

OVAC All-Star Softball Game

Lisa's Field
J. B. Chambers Complex
Elm Grove, W. Va.





2010 OVAC All-Star Game Rosters



Ohio

No.	Name, School	Pos.	No.	Name, School	Pos.
0	Anastasia Haysler, Indian Creek	1B	8	Alyson Jones, Beaver Local	C
1	Alyssa Wright, Meadowbrook	3B	8	Tiara Snyder, Steubenville	3B
1	Maggie Starr, Cambridge	2B	10	Corrina Snyder, Toronto	1B
1	Ashley Butcher, Shenandoah	P	11	Kayla Marcus, Edison	2B
1	Chelsea Wax, River	SS	12	Jaclyn Johnson, Shadyside	1B
2	Kylee Caddell, St. John Central	OF	13	Courtney Frohnapfel, Martins Ferry	SS
2	Sam Cianni, Beaver Local	SS	15	Leah Winland, Monroe Central	OF
2	Katie Lucas, Union Local	2B	15	Ashley Okey, Fort Frye	3B
5	Candace Neff, Meadowbrook	SS	23	Brea Magnone, Steubenville	1B/C
6	Kasey Bethel, Harrison Central	2B	27	Sarah Lucas, Monroe Central	P
7	Emma Omaitis, Buckeye Local	OF			

Head coach - Barb Sleek, Fort Frye.

Assistant coaches - Jerry Magistro, St. John Central; Spencer Bendle, Edison, Angie Penner, Indian Creek.

West Virginia

No.	Name, School	Pos.	No.	Name, School	Pos.
2	Meghan Marsh, Cameron	OF	12	Angela Johnson, Wheeling Park	P
3	Hanna Gossett, John Marshall	SS	13	Courtney Conaway, Paden City	1B
3	Kayla Cecil, Valley	1B/OF	14	Cassie Campbell, Bishop Donahue	C/1B
3	Caitlin Jividen, Wheeling Park	2B/C	14	Rachael Helms, Wheeling Central	OF
7	Megan Wilson, Parkersburg South	C	14	Christy Jones, Tyler Consolidated	3B
7	Erika Mitchem, Linsly	C/IF	15	Ariel Harrington, Wheeling Central	C
7	Brandi Fish, Brooke	SS	16	Lauren Baker, Wheeling Central	SS
9	Paige Good, Weirton Madonna	2B/C	21	Morgan Wilson, Parkersburg South	2B
12	Hanna Alexajo, Magnolia	P/IF	23	Morgan Hughes, Cameron	3B/OF
12	Haley Rush, John Marshall	1B/P	24	Sierra Dunlevy, Oak Glen	1B/OF

Head coach - Cris Conti, Weirton Madonna.

Assistant coaches - Mark Witzberger, Cameron, Ed West, John Marshall, Dee Davis, Wheeling Park.

Ohio All-Stars



Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian

The Ohio squad for the OVAC All-Star Softball Game includes, front row left to right, coach Angie Penner of Indian Creek, Anastasia Haysler of Indian Creek, Alyssa Wright of Meadowbrook, Maggie Starr of Cambridge, Chelsea Wax of River, Katie Lucas of Union Local, Candace Neff of Meadowbrook, Kasey Bethel of Harrison Central, Emma Omalts of Buckeye Local and coach Barb Sleek of Fort Frye. Back row, Tiara Snyder of Steubenville, Corrina Snyder of Toronto, Kayla Marcus of Edison, Jaclyn Johnson of Shadyside, Courtney Frohnapfel of Martins Ferry, coach Jerry Magistro of St. John Central, Leah Winland of Monroe Central, Ashley Okey of Fort Frye, Brea Magnone of Steubenville, Sarah Lucas of Monroe Central. Not pictured, Ashley Butcher of Shenandoah, Kylee Caddell of St. John Central, Sam Cianni of Beaver Local, Alyson Jones of Beaver Local and coach Spencer Bendle of Edison.



West Virginia All-Stars



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2010 OVAC All-Conference Selections



Class 1-A

First Team

Cheyenne Moore, Sr., P/OF, Beallsville; Cassie Campbell, Sr., C/1B, Bishop Donahue; Ashley Dillon, Fr., C/P/SS, Bishop Rosecrans; Shauna Bandy, So., C, Bridgeport; Bev Reed, Sr., 1B, Bridgeport; Kelsey Allen, Jr., SS, Cameron; Meghan Marsh, Sr., OF, Cameron; Tara Paczewski, So., P, Cameron; Jordyn Gorby, Sr., P/OF/3B, Hundred; Samantha Myers, Jr., C, Weirton Madonna; Jennifer Nogay, Sr., OF, Weirton Madonna; Stephanie West, Sr., OF, Paden City; Bethany Cera, Jr., P/SS, St. John Central; Ayla Spoljar, Jr., SS/P, St. John Central; Rosa Young, So., C, St. John Central; Corrina Snyder, Sr., 1B, Toronto; Tara Hanson, Fr., P, Trinity Christian; Ashley Staley, Jr., 2B, Valley.

Second Team

Cammie Groves, Sr., C, Beallsville; Kylee Caddell, Sr., OF, St. John Central; Sara Carpenter, Sr., 1B/C, Bishop Donahue; Mackenzie Kyes, Jr., 2B/P, Bishop Rosecrans; Morgan Hughes, Sr., 3B/P, Cameron; Raven McDiffitt, Jr., 1B, Hundred; Paige Good, Sr., 2B, Weirton Madonna; Courtney Conaway, Sr., 1B, Paden City; Kelsey Weaver, Sr., SS, Toronto; Sarah Kennedy, So., C, Trinity Christian; Morgan Starkey, Jr., 3B, Valley.

Player of the Year

Tara Paczewski, Cameron.

Class 2-A

First Team

Lynzey Burkhardt, Sr., 3B, Barnesville; Alexa Abrams, Jr., SS, Buckeye Trail; Dani Sells, Jr., C, Buckeye Trail; Stacey Murgage, So, C/SS, Caldwell; Nicole Miller, So., C/SS, Fort Frye; Victoria Mimken, Fr., P, Fort Frye; Ashley Okey, Sr., 3B, Fort Frye; Heidi McPeck, So., 1B, Frontier; Erika Mitchem, Sr., C., Linsly; Alexa Kuhn, Jr., SS, Monroe Central; Sarah Lucas, Sr., P, Monroe Central; Leah Winland, Sr., OF, Monroe Central; Jaclyn Johnson, Sr., 1B, Shadyside; Ashley Butcher, Sr., P, Shenandoah; Paige Creamer, So., P, Steub. Catholic; Lacey Murphy, Jr., 1B, Steub. Catholic; Grace Dmarch, Sr., 1B, Wheeling Central.

Second Team

Paige Gibbons, Fr., 2B/P, Barnesville; Cori Poland, Jr., 1B, Buckeye Trail; Kate Weisend, Fr., P, Caldwell; Leah Baker, Jr., OF, Fort Frye; Miriah Buegel, Jr., OF, Frontier; Kyla Seidler, Sr., 3B/C, Linsly; Erica Hooper, Jr., 3B, Monroe Central; Courtney Gates, Sr., OF, River; Karli Bonar, Fr., SS, Shadyside; Sami Schott, So., SS, Shenandoah; Taylor Clark, Fr., C, Steub. Catholic; Rachael Helms, Sr., OF, Wheeling Central.

Player of the Year

Nicole Miller, Fort Frye.

Class 3-A

First Team

Michelle Palicka, Jr., P, Bellaire; Kayla Marcus, Sr., 2B, Edison; Kayla Prokopakis, So., 3B/P, Edison; Kristin Prokopakis, So., OF/C, Edison; Kasey Bethel, Sr., 2B, Harrison Central; Cirstie DelGuzzo, So., P, Martins Ferry; Shayla Outward, Jr., OF, Martins Ferry; Candace Neff, Sr., SS, Meadowbrook; Alyssa Wright, Sr., 3B, Meadowbrook; Kylee Williams, Sr., 1B, Meadowbrook; Sierra Dunlevy, Sr., 1B/OF, Oak Glen; Tashia Hummel, Jr., C., St.

Clairsville; Jesse Machovina, So., SS, St. Clairsville; Ashley Jones, Jr., OF/P, Weir; Tori Tharp, So., P, Magnolia; Christy Jones, Sr., 3B, Tyler Consolidated; Ashten Butler, So., 1B, Union Local.

Second Team

Megan Ging, Fr., P, Bellaire; Kelly Morgan, Sr., OF, Edison; Madison Richards, So., 3B, Harrison Central; Abbey Horner, Jr., OF, Magnolia; Courtney Frohnafel, Sr., SS, Martins Ferry; Alyse Dudley, So., 2B, Meadowbrook; Chelsea Pryor, Sr., 3B/P, Oak Glen; Sarah Slenski, Jr., P, St. Clairsville; Heather Suter, Jr., P, Tyler Consolidated; Lindsay Schafer, Jr., P/SS, Union Local; Taylor Gianangeli, So., C/1B, Weir.

Player of the Year

Jesse Machovina, St. Clairsville.

Class 4-A

First Team

Sam Cianni, Sr., SS, Beaver Local; Clarisa Kowalczyk, Jr., 3B, Brooke; Jenna Clark, Jr., P, Buckeye Local; Maggie Starr, Sr., 2B, Cambridge; Sarah Morrell, Fr., 3B, East Liverpool; Gabbi Davis, Sr., 2B, Indian Creek; Ashley Starr, So., P, Indian Creek; Hanna Gossett, Sr., SS, John Marshall; Kylie Howard, Fr., OF, John Marshall; Cece Bailey, Jr., SS, Parkersburg South; Morgan Wilson, Sr., 2B, Parkersburg South; Megan Wilson, Sr., C, Parkersburg South; Tiara Snyder, Sr., 3B, Steubenville; Alie Dailer, So., OF, Wheeling Park; Caitlin Jividen, Sr., 2B, Wheeling Park; Angela Johnson, Sr., P, Wheeling Park; Chelsy Wright, So., SS, Zanesville.

Second Team

Brittany Clutter, So., 1B, Beaver Local; Leanne Mazzella, Jr, P, Brooke; Dana Bettineschi, So., SS, Buckeye Local; Kristina Cosgrave, Jr., OF, Cambridge; Taylor Watson, Jr., 2B, East Liverpool; Anastasia Haysler, Sr., 1B, Indian Creek; Haley Rush, Sr., 1B/P, John Marshall; Kayla Cecil, Sr., 1B/OF, Parkersburg South; Brea Magnone, Sr., 1B/C, Steubenville; Emily Puskarich, Fr., SS, Wheeling Park; Morgan Wisecarver, Jr., C, Zanesville.

Player of the Year

Ashley Starr, Indian Creek.

Overall Coach of the Year

Barb Sleek, Fort Frye.

2010 OVAC Champions Tournament

Parkersburg South, 4-A; Edison, 3-A;
Fort Frye, 2-A; Cameron, 1-A

Regular Season

Indian Creek, 4-A; Edison, 3-A;
Steubenville Catholic, 2-A; Cameron, 1-A

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MARTINS FERRY'S Sis Frohnapfel (13) knocks the ball away from Linsly catcher Erika Mitchem during action from Wednesday's OVAC All-Star softball game at the I-470 Chambers Complex in Wheeling. West Virginia won, 9-8, in 11 innings. Looking on are River's Chelsea Wax (1) and John Marshall pitcher Haley Rush.

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KIM NORTH

11-inning frustration

• Monroe's Lucas goes distance, but Ohio falls to W. Virginia, 9-8

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Staff Writer

Deja vu!
Little did Sarah Lucas know her senior season would end the same way it started -- with an 11-inning loss. Monroe Central's senior hurler was the lone pitcher selected to the Ohio OVAC All-Star softball squad, so she knew she would have to go the distance. Little did she realize that meant extra innings.

West Virginia bolted out to an early 7-0 lead Wednesday in the 29th annual OVAC All-Star Game on Lisa's Field at the sun-baked I-470 Complex in Wheeling, but needed two additional frames to earn a hard-fought, 9-8, decision before a huge crowd.

"I felt like I did okay," she said following her marathon effort. "I'm just proud of everyone. We nearly came back."

The Buckeye State stars did come back and eventually deadlocked the game at 7-all with back-to-back three-run innings in the sixth and seventh.

An RBI triple by Harrison Central's Kasey Bethel scored Martins Ferry's Sis Frohnapfel, who had singled

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— Sarah Lucas



MONROE CENTRAL'S Sarah Lucas works to the plate during Wednesday's OVAC All-Star Game. The Seminoles' ace worked all 11 innings in a 9-8 loss.

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with two outs, making it 7-1, after three frames.

Steuvenville's Brea Magnone smacked a two-run single up the middle to spark the sixth-inning uprising. Lucas chipped in an RBI with a groundout as the designated hosts pulled to within 7-4.

Monroe Central's Leah Winland singled sharply to center leading off the seventh. Frohnapfel's looper to center found the turf as Winland chugged into second. A passed ball moved the runners up, and consecutive wild pitches allowed Winland and Frohnapfel slid in safely. Bethel struck out, but reached first base safely when the ball was mishandled. She would steal second, go to third on a wild pitch and score on a fielder's choice by River's Chelsea Wax as Ohio had battled back to tie things up.

"These girls never quit," said Ohio manager Barb Sleek, of Fort Frye. "They battled and battled."

Each team scored a run in the eighth inning, but neither could touch the plate in the ninth, forcing the International tie-breaker rule to be instituted for extra innings.

Neither squad could take advantage of the rule, where a runner is placed at second to start the inning, in the 10th.

West Virginia finally broke through in the 11th as Weirton Madonna's Paige Good

scored from second on a groundout by Bishop Donahue's Cassie Campbell with one out.

"You can't ask for more than that," Sleek said. "That was a great game. Both teams deserved to win."

Lucas finished with 14 strikeouts and four walks.

"You have to give her the Workhorse Award," Sleek said of Lucas. "She never complained."

In fact, according to Lucas, she got stronger as the game progressed.

"I got more comfortable out there as the game went on," she said. "I got comfortable with the girls behind me and kind of settled into a groove."

Of her 14 punchouts, 10 came in the fourth inning or later, including nine in the sixth through eighth frames.

GAME NOTES:

- Ohio now leads the series 17-12.
- OVAC Players of the Year in the four classifications were presented with plaques. They included: Class A--Tara Paczewski, Cameron; Class AA--Nicole Miller, Fort Frye; Class AAA--Jesse Machovina, St. Clairsville; and Class AAAA--Ashley Starr, Indian Creek.

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West Virginia Stars



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W.Va. Drops Ohio

Bishops's Campbell
wins it in the 11th

By JIM ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

WHEELING — No one was keeping a pitch count, but Ohio's Sarah Lucas knew exactly how many she threw in a 9-8, 11-inning loss to West Virginia in the annual OVAC All-Star Softball Game Wednesday at Lisa's Field.

"All of them," Lucas said. It's true.

Lucas, a right-hander from Monroe Central, bent early but didn't break, ultimately giving up the winning run on an RBI groundout by Bishop Donahue's Cassie Campbell with two outs in the top of the 11th inning.

"You have to give her the Workhorse Award," Ohio (and Fort Frye) coach Barbara Sleek said. "She never complained. Every inning, 'I can go, I can go.'"

The rubber-armed Lucas struck out 13 all-stars and walked three. It was as memorable pitching performance, win or lose, as the game has ever seen.

"I give her a lot of credit," said West Virginia coach Chris Conti, who is better known as Weirton Madonna's coach. "I don't think she ever lost a breath. She just kept on pitching, and pitching, and pitching. It didn't seem to me like she ever got tired. She was like the Energizer Bunny. She just kept on going."

Actually, she said she got stronger, and the numbers bear that out. After giving up seven runs in the first three innings, Lucas breezed through the next four unscathed and allowed only two runs the rest of the



Photos by Jim Elliott

Top left: Magnolia's Alexajo Hanna records an unassisted out at first in front of second baseman Paige Good (Madonna). Top right: Monroe Central's Sarah Lucas delivers a pitch to a West Virginia batter. Above: Meadowbrook shortstop Candace Neff (5) forces out Oak Glen's Sierra Dunlevy (24) as Harrison Central's Kasey Bethel looks on.

way. "I got more comfortable," she said, "got in a groove."

West Virginia opened the scoring in the top of the first, as Parkersburg South's Morgan Wilson scored as part of a double steal to give the Mountaineers a 1-0 lead. Later in the inning, Wheeling Park's Caitlin Jividen crossed the plate on an RBI triple by John Marshall's Haley Rush.

They added five more in the second inning with the highlights being RBI singles by Wheeling Central's Ariel Carrington and Rachael Helms, and Oak Glen's Sierra Dunlevy.

"We were hitting the ball early," Conti said.

Tyler Consolidated's Christy Jones added an RBI during the sec-

ond inning and an Ohio error allowed another to score.

From there, Lucas sat down nine straight hitters before plunking Campbell to begin the seventh.

During that time, Ohio rallied with a run in the third, three in the sixth and three in the seventh. Harrison Central's Kasey Bethel ripped an RBI triple, Steubenville's Bria Magnone plated two runners with a single, two scored on wild pitches, one on an error, and another scored on an RBI fielder's choice by River's Chelsea Wax.

"They wanted to keep playing, keep that last at-bat," Sleek said. "Let us play one more. You can tell. We were down 7-0 after the first four."

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All of those runs were scored off John Marshall's Rush and Magnolia's Alexajo Hanna. Wheeling Park's Angela Johnson started and finished the game, allowing two hits, while striking out seven in four innings.

Tied at 7-7 going into the eighth, West Virginia scratched out a run when Jones drove in her second, this time Brooke's Brandi Fish, who had doubled.

Ohio got that right back in the bottom of the inning when Snyder reached on an error with two outs and came around to score on a double by Edison's Kayla Marcus.

Once the extra innings started, they went to the international tiebreaker — last batter to make an out begins the inning at second base. In West Virginia's case in the top of the 11th, that was a good thing. Weirton Madonna's Paige Good moved the third on a passed ball, and beat the rap home after Campbell was retired on a sharp grounder to third.

"They're the best athletes," Conti said. "They're out here and

they play hard, they give you 110 percent."

Notes

In the OVAC All-Star game, everyone hits, as they just list everyone 1-through-20 as a batting order. ... Two defensive plays stood out. Meadowbrook's Candace Neff, who is a shortstop, made a potential game-saving catch in the ninth as a left fielder, as she ranged far to her left to snare a gap shot hit by Morgan Wilson. "You can't buy that from an outfielder, and she's an infielder," Sleek said. In the bottom of the inning, West Virginia returned the favor, when, with one out, Union Local's Katie Lucas hit a bouncer to first. The ball was flipped to second baseman Megan Wilson, a lefty, who recored the putout there, and had an angle and made a throw to third to double up Indian Creek's Anastasia Haysler, who had broken for the next base. "Fantastic play. She's a left-handed second baseman — and a good one — Just a quick reaction on her part and Jividen made a great tag," Conti said.