

# SPORTS

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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Tashia Hummell tags out John Marshall's Shannon Stipetich at home plate for the second out in the second inning Wednesday night on Lisa's Field. Ohio won the annual OVAC All-Star Game by a 6-5 count. *Additional images can be found at [cu.timesleader-online.com](http://cu.timesleader-online.com)*

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# OHIO WINS

• Lady Buckeyes claim 6-5 victory over W.Va. in OVAC all-star game

By **KIM NORTH**  
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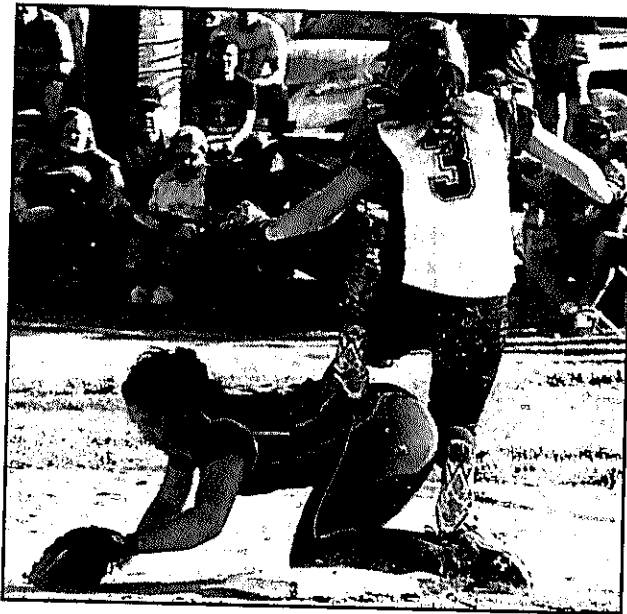
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**BELLAIRE'S MICHELLE** Palicka trips over Madonna's Ashley Jones as she tries to leg out a single. *Additional images can be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)*

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### GAME NOTES:

- Awards were given out to the Players of the Year during breaks in the action. They included: Class A (Madonna's Samantha Myers and Cameron's Tara Paczewski); Class AA (Wheeling Central's Alexis Christakis and Fort Frye's Victoria Mimken); Class AAA (Magnolia's Tori Tharp); and Class AAAA (Indian Creek's Ashley Starr).

- The OVAC Softball Coach of the Year was Wheeling Park's Dee Davis.

- Umpiring the game were Greg Sanders (plate), Skip Truax (1st); Don Moore (2nd); and Chris Reuckle (3rd)

### OVAC Softball All-Star Game (at Lisa's Field, I-470 Complex)

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BATTERIES: J. Clark, Spoljar (3), Cera (5) Campbell wp (7), Slenski sv (9) and Hummel, Christakis, Stewart (3), Mazzeffa (5), Gray lp (7), Phillips (8) and Myers, Wood (3), McDiffitt (5), Wood (7) and Myers (8).

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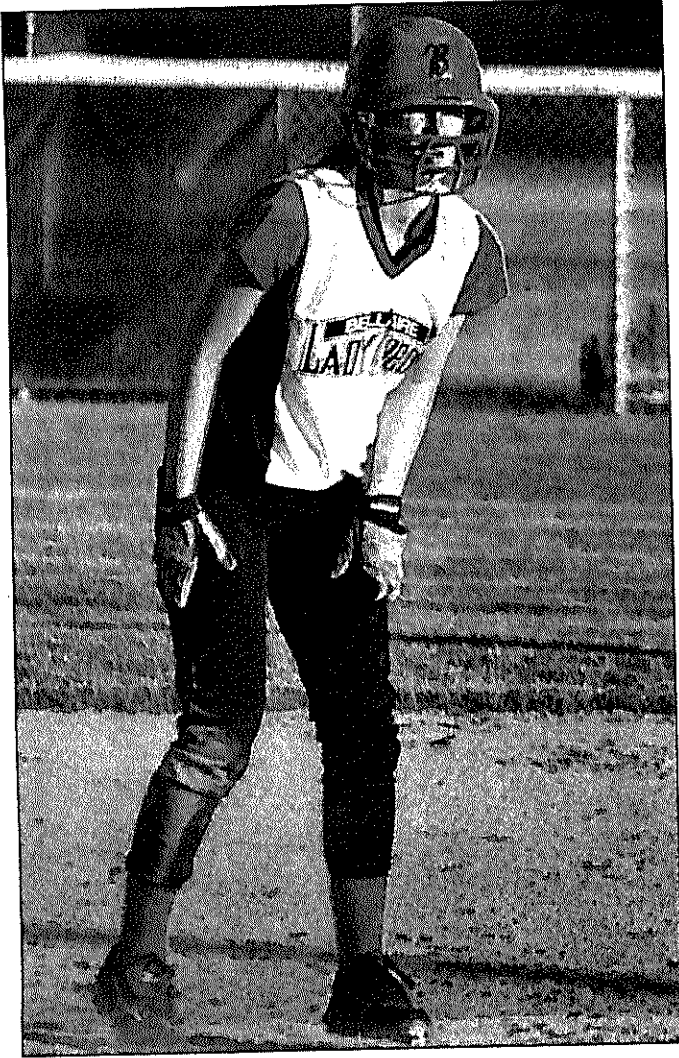
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At left, Bellaire's Michelle Ging watches the action at the plate while running the bases. Above, Bishop Donahue's Taylore Berry takes a swing during action of the annual OVAC All-Star Softball game at Lisa's Field at the I-470 Complex on Wednesday night.

## Ohio Edges West Virginia

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During the game, Steubenville's Fred Heatherington received his Coach of the Year plaque, as did Players of the Year Meyer, Magnolia's Justin Fox (AAA), Shenandoah's Brandon Starr (AA), and Toronto's Tyler Butler (A).

In his final two innings wearing a Magnolia uniform, Fox struck out five.

Despite the loss, there were plenty of smiling faces in the West Virginia dugout. Many were happy to get to play in the game as their prep careers come to a close.

"It's a different perspective getting to play with guys that you are usually playing against," John Marshall's Matt Carnahan said. "To get to be able to play on the same side as them, it's really means a lot."

#### OVAC All-Star Teams (Game June 1)

**West Virginia**  
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# OVAC SOFTBALL 2011 PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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Samantha Myers  
Tara Paczewski

Madonna  
Cameron

## Class AA – Tie

Alexis Christakis  
Victoria Mimken

Wheeling Central  
Fort Frye

## Class AAA

Tori Tharp

Magnolia

## Class AAAA

Ashley Starr

Indian Creek



# COACH OF THE YEAR

Dee Davis

Wheeling Park

CHAMBERS I-470 FIELD

June 1, 2011

## OHIO ALL STARS

1	Tashia Hummel	C	St. Clairsville
2	Nicole Bott	1B	Cambridge
3	Michelle Palicka	3B/OF	Bellaire
4	Ayla Spoljar	P/SS/3B	St. John
4	Jenna Rampello	OF	Toronto
6	Lacey Murphy	1B	Steubenville Catholic
8	Ashley Clark	CF	Meadowbrook
9	Stacey Mugrage	SS	Caldwell
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15	Taylor Campbell	1B/P	Martins Ferry
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21	Rachael Ossio	C	Indian Creek
23	Dani Sells	C	Buckeye Trail
24	Myacla Stewart	2B	Edison
24	Emily Mathieu	SS	Indian Creek
25	Leah Baker	OF	Fort Frye

## COACHES

Staci Smith  
Angie Penner  
Jim DiCarlo  
Jerry Magistro

Buckeye Trail  
Indian Creek  
Steubenville Catholic  
St. John

## WEST VIRGINIA ALL STARS

1	Clarissa Kowalezyk	3B	Brooke
1	Shannon Stipeticah	CF	John Marshall
1	Abbey Horner	CF	Magnolia
1	Sarah Weaver	1B/OF	Parkersburg South
2	Madi Namath	RF	John Marshall
2	Ashley Jones	3B	Madonna
4	Raven McDiffitt	1B/C	Hundred
7	Alexis Christakis	P/1B	Wheeling Central
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9	Paola Maysonet	CF	Linsly
9	Alexis Phillips	P	Wheeling Park
10	Morgan Turner	SS	Morgantown
10	Sarah Gray	P/RF	Parkersburg South
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15	Allison Parsons	3B	Parkersburg South
16	Rebecca Stewart	P	Madonna
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