

Photo by Seth Staskey Linsly's sprint duo of Luca DiLorenzo, left, and Jy'Liek Johnson races against Wheeling Central's Lorenzo Ferrera during the 100M dash final at the 68th running of the Bellaire Relays at Nelson Field. Ferrera came from behind to win the race in a time of 11.14.

Athletes Battle Elements, Each Other In Bellaire

By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

BELLAIRE - When significant wind, sun- 17.39. shine and a delay for Seni thunder and lightning, it's was the 800 champion in officially track season in 2:42.52. the Ohio Valley. The Crusaders have

some impressive marks, teams for several seasons equated to the joint run- and that was no different ning of the Bellaire Re- on Saturday. They won lays and the Bellaire Girls the 4x8 in 10:58.12 and Invitational Saturday aft the 4x4 in 4:33.80. ternoon at Nelson Field.

course of 18 events to events. claim the team title by Local.

the was even more com- 200-meter champion in petitive. Barnesville and 28.17. Junior Pam Kand-Linsly battled back and rach won the shot put forth for 18 events before with a mark of 37-4. the Shamrocks prevailed in the 4x400 and watched showing, finishing third the Cadets finish third to in the team standings. pull out an 86-83 victory.

GIRLS The Crusaders were fu-

eled to their total by victories in four events.

Senior Theresa Kerker the meet features rain, won the high hurdles in

Senior Jackie Okarma

The Crusaders have Those, combined with produced solid relay

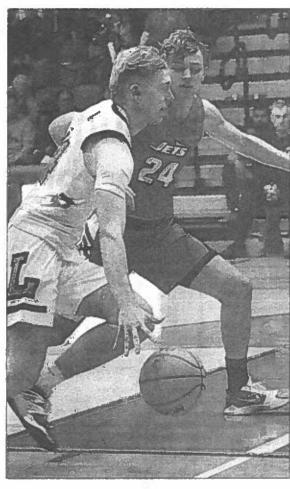
Buckeye Local is solid Steubenville Catholic both in the field and on Central's girls accumu- the track. Coach Donnie lated 94 points over the Yeager's squad won three

Senior Rylee Glover 18.5 points over Buckeye won the 100-meter dash in 13.36, while junior The boys portion of Brynn McKeever was the

Barnesville had a strong

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W.Va. Sweeps OVAC **All-Star Showcases**





Photos by Seth Staskey

LEFT: Linsly's Gavin Jackson drives toward the basket as Union Local's D.J. Butts defends during Saturday's 45th-annual OVAC Samuel A. Mumley All-Star Basketball Games. RIGHT: Wheeling Park's Sophie Abraham pushes the ball upcourt past Buckeye Trail's Kaydence Starr during the girls

W.Va. Girls Lead Wire To Wire; Boys Prevail 105-86

By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

WHEELING - West Virgin-Sunday afternoon at the Palace to a 105-86 victory. on the Hill inside Wheeling Park

GIRLS High School.

against its Ohio rivals en route to against the Buckeyes.

The West Virginia girls had little trouble in cruising to an 83-51 victory in which they led

a little bit more competitive. Ohio

had the lead with upwards of 12 West Virginia roster cracked the minutes to play in the game, but scoring column. West Virginia was simply too ia flexed its basketball muscle strong down the stretch en route the Palace, Sophie Abraham had

West Virginia put balanced Actually, the Mountain State groups on the floor and conflexed not just once, but twice, trolled the game from the outset

posting a sweep of the 45th annual OVAC Samuel A. Mumley
All-Star Basketball Games.

Glen's Ryan Wells, West Virginia won the OVAC Game for the third time in four tries.

West Virginia owned a 52-43 lead at halftime and then really ing eight points. The boys game, however, was took over in the second half.

All told, 12 players on the

Playing her final game inside an impressive performance. She had a hot hand early and late and led all scorers in the game with 16 points.

Mia Henkins, who helped Morgantown win the Class AAAA state title last month, buried four bonus goals in the first half, all of which were from NBA range.

University's Emily Sharkey added nine. Madonna's Shea McCoy played well, accumulat-

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Pirates Fall To Reds 3-1 In Velasquez's Bucs Debut

CINCINNATI (AP) - Graham them up to finish it off." Ashcraft pitched seven solid innings, Jason Vosler and TJ Friedl hit solo home runs and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-1 on Saturday.

Reynolds' home run to last seven opener, and Nick Lodolo went five innings, allowing four hits and one on Saturday. run with a walk and six strikeouts.

"The last few starts in spring for Ashcraft carried over," man-ager David Bell said. "He really found momentum at the end of for the season to start. He just attacked and threw strikes. His slid- Reds. er got better as the game went on.

The right-hander had the lonyoung season as Cincinnati picked up a second straight victory after

"I liked the back half of the game," Ashcraft said. "The first use that as an excuse. part I was rushing my mechanics a

spring training and couldn't wait a run and Vosler, Friedl and Jonathan India each had two hits for the

Alex Young and Derek Law got Getting seven innings was really past two leadoff hits to keep it 3-1 important for our bullpen and set in the eighth. Alexis Diaz pitched

the ninth for his first save.

Vince Velasquez (0-1), making gest outing by a Reds starter in the his Pirates debut after signing in December as a free agent, lasted 4-2/3 innings, giving up five hits losing on Opening Day. Hunter and three runs with one walk and Ashcraft (1-0) overcame Brian Greene lasted 3-1/3 innings in the three strikeouts. The temperature was 49 degrees at game time, Velasquez said he trouble gripping the ball at times, but he didn't want to

"I felt phenomenal," he said. "I felt like the ball was coming out Tyler Stephenson also drove in good. I made a couple of mistakes. I had trouble putting them away. I need to close the door and shut them down. I have to minimize the

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Cincinnati Reds' Jonathan India scores on a Tyler Stephenson single against Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Austin Hedges in the third inning Sunday in Cincinnati.



Aztecs Bring



<mark>ant</mark> En i ongame ngue tor a playoff spot.

Letang skated in his 1.000th career game. Rickard Rakell scored two goals and the Penguins beat the Philadelphia Flyers 4-2 on Sunday night.

"It was a special night," Letang said. "There's a lot of emotion, but you have to refocus and say that two points are more important, so it was nice to get the win.

his 500th NHL game and sists and Casey DeSmith history with 124. stopped 31 shots.



Pittsburgh Penguins' Bryan Rust (17) backhands a shot past Philadelphia Flyers goaltender Samuel Ersson (33) for a goal during the second period in Pittsburgh on Sunday.

11th in NHL history. Conference. late empty-net goal. Sid- Famer Mario Lemieux games remaining. ney Crosby and Evgeni for the most career points Malkin each had two as- against the Flyers in NHL his 29th of the season in the second. He flipped

Pittsburgh

Ryan Poehling added a Crosby also tied Hall of and Florida both have five

and Nicolas Deslauriers a backhander past Ersson rebound- his sixth, both in the third off the rush with Crosby. from 1,500 in the NHL. against Boston on Sat-couldn't rally from their multi-assist game, mov- Florida for the second Samuel Ersson finished winner in the shootout four-game losing streak Anaheim.

Pittsburgh for the first time in franchise history.

Rakell scored the first His slap shot from the slot the Penguins' first goal with 8:20 left in the first period. He added a power-play goal a little more than three minutes later as he redirected Malkin's Pittsburgh the slot for his 27th.

Rust gave Pittsburgh a 3-0 lead with his 19th of Travis Konecny scored the season with 6:37 left

ST. LOUIS (AP) -

CAPITALS 2 WASHINGTON (AP)

Alexis Lafreniere two goals for Pittsburgh. and Kaapo Kakko scored goals just over two mincaromed off the glass, utes apart, Igor Shesterhit Ersson in the back kin made 26 saves and and went in the net for New York snapped a two-game skid by beating Washington.

HUŘRICANES 2, ISLANDERS 1

BLUE JÄCKETS 4, SENATORS 3, OT COLUMBUS, Ohio

Crosby is three points ed from a one-goal loss period, but the Flyers BRUINS 4, BLUES 3, SO ko scored 16 seconds into and Michael Stone scored overtime to rally Colum- in the third period and He recorded his 233rd urday and overtook idle early three-goal deficit. Charlie Coyle scored the bus past Ottawa to end a Calgary rallied to beat

ty shot as Winnipeg routed New Jersey

RED WINGS 5. MAPLE LEAFS 2 TORONTO (AP) Dylan Larkin scored three times for his second career hat trick, Alex Nedeljkovic made 42 saves and Detroit defeated Toronto. KINGS 4, CANUCKS 1

VANCOUVER. Brit-RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) ish Columbia (AP) -Jordan Martinook Alex Iafallo scored twice, Bryan Rust scored in ing past Joe Sakic for wild card in the Eastern pass behind Ersson from scored for the first time in Joonas Korpisalo made more than two months to 21 saves and Los Angeles break a third-period tie as wrapped up a playoff spot Carolina edged New York. with a victory over Vancouver.

FLAMES 5, DUCKS 4 CALGARY. Alber-(AP) - Kirill Marchen- ta (AP) - Milan Lucic

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On the Ohio side, which was in the second half. coached by Harrison Central's Chace Smith and Warren's Brad Venham, scoring the ball became a challenge in the second half.

River's Rylee Knight, who scored (9) were next in line. a team-high 13 in the game, had 11 of those in the second half. Only six players from the Buckeye State scored in the second half.

her teammate at River, Hannah Raper. added seven in top support.

BOYS

There were several times in the first half when it looked as if another rout was on the horizon because of West Virginia's size and length advantage.

On top of that, the Mountain State to stay close

Parkersburg South's Nathan Ploteight points, six of which came on three dunks. Carter Anderson of Linsly hit a pair of bonus goals.

part to keep Ohio close by scoring Butch Antill (officials). half of his game-high 18 in his firsthalf minutes.

the work of Buckeye Trail's Garrett ship Award. Burga on the interior in the second half, the Ohio, which trailed 52-43 at 67-65

. On top of those guys, John Mareight of his points in the second half.

Wheeling Park's duo of Brett Phillips and Cole Wilkinson each had six ka (John Marshall).

Phillips were the leading scorers for West Virginia. Each had 10.

Plotner (9), St. Clair (9) and Danser Five guard Ray Jackson.

was complemented by Brock's 13, Burga's 12. Caldwell's Tyce DeVolld and Martins Ferry's Denali Jackson While Knight led the way for Ohio, went for nine and eight, respectively.

OVAC NOTES

PARK'S WILKINSON received a large ovation from his teammates when he took the only charge in the

ALL TOLD, there were eight dunks in the game, all of which were produced by Team West Virginia.

MORGANTOWN'S KISNER was buried eight, 3-point goals in the MORGANTOWN'S KISNER was opening half. However, Ohio was able the dunk champion, recording a perfect score of 90 in his three dunks.

WARREN'S Alex Frazee won the ner led West Virginia in the half with 3-point shootout at halftime of the the Sweet 16 to Las Vegas for the first

cial presentations were made during On the other side. Shadyside's the course of the game. Those awards Elijah Brock scored all eight of his went to Erin DeSantis (girls coach), first-half points in the first rotation of David Easterling (distinguished serplayers. Once he went to the bench, vice), John Pizzutti (scorekeeper/tim-Steubenville's Phaeton Hill did his er), Mike Podlasiak (boys coach) and

THE CAMERON girls and Linsly boys teams were the respective win-Thanks to Hill's trio of treys and ners of the Phil Lewton Sportsman-

The OVAC All-Star Game also presented \$2500 worth of scholarships halftime, took its first lead of game at to 12 different players. Receiving the scholarships were: Luke Amaismei-However, it was short-lived. West er (Madonna), Bede Lori (Caldwell), Virginia got a bonus goal from Eden Gibson (University), Maddy South's Aiden Blake, Morgantown's Butler (Harrison Central), Kohlton Brody Davis and a pair of triples from St. Clair (Clay-Battelle), Ty Long Clay-Battelle's Kohlton St. Clair. (River), Sophie Abraham (Wheeling Park), Megan Malin (St. Clairsvile), shall's Brennan Sobutka scored all Mia Henkins (Morgantown), D.J. Butts (Union Local), Brett Phillips (Wheeling Park) and Brennan Sobut-

AZTECS -

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"We got to college and started un-For the game, Garrison Kisner and derstanding the hypocrisy in the game, as an expectation for the Fab Five with the schools making millions and Jackson, Jalen Rose, Chris Webber, Juus sitting around poor as hell," said Fab

Hill's aforementioned production the coach who essentially built the history. 21st-century version of San Diego State is Dutcher's longtime boss at in the wake of one of the most complex and sordid illicit-benefits scandals in NCAA history.

and handed over the SDSU reins to Dutcher in 2017, got caught up in a series of events that, frankly, wouldn't be frowned upon nearly as harshly today. Back then, it was a shady booster with gambling ties trying to funnel money to players. These days, sports gambling is legal in many states (the NCAA brought ON TOP of the game, several spe- car dealers to social media conglomerates pay players in the open.

Fisher is in Houston this week, hanging with his son, Mark, a special assistant for the fifth-seeded Aztecs who has ALS.

A Final Four wasn't so much a dream wan Howard and Jimmy King - who, in many opinions, remain the most elec-One of the greatest ironies is that tric single recruiting class in college

They showed up at Michigan in 1991 and made not one but two appearancboth Michigan and SDSU, Steve Fish- es in the national title game. They got er. Fisher made his way to the West blown out by Duke 1992 with Bobby Coast after losing his job at Michigan Hurley, the brother of current UConn coach Dan Hurley, doing some of the damage. In 1993, it was Webber's costly timeout when the Wolverines didn't In essence, the coach, who retired have one that made the difference in a close loss to North Carolina.

So, no title, but the Fab Five ended up with more - namely, they opened the world to embracing the style they brought to the playground, while making an indelible statement about the way they felt college players should be treated.

In many ways, Dutcher's group came together in the polar opposite fashion as time last week), while everyone from the Fab Five. San Diego State's starters came from different places at different times. They could separate themselves from the Michigan greats in another way if they can win the title that eluded Dutcher & Co. for all those years.

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Vosler, who made the Reds as a non-roster player after signing a minor-league contract Feb. 1 as a free agent, smacked a 2-1 slider 365 feet into the right-field seats with one out in

Stephenson made it 2-0, driving in son debut for the Nationals. dia from second base with a single RAYS 5, TIGERS 1 India from second base with a single that glanced off shortstop Oneil Cruz's glove and trickled into short left field with one out in the third inning.

Reynolds, who led Pittsburgh with field, his first of the season. Pittsburgh ing three-game sweep. has scored three runs over the last two

opportunities early yesterday and we 2017, also against Kansas City had some opportunities late. We just couldn't get the big hit.'

UP NEXT uled to make his first career start against a drive in a three-homer first that in-Union Local, which finished with Boston on Monday in the opener of a three-game series at Fenway Park.

GUARDIANS 6. MARINERS 5, 10 INNINGS

er Cal Raleigh in the 10th of the major In the field, senior Elijah Brock, leagues' first extra-inning game this

YANKEES 6, GIANTS 0

NEW YORK (AP) - Giancarlo Stanton hit a 485-foot home run, Aaron Judge also went deep and Jhony Brito Junior Dylan Booth was the cham- won his brilliant major league debut as the New York Yankees beat San Francisco 6-0 on Sunday for their second shutout of the Giants in the opening

ghost and a pitchfork in reference to his ghost forkball."

NATIONALS 4, BRAVES 1 WASHINGTON (AP) - MacKen-

zie Gore allowed one run and three hits across 5 1/3 innings in his regular-sea-

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) -Tampa Bay's Jeffrey Springs (1-0) was pulled after six hitless innings. Riley Greene got Detroit's first hit with an in-27 homers last season, led off the fourth field single off Colin Poche in the sevwith a 410-foot home run to center enth and the Rays completed an open-

TWINS 7, ROYALS 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Joey "We've faced pretty good pitching," Gallo homered twice to back Joe Ryan Pirates manager Derek Shelton said. (1-0), who gave up one run and three "The top of their rotation is really good. hits in six innings as Minnesota swept They have good stuff. We had some its opening series for the first time since

CARDINALS 9, BLUE JAYS 4

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Nolan Gorman hit a pair of two-run homers in his sec-Pirates: RHP Johan Oviedo is sched- ond career multihomer game, including cluded long balls from Brendan Donovan and Alec Burleson off Chris Bassitt (0-1). Donovan also had two doubles as

BREWERS 9, CUBS 5

CHICAGO (AP) - Jesse Winker had two hits and three RBIs, including a key two-run single in a five-run sixth SEATTLE (AP) - Jose Ramirez inning. Christian Yelich, Garrett Mitchell and Brice Turang also had two hits apiece as part of a 13-hit attack.

WHITE SOX 6, ASTROS 3 HOUSTON (AP) - Luis Robert Jr. and Yoan Moncada homered, and Mike Clevinger (1-0) allowed three hits in five shutout innings.

ANGELS 6, ATHLETICS 0

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Rookie Logan O'Hoppe hit his first big league homer with a three-run drive in the fourth to break up a scoreless game, Mike Trout had a two-run shot the next

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won the 3200-meter run, which was sprinted to a mark of 23.48. the first event contested with a time of 12:13.80.

1:18.37.

Union Local had a pair of winners. Senior Josie Goodson claimed the 35 points, got 20 of those from tal-400-meter dash in 67.51 and junior ented junior Johnny Sabinski in Reds: RHP Connor Overton is the (0-1). Donovan also had two dou Sydney McFarland was the pole vault the throwing events. Sabinski, an scheduled starter Monday for the open-the Cardinals banged out 16 hits. champion with a mark of 7-3.

53.36 to win the 300 low hurdles.

Monroe Central's lone win came Bayleigh Burdette prevailed with a over the bar at 12 feet to win the title. scored on a bases-loaded error by catchmark of 14-11.

Shadyside senior Kenzy Beckett won the 1600-meter run in 5:42.98.

BOYS

Barnesville and Linsly boys hooked up in an 18-event battle that came ley won the 400 meters in 53.52. down to the final event, which was won by the Shamrocks.

All told. Barnesville won just two time of 15.58. events. Actually, those events were bookended and in between came a lot tance junior Aiden Scott picked up three-game series.

Shamrocks senior Aubrey Johnson to speedy senior Jy'Leik Johnson. He

Sophomore Colby Gibbons claimed the title in the intermediate hurdles by The Rocks also won the shuttles in skimming eight timbers in 43.58 for the crown.

All-Ohioan last season, swept the shot er of a three-game home series against Linsly's Haylen Cook posted a put and discus with marks of 58-1 1/2 the Chicago Cubs. and 146-1.

The Jets' other win came in the pole in the long jump where freshman vault where senior Lee Adkins soared Shadyside won a trio of events.

who is out for track for the first time, season. won the high jump by soaring over 5-10. On the track, senior Kooper Chim-

pion in the 110 high hurdles with a

Wheeling Central's talented dis-

TRACK JM at Wheeling Park Magnolia Battle of the Bridge, 3:45 p.m.

Sports on TV

Monday, April 3 COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

9 p.m.
CBS — NCAA Tournament: San Diego St. vs UConn, National Championship, Houston **COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

7 p.m. SECN — Kentucky at Georgia

MLB BASEBALL

2 p.m. — NY Mets at Mil-MLBN

7 p.m. MLBN — Regional Coverage: Philadelphia at NY Yankees OR Pittsburgh at Boston **NHL HOCKEY**

8 p.m. NHLN - Vegas at Minne sota

SOCCER (MEN'S)

3 p.m. — Premier League: USA Tottenham Hotspur at Ever-

5:15 p.m FS2 — CONMEBOL U-17 Championship Group Stage: Chile vs. Uruguay, Group A, Guayaquil, Ecuador

7:45 p.m. FS2 — CONMEBOL U-17 Championship Group Stage: Brazil vs. Colombia, Group A. Guayaquil, Ecuador **TENNIS**

10 a.m. TENNIS Charleston-WTA Early Rounds 7 p.m.

Charleston-WTA Early Rounds

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Saturday's Games Trois-Rivieres 3, Reading 1 Tulsa 4. Maine 2 Newfoundland 3, Norfolk 0 Florida 4, Atlanta 3 Iowa 4, Kalamazoo 1 Jacksonville 3, Orlando 2 Adirondack 3, Worcester 1 Savannah 2, Greenville 1 Toledo 5, Indy 4 South Carolina 3, Fort Wayne 0

Cincinnati 5, Wheeling 1 Allen 4, Rapid City 3 Idaho 1, Kansas City 0 Utah 5, Wichita 3 Sunday's Games

Atlanta 4, Florida 0 Cincinnati 4, Wheeling 3 Maine 5, Tulsa 2 Savannah 5, Greenville 3 Trois-Rivieres 3, Reading 2 Iowa 5, Fort Wayne 4 Kalamazoo 3, Indy 2 South Carolina 4, Toledo 1 Monday's Games

No games scheduled Tuesday's Games Rapid City at Kansas City,

8:05 p.m. Wednesday's Games Tulsa at Wichita, 11:30 a.m. Maine at Worcester, 7:05 Jacksonville at Florida, 7:30

p.m. Savannah at Allen, 8:05

Utah at Idaho, 9:10 p.m.

I RANSACTIONS

BASEBALL Major League Baseball National League NEW YORK METS — Re-leased 1B Darin Ruf.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Transferred RHP JT Brubaker from the 15-day IL to the 60 Claimed RHP Edwin Uceta off waivers from Detroit optioned him to Indianap

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
Placed C Joey Bart on the 10-day IL, retroactive to March 31. Recalled RHP Sean Hjelle from Sacramento (PCL).

WASHINGTON NATION-ALS — Recalled OF Stone Garrett from Rochester (IL). Placed OF Corey Dickerson on

the 10-day IL. National Hockey League NAHEIM DUCKS — ANAHEIM

Signed F Judd Caulfield to a two-year, entry-level contract BOSTON BRUINS — Re-called F Oskar Steen from Providence (AHL).

DALLAS STARS — Loaned G Matt Murray to Texas (AHL). Recalled G Scott Wedgewood from Texas.

OTTAWA SENATORS -Recalled G Leevi Merilainen from Belleville (AHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Recalled D Matt Kessel from Springfield (AHL).
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS
— Recalled C Nick Abruzzese

from Toronto (AHL). WASHINGTON CAPITALS Signed C Mitchell Gibson to an amateur tryout contract.

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PC-McGinnis wp (12K, 4BB) and Parrish; Neff rbi; Stackpole S, D, rbi; McGinnis S, rbi; Clements S, rbi; Little HR, 2rbi; Lazarev 2S, rbi; Higgins rbi T–Dingess Ip (5K, 2BB), Austin (4), (1K, 0BB), Perkins (5), (3K,

6BB) and Mollette

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(0K, 4BB), Stool (4), (0K, 3BB), Williamson (5), (1K, 0BB) and Brogers; Van Hoose D

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Billick D; B. Cover S, rbi; Prager D, rbi; S. Cover 2S, 2rbi; Lipinski S, rbi; Koroneros S, rbi; Hildebrand D, rbi; Kuhns 2S, rbi

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CC-Morris (5K, 3BB), Blaydes Ip (5), (2K, 3BB) and Ranson; Blaydes S, HR, 2rbi, DiCocco D, HR, 4rbi; Reynolds S, 3rbi; Ranson 2S; Allara S, rbi; Scalzo S, D; Brown S, D, 2rbi

SOFTBALL

Wheeling Park 9, Warren Local 1
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WL-Johnson Ip (5K, 4BB), Pierson (5), (0K, 0B8) and Miller;

WP-Thompson wp (7K, 18B) and Kozlowski, D. Randolph (5); Strothers 3S, D, 2rbi; Nolte 3S, D; Derrow D

Wheeling Park 7, Warren Local 2 (game called due to weather)

200 0 - 2 4 0 700 0 - 7 7 0 Warren Local Wheeling Park WL-Pierson Ip (0K, 4BB) and Miller; Morris D, 2rbi WP-Theiss wp (0K, 1BB) and Kozlowski; Strothers S, 2rbi; F. Randolph HR, 2rbi; Thompson S, rbi

OVAC ALL-STAR GAMES

OVAC Samuel A. Mumley **All-Star Games** (at Wheeling Park High School) GIRLS

West Virginia 83, Ohio 51 OHIO (51) — Bommer 1, 0-0 2; Knight 5, 2-3 13; Vinskov-ich 2, 1-2 5; Medley 2, 0-0 5; Thompson 1, 0-0 2; Kellaway 1, 0-0 2; Raper 2, 2-2 7; Starr 1, 0-0 2; Frazee 1, 0-0 3; Malin 1, 2,6 5; Coscobton 0, 0.0 2 Wish 3-6 5; Creighton 0, 0-0 0; Wickham 1, 0-0 3; Johnson 1, 0-0 2; Butler 0, 0-0 0; Ramsey 0, 0-0 Totals: 19, 8-13 51. WEST VIRGINIA (83) — Abraham 5, 4-4 16; Henkins 4, 0-0 12; 5, 4-4 16; Henkins 4, 0-0 12; Bechtel 3, 1-1 7; Vogrin 2, 0-0 6; Rhodes 1, 1-3 3; Sharkey 4, 0-2 9; McCoy 3, 2-2 8; Bolen 3, 0-0 6; Barr 2, 0-4 4; Thomas 2, 0-0 5; Lipolli 1, 0-0 2; Downing 2, 0-0 5; Babiczuk 0, 0-0 0; Barr 0-0 0; Gibson 0, 0-0 0; Kell 0,

0-0 0; Totals: 32, 8-16 83. 3-point goals: 0 — Knight, Medley, Raper, Frazee, Wickham. WV — Henkins (4), Abraham (2), Vogrin (2), Sharkey, Thomas, Downing. BOYS

West Virginia 105, Ohio 86 OHIO (86) — Brock 5, 0-0 13; Greathouse 1, 0-0 2; Kuczkowski 2, 1-2 6; Hill 7, 0-0 18; Burga 5, 2-3 12; Dowling 2, 0-0 6; DeVolld 4, 0-0 9; Jackson 3, 2-2 8; Long 1, 0-0 2; Madzia 2, 2-4 6; Stevenson 2, 0-0 4; Butts 0, 0-0 0; Fairchild 0, 0-0 0; Lollathin 0, 0-0 0; Porter 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 34, 7-11 86. WEST VIRGINIA (105) — Anderson 2, 0-0 6; Plotner 4, 1-2 9; Davis 3, 0-0 8; Jackson 3, -0 7; Danser 4, 0-0 9; Turner 1, 0-0 3; Blake 3, 0-0 8; St. Clair 3, 0-0 9; Wilkinson 3, 2-3 8; Kisner 4, 1-2 10; Phillips 3, 4-4 10; Burkett 1, 0-0 2; Sobutka 3, 0-0 8; Gray 1, 0-0 3; Amaismeier 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 39, 8-11 105.

3-point goals: OH — Brock (3), Kuczkowski, Hill (4), Dowling (2), DeVolld, WV — Anderson (2), Davis (2), Jackson, Danser, Turner, Blake (2), St. Clair (3), Kisner, Sobutka (2), Gray.

PGA Tour

Valero Texas Open Scores Sunday At AT&T Oaks Course, San Antonio Purse: \$8.9 million Yardage: 7,438; Par: 72 Final Round

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Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 1
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L.A. Angels 13, Oakland 1 Tampa Bay 12, Detroit 2 Boston 9, Baltimore 8

Ot. Louis Chicago Pittsburgh

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Boston (Crawford 0-0), 7:10

Toronto (Berrios 0-0) at Kansas City (Singer 0-0), 7:40

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Sunday's Games
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Tuesday's Games
Arizona at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m. Minnesota at Miami, 6:40 p.m.

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Pittsburgh at Boston, 7:10 p.m. N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m. Atlanta at St. Louis, 7:45 p.m.

Colorado at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

NHL Standings

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NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

x-clinched playoff spot v-clinched division. z-clinched conference

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Sunday's Games N.Y. Rangers 5, Washington 2 Boston 4, St. Louis 3, SO Columbus 4, Ottawa 3, OT Carolina 2, N.Y. Islanders 1 Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2

Winnipeg 6, New Jersey 1 Detroit 5, Toronto 2 Los Angeles 4, Vancouver 1 Calgary 5, Anaheim 4
Monday's Games

Vegas at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Nashville at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Arizona at Seattle, 10 p.m. Tuesday's Games

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p.m. Vegas at Nashville, 8 p.m. Chicago at Calgary, 9 p.m. Seattle at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Colorado at San Jose, 10:30

Edmonton at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

36 42 .462 33 45 .423 Utah Portland **Pacific Division** -Sacramento 47 31 .603 Phoenix 43 35 .551 L.A. Clippers 41 38 .519 Golden State 41 38 .519 L.A. Lakers 40 38 .513 x-clinched playoff spot y-clinched division

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Cleveland 115, Indiana 105 Denver 112, Golden State 110 Monday's Games

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Toronto at Charlotte, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

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8 p.m. L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m. Oklahoma City at Golden State, 10 p.m. San Antonio at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games Brooklyn at Detroit, 7 p.m. New York at Indiana, 7 p.m Chicago at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m. Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Memphis at New Orleans, 8 Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30

L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10

NASCAR

NASCAR Cup Series Toyota Owners 400 Results Sunday At Richmond Raceway, Richmond, Va. Lap length: 0.75 miles (Start position in parentheses)
1. (9) Kyle Larson, Chevro-

let, 400 laps, 52 points. 2. (30) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, 400, 0. 3. (4) Ross Chastain, Chev-

rolet, 400, 48. 4. (21) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 400, 45.

5. (10) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 6. (15) Michael McDowell,

Ford, 400, 31. 7. (18) Joey Logano, Ford, 400, 36. 8. (1) Alex Bowman, Chev-

rolet, 400, 37. 9. (14) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 400, 29. 10. (24) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 400, 34.

11. (12) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 400, 33. 12. (19) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 400, 26. 13. (32) Aric Almirola, Ford,

14. (2) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 400, 23. 15. (13) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 400, 22. 16. (5) Tyler Reddick, Toyo-

400, 24.

ta, 400, 26. 17. (37) Chandler Smith, Chevrolet, 400, 0.

18. (33) Ryan Preece, Ford, 400, 19. 19. (26) Harrison Burton, Ford, 400, 18. 20. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toy-

ota, 400, 27. 21. (16) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 400, 16.

22. (28) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 400, 15. 23. (20) Daniel SuBrez, Chevrolet, 400, 14.

24. (3) William Byron, Chevrolet, 400, 31.

25. (27) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 399, 12. 26. (17) Ryan Blaney, Ford,

27. (25) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 399, 10.

28. (6) Austin Cindric, Ford, 399, 9. 29. (29) Justin Haley, Chev-

30. (7) Chris Buescher, Ford, 398, 7. rolet, 399, 8.

31. (22) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 398, 6.

32. (36) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet. 398, 5. 33. (35) Anthony Alfredo, Chevrolet, 396, 0.

SPORTS

SECTION

Monday, April 3, 2023

West Virginia sweeps OVAC **ASG** victories

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING - West Virginia flexed its basketball muscle Sunday afternoon at the Palace on the Hill in-

side Wheeling Park High School. Actually, the Mountain State flexed not just once, but twice, against its Ohio rivals en route to posting a sweep of the 45th annual OVAC Samuel A. Mumley All-Star Basketball Games.

The West Virginia girls had little trouble in cruising to an 83-51 victory in which they led wire to wire.

The boys game, however, was a

little bit more competitive. Ohio actually had the lead with upwards of 12 minutes to play in the game, but West Virginia was simply too strong down the stretch en route to a 105-86 victory.

GIRLS

West Virginia put balanced groups on the floor and controlled the game from the outset against the Buckeyes.

Coached by Wheeling Central's
Roberta Olejasz and Oak Glen's Ryan Wells, West Virginia won the OVAC Game for the third time in four tries.

West Virginia owned a 52-43 lead at halftime and then really took over in the second half.

All told, 12 players on the West Virginia roster cracked the scoring

Playing her final game inside the Palace, Sophie Abraham had an impressive performance. She had a hot hand early and late and led all scorers

in the game with 16 points.

Mia Henkins, who helped Morgantown win the Class AAAA state title last month, buried four bonus goals in the first half, all of which were from

University's Emily Sharkey added nine. Madonna's Shea McCoy played well, accumulating eight points.

On the Ohio side, which was coached by Harrison Central's Chace Smith and Warren's Brad Venham, scoring the ball became a challenge in the second half.

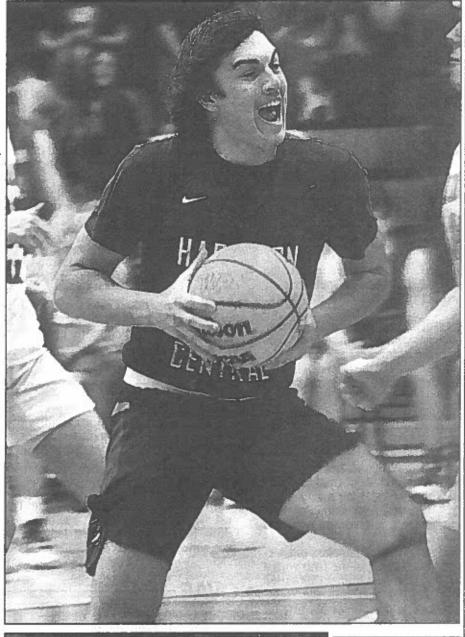
River's Rylee Knight, who scored a team-high 13 in the game, had 11 of those in the second half. Only six players from the Buckeye State scored in the second half.

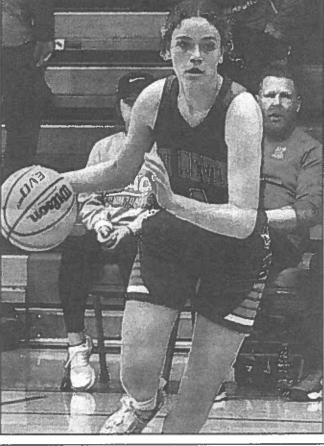
While Knight led the way for Ohio, her teammate at River, Hannah Raper, added seven in top support.

BOYS

There were several times in the first half when it looked as if another rout was on the horizon because of West

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ABOVE: OHIO'S Jace Madzia (Harrison Central) drives to the basket during Sunday's OVAC All-Star Basketball Game at Wheeling Park High School. West Virginia prevailed. AT LEFT: Ohio's Megan Malin (St. Clairsville) looks to drive during the sec-ond half of Sunday's OVAC All-Star Girls Basketball Game.

T-L Photos/SETH STASKEY

LSU wins 1st NCAA championship by beating Hawkeyes

DALLAS (AP) - Kim Mulkey had tears of joy streaming down her face as she guided LSU to it first national champion-

Her Tigers used a record offensive performance to beat Caitlin Clark and Iowa 102-85 on Sunday and win the first basketball title in school history.

The victory made Mulkey the first women's coach to win national championships at two different schools. She won three at Baylor before leaving for LSU two years

"Coaches coach a lifetime and this is the fourth time I've been blessed," Mulkey said. "Never in the history of LSU basketball, men or women, has (anybody) ever

played for a championship."

The feisty and flamboyantly dressed Mulkey, who wore a sparkly, golden, tiger-striped outfit, now has the third-most titles of all time behind Geno Auriemma's 11 and Pat Summitt's eight. Mulkey has

never lost in a championship game.
"My tears are tears of joy," she said. "I'm so happy for everybody back home in Louisiana.

Clark, The Associated Press national player of the year, couldn't lead the Hawkeyes to their first national title despite one of the greatest individual performances in NCAA Tournament history. The junior finished with 30 points. She scored 40 in the semifinals to knock out unbeaten South Carolina one game after she had the first 40-point triple-double in NCAA history in the Elite Eight.

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LSU HEAD coach Kim Mulkey celebrates with Flau'jae Johnson during the second half of the NCAA Women's Final Four championship game against Iowa Sunday

SDSU-UConn title game brings Fab Five memories

HOUSTON (AP) - Thirty years period in college hoops. ago, a group of disrupters with baggy shorts and black socks changed college good slice of American culture along for the ride.

Those freshmen known as the Fab assistant, Brian Dutcher - finds itself

The Aztecs (32-6) themselves certainly aren't trying to deliver change to basketball as we know it, and took a the game or the culture when they face UConn (30-8) in the title game Mon-

But the fact that they're here - a Five ended up one win short of the title, team with Michigan bloodlines that was which is exactly where San Diego State forged quickly through the newly libera team coached by a former Fab Five ated transfer portal and enriched by opportunities that have sprung from name,

umes about where those Fab Five super- 21st-century version of San Diego stars were trying to take the game three State is Dutcher's longtime boss at decades ago.

derstanding the hypocrisy in the game. Coast after losing his job at Michigan us sitting around poor as hell," said Fab and sordid illicit-benefits scandals in Five guard Ray Jackson. "We wanted to NCAA history. change the dynamics of that, get the athletes feeling empowered a little more." In essence, the coach, who retired and handed over the SDSU reins to

One of the greatest ironies is that in 2023 during another transformative image and likeness deals - speaks vol- the coach who essentially built the

both Michigan and SDSU, Steve Fish-"We got to college and started un- er. Fisher made his way to the West with the schools making millions and in the wake of one of the most complex

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Vosler, Friedl homer to support Ashcraft in Cincinnati's victory

Barnesville boys prevail in the

JUSC Namifica Scored on catcher Cal Raleigh in the mer and had three hits as scored. 10th, and the Cleveland Cleveland came from bein the major leagues' first Mariners. extra-inning game this

tance in 1893, according for a 1-2-3 double play, sixth RBI of the series.

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a bases-loaded error by Zunino hit a three-run ho- for an error as Ramirez Zunino put Cleveland Guardians beat the Seattle hind three times and won ahead with a three-run

Mariners 6-5 on Sunday three of four from the homer in the second off Marco Gonzales, then Ramirez was walked doubled and scored in the intentionally and Penn fifth inning as the Guar-Cleveland's Tim Her- Murfee (0-1) loaded the diams tied the score 4-all. rin, a 26-year-old left- bases with a walk to Josh His fifth-inning double hander, struck out all four Bell. Josh Naylor hit a dropped between diving batters he faced in his ma- comebacker to reliever shortstop J.P. Crawford jor league debut, the first Gabe Speier, who threw and center fielder Julio pitcher to accomplish that home for the forceout Rodr guez, setting up feat since the mound was on Steven Kwan. Catch- pinch-runner Will Brenmoved to its current dis- er Cal Raleigh, trying nan's score on Kwan's

arson wins in Richmond

his 10-win, 2021 cham- who is filling in for the fill-in crew chief in Kevin pionship season, he said, injured Chase Elliott, held Meendering because the used to be good.

away on a restart with 14 Harvick. laps to go and easily won the NASCAR Cup Series the season for the four-car won five of the seven racrace on Sunday.

(AP) mate Josh Berry to his legal part was overturned -- Kyle Larson spent the outside and beat Berry by a NASCAR appeals week watching videos of into the first turn. Berry, to remind myself that I on for second, followed appeals panel upheld the by Ross Chastain, Chris- four-race suspensions of He still is. Larson pulled topher Bell and Kevin all four team crew chiefs.

Hendrick team and came es this season. Larson started the final less than a week after a All the Hendrick cars green flag run with Hen- 100-point penalty against except for Berry ran in • LSU drick Motorsports team- each driver for using an il- contention all race.

panel. It also came with a

Chevrolet took the top It's the third victory of three spots and has now

Pirates

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five hits and three runs one out in the second. with one walk and three ture was 49 degrees at second base with a single an excuse.

"I felt phenomenal," he said.

I have to minimize the two games. damage.

Vosler, nor-league contract Feb. tation is really good. They the pitcher field it.'

after signing in Decem- 1 as a free agent, smacked have good stuff. We had ber as a free agent, lasted a 2-1 slider 365 feet into some opportunities ear-4-2/3 innings, giving up the right-field seats with ly yesterday and we had

Stephenson made strikeouts. The tempera- 2-0, driving in India from big hit." game time. Velasquez that glanced off shortstop lasquez in the fifth with a said he trouble gripping Oneil Cruz's glove and two-out homer that sailed the ball at times, but he trickled into short left 392 feet into the rightdidn't want to use that as field with one out in the field seats for his first hit Continued from Page B1 third inning.

Reynolds, Pittsburgh with 27 hom- "It is good to get that "I felt like the ball was ers last season, led off first hit," Friedl said. "I coming out good. I made the fourth with a 410- had to just trust the proa couple of mistakes. I foot home run to center cess. I've hit a home run had trouble putting them field, his first of the sea- and got a bunt hit multiaway. I need to close the son. Pittsburgh has scored ple times. Bunting is part door and shut them down. three runs over the last of my game. Ke'Bryan

some opportunities late. it We just couldn't get the

Friedl knocked out Veof the season. He later who led added a bunt single.

Hayes has been in my "We've faced pretty face all series. When Jonwho made good pitching," Pirates athan got that hit, it was a the Reds as a non-roster manager Derek Shelton perfect time to start a ral-player after signing a mi-said. "The top of their ro-ly, but I wanted to make

Track -

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won three events.

in 13.36, while junior Shamrocks. Brynn McKeever was the 200-meter champion in won a mark of 37-4.

Barnesville had a strong in the team standings.

Shamrocks senior Au- depth. brey Johnson won the 12:13.80.

The Rocks also won the rington. shuttles in 1:18.37.

and junior Sydney Mc- in the 4x4. Farland was the pole vault champion with a mark of 7 - 3.

posted a 53.36 to win the 300 low hurdles.

Burdette prevailed with a mark of 23.48. mark of 14-11.

Shadyside Beckett Kenzy the 1600-meter run in dles by skimming eight Knights in 11.14. 5:42.98.

BOYS

Barnesville and Lins-

Senior Rylee Glover down to the final event, junior Johnny Sabinski in won the 100-meter dash which was won by the the throwing events. Sa-

28.17. Junior Pam Kand- Actually, those events 58-1 1/2 and 146-1. rach won the shot put with were bookended and in between came a lot of came in the pole vault seconds, thirds and even where senior Lee Adkins showing, finishing third fourths as Coach Dylan soared over the bar at 12 Rogers' team flexed its feet to win the title.

Barnesville won the events. 3200-meter run, which 4x8 in 3:38.81 with a was the first event con- team of Logan Dodd, jah Brock, who is out for tested with a time of Conner Starr, Julian Bec- track for the first time, erra and Connor War- won the high jump by

The team of Cam Car-Union Local had a pair penter, C.J. Hannahs, Kooper Chimley won the of winners. Senior Josie Becerra and Warrington 400 meters in 53.52. Goodson claimed the passed the baton to a time 400-meter dash in 67.51 of 3:38.81 for the victory was the champion in the

> Linsly only won two time of 15.58. events as well and utilized its depth to accumulate talented distance junior

an individual win in the ago and that was by win-Monroe Central's lone 200-meter dash thanks ning. He claimed the 800 win came in the long jump to speedy senior Jy'Leik and 1600 meter runs in where freshman Bayleigh Johnson. He sprinted to a 4:41.81 and 2:09.36, re-

Sophomore Colby Gibsenior bons claimed the title Ferrera won the 100-mewon in the intermediate hur- ter dash for the Maroon timbers in 43.58 for the

Union Local, which fin- 1:34.07.

Donnie Yeager's squad ly boys hooked up in an ished with 35 points, got 18-event battle that came 20 of those from talented binski, an All-Ohioan last All told, Barnesville season, swept the shot put just two events. and discus with marks of

The Jets' other win

Shadyside won a trio of

In the field, senior Elisoaring over 5-10.

On the track, senior

Junior Dylan Booth 110 high hurdles with a

Wheeling Central's Linsly's Haylen Cook the majority of its points. Aiden Scott picked up The Cadets picked up where he left off a season spectively.

Senior sprinter Lorenzo

The Maroon Knights also won the 4x2 in

BYESVILLE - St. Clairsville's boys racked up 90 points and captured the team title at the Joe Kasper Invitational held Saturday at Meadowbrook High

The Red Devils were more than six points better than runner-up New Philadelphia. Steubenville was a distant third.

The Red Devils were led by the double field victory of junior strong man Perry Patrone. He won the shot put with a mark of 54-6 1/2 and then captured the discus with a heave of 150-11.

Senior Karl Kain prevailed in the pole vault with a 12-6 clearance.

On the track, the Red Devils claimed the title in the 4x2 with a team of Gage Wolfe, Rece Spomer, Gavin Schoolcraft and Andrew Vera. The foursome posted a time of 1:33.44.

Individually, Rece Spomer circled the oval in 54.28 to win the 400 meter dash.

On the girls' side, St. Ciarsville junior Emma Henry was the top-finishing Red Devil when she was second in the 100 meter dash with a solid time of 12.25.

BASEBALL Edison 8, Union Local 1

RICHMOND - The Wildcats picked up their second win in as many days Saturday and kept invading Union Local searching for its first victory of the campaign in the process:

Matt Parsons worked into the seventh to earn the

mound win. He fanned two. At the plate, Ethan Kimmerle had a single and two

Union Local was limited to three singles.

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The dazzling guard, who grew up in Iowa, set the NCAA record for points in a tournament, passing the 177 that Sheryl Swoopes scored in 1993 en route to leading Texas Tech to the title that year. Clark ended her tournament with 191.

The 102 points broke the previous high for a championship game, surpassing the 97 that Texas scored against Southern California in 1986.

Taking in the game was first lady Jill Biden, who sat in a suite above the court with tennis great Billie Jean King.

OVAC-

Virginia's size and length advantage.

On top of that, the Mountain State buried eight, 3-point goals in the opening half. However, Ohio was able to stay close

Parkersburg South's Nathan Plotner led West Virginia in the half with eight points, six of which came on three dunks. Carter Anderson of Linsly hit a pair of bonus goals.

On the other side, Shadyside's Elijah Brock scored all eight of his first-half points in the first rotation of players. Once he went to the bench, Steubenville's Phaeton Hill did his part to keep Ohio close by scoring half of his game-high 18 in his first-half minutes.

Thanks to Hill's trio of treys and the work of Buckeye Trail's Garrett Burga on the interior in the second half, the Ohio, which trailed 52-43 at halftime, took its first lead of game at 67-65.

However, it was short-lived. West Virginia got a

bonus goal from South's Aiden Blake, Morgantown's Brody Davis and a pair of triples from Clay-Battelle's

Kohlton St. Clair. On top of those guys, John Marshall's Brennan Sobutka scored all eight of his points in the second

Wheeling Park's duo of Brett Phillips and Cole

Wilkinson each had six in the second half. For the game, Garrison Kisner and Phillips were the leading scorers for West Virginia. Each had 10.

Hill's aforementioned production was complemented by Brock's 13, Burga's 12. Caldwell's Tyce DeVolld and Martins Ferry's Denali Jackson went for nine and eight, respectively.

OVAĆ NOTES PARK'S WILKINSON received a large ovation from his teammates when he took the only charge in the game.

ON TOP of the game, several special presentations were made during the course of the game. Those awards went to Erin DeSantis (girls coach), David Easterling (distinguished service), John Pizzutti (scorekeeper/timer), Mike Podlasiak (boys coach) and Butch Antill (officials).

THE CAMERON girls and Linsly boys teams were the respective winners of the Phil Lewton Sportsman-

ship Award. The OVAC All-Star Game also presented \$2500 worth of scholarships to 12 different players. Receiving the scholarships were: Luke Amaismeier (Madonna), Bede Lori (Caldwell), Eden Gibson (University), Maddy Butler (Harrison Central), Kohlton St. Clair (Clay-Battelle), Ty Long (River), Sophie Abraham (Wheeling Park), Megan Malin (St. Clairsvile), Mia Henkins (Morgantown), D.J. Butts (Union Local), Brett Phillips (Wheeling Park) and Brennan Sobutka (John Marshall).

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Cambridge at Bellaire St. Clairsville at Martins Ferry Shenandoah at Beallsville Buckeye Local at Toronto East Liverpool at Harrison Central Wheeling Central at Linsly River at Shadyside

SOFTBALL

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TRACK AND FIELD Harnson Central at Manteo, N.C.

Prep Basketball

OVAC Samuel A. Mumley All-Star Games (at Wheeling Park High School) Girls

West Virginia 83, Ohio 51

OHIO [51] — Bommer 1, 0-0 2: Knight 5, 2-3 13; Vinskovich 2, 1-2 5; Medley 2, 0-0 5; Thompson 1, 0-0 2; Kellaway 1, 0-0 2; Raper 2, 2-2 7; Starr 4, 0-0 2; Frazee 1, 0-0 3; Malin 1, 3-6 5; Creighton 0, 0-0 0; Wickham 1, 0-0 3; Johnson 1, 0-0 2; Butler 0, 0-0 0; Ramsey 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 19, 8-13 51, WEST 6-0 0, Hamsey O, GO V, Todals, 19, 8-13 ST, West J. Willfight R (83) — Abraham 5, 4-4 16; Henkins 4, 0-0 12; Bechtel 3, 1-1 7; Vogrin 2, 0-0 6; Rhodes 1, 1-3 3; Sharkey 4, 0-2 9; McCoy 3, 2-2 8; Bolen 3, 0-0 6; Barr 2, 0-4 4; Thomas 2, 0-0 5; Lipolli 1, 0-0 2; Downing 2. 0-0 5 Babiczuk 0, 0-0 0 Barr 0, 0-0 0 Gibson 0, 0-0 0; Kell 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 32, 8-16 83

3-point goals: O — Knight, Medley, Raper, Frazee, Wickham, WV — Henkins (4), Abraham (2), Vogrin (2), Sharkey, Thomas, Downing.

West Virginia 105, Ohio 86 OHIO (86) — Brock 5, 0-0 13; Greathouse 1, 0-0 2; Kuczkowski 2, 1-2 6; Hill 7, 0-0 18; Burga 5, 2-3 12; Dowling 2, 0-0 6; DeVolld 4, 0-0 9; Jackson 3, 2-2 8; Long 1, 0-0 2; Madzia 2, 2-4 6; Stevenson 2, 0-0 4; Butts 0, 0-0 0, Fairchild 0, 0-0 0; Lollathin 0, 0-0 0 Porter 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 34, 7-11 85. WEST VIRGIMIA (105) — Anderson 2, 0-0 6; Plother 4, 1-2 9; Davis 3. 0-0 8; Jackson 3, 0-0 7; Danser 4, 0-0 9; Turner 1, 0-0 3; Blake 3, 0-0 8; St. Clair 3, 0-0 9; Wilkinson 3, 2-3 8; Kisner 4, 1-2 10; Phillips 3, 4-4 10; Burkett 1, 0-0 2; Sobutka 3, 0-0 8; Gray 1, 0-0 3; Amaismeier 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 39, 8-11 105.

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Sports on TV

Monday, April 3

COLLEGE BASKETBALL IMEN'S

CBS - NCAA Tournament: San Diego St. vs UConn, National Championship, Houston COLLEGE SOFTBALL

SECN - Kentucky at Georgia

MLB BASEBALL

MLBN - NY Mets at Milwaukee MLBN - Regional Coverage Philadelphia at NY

Yankees OR Pittsburgh at Boston NHL HOCKEY

NHLN — Vegas at Minnesota SOCCER (MEN'S)

USA - Premier League Tottenham Hotspur at

FS2 - CONMEBOL U-17 Championship Group Stage: Chile vs. Uruguay, Group A. Guayaquil, Ecuador

FS2 - CONMEBOL U-17 Championship Group Stage. Brazil vs. Colombia, Group A. Guayaquil,

TENNIS

TENNIS - Charleston-WTA Early Rounds

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NASCAR

NASCAR Cup Series Toyota Owners 400 Results Sunday At Richmond Raceway Richmond, Va. Lap length: 0.75 miles

(Start position in parentheses)
1. (9) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 400 laps, 52 points
2. (30) Josh Berry, Chevrolet, 400. 0. 3. (4) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet. 400, 48 4. (21) Christopher Bell, Toyota. 400. 45. 5. (10) Kevin Harvick, Ford. 400. 41. 6. (15) Michael McDowell, Ford. 400. 31. 7_(18) Joey Logano, Ford, 400, 36, 8. (1) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 400, 37 II Tv Gibbs Toyota 400-2

10. (24) Brad Keselowskii, Ford. 400, 34 11. (12) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 400, 33 12. (19) Chase Briscoe. Ford, 400. 26. 13. (32) Aric Almirola, Ford, 400. 24

14. (2) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet. 400. 23. 15. (13) Todd Gilliand. Ford. 400. 22. 16. (5) Tyler Reddick, Toyota. 400. 26. 17 (37) Chandler Smith, Chevrolet, 400, 0.

18. (33) Ryan Preece, Ford. 400. 19. 19. (26) Harrison Burton, Ford, 400, 18. 20. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 400. 27 21, (16) Corey Lajore, Chevrolet, 400, 16. 22, (28) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 400, 15. 23, (20) Daniel Su'rez, Chevrolet, 400, 14

24. (3) William Byron, Chevrolet. 400, 31 25. (27) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet. 399, 12 26. 17) Ryan Blaney. Ford. 399. 11 27. (25) AJ Alimendinger. Chevrolet. 399. 10. 28. (6) Austin Cindno. Ford. 399. 9

29 (29) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 399. 8. 30. (7) Chris Buescher, Ford, 398. 7. 31. (22) Enk Jones, Chevrolet, 398. 6.

32 (36) Tv Dillon Chevrolet 398 5 33. (35) Anthony Alfredo, Chevrolet, 395, 0.
34. (31) Cody Ware, Ford, 395, 3
35. (8) Ricky Stenhouse Jr. Chevrolet, 384, 2

36. [34] JJ Yeley, Ford, 383, 0, 37. [23] Noah Gragson, Chevrolet, accident, 303, 1

MLB Schedule

Monday's Schedule San Francisco (DeSclafani 0-0) at Chicago White Sox

(Kopech 0-0), 3:10 p.m. Minnesota (Mahle 0-0) at Miami (Cueto 0-0), 6:40 p.m. Philadelphia (Walker 0-0) at N Y Yankees (Cortes 0-0). 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Rasmussen 0-0) at Washington (Williams 0-0), 7:05 p.m. Pritsburgh (Oviedo 0-0) at Boston (Crawford 0-0), 7:10

Toronto (Berri os 0-0) at Kansas City (Singer 0-0), 7:40 Baltimore (Bradish 0-0) at Texas (Gray 0-0), 8:05 p.m., Detroit (Boyd 0-0) at Houston (Brown 0-0), 8:10 p.m. Clevelanni (Plesac 0-0) at Oakland (Kapnelian 0-0).

MAJUK LEAGUE BASEBALL

■ 4 p.m. — Regional Coverage: Philadelphia at Texas or San Francisco at NY Yankees, FOX

■ 4:10 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, Great American Ballpark, Cincinnati, ATTSN

■ 3 p.m. — Boston at Pittsburgh, ABC

SUNDAY'S BEST **AUTO RACING**

■ 3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: The Toyota Owners 400, Richmond Raceway, Richmond, Va., FS1

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

■ 3:30 p.m. — NCAA Tournament: National Championship, TBD, ABC

PRO GOLF

■ 2:30 p.m. — PGA Tour: The Valero Texas Open, Final Round, TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course), Tex., NBC

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

■ 1:40 p.m. — Pittsburgh at Cinvinnati, Great American Ballpark, Cincinnati. ATTSN



San Diego State guard Adam Seiko, left, and guard Triston Broughton talk during practice for their Final Four college basketball game in the NCAA Tournament on Friday, in Houston. San Diego State and Florida Atlantic play on Saturday.

Looking For Final Four Edge? Think Offensive Efficiency

HOUSTON (AP) - Adam Seiko and his San Diego State teammates are ready from the moment the ball is tipped to stalk ballhandlers, make aggressive switches and close out hard on any shooter.

They're true believers in the oft-repeated notion that defense wins championships.

"It should be a staple statement in every program," Seiko

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Lack Of Big-Name **Teams Could Take Toll On FF Ratings**

By JOE REEDY AP Sports Writer

Cinderella teams make for great stories and busted brackets. They don't necessarily make for great television ratings, though.

After getting a dream Final Four field last year, CBS and Turner Sports have something very different this weekend with Florida Atlantic, Miami, San Diego State and Connecticut making it to Houston.

The lack of recognizable names could affect the ratings. Upsets during the first two weeks have seemingly already taken a toll. The tournament is averaging 9.11 million viewers through the regional finals, which is down 6% from last year. This after the first round on March 16-17 averaged 9.2 million, a record for the most-watched round of 64.

Last year's Final Four of Duke, North Carolina, Kansas and Villanova resonated even with casual fans because it was loaded with national brands. It also included Mike Krzyzewski's final tournament as Duke's coach.

This year's group doesn't have the same cachet. 'The public is telling us that they would rather see the bluebloods. The ratings support that," said former CBS Sports president Neal Pilson, who now runs his own sports television consulting and that they would rather see the sports television consulting company. "I think it's because they're not familiar with teams like San Diego State, Miami or FAU. There was relatively little press attention paid to those teams during the year. Connecticut has a history,

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OVAC ALL-STAR BASKETBALL GAMES ARE SUNDAY AT WHEELING



Photo by Seth Staskey

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OVAC All-Star Hoops



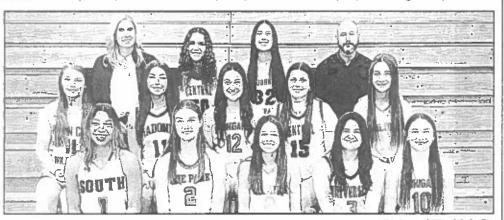
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Rine and Robinson selected to OVAC HOF's Class of 2023

For The Times Leader

Two individuals who've gone Hall of Fame's Class of 2023.

duction Ceremony scheduled Satur-day, Aug. 12 at WesBanco Arena letic Administrator) designation in Wheeling are Kelly Rine in the OVAC "Family" category and Bob Robinson as an OVAC "Contribu-Administrator of the Year in 1900 and market by the East District. He attained his CAA (Certified Athletic Administrator) in 1997.

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coaches and officials categories will be announced.

The OVAC Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Robinson Auto Group and is part of the OVAC Museum of the Wheeling HOF Committee. located in WesBanco Arena.

Here's a look at the inductees:

Kelly Rine
(Bridgeport HS, Class of 1979)
Rine has served the conference in countless roles, always working for the betterment of the student-athletes of the Ohio Valley.

After graduating from West Liberty State College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education/Driver

Education, teachhis career started at St. Clairsville High School where he also coached football the under late George Strager. Afthree



years at St. C. (1985-87), he went onto Ohio University and received his Master of Science degree in Physical Education/Athletic Adtwo seasons.

For the next 11 years (1990-2001), Rine was employed at Alexander Local Schools in Albany as teacher, coach, Dean of Students and Athletic Director. At Alexander, he co-founded and was chairman of one day high school basketball extravaganza held at the Ohio University Convocation Center.

In 2001, he accepted the Athletic the Valley" award in 2009. Director position at Meadowbrook High School where he remained unas the President of the EOIAAA while at Meadowbrook.

ville, retiring from that position at and Economics Hall of Fame. the end of the 2018-19 school year. OVAC Cal Giffin Track Champion- guished Service Award in 2011, the ships were moved to Red Devil Sta-second such honoree following the dium, with Rine serving as the Site award's namesake.

Manager.

He served as President of SEOIAAA, representative to the OIAAA Board of Control and coabove and beyond in support of the chaired the OIAAA State Confer-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference ence in 1998 for the Southeast Disare the latest additions to the OVAC trict. He was a committee member for the 2003 and 2009 State Con-Set for induction at the 19th In- ferences hosted by the East District.

in 1999 and received the same hon-Previously announced inductees or in 2012 from the East District. include Dick Reasbeck of St. John In the spring of 2003, he received Central and Mike Tomasovich of the NIAAA Distinguished Service Weir (1950s Athletes), Al Salva-dori of Wheeling Central) and Ted and the National Federation Cita-Tomasovich of Weir (1960s Ath-tion award in 2004. He was inductletes), Steve Doe of Warwood and ed into the OIAA Hall of Fame in Lance LaFollette of Woodsfield 2015 and was awarded the OVAC (1970s Athletes), Tim McCrate of Cal Giffin Track & Field Service

Rine has served on the OVAC Ex-Jessica Hines of Barnesville and ecutive Board as the Class 4A repre-Fred Ray of Martins Ferry (1990s sentative since 2004; began serving Athletes), Jenny Castle of Barnes- as the OVAC Class 1/A-2A Golf ville and Koel Davia of Union Lo- Director in 2021 and is a member cal (2000s Athletes), Justin Fox of OVAC Hall of Fame Committee. Magnolia and Max Nogay of Ma- He also was the Founder/Director onna (2010s Athletes). of the George Strager Memorial In two weeks, the selections in the Camp for 25 years (1990-2014). which awarded more than \$30,000 in scholarships to participants in the OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star

> He is also a football official and softball umpire, and has worked the

> OVAC all-star games in both sports.
>
> Robert "Bob" Robinson
>
> (Harrisville (WV) High School, **Class of 1963**)

> Robinson has been "the man" when it comes to supporting the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Hall of Fame since its inception in 2004, serving as the presenting sponsor of the event.

His yearly contributions - which

to date total in excess of \$70,000 - are the primary source of funds that enable the conference to honor and showcase the individuals who make up its rich histo-



The owner of Robinson Auto Group located at The Highlands (he ministration while also serving as a purchased his first auto dealership in graduate assistant football coach for New Martinsville. WV in 1974), he also served the OVAC in a coaching role, first as head girls' basketball coach at Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy and then for 20 year as an assistant to Penn Kurtz at Wheeling Central.

Robinson, a supporter of several the annual HOOPS Invitational, a individual schools within the conference as well, has had a heavy involvement with the YMCA of Wheeling, receiving the "Light of

A graduate of West Virginia University, he is a lifetime member of til 2006. He served a two-year stint the WVU Alumni Association and is a member of the Mountaineer Athletic Club. He was a 2013 inductee In the fall of 2006, Rine became into the West Virginia University the Athletic Director at St. Clairs- John Chambers College of Business

Robinson also received While he was at St. C., the annual OVAC Denny Magruder Distin-



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