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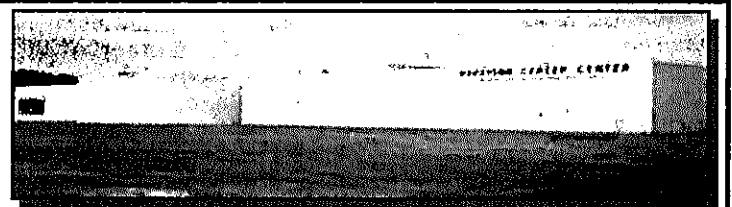
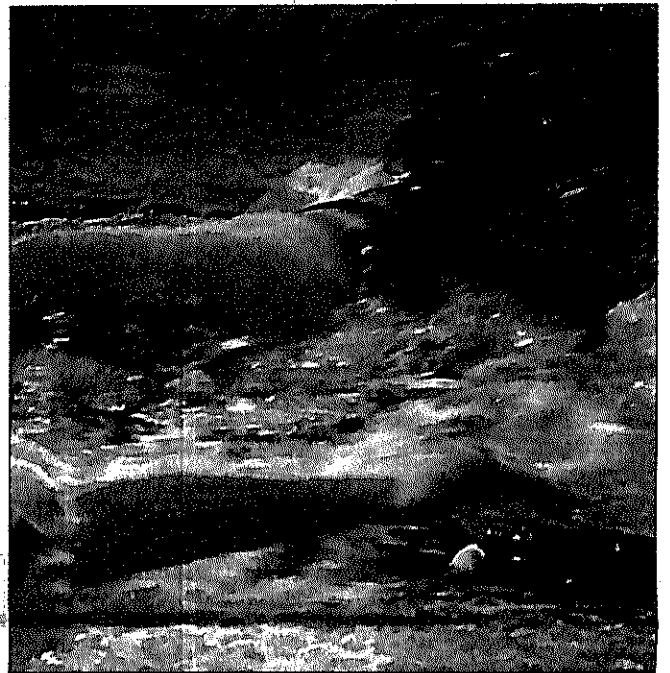
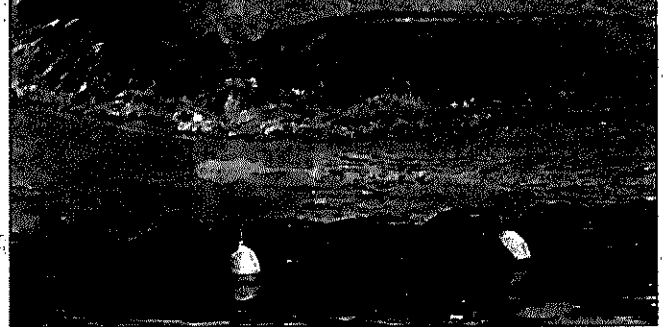
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SPORTS

OVAC Swimming set for Saturday

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

Another Saturday means another batch of Ohio Valley Athletic Conference champions are about to be crowned.

This time the sport is swimming and the site is Steubenville High School's Natatorium where more than 400 swimmers will gather to decide who will walk away with conference gold. Two team champions will be crowned on both the boys and girls' sides.

Action gets under way at 11 a.m. when seniors on the respective teams are honored, setting the stage for the first swim-

ming of the morning to get under way at 11:10 a.m. There will be no diving competition on Friday this year as there are nary an entrant in the competition.

Wheeling Park and Steubenville Catholic enter the meet as the reigning OVAC big and small-school champions. The Crusaders have actually won the last three titles and own six overall. The Patriots, meanwhile, have pocketed five OVAC swim titles, including the last two.

On the girls' side, the host Lady Big Red and the Lady Crusaders are the reigning champs. Steubenville owns 10 titles

and its city mate owns six championships. Linsly head coach Bill Brubaker serves as the meet director for this weekend's action.



Here is a capsule look at the area teams entering the meet:

BARNESVILLE — The Shamrocks have been enjoying a fairly strong season thus far. However, like many teams in the Ohio Valley, practicing opportunities have been few and far between as the weather hasn't cooperated during many times this winter.

"Looking back over the past three months, we probably have only been in

practice water about 15 times," said Barnesville head coach Bobbi Jo Johnson. "As the season comes to a close, we hope we can find more time in a practice pool."

Despite the lack of practice time, the Shamrocks have their largest squad in the nine-year history of the program with 28 members and 12 returning lettermen.

The Shamrock boys are led by senior Shane Warner who has placed at the OVAC meet the past three years either as an individual or as a member of a relay squad.

He'll take part in the 100 and 200 freestyles, which are his strongest events.

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Ferry girls finish second at OVAC Swimming

By MIKE MATHISON
For The Times Leader

Winning OVAC swim titles is something Linsly just seems to do each and every year.

Well, 2009 was absolutely no different.

Linsly captured both the small school trophies.

The Cadets scored 305 points to cruise to the boys title. Catholic Central was second with 141 points. Linsly inched past Martins Ferry, 216-199, for the girls crown.

The Purple Rider girls had a great day, considering they almost did not

make it to the meet.

They were told by the Martins Ferry administration the day before the meet they could not attend because their school bus had been canceled. They were also told private cars could not be used to transport the team to the meet.

After many phone calls, administration approved transportation to the meet via private cars.

"Today was amazing," said coach Rhonda Wilson. "This is why we wanted to be here today."

"These girls have wanted this since they were freshmen. Megan (Barries) is a senior and the other

three (Katie Longenette, Katie Lough and Elise Maguire) are juniors. They did really well today, as well as the other swimmers we have on the boys and girls teams.

Maguire won four golds, Barries had three golds and a silver and Longenette had two golds, a silver and a bronze and Lough two golds.

Barries and Maguire each won gold in the 50 free when they touched the wall in 26.03.

St. John Central's Meghan Ebbert won the 200IM in a time of 2:20.92.

St. Clairsville's Eric Eaton won the 100-yard breaststroke in a time of 1:07.99.

Making a splash

ERUPTING IN celebration is the St. John Central delegation after the Fighting Irish's Meghan Ebbert staged a furious comeback to capture the 200 IM during Saturday's OVAC Swim Championships at Steubenville. See additional photos and story in today's sports section.

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He's been listed amongst the top 10 in Ohio in both events.

Freshman Hunter Yevincy is a seasoned first-year swimmer, having taken part in the YMCA Zone competition. His strongest events are the butterfly and breast where he figures to make serious noise this weekend.

Another to keep to an eye on is junior Arick Swallie. He'll be entered in the 50 and 100 freestyles this season and has OVAC hardware to his credit from last year's relay action.

On the Shamrocks' female side, junior Brandi Bahmer leads the way as the fastest Barnesville girl. She swims the 50 and 100 freestyle and is a past district qualifier.

Junior Taylor Cameron and senior Jordan Wells are two others that Johnson is counting upon to score well this weekend. Cameron in the 200 and 50 free. Wells - who serves as team captain - will swim on three relays.

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The three juniors join Barries on Lady Rider relay squads.

Ferry's boys - which had a strong showing a year ago - were hit hard by graduation. Senior Mike Lewis leads the way. He's seeded ninth in the 100 back and seventh in the 100 breast.

Senior exchange student Sebastian Jimenez is from Columbia and showed up in the states with no prior swimming experience. However, he's seeded 14th in the 50 and 11th in the 100 freestyle this weekend.

A pair of sophomores to keep an eye on this weekend for the Purple are Travis Couture and Jesse Truchan. Both of whom are seeded high enough to score this weekend in their respective events.

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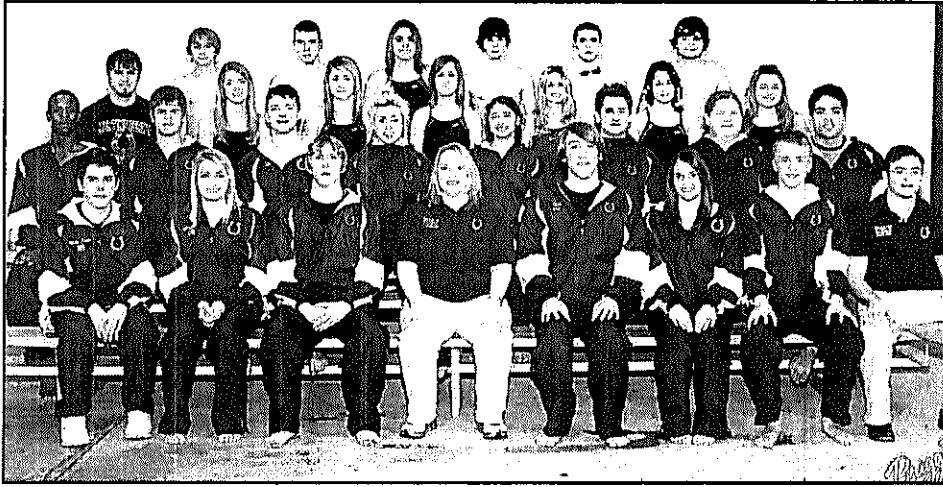


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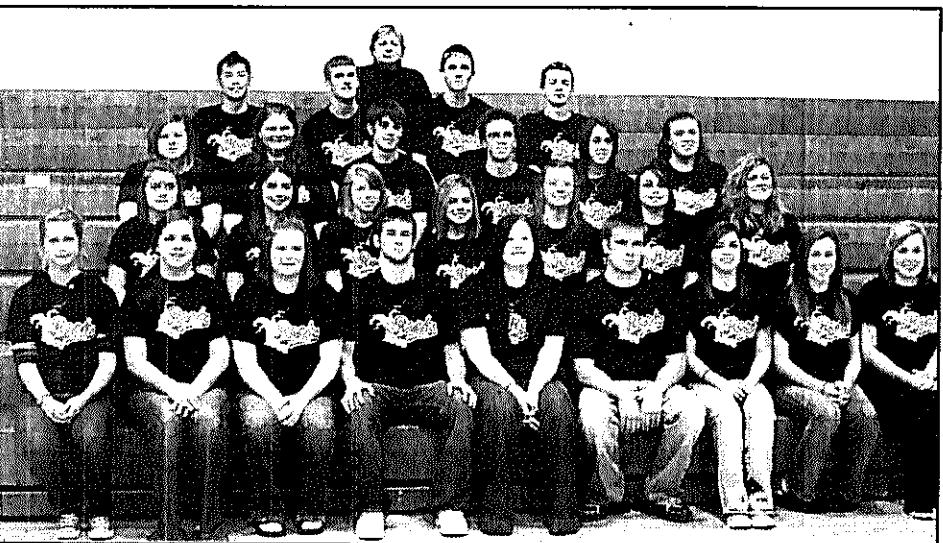


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- 200-Yard Medley Relay** - Parkersburg South, 2:04.25; Wheeling Park, 2:07.52; East Liverpool, 2:09.81; Linsly, 2:10.90; Cambridge, 2:11.61; Linsly (B), 2:13.30; Steubenville Central, 2:13.90; Wheeling Central, 2:14.97; Steubenville, 2:15.96; Wheeling Park, 2:17.31.
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- 200-Yard IM** - Ebbert (SJC), 2:21.53; Dulaney (Brk), 2:23.14; Longenette (MF), 2:29.93; Gavorcik (Lins), 2:33.36; Allen (Camb), 2:35.17; Seavers (Beav), 2:38.76; Cashdollar (Staub), 2:40.13; Dawson (EL), 2:41.56; Belback (SCC), 2:42.39.
- 50-Yard Freestyle** - Barries (MF), 26.69; Maguire (MF), 26.96; Linn (PS), 27.08; Bahmer (Barnes), 27.65; Nicholes (Weir), 27.94; Vuclik (JM), 28.05; Price (Zanes), 28.22; Ashmead (SCC), 28.22; Jividen (WP), 28.47; Cameron (Barnes), 28.83.
- 100-Yard Butterfly** - Minkemeyer (WP), 64.17; Garbush (St. C), 64.78; Longenette (MF), 65.0; Cowser (Steub), 71.27; Hilditch (EL), 71.36; Allen (Camb), 72.64; Kuyser (Lins), 74.38; Sandhu (St. C), 77.53; Pramik (Bell), 78.48; Riel (Lins), 79.0.
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- 500-Yard Freestyle** - Ebbert (SJC), 5:36.62; Miller (SCC), 5:38.57; Garbush (St. C), 5:47.79; Waddell (Camb), 5:54.99; Cunningham (PS), 5:56.74; Hartzell (Ed), 6:23.54; Morelli (SCC), 6:24.85; Morelli (SCC), 6:24.85; Allietta (SCC), 6:27.73; Seavers (Beav), 6:33.63; Johnson (Camb), 6:39.53.
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- 100-Yard Backstroke** - Dulaney (Brk), 1:02.86; Carpenetti (Camb), 65.20; DiCola (WP), 68.37; Cashdollar (Steub), 69.01; Gavorcik (Lins), 70.95; Robinson (PS), 71.49; Dawson (EL), 72.98; Bird (Lins), 73.84; Mason (WC), 75.77; Pramik (Bell), 77.58.
- 100-Yard Breaststroke** - Ferguson (Weir), 71.19; Blecher (PS), 76.66; Humpe (WC), 78.15; Cowser (Steub), 78.50; Belback (SCC), 80.67; Zimmerman (EL), 81.49; Riel (Lins), 81.77; Tolbert (Lins), 81.93; Utt (Brk), 84.69; Kriechbaum (Lins), 84.91.
- 400-Yard Freestyle Relay** - Parkersburg South, 4:08.0; Martins Ferry, 4:11.82; Wheeling Park, 4:17.93; St. Clairsville, 4:22.63; Cambridge, 4:25.23; East Liverpool, 4:28.75; Wheeling Central, 4:29.59; Linsly, 4:29.91; John Marshall, 4:30.31; Barnesville, 4:31.92.
- BOYS**
- 200-Yard Medley Relay** - Wheeling Park, 1:54.13; John Marshall, 1:54.73; Zanesville, 1:57.21; Brooke, 1:58.43; Linsly, 1:58.45; Barnesville, 1:58.93; Steubenville Central, 1:59.31; Edison, 2:00.18; Rosecrans, 2:02.64; Wheeling Park (B), 2:02.83.
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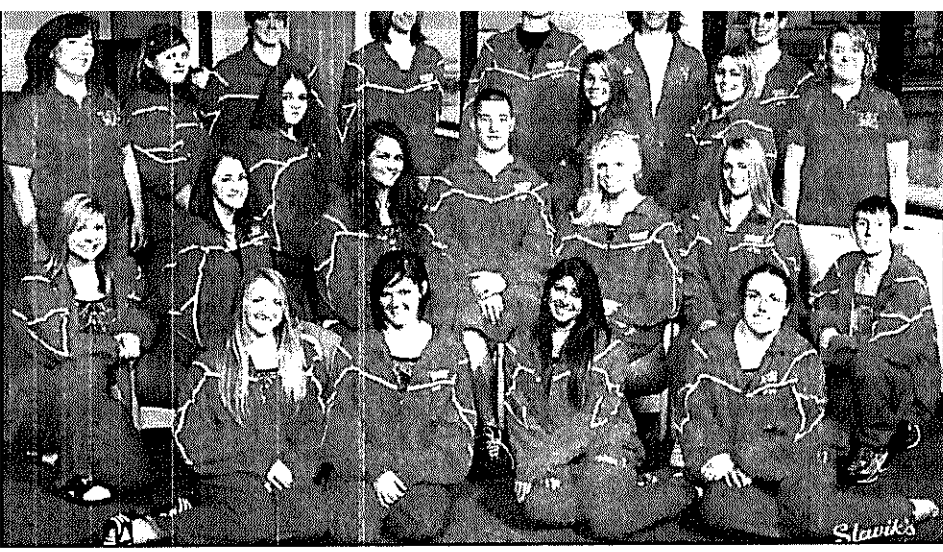


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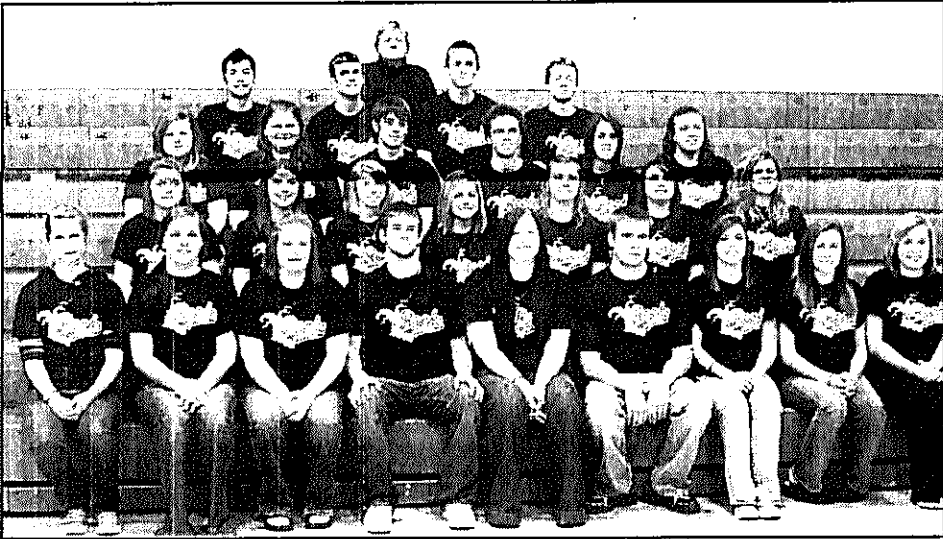


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200-Yard Freestyle Relay — Parkersburg South, 1:51.73; Martins Ferry, 1:51.82; Wheeling Park, 1:57.05; John Marshall, 1:57.99; St. Clairsville, 1:58.08; Steubenville Central, 1:58.37; Brooke, 1:59.50; Linsly, 2:00.20; Barnesville, 2:00.81; Steubenville, 2:01.17.

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200-Yard IM — Artimez (JM), 2:16.08; Eaton (St.C.), 2:17.85; DiTodoro (Rose), 2:18.83; Lutz (PS), 2:26.75; Robey (Brk), 2:28.05; Reardon (Lins), 2:28.07; Spraggs (Zanes), 2:28.91; Gilloon (SCC), 2:29.91; Mamula (Staub), 2:31.85.

50-Yard Freestyle — Jones (WP), 23.88; Oliver (Zanes), 24.20; Radcliff (PS), 24.25; Artimez (JM), 24.30; Harrick (Brk), 24.61; Rice (Beav), 25.41; Truchan (MF), 25.46; Wright (Lins), 25.61; Thieroff (Lins), 25.76.

100-Yard Butterfly — Artimez (JM), 59.31; Pietz (Lins), 59.33; Allen (Camb), 60.55; Yevincy (Barnes), 61.1; Robey (Brooke), 61.41; DeMaffio (Ed), 64.78; Reardon (Lins), 65.23; Larsen (Staub), 66.64; Wright (Lins), 66.80; Mamula (Staub), 66.91.

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100-Yard Backstroke — Allen (Camb), 59.19; Pietz (Lins), 61.73; Schlich (SCC), 62.31; Andrews (Rose), 65.87; Roset (WP), 67.91; Lim (PS), 69.24; Gilloon (SCC), 70.74; Moustader (Staub), 71.31; Lewis (MF), 74.40; Sommers (St.C.), 74.80.

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400-Yard Freestyle — Wheeling Park, 3:40.49; John Marshall, 3:46.77; Linsly, 3:48.71; Parkersburg South, 3:50.32; Brooke, 3:53.77; Steubenville Central, 3:59.28; St. Clairsville, 4:04.15; Edison, 4:05.12; Rosecrans, 4:05.46; Wheeling Park, 4:06.68.



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PICTURED IS the 2008-09 St. John Central Swimming Team. From left are Meghan Ebbert, head coach Mark Ebbert and Joseph Pavelek.

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Swimming Tourney Set to Hit the Pool

Staff Report

The OVAC Swimming Championships get under way Saturday at Steubenville High School with Steubenville Central looking to stay on top of the perch its held for the past couple years.

The Crusaders boys are aiming for their fourth Small School title, while the girls have won four straight and five of the last six.

Just as dominant has been the home-standing Steubenville High School girls.

Big Red has dominated the pool, winning every season except 2004 when Brooke took home the trophy.

The Steubenville boys look to be strong, but the Big School trophy has belonged to the Wheeling Park Patriots in the last two meets.

Bill Brubaker's Linsly squad will be looking for its first boys title since 2004 and an outstanding 51st overall.

The event starts at 11 a.m.

OVAC Swimming Entries (Top 10 Entries in Each Event) GIRLS

200-Yard Medley Relay — Parkersburg South, 2:04.25; Wheeling Park, 2:07.52; East Liverpool, 2:09.81; Linsly, 2:10.90; Cambridge, 2:11.61; Linsly (B), 2:13.30; Steubenville Central, 2:13.90; Wheeling Central, 2:14.97; Steubenville, 2:15.96; Wheeling Park, 2:17.31.

200-Yard Freestyle — Ferguson (Weir), 2:01.63; Miller (SCC), 2:06.86; Carpenetti (Camb), 2:11.23; Waddell (Camb), 2:16.34; Pramik (Bell), 2:22.48; Cameron (Barnes), 2:23.32; Pylak (Lins), 2:23.34; Lough (MF), 2:23.41; Sandhu (St. C.), 2:23.83; Allietta (SCC), 2:24.41.

200-Yard IM — Ebbert (SJC), 2:21.53; Dulaney (Brk), 2:23.14; Longanette (MF), 2:29.93; Gavorck (Lins), 2:33.38; Allen (Camb), 2:35.17; Severs (Beav), 2:38.78; Cashdollar (Steub), 2:40.13; Dawson (EL), 2:41.38; Belback (SCC), 2:42.39.

50-Yard Freestyle — Barries (MF), 26.69; Maguire (MF), 26.98; Linn (PS), 27.08; Bahmer (Barnes), 27.65; Nicholes (Weir), 27.94; Vucelik (JM), 28.05; Price (Zanes), 28.22; Ashmead (SCC), 28.22; Jividen (WP), 28.47; Cameron (Barnes), 28.83.

100-Yard Butterfly — Minkemeyer (WP), 64.17; Garbash (St.C), 64.78; Longanette (MF), 65.0; Cowser (Steub), 71.27; Hilditch (EL), 71.36; Allen (Camb), 72.64; Kuyar (Lins), 74.38; Sandhu (St.C), 77.53; Pramik (Bell), 78.48; Riel (Lins), 79.0.

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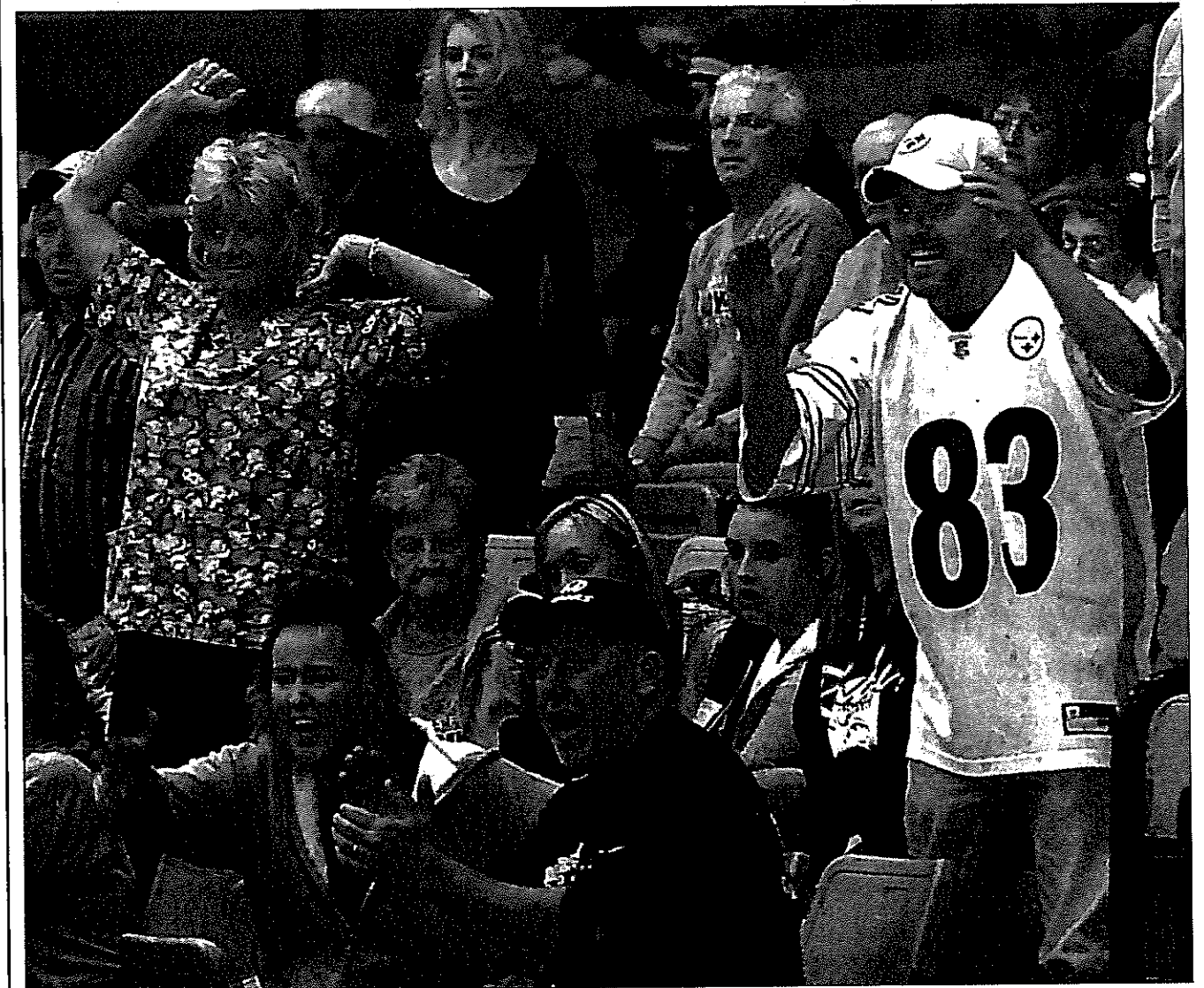
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HOOP FANS from Martins Ferry, top photo, and Monroe Central, right, cheer on their teams to victories Saturday in the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championships at Ohio University Eastern. See related stories and photos on pages C1 and C6 and at cu.timesleaderonline.com

