

2003

### OVAC Soccer Championships

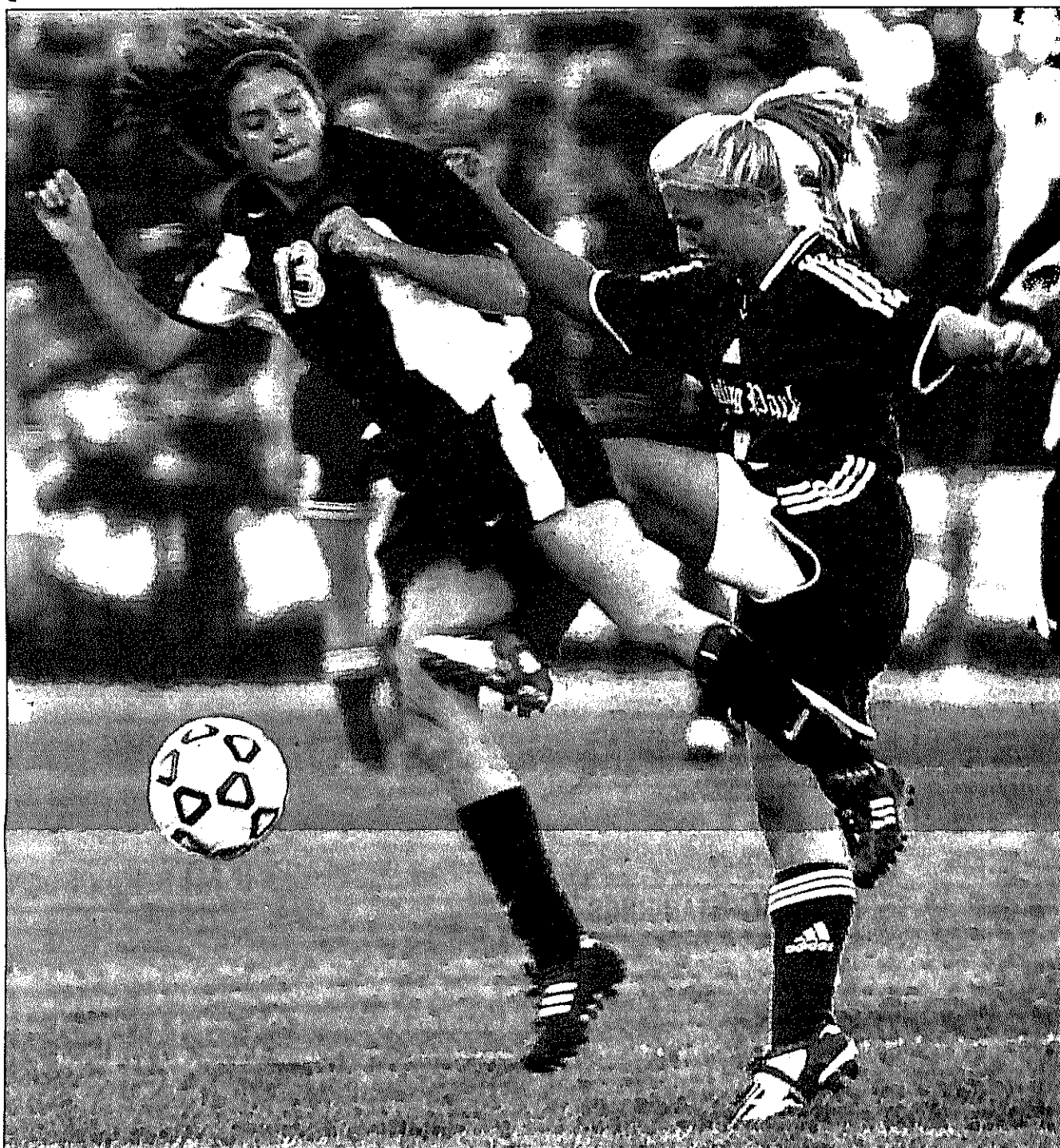


Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Wheeling Park's Arlene Wheeler, right, kicks for the ball as Linsly's Courtney Lowe leaps into the air during the OVAC Cup girls soccer match Monday at Wheeling Island Stadium. The Patriots gained a 1-0 victory.

# Park Edges Linsly

### Aderholt's goal all Patriots need in win

By DON CLEGG  
For The Intelligencer

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# Cadets Outlast Pats

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For 80 minutes, Wheeling Park was able to shut down one of the most lethal scorers in the Ohio Valley in Linsly's Stephen Reihner.

The Patriots hovered two defenders around Reihner any time the Linsly senior got near the ball, limiting him to one shot during regulation of the OVAC Cup boys final at Wheeling Island Stadium.

The two teams battled to a 2-2 tie after four quarters, but 30 seconds into the first overtime, Reihner got untracked.

He raced deep into the Patri-

ots' end, and dribbled in front of keeper Jordan Roth. Reihner hesitated twice, then fired a strike past the outstretched hands of Roth, giving the Cadets a 3-2 victory and their fourth straight OVAC Cup title.

"We contained him for almost the whole game, but good players make good plays," Wheeling Park Mario Julian said of Reihner. "The first two times we played (Linsly), we were man-up on him, but this time we made sure we put a stopper on him — and it worked for the most part."

Reihner rarely touched the ball at the Patriots' end during

regulation, and when he did, he was immediately swarmed by Park defenders.

"They doubled team him and did a real nice job," Linsly head coach Dave Coutts said. "It's what I would have done. But that kind of opened it up for some of our other players."

"I've said before that it's extremely hard to contain both Stephen and Jason (Adams), and Adams came through big for us tonight."

Early on, it didn't appear as if the Cadets were going to need Reihner's late-game heroics.

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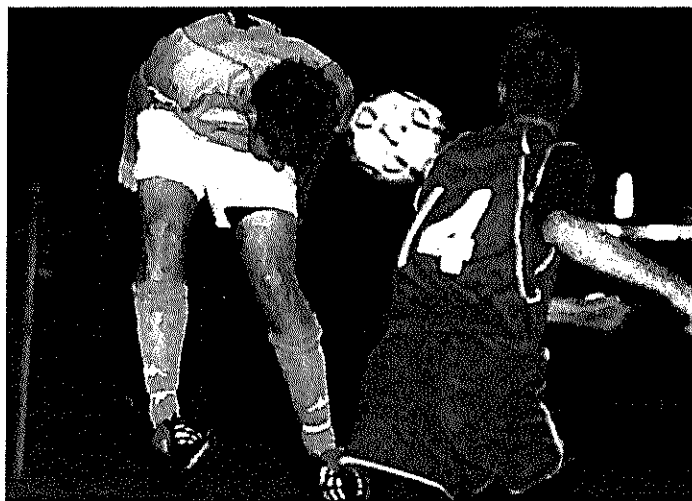


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Linsly's Jacob Hince heads the ball in front of Wheeling Park's Jimmy Schulte during their game Monday night.

## Park

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After a scoreless first quarter, Linsly got to shots past Roth in the second quarter to take a 2-0 lead into the half.

Preston Smith was the first to put Linsly on the scoreboard at 18:15 to go in the second.

A failed shot attempt was fielded by a Park defender who attempted to clear the ball. But Adams got in front of the apparent clear out, tapped a short pass to Smith who slipped the ball past Roth.

With 3:41 to go in the half, Adams was at it again.

Linsly found itself with a corner kick on the right side, and Adams perfectly placed the ball in front of the Patriots' goal, where Micah Crews leaped into the air and headed the ball home for the Cadets second

score.

"We were feeling pretty confident at the half, but we knew the game was far from over," Coutts explained. "Every time we play (Park) it's a real-close game."

"Last year's final was the exception to the rule, its almost always a one-goal game."

Park came out of the halftime locker room fired up and ready to make an aggressive comeback.

At the 18:15 mark of the third, Linsly goalkeeper Thomas Reihner came out the net to corral the ball, but Park's Nick Moray beat him to it, and fired the ball past Thomas Reihner for the Patriots' first score.

Four minutes later, Chad Evans drew the honors on a direct kick from the left half of the field, and arced his shot per-

fectly into the top-right corner of the net, well out of reach of any save attempt.

That goal knotted the score at two, and gave the Patriots new life.

"What makes a good team is senior leadership, and our seniors, all of them, really stepped up tonight. "At halftime we talked about hard work and what it takes to be successful."

"We have five keys to the game on the board, but the most important one was to have fun."

"I think up until that final shot, they were having fun."

### Game Notes

This is the eighth time in 13 years that Linsly and Wheeling Park have met in the OVAC Cup Finals ... Linsly now has seven OVAC Cup championships, and Wheeling Park has four.

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## FOR THE TIMES LEADER

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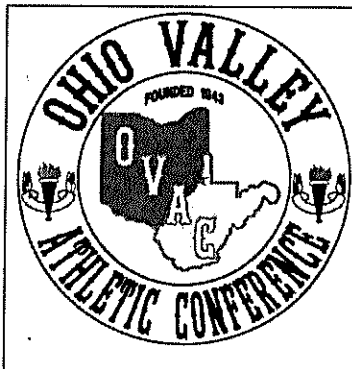
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# Reihner, Adams Spark Cadets

Wheeling Park will face Linsly in both OVAC Cup finals

By MIKE HUGHES  
Staff Writer

It took Linsly just over 11 minutes to draw first blood in its OVAC Cup semifinal matchup with Weir.

But once the bleeding started, the Red Riders were unable to stop it and Linsly rolled on to an 8-1 victory at the Brooke High soccer complex in Wellsburg.

With the win, Coach Dave Coutts' Cadets (13-4-2) earned the right to defend their tournament title against Wheeling Park, which blanked Brooke, 3-0, in Saturday's other semifinal.

The OVAC Cup championship game will kick off at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

It might have taken Linsly half the first quarter to score the first one, but by the end of the initial 20-minute period, the Cadets had already mounted a four-goal lead.

"Weir came out and played on the defensive, so I wasn't surprised we were able to score early," Coutts explained.

"But I also wouldn't have been surprised if the score was 0-0 after one because of that."

Stephen Reihner had two chances in the opening minutes of the game, but a header bounced harmlessly off the ground into the hands of keeper Matt Lamp and Reihner's second attempt clanged off the left post.

Reihner made good on the third attempt however, as Jason Adams' cross from the right portion of the box found an open Reihner, who fired it past a diving Lamp to put Linsly up 1-0 with 8:56 showing.

It took Linsly just 53 seconds to strike again.

Reihner attempted to penetrate the Weir defense, but was tripped up inside the box, setting up Adams on the penalty kick.

Lamp dropped to his knees to thwart the shot attempt, but guessed wrong as Adams went right to make the score 2-0.

Reihner struck two more times before the end of the first, giving Linsly the commanding four-goal lead.

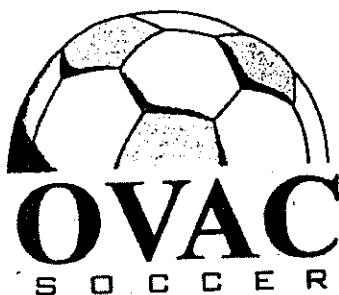
"We were hoping to jump out on them early," Coutts explained. "The last couple times we have played them in the (OVAC Cup semifinals), they played really hard and kept it close."

"Weir is a dangerous team, and we wanted to put a couple in on them early."

In the first half alone, Reihner tallied a hat trick and an assist while Adams had one goal and four assists.

It's a combination that has tormented opposing players all season, and a combination Coutts is glad he put together.

"Stephen makes everyone around him better, and especially with him and Jason up front," Coutts said. "About the fifth game of the season we moved Jason from midfield to forward and it has been a great combination."



"Jason was open to the idea, we just wanted to make sure we had someone to step in at midfield. Preston Smith and Gene Thompson have done excellent jobs."

Linsly wasn't done quite yet, as both Thompson and Smith found the back of the net in the second quarter, giving Linsly the 6-0 halftime advantage.

"They jumped out on us early, and the penalty kick didn't help any either," Weir head coach Joe Pepe said.

"Linsly has a really good team."

"But our kids played hard and never quit. It's not in them to quit."

Linsly led 7-0 in the third quarter before Weir finally got on the board.

A Red Riders' shot was blocked by keeper Thomas Reihner, and a Linsly defender attempted to clear the ball from the traffic jam around the Cadets' net.

But before leaving the box, that kick found the face of an unsuspecting Bobby Littleton.

The ball bounced off the front of Littleton's brow and into the Linsly net for one of the most painful goals imaginable.

Matt Jividen scored Linsly's final goal — his second of the game — on an assist from Charles Anti with 8:07 showing in the third.

#### Wheeling Park 3, Brooke 0

It was the Regan and Evans Show once again for Wheeling Park, as Kyle Regan scored two goals and Chad Evans added another as the Patriots advanced to the championship game by blanking Brooke.

Patriots' keeper Jordan Roth made only two saves in net, but that's all the senior needed to preserve the shutout.

Sean Horan and Kyle Ackermann each tallied assists for Park.

Bruins' goalkeeper Jose Fuentes had 12 saves.

#### GIRLS

##### Wheeling Park 5, Weir 0

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Patriots (11-2-2) struggled to solve Red Rider net-minder Stephanie Foster at the start but pulled away in the second half.

Arlene Wheeler broke up a scoreless tie just three minutes before the end of the first half and Lauren Smith banged home two more scores in the third period as the defending champs put the game out of reach.

Brooke Basilone and Jenny Aderholt added insurance tallies in the fourth quarter.

Smith finished with two goals

and an assist while Basilone had an assist to go with her goal.

Keeper Jillian Wright saved the only shot Weir put on net to earn the shutout.

Foster played well in a losing cause, posting a staggering 16 saves while weathering a 33-shot barrage.

#### Linsly 2, John Marshall 1

Linsly and John Marshall played to a one-all tie after regulation and overtime, but the Cadets pulled it out in the shootout, 3-2.

Katie Blosser had the Cadets' lone goal of regulation on an assist from Rachel Walters. Ashley Neal made 10 stops in net for Linsly, and came up with the critical saves in the shootout.

Ashley Baker had an unassisted goal during regulation for the Monarchs, and Amber Aiken made six saves in net.

Much like the boys OVAC Cup finals, the Cadets' shootout victory places them opposite Wheeling Park in the OVAC Cup girls' finals. That game will be played on Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium.

#### OVAC Cup Semifinals

**BOYS**  
**Linsly 8, Weir 1**  
L — Goals: S. Reihner 3, Jividen 2, Adams, Smith, Thompson. Assists: Adams 4, S. Reihner, Turak, Anti. Goalkeeper: T. Reihner (4 saves).  
W — Goal: Littleton. Goalkeeper: Lamp (8 saves), Gryskovich (3 saves).  
**Wheeling Park 3, Brooke 0**  
W — Goals: Regan 2, Evans. Assists: Ackerman, Horan. Goalkeeper: Roth (2 saves). B — Goalkeeper: Fuentes (12 saves).

**GIRLS**  
**Wheeling Park 5, Weir 0**  
WP — Goals: Smith 2, Basilone, Wheeler, J. Aderholt. Assists: Smith, Basilone, C. Aderholt, Hutchins, Forzano. Keeper: Wright (1 save).  
W — Keeper: Foster (16 saves).

**Linsly 2, John Marshall 1**  
L — Goal: Blosser. Assist: Walters. Goalkeeper: Neal (10 saves). J — Goal: Baker. Goalkeeper: Aiken (6 saves).

#### Regular Season

##### Steub. Central 6

##### Oak Glen 0

At Steubenville, Brian Yasho banged home a pair of goals while Tom Hoover and Bill Herrmann combined for a shutout as the host Crusaders (8-2-5) cruised past the Golden Bears (3-8-3).

John Fischer and Bojan Sapurik backed Yasho with a goal and assist each while John DuBois and Eric Joyce also found the net.

John Koehnlein had two assists for the winners.

Hoover and Herrman split seven saves to earn the shutout in net.

##### Wheeling Central 1, St. Clairsville 1

At Wheeling, St. Clairsville's Ryan Turner sent a corner kick toward the net with six minutes to play and Aaron Hunt headed the ball in as the Red Devils tied Wheeling Central.

Central scored early when Adam Grubler found an open John Cornforth for the Maroon Knights' (2-10-1) lone goal.

**Wheeling Central 1, St. Clairsville 1**  
W — Goal: John Cornforth. Assist: Adam Grubler. Goalkeeper: Steven Pryzbyz (12 saves).  
S — Goal: Aaron Hunt. Assist: Ryan Turner. Goalkeeper: Scott Neunschwander (5 saves).

**BOYS**  
**Steub. Central 6, Oak Glen 0**  
SCC — Goals: Yasho 2, Fischer, DuBois, Joyce, Bojan Sapurik. Assists: John Koehnlein 2, Fischer, Sapurik, D'Ortenzio, Hoover. Keeper: Hoover, Herrmann (7 saves).  
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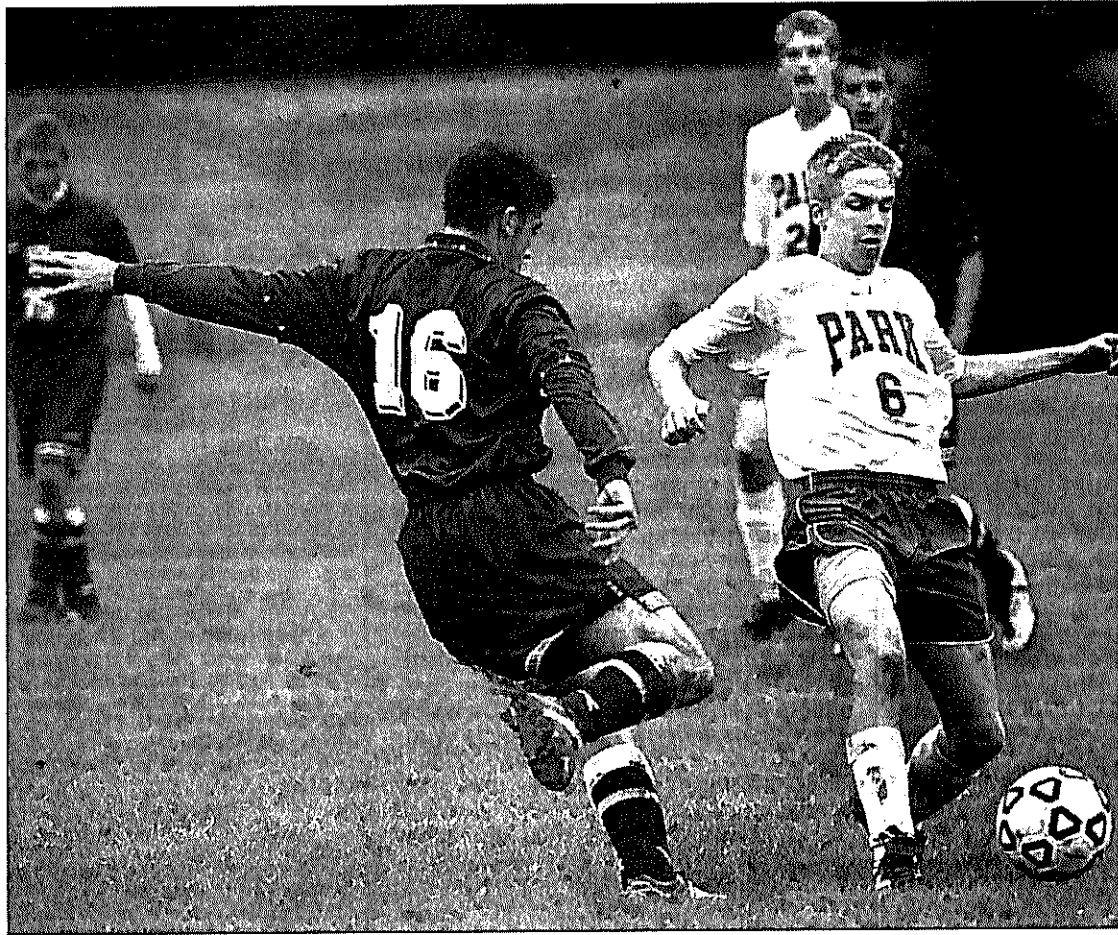


Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Wheeling Park midfielder Justin Clark (6) tries to maneuver around Brooke's Ryan Santangelo (16) during OVAC Cup boys semifinal action Saturday at Wellsburg. Wheeling Park advanced to Monday's championship game with a 3-0 victory over Brooke.

# Cadet Boys, Park Girls Seek OVAC Repeats

OVAC Cup tournament kicks off Monday at Brooke High School

Linsly's boys and Wheeling Park's girls will be looking to defend their respective titles when the OVAC Cup soccer tournament kicks off this week.

Action gets under way Monday with the girls' upper bracket semifinals at the Brooke High soccer complex.

Coach Russ Hutchins' Patriots, who swept all five games in winning another OVAC First Division championship, will take on Third Division champion Weirton Madonna while Weir and East Liverpool square off in the other game.

Both contests kick off at 5 p.m.

Lower bracket action is set for Tuesday at 5 p.m. when Second Division champ John Marshall - which tied Wheeling Park in a non-division tilt - locks horns with the host Bruins. Linsly and Wheeling Central vie in the other game.

Girls semifinal action is set for Saturday with the upper bracket game at 11 a.m. and the lower bracket final set for a 1 p.m. start.

The OVAC Cup girls' championship kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6 at Wheeling Island Stadium.

All four of the boys' OVAC Cup quarterfinals will be played Wednesday.

The lower bracket games get things going at 3 p.m. with First Division runnerup Wheeling Park and Second Division runnerup Beaver Local locking horns.

The other 3 p.m. game features Second Division champ St. Clairsville challenging Brooke.

Linsly heads the upper bracket pairings with a 5 p.m. tilt against Third Division champ Steubenville Central. Weir and Steubenville meet in the other 5 p.m. game.

The boys' semifinals are set for Saturday, running concurrently with the girls' semis.

The lower bracket game kicks off at 11 a.m. followed at 1 p.m. by the upper bracket game.

The boys' OVAC Cup cham-

pionship game will follow the girls' game at Wheeling Island Stadium on Oct. 6.

### OVAC CUP SCHEDULE

#### GIRLS

(at Brooke High School)

Monday, Sept. 29

Upper Bracket

Wheeling Park vs. Weirton Madonna, 5 p.m.

Weir vs. East Liverpool, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Lower Bracket

Brooke vs. John Marshall, 5 p.m.

Linsly vs. Wheeling Central, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Upper Bracket final, 11 a.m.

Lower Bracket final, 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 6  
(at Wheeling Island Stadium)  
Championship game, 5:30 p.m.

#### BOYS

(at Brooke High School)

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Upper Bracket

Linsly vs. Staub. Central, 5 p.m.

Weir vs. Steubenville, 5 p.m.

Lower Bracket

Brooke vs. St. Clairsville, 3 p.m.

Wheeling Park vs. Beaver Local, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Upper Bracket final, 1 p.m.

Lower Bracket final, 11 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 6

(at Wheeling Island Stadium)  
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### FINAL STANDINGS

#### BOYS

##### Division I

	W	L	T	Pts
Linsly	4	0	0	12
Wheeling Park	3	1	0	9
Brooke	2	2	0	6
Weir	1	3	0	3
Steubenville	0	4	0	0

##### Division II

*St. Clairsville	3	1	0	9
Beaver Local	3	1	0	9
Magnolia	2	2	0	6
Edison	1	3	0	3
Oak Glen	0	3	0	0

##### Division III

Staub. Central	3	0	2	11
Indian Creek	3	1	1	10
East Liverpool	3	1	1	10
Cambridge	2	3	0	6
Wheeling Central	1	4	0	3
John Marshall	0	3	2	2

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Weir	2	2	1	7
East Liverpool	1	4	0	3
St. Clairsville	0	5	0	0

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Beaver Local	2	2	1	7
Edison	2	2	1	7
Indian Creek	1	4	0	3
Staub. Central	0	5	0	0

##### Division III

Weirton Madonna	4	0	1	13
Steubenville	3	0	2	11
Cambridge	3	1	1	10
Magnolia	2	3	0	6
Oak Glen	1	4	0	3
Mount de Chantal	0	5	0	0

\*-won tiebreaker (head-to-head)