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MEMBERS OF the St. Clairsville baseball team celebrate their OVAC Class 4A championship Saturday after beating Weir, 5-4. T-L Photo/KIM NORTH



ABOVE: BELLAIRE'S Mayson Sochor and Union Local's Hayden McCrate race to their respective class championships in the 110M high hurdles during Saturday's OVAC Cal Giffin Track and Field Championships at St. Clairsville's Red Devil Stadium. The Big Reds and Jets won the 3A and 4A team championships, respectively. BELOW: SHADYSIDE'S Kooper Chimley runs in the 4x400 meter relay during Saturday's OVAC Championship. He helped the Tigers win another 1A/2A championship. T-L Photos/SETH STASKEY

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Wheeling Central freshman Aiden Scott won the 1600 in 4:37.65. He completed the distance double with a 10:17.96 to win the 3200.

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St. Clairsville, Linsly girls claim OVAC track titles

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The final Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Championships of the school year were presented Saturday afternoon.

The OVAC Cal Giffin Track and Field Championship concluded its week at chilly Red Devil Stadium with several familiar faces rising to the top of the girls team standings.

Wheeling Park (5A), St. Clairsville (4A), Linsly (3A) and Steubenville Catholic Central (1A/2A) left with the top prizes.

Here's a look at each girls meet:

CLASS 1A/2A

Steubenville Catholic Central's strength in the hurdles, middle distance and relays was simply too much for Shadyside to overcome. The Crusaders finished with five victories and a total of 94 points.

The title is the 16th in school history for Central, but it's the first since 2015.

Junior hurdler Clara Symington provided a boost by claiming both hurdling events. She won the highs in 16.09 and then captured the lows in 46.10.

Junior Rebecca Bolster won the 400 with a time of 1:03.25.

The Crusaders also claimed the 4x200 relay by nearly six full seconds with a 1:50.56. They also claimed the 4x4, winning by nearly seven full seconds with a 4:27.20.

Shadyside picked up four victories during the course of the 18-event meet.

In the long jump, junior Paige Gorby prevailed with a solid mark of 16-0 3/4.

Freshman Alie Hawthorne captured the pole vault with jump of 7-6.

On the track, the Tigers claimed the shuttle relay in 1:20.51.

The Tigers sprinted and passed the baton to a victory in the 4x1 with a time of 54.72.

Paden City's Hope Weber was impressive in the throwing circles. She won the shot put (31-4 3/4) and discus (98-3).

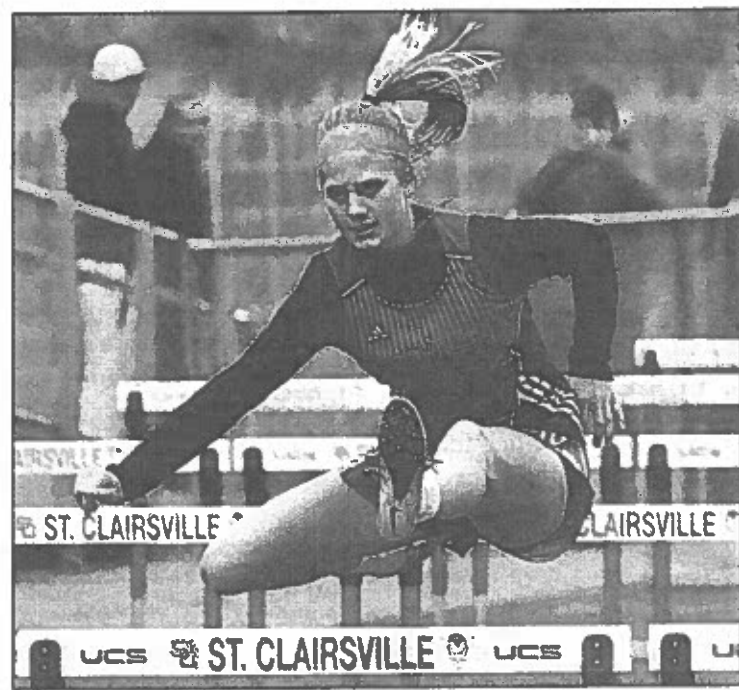
Madonna was the conference champion in the 4x8, posting a time of 10:45.20.

Junior Kristina Lasho gave the Blue Dons an individual champion, winning the 800 in 2:35.45.

CLASS 3A

Linsly and Barnesville locked in an 18-event battle that actually started during Monday's qualifying. In the end, the Cadets depth and their top-end points, which allowed

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE junior Emily Thompson clears a hurdle during the 100M high hurdles at Saturday's OVAC Championship meet. She won the 4A title in the event and also won the pole vault. T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

Anderson solid, Pirates hold on

CHICAGO (AP) — Tyler Anderson pitched eight solid innings and the Pittsburgh Pirates held on in the ninth, beating the Cubs 6-5 Sunday and ending Chicago's five-game winning streak.

Wilmer Difo had three hits and drove in three runs as the Pirates won for just the third time in their last 20 games at Wrigley Field.

Held to two runs and four hits by Anderson (3-3), the Cubs made it close in the ninth.

Reliever Kyle Crick hit Anthony Rizzo with a pitch and walked Kris Bryant before getting David Bote on a flyout. Richard Rodriguez took over and gave up an RBI single to Joc Pederson singled with two outs that made it 6-3.

Ildemaro Vargas hit a two-run double, but Rodriguez retired pinch-hitter Javier Baez on a grounder to end it for his sixth save.

Kyle Hendricks (2-4) allowed six runs — four earned — and nine hits in five innings.

Todd Frazier and Kevin Newman had two hits apiece for the Pirates, who scored their highest run total in nine games.

Anderson struck out six and walked one to beat the Cubs for the first time in three starts this season. He retired his final 13 batters.

Pederson had three hits for the Cubs, who were trying for their first undefeated homestand of at least six games since August 2015, when they beat San Francisco

in four games and Milwaukee in three.

The Pirates scored four times in the first. Jacob Stallings had an RBI grounder with the bases loaded, Difo hit a two-run single off Hendricks and Vargas made a throwing error from shortstop.

Difo added an RBI triple and another run scored on third baseman Matt Duffy's error for a 6-1 lead in the third. Hendricks threw a seven-inning complete game win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday in his last start.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Pirates: INF Colin Moran (left groin strain) went on the 10-day injured list after he exited Saturday's game. See, PIRATES, Page B2



PITTSBURGH PIRATES relief pitcher Richard Rodriguez, right, celebrates with catcher Jacob Stallings, left, after their win over the Chicago Cubs in a baseball game, Sunday in Chicago. AP PHOTO

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"We did a really good job of getting some bunts down when we needed to that moved runners up, and we got the key hits when we had to. That's the key in high school baseball. Put the ball in play and make your opponent make the plays. That's what we did, but you can see by the last half-inning, it's never easy," Sliva added. "It's tough to make all the plays all the time."

Weir threatened in its last at-bat as Trenton Taflan walked leading off and went to third when Jack Scopel cued a single down the rightfield line. Mason Drobish crushed a ball to deep left-center that Starks tracked down for a sacrifice fly and a 5-4 deficit. An error in the outfield on a liner off the bat of Thomas Devecchis kept the Red Riders' hopes alive with just one out.

However, a comebacker to the mound prevented any movement from the runners and Balgo got a called third strike to end the game.

"Our two senior pitchers did their jobs," Sliva noted. "Tyler (Tonkovich) settled down after the first inning and kept us in the game and then Will (Balgo) came in and shut the door."

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The Red Riders also threatened in the sixth when Grant Wilharm drew a lead-off walk that chased Tonkovich from

the lineup, evenly distributed four base raps.

"You can't give a good team more than three outs in an inning, that's just the way baseball is," Weir head coach David Cowden said. "We fought back towards the end but when didn't force much during the middle innings after we took the early lead."

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Scopel singled thrice and drove in a run for the Red-and-Black. Luke Gillette had two singles and Devecchis slugged a two-run double in the first that gave the designated hosts a 2-0 margin. Kelly walked one and didn't strike out a batter. DiMatteis had one of each.

For Weir, which was seeking its seventh title all-time but first since 1994 and only the second since a four-year run in 1955-58, there's a lot of baseball left to play.

"With games, graduation and everything that goes on with it we don't have an open day the rest of the season," Cowden said. "We're going to be pretty busy the rest of the month."

Linescore:
OVAC Class 4A Championship
(at 1-470 J.B. Chambers Sports Complex)
St. Clairsville 5, Weir 4
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STC - Tonkovich wp (5K, 5BB), Balgo sv (6), (2K, 1BB) and Bush; Starks S, rbi; Blomquist 3S, rbi; Balgo SF, rbi; Bush 2S; Shields 2S
W - Kelly (OK, 1BB), DiMatteis lp (6), (1K, 2BB) and Scopel; Gillette 2S; Scopel 3S, rbi; Drobish SF, rbi

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game against the Cubs in the first. He was injured after he caught a liner and dived to first base trying to complete a double play. ... OF Bryan Reynolds (lower body soreness) was out for rest.

Cubs: OF Jake Marisnick (right hamstring strain) exited Sunday's game in the first inning after he was injured attempting to field a single. ... SS Baez (stiff back) was out of the starting lineup for rest after he left Saturday's game after the seventh inning. He pinch hit in the ninth. ... RHP Jake Arrieta (right thumb) is expected to be ready for next weekend's series at Detroit, manager

David Ross said. Arrieta threw a bullpen Saturday and will throw another this week in Cleveland.

UP NEXT
Pirates: RHP Mitch Keller (2-3, 6.29 ERA) is scheduled to start Monday to open a three-game home series against Cincinnati and RHP Tyler Mahle (1-1, 3.23).

Cubs: RHP Adbert Alzolay (1-2, 4.50) is expected to start Tuesday at Cleveland to begin a two-game series after Monday's off day. RHP Shane Bieber (3-2, 2.98) will pitch for the Indians.

• Girls

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them to claim seven events was too much for the Shamrocks.

The title is the third straight and fifth overall for the Cadets.

The Cadets got things rolling with a win in the first running event of the day. They claimed the shuttles in a time of 1:15.32.

Individually, Linsly was solid. Junior Mara Carlisle won the high hurdles in 17.88. Senior Sydney Glessner followed with a victory in the 100 in 12.71. She completed the sprint sweep in the 200 with a 26.26.

Another race and another win for Linsly occurred in the 4x2 when it posted a 1:53.03 to win by more than seven seconds. Linsly's speed was too much again in the 4x1 where the Cadets posted a 53.31 for the win.

Senior Molly Heron was once again impressive. She posted a victory in the 400 with a 64.72.

The Cadets put the finishing touches on their title sprint with a 4:25.01 to win the 4x4.

The Shamrocks racked up several points on the strength of their middle distance, hurdling and field events. All told, Barnesville won seven events.

The Shamrocks answered Linsly's win in the shuttles by capturing the 4x8 with a time of 10:43.80.

Freshman Mara Bethel was impressive. She won the 1600 in 5:32.20. She added the 800 title in 2:32.94.

Senior Grace Detling captured the pole vault with a jump of 8-feet. Earlier in the meet, she had captured the 300 low hurdles in 52.48.

• Boys

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Junior Anna Yater continued her fine season in the discus. She twirled the platter to a mark of 115-6 for the victory.

CLASS 4A
St. Clairsville enjoyed a solid evening of qualifying on Tuesday and the Red Devils delivered with high-end point on Saturday. Add it up and it results in 168 points. That total led to St. C.'s fourth consecutive conference title and 13th in school history.

The Red Devils got going early when senior Jaeda Nowak won the shot put with a solid mark of 35-feet.

The last event to conclude was the girls pole vault and it, too, resulted in a Red Devil victory. Junior standout Emily Thompson remained undefeated in her specialty, soaring over 11-6 to set a 4A and OVAC Championship Meet record.

Thompson actually started her day by winning the class title in the high hurdles in a solid 16.61.

Junior speedster Casadie DiBetta won the 100 and 200 meter dashes, posting times of 12.82 and 27.08, respectively.

Senior distance ace Maggie Marody won the 3200 meter run with a 12:50.85.

The Red Devils also laid claim to both the 4x2 (1:51.54) and 4x1 (51.88) relays.

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Mohigans Edge Wheeling Park

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The battle of Wheeling Park's speed and Morgantown's distance and field wasn't limited to the girls side. It was the same scenario in the boys meet, too.

Though the Mohigans won out and claimed their third title in their brief history of the OVAC with 158 points, the Patriots took the runner-up plaque with 128 points.

Wheeling Park did the bulk of its damage on the track by winning seven of their eight gold medals there.

The most impressive performances of the week were put forth by Patriots senior sprinter Torrence Walker, who was named the Most Outstanding Male Athlete of the meet.

Walker blazed 10.56, which was just four hundredths of a second off the meet and class-record time. He returned to the oval and blitzed the 200 field, running a 22.03.

Senior Andrew Glass won the high hurdles in 15.29.

In the relays, Park shined brightly. It won the shuttles (1:03.14), 4x2 (1:32.26), 4x1 (43.29) and 4x4 (3:32.60).

In the field, however, senior Christian Sorge won the pole vault with a jump of 14-feet.

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Oak Glen's Tristan Lawson won the class 100 meter dash in an impressive 10.94. He later added the 200 title with a 22.92.

The Golden Bears also turned in a 44.68 to win the 4x1.

Weir's Jonathon Howard claimed the shot put with a mark of 45-9.

St. Clairsville Shocks Weir

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

ELM GROVE — It's the little things that win championships. St. Clairsville did those Saturday in claiming its 12th Ohio Valley Athletic Conference baseball title, and the first since going back-to-back in 2015-16.

The No. 2 seed Red Devils (14-6) executed bunts in several key situations to rally for a hard-earned, 5-4, decision over top-seeded Weir (7-3) on the wind-swept and chill-filled Wheeling University diamond at the 1-470 J.B. Chambers Sports Complex.

The victory gives St. Clairsville its third Class 4A crown and the fifth under veteran head coach Tom Sliva. The first nine titles came in Class 3A, with the initial seven under the leadership of the late OVAC Hall of Famer Richard "Lefty" Hall. Sliva, who pocketed his 400th career win in the semifinals, now has nine OVAC titles, the first four coming at St. John Central in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2002.

"These (OVAC championships) are awfully nice and the kids get excited, but I don't keep track of how many or when," Sliva admitted. "The kids did a nice job today."

With Weir holding a 3-1 lead entering the top of the sixth, St. Clairsville sent nine batters to the plate while chasing Red Riders starter Tyler Kelly after back-to-back leadoff singles by Drew Sefsick and Mason Myers. Reliever Anthony DiMatteis got Marcus Bush to ground to the hole at short, but the throw to second for the force was ruled late as the bases were loaded. Logan Shields' shot to second was fielded but the throw home sailed over the catcher's head, allowing Sefsick and Myers to both score and tie the game as courtesy runner Harrison Kazmirski took third and Shields ended up at second. Jaren Starks laid a perfect bunt down the first base line that he legged out as Kazmirski raced home for a 4-3 lead. Will Balgo's sacrifice fly to right plated Shields for a 5-3 reading.

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"We did a lot of good things today, but there are still some things that we can clean up," Sliva noted. "That's baseball ... definitely high school baseball."

"I thought we did a good job of hanging in there and never getting down. We stuck with it and we're fortunate."

Freshman Braylen Blomquist led the Scarlet-and-Gray's 11-hit attack with a trio of one-base raps that produced a run. Bush and Shields, the No. 8 and 9 hitters in the lineup, evenly distributed four base raps.

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Truex Jr. Dominates Darlington

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Martin Truex Jr. got nervous in a hurry near the end of his dominating drive at Darlington Raceway on Sunday.

Barely pushed much of the race, the Joe Gibbs Racing driver suddenly saw Kyle Larson catching up in the closing laps.

Truex, though, called on his steady demeanor and track focus to pull away for his third NASCAR Cup Series victory this season.

rolling," Truex said.

Truex's owner, Joe Gibbs, told him after that Larson gave the three-time Super Bowl winning coach a scare.

"Yeah, he scared me, too," Truex told him.

The victory gave Truex some payback at Darlington from the last time here last September, when he led 196 laps, yet finished 22nd after tangling for the lead late with Chase Elliott.

"It's fun when you're out front,"

Truex said.

"You're always just mindful on staying focused on what you're doing."

No one was more focused at Darlington than Truex.

He took control midway through the first of three stages, moving in front on a restart and settling in for a long ride up front. Truex led the final 21 laps to take the first stage, then the last 36 as he collected the

Wheeling Central Falls in State Title

Maroon Knights fall to Shady Spring 55-43

By KYLE LUTZ
Sports Writer

CHARLESTON — When Wheeling Central made the transition to Class AAA in basketball, the goals remained the same.

And the Maroon Knights also made it to the final day of the season. Unfortunately, they came just short of cutting down the nets.

Shady Spring ended the first half on a 10-3 run and scored the first six points of the second half to secure a 55-43 victory over Wheeling Central in the West Virginia Class AAA state championship Saturday evening at the Charleston Coliseum.

"We knew coming in Shady Spring was very good," Wheeling Central coach Mel Stephens said. "I thought we had a pretty good game plan, and it was pretty effective in the first half. I thought we kind of slowed them down a little bit. They made that little run at the end of the first half to cut it to one. Then they came out of the gate in the third quarter and ripped off six straight to take the lead and we never seemed to recover from that."

The Maroon Knights boasted a 12-9 lead at the end of the first quarter. However, after a Todd Duncan tip-in to put the score at 12-11, Wheeling Central went on a 7-0 spurt to take its largest lead of the game.

Leyton Toepfer's 3-pointer with 4:31 to go in the first half put the score at 19-11.

That's when the Tigers made their run. Braden Chapman started and ended the spurt with a 3-pointer. His long-range ball with 45 seconds remaining put the score at 22-21 in favor of Wheeling Central as both teams went into the locker rooms.

"They are very efficient at



Photo by Kyle Lutz

Wheeling Central's Ryan Reasbeck goes up for a layup during Saturday's W.Va. Class AAA State Championship game.

shooting the ball and very efficient at driving the ball to the basket," Stephens said. "Our feeling was we couldn't help off too many guys to try and stop the dribblers. It was imperative that the guy guarding the ball had to try and control that dribbler. When we weren't able to do that, they were able to get some easy buckets and once that starts, you are concerned with trying to control that guy and then they start knocking down some long ones.

We felt zone was a thing and for the most part of the first half, it was pretty effective."

Cameron Manns started the second half for the Tigers with a conventional 3-point play. The foul was called on J.C. Maxwell, his third of the game. He then picked up his fourth with 2:19 remaining in the third.

However, even with Central's senior leader on the bench, the

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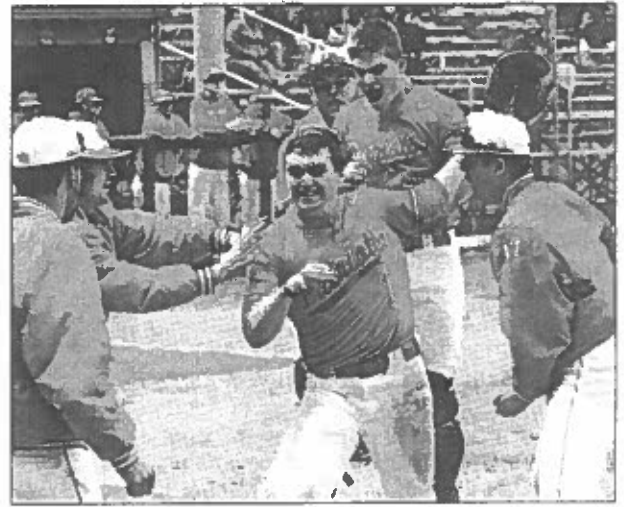


Photo by Cody Tomer

Wheeling Park's Billy Gooch (1) is greeted by teammates after scoring the go-ahead run of the OVAC 5A Championship game on Saturday.

Patriots Return To Top of OVAC

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

WHEELING — It takes a special group of players and coaches to raise championship banners.

Wheeling Park baseball coach Steve Myers believes he has that special group and showed why on Saturday.

With the game deadlocked in the seventh inning of the OVAC 5A title game, Wheeling Park rose to the occasion and grabbed glory — pulling out a 3-2 victory over Morgantown at the I-470 Baseball Complex.

It's the first OVAC baseball title for the Patriots since 2014 and fourth in team history.

"It was a great effort," Myers said. "I think it's a reflection of who these kids are. They are great kids to be around and they have heart. They compete."

"We are always talking about meeting a challenge and they met (Saturday's challenge). They stuck together."

Park all-state golfer and senior second baseman Noah Seivertson, who is accustomed to

the pressure of hitting a putt on the 18th green, did not shy away from the moment and delivered the go-ahead hit in the top of the seventh and Billy Gooch came sliding across home to beat the tag, sending the Park dugout into hysteria. "Those two guys are always leading the way. They got their opportunity (Saturday) and they came through," Myers said. "We're happy for the whole group and the nine seniors."

Seivertson was simply trying to put the ball in play to get the winning run home.

"I was just trying to get some kind of hit to get the run in," Seivertson said. "He threw me outside sliders two times in a row and he threw it one more time and I just got the barrel to it the last time and hit it hard to the right side."

Gooch's hustle earned him an infield single to start the frame and lead-off hitter Avery Lee followed with a walk to set the stage for Seivertson.

Also making the triumphant ending possible

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Park Girls Capture Third Straight Conference Crown

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The final Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Championships of the school year were presented Saturday afternoon.

The OVAC Cal Giffin Track and Field Championship concluded its week at chilly Red Devil Stadium with several familiar faces rising to the top of the girls team standings.

Wheeling Park (5A), St. Clairsville (4A), Linsly (3A) and Steubenville Catholic Central (1A/2A) left with the top prizes.

Here's a look at each girls meet:

CLASS 5A

Wheeling Park and Morgantown went stride for stride for the most part of the 18 events.

In the end, however, Park's speed events were too much for Morgan-

town's distance events to overcome. The Patriots tallied 116 points, which was 10 better than the Mohicans.

For Park, the win is their third straight conference title and 15th overall. That ranks third in conference history.

Wheeling Park secured its first win of the day in the first event. The Patriots raced to the shuttle title in a time of 1:11.51. The Patriots later captured the 4x1 in 51.09.

Sophomore Ellie Reasbeck skimmed 10 hurdles in 16.46 to win the highs.

Senior Marlee Porter was the low hurdle champion, breezing to victory with a 46.41 effort.

Steubenville had a solid showing, accumulating 88 points.

Big Red's first win came in the

long jump when freshman Sabria Jones posted a mark of 16-10 to win by three quarters of an inch.

Jones carried that momentum to the track. She won the 100 meter dash in 12.45. She completed a three individual gold day with a 25.92 to win the 200.

Big Red's speed translated to a win in the 4x2 with an impressive 1:45.93 effort.

Junior Amya Livingston had another strong showing, throwing the shot put to a mark of 42-feet to win the title.

Brooke senior Mara Pendergrast picked up a win in the high jump with a 5-4 clearance.

Morgantown distance ace Irene Riggs was named the meet's Most

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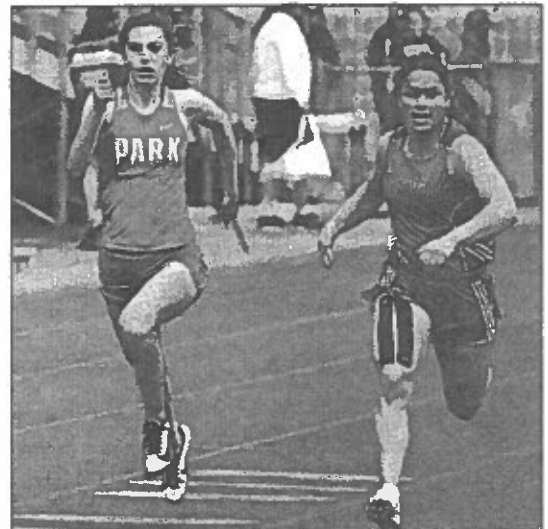


Photo by Seth Staskey

Wheeling Park's Kaylee Davis, left, battles St. Clairsville's Casadie DiBetta for the lead.

NCAA DIII
Golf Comes
To Celebration



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Pirates End



Makenzie Amend, Bennington and Katie Beeman joining her on the MEC All-Tournament Team.

The Hilltoppers jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in Game 2. Donzella led off the game with a double down the right field line and sprinted home on an infield error with two outs.

State scored two runs on three straight hits in the bottom of the fourth and had the bases loaded with one out only to see Bennington get the final two outs to limit the damage. Bennington went on to blank the Yellowjackets on two hits over the final five frames as the WLU offense tried to answer.

Beeman kept Hilltopper hopes alive in the top of the sixth when she roped a game-tying home run - her second circuit blast in as many days - over the left field fence and the game headed into extra innings.

Neither team scored until the top of the ninth when Paterson led off the inning with a solo blast over the wall in right-center and it was on to the winner-take-all championship game.

SATURDAY

WLU Baseball Sweeps Wheeling
WHEELING — The West Liberty University baseball team swept a Mountain East Conference North Division doubleheader from division-leading Wheeling in thrilling fashion under the lights at the J.B. Chambers I-470

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was the incredible outing of senior left-handed pitcher Chris Vargo, who threw a complete game with five strikeouts, one walk and four hits allowed on 108 pitches.

"It took me a couple innings to settle in but after that my changeup was working really well outside." Vargo said. "It got a lot of swing throughs.

"I stayed focused the whole game and I knew the kids behind me had my back. They'll always have my back and I know they'll make the plays when we need them to."

Myers knew what kind of effort he would get from Vargo and was proud of the performance he put forth.

"That was a fantastic effort," Myers said of Vargo. "He's thrown well all year and he's so focused. He stays mentally strong throughout the game and we believe in him and what he's capable of doing. He just went out there and proved what we've always thought about him."

Morgantown pitcher Quincy Thornton was also in top form, tossing seven strikeouts, four walks and allowing five hits on 103 pitches.

With his pitch count rising and Gooch standing on first in the seventh inning, Morgantown coach Pat Sherald went to lefty Reed Bailey in relief.

"He got his pitch count up to 103 and he really went hard for us," Sherald said of Thorton.

reore completing the sweep with a 1-3 decision in an 8-inning marathon that didn't end until well after midnight.

Colton Coss had two of WLU's six hits while Ross Salvatori had the only extra-base hit of the game, a leadoff double in the top of the fourth.

Jason Schutte belted a two-run homer in the top of the second and Ty Helmke added a solo blast in the third of the nightcap.

The two rivals will close out the regular season today with a 1 p.m. doubleheader at West Liberty.

GOLF

Hilltoppers Conclude

Season at NCAA Regional

NORTH EAST, Pa. - The West Liberty University men's golf team wrapped up another impressive season here Saturday as the NCAA Division II Atlantic/East Regional Tournament finished its three-day run at Lake View Country Club.

Coach Thadd Obecný's Hilltoppers settled for a 15th-place finish in the team standings but it did little to dim a strong season showing for the Black and Gold, who took runner-up honors at the Mountain East Conference championships and earned their seventh straight NCAA Tournament bid as the No. 2-ranked team in the Atlantic Region.

Junior Alex Easthom - the reign-

ing 14-over-par 250 for the tournament to share 15th place with three other golfers, just seven shots off the lead.

HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY

BASEBALL

OVAC 1A Championship

Madonna 6, Conotton Valley 5

TORONTO — It took extra innings but Madonna plated the winning run in the eight to capture its third straight OVAC 1A title against Conotton Valley.

Mason Thompson paced the Dons with a triple, a single and a RBI.

REGULAR SEASON

Tyler Consolidated 8, Ravenswood 3
Tyler Consolidated 13
Ravenswood 4

SISTERSVILLE — Lefty Owen Westbrook earned a complete game victory in Game 1 and Carson Gorby delivered four doubles in the nightcap as Tyler Consolidated swept Ravenswood.

Zade Billings provided two hits in the first win, along with Jayde Helmick who stole three bases.

Hayden Brown earned the win in Game 2 with 10 strikeouts.

John Marshall 6

Oak Glen 1

GLEN DALE — Ethan Neely belted a grand slam and a solo home run as John Marshall won its fifth game in a

She also added two hits and a RBI, while Dekotah Namack crushed a homer and drove in two runs.

Abby Salisbury tallied a triple and a RBI in the win.

Brooke 6, Toronto 5

WELLSBURG — Maleah Misch went the distance in the circle, striking out 10 as Brooke edged Toronto.

Linsly 15, Paden City 0

Linsly 10, Paden City 1

WHEELING — Alaina Cook showed off her wheels with a triple, while adding a single and two RBI to lead Linsly past Paden City in the opening game of a double header.

Baeleigh Burwell garnered two hits and two RBI, while Gia Recrosio supplied a double and a RBI and Zoey Tsikouris added a hit and a RBI.

In the nightcap, Karena Recrosio was a homer shy of the cycle as she singled, doubled and tripled with a RBI.

Ripley 6, John Marshall 5

John Marshall 5, Ripley 4

GLEN DALE — The John Marshall softball team was finally cooled off in the twinbill opener before getting back on track in the nightcap.

LACROSSE

Martinsburg 13, Wheeling Central 8

MARTINSBURG — Caleb Karnell scored two goals and handed out three assists but Wheeling Central fell to Martinsburg.

PARK

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Outstanding Athlete after she won the 3200 meter record in a meet, class and stadium record time of 10:43.61. She broke her own mark, which she just set on Tuesday, by more than seven seconds.

CLASS 1A/2A

Stuebenville Catholic Central's strength in the hurdles, middle distance and relays was simply too much for Shadyside to overcome. The Crusaders finished with five victories and a total of 94 points.

Clara Symington provided a boost by claiming both hurdling events, winning the highs in 16.09 and the lows in 46.10.

Junior Rebecca Bolster won the 400 with a time of 1:03.25.

The Crusaders also claimed the 4x200 relay by nearly six full seconds with a 1:50.56. They also claimed the 4x4, winning by nearly seven full seconds with a 4:27.20.

Shadyside picked up four victories during the course of the 18-event meet.

In the long jump, junior Paige Gorby prevailed with a solid mark of 16-0 3/4.

Alie Hawthorne captured the pole vault with jump of 7-6.

On the track, the Tigers claimed the shuttle relay in 1:20.51.

The Tigers sprinted and passed the baton to a victory in the 4x1 with a time of 54.72.

Paden City's Hope Weber was impressive in the throwing circles. She won the shot put (31-4 3/4) and discus (98-3).

Madonna was the conference champion in the 4x8, posting a time of 10:45.20.

Junior Kristina Lasho gave the Blue Dons an individual champion, winning the 800 in 2:35.45.

CLASS 3A

Linsly and Barnesville locked in an 18-event battle that actually

started during Monday's qualifying. In the end, the Cadets depth and their top-end points, which allowed them to claim seven events was too much for the Shamrocks.

The title is the third straight and fifth overall for the Cadets.

The Cadets got things rolling with a win in the first running event of the day. They claimed the shuttles in a time of 1:15.32.

Individually, Linsly was solid. Junior Mara Carlisle won the high hurdles in 17.88. Syndey Glessner followed with a victory in the 100 in 12.71. She completed the sprint sweep in the 200 with a 26.26.

Another race and another win for Linsly occurred in the 4x2 when it posted a 1:53.03 to win by more than seven seconds. Linsly's speed was too much again in the 4x1 where the Cadets posted a 53.31 for the win.

Senior Molly Heron was once again impressive. She posted a victory in the 400 with a 64.72.

The Cadets put the finishing touches on their title sprint with a 4:25.01 to win the 4x4.

The Shamrocks racked up several points on the strength of their middle distance, hurdling and field events. All told, Barnesville won seven events.

The Shamrocks answered Linsly's win in the shuttles by capturing the 4x8 with a time of 10:43.80.

Freshman Mara Bethel was impressive. She won the 1600 in 5:32.20. She added the 800 title in 2:32.94.

Grace Detling captured the pole vault with a jump of 8-feet. Earlier in the meet, she had captured the 300 low hurdles in 52.48.

Aubrey Johnson won the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:38.73.

Junior Anna Yater continued her fine season in the discus. She twirled the platter to a mark of

115-6 for the victory.

Magnolia's Jaci Rohde won the long jump with a mark of 16-6 1/2.

Senior standout Madi Winters continued her fine week of throwing the shot put. She prevailed with a mark of 39-7.

CLASS 4A

St. Clairsville enjoyed a solid evening of qualifying on Tuesday and the Red Devils delivered with high-end point on Saturday. Add it up and it results in 168 points. That total led to St. C.'s fourth consecutive conference title and 13th in school history.

The Red Devils got going early when senior Jaeda Nowak won the shot put with a mark of 35-feet.

The last event to conclude was the girls pole vault and it, too, resulted in a Red Devil victory. Emily Thompson remained undefeated in her specialty, soaring over 11-6 to set a 4A and OVAC Championship Meet record.

Thompson actually started her day by winning the class title in the high hurdles in a solid 16.61.

Casadie DiBetta won the 100 and 200 meter dashes, with times of 12.82 and 27.08, respectively.

Maggie Marody won the 3200 meter run with a 12:50.85.

The Red Devils also laid claim to both the 4x2 (1:51.54) and 4x1 (51.88) relays.

Oak Glen, which finished second, got its meet started by winning the 4x8. The Golden Bears turned in a 10:54.65.

The Golden Bears' first individual win came in the 1600 when junior Sophia Arner crossed the line in 5:48.20. She added the 800 title with a time of 2:34.82.

Kami Ward won the 400 in 62.59 and Izzy Barganski in the low hurdle champ with a 50.27.

Oak Glen also won the 4x4 thanks to a 4:24.16.

DIII

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Course and the other half taking on the challenging Palmer Course. On Wednesday, they'll flip and play the other course before cuts are made heading into the final two days.

"I'm not sure how many will get cut exactly but it will probably be around half," Thompson said. "Then, the last two days will be played on Jones, and Palmer will open back up to the public."

The fact that the

NCAA decided to bring its biggest Division III golf event to Wheeling says a lot about not only the course but the Ohio Valley.

"I can't say enough about the great folks of Oglebay," Thompson said. "They've been tremendous partners and the folks at the golf course have been great. We're going to have the best golfers in the country here."

"Even at the DIII level they can compete with some of the best in Divi-

sion I."

The 2019 defending champion is Illinois Wesleyan, which will be in attendance and looking to repeat.

"I'm really anxious to watch the practice rounds to see players play for the first time when they see it here," Thompson said. "One of the favorites is Illinois Wesleyan. A mountain for them is a speed bump to us. They don't play courses like this every day and it changes your game. I'm really excited to see what

they are saying after practice."

Westminster will be the PAC representative, while other nearby schools include Carnegie Mellon and Otterbein.

"This is a great location and it's going to be a different experience for all of these golfers coming out across the country," Thompson said. "It's really nice though to see the ability for different parties to work together to really showcase what is great about the valley. That's what this is."

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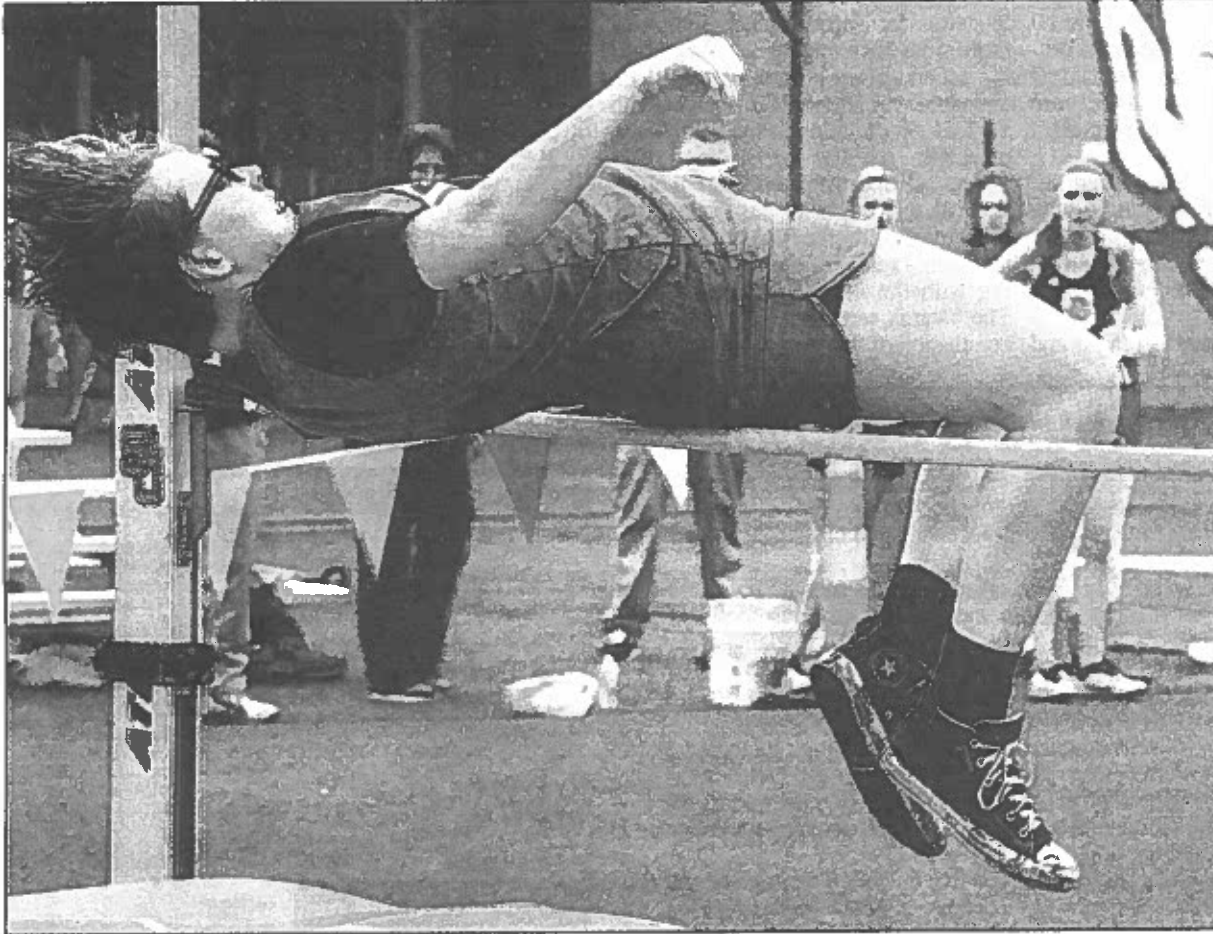
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CAL GIFFIN OVAC TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



BARNESVILLE'S SADIE Watts clears the high jump bar during Monday's qualifying for the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championships at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville.

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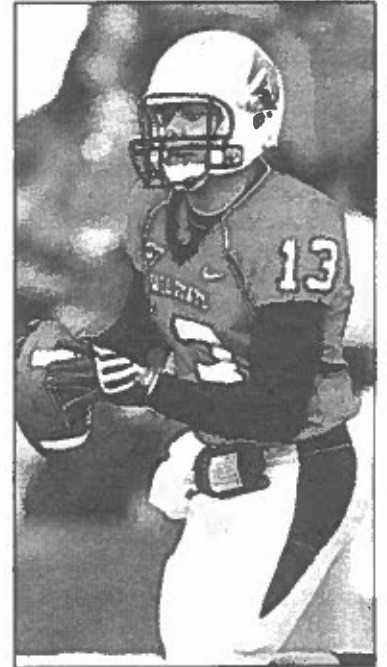


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NATE DAVIS looks for a receiver during his Ball State days. He is being inducted into the Ball State Athletics Hall of Fame in September.

Davis to join Ball State's Hall of Fame

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Nate Davis is one of the most decorated quarterbacks in the history of Ball State University football. The strong-armed Bellaire native threw for nearly 10,000 from 2006-08 for the Cardinals.

For his contributions to the program, Davis is one of seven members of the 2021 Ball State Athletics Hall of Fame. The honorees will be formally inducted on Friday, Sept. 24 at the Alumni Center and will also be honored during the Cardinals game against Toledo the next day at Scheumann Stadium in Muncie.

"The Sports Information Director from when I was at Ball State reached out to me on Facebook and told me that the school was trying to get ahold of me and needed my number," Davis explained. "I asked her what it was about but she said she couldn't tell me. I gave her my number but I was wondering if it was a scam?"

"About a month later I received a phone call from someone at the school informing me that I was selected to be inducted into the Ball State Athletics Hall of Fame. I was very surprised because I was only there for three years," he recalled. "I was shocked. I didn't have any words to say."

Davis re-wrote the Ball State passing record book and led the Cardinals to their highest-ever national ranking during his career. The Mid-American Conference Offensive Player of the Year in 2008, Davis led the Cardinals to a 12-0 regular season that year and a ranking as high as 12th in the country. He finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting while leading Ball State to a bowl game for the second straight year with an appearance in the GMAC Bowl. He guided the Cardinals to the International Bowl after the 2007 season.

He set Ball State career records for passing yards (9,233), touchdown passes (74), completions (678) and total offense (9,732). He piled up those numbers in just three seasons and still ranks second in each category. Davis was the first player in BSU history to throw for 3,000 yards or more in back-to-back seasons. The John Magnabo-

Class 1A/2A and 3A schools get qualifying week started

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Half the field is set.

The annual OVAC Cal Giffin Track and Field Championship got under way in a mixed bag of weather conditions at Red Devil Stadium Monday evening.

The 1A/2A and 3A classifications began their quests for the conference title with qualifying rounds in all events. The 4A and 5A schools will qualify today with the championships set to be presented on Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m.

3A

Bellaire, Linsly, Magnolia and Barnesville all enjoyed solid rounds of qualifying in this division both on the boys and girls sides of the competition.

Bellaire, which has won the last two OVAC titles, appears to be the favorite for a third straight.

The Big Reds got their day of qualifying started by pacing the shuttles in a time of 1:06.52.

Mayson Sochor continued his brilliant rookie campaign by pacing both the high and intermediate hurdles in 15.69 and 42.88.

Sophomore Ray Ray Pettigrew paced the 100 in 11.57.

Senior Jacob Defibaugh had quite the day in the distance races. The cross country All-Ohioan was the top qualifier in the 1600 (4:46.00), 800 (2:07.10) and 3200 (10:14.77).

In the field, the top seeds kept coming. Junior Colt Sechrest erased one of the longest-standing OVAC meet records when he launched the platter 170-ft-9 to pace the discus. He topped the previous mark, which was owned by OVAC Hall of Famer Craig Miller of Bridgeport by one inch. He then shifted to the shot put circle and led that field with a mark of 48-8 1/2.

Linsly's boys picked up the top qualifying spot in the 4x2 with a time of 1:36.49. The Cadets' 4x1 posted a 46.19, which was the top qualifying mark.

Sophomore Nathan Coleman was the top finisher in the long jump with a mark of 19-8.

George Donovic and Max Washington were two of the four high jumpers who cleared 5-6.

Martins Ferry was the top boys 4x8 qualifier in 8:47.18.

Senior Evan Carpenter was among four jumpers who paced the high jump with a 5-6 clearance.

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SHADYSIDE'S CAIDEN McCutcheon soars through the air while competing in the long jump Monday.

University of Dayton to host OHSAA girls, boys basketball state tourneys

COLUMBUS - The University of Dayton and the Ohio High School Athletic Association announced Monday that the OHSAA girls and boys basketball state tournaments

Arena successfully hosted both the OHSAA girls and boys basketball state tournaments this past March.

"We are very excited that our stu-

tournament games, UD Arena has been the home court for March Madness more than any other facility in the country.

"We are very excited to host the state tour-

Cleveland signed the tree agent offensive tackle and former Seattle draft pick and five undrafted free agents Monday.

Selected in the second by the Seahawks in 2017, McDowell was sentenced to 11 months in jail in 2019 for several offenses, including the assault of a Michigan police officer who couldn't subdue the 6-foot-6, 295-pounder despite using a Taser.

McDowell suffered a head injury in an ATV accident three months after being drafted and never played for the Seahawks.

Cleveland general manager Andrew Berry said the club has done "extensive work" on McDowell over the past two months and is comfortable signing him.

"He is accountable for his actions and has had to live with the consequences for decisions earlier in his life," Berry said. "We believe Malik is in a good place, personally and medically. He has taken the necessary steps to get on a healthy path, and has learned from his experiences. Malik understands the expectations we have of him as he attempts to make our football team."

McDowell's other legal entanglements include resisting ar-

erty.

In 2017, he was sentenced to 12 months probation for a DUI incident, and he was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge stemming from an incident at an Atlanta-area nightclub.

McDowell's signing comes two days after the Browns were lauded for their second draft with Berry in charge.

Cleveland added five defensive players, including Northwestern cornerback Greg Newsome II and Notre Dame linebacker Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah. Both Newsome and Owusu-Koramoah are expected to compete for starting jobs in training camp.

Cleveland also signed five undrafted free agents, the most notable Florida State defensive tackle Marvin Wilson. The 300-pounder made 19 starts for the Seminoles, making 110 tackles and 9 1/2 sacks. He blocked three kicks last season.

Wilson's signing along with the Browns drafting Ohio State defensive tackle Tommy Togiai in the fourth round lessens the chances of the team bringing back Sheldon Richardson, who was recently released in a salary-cap move.

• Penguins

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Hayes' tally 5:58 into the contest to give Philadelphia a rare early advantage. The goal wasn't whistled on the ice as it looked like Casey DeSmith made a remarkable glove save on Hayes' wrap-around shot, but replays showed that DeSmith's glove actually was over the goal line and was awarded after an officials' review.

It was the first time in 11 games and just the second time in the last 22 contests that Philadelphia scored first.

Gostisbehere's slap shot from the point through traffic on the power play made it 2-0 with just under 5:52 left in the period. And Gir-

oux notched his 15th 1:04 later.

Sean Couturier sent the puck behind the net, Konecny tipped it to the slot and Giroux fired it past DeSmith's glove.

Lyon made a remarkable save with 10 1/2 minutes left in the period to keep the Penguins off the board. Lyon stopped Kasperii Kapanen's long shot, but it knocked the stick out of Lyon's hand. The puck trickled behind Lyon and toward the goal, but he sprawled around and used his hand under his blocker to stop the puck just before it crossed the goal line.

Crosby netted his 21st

of the season and 47th in 76 career games against the Flyers 2:30 into the third when he tipped Kris Letang's pass over Lyon's left shoulder from the side of the net. Zucker pulled Pittsburgh within 4-2 with 11:36 remaining when he tipped John Marino's shot past Lyon for another power play goal, but Farabee dashed any hopes of a Pittsburgh comeback with his team-leading 17th goal with 8:23 left.

Tristan Jarry replaced DeSmith in goal at the start of the third.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Penguins: D Mike

Matheson is listed as week to week after taking a puck to the face in the second period of Saturday's 3-0 win over Washington. ... F Evan Rodrigues (lower body) missed his second straight game. Rodrigues didn't skate on Monday. ... Brandon Tanev (upper body) was out of the lineup for the 13th consecutive game. His return appears near, though, as he skated with full contact on Monday.

UP NEXT

The teams close out their season series with the second game of a back-to-back on Tuesday night in Philadelphia.

• OHSAA

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Renovated in 2019, UD Arena has a seating capacity of 13,000 and has played host to many OHSAA basketball, district and regional tournament games, along with Atlantic 10 Conference and NCAA tournament games. During the regular season, it is the home of the very successful University of Dayton Flyers women's and men's basketball teams.

UD Arena recently completed a transformation project that was the largest construction effort in the Uni-

versity's history. It is regarded as one of the nation's premier basketball facilities to go along with fan support that consistently ranks among the best in college basketball.

Prior to its move to UD Arena in March, the OHSAA girls basketball state tournament had been hosted by The Ohio State University every year since it inaugural state tournament in 1976, except in 1986 when it was hosted by the University of Akron.

The OHSAA boys basketball state

tournament had been hosted by OSU every year since 1957, except for 1986 and 1987 when it was hosted at UD Arena.

The 2021 OHSAA boys basketball state tournament was scheduled to be hosted at OSU's St. John Arena, but the facility was unavailable due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The OHSAA did not have a contract in place with OSU for the boys basketball state tournament beyond the 2021 agreement that was voided.

• Qualifying

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Magnolia senior Jason Beisel was the top 400-meter dasher qualifier in the class with a time of 52.86. He also led the way in the 200 with an impressive 24.30.

The Blue Eagles also set the pace in the 4x4 with a 3:42.04.

At the high jump, senior Gavin Postlethwait was one of four jumpers to clear 5-6.

Barnesville's boys paced the pole vault thanks to A.J. Detling clearing 10-6.

Linsly's girls expect to score points in bunches both on the track and in the field.

Junior Mara Carlisle got things rolling with a top seed in the high hurdles with a time of 18.38.

In the 100 meter dash, Sydney Glessner was the top qualifier with a solid 12.95. She came back to the track and led the 200 meter dash in 27.14.

The Cadets made it three consecutive top seeds when they led the 4x2 in 1:53.23.

Linsly's 4x1 team turned in a 53.60 to lead the qualifying.

Senior standout Molly Heron had another brilliant showing. She paced the 400 in 64.35 and came back to lead the way in the 800 with a time of 2:31.69.

Linsly's 4x4 team was tops by five seconds over Barnesville with a 4:33.15.

Senior Brinley Steen was one of four finishers to clear

4-6 at the high jump to pace the qualifying.

Barnesville's girls were strong in the distance races. The Shamrocks 4x8 foursome demonstrated that early when the Shamrocks quartet paced the qualifying with a time of 11:00.68.

Freshman Marah Bethel paced the 1600 meter run in 5:34.39.

Senior Grace Detling skimmed eight hurdles in 53.20 to lead the way in the 300 low hurdles.

Sophomore Aubrey Johnson was the top 3200 meter finisher in the class with a time of 13:13.48.

In the field, junior Anna Yater was the top mark with a throw of 119-2. Alana Trigg and Grace Detling were two of the three pole vaulters to clear 7-feet in the pole vault.

Magnolia's girls led the shuttles with a time of 1:17.38.

Senior standout Mady Winters re-wrote the Class 3A record book in the shot put. She claimed the shot put record with a throw of 42-5, breaking the previous mark, which had stood since 2006.

In the long jump, junior Jaci Rohde was the top finisher with a mark of 15-11. She then was one of four jumpers to clear 4-6.

CLASS 1A/2A

Shadyside got off to a strong start when both of its pole vaulters — Bren-

dan Schrader and Andrew Osman — cleared 9-feet to advance. They were the only two jumpers in the class.

The Tigers also had two of the top three high jumpers thanks to senior Jordan Joseph and junior Wyatt Reiman. Both cleared 5-6.

Senior Jacob Visnic was the top qualifier in the shot put with a mark of 46-2 3/4.

Sophomore Holden Salgat ran two laps in 2:10.87 to lead the 800 qualifying.

The Tigers led the way in the 4x4 qualifying with a time of 3:36.71.

Stuebenville Catholic will push the Tigers on Saturday.

Senior Joe Rohde was the top qualifier in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.55. Earlier, he led the way in the 400 with a solid 51.47.

The Crusaders 4x2 team passed the baton to a time of 1:36.62 to lead the way.

Beallsville's Brandon Loudon qualified with the top time in the 100 with an 11.36.

Toronto's Josh Fancher spun the discus to a mark of 146-7 to reset the class record, which had stood since 2013, by four inches.

Wheeling Central freshman Aidan Scott turned in the top qualifying times in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs. He ran 4:47.43 and 10:24.31.

The Maroon Knights also led the qualifying in the 4x1

with a time of 46.60.

Shadyside's Alie Hawthorne, Gianna Mills-DeFelice and a pair of Clay-Battelle jumpers all cleared 7-feet to pace the pole vault.

Junior Paige Gorby continued her fine season in the long jump, advancing with a mark of 15-1, which was the best in the class.

The Tigers' 4x1 team paced the lap relay with a time of 54.75.

Stuebenville Catholic Central figures to be right in the thick of the team chase on Saturday. The Crusaders paced five events.

Junior hurdling ace Clara Symington was once again impressive in both events. She paced the high hurdles in 16.06 and later led the way in the lows with a 50.59.

Junior Rebecca Bolster was the top 400 meter dasher in the field with a time of 64.93.

The 4x4 team's effort of 4:27.70 and the 4x2's time of 1:51.95 were the top qualifying times.

River freshman Mara Beard was the top 3200 meter runner in the 3A field with a time of 12:31.16.

Toronto's Leah Price was the top high jumper at 4-6.

Paden City senior Hope Weber was the top qualifier in both the shot put and discus.

She produced marks of 31-9 1/2 and 108-1.

| ACON - Liberty at Wake Forest | 6 p.m. |
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| ACON - Campbell at North Carolina | 7 p.m. |
| ESPN - Vanderbilt at Louisville | |
| SECN - UAB at Auburn | |

MLB BASEBALL

| ESPN - Houston at NY Yankees <th>7 p.m.</th> | 7 p.m. |
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| ATT - Pittsburgh at San Diego | 10 p.m. |

NBA BASKETBALL

| TNT - Brooklyn at Milwaukee <th>10 p.m.</th> | 10 p.m. |
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| TNT - Toronto at LA Clippers | |

NHL HOCKEY

| NBCSN - Pittsburgh at Philadelphia <th>7 p.m.</th> | 7 p.m. |
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NHL Glimpse

| East Division | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA | |
| x-Washington | 52 | 33 | 14 | 5 | 71 | 181 | 155 |
| x-Pittsburgh | 53 | 34 | 16 | 3 | 71 | 180 | 149 |
| x-Boston | 51 | 31 | 14 | 6 | 68 | 153 | 123 |
| x-N.Y. Islanders | 52 | 31 | 16 | 5 | 67 | 145 | 118 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 53 | 26 | 21 | 6 | 58 | 170 | 145 |
| Philadelphia | 52 | 23 | 22 | 7 | 53 | 151 | 186 |
| New Jersey | 52 | 17 | 28 | 7 | 41 | 136 | 181 |
| Buffalo | 53 | 14 | 32 | 7 | 35 | 130 | 187 |

| Central Division | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA | |
| x-Carolina | 52 | 35 | 10 | 7 | 77 | 171 | 123 |
| x-Florida | 54 | 35 | 14 | 5 | 75 | 180 | 152 |
| x-Tampa Bay | 52 | 35 | 14 | 3 | 73 | 172 | 131 |
| Nashville | 53 | 29 | 22 | 2 | 60 | 146 | 149 |
| Dallas | 52 | 21 | 17 | 14 | 56 | 144 | 138 |
| Chicago | 52 | 22 | 24 | 6 | 50 | 148 | 172 |
| Detroit | 54 | 18 | 27 | 9 | 45 | 118 | 164 |
| Columbus | 53 | 16 | 25 | 12 | 44 | 126 | 176 |

| West Division | | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA | |
| x-Vegas | 50 | 36 | 12 | 2 | 74 | 168 | 110 |
| x-Colorado | 49 | 33 | 12 | 4 | 70 | 171 | 120 |
| x-Minnesota | 50 | 32 | 14 | 4 | 68 | 162 | 135 |
| St. Louis | 50 | 24 | 19 | 7 | 55 | 150 | 155 |
| Arizona | 52 | 22 | 24 | 6 | 50 | 139 | 163 |
| San Jose | 51 | 20 | 26 | 5 | 45 | 139 | 176 |
| Los Angeles | 49 | 19 | 24 | 6 | 44 | 130 | 147 |
| Anaheim | 53 | 16 | 30 | 7 | 39 | 117 | 169 |

| North Division | | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA | |
| x-Toronto | 52 | 33 | 13 | 6 | 72 | 174 | 136 |
| Edmonton | 49 | 30 | 17 | 2 | 62 | 150 | 131 |
| Winnipeg | 51 | 27 | 21 | 3 | 57 | 154 | 145 |
| Montreal | 51 | 24 | 18 | 9 | 57 | 148 | 147 |
| Calgary | 50 | 22 | 25 | 3 | 47 | 132 | 144 |
| Ottawa | 52 | 20 | 27 | 5 | 45 | 143 | 178 |
| Vancouver | 45 | 19 | 23 | 3 | 41 | 119 | 147 |

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. The top four teams in each division will qualify for playoffs under this season's temporary realignment.
x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Monday's Games

| Ottawa 2, Winnipeg 1 |
|------------------------------|
| Boston 3, New Jersey 0 |
| Buffalo 4, N.Y. Islanders 2 |
| Carolina 5, Chicago 2 |
| Nashville 4, Columbus 3, OT |
| Montreal 3, Toronto 2, OT |
| Washington 6, N.Y. Rangers 3 |
| Philadelphia 7, Pittsburgh 2 |
| Florida 5, Dallas 4, OT |
| St. Louis 3, Anaheim 1 |
| Vegas at Minnesota, late |
| Edmonton at Vancouver, late |
| Los Angeles at Arizona, late |
| Colorado at San Jose, late |

Tonight's Games

| Boston at New Jersey, 7 p.m. |
|------------------------------------|
| Chicago at Carolina, 7 p.m. |
| N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7 p.m. |
| Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. |
| Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m. |

ECHL Glimpse

| Eastern Conference | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| GP | W | L | OL | SOL | Pts | GF | GA | |
| Florida | 52 | 32 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 67 | 178 | 142 |
| Indy | 50 | 28 | 18 | 4 | 0 | 60 | 150 | 143 |
| Greenville | 57 | 26 | 17 | 11 | 3 | 66 | 163 | 174 |
| Orlando | 53 | 28 | 20 | 4 | 1 | 61 | 164 | 174 |
| South Carolina | 55 | 24 | 18 | 9 | 4 | 61 | 162 | 171 |
| Jacksonville | 52 | 26 | 20 | 3 | 3 | 58 | 149 | 148 |
| Wheeling | 51 | 17 | 28 | 5 | 1 | 40 | 150 | 184 |

| Western Conference | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| GP | W | L | OL | SOL | Pts | GF | GA | |
| Fort Wayne | 35 | 22 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 48 | 127 | 91 |
| Wichita | 58 | 34 | 16 | 6 | 2 | 76 | 175 | 152 |
| Allen | 55 | 34 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 71 | 179 | 152 |
| Rapid City | 55 | 28 | 23 | 3 | 1 | 60 | 166 | 175 |
| Utah | 55 | 23 | 21 | 5 | 6 | 57 | 153 | 178 |
| Tulsa | 56 | 25 | 23 | 6 | 2 | 58 | 132 | 152 |
| Kansas City | 56 | 23 | 23 | 8 | 2 | 56 | 156 | 167 |

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for an overtime or shootout loss. Top four teams in each division advance to playoffs.

Monday's Game

| Orlando 3, South Carolina 2 |
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Tonight's Games

| Fort Wayne at Indy, 7:05 p.m. |
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| Rapid City at Utah, 9:10 p.m. |

Area Sports Briefs

Volleyball Tournament at River
River High School is hosting the 4th annual Jim Turner Volleyball Tournament on July 16-17. The first 15 teams to enter will be accepted. Entry fee is \$150 per high school team and \$75 for each junior high squad. Checks can be made payable to River High School Volleyball, along with the name of the school, coach and cell phone number.
All checks are non-refundable and teams will not be entered until their check is received.
For more information, contact Jud Curtis at (304) 771-5888 or email at judym.curtis@omerasa.net; or Erin Jeffers at (304) 771-9639 or email at erin.jeffers@omerasa.net

Bridgport Hof Fundraiser
The Bridgport High School Sports Hall/Wall of Fame is moving forward on Saturday, Sept. 11. The Hof Committee is selling 50/50 tickets to help defray costs of the event and ensure that future events can occur.
Tickets are available now through halftime of the game that evening. They can be purchased in person from a committee member or at the central office. You can also mail a check to 55781 National Road, Bridgport, OH 43912. Attention: Brent Ripley.

Madonna Seeks Cheering Coach
Madonna High School is searching for a Head Cheering Coach for 2021-22 school year.
Anyone interested in the position please email resume to: Michael Ariza, Athletic Director, at michaelariza@yahoo.com. Resumes will be taken until May 15.

NFL Moves

ATLANTA FALCONS — Exercised fifth-year option with WR Calvin Ridley. Agreed to terms with OLs Jack Barth, Bryce Hargrove, Ryan Neuzil, Joe Schellmeier and Ken Smith, DL Zac Davis, LBs Doran Edinger, Eli Howard, Kobe Jones, Amani Puzos and Errol Thompson, CB Felipe Francis, FBs Javian Hawkins and Caleb Hurnley, Sr Deray Johnson and JR Pat, CB Marcus Murphy, WRs Antonio Hurns and Austin Trammell and TE John Riera.

BUFFALO BILLS — Exercised fifth-year option with QB Josh Allen and LB Tremaine Edmunds.

| National League East Division | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|-----|------|-------|--|--|
| W | L | Pct | GB | | | |
| Washington | 12 | 12 | .500 | - | | |
| Philadelphia | 14 | 15 | .483 | 1/2 | | |
| New York | 11 | 12 | .478 | 1/2 | | |
| Atlanta | 12 | 16 | .429 | 2 | | |
| Miami | 11 | 16 | .407 | 2 1/2 | | |

| Central Division | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|-----|------|-------|--|--|
| W | L | Pct | GB | | | |
| Milwaukee | 17 | 12 | .586 | - | | |
| St. Louis | 17 | 12 | .586 | - | | |
| Cincinnati | 13 | 14 | .481 | 3 | | |
| Pittsburgh | 12 | 15 | .444 | 4 | | |
| Chicago | 12 | 16 | .429 | 4 1/2 | | |

| West Division | | | | | | |
|---------------|----|-----|------|-------|--|--|
| W | L | Pct | GB | | | |
| San Francisco | 17 | 11 | .607 | - | | |
| Los Angeles | 17 | 12 | .586 | 1/2 | | |
| San Diego | 16 | 13 | .552 | 1 1/2 | | |
| Arizona | 15 | 13 | .536 | 2 | | |
| Colorado | 10 | 18 | .357 | 7 | | |

Monday's Games

| Philadelphia 4, Milwaukee 3 |
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| St. Louis 6, N.Y. Mets 5 |
| Pittsburgh at San Diego, late |
| L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, ppd. |
| L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, ppd. |

Tonight's Games

| L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 4-2) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 1-3), 2:20 p.m., 1st game |
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| San Francisco (Wood 3-0) at Colorado (TBD), 5:40 p.m., 1st game |
| Arizona (Smith 1-1) at Miami (Alcantara 1-2), 6:40 p.m. |
| Chicago White Sox (Cease 1-0) at Cincinnati (Hoffman 2-1), 6:40 p.m. |
| Atlanta (Trone 2-1) at Washington (Ross 2-1), 7:05 p.m. |
| Milwaukee (Lauer 1-0) at Philadelphia (Nola 2-1), 7:05 p.m. |
| L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 4-2) at Chicago Cubs (Abbay 1-2), 7:40 p.m., 2nd game |

NBA Glimpse

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| Atlantic Division | | | | |
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| x-Philadelphia | 43 | 21 | .672 | - |
| x-Brooklyn | 43 | 22 | .662 | 1/2 |
| New York | 36 | 28 | .563 | 7 |
| Boston | 34 | 31 | .523 | 9 1/2 |
| Toronto | 27 | 38 | .415 | 16 1/2 |

| Southeast Division | | | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|------|--------|
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Atlanta | 36 | 30 | .545 | - |
| Miami | 35 | 30 | .538 | 1/2 |
| Charlotte | 31 | 33 | .484 | 4 |
| Washington | 30 | 35 | .462 | 5 1/2 |
| Orlando | 21 | 44 | .323 | 14 1/2 |

| Central Division | | | | |
|------------------|----|-----|----|--|
| W | L | Pct | GB | |
| Milwaukee | 40 | | | |



Photo by Kristin Mazgaj

Linsly's Brinley Steen qualified for the finals in the high jump on Monday.

Track and Field Championships Underway in OVAC

By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer
ST. CLAIRSVILLE —

Half the field is set. The annual OVAC Cal Giffin Track and Field Championship got under way in a mixed bag of weather conditions at Red Devil Stadium Monday evening.

The 1A/2A and 3A classifications began their quests for the conference title with qualifying rounds in all events. The 4A and 5A schools will qualify today with the championships set to be presented on Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m.

3A
Bellaire, Linsly, Magnolia and Barnesville all enjoyed solid rounds of qualifying in this division both on the boys and girls sides of the competition.

Bellaire, which has won the last two OVAC titles, appears to be the favorite for a third straight.

The Big Reds got their day of qualifying started by pacing the shuttles in a time of 1:06.52.

Mayson Sochor continued his brilliant rookie campaign by pacing both the high and intermediate hur-

dles in 15.69 and 42.88.

Sophomore Ray Ray Pettigrew paced the 100 in 11.57.

Senior Jacob Defibaugh had quite the day in the distance races. The cross country All-Ohioan was the top qualifier in the 1600 (4:46.00), 800 (2:07.10) and 3200 (10:14.77).

In the field, the top seeds kept coming. Junior Colt Sechrest erased one of the longest-standing OVAC meet records when he launched the platter 170-ft-9 to pace the discus. He topped the previous mark, which was owned by OVAC Hall of Famer Craig Miller of Bridgeport by one inch. He then shifted to the shot put circle and led that field with a mark of 48-8 1/2.

Linsly's boys picked up the top qualifying spot in the 4x2 with a time of 1:36.49. The Cadets' 4x1 posted a 46.19, which was the top qualifying mark.

Sophomore Nathan Coleman was the top finisher in the long jump with a mark of 19-8.

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Cameron Boys Set For State Tourney

Dragons will face Tug Valley in quarterfinals

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

CAMERON — The Cameron boys' basketball team received a hero's sendoff when leaving for Charleston on Monday morning for the state basketball tournament.

The Dragons punched their ticket to state last week with a 59-44 victory over Tyler Consolidated in the Class A Regional Co-Final.

Now coach Tom Hart and the No. 7 seeded Dragons turn their focus to No. 2 seed Tug Valley today when the two square off in the state quarterfinals at 1 p.m. inside the Charleston Civic Center.

"We had a good trip down here to Charleston and we had a good send off with an escort through town and another through Moundsville," Hart said. "We had a good practice down here on Monday and we had good workouts this week. The kids' spirits are good and they are focused and ready to play."

The Panthers enter the tournament with a 12-2 record and a seven-game winning streak, while the Dragons are 12-4 and have won six in a row.

"We've seen several of their games on film and they certainly deserve that No. 2 seed," Hart said. "They could easily be a 1 seed. They are very good. Their top six guys are good and Caleb May is their leading scorer. He averages close to 27 points per game. He's a complete player and their other guards are extremely quick." "They have two nice bigs who are mobile and they both shoot well. The whole team looks good on film and I'm sure they are better in person."

Cameron certainly isn't afraid

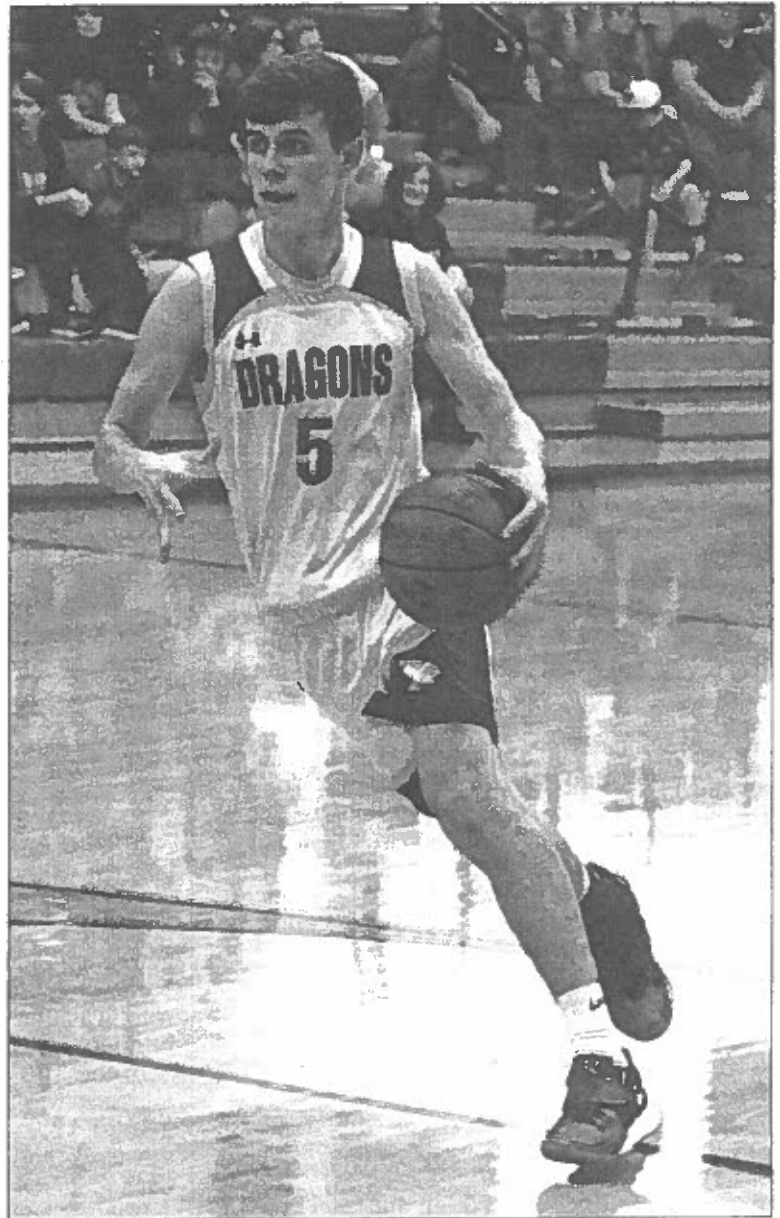


Photo by Cody Tomer

Logan Burkett and Cameron will take on Tug Valley in the quarterfinals of the West Virginia Class A state tournament today.

of the challenge.

The Dragons are led by 6-foot-7 forward Trevor Beresford who averaged 15.4 points per game and 9.6 rebounds throughout a stellar junior season.

"One of the biggest things is going to be rebounding on defense," Hart said. "We have to keep them off the boards. We

noticed they are a good rebounding team on both ends and we have to limit their second and third chances.

"All five of our guys are going to have to crash the boards. They are probably the best team we've seen all season, so our bigs will have to work for position."

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Giroux, Hayes Help Flyers Get Past Penguins

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Claude Giroux had two goals and an assist, Kevin Hayes gave Philadelphia a rare early lead, and the Flyers skated to an easy 7-2 victory over the first-place Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday night.

Joel Farabee had a goal and two assists and Shayne Gostisbehere, Wade Allison and Robert Hagg also scored for the Flyers, who snapped a three-game skid and won for just the sixth time in the last 16.

Sidney Crosby and Jason Zucker scored for the Penguins, who are tied atop the East Division with Washington. Each has 71 points, but the Capitals have four games left while Pittsburgh has three.

Evgeni Malkin returned to the lineup for Pittsburgh after missing 23

games with a lower body injury. The Penguins didn't miss a beat without the four-time All-Star, winning 16 of the contests during his absence. Malkin had an assist on Crosby's tally.

Alex Lyon made 35 saves for his first victory in his fourth start.

The Flyers were thought to be a Stanley Cup contender at the season's outset, and that didn't change after starting the season with a convincing two-game home sweep of the Penguins. But Philadelphia (23-22-7, 53 points) has been in a free fall since the end of February, were eliminated from the playoffs last Thursday and are just trying to stay about .500 with four games remaining.

The Flyers probably wish they had more games against the Penguins,

though. Philadelphia improved to 5-2 against Pittsburgh with one of its best performances of the season.

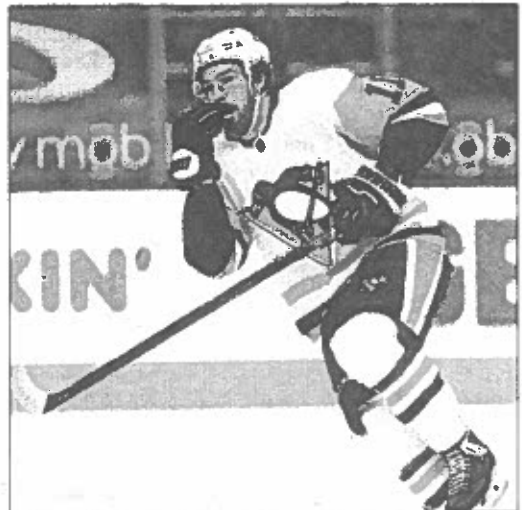
The Flyers jumped out to a 3-0 first-period lead for the first time this season.

Hayes' tally 5:58 into the contest to give Philadelphia a rare early advantage.

The goal wasn't whistled on the ice as it looked like Casey DeSmith made a remarkable glove save on Hayes' wraparound shot, but replays showed that DeSmith's glove actually was over the goal line and was awarded after an officials' review.

It was the first time in 11 games and just the second time in the last 22 contests that Philadelphia scored first.

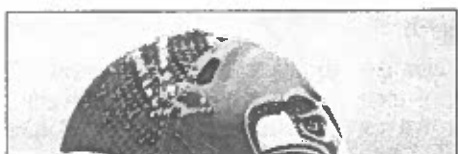
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AP Photo

Pittsburgh's Frederick Gaudreau plays during an NHL hockey game against Philadelphia.

Cleveland Takes Chance



Local Trio Honored by MEC

BRIDGEPORT, W.Va. — The local trio of Tyler Blomquist





AP Photo

Cleveland's Josh Naylor hits a three-run home run during the seventh inning.

Indians Secure Win Against Royals, 8-6

By DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eddie Rosario watched anxiously as plate umpire Dan Bellino called a ball what could easily have been strike three, then swatted the next pitch into the right-field stands for a tiebreaking three-run homer Monday night that sent the Cleveland Indians to an 8-6 win over the Kansas City Royals.

Josh Naylor added a two-run shot off Royals reliever Jakob Junis (1-2) two batters later, turning what would have been a scoreless seventh inning with Rosario's would-be punch-out into a five-run frame.

Bryan Shaw (1-0) coughed up a run in relief of Indians starter Aaron Civale, and James Karinchak gave up Hunter Dozier's two-run homer later in the seventh, before their bullpen finally wrapped up their sixth win in eight games.

Emmanuel Clase worked around a single in the ninth for his sixth save. He's yet to allow an earned run in 13 1/3 innings.

Naylor finished with three RBIs and Franmil Reyes returned from the paternity list to drive in two more for the Indians. Whit Merrifield hit a two-run homer and Jorge Soler drove in two runs for Kansas City.

Daniel Lynch, the latest in the Royals' promising pitching pipeline, had little to show for his solid big league debut.

The No. 34 overall pick in the 2018 draft, Lynch overcame some early nerves to allow four hits and four walks and left to a standing ovation with a 3-1 lead.

But the lanky left-hander also left two runners on with two outs in the fifth inning, and reliever Scott Barlow immediately gave up Reyes' double to tie the game 3-all.

CARDINALS 6, METS 5

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Adam Wainwright came off the COVID-19 injured list and hung tough, St. Louis got a lights-out performance from its bullpen and the Cardinals beat New York for their fifth straight win.

After the game, the Mets fired hitting coach Chili Davis and assistant hitting coach Tom Slater. New York has struggled badly with runners in scoring position this season, a trouble spot last year as well when Davis worked remotely because of coronavirus concerns.

TWINS 6, RANGERS 5

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kenta Maeda steered himself back on track by keeping Texas scoreless into the sixth inning, and Minnesota won the opener of a four-game series.

Maeda (2-2) had a season-high eight strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings, allowing only two singles and two walks in what was by far the best of his six starts this season.

Jorge Polanco had an RBI triple and an RBI double, and rookie Alex Kirilloff kept up his torrid start with two doubles for the Twins.

PHILLIES 4, BREWERS 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Vince Velasquez threw six sharp innings, J.T. Realmuto hit a two-run homer and Philadelphia beat Milwaukee.

Velasquez (1-0) allowed one run and four hits, striking out six in his longest outing this season. Hector Neris struck out Lorenzo Cain with the bases loaded in the ninth to preserve the win.

Brewers starter Adrian Houser (2-3) gave up four runs — two earned — and four hits in six innings.

CAMERON

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Sophomore guard Senior Connor How-Cole Burkett enters the ard is also netting six

PENGUINS

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TRAINER'S ROOM

Penguins: D Mike Matheson is listed as week to week after taking a puck to the face in the second period of Saturday's 3-0 win over Washington. ... F Evan Rodrigues (lower body) missed his second straight game. Rodrigues didn't skate on Monday. ... Brandon Tanev (upper body) was out of the lineup for the 13th consecutive game. His return appears near, though, as he skated with full contact on Monday.

BRUINS 3, DEVILS 0

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Patrice Bergeron scored his 20th goal and the Boston Bruins

clinched their fifth straight playoff berth with a dominating victory over the New Jersey Devils.

CAPITALS, 6 RANGERS 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Daniel Sprong's tiebreaking goal in the third period led Washington past the fading, who were knocked out of playoff contention.

WILD 6, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 5

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Jonas Brodin scored with 1:06 left, 26 seconds after Kirill Kaprizov had tied the game to help Minnesota beat Vegas.

SABRES 4 ISLANDERS 2

BUFFALO, N.Y.

(AP) — Michael Houser stopped 34 shots in his NHL debut, Sam Reinhart scored twice in Buffalo's three-goal third period and the Sabres rallied from a two-goal deficit.

PREDATORS 4, BLUE JACKETS 3, OT

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Roman Josi scored his second goal of the game 3:24 into overtime and Nashville tightened its hold on a playoff spot.

HURRICANES 5, BLACKHAWKS 2

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Sebastian Aho scored twice in the second period on the way to a hat trick, helping Carolina roll past

Chicago.

SENATORS 2, JETS 1

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Nikita Zaitsev scored with 1:13 left in the third period to lift Ottawa to its sixth win in eight games.

CANADIENS 3 MAPLE LEAFS 2, OT

MONTREAL (AP) — Cole Caufield scored at 4:43 of overtime and Montreal beat Toronto.

PANTHERS 5 STARS 4, OT

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Aleksander Barkov scored 2:50 into overtime to lift the Florida Panthers to a 5-4 win over the Dallas Stars on Monday night.

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OTTAWA, Ontario

(AP) — Nikita Zaitsev

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SPORTS

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Blomquist honored regionally for no-no

LOCK HAVEN, Pa. - West Liberty University senior Tyler Blomquist has been selected as the NCAA Division II Atlantic Region Pitcher of the Week by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA).

Blomquist, a 5-7 right-hander from St. Clairsville, who was honored on Monday as the Mountain East Conference's Pitcher of the Week, threw a complete-game no-hitter in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader sweep at Fairmont State to clinch a Mountain East Conference Tournament berth for Coach Eric Burkle's Hilltoppers.



It was the first road no-hitter for a WLU hurler in more than three decades and Blomquist finished it off with a flourish, striking out the last two batters in the bottom of the seventh to complete the 6-0 victory. The Hilltopper veteran finished with a career-high 10 strikeouts as the Black-and-Gold took over sole possession of second place in the Mountain East Conference North Division.

West Liberty closes out the home portion of its schedule on Friday with a 1 p.m. Senior Day doubleheader against MEC North Division-leading Wheeling at Kovalick Field.

Crosby leads Penguins' win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Sidney Crosby scored two goals and the Pittsburgh Penguins regained first place in the East Division with a 7-3 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

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Crosby's first goal - a deflection of a stick-to-stick pass from Pettersson that slipped under Elliott's pad - gave the Penguins a 3-0 lead.

The Flyers rallied, however, as Braun and Couturier had back-to-back tallies in the second period.

Zucker and Konecny traded goals less than three minutes apart in the third period to make it 4-3 Penguins with nine minutes to play.

Crosby, however, put the game out of reach when he one-timed Bryan Rust's shot from the left faceoff circle that went between Elliott's legs for a 5-3 lead with under eight minutes to play.

CAL GIFFIN OVAC TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS



ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Colton Westlake, foreground, and Union Local's Liam Vinskovich race over the hurdles during Tuesday's qualifying for the Cal Giffin OVAC Track and Field Championships at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville.

T.L. PhotoS/SETH STASKEY

Field is set as Class 4A, 5A schools conclude qualifying

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - The field is set. Qualifying for Saturday's OVAC Cal Giffin Track and Field Championship Meet concluded Tuesday evening once again under a mixed bag of weather conditions at St. Clairsville's Red Devil Stadium. With the 1A/2A and 3A schools in the clubhouse, the 4A and 5A schools got into the act, staging their 18 qualifying events with the top four earning a spot in this weekend's meet, which will begin with field events as well as the shuttles and 4x8 at 10 a.m. The remaining running events will commence at noon.

Here's a look at each class:

4A

St. Clairsville's girls got off to a strong start and qualified well in numerous areas - both in the field and on the track.

In the field, senior Jaeda Nowak paced the division's shot put with a mark of 35-8.

All-Ohio pole vaulter Emily Thompson soared over 9-feet to lead the qualifying. She later added the top seed in the high hurdles, skimming 10 timbers with a time of 17.16.

Junior speedster Casadie DiBetta ran a season-best 12.66 to lead the way in the 100 meter dash qualifying. She came back a while later and led the way in the 200 with a 27.15.

The Red Devils' shuttle team paced the four-team field in the class with a 1:12.58 clocking.

St. C.'s 4x1 was also impressive, passing the baton around the oval in 52.37 for the top spot.

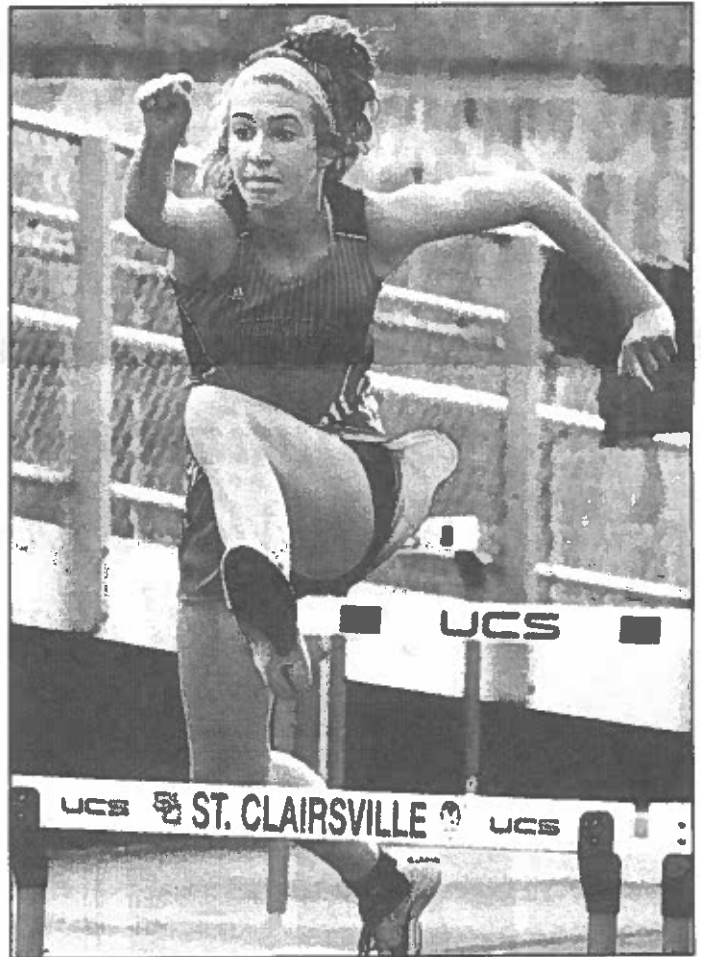
Senior distance ace Maggie Marody posted the top 4A 3200 meter run time by more than 70 seconds. She circled the track eight times in 13:37.74.

Union Local had a strong meet thanks to its sprint contingent. The Jets led the way in the 4x2 with a time of 1:51.44.

Josie Goodson continued her fine season in the 400. She circled the oval in 61.13 to lead the way by nearly an entire second.

Harrison Central's strength in the distance races and field was on display.

See, FIELD, Page B2



ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Delaney Florence clears a hurdle during Tuesday's qualifying competition.

Suns dominate in OT to top Cavaliers, 134-118

CLEVELAND (AP) - Devin Booker scored 31 points, Chris Paul had 23 and 16 assists and the Phoenix Suns stayed in step with Utah atop the Western Conference by outlasting the under-manned Cleveland Cavaliers 134-118 in overtime on Tuesday night for their fifth straight win.

Mikal Bridges made two 3-pointers, dunked and had a block as Phoenix scored the first 15 points in OT to finally put away the Cavs.

Phoenix outscored Cleveland 20-4 in the extra five minutes.

The Suns let a late lead in regulation slip away to Cleveland,

which was missing six players with injuries but battled one of the NBA's teams for 50 minutes before running out of gas.

Cavs rookie Isaac Okoro scored a season-high 32 points and Collin Sexton 29 for Cleveland, which dropped its seventh straight.

Bridges added 22 points for the Suns, who are tied with the Jazz for the West's best record.

Okoro muscled inside for a layup - on a play the Cavs ran for him out of a timeout - with 24.9 seconds left to tie it 114-all.

The Cavaliers host Portland tonight.

• **OVBL**

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"We have enough talented baseball players in the Ohio Valley to probably have eight good OVBL teams, but when you condense that into five teams, I would say there is going to be a substantial amount of talent on each team. That's kind of what we've been shooting for."

Timko will once again guide the Braves as they seek a repeat. Maynard is coached by David Vickers, while Matt Carnahan and Jacob Rosnick return at Moundsville and

Weirton, respectively. Zac Schnegg will lead the Casketmakers.

Play will begin on Sunday, May 23. Each team will play 20 regular-season contests.

Games will be played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at 6, with Sunday first-pitches set for 1 p.m.

Barton will play its home games in Crescent at Henning Field inside Pramesa Park while Maynard utilizes Firemen's Field at the Community Park. Moundsville calls

Monarch Field at John Marshall High School in Glen Dale its home diamond, and Weirton uses the downtown Edwin J. Bowman Field. Shadyside is based at the Fleming Field Complex in Tiger Town.

The playoffs will begin, weather permitting, on July 11 as the No. 4 and No. 5 teams meet in a one-game series to determine who faces the No. 1 seed. The best-of-5 championship finals are set to begin on July 18.

Garrett suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — Cincinnati Reds reliever Amir Garrett was suspended for seven games by Major League Baseball on Tuesday for his role in a benches-clearing incident last weekend.

Garrett was penalized for inciting the events in the top of the eighth inning on Saturday against the Chicago Cubs.

Garrett appealed the discipline, which included a fine.

No suspension will be served until the appeals process is complete.

• **Field**

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Senior distance dandy Jasmine Arnold led the qualifying in the 1600 and 3200. She turned in a 5:45.57.

In the field, senior Thea Haney twirled the discus to a mark of 102-10 to lead the qualifying by nearly eight feet.

Oak Glen was the top qualifier in the 4x8 with a time of 11:00.25.

Freshman Ashlyn Six gave the Golden Bears the top qualifying spot in the long jump with a mark of 15-7.

In the low hurdles, senior Izzy Barganski skimmed eight timbers in 50.72 to lead the way.

Sophia Arner was impressive in the 800 for the Golden Bears, posting a 2:37.39.

The Union Local boys have been the premier team all spring in the area and took steps toward claiming

an OVAC title by qualifying well.

The Jets got off to a strong start by pacing the 4A 4x800 in an impressive time of 8:20.83.

Shawn Coe was the top 800 meter runner in the field with a time of 2:06.18. Just a few minutes later, Coe came back to the track and set the pace for the 3200 meter run in 10:35.04.

The Jets put the finishing touches on their solid night of qualifying by posting the top time in the 4x4 with a 3:36.65.

In the field, Zach Bateman and Cody Street were among four jumpers who cleared 11 feet.

Senior Liam Vinskovich cleared 5-10 and was one of two jumpers at 5-10 to pace the qualifying.

St. Clairsville looks as if it will provide a challenge

to the Jets. The Red Devils had a strong night of qualifying as well.

On the track, freshman Colton Westlake had a strong day. He paced the high hurdles in 16.05. He came back and led the way in the intermediates as well, posting a 43.70.

Karl Kain and Kyle Stoner were among the four vaulters who went over 11-feet.

The Devils 4x2 posted the top time in the two-lap relay with a 1:33.78.

Weir High produced the top seed in the discus. Jonathan Howard twirled the platter to a mark of 133-6.

Oak Glen's Tristan Lawson paced the class 100 in 11.28 and then added the 200 in 23.14.

Junior Konnor Allison was the top 1600 meter runner in the 4A field with a time of 4:41.29.

5A

Wheeling Park's girls expect to be right in the thick of the title hunt on Saturday.

The Patriots got off to a strong start thanks to their shuttle team, which posted the top time in 1:11.27.

Sophomore Ellie Reasbeck continued the impressive hurdling for the Patriots, breezing to a 16.08 to pace the qualifying.

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Senior Marlee Porter was impressive in the 300 hurdles with a 47.10 in pacing the 5A field.

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Stuebenville's Amya Livingston set the first record of the day, launching the shot put to a mark of 43-5. Her mark was nearly three feet better than the previous record, which had stood since 2015.

Big Red's impressive 4x2 team turned in a 1:47.94 to lead the way in the two-lap relay.

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John Marshall's Camryn Mowder cleared 4-10 to assure herself a spot in the finals.

The Patriot boys also had a solid day of qualifying. Leading the way were the Park speedsters.

Senior Andrew Glass was the top high hurdler in the

field, posting a 15.83.

Senior blazer Torrence Walker blasted by the 100 meter dash field for a 10.61 to pace the way. He was just as impressive in the 200, blazing a meet-record time of 21.69, which broke a mark that was set in 2019.

Park's 4x2 team blitzed the big-school field when it posted a 1:30.72, which was more than four seconds ahead of Steubenville, which finished second.

Park's shuttle team paced the field with a time of 1:04.59.

In the field, Christian Sorge, the area's top pole vaulter, soared over 11-6 to pace the qualifying round.

Steubenville freshman Savoir Faulks crossed the finish line in 41.57 to pace the big-school intermediate hurdle qualifying.



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head to Charleston as the fifth seed in Class AAA. They will take on fourth-seeded Nitro tonight at 9 in the quarterfinals at the Charleston Coliseum.

"For us, the focus and the goals at the beginning of the season remain the same." Wheeling Central coach Mel Stephens said. "No. 1, win the OVAC championship and No. 2, qualify for the state tournament. That's what we've done. "I'm extremely proud of the kids. We didn't really talk about moving up in class. We just treated it like another regular basketball season. We just had the opportunity to play some different teams and we get that same opportunity this week."

The journey to the state capital wasn't an easy one for the Maroon Knights as they faced some adversity against unfamiliar opponents.

In the sectional championship, Wheeling Central played in the sectional final game without two of their starters along with not playing a game for three weeks. After a slow start, the Maroon Knights were able to run away from the Huskies, 53-39.

In the Class AAA regional co-final, the Maroon Knights overcame a small deficit in the fourth quarter and edged Trinity, 46-41 to punch their ticket to the state tournament.

Wheeling Central (12-2) will face yet another new opponent this postseason in Nitro. The Wildcats defeated Lincoln

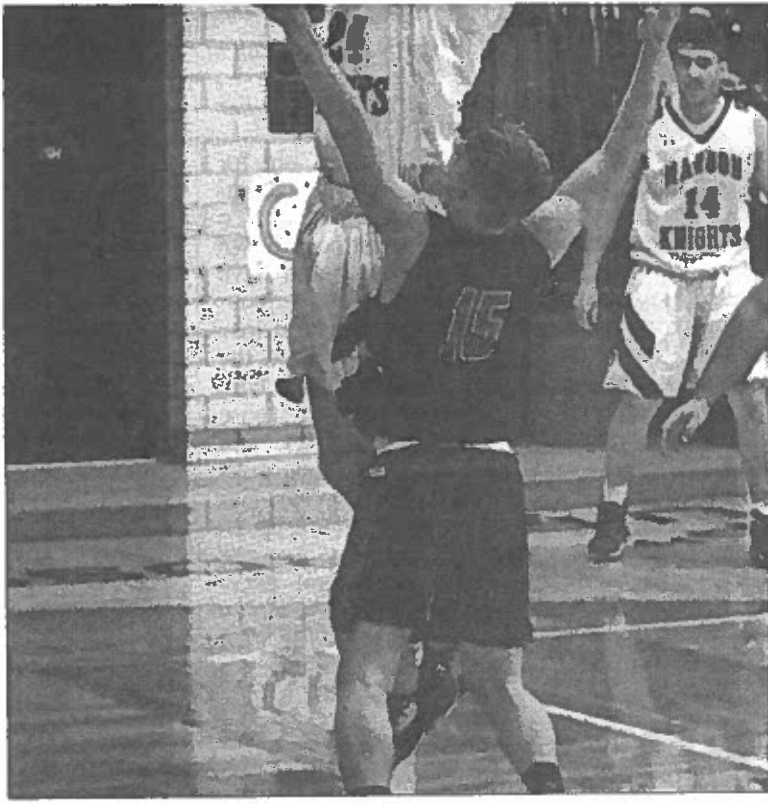


Photo by Cody Tomer

Wheeling Central's Caleb Ratcliffe and the Maroon Knights open state tournament play tonight against Nitro with a 9 p.m. tipoff.

County to punch their ticket to the state tournament for the first time since 1999.

The Wildcats (16-3), who currently hold a eight-game winning streak, is led by junior guard Kolton Painter who is averaging 15.8 points per game.

Joe Udoh, a senior center, who is listed at 6-foot-9 has is averaging a double-double per outing with 13.3 points and 11

rebounds. He also is averaging three steals and 2.4 blocks per game. Trevor Lowe (junior, wing) is netting just under 12 points per game (11.6).

"The big kid we don't see too many kids (6-8) up here, so that's going to be a challenge. Their guards shoot the ball really well," Stephens said.

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Photo by Kyle Lutz

Cameron's Conner Powell takes aim during Tuesday's state quarterfinal game against Tug Valley.

Cameron Falls In Quarterfinal

By KYLE LUTZ
Sports Writer
CHARLESTON

The Cameron boys' basketball team's memorable season has come to an end. Playing in their first game inside the Charleston Coliseum, the seven-seeded Dragons led by

the best. They made a run at the end of the second quarter and we made a few runs in the third. We had some put backs and nice looks that didn't drop. They got some transition baskets and got the ball inside."

That run for Tug Valley came right after the Dragons took their largest lead of the game.

With 4:24 left in the second quarter, Logan Burkett hit a 3-pointer to put the score at 23-16 in favor of Cameron. That's when the Panthers went on their run.

Tug Valley forced seven turnovers, all of which were steals in that span.

Easton Davis tied the game at 23-23 on a jumper with 1:42.

However the Panthers' finished the second quarter on a 13-2 run and ran away with a 69-55 victory over the Dragons in a West Virginia Class A state quarterfinal matchup Tuesday afternoon.

"I'm really proud of my guys. They battled," Cameron coach Tom Hart said. "We came in as the No. 7 seed against an overall great Tug Valley team and we wish them

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John Marshall Bats Too Much for Rival Park

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

GLEN DALE — The last time rivals Wheeling Park and John Marshall met on the softball field, the Monarchs tossed a one-hitter against the Patriots.

On Tuesday the two met again and although Park was able to push some runs across the plate, John Marshall still powered to a 9-4 victory on its home field.

The Monarchs plated all nine of their runs in the first three innings and now sit a 8-4 on the season.

"It was a pretty good performance overall," JM coach Ed West said. "We swung the bats pretty well and we looked pretty disciplined at the plate. We were laying off the high pitches and we were doing a better job of that than we have in the last

few games."

Dori Kins gave the Monarchs a 2-0 lead in the first with a two-run double to left field and Tessa Wise added a two-run knock in the second to extend the lead to 4-0.

The Patriots didn't go away quietly, however, as Riley Richardson walked in the third and scored on the throw when leadoff hitter Faith Randolph stole second.

Izzy Miller cut the lead in half with a RBI single to right-center to bring home Randolph.

Just as it was looking like a brand new game, John Marshall's Megan Dougherty brought home a run on a sacrifice fly and Kiley Ward scored on a passed ball to give the Monarchs a 6-2 upperhand.

Kadence Pettit looked to put the game out of reach as she unloaded

on a 3-run home run over the center field fence to give JM a 9-2 cushion.

"She's got a lot of power," West said of Pettit. "She's been hitting a lot of shots. That's six or seven home runs for her now. She hits the ball pretty hard and she's a good contact hitter, too."

Wheeling Park's Katelyn Kozlowski, who smacked three hits, scored the final two runs on a passed ball and a throw to second on a steal.

After Wise struck out five and walked one over the first four innings for JM, Pettit came in to slam the door over the final three frames. She also fanned five and allowed one free pass.

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Photo by Cody Tomer

John Marshall shortstop Ava Blake tags out Wheeling Park's Izzy Miller during a play in Tuesday's rivalry game.

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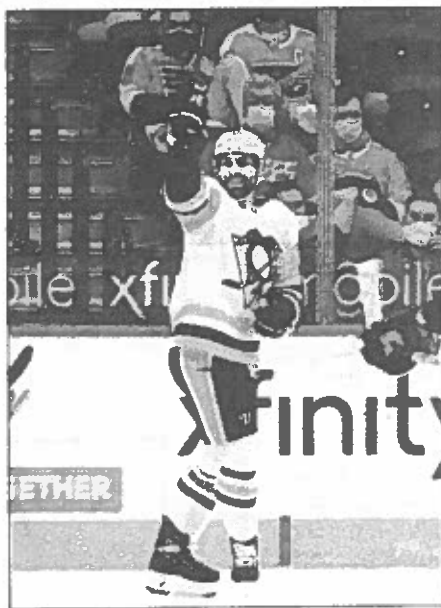
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AP Photo

Pittsburgh Penguins' Jason Zucker, center, celebrates past Philadelphia Flyers' Claude Giroux, right, and Travis Konecny after scoring a goal during Tuesday's game.

Flyers.

Crosby's first goal — a deflection of a stick-to-stick pass from Pettersson that slipped under Elliott's pad — gave the Penguins a 3-0 lead.

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Madonna at Weir
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Senior blazer Torrence Walker blasted by the 100 meter dash field for a 10.61 to pace the way.

Union Local had a strong meet thanks to its sprint contingent. The Jets led the way in the 4x2 with a time of 1:51.44.
Josie Goodson continued her fine season in the 400. She circled the oval in 61.13 to lead the way by nearly an entire second.
Harrison Central's strength in the distance races and field was on display. Senior distance dandy Jasmine Arnold led the qualifying in the 1600 and 3200. She turned in a 5:45.57.
In the field, senior Thea Haney twirled the discus to a mark of 102-10 to lead the qualifying by nearly eight feet.
Oak Glen was the top qualifier in the 4x8 with a time of 11:00.25.
Freshman Ashlyn Six gave the Golden Bears the top qualifying spot in the long jump with a mark of 15-7.
In the low hurdles, senior Izzy Barganski skimmed eight timbers in 50.72 to lead the way.
Sophia Arner was impressive in the 800 for the Golden Bears, posting a 2:37.39.
The Union Local boys have been the premier team all spring in the area and took steps toward claiming an OVAC title by qualifying well.
The Jets got off to a strong start by pacing the 4A 4x800 in an impressive time of 8:20.83.
Shawn Coe was the top 800 meter runner in the field with a time of 2:06.18.
Just a few minutes later, Coe came back to the track and set the pace for the 3200 meter run in 10:35.04.
The Jets put the finishing touches on their solid night of qualifying by posting the top time in the 4x4 with a 3:36.65.
In the field, Zach Bateman and Cody Street were among four jumpers who cleared 11 feet.
Senior Liam Vinskovich cleared 5-10 and was one of two jumpers at 5-10 to pace the qualifying.
St. Clairsville looks as if it will provide a challenge to the Jets. The Red Devils had a strong night of qualifying as well.
On the track, freshman Colton Westlake had a strong day. He paced the high hurdles in 16.05. He came back and led the way in the intermediates as well, posting a 43.70.
Karl Kain and Kyle Stoner was among the four vaulters who went over 11-feet.
The Devils 4x2 posted the top time in the two-lap relay with a 1:33.78.
Weir produced the top seed in the discus. Jonathan Howard twirled the platter to a mark of 133-6.
Oak Glen's Tristan Lawson paced the class 100 in 11.28 and then added the 200 in 23.14.
Junior Konnor Allison was the top 1600 meter runner in the 4A field with a time of 4:41.29.

SPORTS ON TV

Wednesday COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)
PAC-12N - Pac-12 Tournament: Arizona St. vs. California, Quarterfinal, Palo Alto, Calif.
DIVING
NBCSN - FINA: World Cup, Tokyo (taped)
GOLF
LPGA - LPGA Tour: The Honda LPGA Thailand, First Round, Siam Country Club, Chonburi, Thailand
IHF HOCKEY
NHLN - U-18 World Championship: Canada vs. Sweden, Semifinal, Frisco, Texas
MLB BASEBALL
MLBN - Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati
MLBN - San Francisco at Colorado OR Baltimore at Seattle (games joined in progress)
ESPN - LA Dodgers at Chicago Cubs
ATT - Pittsburgh at San Diego
MLBN - Tampa Bay at LA Angels OR Toronto at Oakland (games joined in progress)
NBA BASKETBALL
NBATV - San Antonio at Utah
NHL HOCKEY
NBCSN - Washington at NY Rangers
NBCSN - Colorado at San Jose
RUGBY
FS2 - NRL: Melbourne at South Sydney
SOCCER (MEN'S)
CBSN - UEFA Champions League: Real Madrid at Chelsea, Semifinal Leg 2
FS2 - CONCACAF Champions League: Columbus Crew at CF Monterrey, Quarterfinal Leg 2
FS1 - CONCACAF Champions League: Portland at Club America, Quarterfinal Leg 2
SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
NBCSN - FASL: Chelsea at Tottenham Hotspur
SURFING
FS2 - WSL Championship Tour: The Namaqualand Pro, Northern Cape, South Africa
TENNIS
TENNIS - Madrid-ATP/WTA, WTA Quarterfinals, ATP Early Rounds
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NHL

NHL Standings table with columns for East Division, Central Division, West Division and teams like Pittsburgh, Washington, Boston, New York, Boston, Toronto, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Buffalo, Carolina, Florida, Tampa Bay, Nashville, Dallas, Chicago, Detroit, Columbus, Vegas, Colorado, Minnesota, St. Louis, Arizona, Los Angeles.

CAMERON BOYS

W.Va. Class A State Quarterfinals
Tug Valley 69, Cameron 55
C - L. Burkett 2-0-0; Powell 3-0-0; C. Burkett 5-3-6-13; Beresford 6-1-1-13; Howard 1-2-2-5; Wichterman 2-0-0-4; Hartley 1-0-0-2; Day 2-0-0-4. Totals: 22-6-9-55.
T - Hall 2-2-2-6; May 11-8-8-32; Reed 4-0-1-8; Davis 4-0-0-8; Colegrove 7-1-5-15; Sorrell 0-0-0-0. Totals: 28-11-16-69.
3-Point Goals: L. Burkett 2, Powell 2, Howard, May 2.
Cameron 15 10 14 16 - 55
Tug Valley 11 18 15 25 - 69

CENTRAL LACROSSE

Wheeling Central 9, University 7
W - Goals: Smith 3, LaHood 3, Karnell 2, Watkins. Assists: Smith 3, LaHood, Karnell. Goalkeeper: Johnson (8 saves).

PARK-JM SOFTBALL

John Marshall 9, Wheeling Park 4
Whg. Park 002 101 0 - 4 8 2
J. Marshall 225 000 x - 9 10 0
W - Tharp 1p (OK, 7BB), Ashton (3) (3K, OBB) and Stewart. Miller S, rbi; Kozlowski 3S.
J - Wise wp (5K, 1BB), Pettit (5) (5K, 1BB) and Mangino. Pettit S, D, HR, 3rbi; Wise 2S, 2rbi; Kins D, 2rbi; Blake 2S; Johnson 2S; Dougherty rbi.

NBA

NBA Standings table with columns for Eastern Conference Atlantic Division, Southeast Division, Central Division, Western Conference Southwest Division, Northwest Division and teams like Philadelphia, Brooklyn, New York, Boston, Toronto, Atlanta, Miami, Charlotte, Washington, Orlando, Milwaukee, Indiana, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Dallas, Memphis, San Antonio, New Orleans, Houston, Utah, Denver, Portland, Oklahoma City.

AREA NOTES

Wheeling Park Men's Golf Club
The Wheeling Park men's golf club is having a meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11 at the White Palace. All members are encouraged to attend.
Boys and Girls Summer League Basketball
Beginning June 1, there will be a girls basketball league at the Blue Wave Center at 1400 Main Street in Follansbee.
The boys summer league will begin on June 28.
High school players will play Mondays and Wednesdays while 7th and 8th graders will play on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
The maximum is 12 teams and each are guaranteed eight games. School teams only.
The cost is \$325 per team.
For more information, call Chase Groves at 740-381-4860.
The deadline to register for the girls league is May 15 while the boys is June 15.

Quiocho Wins Dutton Award

By JAY W. BENNETT
For The Intelligencer
PARKERSBURG - The 21st and 22nd four-time state champions in Mountain State history - Parkersburg South's Gavin Quiocho and East Fairmont's Blake Boyers - were runaway selections for the top two spots in the 37th annual Robert Dutton Award voting.
However, for the fourth consecutive season it was a Patriot who was honored as the state's top wrestler.
"I never thought about it, honestly," admitted Quiocho, who won Class AAA crowns at 160 this year and previously at 145 (2020), 138 (2019) and 132 (2018) en route to a career 143-30 record that included 86 pins. "It's always something

big difference maker as well. He has the personality, just a good person to be around and all-around great kid. You hate to see someone like that graduate. What's cool about him as hard as he works and as good as he wants himself to be he's a great teammate and he'll do whatever he can to help his teammates improve as well. Very rare in a student-athlete."
Boyers capped a 16-0 campaign for the Bees by winning the Class AA/A 138-pound crown. Boyers, who went 133-18 overall, also won titles at 126 in 2020, 113 in 2019 and at 106 in 2018.
Quiocho will be presented his trophy at the 74th annual Victory Awards Dinner, which will take place on May

last year. PSHS also has celebrated Josh Humphreys (2018), Chad Porter (2006), Jason Johnson (1998) and the inaugural Dutton Award winner Dave Miller (1985).
"It was pretty cool knowing that Braxton and Josh were the ones winning in the past three years and I get to be a part of that," Quiocho said. "It's awesome to feel. I don't know how to explain it."
Parkersburg South head coach Shaun Smith, who was recently honored with the Van Meter Award, knows Quiocho has plenty of quality wrestling left in him.
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