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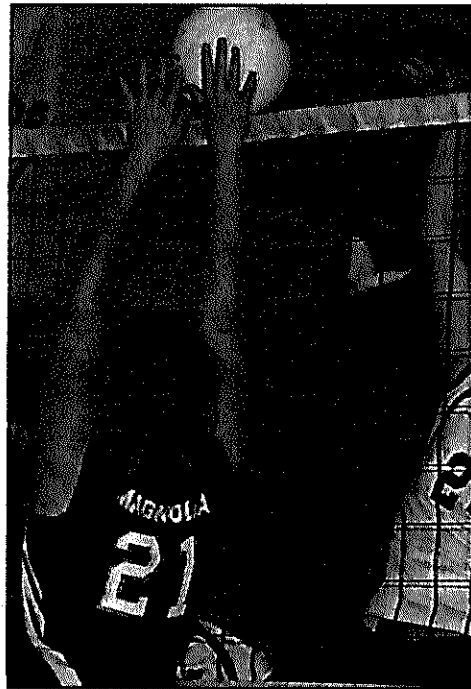
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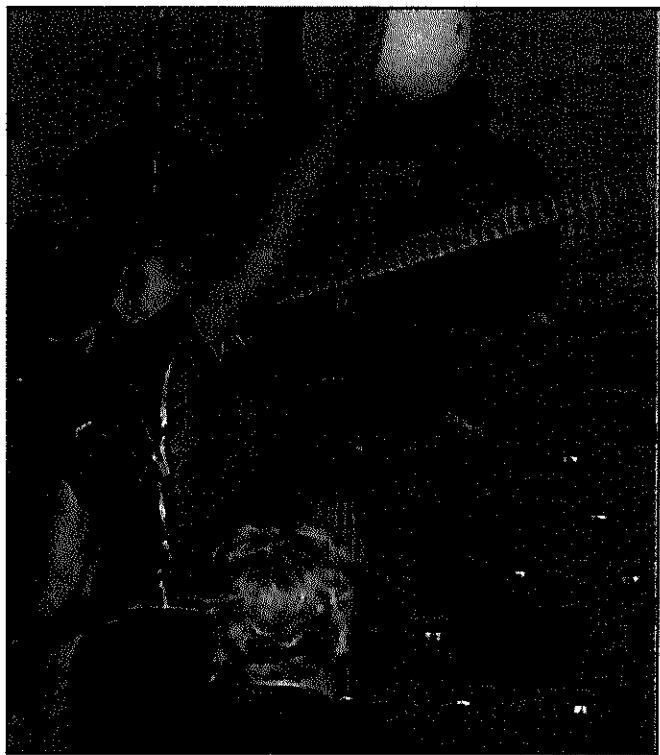
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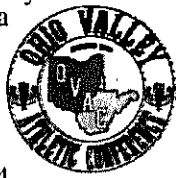
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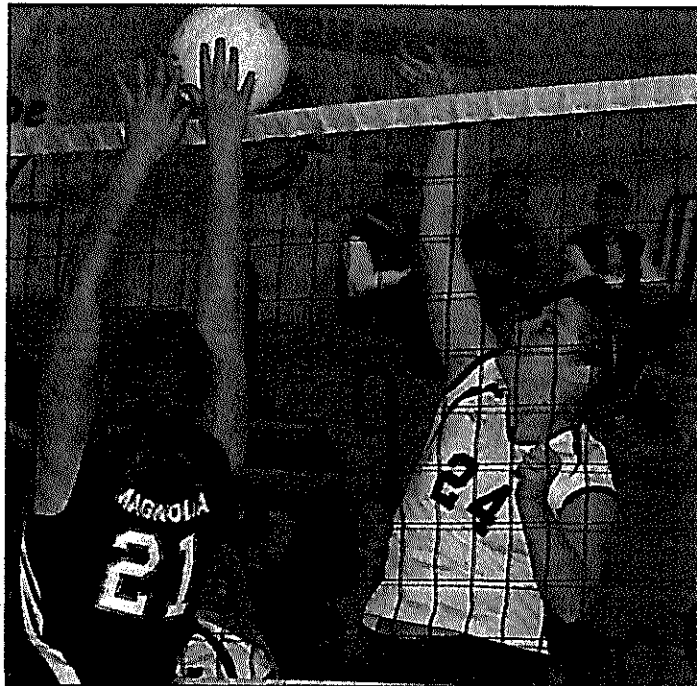
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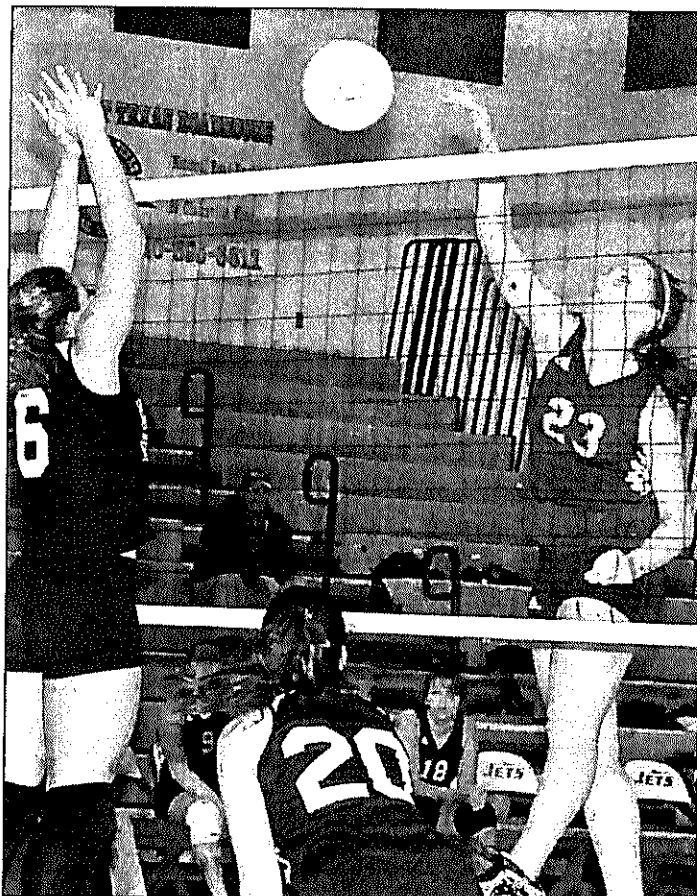
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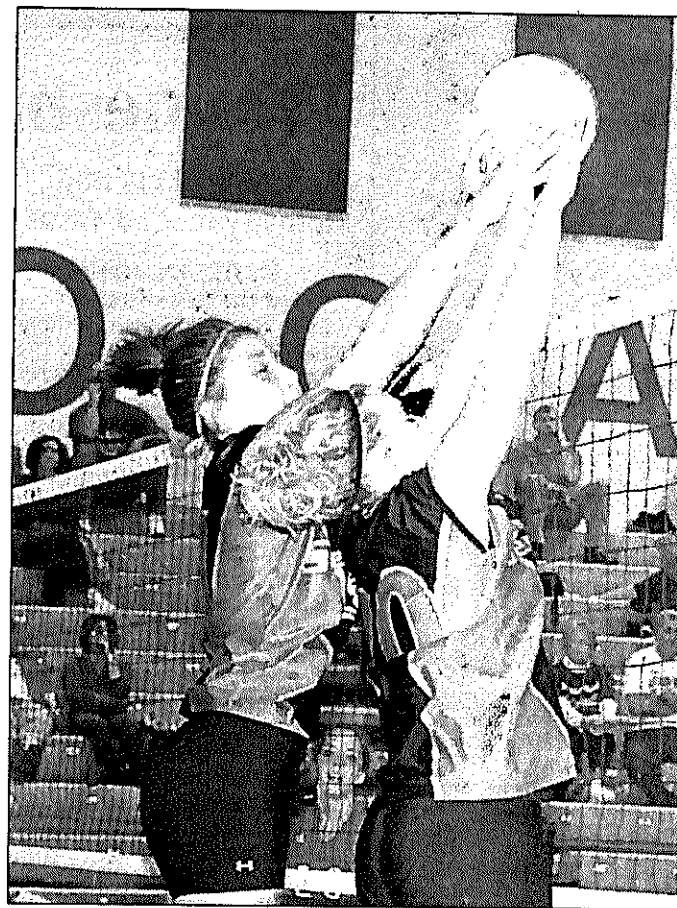
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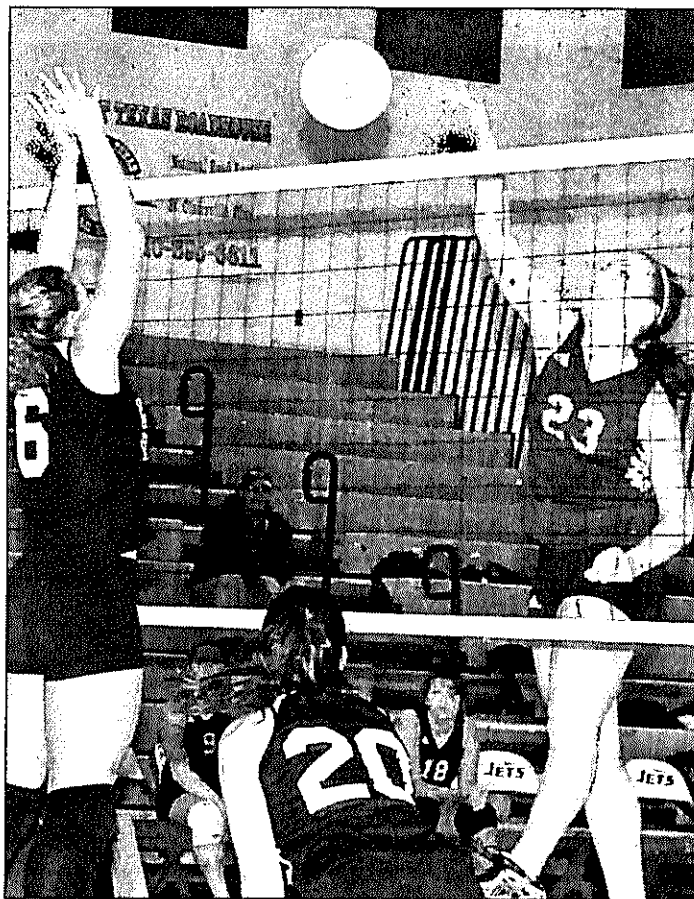
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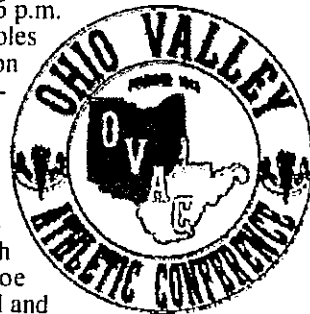
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## OVAC Volleyball tourney set Saturday

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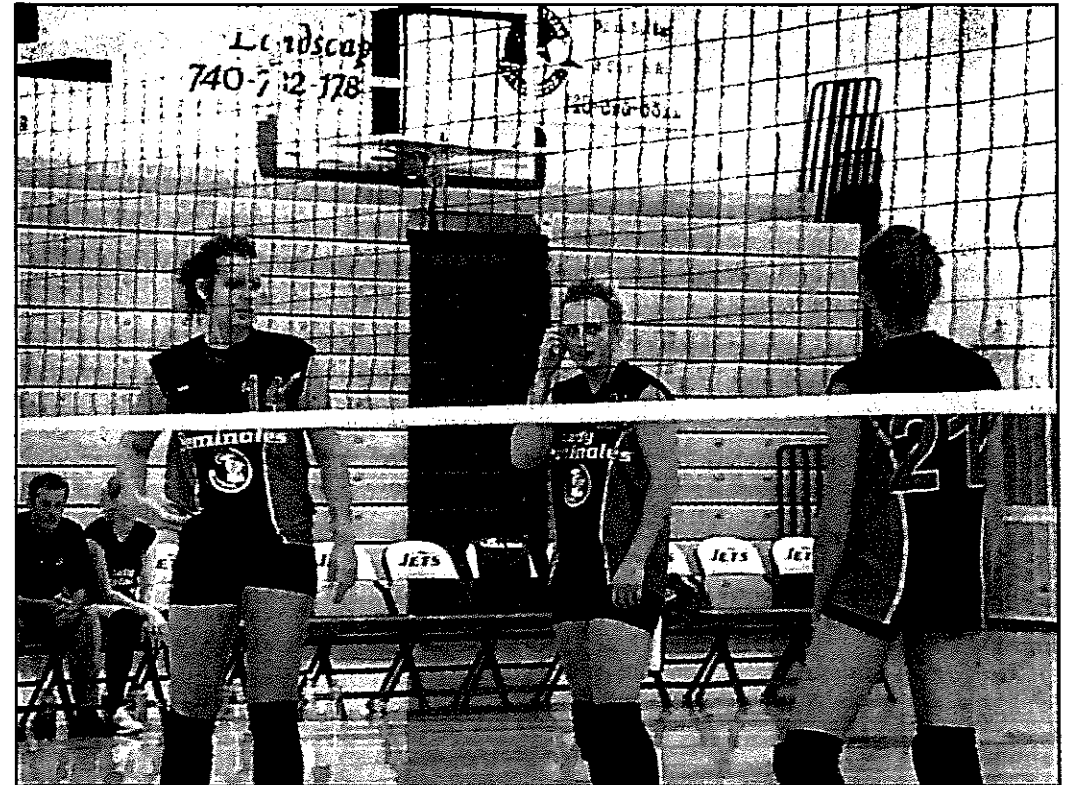
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**THREE KEY** members of the Monroe Central Seminoles are pictured. From left are Taylor Jorris, Karlie Davis and Rebecca Parden. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

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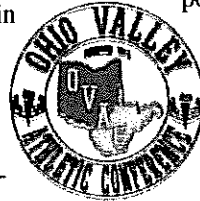
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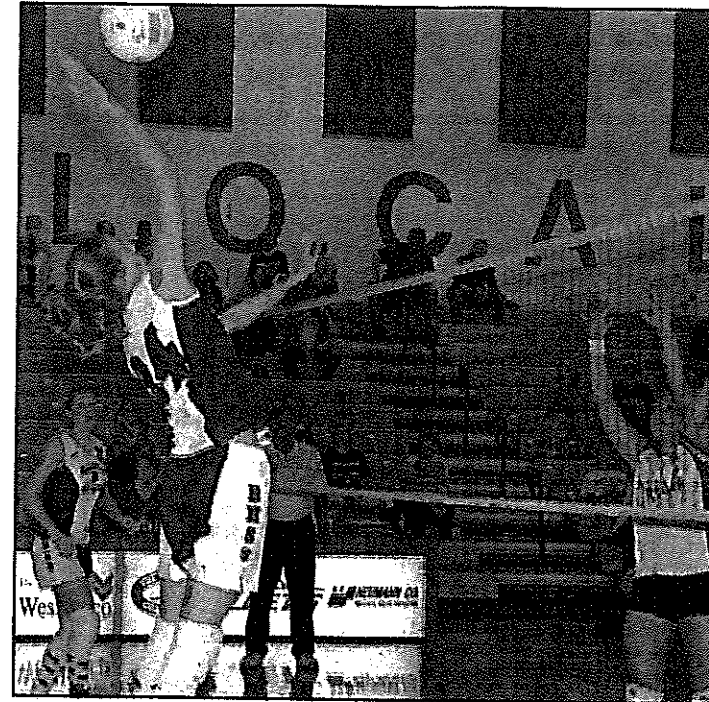
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In the semi-finals, top-seeded Beallsville topped Bridgeport in two sets, 25-12, 25-13. Latara Arnold led the winners with 10 points and nine assists while Savannah Burke added three points, five

kills and four blocks. Amanda Fraley had five points, three aces, five kills. Kristin Lollathin had 13 points with five aces, eight assists and two digs and Alexis Kanzigg had seven kills.

Bridgeport, falling to 8-13, was paced by Rachel Benda with two points, five kills and six digs. Stephanie Bommer had two points, two kills and four blocks. Morgan Belles had two points and four digs.

In the other semi-final, St. John Central registered a 25-14, 25-12 win over Valley with Marissa Hendershot registering 10 points, seven aces and three assists. Sara Wamsley added five points and one kill. Justene Delman finished with two points and five kills. Monika Figura had four points and three assists.

Valley received five points and two digs from Raquel Partridge while Samantha Frye added six points. Marci Bucher added four points and nine assists and Alyson Weber had four points, three blocks and 15 assists.

# OVAC Capsules

## Past OVAC Champions

### PAST OVAC VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS

2006  
A Beaverville, Patrick Wells  
AA Monroe Central, Troy Baker  
AAA St. Clairsville, Rebecca Hays  
AAAA Beaver Local, Walter Anchors

2005  
A Paden City, Fred King  
AA Monroe Central, Troy Baker  
AAA St. Clairsville, Rebecca Hays  
AAAA Steubenville, Suzanne Allen

2004  
A Bridgeport, Bob Krajnyak  
AA Buckeye Trail, Jeff Beros  
AAA St. Clairsville, Rebecca Hays  
AAAA Edison, Lynn Meyer

2003  
A Frontier, Pat Galbreath  
AA Wellsville, Dan McKinstry  
AAA St. Clairsville; Lisa Kazmirski and Sharon Pastor  
AAAA East Liverpool, Bob Shansky

2002  
A Beaverville, Pat Marcum  
AA Wellsville, Dan McKinstry  
AAA Shenandoah, Colleen Kasper  
AAAA Beaver Local, Bob Theiss

2001  
A Weirton 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 McKinstry  
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 Mallow  
AA Buckeye Trail, Jeff Beros  
AAA St. Clairsville, Greg Bizzari and Jay Tazar  
AAAA Weir, Ken Lahr

1994  
Ohio  
A Frontier, Pat Galbreath  
AA Buckeye Trail, Jeff Beros  
AAA East Liverpool, Bob Shansky  
West Virginia  
A/AA Linsly, David Mallow  
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 VanScay  
AAA/AAAA Weir, Ken Lahr

1992  
Ohio  
A Edison North, Karen Lundquist  
AA Steubenville Central, Sherryl Stallone  
AAA Belleaire, Maria Shipley  
West Virginia  
A/AA Linsly, David Mallow  
AAA/AAAA Weir, Ken Lahr

1991  
Ohio  
A Skyvue, Adrienne Burkhardt  
AA Steubenville Central, Sherryl Stallone  
AAA Belleaire, Maria Shipley  
West Virginia  
A/AA Linsly, David Mallow  
AAA/AAAA Magnolia, Pam Duncan

### CLASS 1-A

No. 1 Seed BEALLSVILLE  
Head coach — Patrick Wells  
Assistants — Debbie Arnold  
2007 OVAC Record: 16-1  
Past OVAC Championships: 2002, 2006  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Savannah Burke, Holly Tyo, Latara Arnold, Amanda Fraley, Rachel Beckett.  
Juniors: Kristin Lallathin, Kerri Thomas.  
Sophomores: Cheyenne Moore, Rebecca Garlick, Stephanie Kanzigg, Alexis Kanzigg, Tori Jarrett, Jami Spence, Morgan Roberts.  
Freshmen: Starla Secrest, Sam Stephens, Michelle Riesceker.  
No. 2 Seed ST. JOHN CENTRAL  
Head coach — Megan Gesualdo  
2007 OVAC Record: 16-4  
Past OVAC Championships: 1997  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Marissa Hendershot, Caitlin Longstaff, Lauren Sable, Jessica Uhrich, Jenna Vavra, Clarissa Westlake, Sara Wamsley.  
Juniors: Justene Delman, Morgan Manukin, Lauren Boger, Ginger Woodard, Lakyn McFarland, Brandi Richards, Brooke Baker.  
Sophomores: Alicia Sproul, Monika Figura, Andrea LeMasters, Shayna Gilli, Blair Burger.  
Freshmen: Sarah Westlake, Lexis Ica, Nicole Nolan, Rachel Tracy, Devon Kehl, Kerri Broderick, Andrea Timko, Nikola Kelly, Alexis Sharpe, Ellie LeMasters, Jordan Nickerson.  
No. 3 Seed VALLEY  
Head coach — Gary Partridge  
Assistants — Alan Miller  
2007 OVAC Record: 12-3  
Past OVAC Championships: None  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Raquel Partridge, Alexandra Higgenbotham, Marci Bucher, Samantha Frye, Brittany Price, Bonita Lindsey.  
Juniors: Alyson Weber, Allysa Midcap, Ava Morris, Megan Midcap.  
Sophomores: Rachel Ice, Whitney Headley, Kristin Wolfe.  
Freshmen: Leah Morris, Tiffany Hayes, Carla Mason, Alyson Ashcraft, Brittany Kuhens, Olivia Brisendine, Ashley Staley.  
No. 4 Seed BRIDGEPORT  
Head coach: Bob Krajnyak  
Assistant coaches: Kori Rosnick  
2007 OVAC Record: 8-10  
Past OVAC Championships: 2004  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Morgan Belles, Stephanie Bommer, Molly Morris.  
Juniors: Taylor Barncord, Shawnta Massey, Kayla Smith.  
Sophomores: Rachel Benda, Ashley Armstrong, Taylor Biedenbach, Jessica Palmer, Beverly Reed, Tessa Stanley.  
Freshmen: Kasandra Hadzima, Morissa Booth, Melissa Bowers, Ashley Davis, Jenae Vavrock.

CLASS 2-A  
No. 1 Seed MONROE CENTRAL  
Head coach — Troy Baker  
Assistant coaches — John Kaiser, Mariena Kress, Lynsey Lafferre.  
2007 OVAC Record: 18-0  
Past OVAC Championships: 2005, 2006  
2007 Rosters  
Seniors: Taylor Jorris, Lindsay Huntsman, Rebecca Pardon, Morgan Ramage.  
Juniors: Justine LaFollette, Aleisha Guiler, Carly Davis, Kim Lafferre, Megan Schumacher, Brittany Dimmerling, Natasha McCammon, Sam Kilburn.  
Sophomores: Katie Parks, Christina Parden, Taylor Hansen, Luenda Lallathin, Kayla Ruble, Brittany McKnight, Mandi Blaney.  
Freshmen: Melissa Stimpert, Whitney Marshall, Hillary Wilson, Mary Ward, Danielle Guiler, Ashley Kindle, Laken Zwick, Erica Hooper, Lauren Harmon, Jennifer Hayes, Chelsea Robinson, Alex Kuhn, Ashley Miller.  
No. 2 Seed SHENANDOAH  
Head coach: Darren DeLong  
Assistant coaches: Becky Grimes, Donna Mallett  
2007 OVAC Record: 14-4  
Past OVAC Championships: 1997, 1999, 2002  
2007 Rosters  
Seniors: Ciera Clark, Jordan Dimmerling, Lacey Franklin, Jennifer Graves, Emily Hupp, Patrisha Stillions, Brooke Wahr, Brooke Hall.  
Juniors: Megan Grywalski, Casandra Mazgay, Katie Davis, Olivia Mallett, Greta Moore, Arissa O'Donnell, Miranda Reed.  
Sophomores: Ashley Butcher, Nicole Lovette, Audra Schroeder, Crissy Schafer, Tiffany Zwick, Gabby Bates, Cali Ginn.  
Freshmen: Alexis Arick, Shayla Bowen, Briana Dodd, Brittney Hall, Emily Long, Emily Mallett, Jaira Parks, Morgan Rossiter, Kendra Warner.  
No. 3 Seed BUCKEYE TRAIL  
Head coach — Jeff Beros  
Assistant coaches — Mike Beaver, Kathy Hensley, Kim Oliver, Jenny Robinson.  
2007 OVAC Record: 14-3  
Past OVAC Championships: 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2004  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Traci Alt, Alicia Cunningham, Rory Cox, Jamie Bates, Lauren Zink.  
Juniors: Chelsea Douit, Jenny Bates, Emily McEndree, Laura Dunlap.  
Sophomores: Kaitlyn Wolfe, Benita Gallagher, Lindsey Bardall, Lauren Bardall, Maria Neuhart.  
Freshmen: Alexa Abrams.  
No. 4 Seed CALDWELL  
Head coach: Heather Hesson  
Assistant coaches: Tad Secrest.  
2007 OVAC Record: 9-8.  
Past OVAC Championships: None  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Latisha Clark, Crystal Craycraft, Leann Hesson, Amanda

Clark.  
Juniors: Erica Starr, Sammie Grady, Kristin Nau.  
Freshmen: Stacey Clark, Lizzy Nau.

CLASS 3-A  
No. 1 Seed MAGNOLIA  
Head coach — Pam Chapman  
Assistants — Jeff Seavy  
2007 OVAC Record: 14-6  
Past OVAC Championships: 1991  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Kayla Bell, Alycia Bell, Renee Shepherd, Alicia Hinerman, Tory Greene.  
Juniors: Bree Carr, Brittany Ballin, Lyndsay Miller, Tincy Hought, Suzanne Snyder, Lindsay Riggs, Jorien Cousin.  
Sophomores: Annie Potts, Alexa Jo Hanna, Kelsi Heasley, Krysten Miller, Brittany Miller, Lindsay Cain.  
Freshmen: Lacey Jackson, Padyn Ludewig, Tara Thorp.  
No. 2 Seed BARNESVILLE  
Head coach — Nikki McEndree  
Assistant coaches — Nicole Anderson, Karen Clouse, Karl Hunkler, Melissa Huntsman  
2007 OVAC Record: 12-6  
Past OVAC Championships: None  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Chelsey Kayler, Allie Doan, Megan Barker, Leah Bettinger, Erica Welch.  
Juniors: Amanda Wahl, Kate Grimes, Kayla Truex, Allison Plumly, Jenna Miller, Samantha Ackerman, Whitney Wallace.  
Sophomores: Brandi Bahmer, MacKenzie Touvalle, Mariah Menges, Victoria Pechesak, Stephanie Morris, Leanna Froehlich.  
Freshmen: Mariya Fitzpatrick, Andrea Shambaugh, Chrsta Bates, Jennifer Clouse, Jessica Clary, Tiffany Bahmer, Heidi Hines, Katy Hickenbottom, Kalee Temple, Kelsey Howler, Kaitlyn Crum, Brandi Bunlill.  
No. 3 Seed ST. CLAIRSVILLE  
Head coach — Rebecca Hays  
Assistant coaches — Bethany Piccolini, Dorine Garbush.  
2007 OVAC Record: 9-8  
Past OVAC Championships: 1995, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008  
2007 Rosters  
Seniors: Olivia Pokas, Stephanie Skatula, Kylie Bober, Alison Garbush, Jessica Zuzak.  
Juniors: Natasha Halicky  
Sophomores: Alex Pokas, Taylor Mick, Sammie Witchay, Hannah Costine, Tessa Olexo, Alex Holub, Faith Myers, Emily Clark, Allison Miller, Alex Baker.  
Freshmen: Sarah Slenski, Lexie King, Erica Costine, Monica Wakim, Emily Skrabek, Brittany Saffell, Taylor Dugan, Morgan Ludwig, Tayna Messerly, Sarah Hillis, Audrey Bober, Brooke Johnson.  
No. 4 Seed HARRISON CENTRAL  
Head coach — Ray Hibbs  
Assistant coaches — Amy Sutherland  
2007 OVAC Record: 8-7  
Past OVAC Championships: None  
2007 Rosters  
Seniors: Sarah Wilden.  
Juniors: Kallie Teifer, Kristina Brandon, Alli Doty, Lori Koch, Leanna Thompson, Megan Vermillion, Breanna Waggoner.  
Sophomores: Megan Albaugh, Kasey Bethel, Megan Carman.  
Freshmen: Haley Harrison, Ashley Koch, Taylor Kenny.

CLASS 4-A  
No. 1 Seed INDIAN CREEK  
Head coach — Crystal Hammock  
Assistants — Kelli Ridgely  
2007 OVAC Record: 14-3  
Past OVAC Championships: 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Emily Tevis  
Juniors: Bri Anderson, Erika Collaros, Ashley DeMatteo, Molly Edgerly, Haley Mays, Lizzy Williamson.  
Sophomores: Christina Furd, Morgan Reducha  
Freshmen: Taylor Filten.  
No. 2 Seed BEAVER LOCAL  
Head coach — Walter Anchors  
Assistants — Connie Shive  
2007 OVAC Record: 14-5  
Past OVAC Championships: 2002, 2006  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Brooke Jackson, Amanda Blaner.  
Juniors: Megan Campbell, Chelsea Roberts, Brittany Barrett, Ciara Williams.  
Sophomores: Erin Hall, Michela Nicholson, Taylor Hall, Jessica Kemich, Brianna Jackson.  
Freshmen: Heidi Wilson, Jessica McGeehan, Lexie Steele, Katie McDaniel.  
No. 3 Seed WEIR  
Head coach: Willie Paul  
Assistant coaches: Sonya Lettleri.  
2007 OVAC Record: 11-7  
Past OVAC Championships: 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Liz Cowden, Heather Dulaney, Ali Bobalick, Jessica Sikora, Courtney Stanley.  
Juniors: Natalie Bohn, Carly Morgan, Leah Crow, Allanna Pritta, Stephanie Rosnick, Robin Drennan, Shakaila Veal.  
Sophomores: Etise Cowden, Kelsey Andrews, Shaquana Gray, Emma Platt, Megan Morgan, Jasmin Robinson.  
Freshmen: Gabbi Antoniou, Shameca Gray, Sarah Talian.  
No. 4 Seed BROOKE  
Head coach — Mark Schwertfeger  
Assistants — Carolyn Dodd, Mike Wagner  
2007 OVAC Record: 11-7  
Past OVAC Championships: None  
2007 Roster  
Seniors: Allison Owens, Leigh Ann Lauri, Elizabeth Preston, Kayla Hood, Kessica Pugh, Katy Jo Romitti, Tiffany Pearson, Devan Jackson  
Juniors: Danielle Mansueti



## NOT TAKING IT EASY

Despite playing two days ago and facing an upcoming bye week, Mike Tomlin had the Steelers in full pads Tuesday/18

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## Defending Champions Return

### OVAC Volleyball tourney gets under way Saturday at Union Local High School

#### Staff Reports

Spikers and setters will be center stage Saturday when Union Local High School plays host to the 13th annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference volleyball championships.

The top four teams in each of the OVAC's four classifications played their way into this weekend's event and all champions from last season will be back to defend their crowns.

One of those returning champions, St. Clairsville is gunning for its fifth consec-

utive Class AAA championship while Monroe Central is trying to claim the Class AA crown for the third straight season.

Action starts bright and early with the Class AAA semifinals tipping off simultaneously at 9 a.m.

Top-seeded Magnolia takes on No. 4 seed Harrison Central in one semifinal with St. Clairsville, the No. 3 seed, opening its championship defense against No. 2 seed Barnesville.

The two winners will play for the title immediately following the conclusion of both semifinals.

St. Clairsville is trying to become only the second team ever to win five consecutive OVAC volleyball championships in any division.

Indian Creek currently holds the record of five straight titles, having dominated the Class AAA finals from 1997-2001.

The Class AAAAA tournament tips off at noon with defending champion Beaver Local as the No. 2 seed.

The Beavers will take on No. 3 seed Weir in one semifinal with top-seeded Indian Creek meeting No. 4 seed Brooke in the other semifinal. The Creek won the Class AAAAA regular-season crown in its first season after moving up from Class AAA.

Beallsville won last season's Class A tournament and is the No. 1 seed in this year's event, which gets under way at 3 p.m.

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Sara Wamsley and the Bellaire St. John Fighting Irish will face Valley in the semifinals of the OVAC Volleyball Tournament on Saturday in Morristown.

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## Volleyball

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The Blue Devils' semifinal foe is No. 4 seed Bridgeport with No. 2 seed Bellaire St. John Central and No. 3 Valley meeting in the other Class A semi.

Unbeaten Monroe Central looks like a good bet for a three-peat in Class AA.

Coach Troy Baker's two-time defending champion Seminoles will take on No. 4 seed Caldwell in one 6 p.m. semifinal with No. 2 Shenandoah and No. 3 Buckeye Trail battling on the adjacent court.

Monroe Central defeated each of the three other semifinalists during the regular season.

Gates open at 7:30 a.m. Saturday with tickets priced at \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

A mandatory meeting of all OVAC coaches is set for 2 p.m. Sunday at Ohio University

Eastern.

The OVAC all-star teams will be selected at this meeting. Schools without a representative at the meeting will have no players selected for the all-star match.

Ohio University Eastern will host the annual Ohio-West Virginia all-star match Nov. 18 at 2 p.m.

#### OVAC VOLLEYBALL (at Union Local) Saturday, Oct. 13

Class AAA, 9 a.m.

- (1) Magnolia vs. (4) Harrison Central
- (2) Barnesville vs. (3) St. Clairsville

Class AAAAA, noon

- (1) Indian Creek vs. (4) Brooke
- (2) Beaver Local vs. (3) Weir

Class A, 3 p.m.

- (1) Beallsville vs. (4) Bridgeport
- (2) Bell. St. John vs. (3) Valley

Class AA, 6 p.m.

- (1) Monroe Central vs. (4) Caldwell
- (2) Shenandoah vs. (3) Buckeye Trail

NOTE: Semifinals to be played simultaneously on adjacent courts. Finals to follow immediately.