

# Ohio Girls Down W.Va. 85-72 In OVAC

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Ohio jumped out to an 18-point halftime lead and then held off a late charge by West Virginia for an 85-72 victory in the girls' portion of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's Basketball Classic Friday night at the Wheeling Civic Center.

The Buckeyes threatened to make a runaway of the fifth annual game. They opened up a 48-30 lead at the intermission and held several 22-point leads in the first five minutes of the second half.

But the Mountaineers came back behind the 18 points of Bishop Donahue's Barb McCulley.

Ohio went to a spread offense six minutes into the half but McCulley forced them to pay the price. She

canned 11 of game-high 25 points in a four minute stretch to get the Mountaineers within 68-53 with 11:57 remaining.

The Buckeyes were outscored 10-1 as McCulley tossed in another five points to pull West Virginia within 78-69 with 3:14 on the clock.

After Marialana DiMaggio of Weirton Madonna produced two consecutive steals, John Marshall's Jill Wiedebusch hit one-of-two charity tosses at the 2:03 mark to narrow the gap to eight points, 80-72.

That was as close as the Mountaineers could come, however, as Ohio scored the final five points of the game.

Beallsville's Chris Thornberry led all Ohio scorers with 16 points, while Monette Dulkoski of Buckeye West added 13. Claire Polsinelli, a replace-

ment for the injured Lisa Barcus of Buckeye North, finished with 10.

Wiedebusch got 12 points for the Mountaineers and Tyler's Brenda Webb finished with 10.

The main reason for West Virginia's turnaround was better defense and the fact it committed just nine turnovers in the second half — a sharp drop from the 19 it made in the first 20 minutes of play. Eight of those violations were for walking with the ball.

The Buckeyes consistently got the ball inside against the smaller Mountaineers in the slow-paced first half.

The result was that Ohio almost made more shots than West Virginia took in the half. The Buckeyes made 17 of 45 shots, while the Mountaineers hit seven of just 19 attempts.

The two teams battled on even terms for almost a full seven minutes until a 10-2 spurt gave Ohio the lead

for good beginning with Polsinelli's goal with 13:11 on the clock.

Bridgeport teammates Marilyn Primovic and Teresa Supanik combined for four more points. Supanik got both hoops after Primovic ripped down a rebound and then came up with a steal.

West Virginia tried to counter Ohio's superior strength with a smaller lineup midway through the half. But Ohio still pulled away after about six minutes of even play.

Beallsville's Chris Thornberry canned a three-point play to give Ohio a 16-point, 39-23, advantage with 3:04 left.

In the final minute, the Buckeyes stretched the margin to 18 on a pair of free throws by Diane Shugert of Buckeye Trail and Primovic's jumper with six seconds remaining.

Ohio 85 West Virginia 72  
WV—DiMaggio 1 0-3; Roman 0 0-0; Conner 1 0-2; Martino 2 2-2; Manypenny 1 4-4; Webb 5 0-0; Wiedebusch 1 10-14; Woods 0 0-1; McCulley 10 5-7; Downs 3 3-5; Gorby 0 0-0; Beckett 0 0-0; totals 24 24-38.  
O—Manning 3 0-4; Crugnale 0 0-0; Traversa 3 2-4; Primovic 3 1-4; Supanik 3 1-1; Shugert 1 4-4; Polsinelli 3 4-7; Mallory 2 2-2; Reynolds 1 0-0; Johnson 1 0-0; Dulkoski 6 1-2; Thornberry 6 4-4; totals 32 21-36.  
Halftime: Ohio 48 West Virginia 30

# Running W.Va. Boys Streak By Ohio

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West Virginia might have been a man short but it was still a couple of steps quicker.

The Mountaineer boys simply outran taller Ohio Friday night and hammered out an impressive 119-96 decision in the fifth annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Basketball Classic before about 1,500 fans at the Wheeling Civic Center.

It was the first time in series history that the all-stars from the conference's four divisions had been combined for one game. The winners

had only 11 players available for the game because John Marshall's Harry Moore was forced to quit when the pre-game camp interfered with his job.

West Virginia head Coach George "Skip" Prosser, who guided Wheeling Central to the state's double-A title and best record of 25-2 this past season, said Thursday his team would bring a lot of quickness to the game. Ohio got a good look at a fastbreak that resembled the Pony Express.

West Virginia assumed a commanding 64-43 lead after the first 20 minutes of play and Ohio was never

able to get back any closer than 12 points in the second half.

The Mountaineers canned over 60 percent of their shots (25-of-40) in the first half to 20-of-48 shooting for Ohio. The winners' lead was fueled by a 14-for-22 showing at the charity stripe as Ohio hit all three of the free throws it attempted.

Weir High's John Amendola, already headed for Marshall University to play basketball, got himself and his teammates off to a fast start by converting a three-point play. He finished with a game-high 28 points.

Ohio came back behind a three-point conversion by Martins Ferry's

Dennis Swearingen to the tie the score at 7-all. But after a 9-all tie, the Mountaineers were off an running.

The winners outscored Ohio 8-0 midway through the half to take a 28-17 advantage. Wheeling Park's Tony Gordon came off the bench to excite the crowd with a fastbreak bucket and an assist on a hoop by Tyler's Todd Lash, in which the 5-8 Gordon through the pass behind his back with his right hand to Lash who was streaking down the right side of the lane.

The 6-4 Amendola, the Valley's leading Big School scorer during the season, scored four points and Bishop

Donahue's Frank Yankovich added four more in a 13-4 spurt which propelled West Virginia into a 47-lead with just over five minutes left.

Mike Salmons, a 6-4 center from Sistersville who led the Small Sch scorers, tossed in four points to keep a 9-0 burst just two minutes later. Brooke's John Darmelio hit one two free throws to give the Mountaineers a comfortable 25-point bulge 60-35 with three minutes left.

The action slowed somewhat in the second half but the Mountaineers ran enough to open up the game biggest lead of 26 points at 76-50 on a free throw by Gordon with 14:52 left.

Nine points from Ed Donahue of Bellaire St. Johns in the next five minutes helped the pressing Bu eyes to get back to within 12 points 83-71. Roger Kirkpatrick, a 6-6 center from Frontier, scored on a rebound with just under 10 minutes left to Ohio back to the same deficit at 87-71.

But West Virginia found its running legs once again to reach a 19-point lead and the century mark on jumper by Darmelio.

Salmons and Wheeling Park's Beldsoe added 15 points to the cause and Gordon finished with 13 and numerous assists. Yankovich chipped in with 12, Oak Glen's Mike Ferrari finished with 11 and Lash contributed 10 to an attack in which every player scored.

Winterville's shifty 5-11 guard Mike Ross led Ohio with 16 points. Kirkpatrick scored 14, Donahue chipped in with 13, St. Clairsville's burly 6-6 center Dan Morgan added 12 and 6-4 Nelson Taylor finished with 10.

W. Va. 119 Ohio 96  
W.-Beldsoe 6 3-5; Wojcik 2 0-1; Amendola 8 13; Salmons 6 3-4; Yankovich 5 2-4; Ferrari 3 5  
Gordon 5 3-3; Lash 4 2-2; Straughn 1 0-0; Darmelio 3 1-2; Kastigar 0 2-2; Totals-43 33-47.  
O.-Ross 7 2-3; Taylor 4 2-3; Kirkpatrick 7 8  
Kahl 0 0-0; Swearingen 3 4-5; Hibbett 1 4  
Dierkes 1 0-2; Donahue 5 3-3; Blizzard 2 0-0; Zihl 0 2-2; Morgan 6 0-0; Adams 3 1-4; Totals-39 18-21  
Half: W. Va. 64-43.