



Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Ohio's Steph Snyder of Edison runs to the base as West Virginia's Kristen Doyle of John Marshall receives the throw during the OVAC softball game.

Ohio Holds Off West Virginia

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For The Intelligencer

Monday afternoon's OVAC all-star softball game turned into nothing more than a pitching clinic for the Ohio squad, led by a pair of stellar all-state performers.

Ohio pitchers Stephanie Peddicord of Edison and Natalie Vinci of Martins

OVAC Ferry led the pitching parade, and Ohio grabbed an early

SOFTBALL 5-0 lead on its way to a 7-4 victory over West Virginia at the Chambers I-470 fields in Elm Grove.

Peddicord — who fanned seven without issuing a walk — began the game by striking out the side, then re-entered in the ninth to strikeout the side and gain the save.

Vinci pitched no-hit ball in the third and fourth, striking out three.

Meanwhile, Fort Frye's Kim Heldman fanned five of the six batters she faced to pick up the win.

Ohio held the Mountaineers hitless for seven innings before the designated visitors busted back into the contest.

Trailing 5-0, Linsly's Noelle Adams walked to lead off the eighth. John Marshall's Kristen Doyle singled off of Caldwell's Heather Sayre for West Virginia's first hit, and run, of the game.

Weir's Susan Goysovich reached on a Buckeye error before Cassie Greathouse loaded the bases with a bunt single.

Following an out, Doyle and Goysovich each scored on a wild pitch.

Kim Ayers of Brooke chased Greathouse home with a single, cutting the deficit to 5-4 with just one out.

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Tara Collins of Tyler Consolidated then singled sending Ayers to third.

However, on the very next pitch, Collins was called out for leaving the base early on a steal attempt. Kellie Niesslein of Weir then lined out to first to end the rally.

Ohio added a pair of insurance runs in the bottom of the inning on a run-scoring single by Fort Frye's Rhyan Close and a fielder's choice RBI from Shadyside's Jillian Johnson.

Peddicord — the OVAC Class AAAA player of the year for the regional finalist Wildcats — then set the Mountaineers down in order on strikes to end the contest.

"Stephanie Peddicord is just an absolute remarkable pitcher," said Ohio coach Jackie Marook of Steubenville Central.

"Along with being an excellent athlete, she is a very nice young woman who does her job and is very humble about it.

"We had planned before the game to start her and then bring her back in the ninth to showcase her a little. Overall, we played a great game, we just had a little trouble covering first base on a couple of bunts in the eighth."

West Virginia coach Charlie Howell of Magnolia was also in awe of the Buckeye hurlers.

"How often are you going to have to face a pitching staff like that?," Howell wondered. "We pitched solid also, and allowed some runs without the benefit of a lot of hits.

"This was a great experience for me and very well worth the trip. The kids had fun and played hard. This was just very, very nice."

Ohio finally broke a scoreless tie with three runs in the third on an RBI triple by the Crusaders' Tracey Straker and run-scoring fielder's choice from Central teammate Cristen Biggio and the Cadets' Close.

Vinci, the Class AAA player of the year, had a run-scoring single in the sixth while Bellaire's Heather Wright contributed another fielder's choice RBI to make it 5-0.

Overall, the Buckeyes scored four of their runs on fielder's choices.

Jenny Carroll of Beaver Local was the another player to enjoy a multi-hit game with a pair of singles.

Wheeling Park's Stacy Kunz fanned the side in the seventh while Jessica Armann started the contest for the Mountaineers, striking out four and taking the loss on the hill.

From Staff and wire reports

OVAC softball game today

With the losses of Edison and Steubenville Central in Ohio Regional action on Saturday, the season has officially come to a close for local teams and the annual OVAC All-Star softball game will be held today at 6 p.m. at the J.B. Chambers Complex in Elm Grove.

Magnolia's Charlie Howell will head coach the West Virginia team after leading his Blue Eagles' to their best season in some time. Howell will be assisted by Brooke's John Leary, Linsly's Liz Hofreuter-Landini, and Oak Glen's Lola Bender.

Howell will have the services of two of his own pitchers, Jessica Armann and Jessica Tyler.

The Crusaders' head coach Jackie Marook will man the bench for the Ohio Squad, and will be assisted by Edison's Spencer Bendle, Martins Ferry's Jess Cordery and Jerry Magistro of Bellaire St. John's.

The Ohio squad boasts some quality pitchers as well, with the likes of Stephanie Peddicord of Edison, Natali Vinci of Martins Ferry and Kim Heldman of Fort Frye., as well as ever dangerous bat of Union Local's Jenny Campbell.

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er's choice, while Shadyside's Jillian Johnson added a RBI.

Beaver Local's Jenny Carroll was the lone multi-hit performer in the game with two singles.

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West Virginia 000 000 040 -- 4 4 3
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BATTERIES: Armann, Lamantia (4), Kunz (7) and D'Aurora, Chapman (4), Greathouse (7), Peddicord, Vinci (3), Heldman (5), Sayre (7), Peddicord (9) and Rico, Crum (3), Rico (5), Moore (6), Ludwig (7), Moore (8), Ludwig (9).

OVAC ALL-STAR SOFTBALL ROSTERS

2002 OVAC All-Star Softball Game Rosters
at J.B. Chambers Complex, Elm Grove, 6 p.m., today)

WEST VIRGINIA		
School	Player	Pos.
Brooke	RaeAnn D'Aurora	C
Brooke	Kim Ayers	OF
Brooke	Ana Orsini	OF
Weir	Susan Goysovich	SS
Weir	Kellie Nieslein	3B
John Marshall	Kristen Doyle	1B
John Marshall	Tiffany Ritchie	3B
Wheeling Park	Cassie Greathouse	C
Wheeling Park	Stacy Kunz	P/OF
Oak Glen	Jade Eckleberry	OF
Oak Glen	Krista Evans	IF
Oak Glen	Allena Cox	OF
Magnolia	Jessica Armann	P
Magnolia	Jessica Tyler	P
Magnolia	Sarah Rodriguez	IF
Tyler Consolidated	Tara Collins	OF
Tyler Consolidated	Cori Schmidt	OF
Wheeling Central	Katie Grosso	OF
Wheeling Central	Amy Finneran	OF
Linsly	Noelle Adams	3B
Linsly	Katie Chapman	C
Linsly	Mariah Rohrig	1B
Weirton Madonna	Janna LaMania	P
Weirton Madonna	Sarah Setcavage	C/1B
Bishop Donahue	Latoya Bradley	OF
Bishop Donahue	Lexi Fazio	C/IF
Padan City	Miranda Sine	3B/SS
Head Coach	— Charlie Howell, Magnolia	
Assistant Coaches	— John Leary, Brooke, Lola Bender, Oak Glen, Liz Hofreuter-Landini, Linsly.	

OHIO		
School	Player	Pos.
Edison	Stephanie Peddicord	P
Edison	Dani Mohney	SS
Cambridge	Jayne Cline	OF
Buckeye Local	Nichole Moore	C
Beaver Local	Jenny Carroll	SS/1B
Steubenville	Pennie Thomas	OF
East Liverpool	Janna Justice	SS
Union Local	Jenny Campbell	CF
Martins Ferry	Crystal Bittinger	SS
Meadowbrook	Natalie Vinci	P
Bellaire	Rachel Yakubik	2B
Shenandoah	Heather Wright	1B
Harrison Central	Lori Bania	1B
Indian Creek	Lauren Ludwig	C
Barnesville	Lindsay Cowser	P
St. Clairsville	Nicole Crumbaker	3B
Steubenville Central	Tessa Vannest	P
Steubenville Central	Cristen Biggio	OF
Steubenville Central	Tammy Straker	OF
Fort Frye	Kim Heldman	P
Fort Frye	Rhyan Close	SS
River	Lea Baker	P
Shadyside	Nikki Fluharty	C
Monroe Central	Leighann Friday	OF
Frontier	Tabi Taylor	OF
Toronto	Sarah Johnston	OF
Caldwell	Heather Sayre	P
Wellsville	Sarah Wolfe	3B
Buckeye Trail	Katie Powell	CF
Bellaire St. John's	Retta Rico	C
Bellaire St. John's	Lauren Crecion	CF
Bealsville	Tiffany Crum	C
Bridgeport	Kelli Litman	OF
Head Coach	— Jackie Marook, Steubenville Central	
Assistant Coaches	— Jess Cordery, Martins Ferry; Spencer Bendle, Edison; Jerry Magistro, Bellaire St. John's.	

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Ohio captures OV

Ohio took a 5-0 lead and held on to earn a 7-4 victory over West Virginia in the annual OVAC Softball Classic Monday night at the I-470 Complex in Wheeling.

The Buckeyes got strong pitching from four pitchers.

Edison's Stephanie Peddicord started and pitched two innings with four strikeouts. The all-state performer came back in the ninth to strike out the side and earn the save.

Martins Ferry's Natalie Vinci followed Peddicord with a pair of scoreless innings of her own. The all-stater had three strikeouts in her two innings of work.

Fort Frye's Kim Heldman fanned five of the six batters she faced in recording the mound victory for the Buckeyes.

Caldwell's Heather Sayre was touched up for a four-run eighth inning but was able to get out of a jam to preserve a 5-4 Ohio lead.

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Tuesday, June 4, 2002

AC Softball game

Steubenville Central's Tracey Straker sparked a two-run third inning with a run-scoring triple. Her leadoff teammate Christen Biggio scored a run on a fielder's choice as did Fort Frye's Rhyann Rose.

Ohio pushed the lead to 5-0 thanks to a RBI from Vinci and a fielder's choice RBI from Blair's Heather Wright.

West Virginia mounted its comeback in the eighth inning.

John Marshall's Kristen Doyle plated Linsly's Noelle Adams with the first West Virginia run.

After the Mountaineers added two more runs on wild pitches, Kim Ayers of Brooke scored at Wheeling Park Cassie Greathouse to cut the lead to 5-4.

Ohio tacked on two more runs in the bottom of the inning. Close plated another run with a field-

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