Union Local), Charles Miller (Steubenville Catholic), Riese O'Kernik (Bridgeport), Zion Sawyer (Steubenville), Logan Smith (Martins Ferry), Isaiah Vandine (Indian Creek) and David Zwack (Bellaire).

Though the games will be contested, some of the surrounding events have been altered.

There will not be a media night held prior to the game and there will be no pre-game luncheon held for the players and their parents.

However, numerous special awards will be presented during the course of the afternoon.

The special awards include: Mike Coyne (Robert Dawson Officials Award), Chink Ward (Thomas E. Rataiczak Timer/Scorekeeper Award), Mike DelRe (Richard Saffield Girls Coach Award), John Sorrenti (Distinguished Service) and Fred King Hank Lasasz Boys Coach Award).



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Three Wheeling Park wrestlers earned All-American status over the weekend during the 32nd annual High School Nationals inside the Virginia Beach Sports Center in Virginia Beach, Va. From left are Charlie Tamburin, Stevie Mitchell and Erick Brothers Jr.

## Park Wrestling Trio Named All-Americans

By KIM NORTH  
For The Intelligencer

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — From West Virginia Class AAA state wrestling champions to high school All-Americans in less than a week. That's what a trio of Wheeling Park High School wrestlers accomplished over the last six days.

Seniors Stevie Mitchell and Charlie Tamburin, along with sophomore Erick Brothers Jr. were all crowned state titlists Tuesday night inside Mountain Health Arena in Huntington. Sunday afternoon the trio all earned spots on the awards podium as the 32nd annual High School Nationals came to a close inside the Virginia Beach Sports Center in Virginia Beach, Va.

Mitchell took fourth at 152 while Tamburin was sixth at 285 and Brothers Jr. fifth at 220.

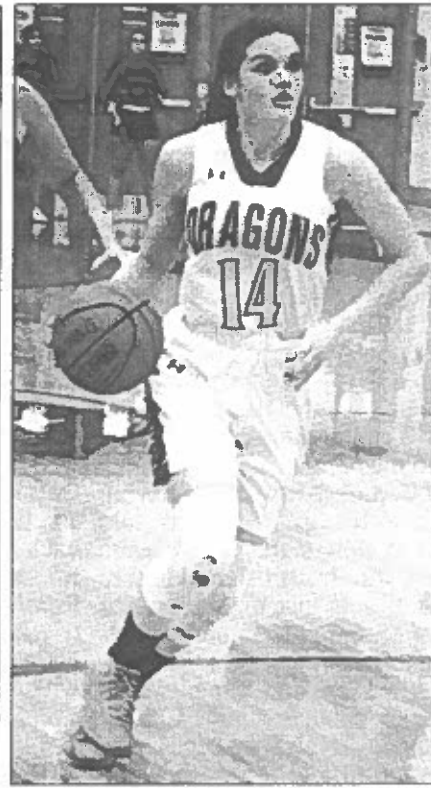
"That's pretty exciting that those three were able to double up as state champions and All-Americans. That's pretty rare," Wheeling Park head coach Brian Leggett said. "This is the first time Wheeling Park has had multiple All-Americans in the same season."

"From not knowing if we were even going to have a season because of COVID to being unsure about the state tournament, this is a tremendous way to close our season," he noted.

Mitchell went 5-2 in a tough senior weight class. He earned pins over wrestlers from Pennsylvania and Georgia in his first two matches.

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# Cameron Senior Class Has Impressive Resume



Photos by Cody Tomer

Cameron seniors, Emma Whipkey, left, Lili Neely, center, and Reagan Gray, right, have done all the little things it takes for a team to succeed this season. They will look to finish the job and go out on top at this week's state tournament in Charleston.

## Dragon trio has garnered plenty of championships

By KYLE LUTZ  
Sports Writer

CAMERON - The 2021 season, in simplest terms for the Cameron girls basketball team, is one that will not soon be forgotten.

After all, the Dragons punched their ticket to West Virginia Class A state tournament for the first time in school history after defeating Clay-Battelle in the Region One Co-Final.

With the milestone being something that the Cameron community will remember forever, it's the senior class on the team that will add another bullet point to their already impressive resume.

Lili Neely, Emma Whipkey and Reagan Gray are all starters on the Dragons and they have put a lot of wins under their belts along with Cameron coach Holly Pettit.

Those wins go further back than

high school, too.

"The senior girls really hold a special place in my heart," Pettit said. "Their middle school year, we won the first PAC 8 championship that the middle school had won. That was my first championship and I kept telling them all year long, 'Listen girls, you're going to get me there again.' I couldn't ask for better seniors. They're great leaders, great role models to our other players and I just couldn't ask for better kids."

Not only is the trio part of a Dragon team that is going down to Charleston for the first time, Neely, Gray and Whipkey were part of the 2018 Cameron squad that won the school's first Ohio Valley Athletic Conference title under former coach and current Cameron athletics director Roger Cain.

The Dragons defeated Beallsville, 69-58.

"This is definitely the biggest year of my career," Neely said about her senior season. "Us winning the OVAC and now that we're going down to state for the first time in school history, it's definitely been a journey. I couldn't have done it without my other two seniors with me."

Neely is the Dragons' leading scorer as she is averaging 17.1 points per game along with grabbing 5.1 rebounds.

Whipkey nets around 6.4 points per contest along with dishing out 2.7 assists while Gray has tallied 6.1 rebounds and 2.1 steals per game.

"Being together for so many years, I think we work so well together and we all work together as a team. Being best friends really helps," Whipkey said.

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# OVAC Basketball All-Star Game Rosters Set

By SETH STASKEY  
For The Intelligencer

For the first time since November 2019, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is holding one of its prestigious all-star games.

The Samuel A. Mumley Boys and Girls All-Star Basketball Games will be played on Sunday, May 16 at Wheeling Park High School.

The girls game will begin at 1 p.m. and the boys game is scheduled for a 3 p.m.

The West Virginia girls squad will be led by Wheeling Park's Ryan Young and Cameron's Holly Pettit. Both have led their schools to this week's state

tournament in Charleston.

The Patriots actually lead the way with three players on the roster. Included are Bella Abernathy, Lindsey Garrison and Asia Roby.

Pettit, who coaches an underclass-heavy squad, will have one representative in Lili Neely.

John Marshall, Weir and Wheeling Central also received multiple bids to the team.

The Monarchs are Lakyn Groves and Madge Lucey. Representing the Red Riders are Isabella Aperfine and

Leah Maley. The Maroon Knights chosen are Marisa Horan and Tristen White.



The balance of the West Virginia squad includes: Rylee Harner (South), Molly Herron (Linsly), Jazzy Melnyk (Madonna), Brianna Rinehart (Hundred) and Jaclyn Smith (Trinity).

The West Virginia boys coaches will be a father-son duo. Magnolia's Dave Tallman and his oldest son, David, who is the head coach at Morgantown, will guide the Mountain State boys.

There are three Mohigans committed to take part, including Luke Bechtel, Xavier Pryor and Carson Poffenberger.

The lone Blue Eagle to be selected was Gavin Postlewait.

Wheeling Park also got a trio of bids. Representing the Patriots will be Beau Heller, Avery Lee and D.J. Saunders.

Linsly's duo of Hunter Kelley and Max Washington will also take part.

The balance of the roster includes: Ty Cain (Paden City), Mojo Chisler (Clay-Battelle), Derrick Darrow (John Marshall), J.C. Maxwell (Wheeling Central), Gavin Moore (Clay-Battelle)

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## Army Earns First Win As Interim Coach

By CODY TOMER



## Pirates Best Twins, 6-2

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Gregory Polanco homered and had three hits, Clay Holmes and the bullpen held down the scuffling Twins and



of the slow start. There were guys who hadn't started before and it was just us getting our feet on the ground and adjusting to what they were doing."

After missing three weeks due to a back injury, Central standout Ryan Reasbeck made his return and looked healthy, especially in the second quarter when he collected a steal at midcourt and threw down a dunk on the other end as Central went into the locker room up 21-14.

"It was nice to get Ryan back for the first time in a long time," Stephens said. "He played really well. He's still getting through this back issue and we'll continue to monitor that but I think he'll be good to go."

back-breaker of a dunk from Maxwell and a 3-pointer from Reasbeck, to put the game out of reach.

Central was led by Reasbeck with 19 points, Maxwell with 16 and Caleb Ratcliffe with 11.

Tariq Miller paced North Marion with 21 points and Landon Frey added eight.

"We felt pretty good until the last 3 minutes," North Marion coach Steve Harbert said. "Then Reasbeck hit a 3 and they kind of stretched it out a little bit."

"We pulled to within five and we were still in position so I like how we played."

"It hurt not having some guys but they were without guys too. It's been an adverse

Tuesday in a regional co-main with a trip to state on the line.

### BASEBALL Morgantown 4-8 John Marshall 0-7

**MORGANTOWN** — In a continuation of an earlier game Morgantown defeated John Marshall 4-0 but Dillon Wright was nearly unhittable for the Monarchs as he allowed just one hit in four and one-third of an inning. Morgantown scored the first three runs of the game on Opening Day before rain moved the remainder of the game to Saturday.

In Game 2 of the twin bill, John Marshall scored four runs in the top of the seventh but couldn't plate the equalizer in a narrow one-run loss.

Wright smacked two hits and

doubleheader, Wheeling Park and Parkersburg South combined to score 57 runs as the two teams split the twin bill.

In the nightcap, Lauren Fox hit a grand slam and a single for four RBI and Faith Randolph sent everyone home happy with a walk-off home run. She finished with a single and four RBI, as well.

Emily Ashton turned in three doubles, a single and a RBI in the slug fest.

Makiyah Strothers paced the Patriots in the opener with three hits and a RBI.

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL Another Doubleheader Sweep for WLU

**WEST LIBERTY** - The West Liberty University soft-

ings and never taking their foot off the gas.

### Wheeling Breaks Single-Season Wins Record

**WHEELING** — The Wheeling University baseball team won both games against Notre Dame College Saturday to open its Mountain East Conference (MEC) series.

Wheeling held on for a 6-5 win in game one, before cruising to a 14-3 victory in game two.

The wins improve the Cardinals to 21-8 overall, 17-5 in MEC play, and breaks the school single-season wins record of 19 set by both the 2010 and 2012 teams.

Wheeling has never had a team finish above .500 in the baseball program's history.

## CAMERON

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Pettit was hired as the Cameron girls' basketball coach at the start of the 2019-20 season. The Dragons returned to the 1A OVAC title game, but fell to the Blue Devils.

"It's fun because this is our coach we started out with in middle school and I've played with Emma and Lili for years and years," Gray said. "And finally we're going to end our season and our basketball careers in Charleston. That's something the school's never done let alone as far as we've ever

gone."

To make matters even more impressive, the trio had to play with the eighth graders when they were in seventh grade as the team didn't have enough numbers. It just happened to be the year that they won Cameron's first PAC 8 championship.

"Our seventh grade year, we had to play up because there wasn't enough eighth graders and we ended up winning the first PAC 8 championship," Neely said. "Ever since last year when we

found out that Holly was going to be our coach, we couldn't have been more excited, especially us seniors. We've been with her since our sixth grade year."

Cameron also claimed the school's first sectional title since 2008 in defeating Madonna, 53-43.

"I'm so happy that our team could make it this year," Whipkey said. "We worked so hard in these four years of basketball, now that it finally happened, I just don't believe it."

Cameron goes into the state tourna-

ment with a record of 16-1 and a 15-game winning streak. Its lone loss came at the hands of Oak Glen during the second game of the season.

The Dragons hold the No. 2 seed in the Class A field and will face off against Madonna Tuesday with a tipoff slated for 1 p.m.

"We're looking forward to just continuing to play, show everyone that we deserve to be down there and we are a good basketball team that we can prove ourselves," Gray said.

## PARK

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He then won 9-7 over a Colorado kid and 3-2 in the quarterfinals against a kid from Kansas. After dropping a 9-3 decision to the eventual champion, Mitchell decided on a state champ from New York 9-4 before absorbing a 6-4 reversal to Darlan Estevez of Florida in the 3rd-4th place bout.

"Stevie came down here after an awesome state tournament and wrestled the best I've ever seen," Leggett said. "He had some close matches but was able to win them."

Brothers Jr., who pinned his way in Huntington in winning a second state title, also went 5-2 in the sophomore bracket. After record-

ing back-to-back falls in less than a minute over kids from Pennsylvania and Florida, Brothers Jr. dropped a 9-6 decision to Noah Todd of Tennessee in the quarterfinals.

He bounced back with a victory and then received a forfeit before falling to a wrestler from Ohio in the consolation semifinals. He ended his journey with an impressive 12-0 major decision over Zachary Evans of Fayetteville, Pa.

"Erick gets better and better each time he steps on the mat," Leggett said of his 220-pound stud. "It's pretty cool to watch him go out and dominate kids."

Tamburin was 5-3 and had to fight his way through the consolation

bracket to earn his spot on the podium in the senior division.

He pinned his first opponent from California before falling to a kid from Utah in his next match. He then reeled off four consecutive victories, two of them by 1-0 scores and another by 6-5 in the ultimate tiebreaker. He fell 3-1 in the consolation semis to a North Carolina wrestler and then dropped a 6-5 verdict in his placement match to Jake Andrews of California.

"These were Charlie last high school matches, just like Stevie," Leggett said.

"He wanted to go out on a high note and I think he did that as an All-American."

## OVAC

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and Lucky Pulice (Madonna).

The Ohio girls will be coached by OVAC 2A champion coach Serge Gentile, who guided his Shadyside Tigers to the Division IV regional final, and Beallsville's Tori Lang, who coached the Blue Devils to a conference title in both 2019 and 2020.

Shadyside's dynamic duo of Tory Hendershot and Baylee Wach both were voted into the game.

Indian Creek, which played in the Division II Sweet 16, also had two selections. They are Taylor Jones and Kylie Kiger.

Fort Frye, which fell in the Division III regional semifinal, will be represented by Lexie Huck and Karlee Ross.

The remainder of the Ohio girls roster includes: Makayla Abrams (Steubenville), Olivia Alloway (Warren), Maddie Anderson (Toronto), Lily Goodwin (New Philadelphia), Casey Kil-

dow (Union Local), Makenna Phillips (Beallsville), Mikayla Reed (East Liverpool), Emily Siedel (Conotton Valley) and Ashleigh Wheeler (Shenandoah).

The Ohio boys team will be coached by the Washington County duo of Eric Henniger of Fort Frye and Roger Kirkpatrick of Frontier.

Henniger's Cadets won the OVAC 3A title this season and Kirkpatrick guided the Cougars to an OVAC title in 2020.

Henniger will have two of his own players — Kelton Fogle and Nic Hart — taking part in the game.

The Ohio squad features the lone Division I boys signee in the game in Harrison Central's Kobe Mitchell.

The balance of the Buckeye State boys squad includes: Will Balgo (St. Clairsville), Mason Brown (Buckeye Local), Dominic Cork (Cambridge), Christian Duniver (Shenandoah), Luke Green (Wellsville),

Luke Merritt (Union Local), Charles Miller (Steubenville Catholic), Riese O'Kernik (Bridgeport), Zion Sawyer (Steubenville), Logan Smith (Martins Ferry), Isaiah Vandine (Indian Creek) and David Zwack (Bel-laire).

Though the games will be contested, some of the surrounding events have been altered.

There will not be a media night held prior to the game and there will be no pre-game luncheon held for the players and their parents.

However, numerous special awards will be presented during the course of the afternoon.

The special awards include: Mike Coyne (Robert Dawson Officials Award), Chink Ward (Thomas E. Rataiczak Timer/Scorekeeper Award), Mike DelRe (Richard Saffield Girls Coach Award), John Sorrenti (Distinguished Service) and Fred King (Hank Lasasz Boys Coach Award).

## 2021 SPRING CLEAN-UP

**Saturday, April 24**  
Valley Grove Community Center

**Saturday, April 24**  
Triadelphia Town Building

**Tuesday, April 27**  
Wheeling Island Marina  
Parking Lot

**Saturday, May 1**  
Stone Church  
Volunteer Fire Department



**Dumpsters will be at the above listed locations from 8 am - 2 pm.** County resident is welcome to use any of the sites. This is a service provided for residential use, and is not for any type businesses or industry.

**The following items ARE NOT ACCEPTED: Tires, Car Batteries, Large Appliances, Motor Oil, Paint and any other Potentially Hazardous Material.**

**DO NOT bring unaccepted items. DO NOT drop off items if a dumpster is not present. DO NOT SCAVENGE! Pick up trucks or smaller trucks only NO DUMP TRUCKS**

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MATERIAL ON THE GROUND**  
BE PREPARED TO SHOW PROOF OF OHIO COUNTY RESIDENCY

City employees and town and village volunteers will continuously monitor each site.  
If you have any questions, please call the Ohio County Solid Waste Authority 304-234-3884

## ARMY

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Marc-Olivier Roy gave the Komets an early 1-0 edge in the first on the power play before something a little unusual occurred.

The Nailers entered the game last in the ECHL in penalty kill percentage and the Komets entered first in the league in power play percentage but those numbers didn't matter after the first goal.

Fort Wayne went on the power play again in the first and this time it was Wheeling coming up with two short-handed goals on the same penalty kill to secure a 2-1 upperhand.

First it was Rivera finding Brady Tomlak in the slot, who fired a shot into the left side of the cage to knot the game at 1-1.

Thirty seconds later, Patrick Watling found Jesse Lees, who sent a la-

ser toward the goalie. His initial shot was blocked but he charged the net and put home the rebound for the go-ahead goal.

"We knew that going down 2-0 would be a big deal," Army said. "So, we kind of had to batten down the hatches."

"Credit to the guys. They didn't just batten down the hatches but they pushed to door through, so that was great. It was a huge momentum boost for us and we were able to move forward with confidence."

Fyten's first goal made it a 3-1 Nailers' advantage when he lit the lamp from point-blank range on the power play.

Shane Starrett had 33 saves for Wheeling and Louis-Phillip Guindon stopped 29 shots for Fort Wayne.