

West Virginia posts 9-6 win in OVAC Softball All-Star Game

West Virginia used two big innings Tuesday night to pull out a 9-6 win over its Ohio counterparts in the OVAC All-Star Softball Game at Belle Isle Park.

The Lady Mountaineers erupted for four runs in the first inning and cemented the win with a five-spot in the eighth frame.

West Virginia, winning for the second straight year, banged out 12 hits on the day, one more than the Lady Buckeyes.

Linsly's Erin McGee -- the second of three West Virginia hurlers -- earned the mound win. She came on in the fifth in relief of Angie Newland and struck out three and walked one. She gave way to Brandi Bungard in the eighth.

Newland -- a Wheeling Park product -- led the winning attack



with two singles and RBI. Linsly's Amanda Pollard contributed a double and single. Park's Linda Reinauer lined a pair of singles for West Virginia while McGee helped her own cause with a single and RBI.

River High star Sarah Langsdorf started on the hill for Ohio, giving

way to Nicole Baker in the fourth while Union Local's Melissa Dunfee closed it out after entering in the seventh inning.

St. John Central's Tiffany Moscato had a hot bat for Ohio, slamming a triple and double. She also drove in a run.

Maranda Krause -- who starred for Barry Closser at Buckeye Local -- registered two singles and RBI for the Lady Buckeyes while Dena Bartemes contributed two singles.

Baker and Beallsville's Amanda Pyles also had RBIs for Ohio.

Line score:

West Virginia	400 000 050	9 12 1
Ohio	011 030 001	6 11 4

BATTERIES: Newland, McGee (5), Bungard (8) and Lamantia, Pollard (5) and Gorby (8); Langsdorf, Baker (4), Dunfee (7) and Krause, Bartemes, (4) and Murad (7).

ALL-STAR SOFTBALL



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West Virginia baserunner Missy Smith of Linsly is tagged out by Ohio first baseman Amber Pyles of Beallsville in the first inning of Wednesday's OVAC All-Star softball game at Belle Isle Field. River pitcher Sarah Langsdorf (20) watches the play. West Virginia won the game, 9-6/Story 23.

Baseball, Softball Diamond Classics Slated

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference puts the wraps on the 1999-2000 school year this week with the OVAC All-Star Softball and Baseball games.

The 20th annual OVAC All-Star Softball Classic is slated for Monday at Belle Isle field on Wheeling Island while the George Kovalick All-Star Baseball Classic will be played Tuesday at Perkins Field in Bridgeport. Both games will start at 6 p.m.

Players for the softball game are chosen by team coaches. Ohio teams who were OVAC champions or runnersup may send two senior standouts to participate in the game while all other Ohio-side schools get one spot each.

West Virginia teams who made it to the finals of the OVAC tournament send three players to the game, while remaining teams send a pair of players.

All players will play at least one inning in the field and the batting order will go top to bottom through the roster

instead of just the field players.

Ohio has been designated at the home team for the 2000 All-Star game.

There will be an awards ceremony beginning at 6 p.m. at Belle Isle, in order to honor the player of the year as chosen by the softball committee.

The selection process for the Kovalick Baseball Classic differs somewhat from the girls.

All schools that qualified for the playoffs will have two players on the team while the champion in each class will place three players on the team. All other schools will place one player on the team. Due to the small number of OVAC schools in West Virginia, teams which qualified for the playoffs will get to send one additional player to the All-Star Team.

All senior players who are picked for the All-Conference team are automatically eligible to play in the Ohio-West Virginia All-Star game.



ALL-STAR ROSTERS

SOFTBALL

Ohio Roster
 Beallsville - Amber Pyles, 1b
 Bellaire St. John's - Tiffany Moscato, cf;
 Jan Masters, 3b
 Conotton Valley - Rachel Smalley, c/of
 Shadyside - Chrissy Harris, cf
 Bridgeport - Angie Murad, c
 River - Sarah Langsdorf, p; Nicole January,
 if
 Fort Frye - Debbie Brothers, p
 Toronto - Meredith Romay, 2b
 Barnesville - Nicole Baker, p
 Caldwell - Allison Moore, 2b
 Monroe Central - Stephanie Friday, ss
 Wellsville - Melissa Kerr, c/ss
 Steubenville Central - Dina Bartomes, c
 Martins Ferry - Katie Mackey, c; Ashley
 Wensyl, of
 Indian Creek - Shannon Bell, 1b; Michelle
 Oblockovich, ss/3b
 Beaver Local - Erika Williams, 3b
 Meadowbrook - Karyl Rankin, 3b
 Bellaire - Alecia Tomlan, 2b
 St. Clairsville - Tiffany Saffell, p
 Buckeye Trail - Mindy Carpenter, ss
 Union Local - Melissa Dunfee, p
 Harrison Central - Stacie Stromski, cf
 Buckeye Local - Maranda Krause, p/c
 East Liverpool - Jennifer Todd, 2b/of
 Edison - Jessie Bandle, cf
 Cambridge - Misti Johnson, p
 Steubenville - Mika Zori, of/1b
Head Coach
 Barry Closser, Buckeye Local
Assistants
 Sam Jones, Buckeye Local
 Deb Street, Beallsville
 Mark Romick, River
 Jim DiCarlo, Indian Creek

West Virginia Roster

Weirton Madonna - Gina LaMantia, c; Katie
 Deter, 2b
 Linsly - Erin McGee, p; Amanda Pollard, c;
 Missy Smith, of
 Bishop Donahue - Amber Graebe, p/ss;
 Laura Jura, of
 Wheeling Central - Lori Thompson, c;
 Nichole Yahn, p; Sarah Sofka, 2b
 Magnolia - Julie Kocher, ss/2b; Jen
 Hohman, of
 Oak Glen - Stacie Murray, 1b; Lindsay
 Amos, of
 Tyler Consolidated - Heather Cumbledge,
 1b/2b; Tammy Steele, of/1b
 Wheeling Park - Angie Newland, p/3b;
 Jamie Holeczy, ss; Linda Reinauer, 1b
 John Marshall - Brandy Bungard, p/lf/of;
 Ann Hoffer, of; Gina Gorby, c
 Weir - Leah Brock, of/1b
 Brooke - Jackie Molinaro, ss; Katie Hull, 2b
Head Coach
 Tammy Higley, Wheeling Park
Assistants
 Lyle Higley, Wheeling Park
 Liz Hofreuter, Linsly
 Chris Conti, Weirton Madonna
 Ambrose Bober, Wheeling Central
 Rick Magruder, Wheeling Central
BASEBALL
George Kovalick Classic
West Virginia Roster
 Whg. Central - David LaFlam, Todd Flading
 Oak Glen - Mike Moninger, Dan Gallop
 Weirton Madonna - Vinca Tate
 Bishop Donahue - Tim Krupica
 Cameron - Chris Hartley
 Linsly - Dan Stephens, Ryan Saari
 Wheeling Park - David Van Camp
 Brooke - Matt Cross, Chad Haught

Magnolia - Steve Iams, Richey Pefferman
 Tyler Consolidated - Tim Richmond
 Hundred - Jason Cue
 Valley - Mike King
 Paden City - Joe Birkheimer, Reggie
 Sellers, Mike King
 John Marshall - Jarod Rine, Matt
 Matkovich

Ohio Roster

Zanesville - Tommy Barnett
 Wellsville - Jason McCaulley
 Harrison Central - BJ Kuhn
 Union Local - Robert Steadman
 St. Clairsville - Corey Shrievs
 Barnesville - Joey Gallagher, Jake Lucas
 River - Levi Marty
 Martins Ferry - Lucas Collette
 Caldwell - Brian Schehl
 Cambridge - Josh Snyder
 Staub. Central - Ryan Rankin, Jason
 Moralli
 Bridgeport - Josh Grover
 Indian Creek - Paul Yates
 Edison - Matt Garman, David Gorby, Matt
 Halligan
 Shadyside - Bob Emery, Matt Stottliemyer
 Bellaire - Frank Hibbitta, Chris Ofat
 Buckeye Local - George Laese, Larry
 Boroski
 Frontier - Rick Kroll, Glynn Goodwin
 Bellaire St John's - Rocky Swift, Josh
 Shutler, Eric Taylor
 Toronto - Jay Foster, Scott Stutler, Billy
 Kuhn
 East Liverpool - Scott Pease
 Beaver Local - Adam Fantone
 Monroe Central - Eric Dillon
 Beallsville - Rick Kinsey
 Meadowbrook - Jason Mitchell
 Steubenville - Rob Crowe, Chris Schloss