

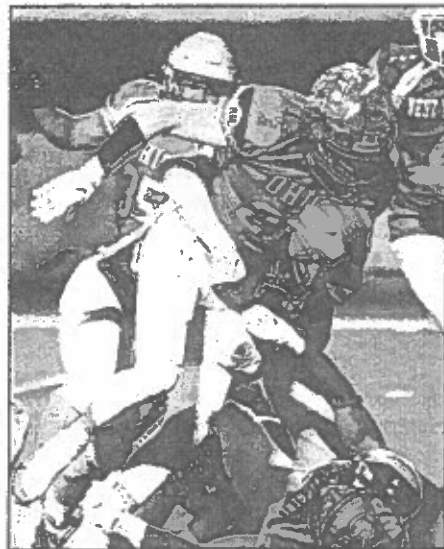
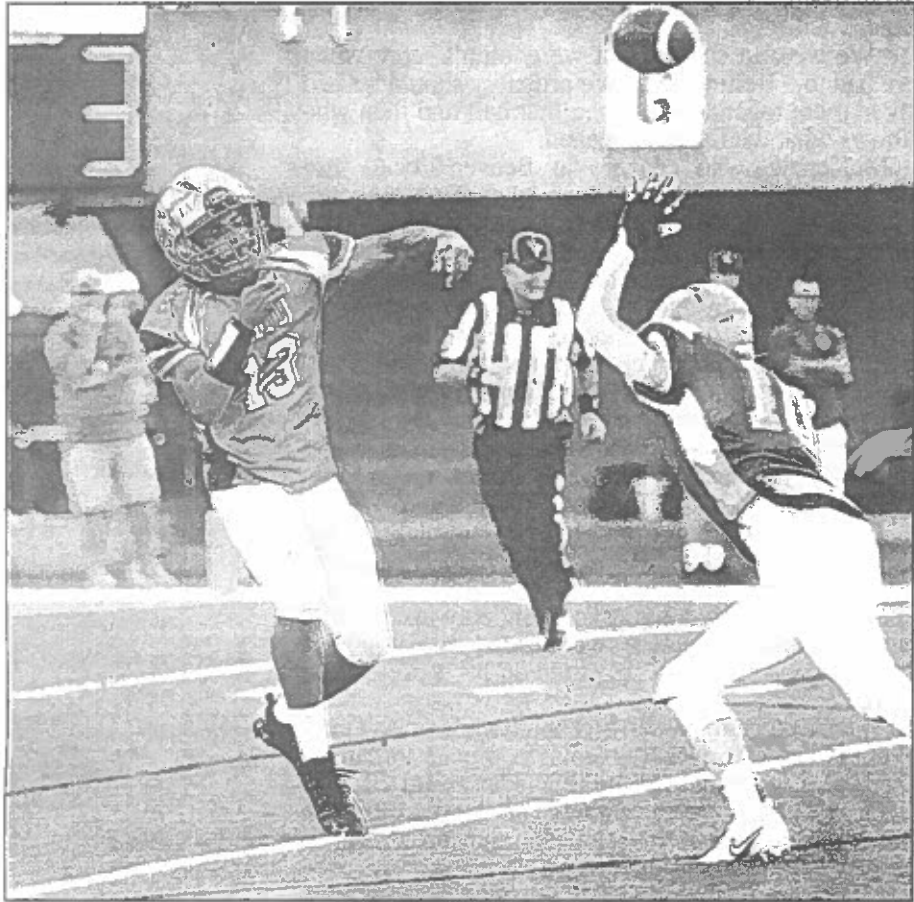
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SPORTS

Monday,
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AT LEFT: Ohio QB Malachi Rose-Burton throws a pass over West Virginia's Nate Shelek during the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.
ABOVE: OHIO'S Spencer Bliss fights for yardage.
BELOW LEFT: Ohio's Wyatt Reiman runs away from West Virginia defenders during Saturday's game.
BELOW RIGHT: Ohio's Colin Oberdick triest to break a tackle.

Pirates fall in 10 to Marlins

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Nick Fortes and Miguel Rojas hit RBI singles in the 10th inning and the Miami Marlins beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-5 on Sunday.

Fortes led off the 10th with a go-ahead single against closer David Bednar (3-4) and took second on a bobble by right fielder Cal Mitchell. Rojas drove him in two batters later with a single.

"Guys just hung in," Marlins manager Don Mattingly said. "Able to get a win today, which is good."

Jeff Brigham gave up a two-out, RBI single to Mitchell in the bottom half, then fanned Greg Allen to strand Ben Gamel at third for his second save in the majors and first since 2019.

"Hard-fought contest for a lot of innings, the whole way through," Mitchell said. "It is a tough loss for us. But we did a lot of things right and almost pulled it through. Just needed one more hit."

Miami let a 4-2 lead slip away in the ninth, when Yoshi Tsutsugo hit a two-run single off reliever Anthony Bass (2-3). Bass had not allowed a run in 17 straight appearances. An error by first baseman Jesus Aguilar set up the rally.

The Marlins took two of three from the Pirates after losing their previous four.

Miami ace Sandy Alcantara struck out 10 in six innings, allowing two runs and two hits and leaving with a 1.81 ERA. It was his first outing since striking out Giancarlo Stanton and Byron Buxton in a perfect inning during the All-Star Game.

"Today was the day that I competed the most," Alcantara said. "Today, it was so hot outside. Humid. That doesn't matter for me. I was able to compete and to lead. ... You just want to be able to go outside every fifth day, compete for my team, fighting for my team."

Alcantara has fanned 36 and permitted just four runs over 29 innings in his past four starts.

"It was a little bit of a battle for him," Mattingly said. "Early on, really good. It seemed like in the middle there, he was trying to force it. He's had a lot going on since his last start. He's flown to LA, pitched out there, come back. There's a lot that has gone on. But with all that happening, Sandy, obviously, is Sandy."

Aguilar gave Miami a 3-1 lead with a two-run single in the sixth off Pirates starter Mitch Keller.

Bryan De La Cruz hit his seventh home run for the Marlins. He stretched their lead to two with an RBI single in the ninth.

Pirates rookie Oneil Cruz hit his fifth home run.

"We want to win," Allen said. "Regardless of how close we were, we didn't win today. There's only one emotion that we feel about that and that's probably frustrated we weren't able to come out on the other side of that. Sure, you can look at some positives. That's definitely what we'll take away, the positives of being able to battle back. ... But at the end of the day, we fell short. That's really all that matters."

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Strong second half lifts Ohio

• Buckeye State tops W.Va. in OVAC All-Star Game

By CODY NESPOR
For The Times Leader

WHEELING — Ohio's offense just had too much firepower to stay quiet for very long.

Following a sluggish first half, the Buckeyes exploded out of halftime with three big plays and three touchdowns in the third quarter en route to a 33-15 win over their West Virginia counterparts in the 76th OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game Sat-

urday night inside Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We came in (at halftime) and made some adjustments, (West Virginia) was catching us off-guard with some things that we really weren't ready for," Ohio coach Mike McKenzie said after the win. "Credit to the kids, they were able to take the adjustments that we made and come out and execute them."

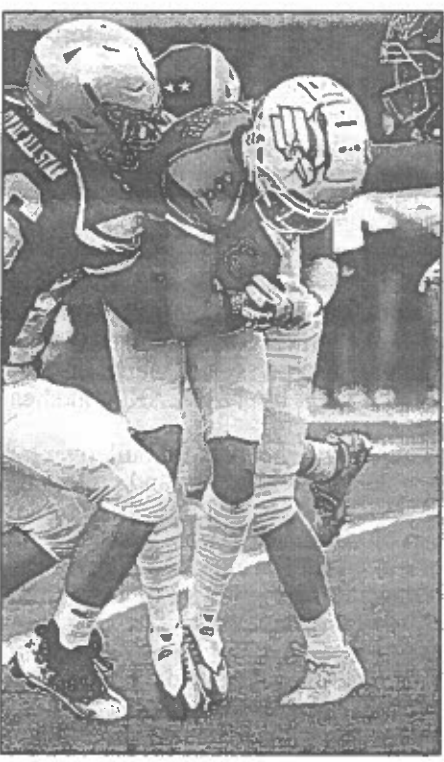
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Shadyside's Wyatt Reiman for an easy score and an early 7-0 lead. The Buckeyes only gained two other first downs throughout the half, however.

"They were kicking our butt," McKenzie said. "(West Virginia) Coach (John) Kelley and his staff are phenomenal, the stuff that they were doing had us guessing. As a play-caller, I was guessing. There was no rhyme or reason to what they were doing."

West Virginia, on the other hand, was able to generate plenty of scoring chances, but failed to capitalize on many of them. It first had to settle for a field goal when it was inside the 10-

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Hamlin becomes winningest driver at Pocono Raceway with seven

LONG POND, Pa. (AP) — Denny Hamlin knocked his season-long nemesis out of the race during a late battle for the lead, then streaked ahead Sunday in the No. 11 Toyota to become the winningest driver in Pocono Raceway history.

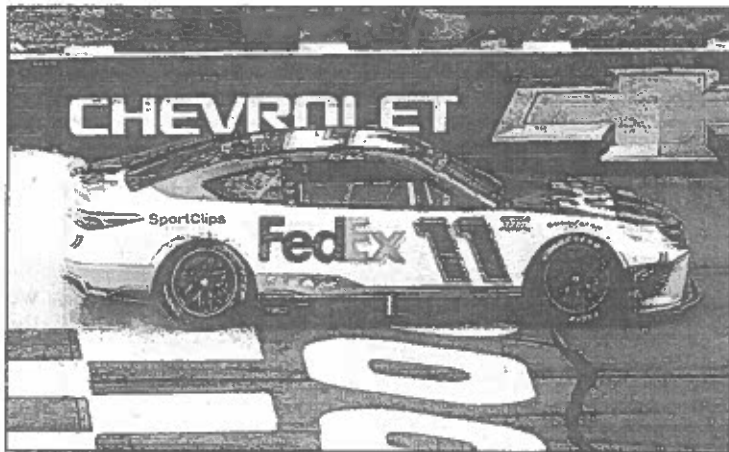
The Joe Gibbs Racing driver won for the third time this season and passed Hall of Fame driver Jeff Gordon for most wins at Pocono with

seven. Hamlin swept two races at Pocono in his rookie season in 2006, and added wins in 2009, 2010, 2019 and 2020.

Hamlin held off JGR teammate Kyle Busch, still looking for a new contract with Gibbs, to reach victory lane.

Hamlin also tied Tony Stewart on the NASCAR's career wins list with

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DENNY HAMLIN (11) smokes his tires at the finish line in celebration after winning the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Pocono Raceway, Sunday in Long Pond, Pa.

AP PHOTO

Guardians

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White Sox regrouped to win that one 5-4. On Sunday, they jumped on Shane Bieber (4-6) and finished a stretch of 19 straight games against division opponents at 10-9.

Chicago scored five in the second on Garcia's two-run homer and Pollock's three-run drive. Jimenez made it 6-0 when he connected leading off the sixth.

That was plenty for Cease (10-4), who thought he did enough to earn an All-Star invitation.

"I think statistically, the first half I put up kind of speaks for itself," he said. "Unfortunately all the other stuff is out of my hands. I think I should have at least been highly, highly considered."

CEASE ROLLING

Cease won his third straight start, though it wasn't exactly a breeze.

The right-hander gave up seven hits and struck out four. He walked one and threw two wild pitches, after beating Cleveland and Minnesota prior to the All-Star break.

"They did a good job adjusting from my last start against them," said Cease, who struck out nine in the second game of a doubleheader at Cleveland on July 12. "They put the ball in play a lot more. I just had to find other ways to get outs."

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BIEBER STRUGGLES

Cleveland lost its second in a row after winning five straight.

Bieber got tagged for six runs and eight hits in six innings. The 2020 AL Cy Young Award winner tossed a three-hitter in a 4-1 victory over the White Sox in his previous start on July 12.

Franmil Reyes hit a two-run homer in the eighth, and Steven Kwan added a solo drive in the ninth against Liam Hendriks.

TRAINER'S ROOM

White Sox: 2B Josh Harrison was scratched from the lineup because he felt a pulling feeling in his right leg during his final at-bat on Saturday. Garcia started in his place. ... Jimenez said the discomfort in his right hamstring is "gonna be there for awhile." Jimenez missed 65 games after he tore his right hamstring April 23 at Minnesota.

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McKenzie, who coaches at Beaver Local, said the game felt much worse than what the scoreboard showed and the extended halftime festivities gave his team extra time to make adjustments.

"I think the extended halftime helped us (Saturday)," he said. "Instead of 20 minutes, we had that 30 to 40-minute halftime and that allowed us to make some adjustments, watch tape a little bit more and were able to make a lot of adjustments after halftime."

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McKenzie said Saturday served as a great precursor for the high school football season in the Ohio Valley.

"I'm jacked up now to get that Friday night atmosphere," he said. "I brought down some of our high school players just to get them excited."

GAME NOTES

— Indian Creek's Jordan Hiles was named the Queen of Queens during a halftime ceremony. The runners-up were Kiera Reese (Edison), Faith Gerner (Buckeye Local), Savannah Cortopassi (St. Clairsville), Arielle Yost (Cameron) and Charlyze Hadix (Shenandoah).

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Eighth graders who have turned 15 will be permitted to play and those born in 2019 can participate in the kiddie kick program. Travel Teams will be formed with the U-10 to U-15 age groups.

Teams will play other recreation teams in the Ohio Valley with the older teams playing within the region.

The Kiddie Kick and Pre-Travel U-6 and U-8 will not travel outside of St. Clairsville.

Travel Team play will begin after September 10. Kiddie Kick September 10, Pre Travel begins September 12. Parents are encouraged to join the St. Clairsville Area Youth Soccer Association to support the program.

Contact Dave Hahn 695-4207, Iggy Padilla 740 238 3500 or Rick Ferrell with any questions or see the web site for registration and organization information: scasa-capstone.com.

Those having difficulty registering should contact Kristina Scott after 5 p.m. at 740-381-4202 or email kristinak4202@gmail.com. Registrations will close August 14 at midnight.

Girls Fall Hoop League

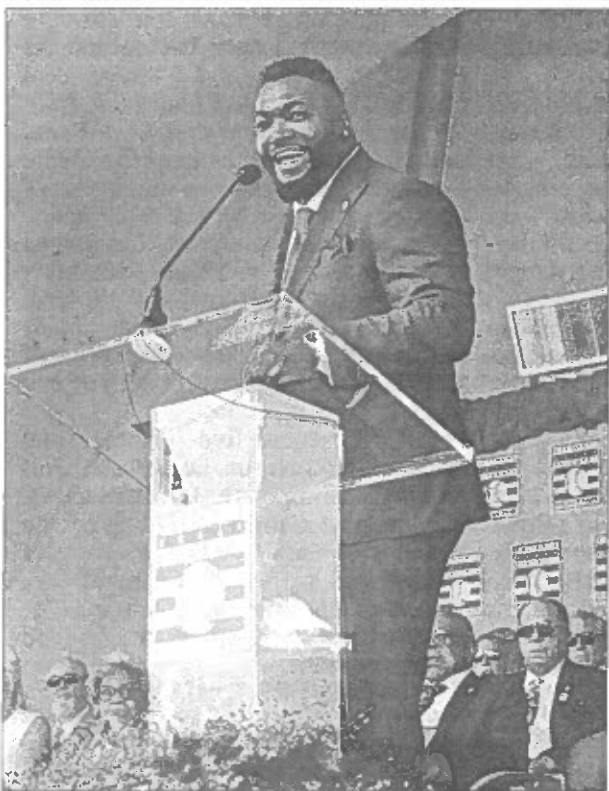
Next Level Athletics will be having the Girls Fall League again this fall. Last year there were over 60 girls play and we are hoping for even more this fall.

This is just for high school girls. If you have any questions please call 740-632-3316 or 740-381-4860.

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AP Photo
Hall of Fame inductee David Ortiz, formerly of the Boston Red Sox baseball team, speaks during the National Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Big Papi a Big Hit At HoF Induction

By JOHN KEKIS
AP Sports Writer
COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — David Ortiz promised to speak from the heart. As usual, Big Papi delivered.

His megawatt smile tinged with a tad of emotion, the former Boston Red Sox slugger was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday — after his daughter Alexandra sang the national anthem — and was humbled by his surroundings.

“I want to thank God for giving me the opportunity to be here today and for giving me the joy of being able to travel this path, this path that has allowed me to be here today and hopefully inspire everyone to believe in yourself,” Ortiz said.

Ortiz was greeted by a raucous crowd chanting

“Papi! Papi!” as many fans made the four-hour drive from the vicinity of Fenway Park to attend the festivities.

When he took the stage, Ortiz pointed skyward as is his wont in special moments, a way of honoring his late mother, who died two decades ago after a car accident.

“I always tried to live my life in a way ... so I can make a positive influence in the world,” said the 46-year-old Ortiz, just the 58th player elected in his first year on the ballot. “And if my story can remind you of anything, let it remind you that when you believe in someone you can change the world, you can change their future, just like so many people believed in me.”

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Explosive 3rd Quarter Lifts Ohio

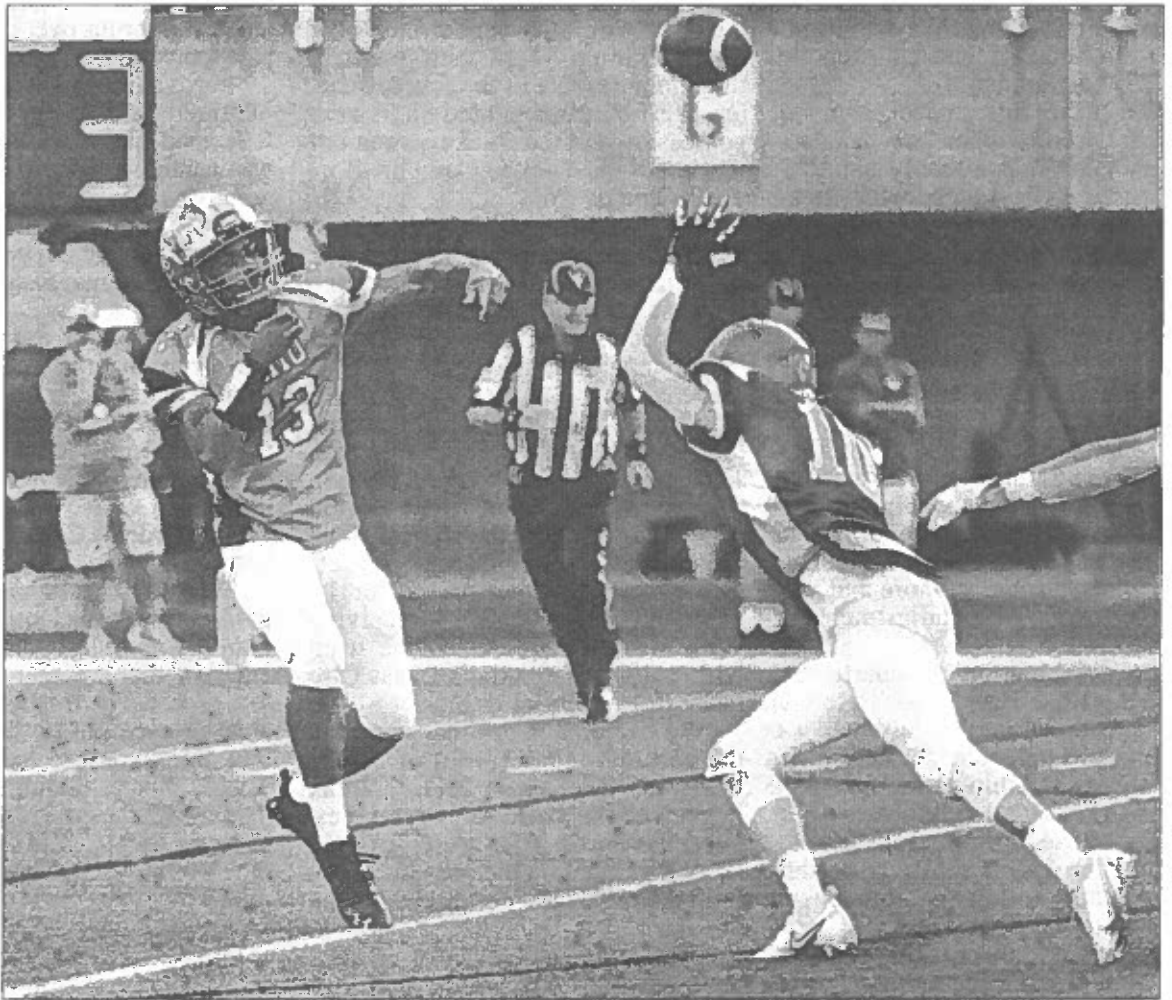


Photo by Lauren Florence
Ohio quarterback Malachi Rose-Burton (Monroe Central), left, throws a pass over West Virginia defender Nate Shelek (Wheeling Park) during the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game Saturday inside Wheeling Island Stadium.

Buckeyes score 26 unanswered to top W.Va. 33-15

By CODY NESPOR
Sports Writer
WHEELING — Ohio's offense just had too much firepower to stay quiet for very long. Following a sluggish first half, the Buckeyes exploded out of halftime with three big plays and three touchdowns in the third quarter en route to a 33-15 win over their West Virginia counterparts in the 76th OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game Saturday night inside Wheeling Island Stadium.

“We came in (at halftime) and

made some adjustments, (West Virginia) was catching us off-guard with some things that we really weren't ready for,” Ohio coach Mike McKenzie said after the win. “Credit to the kids, they were able to take the adjustments that we made and come out and execute them.”

Ohio's running game was nonexistent in the first half, with a net loss of seven yards. Ohio's only successful offensive possession came when its defense recovered a fumble at West Virginia's one-yard line. That set up

Shadyside's Wyatt Reiman for an easy score and an early 7-0 lead. The Buckeyes only gained two other first downs throughout the half, however.

“They were kicking our butt,” McKenzie said. “(West Virginia) Coach (John) Kelley and his staff are phenomenal, the stuff that they were doing had us guessing. As a play-caller, I was guessing. There was no rhyme or reason to what they were doing.”

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Denmark's Jonas Vingegaard Wins Tour de France

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN
AP Sports Writer
King of the mountains. Champion on the Champs-Elysees.

Jonas Vingegaard blossomed from a talented rookie to a dominant leader in his own right over three weeks of epic racing to win his first Tour de France title on Sunday.

The former fish factory worker from Denmark dethroned defending champion Tadej Pogacar with memorable performances in the mountains in cycling's biggest race.

The 25-year-old Vingegaard, who was runner-up to Pogacar in his first Tour last year, excelled in the scorching heat that enveloped France this month and came out on top of a thrilling duel with Pogacar, the big favorite at the start of the race.

Vingegaard competed last year as a replacement for Tom Dumoulin in the Jumbo-Visma squad. It was a revelation for Vingegaard as he realized that he could fight for the overall title after dropping Pogacar in the famed Mont Ventoux climb, but his Slovenian rival was at the top of his game and largely untouchable.

A year later, Vingegaard stood on top of the podium after building his triumph with two phenomenal rides in the Alps and the Pyrenees.

Three weeks ago in Copenhagen, the Jumbo-Visma team started the race with two leaders — Vingegaard and three-time Spanish Vuelta winner Primož Roglič. But Roglič's challenge took a blow when he suffered a dislocated shoulder and lost more than two minutes to Pogacar

on the cobbled fifth stage of the race, leaving Vingegaard in a sole leader's role.

Vingegaard more than exceeded expectations from that moment.

He made his intentions clear in the first big mountain stage up the Col du Granon to seize the race leader's yellow jersey from Pogacar, who fell more than two minutes behind that day. Having claimed the famed tunic during a stage featuring three monster Alpine climbs, Vingegaard kept it until the end.

With the help of teammates including the versatile Wout Van Aert, Vingegaard responded to the relentless attacks launched by Pogacar day in, day out.

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AP Photo
Tour de France winner Denmark's Jonas Vingegaard, center, second place Slovenia's Tadej Pogacar, left, and third place Britain's Geraint Thomas.

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West Virginia, on the other hand, was able to generate plenty of scoring chances, but failed to capitalize on many of them. It first had to settle for a field goal when it was inside the 10-yard line, which Weir's Jacob Morgan kicked through from 24 yards. After a touchdown pass from Madonna's Santino Arlia to Weir's Carson Yobaggy gave them a 9-7 lead, the Mountaineers recovered an Ohio fumble at the plus-14 yard-line only to fail on a field goal attempt because of a bad snap.

Arlia would later throw another score to fellow Maddona product Evan Quering and West Virginia went into the half with a disappointing 15-7 advantage.

"We were in control, but we couldn't score when we had to," Kelley said. "We probably should've had three more touchdowns in the first half and then who knows what would've happened."

McKenzie, who coaches at Beaver Local, said the game felt much worse than what the scoreboard showed and the extended halftime festivities gave his team extra time to make adjustments.

"I think the extended halftime helped us (Saturday)," he said. "Instead of 20 minutes, we had that 30 to 40-minute halftime and that allowed us to make some adjustments, watch tape a little bit more and were able to make a lot of adjustments after halftime."

The combination of quarterback Malachi Rose-Burton with Reiman and Jacob Jordan at tailback was simply too talented to be bottled up forever as Ohio came out of the break firing on all cylinders.

First, Rose-Burton, from Monroe Central, broke off a 60-yard touchdown run by following a block from Reiman to the right side.

"We were really looking for a big play just to build the momentum because we needed something to prove to ourselves that we could do it," Rose-Burton said.

Then, a 33-yard pass to St. Clairsville's Colin Oberdick set up his former Red Devil teammate Jordan for a six-yard score that put the Buckeyes ahead 20-15.

Ohio's next drive did not last very long, as Reiman saw the seas part in front of him and ran 80 yards, mostly untouched, to the endzone.

"We were one block away the whole game from busting it big," Rose-Burton said. "Then we started picking it up and started trusting each other. They blocked the right guys and we hit the right holes and we made it happen."

In the third quarter alone, Ohio ran for 184 yards and three touchdowns and led 26-15 entering the final quarter.

"We changed some things and were running some different plays at the start of the second half," McKenzie said. "We started to run a little bit with Malachi on some quarterback runs and then Wyatt busted a couple and really opened it up."

Arlia was the only quarterback on West Virginia's roster and the Mountaineers struggled to protect him as the game wore on. Ohio racked up six sacks with Buckeye Local's Justin Driscoll leading the way with a pair. After completing six of his final seven pass attempts in the first half, Arlia missed on his first seven throws to start the second.

"The running quarterback really hurt us," Kelley said. "Their defense really came after us in the second half and we couldn't protect our quarterback, to our demise."

Wheeling Park's Hunter Nixon was West Virginia's bell-cow, carrying the ball 22 times, but he too started to slow, gaining just 12 yards on 10 carries after halftime.

All the while, the Mountaineers were still squandering chances on offense. University's Daminn Cunningham returned a kickoff down to the Ohio 30-yard line and later in the fourth quarter, West Virginia recovered a bad Ohio snap in plus-territory. The offense turned the ball over on downs both times.

"I knew at halftime that we were in bad shape," Kelley said. "I knew that (Ohio) was going to make a run and then they got a couple of big plays and then once you get the big plays, it's over."

Barnesville's Spencer Bliss scored the dagger on a 10-yard stretch play to put Ohio up 33-15 with less than three minutes left in the fourth quarter. West Virginia punted on its next possession and the Buckeyes ran out the rest of the clock to claim the Bordas & Bordas Cup.

"I'm just so happy for these kids. We had so much fun this week," McKenzie said. "It's one of the greatest football experiences I've had. To come out with the win and celebrate with these guys is just phenomenal."

Reiman (138) and Rose-Burton (101) both ran for more than 100 yards as Ohio totaled 281 on the ground as a team. Rose-Burton added 71 through the air on 6-12 passing. St. Clairsville's Drew Sefick completed three passes for 19 yards. Reiman added 23 receiving yards while Oberdick led the team with 34. St. Clairsville's Lucas Otto made three point-after kicks.

"We were able to really spread the ball out and get a lot of people involved," McKenzie said. "I think in the second half, we wore (West Virginia) down. They weren't flying around as much in the second half so I think our depth definitely helped us."

Arlia completed seven of 18 pass attempts for 101 yards and two touchdowns for the Mountaineers. Nixon grinded out 50 yards on 22 carries. Yobaggy led the team with 49 receiving yards and a touchdown while Quering scored on an 11-yard strike.

Cunningham made an impact in all three phases, catching a 41-yard pass with three long kick returns and a sack on defense.

"He's a tremendous football player," said Kelley, his former coach at University. "He won the Fulton Walker Award as the best kick returner in the state and I think he showed it (Saturday)."

McKenzie said Saturday served as a great precursor for the high school football season in the Ohio Valley.

"I'm jacked up now to get that Friday night atmosphere," he said. "I brought down some of our high school players just to get them excited. You can't replicate this."

GAME NOTES

— Indian Creek's Jordan Hiles was named the Queen of Queens during a halftime ceremony. The runners-up were Kiera Reese (Edison), Faith Gerner (Buckeye Local), Savannah Cortopassi (St. Clairsville), Arielle Yost (Cameron) and Charlize Hadix (Shenandoah).

— The McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band celebrated its 40th year Saturday with over 100 members putting on pregame and halftime shows. During the pregame, the band debuted a new original OVAC fight song called 'Eyes and Ears'.

— This was the first time either head coach had been involved with the OVAC All-Star game and the first time a coach from the Morgantown area was chosen to represent West Virginia.

— West Virginia had won four out of the last six all-star games prior to Saturday, including the most recent game in 2021.

PIRATES

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Miami ace Sandy Alcantara struck out 10 in six innings, allowing two runs and two hits and leaving with a 1.81 ERA. It was his first outing since striking out Giancarlo Stanton and Byron Buxton in a perfect inning during the All-Star Game.

"Today was the day that I competed the most," Alcantara said. "Today, it was so hot outside. Humid. That doesn't matter for me. I was able to compete and to lead. ... You just want to be able to go outside every fifth day, compete for my team, fighting for my team."

Alcantara has fanned 36 and permitted just four runs over 29 innings in his past four starts.

"It was a little bit of a battle for him," Mattingly said. "Early on, really good. It seemed like in the middle there, he was trying to force it. He's had a lot going on since his last start. He's flown to LA, pitched out there, come back. There's a lot that has gone on. But with all that happening, Sandy, obviously, is Sandy."

Aguilar gave Miami a 3-1 lead with a two-run single in the sixth off Pirates starter Mitch Keller.

Bryan De La Cruz hit his seventh home run for the Marlins. He stretched their lead to two with an RBI single in the ninth.

Pirates rookie Oneil Cruz hit his fifth home run.

"We want to win," Allen said. "Regardless of how close we were, we didn't win today. There's only one emotion that we feel about that and that's probably frustrated we weren't able to come out on the other side of that. Sure, you can look at some positives. That's definitely what we'll take away, the positives of being able to battle back. ... But at the end of the day, we fell short. That's really all that matters."

UP NEXT

Pirates: RHP JT Brubaker (2-8, 4.02) will take the mound Monday for the first of a two-game set at the Chicago Cubs. Brubaker tossed seven scoreless innings his last time out, allowing three hits and striking out nine with

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His supremacy in the mountains was such that, in addition to his overall win, Vingegaard also claimed the jersey for king of the mountains — not bad for a rider who comes from a country whose highest point is barely 170 meters above sea level.

Vingegaard and Pogacar were clearly in a class of their own this year as their closest rival, 2018 Tour champion Geraint Thomas, was reduced to a mere spectator in the leaders' fight. Thomas finished in third place.

Vingegaard delivered his decisive blow in the Pyrenees, posting a second stage win at the Hautacam ski resort. There the Dane responded to a series of attacks from Pogacar and ultimately dropped the Slovenian in the last big mountain stage of this year's race to increase his overall lead to more than three minutes.

Pogacar cracked about four kilometers (2 1/2 miles) from the finish in the final ascent, with his hopes of winning a third consecutive title all but over. He fought until the very end but Vingegaard was again the strongest in Saturday's individual time trial to effectively secure the title.

"The battle between me and Jonas for the yellow jersey has been very special," Pogacar said. "I think we have some very interesting next two or three years ahead of us. Jonas has stepped up his game this year."

The light-framed Vingegaard is not perhaps as naturally gifted as Pogacar, who has shown over the past couple of years that he is capable of winning Grand Tours and the most prestigious one-day classics as well.

But Vingegaard surely learns fast. Vingegaard did not experience his first ascent before he was already 16. His climbing skills would not remain unnoticed for long though

two walks in a 5-4 loss to the Marlins on July 13.

WHITE SOX 6, GUARDIANS 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Dylan Cease threw six innings in his third straight scoreless start, Leury Garcia and AJ Pollock homered, and Chicago beat Cleveland to salvage a four-game split.

Eloy Jimenez went deep in his second straight game, helping the White Sox end a series that was shaping up as a bad one for them on a stronger note.

The reigning AL Central champions won the second game of Saturday's doubleheader after blowing a 3-0 lead. They jumped on Shane Bieber (4-6) in this one and finished a stretch of 19 straight games against division opponents at 10-9.

Chicago scored five in the second on Garcia's two-run homer and Pollock's three-run drive. Jimenez made it 6-0 when he connected leading off the sixth.

That was plenty for Cease (10-4), who won his third straight start. The right-hander gave up seven hits and struck out four.

DODGERS 7, GIANTS 4

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Trayce Thompson drove in two runs and thrilled his older brother, Klay, with an RBI double during the decisive rally in the seventh inning while Los Angeles surged past San Francisco for its season-high eighth consecutive victory.

SATURDAY

PIRATES 1, MARLINS 0

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jose Quintana pitched seven strong innings and combined with two relievers on a five-hitter to lead Pittsburgh over Miami.

GUARDIANS 7, WHITE SOX 4

WHITE SOX 5, GUARDIANS 4

CHICAGO (AP) — AJ Pollock hit a two-run single with two outs in the eighth inning and Chicago beat Cleveland to split their day-night doubleheader.

In the opener, Josh Naylor snapped a ninth-inning tie with a pinch-hit single. Steven Kwan had three hits and Jose Ramirez drove in two runs with a pair of sacrifice flies.

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Seth Staskey
Sports Editor

Players reflect on 1972 OVAC All-Star Game

WHEELING — The year was 1972! Richard Nixon was in the White House, the Dallas Cowboys were Super Bowl Champions and a postage stamp cost six cents.

Life was pretty good. For guys like Shadyside grad Larry Falbo and Magnolia grad Rob Rothlisberger, life was *really* good. They had not only just graduated from high school, but 50 years ago they were preparing to play their final high school football game as part of the Ohio-West Virginia All-Star Game, which is now known as the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

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OVAC All-Stars set to shine

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — King Football is back!

After almost nine months, the sport makes its triumphant return to the Ohio Valley with the 76th installment of the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

The annual summer spectacle unfolds tonight at Wheeling Island Stadium with kickoff slated for 7:15 p.m.

For the 61 players, who have been in camp since last Saturday at Wheeling University, the opportunity to shine one last time as a prep athlete has arrived. And to hear both coaches tell it,

their respective teams are more than ready.

"It's been an incredible week with these kids and actually one of the best experiences I've had in football, but we're ready to play the game," Ohio head coach Mike McKenzie said. "It's honestly hard to believe that we've only been with these kids five or six days because of how quickly they've gelled and picked everything up."

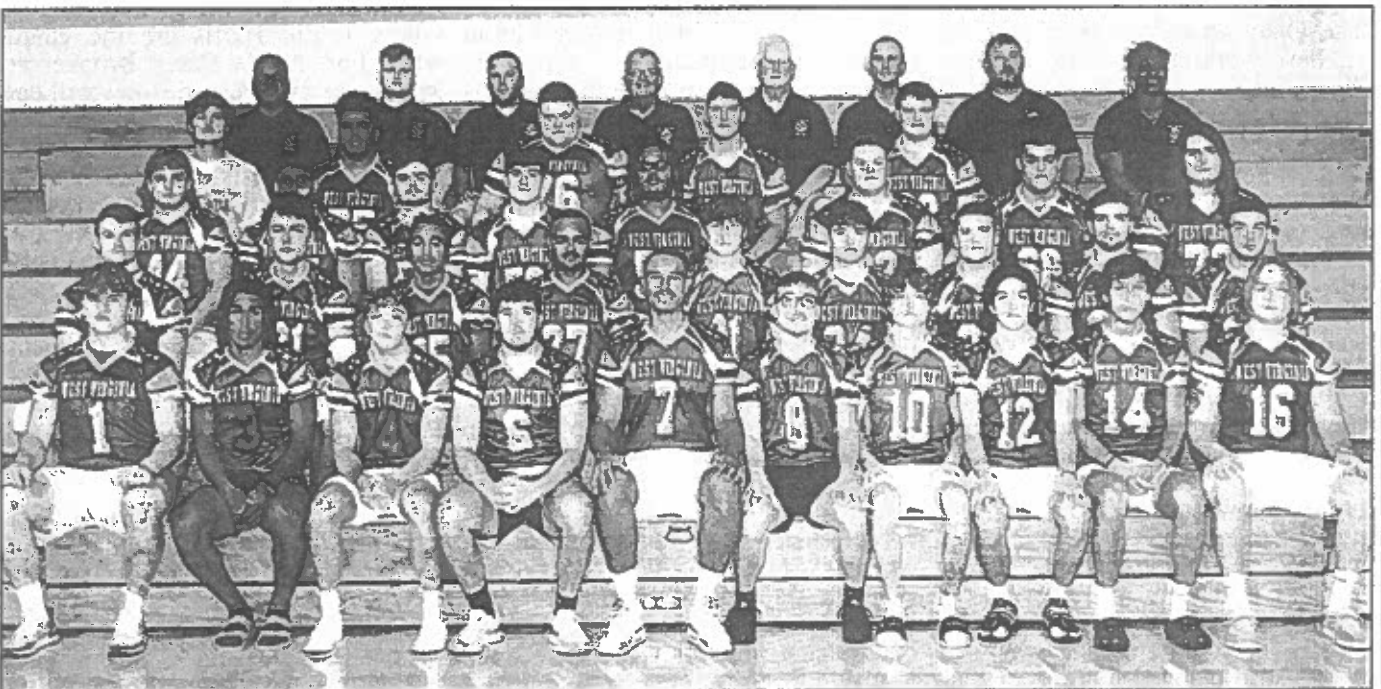
West Virginia head coach John Kelley, who is the head coach at University High School in Morgantown, has been amazed with how quickly the week has gone.

"It was about late in Wednesday's practice where it became apparent that

these kids were ready to play," Kelley said. "This whole experience has been fabulous. The only negative is that after (tonight), we won't get to coach these guys anymore. They've been absolutely great kids to be around. They're funny, well-behaved and everyone gets along."

Both teams went through their final formal practices on Friday before having the afternoon off and enjoying a pep rally on the Wheeling University campus. Other than packing up their dorm rooms and preparing to move out, both clubs will go through an informal walk through today before getting on the buses to make the short trip

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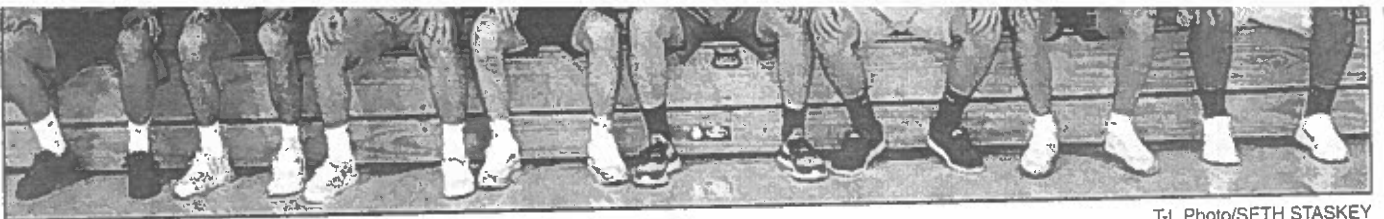
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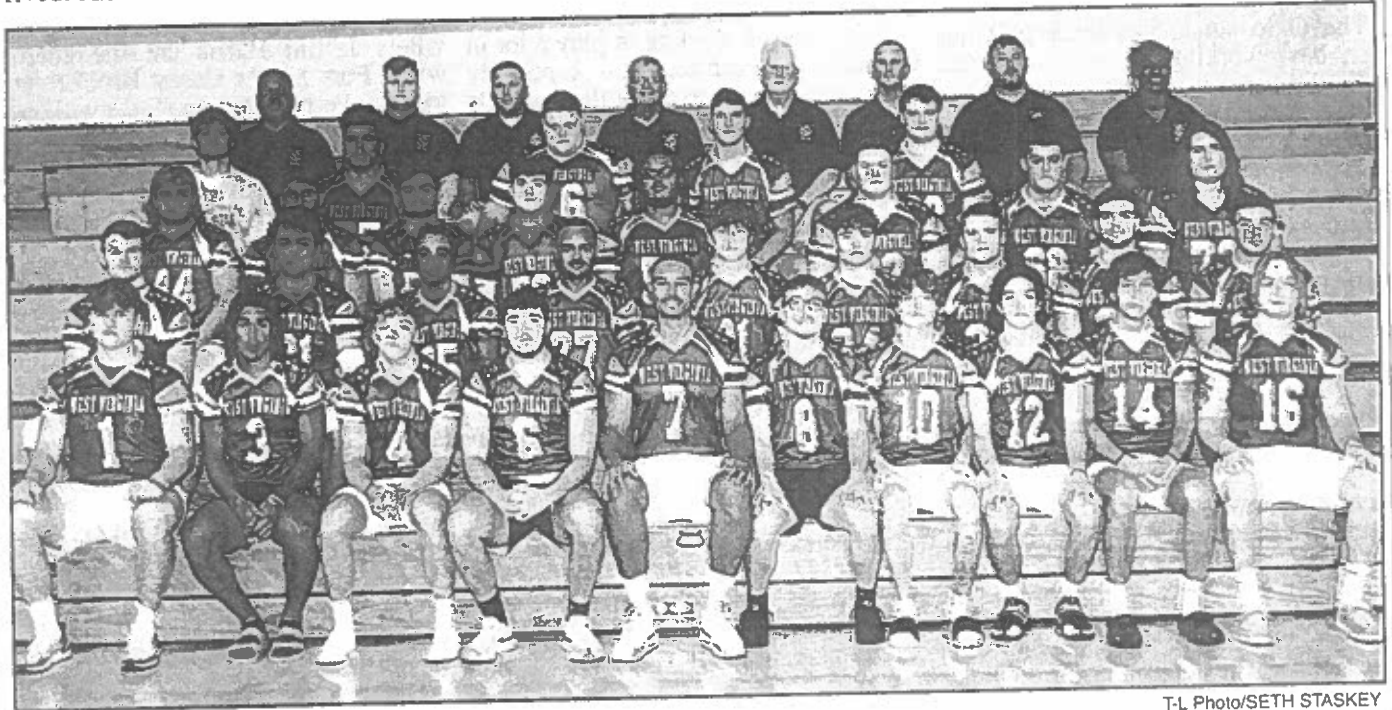
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By **KIM NORTH**
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MAYNARD - B.A. Holloway has put together a pretty amazing resume during his 14 years in the Ohio Valley Baseball League. Friday night he added another chapter.

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He went 6-for-9 in the three-game series, with his hits all being singles. However, he was even more import-

ant behind the plate where he called three great games by pitchers Michael "Zuke" Jacob, Corey Beckett and Koehler, and he even threw a runner out trying to steal second in the fourth inning.

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At that time, Rudy Mumley was already in the fold as the game director and, having acquired the money, went about taking the game to even higher heights than it had ever been before.

"Before that, it was put on by the coach's association and there were various ways that it was done," Koch recalled. "At that time, a lot of the camps were held up at the Cadiz High School gym and they would put cots on the gym floor and run through the school cafeteria."

"When Rudy took over, he kind of upped it where he took them to West Liberty (State College) and all that kind of stuff that really made it a much bigger event."

Rudy Mumley was a history teacher and principal at Buckeye South at the time and was heavily involved in high school athletics in the valley throughout his entire life.

"He was always for kids, always," Mauck said. "He did so much for kids, just not the ones where he was teaching, but for all the kids. He was a very unique guy."

Ironically, the excitement of that first game in 1972 was dampened a bit when Wheeling Island was flooded just weeks before the game was scheduled to kick off. The game was moved to Martins Ferry and it was an instant success.

"Luckily, I guess the sun shone that

day and the crowd came out to Martins Ferry and it was a roaring success and it's just been that way ever since," Koch said. "Here we are 50 years later and I think that's one of the main reasons why, to this day, the game bears his name as a tribute. He was willing to go out on a limb and provide that."

Mumley served as the all-star game director for 23 years, he was succeeded by Mauck, who served until Koch took over in 2001. Koch ran the game for 19 years before giving way to Corey Murphy this summer.

The game was officially re-named to include Rudy Mumley's name in 1986.

"There's no other name you could put on that game," Mauck said.

To this day, when Koch speaks to the young men who will play in the game each summer, he makes sure to include the story of Rudy Mumley and implores them to follow in his footsteps.

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to camp at West Liberty and we were wondering how it was even going to work. We didn't have any idea what to expect other than we were going to play football. I know I didn't meet anyone (in the event) that I didn't like."

The same can be said on the Ohio side. Falbo, who played defensive back, said not only did he not know many of his Ohio teammates personally, but they've not kept in touch since the game ended nearly as much as players today will be able to do.

"I can't even remember all of the guys on the roster," Falbo said. "It was a great experience and meeting so many great guys was the best part. Every-

one goes their separate ways after the game and I've really not crossed paths with many of them since that night, so that's what makes these reunions even nicer."

One aspect of the game that's not changed over the course of time is both state's desire to win. Many all-star games — at all levels — are played more like the exhibitions that they are, but as it pertains to the OVAC Game both teams want to win in the worst way.

"Absolutely, we wanted to win," Falbo stressed. "We didn't have hardly any interaction with the West Virginia team. We would pass each other on the way to the dining hall, but that was about it. There was

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Both Falbo and Rothlisberger were aware of and pointed out an incident that occurred in a stairwell in the dormitory between a member of the West Virginia coaching staff and an Ohio player.

However, both also claimed their memories were too foggy to be able to share many more details.

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Obviously while the game was still in relative infancy, be-

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"I remember Louie Nocida was our coach at Magnolia and he called me into his room just before graduation and asked if I'd play and I said, 'sure,' Rothlisberger recalled. "I didn't know anything about the game. I thought about playing after college, but that would have been as a walk on at WVU. I never thought about the all-star game."

Once they got to the two-week camp, both players realized that there was going to be more to it than just showing up and running a few plays.

"I had just turned 18 years old and was in the best shape of my life," Falbo said. "Coach (George) Strager was our coach and he had us working like it was boot camp. I played one season at West Liberty and it was no comparison to what Strager put us through."

Both Falbo and Rothlisberger said if they had a chance to address this year's teams, their message would be simple ... enjoy the experience!

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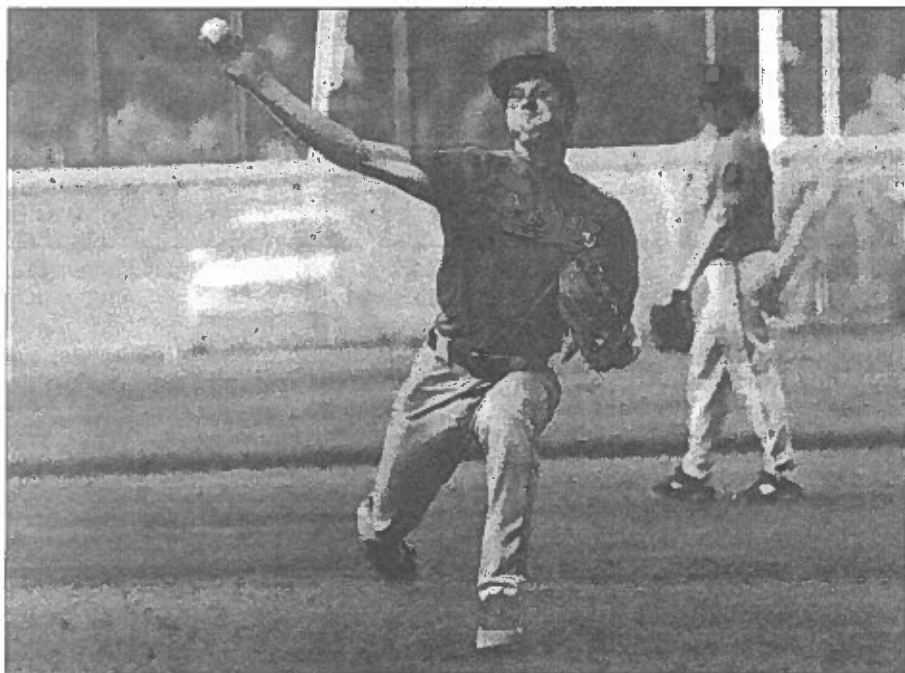
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Photo by Cody Nespor

Parkersburg's Brett Hawkins delivers to the plate during the Area 1 Tournament championship against Wheeling Post 1 Friday at the I-470 Sports Complex.

Haskins Tosses Shutout as Post 1's Season Ends

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Ripley graduate Brett Haskins was the star for Parkersburg Friday, pitching a complete-game shutout. He struck out seven while yielding just three hits and issuing one free pass. He also had two hits at the plate and scored a run.

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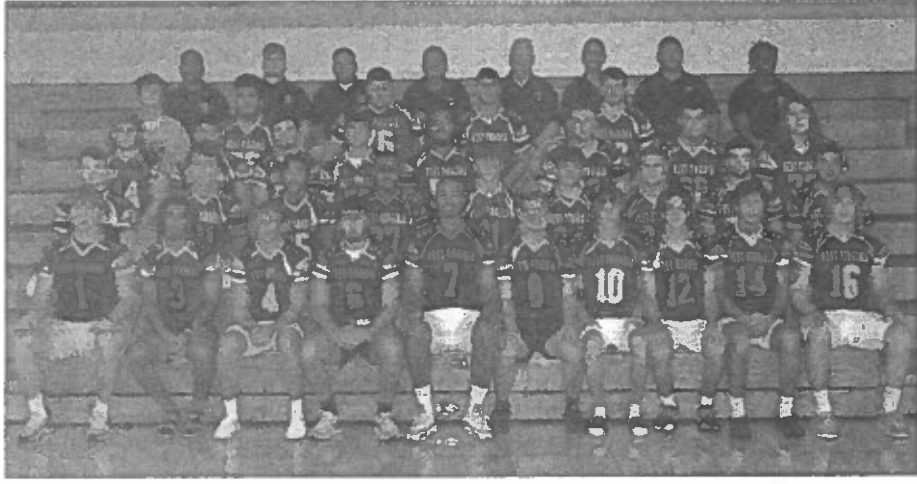


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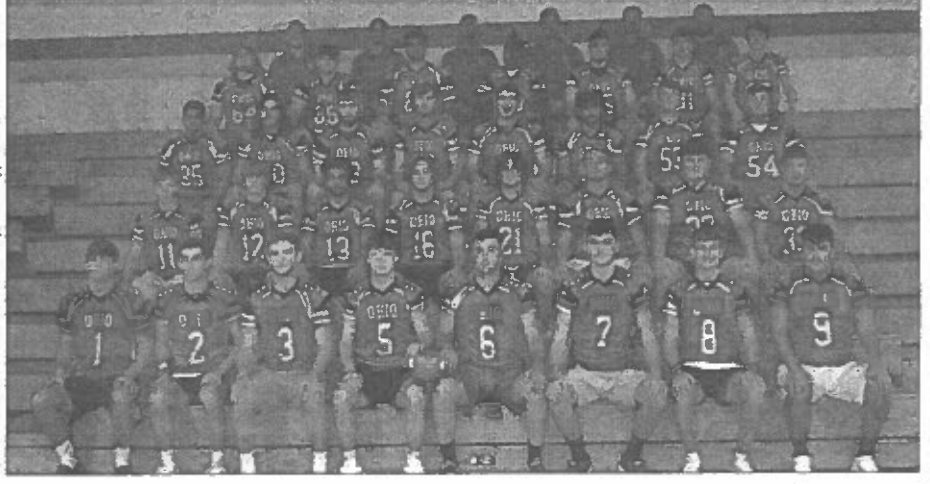


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Park's Nate Shelek will roam at safety, with Wheeling Central's Caleb Ratcliffe and University's Daminn Cunningham.

When the Mountain State has the ball, Madonna's Santino Arlia will be the quarterback.

The featured running back will be Nixon, while Ratcliffe, Cunningham, Weir's Carson Yobhagy and Magnolia's Marcus Barnes will get the call at wide receiver.

In the trenches, Brooke's Jacob Donley will start at center, while Wheeling Park's Braden Hupp and Oak Glen's De'Shawn Gray are the guards. Cameron's Christian Bryan, who Kelley raved about, and Weir's

Myles Rice are the starting tackles.

Ohio's defense will feature Buckeye Local's Justin Driscoll and Barnesville's Gavin Carpenter at tackle. Shadyside's Ryan Florence and Bellaire's Timmy O'Grady are the ends.

The linebacking group will feature Steubenville's Brandon Kinney, Buckeye Trail's Aiden Snodgrass, Union Local's Dakota Hess and Cambridge's Caden Kenworthy.

The outside linebackers will see the likes of River's Austin Creamer, Beaver Local's Nathan Sprouse, Bellaire's Jaiden Kesterson and Reiman roaming.

Frontier's Tanner Bills, Beaver Local's Dorian Jackson and River's Brody Longwell are expected to serve as the defensive backs.

Ohio's kicker is St. Clairsville's Lucas Otto and Weir High's Jacob Morgan will handle the placements and punting for West Virginia.

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Ohio's captains are Oberdick, Hess, Reiman and Rose-Burton. The West Virginia captains are Nixon, Dolata, Thomas and Cross.

Post 15

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"Brett Haskins won this game by pitching as well as he could, he came up big for us," Goodwin said. "He mixed his speeds up, mixed his locations up and that kept them guessing even in the last inning. That was the story of the entire game, and he was able to duplicate that each inning."

"I thought he did a really good job of keeping our guys off balance," Post 1 skipper Jon-Michael Brunner added about Haskins. "His off-speed (pitches) were working and then we started chasing late in the game."

Parkersburg struck quickly in the first inning, getting runners to second and third with one out. Eli Reeves hit a double just past the glove of Wheeling's right fielder to score the first run and Dylan Holliday followed with a bloop hit to left field that plated the other.

That would end up being the only offense of the entire game. After the first inning, Post 15 and Post 1 each only recorded two more hits.

"I was disappointed in our offensive production throughout the entire game," Goodwin said. "Thankfully Brett stepped up, because our offense didn't come through when we needed it."

Despite some shaky command, Wheeling pitcher Jack Selmon kept his team in the game and gave them a chance to win.

In five innings, Selmon allowed five hits and six walks, but struck out seven. He stranded five runners on base between the fourth and fifth innings.

"I would've liked us to hit with runners in scoring position more, because we had runners in scoring position multiple times, but did not get the big hit," Goodwin said. "Only scoring two runs against Wheeling is very scary."

Post 1's chances came few and far between. The team's last baserunner came in the top of the fourth on a single by Jack Scouvar, but he was eventually doubled up on a ground ball to end the inning.

Haskins, who's heading to Fairmont State to play baseball, was perfect through the final three innings.

"It's not just one guy that's coming up all the time and not coming through with that hit," Brunner said. "It's kind of been that whenever we do lose, that's the reason why, we just can't get the big hit."

Brunner said this will be the end of a chapter of sorts for Post 1 as four of the team's most important players will age out of Legion ball by next summer — Michael Toepfer, Dylan Gongola, Chris Vargo and Zach Taylor.

"Losing these four guys sucks," Brunner said. "It's basically the middle of our lineup and the nuts and bolts of our defense. Those are guys that came to work every day, wanting more ground balls, more cuts. You just hope that these younger guys see that."

Despite facing a two-hour drive each way from Parkersburg to Wheeling, Goodwin said he made the decision not to stay over in Wheeling for the

area tournament.

"The benefits of staying at home and sleeping in your own bed outweigh the fun of going to a hotel and this is the result of that," he said.

Parkersburg advances to next week's state tournament in Morgantown. Goodwin said it's a shame that Wheeling will not be going with them.

"I have a lot of respect for Wheeling Post 1, they've represented our area many times," Goodwin said. "They have had a great season and probably deserve to be in the state tournament as well."

As for his own team, Goodwin said they would celebrate Friday and then regroup today and start to gear up for the state tournament.

"I'm comfortable with what we've achieved so far, but we're not done," he said. "We've got to keep working and getting better because this team has one goal, to win it all."

WHEELING 11, FOLLANSBEE 0

ELM GROVE — To get to Friday night's game against Parkersburg, Post 1 defeated Follansbee Post 45 11-0 earlier in an elimination game.

Toepfer's two-run double in the first started the scoring for Wheeling. Post 1 put up five runs in the fourth on RBIs from Gongola, Toepfer, Scouvar, Nate Simon and Braydon Kupsky.

Quinn Jamison pitched four scoreless innings for Wheeling and Nate Simon finished the game off in the fifth.

Henry Anderson took the loss on the mound for Follansbee and hit a first-inning single.

Former All-Star Players on Hand to Celebrate 50-Year Reunion

WHEELING — The year was 1972! Richard Nixon was in the White House, the Dallas Cowboys were Super Bowl Champions and a postage stamp cost six cents.

Life was pretty good. For guys like Shadyside grad Larry Falbo and Magnolia grad Rob Rothlisberger, life was really good. They had not only just graduated from high school, but 50 years ago they were preparing to play their final high school football game as part of the Ohio-West Virginia All-Star Game, which is now known as the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

Falbo and Rothlisberger are two of the players who will be on hand at this year's OVAC game, taking part in the 50-year anniversary of their appearance in the game, which was a 24-6 Ohio victory in a game that was played at Martins Ferry's Purple Rider Stadium due to flooding at Wheeling Island.

"We destroyed (West Virginia)," Falbo, a retired educator and school administrator at Shadyside, recalled. "We had some studs on our team. Just monsters all over the field it seemed like."

The other Ohio players returning are Mike Bilica (Bridgeport), Chuck Fillipovich (Adena), Dick Frizzi (Bellaire), Gary Kish (Smithfield), Rick Link (St. John Central), Jim Murad (Bridgeport) and Tom Rice (Steubenville Central).

"I hadn't been keeping track (of the years) and when I got word of the reunion for the 50 years, I thought, 'oh my gosh! It can't really be 50 years already?'" Falbo said. "I am going to really enjoy this. It's going to be great to see the guys again."

Rothlisberger, went on to become

the Director of Pharmacy at Wetzel County Hospital in New Martinsville, unfortunately remembered the score, but it didn't affect his feelings of the event.

"To be picked for that game, you had to be a pretty good player and when you're in that type of game, everyone is a winner," Rothlisberger said. "I enjoyed the camaraderie, spending two weeks on a college campus because it was the longest I'd been away from home at one time and just the opportunity itself."

"I think these reunions are wonderful," Rothlisberger said. "Many of us returned for our 10-year reunion and I remember they had a reception for us at the Shriner's Temple, but to come back 50 years later is even sweeter. It's going to be great to see the guys again."

Other West Virginia players expected to be on hand are Mark Bishop (Triadelphia), Chad Defede (Linsly), Rick Markonich (Bishop Donahue), Tom Meeks (Paden City), Ralph O'Neil (Magnolia) and Thad Podrasky (Wheeling Central).

Two Queen of Queens from that 1972 game are also expected to be back. They are Janice Yandora Bell (Yorkville) and LuAnn Torok Harms (Smithfield).

As has been said before, when the all-star players reported for camp in this era, they went there even more big-eyed than kids today. Not because the game means any more or any less, but because of the opportunity to meet new people and forge relationships with rivals and people they'd competed against throughout their careers.

"We knew some of the names, but



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it's nothing like it is now," Rothlisberger. "I remember Ralph (O'Neil) and I went up to camp at West Liberty and we were wondering how it was even going to work. We didn't have any idea what to expect other than we were going to play football. I know I didn't meet anyone (in the event) that I didn't like."

The same can be said on the Ohio side. Falbo, who played defensive back, said not only did he not know many of his Ohio teammates personally, but they've not kept in touch since the game ended nearly as much as players today will be able to do.

"I can't even remember all of the guys on the roster," Falbo said. "It was a great experience and meeting so many great guys was the best part. Everyone goes their separate ways after the game and I've really not crossed paths with many of them since that night, so that's what makes these reunions even nicer."

One aspect of the game that's not changed over the course of time is both state's desire to win. Many all-star games — at all levels — are played more like the exhibitions that they are, but as it pertains to the OVAC Game both teams want to win in the worst way.

"Absolutely, we wanted to win," Falbo stressed. "We didn't have hardly any interaction with the West Virginia team. We would pass each other on the way to the dining hall, but that was about it. There was no mingling or anything social between the two teams."

Both Falbo and Rothlisberger were aware of and pointed out an incident that occurred in a stairwell in the dor-

mitory between a member of the West Virginia coaching staff and an Ohio player.

However, both also claimed their memories were too foggy to be able to share many more details.

"I remember that incident and then no one would talk about it (when people questioned us)," Falbo explained. "Other than that, it was like we stayed on our turf and they stayed on their turf type thing."

Obviously while the game was still in relative infancy, being picked for the OVAC Game wasn't something that Rothlisberger had on his radar prior to or during his final season with the Blue Eagles.

"I remember Louie Nocida was our coach at Magnolia and he called me into his room just before graduation and asked if I'd play and I said, 'sure,' Rothlisberger recalled. "I didn't know anything about the game, but that would have been as a walk on at WVU. I never thought about the all-star game."

Once they got to the two-week camp, both players realized that there was going to be more to it than just showing up and running a few plays.

"I had just turned 18 years old and was in the best shape of my life," Falbo said. "Coach (George) Strager was our coach and he had us working like it was boot camp. I played one season at West Liberty and it was no comparison to what Strager put us through."

Both Falbo and Rothlisberger said if they had a chance to address this year's teams, their message would be simple ... enjoy the experience!

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Setting Goals Important When Evaluating Your Golf Game

Well, we have rounded the corner of summer and I wanted to write what should be a letter of encouragement to all golfers who happen to read this.

I teach a young man who is a good player, plays at the Division II level collegiately and his name is Baker. Baker said to me that he is not playing well, and the summer is half over. This is not an argument of glass half full or half empty, this young man does not see the positive in his opportunity.

The reason for his half empty mentality is simple: no definitive goals. Baker was unable to express to me why he was not playing well, it was a feeling of general malaise about his golf game. He could not tell me how many rounds he played, how many putts he averages or how many fairways he hit. He just felt he had not played well.

When you embark on a journey, much like your personal golf journey, you should have goals. Goals can be very broad (i.e. number of rounds played) to very specific (i.e. average 27.8 putters per round) Whether specific or broad, one club oriented or total score oriented, all players must have goals. Return to Blake.

If Blake had three or four goals, putts per round, fairways hit, greens in regulation, and felt he was playing poorly, then we can see how the year is going stacked against his goals. When we find shortcomings, we attack them. Goals in anything, specifically golf, are roadmaps to success.



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We can compare and see how we are doing.

There is a saying that feelings are not facts.

When you attack anything without a goal, you allow your feelings about the topic take over and you have no concrete evidence to truly tell you how you are doing.

I am not suggesting that you get bogged down in analytics, I am merely suggesting that you send yourself on a path or a road.

Your goals are your directional signs and your mile markers. Sometimes we reach our goals, sometimes we fall short. But if we set reasonable goals in our golf game, we internalize our path to improvement and we latch onto a target, an objective, a goal. When you reach a goal, the feeling of self-satisfaction is overwhelming and one of accomplishment. Write down a few goals or put them in the notes of your cell phone, and read them and remind yourself. As you travel on your golf journey, you will magically push yourself towards that accomplishment.

HOLE IN ONE

Proud accomplishment this week at Wheeling Country Club. David Gaiser made a hole in one on hole nine using a seven iron. It is quite an accomplishment, so congratulations David Gaiser.

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Pictured, left to right, are Sabrena Palmer, Miranda Taylor, Lilly Roman, Lauren Tekely, Tournament Director Emily Freeman-Waters, Harper Moores, Ella Games, Reese Moores.

The Ohio Valley Tennis Classic Returns Next Week

The Ohio Valley Tennis Classic is scheduled for July 27th through 31st. The clay courts of Oglebay play host to the only tournament that focuses on local players.

Now in its 17th year, the tournament was originally created when George Frazier and Chris Freeman observed that the Ohio Valley needed a true local tennis tournament.

All proceeds from this local tournament go to the high school teams to support developing the programs for both boys and girls.

Emily Freeman-Waters is now the Director of the tournament with the help of her committee members:

Chris and George.

There are Men's and Women's events as well as High School and Middle School. Entries can be found at the Oglebay courts, Hole N Run or on the Ohio Valley Tennis Classic Facebook page (entry deadline is Monday July 25th).

All participants receive a t-shirt and awards are given to all finalists. The 2022 major sponsors include: Raymond James Financial Services, Main Street Bank, Wheeling-Oglebay Tennis Club and Wheeling Veterinary Associates. Please contact Emily Freeman-Waters if you have any questions: 304-233-6600.



Wild Things Win in Quebec

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Beallsville's Louden making most of opportunity

By **SETH STASKEY**
 Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — Brandon Louden truly considers himself one of the lucky ones taking part in this week's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

the fact that the Beallsville graduate is even on the team.

Louden — a wide receiver and defensive back for the Buckeye State — has battled Type 1 Diabetes since fourth grade.

"When I first got diagnosed, my doctor told me I wouldn't be able to play certain sports," Louden said.

"And sports are what I loved to do as a kid, so I just kept (playing) until I got used to it."

Clearly, Louden became accustomed to handling diabetes. He was a four-year mainstay in football, basketball and track for the Blue Devils.

The appearance in Saturday's

OVAC All-Star Game is actually his second such contest this school year. He played in the Samuel A. Mumley All-Star Basketball Game in April.

On the track, Louden didn't run far. But, he ran fast. He was consistently around 11-flat in the 100 and

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3M lead shared by duo

BLAINE, Minn. (AP) — Scott Piercy shot a 6-under 65 to share the 3M Open lead with Sungjae Im after a windy first round Thursday.

Tony Finau was two strokes back, with three near misses of birdie putts over his last four holes, along with Brice Garnett, Doug Ghim, Emiliano Grillo and Tom Hoge.

On a dry, 86-degree day at the TPC Twin Cities in suburban Minneapolis, the course's penchant for producing low scores held up once again.

Playing in the second group of the day off the first tee, Piercy made 151 feet worth of putts. He birdied four of the first five holes on his back nine.

The 43-year-old Piercy, who led the 3M Open in 2019 by two strokes after the first round, is one of several on-the-fringe players in the field this year seeking a late-season lift in the FedEx Cup race. Piercy arrived in Minnesota in 138th place, with the cut for the playoffs at 125 and two events left after this to qualify. In four of his last six starts, Piercy has failed to advance to the weekend.

On tour since 2009, Piercy has four career wins. Just last week, he switched his caddie, his swing coach, his driver and his putter — an uncharacteristically drastic series of decisions for him.

"Every shot counts, and it's time to buckle down," Piercy said. "Not that we don't try to buckle down all the time, but there's extra buckling down, I guess. To start off this way is really nice."

"The results with the putter today, I couldn't be happier. It actually made me smile, and I don't smile much. Sometimes you've got to make a change to get better."

Im, who's 19th in the FedEx Cup standings and 24th in the world, birdied four of his last six holes. The 24-year-old from South Korea tied for eighth at the Masters this year but tied for 81st last week at the British Open.

Finau, the lone member of last year's U.S. Ryder Cup team and the 17th-ranked player in the world, has two top-five finishes this summer.

He missed a 3-foot birdie putt on 15 and left a 4-footer for birdie just short on 16. Then on the 18th, his tee and approach shots were spot on, but an 8-foot birdie putt lipped out and settled 4 inches from the cup. Making two of those

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



AP Photo

HOUSTON ASTROS pinch hitter J.J. Matijevic, center top, celebrates with Jeremy Pena (3) and Corey Lee (38) after hitting a walkoff single during the ninth inning in the first game of a doubleheader against the New York Yankees, Thursday, in Houston.

Matijevic's 9th-inning single lifts Astros over Yanks, 3-2

HOUSTON (AP) — Rookie J.J. Matijevic's pinch-hit RBI single with two outs in the ninth inning lifted the Houston Astros to a 3-2 win over the New York Yankees on Thursday in the opener of a day-night doubleheader between the American League's top teams.

Alex Bregman led off the Houston ninth with a single against Michael King (6-3). Bregman advanced to third on Aledmys Diaz's double. After Yuli Gurriel struck out, pinch-hitter Yordan Alvarez was walked intentionally to load the bases.

King looked as if he might be able to escape the jam after he struck out Chas McCormick, but Matijevic drove in Bregman with an infield single to shortstop.

"The bullpen did a great job and boy, that was an exciting win for us and the fans and for J.J.," Astros manager Dusty Baker said. "I was happy for J.J."

Baker was impressed by the work of Matijevic and fellow rookie Corey Lee, who drove in a run in the second.

"These rookies aren't afraid," Baker said. "They can grow up right before your eyes in that situation. ... They're understanding what this rivalry is all about and the magnitude of the ballgames."

The doubleheader between the major league-leading Yankees and the Astros is to help make up a series that was postponed because of the lockout. Houston won the first game of the series on June 30.

"It's definitely news to watch us play each other," New York's Giancarlo Stanton said. "But at the end of the day, we've got to stay ahead of them for home-field (advantage) and every game is important."

"But there's obviously a bit more spice on these games."

Baker echoed the sentiments of Stanton as it relates to his team.

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MLB teams struggling to get fans back after COVID

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Blame it on lingering effects of the pandemic, resentment over the lockout or economic fears.

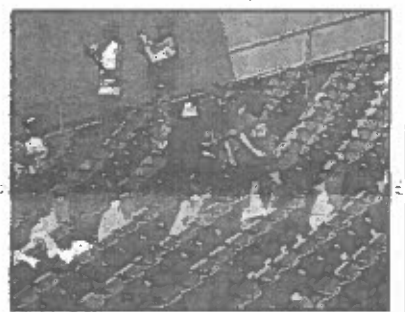
Major League Baseball is struggling to fill the stands at pre-COVID levels as the sport heads into the last 2 1/2 months of its first season since 2019 without capacity restrictions.

MLB reached the All-Star break with an average attendance of 26,409. That represents a drop of 5.4% from the All-Star break of 2019 — which was 10 days earlier than this year.

League officials remain encouraged and point to the recovery.

"We have come back to between 94-95% of where we were prior to the pandemic," MLB chief revenue officer Noah Garden said. "So we feel really good about the progress we have made on the attendance side rebounding strongly from a situation that threatened the very core of how we operate as an industry."

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AP Photo

FANS ATTEND the first game of a doubleheader between the Oakland Athletics and the Detroit Tigers in Oakland, Calif., Thursday.

Visiting Tigers come out swinging against A's

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Jeimer Candelario homered, Robbie Grossman doubled twice and drove in three runs against his former team, and the Detroit Tigers beat the Oakland Athletics 7-2 on Thursday in the first game of a doubleheader.

Candelario connected leading off the seventh to help back Tarik Skubal (7-8), who struck out nine and didn't allow an earned run over six impressive innings while pitching back home in the East Bay.

He is back on track after losing five straight starts from June 12-July 3, utilizing his steady slider.

"My slider's my best pitch and I kind of just didn't have a great feel for it. It kind of wasn't doing what I want it to do,"

Skubal said. "... I was able to get it back to the movement I like, and I think that's why my results have been a little bit different than prior."

Grossman's two-run double in the third put Detroit ahead, then he doubled again two innings later as the Tigers added an unearned run after second baseman Sheldon Neuse's fielding error. Jonathan Schoop provided insurance runs with an eighth-inning double and a sacrifice fly in the ninth. Riley Greene added an RBI single in the ninth.

Tigers reliever Alex Lange surrendered a home run to Seth Brown in the seventh. Stephen Piscotty had a sacrifice fly for Oakland.

A's lefty Zach Logue (3-5) allowed three runs on five hits over six innings, struck out four and walked one. He's yet to win back-to-back starts or decisions in 2022. He was called up before the game from Triple-A Las Vegas for his fifth stint of the season with Oakland and will return to the minors.

"I'm just trying to be where my feet are," he said.

Detroit played its seventh doubleheader this season — second most in the majors behind Cleveland's eight — and still has two more scheduled. This was one that was necessitated by the lockout-delayed start to the season.

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Smart gets extension



Murray, Cardinals agree to contract through 2028

Penguins re-sign Kapanen • 3M

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Penguins avoided arbitration with forward Kasper Kapanen, re-signing him to a two-year deal with an average annual value of \$3.2 million.

The deal, announced Thursday, keeps the former first-round pick at the same salary level as

the three-year deal that expired at the end of the regular season.

Kapanen was wildly inconsistent last season, scoring 11 goals to go with 21 assists in 79 games. His goal total marked the lowest of Kapanen's career in a non-pandemic shortened season.

Kapanen, who turns 26 this weekend, called last season the "worst" of his professional career. The re-signing indicates Pittsburgh's management views the dip in his production as an anomaly.

Kapanen has 63 goals and 89 assists in 321 games with Pittsburgh and Toronto.

Korda has wet ride to lead at Evian

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France (AP) — Nelly Korda is just trying to enjoy herself at the Evian Championship after a four-month injury layoff that has given her more perspective about her golf.

Not that she felt so great taking a shot while standing barefoot in a slimy lake.

"I've never done anything like that and I must say, it was really gross," Korda said about her adventure at No. 18 midway through an 7-under 64 that left her a stroke behind first-round leader Ayaka Furue on Thursday in the fourth major of 2022.

Korda's approach shot at the par-5 18th hole — her ninth of the day after starting at No. 10 — ended up rolling down a bank on the front right of the green and into the water.

Her caddie ran up to the green and saw it was possible to make contact with the ball, so Korda removed her golf shoes, waded into the lake, and splashed out to the edge of the green.

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advanced to the Division III regional for the second straight season.

"As I got older, I became better at taking care of myself, so I didn't have as many issues, but it's not something that goes away, so it's always in the back of your mind," Louden said.

There have been times when Louden is competing when his sugar either drops or spikes.

It doesn't take him long to recognize exactly what's going on either.

"If my sugar is high, I have to take insulin and if

my sugar is low, I have to eat something with sugar in it," Louden said. "I feel it when my sugar is high or low. If it's high, I feel like I am going to be sick (to my stomach) and if it's low, I feel weak."

Louden is well aware that he's not the only person to have diabetes. The best advice he could offer to other young people dealing with the diagnosis is to "live life."

"There is nothing you can do to prevent it, so you have to do what you can do to make sure you're

able to do the things you want to do," Louden said.

Louden has been soaking up all of the all-star activities and his final chance to represent the Blue Devils.

He's the first Beallsville product to be chosen for the OVAC football game in several seasons.

"It feels good to be a part of this," Loudon said. "Coming from Beallsville, a really small school, and being with all these guys is a lot different, but I am having a lot of fun."

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The highest-ranked player in the field, Hideki Matsuyama, withdrew. He cited a sore wrist after shooting a 77 to match his worst round of the season, his Saturday at the Masters on April 9.

Entering the week in eighth place in the FedEx Cup race and the world's No. 14 player, Matsuyama hit into the water three times on the unforgiving and lakeside 18th hole and took a quadruple-bogey 9. Matsuyama, the 2021 Masters winner and a fourth-place finisher at the U.S. Open this summer, tied for seventh at the first edition of the 3M Open in 2019.

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The Tigers, who played at San Francisco from June 28-29, improved to 2-4 against the A's this year after playing a previous doubleheader May 10 in Detroit during which the A's were the home game for opener. This marked a quick trip West for the Tigers before returning home.

"I've had a makeup series before, but never usually three time zones in (one day) and then immediately return back home," manager A.J. Hinch said.

Rangers 8, Marlins 0
MIAMI (AP) — Jon Gray pitched six innings of four-hit ball, Adolis Garcia homered and the

Texas Rangers beat the reeling Miami Marlins on Thursday.

Garcia drove in three runs, helping Texas stop a four-game slide. Marcus Semien had two hits and reached base four times.

The Marlins lost their fourth straight, and their scoreless streak reached 34 innings. They last scored in the second inning of their 2-1 loss against Philadelphia on July 15.

Miami also tied a club record with its ninth consecutive game without a home run. Marlins teams in 1993 and 2019 had similar droughts.

Gray (7-4) struck out five and walked two. Matt

Mardy Fish, the former tennis star who's playing on a sponsor exemption, was tied for last at 81. The best underdog story among the sponsor exemptions belonged to Jeff Overton, who's making his first start in five years after recovering from a life-threatening spine infection that stemmed from an injection to treat a herniated disc.

Overton, who has more than \$12 million in career earnings and played on the 2010 U.S. Ryder Cup team, shot a 77.

"It was definitely emotional. Definitely teared up a couple times out there," Overton said. "Nothing crazy, but yeah, it's a win."

Moore, Matt Bush and Dennis Santana each got three outs, finishing the Rangers' seven-hitter.

Rangers shortstop Corey Seager rejoined the team in Miami after appearing in the All-Star Game. But he got the day off.

Texas jumped in front on consecutive RBI singles by Nathaniel Lowe, Jonah Helm and Garcia in the third. Garcia added a two-run shot in the fifth, driving the first pitch from Miami starter Pablo Lopez over the wall in right for his 16th homer.

Lopez (6-5) was lifted after five innings. The right-hander was charged with five runs and five hits.

• Astros

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"It's just July, but it's mid-July and these things count," Baker said. "We're trying to chase a team."

The Astros carried a 2-1 lead into the ninth. But Aaron Hicks singled against Hector Neris (3-3) and scored on Isiah Kiner-Falefa's two-out single, a grounder that rolled just past shortstop Jeremy Pena for the tying hit.

DJ LeMahieu homered in the fifth, but the Yankees were just 1 for 8 with runners in scoring position.

Houston jumped in front by scoring in each of the first two innings against Jordan Montgomery.

Jose Altuve and Pena opened Houston's first with back-to-back bunt singles. Bregman drove in Altuve with a one-out single to center.

Mauricio Dubon walked and scored on Lee's double in the second.

The Yankees loaded the bases with no outs in the third, but Cristian Javier escaped the jam with some help from

his defense. Matt Carpenter lined to Gurriel at first, and he completed a double play by beating Aaron Judge back to first. Gleyber Torres then flied out, ending the inning.

"They hit the ball hard like and couldn't get through there," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "And then their bullpen was pretty tough against us today, too."

Montgomery tied a season high with eight strikeouts in 6 2/3 innings. He allowed seven hits and walked one.

Javier tied a season high by issuing four walks while allowing one run and two hits in five innings. It was Javier's first start against the Yankees since he pitched seven innings in a combined no-hitter at New York on June 25. Neris and Ryan Pressly finished the historic gem.

It was just the third doubleheader for the domed Minute Maid Park, which opened in 2000.

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Attendance is up over 70% from the season-ending average in 2021, when only Texas started at full capacity and all 30 teams weren't at 100% until July 2. MLB played its abbreviated 2020 regular season without spectators.

While MLB's average attendance had fallen each year since 2015, most of the drops were by less than 2%. Average attendance was over 30,000 for 14 straight seasons from 2004-17 but hasn't reached that mark since.

"Attendance has been dropping about 1% a year — year after year — for about the last 15 years," said Victor Matheson, a Holy Cross economics professor who specializes in sports economics. "Major League Baseball attendance peaked in 2007 and has been falling pretty consistently year after year for over a decade. What we'd just normally expect after about three years is about 3% lower attendance."

on out-of-town fans. That makes MLB particularly vulnerable to issues that could curtail tourism.

"If travel's disrupted, either by expensive gas prices or expensive airline tickets or just general travel disruptions, that could make a big dent," Matheson said.

Charles Lindsey, an associate professor of marketing at the University at Buffalo School of Management, noted that single-game ticket sales remain solid but season ticket sales have gone down. He said the NBA faced a similar problem this season.

Lindsey cited inflation as a leading cause and said the pandemic may have contributed to a lesser extent.

"But those are factors that are common across all sorts of recreational experiences," Lindsey said. "And a lot of recreational entertainment — dining out, travel — a lot of those areas are back to pre-pandemic levels."

The group business has not returned to anywhere near normal levels, frankly not surprisingly," Schlesinger said.

Oakland's attendance has plunged nearly 55% from its 2019 All-Star break level. The Athletics dramatically cut payroll amid concerns about the franchise's future in the Bay Area as they seek a new stadium.

Other teams whose attendance has dropped at least 15% from where they were at the 2019 break include Arizona (26.7%), Pittsburgh (20.8%), Washington (19.7%), Philadelphia (17.9%), Cincinnati (17.8%), Cleveland (16.3%), LA Angels (15.1%) and Kansas City (15.1%).

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TWO PRISTINE MOUNTAIN COURSES



Move to Wheeling U. Working Out for OVAC ASG Camp

By CODY NESPOR
Sports Writer

WHEELING — The OVAC All-Star Football Camp is back at Wheeling University for the first time since 1999 and the move has drawn rave reviews from those involved with the game.

"Things have gone tremendously well and it's a credit to what we have here at Wheeling University, the staff and what they've been able to put together for us," said game director Corey Murphy.

After being held at Bethany College for a number of years, Wheeling University's bid to host the week-long camp was accepted by the OVAC executive board in January and the agreement will keep it on the Cardinals' campus for five years.

"It's an honor and a privilege to host the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference

Rudy Mumley All-Star camp,"

University president Ginny Favede said. "It's an honor and a privilege to have over 60 of the best football players in the Ohio Valley Conference here on our campus."

Players and coaches reported to Wheeling University on Sunday and have been practicing frequently throughout the week. The All-Star marching band, which boasts over 100 members, and the all-star cheerleaders are also utilizing the campus this week.

"Logistically, I can't think of a better place than the university," OVAC executive director Dirk DeCoy said.



"And the way that we've been treated and welcomed, it's going to be hard to top."

Among those excited to see the camp return to Wheeling was Cardinals head football coach Zac Bruney, who played in the Rudy Mumley All-Star game at the end of his prep days at Martins Ferry in 2000.

"The last time the camp was here on Wheeling University's campus, it was a split camp in 1999," Bruney explained. "My dad was coaching the Ohio side, they were over at Linsly and the West Virginia team was here. I played in the game in 2000 and it was back up the hill (at Bethany College)."

Bruney highlighted the significance of the camp, saying that it will build life-long relationships between the players even though many will not have met one another prior to arriving on Wheeling's campus.

"They'll remember this week because I remember this week," Bruney said.

Beaver Local's Mike McKenzie and University's John Kelley, coaching the Ohio and West Virginia teams, respectively, also both agreed that the experience at Wheeling University has been top-notch.

"I've coached a few all-star games, but the OVAC All-Star game and (Wheeling University) are better than any other place that I've been," McKenzie said during a press conference Monday.

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Louden Can't Be Stopped



LOUDEN

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Brandon Louden truly considers himself one of the lucky ones taking part in this week's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

And that has nothing to do with the fact that the Beallsville graduate is even on the team.

Louden — a wide receiver and defensive back for the

Buckeye State — has battled Type 1 Diabetes since fourth grade.

"When I first got diagnosed, my doctor told me I wouldn't be able to play certain sports," Louden said. "And sports are what I loved to do as a kid, so I just kept (playing) until I got used to it."

Clearly, Louden became accustomed to handling diabetes. He was a four-year mainstay in football, basketball and track for the Blue Devils.

The appearance in Saturday's OVAC All-Star Game is actually his second such contest this school year. He played in the Samuel A. Mumley All-Star Basketball Game in April.

On the track, Louden didn't run far. But, he ran fast. He was consistently around 11-flat in the 100 and advanced to the Division III regional for the second straight season.

"As I got older, I became better at taking care of myself, so I didn't have as many issues, but it's not something that goes away, so it's always in the back of your mind," Louden said.

There have been times when Louden is competing when his sugar either drops or spikes.

It doesn't take him long to recognize exactly what's going on either.

"If my sugar is high, I have to take insulin and if my sugar is low, I have to eat something with sugar in it," Louden said. "I feel it when my sugar is high or low. If it's high, I feel like I am going to be sick (to my stomach) and if it's low, I feel weak."

Louden is well aware that he's not the only person to have diabetes. The best advice he could offer to other young people dealing with the diagnosis is to "live life."

"There is nothing you can do to prevent it, so you have to do what you can do to make sure you're able to do the things you want to do," Louden said.

Louden has been soaking up all of the all-star activities and his final chance to represent the Blue Devils. He's the first Beallsville product to be chosen for the OVAC football game in several seasons.

"It feels good to be a part of this," Louden said. "Coming from Beallsville, a really small school, and being with all these guys is a lot different, but I am having a lot of fun."

Parkersburg Edges Wheeling, 4-3



Photo by Cody Nespor

Wheeling pitcher Chris Vargo delivers to the plate against Parkersburg during Thursday's Area 1 Tournament semifinal.

Post 1 to face Follansbee in elimination battle today

By CODY NESPOR
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ELM GROVE — Parkersburg Post 15 and Wheeling Post 1 looked evenly-matched playing in the winners' bracket of the Area 1 Tournament Thursday and just a couple of plays made the difference as Parkersburg won 4-3, moving into prime position to win a championship.

Both teams played near-perfect baseball at the I-470 Sports Complex Thursday, but Parkersburg took advantage of the only error of the contest to score four runs in the bottom of the second

and a Wheeling blunder on the basepaths ended a fifth-inning rally as the hometown team ultimately fell one run short.

"It was a tough loss (Thursday), it just wasn't championship caliber," said Post 1 coach Jon-Michael Brunner. "Those small, little things add up and ended up biting us in the but a little bit."

Parkersburg got its break in the bottom of the second when, with two runners on and two outs, nine-hole hitter Cater King hit a chopper to first base that seemed sure to end the inning. The ball

took a bad hop that Wheeling's Quinn Jamison could not handle, however, allowing King to reach base and extend the inning.

Post 15 took full advantage, knocking three straight run-scoring hits off Wheeling starter Chris Vargo to push across four two-out runs.

Nic Menarchek hit an RBI single up the middle, Brett Haskins drove in two more with a line drive to left and Bently Kinzer added the fourth run with a flare the opposite way.

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Several Former Nailers To Play In Pittsburgh This Weekend

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Add everything up and it leaves even VanNest shaking his head in somewhat disbelief.

"It's really been a once-in-a-lifetime couple of months," VanNest said. "I'll never get to experience this stuff again in my life, but high school has been awesome."

VanNest — like so many football players in the Ohio Valley — dreamed of representing the Buckeye State in the

annual summer classic. He's been attending the game since he was a young boy.

"When you think only 32 guys get picked and then think about all of the people who have played in this game before us, it's truly an honor to be a part of it," VanNest said. "The group of guys is great. We've made so many memories already and I am sure we will make a lot more as the week goes on."

Though he missed almost two months, VanNest caught 24 passes for 273 yards and two touchdowns. His biggest production of the season came in the opening round of the playoffs, against Fairfield Christian, when he caught five passes for 127 yards.

Actually, VanNest is one of three Tigers in the game.

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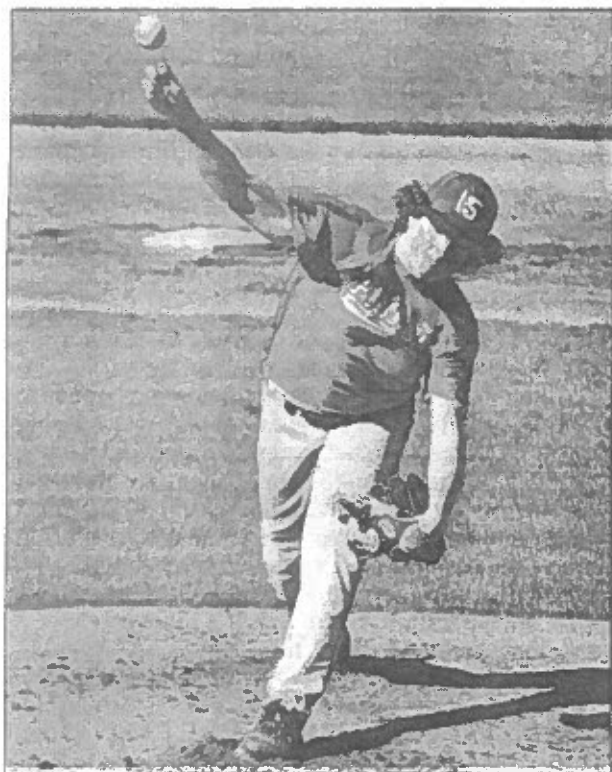


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Not only did Parkersburg post a 10-0 shutout victory over Moundsville Post 3, but it also saved pitching.

Post 15 pitchers held Post 3 to one hit and four walks, while its defense played flawlessly in the field.

"Pitching is everything in these kinds of tournaments," Parkersburg manager Mike Goodwin said. "We were able to limit our starter to less than 45 pitches, then we brought in two more kids to eat up innings and give them some work and we won — mission accomplished."

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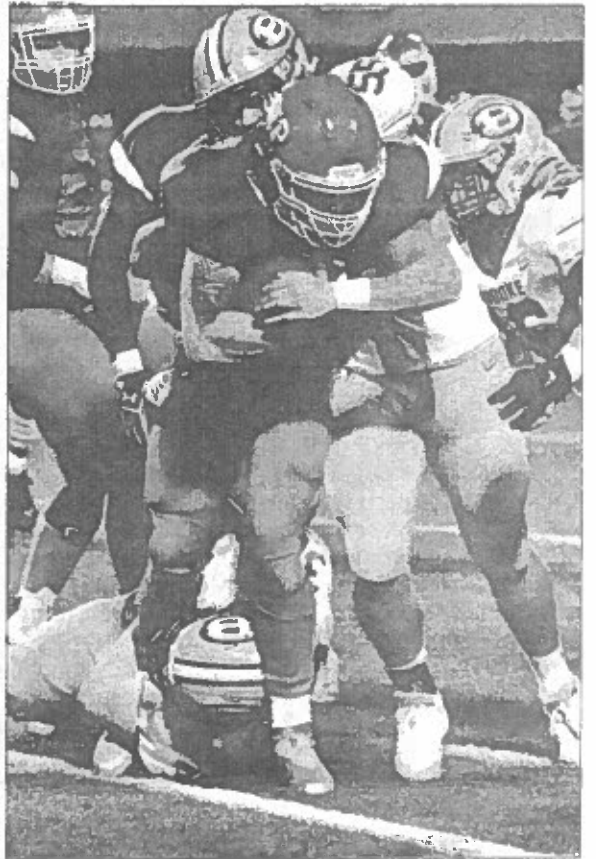
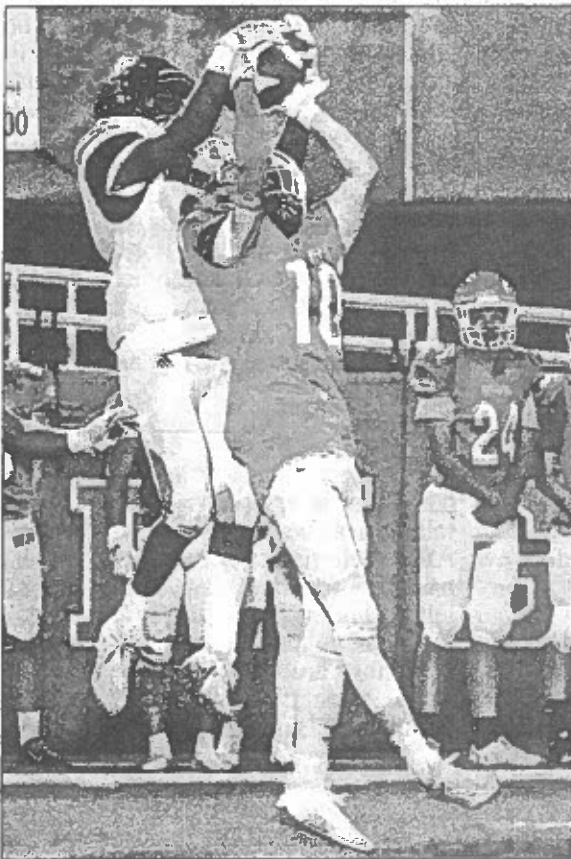
Evan Swain finished the game for Parkersburg.

"I am proud of our guys," Moundsville skipper Tim Koontz said. "We kept fighting until the end. It was a huge win (Tuesday) to get into the winner's bracket and we played really well on (Tuesday). We're still pretty young so this game was a great experience for them and we're going to get better."

Post 15 also plated at least two runs in every inning it came to the plate with two in the first, third and fourth frames and a four-run outburst in the second stanza.

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Patriots to Cherish Final Game on Island



File Photos

Wheeling Park's Hunter, Nixon, left, and Nate Shelek, right, are two of four Wheeling Park football players who will be suiting up one last time to play on their home turf of Wheeling Island Stadium on Saturday night in the OVAC All-Star Football Game.

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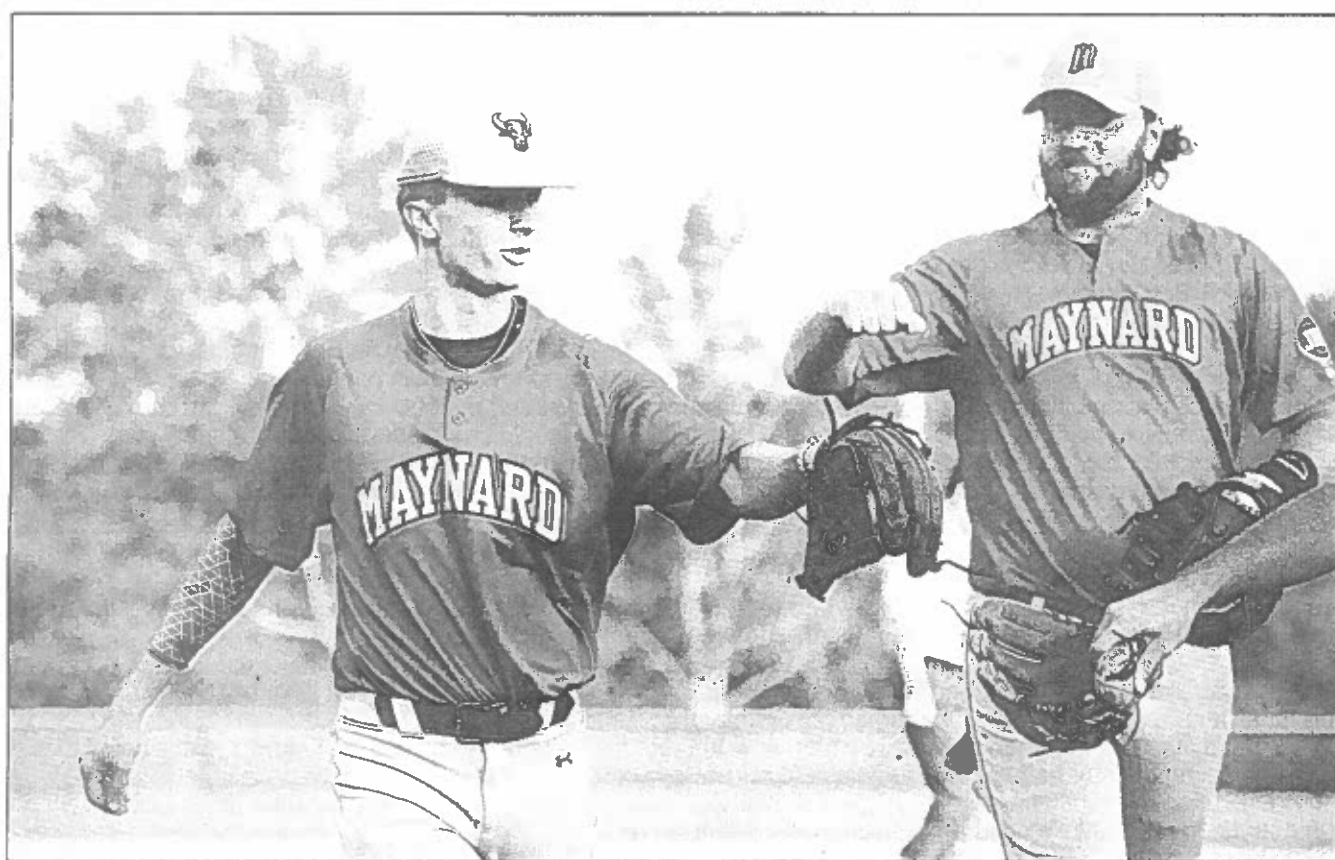
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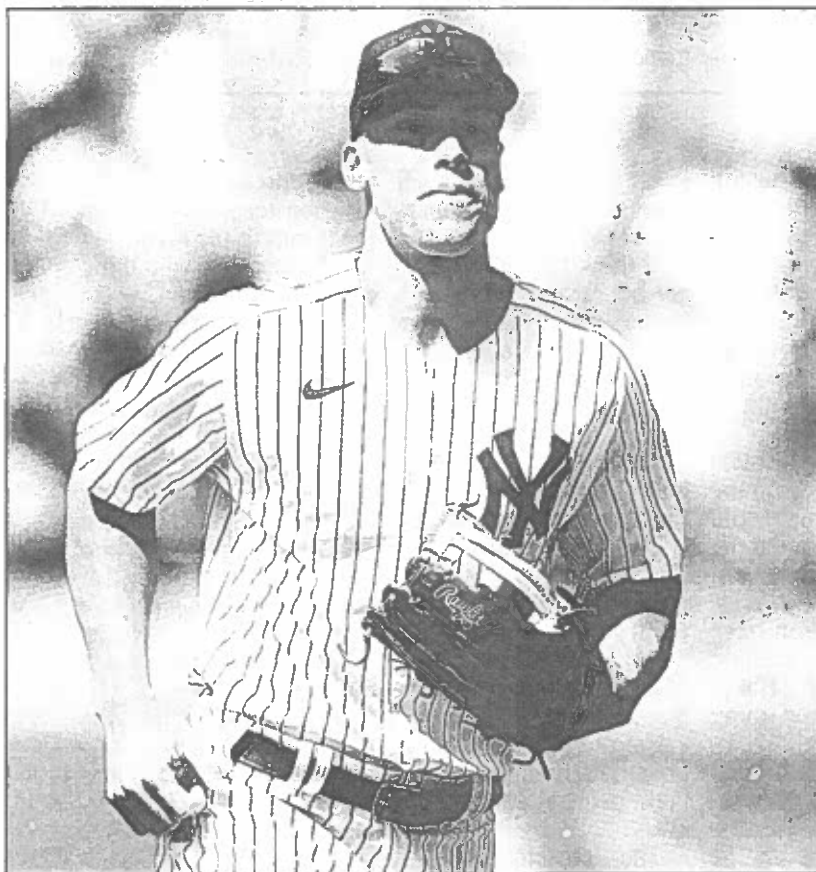
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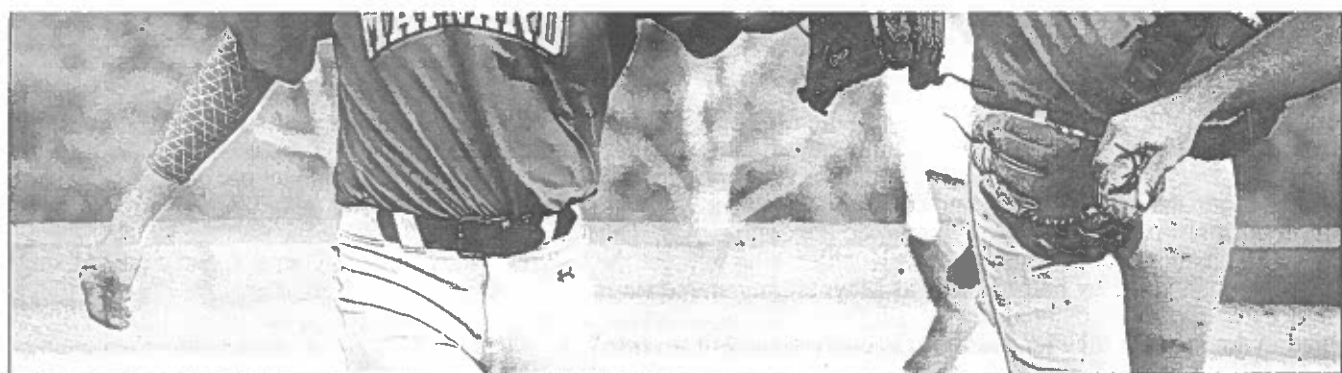
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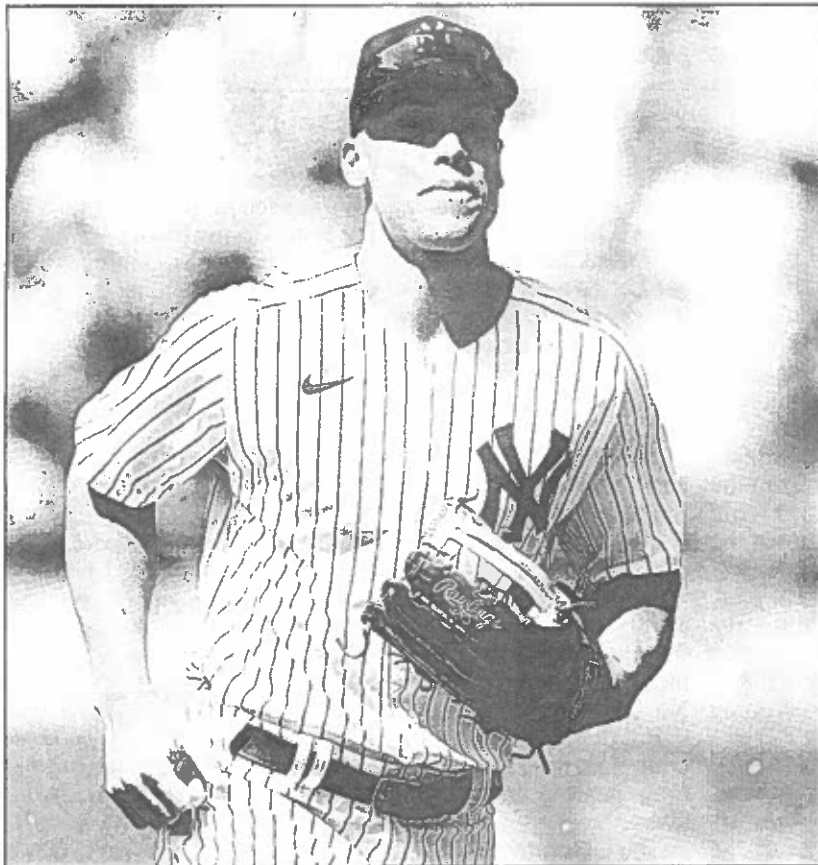
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League schools have talked for years about finding ways to close that growing gap. But as the Big Ten and SEC expand to add marquee names, the ACC's concern becomes more pressing and even stirs uncertainty about its long-range future in terms of whether schools might eventually try to chase money elsewhere.

For now, that means trying to squeeze more money out of a long-running TV deal, kicking around ideas and even holding out hope that Notre Dame might one day shed football independence to join the ACC and boost the bottom line.

At ACC Kickoff preseason media days on Wednesday, Phillips said "all options are on the table."

"It's significant ... so it deserves your attention," Phillips said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It deserves creativity. It deserves all that you have to try to figure a way for a



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That appears to have the ACC on stable footing for the immediate future. But for how long? Figuring out a way to better grow the financial picture could determine that.

Phillips described the league and ESPN as partners with a mutual interest in making the ACC Network as profitable as possible to support the league.

"How can they have a partnership and an asset and not want it to really be thriving over the next 14 years?" Phillips told the AP. "That doesn't make any sense. So they are motivated. And when you talk about (how) we're considering multiple options, it's just that."

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Joining Thomas on West Virginia's roster for the game are former Wheeling Park teammates Nate Shelek, Hunter Nixon and Braden Hupp.

"It means something more to us Park guys than anybody else because it's our home field and we get to play one last, final game there," Thomas said. "In the playoffs, we went to Huntington and we ended up losing down there so we didn't really have that. Even our final game in the regular season wasn't on that field so it feels good to be selected for this game and get to play on that field again."

All four former Patriots will look to make an impact on the defensive side of the ball for coach John Kelley. Thomas and Nixon will play at linebacker. Shelek at safety and Hupp at defensive tackle.

"It's awesome, especially to get to play with all the Park boys," Shelek said. "It's the best ending, especially getting to play in our home stadium on the island with a big crowd from Wheeling."

At the beginning of August, Thomas and Nixon will head off to start their college football careers, but they're taking the

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• Maynard

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Jarrod Jones' bounce to third resulted in a rundown as Parker-McDonald was tagged for. Jones advanced to second from where he raced home on a Jack Skantze single to center, which was the first hit off of Beckett.

Meanwhile, Edwards, a 2002 Wheeling Central graduate, only allowed one Indians baserunner to reach second from the fourth through six innings.

“Really, it was one swing of the bat again,” Wheeling manager Scott Shaw said in comparing the two games. “It was another great pitched game by both teams. Once again we had a baserunning lapse, but I’m not discouraged.”

As they did in Game 1, the Pioneers threatened in the sixth as they loaded the bases on a one-out hustling double by Skantze, an intentional walk to Seth Burdard and a conventional free pass to Brian Shaw. However, Beckett made the pitch of the game as he induced a bounce to Mackenzie Koehler at second who flipped to shortstop Matthew Busby who touched second before rifling a strike to Ramsay at first for an inning-ending double play.

“Huge,” Vicker said of the defensive gem.

Beckett, who just graduated from Shadyside in the spring, didn't let the 'big-game' jitters get to him. He struck out six and walked just one other than the free

pass while limiting Wheeling to Skantze's two base hits. He finished strong by fanning the final two batters of the game.

“This is fun. I just go out there and throw strikes and let my defense play behind me,” Beckett, who threw 116 pitches, said. “Tyler gave us the lead and then we turned the double play. That was really big.”

Koehler, who will get the ball on Friday night in Game 3, had a pair of singles as Maynard registered six hits.

Edwards had four punchouts and issued two free passes in six innings. Stephen Graebe worked the seventh.

The Indians will look to complete the sweep Friday on Firemen's Field inside the Maynard Community Park. The first pitch is set for 6 p.m.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

--Maynard will be seeking its fourth title since going back-to-back in the 2013 and 2014 seasons and winning last summer.

-The game took 1-hour, 39-minutes.

-Should Game 4 be necessary, it would be played on Sunday at West Liberty at 1 p.m. A fifth-and-deciding contest is scheduled for Monday in Maynard at 6.

• VanNest

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in the Ohio Valley Baseball League for Maynard, which is playing in the championship series. Should it extend to at least a fourth game, on Sunday, VanNest would rejoin his squad.

Add everything up and it leaves even VanNest shaking his head in somewhat disbelief.

“It's really been a once-in-a-lifetime couple of months,” VanNest said. “I'll never get to experience this stuff again in my life, but high school has been awesome.”

VanNest — like so many football players in the Ohio Valley — dreamed of representing the Buckeye State in the annual summer classic. He's been attending the game since he was a young

boy. “When you think only 32 guys get picked and then think about all of the people who have played in this game before us, it's truly an honor to be a part of it,” VanNest said. “The group of guys is great. We've made so many memories already and I am sure we will make a lot more as the week goes on.”

Though he missed almost two months, VanNest caught 24 passes for 273 yards and two touchdowns. His biggest production of the season came in the opening round of the playoffs, against Fairfield Christian, when he caught five passes for 127 yards.

Actually, VanNest is one of three Tigers in the game. He's joined by de-

fensive lineman Ryan Florence and running back Wyatt Reiman.

“To be able to share this experience with Ryan and Wyatt and play one more game together is awesome,” VanNest said. “I never thought I would get to play (football) with anyone from Shadyside again, so to be here with Wyatt, who is my best friend, and Ryan, who I have known my whole life.”

As for what lies ahead, VanNest hasn't officially signed any letter of intent or made up his mind, but the spring he enjoyed on the oval brought a sport into the equation he didn't even participate in until this year.

“I've not made up my mind, but most likely, I'll end up (at Wheeling),” Van-

Nest said. “I never would have thought I would possibly be running track in college.”

OVAC NOTES

ACCORDING TO West Virginia head coach John Kelley, his team is down to 29 players that will suit up for Saturday's game. One players didn't report on Sunday to camp and both Grant Neiswonger (John Marshall) and Elija Jackson (University) have been ruled out due to injury.

OHIO HEAD coach Mike McKenzie indicated his team has hit the middle of the week with nary an injury and all players are on track to play on Saturday.

• MLB

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Roberts' club is one of three teams with at least a nine-game lead in their respective divisions heading into the second half. Led by Betts and Freddie Freeman, Los Angeles is 10 games up on Manny Machado and the San Diego Padres in the NL West.

“Just a lot of good things happened in the first half for us,” Freeman said.

Altuve and Houston still have a nine-game lead in the AL West, even with the win streak for Seattle. The Astros and Mariners close out their season series with seven more games this month, beginning Friday night in Seattle.

“I thought the Mariners had a good team from the very beginning, and I told everybody that then at the time, they finished extremely strong last year, and you know, you have to beat them,” Houston manager Dusty Baker said. “They are not going to beat themselves.”

The AL East has been the best division in baseball — every team is .500 or better, even the 46-46 Baltimore Orioles — but that hasn't affected New York very much at all. The Yankees begin the second half with a gaudy 64-28 record and a whopping 13-game lead over Tampa Bay.

While Giancarlo Stanton has delivered his usual power and Clay Holmes has been one of the game's most dominant relievers, it's Judge leading the way for the Bronx Bombers. He is batting .284 with 33 homers and 70 RBIs.

joining Shohei Ohtani among the frontrunners for AL MVP.

“I think he continues to get better and better as a leader, which has always been. I think, a positive trait of his,” New York manager Aaron Boone said.

“But I would just say he's a more complete, refined, veteran player that is also in the prime of his career.”

Judge and the Yankees are trying to chase down the franchise's first championship since 2009 and No. 28 overall.

But there are all sorts of potential roadblocks — both nearby and further away.

The crosstown Mets are on top of the NL East, looking to hold off the Braves and take the franchise's first division title since 2015. Each of baseball's Central divisions had a mediocre first half, but Milwaukee and St. Louis have an array of stars, and Carlos Correa could power Minnesota back into the playoffs after it finished last in the AL Central in 2021.

Even the Chicago White Sox, who underperformed early on, showed some positive signs while

taking three of four at the division-leading Twins in the runup to the break.

“We've been talking about it for a while. We're going to turn the corner,” White Sox right-hander Michael Kopech said. “Things are going to start going our way.”

The return of switch-hitting catcher Yasmani Grandal could provide a lift for the White Sox, who are looking for their third consecutive playoff appearance. The injured list might have a more dramatic effect on the pennant races than the trade deadline.

Mets ace Jacob deGrom is coming back after he was sidelined by a stress reaction in his right scapula.

Second baseman Ozzie Albies could rejoin Atlanta's loaded lineup next month after he broke his left foot on June 14. Philadelphia slugger Bryce Harper, San Diego shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. and Houston right-hander Lance McCullers Jr. also could return in time to help their teams down the stretch.

DeGrom, a two-time NL Cy Young Award winner, hasn't pitched all year.

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• ACC

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revenue while distributing an average of \$36.1 million per school for the 2020-21 season, which included Notre Dame as a one-year full football member for scheduling purposes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, TV revenue has increased from roughly \$288.6 million in the 2018-19 fiscal year before the launch of the ACC Network to \$397.4 million in 2020-21.

And yet, years of healthy growth are heavily outpaced by numbers coming out of the SEC and the Big Ten. For that same 2020-21 season, the SEC reported nearly \$833.4 million in revenue and an average distribution of \$54.6 million, while the Big Ten checked in at \$679.8 million and an average \$47.9 million payout.

And with those leagues announcing upcoming name-brand additions — Texas and Oklahoma to the SEC, USC and UCLA to the Big Ten — the revenue gap could grow more aggressively.

“It's a concern, yeah,” North Carolina State coach Dave Doeren said. “If one school is getting \$30 million more than another school, they can do more things with the money. It's been that way for a while, though.”

“If you look at what's happened, we've still had a team in the playoffs (seven of eight) years. So we've overcome it. But you wouldn't like to overcome it if you didn't have to.”

Several others shrugged off the topic. Louisville offensive lineman Caleb Chandler, a sixth-year senior, wasn't focused on it because he'll be gone next year and “won't affect me in any way.” N.C. State quarterback Devin Leary said he wasn't worried about it, either.

“You want to talk about revenue and gaps, like that's just - I coach football,” Boston College coach Jeff Hafley said. “That's beyond me.”

And then there was Clemson coach Dabo Swinney, whose program has reached six College Football Playoffs with two national championships.

“I don't have any concern because other people worry about all of that stuff and deal with it and figure out whatever,” Swinney said. “I mean, Lord have mercy, in 2036 I don't know where I'll be. That's a long time and they will figure all of that stuff out.”

Besides, there's little the ACC teams can do other than win games and become more appealing brands. Beyond that, it's up to league leadership to figure out the next moves.

“I think you have to be measured and it has to be ultimately good for the long-term health of the conference,” Phillips told the AP. “To make a move just to make a move is not the right thing for the ACC. It just isn't.”

• Park

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time this week to really appreciate the opportunity to play in the all-star game, even rooming together during camp this week at Wheeling University.

“It's awesome, it's a dream come true, truly,” Nixon said. “Most of us grew up watching this game and it was just a dream to play in it. Now to be able to play it at (Wheeling Island Stadium), it's a dream come true.”

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Post 159 in win-or-done situation after 9-4 loss

• St. C. must beat Cambridge, then Beverly/Lowell twice

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

MARIETTA -- After digging itself a hole too huge to climb out of Tuesday night, St. Clairsville now finds itself in a must-win situation if it is to continue playing American Legion baseball this summer.

Visiting Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750 scored four runs in the top of the first inning and never looked back in posting a wire-to-wire 9-4 victory over Post 159 in the winner's bracket final of the District 11, Region 8 tournament on the artificial surface at sun-splashed Don and Sue Schlay Field inside Pioneer Park of the campus of Marietta College. Now, the defending district champs (14-6) must defeat Cambridge Post 84 today at 5, and then take down Beverly/Lowell

at 7:30 to force a winner-take-all game on Thursday.

"We wanted to jump on them early, but it didn't work out that way," Post 159 manager Mike Muklewicz said. "Jake (Heatherington) had an uncharacteristically bad first inning. He usually sails through the first inning, but not tonight."

However, Muklewicz was proud of the way Heatherington battled and hung in there.

"He hit the re-set button after the first inning and pitched well," Muklewicz said. "He kept us in the game. I liked that about him."

The first six Post 389/750 batters of the game reached against Bellaire senior-to-be Jake Heatherington. A single, walk and infield base hit loaded the bases before Jude Huffman walked on a 3-1 pitch to force in a

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T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

ST. CLAIRSVILLE Post 159 third baseman Colin Snedeker steps on the bag to force out Beverly/Lowell's Jude Huffman to end the top of the first inning Tuesday night on the artificial surface at Don and Sue Schlay Field inside Pioneer Park of the campus of Marietta College.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE products Colin Oberdick (left) and Drew Sefsick were one of the area's premier offensive duos last season. Sefsick had his senior season cut short due to a knee injury in the playoffs. The pair will be reunited on the field Saturday for the 76th OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

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St. C.'s Sefsick, Oberdick look to pick up where they left off

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING -- Drew Sefsick and Colin Oberdick were one of the area's most lethal combinations.

The St. Clairsville products -- quite simply -- gave opposing defenses absolute fits.

Now some eight months removed from their last hookup of the season, which came in the Division IV playoffs against Carrollton, the Red Devil pairing hopes to rekindle some of their magic Saturday evening during the 76th edition of the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

The Sefsick-to-Oberdick combination helped to earn each player All-Ohio acclaim last season after they hooked up 39 times for 973 yards and 13 touchdowns through the air.

Quite simply, Sefsick and Oberdick did for each other what good players -- in all sports -- do. They made each other better.

Unfortunately, the pair's run together was cut short.

During the aforementioned game against Carrollton, Sefsick sustained what proved to be a significant knee injury that not only cost him the rest of the football season, but it also led to him being

on the shelf for both high school basketball and baseball seasons.

As the Devils adjusted their offensive approach because of the adjustments at the quarterback spot, Oberdick's production was limited. He caught only five passes for 41 yards in the final two Red Devil games.

"It's awesome that we have this chance to play in this game and do it together," Oberdick said. "It's like one last hurrah for us, so it's really exciting."

Once Sefsick was cleared to return to sports, he resumed his baseball career with the Post 159

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Arlia willing to do all he can to help W.Va. win

By **CODY NESPOR**
For The Times Leader

WHEELING -- While certainly competitive, all-star games are mostly used as showcases for players to celebrate their accomplishments and get in one final hurrah. Individual players basically never play the entire game both so as many athletes as possible can participate and as a way to try and avoid any injuries.

At this Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football game, however, former Madonna quarterback Santino Arlia will be in on every one of West Virginia's offensive series.

He has to be, he's the only quarterback the Mountaineers have on the roster.

"It's different, I don't have anybody behind me, I'm not going to have help," Arlia said. "I'm hoping I stay safe out there and I'm hoping that I can just dominate."

Circumstances kept a couple of other West Virginia quarterbacks off the roster, leaving Arlia as the lone gunslinger for coach John Kelley.

Luckily, the former Blue Don is used to playing a lot as he posted prolific passing numbers while at Madonna, completing 510 of 935 passes in his career for 6,580 yards and 85 touchdowns.

Arlia also thinks the spread-style offense Kelley is bringing from University High School fits him perfectly.

"I feel like I fit right in with this offense, it's awesome," Arlia said. "It's so exciting."

Arlia also has one of his favorite targets to throw to with fellow Madonna product Evan Quering.

Quering racked up 1,301 yards and 13 touchdowns catching balls from Arlia this past season.

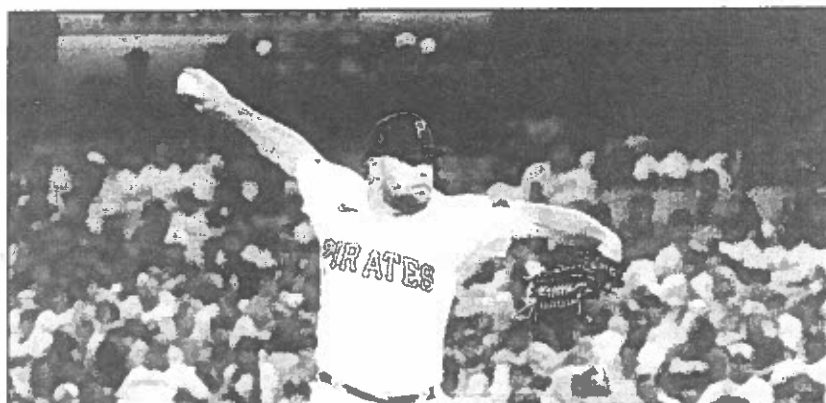
"I think that's really cool too because I have a dude that I can trust," Arlia said. "But these other receivers, they're great too. I have a solid five receivers that can really get out and go."

In addition to Quering, Arlia will also be throwing the ball to Weir's Carson Yobbagy, University's Eli-

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MVP Stanton, Buxton spark AL by NL for 9th straight

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Giancarlo Stanton homered in a sweet spot in his Dodger Stadium homecoming at the All-Star Game.



Toronto, OSU product, Karaffa, drafted by Phils

By **ANDREW GRIMM**
For The Times Leader

When one has had as long and successful of a coaching career as Toronto's Brian Perkins, there are not many things to be experienced for the first time.

One of those rare instances occurred on Tuesday when the veteran baseball coach, following a draft tracker on his cell phone while out of town at a summer ball tournament, saw the name of one of his for-

...runs, went down swinging. After Rafael Devers walked, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. grounded into a fielder's choice, and Kershaw walked off to applause from the appreciative crowd.

"I tried to take a minute at the beginning to take it all in and look around, which I usually never do," Kershaw said.

"It kind of calmed everything down for me and then I had a lot of fun."

The NL wasted no time in taking its first 2-0 lead in 10 years. Styling in yellow spikes and alternate yellow and red sleeves, Ronald Acuna Jr. led off the bottom of the first with a ground-rule double to left and scored on Mookie Betts' single. Paul Goldschmidt hit a solo homer with two outs.

In between runs, AL second baseman Andres Gimenez made a defensive stop on Manny Machado and followed with a dazzling behind-the-back toss to shortstop Tim Anderson, who threw to first to complete the double play.

A sellout crowd of 52,518 filled Dodger Stadium two years after the third-oldest ballpark in the majors was supposed to host before the game was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

HERE'S TO YOU, MS. ROBINSON

Dodgers outfielder Mookie Betts, with all of the other All-Stars bunched behind him, led the crowd in sending out 100th birthday wishes to Rachel Robinson. On his 1-2-3 count, the crowd and players shouted "Happy birthday, Rachel!"

The widow of Jackie Robinson didn't travel from her home in

Judge and Stanton talking back and forth while playing the outfield, and Yankees batterymates Nestor Cortes and Jose Trevino talking while working together.

THE SHIFT IS STILL ON

Dodgers first baseman Freddie Freeman batted in the third to the now familiar chants of "Freddie! Freddie!" Even in the exhibition game, an extreme shift was on and he was thrown out from right field. Home Run Derby champion Juan Soto got thrown out by the third baseman playing much closer to second base to end the fifth. Next season, the shift is going away.

TAKING IT EASY

Hall of Fame announcer Vin Scully, the voice of the Dodgers for 67 years before retiring in 2016, watched the game from his Los Angeles home.

The Bronx-born 94-year-old began calling games when the franchise was located in Brooklyn and followed the team west ahead of the 1958 season.

UP NEXT

The regular season resumes with six games on Thursday, including Aaron Judge, Stanton and the Yankees playing a doubleheader at Houston. The Yankees own the best record in the majors at 64-28. Jose Altuve, Yordan Alvarez and the Astros have the second-best mark in the AL at 59-32. Also, it will be Freeman, Betts, Trea Turner and the Dodgers, topping the NL at 60-30, hosting the Giants.

• Karaffa

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"Nate went there as a top-ranked short stop, there was an opening in the outfield and they asked him to move and he jumped on it," Perkins said. "He had a chance to get on the infield and eventually the mound. He's the kind of kid that will do whatever he can to help the team. He's the ultimate team player."

"He got on the mound and showed what he could do and obviously did one heck-of-a job."

The willingness to do whatever the team needs came as no surprise to Perkins, who saw first hand the former three-sport standout in the Gem City do whatever the team needed.

"Nate is the consummate team player,"

Perkins said. "People talk about good things happening to kids who work hard and Nate is the perfect example of that."

On top of his ability on the field and work ethic, Perkins was happy to see a quality person get rewarded. Karaffa was an Ohio State Scholar-Athlete in 2020 and 2021 and was named to the All-Big Ten Academic Team in 2021.

"It 100 percent makes it that much more special that it happened to such a great person," Perkins said. "He set such a great example of hard work and dedication. He's a leader."

As for the impact having a player drafted can have on the already successful program,

Perkins hopes it shows the guys wearing the same uniform that Karaffa once donned what is possible for kids from the small, baseball-loving town along the Ohio River.

"The first thing I did was send a group text out to our team and told them that a former Toronto Red Knight just got drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies," Perkins said. "The response back from the kids was phenomenal. The (Red Knights' summer team) is at a tournament right now and I think they were just as excited or more excited than I was."

"They really look up to Nate and he is a leader to them. It means a lot to the program, it shows kids that hard work pays off and they can achieve their goals."

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a run. Jacob Huffman was hit with a 1-1 pitch to make it 2-0. Ian Ellis bounced to third as a run scored and Jacob Huffman raced home after stealing third when the throw sailed into left field for a 4-0 reading.

"I wasn't worried about the slow start because I figured our bats would wake up at some point," Muklewicz noted. "But that didn't happen. We hit some hard shots, but they were right at them."

Jaren Starks' sacrifice fly in the bottom of the second cut into the deficit as Will Balgo scored to make it 4-1.

However, Beverly/Lowell responded with two runs in the third for a 6-1 advantage.

Wade Pauley's sinking liner to left-center got past the diving Starks and rolled to the warning

track. He circled the bases for an inside-the-park home run. Jude Huffman lined the next pitch for a double to the gap in right-center. He would eventually score on an error.

St. Clairsville got one of those runs back in the bottom of the third when Balgo doubled home Braylen Blomquist from first. Blomquist had reached on the second of his three singles.

Post 159 continued to claw back as a Beverly/Lowell error and Mason Myers' run-scoring infield single cut the margin to 6-4 in the fourth. However, it left runners on second and third and would get no closer.

Post 389/750 pulled away with one run in the fifth and a pair in the sixth.

Heatherington struck out six,

walked three and allowed eight hits in six innings of work. He threw 106 pitches (74 strikes) and went ahead of 23 of the 33 batters he faced. Of the nine runs he surrendered, only four were earned.

Dylan Gregorcic added a pair of singles to the Post 159 attack.

Alex Gruy picked up the win for Beverly-Lowell, striking out four, issuing two base-on-balls and yielding eight hits in six-plus innings. His brother, Clay, closed out the game by recording the final two outs.

Carter Wheeldin had two runs batted in for the winners, while Seth Dennis singled twice.

Muklewicz wasn't sure who would get the ball today against Cambridge, but Colby Shriver and Hunter Hoffman are two op-

tions.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

■ The double-elimination event was scheduled for Gant Stadium in Zanesville, but rains washed out both Saturday and Sunday's action. It was moved to Marietta College where play began on Monday.

■ After losing 16-2 to St. Clairsville on Monday night, Zanesville Post 29 informed tournament officials that it would not be back to play Cambridge in a loser's bracket game on Tuesday. That was the second forfeit of the tournament as Barnesville forfeited to St. Clairsville in the tourney opener on Friday.

■ The district champion plays at 9 a.m. Monday in the state tournament at Beavers Field in Lancaster.

• Arlia

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Jackson, Wheeling Park's Nate Shelek and Wheeling Central's Caleb Ratcliffe.

"It's awesome, I've always wanted to play with some of these guys here so I think it's really cool," Arlia said. "I've heard their names, I didn't know them personally, but I'm starting to get to know them all a lot more."

With no depth behind him, Arlia staying healthy throughout the game will be one of West Virginia's biggest keys to victory.

• St. C.'s

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American Legion squad and he and Oberdick worked out together to prepare for this week's game.

It was like they didn't miss a beat.

"I feel like he hasn't missed a step since his knee injury," Oberdick said. "We've thrown every week and it's felt like it did during the season. He's gotten his legs under him, the arm strength is there and the tight spiral is there. Everything's good."

Sefsick, who admitted that when he returned to doing football workouts, felt soreness quite simply because of the use of different muscles than he had been using for baseball and in rehab. However, there was no apprehension or nerves.

"I am ready to go," Sefsick said. "I will admit the first day (of OVAC camp), I was taking it a little easier than I normally would, but as the

week has gone on, I feel a lot more comfortable."

Knowing the fact that Sefsick is coming off the injury and he's got a baseball career at Wheeling University ahead of him, Ohio head coach Mike McKenzie and his offensive staff have been developing packages for Sefsick as more of the throwing quarterback and Monroe Central's Malachi Rose-Burton will be a dual-threat option.

"I don't plan on doing much running or scrambling," Sefsick smiled. "I like the offense Coach McKenzie uses. It's totally different from what we did at St. Clairsville, but I really like it. It's a lot of passing and screen-type stuff."

Though he doesn't plan to run and there probably won't be any designed runs for Sefsick, he realizes that West Virginia's players will be trying to bring a pass rush.

"I have to do what I have to do in the game," Sefsick said.

That offensive approach is one that Sefsick and Oberdick, who is headed to Wheeling University for football, hope to exploit one more time together.

"It feels really good to represent St. Clairsville one more time," Oberdick said. "I'll always represent St. Clairsville, but this is truly the last time to do it in a high-school event, and I didn't think about that until I got here. It's truly an honor."

Sefsick is also soaking up the entire OVAC All-Star experience.

"Being on this team is really fun and a great honor," Sefsick said. "I am thankful that I have the opportunity. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and coming off the injury makes it even more special."

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FS2 - NRL: Brisbane at Parramatta SOCCER (MEN'S) 6:30 a.m.
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ESPN2 - UEFA Championship: England vs. Spain, Quarterfinal, Brighton and Hove, England 7:50 p.m.
FS1 - The America Cup First Round: Colombia vs. Chile, Group A, Armenia, Colombia 8 p.m.
FS2 - The America Cup First Round: Ecuador vs. Paraguay, Group A, Cali, Colombia TST BASKETBALL 8 p.m.
ESPN - Rucker Park Regional: HBCU United vs. Americana for Autism, Round of 16, New York TENNIS 4:30 a.m.
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Club Gold South Volleyball has a free camp for boys and girls entering into 3rd and 4th grade which will be held at St. Mary's gym in St. Clairsville on Aug. 3rd and 4th. The camp will run from 12-1:30pm on both days. There is no fee for this camp. Donations are welcome. Please fill out the one page registration sheet which can be found on our Facebook, website (www.clubgoldeastvolleyball.com) or through email at clubgoldeastvolleyball@hotmail.com

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Signups are being held for the youth soccer programs at the Capstone Soccer Complex for all Ohio Valley youth born between 2008 and 2019. Eighth graders who have turned 15 will be permitted to play and those born in 2019 can participate in the kiddie kick program. Travel Teams will be formed with the U-10 to U-15 age groups. Teams will play other recreation teams in the Ohio Valley with the older teams playing within the region.

The Kiddie Kick and Pre-Travel U-6 and U-8 will not travel outside of St. Clairsville. Travel Team play will begin after September 10, Kiddie Kick September 10, Pre Travel begins September 12. Parents are encouraged to join the St. Clairsville Area Youth Soccer Association to support the program. Contact Dave Hahn 695-4207, Iggie Padilla 740 238 3500 or Rick Ferrell with any questions or see the web site for registration and organization information: scasa-capstone.com. Those having difficulty registering should contact Kristina Scott after 5 p.m. at 740-381-4202 or email kristinak4202@gmail.com. Registrations will close August 14 at midnight.

Buckeye Local Slates Golf Tryouts
Buckeye Local golf try outs will begin on Tuesday, July 26th at Becwood golf course at 11:00. All athletes must have a physical before participation.

Sports Deals

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball American League
TAMPA BAY RAYS - Claimed LHP Angel Perdomo off waivers from Milwaukee and optioned him to Durham (IL). Designated RHP Cooper Criswell for assignment.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
MILWAUKEE BUCKS - Re-signed F Serge Ibaka.
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER - Signed F Jaylin Williams.
TORONTO RAPTORS - Signed G Jell Doolin to a two-way contract.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS - Signed F Taj Gibson.
Women's National Basketball Association
MINNESOTA LYNX - Re-signed F Nikolina Matic to a rest-of-season contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS - Signed CB Desmond Ridder to a four-year contract.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS - Placed DT Jonathan Hankins, CB Trayvon Mullen and DT Bhal Nichols on the PUP list. Signed WR Isaiah Zuercher to the active roster.

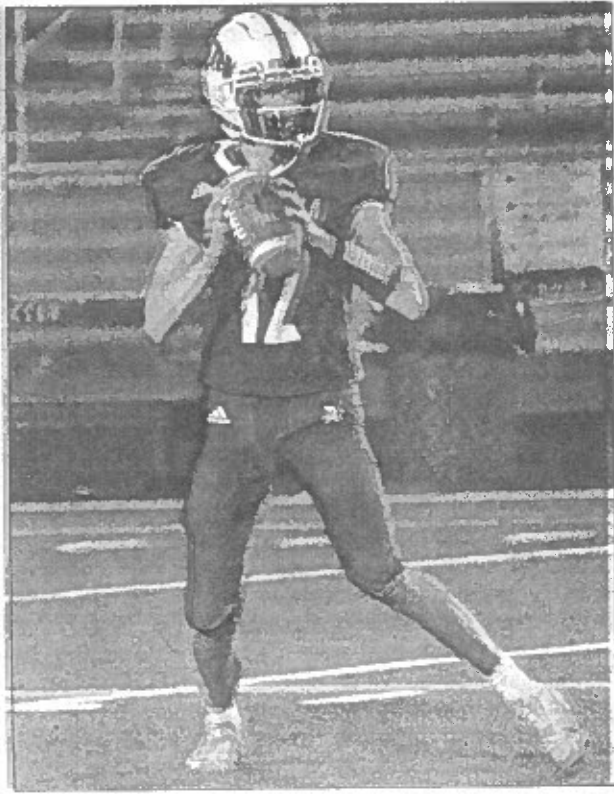


Photo Provided
Santino Arlia will lead the West Virginia OVAC All-Star Team on every snap behind center on Saturday night.

Arlia is Only QB On W.Va. Roster

By CODY NESPOR
Sports Writer

WHEELING — While certainly competitive, all-star games are mostly used as showcases for players to celebrate their accomplishments and get in one final hurrah. Individual players basically never play the entire game both so as many athletes as possible can participate and as a way to try and avoid any injuries.

At this Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football game, however, former Madonna quarterback Santino Arlia will be in on every one of West Virginia's offensive series.

He has to be, he's the only quarterback the Mountaineers have on the roster.

"It's different. I don't have anybody behind me. I'm not going to have

help," Arlia said. "I'm hoping I stay safe out there and I'm hoping that I can just dominate."

Circumstances kept a couple of other West Virginia quarterbacks off the roster, leaving Arlia as the lone gunslinger for coach John Kelley.

Luckily, the former Blue Don is used to playing a lot as he posted prolific passing numbers while at Madonna, completing 510 of 935 passes in his career for 6,580 yards and 85 touchdowns.

Arlia also thinks the spread-style offense Kelley is bringing from University High School fits him perfectly.

"I feel like I fit right in with this offense, it's awesome," Arlia said. "It's so exciting."

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Wheeling Finds A Way Past Post 45

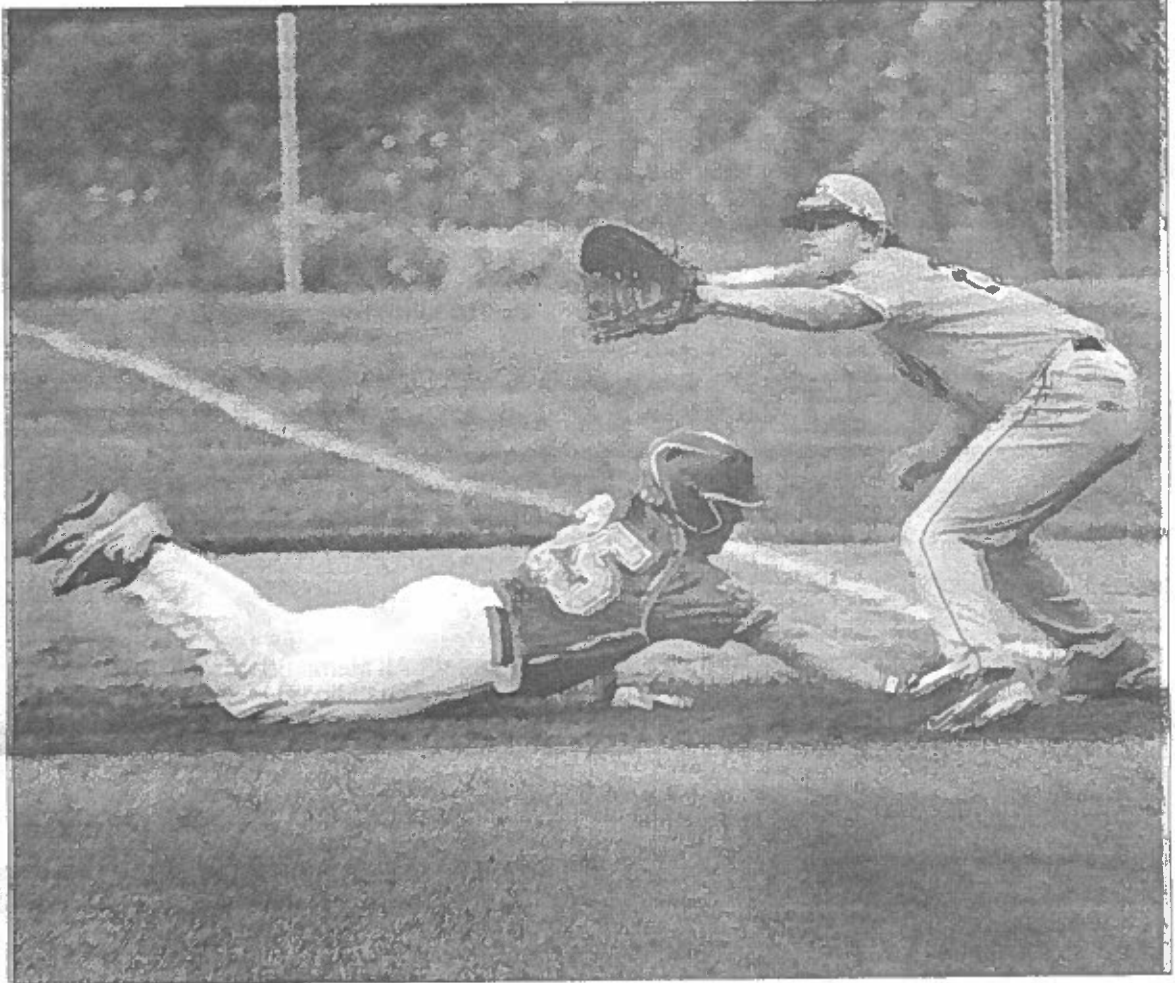


Photo by Cody Tomer
Wheeling Post 1 first baseman Quinn Jamison, right, takes a pickoff throw as Follansbee's Garrett Hornick dives back into the bag during Tuesday's Area One Tournament game.

Post 1 records only 3 hits, takes advantage of miscues

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

WHEELING — Wheeling Post 1 only collected three hits during Tuesday's Area One Tournament opener at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Complex but it still managed to defeat Follansbee Post 45 11-1 in six innings.

Post 45 pitcher Logan Fedak held Post 1 hitless through three innings but Wheeling put up a five-spot in the fourth and fifth innings, using just two hits and taking advantage of six walks, four errors and three hit-by-pitches to secure a 10-1 advan-

tage after five.

Despite the patience at the plate, Wheeling manager Jon-Michael Brunner wants to see his players start connecting with the ball and making the most of their opportunities at the dish.

"Our message after the game was, 'Everytime you come out, this game presents an opportunity,'" Brunner said. "It doesn't matter if you're playing the Yankees or whoever, you have to take care of what you can control.' I don't think we did that early on. Whether that's lack of

focus or taking for granted that we have beaten Follansbee a couple times this season but we have to take care of what we can control or it will take over us."

After falling behind 1-0 after two, and being held hitless through three, Wheeling's Jack Scouvert delivered the team's first hit when it mattered the most.

With the bases loaded, Scouvert blooped a RBI single to shallow left field to even the score at 1-1.

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Sefsick And Oberdick Are Not Done Yet

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Drew Sefsick and Colin Oberdick were one of the area's most lethal combinations.

The St. Clairsville products — quite simply — gave opposing defenses absolute fits.

Now some eight months removed from their last hookup of the season, which came in the Division IV playoffs against Carrollton, the Red Devil pairing hopes to rekindle some of their magic Saturday evening during the 76th edition of the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

The Sefsick to Oberdick combination helped to earn each player All-Ohio acclaim last season after they hooked up 39 times for 973 yards and 13 touchdowns through the air.

Quite simply, Sefsick and Oberdick did for each other what good players — in all sports — do. They made each other better.

Unfortunately, the pair's run together was cut short.



Photo by Seth Staskey
St. Clairsville duo Colin Oberdick, left, and Drew Sefsick will team up one more time in Saturday's OVAC All-Star Game.

During the aforementioned game against Carrollton, Sefsick sustained what proved to be a significant knee injury that not only cost him the rest of the football season, but it also led to him being on the shelf for both high school basketball and baseball seasons.

As the Devils adjusted their offensive approach because of the adjustments at the quarterback spot, Oberdick's production was limited.

He caught only five passes for 41 yards in the final two Red Devil games.

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AL Captures Ninth Straight All-Star Game

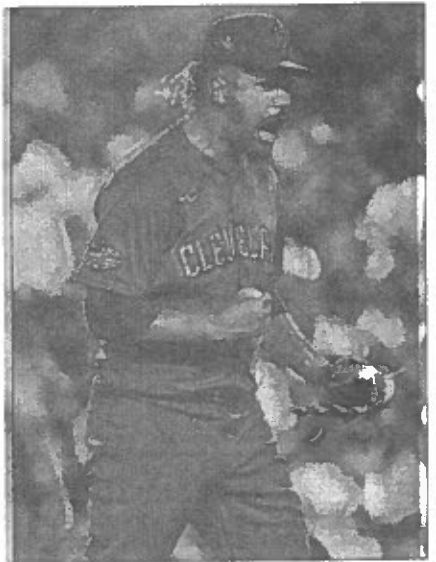
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Giancarlo Stanton homered in his Dodger Stadium homecoming, Byron Buxton followed with another drive and the American League won its ninth straight All-Star Game, beating the National League 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Fans rooting for a tie score after nine innings so they could see a first-time home run derby decide it instead of extra innings didn't get their wish.

Instead, the back-to-back homers in the fourth inning were the difference as the AL boosted its overall edge to 47-43-2.

Nine-time All-Star Clayton Kershaw got the first start of his career for the NL in his home ballpark, with the Dodgers hosting for the first time since 1980. Los Angeles Angels two-way star Shohei Ohtani pounded out the game's first hit on Kershaw's first pitch.

Framber Valdez of Houston got the win, tossing a scoreless third inning.



AP Photo
American League pitcher Emmanuel Clase, of the Cleveland Guardians, reacts after striking out the side in the ninth to earn the save during Tuesday's All-Star Game.

AL starter Shane Bieber of Cleveland gave up two runs and four hits.

The first-time All-Star, who owns a MLB-leading 1.71 ERA, had allowed four hits or fewer in his last seven starts.

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Jack Selmon plated a run with a RBI walk, a wild pitch allowed Michael Toepfer to race home from third and a two-run double by Alex Taylor capped the five-run fourth.

In the sixth, Zach Taylor was hit by a pitch and scored all the way from first on a pick-off attempt.

Later in the frame, a passed ball allowed Scouvar to score from third and Nate Simon showed off the wheels by scoring from second on the same play. An error scored two more to complete the five-run fifth and create a 10-1 cushion.

Duo

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"It's awesome that we have this chance to play in this game and do it together," Oberdick said. "It's like one last hurrah for us, so it's really exciting."

Once Sefsick was cleared to return to sports, he resumed his baseball career with the Post 159 American Legion squad and he and Oberdick worked out together to prepare for this week's game.

It was like they didn't miss a beat.

"I feel like he hasn't missed a step since his knee injury," Oberdick said. "We've thrown every week and it's felt like it did during the season. He's gotten his legs under him, the arm strength is there and the tight spiral is there. Everything's good."

Sefsick, who admitted that when he returned to doing football workouts, felt soreness quite simply because of the use of different muscles than he had been using for baseball and in rehab. Howev-

er, there was no apprehension or nerves. "I am ready to go," Sefsick said. "I will admit the first day (of OVAC camp), I was taking it a little easier than I normally would, but as the week has gone on, I feel a lot more comfortable."

Knowing the fact that Sefsick is coming off the injury and he's got a baseball career at Wheeling University ahead of him, Ohio head coach Mike McKenzie and his offensive staff have been developing packages for Sefsick as more of the throwing quarterback and Monroe Central's Malachi Rose-Burton will be a dual-threat option.

"I don't plan on doing much running or scrambling," Sefsick smiled. "I like the offense Coach McKenzie uses. It's totally different from what we did at St. Clairsville, but I really like it. It's a lot of passing and screen-type stuff."

Though he doesn't plan to run

"We have a well-de-

served day off (today)," Brunner said. "We crushed our guys with the schedule this year so it's nice to have a mid-week day off, which we haven't had all season. We'll regroup, get some good batting practice somewhere else and see who we play on Thursday."

Follansbee will take on Wellsburg in an elimination contest today at 7:30 p.m.

"We were in a fight for three innings," Post 45 skipper Rob McMachons said. "It was a good pitching duel at the beginning but we are all 15 and 16-year olds. We'll keep growing and building off of it. We'll show up (today), regroup and

wish for the best."

MOUNDSVILLE 9 WELLSBURG 5

WHEELING - With Moundsville Post 3 trailing 5-3 after four innings, it rattled off four runs in the fifth and added another in the sixth to upend Wellsburg Post 34 in the opening round of the Area One Tournament.

Luke Cramer earned the win with five strikeouts and a walk in a complete-game effort.

Zade Billings, Chad Frazier and Will McGinnis each recorded multiple hits in the victory and Post 3 swiped seven bases.

Andrew Coursin paced Post 34 with a pair of hits.

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McClanahan combined with 10 other pitchers on the five-hitter. Emmanuel Clase struck out the side in the ninth to earn the save.

Austin Riley's single in the eighth was the NL's only hit after the first inning.

Facing 11-game winner Tony Gonsolin of the Dodgers, Stanton's impressive 457-foot, two-run shot landed in the left-field pavilion, not far from where the L.A. native watched games as a youngster.

It ended his career 0 for 7 skid in the game and at 111.2 mph, it was the hardest-hit homer in an All-Star Game tracked by Statcast.

Also scoring was Jose Ramirez, tying the game 2-1.

Four pitches later, Buxton went deep to give the AL a 3-2 lead against a clearly frustrated Gonsolin, who took the loss.

Ohtani led off for the AL as the designated hitter. Interviewed moments before the start, the Japanese superstar admitted he was going to swing. He cracked a 91-mph fastball into center field on the first pitch.

"I was definitely swinging a hundred percent," Ohtani said through a translator. "Kershaw has really good command."

His hit snapped an 0 for 8 streak as a hitter against Kershaw. Last year, Ohtani was the starting pitcher and led off as the DH in the AL's 5-2 win at Denver. He didn't pitch this year so he can start Friday in the Angels' first game after the break at Atlanta.

"I mean, you can't throw the first pitch of an All-Star Game as a breaking ball," Kershaw said. "You kind of had to give him a heater there, I think just for everything. Had to do it."

But the three-time NL Cy Young Award winner had the last word. Kershaw fired a pickoff throw to first that caught Ohtani off the bag.

"Honestly, I didn't know quite know what to throw yet. Sometimes I throw over there for a second to be convicted with the pitch," Kershaw said. "I wasn't trying to pick him off. I was trying to delay the game for a bit, but it worked out."

Then Yankees slugger Aaron Judge went down swinging. After Rafael Devers walked, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. grounded into a fielder's choice, and Kershaw walked off to applause from the appreciative crowd.

"I tried to take a minute at the beginning to take it all in and look around, which I usually never do," Kershaw said. "It kind of calmed everything down for me and then I had a lot of fun."

The NL wasted no time in taking its first 2-0 lead in 10 years. Styling in yellow spikes and alternate yellow and red sleeves, Ronald Acuna Jr. led off the bottom of the first with a ground-rule double to left and scored on Mookie Betts' single. Paul Goldschmidt hit a solo homer with two outs.

In between runs, AL second baseman Andrus Gimenez made a defensive stop on Manny Machado and followed with a dazzling behind-the-back toss to shortstop Tim Anderson, who threw to first to complete the double play.

A sellout crowd of 52,518 filled Dodger Stadium two years after the third-oldest ballpark in the majors was supposed to host before the game was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

HERE'S TO YOU, MS. ROBINSON

Dodgers outfielder Mookie Betts, with all of the other All-Stars bunched behind him, led the crowd in sending out 100th birthday wishes to Rachel Robinson. On his 1-2-3 count, the crowd and players shouted "Happy birthday, Rachel!" The widow of Jackie Robinson didn't travel from her home in New York. She visited Dodger Stadium in April on Jackie Robinson Day to mark the 75th anniversary of her husband breaking baseball's color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. Jackie Robinson's achievement was honored with on-field comments by Oscar-winning actor Denzel Washington and a presentation on the video boards.

FIRST PITCH

Backed by a mariachi band, Dodgers great Fernando Valenzuela tossed out the ceremonial first pitch. Fittingly, first-time All-Star Alejandro Kirk of Toronto served as catcher. Kirk and Valenzuela were both born in Mexico. Fernandomania gripped the Dodgers in 1981, when the left-hander won Rookie of the Year and the Cy Young Award in helping LA win the World Series.

FASHION CRITICS

The reviews were mostly negative for the second straight year on the All-Star uniforms. The AL wore dark gray uniforms that blended into plate umpire's black shirt and dark gray pants. The NL wore all-white uniforms. Both had gold lettering. Fans were critical on social media, with "atrocious" a frequent critique. Last year, MLB went away from wearing traditional jerseys, which met with heavy online criticism.

MIC'ED UP MANOAH

Alek Manoah, Toronto's expressive right-hander, wore a microphone and earpiece while pitching the second inning, engaging in an entertaining conversation with Fox analyst and Hall of Famer John Smoltz. "How hard am I throwing?" Manoah asked early. He also sought scouting reports on Joc Pederson and Acuna Jr. Manoah did fine, striking out three and also plunking Jeff McNeil with a pitch. A

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FS2 — The America Cup First Round: Ecuador vs. Paraguay, Group A, Cali, Colombia

TENNIS — Hamburg-ATP/WTA, Gstaad-ATP, Palermo-WTA Early Rounds

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ASG RESULTS

2022 — American 3-2
2021 — American 5-2
2019 — American 4-3
2018 — American 8-6, 10 in-
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2017 — American 2-1, 10 in-
nings
2016 — American, 4-2
2015 — American, 6-3
2014 — American, 5-3
2013 — American, 3-0
2012 — National, 8-0
2011 — National, 5-1
2010 — National, 3-1
2009 — American, 4-3
2008 — American, 4-3, 15 in-
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2007 — American, 5-4
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2004 — American, 9-4
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2002 — Tied 7-7, 11 innings
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1996 — National, 6-0
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1976 — National, 7-1
1975 — National, 6-3
1974 — National, 7-2
1973 — National, 7-1
1972 — National, 4-3, 10 innings
1971 — American, 6-4
1970 — National, 5-4, 12 innings
1969 — National, 9-3
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1967 — National, 2-1, 15 innings
1966 — National, 2-1, 10 innings
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1936 — National, 4-3
1935 — American, 4-1
1934 — American, 9-7
1933 — American, 4-2

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Games
Toronto 4, Kansas City 2
Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 5
N.Y. Yankees 13, Boston 2
Chicago White Sox 11, Min-
nesota 0
Oakland 4, Houston 3
Seattle 6, Texas 2
Detroit at Cleveland, ppd.
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
All-Star Game: NL (TBD) vs
AL (TBD) at Los Angeles, 8
p.m.
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 4, Miami 0
Washington 7, Atlanta 3
Chicago Cubs 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Pittsburgh 8, Colorado 3
San Francisco 9, Milwaukee 5
Arizona 3, San Diego 1
Cincinnati at St. Louis, ppd.
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
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MLB All-STAR GAME

Table with columns for AL and NL, and sub-columns for ab, r, h, bi. Includes player statistics for various teams like Toronto, Tampa Bay, etc.

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2009 — Carl Crawford, Tampa
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2008 — J.D. Drew, Boston, AL
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Angeles, NL
1962 — x-Leon Wagner, Los
Angeles, AL
x-two games

hung in there.

"He hit the re-set button after the first
inning and pitched well," Muklewicz
said. "He kept us in the game. I liked
that about him."

The first six Post 389/750 batters of
the game reached against Bellaire se-
nior-to-be Jake Heatherington. A sin-
gle, walk and infield base hit loaded the
bases before Jude Huffman walked on a
3-1 pitch to force in a run. Jacob Huff-
man was hit with a 1-1 pitch to make it
2-0.

Ian Ellis bounced to third as a run
scored and Jacob Huffman raced home
after stealing third when the throw
sailed into left field for a 4-0 reading.

"I wasn't worried about the slow
start because I figured our bats would
wake up at some point," Muklewicz
noted. "But that didn't happen. We hit
some hard shots, but they were right at
them."

Jaren Starks' sacrifice fly in the bot-
tom of the second cut into the deficit as
Will Balgo scored to make it 4-1.

However, Beverly/Lowell responded
with two runs in the third for a 6-1 ad-
vantage.

Wade Pauley's sinking liner to

suing two base-on-balls and yielding
eight hits in six-plus-innings. His broth-
er, Clay, closed out the game by record-
ing the final two outs.

Carter Wheeldin had two runs batted
in for the winners, while Seth Dennis
singled twice.

Muklewicz wasn't sure who would
get the ball today against Cambridge,
but Colby Shriver and Hunter Hoffman
are two options.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

The double-elimination event was
scheduled for Gant Stadium in Zanes-
ville, but rains washed out both Satur-
day and Sunday's action. It was moved
to Marietta College where play began
on Monday.

After losing 16-2 to St. Clairsville
on Monday night, Zanesville Post 29
informed tournament officials that it
would not be back to play Cambridge
in a loser's bracket game on Tuesday.
That was the second forfeit of the tour-
nament as Barnesville forfeited to St.
Clairsville in the tourney opener on Fri-
day.

The district champion plays at 9 a.m.
Monday in the state tournament at Bea-
vers Field in Lancaster.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS —
Claimed LHP Angel Perdomo
off-waivers from Tampa Bay.
National Basketball Associ-
ation
MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Re-
signed F Serge Ibaka.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS —
Signed QB Desmond Ridder
to a four-year contract.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS —
Signed CB Alontae Taylor to
a four-year contract.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS —
Signed DT Doug Costin to a
one-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NEW JERSEY DEVILS —
Signed G Vitek Vanecsek to a
three-year contract.

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Area One Tournament
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M — Cramer wp (5K, 1BB).
Billings 2S; Frazier 2S; McGin-
nis 2S.
W — Robinson Ip (2K, 0BB),
Vanderpool (4) (0K, 0BB).
Coursin 2S.

KARAFFA

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"He had a chance to get
on the infield and eventu-
ally the mound. He's the
kind of kid that will do
whatever he can to help
the team. He's the ulti-
mate team player.

"He got on the mound
and showed what he
could do and obviously
did one heck-of-a job."

The willingness to do
whatever the team needs
came as no surprise to
Perkins, who saw first
hand the former three-
sport standout in the Gem
City do whatever the
team needed.

"Nate is the consum-
mate team player," Per-
kins said. "People talk
about good things hap-
pening to kids who work
hard and Nate is the per-
fect example of that."

On top of his ability on
the field and work ethic.
Perkins was happy to see
a quality person get re-
warded.

Karaffa was an Ohio
State Scholar-Athlete in
2020 and 2021 and was
named to the All-Big
Ten Academic Team in
2021.

"It 100 percent makes
it that much more special

that it happened to such
a great person," Perkins
said. "He set such a great
example of hard work
and dedication. He's a
leader."

As for the impact hav-
ing a player drafted can
have on the already suc-
cessful program, Perkins
hopes it shows the guys
wearing the same uni-
form that Karaffa once
donned what is possible
for kids from the small,
baseball-loving town
along the Ohio River.

"The first thing I did
was send a group text out
to our team and told them
that a former Toronto
Red Knight just got draft-
ed by the Philadelphia
Phillies," Perkins said.
"The response back from
the kids was phenomenal.
The (Red Knights' sum-
mer team) is at a tour-
nament right now and I
think they were just as
excited or more excited
than I was.

"They really look up
to Nate and he is a lead-
er to them. It means a lot
to the program, it shows
kids that hard work pays
off and they can achieve
their goals."

ARLIA

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Arlia also has one of his favorite targets to throw to
with fellow Madonna product Evan Quering.

Quering racked up 1,301 yards and 13 touch-
downs catching balls from Arlia this past season.

"I think that's really cool too because I have a dude
that I can trust," Arlia said. "But these other receive-
ers, they're great too. I have a solid five receivers that
can really get out and go."

In addition to Quering, Arlia will also be throwing
the ball to Weir's Carson Yobbagy, University's Eli-
ja Jackson, Wheeling Park's Nate Shelek and Wheel-
ing Central's Caleb Ratcliffe.

"It's awesome, I've always wanted to play with
some of these guys here so I think it's really cool,"
Arlia said. "I've heard their names. I didn't know
them personally, but I'm starting to get to know them
all a lot more."

With no depth behind him, Arlia staying healthy
throughout the game will be one of West Virginia's
biggest keys to victory.

"I keep hearing from the coaches that if I go down,
we're changing our whole offense," Arlia said. "So,
there's a little bit of pressure, but I honestly feel like
we're a really good team."

Despite that, Arlia said he's not going to hold back
at all in the game. He's playing to win.

"I'm going to do whatever it takes for us to win,"
he said. "If I have to scramble the entire game, I'll
scramble the entire game. Whatever it takes to win."

Maynard takes Game 1 of OVBL Championship Series

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

MAYNARD - One down, two to go.

Defending champion Maynard took the first step towards repeating as Ohio Valley Baseball League titlists with a 3-2 win over visiting Wheeling Monday night in Game 1 of the championship series on Firemen's Field inside the Community Park.

The second-seeded Indians (14-10) used another solid pitching effort from Michael "Zuke" Jacob, who also delivered a key two-out, two-run single in the bottom of the fourth, en route to taking a 1-0 advantage in the best-of-5 format. Game 2 is set for West Liberty University's Kovalick Field on

Wednesday at 6 p.m. Game 3 will be played back in Belmont County on Friday, also at 6.

"Zuke put us on his shoulder again. He was outstanding on the mound and even got a big hit that scored two runs," Maynard player/manager David Vicker said. "We've been riding Zuke and Mackenzie (Koehler) all summer, so Zuke's performance doesn't surprise me."

Jacob, a former St. Clairsville High and University of Toledo lefty, once again overcame a tough first inning in going the distance. He struck out 11, scattered seven hits and walked four while throwing 79 strikes among his 119 deliveries.

"They should put an asterisk in the scorebook along-

side hits like that," he said of his second-inning bloop single to shallow right that scored B.A. Holloway and Zach Clark to give Maynard a 2-1 lead it would never relinquish. "Got lucky ... good fortune."

After Maynard took a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the fourth on Matthew Busby's two-out single up the middle plated Klay Cottis, the fourth-seeded Pioneers pulled to within 3-2 but Jacob worked his way out of a bases-loaded jam with one out in the sixth.

"I got a little tired there in the sixth. I'm not 18 anymore. That makes it a lot tougher, but I've got a great bunch of guys behind me and B.A. behind the plate," Jacob said. "Getting that first win



TL Photo/KIM NORTH

MAYNARD CATCHER B.A. Holloway, left, and pitcher Michael "Zuke" Jacob walk off the field Monday night following a 3-2 victory over Wheeling in Game 1 of the Ohio Valley Baseball League's best-of-5 championship series. Holloway had two singles while Jacob singled twice, drove in two runs and struck out 11 in a route-going performance.

in a short series is always huge. ed players."

"That is a really good baseball team over there," Jacob said while gesturing towards the Wheeling bench. "They've got a lot of talent-

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TL Photo/SETH STASKEY

OVAC RUDY Mumley All-Star Game Director Corey Murphy is joined by Ohio head coach Mike McKenzie and West Virginia head coach John Kelley during media day activities held Monday inside the McDonough Center on the campus of Wheeling University.

Chemistry forming quickly for OVAC All-Star football players

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING - The cliché says the world is much smaller today than it once was.

That's proven accurate each summer in mid-July when the all stars of Ohio and West Virginia report to camp to begin preparations for the annual OVAC Rudy Mum-

ley All-Star Football Game.

There was a time when players reported to camp and basically only knew players they may have read about or saw highlights of during the course of the season. With the rise in travel sports and obviously social media, the players reported to Wheeling University on Sunday and knew basically everyone on their respective team.

For that, head coaches Mike McKenzie (Ohio) and John Kelley (West Virginia) are thankful because it's allowed the chemistry of their respective teams to form almost immediately.

"The camaraderie is really growing quickly," McKenzie, who is the head coach at Beaver Local, said. "You can see the kids already

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Baker makes the most of his lone prep grid season

By CODY NESPOR
For The Times Leader

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Kershaw & Ohtani starriest All-Stars in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Shohei Ohtani and Clayton Kershaw are



Nationals' Soto wins HR Derby

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Washington's Juan Soto defeated Seattle's Julio Rodriguez 19-18 in the final to capture the Home Run Derby title at Dodger Sta-

St. C. Legion cruises in tourney opener • Baker

MARIETTA - St. Clairsville Post 159 advanced to the winner's bracket final of the American Legion District Tournament on Monday night with a 16-2 shellacking of Zanesville Post 29 on Don and Sue Schlay Field at Pioneer Park on the campus of Marietta.

The game was halted after five innings due to the 10-run mercy rule.

The winners (14-5) scored nine times in the

top of the second, added two in the third and five in the fifth.

They finished with 13 base hits, with Jaren Starks recording two singles and a triple from the No. 9 hole.

Mason Myers and Will Balgo each singled, doubled and knocked in a run. Chance Maffe belted a two-run single while Colin Snedeker, Jake Heath-erington, Dylan Gregoric and Evan White all

singled in runs. Hunter Hoffman also picked up an RBI.

Robbie Kain worked four innings, striking out nine, allowing no runs and no hits. He needed just 48 pitches, with 35 of them being strikes. Tyler Stottlemire pitched the fifth, allowing a hit and two runs.

Post 159 plays Beverly-Lowell tonight at 7:30 with the winner having to be beaten twice.

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hites in three at-bats, striking him out twice.

Shane McClanahan becomes the second Tampa Bay pitcher to start an All-Star game.

A first-time All-Star, the 25-year-old

lefty is 10-3 with a major league-leading 1.71 ERA and 147 strikeouts in 110 2/3 innings.

"Tell you the truth, I've never seen him pitch and we didn't play him at all this year."

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really enjoying each other and having fun together."

McKenzie, who has never coached the OVAC All-Star Game prior to this season, has been a part of other all-star games in the tri-state area and has seen chemistry be an issue on teams.

"I've coached in games where we've had a couple of guys who thought they were better than everyone else and didn't really talk to anyone else," McKenzie admitted. "We don't have any of those guys here. All of the guys are mingling and it's a fun, talented group."

On the other side, Kelley, who is a 1968 graduate of Oak Glen High School, is a big proponent of the OVAC Game and has stressed that to his players, too.

"There are no rivalries on this team. These kids have a beat Ohio mentality and, as a coach, I love to see that," Kelley smiled. "We have a nice combination of kids from Single A through Triple A football and they're all good football players."

And through four practices, they've more than bought in.

"The two-hour practices go by like a click of the fingers because it's that enjoyable," Kelley said. "These kids are eating it up. They're volunteering to help anyway they can."

Neither team allowed the rain of Sunday or Monday morning slow it down as they started their preparations.

"Our guys wanted to go out in the rain. They said they're tough," McKenzie smiled.

Not only did they show their toughness, the Ohio squad made good use of their time on the field, too.

With already a short week in which to get everything done and many of the events that surround the OVAC Game getting cranked up as early as this evening with the George Strager Evening with the Stars at the White Palace inside Wheeling Park, making the most of the time on the practice field is a necessity.

"We wanted to get most of our stuff installed (on Sunday and Monday), so now, as the week goes on, we're more team stuff and start building on things," McKenzie said.

West Virginia also hit the practice field three times on Monday and Kelley really has been impressed with how well the players have picked up the University High School system.

"As you get more and more things (installed), you really get excited because you can see this kid can really play or we can use this kid here or there," Kelley said. "We're run a little ragged with having to get here and there. As coaches, we just want to practice and get ready to play, but these events are important to the heritage of this game that the kids get to experience the whole thing."

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• Maynard

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come.

"That was an excellent ball game with two great pitchers. We left too many men on base and a blooper beat us," Shaw said. "I'm happy with where we are at. I have no complaints."

Jacob finished with two singles, as did Holloway and Corey Beckett. Clark rapped a double.

Dom Parker-McDonald, who just completed his junior season at Wheeling University with a team-leading six mound wins, was the tough-luck loser. The righty from Chesapeake, Va., fanned five, allowed 10 hits and didn't walk a batter. He threw 100 pitches, with 66 being strikes.

Brian Shaw singled twice for Wheeling, as did Seth Burdhead.

Coy Amis gave the visitors a 1-0 lead with a first-inning single to left that scored Sonny Peluchette who had reached second on an error leading off and went to third on a wild pitch.

The Pioneers trailed 3-1 entering the sixth when Burdhead singled leading off. With one out, Shaw doubled to left as Burdhead went to third. Ryan Hummel grounded to first, but the throw to the plate trying to get Burdhead was high as the Pioneer slid under the tag of Holloway in a bang-bang play. Jacob bore down and struck out the next batter before walking Peluchette to load the bases. The southpaw then retired the next batter swinging.

FINALS NOTES

- The game took 1-hour, 40 minutes.
- Maynard has won titles in 2013-14 and last year.
- Vicker said he is leaning towards using Beckett on the mound in Game 2. Shaw said he was undecided upon his starter.
- Should a Game 4 be needed, it would be played in Ohio County on Sunday at 1. A fifth-and-deciding game, if necessary, would be played in Maynard on Monday, July 25 at 6 p.m.

OVBL Playoffs

Championship Series (Best-of-5)

Monday

Game 1--Maynard 3, Wheeling 2

Wednesday

Game 2--Maynard vs. Wheeling at West Liberty, 6 p.m.

Friday

Game 3--Wheeling at Maynard winner, 6 p.m.

Sunday (If necessary)

Game 4--Maynard vs. Wheeling at West Liberty, 1 p.m.

Tuesday (If necessary)

Game 5--Wheeling at Maynard, 6 p.m.

American Legion

District Tournament (at Gant Stadium, Zanesville)

Monday

Game 1--Beverly/Lowell 4, Cambridge 3

Game 2--St. Clairsville 16, Zanesville 2

Tuesday

Game 3--Cambridge vs. Zanesville, 5 p.m.

Game 4--St. Clairsville vs. Beverly/Lowell, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Game 5--Loser Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 5 p.m.

Sports Briefs

OVAC Hall of Fame Tickets

Tickets for the 18th OVAC Hall of Fame Induction Banquet scheduled Saturday, Aug. 13 in Dowler Hall on the campus of Belmont College are currently on sale. Tickets are \$30 each or \$180 for a table of six. To purchase tickets, contact Tom Rataiczak by email (tom@ratsnest.org) or by phone (740-391-2930). Tickets must be purchased by July 29.

Capstone Soccer Signups

Signups are being held for the youth soccer programs at the Capstone Soccer Complex for all Ohio Valley youth born between 2008 and 2019. Eighth graders who have turned 15 will be permitted to play and those born in 2019 can participate in the kiddie kick program. Travel Teams will be formed with the U-10 to U-15 age groups. Teams will play other recreation teams in the Ohio Valley with the older teams playing within the region.

The Kiddie Kick and Pre-Travel U-6 and U-8 will not travel outside of St. Clairsville. Travel Team play will begin after September 10, Kiddie Kick September 10, Pre Travel begins September 12. Parents are encouraged to join the St. Clairsville Area Youth Soccer Association to support the program. Contact Dave Hahn 695-4207, Iggy Padilla 740 238 3500 or Rick Ferrell with any questions or see the web site for registration and organization information: scasa-capstone.com. Those having difficulty registering should contact Kristina Scott after 5 p.m. at 740-381-4202 or email kristinak4202@gmail.com. Registrations will close August 14 at midnight.

Buckeye Local Slates Golf Tryouts
Buckeye Local golf try outs will begin on Tuesday, July 26th at Becwood golf course at 11:00. All athletes must have a physical before participation.

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ly while batting second behind the Mariners' 21-year-old phenom in the final round, failing to hit his first homer until his 10th swing. He eventually caught fire to win a lively Derby that began with an on-field pyrotechnics display that spooked the competitors.

Soto's longest homer of the night traveled 471 feet, and he hit the winning 415-foot homer with 20 seconds of bonus time to spare, then whipped his bat in the air before being swarmed by other Dominican All-Stars.

Soto earns a \$1 million prize and another highlight on his resume as his time with Washington possibly nears an end. The Athletic reported over the weekend that Soto turned down a \$440 million, 15-year contract to stay with the Nationals, and he could be traded by the end of the month.

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Area One Tourney Comes to Wheeling



Photo by Cody Nespor

Wheeling catcher Jack Selmon, right, tags out Parkersburg baserunner Bentley Kinzer at home plate during Post 1's game against Parkersburg Post 15 this season.

Moundsville-Wellsburg, Wheeling-Follansbee on tap

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

WHEELING — Five local baseball teams will take the J.B. Chambers I-470 Baseball Complex this week fighting to keep their legion baseball seasons alive.

The Area One Legion Baseball Double-Elimination Tournament kicks off today at 5 p.m. as Moundsville Post 3 takes on Wellsburg Post 34. That game will be followed by Follansbee Post 45 vs. Wheeling Post 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The winner of Moundsville and Wellsburg will take on the top seed and defending Area

One Champion Parkersburg Post 15 on Wednesday.

Parkersburg manager Mike Goodwin is happy with the top seed and first-round bye but he knows everything starts fresh this week.

"Our mindset is the same as last year," Goodwin said. "Our goal is to win the Area Tournament but you have to be careful. We had a decent regular season but everyone is 0-0 now. You have to take care of business. That was my message to the team."

Goodwin also understands the importance of pitching during the double-elimination tourna-

ment.

"Pitching is big," Goodwin said. "We have to be prepared to go deep into the bullpen in case a starter doesn't go deep into the game."

"That puts pressure on our staff but this tournament is no different than any other. You have to play to win like there is no tomorrow."

Post 1 dropped last year's Area One Championship to Parkersburg and Wheeling skipper Jon-Michael Brunner is looking to bring the hardware back to his hometown.

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Soto beat Cleveland's Jose Ramirez 18-17 in the first round before getting past 42-year-old Albert Pujols 16-15 to reach the final.

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ly while batting second behind the Mariners' 21-year-old phenom in the final round, failing to hit his first homer until his 10th swing. He eventually caught fire to win a lively Derby that began with an on-field pyrotechnics display that spooked the competitors.

Soto's longest homer of the night traveled 471 feet, and he hit the winning 415-foot homer with 20 seconds of bonus time to spare, then whipped his bat in the air before being swarmed by other Dominican All-Stars.

Soto earns a \$1 million prize and another highlight on his resume as his time with Washington possibly nears an end. The Athletic reported over the weekend that Soto turned down a \$440 million, 15-year contract to stay with the Nationals, and he could be traded by the end of the month.

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Area One Tourney Comes to Wheeling



Photo by Cody Nespor

Wheeling catcher Jack Selmon, right, tags out Parkersburg baserunner Bentley Kinzer at home plate during Post 1's game against Parkersburg Post 15 this season.

Moundville-Wellsburg, Wheeling-Follansbee on tap

By CODY TOMER Sports Writer

WHEELING — Five local baseball teams will take the J.B. Chambers I-470 Baseball Complex this week fighting to keep their legion baseball seasons alive.

The Area One Legion Baseball Double-Elimination Tournament kicks off today at 5 p.m. as Moundville Post 3 takes on Wellsburg Post 34. That game will be followed by Follansbee Post 45 vs. Wheeling Post 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The winner of Moundville and Wellsburg will take on the top seed and defending Area

One Champion Parkersburg Post 15 on Wednesday.

Parkersburg manager Mike Goodwin is happy with the top seed and first-round bye but he knows everything starts fresh this week.

"Our mindset is the same as last year," Goodwin said. "Our goal is to win the Area Tournament but you have to be careful. We had a decent regular season but everyone is 0-0 now. You have to take care of business. That was my message to the team."

Goodwin also understands the importance of pitching during the double-elimination tourna-

ment.

"Pitching is big," Goodwin said. "We have to be prepared to go deep into the bullpen in case a starter doesn't go deep into the game."

"That puts pressure on our staff but this tournament is no different than any other. You have to play to win like there is no tomorrow."

Post 1 dropped last year's Area One Championship to Parkersburg and Wheeling skipper Jon-Michael Brunner is looking to bring the hardware back to his hometown.

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Maynard Takes Game 1 From Wheeling, 3-2

By KIM NORTH For The Intelligencer

MAYNARD — One down, two to go.

Defending champion Maynard took the first step towards repeating as Ohio Valley Baseball League titlists with a 3-2 win over visiting Wheeling Monday night in Game 1 of the championship series on Firemen's Field inside the Community Park.

The second-seeded Indians (14-10) used another solid pitching effort from Michael "Zuke" Jacob, who also delivered a key two-out, two-run single in the bottom of the fourth, en route to taking a 1-0 advantage in the best-of-5 format. Game 2 is set for West Liberty University's Kovalick Field on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Game 3 will be played back in Belmont County on Friday, also at 6.

"Zuke put us on his shoulder again. He was outstanding on the mound and even got a big hit that scored two runs," Maynard player/manager David Vicker said. "We've been riding Zuke and Mackenzie (Koehler) all summer, so Zuke's performance doesn't surprise



Photo by Kim North

Wheeling catcher Seth Burdhard, right, reacts after tagging out Maynard's Michael "Zuke" Jacob during Game 1 of the Ohio Valley Baseball League championship series Monday night in Maynard.

Jacob, a former St. Clairsville High and University of Toledo lefty, once again overcame a tough first inning in going the distance. He struck out 11, scattered seven hits and walked four while throwing 79 strikes among his 119 deliveries.

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Chemistry Growing Quickly At OVAC All-Star Game Camp

By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — The cliché says the world is much smaller today than it once was.

That's proven accurate each summer in mid-July when the all stars of Ohio and West Virginia report to camp to begin preparations for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

There was a time when players reported to camp and basically only knew players they may have read about or saw highlights of during the course of the season. With the rise in travel sports and obviously social media, the players reported to Wheeling University on Sunday and knew basically everyone on their respective team.

For that, head coaches



Photo by Seth Staskey

OVAC RUDY Mumley All-Star Game Director Corey Murphy is joined by Ohio head coach Mike McKenzie and West Virginia head coach John Kelley during media day activities held Monday inside the McDonough Center on the campus of Wheeling University.

Mike McKenzie (Ohio) and John Kelley (West Virginia) are thankful because it's allowed the chemistry of their respective teams to form almost immediately.

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1976 season when he and Cubs star Sammy Sosa raced to break Roger Maris' single-season home run mark. McGwire ended up with 70 and Sosa with 66 before both of their reputations were tarnished amid steroid revelations. Mason is a right-handed pitcher out of Capistrano Valley High School in California. The 18-year-old — born several years after Mark's playing days ended — is committed to the Univer-

where he led college baseball in home runs in 1984 before being chosen 10th overall by Oakland. Mason is one of several sons of big leaguers taken in this year's draft, including the top two picks — Jackson Holliday, son of Matt, went first overall to Baltimore while Drew Jones, son of Andruw, went second to Arizona. Justin Crawford, whose dad was All-Star Carl Crawford, was selected 17th over-

a promising bat. McLean was a two-way player at Oklahoma State, hitting 13 home runs while reaching 98 mph on the mound. The O's announced him only as a right-handed pitcher, so it seems his two-way days might be done. — RHP Brock Porter, Texas: A day after making the most stunning pick of the first round by taking right-hander Kumar Rocker third overall, the Rangers made another splash in the fourth

the year with a 0.41 ERA. — RHP Dylan DeLucia, Cleveland: DeLucia was named the College World Series Most Outstanding Player after pitching a four-hit shutout for Mississippi against Arkansas that sent the Rebels to the finals. Ole Miss went on to win its first championship, and now DeLucia is headed to a pro organization known for its ability to develop pitchers.

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"I'm friends with a lot of these guys. we're a little more close-knit all being from the valley so I think it'll be nice."

Joining Baker on West Virginia's roster are Wheeling Central teammates Caleb Ratcliffe and Cody Martos.

"I know a lot of these guys have been playing football their whole lives so just to be able to compete with them, with guys

that really know what they're doing, it's a really cool atmosphere," Baker said.

"Hopefully it'll help me get better and hopefully I can help somebody else get better too."

Baker will report to Columbia for football camp next month, however, even with the start of his college career on the horizon, he is not overlooking how spe-

cial getting to play in the OVAC game is.

"It's really special, I'm really blessed to have been put into the position that I'm in," he said. "I'm looking forward to going on to the next level but I'm really going to enjoy this game. The season that I've had gave me some really good experiences and I'm really happy with how everything's shaping up."

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"The camaraderie is really growing quickly," McKenzie, who is the head coach at Beaver Local, said. "You can see the kids already really enjoying each other and having fun together."

McKenzie, who has never coached the OVAC All-Star Game prior to this season, has been a part of other all-star games in the tri-state area and has seen chemistry be an issue on teams.

"I've coached in games where we've had a couple of guys who thought they were better than everyone else and didn't really talk to anyone else," McKenzie admitted. "We don't have any of those guys here."

"All of the guys are mingling and it's a fun, talented group."

On the other side, Kelley, who is a 1968 graduate of Oak Glen High School, is a big proponent of the OVAC Game and has stressed that to his players, too.

"There are no rivalries on this team. These kids have a beat Ohio mentality and, as a coach, I love to see that," Kelley smiled. "We have a nice combination of kids from Single A through Triple A football and they're all good football players."

And through four practices, they've more than bought in.

"The two-hour practices go by like a click of the fingers because it's that enjoyable," Kelley said. "These kids are eating it up. They're volunteering to help anyway they can."

Neither team allowed the rain of

Sunday or Monday morning slow it down as they started their preparations.

"Our guys wanted to go out in the rain. They said they're tough," McKenzie smiled.

Not only did they show their toughness, the Ohio squad made good use of their time on the field, too.

With already a short week in which to get everything done and many of the events that surround the OVAC Game getting cranked up as early as this evening with the George Strager Evening with the Stars at the White Palace inside Wheeling Park, making the most of the time on the practice field is a necessity.

"We wanted to get most of our stuff installed (on Sunday and Monday), so now, as the week goes on, we're more team stuff and start building on things," McKenzie said.

West Virginia also hit the practice field three times on Monday and Kelley really has been impressed with how well the players have picked up the University High School system.

"As you get more and more things (installed), you really get excited because you can see this kid can really play or we can use this kid here or there," Kelley said. "We're run a little ragged with having to get here and there. As coaches, we just want to practice and get ready to play, but these events are important to the heritage of this game that the kids get to experience the whole thing."

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"Right now, I'm not even thinking about it," Soto said while hoisting the trophy over his head. "I'm a champion, and I will be a champion for the Nationals."

Rodr guez signaled his arrival on baseball's biggest stage with a dynamic three-round performance at Chavez Ravine, where he still

hasn't played yet for the Mariners. Only four players had managed to hit 30 homers in a single Derby round before Rodriguez did it in each of his first two rounds, and he finished the night with 81 of them.

His 32 dingers against Texas' Corey Seager in the first round were the second-most ever in that round, and

the rookie added 31 in the semifinals to oust two-time defending champion Pete Alonso, who had 23.

Pujols beat top-seeded Kyle Schwarber in a heartwarming first-round upset before Soto finished his night in a victory that probably didn't much bother Pujols, an idol to fellow Dominican stars such as Soto and Rodriguez.

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"We're pretty happy with the two-seed," Brunner said. "We'll play Tuesday and if we win we could get a day off. We stressed to these guys that we can't get off to a bad start. We can't give up a crooked number in the first inning but I have confidence in these guys."

Again, pitching looks to be the most important factor in the tournament.

"Everybody is ready to rock 'n' roll," Brunner said. "Everybody is fresh. (Pitching coach) Dustin Henry has been doing a great job of keeping track of everyone's innings. I made the mistake three years ago of trying to manage our pitching on my own and I told Dustin that he is in charge of that now."

Follansbee is in its first year of playing legion ball and the squad is filled with youngsters but manager Rob McMahan doesn't believe they'll back down to Wheeling in the opening round.

"We're playing to win," McMahan said.

MAYNARD

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"They should put an asterisk in the scorebook alongside hits like that," he said of his second-inning bloop single to shallow right that scored B.A. Holloway and Zach Clark to give Maynard a 2-1 lead it would never relinquish. "Got lucky ... good fortune."

After Maynard took a 3-1 lead in the bottom of the fourth on Matthew Busby's two-out single up the middle plated Klay Cottis, the fourth-seeded Pioneers pulled to within 3-2 but Jacob worked his way out of a bases-loaded jam with one out in the sixth.

"I got a little tired there in the sixth. I'm not 18 any more. That makes it a lot tougher, but I've got a great bunch of guys behind me and B.A. behind the plate," Jacob said. "Getting that first win in a short series is always huge."

"That is a really good baseball team over there," Jacob said while gesturing towards the Wheeling bench. "They've got a lot of talented players."

Wheeling manager Jeff Shaw said he was pleased with the outcome.

"That was an excellent ball game with two great pitchers. We left too many men on base and a blooper beat us," Shaw said. "I'm happy with where we are at. I have no complaints."

Jacob finished with two singles, as did Holloway and Corey Beckett. Clark rapped a double.

Dom Parker-McDonald, who just

"There is no sense of going unless you're playing to win. For our first year it's been a good ride. We've learned a lot as coaches and I know the kids have learned a lot, too. We're excited to be the No. 3 seed and we'll be looking to get stronger every year."

In today's opening matchup, Post 34 will count on the talent that got it here.

"We'll lean on the older kids," Wellsburg coach Micah Knisely said. "We'll probably lean on Andrew Coursin and Clyde Vanderpool for experience but the younger kids will have to kick in there, too. We're not too deep pitching-wise."

Coursin is batting .510 this summer and has 31 strikeouts in 31 innings pitched. He's also thrown 313 of his 446 pitches for strikes. Vanderpool has 14 punchouts in 11 frames, while Zach O'Meara swings a good bat at a .300 clip as he prepares for his freshman high school season.

"We have to do a good job of pitching and hitting," Knisely said. "Wheeling and Parkersburg will pound the ball so if you are going to keep up with the big boys you have to outslug them, which will be hard."

Post 3 is dealing with some injuries but skipper Tim Koontz is hopeful his squad will be ready to go come game time.

"We're waiting on some injured kids but hopefully we'll get some good pitching and hitting," Koontz said. "If Luke Crammer is ready to go he will probably go and Ricky Booth and Will McGinnis may be able to throw some relief innings, as well."

The double-elimination tournament will continue until Friday and possibly Saturday if a winner-take all contest is needed.

"We want everybody to come out," Brunner said. "There's going to be some good games, the weather is supposed to be nice. It will be a good time."

completed his junior season at Wheeling University with a team-leading six mound wins, was the tough-luck loser. The righty from Chesapeake, Va., fanned five, allowed 10 hits and didn't walk a batter. He threw 100 pitches, with 66 being strikes.

Brian Shaw singled twice for Wheeling, as did Seth Burdhead.

Coy Amis gave the visitors a 1-0 lead with a first-inning single to left that scored Sonny Peluchette who had reached second on an error leading off and went to third on a wild pitch.

The Pioneers trailed 3-1 entering the sixth when Burdhead singled leading off. With one out, Shaw doubled to left as Burdhead went to third. Ryan Hummel grounded to first, but the throw to the plate trying to get Burdhead was high as the Pioneer slid under the tag of Holloway in a bang-bang play. Jacob bore down and struck out the next batter before walking Peluchette to load the bases. The southpaw then retired the next batter swinging.

FINALS NOTES

- The game took 1-hour, 40 minutes.

- Maynard has won titles in 2013-14 and last year.

- Vicker said he is leaning towards using Beckett on the mound in Game 2. Shaw said he was undecided upon his starter.

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Hill honored for illustrious career with Flyers PR

The cliché that someone has 'never worked a day in their life' is used quite frequently.

When Zack Hill used it during a phone interview late last week, it was sincere, honest and from the heart.

The 1980 Wheeling Park High School graduate — on June 30th — put the finishing touches on a highly successful, career of working with the Philadelphia Flyers, included is the last couple of decades as the organization's Senior Director of Communications.



"It's just time (to retire)," Hill said. "I never set an alarm to get up for work because I wanted to get up and get to (the office). It was my passion. It was definitely a grind, but it felt almost like a hobby where time didn't matter."

Actually, it's a passion that never waned.

"Often times, there are people passionate about something, but in five, 10 or even 15 years the passion dies down a little bit," Hill said. "For me, it never died down. I lived it daily. It was like, 'I get to go to work today? Hot dog!'"

Though Hill is retired, in order to get 30 years with the organization, he and the team brass agreed that he'd remain on staff in a consultant role. However, his day-to-day duties will pale in comparison.

"Basically, I'll help out when needed," Hill said. "If there is some sort of crisis, problem or they're extremely short staffed, I am able to help them out."

Working in professional sports or specifically with the media wasn't always the dream or goal for Hill, who celebrated his 60th birthday in May, allowing him to accomplish another goal and that's to be retired by 60.

"Ever since I was a little kid, in high school and in college, thought about being able to retire when I turned 60," Hill said. "All the stars have lined up for me."

Hill actually went to West Virginia University and earned a degree in elementary education. He was certified to teach grades K-8. Actually, he was substituting in Morgantown in the fall of 1986 and working on his master's degree in sports administration.

"One of the final steps toward my masters was an internship," Hill said. "I was 12 hours shy of my master's and I got a chance to intern with the 76ers."

Evidently, Hill and the Sixers made enough of a positive impact on each other that in January of 1987, Hill was offered a job working with the Sixers.

"The general manager said, 'I know you need two classes to finish,'" Hill recalled. "He then asked me, 'do you want a job or do you want to go back (to school) and finish your master's degree?' I am still six hours shy of my master's degree."

Actually, Hill didn't even have to take a day or even a moment to debate the decision.

"The job offer came and it was boom," Hill said. "It was a where do a sign kind of moment."

Hill remained with the Sixers until 1993. The team had just traded Charles Barkley and was struggling on the court. Hill decided to "put some feelers out" to gauge opportunities that might have existed professionally for him.

"A guy with the Flyers called me and encouraged me to come over and talk to the president," Hill said. "We talked for 30 minutes and at the end of the conversation, the president said, 'do you want a job?' I was involved with an interview that I didn't even realize was an interview. He offered me a job in August of 1993 and here we are ..."

Hill took the job with the Flyers feeling really good about his duties with the



T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

MAYNARD'S MASON VanNest attempts to complete a double play during the Indians Ohio Valley Baseball League semifinal series against Barton. Maynard will face Wheeling in the best-of-5 championship series which begins Monday in Maynard. Trying to breakup the play is the Braves' Drake Dobson.

Maynard, Wheeling set to clash in OVBL Championship Series

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

MAYNARD - When Game 1 of the Ohio Valley Baseball League's championship series begins Monday, it will be the defending champion Maynard Indians versus the expansion Wheeling Pioneers.

The best-of-5 format has once again been adjusted as Maynard could not use Firemen's Field inside the Community Park on Sunday for the opening game, thus the series was pushed back a day until 6 p.m.

Game 2 will now be played on Wednesday at West Liberty University's Kovalick Field, while Game 3 is set for Firemen's Field on Friday. Both games have 6 p.m. first-pitches scheduled. Should there be a need for Game 4, it would be

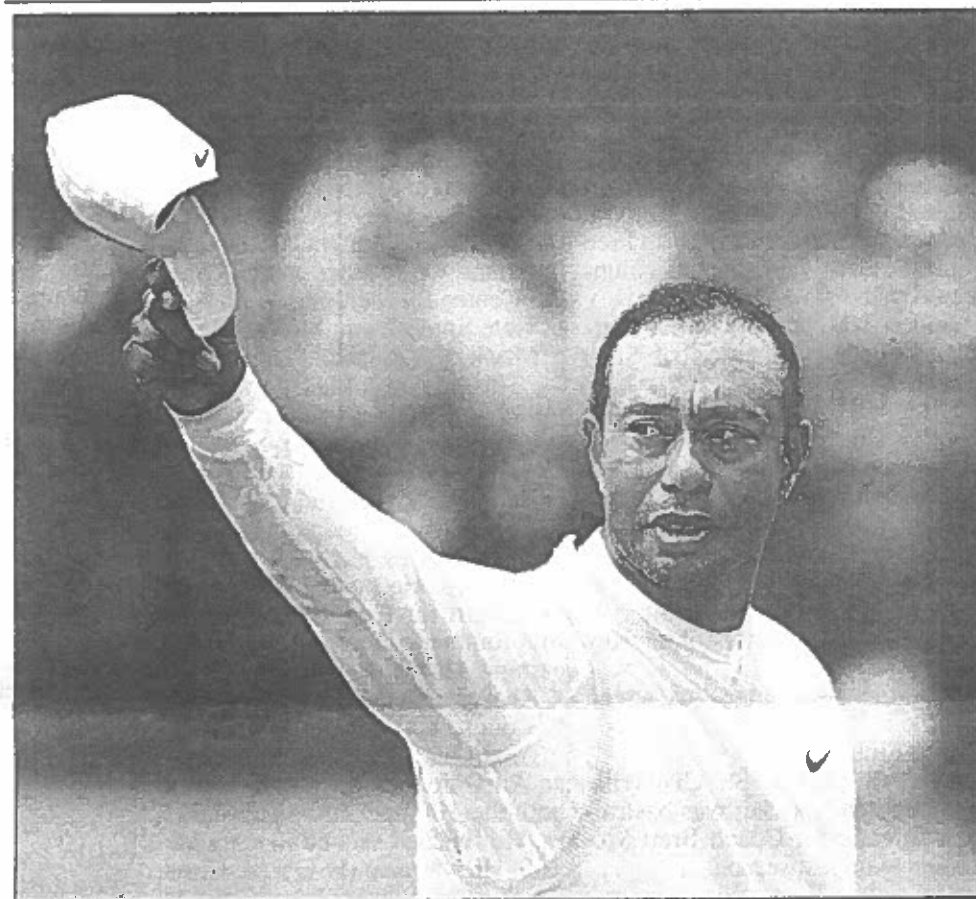
played on Sunday, July 24 at 1 p.m. back at West Liberty. A fifth-and-deciding game will be contested on Monday, July 25 in Maynard at 6.

The two finalists used totally different routes in reaching the finals.

Maynard (13-10), the No. 2 seed, needed three games in ousting Belmont County rival Barton in its best-of-3 semifinal, including an eight-inning 4-3 decision in the rubber game of the closely contested series. Meanwhile, the fourth-seeded Pioneers (15-6) eliminated No. 5 Martins Ferry, 7-0, before sweeping past top-seeded Moundsville in just two matchups, including 4-3 in the nine-inning clincher. They won the opener, 6-4.

The Expos' early exit

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AP PHOTO

TIGER WOODS of the US gestures to the crowd at the end of his second round of the British Open golf championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, Friday. The Open Championship returns to the home of golf on July 14-17, 2022, to celebrate the 150th edition of the sport's oldest championship, which dates to 1860

Emotional exit for Woods, big chance for Smith at St. Andrews

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Tiger Woods made an early and emotional departure Friday from the British Open, possibly for the last time at St. Andrews. Cameron Smith can only wonder if the 150th Open will be his arrival as an undisputed elite player.

Smith already won The Players Championship this year and has risen to as high as No. 3 in the world. His 8-under 64 gave him his first lead in a major, by two shots over PGA Tour rookie Cameron Young. Rory McIlroy was lurking another shot behind.

"It's obviously a really good spot to be in," Smith said. "I feel like I've been in this spot a lot over the past couple of years, and things just haven't quite gone my way yet."

Woods strode over the Swilcan Bridge

without stopping to pose for pictures and said it "felt like the whole tournament was right there" when he walked the final 356 yards of what was otherwise a long day of 75 to miss the cut.

Woods didn't retire from major championship golf or the British Open. He's just not sure a right leg held together by hardware or a lower spine that has been fused will allow him to compete when the Open returns to St. Andrews again.

"It's very emotional for me," he said. "To me it felt like this might have been my last British Open here at St. Andrews. And the fans, the ovation and the warmth, it was an unbelievable feeling."

About the time Woods was saluting thousands of fans crammed into so many spaces around St. Andrews, Smith was

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Ohio finalizes roster for OVAC Game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Mike McKenzie likes his offensive setup for next Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

With today's announcement of his linebackers, defensive backs and kicker, it's safe to say the Beaver Local head coach is pretty excited about the make up of his entire team, which reports to camp Sunday at Wheeling University.

"We have a good group of linebackers, including a lot of kids who can really run and do different things that will fit our scheme," McKenzie said. "We have skill in our secondary and we picked kids that way because it's going to be an important part of this game. We feel like our defensive backs will be able to come up and fill to support the run on the perimeter and up the middle."

As for the kicker, McKenzie feels St. Clairsville's Lucas Otto was a no-brainer of a selection.

"He's probably one of the best kickers in the valley, if not the best," McKenzie said. "A lot of times people don't realize just how important (special teams) is."

Here's a capsule look at the players:

SPENCER BLISS, Barnesville — This former Shamrock wore a lot of hats quite well for Coach Blake Allen's team.

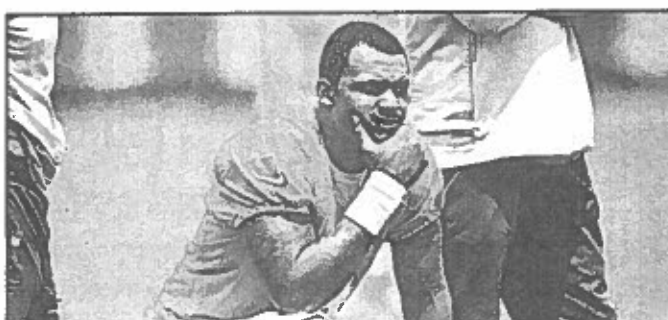
The 5-11, 172-pounder was a versatile threat offensively with 61 catches for 795 yards and four touchdowns. He rushed 61 times for 411 yards and four touchdowns. He also threw two touchdowns. On defense, he had 45 tackles, two forced fumbles, a recovery and two interceptions.

Bliss was awarded First Team All-Eastern District, All-OVAC

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Lawyer: 30 women settle Watson-related claims against Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — Thirty women who had accused the Houston Texans of turning a blind eye to allegations that their former star quarterback Deshaun Watson was sexually assaulting and harassing women during massage sessions have settled their legal claims against the team, their attorney said Fri-



been settled.

In a statement, Texans owners Janice McNair and Hannah and Cal McNair said while the team did not have any knowledge of Watson's alleged misconduct, they were "shocked and deeply saddened" when they first learned about the accusations and chose to resolve the claims against the team

MLB to pay minor leaguers \$185M to settle lawsuit • Hill

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Baseball agreed to pay minor leaguers \$185 million to settle a federal lawsuit alleging violations of minimum wage laws, a case that progressed through the courts for eight years without reaching a trial.

An early estimate is that perhaps 20,000 players could share the money. A more precise total will not be calculated until notice is given to eligible players.

The proposed settlement, announced May 10, was filed Friday with the U.S. District Court in San Francisco, where Chief Magistrate Judge Joseph C. Spero is expected to grant his approval.

"This settlement is a monumental step for minor league players toward a fair and just compensation system," Garrett Broshuis, the players' lead lawyer and a former minor league pitcher, said in

a statement. "I've seen first-hand the financial struggle players face while earning poverty-level wages — or no wages at all — in pursuit of their major league dream."

If approved, \$120,197,300 will be split among the players, \$55.5 million will go to the players' lawyers and up to \$5.5 million will cover reimbursement costs of the suit.

Also, \$450,000 will be for the costs of administering the settlement, \$637,000 will go to incentive awards for the player representatives in the suit, \$400,000 for a contingency fund and \$2,315,000 for a payment under the California Private Attorney General Act, which allows penalties for violating state labor code.

MLB told the court that it did not oppose approval of the settlement.

"We are only in the second year of

a major overhaul of the 100-year-old player development system and have made great strides to improve the quality of life for minor league players," MLB said in a statement.

"We are proud that minor league players already receive significant benefits, including free housing, quality health care, multiple meals per day, college tuition assistance for those who wish to continue their education and over \$450 million in annual signing bonuses for first-year players."

"We are pleased we were able to come to a mutually agreeable resolution but are unable to comment on the details until the agreement is formally approved by the court."

As part of the proposed settlement, MLB agreed to rescind any prohibitions against teams paying wages to minor league players outside of the season.

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"I didn't have to know those things," Hill said. "I needed to make sure players and coaches were available and maintain a cordial relationship with the media."

That relationship remained cordial — and professional — throughout his tenure. It actually led to Hill and his staff winning the coveted Dick Dillman Award for the Eastern Conference, which is given annually to the top public relations staff in each NHL conference.

With Hill at the controls, the Flyers PR team was a finalist for the award 12 times and received it in 2012, 2015 and 2018.

Need more proof of Hill's relationship with the media?

In May, he received the Philadelphia Sports Writer's Association "Good Guy" Award.

"I got along tremendously with the Philly media," Hill said. "My job was to make their job easier. Philadelphia is a tough media town, but you can probably ask any media member who covered the Flyers and we've all had a solid relationship. There was a lot of mutual trust and respect between me, our staff and the media. PR to me stands for patience and respect I was always able to do those things."

While those awards are nice, impressive and certainly cherished, the fact that the Flyers recently announced their intentions to rename the press conference room at the Wells Fargo Center the "Zack Hill Media Center."

"I was just blown away by the naming of the media center," Hill said. "I was speechless when I heard. It's an honor, thrilling and simply humbling."

The media center is part of a remodel that will occur at the arena next summer and be ready for the 2023-24 season.

"I will definitely be there to see the unveiling," Hill said.

Though it's tough to pinpoint certain games and seasons when you're involved with an organization for as long as Hill was, he bittersweetly pointed to the two appearances the Flyers made in the Stanley Cup Final when they lost to the Red Wings and Blackhawks.

"It's definitely hard to pick out certain things, but those two appearances are definitely up there," Hill said. "I met so many wonderful people along the way."

Hill did apologize, in advance, to the Ohio Valley's Penguins fans when he cited a game in 2000 playoffs when Keith Primeau scored in the fifth overtime to lift the Flyers to a 2-1 victory against the Penguins. The Flyers went on to win that series 4-2.

After he completes next season as a consultant — and assuming he's not talked into continuing to help out in some capacity, Hill plans to do a lot of traveling with his fiancée and their two dogs.

"Obviously, I'll be remaining in Philadelphia for this year, but the plan is to move and we've narrowed it down to either Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia or Ohio," Hill said.

With his parents still residing in St. Clairsville, Hill indicated re-locating to the Ohio Valley could be in the equation.

"I love the valley," Hill said. "I need to fill my urge for DiCarlo's Pizza."

SETH'S SCOOPS

IT WAS announced this past week that both high school baseball and softball players — starting in 2023 — will be permitted to wear jewelry. The National Federation issued the change, meaning it's effective for both Ohio and West Virginia as well as the other states across the union. As you'd expect, the decision was met with mixed reaction publicly. Personally, I see no issue with it. All of these rules trickle down from the professional and collegiate ranks. I would also add that the NFHS doesn't just change a rule on a whim. This issue has been talked about for several years.

THE OHSAA announced this week that there are 712 schools in the Buckeye State that will compete in 11-man football this season.

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Maynard, which defeated Barton in last summer's finals, has been led by the lefty-righty pitching tandem of Michael "Zuke" Jacob and Mackenzie Koehler, both St. Clairsville High grads. Both did yeoman's work against the Braves.

The Indians offense is sparked by veteran catcher B.A. Holloway, while rightfielder Klay Cottis had the game-winning RBI in Game 3 of the semifinals.

First baseman Tyler Ramsay and third baseman Hunter Westlake can provide power, with shortstop Matthew Busby playing lights-out on defense. He also hit a home run leading off Game 3.

The remainder of the Indians lineup includes recent Shadyside grads Mason VanNest and Corey Beckett sharing duties at second base, with Kelly Hendershot, another Shadyside product, taking over in left for the injured Tyler Tonkovich. Eric Banal has come off the injured list and plays center, with Cottis in right. Zach Clark has

served as the designated hitter.

Wheeling is primarily comprised of players from Wheeling and West Liberty university's, and one from Fairmont State.

Brian Shaw, Sonny Pelechutte, Jack Skantze, Jake Rife, Dom Parker-McDonald and Garth Charlton all played for the Cardinals last spring. Stephen Graebe, Noah Mildren, Connor Ferguson, George Ash and Joey Hess played for the Hilltoppers. Jarrod Jones is the lone Falcon on the roster. Others include Justin Edwards, Ryan Hummel and Coy Amis.

• Watson

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ensure respect for all," the McNairs said in their statement.

In the lawsuit filed last month against the Texans, a woman accused the team and some of its employees of having been told or being aware of Watson's troubling behavior and "known tendency to push boundaries during massage sessions."

The lawsuit alleged the Texans provided Watson with various resources, including rooms at a Houston hotel, massage tables and a nondisclosure agreement the women were told to sign, that allowed the quarterback "to further his misconduct with women."

Buzbee said in a statement, "there is a marked contrast in the way in which the Texans addressed these allegations, and the way in which Watson's team has done so."

McKenzie Excited About Make Up of Ohio All-Star Team

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Mike McKenzie likes his offensive setup for next Saturday's OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

With today's announcement of his linebackers, defensive backs and kicker, it's safe to say the Beaver Local head coach is pretty excited about the make up of his entire team, which reports to camp Sunday at Wheeling University.

"We have a good group of linebackers, including a lot of kids who can really run and do different things that will fit our scheme," McKenzie said. "We have skill in our secondary and we picked kids that way because it's going to be an important part of this game. We feel like our defensive backs will be able to come up and fill to support the run on the perimeter and up the middle."

As for the kicker, McKenzie feels St. Clairsville's Lucas Otto was a no-brainer of a selection.

"He's probably one of the best kickers in the valley, if not the best," McKenzie said. "A lot of times people don't realize just how important (special teams) is."

Here's a capsule look at the players: **SPENCER BLISS**, Barnesville — This former Shamrock wore a lot of hats quite well for Coach Blake Allen's team.

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Dan Ackerman and his staff at Oglebay Resort.

The event is sponsored by the members of the Gaudino family in memory of Nick Gaudino and his wife Alice who raised four young men (Dave, Tom, Greg and Mike) who have gone on to have successful personal and golf careers.

Mr. Gaudino was a resident of Triadelphia, WV

who caddied for several years at the Wheeling Park Golf Course.

After high school, he was drafted to serve in the army in World War II and made four amphibious landings in the south pacific.

Rising to the rank of corporal, on his fourth landing, he was seriously wounded resulting with

him being multiply handicapped throughout the rest of his life. He spent three years recovering in an Army hospital. Despite that, he played golf (mostly one handed) for more than 30 years as a member of the Wheeling Park and Oglebay Golf Clubs. He worked as an accountant at the Scott Lumber Company and he and his wife

Alice raised a foursome of boys who also caddied and played golf on the local and/or national level.

Play will begin on that day at 11:30 am for players entering grades 8-12 in the fall and players entering grades 7 and under at 12:15. All players should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their starting time.

There will be three

grade divisions each for boys and girls 7th grade and under, 9th grade and under, and grades 10th - 12th Awards will include trophies for 1st place and medals for 2nd & 3rd place.

Applications are available at local golf courses or by e-mailing David Gaudino at David.gaudino54@gmail.com.

Nailers Sign Three More Players

WHEELING -- The Wheeling Nailers, proud ECHL affiliate of the Pittsburgh Penguins, are excited to announce three more player signings, which brings their total to 11 for the 2022-23 season. Wheeling has signed forwards Cedric Desruisseaux and Max Johnson, as well as defenseman Louie Roehl.

Desruisseaux, 22, came to the Nailers late last season, when he was loaned to Wheeling by the AHL's Laval Rocket, after spending most of the year with the Trois-Rivieres Lions. Cedric posted points in four of his first five games with the Nailers, which included a three-point performance on April 6 at Iowa. The Warwick, Quebec native finished his rookie campaign with nine goals, 21 assists, and 30 points in 50 ECHL games, and also appeared in three matches with Laval, in which he collected one goal and one assist. Prior to turning pro, Desruisseaux played five seasons in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League with Victoria-

and was teammates with Matthew Quercia, when the two played for the USHL's Sioux Falls Stampede. Max was named to the WCHA All-Rookie Team in 2017-18, and was a member of the WCHA All-Academic Team three times.

"Max put up elite offensive numbers at Bowling Green," Army said. "He has a high hockey IQ and compete level, we are very excited to have him in the organization, and I am looking forward to working with him."

Roehl, 24, is also making the jump from the college game to the pros, as he signs his first contract with the Nailers. Louie played five seasons of college hockey, all for the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs. Primarily a defensive defenseman, Roehl finished his collegiate career with a +28 rating, as he was a plus player in four of five

seasons. Offensively, the Eden Prairie, Minnesota native recorded seven goals, 22 assists, and 29 points in 180 games. Louie and the Bulldogs reached the Frozen Four four times, and won the National Championship in 2017 and 2018. His assistant coach for the last four seasons was former Nailers forward Adam Krause, who was teammates with Derek Army for parts of three seasons.

"Louie comes from a winning program at Minnesota-Duluth, and Adam Krause spoke very highly of him as his assistant coach," said Army. "He is willing to do the hard things that win games, and he can play against other teams' best lines."

The Wheeling Nailers will begin their 31st season on Saturday, Oct. 22, when they host the Toledo Walleye at 7:10 p.m.

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Defense, Special Teams Completes W.Va.'s Roster

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

Offense sells the tickets, but defense and special teams are usually what play the biggest role in winning games.

Whether it's a regular-season game or the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, that still applies.

Hence why University and West Virginia head coach John Kelley paid significant attention to the defensive side of the ball and specialists when selecting the Mountain State squad for the July 23rd battle with Ohio at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Kelley completed the breakdown of his players with the announcement of the linebackers, defensive backs and kicker.

Here's a capsule look at the players:

MARCUS BARNES, Magnolia — This former Blue Eagle was a running back and played in the secondary for Coach Doc Chapman's team.

The 5-9, 195-pounder

scored 12 touchdowns, rushed for 960 yards and 300 passing yards.

Along with football, Barnes also lettered four times in track and field.

Marcus, who is the son of Christina Stickler, plans to attend West Virginia Northern Community College.

DYLAN CONLEY, Oak Glen — This former Golden Bear was impressive at inside linebacker for Coach Ted Arneault's team.

The 5-10, 180 pounder was named First Team All-OVAC and served as a team captain.

Away from football, Conley was a member of the National Honor Society and prom committee.

Dylan, who plans to attend Marshall, is the son of Garray and Crystal Brown.

CORBAN CROSS, University — This former Hawk shined at a myriad of positions for Coach John Kelley's team.

Cross is the son of John and Sandy Cross.

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Wheeling Stays Hot Vs. Wellsburg



Photo by Cody Nespor

Wellsburg Post 34 first baseman Hunter Mazingo, left, tags Wheeling Post 1 baserunner Jack Selmon on a pickoff attempt during Thursday's game at the I-470 Sports Complex.

Taylor, Kupsy triple as Post 1 wins 12-2 at home

By **CODY NESPOR**
Sports Writer

ELM GROVE — Jon-Michael Brunner wants his team to spend this week focusing on themselves as Wheeling Post 1 makes its final preparations for the start of next week's Area 1 Tournament.

Two points of emphasis Brunner is focusing on this week are hitting with runners on base and doing the little things on defense. Post 1 (22-13) did both beautifully Thursday in a 12-2, mercy rule-shortened win over area foe Wellsburg Post 34 at the J.B. Chamber I-470 Sports Complex.

Post 1 cashed in on nearly

all of its chances on offense, scoring a dozen runs on just nine hits.

"They hit the ball well and hit the ball well with guys in scoring position," Brunner said. "They were seeing the ball well today and just made good contact."

Post 34, too, is preparing for the area tournament and got off to a very promising start Thursday.

Wellsburg had been no-hit in a game the day before and manager Micah Knisely really wanted his players to swing the bats well out of the gate Thursday.

"We watch too many strikes go by and then we just don't

put contact on it," Knisely said of his team's sluggish offense. "We'll just miss (the ball) and end up with a dinker to third or an easy pop up."

Thursday was a different story, however, as three of Wellsburg's first four batters recorded base hits. Matt Swanson's single brought home Ian Robinson and Lester Gajtka was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded two batters later to drive in another for a 2-0 lead.

"For some of them it's their last chance to play baseball, so I just want them to have fun," Knisely said. "It's a fun game, win or lose."

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Anderson's Triple Lifts Marlins Past Pirates in 11

MIAMI (AP) — Brian Anderson atoned for a costly error with a two-run triple in the 11th inning and the Miami Marlins beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 Thursday.

Anderson originally was ruled to have been hit by a pitch from Wil Crowe (3-6), but the Pirates successfully challenged, saying it hit his bat first. Anderson then sent a drive to deep right center that scored Jesus Aguilar and Avisail Garcia.

"At any point, you don't shut it down," Anderson said. "When I got hit by the pitch, I was ready to go on base. I just tried to focus on what's in front of me. I was just thankful to have an opportunity to come up there and try to put barrel on the ball."

Joey Wendle doubled, singled

and walked for the Marlins, who had their second straight walk-off against Pittsburgh and split the four-game series.

"Hanging in there, that's what we've been talking about and keep fighting until the (All-Star) break," Miami manager Don Mattingly said.

Ben Gamel's RBI double against Richard Bleier (2-1) in the top of the 11th put the Pirates ahead 2-1.

Pittsburgh tied it at 1 in the eighth on third baseman Anderson's fielding error that scored Yoshi Tsutsugo from first. Tsutsugo reached on a two-out single against reliever Steven Okert. Anderson muffed Diego Castillo's hard grounder and Tsutsugo raced home as the ball went into foul ground in left field.

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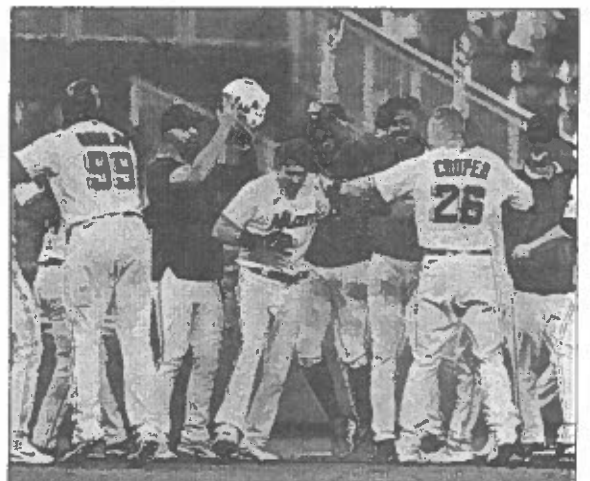
defense, so that's something I have to keep working on and keep getting better at," Anderson said.

Wendle broke a scoreless tie with an RBI double in the fifth. He was not in the original lineup but entered after Jon Berti left with an injury.

Billy Hamilton hit a two-out single and scored from first on Wendle's line drive to right. Hamilton originally was called out on second baseman Kevin Newman's relay throw to the plate, but a video review overturned the play.

Marlins starter Braxton Garrett struck out a career-high 11 in six scoreless innings. Garrett allowed two hits, walked two and hit two batters.

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AP Photo

Teammates mob Miami Marlins' Brian Anderson, center, after Anderson's two-run triple in the 11th inning against the Pirates Thursday.

Changes



A Rookie Rises, Tiger Crashes



also qualified for the World Cup, met in the second semifinal later Thursday at Estadio Universitario. Conditions were tough for all of the teams with temperatures in the mid-90s.

The United States have won the past two World Cups, but they're heading into next summer's tournament in Australia and New Zealand with a different look. Coach Vlatko Andonovski has focused on developing young talent since winning the bronze medal at last year's Olympics, and up-and-coming players including Sophia Smith and Mallory Pugh have cracked the starting lineup.

A few veterans remain, in-

cluding Alex Morgan and Becky Sauerbrunn, who both started on Thursday. Morgan had the team's best chances early on. One of her opportunities, a left-footed shot, went wide left in the 13th minute.

Defender Sonnett broke through with her first international goal in the 33rd minute. Pugh scored her first goal of the tournament in first-half stoppage time — with a backheel assist from Rose Lavelle — to give the United States a 2-0 lead at the break.

Sanchez capped the victory with her goal in stoppage time.

For Costa Rica, Noelia Bermudez made the first start of the tournament in goal. Costa Rica won its first two group-stage matches before falling to Canada 2-0 on Monday.

In addition to the four direct berths in the World Cup, the third-place finishers in the two groups at the W Championship, Panama and Haiti, advanced to an intercontinental playoff in February in New Zealand.

he came back and did a sacrifice fly to push the lead to 12-2 and end the game early.

Braydon Kupsy hit a run-scoring triple in the bottom of the second for a 6-2 lead.

Post 34 threatened in the top of the third with two on and no outs, but Brunner's focus on defense paid off as Post 1 turned a double play to eliminate the threat. First baseman Quinn Jamison flashed the leather in the third, making an impressive stretch at the base to complete the double play and then snagging a hard ground ball and taking it to the base himself for the final out. "Defensively he's

Marsh finished with three hits and an RBI. Taylor had a single, triple and two RBI while Kupsy had a triple and two RBI and Selmon had an RBI and a double.

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Wellsburg will not play again until the start of the area tournament next Tuesday.

Wheeling will take on Parkersburg Post 15 on the road today and play a doubleheader against Follansbee Post 45 and Beckley Post 32 at I-470 on Saturday.

PIRATES

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"It feels awesome." Garrett said of his outing. "Got ahead often and stayed in the zone like I have been recently. My slider was just a little sharper tonight than it has been the last couple of starts so I threw more punch-outs."

Facing his former team for the first time, Zach Thompson limited the Marlins to one run and four hits in 6 2/3 innings. Thompson, who joined the Pirates in an offseason trade for catcher Jacob Stallings, walked three and struck out two.

"I think once I got past the second inning, I started calming down and kind of threw like I'm used to," Thompson said.

Berti, the majors' stolen base leader, exited after the first because of a mild left groin strain. He drew a leadoff walk, but felt discomfort after stealing second — his 28th stolen base this season.

Marlins shortstop Miguel Rojas left in the ninth after he was hit in the mouth by the helmet of Oneil Cruz, who was unsuccessful on a steal attempt of second.

CIRCUITOUS PATH

Pirates right fielder Castillo took a different angle as he tracked Nick Fortes' drive in the second. Castillo turned right before abruptly turning and diving to his left to catch the shot on the warning track.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Pirates: C Henry Davis (left wrist injury), the No. 1 overall selection in last year's draft, will be shut down for the remainder of the month.

UP NEXT

Pirates: LHP Jose Quintana (2-4, 3.59) will start the opener of a three-game series Friday at Colorado. Quintana will face RHP German Marquez (5-7, 5.66).

GUARDIANS 4, TIGERS 0

CLEVELAND (AP) — Triston McKenzie struck out a career-high 12 and extended his scoreless streak to 21 innings, leading Cleveland past

Detroit.

McKenzie (7-6) pitched eight dominant innings, giving up five singles and walking none. He matched his longest outing, set a career best with 109 pitches and won his third start in a row while helping the Guardians end a streak of five consecutive losses to the Tigers. Detroit swept four from Cleveland last week at Comerica Park.

Josh Naylor homered in the first off rookie Elvin Rodriguez (0-3), who made his first start for the Tigers since June 10. All-Star Andres Gimenez added a solo shot in the eighth inning for Cleveland.

ROYALS 3, BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO (AP) — Double-A callup Angel Zerpa pitched five innings to win for the first time as a big league starter, Bobby Witt Jr. hit a tiebreaking home run and the depleted Kansas City Royals overcame the absence of 10 unvaccinated players to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-1 on Thursday night.

BRAVES 5, NATIONALS 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kyle Wright earned his 11th victory to tie for the major league lead and Atlanta beat Washington in the opener of a four-game series.

RAYS 5, RED SOX 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Taylor Walls and Yandy Diaz had two-run singles during a five-run outburst in the seventh inning, helping Tampa Bay beat Boston to complete a four-game sweep.

DODGERS 4, CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tyler Anderson pitched six shutout innings, Gavin Lux hit a two-run homer and Los Angeles blanked St. Louis.

ROCKIES 8, PADRES 5

DENVER (AP) — Randal Grichuk doubled twice and drove in three runs, C.J. Cron had two hits in his return to the starting lineup, and Colorado Rockies beat San Diego.

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West Virginia finalizes OVAC ASG roster

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Offense sells the tickets, but defense and special teams are usually what play the biggest role in winning games.

Whether it's a regular-season game or the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, that still applies.

Hence why University and West Virginia head coach John Kelley paid significant attention to the defensive side of the ball and specialists when select-

ing the Mountain State squad for the July 23rd battle with Ohio at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Kelley completed the breakdown of his players with the announcement of the linebackers, defensive backs and kicker.

Here's a capsule look at the players:
MARCUS BARNES, Magnolia — This former Blue Eagle was a running back and played in the secondary for Coach Doc Chapman's team.

The 5-9, 195-pounder scored 12

touchdowns, rushed for 960 yards and 300 passing yards.

Along with football, Barnes also lettered four times in track and field.

Marcus, who is the son of Christina Stickler, plans to attend West Virginia Northern Community College.

DYLAN CONLEY, Oak Glen — This former Golden Bear was impressive at inside linebacker for Coach Ted Arneault's team.

The 5-10, 180 pounder was named First Team All-OVAC and served as a

team captain.

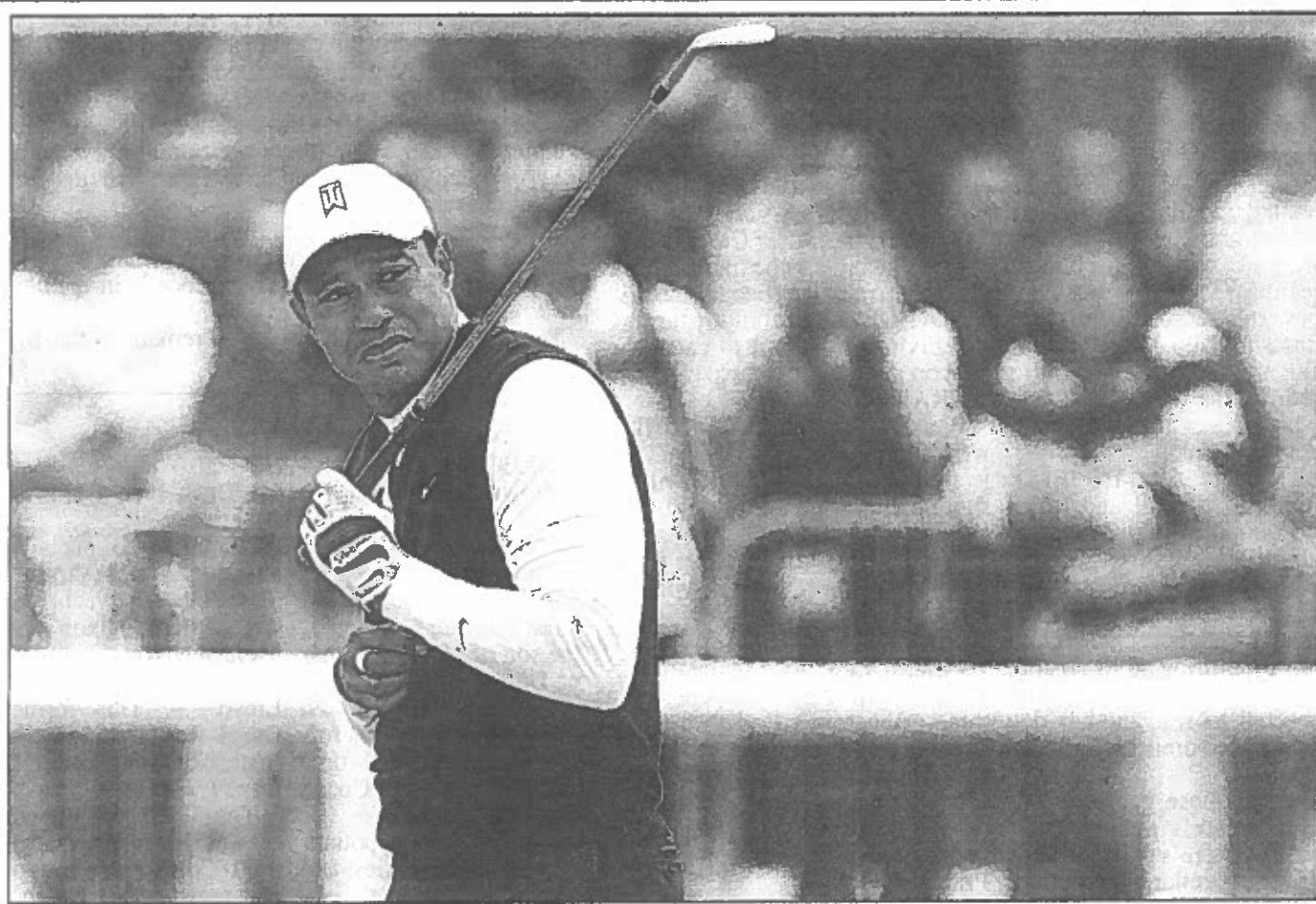
Away from football, Conley was a member of the National Honor Society and prom committee.

Dylan, who plans to attend Marshall, is the son of Garry and Crystal Brown.

CORBAN CROSS, University — This former Hawk shined at a myriad of positions for Coach John Kelley's team.

Cross is the son of John and Sandy Cross.

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AP PHOTO

TIGER WOODS of the US reacts to dust after playing a shot on the 1st hole during the first round of the British Open golf championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, Thursday. The Open Championship returns to the home of golf to celebrate the 150th edition of the sport's oldest championship, which dates to 1860.

A rookie rises and Tiger crashes in slow-moving British Open

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — The Old Course was never faster. The pace of play was never slower.

The celebrated start Thursday of the 150th British Open gave way to Cameron Young making his debut with an 8-under 64 for a two-shot lead over Rory McIlroy, and Tiger Woods making what could be his last competitive appearance at St. Andrews a short one.

His score would indicate as much. Woods began his round by hitting out of a divot into the Swilcan Burn for a double bogey. He ended it by taking three putts through the Valley of Sin for a par and a 78, his second-worst score in his Open career.

Woods will try to avoid leaving early from St. Andrews for the second straight time.

"Looks like I'm going to

have to shoot 66 tomorrow to have a chance," Woods said. "Guys did it today. And that's my responsibility tomorrow is to go ahead and do it — need to do it."

Young and McIlroy didn't have to contend with as much wind in the morning, though St. Andrews has seen far stronger gusts over its centuries of golf. Throw in the humps and mounds and difficult pin positions, and

the Old Course held its own.

"It's the fiddliest Open that I've played. It's the only way I can really describe it," McIlroy said. "OK, the 18th at Carnoustie was like a runway, that fairway. But around the greens here and just all the slopes and undulations and everything, I think as the tournament progresses, you're going to get

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Anderson's triple in 11th lifts Marlins past Pirates

MIAMI (AP) — Brian Anderson atoned for a costly error with a two-run triple in the 11th inning and the Miami Marlins beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 Thursday.

Anderson originally was ruled to have been hit by a pitch from Wil Crowe (3-6), but the Pirates successfully challenged, saying it hit his bat first. Anderson then sent a drive to deep right center that scored Jesus Aguilar and Avisail Garcia.

"At any point, you don't shut it down," Anderson said. "When I got hit by the pitch, I was ready to go on base. I just tried to focus on what's in front of me. I was just thankful to have an opportunity to come up there and try to put barrel on the ball."

Joey Wendle doubled, singled and walked for the Marlins, who had their second straight walk-off against Pittsburgh and split the four-game series.

"Hanging in there, that's what we've been talking about and keep fighting until the (All-Star) break," Miami manager Don Mattingly said.

Ben Gamel's RBI double against Richard Bleier (2-1) in the top of the 11th put the Pirates ahead 2-1.

Pittsburgh tied it at 1 in the eighth on third baseman Anderson's fielding error that scored Yoshi Tsutsugo from first. Tsutsugo reached on a two-out single against reliever Steven Okert. Anderson muffed Diego Castillo's hard grounder and Tsutsugo raced home as the ball went into foul ground in left field.

"I definitely pride myself on my defense, so that's something I have to keep working on and keep getting better at," Anderson said.

Wendle broke a scoreless tie with an RBI double in the fifth. He was not in the original lineup but entered after Jon

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Big 12 changes coming after last season with 10 schools

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — On the surface at Big 12 football media days, nothing really appeared much different. The 10 mannequins lining the main stage donned the uniforms of the same schools that have made up the conference for a decade.

As the annual two-day kickoff event wound up Thursday, workers began to dismantle the oversized figures, then carried them one by one off the stage that was adorned by all the team logos.

The Big 12 is heading into its final season as a 10-school league. Oklahoma and Texas, the conference's

ence. BYU, Cincinnati, Houston and UCF won't join the Big 12 until next summer. And it's unclear if there could be more teams eventually added to the mix — from the Pac-12, or elsewhere.

"Don't want to speculate, you know, on the future," new Oklahoma coach Brent Venables said. "I'm going to keep it on this season and what's right in front of us."

For now, that is the Sooners trying to win another Big 12 title after their record streak of six championships in a row ended last season.

He hasn't decided whether Hudson Card or transfer Quinn Ewers will be the starting quarterback, but Sarkisian isn't worried about that — "We're in a really good position," he said — and also isn't concerned about the pending switch of leagues.

"Regardless of playing this year in the Big 12, or next year in the Big 12 or whatever this is going to look like, our style of play, our roster that we have in place, is one that regardless of who we play is going to be one that fits us and what we want to do," Sarkisian said. "This is just our belief of who we want to be as



Berti left with an injury.

Billy Hamilton hit a two-out single and scored from first on Wendle's line drive to right. Hamilton originally was called out on second baseman Kevin Newman's relay throw to the plate, but a video review overturned the play.

Marlins starter Braxton Garrett struck out a career-high 11 in six scoreless innings. Garrett allowed two hits, walked two and hit two batters.

"It feels awesome," Garrett said of his outing. "Got ahead often and stayed in the zone like I have been recently. My slider was just a little sharper tonight than it has been the last couple of starts so I threw more punch-outs."

Facing his former team for the first time, Zach Thompson limited the Marlins to one run and four hits in 6 2/3 innings. Thompson, who joined the Pirates in an offseason trade for catcher Jacob Stallings, walked three and struck out two.

"I think once I got past the second inning, I started calming down

and kind of threw like I'm used to," Thompson said.

Berti, the majors' stolen base leader, exited after the first because of a mild left groin strain. He drew a leadoff walk, but felt discomfort after stealing second — his 28th stolen base this season.

Marlins shortstop Miguel Rojas left in the ninth after he was hit in the mouth by the helmet of Oneil Cruz, who was unsuccessful on a steal attempt of second.

NOT THE TYPICAL INFIELD

The injuries to Berti and Rojas resulted in a radically different infield late for Miami. First baseman Aguilar finished at third and Anderson moved from third to second. Wendle replaced Berti at second early before shifting to shortstop. NL All-Star Garrett Cooper, who was expected to rest another day because of knee soreness, replaced Aguilar at first.

"It's one of those games where you're glad there's a DH," Mattingly said. "There's a lot of stuff going on, like Aguilar playing third

and he did that well and Anderson at second. It was a nice little team effort from them and the bullpen."

CIRCUITOUS PATH

Pirates right fielder Castillo took a different angle as he tracked Nick Fortes' drive in the second. Castillo turned right before abruptly turning and diving to his left to catch the shot on the warning track.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Pirates: C Henry Davis (left wrist injury), the No. 1 overall selection in last year's draft, will be shut down for the remainder of the month.

Marlins: RHP Cole Sulser (right lat strain) is continuing with his throwing program.

UP NEXT

Pirates: LHP Jose Quintana (2-4, 3.59) will start the opener of a three-game series Friday at Colorado. Quintana will face RHP Gerem Maquez (5-7, 5.66).

Marlins: RHP Sandy Alcantara (9-3, 1.73) starts the opener of a home series against Philadelphia Friday.

day on the job Aug. 1, described himself as actively engaged in realignment, with input from throughout the conference. He said during his introduction Wednesday that he saw "there was opportunity" without specifically naming any schools, and adding that nothing was imminent.

"As we vet out the possibilities, everything will be additive. Nothing will be dilutive," Yormark said. "I feel very confident that our conference is in the best position it's ever been before."

Texas and Oklahoma are set to remain in the Big

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PRESTON HARMAN, Morgantown — This former Mohigan was a force at linebacker for Coach Sean Biser's team.

The 5-10, 205 pounder posted 70 tackles and recovered a fumble.

Along with football, Harman plays lacrosse and was a wrestler.

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TEACHING POINT

Tigers manager A.J. Hinch passes down the game's history to his young players whenever possible.

Hinch responded to a question about former Detroit slugger Willie Horton being invited to serve as an honorary coach at next week's All-Star Game and divulged he educates his players about the ones who preceded them.

Last year, Hinch visited the Negro League Museum in Kansas City with some Tigers. Before Thursday's game, he pointed out the retired numbers inside Progressive Field and asked players if they knew about Hall of Famer Bob Feller.

"I don't necessarily know what it adds to their career," Hinch said. "We want to share our wisdom about the game, but we also want to share the history."

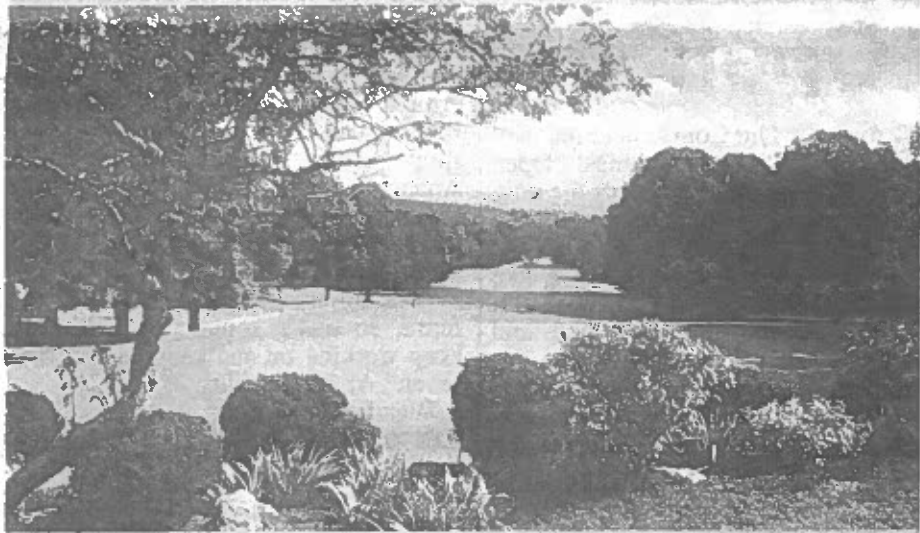
TRAINER'S ROOM

Guardians: C Luke Maile's jaw was sore after taking a foul tip off his mask during the ninth of Wednesday's game. Francona said Maile underwent several tests..

UP NEXT

Zach Plesac (2-7, 3.89 ERA) starts for Cleveland against Drew Hutchison (1-4, 4.08) as the four-game series continues Friday.

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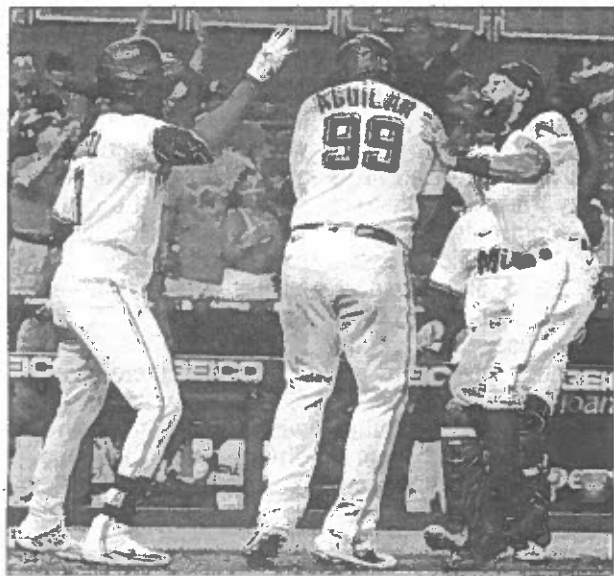
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Miami Marlins' Jesus Aguilar (99) celebrates with center fielder Jesus Sanchez (7) and left fielder Billy Hamilton, right, after scoring the game-winning run during the tenth inning against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Marlins Rally Past Pirates

MIAMI (AP) — Jesus Aguilar hit a tying single and scored the winning run on a wild pitch as the Miami Marlins rallied for three runs in the 10th inning to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-4 on Wednesday night.

The loss snapped the Pirates' four-game winning streak. Pittsburgh last won five straight in April 2019.

Jon Berti hit an RBI single that trimmed Miami's deficit to 4-3. Aguilar followed with a one-out RBI single to center field against All-Star closer David Bednar (3-3) that advanced Berti to third.

Bednar intentionally walked pinch-hitter Luke Williams to load the bases. Brian Anderson's grounder forced Berti at home and sent Aguilar to third.

The first pitch from Bednar to Jesus Sanchez got past catcher Jason Delay, scoring Aguilar.

"I heard a couple of

voices saying, go, go, so I took off," Aguilar said. "I've done it with a hit but never scoring the game-winning run like this, as a runner. It feels good."

Zach Pop (1-0) allowed Daniel Vogelbach's RBI groundout and Ke'Bryan Hayes' run-scoring single that put the Pirates ahead 4-2 in the top of the 10th.

"At the end of the day, it was a win, which was something we need," said Marlins manager Don Mattingly, whose club avoided a third straight loss to the Pirates in the four-game set. "Let's go get another one (Thursday) and move on."

Pittsburgh tied it 2-all on Michael Chavis' RBI double against reliever Tanner Scott in the ninth. Scott walked Vogelbach and Hayes to start the inning. Chavis hit a drive over left fielder Billy Hamilton that advanced Hayes to third.

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Post 1 Preps for Area Tourney With Big Win

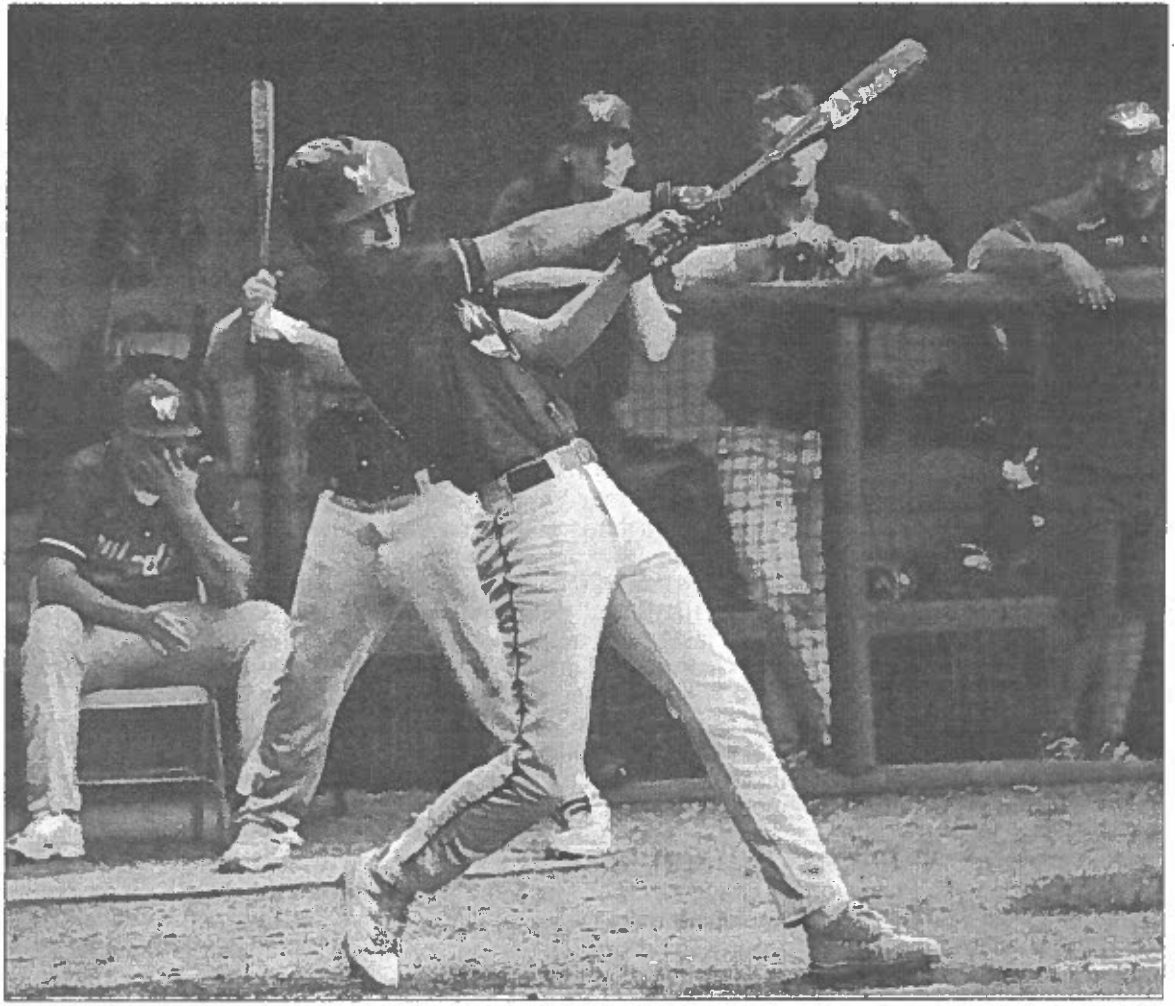


Photo by Cody Nespor

Wheeling's Nate Simon collects the first of his three hits in the second inning of Post 1's 18-2 win over Moundsville Post 3 Wednesday evening at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Sports Complex.

Wheeling cruises to 18-2 win over Moundsville Post 3

By **CODY NESPOR**
Sports Writer

ELM GROVE — Wheeling Post 1 began its preparations for next week's American Legion Area 1 Tournament with an 18-2 win over Moundsville Post 3 at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Sports Complex Wednesday evening.

With the Area Tournament set to start next Tuesday, Post 1 will play all four of their area foes this week. After beating Moundsville Wednesday, Post 1 will play Wellsburg Post 34 tonight, Fairmont Post 15 Friday and Follansbee Post 45 on Saturday.

"We have all of our area foes coming up, kind of out of design but kind of because we don't have a ton of time to get these games in," Post 1 skipper Jon-Michael Brunner admitted. "The idea behind this week is just to get them in front of the competition that they're going to play and just get a good feel for where they're going to be stacking up coming into next week."

Post 1 (21-13) has already played each of the other teams in its area this season, so this week will be less about scouting the other teams and more about fo-

cus on themselves.

"We know that if we just take care of what we can control, the baseball stuff will take care of itself," Brunner said. "It doesn't really matter who we play, as long as we're doing what we can do and focusing in our at-bats on every pitch and doing the little things."

Wednesday's game was a good start to the preparations for Post 1 as eight of its nine starters either had multiple hits or drove in a run.

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Ohio Feels Its Linemen Fit Well With Spread Scheme

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

When putting together the roster for the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, Beaver Local head coach Mike McKenzie wanted not only skill players who fit the spread, but linemen, too.

The Ohio head coach, who will lead his team against West Virginia on Saturday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium, believes he's found those types of players — on both sides of the ball.

"We feel good about our linemen," McKenzie said. "We have guys who are experienced in the spread offense and some tough kids. We feel like our linemen fit what we want to do."

McKenzie and his coaches will begin the process of preparing their players for the game on Sunday when both teams report to camp at Wheeling Uni-

versity.

Here's a capsule look at the players:

JOEY BALGO, St. Clairsville — This Red Devil senior was one of the leaders up front for Coach Brett McLean's team.

The 6-1, 275 pounder graded out at 93% blocking en route to earned All-Eastern District, All-OVAC, All-Valley, All-Watchdog and All-Times Leader.

Along with football, Balgo was a letterman in baseball and played in the OVAC All-Star Game.

Joey, who is the son of Dan and Diane Balgo, plans to attend Mercyhurst

to play football.

CASEY BROOKER, Fort Frye — This former Cadet was a multi-year force along the offensive line for Coach Eric Huck's team.

The 6-2, 230 pounder was named First Team All-Ohio twice during his career and earned Eastern District Offensive Player of the Year twice. He took part in the North-South Game during the spring.

Casey, who plans to attend Ohio University, is the son of Dennis and Trenna Brooker.

GAVIN CARPENTER, Barnesville — This two-way standout an-

chored both lines for Coach Blake Allen's squad.

The 5-10, 240-pounder recorded 111 tackles, nine sacks, forced two fumbles and recovered two fumbles.

Carpenter was a two-time All-Ohioan, including the Eastern District's Defensive Player of the Year last season. He also took part in the North-South Game during the spring.

Along with football, Carpenter was a standout baseball player for the Shamrocks, earning numerous accolades.

Gavin, who plans to attend Belmont College, is the son of David and Brande Carpenter.

JUSTIN DRISCOLL, Buckeye Local — This former Panther shined along the defensive line for Coach Jim Hoover's team.

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Big 12 'Open For Business' Amid



Harkness Takes Over

feel like we're in the mix in the top players in the league."

PIRATES

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Avisail Garcia's two-run single in the eighth put Miami ahead 2-1. Pittsburgh reliever Duane Underwood got the first two outs of the inning before he hit Joey Wendle with a pitch, walked Berti and plunked Aguilar with a pitch. Garcia's line drive to center scored Hamilton and Berti.

"I was looking for a strike. I've been chasing too much this past week," Garcia said. "He threw me one over the middle and thank God I hit the ball."

JT Brubaker limited Miami to three hits in seven scoreless innings, matching the longest outing of his career previously done on June 9. The righthander walked two and struck out nine.

"We had a chance to win," Pirates manager Derek Shelton said. "We had the lead twice and ended up giving it back. We didn't execute pitches at the end of the game."

Miami starter Pablo Lopez kept Pittsburgh hitless through the first four innings until Ben Gamel's RBI single in the fifth broke a scoreless tie. Oneil Cruz had a leadoff walk, stole second and scored on Gamel's line drive to right.

Lopez was lifted after five innings. He allowed one hit, walked four and struck out three.

"The main thing is that we won," Lopez said. "On a more personal note, I just think it was not a very good performance. Very poor command, poor execution, which led to a lot of things going on."

The Marlins threatened against Brubaker in the fourth when Garcia hit a leadoff double and Anderson walked. But then Sanchez forced Anderson at second and Nick Fortes grounded into

has a chance to do impressive things," Hextall said.

a double play.

"Brubaker was really good, really sharp, did a nice job," Shelton said.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Marlins: All-Star DH/1B Garrett Cooper (bruised left knee) continued to experience soreness and did not play. Cooper fouled a pitch off his knee in the sixth inning Tuesday.

UP NEXT

RHP Zach Thompson (3-6, 4.38 ERA) will start the series finale for the Pirates on Thursday against LHP Braxton Garrett (1-3, 4.33).

MARINERS 6, NATIONALS 4
MARINERS 2, NATIONALS 2
WASHINGTON (AP) — Jesse Winker hit his second solo homer of the day and the Seattle Mariners won their 10th straight game, edging the Washington Nationals 2-1 on Wednesday night to sweep a doubleheader.

The Mariners won the opener 6-4, getting a three-run homer from Eugenio Suarez and six solid innings from Chris Flexen (6-8), who won his fourth straight start.

TWINS 4, BREWERS 1
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota's Jose Miranda hit a game-ending, three-run homer against Milwaukee's Josh Hader.

BLUE JAYS 8, PHILLIES 2
TORONTO (AP) — Teoscar Hernandez hit a pair of two-run home runs, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. also connected and Toronto won its first game after firing manager Charlie Montoyo.

METS 7, BRAVES 3
ATLANTA (AP) — Francisco Lindor hit a three-run homer, Chris Bassitt threw six strong innings and New York beat Atlanta.

Hunter, who plans to attend Ohio Wesleyan University, is the son of Jarod and Amber Kesselring.

GREG MAMULA, Steubenville — This former Big Red standout was a two-way mainstay for Coach Reno Sacoccia's team.

The 5-10, 185 pounder shined at center and defensive end. He didn't allow a sack as a senior and posted 52 pin blocks in his career.

Along with football, Mamula is a member of the National Honor Society, Principal's Advisory Council and he was nominated for Buckeye Boys State.

Greg, who plans to enter LIFT Flight School, is the son of Greg and Steffanie Mamula.

TIMMY O'GRADY, Bellaire — This former Big Red was one of the leaders for Coach Mark Spigarelli's team.

The 6-1, 230 pounder was named All-Ohio, All-OVAC, All-Eastern District, All-Buckeye 8, All-Times Leader and he played in the North-South Game.

O'Grady, who is the son of Tim and Lori O'Grady, plans to attend Marietta College.

JJ ORLANDO, Indian Creek — This former Redskins produced a high grade each week for his play up front for Coach Andrew Connor's team.

The 6-2, 260 pounder graded out at 91% blocking with eight solo and eight assisted tackles on the defensive side.

Along with football, Orlando was a four-year Academic All-Star and was named Student Scholar of the Week.

JJ, who plans to attend Baldwin-Wallace, is the son of Jimmy and Jennifer Orlando.

TYLER STANLEY, Wellsville — This former Tiger played a myriad of positions on the line quite well for Coach Moose Ramsey's team.

The 6-7, 280 pounder played left tackle, left guard, defensive tackle and defensive end.

Stanley was a four-year letterman and earned First Team All-OVAC and was listed as a Columbiana Co. All Star.

Tyler is the son of Daniel and Stacey Stanley.

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Toronto 8, Philadelphia 2	
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1	
Chicago White Sox 2, Cleveland 1	
Texas 5, Oakland 2	
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N.Y. Mets 7, Atlanta 3
Minnesota 4, Milwaukee 1
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San Diego (Snell 1-5) at Colorado (Freeland 4-7), 3:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Wright 10-4) at Washington (Sanchez 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Castillo 3-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Cortes 7-3), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Anderson 9-1) at St. Louis (Hudson 6-5), 7:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Carrasco 9-4) at Chicago Cubs (Thompson 7-3), 8:05 p.m.

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Harkness hired as new Martins Ferry A.D.

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

MARTINS FERRY — To say the past 72 hours have been a whirlwind for Greg Harkness is probably still selling it short.

Saturday morning, Harkness played in a golf scramble. By that evening, he found himself researching the open position of Athletics Director at Martins Ferry High School, which had come to

light as open earlier that afternoon, when news of Mark Cook's resignation broke on Twitter.

Tuesday evening — at the Martins Ferry City Schools Board of Education meeting — Harkness was approved as the new Director of Athletics and received a two-year contract.

"It was definitely an interesting (couple of days)," Harkness said. "Honestly, this was an opportunity I felt like I couldn't pass up. I

appreciate Mr. (Jim) Fogle and the board showing confidence in me to give me the opportunity."

Harkness had just completed an eight-year tenure as the Athletics Director at Bridgeport on June 30 after tendering his resignation in March. He had full intentions of remaining on the Bulldogs' staff as the EMIS coordinator, which he held along with his A.D. post.

"I wasn't looking to leave Bridgeport, but I felt like if I didn't

take (the Ferry job) this time, someone young would probably get it and do it for 10 or 15 years, so it was probably a now or never type thing for me," Harkness said. "I really enjoyed my time at Bridgeport and my job, but when I saw this Martins Ferry position, I would be lying if I said it wasn't a position I was greatly interested in. It's honestly the only thing I would

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Maynard back to defend title after 4-3 win over Barton

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

MAYNARD - Barton and Maynard played a pair of best-of-3 series in the last two weeks. One ended the regular season and provided the winner with home-field advantage in the Ohio Valley Baseball League playoffs. The other determined who would advance to the championship series.

Maynard won both of them and will be back to defend its title from 2021.

The second-seeded Indians (13-10) needed extra innings to do so as Klay Cottis singled up the middle with no outs in the bottom of the eighth inning. The base hit scored B.A. Holloway from third and gave the hosts a 4-3 victory over the third-seeded Braves (12-11) before a large turnout at sun-soaked Firemen's Field inside the Community Park.

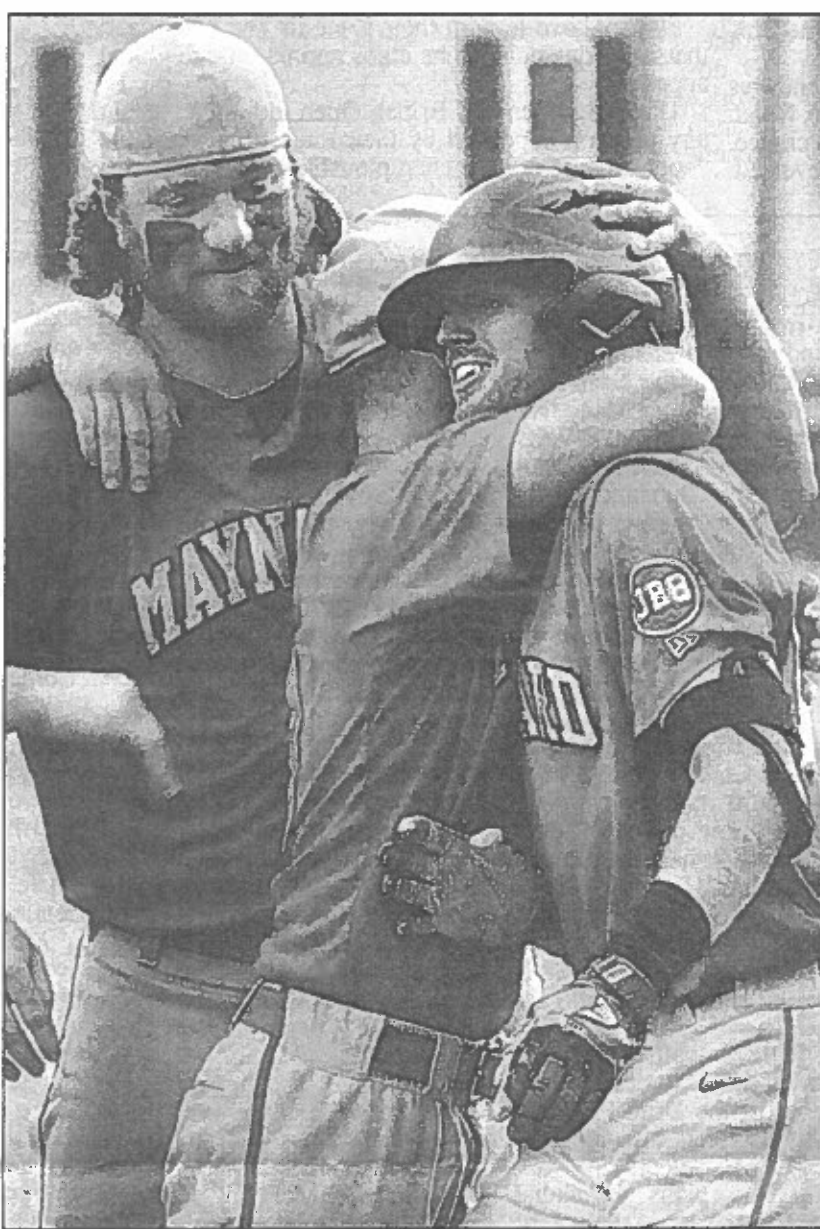
"This feels great," Maynard manager David Vicker said amidst a wild celebration. "Klay came up with the big hit and MacKenzie (Koehler) pitched another gem. Hunter (Westlake) also had a clutch hit and (Matthew) Busby hit a leadoff homer in the bottom of the first.

"We battled and battled all season and continued to do so in the three games against a good Barton team," he added. "We're back to defend our title."

The Indians will get a little break as the best-of-5 championship series opposite fourth-seeded Wheeling begins on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Maynard.

Holloway led off the bottom of the eighth with a single down the third base line. Zach Clark was safe at first when his roller to second was bobbled. The throw to first got away as both runners moved up 90 feet. Cottis, a former Indian Creek standout, ripped a 1-1 offering from Tyler Blomquist back through the box, setting off a wild celebration.

"I was looking to drive (the ball up) the middle, get the barrel in front of it and hit it



T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

MAYNARD'S KLAY Cottis (15) is mobbed by teammates Michael "Zuke" Jacob (33) and Tyler Ramsay after he hit a game-ending RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning Wednesday night for a 4-3 win over Barton. The win advanced the Indians into the championship series against Wheeling. The best-of-5 begins Sunday at 1 p.m. in Maynard.

hard," Cottis explained. He also had a walk-off against Moundsville in the season-opener.

"Barton is always a good fight, but we don't lose in Maynard," he added.

Both teams scored a run in the

first inning as Jacob Rosnick raced home on a Gaetan Sinisgallo groundout to give Barton a 1-0 lead. However, Busby led off the bottom of the inning by blasting a 1-2 pitch over the fence in left for

See, **MAYNARD**, Page B2

Ohio names linemen for OVAC Game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

When putting together the roster for the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, Beaver Local head coach Mike McKenzie wanted not only skill players who fit the spread, but linemen, too.

The Ohio head coach, who will lead his team against West Virginia on Saturday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium, believes he's found those types of players — on both sides of the ball.

"We feel good about our linemen," McKenzie said. "We have guys who are experienced in the spread offense and some tough kids. We feel like our linemen fit what we want to do."

McKenzie and his coaches will begin the process of preparing their players for the game on Sunday when both teams report to camp at Wheeling University.

Here's a capsule look at the players:
JOEY BALGO, St. Clairsville — This Red Devil senior was one of the leaders up front for Coach Brett McLean's team.

The 6-1, 275 pounder graded out at 93% blocking en route to earned All-Eastern District, All-OVAC, All-Valley, All-Watchdog and All-Times Leader.

Along with football, Balgo was a letterman in baseball and played in the OVAC All-Star Game.

Joey, who is the son of Dan and Diane Balgo, plans to attend Mercyhurst to play football.

CASEY BROOKER, Fort Frye — This former Cadet was a multi-year force along the offensive line for Coach Eric Huck's team.

The 6-2, 230 pounder was named First Team All-Ohio twice during his career and earned Eastern District Offensive Player of the Year twice. He took part in the North-South Game

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Pirates fall to Marlins in 10, 5-4

MIAMI (AP) — Jesus Aguilar hit a tying single and scored the winning run on a wild pitch as the Miami Marlins rallied for three runs in the 10th inning to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-4 on Wednesday night.

Jon Berti hit an RBI single that trimmed Miami's deficit to 4-3. Aguilar followed with a one-out RBI single to center field against All-Star closer David Bednar (3-3) that advanced Berti to third.

Bednar intentionally walked pinch-hitter Luke Williams to load the bases. Brian Anderson's grounder forced Berti at home

ahead 4-2 in the top of the 10th.

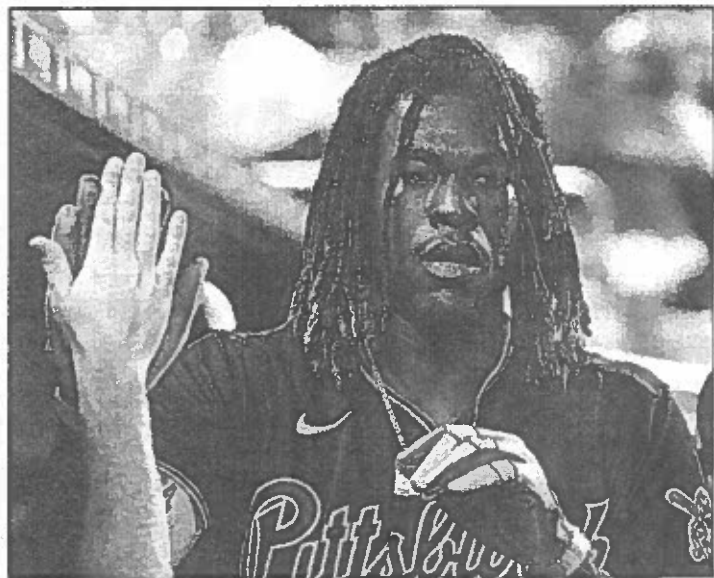
Pittsburgh tied it 2-all on Michael Chavis' RBI double against reliever Tanner Scott in the ninth. Scott walked Vogelbach and Hayes to start the inning. Chavis hit a drive over left fielder Billy Hamilton that advanced Hayes to third.

Avsail Garcia's two-run single in the eighth put Miami ahead 2-1. Pittsburgh reliever Duane Underwood got the first two outs of the inning before he hit Joey Wendle with a pitch, walked Berti and plunked Aguilar with a nitch. Garc a's line

Miami starter Pablo Lopez kept Pittsburgh hitless through the first four until Ben Gamel's RBI single in the fifth broke a scoreless tie. Oneil Cruz had a leadoff walk, stole second and scored on Gamel's line drive to right.

Lopez was lifted after five innings. He allowed one hit, walked four and struck out three.

The Marlins threatened against Brubaker in the fourth when Garc a hit a leadoff double and Anderson walked. But then Sanchez forced Anderson at second and Nick Fortes ground-



White Sox beat Guardians 2-1

CLEVELAND (AP) — Lucas Giolito pitched one-run ball into the seventh inning and the Chicago White Sox beat Cleveland 2-1 on Wednesday night after Guardians' starter Aaron Civale exited after one inning because of a sore right wrist.

Giolito (6-5) yielded an unearned run in 6 1/3 innings and extended his dominance of Cleveland hitters. The right-hander is 5-1 with a 0.83 ERA in 10 starts against Cleveland since May 17, 2019.

Giolito's strong outing, along with RBIs by Josiah Abreu and Andrew Vaughn, helped the White Sox earn a split of the four-game series between the teams battling for second place in the AL Central Division.

Civale allowed two hits and threw 20 pitches in the scoreless first inning. Civale's injury forced manager Terry Francona to use five relievers, one day after the teams played a doubleheader.

Eli Morgan and Enyel De Los Santos each pitched two scoreless innings, but the White Sox got on the board in the sixth inning, scoring two runs off Sam Hentges (2-2) in the sixth. A double by Abreu scored Yoán Moncada, who had drawn a leadoff walk. Vaughn followed with an RBI groundout.

Liam Hendricks pitched the ninth and earned his 18th save in 21 chances.

Giolito retired the first batter in the seventh and was lifted after Frammil Reyes singled and rookie Nolan Jones walked. Owen Miller hit into a fielder's choice. Miller was ruled out at first, but the call was reversed.

• Linemen

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during the spring.

Casey, who plans to attend Ohio University, is the son of Dennis and Trena Brooker.

GAVIN CARPENTER, Barnesville — This two-way standout anchored both lines for Coach Blake Allen's squad.

The 5-10, 240-pounder recorded 111 tackles, nine sacks, forced two fumbles and recovered two fumbles.

Carpenter was a two-time All-Ohioan, including the Eastern District's Defensive Player of the Year last season. He also took part in the North-South Game during the spring.

Along with football, Carpenter was a standout baseball player for the Shamrocks, earning numerous accolades.

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independent contractors a right to earn a living doing something else, as well as still being a member of the PGA Tour," Norman said.

PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan has suspended players for competing without a release: some of them, such as Dustin Johnson and Sergio Garcia, decided to resign their memberships.

The European tour fined its players who joined 100,000 pounds and banned them from certain tournaments. Four players appealed to a judge and were given a temporary stay from being suspended, allowing them to compete in the Scottish Open.

USGA CEO Mike Whan said last month he could foresee a day when players who joined LIV Golf would have a harder time getting into the U.S. Open. That was as far as he went because it was in the early stages of LIV's series and he found no need to rush to a decision.

Slumbers said the R&A had no intention of banning any players. That presumably would include Open champions whose exemptions end at age 60.

"But what is on our agenda is that we will review our exemptions and qualifications criteria for The Open," Slumbers said.

"And whilst we do that every year, we absolutely reserve the right to make changes as our Open Championships Committee deems appropriate.

Players have to earn their place in The Open, and that is fundamental to its ethos and its unique global appeal."

The U.S. Open and British Open did not keep out any players suspended by their tours because of the "open" nature of their championships.

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Hunter, who plans to attend Ohio Wesleyan University, is the son of Jarod and Amber Kesselring.

GREG MAMULA, Steubenville — This former Big Red standout was a two-way mainstay for Coach Reno Saccoccia's team.

The 5-10, 185 pounder shined at

center and defensive end. He didn't allow a sack as a senior and posted 52 pin blocks in his career.

Along with football, Mamula is a member of the National Honor Society, Principal's Advisory Council and he was nominated for Buckeye Boys State.

Greg, who plans to enter LIFT Flight School, is the son of Greg and Steffanie Mamula.

TIMMY O'GRADY, Bellaire — This former Big Red was one of the leaders for Coach Mark Spigarelli's team.

The 6-1, 230 pounder was named All-Ohio, All-OVAC, All-Eastern District, All-Buckeye 8, All-Times Leader and he played in the North-South Game.

O'Grady, who is the son of Tim and Lori O'Grady, plans to attend Marietta College.

JJ ORLANDO, Indian Creek — This former Redskins produced a high grade each week for his play up front for Coach Andrew Connor's team.

The 6-2, 260 pounder graded out at 91% blocking with eight solo and eight assisted tackles on the defensive side.

Along with football, Orlando was a four-year Academic All-Star and was named Student Scholar of the Week.

JJ, who plans to attend Baldwin-Wallace, is the son of Jimmy and Jennifer Orlando.

TYLER STANLEY, Wellsville — This former Tiger played a myriad of positions on the line quite well for Coach Moose Ramsey's team.

The 6-7, 280 pounder played left tackle, left guard, defensive tackle and defensive end.

Stanley was a four-year letterman and earned First Team All-OVAC and was listed as a Columbian Co. All Star.

• Harkness

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have left what I was doing for."

Being it's basically the middle of July and fall sports practices are just around the corner, Martins Ferry needed to act quickly to fill the job. The fact that Harkness, who formally begins on Aug. 1, brings as much experience as he does should ease the transition.

"I feel like I can hit the ground running since I am familiar with OHSAA and OVAC stuff as well as Arbiter and the behind-the-scenes things," Harkness said. "Obviously, I know that Mark Cook did a great job and will have left things in great shape. That will also allow me to step in and get started right away."

Along with his eight years as the athletics director at Bridgeport, he also spent five seasons as the girls basketball coach. Prior to coming to Bridgeport, Harkness, who is a 1993 Martins Ferry graduate, coached girls basketball at a variety of levels at Martins Ferry for 12 years.

"Part of the appeal of this was it being where it is," Harkness said. "I've known (football coach) Justin Kropka since we played Bronco baseball together 35 years ago. I've been friends with (girls basketball coach) Dave and (baseball coach) Anthony Reasbeck for a long time. I know many of the other coaches, too. Knowing all of the people makes it exciting for me to step in, especially knowing that I am taking over for a guy who did things the right way."

Harkness isn't looking to re-invent the wheel in his role. He simply wants to ease the burden for the coaches and do his part to put the Purple Riders' teams in a position to succeed.

"Ferry has been very successful for a long time in athletics," Harkness said. "Their sports are in good shape with a bunch of good coaches. I just want to be an asset to those folks and help them to continue to be successful."

Harkness and his wife, Jodi, have a daughter, Olivia.

Prior to approving Harkness as the new A.D., the board accepted Cook's resignation. Cook, who was one of the area's longest-tenured athletic directors had upwards of 25 years of experience between his stops at Barnesville and his three years at Martins Ferry.

• Maynard

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for his first OVBL home run.

Nick Scott gave the Braves a 2-1 edge in the fourth when he sent an 0-2 delivery from Mackenzie Koehler over the fence in left-center.

Maynard took its first lead in the fifth. Cottis was hit by a pitch leading off and went to second on Eric Banal's one-out single to right.

When the relay throw to the infield got away, both runners advanced a base. Busby was intentionally walked to load the bases and, after the second out was recorded, Hunter Westlake lined a 2-1 pitch from Josh Speaker through the hole at short as Cottis and Banal both crossed the plate.

Barton drew even in the top of the seventh with some two-out lightning. Rosnick reached on an infield single and came all the way around when Jacob Probst doubled to deep right-center on a 3-2 pitch.

Koehler, pitching on just three days rest after a 103-pitch effort on Sunday, went the distance. The righty struck out 11, walked three and yielded only six hits.

Maynard defeated Wheeling in three of the five regular-season meetings.

WORKING OVERTIME

Of the half-a-dozen contests the two Belmont County rivals played in the last two weeks, three of them went into extra innings. Wednesday's win by Maynard was its first as Barton won two weeks ago in 10 innings (6-2) and earlier this week (4-3) on Monday in nine.

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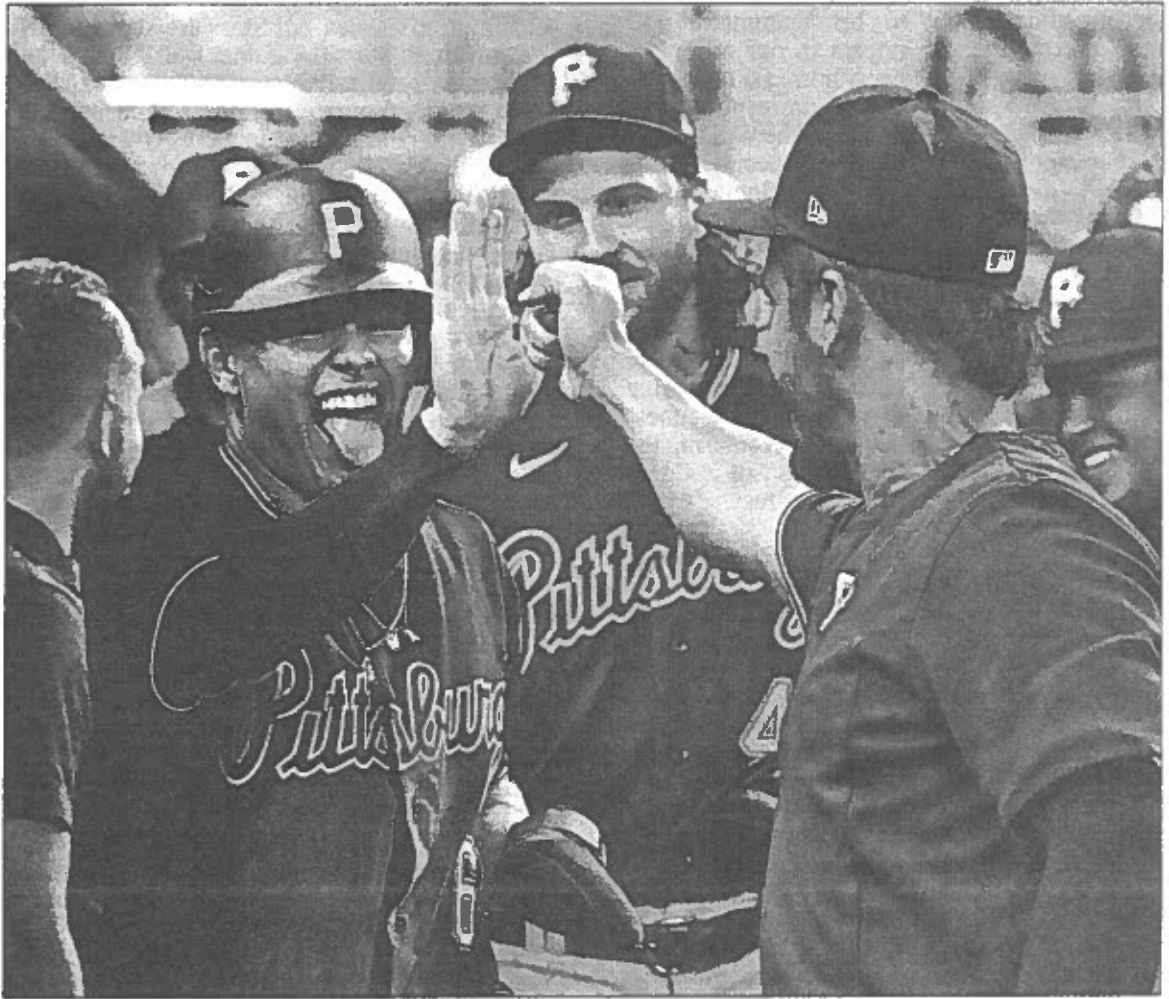
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Streaking Pirates Top Marlins 3-2



Pittsburgh Pirates' Diego Castillo (64) is congratulated in the dugout after scoring on a triple hit by Oneil Cruz against the Miami Marlins Tuesday.

Pittsburgh's 1st 4-game winning streak since 2019

MIAMI (AP) — Rookie Oneil Cruz hit a tiebreaking RBI triple and Jake Marisnick homered for the second straight game, helping the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Miami Marlins 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Diego Castillo had two hits for the Pirates in their fourth straight victory. Pittsburgh is 14-6 against Miami since 2018.

"Everybody is motivated with the desire to win," Castillo said in Spanish. "And when a club maintains consistency, good things continue to happen."

Dillon Peters (5-2) got the win with 2 2/3 innings of one-run relief. The left-hander was activated from the injured list Tuesday.

"I felt good, I worked hard while I was injured," Peters said. "I knew I definitely had some length in me today. Like I said, however long, let's go."

Cruz made it 2-1 when he tripled home Castillo in the fifth. Cruz then scored on Jason Delay's single against Daniel Castano.

Miami got one back on Nick Fortes' RBI single in the bottom of the fifth. But Tyler Beede and

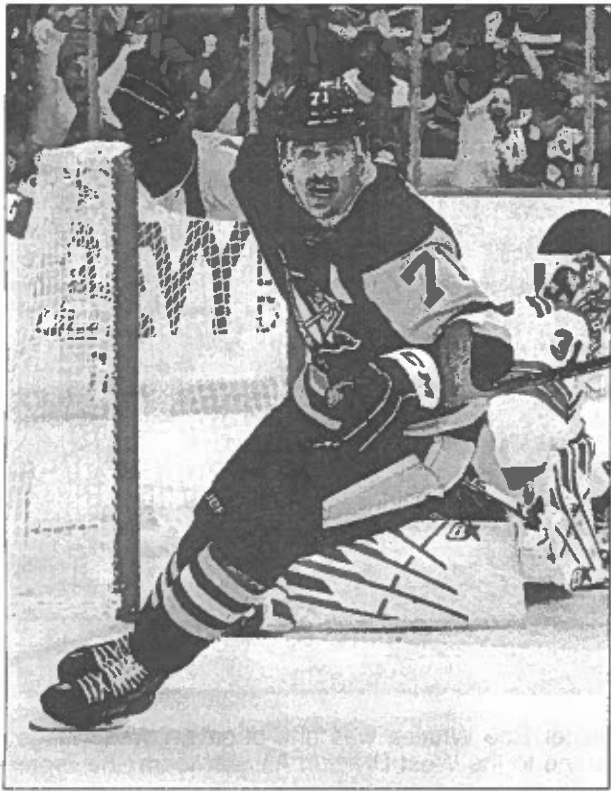
Wil Crowe combined for three perfect innings before All-Star David Bednar worked the ninth for his 16th save.

Castano allowed five hits, struck out three and walked none in five innings.

Marisnick put Pittsburgh in front with his leadoff shot in the third. Miami tied it in the bottom half on Joey Wendle's sacrifice fly.

Chris Stratton threw 2 1/3 innings of one-run ball in a bullpen game for the Pirates.

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AP Photo

The Penguins and Evgeni Malkin agreed to a four-year contract late Tuesday night July 12, 2022 worth \$6.1 million annually.

Malkin Re-Ups With Pens on 4-Year Deal

By JOHN WAWROW, DAVE CAMPBELL and STEPHEN WHYNO
AP Sports Writers

Evgeni Malkin is returning to the Pittsburgh Penguins after all, sticking around on the eve of free agency hours after the goalie carousel kept spinning around the NHL.

Malkin late Tuesday night signed a \$24.4 million, four-year deal that counts \$6.1 million against the salary cap through 2026. He had as recently as Monday told the team he was testing the market.

"Evgeni is a generational talent who will be remembered as one of the greatest players in NHL history," general manager Ron Hextall said. "His hockey resume and individual accomplishments speak volumes about him as a player, and we are thrilled to watch him continue his remarkable legacy in Pittsburgh."

Before Malkin stole the headlines by re-signing, the Minnesota Wild added another shift to the NHL's offseason goalie shuffle when they traded Cam Talbot to the Ottawa Senators for Filip Gustavsson.

The Senators had an opening after dealing Matt Murray to Toronto. The Wild intended to bring back Talbot in the same timeshare with Marc-Andre Fleury they used down the stretch on the way to the best regular-season record in franchise history, but general manager Bill Guerin changed his mind five days after re-signing Fleury.

"Sometimes you just know in your gut that things might not work out, and somebody might not be happy. I don't want a player to be like that either, and sometimes it's best to just move on," Guerin said.

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W.Va. Makes Up for Lack of Size With Strength, Speed

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

West Virginia really likes its skill-position players for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game.

However, head coach John Kelley knows even with talented skill players, line play — on both sides of the ball — is usually key to determining the ultimate success of winning and losing.

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"There was no drama. We don't want to create drama."

The 37-year-old Fleury, a three-time Stanley Cup winner along side Malkin in Pittsburgh, started all but one of Minnesota's playoff games in the first-round loss to St. Louis. Talbot didn't hide his disappointment about having to wait until the elimination game to see the ice in that series.

Guerin said Talbot did not directly request a trade.

"Cam is a wonderful guy. He's a big part of where our culture is today, and it's not that he would have been a problem," Guerin said. "It's just, you know, sometimes there's a little awkwardness and that's not always the best thing."

Talbot, who has a \$3.67 million salary-cap hit on the final year of the contract he signed with the Wild in 2020, will slide in next to Anton Forsberg in Ottawa's net. The 35-year-old Talbot went 13-0-3 in his last 16 regular-season starts.

With Fleury in the fold on a two-year, \$7 million contract, Gustavsson will be the clear No. 2 goalie for Minnesota while top prospect Jesper Wallstedt develops in the AHL. The swap also netted almost \$3 million in cap space for the strapped-for-space Wild.

The 24-year-old Gustavsson mostly struggled through 18 games with the Senators last season, going 5-12-1 with a 3.55 goals-against average. He was a 2016 second-round draft pick by Pittsburgh, when Guerin was in the front office there.

Also Tuesday, the Philadelphia Flyers placed forward Oskar Lindblom on waivers with the intent of buying out the final year of the 25-year-old cancer survivor's contract.

General manager Chuck Fletcher called it a "very difficult decision" to free up salary-cap space by cutting a player who recovered from being diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma.

The Flyers will donate \$100,000 in Lindblom's name to a Philadelphia organization that supports families impacted by cancer.

"No one can question the desire, will and strength to overcome all that Oskar has been through off the ice in order to return to the game he loves," Fletcher said in a statement released by the team. "Oskar's commitment to his teammates and impact in our room has been immeasurable. He is truly an inspiration to us all and he will always remain a special part of the Philadelphia Flyers family. We wish him all the best as he continues his NHL career."

Unless claimed, Lindblom will become an unrestricted free agent once the NHL's signing period opens Wednesday. He was entering the final season of a three-year contract, which counted \$3 million against Philadelphia's salary cap.

Lindblom is from Sweden and was selected by the Flyers in the fifth round of the 2014 draft. He spent five seasons in Philadelphia.

He was diagnosed with cancer in December 2019 and missed the remainder of the season before returning to play Games 6 and 7 in the Flyers' second-round series loss to the New York Islanders in August, when the Eastern Conference playoffs were played in Toronto due to COVID-19.

Lindblom returned the following season, scoring eight goals and 14 points in 50 games and winning the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy, which is presented to a player who best embodies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication.

Overall, Lindblom has 50 goals and 97 points in 263 career games.

Ottawa defenseman Michael Del Zotto, New Jersey forward Janne Kuokkanen and San Jose forward Rudolf Balcers also were placed on waivers for the purpose to buy out the final year of their contracts.

Wild Things Land 7 on West Division All-Star Team

WASHINGTON, Pa. — The Frontier League has announced its rosters for the upcoming 2022 Frontier League All-Star Game, presented by The Coury Firm, in Washington, Wednesday, July 20.

Washington has seven All Stars at first announcement, with a chance to have more added when the final three players are added by each division's managers, which will be decided at the end of the night.

The seven all stars are the most for any Frontier League team, with the Ottawa Titans being the closest to the Wild Things with five.

Washington's seven All Stars are shortstop Nick Ward, who will start the game, outfielder Wagner Lagrange, who will also start, pitchers Rob Whalen and Lukas Young, infielders Andrew Czech and Ian Walters and catcher Alex Alvarez. Czech, Walters and Alvarez are reserves for the West. It's the first Frontier League All-Star Game appearance for all seven Wild Things selected.

The teams were voted on by the league's managers, coaching staffs, broadcasters, general managers and local media.

"It's very deserving for all of those guys. Every one of them has had a great first half and I'm really glad they're being recognized for that and their achievements," said manager Tom Vaeth. "I hope they get a chance to show what they can do in front of a lot of scouts."

Ward will start the game at shortstop for the West Division. The second-year Wild Thing is third in the league with a .368 batting average, tied for eighth in home runs (13), tied for 12th in RBI (40), second in walks drawn (45) and first in on-base percentage (.506).

Lagrange will be in a starting outfield spot for the West come July 20. A 10-game hit streak and strong recent push by Lagrange earned him the distinction. Wagner is hitting a robust .329 with five home runs, 37 RBI and 14 doubles, a top 10 total in the league. He's also stolen nine bases.

Whalen is fifth in ERA leaders in the league with a 2.94 ERA and leads the league in wins with nine on the year. The next closest in the category has six wins. Whalen has started 10 games and logged 64.1 innings with 57 strikeouts to just 14 walks.

Young is in his first season with the Wild Things as the team's closer and has a 1.04 ERA, a 4-1 record and 10 saves in 22 appearances. He's allowed just five runs, three earned, so far and has fanned 29 to just eight walks. The 10 saves are third behind fellow West All Star Logan Sawyer of Evansville and Quebec's Sam Adames.

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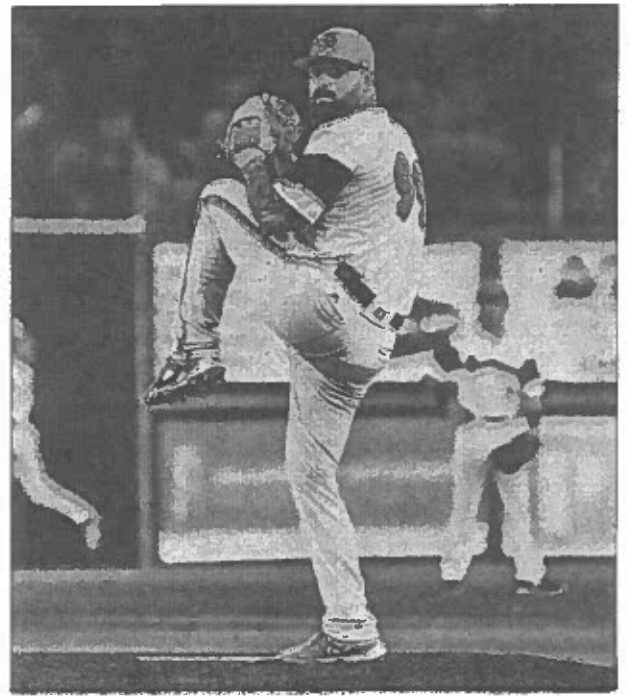


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slugging percentage and a .426 on-base percentage. He's drawn 30 walks, which is the second most on the Wild Things' team.

Walters is hitting .287 after a strong year with the Southern Illinois Miners last season. As a Wild Thing, he'd hit seven home runs and driven in 36 in 48 games so far. He's also got nine doubles.

Alvarez was named the West's reserve catcher with Evansville's Dakota Phillips, who was voted as the starter, unable to play due to injury. Alvarez, amongst catchers in the league, has the third most homers at the position with eight and has driven in 17 runs with a .213 batting average. He's also been solid behind the dish for the Wild Things as the team's starting catcher.

"It is great to see our club so well represented, as we host the All-Star Game during our Anniversary Season," said president and general manager Tony Buccilli. "We look forward to seeing our fan base coming out and showing support to their favorite players."

The All-Star Game, presented by The Coury Firm, is set for 7:05 p.m. Wednesday, July 20. The managers of the teams will be the first-place managers at the end of play Wednesday, July 13.

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Mayfield: 'No animosity' with Cleveland at all

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Baker Mayfield said he was "shocked" to learn that he was not included in the Cleveland Browns' future plans earlier this off-season.

But the No. 1 overall NFL draft pick in 2018 has had a few months now to digest the Browns' decision to replace him with Deshaun Watson and is eager to take advantage of a fresh start with his new team, the Carolina Panthers.

"Shocked, I would say, is pretty much the only way to describe it," Mayfield said Tuesday. "But you roll with the punches and you've got to move forward. This is a test of adversity and how I'm going to handle it and how I can move forward and be the best teammate possible."

Mayfield said he has no animosity toward the Browns, although he admits Carolina's home opener against Cleveland on Sept. 11 will be a "special" game.

Often viewed as fiery and outspoken, Mayfield was humble and introspective in his first interview since the Browns dealt him to Carolina for a 2024 conditional fifth-round draft pick.

To help facilitate the deal, Mayfield agreed to take a \$3.5 million pay cut. He'll still make a combined \$15.5 million from the Browns and Panthers.

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Mayfield joins Sam Darnold in the quarterback room, giving the Panthers the top two QBs from the '18 draft — but no clear starter heading into training camp.

Panthers general manager Scott Fitterer called it an "open competition" and predicts both will get equal reps in practice.

"The reason we have Baker here is to make the whole group better as a whole," Fitterer said. "Our philosophy is that we want competition, not just in the quarterback room but at every position."

But past success suggests Mayfield has a better chance of winning the job. He's 29-30 as an NFL starter, while Darnold is 17-32. Mayfield has thrown 92 touchdown passes and 56 interceptions compared to Darnold's 54 TD passes and 52 INTs.

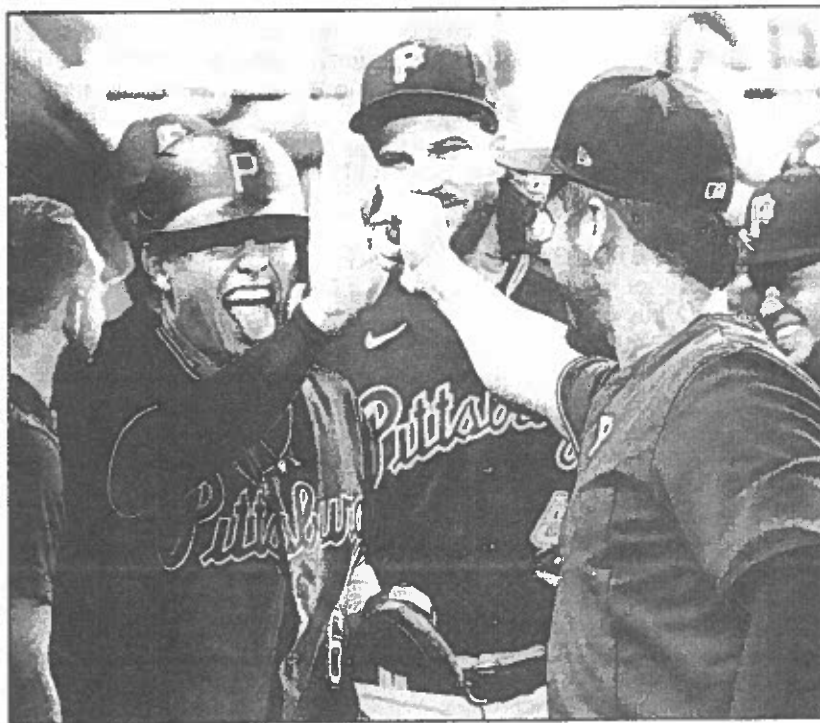
Mayfield has also shown he can lead a team to the playoffs, helping the Browns go 11-5 in 2020.

Mayfield avoided questions on whether he expects to be the team's starter, only saying he wants to be the best quarterback he can be and help the Panthers win games regardless of his role. He said he likes and respects Darnold, who called him shortly after the trade to Carolina was announced.

He doesn't want a quarterback controversy disrupting the team.

Bieber, Guardians defeat White Sox

CLEVELAND (AP) — Shane Bieber pitched a three-hitter for his first complete game this year and Jose Ramirez and Amed Rosario drove in two runs apiece, sending the Cleveland Guardians over the Chicago White Sox 4-1 in a doubleheader opener



PITTSBURGH PIRATES' Diego Castillo (64) is congratulated in the dugout after scoring on a triple hit by Oneil Cruz during the fifth inning of a game against the Miami Marlins, Tuesday, in Miami.

AP Photo

Cruz, Marisnick power streaking Pirates to win

MIAMI (AP) — Rookie Oneil Cruz hit a tie-breaking RBI triple and Jake Marisnick homered for the second straight game, helping the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Miami Marlins 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Diego Castillo had two hits for the Pirates in their fourth straight victory. Pittsburgh is 14-6 against Miami since 2018.

Dillon Peters (5-2) got the win with 2 2/3 innings of one-run relief.

Cruz made it 2-1 when he tripled home Castillo in the fifth. Cruz then scored on Jason Delay's single against Daniel Castano (1-3).

Miami got one back on Nick Fortes' RBI single in the bottom of the fifth. But Tyler Beede and Wil Crowe combined for three perfect innings before All-Star David Bednar worked the ninth for his 16th save.

Castano allowed five hits, struck out three and walked none in five innings.

Marisnick put Pittsburgh in front with his leadoff shot in the third. Miami tied it in the bottom half on Joey Wendle's sacrifice fly.

Chris Stratton threw 2 1/3 innings of one-run ball in a bullpen game for the Pirates. It was Stratton's first start after 161 relief appearances. He last started for the Los Angeles Angels on April 23, 2019.

Marlins first baseman Garrett Cooper exited in the sixth after fouling a pitch off his left knee. Cooper was added to the NL All-Star team on Tuesday, replacing Philadelphia slugger Bryce Harper at designated hitter.

WORTH THE WAIT

Before the game, Marlins catcher Jacob Stallings received his 2021 Gold Glove. Miami's Don Mattingly and Pittsburgh's Derek Shelton, Stallings' current and former managers, flanked him during the brief ceremony. The occasion coincided with the Pirates' only series in Miami this season. Stallings spent the first five years of his career in Pittsburgh, culminated by the Gold-Glove-winning season.

ROSTER MOVE

The Pirates activated Peters from the injured list and optioned right-hander Eric Stout to Triple-A Indianapolis.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Marlins: LHP Jesus Luzardo (left forearm strain) was scheduled to throw two innings of batting practice Tuesday at the club's spring training facility.

UP NEXT

RHP JT Brubaker (2-8, 4.34 ERA) starts the third game of the series for the Pirates tonight against Marlins RHP Pablo Lopez (6-4, 2.91).

NHL free agent class is very deep

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Hockey Writer

Johnny Hockey is testing the free agent market, following Evgeni Malkin's lead.

Welcome to the club. It's a good one.

MVP candidate Johnny Gaudreau informed the Calgary Flames he's leaving in free agency Wednesday, joining an NHL

free agent class that features the

spent, and players are going to make a lot of money."

Probably no one more than Gaudreau, who set career highs with 40 goals, 75 assists and 115 points in leading the Flames to the Pacific Division title. His next deal will almost certainly shatter the richest contract signed last year: \$63 million to Dougie Hamilton from New Jersey.

Gaudreau, a South Jersey native who grew up rooting for the

played through in the final.

Teammate Andre Burakovsky, longtime Flyers captain-turned-Panthers forward Claude Giroux, Rangers center Ryan Strome and Blues winger David Perron are also among the many intriguing options up front.

"It's going to be interesting," Waddell said. "It looks like there's an abundance of forwards and not as many defensemen."

The best in that shallow pool

NHL

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Whether it's by trade or free agency, the Capitals now need two goalies and know the price considering the high demand and low supply. "Given the environment, I think it will be high," MacLellan said.

The precedent has been set high for a lot of free agents after Colorado re-signed Valeri Nichushkin to a \$49 million, eight-year deal Monday. Nichushkin got that after nine goals and six assists in the playoffs, so his \$6.125 million annual cap hit could be the floor for Tampa Bay post-season star Ondrej Palat, unless he takes a hometown discount to try to help the Lightning win the Cup for a third time since their run of success began in 2020.

With or without Palat and stable defenseman Jan Rutta, the Lightning could again shop in the bargain

Bieber

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Eloy Jimenez singled home Andrew Vaughn in the seventh, cutting Chicago's deficit to 4-1. The White Sox had two on with one out before Gavin Sheets bounced into an inning-ending double play.

"Bieber had excellent command the whole game, all nine innings," Chicago manager Tony La Russa said. "Give him credit."

Martin worked a season-high six innings, giving up four runs while striking out three after being recalled from Triple-A Char-

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Filling out the roster with depth players could take some time, not just for Tampa Bay but around the league.

Many executives still expect the usual free agent frenzy beginning at noon EDT today, though that may not be the only time for the vast majority of signings like most years.

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Cleveland designated hitter Franmil Reyes fouled a pitch off his

right ear in the third but remained in the game. The ball ricocheted off the dirt and struck Reyes below his helmet.

"Franmil was OK right away," Francona said. "He's got a little cut on his ear, so we were just trying to stop the bleeding."

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Barton at Maynard, 6 p.m., series tied 1-1

Championship Series (Best-of-5) Friday
Game 1--Wheeling at Barton/Maynard winner, 6 p.m.

Sunday
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Monday
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Wednesday (If necessary)
Game 4--Barton/Maynard winner vs. Wheeling at West Liberty, 1 p.m.

Friday (If necessary)
Game 5--Game 1--Wheeling at Barton/Maynard winner, 6 p.m.

American Legion

District Tournament (at Gant Stadium, Zanesville)
Friday

Game 1--St. Clairsville vs. Barnesville, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday
Game 2--Beverly/Lowell vs. Cambridge, 1 p.m.

Game 3--St. Clairsville-Barnesville winner vs. Zanesville, 4 p.m.

Game 4--Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2, 7 p.m.

Sunday
Game 5--Winner Game 4 vs. Loser Game 3, 1 p.m.

Game 6--Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3, 4 p.m.

Monday
Game 7--Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 5, 6 p.m.

Tuesday
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Wednesday
Game 9--If necessary

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The St. Clairsville Girls Basketball team will hold a shootout on Friday, July 15. Each team entering is guaranteed at least three games. Entry fee is \$150 per team, cash or check. Checks can be made out to St. Clairsville Girls Basketball, and payment can be sent ahead of time or brought the day of the event. If mailing, the address is 108 Woodrow Ave., St. Clairsville, Oh., 43950.

Admission is \$1 for children 5-and-up and \$2 for adults. A concession stand will be available.

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Seventh Annual St. C. Youth Football Academy Slated

The seventh annual Little Devils Football Academy will be held on July 11, 12 and 14 at Red Devil Stadium. The camp will be broken into two divisions with students entering grades sixth, seventh and eighth participating from 6:15-8:15 p.m. The students entering grades third, fourth and fifth will participate from 5-7 p.m. The camp will include emphasis on drills, fundamentals, rules and strategy, competition, teamwork and participants will learn multiple positions. There will be games and guest speakers. The camp will be overseen by members of the St. Clairsville coaching staff as well as the varsity football players. The cost of the camp is \$40, which includes a t-shirt, beverage and a group photo in the fall sports program as well as food on the final night. Parents are welcome to watch the camp from the home grounds. For more information, please contact Donnie Giffin at (740) 391-7228; Gary Hull at (740) 695-5316 or email Brett McLean at brett.mclean

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	16	6	.727	—
Connecticut	14	8	.636	2
Washington	14	10	.583	3
Atlanta	10	12	.455	6
New York	9	14	.391	7 1/2
Indiana	5	19	.208	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB	
Las Vegas	16	7	.696	—
Seattle	16	8	.667	1/2
Los Angeles	10	12	.455	5 1/2
Dallas	10	13	.435	6
Phoenix	10	14	.417	6 1/2
Minnesota	8	15	.348	8

Tuesday's Games
Seattle 83, Dallas 74
Las Vegas 107, New York 101

MLB Glance

National League East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	54	33	.621	—
Atlanta	52	36	.591	2 1/2
Philadelphia	46	41	.529	8
Miami	41	45	.477	12 1/2
Washington	30	58	.341	24 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	48	39	.552	—
St. Louis	47	42	.528	2
Pittsburgh	38	50	.432	10 1/2
Chicago	34	52	.395	13 1/2
Cincinnati	32	54	.372	15 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	56	29	.659	—
San Diego	50	38	.568	7 1/2
S. Francisco	43	42	.506	13
Arizona	39	48	.448	18
Colorado	38	49	.437	19

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 3, Miami 2
Cincinnati at N.Y. Yankees, late
Seattle at Washington, p.p.d.
Philadelphia at Toronto, late
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, late
Milwaukee at Minnesota, late
L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis, late
Baltimore at Chicago Cubs, late
San Diego at Colorado, late
Arizona at San Francisco, late

Wednesday's Games
Seattle (TBD) at Washington (Fedde 5-6), 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Bassitt 6-6) at Atlanta (Morton 5-3), 12:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Ashby 2-6) at Minnesota (Ryan 6-3), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Gallen 4-2) at San Francisco (TBD), 3:45 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Brubaker 2-8) at Miami (Lopez 6-4), 6:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Minor 1-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wheeler 8-4) at Toronto (TBD), 7:07 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Gonsolin 11-0) at St. Louis (Wainwright 6-7), 7:45 p.m.
Baltimore (Watkins 2-1) at Chicago Cubs (Steele 3-5), 8:05 p.m.
San Diego (Musgrove 8-2) at Colorado (Kuhl 6-5), 8:40 p.m.

American League East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	61	25	.709	—
Boston	47	40	.540	14 1/2
Tampa Bay	46	40	.535	15
Toronto	45	42	.517	16 1/2
Baltimore	43	44	.494	18 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	48	40	.545	—
Cleveland	43	42	.506	3 1/2
Chicago	41	45	.477	6
Detroit	36	51	.414	11 1/2
Kansas City	34	52	.395	13

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	56	29	.659	—
Seattle	45	42	.517	12
Texas	40	44	.476	15 1/2
Los Angeles	38	49	.437	19
Oakland	29	59	.330	28 1/2

Tuesday's Games
Cleveland 4, Chi. W. Sox 1, 1st gm
Cincinnati x N.Y. Yankees x
Seattle at Washington, p.p.d.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m., late
Milwaukee at Minnesota, late
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Oakland at Texas, late
Detroit at Kansas City, late
Houston at L.A. Angels, late

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Oakland (Blackburn 6-4) at Texas (Gray 5-4), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Javier 6-4) at L.A. Angels (Ohtani 8-4), 9:38 p.m.

Sports on TV

Wednesday, July 13
GOLF
3 p.m.
GOLF - LPGA Tour: The Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational, First Round, Midland Country Club, Midland, Mich.
MLB BASEBALL
12 p.m.
MLBN - Regional Coverage: NY Mets at Atlanta OR Seattle at Washington
3:30 p.m.
MLBN - Detroit at Kansas City (Joined in Progress)
6:30 p.m.
ATT--Pittsburgh at Miami
7:30 p.m.
MLBN - Regional Coverage: LA Dodgers at St. Louis OR Philadelphia at Toronto (7 p.m.)

NBA BASKETBALL
4 p.m.
NBATV - Summer League: Minnesota vs. Milwaukee, Las Vegas
5 p.m.
ESPN - Summer League: Cleveland vs. Charlotte, Las Vegas
6 p.m.
NBATV - Summer League: Washington vs. New Orleans, Las Vegas
7 p.m.
ESPN2 - Summer League: Toronto vs. Utah, Las Vegas
8 p.m.
NBATV - Summer League: Sacramento vs. Oklahoma City, Las Vegas
9 p.m.
ESPN2 - Summer League: Miami vs. Philadelphia, Las Vegas

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By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

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Brody, who has received early placement at American Heavy Plate, is the son of Matthew Longwell and Larissa Longwell.

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Photo by Cody Nespor

Moundsville’s Tyler Stauffer slides safely into home plate during Post 3’s game against Wellsburg Post 34 Monday evening at John Marshall.

Wellsburg Downs Post 3 in Wild One

By CODY NESPOR
Sports Writer

GLEN DALE — The baseball field at John Marshall may need to be re-done following the beating Wellsburg Post 34 and Moundsville Post 3 gave it during their game Monday evening.

In the seven-inning affair, which Wellsburg won 10-6, the teams combined to put 63 balls in play. Those 63 balls resulted in 26 hits, all singles, and 11 total errors. There were only four strikeouts and just one walk throughout the entire contest.

“They hit those high chops and we just didn’t get a break,” Moundsville manager Tim Koontz said. “Too many mistakes, too many bad breaks.”

Just like when these two played at Brooke High School last week, Moundsville got on top early just for Wellsburg to come back and win.

Post 3 scored in each of the first three innings and led 4-1 heading into the top of the fourth. In

that fourth inning, starting pitcher Luke Crammer allowed Raymond DeFranco to score, but still had a 4-2 lead as he walked back to his dugout following a ground-out to third base.

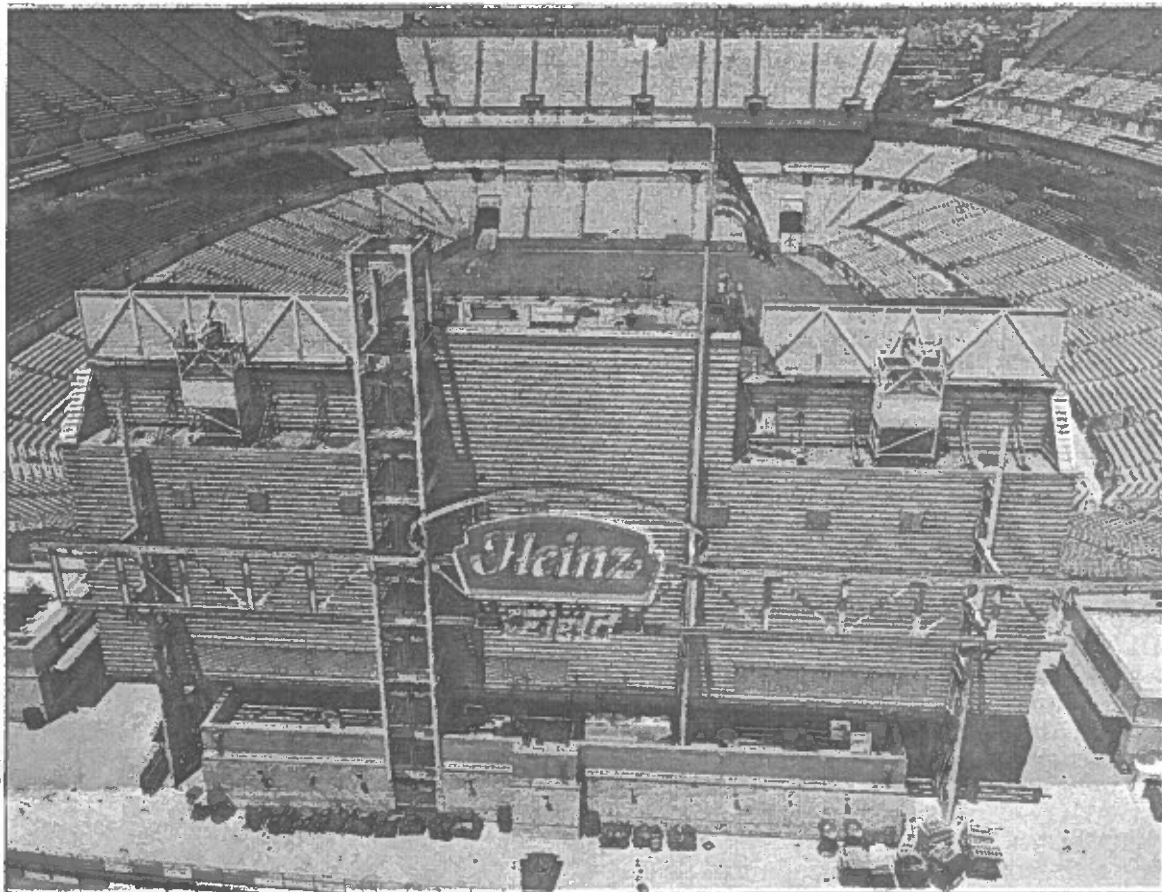
The entire Post 3 team had made it into their dugout area and most of Post 34’s players were heading to their defensive positions when the umpires correctly informed everyone that there were still only two outs in the frame.

Moundsville wishes that had been the end of the inning, however, as Wellsburg’s Zach Omery hit a two-out, two-run chopper back up the middle to score Hunter Mazingo and Ian Robinson and tie the game at 4-4.

Post 34 skipper Micah Knisely thought Post 3’s players were a little off after the mix-up with the number of outs and his team was able to take advantage of it.

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Steelers Change Name of Heinz Field



AP Photo

This drone photo shows Heinz Field in Pittsburgh, Monday. The naming rights for the stadium have been awarded to Acrisure, a Grand Rapids, Mich.-based insurance company with ties to Pittsburgh Steelers minority owner Thomas Tull.

Naming rights awarded to Acrisure Insurance

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers have run out of Heinz. And they’re not running to the store to grab more.

The Steelers announced Monday that the organization has ended its longtime partnership with the formerly Pittsburgh-based food company, which had served as the title sponsor for the NFL franchise’s home stadium on the city’s North Shore since it opened in 2001.

The 68,400-seat venue will be known as Acrisure Stadium after the Steelers reached a 15-year sponsorship agreement with the Michigan-based finan-

cial tech company. Financial details were not disclosed.

“Acrisure provided us with an opportunity to ensure our stadium continues to be a valuable asset for our fans as well as keeping up with the market value of NFL stadiums,” Steelers president Art Rooney II said in a statement.

Heinz initially signed a 20-year sponsorship agreement with the Steelers that was scheduled to end after the 2020 season.

The two sides came to terms on a one-year extension that ran through 2021 but Heinz opted not to pursue a new deal.

Sports Business Journal reported in 2019 that Heinz’s time as the stadium’s sponsor was running out, primarily because the company — which dates back to Western Pennsylvania in the late 1860s — was acquired by Kraft in 2015 and moved most of its business offices to Chicago.

The Steelers moved from Three Rivers Stadium to Heinz Field in time for the 2001 season.

The venue next to the confluence of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers also serves as the home of the University of Pittsburgh football team.

Djokovic Puts His Pursuit Of



Keller Sharp As Pirates



Tiger Part of Celebration of Champions at St. Andrews

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — They stood on the 18th tee at St. Andrews, a foursome that collectively has won 43 major championships spanning nearly six decades.

Tiger Woods isn't big on ceremonial golf. There are exceptions, and a British Open at the home of golf that celebrates the R&A's champions would be one of them.

He played with four-time major champion Rory McIlroy and six-time major champion Lee Trevino, who won his two claret jugs a few years before Woods was born.

Along for the ride was Jack Nicklaus, the gold standard when it comes to majors with his 18 titles.

Nicklaus didn't bring his clubs to St. Andrews. He returned to become an honorary citizen.

Nicklaus was there to greet most of the champions on the first tee of the four-hole exhibition around the loop on the Old Course (holes 1, 2, 17 and 18), and he couldn't help but join

up with the last group at the end — Woods, Trevino, McIlroy and Georgia Hall, an R&A ambassador and winner of the Women's British Amateur and Women's British Open.

Trevino was holding court because that's what Trevino does.

"Let me show you Jack putting," he said, and then he went through the motions, staring intently at the imaginary line, crouching over the ball and giving it a whack.

"Greatest putter ever," Trevino said.

"You left something out," Nicklaus said, and then he raised his left arm, his signature move when he holed the most important putts. He did that on the 17th green when he won the 1986 Masters at age 46 and on the 18th in St. Andrews in 2005 when his final putt in the last of his 166 majors was a birdie.

Trevino then moved on to the wedge, never a strength of Nicklaus because the Golden Bear rarely missed the green.

Trevino purposely chunked the wedge into the turf, which made him nervous when he realized he took a fat divot out of the 18th tee. He forgot where they were.

Woods turned around howling with laughter.

"This was Jack on the ninth at Merion," Trevino said, referring to their playoff for the U.S. Open in 1971 that Trevino won. Nicklaus playfully protested, only for Trevino to say, "You laid the sod over the ball!"

"These guys weren't even born then," Nicklaus said.

"I know. That's why I'm telling them," Trevino said, and there were smiles all round.

Only at St. Andrews.

"The Celebration of Champions" is a treat, held only at the home of golf and not even every year. It was first done in 2000 for the millennial. It was repeated in 2010 for the 150-year anniversary of the Open, except that nasty weather canceled the occasion. So they finished it off in 2015. Woods

played that year with Tom Weiskopf, Mark O'Meara and Nick Price.

McIlroy famously missed that year after injuring his knee while playing soccer.

He wouldn't have missed this one for the world.

"It's unbelievable," McIlroy said. "Playing St. Andrews, past champion, playing with my hero. If you had told 10-year-old Rory you'd be part of something like this, I wouldn't have believed you. It was really, really cool. Really special."

With so much star power, the question had to be asked: Which was the hero?

McIlroy laughed. Given his age (33), it was Woods, and always has been. After a charity pro-am a week ago in the west of Ireland, Woods and McIlroy played an unannounced practice round at Ballybunion, a huge treat for the storied Irish club.

"And Jack has become close to me as well, just from living at the Bear's Club, practicing

there," McIlroy said. "For me not getting to do this in 2015, it's nice to be able to part of it."

This was different from the other two.

The R&A invited its champions, and not all of them had won the silver claret jug.

There were 25 former British Open champions that spanned Gary Player (1959) to Collin Morikawa (2021). It included Hall, Laura Davies and defending Women's British Open champion Anna Nordqvist, amateur winners from the championship the R&A helps organize, such as Keita Nakajima (Asia-Pacific Amateur), the No. 1 player in amateur golf.

Also included were three players from the disabled golf competitions, such as Kipp Popert, who has cerebral palsy and last month became the first golfer with a disability to play in the British Amateur at Royal Lytham & St. Annes.

The 150th Open starts Thursday. This wasn't a bad warmup act.

FIELD

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BRANDON LOUDEN, Beallsville — This former Blue Devil was a true go-to-guy for Coach Rusty Bondy's Blue Devils.

The 6-3, 180-pounder was named All-OVAC, All-Valley and All-Eastern District. He also took part in the BACF All-Star Game last month.

Louden also shined in track and field, qualifying to the regional the last two seasons in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. He was the district champion in the 100 as a junior. He also shined in hoops and took part in the OVAC All-Star Game.

Brandon is the son of Eric Louden and Jaime Louden.

COLIN OBERDICK, St. Clairsville — This former Red Devil was a threat to go the distance any time he touched the ball for Coach Brett McLean's squad.

The 6-foot, 170-pounder finished his career with more than 2,000 receiving yards and scored 30 touchdowns. He finished with a 23-yards per catch average.

Oberdick was twice named First Team All-Ohio, All-OVAC, All-Eastern District, All-Valley, All-Buckeye 8 and played in the North-South All-Star Game in the spring.

Along with football, Oberdick was a multi-year letterman in basketball and track.

Colin, who plans to attend Wheeling University, is the son of Charles and Heather Oberdick.

AIDEN TARR, Bridgeport — This former Bulldog was a true home-run hitter for Coach Fred Ray's squad last season.

The 5-6, 131-pounder caught 24 passes for 566 yards and six touchdowns last season.

Tarr was recognized as a First-Team All-Eastern District, All-OVAC selection. He was Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

Along with football, Tarr lettered in basketball and baseball.

Aiden, who is the son of Ron and Susan Tarr, plans to enter the electrical program at Eastern Gateway Community College.

DJOKOVIC

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This is all up to him, of course, and he has steadfastly insisted — and insisted again Sunday after beating Nick Kyrgios 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3) on Sunday at the All England Club — "I'm not planning to get vaccinated."

There is no doubt that he already has accomplished more than enough to burnish his resume, reputation and standing in the pantheon of tennis. That's why, for example, the 35-year-old Serb is not too fussed about no longer being No. 1 (he already broke Feder-

er's record for the most weeks atop the ATP) or about sliding to No. 7 in Monday's rankings despite a fourth triumph in a row at the All England Club.

These are unusual times, to say the least, and as of this week, Djokovic loses the 2,000 points he accrued for winning the 2021 title at Wimbledon, while simultaneously gaining zero points for winning the 2022 title, a result of the WTA and ATP tours withholding all ranking points in response to the ban on athletes from Russia and Belarus over the war in Ukraine.

WELLSBURG

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"I think that took a lot out of their mental confidence, coming off (the field) and then going back onto the field to play again," Knisely said. "You can tell they're a young team and they made some mistakes and you've got to capitalize on them."

Wellsburg scored four more runs in the top of the fifth inning to take their first lead of the game.

"We just kept fighting," Knisely said. "We got down early, chipped away to tie it up then we

took the lead and kept it. That's baseball, you've just got to keep playing."

Omery and Austin Robinson had run-scoring hits while two other runs scored on passed balls.

Chad Frazier hit a two-run single for Post 3 in the bottom of the sixth, but Wellsburg held on to secure the come-from-behind win.

Post 34 struggled in the field early on, whether it be throwing errors, mental mistakes or misplays, but Knisely said he was

proud they were able to overcome that.

"That was our biggest problem the last three games," he said. "We try to limit them the best we can. The good teams will overcome those, the ones that don't, don't win."

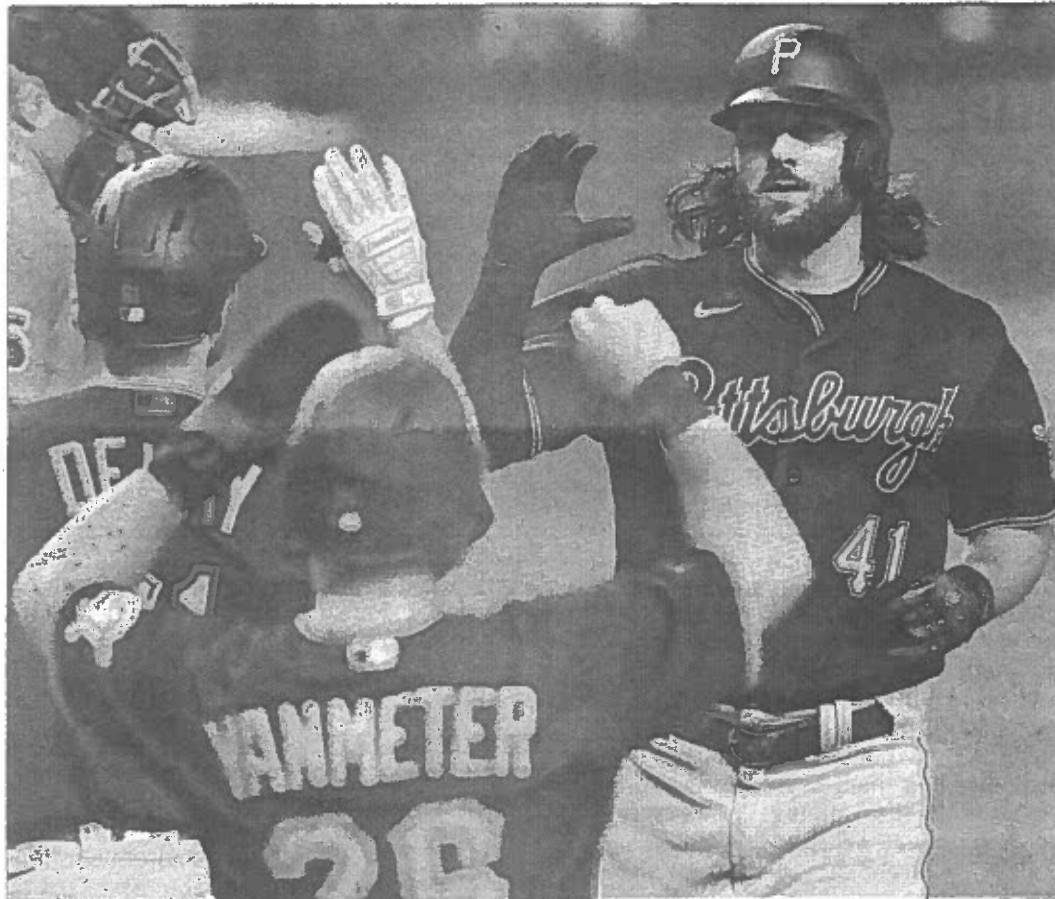
Tyler Stauffer, Will McGinnus, Cole Sutphin and Nate Smith all had multi-hit games for the hosts. McGinnus and Carson Gorby each drove in a run while Frazier had two RBI.

Andrew Coursin pitched four strong in-

nings in relief for Post 34, earning the win while allowing two runs on five hits. Omery finished with two singles and three RBI. Lester Gajtka and Austin Robinson each drove in a run. DeFranco tallied three hits and Coursin had two.

Post 34 will stay in the area throughout the week, playing the Wheeling Wildthings at Wheeling Park on Wednesday and Wheeling Post 1 at I-470 on Thursday.

Post 3 will play at Folansbee Post 45 later today.



Pittsburgh Pirates Jake Marisnick (41) is greeted at home plate after hitting a two-run home run in the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Miami Marlins, Monday, in Miami.

AP Photo

PIRATES

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"It's a reset button, you don't really know how you're feeling before so you come back with a reset and you go from there," Marisnick said. "It takes a long time to have a good year. You have to string them together, do it for a long time and keep that feel. But getting results early is great."

Pittsburgh reliever Chase De Jong got the first two outs of the eighth around a leadoff walk. Yerry De Los Santos relieved De Jong and struck out four in 1 1/3 innings for his third save.

"We really didn't get anything going," Miami manager Don Mattingly said. "Guys were prepared

be pursued by contending teams as the trade deadline nears.

Marlins: OF Jorge Soler (bilateral pelvic inflammation) took batting practice Monday and will play in a rehab game Tuesday at Double-A Pensacola.

METS 4, BRAVES 1

ATLANTA (AP) — Max Scherzer pitched seven strong innings to help the New York Mets beat Max Fried and the Atlanta Braves 4-1 on Monday night in the opening game of their NL East showdown.

Scherzer (6-1) gave up only three hits, including Austin Riley's 24th homer in the seventh. That cut the Mets' lead to 2-1, but

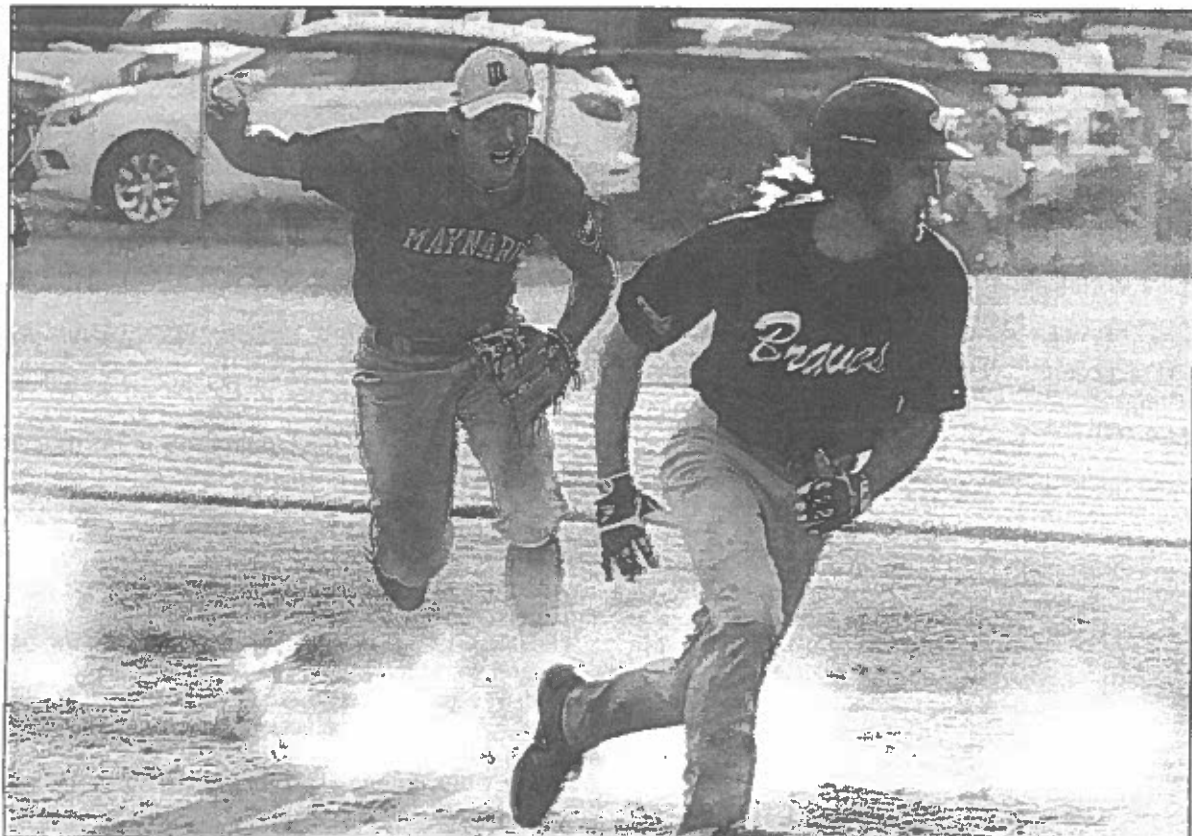
three runs, sending Tampa Bay to the victory.

Diaz's 10th multihit game since June 26 raised his batting average to .500 (27 for 54) over his last 15 games.

Tampa Bay had dropped four of six, including a three-game series sweep at lowly Cincinnati over the weekend. Luke Bard (1-0) pitched three innings for his first win with the Rays.

J.D. Martinez, Xander Bogaerts and Alex Verdugo had two hits apiece for the Red Sox, who have given up 25 runs in losing their last three games against the Rays. Jake Diekman (4-1) was charged with

OHIO VALLEY BASEBALL LEAGUE SEMIFINALS



T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

MAYNARD SHORTSTOP Matthew Busby, left, chases his cousin Dylan Busby during a rundown Monday in Game 2 of an Ohio Valley Baseball League semifinal game on Henning Field in Crescent's Pramesa Park. Dylan was eventually tagged out, but Barton stayed alive with a 4-3 victory in nine innings to even the best-of-3 series at a game apiece.

Coss' walk-off hit lifts Barton past Maynard

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

CRESCENT -- Barton and Maynard have played seven times this summer, including five nail-biters in the last 12 days. The two Belmont County rivals didn't disappoint a large turnout in the latest installment Monday night on Henning Field inside Pramesa Park.

With the sun dipping behind the hills well beyond the fence in left-center field and darkness starting to settle in, Colton Coss had seen enough. The for-

mer Linsly standout drilled a bases-loaded 3-1 pitch through the left side of the infield as the third-seeded Braves (12-10) remained alive with a 4-3 victory over the No. 2 Indians (12-10) in Game 2, thus tying their best-of-3 Ohio Valley Baseball League semifinal series at a game each and setting up a winner-take-all contest on Wednesday on Firemen's Field inside the Maynard Community Park. The first pitch is set for 6 p.m. and the winner will host third-seeded Wheeling which swept top-seeded Moundsville in the other best-

of-3 semifinal series. "He got down in the count so I was just trying to hunt out a fastball," Coss said of Maynard relief pitcher Mitch Viakley. "I just wanted to hit something up the middle. That had been my approach all game." The hit, although it didn't go up the middle, came with one out and scored Zac Taylor from third to end the more than two-and-a-half-hour marathon. Taylor reached on an error leading off and went to second when Matt Fouty's sacrifice bunt was See, **BARTON**, Page B2

Ohio names wide receivers for OVAC ASG

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Pirates topple Marlins

MIAMI (AP) — Mitch Keller pitched one-run ball over seven innings, Jake Marisnick homered and doubled, and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Miami Marlins 5-1 Monday night.

Keller (3-6) scattered five hits, struck out five and hit a batter in his longest outing of the season.

Diego Castillo singled twice and drove in two runs, while Kevin Newman had three hits for the Pirates, who won their third straight. Newman is 7 for 18 since returning from the injured list Friday.

The Pirates struck quickly on Castillo's two-run single against Trevor Rogers (4-8) in the first. Newman's RBI double in the second increased Pittsburgh's advantage.

The Marlins cut the deficit on Avis Garcia's run-scoring single in the sixth before Marisnick went deep with a two-run shot off reliever Jimmy Yacabonis in the ninth. Marisnick was activated from the injured list Monday after surgery on his left thumb May 12.

Pittsburgh reliever Chase De Jong got the first two outs of the eighth around a leadoff walk. Yerry De Los Santos relieved De Jong and struck out four in 1 1/3 innings for his third save.

Rogers allowed three runs, six hits, walked three and struck out seven in 5 1/3 innings. The left-hander has completed six innings once in his 17 starts this season.

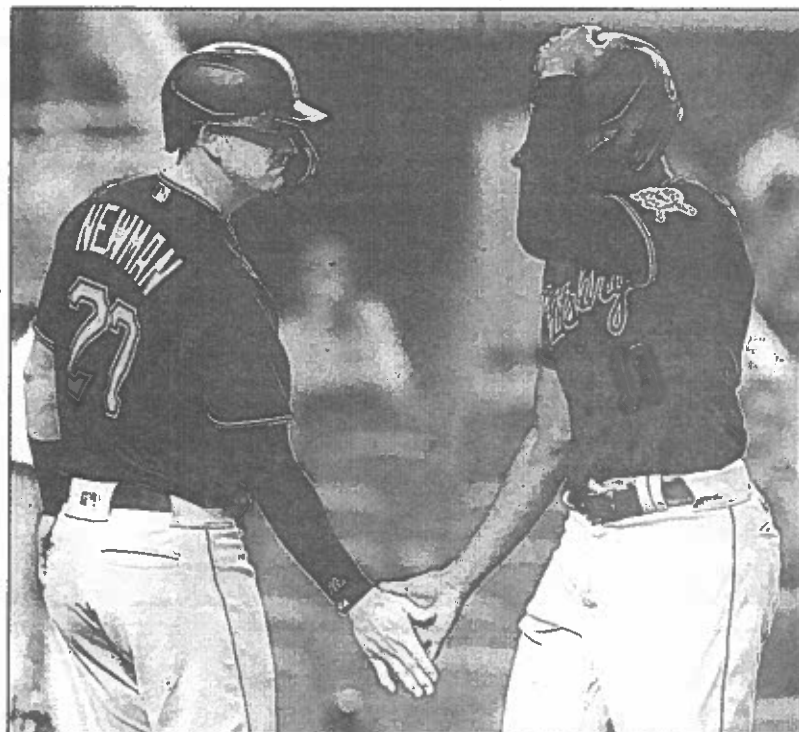
ROSTER MOVE
The Pirates designated LHP Cam Vieaux for assignment.

After five relief appearances with Pittsburgh, Vieaux was optioned.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Pirates: OF Bryan Reynolds (right oblique strain) was placed on the 10-day injured list. Reynolds, who has a club-leading 15 home runs, exited after the sixth inning of Sunday's game at Milwaukee. Reynolds is expected to be pursued by contending teams as the trade deadline nears.

Marlins: OF Jorge Soler (bilateral pelvis inflammation) took batting practice Monday.

UP NEXT
The Pirates have not announced a starter for the second game of the series Tuesday while the Marlins will go with LHP Daniel Castano (1-2, 3.60).



AP PHOTO

PITTSBURGH PIRATES' Kevin Newman (27) and Ke'Bryan Hayes (13) congratulate each other after scoring on a hit by Diego Castillo in the first inning against the Miami Marlins, Monday.

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thrown wildly to first. Jacob Rosnick advanced both runners 90 feet with a sacrifice bunt and Jacob Probst drew a full-count walk to load the bases.

"We all played well. Gaetan (Sinisgalli) pitched his butt off and everybody did their part." Coss said of Barton's starting pitcher who threw 143 pitches (85 strikes) in eight-plus innings with 11 strikeouts and seven walks. He gave up just four hits and all three Maynard runs were unearned.

"As far as the Barton-Maynard rivalry goes, that was a classic," veteran Barton skipper Billy Timko said.

"I knew his pitch count was up there but he told me that as long as he wasn't walking batters to let him continue," Timko said. "I might not be able to use my left arm to do much tomorrow, but ..."

Sinisgalli left with runners on first and second with one out in the ninth. Tyler Blomquist came on and needed nine pitches before getting a double-play grounder to end the inning.

"Tyler came in and did what we expected out of him," Timko praised. "He's a groundball pitcher and that's just what we needed."

Zuke Jacob also turned in another sterling effort on the mound in a losing cause. He fanned six, walked five and yielded half-a-dozen hits

• **Tiger**

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imaginary line, crouching over the ball and giving it a whack.

"Greatest putter ever," Trevino said.

"You left something out," Nicklaus said, and then he raised his left arm, his signature move when he holed the most important putts. He did that on the 17th green when he won the 1986 Masters at age 46 and on the 18th in St. Andrews in 2005 when his final putt in the last of his 166 majors was a birdie.

Trevino then moved on to the wedge, never a strength of Nicklaus because the Golden Bear rarely missed the green. Trevino purposely chunked the wedge into the turf, which made him nervous when he realized he took a fat divot out of the 18th tee. He forgot where they were.

Woods turned around howling with laughter.

"This was Jack on the ninth at Merion," Trevino said, referring to their playoff for the U.S. Open in

in his 128-pitch outing.

"Zuke pitched a heck of a game tonight. It sucks that we couldn't get that one for him," Maynard manager David Vicker said. "We had plenty of chances. We just couldn't get that big hit when we needed it. I guess we'll have to take care of business in Maynard on Wednesday."

After the Indians took a 1-0 lead in their first at-bat, the Braves tallied three times in the bottom of the first. Rosnick led off with a double to right and Probst walked. Coss sent a ball up the middle the plated Rosnick. After a wild pitch moved both runners up a base, Drake Dobson, who slammed two solo homers in Sunday's 6-4 loss, lifted a sacrifice fly to right that made it 2-0. Josh Speaker's single to right capped the early outburst.

Maynard drew to within 3-2 in the fourth on a Kelly Hendershot RBI single and evened things in the sixth when Klay Cottis crossed the plate on a throwing error.

Timko said he will hand the ball to Speaker on Wednesday, while Vicker said he was undecided on who would get the ball in Game 3.

B.A. Holloway had half of Maynard's four singles. Hunter Westlake had an RBI.

Wheeling 5, Moundsville 4
AT WEST LIBERTY, the fourth-seeded Pioneers advanced

to the championship series with a 5-4 nod over the top-seeded Expos (14-7) on West Liberty University's Kovalick Field, sweeping the best-of-3 semifinal series 2-0.

George Ash was hit by a pitch with the bases-loaded in the bottom of the seventh to push across the deciding run. He also doubled and drove in four runs.

Justin Edwards started and pitched into the fifth. Steve Graebe picked up the win out of the bullpen. He worked two-and-two-thirds innings, striking out three. Sonny Peluchette went 3-for-4 at the plate for the Pioneers (14-7).

John Santamarino, Bryan Courts, Erik Cover, Isaac Babiczuk all had two hits each for the Expos, with Santamarino knocking in two runs. Matt Brooks threw a complete game.

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

• The best-of-5 championship series will begin Friday in either Crescent or Maynard at 6 p.m. Game 2 will be Sunday at West Liberty's Kovalick Field at 1 p.m., with Game 3 back in Belmont County on Monday, July 18. If needed, Game 4 shifts back to Ohio County on Wednesday, July 20 and Game 5 would be played in Belmont County on Friday, July 22.

1971 that Trevino won. Nicklaus playfully protested, only for Trevino to say, "You laid the sod over the ball!"

"These guys weren't even born then," Nicklaus said.

"I know. That's why I'm telling them," Trevino said, and there were smiles all round.

Only at St. Andrews.

"The Celebration of Champions" is a treat, held only at the home of golf and not even every year. It was first done in 2000 for the millennial. It was repeated in 2010 for the 150-year anniversary of the Open, except that nasty weather canceled the occasion.

So they finished it off in 2015. Woods played that year with Tom Weiskopf, Mark O'Meara and Nick Price.

McIlroy famously missed that year after injuring his knee while playing soccer.

He wouldn't have missed this one for the world.

"It's unbelievable," McIlroy said. "Playing St. Andrews, past champion, playing with my hero. If you had told 10-year-old Rory you'd be part of something like this, I wouldn't have believed you. It was really, really cool. Really special."

With so much star power, the question had to be asked: Which was the hero?

McIlroy laughed. Given his age (33), it was Woods, and always has been. After a charity pro-am a week ago in the west of Ireland, Woods and McIlroy played an unannounced practice round at Ballyunion, a huge treat for the storied Irish club.

"And Jack has become close to me as well, just from living at the Bear's Club, practicing there," McIlroy said. "For me not getting to do this in 2015, it's nice to be able to part of it."

This was different from the other two.

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Brody, who has received early placement at American Heavy Plate, is the son of Matthew Longwell and Larissa Longwell.

BRANDON LOUDEN, Beallsville — This former Blue Devil was a true go-to-guy for Coach Rusty Bondy's Blue Devils.

The 6-3, 180-pounder was named All-OVAC, All-Valley and All-Eastern District. He also took part in the BACF All-Star Game last month.

Louden also shined in track and field, qualifying to the regional the last two seasons in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. He was the district champion in the 100 as a junior. He also shined in hoops and took part in the OVAC All-Star Game.

Brandon is the son of Eric Louden and Jaime Louden.

COLIN OBERDICK, St. Clairsville — This former Red Devil was a threat to go the distance any time he touched the ball for Coach Brett McLean's squad.

The 6-foot, 170-pounder finished his career with more than 2,000 receiving yards and scored 30 touchdowns. He finished with a 23-yards per catch average.

Oberdick was twice named First Team All-Ohio, All-OVAC, All-Eastern District, All-Valley, All-Buckeye 8 and played in the North-South All-Star Game in the spring.

Along with football, Oberdick was a multi-year letterman in basketball and track.

Colin, who plans to attend Wheeling University, is the son of Charles and Heather Oberdick.

AIDEN TARR, Bridgeport — This former Bulldog was a true home-run hitter for Coach Fred Ray's squad last season.

The 5-6, 131-pounder caught 24 passes for 566 yards and six touchdowns last season.

Tarr was recognized as a First-Team All-Eastern District, All-OVAC selection. He was Honorable Mention All-Ohio.

Along with football, Tarr lettered in basketball and baseball.

Aiden, who is the son of Ron and Susan Tarr, plans to enter the electrical program at Eastern Gateway Community College.

• **Steelers**

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to Western Pennsylvania in the late 1860s — was acquired by Kraft in 2015 and moved most of its business offices to Chicago.

The Steelers moved from Three Rivers Stadium to Heinz Field in time for the 2001 season. The venue next to the confluence of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers also serves as the home of the University of Pittsburgh football team.

Guardians double up White Sox

CLEVELAND (AP) — Rookie Nolan Jones drove in four runs in his home debut for Cleveland, leading the Guardians to an 8-4 win over the Chicago White Sox on Monday night in the opener of a four-game series between the AL Central rivals.

A 24-year-old outfielder with a sweet left-handed swing, Jones hit a two-run single in the first inning off Lance Lynn (1-2). He then chased the right-hander by driving home two more runs with a double in the fifth.

Jones is batting .500 (6 for 12) with a homer and eight RBIs in four games since coming up.



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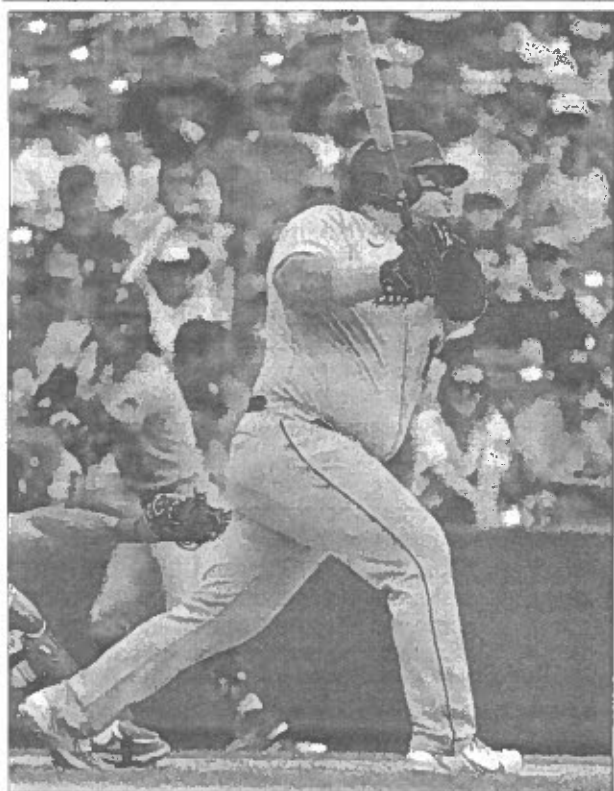
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Pittsburgh Pirates' Daniel Vogelbach hits a three-run home run during the ninth inning against the Milwaukee Brewers Sunday.

Bucs Belt 4 Bombs To Beat Brewers 8-6

By **TOM KERTSCHER**
Associated Press
MILWAUKEE

Touted rookie Oneil Cruz hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning and Daniel Vogelbach added a three-run shot in the ninth to power the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 8-6 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday.

Michael Chavis and Ke'Bryan Hayes also went deep for the Pirates, who took two of three in the series from the NL Central leaders.

"We were able to get the ball up in the air on a day that was advantageous because it was warm," Pittsburgh manager Derek Shelton said.

Andrew McCutchen had a two-run homer in the ninth for the Brewers against his original team.

Chavis snapped an 0-for-10 skid and tied it 4-all with a leadoff homer in the sixth off Trevor Gott (1-2).

who had just replaced starter Eric Lauer. Two outs later, the 6-foot-7 Cruz connected for his fourth home run of the season.

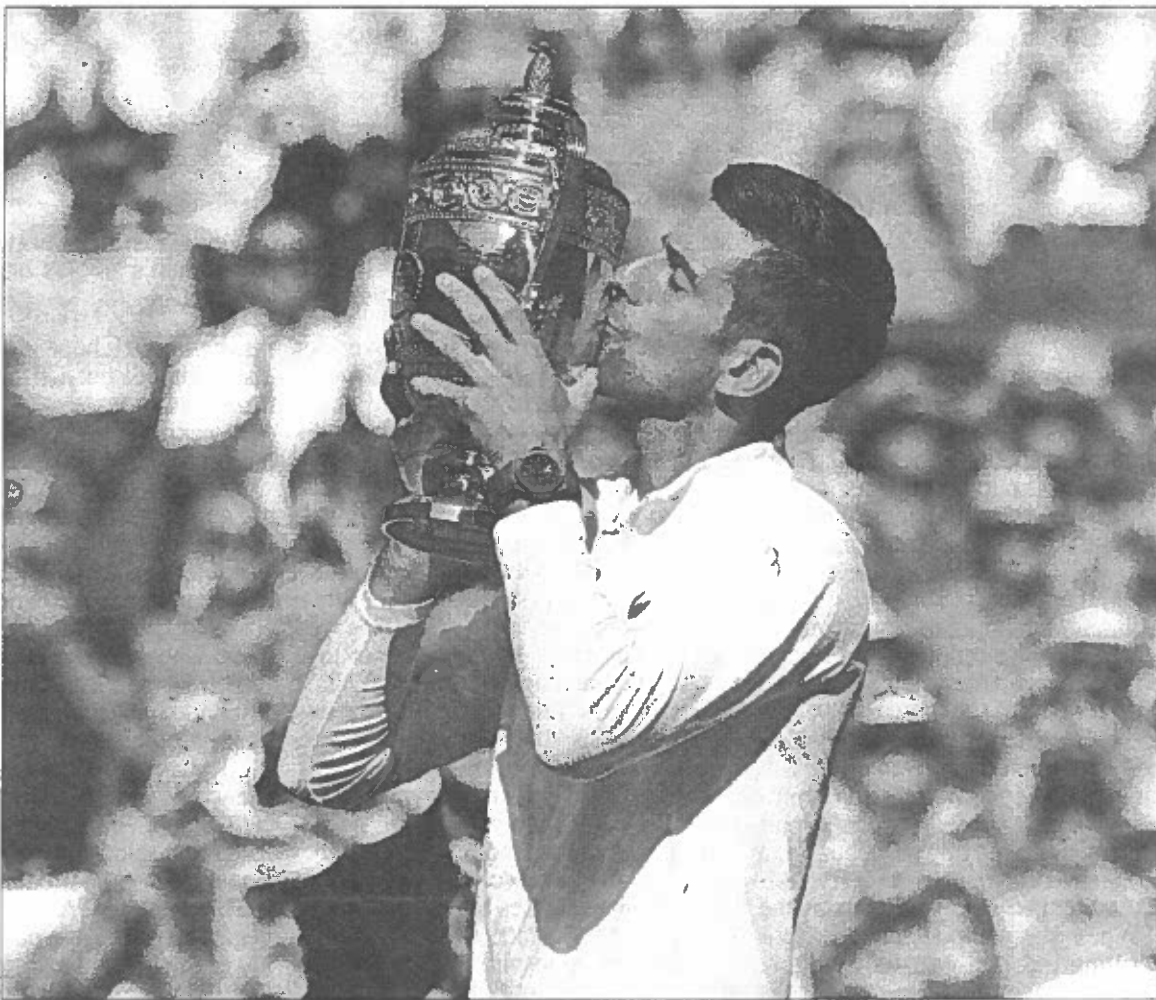
Vogelbach made it 8-4 with his drive off Chi Chi Gonzalez.

"I think every game is an individual story," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said. "We gave up some runs today. Trevor gave up a couple of homers, obviously, and then we couldn't get out of the ninth. We were at the point with the rest of the guys where I wasn't going to use them in a 'down' game. That's kind of where we're at today."

McCutchen's shot off closer David Bednar cut Milwaukee's deficit to two. Bednar, selected to his first All-Star team Sunday, retired Willy Adames and Kolten Wong to end it.

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Djokovic Wins 7th Wimbledon Trophy



AP Photo

Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates beating Australia's Nick Kyrgios in the final of the men's singles on day fourteen of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London.

Tops Kyrgios for 21st overall slam championship

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Novak Djokovic waited. He waited for Nick Kyrgios to lose focus and lose his way. Waited to find the proper read on his foe's big serves. Waited until his own level rose to the occasion.

Djokovic is not bothered by a deficit — in a game, a set, a match. He does not mind problem-solving. And at Wimbledon, for quite some time now, he does not get defeated.

Djokovic used his steady bril-

liance to beat the ace-delivering, trick-shot-hitting, constantly chattering Kyrgios 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3) on Sunday for a fourth consecutive championship at the All England Club, seventh overall there, and 21st from all Grand Slam tournaments.

"It's weird. I felt like he didn't do anything amazing today," said the unseeded Kyrgios, offering an assessment with which some might not concur, given that Djokovic accumulated 31 winners and merely eight unforced errors over the last two

sets, while facing zero break points in that span.

"But he was just so composed. That's what I was just thinking to myself. In big moments, it just felt like he was never rattled. I feel like that's his greatest strength: He just never looks rattled," said Kyrgios, about whom those words likely have not been uttered. "He just looks completely within himself the whole time. Didn't look like he was playing overaggressive, even though it felt like he was playing big."

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WV's Receivers Will do More Than Just Catch the Ball

By **SETH STASKEY**
The Intelligencer

In the offense that West Virginia head coach John Kelley likes to run, the wide receivers are asked to do more than just catch the ball.

Kelley, who is the head coach at University High School and is embarking on his first time in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game, believes he's found a solid collection of players who fit that mold ideally for the annual battle with Ohio, which is scheduled for Saturday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We have a good group of receivers that we feel really good about," Kelley said. "We have a nice blend of speed and guys who can be in the slot as well as guys who we can run a bunch formation and run behind. We're going to

need these guys to do a lot of things for us."

Here's a capsule look at the players:

ELIJA JACKSON, University — This former Hawk standout was a key cog in the success for Kelley's team on both sides of the ball.

Offensively, Jackson caught 39 passes for 726 yards and scored 13 touchdowns. On the defensive side, he posted 19 tackles, four interceptions, broke up seven passes and scored two touchdowns.

Jackson was named honorable mention All-State and was also a standout at basketball, earning All-OVAC.

Elija, who plans to attend Fairmont

State, is the son of Wes and Misty Jackson.



TRENT PARSONS, Parkersburg South — This former Patriot was effective on both sides of the ball for Coach Nathan Tanner's team.

The 5-11, 165-pounder was very impressive defensively where he logged 82 tackles, picked off five passes, forced three fumbles and recovered one.

Parsons was named First Team All-TRAC for his efforts.

Along with football, Parsons was a First-Team All-State baseball selection.

Trent, who is undecided about his future plans, is the son of John and An-

drea Parsons.

EVAN QUERING, Madonna — This former Blue Don was one of the top targets for Coach Ron Rovira's team last season.

Quering caught 81 passes for 1,301 yards and scored 17 touchdowns.

The 6-foot, 180-pounder was named All-OVAC and Second Team All-State.

Along with football, Quering is a standout in the classroom. He's a member of the National Honor Society, was named All-OVAC Academic, carried a 4.6 grade point average and was part of the Madonna Honor's program.

Evan, who plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh, is the son of Barie and Allison Quering.

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Pittsburgh's Bednar a 1st



Schauffele Wins Scottish Open

NORTH BERWICK, Scotland (AP) — Xander Schauffele keeps making



Chlup's Walkoff Wins Series for Black Bears

NILES, OH — The West Virginia Black Bears defeated the Mahoning Valley Scrappers in sudden death at Eastwood Field on Sunday afternoon to earn their 18th win of the season. Nine innings of baseball weren't enough to separate the Black Bears and the Scrappers this afternoon as the two teams finished the game tied 3-3. Czech Republic product Marek Chlup stepped up to the plate with a chance to be the hero and did just that as the Bears walked it off on the road to claim the game and the series over the Scrappers.

Mahoning Valley struck first in the bottom of the second inning when 1B Zach Dezeno singled to center field and later came around to score on a wild pitch from Black Bears starting pitcher Thomas Gross. That would be the lone run conceded by Gross in four innings of work.

West Virginia's offense tied up the game in the top of the fourth when 1B Ryan Hernandez hit a home run to right field off Mahoning Valley starting pitcher Will Geerdes. The home run for Hernandez was his fourth as a Black Bear and second in as many games at Eastwood Field.

The Black Bears offense struck for two more off Geerdes in the next inning as 2B Daunte Stuart got the inning started with a single; he advanced to second courtesy of a balk. Gehrig Anglin drove home Hernandez on with a single that deflected off Geerdes. Anglin took second base after a throwing error committed by Scrappers' shortstop Alex Ulloa. Anglin later scored on a sacrifice fly off the bat of CF Caeden Trenkle.

Mahoning Valley responded in the home half of the sixth inning with two runs on an RBI single from Dezeno to center field that drove in 3B Zach Storbakken and DH Reed Chumley. Though West Virginia reliever Tom-

my Green limited the Scrappers in the inning, they ended the sixth tied 3-3. Solid work out of the bullpen for West Virginia from right-handers Chase Smith, Austin Becker, and Trey Braithwaite slammed the door on Mahoning Valley's offense. Unfortunately for the Black Bears, the Scrappers bullpen reciprocated the zeroes on the scoreboard.

Heading into sudden death, Mahoning Valley manager Homer Bush chose to play defense and turned to reliever Xavier Fosbenner fresh out of the bullpen. Due to being the last batted out in the ninth, SS Blaze Brothers started the sudden death inning on first base.

Hernandez dropped a single into left field which advanced Brothers to third as the hit-and-run play was put on by manager Jedd Gyorko and the coaching staff. Savier Pinales came off the bench to pinch run for Hernandez and later stole second.

Hunter May worked a walk and loaded the bases for North Greenville University alum Marek Chlup. With the Scrappers' defense drawn in towards home plate with the goal of keeping the game alive, the Division II World Series champion delivered a game-winning single into left center field to send the Black Bears home victorious and winners of a series against Mahoning Valley for the first time this season.

The Black Bears enter the final week of the first half of the season tied with the Williamsport Crosscutters for first place in the MLB Draft League standings. The winner of the first half of the season will host the MLB Draft League Championship game on Tuesday, September 6.

West Virginia returns home for a six-game home stand Monday evening, beginning with a three-game series against the Trenton Thunder.

RECEIVERS

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CALEB RATCLIFFE, Wheeling Central — This Maroon Knight product was one of the steadiest targets in the offensive attack for Coach Mike Young's team.

The 6-4, 210-pounder caught 35 passes for 562 yards last season. He also scored eight touchdowns.

Ratcliffe was recognized by the Watchdog Team and Coalfields and Co.

Along with athletics, Ratcliffe was a member of the Drug Free Club as a junior and a senior.

Caleb, who plans to attend West Virginia, is the son of Mike and Michelle Ratcliffe.

LUKE SECRIST, Brooke — This former Bruin standout shined on both sides of the ball for Coach Mac McLean's squad.

The 5-11, 210-pounder saw time at tight end and linebacker. Defensively, he posted 165 tackles, 10

sacks and picked off two passes.

Secrist's fine season was recognized by his placement on the All-Valley Team.

Secrist, who plans to play football at Glenville State, is the son of Bill Secrist and Michelle Gossett.

CARSON YOBAGY, Weir — This former Red Rider was a steady target for Coach Frank Sisinni's team.

Yobagy posted more than 900 all-purpose yards and scored seven touchdowns as a senior.

Those numbers resulted in a plethora of post-season accolades, including First Team All-OVAC, All-Valley and All-Watch Dog. He was named Second Team All-Area.

Along with football, Yobagy was member of the Red Rider track team.

Carson, who plans to attend Washington & Jefferson, is the son of Jay Yobagy and Amy Durkin.

Bucs

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"Just helped secure the win. I guess that's all that really matters," Bednar said.

In a matchup of two lefty starters, neither Lauer nor Jose Quintana made it past the fifth inning.

Lauer struck out nine and gave up one run over six innings in his previous start, but needed 57 pitches to get through the first two innings this time.

Pittsburgh took a 1-0 lead with three straight singles in the second.

The Pirates extended their lead to 2-0 in the third. Hayes, who doubled, scored on a passed ball, a 94 mph fastball that glanced off the mitt of Pedro Severino, who made his second appearance of the season after serving an 80-game suspension after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

After Hayes' double, Lauer retired eight straight batters until Hayes returned to the plate in the fifth inning. Lauer slapped his glove just as Hayes connected on a solo home run that gave Pittsburgh a 3-2 lead.

The long ball has hurt Lauer. He has given up 18 homers, including 10 in his last six starts, after allowing 16 all last season.

The Pirates were able to overcome a short outing from Quintana.

Milwaukee tied the game at 2 in the third after Jonathan Davis singled, then advanced to third with a stolen base and a throwing error on the play by catcher Jason Delay. Mike Brosseau and Luis Urias each had an RBI single.

Quintana was chased in the fifth. Davis led off with a double and tied the game at 3 when he scored on Adames' double, which fell near the right-field line. Pittsburgh challenged, but the call on the field was upheld.

Milwaukee took a 4-3 lead on a sacrifice fly by Urias off winner Chris Stratton (5-4), who replaced Quintana in the fifth.

It was Pittsburgh's first road series win since sweeping a three-game series against the Dodgers from May 30 to June 1.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Pirates: CF Bryan Reynolds left after six innings with discomfort on his right side. "He was able to play defense unrestricted, but just didn't want to test it in an at-bat," Shelton said.

UP NEXT

Pirates: Open a four-game series Monday in Miami. Pittsburgh hadn't announced a starter. LHP Trevor Rogers (4-7, 5.57 ERA) was scheduled to pitch for the Marlins.

ROYALS 5, GUARDIANS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Zack Greinke pitched five scoreless innings of three-hit ball and the Kansas City Royals slowed the Cleveland Guardians 5-1.

A day after the Guardians got a season-high 23 hits in a 13-1 romp, Greinke and four relievers combined on a five-hitter. Greinke struck out

Rays 10-5 for a three-game sweep.

WHITE SOX 4, TIGERS 2

CHICAGO (AP) — Left fielder Robbie Grossman dropped Luis Robert's short fly with two outs in the eighth to end his record errorless streak at 440 games and set up two unearned Chicago runs that snapped a tie, lifting the White Sox to a 4-2 win over the Detroit Tigers.

CARDINALS 4, PHILLIES 3

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Albert Pujols hit his 684th homer and Tommy Edman drove in the tiebreaking run with a sacrifice fly in the eighth inning to help the scuffling St. Louis Cardinals beat the Philadelphia Phillies 4-3.

TWINS 6, RANGERS 5

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Ryan Jeffers hit a tiebreaking home run in the sixth inning, and the Minnesota Twins beat the Texas Rangers 6-5 to avoid a three-game sweep.

ASTROS 6, ATHLETICS 1

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Korey Lee got his first three hits in the major leagues and drove in three runs, leading Jake Odorizzi and the Houston Astros past the Oakland Athletics 6-1.

ROCKIES 3

DIAMONDBACKS 2

PHOENIX (AP) — Connor Joe drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out single off All-Star Joe Mantiply in the seventh inning, and the Colorado Rockies rallied to beat Arizona 3-2 and take three of four from the Diamondbacks for a rare road series win.

GIANTS 12, PADRES 0

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Alex Wood took a no-hitter into the sixth inning, and Wilmer Flores had two home runs among his four hits and four RBIs in a 12-0 rout of the San Diego Padres.

MARINERS 6, BLUE JAYS 5

SEATTLE (AP) — Toronto first baseman Vladimir Guerrero Jr. had a throw bust through the webbing of his glove and the Seattle Mariners took advantage for their eighth straight win, beating the Blue Jays 6-5 on two home runs by Carlos Santana.

SATURDAY

PIRATES 4, BREWERS 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ben Gamel hit a two-run homer to cap a four-run seventh inning and Pittsburgh rallied to beat Milwaukee.

Pittsburgh was held to one hit through six innings by Brewers starter Brandon Woodruff before erasing a three-run deficit in the seventh.

Yoshi Tsutsugo and Kevin Newman opened with singles. Oneil Cruz sliced an RBI double to left, making it 3-1 and chasing Woodruff. Brad Boxberger (3-2) came on. Newman scored from third on a fly out to left when the throw in got away from Boxberger. Gamel then drove his fourth homer to put Pittsburgh ahead.

Woodruff retired the first 13 hitters before Tsutsugo's double to

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Wimbledon Results

Sunday

Men's Singles

Championship

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Nick Kyrgios, Australia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Women's Doubles

Championship

Barbora Krejcikova and Katerina Siniakova (2), Czech Republic, def. Zhang Shuai, China, and Elise Mertens (1), Belgium, 6-2, 6-4.

Saturday

Women's Singles

Championship

Elena Rybakina (17), Kazakhstan, def. Ons Jabeur (3), Tunisia, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Men's Doubles

Championship

Matthew Ebden and Max Purcell (14), Australia, def. Nikola Pietrangeli and Mate Pavic (2), Croatia, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (3), 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2).

SPORTS ON TV

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7 p.m.

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BALLY — Chicago White Sox at Cleveland

FS1 — NY Mets at Atlanta

10 p.m.

MLBN — Regional Coverage: Arizona at San Francisco OR San Diego at Colorado

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6 p.m.

NBATV — Summer League: New Orleans vs. Atlanta, Las Vegas

7 p.m.

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8 p.m.

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9 p.m.

ESPN — Summer League: Orlando vs. Oklahoma City, Las Vegas

10 p.m.

NBATV — Summer League: Dallas vs. Utah, Las Vegas

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Tampa Bay	45	40	.529	16	+1	5-5	L-3	25-17	20-23
Toronto	45	42	.517	17	—	1-9	L-4	25-18	20-24
Baltimore	43	44	.494	19	—	2	8-2	W-8	25-17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Minnesota	48	40	.545	—	—	5-5	W-1	25-18	23-22
Cleveland	41	42	.494	4½	—	2	2-8	L-1	20-17
Chicago	41	43	.488	5	2½	6-4	W-2	19-25	22-18
Detroit	36	49	.424	10½	—	8	7-3	L-2	23-24
Kansas City	32	52	.381	14	11½	5-5	W-1	16-26	16-26

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Houston	56	29	.659	—	—	8-2	W-1	27-12	29-17
Seattle	45	42	.517	12	—	9-1	W-8	24-20	21-22
Texas	39	44	.470	16	—	4	3-7	L-1	19-21
Los Angeles	38	49	.437	19	—	7	2-8	L-4	21-23
Oakland	29	58	.333	28	—	16	4-6	L-1	11-31

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	53	33	.616	—	—	6-4	L-1	28-15	25-18
Atlanta	52	35	.598	1½	+5½	8-2	W-3	30-18	22-17
Philadelphia	46	40	.535	7	—	7-3	L-1	24-21	22-19
Miami	41	43	.488	11	—	4	7-3	W-1	20-17
Washington	30	58	.341	24	—	17	1-9	L-4	14-31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	48	39	.552	—	—	4-6	L-2	21-19	27-20
St. Louis	46	42	.523	2½	—	1	3-7	W-1	25-18
Pittsburgh	36	50	.419	11½	—	10	5-5	W-2	20-23
Chicago	34	52	.395	13½	—	12	4-6	L-4	17-27
Cincinnati	32	54	.372	15½	—	14	6-4	W-4	18-28

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Los Angeles	56	29	.659	—	—	9-1	W-7	30-13	26-16
San Diego	49	38	.563	8	+2½	3-7	L-2	23-20	26-18
San Francisco	43	41	.512	12½	—	2	3-7	W-2	21-20
Arizona	38	48	.442	18½	—	8	4-6	L-1	22-26
Colorado	38	48	.442	18½	—	8	5-5	W-1	23-21

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 0	Oakland 3, Houston 2	Baltimore 1, L.A. Angels 0	Cleveland 13, Kansas City 1	Texas 9, Minnesota 7	Cincinnati 5, Tampa Bay 4, 10 innings	Boston 6, N.Y. Yankees 5, 10 innings	Seattle 2, Toronto 1
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Sunday's Games

Baltimore 9, L.A. Angels 5	Chicago White Sox 4, Detroit 2	Kansas City 5, Cleveland 1	Cincinnati 10, Tampa Bay 5
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

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

Miami 2, N.Y. Mets 0, 10 innings	Cincinnati 10, Tampa Bay 5	St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3	Atlanta 4, Washington 3, 12
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SPORTS

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Kelley announces W.Va. wide receivers for OVAC ASG

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

In the offense that West Virginia head coach John Kelley likes to run, the wide receivers are asked to do more than just catch the ball.

Kelley, who is the head coach at University High School and is embarking on his first time in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-

Star Game, believes he's found a solid collection of players who fit that mold ideally for the annual battle with Ohio, which is scheduled for Saturday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We have a good group of receivers that we feel really good about," Kelley said. "We have a nice blend of speed and guys who can be in the slot as well as guys who we can run a bunch

formation and run behind. We're going to need these guys to do a lot of things for us."

Here's a capsule look at the players:

ELIJA JACKSON, University — This former Hawk standout was a key cog in the success for Kelley's team on both sides of the ball.

Offensively, Jackson caught 39 passes for 726 yards and

scored 13 touchdowns. On the defensive side, he posted 19 tackles, four interceptions, broke up seven passes and scored two touchdowns.

Jackson was named honorable mention All-State and was also a standout a basketball, earning All-OVAC.

Elija, who plans to attend Fairmont State, is the son of Wes and Misty Jackson.

TRENT PARSONS, Parkersburg South — This former Patriot was effective on both sides of the ball for Coach Nathan Tanner's team.

The 5-11, 165-pounder was very impressive defensively where he logged 82 tackles, picked off five passes, forced three fumbles and recovered one.

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Pirates hit 4 homers, beat Brewers, 8-6

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Touted rookie Oneil Cruz hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning and Daniel Vogelbach added a three-run shot in the ninth to power the Pittsburgh Pirates to an 8-6 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Sunday.

Michael Chavis and Ke'Bryan Hayes also went deep for the Pirates, who took two of three in the series from the NL Central leaders.

"We were able to get the ball up in the air on a day that was advantageous because it was warm," Pittsburgh manager Derek Shelton said.

Andrew McCutchen had a two-run homer in the ninth for the Brewers against his original team.

Chavis snapped an 0-for-10 skid and tied it 4-all with a leadoff homer in the sixth off Trevor Gott (1-2), who had just replaced starter Eric Lauer. Two outs later, the 6-foot-7 Cruz connected for his fourth home run of the season.

Vogelbach made it 8-4 with his drive off Chi Chi Gonzalez.

"I think every game is an individual story," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said. "We gave up some runs today. Trevor gave up a couple of homers, obviously, and then we couldn't get out of the ninth. We were at the point with the rest of the guys where I wasn't going to use them in a 'down' game. That's kind of where we're at today."

McCutchen's shot off closer David Bednar cut Milwaukee's deficit to two. Bednar, selected to his first All-Star team Sunday, retired Willy Adames and Kolten Wong to end it.

"Just helped secure the win. I guess that's all that really matters," Bednar said.

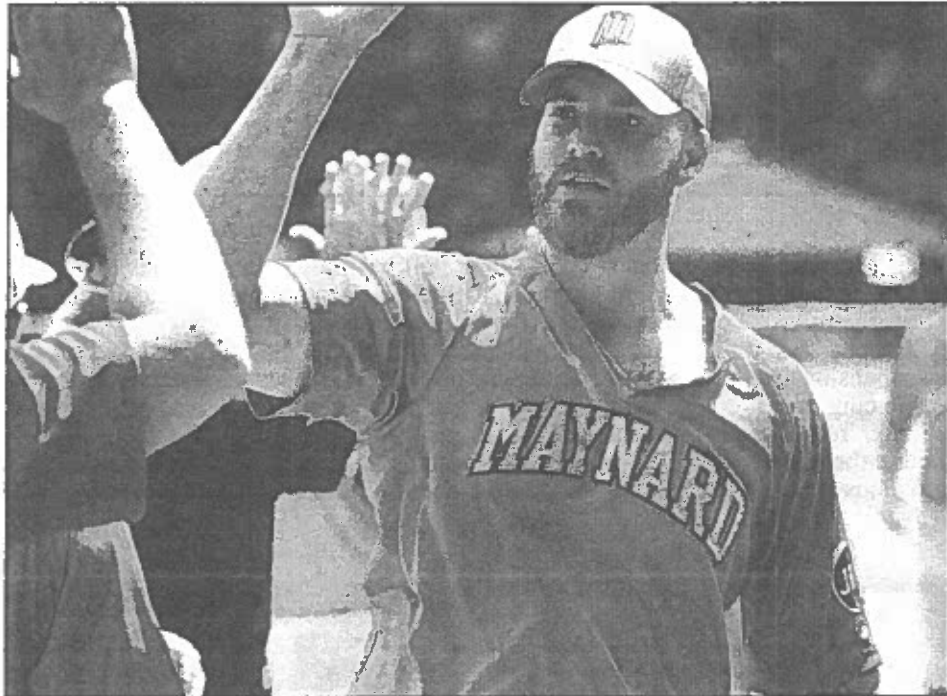
In a matchup of two lefty starters, neither Lauer nor Jose Quintana made it past the fifth inning.

Lauer struck out nine and gave up one run over six innings in his previous start, but needed 57 pitches to get through the first two innings this time.

Pittsburgh took a 1-0 lead with three straight singles in the second.

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OHIO VALLEY BASEBALL LEAGUE SEMIFINALS



MAYNARD'S MACKENZIE Koehler high-fives his teammates after pitching Maynard past Barton in Game 1 of their Ohio Valley Baseball League best-of-3 semifinal series Sunday on Firemen's Field inside the Community Park in Maynard.

T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

Koehler pitches Maynard to within a win of finals

• Defending champs can clinch berth tonight versus Barton

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

MAYNARD -- Mackenzie Koehler was a double winner this weekend, both on and off the field.

The St. Clairsville graduate put forth a gut-check effort on the mound Sunday to give second-seeded Maynard to a 6-4 victory over No. 3 Barton in the opening game of an Ohio Valley Baseball League semifinal tournament contest on sun-soaked

Firemen's Field before a huge gathering inside the Community Park.

However, his first victory -- and most important he stressed -- came 24 hours earlier when he and his wife welcomed home their son, Benjamin, after an elongated stay in the hospital after being born prematurely.

"That's what it's all about. We finally got him home," Koehler said after his 103-pitch, complete game performance. "We're talking about life there. Baseball

is just a game."

Game 2 of the best-of-3 series is tonight at 6 on Henning Field inside Pramesa Park in Crescent. Should a Game 3 be necessary, it would be played on Wednesday back in Maynard.

Maynard manager David Vicker praised his righthander's outing.

"Mackenzie was on today. He was pitching with a purpose," Vicker noted. "He did a great job."

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T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

ST. CLAIRSVILLE Post 159 second baseman Tyler Stottlemeyer awaits the ball as Cambridge's Blake Brumfield steals second base in the first inning of the second game of Sunday's American Legion baseball doubleheader at Memorial Park.

St. Clairsville splits DH with Cambridge Sunday

Djokovic tops Kyrgios for 7th Wimbledon, 21st Slam trophy

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Novak Djokovic waited. He waited for Nick Kyrgios to lose focus and lose his way. Waited to find the proper read on his foe's big serves. Waited until his own level rose to the occasion.

Djokovic is not bothered by a deficit — in a game, a set, a match. He does not mind problem-solving. And at Wimbledon, for quite some time now, he does not get defeated.

Djokovic used his steady brilliance to beat the ace-delivering, trick-shot-hitting, constantly chattering Kyrgios 4-6,

6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3) on Sunday for a fourth consecutive championship at the All England Club, seventh overall there, and 21st from all Grand Slam tournaments.

"It's weird. I felt like he didn't do anything amazing today," said the unseeded Kyrgios, offering an assessment with which some might not concur, given that Djokovic accumulated 31 winners and merely eight unforced errors over the last two sets, while facing zero break points in that span.

"But he was just so composed. That's what I was just thinking to my-

self. In big moments, it just felt like he was never rattled. I feel like that's his greatest strength: He just never looks rattled," said Kyrgios, about whom those words likely have not been uttered. "He just looks completely within himself the whole time. Didn't look like he was playing over-aggressive, even though it felt like he was playing big."

Among men, only Roger Federer owns more Wimbledon titles than Djokovic, with eight, and only Rafael Nadal owns more major trophies, with 22.

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As of now, Djokovic will nated." They were games in which With Djokovic serving for you?!"

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The Pirates extended their lead to 2-0 in the third. Hayes, who doubled, scored on a passed ball, a 94 mph fastball that glanced off the mitt of Pedro Severino, who made his second appearance of the season after serving an 80-game suspension after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

After Hayes' double, Lauer retired eight straight batters until Hayes returned to the plate in the fifth inning. Lauer slapped his glove just as Hayes connected on a solo home run that gave Pittsburgh a 3-2 lead.

The long ball has hurt Lauer. He has given up 18 homers, including 10 in his last six starts, after allowing 16 all last season.

Quintana was chased in the fifth. Davis led off with a double and tied the game at 3 when he scored on Adames' double, which fell near the right-field line. Pittsburgh challenged, but the call on the field was upheld.

It was Pittsburgh's first road series win since sweeping a three-game series against the Dodgers from May 30 to June 1.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Pirates: CF Bryan Reynolds left after six innings with discomfort on his right side. "He was able to play defense unrestricted, but just didn't want to test it in an at-bat," Shelton said.

UP NEXT

Pirates: Open a four-game series tonight in Miami. Pittsburgh hadn't announced a starter. LHP Trevor Rogers (4-7, 5.57 ERA) was scheduled to pitch for the Marlins.

• **Koehler**

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Despite not having his best stuff, Koehler kept his team in the game despite giving up solo home runs to Drake Dobson in the fourth and sixth innings. The Braves (11-10) scored an unearned run following Dobson's first drive that bounced on the road behind the fence for a 2-0 lead, and led 3-2 after Nick Scott's sacrifice fly plated Matt Fouty in the fifth.

Dobson sent a laser that never got more than 20 feet off the ground soaring over the fence in left-center leading off the top of the sixth for a 4-2 advantage.

The defending champion Indians (12-9) finally broke loose in the home half of the sixth, chasing Barton starter Austin Bassa after singles by B.A. Holloway and Zach Clark and a walk to Klay Cottis that loaded the bases.

Veteran Barton manager Billy Timko brought in Colton Coss who quickly induced a grounder to short that erased Holloway at the plate. However, Eric Banal drew a walk to make it 4-3 and a Matthew Busby groundout brought home Cottis to tie the game. With the count 2-1 on Mason VanNest, the recent Shadyside grad looped a single to shallow right-center that just eluded a diving Scott as both Kelly Hendershot and Banal scored for a 6-4 reading.

"He (Coss) wasn't getting his off-speed stuff over the plate, so I was looking for a fastball," VanNest explained. "I got just enough of the bat on it. It wasn't pretty, but it worked."

Koehler then went out and retired Barton in order, striking out the first two before getting a popup to Busby at short.

"That was a big win for us," Koehler said. He finished with eight strikeouts, walked two and gave up five hits, three of those to Dobson who also singled.

Timko said it was another good game between two good teams.

"Austin hung in there as long as he

could," he said. "He didn't have his best stuff, but he gave it his best."

"Maynard hits the ball. They are a good team," he added. "We'll be ready Monday."

Holloway paced Maynard's 11-hit attack with two singles and a double. Clark had a run-scoring sacrifice fly and Hendershot singled in a run to tie things at 2 in the bottom of the fourth.

Timko will give the ball to lefty Gaetan Sinisgalli tonight, while Vicker will counter with southpaw Michael "Zuke" Jacob.

Wheeling 6, Moundsville 4

AT WEST LIBERTY, the fourth-seeded Pioneers (11-8) took the opener of their best-of-3 semifinal series against No. 1 Moundsville (14-6) at West Liberty University's Kovalick Field. They scored three times each in the first and fifth innings.

Dom Parker-McDonald went the distance for Wheeling, striking out six, walking three and giving up 10 hits. He threw 105 pitches.

Sonny Peluchette, Jarrod Jones and Jack Skantze combined for eight hits for the Pioneers, with Skantze collecting a trio of singles and an RBI. Peluchette also singled thrice while Jones singled and doubled. Brian Shaw drove in two runs.

John Santimarino, Russell Schwertfeger and Erik Cover all singled twice for the Expos, with Cover knocking in two runs. Brandon Corley singled in a run and Bryan Courts had an RBI.

Wheeling can clinch a spot in the best-of-5 championship series with a win tonight, also at West Liberty. Sunday's game was played at WLU due to a scheduling conflict on the John Marshall High School diamond in Glen Dale. A Moundsville win forces a deciding game on Wednesday in Glen Dale.

• **OVAC**

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Parsons was named First Team All-TRAC for his efforts.

Along with football, Parsons was a First-Team All-State Baseball selection.

Trent, who is undecided about his future plans, is the son of John and Andrea Parsons.

EVAN QUERING, Madonna — This former Blue Don was one of the top targets for Coach Ron Rovira's team last season.

Quering caught 81 passes for 1,301 yards and scored 17 touchdowns.

The 6-foot, 180-pounder was named All-OVAC and Second Team All-State.

Along with football, Quering is a standout in the classroom. He's a member of the National Honor Society, was named All-OVAC Academic, carried a 4.6 grade point average and was part of Madonna Honor's program.

Evan, who plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh, is the son of Barie and Allison Quering.

CALEB RATCLIFFE, Wheeling Central — This Maroon Knight product was one of the steadiest targets in offensive attack for Coach Mike Young's team.

The 6-4, 210-pounder caught 35 passes for 562 yards last season. He also scored eight touchdowns.

Ratcliffe was recognized by the Watchdog Team and Coalfields and Co.

Along with athletics, Ratcliffe was a member of the Drug Free Club as a junior and a senior.

Caleb, who plans to attend West Virginia, is the son of Mike and Michelle Ratcliffe.

LUKE SECRETIST, Brooke — This former Bruin standout shined on both sides of the ball for Coach Mac McLean's squad.

The 5-11, 210-pounder

saw time at tight end and linebacker. Defensively, he posted 165 tackles, 10 sacks and picked off two passes.

Secretist's fine season was recognized by his placement on the All-Valley Team.

Secretist, who plans to play football at Glenville State, is the son of Bill Secretist and Michelle Gossett.

CARSON YOB-BAGY, Weir — This former Red Rider was a steady target for Coach Frank Sisinni's team.

Yobbagy posted more than 900 all-purpose yards and scored seven touchdowns as a senior.

Those numbers resulted in a plethora of post-season accolades, including First Team All-OVAC, All-Valley and All-Watch Dog. He was named Second Team All-Area.

Along with football, Yobbagy was member of the Red Rider track team.

Carson, who plans to attend Washington & Jefferson, is the son of Jay Yobbagy and Amy Durkin.

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DeLuca hanging up the pen as a sports writer

Rick DeLuca considers himself one of the lucky ones.

And who could argue?

During a career in Ohio Valley sports journalism that's stretched more than 50 years, DeLuca has seen — and covered — basically everything there is to cover.

"It's been a great time," DeLuca said. "It's been wonderful. I honestly would have wanted to change anything."

Actually, there is one thing that DeLuca, 70, would probably change if he could.

"If I could go another 50 years, I would," DeLuca said.

Unfortunately, DeLuca has come to grips with the fact that he won't be able to do another 50 years in the Ohio Valley media. Actually, DeLuca has decided that it's time to call it a career, citing the desire to spend more time in Northeast Ohio watching his grandsons playing sports as well as some health issues that will be addressed in the coming months.

"I remember when I first started I was thinking, 'I'll get to 20 years and I'll quit.' The years kept adding up because I was enjoying it so much," DeLuca said. "I am just getting to the point where I am getting a little tired and I am going to have some health procedures done this fall. It's just time."

Though DeLuca was fortunate enough to cover plenty of professional and major college sporting events, his heart was always centered in the Ohio Valley and the prep sports scene. Clearly, the Ohio Valley sports scene is the fortunate one in that regard.

"Covering high school sports was the most fun because of how much the Ohio Valley enjoyed them," DeLuca said. "The affection for high school sports is genuine and the coverage was truly appreciated."

DeLuca believes he's covered one event or another at what seems like every school in the Ohio Valley, but he's most associated with Buckeye Local and the schools that preceded the consolidation in the early 90s.

"I know I covered all seven of the original schools that make up Buckeye Local now," DeLuca said.

DeLuca actually began his writing career for a monthly paper based in Pittsburgh in 1967, but once it realized DeLuca was just 16 years old, his tenure with the organization came to an end.

He wasn't out of the media long. He was hired in August of 1969 at The Times Leader and covered his first football game that season between his high school — Warren Consolidated — playing at Dillonvale.

"I remember I got back to the office from the game that night and Fred Connors opened the door for me and I had to wait on Cal Pokas and other writers to get back," DeLuca said. "Cal sent me to a desk in the back corner of the newsroom and it took me two hours to handwrite my story."

As it turned out, DeLuca's night of work was just beginning.

"I handed my story to Cal and he said, 'go type it,'" DeLuca recalled. "I didn't know how to type and I told him that to which he told me, 'if you're going to be in this business, you better learn.' So, it took me another two hours."

DeLuca credits so much of his career to Pokas. Not only did he take a chance

Shadyside's Amos to pitch at WVU

By CODY TOMER
For The Times Leader

SHADYSIDE — Shadyside senior pitcher Bryce Amos didn't allow a hit in his last three starts of the season.

That's right — three consecutive no-hitters!

Well, word has gotten out about the young ace as he was offered a spot on the West Virginia University baseball team and he jumped at the opportunity as he

committed to be a Mountaineer last week.

"I always wanted to play Division I ball," Amos said. "That's been a goal of mine for a long time. Now, to be able to do it this close to home — I couldn't ask for more. I'm excited that I'll get the opportunity to keep playing baseball. There is no better situation."

Amos was committed to Tulane for the last two seasons but a coaching change caused Amos

to go looking for his future home once again.

"I was committed to Tulane for two years but their head coach was let go," Amos said. "So I started looking for other places to play and WVU called me and (assistant) coach (Steve) Sabins offered me a spot. I couldn't be more grateful to play at a great program."

Ending his season with three straight no-hitters was no acci-

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TL Photo/KIM NORTH

MARTINS FERRY'S Kaleb Baire throws to the plate during the third inning of Friday night's Ohio Valley Baseball League's play-in game against Wheeling. His throw cut down a Pioneer runner, however, the River Dogs saw their season come to an end with a 7-0 loss on West Liberty University's Kovalick Field.

West Liberty ousts Ferry in OVBL playoffs, 7-0

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

WEST LIBERTY - Martins Ferry had trouble hitting all summer in its return to the Ohio Valley Baseball League. That was never more evident than Friday night.

Wheeling's George Ash fired a no-hitter at the fifth-seeded River Dogs (4-16) in a 7-0 play-in victory as the No. 4 seeded Pioneers (11-8) advanced to meet top-seeded Moundsville. That best-of-3 semifinal series begins Sunday at 1 p.m. on the John Marshall High School diamond in Glen Dale.

"Our season started off well, but we just struggled to hit the ball. We lost a lot of close games during the season because of the lack of hitting," Martins Ferry manager Andy Sutak said. "We couldn't get the big hits and we couldn't string many hits together. Tonight we hit

the ball. But it was right at them every time. We had too many fly-ball outs."

Ash, an Edison product who pitched at West Virginia Wesleyan before transferring to West Liberty, recorded eight outs via fly balls and induced half-a-dozen groundouts in his first career no-no.

"I can't ever remember throwing a no-hitter," he admitted after his 98-pitch performance, which included 58 strikes but only half of the two dozen batters he faced — three over the minimum — saw a first-pitch strike. "I was doing my best to get ahead of them."

Wheeling manager Jeff Shaw was very impressed with Ash's outing, but not surprised.

"He was phenomenal as he has been all summer," Shaw praised. "We've got total confidence in him, and he's a competitor."

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Milwaukee gets past Pirates, 4-3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Willy Adames homered and threw out Kevin Newman at the plate to end the game as

W.VA. names backfield options for OVAC Game

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

Whether it was at quarterback or running back, University head coach John Kelley was seeking versatility when he and his staff put together their backfield options for the 75th OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game.

When you consider quarterback Santino Arlia along with running backs Isaac Ball, Daminn Cunningham, Adam Dolata and Cody Martos, the head coach for the West Virginia squad believes he found it.

"Arlia can really sling it, but the scouting reports from other coaches is if you can't protect him, he can run with it, too," Kelley said. "As for the running backs, we have a nice mix of speed, power and guys who can catch the ball out of the backfield. We have a nice blend and good blocking guys."

Here's a capsule look at the players: **SANTINO ARLIA**, Madonna — This former Blue Don had a career to remember for Coach Dan Rovira's team.

The 6-2, 150 pounder completed 510 of 935 passes for 6,850 yards and 85 touchdowns. He also rushed for five touchdowns.

Arlia was named Second Team All-State, First-Team All-OVAC and All-Valley as a senior. As a junior, he earned the exact same accolades. As a sophomore, he was Second-Team All-OVAC and All-Valley.

Away from football, Arlia is a member of the National Honor Society.

Santino, who plans to attend Wheeling University, is the son of Mike and Maribeth Arlia.

ISAAC BALL, Cameron — This former Dragon posted a big season on both sides of the ball for Coach Tim Brown's squad.

The 5-10, 170 pounder rushed for 1,520 yards and 20 touchdowns. On the defensive side, he posted 51 tackles and picked off seven passes.

Isaac, who plans to attend West Liberty, is the son of Joni Ball.

DAMINN CUNNINGHAM, University — This senior did a little bit of everything for Kelley's team during his prep career.

The 5-6, 155 pounder shined at running back, defensive back and as a

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"The league has been balanced all season and we've had guys in and out of the lineup all summer, but we feel we've got the guys here now that we can compete with," Shaw said.

Ash struck out five and walked three, including two of the first three batters of the game, before settling into a groove. He retired the final 11 River Dogs, and the only baserunner he allowed after the first inning was a one-out walk to Hayden Smith in the fourth.

Ash said he knew he was throwing a no-hitter.

"I was a little nervous going out there in the seventh, but I got through it," He noted.

In the seventh he fielded a bouncer off of Smith's bat and tossed to first for the out. He then got a fly ball to left before a soft liner to first baseman Jarrod Jones completed the gem.

Brian Shaw's two-out single in the bottom of the second scored Brent Bunhard with what turned out to be the only run Ash would need.

Jones raced home on a throwing error in the third to make it 2-0 and a three-run fourth bumped the margin to 5-0. Michael Finlan had an RBI bloop single and Sonny Peluchette and Jack Skantze each delivered sacrifice flies.

"That's something that we haven't done much of this season," manager Shaw said of the two sac flies.

Coy Amis knocked in a run in the sixth. Another scored on an error.

The other best-of-3 semifinal, also slated for Sunday at 1, has No. 2 Maynard (11-9) hosting neighboring rival Barton (11-9), the third seed, on Firemen's Field inside the Community Park. Game two of each series will be Monday, with a third-and-deciding contest in each series, if necessary, scheduled for Wednesday.

• DeLuca

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memories.

"Being there in Cooperstown when Maz got inducted was great and the fact that Maz knew who I was was really cool," DeLuca said. "Those types of things make you feel good about the years invested."

DeLuca eventually presented Mazerowski for induction at the OVAC Hall of Fame and the two have remained buddies throughout.

While games and scores come and go, the relationship side of the business was an area that DeLuca will always cherish. Quite frankly, he met far too many people to try to list them all, but he formed relationships — some closer than others — with countless people during his career.

"I feel like most of the friends I have in the Ohio Valley are because of my career at the newspaper," DeLuca said. "I probably got invited to more graduation parties than I ever would have dreamed or even some weddings. I still talk to many of these people, too. The relationships are something that will never be taken for granted."

DeLuca pointed to his relationship with long-time Buckeye Local head football coach Ron Pobolish as an example.

"I am close with not only Pobe, but his entire family," DeLuca said. "These are things I truly cherish."

Most interesting about DeLuca's long-time career is the fact that he was never a full-time newspaper employee. He worked as a part time or freelancer throughout his career.

"I did it because I loved it," DeLuca said. "I loved writing, and I loved sports. If you're going to be in this (journalism) business, you're going to have to really enjoy it because you're going to work late, work tired and still have to get the job done."

DeLuca, who penned his final article for the T-L last weekend, plans to remain involved with the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference. He's currently the standings commissioner and the director of the volleyball and basketball championships.

"I probably did the standings for the OVAC for the first time 25 or 30 years ago and it got to the point where someone needed to do it and things just mushroomed from there," DeLuca said. "I really enjoy being involved with those events."

Lastly, DeLuca wanted to thank the Ohio Valley.

"I really appreciate the opportunity to watch and see so many young kids play and then follow their careers as they went on to be successful in sports and other fields," DeLuca said.

OSU ALUMNI CLUB OF BELMONT COUNTY

The club is holding its annual banquet on Friday, July 22 at Belmont Hills Country Club. Former Buckeye and Pittsburgh Steeler quarterback Mike Tomczak will be the featured speaker at the event, which includes a social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Tomczak was a three-year starter at quarterback for the Buckeyes in a career that stretched from 1981-85. Tomczak led the Buckeyes to two bowl victories and two wins over arch-rival, Michigan. Tomczak was drafted by the Bears, who won the Super Bowl his rookie season. He finished his career with the Steelers and is currently a broadcaster.

Tickets for the event are \$50. For more information, contact Mike Maistros at 740-695-2002.

DONNELLY BOOK SIGNING

Ohio Valley native and former Pittsburgh Pirates assistant coach Rich Donnelly will be signing copies of his book "The Chicken Runs at Midnight" on

Guardians fall to Royals, 4-3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Michael A. Taylor hit a game-ending RBI single, and the Kansas City Royals beat the slumping Cleveland Guardians 4-3 on Friday night.

Vinnie Pasquantino opened the Kansas City ninth with a double to right against Sam Hentges (2-1) that nearly cleared the fence. Edward Olivares then entered the game as a pinch-runner.

After Kyle Isbel struck out on a foul bunt, Taylor poked a 1-2 pitch into right for the winning hit.

Cleveland led 3-1 after seven innings, but Whit Merrifield hit a tying two-run homer in the eighth against Eli Morgan.

It was just his second homer in 42 games.

The Guardians have lost five straight and seven of eight overall.

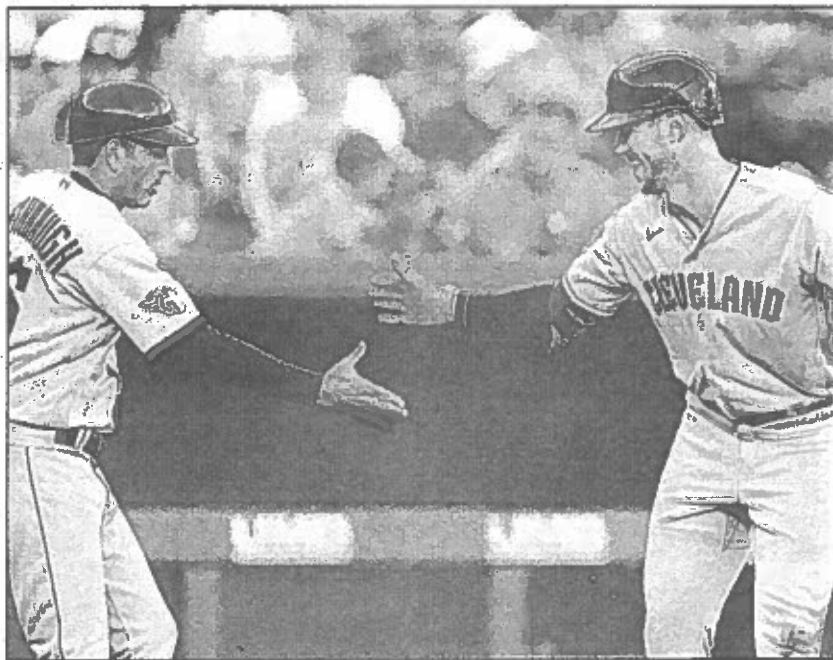
Scott Barlow (3-2) pitched shaky ninth for the win. Cleveland loaded the bases with one out, but Myles Straw bounced into a force-out at home and Steven Kwan flied to right.

Franmil Reyes hit a tiebreaking two-run homer for the Guardians in the seventh.

Aaron Civale pitched seven effective innings in his longest outing since June 11, 2021.

Cleveland prospect Nolan Jones hit an RBI double in his first major league at-bat in the second. He also singled in the seventh.

Reyes hit his eighth homer on a 3-0 pitch from Brady Singer. He also went deep during Wednes-



AP PHOTO

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS' Nolan Jones, right, celebrates with third base coach Mike Sarbaugh after hitting an RBI double during the second inning of a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals Friday in Kansas City, Mo.

day's 8-2 loss at Detroit.

Civale allowed six hits, struck out six and walked none.

Andrew Benintendi hit an RBI single for Kansas City in the third. Singer allowed six hits, struck out five and walked none in seven innings.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Guardians: Activated C Austin Hedges from the injured list and designated C Sandy Lefn for as-

ignment.

ROSTER MOVES

The Guardians also recalled Jones from Triple-A and optioned OF Richie Palacios.

UP NEXT

The Guardians send RHP Triston McKenzie (5-6, 3.71 ERA) to the mound against RHP Jonathan Heasley (1-4, 4.76 ERA) for the Royals on Saturday.

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"Every time I went out there I wanted to throw a no-hitter," Amos said. "I knew I had one going in all three games but that kept me on my toes and gave me a goal. I just went out and executed."

As the season progressed, Amos also realized that not only was he firing a solid fastball, but his slider was blossoming into one of his most reliable pitches and he used it to his advantage.

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back spot. Defensively, he posted 63 tackles, including three for loss.

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fastball but at the end of the high school season, it was my slider that was really working well," Amos said. "I was able to throw it during any count and any situation. I just felt good throwing it for a strike. I remember one count where I was down 3-0 and I threw three straight sliders to get a strikeout. That's when I knew I could throw the pitch."

While the country roads are taking him to a new home in Morgantown, Amos will always be grateful for the support he received from the community in Shadyside.

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Kelley Values the Versatility of West Virginia's Backs

By SETH STASKEY
For the News-Register

Whether it was at quarterback or running back, University head coach John Kelley was seeking versatility when he and his staff put together their backfield options for the 75th OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game.

When you consider quarterback Santino Arlia along with running backs Isaac Ball, Daminn Cunningham, Adam Dolata and Cody Martos, the head coach for the West Virginia squad believes he found it.

"Arlia can really sling it, but the scouting reports from other coaches is if you can't protect him, he can run with it, too," Kelley said. "As for the running backs, we have a nice mix of speed, power and guys who can catch the ball out of the backfield. We have a nice blend and good blocking guys."

Here's a capsule look at the players:

SANTINO ARLIA, Madonna — This former Blue Don had a career to remember for Coach Dan Rovira's team.

The 6-2, 150-pounder completed 510 of 935 passes for 6,850 yards and 85 touchdowns. He also rushed for five touchdowns.

Arlia was named Second Team All-State, First-Team All-OVAC and All-Valley as a senior. As a junior, he earned the exact same accolades. As a sophomore, he was Second-Team All-OVAC and All-Valley.

Away from football, Arlia is a member of the National Honor Society.

Santino, who plans to attend Wheel-

ing University, is the son of Mike and Maribeth Arlia.

ISAAC BALL, Cameron — This former Dragon posted a big season on both sides of the ball for Coach Tim Brown's squad.

The 5-10, 170-pounder rushed for 1,520 yards and 20 touchdowns. On the defensive side, he posted 51 tackles and picked off seven passes.

Isaac, who plans to attend West Liberty, is the son of Joni Ball.

DAMINN CUNNINGHAM, University — This senior did a little bit of everything for Kelley's team during his prep career.

The 5-6, 155 pounder shined at running back, defensive back and as a spe-

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GOLF

■ Noon — PGA Tour: The Scottish Open, Third Round, CBS

MLB

■ 4 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, ATT
■ 4 p.m. — Cleveland at Kansas City, Bally

TENNIS

■ 9 a.m. — Wimbledon, Women's Singles Championship, ESPN

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AUTO RACING

■ 3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: The Quaker State 400, USA

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GOLF

■ Noon — PGA Tour: The Scottish Open, Final Round, CBS

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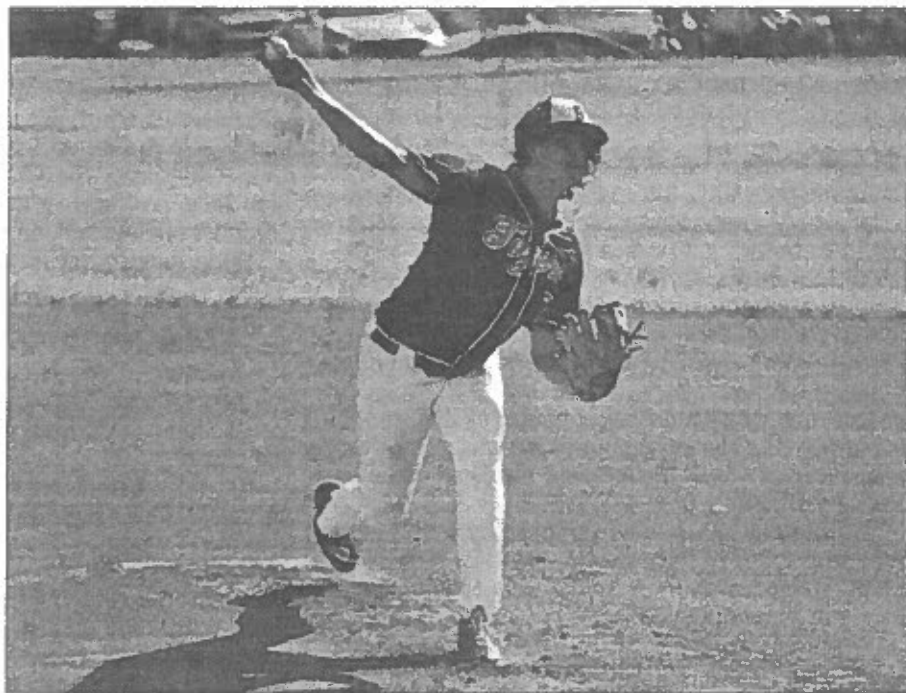
Country Roads
Take Amos Home

Photo by Cody Tomer

Former Shadyside pitcher Bryce Amos recently flipped his college commitment from Tulane to nearby West Virginia.

Shadyside Ace Commits to West Virginia

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

SHADYSIDE — Shadyside senior pitcher Bryce Amos didn't allow a hit in his last three starts of the season.

That's right — three consecutive no-hitters!

Well, word has gotten out about the young ace as he was offered a spot on the West Virginia University baseball team and he jumped at the opportunity as he committed to be a Mountaineer last week.

"I always wanted to play Division I ball," Amos said. "That's been a goal of mine for a long time. Now, to be able to do it this close to home — I couldn't ask for more. I'm excited that I'll get the opportunity to keep playing

baseball. There is no better situation."

Amos was committed to Tulane for the last two seasons but a coaching change caused Amos to go looking for his future home once again.

"I was committed to Tulane for two years but their head coach was let go," Amos said. "So I started looking for other places to play and WVU called me and (assistant) coach (Steve) Sabins offered me a spot. I couldn't be more grateful to play at a great program."

Ending his season with three straight no-hitters was no accident. After Amos tossed his first two no-hit gems, he took the mound his next time out expecting to do the unthinkable.

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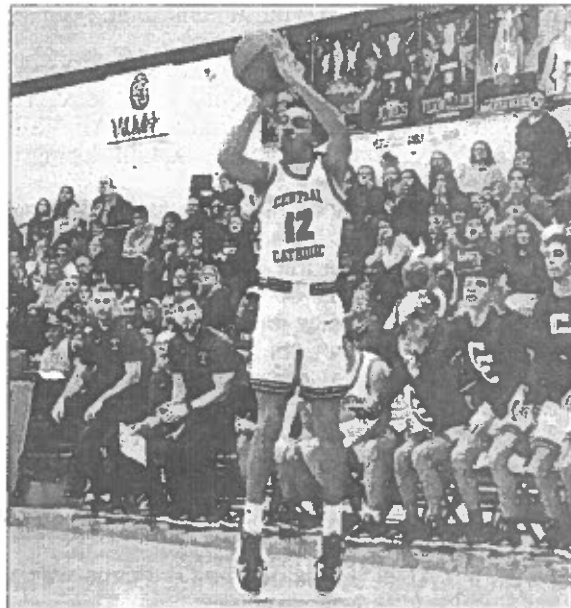


Photo by Cody Nespor

Quinton Burlenski will be Wheeling Central's lone returning starter as the Maroon Knights move down to Class AA next season.

Central Basketball
Moving to Class AABy CODY NESPOR
Sports Writer

WHEELING — Announced Friday by the WVSSAC, Wheeling Central's boys and girls basketball teams will be moving down to Class AA for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 seasons.

The Maroon Knights competed in Class AAA the past two seasons following the sport's expansion to four classifications in 2019.

"It was a decision we kind of made at the beginning of the season and last year," Central athletic director Donnie Murray said. "Coach Mel (Stephens) and Coach Roberta (Olejasz) both decided to move down to AA."

When the expansion happened, Central, a Class A school at the time, was originally placed in Class AAA by the WVSSAC's competitive balance formula. There was a rule in place, however, that prohibited teams from moving up two classifications, meaning Central would have been placed in Class AA prior to the 2020-21 season.

Murray, Stephens — the longtime coach of the boys team — and then-girls coach Penn Kurtz decided to allow the move all the way up to Class AAA, however.

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Caps Brewers'
Win Over BucsBy STEVE MEGARGEE
AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — Willy Adames homered and threw out Kevin Newman at the plate to end the game as the

Djokovic Will
Face Kyrgios In
Wimbledon FinalBy HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — This deficit was less daunting for Novak Djokovic. The tension less palpable. It's not that he wants to fall behind in



British Open At St. Andrews All About History

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

History alone sets the British Open apart from the other majors. Stage it at St. Andrews and it becomes a celebration as much as a championship.

More than 500 years of legend and lore never gets old.

It's what led Jack Nicklaus to say so famously years ago: "When the British Open is in Scotland, there's something special about it. And when it's at St. Andrews, it's even greater."

Tiger Woods remarkably returned to major competition at the Masters just 14 months after his right leg and ankle were shattered in a car crash. Even after making the cut, proving he could walk and compete for 72 holes, he was uncertain about where he would play next except for one week he had circled on his calendar.

"I am looking forward to St. Andrews," Woods said in April. "That is something that is near and dear to my heart. I've won two Opens there, it's the home of golf. It's my favorite golf course in the world, so I will be there for that one."

And then there's Jon Rahm, the former No. 1 player in the world, who has seared into his memory that iconic image of Seve Ballesteros twice thrusting his arm into the air after winning the claret jug on the Old Course in 1984.

"To be honest, I don't think there's a bigger achievement in golf than winning The Open Championship at St. Andrews," Rahm said. "I think it's the biggest event."

The one figures to be even bigger. The Open Championship returns to the home of golf on July 14-17 to celebrate the 150th edition of the sport's oldest championship, which dates to 1860 and was first played at St. Andrews in 1873. This will be the 30th time it's on the Old Course, the most of any links on the rotation.

Festivities include Nicklaus joining Bobby Jones and Benjamin Franklin as the only Americans to be awarded honorary citizenship of St. Andrews. Nicklaus has not been back to the gray old town since 2005, when he chose the British Open at St. Andrews as the 166th and final major championship of his incomparable career.

"When they wrote and asked me if I would accept being an honorary citizen, I couldn't turn that down," Nicklaus said.

Woods, Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy will join past champions — some of them who won the Open before they were born — in the "Celebration of Champions," a four-hole exhibition Monday afternoon that takes place only at St. Andrews.

For the players, it doesn't matter that it's the 150th playing or the 151st. At stake is a silver claret jug, first awarded at Prestwick in 1872. It seems to shine just a little bit brighter when the claret jug is won at St. Andrews.

There are 138 names on the jug — 22 players are listed multiple times — and the base of the trophy has been expanded over the years. It has the "Great Triumvirate" of Harry Vardon, James Braid and J.H. Taylor. Jones and Gene Sarazen and Walter Hagen. Sam Snead and Ben Hogan. Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. Lee Trevino and Tom Watson. Nick Faldo and Greg Norman. Woods and Ernie Els and Phil Mickelson.

"Just look at the names on that and you just go right through time," Woods said. "Everyone who won that championship, they know how hard it was. ... And for me specifically to have won at the home of golf is even more special."

Woods knows that feeling as well as anyone, one of five players to have won the Open twice at St. Andrews. Woods isn't ruling out a third Open on the Old Course, even at 46 and with nearly



AP Photo

Tiger Woods holds the trophy as he stands in front of the clubhouse after winning the British Open golf championship on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, Sunday July 17, 2005.

Scottie Scheffler has a chance to join Faldo as the only players to win at Augusta National and St. Andrews in the same year. They are the most famous places in golf, along with Pebble Beach, and the moment is not lost on Scheffler or anyone else.

"You just want to be part of that history," Xander Schauffele said.

The Old Course has hardly changed from the last time it held the British Open, in 2015, when Zach Johnson won a three-man playoff. The card of the course is a mere 16 yards longer.

Then again, defense of the Old Course is all about the wind. Woods recalls hitting anything from 9-iron to 3-wood on the par-3 11th. It can be that strong. And it's been that way for the 600 years golf has been played at St. Andrews, and the 149 years since the first Open was held on the Old Course and Tom Kidd was declared the "champion golfer of the year."

Who's next?

All signs point toward youth on the Old Course. The last five major champions are in their 20s, a streak that began with Rahm at the U.S. Open last year, with Matt Fitzpatrick the latest entry from his U.S. Open title last month at Brookline.

And so much depends on the weather. The last time at St. Andrews featured a rare Monday finish because of flooding on Friday and raging wind on Saturday that led to delays of 10 hours. The previous time, in 2010, McIlroy opened with a record-tying 63, only to get caught up in the wind the next day for an 80.

Spieth said relatively benign conditions could make the Old Course a "wedge contest" because dry conditions make the ball roll forever. Such is the Open on just about any links. John Daly won in a playoff in 1995 at St. Andrews after finishing at 6-under 272. The next time on the Old Course, Woods won at 19 under for an eight-shot margin.

"It was not necessarily built for today's technology," Spieth said. "But I think that even a nice 10 to 15 miles an hour would show something to it. And the fact that it doesn't look like we are going to get any rain, so I think the defense could be how fast it plays."

Rain or shine, a wee breeze or a gale, it's still the Open at St. Andrews, a special time and place in any circumstances. It's not so much making history as adding to it.

As three-time Open champion Sir Henry Cotton said years ago, "Winning The Open Championship can turn a good player into a star, but winning the Open at St. Andrews can turn a great player into a legend."



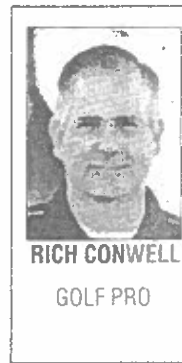
Set Up, Speed Crucial to Having Success on Greenside Bunkers

After spending a few weeks looking back in history and talking about LIV golf, it is time to get back to talking about golf and getting better at golf. This week, I want to talk a particular type of short game challenge, the bunker shot. The greenside bunker shot is the only shot in golf where the golf club does not strike the ball. I know that is a unique way of thinking about it, but it is true. More importantly, success in greenside bunkers comes from two things: set up and speed.

First, let us look at set up. The ball should be in the middle of your stance. The next step is to open your stance (for right-handed players, this means pointing your toes to third base). Open the club face (for right-handed players, this means pointing the clubface to first base). Place all your weight on your target side foot and leave it there. Pick a spot one inch behind the ball.

Now we talk about the second item: speed. As a rule, your sand wedge cannot be swung too fast. Swing the club and power the club through the sand (remember your one-inch point) and float the ball out on a pillow of sand. Again, I cannot stress the general rule enough, you cannot swing your sand wedge too fast.

A word about physics. Why open your stance? Why open your club



RICH CONWELL
GOLF PRO

face? Why weight on lead foot? Here are the answers. You open your stance to eliminate body motion, as this shot and the speed that goes with it, is upper body. The club face is opened to help the club slide through the sand and increase loft. Weight on lead foot to force the club to a finish position, as the golf club will follow your weight. I realize the set-up is different, and may look and feel strange,

but the physics will bear out and leave you with the most amount of opportunity to be successful when you find yourself in a bunker.

JUNIOR GOLF NOTE: The Callaway Junior Tour, conducted by the West Virginia Golf Association, visited the Wheeling area this past week. Wednesday July 6th was the Wheeling Country Club event and Thursday July 7th was the event at Oglebay. I have to say that the players on the Callaway Tour are very impressive, particularly good, and overly excited to play golf. I wanted to say thanks to the Callaway Tour for visiting us and we are happy to note we are already on the 2023 schedule!

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ELEVATE YOUR GAME

TWO PRISTINE MOUNTAIN COURSES

Ohio Backs Fit Coach McKenzie's System Well

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

When building the rosters for the 75th annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, it would be easy to just load up on the players who earned the most accolades.

Beaver Local's Mike McKenzie, who will guide the Ohio squad in the July 23 game at Wheeling Island Stadium, had a perfect storm when he and his coaching staff began selecting their roster. Those players with the most accolades actually fit quite well into the system the Beavers' brass plans to employ.

McKenzie has announced the quarterbacks will be Monroe Central's Malachi Rose-Burton and St. Clairsville's Drew Sefsick, while Shadyside's Wyatt Reiman and St. Clairsville's Jacob Jordan will get the bulk of the carries at running back.

"The quarterbacks fit well into our system because both have the ability to throw and run," McKenzie said. "The running backs both provide a little pop and have home-run ability. We really think we can do multiple things with those guys and make it tough on West Virginia."

Here's a capsule look at the players:

JACOB JORDAN, St. Clairsville — This former Red Devil put forth a season — and career — to remember for Coach Brett McLean's Red Devils.

Jordan rushed for an impressive 1,701 yards and 28 touchdowns as a senior. He caught two touchdowns as well. All told, he caught eight passes

for 135 yards.

The 5-6, 177 pounder earned All-Eastern District, All-Buckeye 8 and was an All-OVAC Academic selection as well as a four-year letterman.

Jacob, who plans to attend Stark State College, is the son of Allison and Anthony Jordan.

WYATT REIMAN, Shadyside — This former Tiger capped a brilliant prep career with a senior season to remember for Coach Mark Holenka's team.

The 6-1, 175 pounder was named First Team All-Ohio in Division VII for the third straight season and rushed for 4,386 yards and 72 touchdowns during his career. He caught 67 passes for 1,239 yards and 12 more touch-

downs. All told, he found the end zone 87 times for touchdowns and scored a whopping 564 points in his career.

He was named the Division VII Eastern District Player of the Year in both 2020 and 2021. He was a multiple-time First Team All-OVAC selection and won the WTOV-9 Big 22 Player of the Year award.

Reiman was also a two-time state track qualifier.

Wyatt, who is undecided about his future plans, is the son of Matt and Melanie Reiman.

MALACHI ROSE-BURTON, Monroe Central — It would not be an exaggeration to say this former Seminoles' standout did everything except sell tickets as he shined in multiple capacities for Coach Josh Ischy's team.

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AP Photo

Pittsburgh Pirates' Ben Gamel (18) hits a double during the third inning of the second game of a double header against the Cincinnati Reds Thursday in Cincinnati.

Pirates, Reds Split Twinbill

Rookie pitcher Contreras carries Bucs in opener

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jonathan India hit a go-ahead single. Brandon Drury added a two-run triple and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-1 on Thursday night to split a doubleheader.

Pittsburgh won the opener 4-2 behind rookie starter Roansy Contreras, who allowed one run in six innings.

In the nightcap, India snapped a 1-1 tie with his two-out single in the seventh inning off Bryse Wilson, which followed an error by second baseman Josh VanMeter that allowed Nick Senzel to reach. Drury followed against reliever Chris Stratton and hit a line drive that eluded right fielder Ben Gamel's diving effort and rolled to the wall for a triple.

Tommy Pham capped the rally with an RBI single.

Wilson (1-5) allowed four runs — just one earned — on seven hits in a season-high 6 2/3 innings. He was coming off

his first win of the season last Saturday against Milwaukee. Wilson was recalled from Triple-A Indianapolis to be Pittsburgh's 27th man for the doubleheader.

Pirates manager Derek Shelton felt Wilson deserved more support. Pittsburgh had two runners in scoring position with one out in the first, but opener Jeff Hoffman stranded them with two strikeouts.

"The bottom line is we've got to score," Shelton said. "We didn't put the ball in play."

Hoffman lasted 1 2/3 innings in a bullpen game for the Reds. Ross Detwiler pitched one inning and Robert Dugger — added to the roster between games — turned in 3 1/3 before Reiver Sanmartin (1-4) pitched 2 2/3 innings for the win.

"I was going to do whatever I could until they took me out of the game," Sanmartin said.

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Howley Named Semifinalist for HOF



AP Photo

Cleveland Browns fullback, Jim Brown leaps for a gain in their game with the Dallas Cowboys on Oct. 19, 1964. Watching are Cowboy players George Andrie (66) and Chuck Howley (54).

Warwood native was named MVP of Super Bowl V

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Warwood native and West Virginia University grad Chuck Howley was named a semifinalist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2023 on Thursday.

The linebacker played 15 NFL seasons, 13 with the Dallas Cowboys and two with the Chicago Bears, and was named Super Bowl V MVP. Howley remains the only Super Bowl MVP from a losing team after he recorded two interceptions and a fumble recovery against the Baltimore Colts.

Howley finished his career as

a six-time Pro Bowler, a five-time All-Pro and a Super Bowl Champion.

Super Bowl-winning coaches Mike Shanahan and Mike Holmgren are also among 54 seniors, coaches and contributors named as semifinalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2023.

Shanahan, who led the Denver Broncos to consecutive Super Bowl titles, and Holmgren, who won with the Green Bay Packers, are joined by 27 other coaches/contributors, including New England Patriots owner

Robert Kraft and longtime Raiders CEO Amy Trask.

The list of 25 former players includes four-time Pro Bowl quarterback Ken Anderson; do-it-all running back Roger Craig; return specialist Billy "White Shoes" Johnson; five-time Pro Bowl CB Lester Hayes.

The respective selection committees will vote to send 12 seniors and 12 coach/contributors to the finalists stage.

The results will be announced July 27.

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Wildthings Rally to Down Jefferson County, 5-3

By ANDREW GRIMM
For The Intelligencer

STEBENVILLE — Jefferson County Teramana Post 33 has been hitting the ball better of late.

The problem Thursday, however, was after the second inning, the hits became scattered.

Post 33 jumped out to an early two-run lead, but saw the visiting Wheeling Wildthings score five-straight runs to hand Jefferson County a 5-3 defeat.

"They're a good hitting team," Jefferson County coach Don Morrison said of Wheeling. "I think we're starting to play better."

Post 33 (14-12) scored 10 runs a night earlier in an 11-10 loss at St. Clairsville and hit the ball well last week in the Beast of the East.

Jefferson County did have eight hits Thursday, two of which were triples, but had a runner thrown out stealing, another runner cut down at the plate and left men stranded in multiple innings.

"We had a lot of hits (Wednesday) and a couple well-hit balls (Thursday), we just didn't group them together," Morrison said. "We've got to get our pitching and defense

together and I think we'll be alright.

"We're happy with the way the guys have been hitting."

Meanwhile, the Wildthings (20-5) got things going in the fourth and fifth, getting back within one in the top of the fourth then taking the lead for good an inning later.

"It just took us a little bit to time their pitcher up," Wheeling coach Mike Bittinger said. "Once we got the timing we started attacking his fastball and got a couple hits. We found some gaps and got the runners going."

Michael Bittinger had a two-run triple and Adam Och an RBI single in the decisive fifth inning outburst. Brennan Sobutta's RBI single after an Och leadoff double got Wheeling on the board in the fourth.

Jefferson County took the early lead with a Hakim Edwards RBI triple in the bottom the second, followed by a Kaden Jurosko sac fly for an RBI to make it 2-0.

After the Wildthings went wild in the fifth, Post 33 got a run in the bottom of the seventh on another Jurosko sac fly, but could not get anyone else across.

Wheeling, also coming off

the Beast of the East and with another tournament ahead this weekend, used five different pitchers.

Sobutta went the first three innings, then Gian Deganova, Och (who got the win), Dillon Wright (hold) and Bittinger (save) each went an inning.

"We stayed a little light on the pitching, we wanted to get them in and out," coach Bittinger said. "We have another tournament coming up so we wanted to make sure everyone is rested up. We wanted all of our pitchers to stay low in the pitch counts after grind of the Beast so we have arms for Saturday."

"They all did a good job of coming in and throwing strikes."

Jefferson County's Aiden Fernandez went the distance, taking the loss.

The Wildthings are playing in a tournament in Bridgeport, W.Va. beginning Saturday, while Post 33 is headed to a tournament in Beaver Falls, Pa.

"We're going to Joe Namath's old stomping grounds," Morrison said. "We'll see some good pitching and hopefully we can keep hitting."

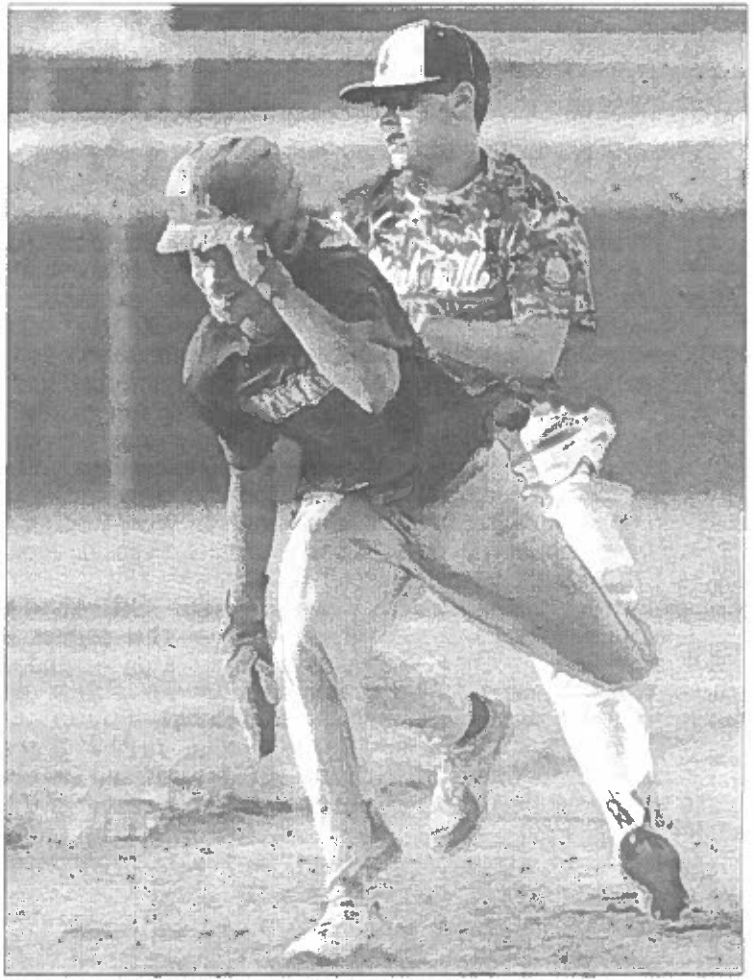


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Jefferson County's Braden Moses attempts to tag out the Wheeling Wildthings' Will James in a rundown.

PIRATES

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The Pirates had gone 14 innings without scoring a run, including

Wednesday's 16-0 loss to the Yankees.

"We bounce back really well," Shelton said. "I'd like not to have to. We have a resilient bunch."

Donovan Solano broke up Contreras' shutout bit with a fifth-inning solo shot, his first homer since coming off the injured list on June 21.

ASTROS 5, ROYALS 2
HOUSTON (AP) — Justin Verlander got his MLB-leading 11th win, Yordan Alvarez hit his 26th homer and the Houston Astros beat the Kansas City Royals.

Jose Altuve added a homer and three RBIs for the Astros, who bounced back after a 7-4 loss Wednesday night that snapped an eight-game winning streak. Houston took three of four from Kansas City.

METS 10, MARLINS 0
NEW YORK (AP) — J.D. Davis hit his first major league grand

slam, James McCann had a three-run homer and New York routed Miami behind a strong start from Trevor Williams.

YANKEES 6
RED SOX 5

BOSTON (AP) — Josh Donaldson hit a grand slam. Aaron Hicks homered on the next pitch and New York held on to beat Boston despite a pair of home runs from Red Sox All-Star candidate Rafael Devers.

PHILLIES 5
NATIONALS 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Darick Hall homered, doubled and drove in two runs, and Philadelphia took two of three from last-place Washington.

ORIOLES 4, ANGELS 1

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rookie Adley Rutschman hit his first home run at Camden Yards and Baltimore extended its winning streak to a season-best five games.

SANSOM

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"The decision to step down as the head women's basketball coach was a very challenging one to make but the best decision for the program and our department," expressed Sansom. "We have such wonderful scholar-athletes on the team, and it was such a pleasure to lead the program for six years. I felt that it was important for them to have someone new who could dedicate their full attention to the team, as doing both jobs wouldn't allow me to feel like I was doing that. I am proud of where the program is and where it will continue to head in the future."

As the head women's basketball coach, Sansom has led the Bison to six-straight PAC Tournament appearances, including reaching the semifinals for the first time since the 2011-12 season. The Bi-

son finished the 2021-22 season 15-11 (9-8 PAC). The 15 wins mark the most wins in the Sansom era and the first time since 2011-12.

"My focus will be to provide leadership and the best experience possible for our scholar-athletes and coaches. We have such a great opportunity to impact their lives daily. We get to educate, support, and mentor young people... how special and important is that? For our scholar-athletes, that's an experience based on great education, competing, and developing relationships that will last the rest of their lives. For our coaches and staff, it is about creating a positive and rewarding environment with strong working relationships in the department and across campus. I want our coaches to feel

good each day about the impact they are having on the lives of their scholar-athletes and the college as a whole."

"I'm so excited for the Bison nation to have such a great leader take over as the director of athletics," said Willson. "In my time at Bethany College, I have really admired how well Brian works with scholar-athletes, coaches, and alumni. I think this is a great hire for the college."

Sansom joined Bethany in 2016 and earned his undergraduate in sport management studies at University of Pittsburgh at Bradford in 2008 and his master's in intercollegiate athletic administration at California University of Pennsylvania in 2011. He resides in Bethany with his wife, Erika, and their son, Lucan.

OHIO

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HOWLEY

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The remaining list of players: linebackers Randy Gradishar, Maxie Baughan, Clay Matthews Jr. and Tommy Nobis; wide receivers Otis Taylor, Sterling Sharpe, Mark Clayton and Stanley Morgan; end Lavern Dilweg; offensive linemen Chris Hinton and Bob Kuechenberg; two-way player Cecil Isbell; offensive tackles Joe Jacoby, George Kunz and Mike Kenn; defensive linemen Joe Klecko and Jim Marshall and cornerbacks Eddie Meador, Ken Riley and Everson Walls.

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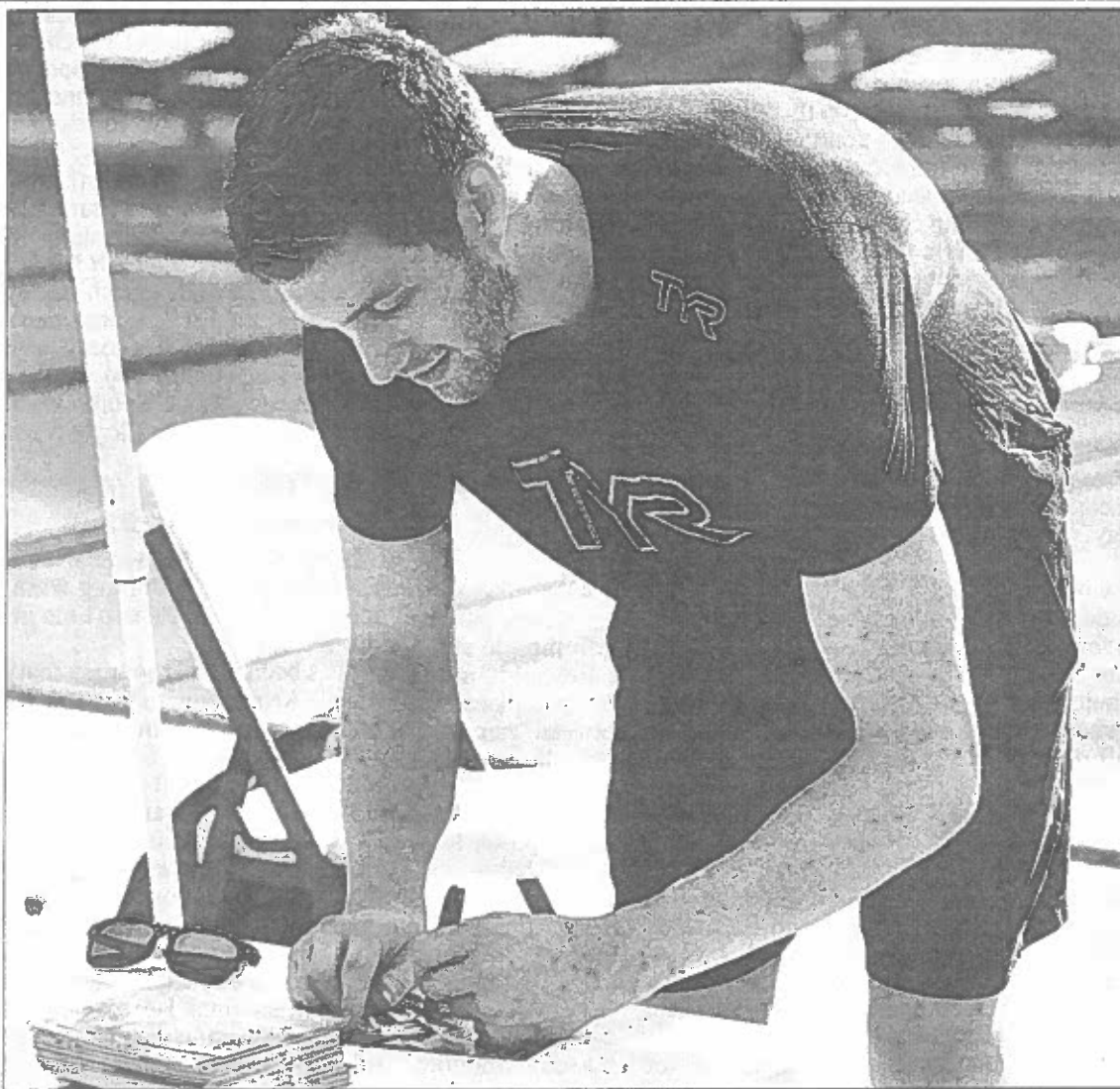
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SPORTS

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AT RIGHT: Olympian Hunter Armstrong signs an autograph during his visit to the Memorial Park Pool in Barnesville on Thursday.

BELOW: ARMSTRONG, who is a Dover High School graduate, poses with 5-year-old Sadie Jo Anderson for a picture during his visit to Belmont County.

T-L Photos/SETH STASKEY

Armstrong visits Barnesville

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

BARNESVILLE — From small town, USA to Olympic Gold Medalist, world champion and world record holder.

While it doesn't happen often, it can and does happen.

Case in point is Dover native Hunter Armstrong.

The 21-year-old was at the Barnesville Memorial Park Pool Thursday evening to share his story and journey from relative swimming obscurity to bringing home a gold medal from Tokyo last summer in the 4x100 medley relay to his recent performance in the Swimming World Championships in Budapest where he brought home five medals.

"I think I can definitely prove that it doesn't matter where you're from because if you want to achieve something, just keep working towards it,"

Armstrong said. "I know it sounds simple, but it's important to set goals to your dream because not every single person can be an Olympian, but there are plenty of other things that I want to accomplish. As cliché as it sounds, 'chase your dreams.'

Ironically, swimming wasn't always a dream for Armstrong. He grew up watching his brother, Jack, compete at a high level, placing in the OHSAA State Swimming Championships multiple times before going on to a solid career at West Virginia University. However, it wasn't until his club team was going to a national meet in Fort Lauderdale when he became serious.

"I wanted a trip to Fort Lauderdale, so I asked the coach if I could go," Armstrong recalled. "He said, 'you can go when you start coming to practice every day.' So, I started going every day, made the trip and

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Ohio names backs for OVAC ASG

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

When building the rosters for the 75th annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, it would be easy to just load up on the players who earned the most accolades.

Beaver Local's Mike McKenzie, who will guide the Ohio squad in the July 23 game at Wheeling Island Stadium, had a perfect storm when he and his coaching staff began selecting their roster. Those players with the most accolades actually fit quite well into the system the Beavers' brass plans to employ.

McKenzie has announced the quarterbacks will be Monroe Central's Malachi Rose-Burton and St. Clairsville's Drew Sefsick, while Shadyside's Wyatt Reiman and St. Clairsville's Jacob Jordan will get the bulk of the carries at running back.

"The quarterbacks fit well into our system because both have the ability to throw and run," McKenzie said. "The running backs both provide a little pop and have home-run ability. We really think we can do multiple things with those guys and make it tough on West Virginia."

Here's a capsule look at the players:
JACOB JORDAN, St. Clairsville — This former Red Devil put forth a season — and career — to remember for Coach Brett McLean's Red Devils.

Jordan rushed for an impressive 1,701 yards and 28 touchdowns as a senior. He caught two touchdowns as well. All told, he caught eight passes for 135 yards.

The 5-6, 177 pounder earned All-Eastern District, All-Buckeye 8 and was an All-OVAC Academic selection as well as a four-year letterman.

Jacob, who plans to attend Stark State College, is the son of Allison and Anthony Jordan.

WYATT REIMAN, Shadyside — This former Tiger capped a brilliant prep career with a senior season to remember for Coach Mark Holenka's team.

The 6-1, 175 pounder was named First Team All-Ohio in Division VII for the third straight season and rushed for 4,386 yards and 72 touchdowns during his career. He caught 67 passes for 1,239 yards and 12 more touchdowns. All told, he found the end zone 87 times for touch-

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Pirates, Reds split a DH

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jonathan India hit a go-ahead single, Brandon Drury added a two-run triple and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-1 on Thursday night to split a doubleheader.

Pittsburgh won the opener 4-2 behind rookie starter Roansy Contreras, who allowed one run in six innings.

In the nightcap, India snapped a 1-1 tie with his two-out single in the seventh inning off Bryse Wilson, which followed an error by second baseman Josh Van Meter that allowed Nick Metzer to reach. Drury fol-

lowed against reliever Chris Stratton and hit a line drive that eluded right fielder Ben Gamel's diving effort and rolled to the wall for a triple.

Tommy Pham capped the rally with an RBI single.

Wilson (1-5) allowed four runs — just one earned — on seven hits in a season-high 6 2/3 innings. He was coming off his first win of the season last Saturday against Milwaukee.

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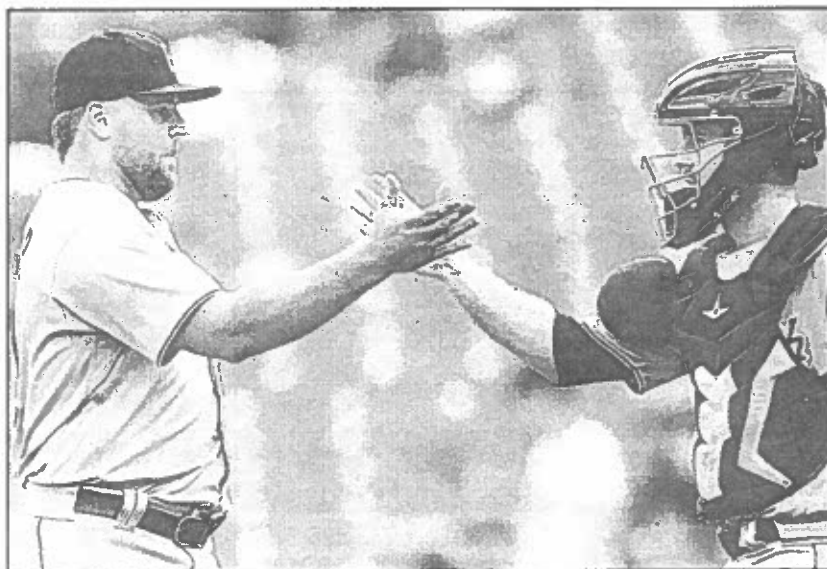
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PITTSBURGH PIRATES relief pitcher David Bednar, left, celebrates with catcher Jason Delay after defeating the Cincinnati Reds in the first baseball game of a doubleheader Thursday, in Cincinnati.

AP PHOTO

Injured Nadal
withdraws from



Warwood's Howley

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poussis, who lost to Roger Federer in 2003. "I hope your recovery goes well and we all hope to see you healthy soon," Kyrgios wrote in an Instagram post addressed to Nadal.

Kyrgios will meet either three-time defending champion and No. 1 seed Novak Djokovic or No. 9 Cam Norrie of Britain for the championship on Sunday; their semifinal will be played Friday.

The second-seeded Nadal, a 36-year-old from Spain, is 19-0 in Grand Slam action in 2022, including trophies at the Australian Open in January and the French Open in June. That put him halfway to a calendar-year Grand Slam for the first time in his career.

Nadal has been bothered by a stomach muscle for about a week, and the pain became nearly unbearable in the first set of his 4-hour, 21-minute victory via fifth-set tiebreaker against Taylor Fritz in the quarterfinals on Wednesday.

After that match, Nadal said he had considered stopping before it was over — and could not be certain whether he would feel well enough to play again.

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downs and scored a whopping 564 points in his career.

He was named the Division VII Eastern District Player of the Year in both 2020 and 2021. He was a multiple-time First Team All-OVAC selection and won the WTOV-9 Big 22 Player of the Year award.

Reiman was also a two-time state track qualifier.

Wyatt, who is undecided about his future plans, is the son of Matt and Melanie Reiman.

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Post 159 received strong pitching from Bellaire senior-to-be Jake Heatherington, who went the distance with seven strikeouts.

Offensively, Will Balgo — a 2021 St. Clairsville graduate — continued to rake at the plate. He hit a home run, doubled and singled while driving in three runs to lead the way.

Colin Sneadecker had a single and two RBI. Mason Myers continued his strong summer with a double, single and two RBI. Drew Sefsick had a double, single and drove in a run.

Evan White doubled and Chance Maffe had two singles.

IL, promoted RHP Robert Dugger from Triple-A Louisville and recalled catcher Mark Kolozsvary from Louisville.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Reds: RHP Luis Cessa left the game with a left rib muscle strain while pitching to Reynolds in the seventh inning. He was placed on the 15-day IL between games. ... C Tyler Stephenson (broken right thumb) was scheduled to catch Thursday and be the designated hitter on Friday for Triple-A Louisville before possibly being activated on Saturday, manager David Bell said. ... RHP Alexis Diaz (right bicep) could be activated Friday, Bell said.

UP NEXT

Pirates: After a one-day stop in Cincinnati for Thursday's doubleheader, Pittsburgh heads to Milwaukee, where RHP JT Brubaker (2-7, 4.28 ERA) will take the mound to begin a three-game series on Friday.

Reds: RHP Luis Castillo (3-4, 3.09) takes the mound in the opener of a three-game series against Tampa Bay on Friday.

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ended up winning some events."

At that point, swimming wasn't just a recreational activity or a sport to pass time in the winter for Armstrong.

"It's been a great journey that I've had a lot of fun with," Armstrong said. "The minute it stops being fun, I'll retire. I swim because I enjoy it."

That trip to Fort Lauderdale helped pave the way for him to commit to WVU out of high school. However, due to wanting to be closer to home when COVID-19 hit, Armstrong transferred to Ohio State. He qualified for the Olympic Trials only to see the Olympic Games postponed a calendar year.

He got his chance last June in Omaha and earned a spot on Team USA in the backstroke. He wound up ninth in the 100-meter backstroke, narrowly missing a spot in the final. However, he was picked for the relay team, swam in the qualifying round, and Olympic rules say anyone who swims on the relay team — in any of the rounds — receives a medal.

At world trials, which were held in Greensboro, Armstrong set a World Record in the 50M backstroke of 23.71, nine hundredths of a second faster than the previous mark.

In Budapest, just a couple of weeks ago, Armstrong finished second in the 50 backstroke to fellow American Justin Reiss. However, Reiss was disqualified and Armstrong received the gold medal. That was short-lived because the disqualification was overturned in an appeal and Armstrong bumped down to the silver.

"Obviously, I want to be a gold medalist (individually), but (via disqualification) was not the way I would have wanted to (win) my first," Armstrong said. "From the outside looking in, I would much rather have the United States prosper than my own individual success, so I will take the one-two for the US any day."

All told, Armstrong won five medals in Hungary. He won gold with the 4x100 free relay and mixed medley; silver in the backstroke and 4x100 medley and bronze in the 100 backstroke.

"It was definitely an improvement from the Olympics, but, honestly, it wasn't the meet that I had hoped for," Armstrong said. "By breaking a world record in trials, I had my standards set pretty high. I thought I was going to have my break-out meet, internationally. No one won more than five medals, but some of them weren't the color I wanted. It was a great stepping stone."

Obviously, the last year has been a whirlwind — in and out of the pool — for Armstrong.

"It's been an absolute 360 from my normal life," Armstrong laughed. "I showed up almost a little over a year ago (at trials) hoping to make top six and ended up getting into the top two, making the Olympics and coming home with a gold medal. I remember asking my coach, 'what's next?' Because I had achieved everything that a swimmer could ask. He said a world record and now that's happened, too."

Armstrong, who was named Ohio State University's Male Athlete of the Year last month, has turned professional.

Armstrong, who will be re-locating to Berkeley, California next month to resume his training at Cal, is making several appearances around the state. He has an engagement scheduled for this morning in Columbus and will be appearing in Massillon later in the month.

"It's about giving back to the community and it's important that everyone gets to share in this journey with me," Armstrong said.

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Kelley announces W.Va. coaches for OVAC ASG

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

With the players set for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, which will be held on July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium, West Virginia head coach John Kelley has finalized his coaching staff.

Basically, his entire University High School coaching staff will join him for the all-star game and training camp, which opens on July 17 at Wheeling University.

"We have a nice mixture on our staff of experience and youth," Kelley said. "We have some guys who are very, very intense and I believe the kids will eat up the way they (coach). Basically, I can just sit back and enjoy it."

Along with Kelley, the remainder of the West Virginia coaching staff includes: Donnie Tucker, Xaviyer Mosley, Eric Snyder, Bob Antion, Donnie Gilbert Jr., Logan Raber and Justin Hensley.

Here's a capsule look at the West Virginia coaching staff:

JOHN KELLEY — This veteran mentor has been a head coach for 36 seasons and has spent the last 40 years with the Hawks. All told, he has 47 seasons of coaching under his belt.

With University, Kelley has guided it to the West Virginia Class AAA playoffs 22 times and in 1994, it played for the big-school state championship. The Hawks have been in the state semifinals five times and nine times bowed out in the quarterfinals.

Since joining the OVAC, Kelley has guided the Hawks to three conference

titles, including in 2021.

Prior to coming to University, Kelley coached at Hopewell Area High Schools in Pennsylvania.

Kelley, who is a 1968 Oak Glen graduate earned his bachelor's degree from Shepherd in 1974 and finished his Master's degree at West Virginia

John is married to the former Kim Lanham.

JUSTIN HENSLEY — This Hawks assistant just joined Kelley's staff prior to last season.

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Maynard blanks Barton

• Jacob fires 1-hitter as Indians get No. 2 seed; will host Braves Sunday

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

MAYNARD -- Barton got 'Zuked' Wednesday night.

Michael "Zuke" Jacob brought his 'A' game as the former University of Toledo southpaw faced just one batter over the minimum in firing a one-hitter against visiting Barton in a 5-0 shutout in Ohio Valley Baseball League action on Firemen's Field inside the Community Park. With the victory, their third in five meetings against their Belmont County rivals, the Indians (11-9) earned the No. 2 seed in the upcoming playoffs and will host the Braves (11-9) on Sunday in game one of the best-of-3 semifinal. The first pitch is set for 1 p.m.

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T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

MAYNARD'S MICHAEL "Zuke" Jacob follows through after delivering a pitch Wednesday night in Ohio Valley Baseball League action against Belmont County rival Barton. The lefty fired a one-hit shutout as the Indians clinched the No. 2 seed in the upcoming playoffs with a 5-0 blanking of the visiting Braves on Firemen's Field inside the Community Park in Maynard.

Browns trade QB Mayfield to Panthers

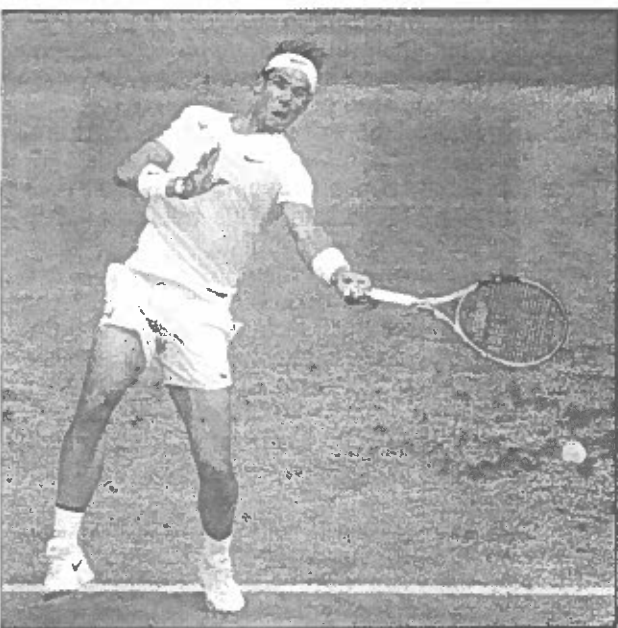
CLEVELAND (AP) — Baker Mayfield's wild four-year ride in Cleveland is over.

The No. 1 overall pick in 2018, Mayfield was traded Wednesday by the Browns, who moved on from the divisive quarterback months ago and finally sent him to the Carolina Panthers for a future draft pick.

Mayfield, who was pushed out of his starting job amid the Browns' pursuit of Deshaun Watson, is going to Carolina for a conditional draft pick in 2024 or 2025.

The Browns are paying \$10.5 million of Mayfield's \$18.8 million contract for next season, two people familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. The Panthers will pay \$4.8 million and Mayfield will take

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AP Photo

SPAIN'S RAFAEL Nadal returns to Taylor Fritz of the US in a men's singles quarterfinal match on day 10 of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Wednesday.

Hampered Nadal gets by Fritz at Wimbledon; Kyrgios next opponent

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Wincing from abdominal pain, unable to ply his customary relentless style of tennis, Rafael Nadal thought he might need to stop playing in the Wimbledon quarterfinals against Taylor Fritz.

Up in the Centre Court stands Nadal's father was

St. Clairsville Post 159 wins wild one

ST. CLAIRSVILLE -- For the third time this summer, St. Clairsville has defeated Jefferson County Tera-mana in American Legion baseball action. However, neither of the first two were as whacky as Wednesday night's encounter on the Memorial Park diamond.

After trailing 3-0, 8-4 and 10-9 entering the bottom of the seventh, Post 159 struck for two runs for a 11-10 triumph over visiting Post 33.

Dylan Gregorcic tied things at 10 with an RBI single before Mason Myers capped another outstanding performance a game-winning single to right. Gregorcic also doubled and drove in two runs, while Myers legged out two triples in addition to his game-winner.

Myers, the fifth St. Clairsville pitcher to take the mound, earned the win with 1.2 innings of work. He followed Chance Maffe, Robbie Kain, Gregorcic and Jake Heatherington as Post 159 manager Mike Muk-

lewicz was forced to use some different arms.

Evan White singled and doubled to account for four runs batted in while Colin Snedeker drove in two with a pair of singles. Heatherington singled twice to knock in a run and Will Balgo doubled. Jaren Starks also picked up an RBI.

Zac Smith singled twice and doubled to lead Post 33. He also drove in three runs. Landon Pownall also had three ribbies. Gavin Pownall and Hakeem Edwards evenly divided four singles, with Pownall driving in a run. J.T. Thompson had a double and RBI. Mike Parson also singled twice.

Kaden Jurosko went the distance for Jefferson County. He struck out three and walked four.

St. Clairsville (11-2) will look to extend its six-game winning streak tonight when it treks to Morgantown to meet Post 2.

Cabrera makes case for All-Star Game, Tigers sweep Guardians

DETROIT (AP) — Miguel Cabrera took another step toward earning a 12th All-Star bid, and his first since 2016, on the merits of his play in 2022.

Cabrera hit a two-out, two-run single in the fifth inning and had a third RBI on a sacrifice fly to help the Detroit Tigers beat the Cleveland Guard-



ters to ever play."

Even though there was a base open to give to Cabrera with runners on second and third in the pivotal fifth inning, manager Terry Francona said he didn't want to pitch around him.

"We were trying to get him out," Francona said.

ON THE MOUND
Tigers starter Michael

Halep gets back to semifinals in Wimbledon return

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — In a round-about way, Simona Halep is finally getting a chance to defend her Wimbledon title. And she's picking up right where she left off. Halep won the title at the grass-court Grand Slam in 2019, but she missed a chance to play as reigning champion in 2020 because the tournament was canceled amid the coronavirus pandemic. She then missed a second chance last year because of an injured left calf.

"That was the perfect match of my life," Halep said of her straight-set victory over Serena Williams three years ago. "Now I'm playing really well. I'm feeling confident that I feel the game the way I felt back then." The 16th-seeded Halep extended her winning streak at the All England Club to 12 matches and reached the semifinals for the third time by beating Amanda Anisimova 6-2, 6-4 Wednesday on Centre Court.

In the semifinals on Thursday, again on Centre Court, Halep will face Elena Rybakina in the second match of the day. The 17th-seeded Rybakina defeated Ajla Tomljanovic 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 on

No. 1 Court in Wednesday's other quarterfinal match.

Third-seeded Ons Jabeur will play Tatjana Maria in the first semifinal match. They advanced by winning their quarterfinal matches on Tuesday. Halep is making her 10th appearance at Wimbledon. She is the only Grand Slam champion left in the women's tournament, winning the French Open in 2018 before taking the title at the All England Club the next year.

"I'm different. I play different. I play well now. All the matches were different than in 2019," Halep said. "I think every match I got a little bit better. I had tough opponents, and I did what I had to do every day."

The match against Anisimova appeared to be as straightforward as her first four victories at this year's tournament — all came in straight sets. But the 20th-seeded American broke Halep when she was serving for the match at 5-2.

Anisimova then had three more break points when Halep again served for the match at 5-4, but the Romanian won five straight points to finish the match.

• Nadal

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Nadal got to his 38th career major semifinal by denying what would have been a first such appearance for Fritz, who beat Nadal in the hard-court final at Indian Wells, California, in March. That ended a 20-match winning streak for Nadal, who was bothered that day by a painful rib injury.

This time, the problem was a muscle in his stomach area, which had some athletic tape. Nadal left the court with a trainer for a medical timeout while up 4-3 in the second set; Fritz paced around the baseline, waiting.

A doctor gave Nadal some pills; the trainer tried to relax the muscle.

"They can't do much," Nadal said. "Nothing can be fixed when you have a thing like this."

When action resumed, Nadal clearly was compromised. It was hard not to think: Might he give up?

Nadal acknowledged that went through his mind. Fritz did, too.

"It definitely made me kind of think. I kind of stopped being as aggressive," the 24-year-old American said. "I feel like I let it kind of get to me a little bit."

He pretty much handed over the second set of what would become a 4-hour, 21-minute contest under a sky of slate clouds. After Fritz took the third set, his big serve got broken three times in the next.

Nadal occasionally would watch a ball off Fritz's orange racket fly by. Nadal couldn't move the way he usually does. His trademark grunts of "Uhhhh!" were rare. He didn't generate the usual zip on his serves, which dipped from a high of 120 mph to barely above 100 mph. He sought to end exchanges with a quick-strike forehand or a drop shot — sometimes with success, often not.

But Nadal is not one who concedes easily. This was his 351st Grand Slam match and he has a total of three mid-match retirements at majors (against Andy Murray at the 2010 Australian Open, against Marin Cilic at the 2018 Australian Open, and against Juan Martin del Potro at the 2018 U.S. Open). In all tour-level events, the totals are: 1,275 matches, nine retirements.

"I hate to do it," Nadal said.

So he summoned his best for last, grabbing a 5-0 lead in the closing tiebreaker — the first-to-10, win-by-two format starting at 6-all in a fifth set is new to Wimbledon this year — and then five of the last six points.

• Browns

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\$3.5 million pay cut, said the people, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the trade can't be finalized until Mayfield passes a physical.

Mayfield can earn back some of the money through incentives. Also, if he plays 70% of Carolina's snaps next season, the pick the Browns are receiving will be a fourth-rounder in 2024.

The trade was announced by both the Browns and Panthers, who coincidentally will meet in next season's opener in Charlotte, a matchup spiced up by Mayfield switching teams.

Mayfield's time with the Browns effectively ended in March when the team traded three first-round selections and six overall to the Houston Texans for Watson, who is facing a possible NFL suspension for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

Watson has been accused of sexual misconduct by two dozen massage therapists in Texas. The league's disciplinary officer is expected to rule on Watson before the Browns open training camp later this month.

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• Maynard

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"Zuke took the ball and pitched a great game tonight," Maynard player/manager David Vicker said. "He was hitting his spots today."

Vicker said the win was huge for a number of reasons.

"We wanted to definitely host a series. We didn't want to have to go anywhere," he added. "Hopefully, it works out. We seem to play better at home."

After needing 139 deliveries a week ago in a nine-inning stint against the Braves, a game Barton won 6-2 in 10, Jacob threw just 74 in which 52 were strikes. He only went to three balls on three batters.

"I give all the credit to our offense, Matt Busby playing shortstop and Tyler Ramsay playing first base," Jacob said. "You can't ask for much more when you get five runs to work with and Busby playing short like he did."

"I really don't know if there is an advantage either way," Jacob said when asked about pitching against Barton for the second time in a week. "I get to see their swings and their different approaches at the plate, but they also get to see what I do well and what I don't do well. You kind of go pitch-by-pitch."

Jacob also praised the work of catcher B.A. Holloway.

"He is forever my captain. I would go in some dark places with B.A.," Jacob said of his veteran catcher. "He does a great job behind the plate."

Maynard, the defending champions, took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. With one out, Mason VanNest walked and stole second. He continued to third when the ball skipped into center field, and then waltzed home when the throw to third bounced out of play.

The Indians left the bases loaded in the third, but finally broke it open in the fourth against Barton starter Drake Dobson.

Klay Cottis drew a leadoff walk and went to second when no play was made on Mackenzie Koehler's bunt to third. Corey Beckett's grounder was misplayed to load the bases, and Busby delivered. He sent a 1-0 pitch to right-center for a bases-clearing double and a 4-0 Maynard lead.

"I was just looking for something good to hit. I got a fastball away and took it to the gap," Busby said of his game-breaking hit.

Along with his one swing of the bat, he also made a pair of outstanding plays with his glove and arm.

In the third he ranged far to his right in the hole, gloved a one-hopper off the bat of Zac Taylor and made a jumping throw that short-hopped Tyler Ramsay at first, but he gloved the ball for the out. Then, in the seventh, Busby went to his left and made a sliding stop of a drive from Colton Coss before righting himself and throwing a strike to Ramsay.

When asked about the two defensive gems he turned in, the Marietta University product said, "I just do what I do. With Zuke on the mound you always want to make plays."

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Mayfield's four years with the Browns included fewer memorable moments than distracting ones as he couldn't end the team's long search for a franchise QB.

The stint was full of highs and lows, coaching changes, too much drama and not nearly enough wins.

Former Browns general manager John Dorsey was enamored with Mayfield's talent and swayed by his swagger, choosing the Heisman Trophy winner from Oklahoma first despite other options, including Josh Allen and Lamar Jackson.

Mayfield began his rookie season as Tyrod Taylor's backup before coming off the bench in Week 3 and rallying the Browns to their first win in 635 days, a 21-17 victory over the New York Jets on national TV.

Mayfield wound up passing for 3,725 yards and throwing 27 touchdown passes as a rookie, breaking the NFL record for a first-year quarterback. For the first time in years, there was genuine hope for a floundering franchise that has had 32 starting QBs since 1999.

However, Mayfield's second sea-

son was a major setback. He threw nearly as many interceptions (21) as touchdowns (22) and seemed to be on a different page of the playbook than star receiver Odell Beckham Jr. Cleveland went 6-10 and fired coach Freddie Kitchens.

Mayfield also regularly squared off with commentators criticizing his play and sparred with local reporters. His immaturity showed particularly on social media, where he often posted rebukes to detractors.

The 2020 season signaled a turnaround as Mayfield led the Browns back to relevance with their first postseason appearance since 2003. He thrived in first-year coach Kevin Stefanski's offense, throwing 20 TD passes and just three interceptions in his last 12 games.

Mayfield directed a playoff win — the Browns' first since 1994 — over the rival Pittsburgh Steelers on Jan. 10, 2021, and came within minutes of getting Cleveland to the AFC Championship a week later before losing at Kansas City.

The resurgence triggered Super Bowl predictions for the Browns in the 2021-22 season and speculation they would sign Mayfield to a long-term contract.

Neither came close to happening.

After dropping the hyped season opener to the Chiefs, the game's outcome decided when Mayfield threw a late interception, he suffered a torn left shoulder labrum the following week while trying to make a tackle.

The injury worsened when he was sacked by Arizona's J.J. Watt a few weeks later, and Mayfield never found his rhythm the rest of the season. Beckham forced his way off the roster and the Browns stumbled to a 8-9 finish and missed the playoffs.

Mayfield also raised eyebrows by publicly questioning Stefanski's play-calling.

Mayfield sat out the finale and had surgery soon after. Browns general manager Andrew Berry said he expected Mayfield to bounce back as the team's starter in 2022, but everything changed with the pursuit of Watson.

In recent weeks, as Watson's legal entanglement dragged on, there had been speculation the Browns could turn to Mayfield. But the quarterback recently said he didn't think a reconciliation was possible.

They were done with him long ago.

Kelley Bringing University Staff to Coach OVAC ASG

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

With the players set for the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, which will be held on July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium, West Virginia head coach John Kelley has finalized his coaching staff.

Basically, his entire University High School coaching staff will join him for the all-star game and training camp, which opens on July 17 at Wheeling University.

"We have a nice mixture on our staff of experience and youth," Kelley said. "We have some guys who are very, very intense and I believe the kids will eat up the way they (coach). Basically, I can just sit back and enjoy it."

Along with Kelley, the remainder of the West Virginia coaching staff includes: Donnie Tucker, Xavier Mosley, Eric Snyder, Bob Antion, Donnie Gilbert Jr., Logan Raber and Justin Hensley.

Here's a capsule look at the West Virginia coaching staff:

JOHN KELLEY — This veteran mentor has been a head coach for 36 seasons and has spent the last 40 years with the Hawks. All told, he has 47 seasons of coaching under his belt.

With University, Kelley has guided it to the West Virginia Class AAA playoffs 22 times and in 1994, it played for the big-school state championship. The Hawks have been in the state semifinals five times and nine times bowed out in the quarterfinals.

Since joining the OVAC, Kelley has guided the Hawks to three conference titles, including in 2021.

Prior to coming to University, Kelley coached at Hopewell Area High Schools in Pennsylvania.

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PIRATES

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Donaldson and Gallo took Mitch Keller (2-6) deep twice in the span of three pitches in the sixth.

Donaldson's seventh of the season sailed well into the seats in left field. The buzz from a crowd featuring a healthy number of Yankees fans amped up by the team's first visit to Pittsburgh since 2017 had barely died down when the struggling Gallo — who got a vote of confidence from manager Aaron Boone before the game — sent a shot to the concourse well beyond the wall in right-center for his 10th of the season to make it 4-0.

Judge's laser — the ball's exit velocity was 115 mph — that cleared the bases in the eighth finished off a three-hit performance. DJ LeMahieu singled three times and drove in a pair of runs for the Yankees, who improved to 3-3 on a four-city, 10-game road trip after pounding out a season-high 22 hits.

Reynolds had two of Pittsburgh's four hits but the Pirates could muster

little against Severino and three New York relievers.

Keller worked in and out of trouble over six innings, allowing four runs on a season-high 10 hits with a walk and seven strikeouts. He was long gone by the time New York overwhelmed Pittsburgh's overtaxed bullpen.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Pirates: OF Greg Allen (hamstring) was scheduled to begin a rehabilitation assignment at Class A Bradenton.

ON THE MOVE
Pittsburgh reinstated reliever Yerry De Los Santos from the COVID-19 list. The Pi-

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Beaver Local's McKenzie brings own staff for OVAC ASG

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

When Beaver Local head coach Mike McKenzie was extended the invitation to coach the Ohio squad in the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, he first had to make sure his coaching staff was on board to come along, too.

It didn't take long for the

Beavers' staff to agree.

"It'll be a fun experience for us," McKenzie said. "We're a very close group. We hang out with each other away from football and it's a fun group of guys to be around. I feel fortunate to have that kind of staff."

McKenzie and his staff will formally meet their players on Sunday, July 17 when camp opens at Wheeling University in preparation for the game, which

is slated for Saturday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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Along with his football coaching duties, he's also spent time coaching track, softball, baseball and basketball.

The 1989 Edison North graduate, who went on to Hei-

delburg, was honored by District 9 as a coach of the year and he was part of the 1995 state championship coaching staff at Clyde.

Mike and his wife, Nicole, have two sons — Michael and Nicolas.

SHANE O'BRIEN — This former Edison head coach joined the Beavers staff prior to the 2021 campaign.

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Myers, Shriver pace Post 159

• St. C. defeats Beverly/Lowell

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE -- Post 159 American Legion manager Mike Muklewicz doesn't want to see any zeroes in his team's linescore. So far, so good.

St. Clairsville (10-2) scored at least one run in the first four innings Monday night and never looked back in doubling up visiting Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750 by a 6-3 count on the cloud-covered Memorial Park diamond.

The hosts plated two runs in the bottom of the first, added one in the second and tallied twice more in the third before taking on a solo marker in the fourth.

"Four out of six isn't bad," Muklewicz said while looking at the scoreboard in center field and surveying the score by innings. "I was a little worried about how we would come out at the start because we haven't played in nearly a week, but the kids responded. We scored consistently to start and I kept telling them 'no zeroes. No zeroes.'"

Will Balgo continued his red-hot hitting when he drove a one-out single up the middle to knock in Braylen Blomquist. Colin Snedeker followed with a sacrifice fly to right that drove in Mason Myers to make it 2-0.

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T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Mason Myers slides headfirst into third base as the ball arrives Monday night in the bottom of the third inning against Beverly/Lowell Post 389/750 at Memorial Park. Myers was safe on the play with a triple. He had three hits and scored three runs in Post 159's 6-3 victory.

Pirates beat Yankees, 5-2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rookie outfielder Jack Suwinski hit his 14th home run, Daniel Vogelbach added his 11th and the Pittsburgh Pirates spoiled Jameson Taillon's return to PNC Park with a 5-2 win over the New York Yankees on Tuesday night.

Taillon (9-2), a high draft pick by the Pirates who spent more than a decade in the organization before being traded to New York in January 2021, lost for the first time since April 11. He gave up a solo shot to Vogelbach in the first inning and a two-run homer just over the center-field wall by Suwinski in the fourth. Taillon was pulled with one out in the sixth after allowing five runs and six hits with five strikeouts.

Jose Quintana (2-4) held New York in check for five innings and Pittsburgh's bullpen did the rest. David Bednar worked the ninth for his 13th save as the Pirates sent the Yankees to consecutive losses for just the fifth time this season.

Pittsburgh leaned into a rare visit by the Yankees, whose first appearance at PNC Park since 2017 produced the first sellout of the season at a ballpark that is typically more than half-empty most nights.

Pirates Hall of Fame second baseman Bill Mazeroski, who hit the clinching home run in the bottom of the ninth in Game 7 of the 1960 World Series against the Yankees at Forbes Field, threw out the first pitch. Former Pittsburgh star turned Yankees ace Gerrit Cole met with the media for more than 20 minutes before signing autographs in his first appearance at the park since Pittsburgh traded him to Houston in January 2018.

New York reached the season's midway point at 58-23, the best record in the majors by a significant margin and well ahead of the club's pace last year, when the Yankees slogged to a 41-40 mark through the first 81 games.

New York rallied to make the playoffs a year ago. That likely won't be required this time around, not with the Yankees entering the day leading the AL East by a staggering 13 games.

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Andretti: Mid-Ohio team actions unacceptable

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

Michael Andretti acknowledged Tuesday that the meltdown of his IndyCar team at Mid-Ohio was unacceptable and said his four drivers will be expected to work together as teammates the remainder of the season.

Andretti led an emergency meeting after Sunday's race at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, where a fracture in the Andretti Autosport lineup was fully revealed.

Romain Grosjean and Alexander Rossi played bumper cars in a race for position that turned personal. Rossi

also hit rookie teammate Devlin DeFrancesco, Grosjean hit Colton Herta and IndyCar penalized both Rossi and Grosjean for avoidable contact.

After the race, team owner Andretti was seen having a heated conversation with Rossi's father, and he pulled all four drivers inside to discuss the debacle.

"Our race results in Mid-Ohio did not go as planned. Sunday's display was disappointing and unacceptable and not the way we operate — on or off the track," Andretti said Tuesday in a statement provided to The Associated Press.

"Racing is a passionate sport and we have four highly competitive drivers;

however we are one team at Andretti and our drivers need to remember that we expect them to work together for the betterment of the team. That's the way it will be going forward."

Grosjean raced for nearly a decade in Formula One before his time in the series ended in a 2020 crash from which he escaped from the burning wreckage of his car, earning the nickname "The Phoenix."

He switched to IndyCar the next season and overperformed while driving for Dale Coyne Racing, which helped the Frenchman land a better seat at front-runner Andretti Autosport.

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Tigers defeat Guardians for third straight victory

DETROIT (AP) — Riley Greene and Victor Reyes drove in three runs apiece, Eric Haase blasted a two-run homer and the Detroit Tigers pounded the Cleveland Guardians 11-4 on Tuesday night.

Miguel Cabrera added three hits, two runs scored and an RBI for the Tigers, who have won the first three games of the four-game series. Greene had a pair of doubles, while Reyes supplied three hits and scored twice.

Drew Hutchison (1-4) got his first victory since last Sept. 25, allowing two runs — one

runs in one inning of relief on Tuesday.

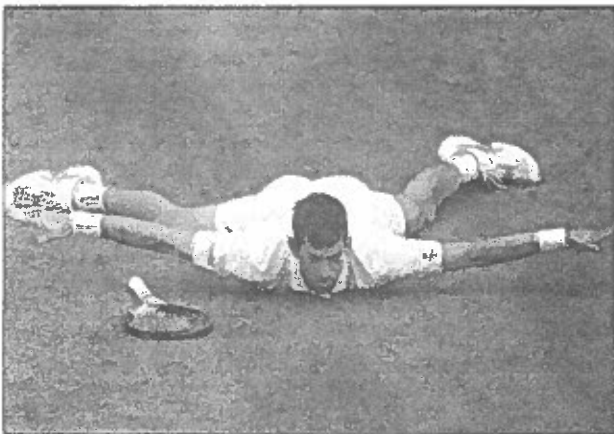
Tigers: To make room for Hutchison on the active roster, RHP Will Vest was optioned to Triple-A Toledo.

Detroit opened a spot on the 40-man roster by designating LHP Sam Howard for assignment.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Guardians: OF Josh Naylor was a late scratch with lingering back spasms. He departed the opener of Monday's doubleheader in the seventh inning.

"He's a little sore," man-



AP Photo

SERBIA'S NOVAK Djokovic reacts after making a passing shot to Italy's Jannik Sinner in a men's singles quarterfinal match on day nine of the Wimbledon tennis championships in London, Tuesday.

2 sets down, Djokovic

• Andretti

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Rossi decided earlier this year that his seventh season with Andretti would be his last. The winner of the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 in 2016 has signed with Arrow McLaren SP for 2023.

Grosjean and Rossi raced against each other five times in F1 in 2015, when Rossi got a handful of starts driving for Manor Marussia. Grosjean finished 13th and Rossi was 14th in Rossi's F1 debut. Rossi's time in F1 ran out at the end of that season and he's been with

Andretti since.

He and Grosjean don't care for each other, and Grosjean didn't back down following the Mid-Ohio post-race lecture from the boss. Grosjean called Rossi "an absolute idiot" afterward.

Rossi stressed that he was committed to working as part of the Andretti organization through the remaining seven races but declined to comment further.

The Andretti organization has just one win so far this season

— Herta on the road course at Indianapolis Motor Speedway — and Rossi at eighth is the highest-ranked Andretti driver in the standings. Grosjean has one podium finish and is ranked 14th.

The organization also wasn't all that competitive at the Indy 500, the one race the team owner cares most about winning. Rossi in fifth was the highest-finishing Andretti driver and the three late laps led by Marco Andretti were the only laps that an Andretti car paced the field.

• Pirates

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Still, New York's blistering pace has cooled a bit of late with the All-Star break approaching. The Yankees are 2-3 halfway through their four-city road trip that wraps up in Boston this weekend.

Isiah Kiner-Falefa had three hits for New York. Gleyber Torres and Matt Carpenter added two apiece. Aaron Judge went 1 for 5, grounding into an inning-ending double-play with two runners on in the seventh and striking out looking with a runner on to end the game, symbolic of a night when the Yankees left nine men on.

Cole was in line to get a start at PNC Park before a rainout in Cleveland last Friday shuffled New

York's rotation. Taillon made his scheduled start, with the Pirates offering the second overall pick in the 2010 draft a short video tribute before playing Taillon's traditional warmup song — "When The Levee Breaks" by Led Zeppelin — as he took the mound.

The good vibes for Taillon ended shortly thereafter. Vogelbach led off the second with a rocket to the seats above the Clemente Wall in right field and the Pirates tacked on three more in the fourth, highlighted by Suwinski's arcing shot into the first row of seats.

The Yankees were retired in order just once, but the highest-scoring team in the majors couldn't string together the kind

of rally that's been their trademark during a sizzling first half.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees: 1B Anthony Rizzo was scratched an hour before first pitch with lower back tightness. DJ LeMahieu filled in for Rizzo at first. ... RHP Domingo German (right shoulder) will make at least one more rehab start before the team makes a decision on when he might be activated off the 60-day injured list. Manager Aaron Boone said German "looked good" and he is "encouraged" by German's progress. ... RHP Miguel Castro (paternity leave/restricted list) could rejoin the team on Wednesday.

ON THE MOVE

Pittsburgh first baseman

Yoshi Tsutsugo and outfielder Ben Gamel both started in their return from the injured list. The Pirates optioned infielders Hoy Park and Tucupita Maracano to Triple-A Indianapolis, placed catcher Tyler Heineman on paternity leave and added catcher Jason Delay to the taxi squad. Infielder Yu Chang, designated for assignment last week, was claimed off waivers by Tampa Bay.

UP NEXT

New York's Luis Severino (4-3, 3.35 ERA) will try to pick up his first win in a month when he faces Pittsburgh's Mitch Keller (2-5, 5.14) on Wednesday. Keller has allowed three runs or fewer in five of his last six starts following a brief stint in the bullpen.

• 159

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A double steal upped the margin to 3-0 in the second. With one out, Kaden Banal doubled to right and went to third on a perfectly placed bunt by Jaren Starks. With the count 2-2 on Chance Maffe, Starks broke for second and drawing the throw as Banal sprinted home without a return throw.

Post 159 made it 5-0 in the third as Myers tripled to deep right-center leading off and waltzed home on a Balgo fly ball to center. With two outs, Drew Sefsick and Jake Heatherington collected back-to-back singles before Banal walked to load the bases. Starks then watched a 3-1 pitch sail wide of the plate as he picked up an RBI to make it 5-0.

Myers, who ended up a homer shy of the cycle, raced home when no play was made on Sefsick's bouncer to third in the fourth.

"Mason had a heck of a game at the plate," Muklewicz added. "He's one of those kids that comes to the field every day ready to play.

You never have to say anything to him to pump him up."

All the while, Colby Shriver doing as he does best on the hill, retiring batters. The righthander had faced just one batter over the minimum entering the fifth -- he walked the second batter of the game -- but yielded a leadoff triple to Jacob Huffman. He lost his shutout when Huffman scored on a groundout.

"Any time Colby takes the mound we've got a good chance at winning because he is a competitor," Muklewicz noted. "He's the pitcher you want in big games like this."

Shriver gave up an unearned run in the sixth before getting an inning-ending double play. He finished with six strikeouts and two walks. He allowed three hits and threw 61 strikes among his 87 deliveries to the plate.

In addition to the three hits by Myers, Balgo and Sefsick evenly divided four singles as Post 159 batted out 11 safeties.

Hunter Hoffman pitched the sev-

enth. He struck out one and walked one.

After a couple of mercy-rule victories in their recent outings, Muklewicz said a game like last night was just what the doctor ordered.

"Beverly/Lowell is our big district rival. I knew they weren't going to come in here and just let us score and score," Muklewicz said. "I told the kids we might have rolled past a couple of teams recently, but they are going to be playing in some high-intensity games coming up. Tonight was one of them and they kids played well."

St. Clairsville remains at home today when Jefferson County Teramana Post 33 visits Belmont County. Beverly/Lowell fell to 17-7.

GAME NOTE

■ St. Clairsville lost Blomquist, its starting shortstop, in the bottom of the fourth after a collision at first base when he was safe on an error. He sustained a possible broken nose and was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

• OVAC

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NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m.

ESPN2 — Summer League: Memphis vs. Oklahoma City, Salt Lake City

9 p.m.

ESPN2 — Summer League: Philadelphia at Utah

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

3 p.m.

ESPN2 — UEFA Championship Group Stage: England vs. Austria, Group A, Manchester, England

ESPNU — UEFA Championship Group Stage: England vs. Austria, Group A, Manchester, England

WNBA BASKETBALL

1 p.m.

NBTV — Chicago at Minnesota

8 p.m.

CBSN — Washington at Atlanta

10 p.m.

CBSN — New York at Las Vegas

Sports Briefs

OVAC Hall of Fame

Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the 18th OVAC Hall of Fame Induction Banquet scheduled Saturday, Aug. 13 in Dowlter Hall on the campus of Belmont College are currently on sale. Tickets are \$30 each or \$180 for a table of six. To purchase tickets, contact Tom Rataiczak by email (tom@ratsnest.org) or by phone (740-391-2930). Tickets must be purchased by July 29.

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1972 Players, Queens

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St. C. Girls Shootout

The St. Clairsville Girls Basketball team will hold a shootout on Friday, July 15. Each team entering is guaranteed at least three games. Games will be played in two 20-minute halves with a running clock until the final minute of each half. A team is permitted three one-minute timeouts for the game. The clock will continue to run if there is a 20-plus point differential during the final 10 minutes of each game.

Overtime will be sudden-death. Entry fee is \$150 per team, cash or check. Checks can be made out to St. Clairsville Girls Basketball, and payment can be sent ahead of time or brought the day of the event. If mailing, the address is 108 Woodrow Ave., St. Clairsville, Oh., 43950.

Admission is \$1 for children 5-and-up and \$2 for adults. A concession stand will be available.

For more information, contact Stacy Agnew at (740) 359-0107 or email saganew5580@gmail.com; or Eric Gay at (740) 695-2037 or email egay@st.clairstville.com

Vance Deihl Memorial

Scholarship Scramble July 16

The 12th Annual Vance Deihl Memorial Scholarship Scramble is being held on Saturday, July 16 at Cadiz Country Club. The event is an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The entry fee is \$75 per player with checks made payable to Vance Deihl Memorial Scholarship Fund. Please call to register 740-635-2069. The fee includes refreshments on the course, lunch at the turn, dinner after the tournament, and prizes.

Vance Deihl was a teacher, coach, and athletic trainer at Martins Ferry High School for 30 years. All proceeds benefit scholarships for Martins Ferry High School seniors. For more information and to sign up a team, please contact Susann Deihl at 740-635-2069. Checks payable to Vance Deihl Scholarship Fund may be sent to Susann Deihl, 67262 Charles Street, Bridgeport, Ohio 43912.

Seventh Annual St. C. Youth

Football Academy Slated

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Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 2:10 p.m., 1st game
Washington at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m., 2nd game
St. Louis at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 9:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

American League

East Division			
	W	L	Pct
New York	58	23	.716
Boston	45	35	.563
Toronto	44	37	.543
Tampa Bay	43	37	.538
Baltimore	37	44	.457

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	46	37	.554	—
Cleveland	40	39	.506	4
Chicago	38	40	.487	5½
Detroit	33	47	.413	11½
Kansas City	29	49	.372	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	52	27	.658	—
Seattle	41	42	.494	13
Texas	37	41	.474	14½
Los Angeles	37	45	.451	16½
Oakland	27	55	.329	26½

Tuesday's Games

Seattle 6, San Diego 2
Miami 2, L.A. Angels 1
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Texas at Baltimore, late
Detroit 11, Cleveland 4
Tampa Bay at Boston, late
Kansas City at Houston, late
Minnesota at Chi. White Sox, late
Toronto at Oakland, late

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland (Bieber 3-4) at Detroit (Pineda 1-3), 1:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Ryan 6-3) at Chicago White Sox (Lynn 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
Toronto (Berrios 6-4) at Oakland (Kapurian 1-5), 3:37 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 7-4) at Miami (Rogers 4-6), 6:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Keller 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Otto 4-4) at Baltimore (Watkins 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kluber 3-5) at Boston (Bello 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Keller 3-9) at Houston (Javier 6-3), 8:10 p.m.

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WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	5	.750	—
Connecticut	14	8	.636	2
Washington	13	10	.565	3½
Atlanta	10	11	.476	5½
New York	8	12	.400	7
Indiana	5	18	.217	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Las Vegas	15	6	.714	—
Seattle	14	8	.636	1½
Los Angeles	10	11	.476	5
Dallas	10	12	.455	5½
Phoenix	9	14	.391	7
Minnesota	7	15	.318	8½

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CFL

East Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Toronto	1	2	0	.333	45	86
Montreal	1	3	0	.250	103	104
Ottawa	0	3	0	.000	60	72
Hamilton	0	4	0	.000	80	118

West Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Winnipeg	4	0	0	1.000	87	63
BC	3	0	0	1.000	137	49
Calgary	3	0	0	1.000	93	80
Saskatchewan	1	0	0	.750	110	86
Edmonton	1	3	0	.250	83	140

Wimbledon

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Men's Doubles Third Round

Nicolas Mahut and Edouard Roger-Vasselin (12), France, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Austin Krajicek (8), United States, walkover.

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Barbora Krejickova and Katerina Siniakova (2), Czech Republic, def. Nicole Melichar-Martinez, United States, and Ellen Perez (10), Australia, 1-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2.

Ohio Coaches Set for OVAC All-Star Football Game

**By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer**

When Beaver Local head coach Mike McKenzie was extended the invitation to coach the Ohio squad in the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game, he first had to make sure his coaching staff was on board to come along, too.

It didn't take long for the Beavers' staff to agree.

"It'll be a fun experience for us," McKenzie said. "We're a very close group. We hang out with each other away from football and it's a fun group of guys to be around. I feel fortunate to have that kind of staff."

McKenzie and his staff will formally meet their players on Sunday, July 17 when camp opens at Wheeling University in preparation for the game, which is slated for Saturday, July 23 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The complete coaching staff

includes: Shane O'Brien, Derrick Stickles, Nick Sesonsky, Josh Weese and Aaron West.

Here's a capsule look at the Ohio coaching staff:

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The 1989 Edison North graduate, who went on to Heidelberg, was honored by District 9 as a coach of the year and he was part of the 1995 state championship coaching staff at Clyde.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE										
East Division										
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New York	58	23	.716	—	—	6-4	L-2	34-9	24-14	
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Toronto	44	37	.543	14	—	+½	4-6	L-4	25-18	19-19
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Detroit	33	47	.413	11½	—	10	6-4	W-3	22-24	11-23
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Oakland	27	55	.329	26½	—	17	4-6	W-1	9-28	18-27
NATIONAL LEAGUE										
East Division										
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away		
New York	50	30	.625	—	—	5-5	W-2	26-13	24-17	
Atlanta	47	34	.580	3½	—	+3½	6-4	W-1	25-17	22-17
Philadelphia	43	38	.531	7½	—	½	6-4	W-2	23-20	20-18
Miami	39	40	.494	10½	—	3½	7-3	W-6	20-16	19-24
Washington	29	54	.349	22½	—	15½	3-7	L-6	14-31	15-23
Central Division										
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away		
Milwaukee	47	35	.573	—	—	7-3	W-2	20-15	27-20	
St. Louis	44	38	.537	3	—	4-6	L-2	24-16	20-22	
Pittsburgh	33	47	.413	13	—	10	4-6	W-1	20-22	13-25
Chicago	32	48	.400	14	—	11	6-4	L-2	17-27	15-21
Cincinnati	27	52	.342	18½	—	15½	4-6	L-1	13-26	14-26
West Division										
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away		
Los Angeles	50	29	.633	—	—	6-4	W-1	24-13	26-16	
San Diego	47	36	.566	5	—	+2½	2-8	L-2	21-18	26-18
San Francisco	40	38	.513	9½	—	2	2-8	L-5	21-20	19-18
Arizona	36	44	.450	14½	—	7	4-6	W-1	20-22	16-22
Colorado	35	45	.438	15½	—	8	5-5	L-1	23-21	12-24

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tuesday's Games
Seattle 6, San Diego 2
Miami 2, L.A. Angels 1
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Detroit 11, Cleveland 4
Texas at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Toronto at Oakland, 9:40 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Cleveland (Bieber 3-4) at Detroit (Pineda 1-3), 1:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Ryan 6-3) at Chicago White Sox (Lynn 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
Toronto (Berrios 6-4) at Oakland (Kaprielian 1-5), 3:37 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 7-4) at Miami (Rogers 4-6), 6:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Keller 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Otto 4-4) at Baltimore (Watkins 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kluber 3-5) at Boston (Bello 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Keller 3-9) at Houston (Javier 6-3), 8:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Kansas City at Houston, 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's Games
Seattle 6, San Diego 2
Miami 2, L.A. Angels 1
Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Yankees 2
Philadelphia 11, Washington 0
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.
St. Louis at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Sampson 0-0) at Milwaukee (Burnes 7-4), 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 7-4) at Miami (Rogers 4-6), 6:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Peterson 5-1) at Cincinnati (Ashcraft 4-2), 6:40 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Keller 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Gray 6-5) at Philadelphia (Nola 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Mikolas 5-6) at Atlanta (Fried 8-2), 7:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Cobb 3-3) at Arizona (Kelly 7-5), 9:40 p.m.
Colorado (Urena 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (White 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 2:10 p.m., 1st game
Washington at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m., 2nd game

Penguins Extend Former Nailer Casey DeSmith

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Penguins are sticking with Casey DeSmith, signing the team's No. 2 goaltender to a two-year contract extension on Tuesday that carries an average annual value of \$1.8 million.

The signing gives the Penguins a dependable option behind All-Star Tristan Jarry. The 30-year-old DeSmith played in 26 games for Pittsburgh in 2021-22, going 11-6-5 with a 2.79 goals-against average and .914 save percentage. His three shutouts tied a career high set in 2018-19. He set a franchise record for saves made in a shutout on April 21 when he stopped 52 shots by the Boston Bruins.

DeSmith entered the playoffs as Pittsburgh's top goaltender with Jarry

sidelined by injury but he exited in the second overtime of Game 1 of the Penguins' first-round series with the New York Rangers with a core muscle injury. He underwent surgery in early May to repair the injury and is expected to be ready when training camp opens in September.

The signing gives DeSmith a pay bump over the \$1.25 million he made during the deal that was set to expire next week. DeSmith has been steady if not spectacular since making his NHL debut in 2017. He has a career 42-28-11 record with a 2.67 goals against and a .915 save percentage.

DeSmith played 13 games for the Wheeling Nailers during the 2015-16 season.

Bears Lock Down Series

GRANVILLE, W.Va. — On a cloudy Tuesday evening and wearing their "Mothman at The Mon" alternate jerseys, the West Virginia Black Bears defeated the Frederick Keys, 4-2, in a seven-inning contest at Monongalia County Ballpark. The Black Bears have won the last five consecutive matchups and 13 of the last 16 games and now have sole possession of second place in the MLB Draft League.

Frederick struck first in the top of the second inning when C Carlos Guzman doubled off Black Bears' starting pitcher Jeremy Cook. Guzman advanced to third due to a wild pitch that set up 1B Anthony Herron Jr. for an RBI single.

The Black Bears answered in the home half of the inning when 1B Marek Chlup notched the first hit of the inning with a hard-hit single to center field. Chlup got into scoring position on a

wild throw to first on a pickoff attempt by Keys' pitcher Jonathan Pintaro. A single from RF Kyle Hess put runners on the corners, just in time for SS Sam Antonnaci to drive in the first Black Bears run of the game with an RBI sacrifice to deep center field.

With two outs in the second, Pintaro struggled to find the strike zone, walking four batters to plate three more Bears for a 4-1 West Virginia lead heading into the third.

The Keys' cut into the deficit the next inning when SS Harold Coll drove a ball hard over the left field wall for a solo homerun. However, this would be the last time Frederick managed any offensive production.

Cook, in his second start of the season, finished after four innings of work, recording two strikeouts and giving up five hits and the only two runs of the game.

BROADWATER

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"That was Rich Rodriguez's last game at Glenville State," Broadwater said. "Back then five touchdowns in a game was a lot but now it's basically the average for a QB. One of our buses broke down before that game, too, so we had to put two bus loads of people on one bus and we stayed in Bridgeport, W.V., so the roads from Bridgeport to Glenville aren't the best. I remember throughout that game there was rain and sleet, too. It was one of my favorite games. It was just a lot of fun."

Along with the victories and records, Broadwater simply remembers his teammates and coaches and the good times they shared together.

"They were five great years," Broadwater said. "I made friends that will last a lifetime. The coaches still contact me, too. I have a lot of great memories and had a lot of great times with great people. Having great teams made it even better."

Broadwater resides in Wheeling now where he works as a State Farm Agent and he loves calling the Friendly City home.

"My job brought me here and I've been working here for 23 years," Broadwater said. "I've been an agent now for 16-and-a-half years. There is always something to do here, which makes it nice."

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OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Game 3 Weeks Away

By SETH STASKEY
For the News-Register

The calendar has flipped to July, which means the Ohio Valley's summer sporting event of the year is just a few weeks away.

Actually, to be exact, the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game is just three weeks away.

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Shadyside and Steubenville each have three of their recent graduates slated to take part in the game. Other Ohio schools with multiple selections are Beaver Local, Bellaire, Fort Frye and River.

"We really like our skill kids," McKenzie said. "We

have some kids who we really feel like are going to fit into what we like to do offensively very well."

Similar to McKenzie, Kelley and his coaching staff had a few issues arriving at the 32 players listed below.

"We lost four or five kids to colleges not wanting them to play and we've had a few drop out for various reasons," Kelley said. "We really spent a lot of time on this by talking to the coaches and looking at video.

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SATURDAY'S BEST

CFL FOOTBALL

■ 7 p.m. — Montreal at Saskatchewan, ESPN2

CYCLING

■ 1 p.m. — The Tour de France, NBC

GOLF

■ 3 p.m. — PGA Tour: The John Deere Classic, Third Round, CBS

MLB

■ Noon — Tampa Bay at Toronto, MLB Network
■ 4 p.m. — Oakland at Seattle, FS1
■ 7 p.m. — Regional Coverage: Boston at Chicago Cubs OR San Diego at LA Dodgers, FOX
■ 10 p.m. — Arizona at Colorado, MLB Network

SUNDAY'S BEST

AUTO RACING

■ 3 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: The Kwik Trip 250, USA

GOLF

■ 3 p.m. — PGA Tour: The John Deere Classic, Final Round, NBC

MLB

■ 7 p.m. — St. Louis at Philadelphia, ESPN

Post 1 Improves
To 4-0 in the Beast

Photo by Cody Tomer

Wheeling Post 1 catcher Jack Selmon, left, tags out Lakewood runner Jameson Supinski during Friday night's game at the I-470 ballfields.

Wheeling Wins Shootout Thriller and Nightcap

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

WHEELING — Halfway home.

After the first two days of the 34th Annual Edgar Martin Beast of the East Classic, Wheeling Post 1 sits with a spotless 4-0 record.

On Friday, Wheeling defeated Highland 11-4 in a "Texas Shootout" where each team starts with a runner on second base and a full count entering extra innings. Roughly 30 minutes later, Post 1 played its second game, a 7-2 win over the Lakewood Rangers 18U squad at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Complex.

Post 1 drew five bases loaded walks in the shootout, while Jared Marsh delivered a RBI single and

Alex Taylor added a RBI sacrifice fly in a seven-run ninth inning in the first game.

Dylan Gongola earned the win after a strong performance from Braydon Kupsy.

With a quick turnaround, Post 1 looked completely unfazed with three runs in the opening stanza and never looked back.

"We just told them that it's almost like we needed to have that shootout," Post 1 manager Jon-Michael Brunner said. "We've talked all year about two-strike hitting and guys hitting with runners in scoring position. It was nice that the guys were able to fight through that and battle."

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Photo by Cody Nespor

Moundsville Post 3 pitcher Luke Cramer aims and fires a pitch during Friday's Beast of the East game against the Ohio Valley Mountaineers.

Moundsville Pockets
First Win of Summer

By CODY NESPOR
Sports Writer

WHEELING —

Winless no more.

Moundsville Post 3

finally broke through

in the win column this

summer, notching their

first victory, 9-2, over

the Ohio Valley Mountaineers

during day two of the 34th Edgar Martin

Beast of the East Classic.

Playing in their second

game at Patterson Field

Friday morning, Post 3

relied on veterans and

youngsters alike in their

first winning effort.

"It feels good," a jubilant

Tim Koontz, Post 3's coach,

said after the game. "We

just needed to get a break

and it was a full team effort."

John Marshall grads

Luke Cramer and Grant

Neiswonger stepped up

as two of the older play-

ers on the team and really

got the ball rolling Friday.

Cramer pitched a complete

game, allowing just two

runs while striking out five,

while also driving in two

runs at the plate. Neiswonger

reached base three times

and supplied a go-ahead,

two-run double in the

bottom of the third.

It was the Mountaineers,

an area travel ball team,

who struck first, however.

In the top of the third

inning, Carson Kuhns

singled home Joe Green

and Ethan Cook singled

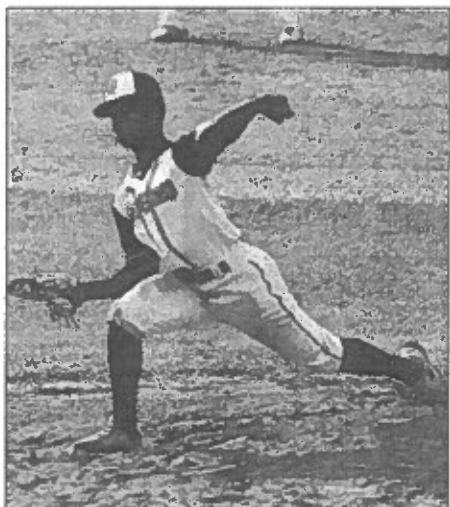
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Wildthings
Unfazed By
Turnaround

By CODY NESPOR
Sports Writer

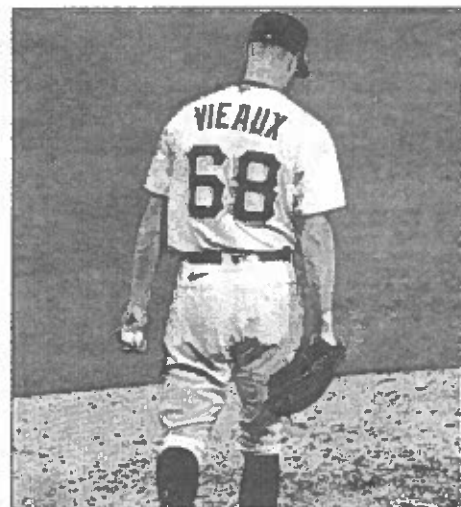
WHEELING — The Wheeling Wildthings had just enough time to go home, take a shower and get some sleep before they were back in action in the 34th Edgar Martin Beast of the East Classic at Patterson Field Friday

Brewers Rout
Pirates, 19-2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rowdy Tellez homered for the fifth time in five games and drove in five runs, Corbin Burnes took a no-hit bid into the sixth inning and the Milwaukee Brewers routed the Pittsburgh Pirates 19-2 Friday night.

Willy Adames hit a grand slam as the Brewers connected five times. They also had five doubles among their 16 hits.

The NL Central-leading Brewers



PIRATES

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METS 4, RANGERS 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Eduardo Escobar hit a tiebreaking three-run homer, expectant father David Peterson tied a career high with 10 strikeouts in six innings and the New York Mets beat the Texas Rangers to stop a season-high three-game losing streak.

PHILLIES 5, CARDINALS 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Darick Hall's tiebreaking home run was his third homer since being called up, and Rhys Hoskins went deep to add an insurance run, leading Philadelphia over Nolan Arenado and St. Louis.

Hall broke a 3-all tie in the sixth when he led off by driving a 79-mph changeup from Miles Mikolas (5-6) into the seats in right. All three of Hall's hits have

been home runs since his arriving from Triple-A Lehigh Valley on Wednesday. The 26-year-old Hall went deep twice in Philadelphia's 14-4 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Thursday night.

BRAVES 9, REDS 1

CINCINNATI (AP) — Max Fried won his eighth straight decision, Austin Riley put Atlanta ahead to stay in the first inning with his team-high 19th home run and the Braves routed Cincinnati.

BLUE JAYS 9, RAYS 2

TORONTO (AP) — Jose Berrios stopped his three-start winless streak, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. drove in three runs, and Toronto celebrated Canada Day by beating Tampa Bay for its fourth win in five games.

MARLINS 6, NATIONALS 3

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brian Anderson homered, and Miami beat Washington for its ninth win in 10 games against the Nationals this season.

CUBS 6, RED SOX 5

CHICAGO (AP) — Rookie Christopher Morel homered in his third consecutive game, and Chicago rallied to beat Boston.

ROYALS 3, TIGERS 1

DETROIT (AP) — Vinnie Pasquino hit his first major league home run and Hunter Dozier followed with a drive into the bullpen, leading Brad Keller and Kansas City over Detroit.

Brad Keller (3-9) allowed five hits and two walks in six-plus scoreless innings.

The Tigers scored in the ninth on Eric Haase's sacrifice fly.

OVAC

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"We went out looking for players who we think can help us win."

Kelley and the West Virginia coaching staff represented 14 different schools and of those just three had one selection.

University, which won the OVAC 5A title last fall, and Wheeling Park lead the way with four selections each. Morgantown, Wheeling Central, Brooke and Weir all had a trio of players chosen.

The complete Ohio roster includes:

Dakota Hess, Union Local; Dorian Jackson, Beaver Local; Austin Creamer, River; Trevor Carman, Harrison Central; Greg Mamula, Steubenville; Brandon

Louden, Beallsville; Lucas Otto, St. Clairsville; Jaiden Kesterson, Bellaire; Drew Sefstich, St. Clairsville; Nick Suriano, Steubenville; Tanner Bills, Frontier; Malachi Rose-Burton, Monroe Central; Jacob Jordan, St. Clairsville; Spencer Bliss, Barnesville; Brandon Kinney, Steubenville; Justin Driscoll, Buckeye Local; Caden Kenworthy, Cambridge; Ryan Florence, Shadyside; Joey Balgo, St. Clairsville; Nathan Sprouse, Beaver Local; Casey Brooker, Fort Frye; Hunter Kesslerling, Fort Frye; Aiden Snodgrass, Buckeye Trail; Gavin Carpenter, Barnesville; Peyton Hores, Martins Ferry; Mason VanNest,

Shadyside; Tyler Stanley, Wellsville; Colin Oberdick, St. Clairsville; Timmy O'Grady, Bellaire; James Orlando, Indian Creek; Brody Longwell, River; Wyatt Reiman, Shadyside.

The complete West Virginia roster includes:

Adam Dolata, Linsly; Corbin Cross, University; Evan Quering, Madonna; Trent Parsons, Parkersburg South; Brodie Selmon, Linsly; Ayden Baker, Wheeling Central; Carson Yobbagy, Weir; Elija Jackson, University; Nate Shelek, Wheeling Park; Santino Arlia, Madonna; Jacob Morgan, Weir; Luke Secrist, Brooke; Alec Duley, Morgantown;

Caleb Ratcliffe, Wheeling Central; Daminn Cunningham, University; Marcus Barnes, Magnolia; Isaac Ball, Cameron; Cody Martos, Wheeling Central; Hunter Nixon, Wheeling Park; Benjamin McCardle, John Marshall; Dylan Conley, Oak Glen; Preston Harman, Morgantown; Colt Thomas, Wheeling Park; Daniel Henderson, University; Grant Neiswonger, John Marshall; De-Shawn Gray, Oak Glen; Jacob Donley, Brooke; C.J. Brown, Morgantown; Braden Hupp, Wheeling Park; Myles Rice, Weir; Daniel Rawson, Brooke; Clayton Bryan, Cameron; Jonathan Arnett, Clay-Battelle.

POST 1

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Gage Thomas came through strongly on the hill with seven strikeouts in six innings of work in the nightcap, before Xavier Fankhouser finished the last two innings with a pair of punchouts.

"Gage has been working with coach Dustin Henry," Brunner said. "He wanted one more start and I was so happy for him to come out and throw strikes. The kids rallied behind him. He didn't have to do that since he's in college but he wanted to come here and pitch one more time with these guys. It's nice to have him because he's such a nice kid and he has such a great family. He did great."

At the plate, Thomas and Fankhouser held Lakewood to just four hits, while the Post 1 offense supplied 10 knocks.

Taylor led the way with three hits and two RBI, while Gongola pounded two doubles for three RBI. Jack Scouvar also provided a single, a double and a RBI.

The scoring in the nightcap began after a walk and an error put two on base for Gongola who ripped a two-run double to give

his squad the upper hand.

Taylor followed with a RBI single for a 3-0 cushion.

In the bottom of the fourth, it was Zac Taylor's turn as he delivered a two-strike RBI sac-fly to left to create a 4-0 Post 1 advantage.

Lakewood didn't go down silently as Tanner Costantine blistered a RBI double past a diving center fielder to cut the deficit to 4-1.

Lakewood pocketed its second run in the sixth on a throwing error by Wheeling but Post 1 came back with three runs in the bottom of the frame as Gongola blasted a RBI double down the third base line. Alex Taylor garnered a RBI single and Scouvar tallied another RBI single to put the icing on the cake.

"All four of the teams we've played have been good," Brunner said. "Our goal is still that last week of July but if we stick with the program and this is just a stepping stone, then our peak is even higher than this. We're excited to keep the guys moving. They have a lot of confidence up there right

now offensively and defensively. It looks good going into (Saturday)."

Luke Jablonowski tossed five innings for Lakewood with three strikeouts before Simon Gilchrist came on in relief with a punchout.

"That was a really good team that we played," Lakewood skipper Brian Ivinskas said. "Our starter Luke Jablonowski pitched well and kept us in it and made it a fun game. That's why we came down here from Lakewood, OH., to play teams like this."

"The Beast of the East has been fantastic. We are staying in the dorms at West Liberty and they've been treating us great. We recommend it because we've had a lot of fun."

Both teams are back in action today at the I-470 field as Lakewood begins the day with back-to-back games against the TCT Kings and Armory Baseball at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Post 1 will follow with back-to-back games at 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. against Bruisers Baseball and Armory Baseball.

Settlement is Best Solution for Watson

Now that Deshaun Watson's disciplinary hearing has concluded, the best solution for the NFL and the quarterback's legal team is to reach a settlement before retired judge Sue Robinson issues a decision.

Watson was accused of sexual misconduct by 24 women and has settled 20 of the civil lawsuits. Two separate Texas grand juries declined to indict Watson on criminal complaints stemming from the allegations.

A settlement between the NFL and Watson would avoid an appeal that undermines the collectively bargained process with a disciplinary officer and prevents a potential federal court case. The longer the process drags on, the uglier it can get for the league and the QB.

The NFL is insisting on a suspension of at least one year and Watson's team has argued there is no basis for that punishment, four people with knowledge of the case, including two who were present during the hearings, told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because details of the three-day proceedings were not publicly released.

Holding firm leaves little room for a settlement and both sides are sticking to their strong positions.

Robinson, a former U.S. District Judge who was jointly appointed by the league and the NFL Players' Association, will decide whether Watson violated the NFL's personal conduct policy and whether to impose discipline — and most importantly, how severe. Both sides believe she will impose a suspension. The question is how many games and whether either side would appeal her decision, putting it back in NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's hands.

When a person familiar with Watson's defense team was asked what would be an acceptable suspension, the person told the AP: "Our goal is to get him back on the field this year."

MOUNDSVILLE

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Lex Wilhelm to give the Mountaineers a 2-0 lead.

Finding themselves in a hole like they have so many times this season, Post 3 showed its resilience and responded in the bottom of the frame. A single and back-to-back walks loaded the bases for Cramer, who hit an RBI groundout to second base. Neiswonger followed with a two-run double to the left-center field gap that put Post 3 ahead for good.

The Mountaineers loaded the bases in the top of the fourth, but Cramer struck out their clean-up hitter to get out of the jam.

"Luke pitched a hell of a game," Koontz said. "I thought he was in trouble a couple of times and he just worked his way through it."

The Mountaineers left eight runners on base in the first four innings.

"Today we couldn't do anything right," Mountaineers coach Ron Green said. "When you leave eight guys on base in the first four innings you doom yourself. We are not doing the little things that win ballgames, that's what we're missing right now."

Post 3 added two more runs in the bottom of the fourth on RBI singles by Jacob Harr and Nate Bernhalter to go up 5-2.

Grant Swift led off the bottom of the sixth inning with a solo home run to left field and Post 3 took advantage of three Mountaineer errors to put three more runs on the board

and go up 9-2.

Cramer allowed just one hit across the final four innings as he silenced the Mountaineers' bats.

"He was just throwing strikes," Green said. "Luke's a good pitcher and he was just throwing strikes. He did his job, you need a lot of guys on your team to do their jobs and Luke started it for them."

Harr had three singles, scored three runs and had an RBI from the lead-off spot for Post 3. Neiswonger had a single, double and two RBI and Cramer had two RBI despite going hitless.

Joe Green pitched the full game for the Mountaineers, allowing nine runs in six innings as his defense committed seven errors behind him. He struck out five and walked three. Kuhns and Cook both finished with two singles and an RBI. Kuhns reached base all four times, also drawing two walks.

The Mountaineers won their second game of the day 11-7 over the Ontario Giants. Wilhelm got the win on the mound while striking out seven and also hit two triples at the plate.

Post 3 will wrap up pool play with games against the TCT Kings and Ontario Giants at Patterson today at 3:30 and 6 p.m. The OV Mountaineers will play the Sudbury Voyagers and Jefferson County Post 33 at Edison at 3:30 and 6 p.m.

WILDTHINGS

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"They took the opportunity to put it down on the grass and it makes the defense work harder. It speeds the game up and sometimes teams can't

then Luke Cramer followed with a home run to left field to get Moundsville on the board. Chad Frazier laced a single later in the inning and Post 3 finished with three hits



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By **SETH STASKEY**
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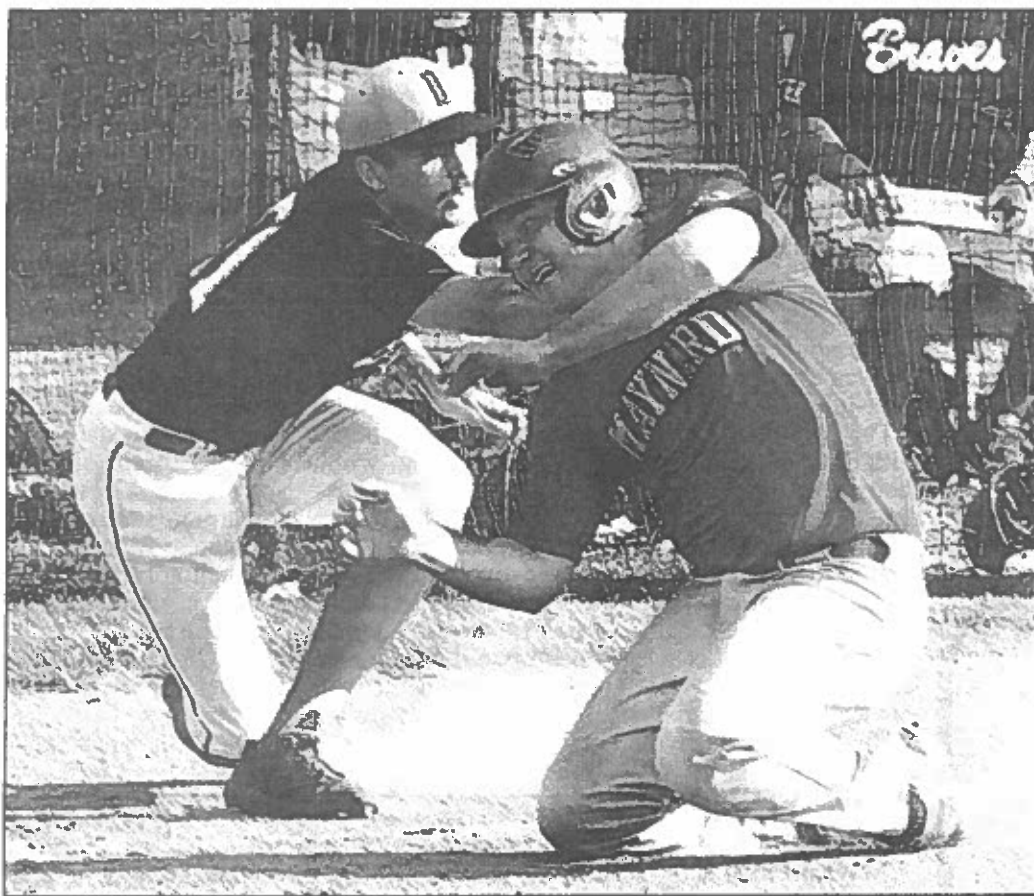
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MAYNARD'S ZACH Clark avoids the tag of Barton's Gaetan Sinisgalli during action from Friday night's Ohio Valley Baseball League game on Henning Field inside Pramesa Park in Crescent. Clark scored on the end of a crazy rundown to give the Indians a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth as they held on for a 2-1 nod over the Braves.

TL Photo/KIM NORTH

Maynard holds off late charge by Barton, 2-1

• Rivals meet Wednesday to close OVBL regular season

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CRESCENT -- Needing a win to stay alive in the three-team race for the No. 2 seed in the upcoming Ohio Valley Baseball League playoffs, Maynard player/manager David Vicker called upon the right arm of Korey Beckett. And the recent Shadyside grad and Wheeling University basketball signee delivered.

Beckett, a three-sport standout with the Tigers, held home-standing Barton scoreless for six-plus innings as the defending champion Indians (10-9) avenged a 6-2 loss to the Braves just 48 hours earlier in a 10-inning slugfest with a 2-1 verdict Friday night on sun-soaked Henning Field inside Pramesa Park.

"I felt good," Beckett allowed. "My defense made

some plays behind me and B.A. (Holloway) called a great game for me.

With the hard-earned win, Maynard now needs a win over Barton next Wednesday at home to secure at least a shot at the coveted second seed, which brings with it home-field advantage in a best-of-3 semifinal series.

The Indians would own the tiebreaker against the Braves, which they also own over Wheeling (9-9). The Pioneers have games with Martins Ferry and Moundsville remaining.

"We gave them this game. Christmas in July with a big bow on top," veteran Barton manager Billy Timko said.

"We had a chance to wrap up the No. 2 seed and get it over with. No, now we have to play next week."

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Tellez, Burnes lift Brewers by Pirates, 19-2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rowdy Tellez homered for the fifth time in five games and drove in five runs, Corbin Burnes took a no-hit bid into the sixth inning and the Milwaukee Brewers routed the Pittsburgh Pirates 19-2 Friday night.

Willy Adames hit a grand slam as the Brewers connected five times. They also had five doubles among their 16 hits.

The NL Central-leading Brewers won for the fifth time in six games and are 7-1 against the Pirates this season. The Pirates have lost six of eight.

Tellez's homer was a three-run shot to right-center field that capped a seven-run second inning against rookie Roansy Contreras (2-2). Tellez also had a two-run double in the fourth to push the Brewers' lead to 9-0.

Adames' fourth career slam cam against rookie Cam Vieaux and highlighted an eight-run eighth.

Burnes' no-hit bid was broken up on a double to deep center field by rookie Bligh Madris with one out in the sixth.

The reigning NL Cy Young winner was lifted after the sixth inning as his control was shaky. Though Burnes (7-4) allowed only one run on one hit, he walked four, hit a batter and threw a wild pitch while striking out five.

Burnes has a 2.03 ERA while winning his last four starts and is 6-0 lifetime against the Pirates.

Tellez hit one of three home runs by the Brewers in the second.

After Kolten Wong had an RBI double, Luis Urias hit a two-run drive. One out later, Keston Hiura had a solo shot into the left-field bleachers. Tellez capped the inning with a 406-foot shot.

When Tellez hit his two-run double in the fourth, it was his ninth straight hit for extra bases.

Andrew McCutchen had his second straight three-hit game for the Brewers.

Victor Caratini added a leadoff home run in the ninth off utility player Josh VanMeter.

Contreras was rocked for seven runs in 1 2/3 innings. He gave up five hits, walked two and struck out one.

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Yankees, Guardians rained out, split doubleheader today

CLEVELAND (AP) — As the New York Yankees watched with amusement, two imposters dressed as sluggers Aaron Judge and Anthony Rizzo ran into the rain-soaked outfield before performing belly slides on the infield tarp.

Once again, Cleveland was under water.

Friday night's series opener

New York and Cleveland was postponed by rain, the latest weather issue for the Guardians, who have already played five doubleheaders at home.

They'll play their sixth at Progressive Field on Saturday as the teams will have a split doubleheader, starting at 12:10 p.m. The second game will begin at 6:10 p.m.

Cleveland also played a day-night doubleheader on Tuesday, and the Guardians are scheduled to play a doubleheader Monday in Detroit.

Friday's game was called at 7:30 p.m. — 20 minutes after the scheduled first pitch — with thousands of fans already inside the ballpark, monitoring the local radar on the giant

scoreboard in left field.

Rookie Kirk McCarty (0-1, 10.29 ERA) will start Game 1 for Cleveland against Yankees ace Gerrit Cole (6-2, 2.99). McCarty made his big league debut against New York in April and gave up four runs and four hits in three innings.

Aaron Civale (2-4, 7.20), who was originally slated to

start Friday for Cleveland, will start the second game against New York's Nestor Cortes (6-3, 2.51).

DOBY HONORED

This weekend, the Guardians are celebrating Larry Doby breaking the AL's color barrier with Cleveland 75 years ago.

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West initial inductee into

"I'm glad that we're celebrating his ability to be that tough and to absorb everything that I'm sure he had to, and stuff that we don't know he had to," Guardians manager Terry Francona said.

"But I just want to make sure that we're not celebrating the fact that we're treating people equal. That should be a given."

Interestingly, Francona's father, Tito, was twice traded for Doby —

(concussion) ran the bases before the game and did other conditioning work as he nears a return.

Hedges went on the IL earlier this week, a few days after taking a foul tip off his mask. ... OF Oscar Gonzalez (abdominal tightness) underwent an MRI and the team is expected to provide an update.

charge with him for this amazing club, and were the winners.

• Brewers

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In his other seven starts this season, Contreras had allowed no more than three runs.

The Pirates finished with three hits and scored their runs on a wild pitch and a grounder.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Brewers: RHP Adrian Houser was placed on the 15-day injured list with a flexor strain in his right elbow and RHP Trevor Kelley was recalled from Triple-A Nashville.

Houser left Thursday's loss to the Pirates in the third inning when he felt tightness in the elbow, but the team is hopeful he can resume throwing within two weeks.

Houser had Tommy John surgery in 2016 and missed two full seasons. ... CF Jonathan Davis (back/ribs) returned to the lineup two days after being shaken up while making a diving catch in a win at Tampa Bay.

UP NEXT

Brewers: LHP Aaron Ashby (1-5, 4.25) is expected to be activated from the IL to start today. He has been sidelined since June 17 with left forearm inflammation.

Pirates: Manager Derek Shelton had not decided on a starting pitcher for today prior to Friday's game, though one option is recalling RHP Bryse Wilson (0-4, 8.29) from Triple-A Indianapolis.

• Maynard

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Maynard took a 1-0 lead in the second after Barton couldn't get an out in a botched rundown. With Zach Clark on third, Klay Cottis on second and Michael "Zuke" Jacob on first, a 1-2 pitch to Vicker with one out was in the dirt and bounced away from Barton catcher Drake Dobson. Cottis broke for third but Clark opted not to try and score as both runners were caught at third base. When Cottis decided to slide into third, it forced Clark to take off for home. The throw was high and pitcher Gaetan Sinisgalli made a valiant, but unsuccessful, effort in an attempt to tag Clark who would roll across the plate.

Cottis led off the fourth with a single to center and Tyler Tonkovich walked. A grounder to first advanced both runners 90-feet, and a slow roller to the right side of the infield off Vicker's bat allowed Cottis to score for a 2-0 reading.

The hit by Cottis would only be Maynard's second, and last, as Sinisgalli struck out 10 and walked six in tossing a two-hitter. He worked out of a pair of bases-loaded situations while throwing 126 pitches (66 strikes).

"Gaetan pitched another great game but we gift-wrapped this game for them," Timko stressed. "They didn't deserve to win this game."

Vicker was more than pleased with Beckett's outing.

"Korey pitched a heck of a game. He was around the plate all game and he had both his fastball and curveball working," Vicker said. "That was a dominating performance by him."

Beckett struck out four and only walked one while scattering half-a-dozen hits in his route-going effort. He threw 101 pitches, with 78 being strikes. He threw a first-pitch strike to 19 of the 29 batters he faced.

Barton didn't go quietly as Matt Fouty laced a leadoff single to center in the bottom of the seventh. Dylan Busby's bunt was fielded in front of the plate but the throw to second trying to get Fouty was high as the Braves had runners on first and second with no outs. Sinisgalli bunted both runners up a base before the next batter ripped a single up the middle that drove in Fouty. However, Busby was thrown out on a strong throw from Jacob to Holloway. A flyball ended the game.

"That was a huge play by Zuke. After throwing 130-some pitches two days ago, he throws a laser to the plate to get what would have been the tying run," Vicker said of the defensive gem. "We had another skeleton crew here tonight, so this is a very big win for us."

Fouty had two singles and Dobson doubled. Barton stranded seven runners, including the bases loaded in the fourth.

• OVAC

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"We really like our skill kids," McKenzie said. "We have some kids who we really feel like are going to fit into what we like to do offensively very well."

Similar to McKenzie, Kelley and his coaching staff had a few issues arriving at the 32 players listed below.

"We lost four or five kids to colleges not wanting them to play and we've had a few drop out for various reasons," Kelley said. "We really spent a lot of time on this by talking to the coaches and looking at video. We went out looking for players who we think can help us win."

Kelley and the West Virginia coaching staff represented 14 different schools and of those just three had one selection.

University, which won the OVAC 5A title last fall, and Wheeling Park lead the way with four selections each. Morgantown, Wheeling Central, Brooke and Weir all had a trio of players chosen.

The complete Ohio roster includes:

Dakota Hess, Union

Local; Dorian Jackson, Beaver Local; Austin Creamer, River; Trevor Carman, Harrison Central; Greg Mamula, Steubenville; Brandon Loudon, Beallsville; Lucas Otto, St. Clairsville; Jaiden Kesterson, Bellaire; Drew Sefsick, St. Clairsville; Nick Suriano, Steubenville; Tanner Bills, Frontier; Malachi Rose-Burton, Monroe Central; Jacob Jordan, St. Clairsville; Spencer Bliss, Barnesville; Brandon Kinney, Steubenville; Justin Driscoll, Buckeye Local; Caden Kenworthy, Cambridge; Ryan Florence, Shadyside; Joey Balgo, St. Clairsville; Nathan Sprouse, Beaver Local; Casey Brooker, Fort Frye; Hunter Kesserling, Fort Frye; Aiden Snodgrass, Buckeye Trail; Gavin Carpenter, Barnesville; Peyton Hores, Martins Ferry; Mason Van Nest, Shadyside; Tyler Stanley, Wellsville; Colin Oberdick, St. Clairsville; Timmy O'Grady, Bellaire; James Orlando, Indian Creek; Brody Longwell, River; Wyatt Reiman, Shadyside.

The complete West

Virginia roster includes:

Adam Dolata, Linsly; Corbin Cross, University; Evan Quering, Madonna; Trent Parsons, Parkersburg South; Brodie Selmon, Linsly; Ayden Baker, Wheeling Central; Carson Yobbagy, Weir; Elija Jackson, University; Nate Shelek, Wheeling Park; Santino Arlia, Madonna; Jacob Morgan, Weir; Luke Secrist, Brooke; Alec Duley, Morgantown; Caleb Ratcliffe, Wheeling Central; Daminn Cunningham, University; Marcus Barnes, Magnolia; Isaac Ball, Cameron; Cody Martos, Wheeling Central; Hunter Nixon, Wheeling Park; Benjamin McCardle, John Marshall; Dylan Conley, Oak Glen; Preston Harman, Morgantown; Colt Thomas, Wheeling Park; Daniel Henderson, University; Grant Neiswonger, John Marshall; De-Shawn Gray, Oak Glen; Jacob Donley, Brooke; C.J. Brown, Morgantown; Braden Hupp, Wheeling Park; Myles Rice, Weir; Daniel Rawson, Brooke; Clayton Bryan, Cameron; Jonathan Arnett, Clay-Battelle.



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