

# St. Clairsville Claims OVAC Title

Beaver Local downs Steubenville for AAAA crown; Seminoles oust Warriors in AA

By RICK DeLUCA

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## CLASS AAA Championship

St. Clairsville d. Harrison Central  
17-25, 25-6, 25-22

S — Piccolini 3 aces, 14 kls, block, 18 assists, 10 dgs; A. Pokas 5 kls, 19 dgs; O. Pokas 4 aces, 12 kls, 14 blks, 7 dgs; Hurr ace, 7 kls, block, 10 dgs; Skatula kill, block, dig; Garbush ace, kill, 3 blks, dig; Oatlander 8 dgs; Kalia kill, 4 dgs; H — Kelley 2 pts, 8 assists; Ka. Telfer 7 pts, 2 assists; Bethel 5 pts, 5 kls, 3 blks, assist; Wilden 3 pts, 4 kls, dig; Lewis 3 pts, 6 kls, 5 blks; Coconougher 5 pts, 8 kls, 7 blks, assist, 2 dgs; Ke. Telfer kill, block, dig; Brandon 3 kls, 2 blks; Everhart assist, 5 dgs; Thompson kill; Slutz dig.

## Semifinals

St. Clairsville d. Magnolia  
25-9, 25-14

S — Piccolini ace, 6 kls, 5 blks, 7 assists, 4 dgs; O. Pokas 6 kls, 5 blks, 3 assists, 6 dgs; Hurr 3 kls, block, 4 assists, 2 dgs; M — Bell 5 pts, 6 kls, block, 7 dgs; Ludwig 4 pts, 2 kls, 3 dgs; Shepherd 4 pts, kill, 2 blks, 8 dgs.

Harrison Central d. Indian Creek  
25-18, 21-25, 25-12

H — Kelley 12 pts, ace, 2 assists, 2 dgs; Ka. Telfer 10 pts, kill, 2 dgs; Bethel 10 pts, 9 kls, 14 blks, dig; I — Pieniazek 11 pts, 6 kls, 10 dgs; Clancy 4 pts, 12 kls, 21 dgs; Williamson 4 pts, 16 assists.

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23-25, 25-17, 25-22

B — Jackson 14 kls, 2 blks; Hall 11 pts, 4 kls, 15 dgs; Williams 10 pts, 16 assists; Yoho 4 pts, 3 aces, 4 kls, 3 blks, 4 dgs; S — n/a.

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Beaver Local d. Weir 25-16, 25-17

B — Yoho 4 kls, 5 blks; W — Noble 6 pts, ace, 2 dgs; Fritte 2 pts, ace, 2 kls; Cowden 2 pts, ace, 6 kls.

Steubenville d. John Marshall  
25-15, 9-25, 25-16

S — Brandt 3 pts, ace, 8 kls, block; Gomez 12 pts, 2 aces, 6 kls; M. Kalinowski 5 pts, 4 aces, 7 kls; Kirkland 10 pts, 30 sets; J — Talkington 7 kls, 7 blks; Hays 3 pts, 6 kls, 2 blks; White 9 pts, 2 aces; Cunningham 3 pts, 3 aces.

## CLASS AA

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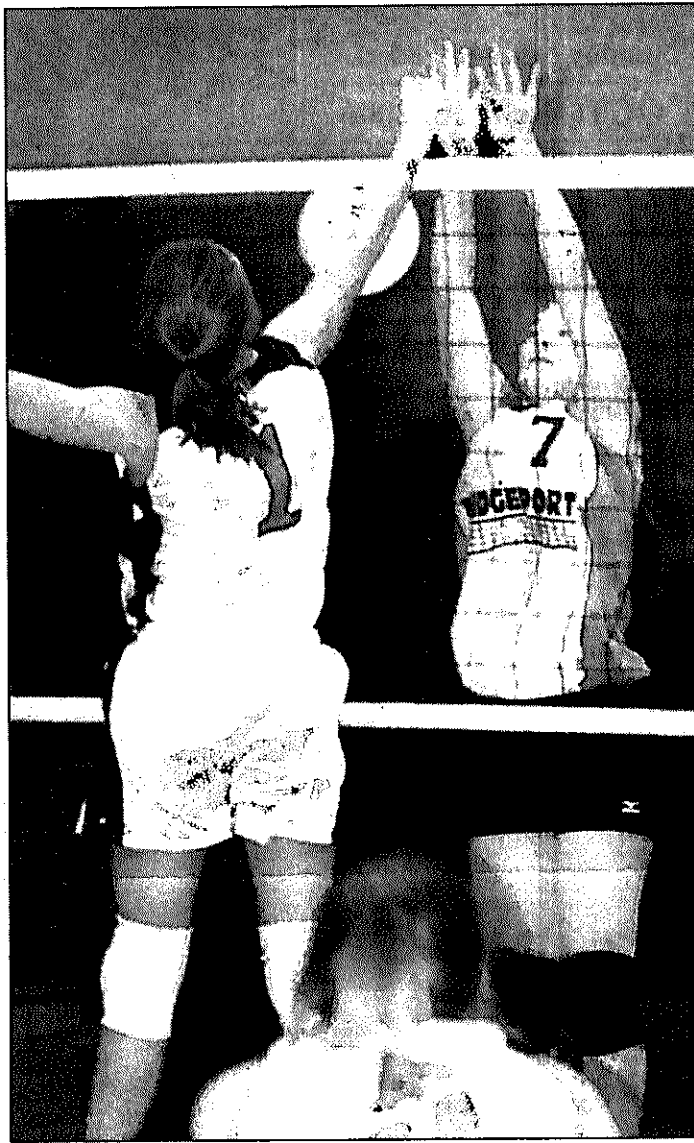


Photo by Mike Harvilla

Bridgeport's Amber Davis, right, goes up for the block as Linsly's Sara Mueller attempts the spike during their match Saturday at the OVAC Volleyball Tournament in Morristown. The Class A results were not submitted at press time.

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## CLASS AA Championship

Monroe Central d. Buckeye Trail  
25-17, 18-25, 25-18

M — Ramage 13 pts, 3 aces, 3 kls, 2 blks, 10 dgs; Parden 10 pts, 3 kls, block, 2 assists, 2 dgs; Davis 5 pts, 6 kls, block, 2 assists, 7 dgs; Kilburn 4 pts, ace, 21 dgs; Guiler 2 pts, 5 kls, 4 blks, 14 assists, 7 dgs; Jorris 2 pts, 12 kls, 4 blks, 10 assists, 3 dgs; Lafferre 2 kls, block; B — Kittle 7 pts, 3 aces, 12 kls, 6 blks, 9 dgs; Zink 8 pts, 3 aces, 11 kls, 4 blks, 7 dgs; Alt 3 pts, 30 assists, 10 dgs; Roe 7 pts, 16 dgs.

## Semifinals

Buckeye Trail d. Caldwell  
26-24, 25-23

B — Roe 8 pts, 2 aces; Alt 6 pts, 25 assists, 7 dgs; Zink 5 pts, 7 kls, 5 blks; C — Craycraft 10 pts, block, 4 dgs; Jordan 5 pts, 2 dgs; Mugrage 3 kls, 3 blks, 14 assists.

Monroe Central d. Barnesville  
25-18, 25-10

M — Guiler 10 pts, 6 kls, 2 blks, 13 assists, 2 dgs; Jorris 7 pts, ace, 12 kls, 3 blks, 9 assists, dig; Parden 6 pts, ace, assist, 14 dgs; B — Anderson 2 pts, kill, 3 dgs; Keylor point, 3 kls, 3 blks, 9 dgs.



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**BEALLSVILLE'S** Chasidy Burkhart sets up a return during Saturday's OVAC 1-A Championship match against Bridgeport at Union Local High. Beallsville claimed the OVAC 1-A title.

## Lady Blue Devils sweep their way to OVAC 1-A title

By RICK DeLUCA  
Times Leader Sports Writer

It wasn't easy for Coach Patrick Wells and his Beallsville netters, but they will take it just the same.

Extended to the limit by a hustling Bridgeport Lady Bulldog club, the Lady Devils captured the the OVAC Class 1-A championship with an exciting straight set win at Union Local High School in Morristown Saturday night.

Down by 17-13 in the first set, Beallsville rallied to register a 25-19 win, then erased an early deadlock and held off a late Bridgeport push to take the second set, 25-17.

Beallsville returned to the top of the OVAC Class 1-A for the first time since taking the title in 2002. Wells' Lady Devils ended the day at 20-2. Bridgeport finished the day at 15-7.

"We thought we were going to play Bridgeport," Wells said after the win. "The girls were hoping to play Linsly. I know that Bridgeport can explode at any time because they are so solid."

"We didn't want our girls to get down," he added. "In that first set we got down 17-12 and came back. I told them they have to stay up for 25 points. When it hits 25, then they can celebrate."

"Bridgeport hung in there the whole time," he added. "They never give up, even when they were only a couple of points from a loss, they never gave up. I told the girls they weren't going to roll over and die and that they had to stay up the entire game."

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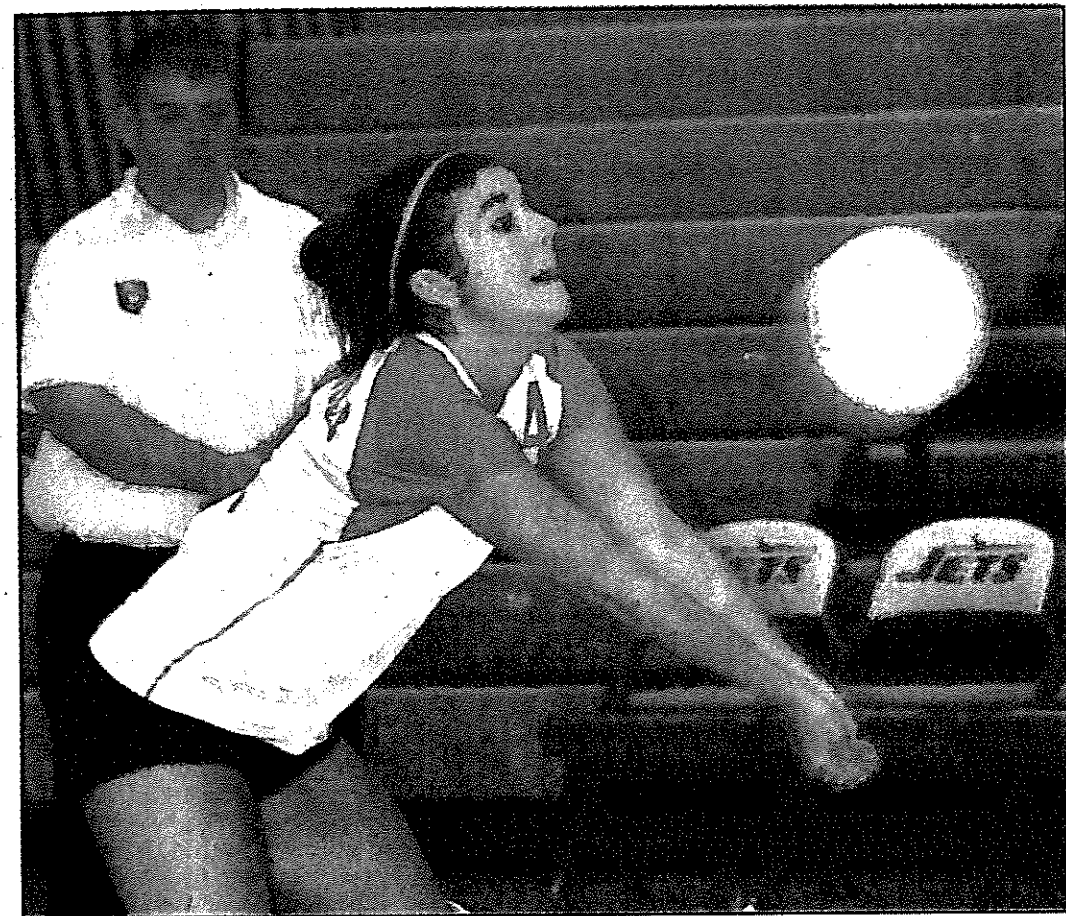
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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Allie Kalls returns a shot during Saturday's OVAC Volleyball Championship Match Saturday afternoon at Union Local High School.

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Also for St. C, Sarah Hurr, another veteran performer finished with one ace, seven kills and 10 digs. Alison Garbash had one ace, one kill and three blocks, Sarah Ostrander had six digs and Allie Kalls had four digs and one kill.

Harrison Central was led by Chelsea Coconougher with five points, eight kills, seven blocks and two digs, Krystal Lewis had three points, six kills and five blocks, Kallie Telfer had seven points and two assists, Shannon Kelley added two points and eight assists.

Danielle Bethel contributed five points, five kills and three blocks for the Lady Huskies, Kristinia Brandon had three kills and two blocks and Gena Everhart had five digs.

In the semi-final matches, St. Clairsville advanced with a two set win over Magnolia topping the fourth-seeded Lady Blue Eagles, 25-9, 25-14. Harrison Central moved on after eliminating second-seeded Indian Creek in a 25-18, 21-25, 25-12 slugfest.

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In the finals, Beallsville was paced by Latara Aarnold with 12 points, one ace, one kill, 24 assists and seven digs. Savannah Burke had one point, 14 kills and one block. Brittany Burkhart closed with nine points, two aces, five kills and three digs. Amanda Fraley had five points, seven kills, Kristin Lollathin had six points, two aces, seven kills and two digs and Keri Thomas finished with seven kills, one block and four digs.

Bridgeport received a strong effort from Kayla Mokros who finished with six kills and four blocks, Sara Wamsley with four kills, one block and five assists and Amber Davis with six points.

Beallsville got into the finals with another in straight sets besting Paden City 25-13, 25-16 in the semi-finals.

In the semis, Arnold added four points, 16 assists and one kill, Burke had three points, seven kills and five blocks and Burkhart had six points, three aces. Fraley finished with eight points, three kills and two blocks, Lollathin had three points and five assists and Thomas had four points, seven kills and three blocks.

Sarah Pryor led Paden City with two points and 16 assists, Brittany King added four kills and three blocks and Erica Burkhart had seven kills and three blocks.

In Bridgeport's semi-final win, the Lady Bulldogs topped Linsly in two sets, 25-21 and 27-25.

Mokros led Bridgeport with seven points, one ace, 14 kills, three blocks and seven assists. Davis had 10 points, three aces, for kills and seven digs. Wamsley finished with two points, five kills, three blocks and 10 assists and Morgan Belles had seven points with five aces.

Linsly was led by Summer Flowers with seven points and four points each from Jessica Brown, Richelle Deguzman, Sara Mueller and Cara Vellenworth.

## Beavers trap 4-A crown

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Beaver moved into the finals with a win over Weir that featured Lilee Zimmerman's nine points, two aces, four kills, and two blocks, Mallory Yeiko's four kills and five blocks and Santana Williams 11 points, five aces and 14 assists.

Steubenville's semi-final win was led by Aleasha Brandt with three points, one ace and eight kills, Sam Dixon with two points and four kills, Celina Gomez with 12 point, two aces and five kills. Kristen Kalinowski had six points, one ace and 35 digs, Michelle Kalinowski had five points, four aces and seven kills. Laura Kirkland had 10 points and 30 digs.

John Marshall's effort was led by Carrie Talkington with seven kills and seven blocks, Jessica Hays with three points, five kills and two blocks, Nikole Richmond with four points and two kills. Leighanna Cunningham had three points and three aces, Amber Folda added five points with one ace and Brittany White had nine points and two aces.

Weir High was led by Tia Noble with seven points, one ace and two digs, Liz Cowden had two points, one ace and six kills and Chelsey Pritts with two points, one ace and two kills.

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Taylor Jorris led the winners with 12 kills, four blocks, 10 assists and three digs while Morgen Ramage added 13 points, three aces, three kills two blocks and 10 digs. Aleisha Guiler had two points with five kills, four blocks, 14 assists and seven digs.

Also for the winners, Samantha Kilburn had four points and 21 digs, Rebecca Parden added 10 points, three kills and one block and Karlie Davis had five points, six kills, seven digs and one block. Kelsey Lafferre had two kills and one block.

Trail was paced by Amy Kittle with seven points, three aces, 12 kills, six blocks and nine digs. Lauren Zink had eight points, three aces, 11 kills, for blocks and seven digs. Traci Alt had 30 assists and 10 digs and Shayla Roe had seven points 16 digs.

In the semi-finals, Monroe Central topped Barnesville on 25-16, 15-10, while Trail stopped Caldwell in two sets, 26-24, 25-23.

Monroe was led by Jorris with seven points, 12 kills and three blocks, Ramage with five points and three kills, Parden with six points and four digs, Kilburn had 14 digs and Guiler was a leader with 10 points, six kills, 13 assists and two digs.

Allie Doan led Barnesville with three kills, two blocks and five digs, Chelsey Keylor with three kills and three blocks.

Kittle led Trail in the semis with nine kills and four blocks, Zink had five points, seven kills and five blocks, Alt had six points and 25 assists and Alicia Cunningham had five points.

Caldwell received 10 points from Craycraft, three kills and three blocks from Mugrage and four kills and two blocks from Starr.

Monroe Central improved to 17-4, Trail is now 17-5, Caldwell is 11-10 and Barnesville is 11-9.

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"That second game really picked them up and in that third game we started playing tentatively there. During the timeout, we told them they had to play aggressively and that's exactly what they did."

"I think it was hard this year because we were the top-seed all year long. In the past, we came in a lower seed or we would fluctuate at the top. It was harder this year trying to keep the girls from coming in overconfident."

"We came to play," Lady Huskie coach Zoller said after the tough loss to St. C. "But that's what we've been working for all season is to play this time of the year. I think they brought their game and we've been waiting for that."

"Of course, that's how we've been all season," Zoller added. "One game we're up and one game we're down. That's how it was today, we were up one game and seemed to let down one game. It's very frustrating to us. I think that if we can stay up all game, we are a different kind of team."

St. Clairsville was paced by senior standout Amanda Piccolini with three aces, 14 kills, one block, 18 assists and 10 digs. Freshman Alex Pokas had five kills and 19 digs, Olivia Pokas

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Harrison Central surprised the second-seeded Lady Redskins in the semis with Shannon Kelley collecting 12 points and 11 assists. Telfer added 10 points and two assists, Bethel finished with 10 points, nine kills, 14 blocks and one dig. Wilden had six points, four kills and six digs, Krystal Lewis added five kills and two blocks, Coconougher added five points, seven kills, two blocks and six digs and Keila Telfer had three kills and two blocks.

Indian Creek's abrupt end to its OVAC title hopes didn't come without a strong effort from Caitlin Pieniazek with 11 points, six kills and 10 digs, Christina Furda with two points, one ace, one kill and 10 assists, Jaelyn Clancey with four points, 12 kills and 21 digs. Emily Tevis had six kills, Alexa Auteri had three points and 13 digs, Lizzy Williamson added four points and 16 assists, Haley Mays had four kills and Ashley DeMattio had three points and seven digs.

Magnolia was paced by Alycia Bell with five points, five kills and one block, Evann Ludewig with four points, two kills and three digs and Renee Shepherd with four points, one ace, one kill and two blocks. Tory Greene had two points, seven points and three digs while Dani Batton had five digs.



# Bump, Set, Spike

• OVAC Volleyball set for Saturday at Union Local

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If playoff time proves only one thing, it is that the regular season was not a waste of time.

All the hard work during the season paid off big time for 16 schools in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference. That's because 16 schools qualified teams for Saturday's annual OVAC Championship Playoffs at Union Local High School in Morristown.

Action gets under way bright and early at 9 a.m. at Union Local on Saturday with four schools from each of the four classes vying for a coveted OVAC championship.

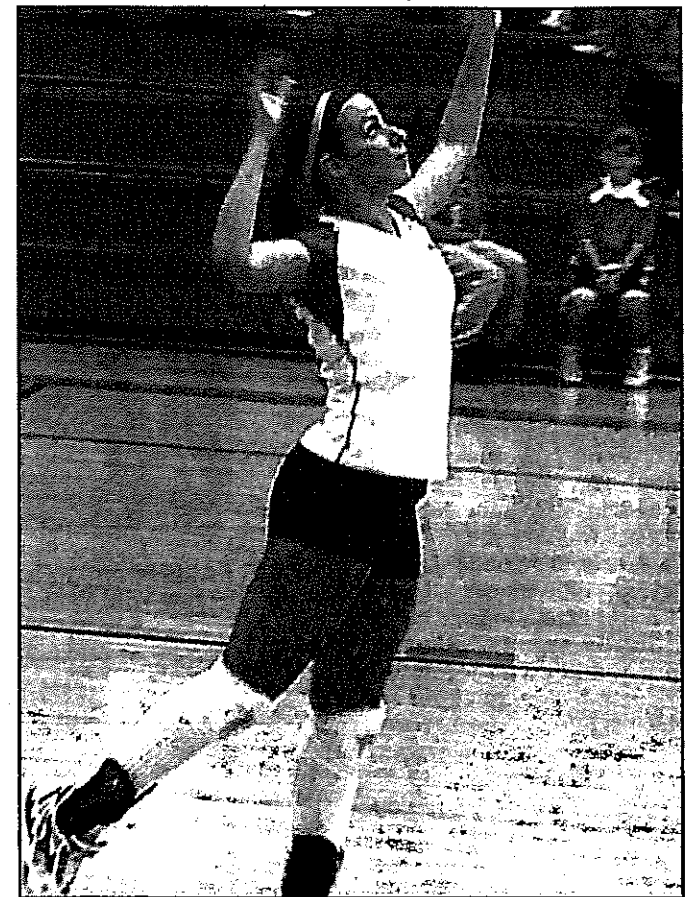
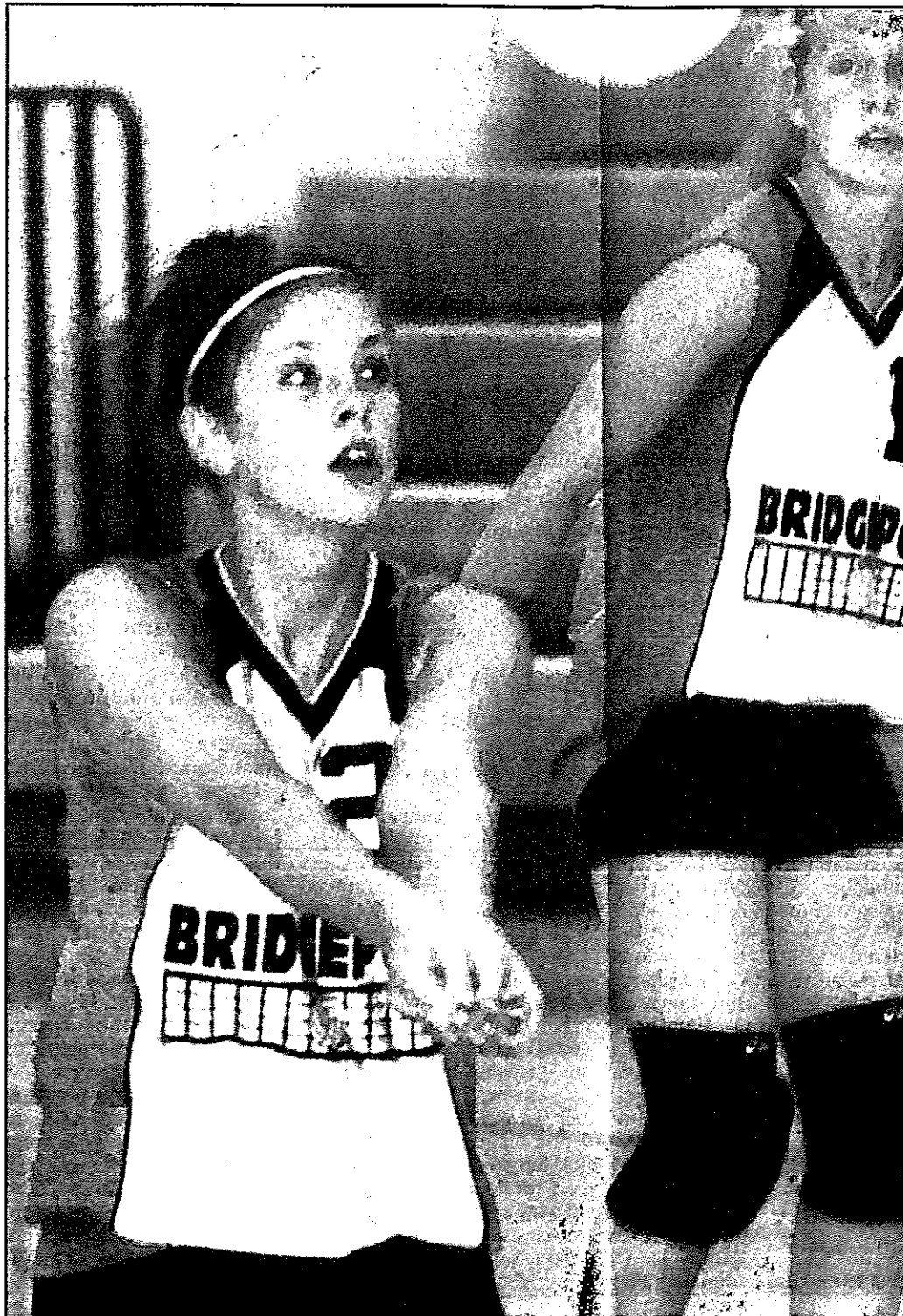
As in the past, the top seeds will open play by taking on the No. 4 seeds and the No. 2 and 3 seeds will square off in the semi-finals. Those winners will battle for the title.

With that format repeating itself four times during the day on Saturday, it makes for a lot of exciting, action-packed volleyball.

A few new faces will be among this year's teams and so will a few of the old stand-bys.

Play starts at 9 a.m. with the Class 2-A semifinals opening on two gyms.

Top-seeded and seven-time OVAC champion Buckeye Trail will battle fourth-seeded Caldwell in the main gym while second-seeded and defending 2-A champion Monroe Central takes on third-seeded Barnesville in Gym No. 2. Those two winners will play each other for the 2-A crown on the main gym floor immediately fol-



T-L Photo  
ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Amanda Piccolini serves during a match earlier this season. Piccolini and the Lady Red Devils are the top seed in Class 3-A.

## Past OVAC Champs

PAST OVAC VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS	
<b>2005</b>	<b>1992</b>
A - Paden City, Fred King	Ohio
AA - Monroe Central, Troy Baker	A - Edison North, Karen Lundquist
AAA - St. Clairsville, Rebecca Hays	AA - Steubenville Central, Sherril Stallone
AAAA - Steubenville, Suzanne Allen	AAA - Beakira, Maria Shipley
<b>2004</b>	West Virginia
A - Bridgeport, Bob Kramyak	A/AA - Linsly, David Malow
AA - Buckeye Trail, Jeff Beres	AAA/AAAA - Weir, Ken Lahr
AAA - St. Clairsville, Rebecca Hays	Ohio
AAAA - Edison, Lynn Meyer	Ohio
<b>2003</b>	A - Skyyue, Adrienne Burkhart
A - Frontier, Pat Galbreath	AA - Steubenville Central, Sherril Stallone
AA - Wellsville, Dan McKinstry	AAA - Beakira, Maria Shipley
AAA - St. C. Lisa Kazmirski and Sharon Pastor	West Virginia
AAAA - East Liverpool, Bob Shansky	A/AA - Linsly, David Malow
<b>2002</b>	AAA/AAAA - Magnolia, Pam Duncan
A - Beakira, Pat Marcum	<b>CUMULATIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>
AA - Wellsville, Dan McKinstry	Beakira, 1
AAA - Shenandoah, Colleen Kasper	2002

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High noon will bring on the Class 3-A semi-finals with top-seeded and three-time defending champion St. Clairsville across the nets from fourth-seeded Magnolia in the main gym. In Gym No. 2, Indian Creek, winner of an OVAC record five straight between 1997 and 2001, will take on third-seeded Harrison Central.

Big school combatants will face off at 3 p.m. with Class 4-A top-seeded Beaver Local taking on fourth-seeded Weir on the main court and second-seeded and defending champion Steubenville playing John Marshall on Court #2.

At 6 p.m., the fourth defending champion will be back on the court as the Class 1-A semi-finals round out the day's action. Top-seeded Beallsville will play defending champ and fourth-seeded Paden City on the main court. Second-seeded and 2004 champ Bridgeport will take on No. 3 seeded Linsly on Court #2.

Aside of the four defending champions and both Bridgeport and Buckeye Trail



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**BRIDGEPORT'S** Sara Wamsley returns a shot during a recent match at Union Local. Wamsley and the Lady Bulldogs are the second seed in the Class 1-A tournament.

who claimed titles in 2004, Beallsville and Beaver Local last won an OVAC crown in 2002. Indian Creek's last final win was in 2001. Linsly and Weir were crowned champions most recently in 1995, the first year that the OVAC combined the Ohio and West Virginia playoffs. Magnolia was a West Virginia-side champion in 1991.

John Marshall, Harrison Central, Barnesville and Caldwell will all be seeking their first OVAC titles under the current format. Steubenville will be defending its crown with a new coach. Suzanne Allen guided the Big Red last season, but stepped down after the season.

Too often regular season matchups between playoffs opponents are not a clear indi-

cation of the outcome. Then again, some matchups only materialize in the post-season.

In Class 2-A, semi-final combatants Buckeye Trail and Caldwell played once during the season with the Lady Warriors besting the Lady Redskins on September 14. The two teams were scheduled for a regular season matchup on Tuesday. Second-seeded Monroe Central faced off with semi-final opponent Barnesville twice during the regular season outpointing the Lady Shamrocks on August 31 and again on September 18.

In Class 3-A, St. Clairsville did not play its semi-final foe Magnolia during the season, but topped second-seeded Indian Creek twice. The Creek, on the other hand, twice beat Harrison Central in the regular season. The Lady

Huskies fell victim to their semi-final opponent on September 13 and October 2.

In the Class 4-A semi-finals, both matches will be the first meeting of the season for the four squads. Beaver will take on Weir and Steubenville will battle John Marshall for the first time this season.

In Class 1-A, top-seeded Beallsville prevailed over Paden City in their two meetings this season on September 11 and October 5.

Bridgeport and Linsly split their matches with the Lady Bulldogs winning over the Lady Cadets on September 21 and Linsly winning back on September 7.

With action starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, gates will open at 7:30 a.m.

- 2002  
A -- Beallsville, Pat Marcan  
AA -- Wellsville, Dan McKristy  
AAA -- Shenandoah, Colleen Kasper  
AAAA -- Beaver Local, Bob Theiss
- 2001  
A -- Weston Madonna, Dawn Hawthorne  
AA -- Buckeye Trail, Jeff Beros  
AAA -- Indian Creek, Erin DeSantis  
AAAA -- Edison, Lynn Meyer
- 2000  
A -- Cameron, Sam Bayza  
AA -- Wellsville, Dan McKristy  
AAA -- Indian Creek, Erin DeSantis  
AAAA -- Cambridge, Jodie Jones
- 1999  
A -- Cameron, Sam Bayza  
AA -- Shenandoah, Lynn Tomcho  
AAA -- Indian Creek, Erin DeSantis  
AAAA -- East Liverpool, Bob Shansky
- 1998  
A -- Conotton Valley, Tom Lynne  
AA -- Buckeye Trail, Jeff Beros  
AAA -- Indian Creek, Erin DeSantis  
AAAA -- East Liverpool, Bob Shansky
- 1997  
A -- St. John Central, Chuck Probst  
AA -- Shenandoah, Lynn Tomcho  
AAA -- Indian Creek, Erin DeSantis  
AAAA -- Oak Glen, Ethel Riser
- 1996  
A -- Conotton Valley, Michele Eckstein  
AA -- Buckeye Trail, Jeff Beros  
AAA -- Oak Glen, Ethel Riser  
AAAA -- Edison, Karen Lundquist
- 1995  
A -- Linsly, David Malow  
AA -- Buckeye Trail, Jeff Beros  
AAA -- St. Clairsville, Greg Buzzari and Jay Tazar  
AAAA -- Weir, Ken Lahr
- 1994  
Ohio  
A -- Frontier, Pat Galbraith  
AA -- Buckeye Trail, Jeff Beros  
AAA -- East Liverpool, Bob Shansky
- West Virginia  
A/AA -- Linsly, David Malow  
AAA/AAAA -- Weir, Ken Lahr
- 1993  
Ohio  
A -- Conotton Valley, Ronna Coventry  
AA -- Buckeye Trail, Jeff Beros  
AAA -- Belleaire, Maria Shipley  
West Virginia  
A/AA -- Paden City, Ed VanSoy  
AAA/AAAA -- Weir, Ken Lahr

- AAAAAAA -- Magnolia, Pam Duncan
- CUMULATIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS**
- Beallsville: 1  
2002  
Beaver Local: 1  
2002  
Belleaire: 3  
1991, 1992, 1993  
Bridgeport: 1  
2004  
Buckeye Trail: 7  
1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1991, 2004  
Cambridge: 1  
2000  
Cameron: 2  
1999, 2000  
Conotton Valley: 3  
1993, 1995, 1998  
East Liverpool: 4  
1994, 1998, 1999, 2003  
Edison: 3  
1996, 2001, 2004  
Edison North: 1  
1992  
Frontier: 2  
1994, 2003  
Indian Creek: 5  
1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001  
Linsly: 4  
1991, 1992, 1994, 1995  
Magnolia: 1  
1991  
Monroe Central: 1  
2005  
Oak Glen: 2  
1996, 1997  
Paden City: 2  
1993, 2005  
St. Clairsville: 4  
1995, 2003, 2004, 2005  
St. John Central: 1  
1997  
Shenandoah: 3  
1997, 1999, 2002  
Skyvue: 1  
1991  
Steubenville: 1  
2005  
Steubenville Central: 2  
1991, 1992  
Weir: 4  
1992, 1993, 1994, 1995  
Weston Madonna: 1  
2001  
Wellsville: 3  
2000, 2002, 2003

# OVAC Volleyball Tournament Capsules

**CLASS 1-A**  
**#1 Seed**  
**BEALLSVILLE\***  
Head coach -- Patrick Wells  
Assistant coaches -- Debbie Arnold  
2005 OVAC Record: 12-7  
2006 OVAC Record: 16-2  
Graduated players -- Julie Boyce, Jennifer Reisz, Carrie Tyo.  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Chassity Burkhardt, Brittany Burkhardt, Tabatha Clary, Shasta Fluharty.  
Juniors: Savannah Burke, Holly Tyo, Latara Arnold, Amanda Frakey, Rachel Beckett, Caitlin Brown.  
Sophomores: Mariah Marley, Kelly Ashland, Kristin Lalathin, Kern Thomas.  
Freshmen: Cheyenne Moore, Brooke Moore, Rebecca Garlick, Stephanie Kanzig, Alexis Kanzig, Tori Jarrett, Jami Spence, Morgan Roberts.

**#2 Seed**  
**BRIDGEPORT\***  
Head coach: Bob Krajnyak  
Assistant coaches: Kori Rosnick  
2005 OVAC Record: 10-10  
2006 OVAC Record: 12-5  
Graduated players: Alexis Doherty, Marissa Gerevics, Andrea Sindeldecke, Marissa Teasdale, Kristen Wamsley.  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Amber Davis, Kayla Mokros, Nicole Supanik, Sarah Baldwin.  
Juniors: Morgan Belles, Sara Wamsley.  
Sophomores: Molly Morris, Stephanie Bommer, Bethany Higgenbotham, Taylor Bamcard, Alison Klemmiller, Shawnta Massey, Kayla Smith.  
Freshmen: Ashley Armstrong, Gini Davis, Taylor Biedenbach, Jessica Palmer, Beverly Reed, Tessa Stanley.

**#3 Seed**  
**LINSLY\***  
Head coach -- Dr. David Malow  
Assistant coaches -- Karl Penz.  
2005 OVAC Record: 6-13  
2006 OVAC Record: 13-4  
Graduated players -- Natalia George, Shayna dambovich, Summer Flower, Kristina Kovalick.

**#2 Seed**  
**MONROE CENTRAL\***  
Head coach -- Troy Baker  
Assistant coaches -- John Kaiser, Marieta Kress, Lynsey Laffere.  
2005 OVAC Record: 15-4  
2006 OVAC Record: 13-4  
Graduated players -- Lynsey Laffere, Courtney Wilson, Kim Stalker, B. J. Smith, Casey Marshall.  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Kelsey Laffere, Stormy Van Meeren.  
Juniors: Taylor Joris, Lindsay Huntsman, Rebecca Pardon, Morgan Ramage, Jerrica Kinney, Carly Schwaben.  
Sophomores: Justina LaFollette, Aleisha Guiler, Carly Davis, Kim Lafferree, Stacey Schumacher, Meagan Schumacher, Brittany Dimmerling, April Hehr, Desiree Platt, Brittany Gardner, Natasha McCammon.  
Freshmen: Katie Parks, Sara Lucas, Christina Parden, Taylor Hansen, Luenda Lalathin, Kayla Ruble, Brittani Groves, Jami Majors, Brittani McKnight.

**#3 Seed**  
**BARNESVILLE\***  
Head coach -- NAW McEndree  
Assistant coaches -- Nicole Anderson, Karen Clouse, Kari Hunkler, Kara Menges.  
2005 OVAC Record: 13-7  
2006 OVAC Record: 10-7  
Graduated players -- Seniors: Emily Carpenter, Megan Pryor, Kessie Ralston, Kayla Ralston.  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Maliah Moore, Lauren Anderson, Bethany Wayble, Brooke Christman, Christa Neuhardt, Jennifer MacMillan, Chelsea Sampson.  
Juniors: Chelsey Keyler, Allie Doan, Megan Barker, Ashley McNight, Leah Beltinger, Erica Welch.  
Sophomores: Amanda Wahl, Kate Grimes, Kayla Truax, Allison Plumly, Katie Stephens, Jenna Carpenter, Jenna Miller, Haley Lucas, Samantha Jeffersons, Samantha Ackerman, Whitney Wallace.  
Freshmen: Brandi Bahmer, MacKenzie Touville, Mariah Menges, Chelsey Householder, Aubrey Moore, Victoria Pechesak, Rebecca Lowery, Jenna Lathan, Stephanie Morris, Cassie Stephen, Bethany

Clouse, Leanna Froehlich, Taylor Christman, Caitlyn Leach, Carly Star.

**CLASS 3-A**  
**#1 Seed**  
**ST. CLAIRSVILLE\***  
Head coach -- Rebecca Hays  
Assistant coaches -- Ami Smith, Bethany Piccolini, Kristen Wallace, Derine Garbush.  
2005 OVAC Record: 17-3  
2006 OVAC Record: 16-1  
Graduated players -- Missy Gossett, Jordan Myers, Katie Lee, Beth Schroeder.  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Amanda Piccolini, Allie Kabis, Sarah Hurr, Sarah Ostrander, Kaylee Davenport.  
Juniors: Olivia Pokas, Stephanie Skatula, Brittani Zelinski, Kytie Bober, Alison Garbush, Taylor Mick, Jessica Zuzak.  
Sophomores: Danielle Duvall, Ashley Gillespie, Nalasha Hakoky, Cassandra Prezzia, Alex Pokas.  
Freshmen: Sammie Wilchey, Chelsea Nemett, Hannah Costine, Tessa Glorix, Katie Harden, Brooke Cenkus, Alex Holub, Faith Myers, Emily Clark, Allison Miller, Alex Baker.

**#2 Seed**  
**INDIAN CREEK\***  
Head coach -- Crystal Hammack  
Assistant coaches -- Amy Thompson  
2005 OVAC Record: 7-13  
2006 OVAC Record: 15-3  
Graduated players -- Hannah Kerstetter, Nicole Marshall, Julie Pageatt, Ashley Tevis, Brittany Turner.  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Jaclyn Ciancioy, Caitlin Pieniazek.  
Juniors: Katie Hosterman, Emily Tevis.  
Sophomores: Bri Anderson, Alexa Aufferl, Erika Colaros, Ashley DeMatteo, Molly Edgerly, Haley Mays, Liz McMillen, Lizzy Williamson.  
Freshmen: Christina Furda, Meghan Bilick, Gabbi Davis, Mikki Davis, Miranda Nicholson, Morgan Reducha, Hannah Ross, Kristin Wendell.

**#3 Seed**  
**HARRISON CENTRAL\***  
Head coach -- Marsha Zoller  
Assistant coaches -- Ray Hibbs  
2005 OVAC Record: 16-4

2006 Roster  
Seniors: Amy Exley, Sara Mueller, Jessica Brown, Richelle DeGuzman, Summer Flower, Kara Velenworth.  
Juniors: Stephanie Boutsicaris, Dayna Wolf, Madison Moses.

**#4 Seed**  
**PADEN CITY\***  
Head coach: Fred King  
Assistant coaches: Jeff Bowers  
2005 OVAC Record: 12-8  
2006 OVAC Record: 13-7  
Graduated players: Leah Beverlin, Lezlie Grimes, Arosia Felton.  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Ashley Felton, Stacey Birkheimer, Sarah Pryor, Brittany King, Erika Bennett.  
Juniors: Samantha Goddard, Marka Fine.  
Sophomores: Angelica Phillips, Vicki Yurisko, Lea Ann Butcher, Amy Toman, Kim Davis.  
Freshmen: Nicole Beagie, Ali Bertozzi, Ashleigh Bland, Courtney Conaway, Sydney Frey, Megan Lasure, Amber Palmer, Amanda Sellers, Amanda Tallman.

**#4 Seed**  
**MAGNOLIA\***  
Head coach: Roger Clegg  
Assistant coaches: Nikki Hardman-Cain  
2005 OVAC Record: 16-4  
2006 OVAC Record: 10-10  
Graduated players: Trisha Kuehns, Micha Bell, Katy Takington, Laura Seary, Sarah Whitman.  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Jennifer Blake, Jennifer Rodriguez, Jessica Rodriguez, Cera Estep, Dani Bailton, Evann Ludewig.  
Juniors: Shawn Barr, Alycia Bell, Cassie Neff, Renee Shephard, Tory Greene, Kelsey Spang, Alicia Hinerman.

**CLASS 4-A**  
**#1 Seed**  
**BEAVER LOCAL\***  
Head coach: Walter Anchors  
Assistant coaches: Mary Alice Konkle, Tiffany Rudabaugh.  
2005 OVAC Record: 8-12  
2006 OVAC Record: 14-5  
Graduated players: Brittany Davis, Courtney Diddle.  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Emilee Hall, Santana Williams, Mallory Yajko, L'Lee Zimmerman.  
Juniors: Darcy Allison, Brooke Jackson, Leanna Krimer.  
Sophomores: Megan Campbell, Chelsea Roberts, Brittany Barrett.

**#2 Seed**  
**STUEBENVILLE\***  
Head coach: Kathy McGrath  
Assistant coaches: Dennis McGrath  
2005 OVAC Record: 14-8  
2006 OVAC Record: 11-9  
Graduated players: Caitlin Criss, Whitney Petrella,

Ashley Jablonski, Kayla Thomas, Jacquelyn Gullen.  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Aleasha Brandt, Colina Gomez, Laura Kirkland, Brittany Willis, Michelle Kainowski, Amy Mori, Shayla Williams.  
Juniors: Samantha Dixon, Kristen Kainowski, Nikita Schoonover, Sami Jp Zrelle.  
Sophomores: Catherine Pendergrast, Shari Thomas, Mateska Forester, Kai Kirkland, Caitlin Kirkpatrick, Chelsea Wilson.  
Freshmen: Tabatha Berryman, Sabina Hoppel, Zemfira Hoppel, Natalia Guriano, Alyssa Trimair.

**#3 Seed**  
**JOHN MARSHALL\***  
Head coach: Tonya Lehman  
Assistant coaches: Jessica Pegg, Mindy Yoho, Josh Geary.  
2005 OVAC Record: 7-13  
2006 OVAC Record: 9-6  
Graduated players: Vanessa Ilkover.  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Nikola Richmond, Brittany White, Leighana Cunningham, Amber Foltz.  
Juniors: Britte Legg, Jessica Hays, Shianne McGill, Carrie Takington, Jessica Chambers, Anna Phillips, Samantha Henry, Samantha Mueck.  
Sophomores: Shelby Wilson, Shelby Anderson, Anna McCombs, Alyssa Abrigg, Samantha Burciaga, Laken Drake, Tori Benline, Chelsea Linsly.  
Freshmen: Julie Thomas.

**#4 Seed**  
**WEIR\***  
Head coach: Willie Paul  
Assistant coaches: Mike Elliott.  
2005 OVAC Record: 7-13  
2006 OVAC Record: 10-8  
Graduated players: None  
2006 Roster  
Seniors: Stace Bernardi, Lindsay Sobotaka, Michaelena Larch, Tia Noble, Jennifer Greico, Chelsey Pritts, Eva Smith.  
Juniors: Liz Cowden, Heather Dulaney, Ali Bobalick.

## 2006 OVAC Volleyball Tournament

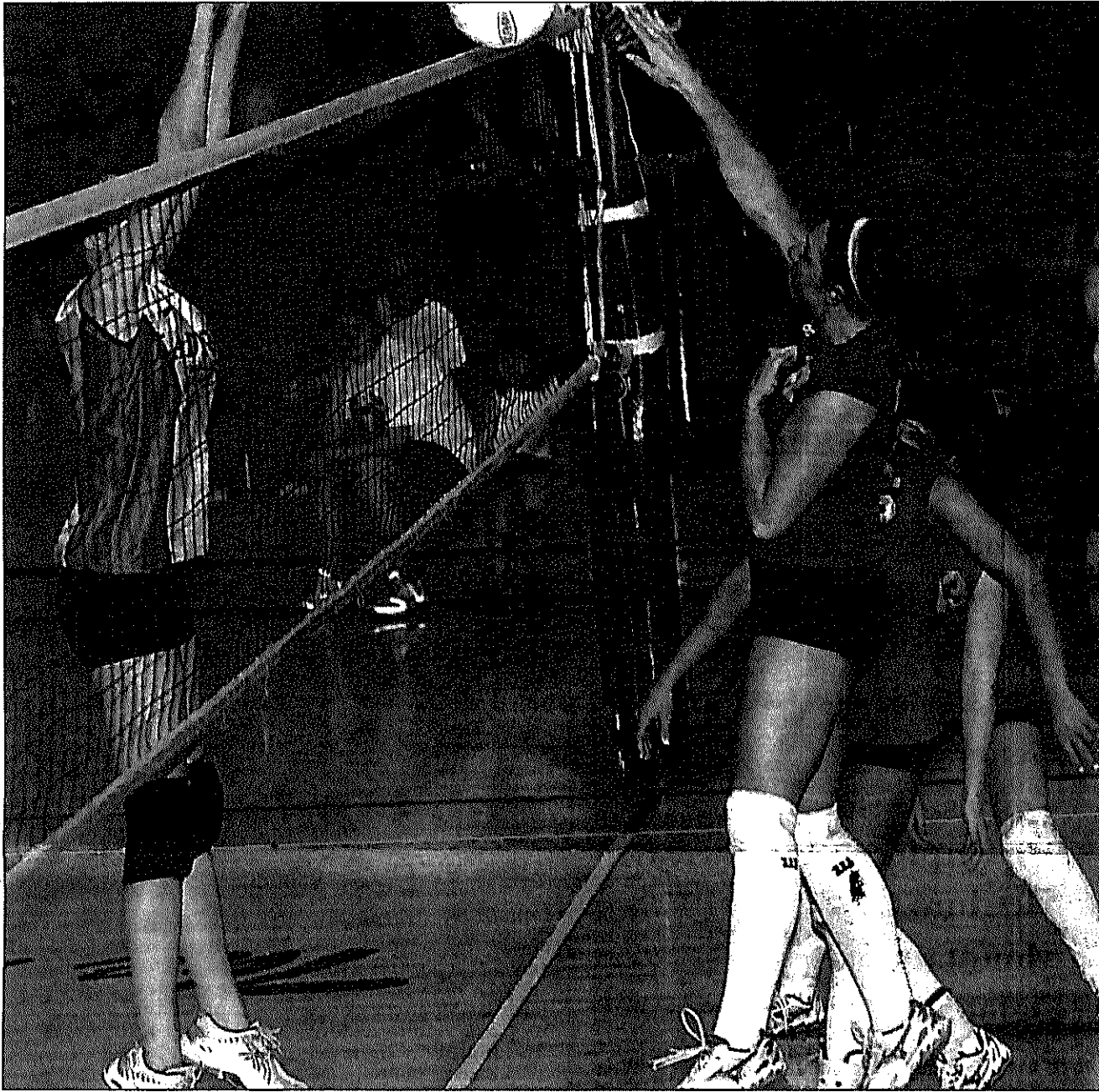


Photo by Alex Kozlowski

St. Clairsville is looking to win the OVAC Volleyball Class AAA championship for a fourth straight year at the OVAC Volleyball Tournament Saturday at Union Local High School. St. Clairsville's Sarah Hurr (12) spikes the ball while Bellaire's Ashley Frazier goes for the block during a recent game.

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### All four defending champions return to OVAC Volleyball Tournament

By **JOSH STROPE**  
Staff Writer

The 2006 OVAC Volleyball Tournament will feature a lot of familiar faces when it gets under way Saturday at Union Local High School in Morris-town.

All four 2005 champions have made their way back to defend their titles.

One of those teams — St. Clairsville — sticks out more than usual.

The Red Devils have captured the OVAC Class AAA title for three consecutive seasons and coach Rebecca Hays would like nothing more than to see her seniors secure the title in all four of their seasons.

"We have five seniors, but only one, Amanda Piccolini, has been a starter on the team all four years," Hays said. "The other girls are going for their third title, but were still part of the program in their freshmen years."

While the Red Devils have won the previous three titles, this will be the first time they enter the tournament as

the No. 1 seed.

"We seemingly always went in as the underdog and now we are the first seed," Hays said. "This will be a different scenario for us, but the girls want to keep the streak going and there are a lot of factors we are working on to get prepared."

Among the goals for St. Clairsville entering the season was going undefeated winning a fourth straight OVAC title. After rolling through the season, the Red Devils hit a road bump on Senior Night with a loss to Cambridge, their only loss of the year.

"The girls really had their minds set on an undefeated season but this could be a learning experience for them," Hays said. "They have tasted defeat and it came against a team that fought for every point."

"That is the kind of playing we are going to see with us being the top team in the OVAC and ranked No. 10 in the state, other teams are going to be playing at their highest level to beat us."

Along with Piccolini, the Red Devils feature a confident group that includes Sarah Hurr, the middle hitter who has stepped in admirably after the graduation of standout Missy Gossett, Olivia Pokas, and freshman Alice Pokas. Hays is also hopeful for the return of Sarah Ostrander who suffered a sprained ankle and whose status is uncertain for Saturday.

The Red Devils defense of the title comes first against Magnolia. The winner of that matchup meets the winner of Indian Creek and Harrison Central.

Another defending champion making its way into the fray is Class AAAA champion Steubenville. Big Red won their first ever volleyball title by dominating East Liverpool in the finals.

Steubenville, the No. 2 seed, begins its defense against John Marshall with the winner advancing to play No. 1 seed Beaver Local or Weir.

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"This has been a goal of ours all year," Steubenville coach Kathy McGrath said. "They wanted to make it to the OVAC (tournament) and worked very hard for it."

"The seniors are especially excited for a chance to win it again."

McGrath is looking for a championship in her first season on the Big Red job, replacing Susanne Allen. Still, McGrath is no stranger to the girls, having coached many of them in middle school.

"I'm excited but there is a such a big difference at the high school level," McGrath said. "There is a lot more offense and defense to work on, but I think I've adjusted well."

It also helps to have seven seniors on the squad.

Selena Gomez is the leader, a starter last year.

Also looking to win the title in their final year is Alicia Brant, Michelle Kalinowski, the team's top setter Laura Kirkland, Shayla Williams, Amy Mort, and defensive specialist Brittany Willis.

With that kind of leadership,

Steubenville is going to be a tough out for any team.

"I expect a good showing," McGrath said.

Beallsville isn't a returning champion, but the No. 1 seed in Class A will get a chance to avenge a finals loss to Paden City right away.

The Blue Devils will face the Wildcats in the first match of the tournament. The winner faces either Bridgeport or Linsly.

"They really wanted to get another chance at Paden City," Beallsville coach Patrick Wells said. "They were always looking at the standings, and I think they were real excited when Paden City made it."

"I think last year they thought they should have won and ended up taking them too lightly. Paden City stepped up and we didn't answer."

The Blue Devils, whose only two losses have come to Barnesville and Caldwell, are made up of a fairly young team that features just one senior starter, Brittany Burkhart.

Wells said the kids are going to need to learn from their mistakes quickly and keep their heads up to get through

the tournament successfully.

"The key is not to get down when the other team scores a couple of points," Wells said. "We need to forget about it and focus on getting the ball back."

"Then we can do what we do, setting it up and spiking it."

"I think sometimes we lose our heads and we can't go flat on Saturday. You play to 25, 4-0 doesn't win the game."

In Class AA, defending champion Monroe Central enters as the No. 2 seed and will face Barnesville. Top-seeded Buckeye Trail looks to avoid an upset bid from Caldwell.

The tournament starts at 9 a.m.

## OVAC Tournament (at Union Local)

### Class AA

Buckeye Trail vs. Caldwell (gym 1) and Monroe Central vs. Barnesville (gym 2), 9 a.m.; finals immediately following in gym 1

### Class AAA

St. Clairsville vs. Magnolia (gym 1) and Indian Creek vs. Harrison Central (gym 2), noon; finals immediately following in gym 1

### Class AAAA

Beaver Local vs. Weir (gym 1) and Steubenville vs. John Marshall (gym 2), 3 p.m.; finale immediately following in gym 1

### Class A

Beallsville vs. Paden City (gym 1) and Bridgeport vs. Linsly (gym 2), 6 p.m.; finals immediately following in gym 1

## OVAC Volleyball Pairings

### CLASS 2-A

9:00 a.m.

#### Semifinals

#1 Buckeye Trail vs. #4 Caldwell, Gym 1; #2 Monroe Central vs. #3 Barnesville, Gym 2.  
Finals immediately following in Gym 1.

### CLASS 3-A

12:00 noon

#### Semifinals

#1 St. Clairsville vs. #4 Magnolia, Gym 1; #2 Indian Creek vs. #3 Harrison Central, Gym 2.  
Finals immediately following in Gym 1.

### CLASS 4-A

3:00 p.m.

#### Semifinals

#1 Beaver Local vs. #4 Weir, Gym 1; #2 Steubenville vs. #3 John Marshall, Gym 2.  
Finals immediately following in Gym 1.

### CLASS 1-A

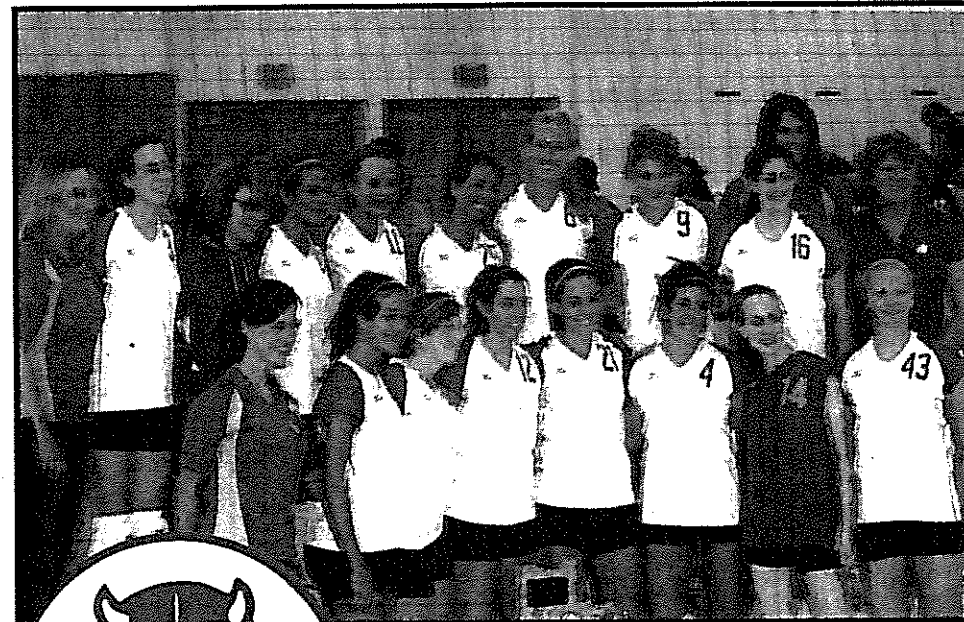
6:00 p.m.

#### Semifinals

#1 Beallsville vs. #4 Paden City, Gym 1; #2 Bridgeport vs. #3 Linsly, Gym 2.  
Finals immediately following in Gym 1.



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CLASS AAA**

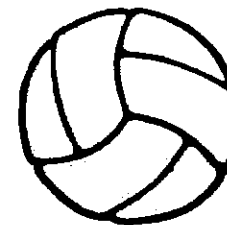
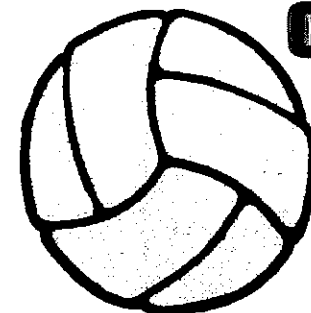


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