Cambridge's Starr, Meadowbrook's Tellep among OVAC's softball 'Player of the Year' selections

Guernsey County rivals Cambridge and Meadowbrook captured two of the four Ohio Valley Athletic Conference "Player of the Year" awards for 2008.

Cambridge High senior shorstop Sarah Starr and Meadowbrook High junior pitcher Kinsi Tellep were named "Player of the Year" winners in Class 4-A and 3-A, respectively. Tellep was also the 3-A "Player of the Year" as a sophomore.

The other "Player of the Year" selections were Jenna Vavra of St. John Central in Class 1-A and Megan Byhanna of The Linsly School in Class 2-A.

Linsly's Liz Hofreuter-Landini was tabbed the overall "Coach of the Year" in the conference.

Joining Starr on the Class 4-A first team were Cambridge senior Janelle Givens and sophomore Paige Young, while junior Lacie Mahley earned a second team berth.

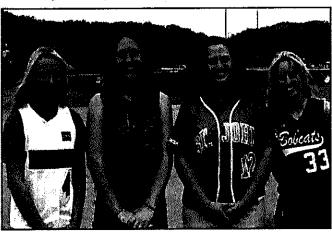
Tellep is joined on the Class 3-A first team by sophomore Candace Neff and junior Chelsey Roberts of Meadowbrook and senior Chelsey Keylor of Barnesville. Alyssa Wright of the Lady Colts and Megan Kemp of the Lady Shamrocks were named to the second team.

Buckeey Trail had three first team picks in Class 2-A — sophomores Julie Bates and Lacey Tidrick and freshman Dani Sells — along with Shenandoah sophomore Ashley Butcher and Caldwell senior Amanda Clark, Local second team picks include senior Traci Alt, Caldwell senior Leann Hesson and Shenandoah junior Megan Grywalski.

Here's a look at the complete 2008 OVAC softball all-star team:

Class 4-A First Team

Janelle Givens, CF, Sr., Cambridge; Sarah Starr, SS, Sr., Cambridge; Paige Young, P, So., Cambridge; Alyson Derenburger, Jr., Beaver Local; Miranda Wilson, 1B, Sr., Brooke; Nikki Cesario, SS, Jr., Buckeye Local; Lexee Koran, P, So., Buckeye Local; Ashley Dorfer, P, Sr., East Liverpool; Autumn Bendle, P. Sr., Edison; Ashley Bendle, P. Jr., Edison; Elizabeth Williamson, P. Jr., Indian Creek; Lauren Francis, CF, Sr., John Marshall; Tiara Snyder, SS, So., Steubenville; Kaitlyn Pitchok, SS, Jr., Weir, Taylor Cope, RF, So., Wheeling Park; Mary Hohman, Buckeye Trail; Amanda Clark, SS, Jr. Weir, Taylor Cope, RF, So., Wheeling Park; Mary Hohman, Buckeye Trail; Amanda Clark, SS, Jen Nogay, CF, Weirton Madonna.



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The OVAC softball "Players of the Year" for 2008 include, I to r, Kinsi Tellep of Meadowbrook (Class 3-A), Megan Byhanna of Linsly (Class 2-A), Jenna Vavra of St. John Central (Class 1-A) and Sarah Starr of Cambridge (Class 4-A).

P. Sr., Wheeling Park; Elizabeth Kosowski, CF, Jr., Wheeling Park; Rachella Roessler, 1B, Jr., Zanesville.

Second Team

Brittany Barrett, Jr., Beaver Local; Leigh Ann Lauri, SS, Sr., Brooke; Shelby Bartrug, 2B, So., Buckeye Local; Lacie Mahley, 1B, Jr., Cambridge; Alicia Hall, SS, Sr., East Liverpool; Kim Smyth, 3B, Sr., Edison; Haley Mays, C, Jr., Indian Creek; Dee Gamble, P/IF, Jr., John Marshall; Alexa Auteri, CF, Jr., Steubenville; Angela Lamp, C, Sr., Weir; Caitlin Wilson, 1B, Sr., Wheeling Park; Katie Lianez, SS, Jr., Zanesville.

Class 3-A First Team

Candace Neff, SS, Mendowbrook; Chelsey Roberts, 3B. Jr., Meadowbrook; Kinsi Tellep, P. Jr., Meadowbrook; Cheisey Keylor, SS, Sr., Barnesville, Kylee Ney, 2B. Jr., Bellaire; Sara Pelegreen, P.SS, Jr., Herricon Control, Koyla Brill, C. Harrison Central; Kayla Brill, C, Sr., Magnolia; Tory Greene, P. Sr., Magnolia; Kayla Lewis, C, Sr., Martins Ferry; Natasha Richard, C, Sr., Oak Glen; Erin Shuman, P, Jr., Oak Glen; Kate Davison, P. Sr., St. Clairsville, Tonya Riffle, SS, Sr., Tyler Consolidated; Lyndsay Schafer, 3B/P, Fr., Union Local; Val Palmer, OF/2B, Sr., Wheeling Central; Mary Petros, 1B, Sr., Wheeling Central; Jen Sparachane, P/2B/C, Sr., Wheeling Central.

Second Team Megan Kemp, C/3B, Sr., Barnesville; Erin Conaway, 3B, Sr., Bellaire; Kristina Brandon, C. Jr., Harrison Central; Alicia Hinerman, CF, Sr., Magnolia; Jordan Ford, OF, Sr., Martins Ferry; Alyssa Wright, 2B, So., Meadowbrook; Maria Gala, SS/1B, Sr., Oak Glen; Caitlin Doty, 3B, Fr., St. Clairsville; Christy Jones, 3B/1B, So., Tyler Consolidated; Shayla Lucas, CF, Fr., Union Local; Courtney Schrebe, OF/2B/C, Sr., Wheeling

Class 2-A First Team

Julie Bates, 1B/P, So., Buckeye

Sr., Caldwell; Ashley Butcher, P, So., Shenandoah; Morgan Hughes, OF, So., Cameron; Devan Shields, P. So., Cameron; Kourtney Booth, P. Sr., Fort Frye; Ashley Okey, 3B/ P. So., Fort Frye; Chelsea Binegar, CF, Sr., Frontier; Megan Byhanna, P. Jr., Linsly, Kari Kitchen, 1B, Sr., Linsly; Erika Mitchem, C, So., Linsly; Kylie Knowlton, 1B, Sr., Monroe Central; Erika Williams, 1B, Jr., River; Hannah Caldwell, P, Fr., Shadyside; Briann Bayne, CF, Ir., Steubenville Catholic Central; Marie Keller, SS/C, Sr., Wellsville.

Second Team Traci Alt, 2B, Sr., Buckeye Trail; Leann Hesson, CF, Sr., Caldwell; Megan Grywalski, C, Jr., Shenandoah; Kilie Bungard, C, Jr., Cameron; Danielle Lang, 1B, Jr., Fort Frye; Morgan Crum, SS/2B, Sr., Frontier; Caitlyn Johnson, CF/P, So., Linsly; Karlie Davis, SS, Jr., Monroe Central; Shaleena Rhodes, C/IF, Sr., River; Stefanie Blinco, Util., Sr., Shadyside; Sara Ashmead, SS, Jr., Steubenville Catholic Central; Alicia Harless, 1B, Jr., Wellsville.

Class 1-A First Team

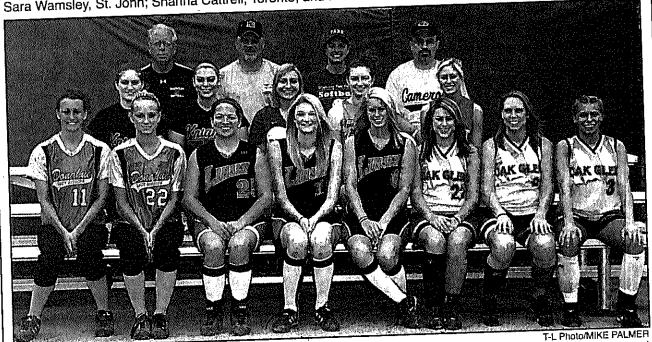
Lindzey Myers, P. Sr., Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans; Rachel Benda, C/3rd, So., Bridgeport; Vicki Yurisko, C, Jr., Paden City; Betsie Smith, C, Sr., Bellaire St. Johns; Jenna Vavra, SS, Sr., Bellaire St. Johns; Sara Wamsley, 3B/P, Sr., Bellaire St. Johns; Shanna Cattrell, OF, Sr., Toronto; Raquel Partridge, C, Sr., Valley; Meghan Dulaney, SS, Jr., Weirton Madonna; Samantha Myers, C, Fr., Weirton Madonna; Rebecca Stewart, P, Fr., Weirton Madonna; LaTara Arnold, SS, Sr., Beallsville; Kristin Lollathin, 3B, Jr., Beallsville; Taylore Barry, LF, Fr., Bishop Donahue; Brittie Legg, P/C, Sr., Bishop Donahue.

Second Team Cheyenne Moore, CF, So., Beallsville; Ashley Hill, CF, Sr., Bishop Donahue; Emily Bennett, SS, Sr., Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans; Beverly Reed, 1B/C, So., Bridgeport; Allison Bertozzi, SS, So. Paden City; Lakyn McFarland, 2B, Jr., Bellaire St.

OVAC ALL-STARS



THE OHIO team includes: Chelsey Keylor, Barnesville; Katie Smith, Beaver Local; Latara Arnold, Beallsville; Traci Alt, Buckeye Trail; Sarah Starr, Janelle Givens and Alexa Kafury, Cambridge; Ashley Dorfer, East Liverpool; Kim Smyth and Autumn Bendle, Edison; Kourtney Booth, Fort Frye; Chelsea Binegar, Frontier; Kayla Lewis and Jordan Ford, Martins Ferry; Kylie Knowlton, Monroe Central; Shaleena Binegar, Frontier; Lacie Franklin, Shenandoah; Kate Davison, St. Clairsville; Jenna Vavra, Betsie Smith and Sara Wamsley, St. John; Shanna Cattrell, Toronto; and Kate Davis, Union Local.



THE WEST Virginia team includes: Ashley Hill and Brittie Legg, Bishop Donahue; Samantha Frye and Raquel Partridge, Valley; Erin Birkhimer, Weirton Madonna; Jocelyn Jones, Kari Kitchen and Jessie Schucht, Linsly; Maria Gala, Natasha Richard and Maggie Skinner, Oak Glen; Tonya Riffle and Hannah Thommas, Tyler Consolidated; Sam Michetti, Brooke; Lauren Francis, John Marshall; Angela Lamp, Weir; Chelsea Baker, Kait Eckman, Anna Haber, Mary Hohman and Caitlin Wilson, Wheeling Park.

Softball, baseball all-star games scheduled

All-Star Game is set for today at 6 p.m. on Lisa's Field at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Complex in Elm Grove. Players and coaches are to report at 5.

The annual George Kovalick Baseball All-Star Game will be played Monday at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville.

Finyers and coaches are to game beginning at 6 p.m. Special awards will be including players of the year in the past.

The annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Softball Players and coaches are to report at 4:30 p.m., with the

Special awards will be presented during both games, including players of the year, coaches of the year, coaching milestones, and coaches who have made a difference