

OVAC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

Colts Repeat

As AAA Champs

Red Devils' Keylor is medalist

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

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All-OVAC
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Ethier hit a two-run homer in the 13th inning - his major league-leading sixth walkoff hit of the season - giving the Los Angeles Dodgers a 5-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

Four of Ethier's game-ending hits

leading Dodgers moved five games ahead of Colorado, which lost 10-2 at San Francisco.

Ethier sent the first pitch from Phil Dumatrait (0-1) into the right field pavilion with one out for his 30th homer and 97th and 98th RBIs of the

Rafael Furcal opened the inning with a line drive single that struck Chris Bootcheck and ricocheted between first and second base.

The Pirates took a 4-3 lead in the top of the inning on Ryan Doumit's RBI single.



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ABOVE: St. Clairsville freshman Zach Keylor watches his tee shot on the seventh tee at Oglebay Park's Jones Course during Tuesday's OVAC 3-A Golf Championship. He posted a round of 75 to earn the medalist honors.

AT LEFT: Harrison Central's Adam Heaston watches his shot during the OVAC 3-A Golf Tournament. He finished as an all-OVAC player. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com



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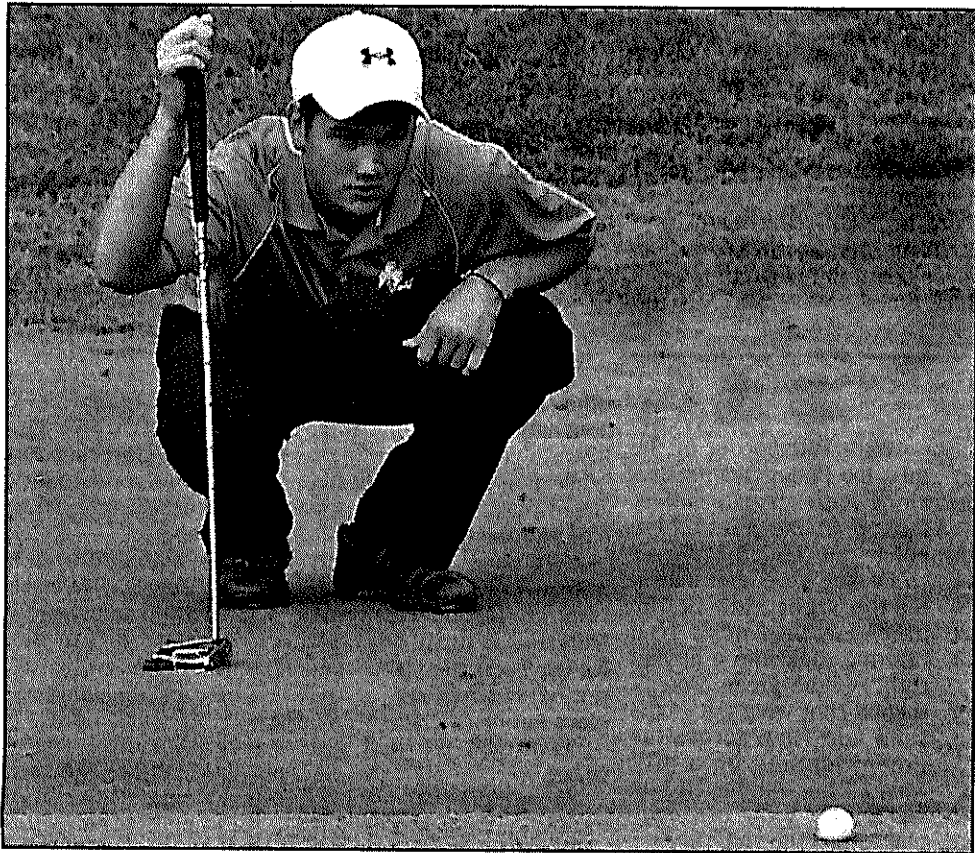
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SPORT

● Warfield

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OVAC Golf Tournament



BARNESVILLE'S Bailey Warfield eyes up a putt on the 15th green during Thursday's OVAC Golf Tournament held at Oglebay Park's Crispin Center. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

Warfield claims OVAC

• Barnesville senior shoots even; Central wins team title

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

Wheeling Central captured the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Golf Championship last in 2007 as a member of Class 3-A.

The Knights, however, dropped to 2-A a year ago and finished near the bottom of the team rankings after graduation had claimed the majority of its roster.

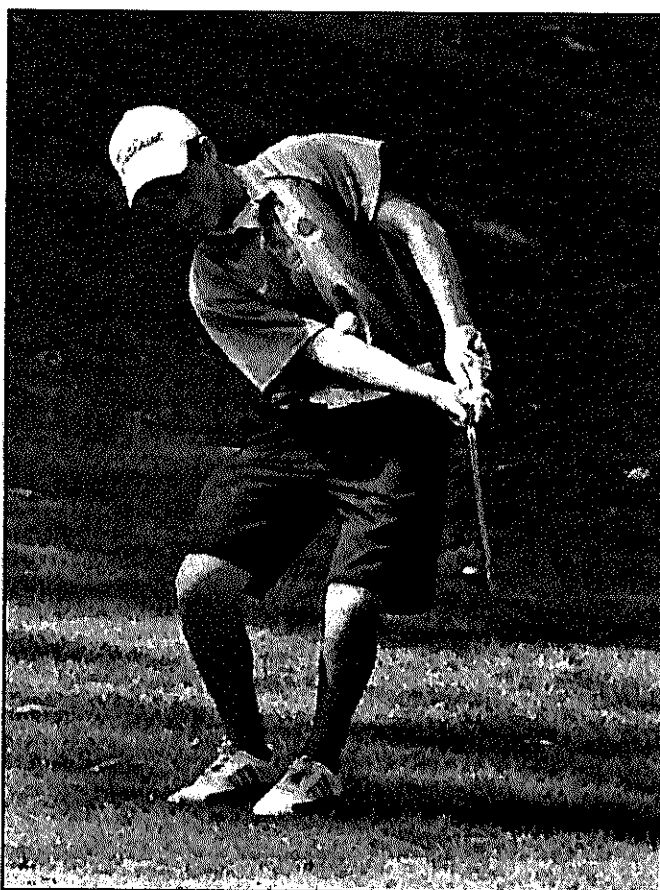
However, the Maroon Knights reclaimed their glory thanks to an unexpected round of 78 from Shane Livingston, who's slotted into the Central fifth spot during Thursday's O V A C Championship held at the Crispin Golf Course at Oglebay Park in Wheeling.

"This is a big change for us from last year," said Central head coach Ed Stein. "We were rebuilding last year and maybe Wheeling Central is reloading after all."

Many had looked at the scoreboard and began proclaiming Steubenville Central the champion, but as tournament officials were writing in the hole-by-hole scores of Livingston, who was a member of the last group to come back to the clubhouse, it turned out to be a 43 on the front and an even-par round of 35 on the back nine.

Included in Livingston's round was the lone eagle of the tournament, which he posted on the 240-yard par four 16th.

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ABOVE: River's Zach Wax plays from the rough on the ninth hole. Wax birdied the final three holes of the tournament to finish a shot over par and second in the tournament.

AT LEFT: Shadyside's Patrick O'Donnell watches his tee shot on the 12th hole during Thursday's OVAC Class 2-A Tournament. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

"That was pretty much a career round for Shane," Stein said. "I am happy with how all of our kids just kind of grinded it out. Some of the guys started poorly, but they didn't give up on the round and finished really strong."

Garrett Labrosse finished with a 79, which was a shot off of earning all-OVAC. The Knights' normal number one player Dan Scott checked in with a 81 and rounding out the scoring was a round of 82 from Mike Selak.

"The course was dry and hard today," Stein said. "The greens rolled really nice, but the ball was bouncing all over the place in the fairway, so the difficulty of the course then so many evenly matched teams makes it an even bigger accomplishment."

Barnesville — which was one of the pre-tournament favorites — received another steady, grind-it-round from senior standout Bailey Warfield who his second consecutive OVAC medalist plaque, but his first in 2-A after the Shamrocks dropped down from 3-A.

"I couldn't get the greens down very well on the front nine, and I put myself in a lot of trouble," Warfield said. "I was able to put it together on the back nine. I knew there was pressure on me because I wanted to win, but my putting came back to me and I was able to make some birdies."

The senior — who plays countless tournaments during the summer to prepare for the prep season — was trading birdies for bogeys on the front side of the card and posted a 2-over 38.

However, on the back nine — which is considerably shorter and considerably easier to score on — Warfield posted a 2-under 33 for the even par round.

"I left a lot of shots on the course today," Warfield continued. "I could have probably gone in the mid 60s, but I am happy with my score because it was good enough to come out on top. Today wasn't my best round, but I came out and played pretty well."

Steubenville Central — which finished two shots off the pace — had two members of the all-OVAC squad.

Mike McDonald and Anthony Augustine finished in the three-way tie for fifth with the aforementioned Livingston.

Defending champion Fort Frye finished third with 326. Zach Warren and Bryan Neader shot 74 and 77, respectively to earn all-OVAC status.

River's Zach Wax — who had shot a 68 earlier in the season at Crispin — ended his round with three straight birdies to salvage a 1-over round of 72 and runner-up medalist honors.

Patriots

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Lambie — that helped separate the two groups of Patriots in team scoring.

Lambie shot a 79, while South's Anthony Cornell had an 88.

"He's our No. 3 man ... and a solid No. 3 man," Headley said. "He has been a clutch guy all season. We can count on him and be dependent on him to shoot that number and his play made the difference. Without him shooting that steady number we struggle."

Nathan Clingenpeel carded an 84 to round out Park's scoring. The Patriots' fifth player — Jacob Carpenter — shot an 87.

Headley, who also served as tournament director, said the victory was a team accomplishment from the coaches and players all the way down to the teachers and administrators at Wheeling Park High School who have helped the Patriots compete in many 18-hole events this season.

"The No. 1 and 2 guys set the pace, and the 3, 4 and 5 guys win tournaments for you," Headley said. "Everyone on this team knows how important it is to help each other. And that's what happened (Thursday)."

Wilson, Dickey and Auer were among the first golfers to finish their rounds. And as the day wore on, it was apparent they would be playing an extra hole or two.

After a long break, the trio headed to the par-4 10th for the first playoff hole.

Dickey's and Auer's first shots landed in the fairway, with Wilson's on the fringe. Auer and Dickey both landed their second shots about 8 feet from the pin. Wilson's second shot went back farther, but stopped on the fringe of the green.

Auer and Dickey both converted their birdie attempts, while Wilson's stopped about 3 feet short of the hole, thus eliminating him.

"I was pretty happy with how I played," said Wilson, who also had a 75 in last season's OVAC Tournament. "The course played pretty tough, but Jason and I (the two were included in a foursome all day) had a good battle and it was fun."

Wilson neglected to mention he wasn't feeling well, which is par for the course for him, according to Headley.

"Shayne's been steady all season," Headley said. "He's always been in the mid to low 70s."

"He's a strong and tough-minded kid who muscles the ball around the course."

"He was down on his power (Thursday) as he had a sore throat and wasn't feeling well. I wasn't sure he'd be here. But that's the kind of kid he is ... tough, gritty and he sets the pace for us."

With Wilson out of the mix, the Potters teammates, along with a small gallery moved to the par-3 11th hole.

Dickey's tee shot landed on the right side of the green, while Auer's first offering sank into a bunker right off the green. Auer's second shot went out of the sand and flew across the green, landing on a hill. This all but eliminated him and Dickey went on to two-putt to seal the victory.

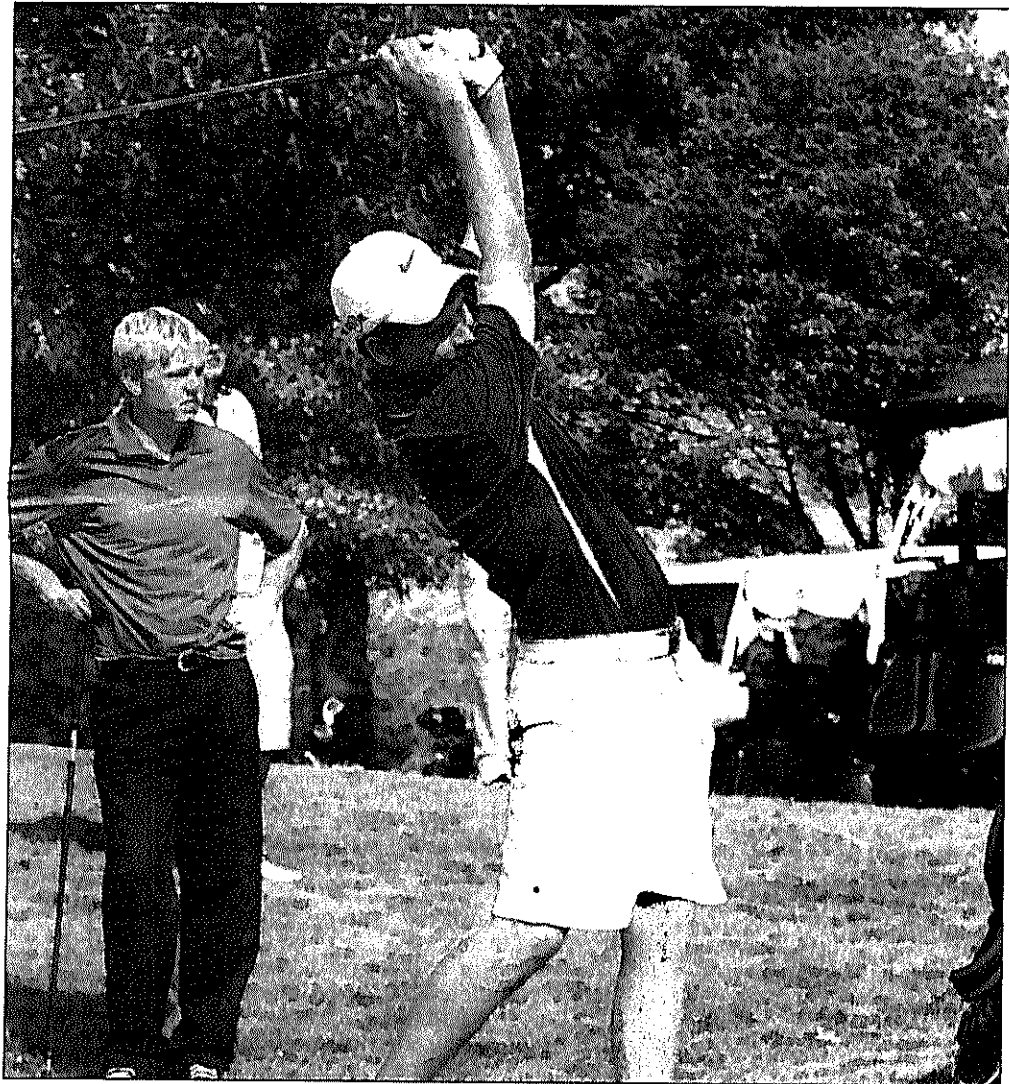
It was the first career playoff victory for the junior.

"The biggest thing for me was when I made that birdie putt on that first playoff hole," Dickey said, who was teamed with Wilson, Parkersburg South's Austin Root and Buckeye Local's Andrew Strope.

"We all hit the ball great," Dickey said of the foursome. "If we had made some putts, one of us probably would've went under par."

Dickey, Wilson and Auer were joined on the all-conference team by Root and Parkersburg South's Jorden McIntyre.

**AC Golf Championships
Winning Kind of Day**



Wheeling Park's Shayne Wilson tees off during the first playoff hole of the OVAC Class AAAA golf championships Thursday at Oglebay Park. Looking on is East Liverpool's James Dickey, back left, who eventually was crowned medalist on the second hole of sudden death.

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Photo by Rick Thorp

Lambie comes through to help Patriots to Class AAAA title

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Wheeling Park repeated and captured its sixth OVAC golf title of the decade Thursday by edging Parkersburg South at the OVAC Class AAAA Championship at Speidel Golf Course's Robert Trent Jones layout at Oglebay.

The Ohio County Patriots finished with a score of 318, while the Wood County Patriots shot 329. East Liverpool was third with 340.

John Marshall was fourth (353), followed by Zanesville (354), Brooke (358), Steubenville (362), Indian Creek (365), Buckeye Local (366) and Cambridge (393).

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mate John Auer and Wheeling Park's Shayne Wilson in a two-hole, sudden-death playoff. All three shot 75 after 18 holes.

Wheeling Park coach Don Headley said his team can now cross the OVAC off its list of goals for the sea-

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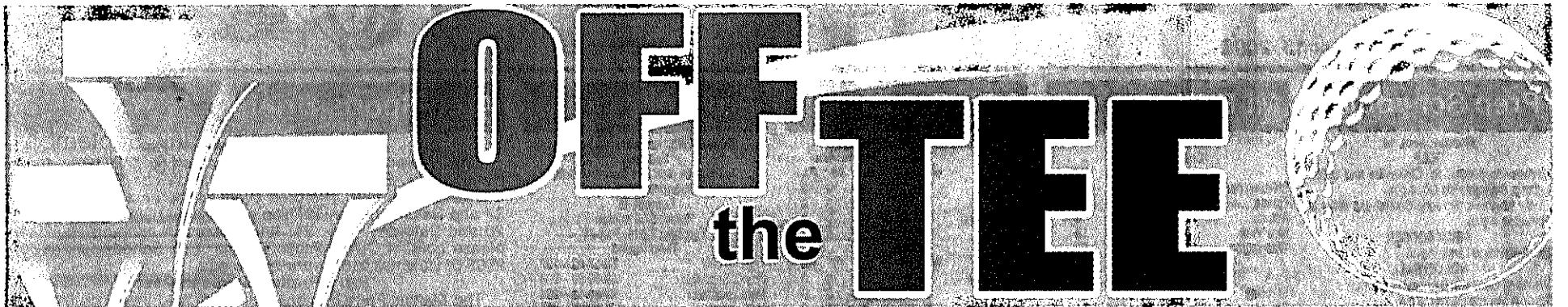
"This is goal No. 1," said Headley, who also guided Park to the title last season in his first as coach. "The whole season you think about the OVAC."

"But this is just one piece of the puzzle. The regional is next, and then if we win that or finish second, it's on to state."

The regional tournament is slated for Sept. 28 at Moundville Country Club, and the state tournament is Oct. 6-7 back at Speidel.

Marshall Hone, who was the Class AAA medalist at last fall's state tournament, fired an 80 on Thursday. But it was Park's No. 3 golfer — Eli

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OVAC Golf Tournaments this week

By **SETH STASKEY**
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The first Ohio Valley Athletic Conference champion of the 2009-10 athletic year will be crowned this week.

The OVAC Golf Championship will be held at Oglebay Park, starting on Tuesday with the 1-A and 3-A classes going at it, while the 2-A and 4-A groups will play for the pennant on Thursday.

The Jones and Crispin courses will be utilized for the tournament, which consists of 18 hole stroke play. The bigger division each day will play at Jones.

The action commences at Oglebay at 9:30 a.m. each day.

The following is a capsule look at the classes based on information provided by the directors of the events:

IN CLASS 4-A, Wheeling Park is the defending champion. The Patriots claimed their seventh OVAC title a year ago, which ended the three-year run of Zanesville.

This year's 4-A field also includes: John Marshall, Parkersburg South, Steubenville, East Liverpool, Buckeye Local, Beaver Local, Indian Creek, Cambridge and Brooke.

IN CLASS 3-A, Meadowbrook is cast in the role of defending champion.

Coach Mel Pesuit's Colts fought off Barnesville for the crown and now with the Shamrocks in Class 2-A and the Colts having just two players back from its 2008 team, the title is wide open.

Meadowbrook - which owns five OVAC titles all told in golf and advanced to the state tournament a year ago - return Matt

Miller and Eli Pesuit both of whom played in last year's event. Junior Cole Pennington has been playing well this year.

Meadowbrook is 12-4 in dual matches and 47-22 overall.

Harrison Central is off to a strong start this season. The Huskies return all-OVAC performer Adam Heaston to the fold.

Another solid performer for Harrison is Juli Hirauk, who will play one set of tees closer to the greens than the boys due to the tournament being contested in West Virginia.

St. Clairsville is enjoying a youth movement in golf and also a fine season thus far. The Red Devils - who own a conference-high 20 golf titles

but none in the last 11 years - are 19-2 on the season.

Sophomore Bryce Holler, freshmen Caden Myers and Zach Keylor lead the way for Coach Rick Oberdick's team.

The remainder of the 3-A field consists of: Edison, Magnolia, Martins Ferry, Tyler, Union Local, Weir, Oak Glen and Bellaire.

IN CLASS 2-A, Steubenville Central is the defending champion after it held off Fort Frye by three strokes (311-314) for the title.

The Cadets might be able to get over the hump this season with three starters from last year's team back, but medalist Danny Perry who shot a round of 72 has graduated.

Another factor expects to be Barnesville, which is dropping down to 2-A after competing in 3-A a season ago.

The Shamrocks are led by senior Bailey Warfield who was an all-OVAC performer in 3-A a season ago and won the medalist



UNION LOCAL'S Mitchell Jellison watches his tee shot during a golf match last week at Crooked Creek. Jellison will be one of many prep golfers involved in the OVAC Golf Championship slated for this week at Oglebay Park. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleader.com

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title as a sophomore.

Individuals in Class 2-A who could make a charge up the leaderboard include: Linsly's Derek Andreini, Fort Frye's Zach Warren and Bryan Neader; Wellsville's Matt Gibbs, Shadyside's Patrick O'Donnell; River's Zack Wax and Jesse Merckle and Buckeye Trail's Josh Colvin.

IN CLASS 1-A, Zanesville Rosecrans is the two-time defending champion in their two appearances in the tournament.

Rosecrans lost Josh Agin to

graduation. He's the two-time reigning tournament medalist and was the state runnerup a year ago in Columbus. He's now competing at the University of Toledo.

However, the Bishops' cupboard isn't bare with Austin Lang and Drew Eppley back off the all-OVAC team.

Madonna figures to challenge the Bishops with the likes of Drew Gobleck and Austin Pitchok leading the way. Both were members of the all-OVAC squad.

New to the field this year is

Morgantown Trinity, which won the Class 1-A West Virginia state title a season ago. Toronto also figures to be in the mix.

The balance of 1-A includes: Bishop Donahue, Conotton Valley, Beallsville, Paden City and St. John.

The directors for the OVAC golf tournament are: Don Headley (4-A), Mel Pesuit (3-A), Bob Cain (2-A) and Mark Zavatsky (1-A).

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NASCAR TRUCKS

Driver Standings
1. Ron Hornaday Jr., 2,875
2. Matt Crafton, 2,878
3. Mike Skinner, 2,662
4. Brian Scott, 2,457
5. Todd Bodine, 2,389
6. Collin Braun, 2,372
7. David Starr, 2,310
8. Timothy Peters, 2,307
9. Rick Crawford, 2,302
10. Johnny Sauter, 2,297
11. Teyler Malsam, 2,289
12. Stacy Compton, 2,273
13. Terry Cook, 2,245
14. James Buescher, 2,085
15. Dennis Setzer, 2,065
16. T.J. Bell, 2,012

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Wellsville - Stoakes, 81; Bryson, 89; Johnston, 89; Miller, 106.

Class 3-A

Team Scores - Meadowbrook, 331; Harrison Central, 348; St. Clairsville, 357; Edison, 366; Martins Ferry, 373; Oak Glenn, 388; Union Local, 396; Weir, 404; Tyler Consolidated, 436; Bellaire, 437

ALL-OVAC
1. Zach Keylor (STC), 75; 2. Cole Pennington (MEADOW), 78; 3. Matt Miller (MEADOW), 80; 4. Adam Heaston (HC), 81; 5. Eli Pesuit (MEADOW), 83; 6. Greg Staganl (ED), 83.

Individual Scoring
MEADOWBROOK - Cole Pennington, 78; Matt Miller, 80; Eli Pesuit, 83; Joey Ferguson, 80.
HARRISON CENTRAL - Adam Heaston, 81; Jake Blanchard, 85; Juli Hirauk, 87; Jacob Kasarda, 85.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - Zach Keylor, 75; Brice Holler, 88; Caden Myers, 96; Adam Jeffries, 98.
EDISON - Greg Staganl, 83; Jarrod Fatasca, 93; Sean Connelly, 94; Ryan Dowdell, 98.
MARTINS FERRY - Chase Stuckey, 86; Doug Robey, 92; Andrew Chlon, 96; Taylor Shane, 99.

OAK GLENN - Joey Davis, 96; Martin Mazeska, 96; Zachary Mazeska, 98; Joe Rosak, 98.
UNION LOCAL - Myron Jellison, 89; Trevor Mudrack, 100; Richie Dalbridge, 102; Josh Lucas, 105.
WEIR - John Shaw, 95; Louis Lemasters, 100; Dion Knox, 103; Sean Fanski, 107.
TYLER CONSOLIDATED - Dalton Wells, 97; Ethan Garrison, 110; Tyler Lemasters, 114; Levi Kissner, 115.
BELLAIRE - Ryan Husek, 87; Austin Cusick, 98; Taylor Strussion, 118; Brooke Strussion, 124; Corey Miller, 124.

OVAC Golf

OVAC Class AAAA Championship (at Speldel GC, Par 71)

Team Scores
1. Wheeling Park 318; 2. Parkersburg South 329; East Liverpool 340; 4. John Marshall 353; 5. Zanesville 354; 8. Brooke 358; 7. Steubenville 362; 8. Indian Creek 365; 9. Buckeye Local 366; 10. Cambridge 393.

Individual Scores
WP - Shayne Wilson 75, Eli Lambie 79, Marshall Hone 80, Nathan Clingenpeel 84; PS - Austin Root 76, Jordan McIntyre 77, Anthony Cornell 88, Chris Smith 88; EL - Jason Dickey 75*, John Auer 75, Ridge Tomaselli 94, Alex Watson 96; JM - Derek Francis 84, Jake Hicks 86, Robby Tennant 88, Mark Tennant 95; Z - Kurt Young 83, Conner Hansen 85, Austin Mills 86, Jeff Bowers 100; B - Russell James 83, Mark Fitzpatrick 91, J.P. McConaughy 92, Ian Drak 92; S - Kodi Peterson 86, Joe Garay 89, Mike Petrides 90, Jordan Quinn 97; IC - Tim Newburn 88, R.J. Barnett 88, Nate Tuchowski 90, J.J. Caniff 99; BL - Andrew Strope 78, Jeff Becca 94, Tyler Moore 94, Tim Pietro 100; Cam - Austin Wilkinson 90, Tyler Hitzel 95, Michael George 102, Ben Standford 106.

*Dickey (EL) won two-hole playoff for medalist honors against Auer (EL), who finished second and Wilson (WP), who was third

OVAC golf tourneys pro

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrapped up its annual golf championships last Thursday and I must say what an exciting couple of days of golf.

On the outside you hear high school golf and most people don't get too excited.

Obviously, those people have never given it a chance.

I've covered every sport in The Times Leader coverage area multiple times, but the golf tournaments this week — held at Oglebay Park — were some of the most exciting and interesting.

Wheeling Park, Meadowbrook, Wheeling Central and

a season ago. Warfield shot an even par round of 71 on the Crispin Course, including a two under 33 on the backside of the course.

Both Keylor and Warfield play countless events during the summer as members of the prestigious Top-Flite Tour, which travels around the state of West Virginia basically all summer playing events.

It was also refreshing to see several girls playing with the boys. While girls golf isn't an individual sport within the OVAC, many teams have players and they are allowed to compete with the boys and some showed they belonged.

Linsly's second-player in the OVAC was Mary Crisafina played in the group, which included Warfield, so I got to watch her play quite a bit as I tracked their rounds. She wasn't the longest of the group, but she probably played the most consistently and seemingly hit fairway after fairway.

Harrison Central's Juli Hirauk is one of the area's premier females players. She won the girls' sectional last year and was the second scorer for the runner-up Huskies in this past week's tournament. She's another who hits it consistently and doesn't put herself into too much trouble.

During the months of writing this column, I've had the opportunity to talk to several area golf professionals and the consensus is they would like to see more women get involved with the game. Judging by the amount of girls playing this past week, those numbers could be on the way. I must commend the staff at Oglebay Park for having the courses in top-notch shape. They were challenging, but fair and that's exactly what you'd expect for a championship event.

I also want to thank the tournament directors of the events I covered — Mel



Pesuit (3-A), Bob Cain (2-A) and Mark Zavatsky (1-A) for their hospitality and help during the tournaments.

BEL-ROE TOURNAMENT

Sticking with the prep theme, the regular season concludes this week and that means the annual Bel-Roe Golf Tournament at Crooked Creek.

The event will be held Friday, starting at 9 a.m., and will feature 10 teams vying in the 30th annual tournament.

Slated to take part are Beallsville, St. Clairsville, Martins Ferry, Barnesville, St. Buckeye Trail, Local, Shadyside Magnolia.

When the tournament began in 1980 in the Ohio Valley League and Barnesville, Martins Ferry, Clairsville.

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had three players finish their 18-hole rounds in the 70s on the par 71 layout.

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Goblek's round was equaled by Toronto senior Nolan Wilson, meaning a sudden-death playoff was in order.

With the team scores tallied and decided, Goblek and Wilson — who had four-putted the opening hole of the tournament during the morning — headed for the par three 10th tee with a gallery following.

"I really wasn't nervous because I've been in probably three playoffs already during summer tournaments," said Wilson. "I have kind of gotten used to it. It helped me having the honor to put some pressure."

Wilson had the honor on the tee, pulled out eight iron and deposited a beautiful shot just 12 feet short of the pin. Goblek, meanwhile, used 6-iron and hit his shot under a tree right of the green.

However, Goblek, seemingly unphased, executed a beautiful pitch shot within eight feet of the hole, meaning Wilson had a putt for the championship.

"That was a heck of a chip shot he hit, and I was hoping to at least get it to a tap in if I didn't make it," Wilson said.

He left his birdie putt a foot short of the cup and the door to force an additional hole was open for Goblek. However, his well-struck putt lipped out, giving Wilson his first OVAC medalist honor.

The remainder of the all-OVAC team was comprised of: Rosecrans' Austin Lang who shot even 71; Beallsville's Daniel Blair who posted a solid 75.



SETH STASKEY
Off The Tee

Two of the individual titles came down to playoffs and regardless of the level of golf, a sudden-death playoff is the second-most exciting part of the sport behind an ace.

Toronto's Nolan Wilson prevailed in 1-A on the first playoff and East Liverpool's Jason Dickey won the 4-A crown on the second playoff hole.

The 3-A title was won by St. Clairsville's freshman Zach Keylor who's got the game to become a household name in the Ohio Valley golf circles for quite a few years to come.

Like his head coach Rick Oberdick pointed out, the unflappable ninth-grader plays well beyond his years. He scorched the Jones Course at Speidel to a tune of 75 after making the turn at two under par.

Barnesville senior Bailey Warfield added the OVAC 2-A medalist plaque to the 3-A one he captured



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BEALLSVILLE'S Daniel Blair follows through on his tee shot on the 11th hole at Oglebay Park's Crispin Course. Blair finished as all-OVAC in Class 1-A.

Back-nine rally lifts Madonna to 1-A title

• Toronto's Wilson needs playoff to win medalist

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

The nerves surrounding the inaugural Ohio Valley Athletic Championship of the 2009-10 school year were so great that Madonna golf coach T.J. Brancazio could hardly sleep Monday evening.

There were no need for the nerves because his Blue Don golfers were up to the task Tuesday afternoon at Oglebay Park's Crispin Course in Wheeling.

Trailing by no fewer than five strokes at the turn, the Blue Don players turned it up a notch on the back nine en route to posting a team score of 303, which was five shots better than two-time defending champion Zanesville Rosecrans.

"I am ecstatic," Brancazio said shortly after receiving the championship trophy. "Our kids just played awesome on the back."

The Blue Dons posted a career-low number on the inward nine to hold off the Bishops who had three players under 40 on the front.

"We let them know as they were going where we were team wise, but we want them to take it shot by shot," Brancazio said.

Before attention shifted fully to the postseason, the Blue Dons had some unfinished business as they've been trailing Rosecrans and Toronto for the past few seasons.

En route to the title, Madonna

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OVAC Golf

OVAC GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Class 1-A

Team Scores — Weirton Madonna, 303; Zanesville Rosecrans, 308; Toronto, 323; Morgantown Trinity, 335; Beallsville, 348; Connotton Valley, 351; Bishop Donahue, 377; St. John, 419; Padon City, 436

All-OVAC

1. Nolan Wilson (TOR), 70; 2. Andrew Goblek (WM), 70; 3. Austin Lang (ZFR), 71; 4. Austin Pitchok (WM), 75; 5. Daniel Blair (BEALLS), 78.

Individual Scoring

WEIRTON MADONNA — Andrew Goblek, 70; Austin Pitchok, 75; James McFadden, 78; Patrick McCune, 80

ZANESVILLE ROSECRANS — Austin Lang, 71; Grant Eppley, 77; Sam Austen, 77; Tyler Johnston, 83

TORONTO — Nolan Wilson, 70; Ollie Sutherland, 84; Mike Garmin, 84; Dylan King, 85

MORGANTOWN TRINITY — Jamie Walls, 80; Tyler Seitz, 82; Patrick Thomas, 83; Travis Hanson, 80

BEALLSVILLE — Daniel Blair, 78; Andrew Emrick, 89; Craig Brewer, 90; Jacob Fraley, 91

CONNOTTON VALLEY — Tab Yosick, 82; Taylor Berg, 89; Andy Cooper, 89; Nick Goller, 91

BISHOP DONAHUE — Matt Sassen, 81; Andy McCombs, 96; R.T. Clegg, 100; Yiley Kourze, 100

ST. JOHN — Lacie Sokolowski, 80; Cody Gillespie, 103; Gina Beekman, 104; Alicia Sprout, 112

PADON CITY — Zach Yost, 100; Braxton Herrick, 108; Doug Shepherd, 112; Ethan Drain, 116

Goblek Leads Blue Dons

Toronto's Wilson wins sudden-death playoff

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Toronto's Nolan Wilson earned medalist honors on Tuesday.

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Before attention shifted fully to the postseason, the Blue Dons had some unfinished business as they've been trailing Rosecrans and Toronto for the past

Class A

few seasons.

"This was definitely one of our goals," Brancazio said.

En route to the title, Madonna had three players finish their 18-hole rounds in the 70s on the par-71 layout.

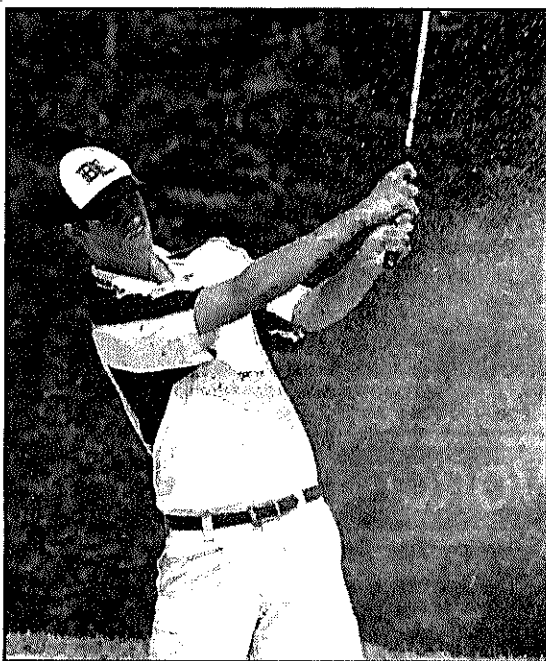
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"Winning the team championship was awesome," Goblek said. "This is something we've wanted all season and now we're going try to make a run at the state tournament. All of our guys played well and came on strong on the back nine."

Goblek's round was equaled by Toronto senior Nolan Wilson, meaning a sudden-death playoff was in order.

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Photo/RICK THORP

BUCKEYE LOCAL'S Andrew Strope plays from the sand during the OVAC Class 4-A Golf Tournament at Oglebay's Speidel Course.

Park repeats as 4-A champs

By RICK THORP
For The Times Leader

WHEELING — Wheeling Park repeated and captured its sixth OVAC golf title of the decade Thursday by edging Parkersburg South at the OVAC Class AAAA Championship at Speidel Golf Course's Robert Trent Jones layout at Oglebay.

The Ohio County Patriots finished with a score of 318, while the Wood County Patriots shot 329. East Liverpool was third with 340.

John Marshall was fourth (353), followed by Zanesville (354), Brooke (358), Steubenville (362), Indian Creek (365), Buckeye Local (366) and Cambridge (393).

The Potters' Jason Dickey earned medalist honors after ousting teammate John Auer and Wheeling Park's Shayne Wilson in a two-hole, sudden-death playoff. All three shot 75 after 18 holes.

Wheeling Park coach Don Headley said his team can now cross the OVAC off its list of goals for the season.

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"This is goal No. 1," said Headley, who also guided Park to the title last season in his first as coach. "The whole season you think about the OVAC."

"But this is just one piece of the puzzle. The regional is next, and then if we win that or finish second, it's on to state."

The regional tournament is slated for Sept. 28 at Moundville Country Club, and the state tournament is Oct. 6-7 back at Speidel.

Marshall Hone, who was the Class AAA medalist at last fall's state tournament, fired an 80 on Thursday. But it was Park's No. 3 golfer — Eli Lambie — that helped separate the two groups of Patriots in team scoring.

Lambie shot a 79, while South's Anthony Cornell had an 88.

"He's our No. 3 man ... and a solid No. 3 man," Headley said. "He has been a clutch guy all season. We can count on him and be dependent on him to shoot that number and his play made the difference. Without him shooting that steady number we struggle."

Nathan Clingenpeel carded an 84 to round out

Park's scoring. The Patriots' fifth player — Jacob Carpenter — shot an 87.

Headley, who also served as tournament director, said the victory was a team accomplishment from the coaches and players all the way down to the teachers and administrators at Wheeling Park High School who have helped the Patriots compete in many 18-hole events this season.

"The No. 1 and 2 guys set the pace, and the 3, 4 and 5 guys win tournaments for you," Headley said. "Everyone on this team knows how important it is to help each other. And that's what happened (Thursday)."

Wilson, Dickey and Auer were among the first golfers to finish their rounds. And as the day wore on, it was apparent they would be playing an extra hole or two.

After a long break, the trio headed to the par-4 10th for the first playoff hole.

Dickey's and Auer's first shots landed in the fairway, with Wilson's on the fringe. Auer and Dickey both landed their second shots about 8 feet from the

pin. Wilson's second shot went back farther, but stopped on the fringe of the green.

Auer and Dickey both converted their birdie attempts, while Wilson's stopped about 3 feet short of the hole, thus eliminating him.

"I was pretty happy with how I played," said Wilson, who also had a 75 in last season's OVAC Tournament. "The course played pretty tough, but Jason and I (the two were included in a foursome all day) had a good battle and it was fun."

Wilson neglected to mention he wasn't feeling well, which is par for the course for him, according to Headley.

"Shayne's been steady all season," Headley said. "He's always been in the mid to low 70s."

"He's a strong and tough-minded kid who muscles the ball around the course."

"He was down on his power (Thursday) as he had a sore throat and wasn't feeling well. I wasn't sure he'd be here. But that's the kind of kid he is ... tough, gritty and he sets the pace for us."

With Wilson out of the mix, the Potters teammates, along with a small gallery moved to the par-3 11th hole.

Dickey's tee shot landed on the right side of the green, while Auer's first offering sank into a bunker right off the green. Auer's second shot went out of the sand and flew across the green, landing on a hill. This all but eliminated him and Dickey went on to two-putt to seal the victory.

It was the first career playoff victory for the junior.

"The biggest thing for me was when I made that birdie putt on that first playoff hole," Dickey said, who was teamed with Wilson, Parkersburg South's Austin Root and Buckeye Local's Andrew Strope.

"We all hit the ball great," Dickey said of the foursome. "If we had made some putts, one of us probably would've went under par."

Dickey, Wilson and Auer were joined on the all-conference team by Root and Parkersburg South's Jordan McIntyre.

PREP FOOTBALL STATS

Staff Writer Josh Strobe unveils the first list of comprehensive statistics for the 2009 season/20

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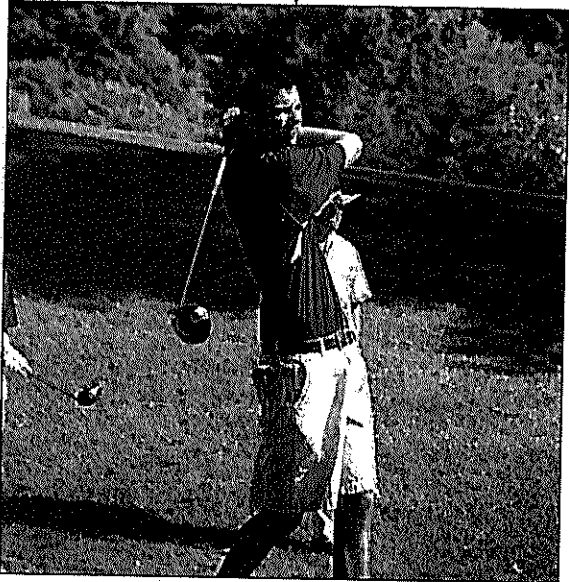


Photo by Seth Staskey

Wheeling Central's Garrett Labrosse rips off a drive during action of Thursday's OVAC Championships at Oglebay Park.

Behind a 78 from Livingston, Central reclaims its crown

By **SETH STASKEY**
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Wheeling Central last captured the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Golf Championship in 2007 as a member of the Class AAA ranks.

The Knights, however, dropped to AA a season ago and finished near the bottom of the team rankings after graduation had claimed the majority of their roster.

The Maroon Knights made up for lost time Thursday, reclaiming their glory thanks to an unexpected round of 78 from Shane Livingston, who's slotted into the No. 5 spot of the Central roster, during the OVAC Championship held at the Crispin Golf Course at Oglebay Park.

"This is a big change for us from last year," Central coach Ed Stein said. "We were rebuilding last year and maybe Wheeling Central is

reloading after all."

Many had looked at the scoreboard and began proclaiming Steubenville Catholic the champion, but as tournament officials were writing in the hole-by-hole scores of Livingston, who was a member of the last group to come back to the clubhouse, it turned out to be a 43 on the front and an even-par round of 35 on the back nine.

Included in Livingston's round was the lone eagle of the tournament, which he posted on the 240-yard, par-4 16th.

"That was pretty much a career round for Shane," Stein said. "I am happy with how all of our kids just kind of grinded it out. Some of the guys started poorly, but they didn't give up on the round and finished really strong."

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Central

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Garrett Labrosse finished with a 79, which was a shot off of earning all-OVAC. The Knights' normal No. 1 player, Dan Scott, checked in with an 81, and rounding out the scoring was a round of 82 from Mike Selak.

"The course was dry and hard," Stein said. "The greens rolled really nice, but the ball was bouncing all over the place in the fairway, so the difficulty of the course then so many evenly matched teams makes it an even bigger accomplishment."

Barnesville, which was one of the pre-tournament favorites, received another steady, grind-it-out round from senior standout Bailey Warfield who earned his second consecutive OVAC medalist plaque, but his first in AA after the Shamrocks dropped down.

"I couldn't get the greens down very well on the front nine, and I put myself in a lot of trouble," Warfield said. "I was able to put it together on the back nine. I knew there was pressure on me because I wanted to win, but my putting came back to me and I was able to make some birdies."

The senior, who plays countless tournaments during the summer to prepare for the prep season, was trading birdies for bogeys on the front side of the card and posted a 2-over-par 38.

However, on the back nine, which is considerably shorter and easier to score on, Warfield posted a 2-under 33 for the even-par round.

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Ed Stein

"I left a lot of shots on the course," Warfield continued. "I could have probably gone in the mid-60s, but I am happy with my score because it was good enough to come out on top. (It) wasn't my best round, but I came out and played pretty well."

Steubenville Catholic, which finished two shots off the pace, had two members of the all-OVAC squad. Mike McDonald and Anthony Augustine finished in the three-way tie for fifth with Livingston.

Defending champion Fort Frye finished third with 326. Zach Warren and Bryan Neader shot 74 and 77, respectively, to earn all-OVAC status.

River's Zach Wax, who had shot a 68 earlier in the season at Crispin, ended his round with three straight birdies to salvage a 1-over 72 and runner-up medalist honors.