

WHEELING HOSPITAL

# OVAC BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Times Leader

Friday, February 18, 2011



**A note from the Executive Secretary...**

Welcome to the Fourth Annual Wheeling Hospital OVAC Basketball Championships.



**TOM RATAICZAK**  
OVAC Executive Secretary

Each year, this format gains more and more credibility, as teams vie for the OVAC title the way it should be determined: on the court. To the players and coaches, congratulations. Your hard work has paid off. At the end of the game, whether you receive the runner-up medal or the championship medal, you will realize that you represented your school and community in a solid, positive manner. While doing that, you also got a "pre-taste" of

post-season tournament play, experienced a great venue, exciting atmosphere, and felt the pressure of performing when it matters. Hopefully, this tournament experience will benefit you in the weeks to come.

The OVAC is grateful to all the sponsors who make this championship and this conference what it is, but a special thank you goes to Wheeling Hospital, the title sponsor of this game. Its credo says it all: "a tradition of excellence, a legacy of caring." So many things they do throughout the year, behind the spotlight, allow our student/athletes to reap benefits not experienced by other schools in Ohio and West Virginia.

Ohio University Eastern is the perfect site for this championship. A big-time facility in a smaller arena allows the athletes the best playing conditions and the

fans to get involved in the game. Factor in the ease of getting there and the enthusiasm of their staff to give our kids a great experience, and you have the perfect atmosphere.

Let's all remember that this game is for the kids. A display of good sportsmanship will leave a lasting impression on these young men and women and, win or lose, will affect their memories for years to come.

And finally, thanks to our media for the fantastic job they do in covering our athletes. Travel anywhere and ask schools if they receive the coverage in their area that we do in ours. From newspaper to radio to television to web streaming, this game is being transmitted all over the world. Who could ask for more?

We hope you enjoy the games and thank you for your support.

**On The Cover**

ON THE cover is a representative from all eight schools, who are in action this weekend. From left are Mark Winters (Magnolia), Chris Martinez (Trinity Christian), Clay Rokisky (Madonna), Allen Derosa (St. Clairsville), Marcus Schumacher (Monroe Central), Marqez O'Neal (Wheeling Park), Garrett Lagrean (Fort Frye) and Logan Martin (John Marshall).

Cover Photos/Paul Krajnyak, Luke Smith, Marietta Times, Steubenville Herald Star and Wheeling Intelligencer  
Cover Design Emily Dominici  
Tab Design/Seth Staskey

**OVAC Boys Basketball Championship Schedule**



**Class 4-A**  
10 a.m.

#1 Wheeling Park vs. #3 John Marshall (Page 3)

**Class 1-A**  
1 p.m.

#1 Trinity vs. #2 Weirton Madonna (Page 7)

**Class 2-A**  
4 p.m.

#1 Monroe Cent. vs. #2 Fort Frye (Page 9)

**Class 3-A**  
7 p.m.

#1 St. Clairsville vs. #3 Magnolia (Page 12)

**MURRAY ENERGY CORPORATION**  
29325 Chagrin Boulevard, Suite 300  
Pepper Pike, Ohio 44122

Robert E. Murray, Chairman, President and CEO

## Murray Energy Corporation

**and our independent operating subsidiaries are proud to provide Ohio with:**

- 1,326 local high-paying direct jobs that support up to 15,000 secondary jobs
- Nearly \$100 million in wages and benefits each year
- More than \$200 million annually in supplies, capital expenditures, infrastructure creation and taxes to local, state and federal agencies
- A commitment to safety that is second-to-none

**American Energy Corporation • The Ohio Valley Coal Company • OhioAmerica Energy, Inc. • The Ohio Valley Transloading Company**

# Park seeks three-peat vs. JM

• Patriots, Monarchs meet for third time this season and third straight time in 4-A title game

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Seeing Wheeling Park and John Marshall in the championship game of the Class 4-A Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championship has become commonplace.

The Patriots winning the title has become a commonplace that John Marshall would finally like to end when the two meet for the third time this season Saturday morning at Ohio University Eastern in St. Clairsville.

"We talk in the preseason and we set three goals," said highly-successful Patriots' head coach Michael Jebbia. "We want to advance to and win the state tournament and we want to win the OVAC Tournament."

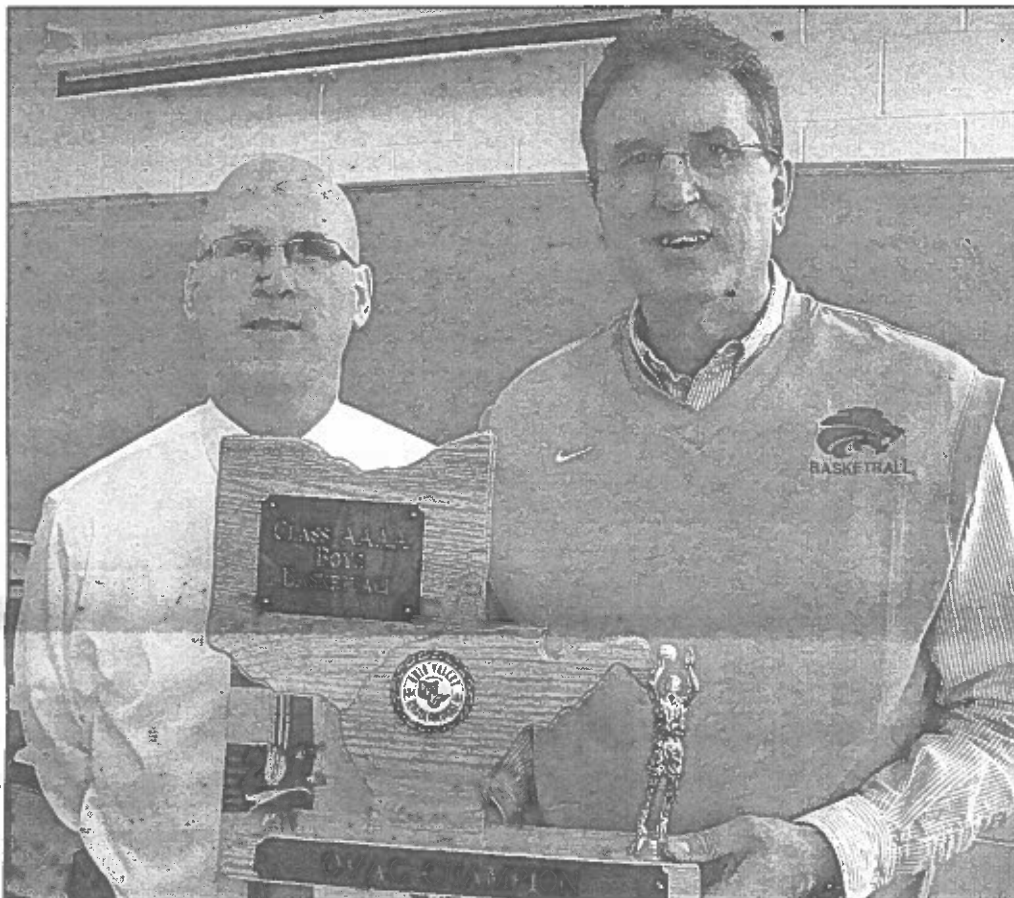
This marks the third consecutive season the Patriots have been in the final, while the Monarchs have been a part of all four title games since the OVAC implemented this system. Unfortunately for the Monarchs, they're 0-3 in the title game. They lost to Indian-Creek in the inaugural event.

"We're happy to be here," said JM head coach Bill Storm. "We don't like playing Wheeling Park three and four times, but we're legitimate members of the OVAC and we do what we're supposed to do and this comes with the territory."

The Patriots have had their way in the prior two meetings with the Monarchs, winning by a large margin in Moundsville before JM closed the gap somewhat during the team's most recent meeting at the Palace on the Hill in Wheeling.

"In tournaments, when

See, 4-A, Page 5



T-L Photo/RICH GIBSON

DISPLAYING THE 2011 OVAC Championship Basketball Trophy are representatives from 4-A finalists Wheeling Park and John Marshall. From left are Wheeling Park athletic director Dwaine Rodgers and John Marshall head coach Bill Storm.

WHEELING PARK Patriots			
2	Emil Popic	11	6-2
3	Errin Baynes	11	6-2
4	Quashad Pugh	10	6-0
5	Michael Mauck	11	5-9
10	Luke Saseen	09	6-3
12	Vondel Bell	11	6-4
22	Michael Thomas	10	5-9
23	Bubby Goodwin	12	6-0
32	Margez O'Neal	12	6-4
33	Boo Lathon	11	6-2
34	Reed Simpson	12	6-8
50	Na'Kwaun Phillips	11	6-4
Head Coach: Michael Jebbia.			
Assistant Coaches: Ron Gill, Tony Marvin, Dave Koehler, Dave Stahnke.			
JOHN MARSHALL Monarchs			
4	Kenny Allen	11	6-2
5	Matthew Carnahan	12	6-2
10	Logan Martin	12	5-9
11	Luke Martin	12	5-9
12	Tyler Crow	11	5-9
13	Justin Wade	11	6-5
14	Tanner Filben	09	5-10
21	Gary Magers	10	6-0
22	Dylan Whitfield	12	6-0
23	Casey Clutter	12	6-2
30	Tyler Brautigan	11	6-1
31	Luke Och	11	5-10
32	Luke Lavenski	12	6-1
55	David Hummell III	11	6-6
Head Coach: Bill Storm			
Assistant Coaches: Casey Storm, Corey Murphy, Brock Melko, Mike Ferro.			

**GO CRAZY FOR WHEELING PARK**

**GO PATRIOTS!**

**THE PAPER SHACK**  
2080 National Rd., Elm Grove  
242-9535  
Parking Behind Building  
OPEN M-F 9-6, SAT 9-5, SUN 10-2

**GOOD LUCK WHEELING PARK IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME!**

**From The Wheeling Park High School Boosters**

**Dr. Zambito Family Dentistry**

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL PLAYERS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES!**

- Single Visit Cerec Crown • Cosmetic Dentistry
- Implants • Preventative Care • Porcelain Veneer
- Root Canals • Fixed & Removable Appliances
- Laser Dentistry - Non Invasive • Drillless Dentistry
- Intra-Oral Video Cameras • Digital Photography
- Rembrandt In-Office Whitening System

1201 Mt. DeChantal Road Wheeling, WV  
(304) 243-1500 www.zambitodentistry.com  
Accepting New Patients.  
Tues. & Thurs. Evening & Sat. Morning • Hours Also Available  
Financing Available

# WHEELING PARK PATRIOTS

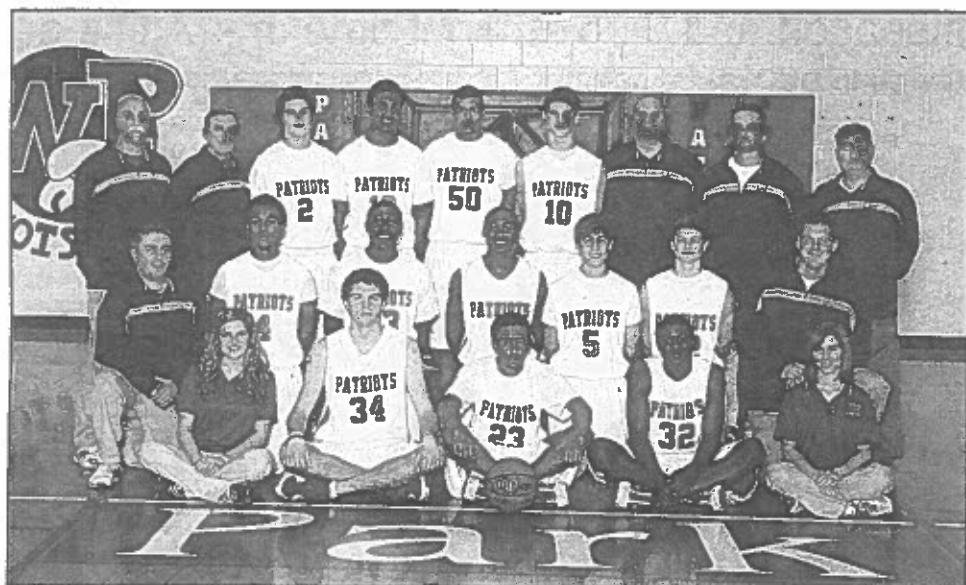


Photo Provided  
 PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Wheeling Park Patriots Basketball Team. Front row, from left, are trainer Lexi Chacalos, Robert Simpson, Bubby Goodwubm Marqez O'Neal and trainer Laura Beihl. Middle row, from left, are Pete Chacalos, Quashad Pugh, Boo Lathon, Errin Baynes, Michael Mauck, Michael Thomas and head coach Michgael Jebbia. Back row, from left, are Tony Marvin, Ron Gill, Emil Popicg, Vondel Bell, Na'Kwaun Phillips, Luke Saseen, assistant coaches Dave Koehler, Dave Stahnke and Sarge Cordery.



<p>Stop In For All Your Snacks &amp; Beverages</p>	<p><b>ELM GROVE CARRYOUT</b>  <b>GOOD LUCK PATRIOTS!</b>                  202 Kruger St., Wheeling, WV                  (304) 242-1449</p>		<p><b>INN &amp; SUITES CONFERENCE CENTER</b>                  Exit 11 Dallas Pike • 304-547-1380  <i>Good Luck Wheeling Park!</i></p>
--	--	---	---

**VALPUT**  
*Properties*

Good Luck Patriots  
 2011 Warwood Ave., Wheeling  
 (304) 277-2468  
[www.valputproperties.com](http://www.valputproperties.com)

 **CARNEY & SLOAN INC.**  
 Food Service Equipment & Supplies, Sales, & Service  
 518 Main Street • Wheeling, WV  
**(304) 233-5000**  
[www.carneyandsloan.com](http://www.carneyandsloan.com)  
**GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS!**

Good Luck To The Wheeling Park Patriots




**GOOD LUCK PATRIOTS**

**OHIO VALLEY AWARDS** "Custom Awards of All Kinds"  
 Serving the Valley for over 16 years.  
 Stop in today and check out our show room at our new location:  
 2245 Main Street, Wheeling, WV  
 304-233-1925 • TOLL FREE 800-446-1925  
[www.ovawards.com](http://www.ovawards.com) • Email: [ovawards@comcast.net](mailto:ovawards@comcast.net)  
 Official Trophy Supplier for the Ron Mauch OVAC Wrestling Tournament  
 Plaques, Trophies, Banners, Business Awards, Employee Appreciation, Golf Scramble, Political, Sale & Parking Signs

**GOOD LUCK**

**WHEELING PARK PATRIOTS!**



From The  
**Administrative Staff & Students at  
 Wheeling Park High School**



**OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
 Enriching Minds,  
 Insuring The Future



● 4-A

Continued from Page 3

you win, you've got to play someone better and now we're playing the best," said Storm. "No one in the Ohio Valley has beaten us except for Wheeling Park, so we feel pretty good about ourselves, too. We know it's going to be a challenge."

Wheeling Park advanced to the final by virtue of a 80-67 victory over fourth-seeded East Liverpool, while the Monarchs battled back from as many as seven down with just a few minutes to play at Indian Creek before pulling out a 46-41 victory.

"I already told our kids that they're champions regardless of what happens Saturday because of the comeback they made (in the semifinals)," Storm said. "For us to be here is just a credit to the kids who refuse to lose."

The Monarchs, who are 13-6 on the season, seem to be playing their best basketball at the right time of the season. Along with the aforementioned victory at Creek, the Monarchs also knocked Class 3-A finalist St. Clairsville from the ranks of the unbeaten earlier this month.

"We've been pretty consistent all year," Storm said. "We've had a couple of let-downs at Fairmont and North Marion. This is the time of the year when you want to start playing well."

The Monarchs' recent surge hasn't gone unnoticed by Jebbia, who's got his team sitting at 17-2 after it knocked off South Charleston Wednesday evening.

"John Marshall is playing real good ball of late," Jebbia admitted. "I thought their semifinal would be close and I really thought, going in, JM was capable of winning that game."

Wheeling Park, meanwhile, hasn't lost a game to an OVAC opponent all season and, in all actuality, hasn't been challenged by a

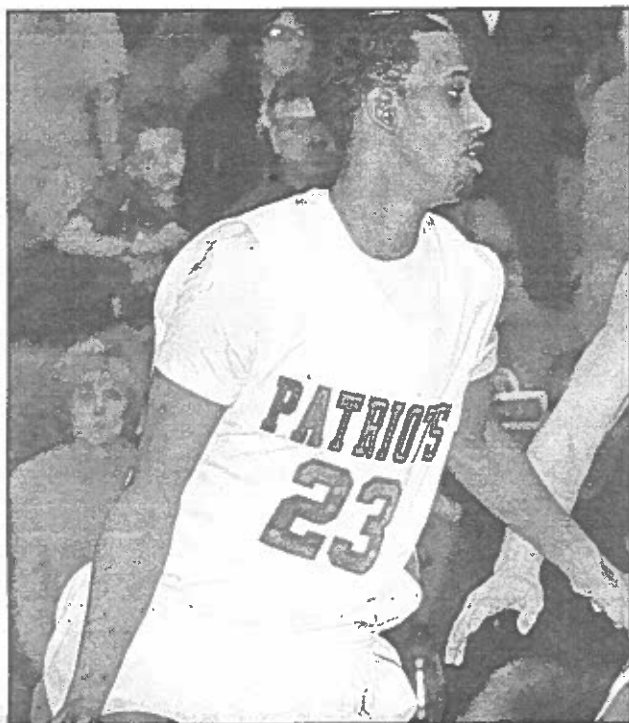


Photo Courtesy/RICK THORP

**WHEELING PARK'S** Bubby Goodwin has been one of the premier players for the Patriots for three seasons. He and the Patriots will tangle with John Marshall Saturday at 10 a.m.

conference opponent. The Patriots' losses came on the road at Logan and against Archbishop John Carroll as part of the Cancer Research Classic.

Jebbia and the Patriots gave up a couple of home games this season to seriously upgrade their schedule to prepare themselves further for the rigors of the West Virginia AAA post-season.

"The kids want to be challenged," Jebbia said.

"Our schedule has definitely helped us. Our kids have really been motivated and I know they'll be motivated Saturday. We got one of our home games back since we qualified for the OVAC in the top four, but you can afford to play a good schedule in basketball because you know you're going to qualify for the tournament."

The Patriots' most impressive victory came at University High as part of the Prime Time Shootout

where they took down Jamesville DeWitt, 65-57. DeWitt features high-major prospect DaJuan Coleman, who is being heavily recruited by nearly every school in the country, including Syracuse and Ohio State.

Storm and his staff are preparing their team the best they can, but matching up with Park's intangibles of quickness and size could once again prove to be the ultimate key.

"I don't know what you do with them," Storm said. "They're really good and really quick. If someone knows how to handle them, they need to tell someone."

In the first meeting, the Patriots seized early control in the first quarter, sprinting by the Monarchs with their quickness and agility.

"I tried to tell the kids how quick they were," Storm said. "I don't think they believed me because you've got to see it to believe it. In the second game, I don't think they played their best game."

Wheeling Park's up-and-down style is sparked by a talented trio of players who've got the ability to score in a bevy of ways.

Senior Bubby Goodwin.

See, 4-A, Page 6

**DALES PRE-OWNED AUTOS**  
 CONGRATULATIONS MONARCHS  
 RT. 2 • MOUNDSVILLE, WV  
**304-845-1770**

**PONDEROSA STEAKHOUSE**  
 1605 WHEELING AVENUE  
 GLEN DALE, WV  
**304-845-6500**  
*Congratulations Monarchs!*

**ACCESSORIES LTD**  
 LET US ACCESSORIZE YOUR RIDE!  
**GOOD LUCK MONARCHS!**  
 1009 First St., Moundsville, WV 26041  
**304-845-7587**  
 AUTO ACCESSORIES - CARHART CLOTHING  
 WINDOW TINTING - TRUCK ACCESSORIES

**BEST OF LUCK JMHS MONARCHS!**

From Your  
**Marshall County Elected Officials**

**NAILERS HOCKEY**  
 19TH SEASON

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH 5:05 P.M.**

**GREENVILLE**

- Skate With The Team
- Cartoon Character Sunday

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL TEAMS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES!**

**WesBanco**

For Tickets Call (304) 234-GOAL or 877-NAILTIX  
[www.wheelingnailers.com](http://www.wheelingnailers.com)



# JOHN MARSHALL MONARCHS



PICTURED IS the 2010-11 John Marshall Monarchs Basketball Team. Front row, from left, are Aaron Fonner, Matthew Carnahan and Luke Lavenski. Middle row, from left, are Gary Magers, Tyler Crow, Dylan Whitfield, Luke Martin and Logan Martin. Back row, from left, are assistant coach Brock Meiko, assistant coach Casey Storm, Casey Clutter, David Hummel III, Justin Wade, Tyler Brautigan, head coach Bill Storm and assistant coach Corey Murphy.

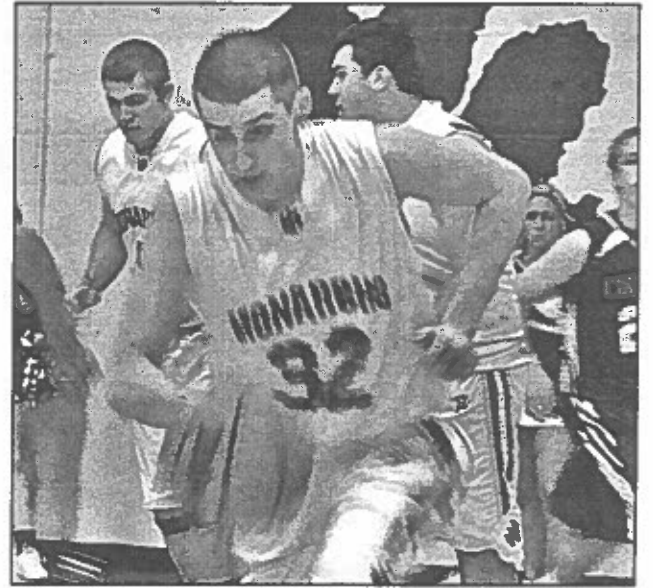


Photo Courtesy/SHAWN RINE

JOHN MARSHALL'S Luke Lavenski has been a steady contributor for the Monarchs, who will meet Park Saturday for the OVAC 4-A title.

## "CHEY-NAN'S" WESTERN TACK & MORE

Horse Tack, Custom Tees, Hats, Totes, Hoodies & Gift Items For Horse Lovers! Gift Cards Available

304-843-1767 or 1-888-584-3726

HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 2pm-9pm; Sat. 9am-4pm

## ● 4-A

Continued from Page 5

who had a huge game in last year's title game, is averaging 20.1 points a game from the point guard spot. He's also dishing out five assists and he shoots 44 percent from the floor.

Senior Marqez O'Neal is a freakish athlete on the interior, who has exceptional length. He's shooting an astounding 67 percent from the floor and averages 16.8 points a game.

"Bubby and Marqez have played in a lot of big games already in their career," Jebbia said. "Those guys lead the way, but we're getting good production from a lot of people."

Coming on of late has been impressive junior Boo Lathon, who's shooting 59 percent from the floor and averages 12.8 points a night.

Vondell Bell and Errin Baynes, a state track champion in the high jump, are also viable cogs in the Patriots' scheme. Emil Popicg has also logged valuable minutes. Senior Reed Simpson supplies depth on the interior.

"Every game is a different situation," Jebbia said.

"Our guys coming off the bench have come up big at times because you know when you're going to be called upon."

The Monarchs will try to make up for what they lack in size and quickness with hustle and heart.

Senior twin brothers Logan and Luke Martin are the sparkplugs for the Monarchs.

"They make us go," Storm admitted. "Pound for pound, they're the toughest kids in the Ohio Valley. A lot of teams we play haven't had people get after them (defensively) like the Martins. They raise things to a different level."

Luke is the point guard and Logan is more of the scorer at the two-guard spot, according to their coach.

Senior Casey Clutter is another defensive stopper for the Monarchs. Senior Luke Lavenski is the Monarchs' leading scorer. Junior Justin Wade handles the middle with his 6-ft-5 frame.

"We're just a blue-collar team without great athletes or basketball players," Storm said. "We play hard."

**JERRY'S  
MINI MART &  
THE  
GATHERING  
ROOM**  
223 Marshall St.,  
McMechen WV  
26040  
**(304)  
233-9808**

**Fay's  
Jewelry**  
Open Friday till 7:00pm  
**Watch & Jewelry Repair**  
323 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville  
845-5960

**Moundsville  
Plaza Motel &  
Guest House  
Restaurant**  
South Shopping Plaza  
Moundsville, WV  
304-845-9650  
**GOOD LUCK  
MONARCHS!**

**Rosebuds  
Florist & Gifts**  
320 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville, WV  
**(304) 845-8848**  
**Flowers for all occasions!!**  
**GOOD LUCK MONARCHS!**

• RN, LPN & CNA STAFF • 24 HOURS/7 DAYS A WEEK  
**GOOD LUCK  
MONARCHS!**  
**304-843-1035**  
2200 Floral Ave., Moundsville, WV 26041

Home Cooked Meals At Reasonable Prices  
**YOUNG'S  
CAFETERIA**  
"We Do It the Old Fashion Way"  
CATERING AVAILABLE FOR PARTIES & WEDDINGS  
1309 Wheeling Ave. • Glen Dale, WV • 304-845-4820



# Madonna, Trinity battle for 1-A crown

By RICH GIBSON  
Times Leader Sports Writer

A new 1-A champion will be crowned at this year's Wheeling Hospital/OVAC Basketball Tournament.

In this corner - West Virginia's top-rated small school team and relative newcomer to the conference, Morgantown Trinity's once-beaten Warriors.

And their opponent - Weirton Madonna's Blue Dons, playing for a OVAC crown for a second time in four years.

The two teams engaged in a regular season contest at Weirton where Trinity was victorious.

"Yes, our kids did a nice job (up there) but Madonna was playing shorthanded and we recognize that," noted Warriors' head coach Herman Pierson.

Trinity's cage boss was referring to the absence of Blue Dons' junior point guard Nick Battista in addition to sixth man, 6-6 junior Drazen Frankovitch.

Madonna coach George Vargo acknowledges his team must be at full strength to contend with a deep, talented Trinity combine.

"They're No. 1 for a reason," Vargo exclaimed. "(This rematch) gives us an opportunity to find out what we're made of. I know our kids will come to play. We'll need our best effort."

Saturday's 1-A showdown tips off at 1 p.m. inside Ohio University-Eastern's spacious athletic complex.

PIERSON has a well-rounded senior-dominated unit at his disposal. "This is the tightest-knit group I've been around in my 11 years with the program," he stated. "This is a very unselfish team. The guys have developed excellent chemistry and they enjoy spreading the wealth."

The Warriors' leading scorer is 6-5 senior Chris

MADONNA Blue Dons			
1	Pat McCune	12	6-2
2	Chris Perna	12	5-10
3	Ross Comis	9	5-11
10	Kristen Tunno	11	5-9
11	Connor Mogan	11	6-0
12	Egyud Josh	11	5-10
15	Mario Yavoviello	12	6-2
20	Clay Rokisky	11	6-2
22	Will Bowser	9	5-10
25	Connor Arlia	12	5-10
42	Daniel Pietranton	11	6-0
55	Nick Alexander	12	6-5
<b>Head Coach:</b> George Vargo			
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Chris Blair, Mike Hagg.			
TRINITY CHRISTIAN			
0	Ben Jordan	12	6-3
1	Vaughn Waugh	12	6-0
3	Justin Rosier	12	5-7
4	A.J. Mayle	12	5-11
5	Tommy Retton	10	5-8
11	Ryan Wise	12	5-10
15	Jerid Jento	11	5-11
20	Jordan Selder	12	5-11
21	Anthony Ghiardi	10	6-2
22	Chris Martinez	12	6-5
23	Scott McLaughlin	11	6-0
24	Red Prendergrast	12	6-0
30	Cody Triplett	10	6-4
35	Jesse Hozempa	12	6-1
<b>Head Coach:</b> Herman Pierson			
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Dallas Riley, Corey Barrill.			

Martinez, a savvy, versatile player with big-time norms (17.2 ppg., 9.5 rpg.) to back it up.

Senior all-state guard A.J. Mayle operates in the backcourt and, like, Martinez, is a tough matchup for opponents. Mayle nets just under 16 points a game.

"A.J. is comfortable running the point or at two-guard," Pierson. "He's another 1,000-point achiever and will play at the next level."

Yet another viable weapon is 5-11 senior Jordan Selders, an adept shooter with consistent long-range potential. "Jordan has a quick release. He's been very productive," Pierson observed.

Senior Justin Rosier is a physically and mentally tough 5-6 veteran and well-skilled point guard.

In 6-6 Cody Triplett, the Warriors have a seasoned sophomore whose game continues to grow at both ends of the floor.

"Cody gives us solid defense and rebounding. He can also score when called upon," Pierson points out.

Off the bench, Trinity is bolstered by 6-4 senior Ben Jordan, a consistent board-banger and defender. Pierson's club also receives contributions from the likes of 6-0 senior forward Vaughn Waugh; 6-0 guard Jesse Hozempa; and 6-0 junior forward Scott McLaughlin.

The Warriors' coach foresees a four-quarter challenge from Madonna.

"We're expecting a different game (Saturday)," he said. "We'll be playing in a new environment and I'm sure our kids are looking forward to it."

The Warriors' lone loss came at the hands of a formidable Maryland outfit, Bishop Walsh of Cumberland.

Aiding Pierson is ex-Warriors' standout Dallas Riley along with graduate assistant Corey Barill.

MADONNA participated in the OVAC's initial small school title game three years ago, falling to

Bridgeport.

"Obviously, we're thrilled to be back," Vargo related. "No doubt, Trinity presents a major challenge, but our guys are looking forward to it."

Vargo recalled the two teams prior meeting. "They (Trinity) shot 68 percent (from the floor). We definitely can't permit that to happen again," he advised.

"Trinity's the total package. They're very solid at virtually every position. We absolutely have to be at our best."

Vargo has since welcomed back Battista, a first-year starter who has made his presence felt running the offense.

"Nick makes us go. He

See, 1-A, Page 8

## TRINITY WARRIORS



Photo Provided

PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Trinity Christian Basketball Team. Front row, from left, are Cody Triplett, Chris Martinez, Jordan Selders, Ryan Wise, Vaughn Waugh, Red Prendergast, Justin Rosier, A.J. Mayle, Ben Jordan and Jesse Hozempa. Back row, from left, are Father John Anderson, head coach Herman Pierson, Jon Purkey, Tommy Retton, Matthew Branfass, Scott McLaughlin, Anthony Ghiardi, Sam Rony, Matt Caridi, Seth Earl, Andy Caridi, Jared Jento, Brandon Solomon, Bryant Western, assistant coach Dallas Riley and graduate assistant coach Corey Barill.



*Good Luck  
Trinity Warriors*

From The  
Trinity Athletic Boosters

1-A

Continued from Page 7

does so many things well on the floor," Vargo explained. "He's done a great job learning the offense."

Battista lends some 8.5 points per game and is a

savvy ball-handler and passer.

Madonna's leading scorer and rebounder is ever-improving 6-2 junior Clay Rokisky. "Clay has been a

steadying force all season," Vargo described. "He's shouldered much of the offensive burden and is a capable inside-outside scorer." Rokisky nets 12. ppg.

and contributes just under 10 boards per outing.

Returning starter Connor Arlia, at 5-10, is one of the school's most well-rounded athletes with a successful

resume to back it up.

The Blue Dons' two-guard Arlia sports norms of 9.5 (points) and five (rebounds). "Connor has a ton of varsity experience and provides excellent senior leadership," Vargo confirmed.

Senior Chris Perna is another returning vet possessing a deft shooting touch. "We like to take advantage of Chris' quickness," Vargo noted. The 5-10 Perna owns an eight points-per-game scoring norm.

Senior Mario Yavoviello rounds out the starting five and is another key player in Madonna's usually effective transition game.

Yavoviello averages

seven points and rebounds a game.

Frankovitch, who has battled through injuries and illness this season, is an immediate inside presence off the bench. "Drazen gets his share of boards and can be an intimidating shot-blocker," Vargo indicated.

Madonna's coach has been impressed with the overall play of freshman Ross Comis, a 5-11 guard. "He's provided a definite spark off the bench," Vargo said.

The Dons also receive support from 6-0 junior defensive specialist Daniel Pietranton; 6-0 junior Connor Morgan; 6-2 senior Pat McCune and 6-5 senior Nick Alexander.

# WEIRTON MADONNA BLUE DONS

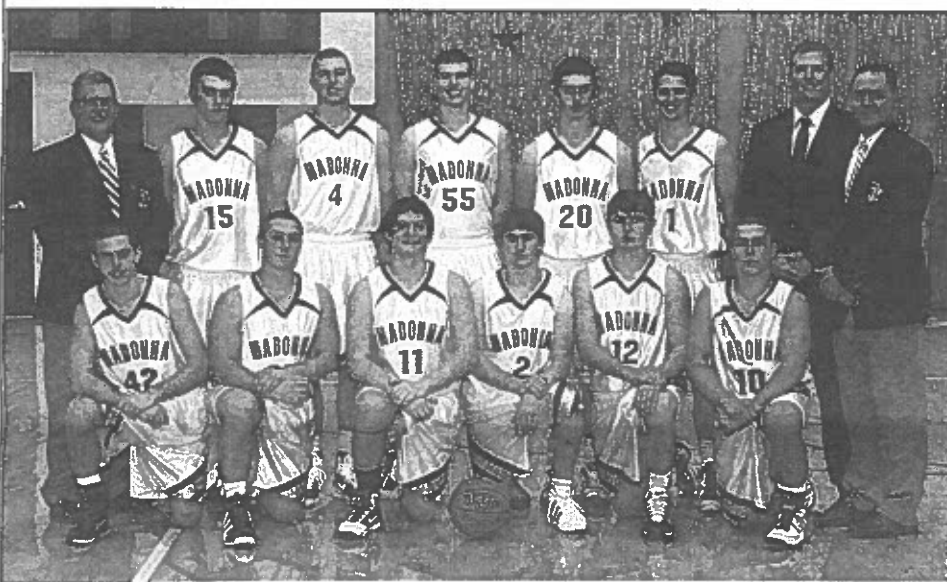


Photo Provided  
PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Madonna Blue Dons' Basketball Team. Kneeling, from left, are Daniel Pietranton, Connor Arlia, Connor Morgan, Chris Perna, Egyud Josh and Nick Battista. Back row, from left, are head coach George Vargo, Mario Yavoviello, Drazen Frankovitch, Nick Alexander, Clay Koskisky, Pat McCune, assistant coaches Chris Blair and Mike Hagg.

**FRANKOVITCH,  
ANETAKIS,  
COLANTONIO  
& SIMON**



**GOOD LUCK  
BLUE DONS!**

337 Penco Rd.,  
Weirton, WV 26062

**(304) 723-4400**



T-L Photo/RICH GIBSON

DISPLAYING THE 1-A OVAC Championship Trophy are the head coaches of Trinity Christian and Madonna. From left are Trinity's Herman Pierson and Madonna's George Vargo.

"The New Standard in Quality Pre-Owned Vehicles"

**New City  
AUTO SALES**

Mon.-Thurs. 9-7 • Fri. til 6 • Sat. til 3  
2813 Penna Ave. • Weirton, WV  
**304-723-1313 • 800-766-2913**

newcityauto.com

Good Luck Blue Dons & Coaches!  
Congratulations On A Great Season!

**Good Luck  
Blue Dons**

**WEIRTON AREA  
CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**

3174 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Suite 1

Weirton, WV 26062

**(304) 748-7212**

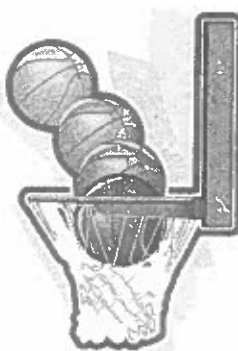


**GOOD LUCK  
BLUE DONS**

From The  
Madonna Athletic  
Dept.

**GOOD LUCK  
BLUE DONS**

From The Faculty,  
Staff & Students at  
St. Paul Catholic  
School



**GOOD LUCK BLUE DONS  
FROM**



Stop By  
Before or After  
The Game!

**304-748-1179**  
3806 Main St., Weirton



# Monroe, Fort Frye meet in 2-A

• Seminoles, Cadets clash for third time after splitting earlier matchups; Both seek first tourney title

By RICH GIBSON  
Times Leader Sports Writer

There's only one way to settle this Fort Frye-Monroe Central standoff. On the floor, naturally.

And where better than Ohio University Eastern's spacious athletic complex where the Cadets and Seminoles battle for a Wheeling Hospital/OVAC 2-A championship.

Saturday afternoon's (4:00) title tilt happens to be a rubber match between the two, each of whom posted regular season home court victories.

"Both of our games were close and we expect nothing less (Saturday)," said Monroe mentor Greg Taylor. "We have nothing but respect for Fort Frye's program and the job (Cadets' coach) Dan Liedtke does year in and year out."

The Beverly-based Cadets are involved in their second OVAC championship, having fallen to Wheeling Central in the 2009 2-A contest.

"It's always an honor (returning to OUE)," Liedtke noted. "I know both our players and fans enjoy making the trip. The facility is outstanding and makes for a great atmosphere."

Saturday's encounter is an intriguing matchup of contrasting styles. "Frankly, we don't match up well against Monroe," Liedtke indicated. "They have a definitive size advantage. Hopefully, we can counter by playing solid defense and shooting well at the offensive end."

Fort Frye's roster includes no shortage of perimeter threats, an obvious concern for Taylor.

"We're very impressed with their motion offense



T-L Photo/RICH GIBSON

DISPLAYING THE 2011 OVAC Championship Basketball Trophy are the head coaches from 2-A finalists Monroe Central and Fort Frye. From left are Monroe Central's Greg Taylor and Fort Frye's Dan Liedtke.

and ability to spread you out," the Noles' coach explained. "Fort Frye is a dangerous three-point shooting team. Which means, we have to be aware of where their kids are at all times."

The top-seeded Seminoles own 15 victories in 19 starts. Taylor's club has fallen to Magnolia, River and Shenandoah in addition to the Cadets.

Liedtke's Cadets, meanwhile, bring a splendid 16-3 ledger into Saturday's showdown. In addition to a last-second 48-45 loss at Monroe, Fort Frye was twice beaten by Warren Local.

TAYLOR and the Seminoles are coming off an impressive 62-46 semifinal win at Skyvue over rival River. Monroe produced an effective inside/outside scoring attack and dominated the boards throughout.

"One of the big keys for us right now is the fact we're healthy. That hasn't always been the case for some of our kids," Taylor described.

The Noles have a well-rounded player in six-foot senior Marcus Schumacher, leading the Woodsfield-based school in scoring at 13 ppg.

"Marcus also leads us in

assists and steals," Taylor advised. "He's totally unselfish and a big key to our success."

Monroe's frontcourt features a pair of 6-5 stalwarts — Shane Highman and Guiler Bettinger. "Guiler has recovered from a broken leg he sustained (as a junior) at Fort Frye," Taylor noted. "He's been very steady for us all season and really knows how to use his size on the inside."

While Bettinger nets seven points a game, Highman is an athletic big man who runs the floor extremely well.

"Shane gives us about 10 points a game in addition to

his ability to move from one end to the other," Taylor stated.

The Noles' backcourt has 5-8 senior Kory Hill and 5-10 junior Jimmy Baker.

Though not a prolific scorer, Hill's dramatic three-point bucket was the game-winner in Monroe's regular season win over the Cadets.

See, 2-A, Page 10


FORT FRYE Cadets			
2	Donald Hilverding	12	5-10
3	Kyle Schwendeman	11	5-8
5	Anthony Duskey	11	5-10
10	Chandler Lang	9	5-9
12	Jordan Anderson	9	5-9
14	Kyle Hesson	10	5-7
15	Shon Smith	10	5-10
20	Eddie Watson	12	6-0
21	Caden Brooker	10	6-0
22	Colt Skinner	12	6-0
23	Garrett Legraen	12	6-4
24	Zach Eddy	11	6-2
31	Matt Klinger	12	5-9
40	Derek Spindler	11	5-8
44	Zach Huck	12	6-4

Head Coach: Dan Liedtke  
Assistant Coaches: John Bostic, Terry Huck.

MONROE CENTRAL Seminoles			
10	Jimmy Baker	11	5-10
12	Kory Hill	12	5-8
14	Jacob Ring	11	5-8
20	Lance Schumacher	11	5-10
22	Shane Highman	12	6-5
24	Marcus Schumacher	12	6-0
30	Tye Dimmerling	12	6-1
32	Tyler Kinchen	11	6-0
42	Dalton Ramage	11	6-0
52	Guiler Bettinger	12	6-5
54	C.J. Wise	11	6-6

Head Coach: Greg Taylor.  
Assistant Coaches: Jeff Stephens, Doug Yoho, Brian Rose.

*Good Luck Seminoles!*



**JIM PETERS**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

**JAMES L. PETERS**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

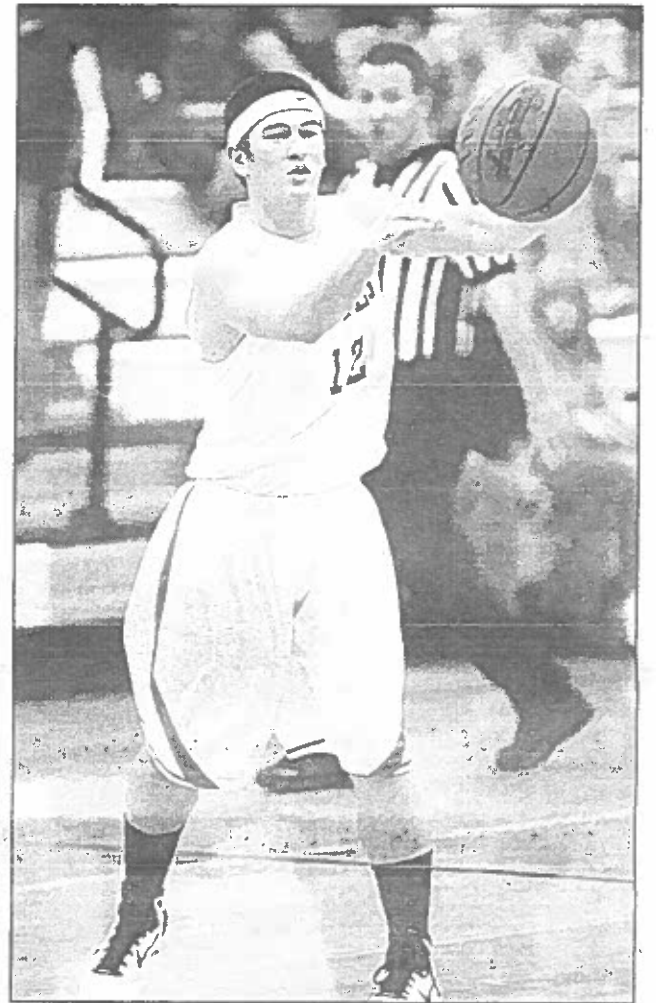
107 W. Court St., Woodsfield, OH 43793  
**740-472-1681** www.jjplaw.com

# MONROE CENTRAL SEMINOLES

## GOLDEN HAWKS



Photo Courtesy/  
PAUL KRAJNYAK  
PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Monroe Central Basketball Team. Front row, from left, are Lance Schumacher, Dalton Ramage, Kory Hill, Jacob Ring and Jimmy Baker. Back row, from left, are Head Coach Greg Taylor, assistant coach Doug Yoho, Marcus Schumacher, Guiler Bettinger, Shane Highman, Tye Dimmerling, Tyler Kinchen and assistant coach Jeff Stephens.



Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

MONROE CENTRAL'S Kory Hill passes the ball during a game this season. Hill and the Seminoles will meet Fort Frye for the OVAC Class 2-A title Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m.

### ● 2-A

Continued from Page 9

"Kory does all the little things that rarely show up in the box score." Taylor praised. Baker, meanwhile, is a consistent perimeter threat who is has come on strong in the late going.

"Jimmy shoots (three-pointers) with confidence. He's given us a huge lift in some big games," Taylor noted.

The Noles have a productive bench, led by 6-1 senior Tye Dimmerling. "If there were a sixth man award, Tye would have to be a serious candidate to win it," said Taylor. "He does a little bit of everything well."

Off the bench strength is provided by 6-6 junior C.J. Wise, contributing some 8 ppg. to go with steady rebounding.

Two other juniors earn valuable minutes including 5-8 guard Jacob Ring and 6-0 all-Ohio football first teamer Tyler Kinchen.

Taylor's capable staff includes Jeff Stephens, Doug Yoho and Brian Rose.

FORT FRYE'S lineup includes three returning starters, paced by a pair of two-year lettermen - Donald Hilverding and Garrett Legraen.

See 2-A, Page 11

Good Luck  
Monroe Central!

**BELLWOOD**

**DRUGS**

135 South Main Street,  
Woodsfield  
(740) 472-1991

**M.A.C.O.**  
**Workshop**

(740) 472-5445

*Proud Supporters  
Of The  
Seminoles!*

## GOOD LUCK MONROE CENTRAL SEMINOLES

**GARY W.  
SMITH**  
**Law Offices**

740-968-6088  
Flushing  
740-472-1647  
Woodsfield  
**GOOD LUCK!**

**GOOD LUCK!**  
**CHARLES**

**ORUM,**  
**CPA**

Woodsfield, Ohio  
(740) 472-0289

**Dennis Miller**  
**Doors &  
Windows**

Specializing in Garage  
Doors & Openers  
Entry Doors & Windows

37268 Fifth Ave., P.O. Box 313,  
Sards, OH 43945  
1-800-473-1989  
1-740-483-1989

**Malaga  
Greenhouse**  
*Your Full Service  
Florist*

SR800  
1 Mile South of Malaga

**GOOD LUCK  
SEMINOLES!**

**YOSS  
LAW  
OFFICE**

122 N. Main St.  
Woodsfield, OH 43793

740-472-0707

**GOOD LUCK  
SEMINOLES**

**GOOD LUCK  
SEMINOLES!**

**NAPA**  
**AUTO PARTS**

Woodsfield Auto  
Supply, Inc.

124 North Main Street  
Woodsfield, OH 43793  
(740) 472-1633

*Locally owned and  
operated since 1958*

**Good Luck Seminoles!**

**WOODSFIELD**  
**TRUE VALUE HOME CENTER**  
**& JUST ASK RENTAL**  
**740-472-1651**

**Good Luck Seminoles!**



● 2-A

Continued from Page 10

The 5-10 Hilverding runs the point and is an above-average shooter. "Todd's our floor leader with a great deal of varsity experience," Liedtke pointed out.

Legraen has been the picture of consistency all season, scoring just under 13 points per start and hitting the boards with authority. "Garrett can be dominant on the inside but he's also very

versatile," Liedtke said of the 6-4 veteran.

The Fort's third senior starter is 6-0 guard Eddie Watson, a physical player who nets 6.6 ppg. "Eddie can stroke it from the wing. He also takes pride in playing solid defense," Liedtke explained.

Junior Zach Eddy is another Cadet mainstay and coming off a 17-point out-

ing in FF's three-point semifinal decision over Barnesville.

"Zach shoots the three with confidence and gives us good size (6-2) as a bonus," Liedtke related. Eddy is netting 11 ppg. and has connected on 34 trifecta attempts.

The Fort's leading scorer is 5-10 sophomore guard Shon Smith, a savvy com-

petitor who earned a starting role as a freshman.

"Shon's comfortable both at the point or at two-guard," Liedtke commented. "He's effective both from the perimeter or taking the ball to the basket."

Liedtke labels 6-0 senior Colt Skinner, a "blue collar banger who enjoys mixing it up inside. Colt plays with great aggressiveness," the

Cadets' coach observed.

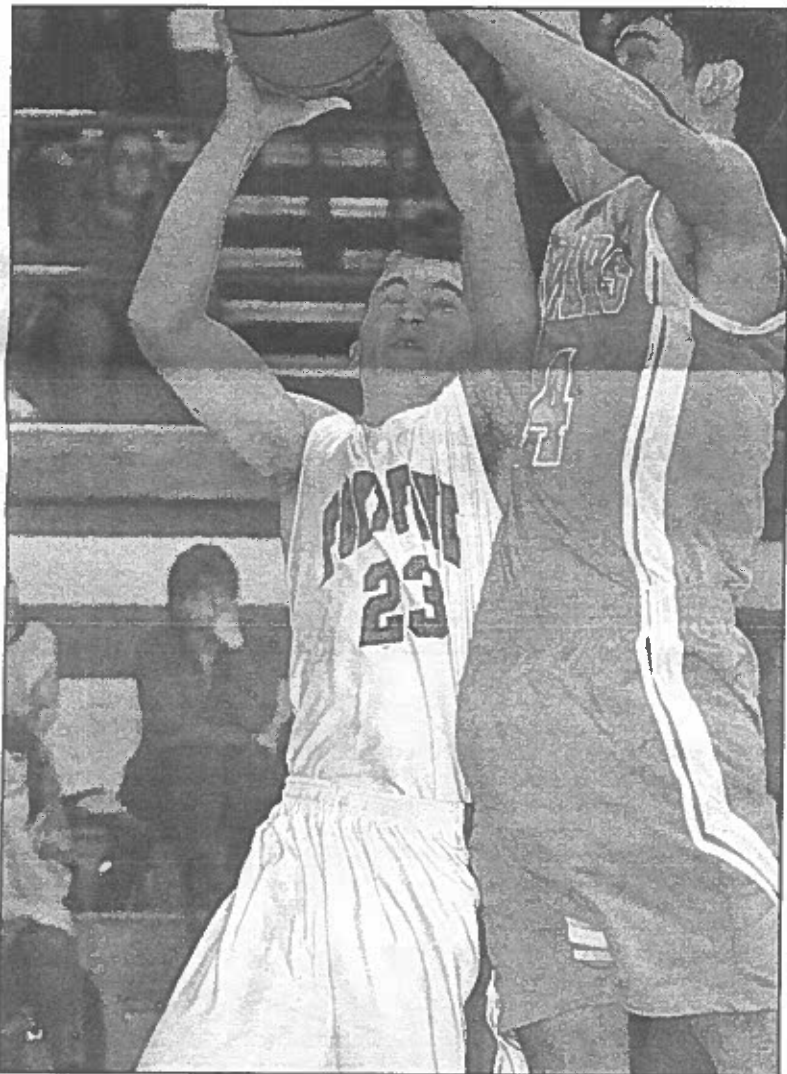
Senior Matt Klinger, at 5-9, also earns valuable minutes and is fundamentally sound, according to his coach. The Cadets have also benefited from solid bench contributions from 5-8 junior backcourt performer Kyle Schwendeman, a rapidly-improving player.

Liedtke was encouraged by his team's work - espe-

cially in the second half of Tuesday's semifinal win over Barnesville.

"They had us outsized, but I thought we did a great job containing Barnesville's inside people (after half-time)," Liedtke explained. "That's a big reason we're playing (Saturday)."

Liedtke's staff includes assistants John Bostic and Terry Huck.



**FORT FRYE'S**  
Garrett Legraen goes up for a shot against Frontier this season. The Cadets will meet Monroe Central in the 2-A title game Saturday at 4 p.m.

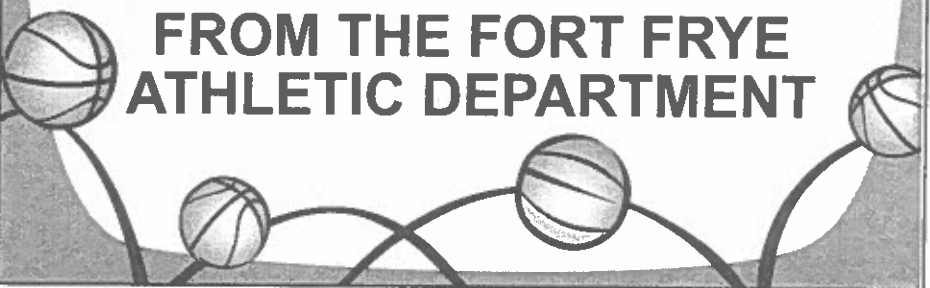
Photo Courtesy/  
MARIETTA TIMES

## FORT FRYE CADETS



Photo Provided  
PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Fort Frye Basketball Team. Front row, from left, are Donald Hilverding, Caden Brooker, Eddy Watson, Colton Skinner and Matt Klinger. Back row, from left, are assistant coach John Bostic, Kyle Schwendeman, Zach Eddy, Garrett Lagraen, head coach Dan Liedtke, Zach Huck, Shon Smith, Chandler Lang and assistant coach Terry Huck.

**GOOD LUCK MIGHTY CADETS**  
FROM THE FORT FRYE  
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT



**Something Happening  
In Sports?**  
Tell Us in Our Virtual Newsroom at  
TimesLeaderONLINE.com

# St. C., Magnolia clash in 3-A

• Red Devils seeking first-ever conference crown; Blue Eagles look for first crown since 1951

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Regardless of what happens Saturday evening, something is going to give.

Neither St. Clairsville nor Magnolia is a stranger to the championship game of the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Basketball Championship.

However, neither has come out on top in their previous appearances.

Both will get another chance to rectify that when they meet each other in the final game of the day-long basketball extravaganza at Ohio University Eastern Saturday evening to determine the OVAC Class 3-A champion. Tip off is slated for 7 p.m.

The Red Devils and Blue Eagles join Wheeling Park and John Marshall as the only teams in the conference, who've been in the championship bracket each year since the tournament's inception in 2008.

"Reflecting back on it, we've been beaten by three really good teams," St. C.'s Kim Clifford said of Wheeling Central, Union Local and Weir. "Two of those went on to play in their respective state tournament and it was probably Union Local's best team ever. Those are all in the past now and we're looking forward to Saturday."



T-L Photo/RICH GIBSON

**DISPLAYING THE 2011 OVAC Championship Basketball Trophy** are the head coaches from 3-A finalists St. Clairsville and Magnolia. From left are St. Clairsville's Kim Clifford and Magnolia's Dave Tallman.

This marks the third time the two 3-A combatants have met in this tournament, but the previous two were semifinal affairs on John Jenkins Court in St. C.

"It says something to be able to at least play in the game, but obviously, we

were a little disappointed that we didn't come away with any of those," Clifford said. "We've got a chance to redeem ourselves, but most of these kids don't know anything about what's happened four years ago."

Despite the Red Devils'

0-2 record in the championship game, the fact they've never won an OVAC title and their 18-1 record putting the favorite's tag on their shoulders, Clifford doesn't look at this game as any additional pressure.

"Someone once said, 'the

only pressure you have is war and surgery.'" Clifford smiled. "I agree with that. We're just taking it one game at a time and preparing like we normally do. Hopefully, those other things aren't factors and we just go out and play basket-

ball." Magnolia, meanwhile, broke through a season ago in the tournament and got past the semifinal round, ousting Harrison Central in New Martinsville. However, the Blue Eagles

See, 3-A, Page 13

ST. CLAIRSVILLE Red Devils			
3	Matt Yudasz	12	6-1
4	Jared Clovis	12	6-1
5	Dan Monteroso	10	6-3
10	Michael Ferns	09	6-3
12	Ethan Kozel	12	6-0
20	Jerrid Marhefka	10	5-10
21	Adam Jeffries	10	5-8
22	Hargun Sandhu	12	6-3
24	Riley Carlton	10	5-10
30	Phil Burdyn	10	5-8
32	Allen Derosa	12	6-5
34	Zak Stiles	12	6-1
44	Mackenzie Koehler	12	6-3
<b>Head Coach:</b> Kim Clifford.			
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Ryan Clifford, Kevin Sacco, Eric Gay.			
MAGNOLIA Blue Eagles			
00	Justin Wade	12	6-8
1	Stephen Rogalski	10	6-0
2	Jayson Keller	11	5-10
3	Matt Sapp	12	5-10
4	Kyle Anderson	12	5-11
5	Jordan Moore	12	6-2
11	Mark Winters	10	6-6
13	Zach Willhoite	9	6-5
40	Leif Lallathin	12	6-4
42	Hunter Campbell	11	6-2
44	Nick Blatt	11	6-5
<b>Head Coach:</b> Dave Tallman			
<b>Assistant Coach:</b> Mark Blair.			

## GOOD LUCK!

*From the Friendly Folks at...*

**BELMONT SAVINGS BANK**

**Bellaire**  
676-1165

**St. Clairsville**  
695-0140

**Powhatan**  
795-4565

**Barnesville**  
425-1901

Insured by the FDIC

● 3-A

Continued from Page 12

came up short in the final against Weir High.

"What was tough about last year was playing the first game," Blue Eagles' boss Dave Tallman said. "I think playing the night game will help us. We also opted not to come (to OUE) to practice, which was a mistake, so we're definitely coming out here to practice. We want to get the young players acclimated to the environment."

Ironically, the Blue Eagles had to take out the defending champions to earn a trip to St. Clairsville to play for their first OVAC title since 1951.

"It's been a long process for us," said Tallman, who's guided the Blue Eagles to two state titles during his career at the New Martinsville-based school. "We're playing our best basketball of the season especially on the defensive end of the season."

While the Red Devils appeared to be on a collision course much of the season for this game, the Blue Eagles nearly played themselves out of the tournament. Magnolia suffered back-to-back losses to Monroe Central and Brooke before rallying to beat Wheeling Central in double overtime to clinch a spot.

"We thought we had things straightened out, but those losses were tough," Tallman said. "The win at Wheeling Central really helped us to get our confi-

dence back."

St. Clairsville — the top seed in the field — was almost sent to the consolation bracket for the second straight season. Union Local owned a 1-point lead and the basketball as the clock ticked under a minute last Tuesday.

However, slick sophomore Dan Monteroso eventually rallied the Red Devils by scoring the final five points for a 45-41 victory.

"Overall, I'm pleased with how we're playing," Clifford said. "You're not going to have 'it' every night and if you can survive it's a really good sign. Union Local played well and we had some guys step up and kind of will us to win that game."

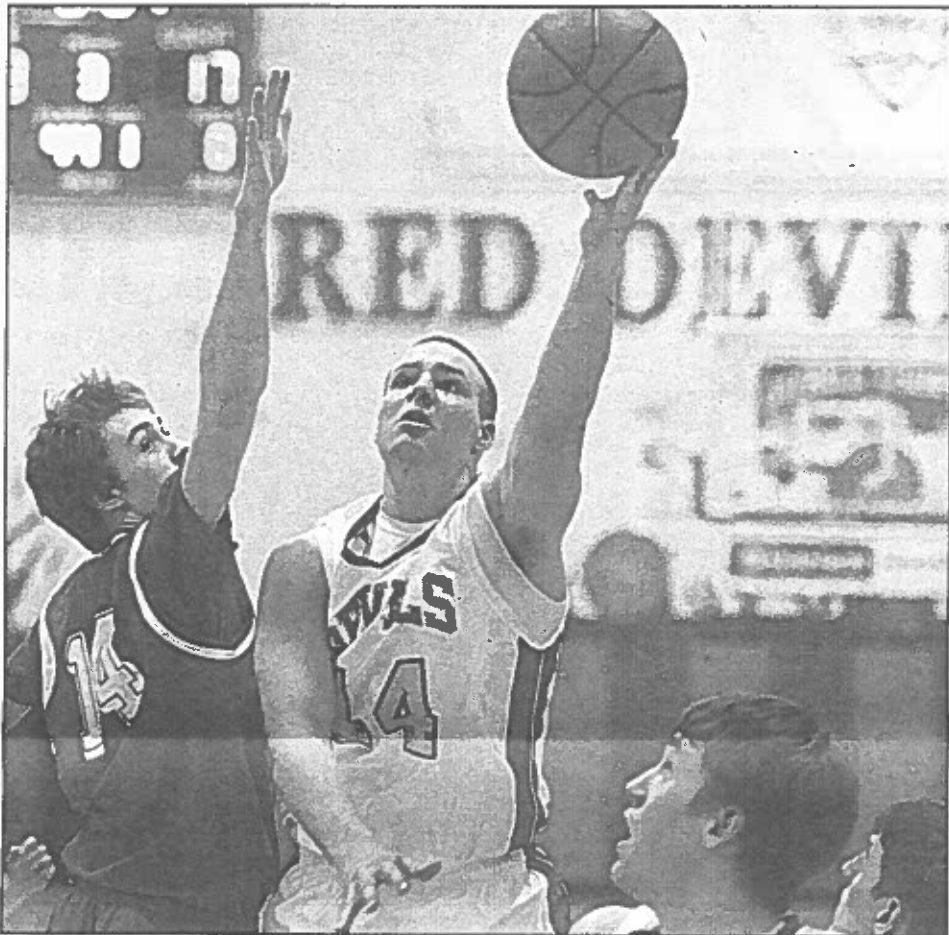
Magnolia, meanwhile, posted its second victory in a four-day span over Weir. This time, the Blue Eagles were a decisive 58-37 winner.

"We played extremely well defensively in those games against Weir," Tallman said. "I still don't think we've hit our full stride offensively."

In his scouting of St. Clairsville, Tallman believes his team must handle the Red Devils' pressure if his team is to be successful.

"They defend really well and we've got to be ready for the pressure," Tallman said. "Offensively, we have

See, 3-A, Page 14



ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Mackenzie Koehler has been a key contributor all season for the Red Devils. He and the Red Devils will meet Magnolia Saturday at 7 p.m. for the OVAC Class 3-A championship.

Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

**JENKINS SPORTING GOODS**  
 (740) 695-9300  
 Main St., St. Clairsville

Celebrating **50** Years  
**"I'M NOT BUYING 'TIL I'VE CHECKED"**  
**DOAN FORD · LINCOLN**  
 EXIT 208 OFF I-70 · MORRISTOWN, OH GOOD LUCK TO ALL AREA TEAMS!  
 (740) 782-1965 • (800) 782-1965

**GOOD LUCK RED DEVILS!**  
 PRESUTTI DEROZA BOOTH *Family Dentistry*  
 Specializing in Restorative & Cosmetic Dentistry  
  
 47301 National Rd. St. Clairsville, OH  
**740-695-5400**

**YOU HAVE TO BE THERE UFC LIVE FEB. 26TH • 10:00 P.M.**  
  
**THURSDAY 60¢ BONELESS WINGS**  
**TUESDAY 40¢ WINGS 20 BEERS ON TAP**  
 50633 Valley Frontage Rd., St. Clairsville 740-695-2800  
 6 Walmart Dr., Moundsville 304-810-4079

*GO RED DEVILS!*  
**Barb's TAX & BOOKKEEPING SERVICE**  
 • Tax Preparation  
 • Electronic Filing  
 • Bookkeeping Services  
 • Payroll Preparation & Related Tax Forms  
 66578 Anna Dr., St. Clairsville (740) 695-3362  
 Barbara A. Ziemba-Yudas, Owner



● 3-A

Continued from Page 13

to hope we catch them on an off night because if they're shooting well and hitting their threes, it's going to be a long night." The Red Devils are one

of the area's premier deep shooting teams. They average more than four triples a game.

While they are an effective deep-shooting team, the

Red Devils are versatile. They're able to slash or throw the ball into the post.

"Our kids have been focused since day one (in November)," Clifford said.

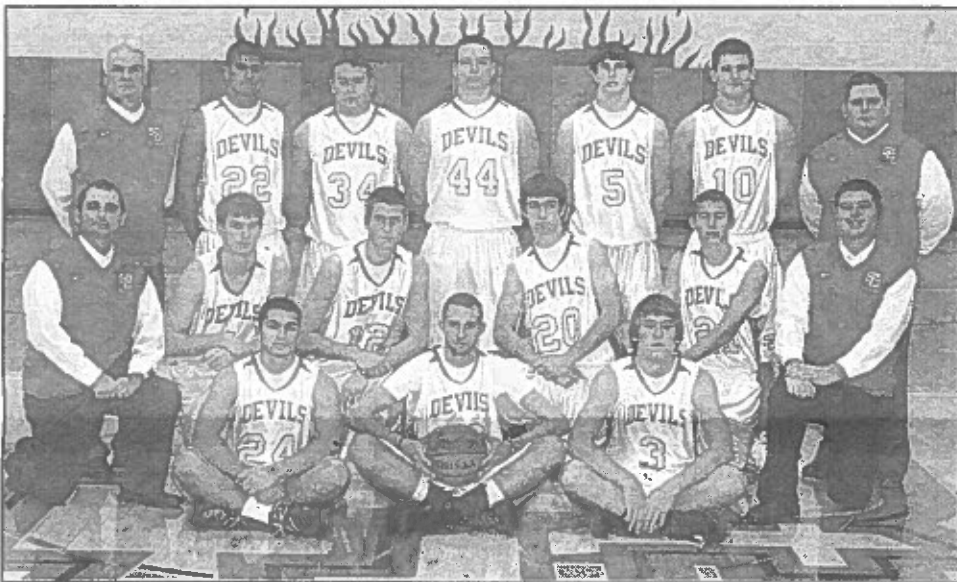
"Our coaches and myself have tried to keep them on task and we use the word hubris a lot because we don't want the kids to get too full of themselves."

The Red Devils are led by the aforementioned Monteroso, who is continuing his assault on the 1,000-point scoring mark in just two seasons.

Averaging nearly 24 points a night, Monteroso is an impressive athlete with great leaping ability.

See, 3-A, Page 15

# ST. CLAIRSVILLE RED DEVILS



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY  
 PICTURED IS the 2010-11 St. Clairsville Red Devils Basketball Team. Front row, from left, are Riley Carlton, Allen Derosa and Matt Yudasz. Middle row, from left, are assistant coach Ryan Clifford, Jared Clovis, Ethan Koziel, Jared Marhefka, Adam Jeffries and assistant coach Eric Gay. Back row, from left, are head coach Kim Clifford, Hargun Sandhu, Zak Stiles, Mackenzie Koehler, Dan Monteroso, Michael Ferns and assistant coach Kevin Sacco.



**Tomorrow's Corner, Inc.**  
 A Provider of Adult Day Support  
 66730 Pogue Rd., St. Clairsville  
 740.695.1110  
*We help people enjoy their day.*  
**GOOD LUCK!**

**BECK-ALTMAYER**  
 FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY  
**GOOD LUCK ST. C. RED DEVILS!**  
 St. Clairsville  
 (740) 695-0475  
 www.altmeyer.com

*Go Red Devils!*  
**JENKINS SPORTING GOODS**  
 (740) 695-9300  
 Main St., St. Clairsville

**INTERSTATE BATTERIES**  
 INTERSTATE BATTERY SYSTEM OF STEEL VALLEY  
 44925 LAFFERTY RD., ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OH  
 TOLL FREE 800-488-6587

**dish NETWORK**  
 (740)695-6416

State Farm®  
 Providing Insurance Financial Services  
 Home Office, Bloomington, Illinois 61710  
**Al Bigelow, Agent**  
 67801 Banfield Road St. Clairsville, OH 43950  
 740.695.1175  
 Fax 740.695.1215  
 Toll Free 800.887.2318  
 al.bigelow.nggq@statefarm.com  
 24 Hour Good Neighbor Service®

**NAPA**  
**St. Clair Auto Parts**  
 Locally Owned & Operated  
 National Rd. West St. Clairsville  
 695-3501

**TOOTHMAN FUNERAL HOME**  
*We serve every family as if it was our very own.*  
 141 S. Marietta St., St. Clairsville  
 740-695-1905  
 49484 O.R. & W. Station Rd., Jacobsburg  
 740-686-2525  
 Thank You Ohio Valley!

**ALEX M. PENTINO, DDS**  
*creating beautiful smiles with gentle care!*  
**GOOD LUCK RED DEVILS!**  
 New Patients & Emergencies Welcome  
 Evening & Weekend Hours  
 Most Insurance Plans Accepted  
 • Nitrous Oxide (Laughing Gas) • Porcelain Veneers • Denture & Partials  
 • Preventive Dentistry • Root Canals • Periodontal Services  
 • Restorative Dentistry • Teeth Whitening • Extractions  
 • Crown & Bridges  
**FAMILY & COSMETIC DENTISTRY**  
**740-695-5700**  
 107 Plaza Drive West, Suite F - St. Clairsville, OH

*Go Red Devils!*  
**JACOB & SONS**  
**WHOLESALE MEATS**  
 306 Center St., Martins Ferry, OH  
 (740) 633-3091  
 www.jacobandsonsmeats.com

● 3-A

Continued from Page 14

"I don't know if you can contain him," Tallman said.

Monteroso has been a steady force, but he's by no means alone. Senior Allen Derosa is 6-5 and long. He's able to score both outside and inside. In the semifinal, he buried four triples. All told, he scores better than 12 points a game.

Senior Mackenzie Koehler has had bright spots at the three spot for the Red Devils. He averages just under 10 points a game.

Senior Jared Clovis is expected to return to the lineup after missing the last two games due to injury. He provides energy for the Saints on both ends of the floor.

Sophomore Riley Carlton, arguably St. C.'s best outside shooter, is a solid floor general.

Off the bench, the Red Devils turn to the likes of seniors Matt Yudasz and Ethan Kozel.

Clifford and his staff have scouted Magnolia and came away impressed with what they saw.

"Magnolia's a very good team," Clifford said. "We're really familiar with how they play since we play them often in the summer. They're very good both inside and outside. We've got to be able to put enough pressure on (Magnolia) to limit the post play. We don't want them to have a free, easy lane to throw the ball into the post."

Magnolia, meanwhile, features a standout sophomore of its own in Mark Winters. The 6-6 forward is versatile and can score in a variety of ways. He's averaging nearly a double-double, including 18 points a night.

Junior Jayson Keller is rounding back into form after he suffered an injury during the Blue Eagles' state championship football game in December.

Senior Matt Sapp is the Blue Eagles' starting two-

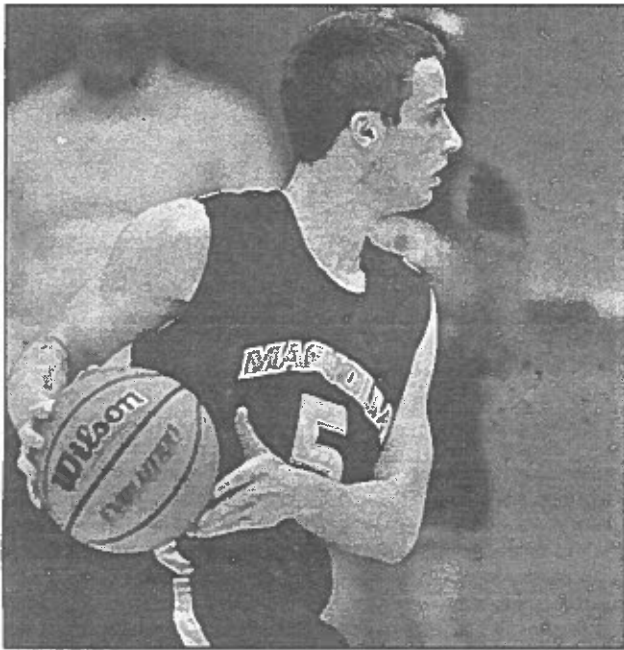


Photo Courtesy/MIKE MATHISON

**MAGNOLIA'S** Jordan Moore is an important cog for the Blue Eagles on both ends of the floor. He and the Blue Eagles will meet St. Clairsville Saturday.

guard and leading scorer at 19 points per game. According to Tallman, his defensive prowess has caught up to his offensive skill set. "Sapp shoots it really well and Winters is a good play-er," Clifford said. "They've got some other nice comple-

mentary players, too."

Senior Jordan Moore is the Blue Eagles' best defender and has been informed he's got the task of dealing with Monteroso. He

also scores 10 points a game.

Junior Nick Blatt maintains the other post position. Stephen Rogalski - also a football standout for the

Blue Eagles - comes off the pine and provides instant energy. Hunter Campbell, frosh Zach Willhoite and senior Kyle Anderson also provide solid minutes.

## MAGNOLIA BLUE EAGLES



Photo Provided

PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Magnolia Blue Eagles Basketball Team. Kneeling, from left, are Stephen Rogalski, Jayson Keller, Matt Sapp and Kyle Anderson. Back row, from left, are Hunter Campbell, Zach Willhoite, Mark Winters, Justin Wade, Nick Blatt, Leif Lallathin and Jordan Moore.

Good Luck Red Devils From...

**BELMONT-HARRISON**  
**BHCC**  
CAREER CENTERS

**BELMONT CAREER CENTER**  
110 Fox Shannon Place, St. Clairsville, OH  
740-695-9130

**HARRISON CAREER CENTER**  
82500 Cadiz Jewett Rd., Cadiz, OH  
740-942-2148

www.BHCcenters.com

*"Want Career Success?  
Get Career Skills!"*

**MAGNOLIA**  
BlueEAGLES

**GOOD LUCK**  
**MAGNOLIA**  
**BLUE**  
**EAGLES**

**V&M**  
**TRANSMISSION**

GO BLUE  
EAGLES!

517 North St. Rt. 2  
New Martinsville, WV

304-455-5496

**DENNIS MILLER**  
**DOORS & WINDOWS**

Specializing in Garage  
Doors & Openers  
Entry Doors & Windows

37268 Fifth Ave., P.O. Box 313,  
Sardis, OH 43945  
1-800-473-1989  
1-740-483-1989

**Grisell**  
Funeral Homes  
& Crematory

**GOOD LUCK**  
**BLUE EAGLES!**

751 Third Street  
New Martinsville, WV 26115  
304-455-1800



GOOD LUCK  
TO ALL OVAC  
TEAMS!

**SLAM DUNK  
SAVINGS**



SOUTHEAST OHIO'S LARGEST CHEVY - DODGE - CHRYSLER - JEEP DEALER



9108 SOUTHGATE ROAD • CAMBRIDGE, OH 43725

**866-254-8944**

TAKE I-70 TO EXIT 178 GO 1 MILE SOUTH

[WWW.DUNNINGMOTORSALES.COM](http://WWW.DUNNINGMOTORSALES.COM)



## SPORTS

## Fourth Annual Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championship

Snake-bit St. C.  
falls in 3-A final

• Red Devils fall to 0-3 in OVAC title games

By RICH GIBSON  
Times Leader Sports Writer

That had to be the longest 10-minute bus ride home Kim Clifford's Red Devils will ever experience.

Top-seeded and primed to capture a Wheeling Hospital/OVAC championship Saturday night, St. Clairsville came up short.

Perhaps, the writing was already on the wall for the Saints who had barely survived a semifinal upset bid by Union Local four nights earlier.

Whatever the case, Magnolia's Blue Eagles winged their way back to New Martinsville on the heels of a 60-53 3-A victory before an impressive turnout at Ohio University Eastern's athletic facility.

*'Sure, this one stings. But it better not sting for long. We have another opponent to prepare for.'*

— Kim Clifford

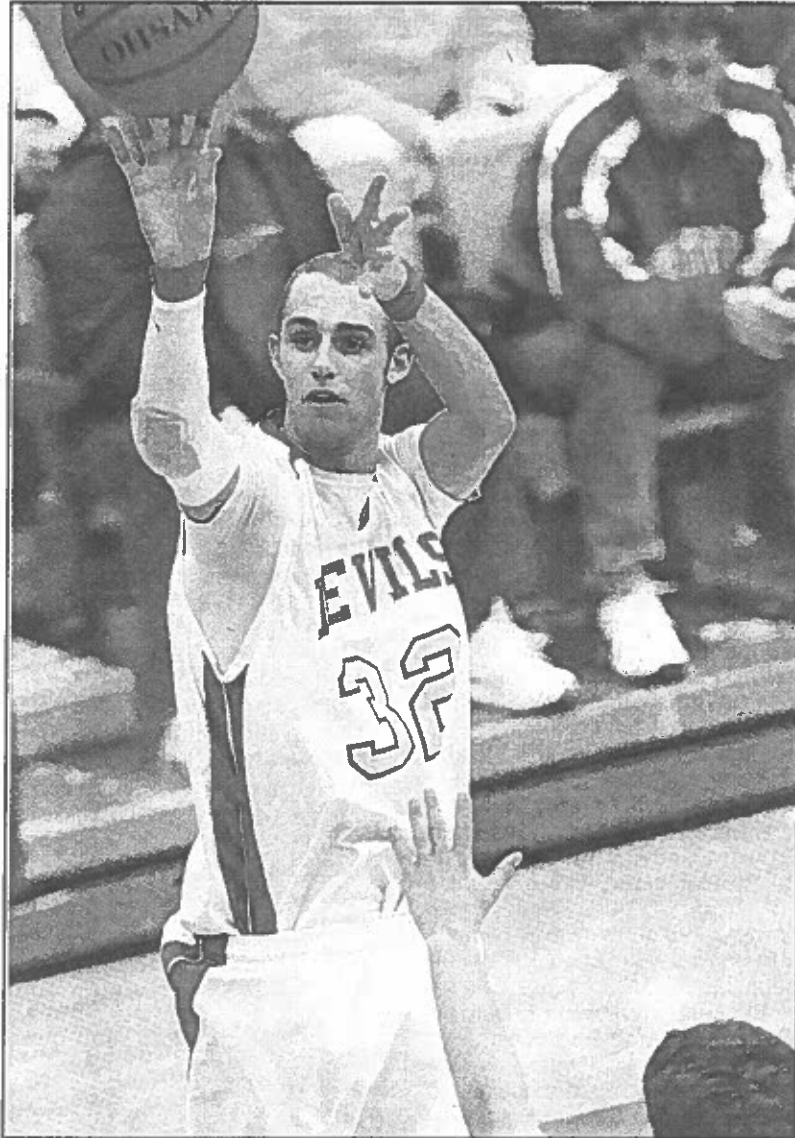
"Sure, this one stings. But it better not sting for long. We have another opponent to prepare for," Clifford advised following the outcome.

Coach Dave Tallman's West Virginians are now 15-6, but obviously playing exceptional basketball at the right time. Magnolia had manhandled Weir High in its semifinal test last Tuesday.

"Well, we had finished fourth, third and second (in this tournament) the past three years so we did the math and here we are," Tallman smiled.

"I'm very pleased for our guys but I think we caught St. Clairsville on an off night."

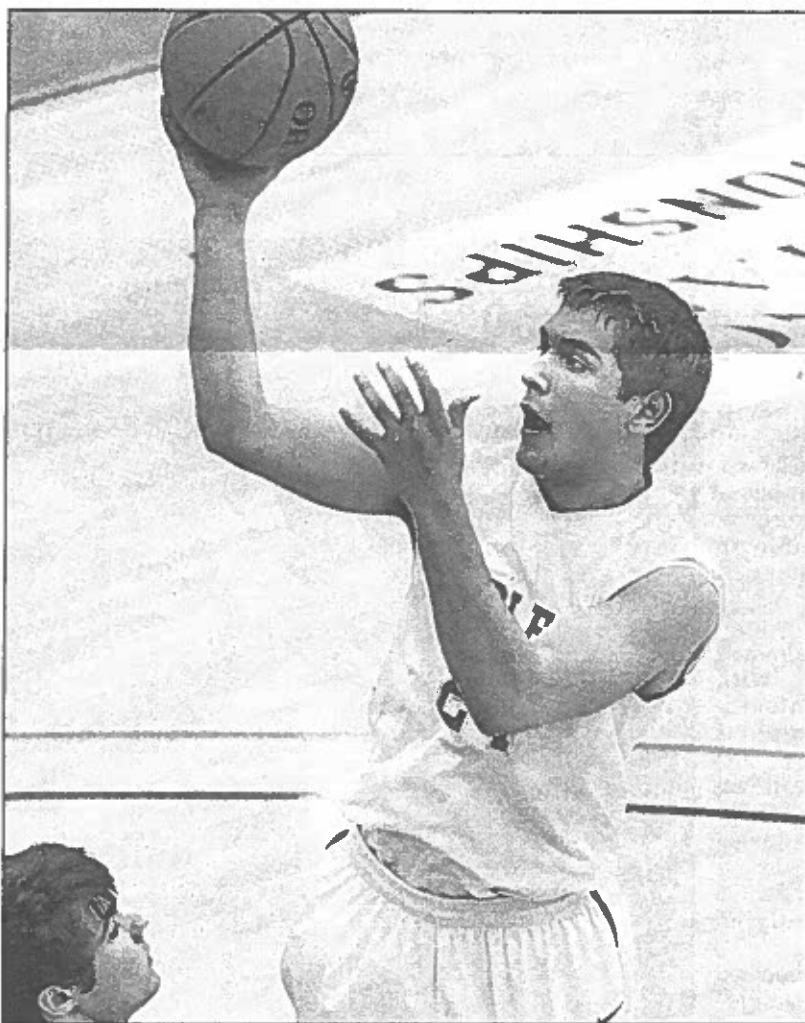
See, 3-A, Page C2



ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Allen Derosa goes up for a jump shot over a Magnolia defender during Saturday evening's OVAC Class 3-A title game at Ohio University Eastern.

Photos/PAUL KRAJNYAK

**MONROE CENTRAL** senior Marcus Schumacher goes up for a shot in the first half of Saturday's OVAC Class 2-A championship game at Ohio University Eastern. The Seminoles dropped a tough 47-45 verdict to the Fort Frye Cadets.

Fort Frye denies  
Monroe in 2-A, 47-45

• Late putback lifts Cadets to conference title

By SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Editor

It just wasn't meant to be.

Monroe Central head coach Greg Taylor summed it up best when he said, "(Fort Frye) made one more play than we did."

It may seem simple, but it's totally accurate.

Taylor, the Seminoles and the droves of faithful, who made the trip to Ohio University Eastern, left disappointed after the second-seeded Fort Frye Cadets scored with less than a second to go for a 47-45 victory in the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championship Saturday afternoon.

"We battled and I couldn't be prouder of my kids," Taylor said during the post-game press conference. "We've had a saying the last few weeks, 'if you believe, you can achieve.' We just came up short."

The Seminoles (15-5) appeared prime to capture their first OVAC title in the school's existence and the consolidation's first title since 1986.

*'We've been saying the last few weeks, 'if you believe, you can achieve.' We just came up short.'*

— Greg Taylor

but Fort Frye's Garrett Lagraen and Shon Smith had completely different ideas.

The Seminoles went up by three late in the contest when Guiler Bettinger got an inside bucket.

However, on the next trip down, the aforementioned Smith came off a screen and was true on a three-pointer from the top of the key.

"We don't like to brag up Shon too much," smiled Fort Frye head coach Dan Liedtke. "But, he's been

See, 2-A, Page C2

## Park cruises past JM for third straight crown

By RICH GIBSON  
Times Leader Sports Writer

Michael Jebbia's Wheeling Park Patriots continue to be in a class by themselves. From an OVAC standpoint, that is.

Park came off an admittedly mediocre first half to blow away John Marshall's game, though, thoroughly overmatched Monarchs Saturday morning at Ohio University Eastern.

An electrifying 19-0 run open-

While Jebbia's quint appeared out of sync for much of the first two panels, Park left no doubt regarding its superiority, out-pointing JM, 46-25 over the final 16 minutes.

"This is one of the more athletic teams we've had," proclaimed Jebbia. Coach Bill Storm's Monarchs could hardly dispute that fact.

Though down by only 10 points (28-18) at the half, things quickly took a decisive turn for

Goodwin and Marqez O'Neal along with unsung junior Boo Lathon whose work around the glass was plain scary for JM.

"We have a great group of seniors, all of whom get along and enjoy sharing the ball," Jebbia noted.

Lathon (18), O'Neal (17) and Goodwin (16) combined for 51 points and 21 rebounds. Junior Errin Baynes was also clutch, netting 11 points.

"Our kids are used to playing

**WHEELING PARK'S** Marqez O'Neal soars up to the rim for a dunk during the Class 4-A OVAC Championship Game Saturday morning at Ohio University Eastern.



Top-seeded and primed to capture a Wheeling Hospital/OVAC championship Saturday night, St. Clairsville came up short.

Perhaps, the writing was already on the wall for the Saints who had barely survived a semifinal upset bid by Union Local four nights earlier.

Whatever the case, Magnolia's Blue Eagles winged their way back to New Martinsville on the heels of a 60-53 3-A victory before an impressive turnout at Ohio University Eastern's athletic facility.

"Sure, this one stings. But it better not sting for long. We have another opponent to prepare for." Clifford advised following the outcome.

Coach Dave Tallman's West Virginians are now 15-6, but obviously playing exceptional basketball at the right time. Magnolia had manhandled Weir High in its semifinal test last Tuesday.

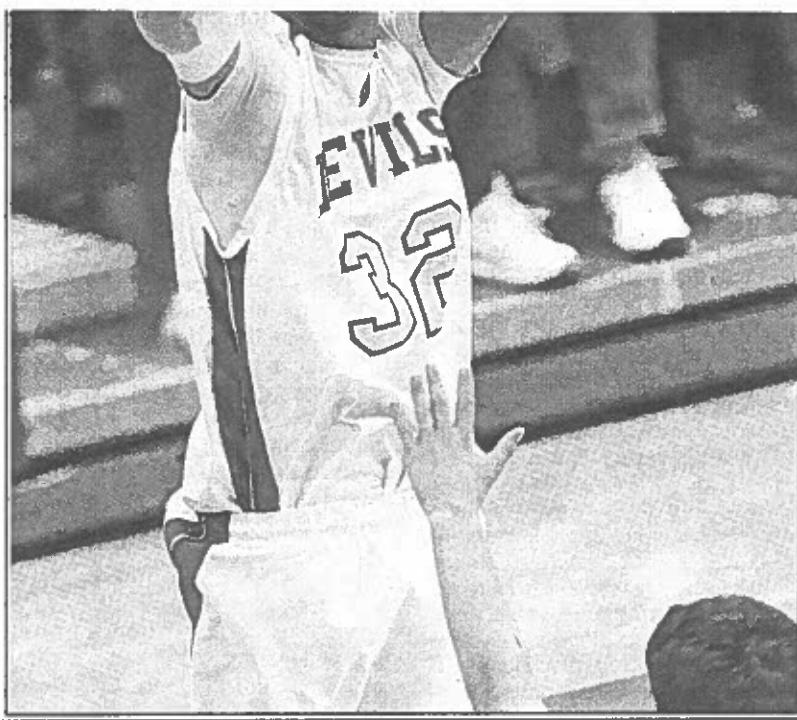
"Well, we had finished fourth, third and second (in this tournament) the past three years so we did the math and here we are." Tallman smiled.

"I'm very pleased for our guys but I think we caught St. Clairsville on an off night."

*'Sure, this one stings. But it better not sting for long. We have another opponent to prepare for.'*

*- Kim Clifford*

See, 3-A, Page C2



ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Allen Derosa goes up for a jump shot over a Magnolia defender during Saturday evening's OVAC Class 3-A title game at Ohio University Eastern.

Photos/PAUL KRAJNYAK

## Fort Frye denies Monroe in 2-A, 47-45

• Late putback lifts Cadets to conference title

By SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Editor

It just wasn't meant to be. Monroe Central head coach Greg Taylor summed it up best when he said, "(Fort Frye) made one more play than we did."

It may seem simple, but it's totally accurate.

Taylor, the Seminoles and the droves of faithful, who made the trip to Ohio University Eastern, left disappointed after the second-seeded Fort Frye Cadets scored with less than a second to go for a 47-45 victory in the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championship Saturday afternoon.

"We battled and I couldn't be prouder of my kids," Taylor said during the post-game press conference. "We've had a saying the last few weeks, 'if you believe, you can achieve.' We just came up short."

The Seminoles (15-5) appeared prime to capture their first OVAC title in the school's existence and the consolidation's first title since 1986.

*'We've been saying the last few weeks, 'if you believe, you can achieve.' We just came up short.'*

*- Greg Taylor*

but Fort Frye's Garrett Lagraen and Shon Smith had completely different ideas.

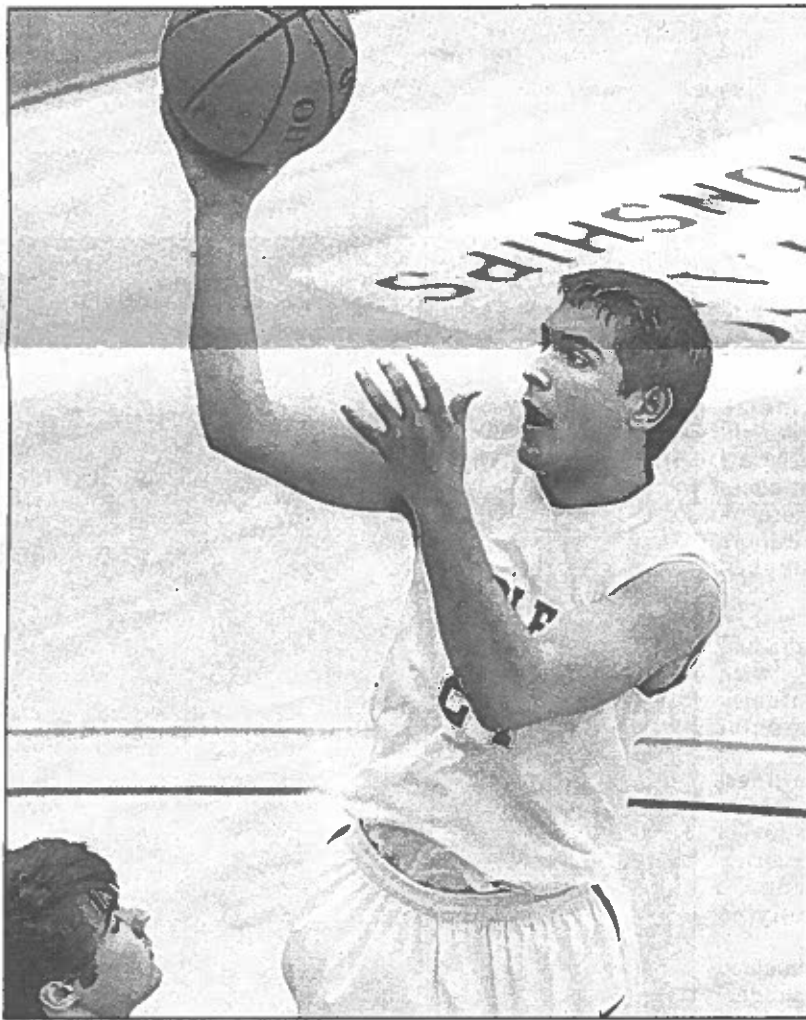
The Seminoles went up by three late in the contest when Guiler Bettinger got an inside bucket.

However, on the next trip down, the aforementioned Smith came off a screen and was true on a three-pointer from the top of the key.

"We don't like to brag up Shon too much," smiled Fort Frye head coach Dan Liedtke. "But, he's been

See, 2-A, Page C2

**MONROE CENTRAL** senior Marcus Schumacher goes up for a shot in the first half of Saturday's OVAC Class 2-A championship game at Ohio University Eastern. The Seminoles dropped a tough 47-45 verdict to the Fort Frye Cadets.



## Park cruises past JM for third straight crown

By RICH GIBSON  
Times Leader Sports Writer

Michael Jebbia's Wheeling Park Patriots continue to be in a class by themselves. From an OVAC standpoint, that is.

Park came off an admittedly mediocre first half to blow away John Marshall's game, though, thoroughly overmatched Monarchs Saturday morning at Ohio University Eastern.

An electrifying 19-0 run opening the third quarter propelled the Patriots to a 74-43 victory and a third consecutive Wheeling Hospital/OVAC big school championship in front of a nice turnout.

While Jebbia's quint appeared out of sync for much of the first two panels, Park left no doubt regarding its superiority, outpointing JM, 46-25 over the final 16 minutes.

"This is one of the more athletic teams we've had," proclaimed Jebbia. Coach Bill Storm's Monarchs could hardly dispute that fact.

Though down by only 10 points (28-18) at the half, things quickly took a decisive turn for the worse as Park applied relentless pressure starting the third period.

The Patriots' talented front line dominated second half play, sparked by seniors Bubby

Goodwin and Marqez O'Neal along with unsung junior Boo Lathon whose work around the glass was plain scary for JM.

"We have a great group of seniors, all of whom get along and enjoy sharing the ball," Jebbia noted.

Lathon (18), O'Neal (17) and Goodwin (16) combined for 51 points and 21 rebounds. Junior Errin Baynes was also clutch, netting 11 points.

"Our kids are used to playing in big games," Jebbia indicated. "We're fortunate to have three seniors who will be going on to play at the next level next season," he added, including Park's

See, 4-A, Page C2

**WHEELING PARK'S** Marqez O'Neal soars up to the rim for a dunk during the Class 4-A OVAC Championship Game Saturday morning at Ohio University Eastern.



## Local wrestlers shine at sectional

• Immediate area punches 35 tickets to next week's district

By MIKE PALMER  
Times Leader Sports Writer

**BARNESVILLE** — The local schools will be well represented this weekend at the Coshocton Division III Wrestling Regional as 35 wrestlers advanced to the next step in reaching Columbus and the coveted Ohio State Wrestling Tournament.

Shadyside claimed three sectional championships, while Martins Ferry, River and Union Local each produced two. Monroe Central, St.

Clairsville and St. John Central each sent one wrestler to the top of the podium as local grapplers claimed all but the 171 and 189 weight classes.

Unfortunately for two local wrestlers, their season ended in injury default in the championship semifinals.

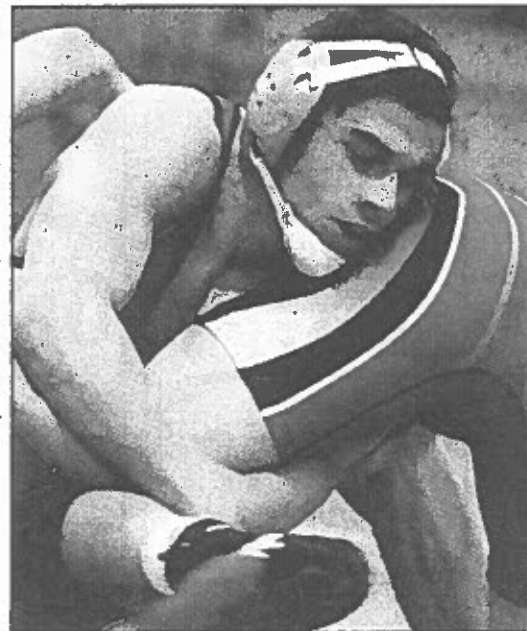
St. Clairsville's Tyler Brown and Martins Ferry's Jeffery Oberdick, both juniors, settled for sixth place after doctor's determined they were unable to return to competition.

"Jeff was diagnosed to have a concussion. You hate to see any wrestler default," said Martins Ferry head coach Scott Roth. "It was rough on him and on our team; he was figuring to be in Columbus in two weeks and everyone is disappointed that his season will end like this."

In the opening weight class at 103 pounds Damon Outward of Martins Ferry pinned Evan Offenberger of Sandy Valley in 55 seconds to win the championship for the Purple Riders.

In the 112 pound champi-

See, WRESTLING, Page C3



ST. C'S Dominic Prezzia works toward a take down of Chase Steffl during Saturday's championship match at the Division III sectional at Barnesville High School. Prezzia rolled through the bracket to the title and a berth in next weekend's district. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER



# Madonna wins thriller over Trinity in 1-A

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

When the OVAC dreamt about crowning its boys basketball champion on the court it envisioned games like Saturday afternoon's 1-A title tilt.

Second-seeded and heavy underdog Madonna sent ripples not only through the OVAC's smallest class, but also through the SSAC when it outlasted Morgantown Trinity, 86-81 in double overtime thriller in the second game of the quadruple header at Ohio University Eastern as part of the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Basketball Championship.

"This was a grudge match for us," said excited Madonna head coach George Vargo. "A lot of people didn't think we could win, but our guys came here expecting to win. Being 17-2 isn't much different than being 18-1 (like Trinity)."

The one aspect where the Blue Dons earned their label was the fact that in early January, Trinity handed the Blue Dons a decisive 80-57 setback.

"They embarrassed us," Vargo said. "Our senior leadership didn't die and our kids just came through."

The Blue Dons became the third team, joining Indian Creek in 2008 and Wheeling Park this year, as the only teams to have both the boys and girls win the OVAC titles since the tournament's inception.

"Our guys definitely wanted to follow the girls' lead," Vargo said. "We knew we had a tough task ahead of us."

Madonna appeared to be on its way to winning in regulation, but the Blue Dons bricked two foul shots and then went over-the-back of talented senior A.J. Mayle, who had his eligibility brought into question earlier in the week by the SSAC.

Mayle promptly buried two foul shots with 3 seconds showing. However, the aforementioned senior leadership didn't disappoint for Madonna. Relentless senior Connor Arlia went the length of the court, found Nick Battista who scored as the horn sounded, knotting the game at 60.

Trinity appeared to be on the cusp of winning its first OVAC title since joining the conference two seasons ago with a 74-70 upperhand with less than 60 seconds showing.

Again, the Blue Dons wouldn't die. Chris Perna sank two foul shots and after a turnover, Arlia got inside and muscled up a shot with a few ticks to go, tying the game at 74, forcing the second free session.

"We had some key turnovers and we lost guys at certain points," said Trinity head coach Herman Pierson.

"Even though we lost, these are the kinds of games we want to play in this time of the year. We're a better basketball team because of this."

In the second overtime, Madonna seemingly had wore down Trinity. It scored the first two buckets of the extra session on driving goals by Clay Rokisky and Ross Comis, both of whom came up big time and time again throughout the contest.

Trinity got no closer than one the remainder of the contest. Madonna iced the game thanks to solid foul shooting from Comis, who buried all four of his attempts in the second OT.

The balanced Blue Dons were led by Perna, who scored 20 points. Battista and Rokisky each had 16, while the gutsy Arlia netted 12.

Trinity, meanwhile, was led by Mayle, who had 29 points, including six bonus goals.

Scoring:  
MADONNA (86) — McCune 0, 0-0 0; Perna 5, 8-11 20; Comis 3, 5-6 11; Frankovitch 0, 0-2 0; Battista 7, 1-2 16; Mogan 1, 1-3 3; Eguyd 0, 0-0 0; Yacoviello 0, 0-2 0; Rokisky 5, 6-8 16; Arlia 2, 8-12 12; Pietranton 2, 0-0 4; Alexander 1, 1-1 3; Totals: 26, 30-47 86. TRINITY (81) — Jordan 0, 0-0 0; Waugh 1, 0-0 2; Rosier 0, 0-0 0; Mayle 9, 5-6 29; Selders 3, 1-3 6; Martinez 7, 4-10 18; McLaughlin 1, 3-5 5; Triplett 4, 0-0 11; Hozempa 3, 3-4 10; Totals: 27, 16-32 81.

Three-Point Goals: M — Perna (2), Comis, Frankovitch. MT — Mayle (6), Selders, Triplett (3), Hozempa.

## ● 4-A

Continued from Page C1

6-8 top reserve Reed Simpson.

While JM accounted itself well for two quarters, the end result was all too familiar for Storm's quint which settled for the bridesmaid's role a fourth consecutive year in the 4-A title game.

"I thought our defense was good in the first half. Obviously, we wanted to control the tempo," Storm related. "But Park's pressure can wear you out. We started committing turnovers and probably lost some of our confidence."

JM drops to 13-6 with three setbacks inflicted by Park. The Patriots improved to 18-2 and have their sights squarely set on capturing a West Virginia state crown next month in Charleston.

Seniors Matthew Camahan (13) and Casey Clutter (10) topped JM which was outrebounded by the Park, 34-18. Lathon collected 11 caroms and Goodwin grabbed six.

Park shot 28-of-58 from the field compared to JM's 16-of-49 output. JM was guilty of 22 giveaways while Park shot 14. Scoring:

## ● 2-A

Continued from Page C1

that kind of player all year for us. It seems like at crunch time, he's the guy who can build momentum for us."

The Seminoles weren't phased, though.

Senior Shane Highman got a rebound and stickback, putting the Seminoles back on top.

Smith, again, rose to the occasion and connected on a driving bucket to tie the game once again.

The Seminoles ran the clock down to 20 seconds before Taylor spent his final timeout.

"We used a play we've run often called 'Nova,'" Taylor said. "We tried to isolate Marcus (Schumacher) in the post."

The attempt at the entry pass was deflected off a Seminoles' player, giving Fort Frye a final crack at the victory in regulation.

"I knew when we got the ball back that this was our opportunity," said Liedtke, who is now 1-1 in the OVAC title game. "When we played (at Monroe Central), it was kind of a similar situation, but it was our turn this time."

The ball was deflected out of bounds again off a Seminole, allowing the Cadets to maintain possession. Inbounding from in front of its bench, Fort Frye went to Smith, which came as no surprise to basically anyone in the building.

"We took away Smith," Taylor said. "Tye (Dimmerling) did a nice job defensively on him late."

Smith was bottled up, but forced a shot which was long. Lagraen, however, slipped free on the backside for the putback, which led to a mobbing at center court.

"We're usually a good rebounding team," Taylor said. "We strive to take away the backside rebound."

Fort Frye, which led 15-11 after one and 28-26 at the intermission, was led by Smith who scored 20 points. Lagraen finished with 11 points and six boards.

Monroe Central, meanwhile, was led by Marcus Schumacher who finished with 14 points. Jimmy Baker had the hot hand early for the Seminoles, scoring all 10 of his points prior to the intermission.

## ● 3-A

Continued from Page C1

Saturday night's scrap was up for grabs, deadlocked at 40 following three quarters. The Blue Eagles, though, were on the verge of taking flight.

Enroute to posting 20 points over the final eight minutes, Magnolia received big-time three-point buckets from the likes of seniors Matt Sapp, Jordan Moore and sophomore Stephen Rogalski.

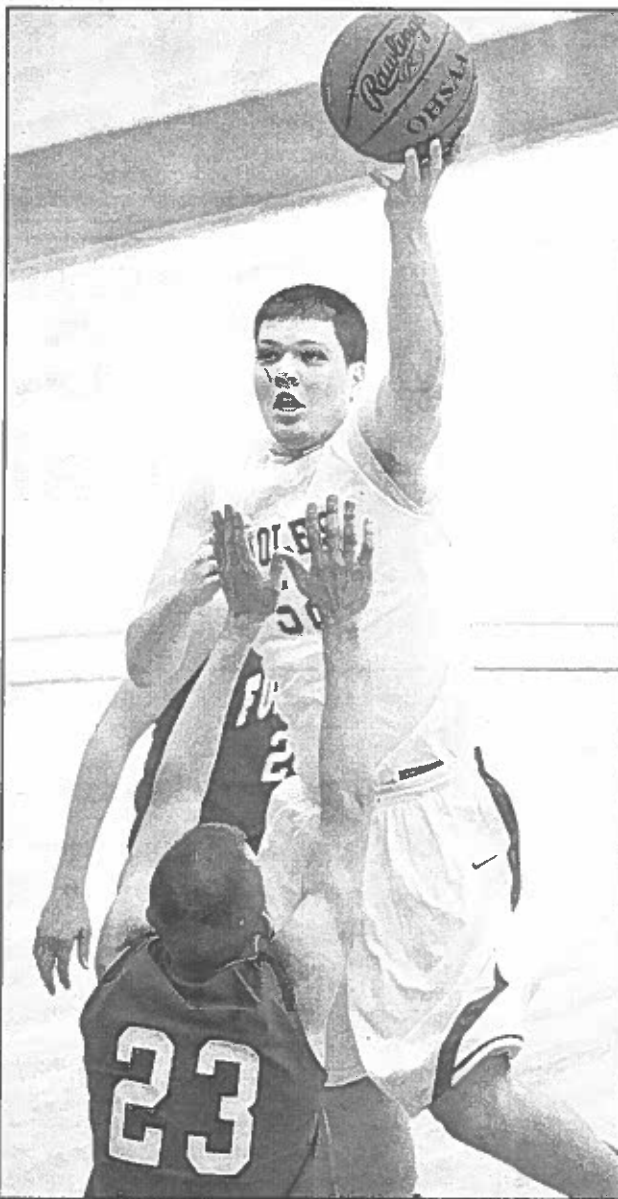
The game got away from St. C. over a two-and-a-half minute stretch with Magnolia eventually mounting a seven-point upperhand.

The Devils were down 56-50 when senior Mackenzie Koehler kissed one off the glass, reducing the deficit to four. St. C., however, would rally no closer.

Overall, Sapp accounted for four of the winners' seven trifecta connections. "Most of those were shots we wanted them to take," Clifford advised. "And some of them were under duress."

The encounter was knotted at 13 after one panel before Magnolia took a 29-25 lead to the lockerroom. St. C. battled back to forge a tie after three before falling short.

"That's a very good St. Clairsville team which I think is gonna win some more games before their season is over," Tallman



**MONROE CENTRAL'S** Guiler Bettinger shoots over Fort Frye's Garrett Lagraen during Saturday afternoon's Class 2-A OVAC Final at Ohio University Eastern. The Seminoles fell, 47-45.

Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

The game was well-played throughout. Fort Frye had just six turnovers, while the Seminoles were guilty of four turnovers. Neither team got into the penalty in the second half.

Both the Seminoles and Cadets open sectional play Saturday. Monroe Central meets Bellaire at 3 p.m., while the Fort tangles with West Muskingum.

If both teams survive, they'll meet each other for the fourth time.

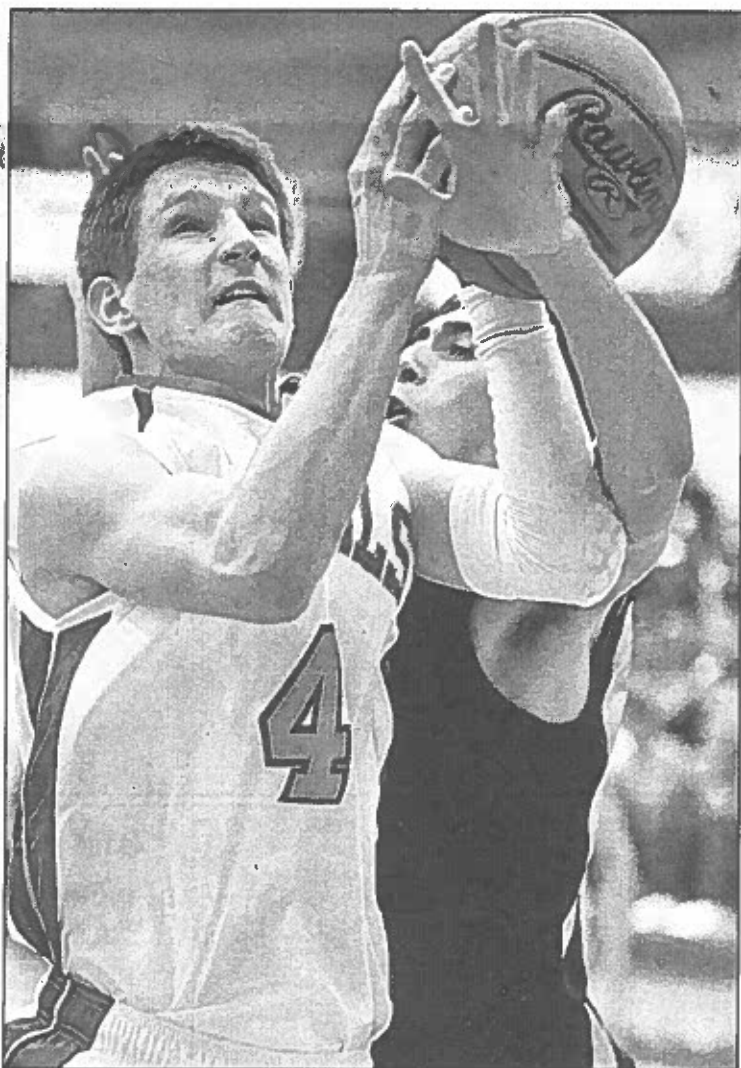
"We know we've got a challenge in

Bellaire and that's where our focus lies now," Taylor said.

Varsity scoring:

FORT FRYE (47) — Hilverding 1, 0-0 3; Schwendeman 0, 0-0 0; Smith 7, 3-4 20; Watson 3, 0-0 6; Skinner 0, 0-0 0; Lagraen 4, 2-4 11; Eddy 2, 2-2 7; Totals: 17, 7-10 47. MONROE CENTRAL (45) — Baker 4, 0-0 10; Hill 4, 0-1 8; Ring 0, 0-0 0; Highman 2, 0-0 4; Dimmerling 0, 0-0 0; Bettinger 4, 1-4 9; Wise 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 21, 1-5 45.

Three-Point Goals: FF — Hilverding, Smith (3), Lagraen, Eddy. MC — Baker (2).



**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Jared Clovis goes up for a shot against heavy Magnolia defensive pressure during Saturday's OVAC Class 3-A final. The Red Devils dropped a 60-53 decision.

Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

boards.

St. Clairsville's Allen Derosa connected for 18 markers, backed by savvy sophomore Dan Monteroso who netted 11 of his 17

finishes in the OVAC event.

The Devils make their Division III sectional debut Thursday night against Buckeye Trail at

time.

MAGNOLIA (60) — Willhoite 0, 0-0 0; Anderson 0, 0-0 0; Keller 1, 0-0 2; Blatt 0, 4-6 4; Campbell 3, 0-0 6; Moore 1, 3-4 6; Rogalski 2, 1-2 7; Winters 8, 1-2 17; Sapp 7, 0-0 18. Totals: 20, 11-21 60.



than being 18-1 (like Trinity)."  
The one aspect where the Blue Dons earned their label was the fact that in early January, Trinity handed the Blue Dons a decisive 80-57 setback.

"They embarrassed us," Vargo said. "Our senior leadership didn't die and our kids just came through."

The Blue Dons became the third team, joining Indian Creek in 2008 and Wheeling Park this year, as the only teams to have both the boys and girls win the OVAC titles since the tournament's inception.

"Our guys definitely wanted to follow the girls' lead," Vargo said. "We knew we had a tough task ahead of us."

Madonna appeared to be on its way to winning in regulation, but the Blue Dons bricked two foul shots and then went over-the-back of talented senior A.J. Mayle, who had his eligibility brought into question earlier in the week by the SSAC.

Mayle promptly buried two foul shots with 3 seconds showing. However, the aforementioned senior leadership didn't disappoint for Madonna. Relentless senior Connor Arlia went the length of the court, found Nick Battista who scored as the horn sounded, knotting the game at 60.

Trinity appeared to be on the cusp of winning its first OVAC title since joining the conference two seasons ago with a 74-70 upperhand with less than 60 seconds showing.

Again, the Blue Dons wouldn't die. Chris Perna sank two foul shots and after a turnover, Arlia got inside and muscled up a shot with a few ticks to go, tying the game at 74, forcing the second free session.

"We had some key turnovers and we lost guys at certain points," said Trinity head coach Herman Pierson.

"Even though we lost, these are the kinds of games we want to play in this time of the year. We're a better basketball team because of this."

In the second overtime, Madonan seemingly had wore down Trinity. It scored the first two buckets of the extra session on driving goals by Clay Rokisky and Ross Comis, both of whom came up big time and time again throughout the contest.

Trinity got no closer than one the remainder of the contest. Madonna iced the game thanks to solid foul shooting from Comis, who buried all four of his attempts in the second OT.

The balanced Blue Dons were led by Perna, who scored 20 points. Battista and Rokisky each had 16, while the gutsy Arlia netted 12.

Trinity, meanwhile, was led by Mayle, who had 29 points, including six bonus goals.

**Scoring:**  
MADONNA (86) — McCune 0, 0-0 0; Perna 5, 8-11 20; Comis 3, 5-6 11; Frankovitch 0, 0-2 0; Battista 7, 1-2 16; Mogan 1, 1-3 3; Eguyd 0, 0-0 0; Yacoviello 0, 0-2 0; Rokisky 5, 6-8 16; Arlia 2, 8-12 12; Pietranton 2, 0-0 4; Alexander 1, 1-1 3; Totals: 26, 30-47 86. TRINITY (81) — Jordan 0, 0-0 0; Waugh 1, 0-0 2; Rosier 0, 0-0 0; Mayle 9, 5-6 29; Selders 3, 1-3 6; Martinez 7, 4-10 18; McLaughlin 1, 3-5 5; Triplett 4, 0-0 11; Hozempa 3, 3-4 10; Totals: 27, 16-32 81.

Three-Point Goals: M — Perna (2), Comis, Frankovitch. MT — Mayle (6), Selders, Triplett (3), Hozempa.

## ● 4-A

Continued from Page C1

6-8 top reserve Reed Simpson.

While JM accounted itself well for two quarters, the end result was all too familiar for Storm's quint which settled for the bridesmaid's role a fourth consecutive year in the 4-A title game.

"I thought our defense was good in the first half. Obviously, we wanted to control the tempo," Storm related. "But Park's pressure can wear you out. We started committing turnovers and probably lost some of our confidence."

JM drops to 13-6 with three setbacks inflicted by Park. The Patriots improved to 18-2 and have their sights squarely set on capturing a West Virginia state crown next month in Charleston.

Seniors Matthew Carnahan (13) and Casey Clutter (10) topped JM which was outrebounded by the Park, 34-18. Lathon collected 11 caroms and Goodwin grabbed six.

Park shot 28-of-58 from the field compared to JM's 16-of-49 output. JM was guilty of 22 giveaways while Park charted 14. Scoring:

JOHN MARSHALL (43) — Allen 0, 0-0 0; Carnahan 4, 4-6 13; Lo, Martin 3, 1-3 8; Lu, Martin 2, 0-0 5; Crow 0, 0-0 0; Wade 2, 1-2 5; Filben 0, 0-0 0; Magers 0, 0-0 0; Clutter 5, 0-0 10; Brautigan 0, 0-0 0; Lavenski 0, 0-0 0; Hummel 0, 2-2 2; Totals: 16, 8-13 43. WHEELING PARK (74) — Popicig 0, 0-0 0; Baynes 4, 2-2 11; Pugh 0, 0-0 0; Mauck 0, 0-0 0; Saseen 2, 1-2 5; Bell 1, 2-2 4; Thomas 0, 0-0 0; Goodwin 6, 2-2 16; O'Neal 6, 5-8 17; Lathon 8, 2-3 18; Simpson 0, 1-2 1; Phillips 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 28, 15-21 74.

Three-Point Goals: JM — Carnahan, Lo, Martin, Lu, Martin. WP — Goodwin (2), Baynes.

Gibson may be reached at rgibson@timesleaderonline.com

The ball was deflected out of bounds again off a Seminole, allowing the Cadets to maintain possession. Inbounding from in front of its bench, Fort Frye went to Smith, which came as no surprise to basically anyone in the building.

"We took away Smith," Taylor said. "Tye (Dimmerling) did a nice job defensively on him late."

Smith was bottled up, but forced a shot which was long. Lagraen, however, slipped free on the backside for the putback, which led to a mobbing at center court.

"We're usually a good rebounding team," Taylor said. "We strive to take away the backside rebound."

Fort Frye, which led 15-11 after one and 28-26 at the intermission, was led by Smith who scored 20 points. Lagraen finished with 11 points and six boards.

Monroe Central, meanwhile, was led by Marcus Schumacher who finished with 14 points. Jimmy Baker had the hot hand early for the Seminoles, scoring all 10 of his points prior to the intermission.

## ● 3-A

Continued from Page C1

Saturday night's scrap was up for grabs, deadlocked at 40 following three quarters. The Blue Eagles, though, were on the verge of taking flight.

Enroute to posting 20 points over the final eight minutes, Magnolia received big-time three-point buckets from the likes of seniors Matt Sapp, Jordan Moore and sophomore Stephen Rogalski.

The game got away from St. C. over a two-and-a-half minute stretch with Magnolia eventually mounting a seven-point upperhand.

The Devils were down 56-50 when senior Mackenzie Koehler kissed one off the glass, reducing the deficit to four. St. C., however, would rally no closer.

Overall, Sapp accounted for four of the winners' seven trifecta connections. "Most of those were shots we wanted them to take," Clifford advised. "And some of them were under duress."

The encounter was knotted at 13 after one panel before Magnolia took a 29-25 lead to the lockerroom. St. C. battled back to forge a tie after three before falling short.

"That's a very good St. Clairsville team which I think is gonna win some more games before their season is over," Tallman related.

"I thought a big key was our ability to weather the storm after five of our guys had two fouls."

Sapp's 18 points paced the win with major support coming from 6-6 sophomore Mark Winters who totaled 17 points and nine



Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

The game was well-played throughout. Fort Frye had just six turnovers, while the Seminoles were guilty of four turnovers. Neither team got into the penalty in the second half.

Both the Seminoles and Cadets open sectional play Saturday. Monroe Central meets Bellaire at 3 p.m., while the Fort tangles with West Muskingum.

If both teams survive, they'll meet each other for the fourth time.

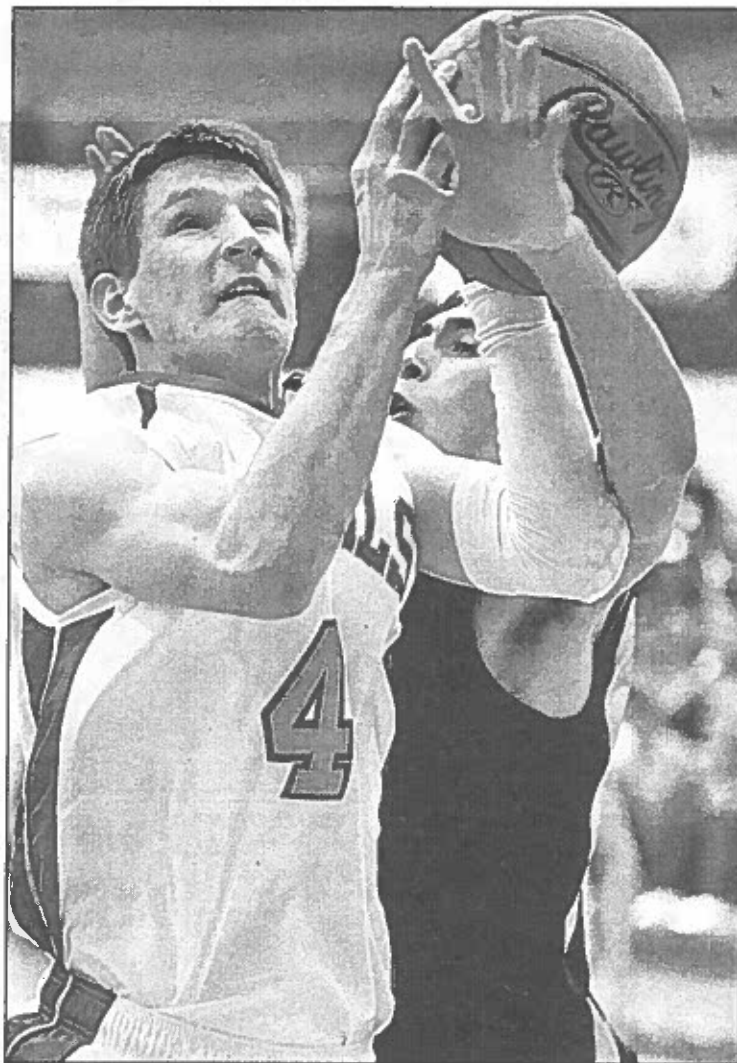
"We know we've got a challenge in

Bellaire and that's where our focus lies now," Taylor said.

Varsity scoring:

FORT FRYE (47) — Hilverding 1, 0-0 3; Schwendeman 0, 0-0 0; Smith 7, 3-4 20; Watson 3, 0-0 6; Skinner 0, 0-0 0; Lagraen 4, 2-4 11; Eddy 2, 2-2 7; Totals: 17, 7-10 47. MONROE CENTRAL (45) — Baker 4, 0-0 10; Hill 4, 0-1 8; Ring 0, 0-0 0; Highman 2, 0-0 4; Dimmerling 0, 0-0 0; Bettinger 4, 1-4 9; Wise 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 21, 1-5 45.

Three-Point Goals: FF — Hilverding, Smith (3), Lagraen, Eddy. MC — Baker (2).



ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Jared Clovis goes up for a shot against heavy Magnolia defensive pressure during Saturday's OVAC Class 3-A final. The Red Devils dropped a 60-53 decision.

Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

boards.

St. Clairsville's Allen Derosa connected for 18 markers, backed by savvy sophomore Dan Monteroso who netted 11 of his 17 from the foul line. Koehler pitched in 10-point support. Sophomore Riley Carlton netted eight markers. Derosa landed nine rebounds.

Falling for only the second time in 20 starts, St. Clairsville has now achieved three runnerup

finishes in the OVAC time.

The Devils make their Division III sectional debut Thursday night against Buckeye Trail at Meadowbrook High.

"We'll shake this off and get back after it (tomorrow)," Clifford noted.

Magnolia shot 22-of-45 from the floor and overcame 13 turnovers. St. C. was 16-of-43 from distance and was guilty of 10 of its 12 giveaways after half-

MAGNOLIA (60) — Willhoite 0, 0-0 0; Anderson 0, 0-0 0; Keller 1, 0-0 2; Blatt 0, 4-6 4; Campbell 3, 0-0 6; Moore 1, 3-4 6; Rogalski 2, 1-2 7; Winters 8, 1-2 17; Sapp 7, 0-0 18. Totals — 22, 9-14. ST. CLAIRSVILLE (53) — Kozel 0, 0-0 0; Yudasz 0, 0-0 0; Clovis 0, 0-0 0; Carlton 3, 0-0 8; Koehler 4, 2-2 10; Monteroso 3, 11-14 17; Derosa 6, 2-3 18. Totals — 16, 15-19.

Three-point goals. Magnolia — Sapp (4), Rogalski (2), Moore. St. Clairsville — Derosa (4), Carlton (2).

Gibson may be reached at rgibson@timesleaderonline.com

**EconoLodge**  
INN & SUITES  
CONFERENCE  
CENTER  
Exit 11 Dallas Pike  
304-547-1380  
Way To Go  
Wheeling Park!

GO  
SEMINOLES!  
**NAPA**  
AUTO PARTS  
Woodsfield Auto  
Supply, Inc.  
124 North Main Street  
Woodsfield, OH 43793  
(740) 472-1633  
Locally owned and  
operated since 1958

**YOSS  
LAW  
OFFICE**  
122 N. Main St.  
Woodsfield, OH 43793  
740-472-0707  
GO SEMINOLES

**MILLER  
CHIROPRACTIC  
WELLNESS  
CENTER**  
Improving lives with Pro-Active  
Healthcare through therapeutic  
exercise, optimal nutrition,  
pharmaceutical grade  
supplements, massage therapy,  
chiropractic adjustments and  
acupuncture without potentially  
dangerous drugs or surgeries.  
Dr. Duane Miller, D.C.  
144 Lafayette Ave.  
Moundsville, WV  
(304) 843-1192

Open Friday  
till 7:00pm  
Watch &  
Jewelry  
Repair  
**Fay's  
Jewelry**  
323 Jefferson Ave. Moundsville  
845-5960

**"CHEY-NAN'S"**  
WESTERN TACK  
& MORE  
Horse Tack, Custom Tees,  
Hats, Totes, Hoodies & Gift  
Items For Horse Lovers!  
Gift Cards Available  
304-843-1767  
OR  
1-888-584-3726  
HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 2pm-9pm; Sat. 9am-4pm

# Trinity Battling Foes on the Court, in the Court

Case involves use of ineligible player

By SHAWN RINE  
Sports Editor

WHEELING — Two months removed from the West Virginia Class AAA football playoff fiasco, another Ohio Valley Athletic Conference team finds itself battling in the court system. It should be known sometime today if a second conference school has joined the argument.

Beallsville, which was beaten 89-39 by Morgantown Trinity in a semifinal Tuesday night, is considering filing an injunction to stop the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Class A boys' basketball championship between Weirton Madonna and the Warriors on Saturday at Ohio University Eastern. Trinity (19-1), the No. 1-ranked small-school team in the state, was recently notified by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission that it was being forced to forfeit each of those victories due to the eligibili-

ty status of one of its players, point guard A.J. Mayle.

Following the lead of the Brooke and Martinsburg football programs, despite the state Supreme Court of Appeals ruling in that case that the SSAC had all authority concerning such issues, the Trinity administration filed its own injunction with the Monongalia Circuit Court, allowing its team to compete Tuesday night.

"We talked to our legal counsel," OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak said Wednesday. "They said the appeal meant

absolutely nothing and the SSAC decision would stand.

"But if the injunction was given, we have no choice but to allow (the game) to be played."

According to Beallsville athletics director Delmas Moore, that might not be sufficient for his school. He noted that he didn't want to criticize another school, but that his administration is considering putting a halt to the game.

"Myself, and I am just speaking for me, that would have never happened here," he said of an

ineligible player participating. "An injunction is possible, but I can't say it will or won't happen. That decision will be made after we get more advice.

"It's a Catch-22 for us. What do we do?"

"Do we just take the loss and go by the wayside?"

Rataiczak said he and his staff were in discussion from the time the OVAC received the 19-page court document at approximately 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

See TRINITY, Page 20

20 — THE INTELLIGENCER — Wheeling, W.Va.

SPORTS

## TRINITY

(Continued from Page 15)

Rataiczak said he then contacted Trinity athletics director Butch Varner to find out more, then informed him that without legal documentation the Warriors would be forced to forfeit and Beallsville would advance.

"This tournament is to the point where all the monies that are made, is divided equally to the schools — it's been \$1,800, \$1,600, even last year with the weather each school received \$1,200.

"If you take one game away: 1) you have to find a time to play it, Ohio's got sectionals starting next week, and then you have to have an agreeable time. Then we can't get the OUE venue because they've got sectionals going on out there.

"You have to pay for extra workers, officials, rents and everything else.

"Take a little school like Fort Frye who is minding its business and doing the right thing, and suddenly this \$1,800 is now \$900.

"You'll never make that up when sectionals begin."

The situation centers on

Mayle's eligibility as a transfer student. He attended Cheat Lake Middle School, a feeder school for University High, as an eighth grader and transferred to Trinity where he played two seasons. However, he then transferred to the Kiski School in Pennsylvania before re-enrolling this season at Trinity.

"The thing that's frustrating to me is, people said 'I knew this going into the season,'" Rataiczak said. "Why wait until Game 18 to say something?"

"Have the courage to do it in Game 1 or 2."

Beallsville is considering doing just that, but it may come down to a financial situation for a school that spent more than \$400, which included a team meal at TJ's Sports Garden and Restaurant and the bus trip, which roundtrip was roughly 5 hours, to travel to Morgantown for a game that arguably should never have been played.

"If it's \$4,000 or \$5,000 to fight it, then we don't have that," Moore said. "Whatever we do, we're going to get

criticized.

"I realize we went down there and got beat by a lot so some people are just going to say it's sour grapes. But I've got 15 kids I have to worry about."

Rataiczak said that if Trinity should win Saturday and subsequently be ruled ineligible, it would be stripped of a championship that would then be awarded to Madonna. He pointed to the conference taking a cross country crown away from Bellaire St. John last season as precedent.

"I don't understand where anyone comes from anymore," he said. "There's a lesson out there for athletic directors and principals in that, if that kid left your building for any reason, whether it's to get ice cream down the street or to go to another school, you better know where he's going."

Rataiczak said he received the notification far too late to make any theoretical changes, noting that because Trinity plays a schedule that includes schools from all three classes in W.Va., that it would have upset the pairings

for every OVAC division if the Warriors were forced to forfeit. He also said whatever final decision is rendered, it won't affect Trinity's standings with the OVAC.

"Heavens no," he said. "If we had to throw out every single school that used an ineligible player, we could have a conference of 10.

"This eligibility issue has surfaced at 50 different schools in all sports. The irony in it is, it doesn't affect the SSAC run."

That's true. Even if the Warriors are forced to forfeit their victories, they will still participate in playoff action and would remain a prohibitive favorite to win the Class A title, even without Mayle who averages roughly 16 points a game.

For Moore and Beallsville, this whole issue comes down to one thing.

"It's about what is ethical, and what is not," he said. "We found out at 10 a.m. Tuesday and we've wrestled with it since.

"The question is whether the team is ineligible or eligible, and does it forfeit?"

# OVAC Tourney should be most teams' focus

Let's be honest and call a spade a spade, outside of the St. Clairsville boys and Shadyside girls, there really doesn't appear to be a team in the area that's really primed to make a serious run into March Madness.

That by no means is meant as disrespect to anyone, but it's just been an overall down year for basketball.

That's not anyone's fault. Things just run in cycles and we're in a down cycle locally.

Since everyone is pretty well evenly matched, that's led to some highly competitive games. Not all of them have been works of art, but they're competitive.

Now, having said all that, I think this year's Wheeling Hospital OVAC Basketball Tournament could be one of the better events since so many teams are balanced and more and more stock should be placed on the event.

Runs to Columbus for the state tournament are few and far between -- traditionally -- for local teams, which puts more emphasis on winning the conference title. Winning a championship -- regardless of what kind -- is something that both players and coaches can enjoy and makes a season memorable. Plus, 20 years from now when you walk into that respective school's gym and see that banner hanging, no one will remember that the 2010-11 season wasn't one of the most dominant years.

The girls' cut-off date is a week from today and a week from Tuesday, the committee will meet at OVAC headquarters to formulate the consolation matchups as well as finalize the championship brackets.

Last week, we wrote about the move Harrison Central could make in the standings after a big win over Union Local. And it did, the Lady Huskies were sitting in fourth, but back-to-back losses this week may be extremely costly for Nick Yourkovich's team.

The 2-A bracket seems to be set -- at least in terms of the teams -- barring something unforeseen this week.

The other divisions have a lot to still be sorted out, which will make this an interesting week.

As for the boys, they've got two weeks of regular season action still to go. Wheeling Park, St. Clairsville and Fort Frye appear to be solid top seeds, but the Class A race is still tight with Morgantown Trinity currently leading the way.

We'll probably have a better handle on it after this week's play.

**WINNING BREEDS CONFIDENCE**

The Shadyside Tigers got off the schneide last Tuesday. After being close several times early in the season, Coach Ed Andes' youthful squad finally broke the door down against Bridgeport for a 66-62 victory.

Andes, who has won more than 200 games at the helm of his alma mater, admitted afterward that there were doubts at times whether or not his team would get a victory.

The reasons were starting to mount because Shadyside had been close early, but during the stretch of games preceding the Bridgeport game, the Tigers had been beaten badly. It had appeared as if they had regressed because teams had seemingly figured out that Ellis Brown was their only player who could consistently score.

The Tigers dropped a tough verdict Saturday, falling to Linsly, 86-80, in overtime. Shadyside again had balanced scoring.

Something tells me the Tigers are going to win a few more games before it's all said and done.

## PATRIOTS FLEX MUSCLE

The Wheeling Park Patriots proved last week they could finally win a close game. This past week they proved they are quite capable of not only playing with but beating some of the premier teams in the nation.

After coughing up a double-digit lead in the Cancer Research Classic earlier this month, the Patriots took part in another showcase event. This time, Coach Michael Jebbia's team made the trip to University High in Morgantown to meet nationally ranked Jamesville Dewitt, which features 6-ft-10, 290 pound post player DeJuan Coleman, who is drawing looks from nearly every college in the country, including Ohio State.

However, none of that mattered to the Patriots and senior standout Bubby Goodwin, who scored 21 points to lead the way in the Park's 65-57 victory.

I heard an interview with Michael Jebbia on the radio recently where he admitted he could have put together a schedule to run the table. However, like we wrote in this space a week ago, that wasn't the point. The point is to prepare his club to win the West Virginia AAA championship.

**SHOWDOWN SATURDAY**  
As long as Mother Nature cooperates -- and the way it's been going, it's tough to tell -- the St. Clairsville and Bellaire boys' basketball teams should get to meet this Saturday on Guernsey Street.

While the game still has huge Buckeye 8  
See, **OVAC**, Page B2

## ● OVAC

Continued from Page B1

and OVAC seed implications, the game lost some of its luster this past week when the Big Reds suffered their first loss to Indian Creek.

The Red Devils come in at 11-0 and have faced legitimately only one challenge thus far. They had to fight off Steubenville last Tuesday, but still won by 11.

Individually, it's going to be an interesting matchup between arguably the two premier players in the county in St. Clairsville sophomore Dan Monteroso and Big Reds' senior Devin Ward.

### SECTIONAL DRAWS

The Ohio sectional drawings are slated for Sunday, Feb. 6, so obviously there's plenty of basketball to be played. However, the Division IV sectional at Union Local for girls could be one of the most entertaining and balanced we've seen in quite sometime.

As of Monday morning, there are five teams with winning records in the field. Shadyside appears destined for the top seed as the Lady Tigers are undefeated. Caldwell has been impressive this season and Rosecrans has given the LTs all they wanted twice.

Then you've got St. John Central, which is 13-2. However, the Lady Irish could be looking at as low as a fourth seed after they were upended at Caldwell last week.

It's going to be interesting to see how this plays out in the coming weeks and then after the seeds are set, it's going to be really interesting to see what side of the bracket teams opt to hop in.

The boys' drawings are slated for Sunday, Feb. 13. We'll take a closer look at those sectionals next week.

**OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT**  
The 58th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament wrapped up this past weekend at WesBanco Arena.

It's safe to say that if you're one of the 14 young men to win an individual title Saturday that you're definitely the best in your weight class. With the addition of Parkersburg South, University and Morgantown, the wrestling tournament field has taken on an entirely different look.

South absolutely was dominant over the weekend, setting a record for points scored with 283. The Patriots won their first 18 matches of the tournament by pin to set the tone. University, meanwhile, produced a champion and two runnerups.

There are still some who don't like the idea of adding the likes of those aforementioned teams to the OVAC because of their geography and/or the fact that they're not 'valley' schools and don't understand the significance of some of the championships.

I concur with the latter to an extent. However, I believe that will change as those schools continue to take part in the respective conference events. Obviously, the members of the South and University squads probably don't value winning the OVAC as much as maybe St. Clairsville's Dom Prezgia and Shadyside's Aaron Silverio.

You see, those two guys grew up as wrestlers dying to win that tournament whereas the South and University wrestlers may have knew very little about the OVAC Tournament before entering.

But, something tells me that members of the junior high program and peewee programs of those schools have watched their older 'heros' do well in the tournament and are starting to formulate the desire to win the event.

The more and more events the new members take part in and do well in, the better it is for the conference. The rest of the OVAC had just better crank it up a notch because those schools aren't going anywhere.

Staskey can be reached at [sstaskey@timesleaderonline.com](mailto:sstaskey@timesleaderonline.com)



# Top boys' seeds have solid paths to district

The brackets are now set for boys as every school in the state now knows its path to Columbus for the state basketball tournament, which is set for March 24-26.

Locally, teams compete in Division II, III and IV.

The Division III sectional at Claymont was extremely interesting as everyone seemed to spring away from top-seeded Garaway into the lower bracket.

In that lower bracket, there's no team with less than 12 wins on that side of the draw, including locals Barnesville and Union Local.

St. Clairsville earned the top seed in the sectional at Meadowbrook. The once-beaten Red Devils open against Buckeye Trail and will face the winner of Shenandoah and Martins Ferry. Something tells me that Kim Clifford and company have to be excited about their path to the district.

The bottom of the bracket -- much like the Claymont sectional -- is no walk in the park for anyone. West Muskingum has the worst record at 10-9, but it's probably the most battled tested, playing in the MVL.

In Division IV, Rosecrans was the team everyone at Union Local ran opposite of. The Bishops are ranked No. 1 in the state and are 19-0, playing against some stiff competition.

The Bishops' path to the district seems like a fairly smooth one, while second-seeded River has a tougher path having to beat Frontier and then winner of Beallsville and Bridgeport.

At Ohio University Eastern, Carrollton garnered the top seed and went on the bottom of the bracket.

Harrison Central and Buckeye Local are the two local entrants in the section. The Huskies meet the Meadowbrook-Stuebenville winner, while Buckeye Local tangles with East Liverpool.

Complete sectional pairings can be found on today's scoreboard page.

Last week, I was critical of the girls' sectional times and date alignment -- specifically in Division III. Well, echo that for the boys. Again, the Division III sectional at Meadowbrook is playing single sessions in a spaced out format.

Again, it doesn't make sense. There's no logical reason -- outside of money -- to do this. And like last week's girls, it's strictly at one site.

Taking the Meadowbrook issue a step further, its not playing its sectional final in the lower bracket until Saturday night, March 5, at 8:15 p.m. I've learned there's some kind of academic competition going on that day, tying up the gymnasium. That's fine, but move the game to a different site if need be. An 8:15 tip -- for a single game -- is just ridiculous.

## GIRLS OVAC RECAP

The need to decide the OVAC championships on the court in basketball was once again evident during Saturday's Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Championships at OUE.

Not only does the tournament create a stir for local basketball, which is often times needed in this football-crazy area we reside.

Outside of that reasoning, three of the four top seeds didn't win the title. Heck, only three of the top seeds advanced to championship Saturday as Edison was ousted by Oak Glen.

In the four years of the event, only six top seeds have left OUE with the championship. That means 18 conference champions would have been left out in the cold because they never got to clash with another team in their division.

Shadyside was the lone top seed to prevail and the most impressive of the weekend. The Lady Tigers led by as many as 27 at a juncture over defending champion Fort Frye. The Lady Tigers appear primed for a deep run in the Ohio postseason. They've got a solid mix of everything with guards, forwards, veterans, youth and maybe the most important thing, chemistry.

While Shadyside was the most impressive, Union Local is the feel-good story of the season. Obviously, we at the T-L are eating serious crow. We picked the Lady Jets to finish well under .500.

Drew Greenwood and his players paid nary an ounce of attention and reeled off 14 victories, including Saturday night's 3-A title win over Oak Glen.

The Lady Jets have done it all year with defense. Greenwood talked about defending much of the pre-season and his team, which is extremely young for the most part, bought in from the first day. On top of the defense, they've gotten find play from freshman dandy Cori Medley and a host of others. Junior Alexis Davis is one of the area's

See, HOOPS, Page B2

## Hoops

Continued from Page B1

most underrated players around and the Lady Jets, like Shadyside, have outstanding chemistry.

When players genuinely like their teammates, it makes life so much easier.

### WELCOME ABOARD

I give the ultimate credit to East Richland Christian for wanting to join the OHSAA. Athletic Director R.J. Vavrock -- a former Martins Ferry athletic standout -- had a vision last year when he applied for membership. He wanted the school's enrollment to have a chance to experience high school athletics at a tournament level like the kids from all over Eastern Ohio do.

However, when you do that, there's going to be some growing pains. Obviously, the OVAC has reached its maximum number of teams at 50 schools, so ERC would have to wait until another drops out before it can apply for membership, but ERC should have probably tried to prepare itself for the tournament at least by playing some current members.

We're unaware that ERC played any school, which is a member of the OHSAA, or SSAC for that matter.

ERC made its tournament debut in the fall and will make its winter debut this week in the girls' basketball tournament as a heavy, heavy underdog when it meets unblemished Shadyside.

The boys got shipped to the sectional at New Philadelphia High School and have the ultimate acid test. It drew the final seed and will meet 17-1 Hiland.

I'm led to believe these games are going to be extremely one-sided. If ERC plans on remaining a member, and I hope it does because of the opportunities being an OHSAA school present, it really needs to somehow consider beefing up its schedule, some how, some way next season.

### LENGTHY ROAD TRIP

When a school doesn't qualify for the top four of the OVAC Tournament, the two games the school left open are assigned by the

basketball committee.

I've sat in on that meeting each year and there is plenty of thought involved and several times teams are assigned one thing and it's changed for a better fit both geographically and competitively.

However, with the giant scope of the OVAC, obviously, there are going to be trips, which involve lengthy hauls.

Bridgeport's girls were assigned one when they headed to Hundred last Thursday. Head coach Rob Zitzelsberger made the most of the trip.

Also the high school principal, Zitzelsberger got the players out of school at 2 p.m. and they departed for a 7 p.m. game. The team headed down to New Martinsville, ate dinner and then relaxed in a room for a bit, playing games and hanging out.

The Lady Bulldogs then proceeded the remaining 31 miles, which MapQuest estimates taking nearly an hour by car and prepared for the game.

Zitzelsberger had the right idea. Rather than belly-aching and complaining, make the most of the trip and play the game.

Teams here in Belmont County are spoiled because by OVAC terms, it's pretty much central. However, for teams like Hundred, Parkersburg South and Fort Frye, everything's a trip and in the basketball format, those teams have to travel, too.

### WINNING FAMILY

The Shadyside Tigers have won three OVAC titles this school year.

And the name Holenka has been heavily involved in all three.

Mark Holenka led his Tigers' football team to the OVAC Class 2-A title before advancing to the Division VI state championship game.

His youngest daughter, Hayley got into the act in the fall as well when the Lady Tigers' cross country team claimed the 1-A/2-A title in impressive fashion.

Then came Saturday afternoon at Ohio University Eastern when

# Breaking Down the Race for the OVAC Tournament

**WHEELING** — With less than a month away from the OVAC Basketball Championships at Ohio University Eastern, the standings couldn't be tighter.

On the boys' side, Wheeling Park (AAA), St. Clairsville (AAA), Fort Frye (AA) and Trinity (A) are leading their respective divisions with John Marshall (AAAA), Edison (AAA), Shadyside (AA) and Bellaire St. John (A) on top of the girls' divisions.

The next few weeks will feature some quality games but here is a quick glance at the races for the four spots.

The girls' championships will be Feb. 12, while the boys will go on

Feb. 19.

## Boys Class AAAA

Wheeling Park holds a commanding lead and likely won't have to leave the Palace on the Hill. Indian Creek is in the second spot with 39.8 points, slightly ahead of East Liverpool (39.78) and John Marshall (36.4).

Parkersburg South and Steubenville are right behind but will likely need plenty of help to get in the tournament.

## Class AAA

The division many think is the most competitive has four of the top teams in the valley with undefeated St.

Clairsville leading the way.

Bellaire, which lost to Indian Creek earlier this week for its first of the season, is in second, followed by West Virginia Class AA rivals Weir and Magnolia.

Union Local is sneaking behind the Blue Eagles for the fourth spot and could pick up some big points this week with victories against Indian Creek and Bellaire.

## Class AA

The tightest of the classes is led by Fort Frye. The Cadets should have enough to get in, but River, Barnesville, Monroe Central, Linsly, and Shenandoah are separated by 4.22

points.

Noticeably absent is perennial power Wheeling Central. A brutal schedule has led to more losses than usual and has the Maroon Knights likely in the consolation rounds.

## Class A

Trinity suffered its first loss of the season, falling to Bishop Walsh, Md., a non-OVAC team that won't have any affect on their status.

Weirton Madonna leads Bishop Donahue in the battle for the second seed and the home game with Beallsville in the fourth spot.

Please See OVAC, Page 12



**JOSH STROPE**

Basketball Notebook

## OVAC

(Continued from Page 11)

### Girls

#### Class AAAA

John Marshall (40.7) holds a slight lead on Indian Creek (38.5) and Wheeling Park (38.2).

The Monarchs and the Patriots play Thursday night in what will be a big game in determining their OVAC and Sectional situations.

East Liverpool has 30.2 points, but Morgantown, Buckeye Local, and Brooke are lurking around the corner.

#### Class AAA

Defending champion Edison holds a comfortable lead, with surprising Weir and Union Local holding claim to the second and third seeds.

Oak Glen sits in fourth with Harrison Central nipping at its heels.

#### Class AA

The only thing left in this division is likely the seeding as these four teams will need a collapse to not make the tournament.

Undefeated Shadyside holds the top spot with Fort Frye (46.3), Wheeling Central (44.0), and Monroe Central (42.5) looking to secure home game.

#### Class A

Coach Bubba Kapral's Bellaire St. John Fighting Fish are on top of this division. A loss to Caldwell on Saturday could bump them down a spot, but a good week could keep them in the driver's seat.

Weirton Madonna and Cameron are in a tightly knit battle for the second seed with Trinity in the fourth spot.

Valley, though, earned a huge victory against the Warriors on Saturday that could vault the Lumberjills into contention. Hundred is also on the outside looking in.

### Congrats to Coach Weekley

As for those Lumberjills, the victory against Trinity was much more than another victory.

Coach Larry Weekley earned his 400th victory in his 26th season on the Valley bench. A well-deserved milestone for one of the most respected coaches around.

### Bouncing Back Nicely

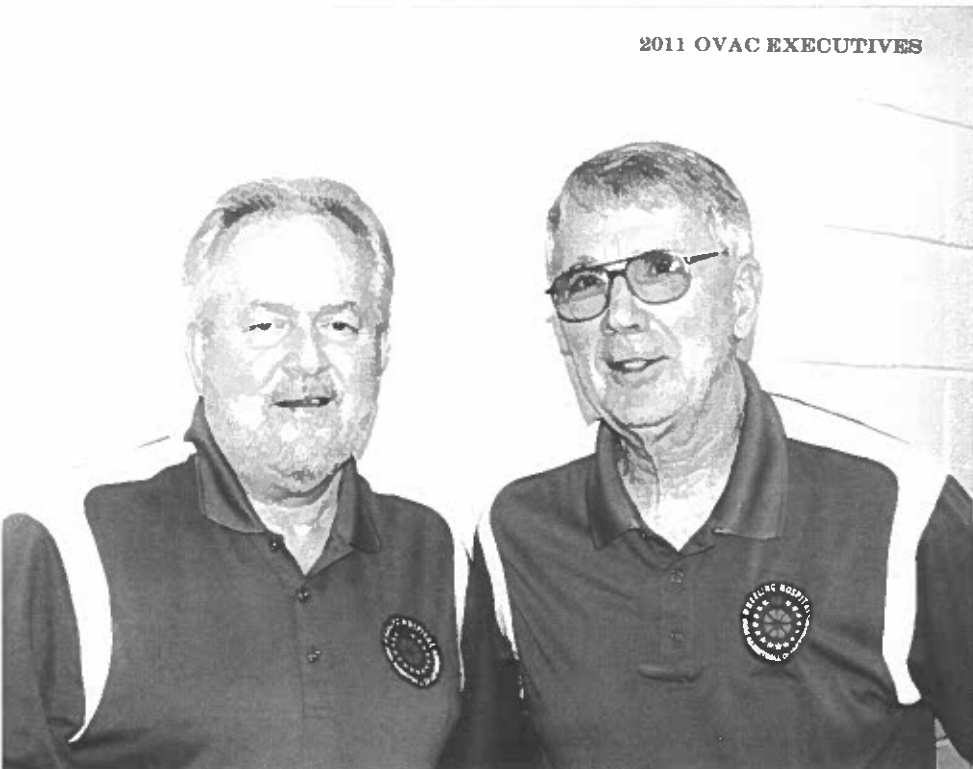
It looks like Wheeling Park has already forgot about that loss to Logan.

Victories against Ripley and John Marshall were nice to have, but Saturday's triumph against Jamesville-Dewitt, the No. 1-ranked team in New York and No. 30-ranked squad nationally, was quite impressive.

Congrats to Coach Michael Jebbia and the rest of the Patriots. Hoops fans, if you haven't had the chance to see this team, go out and do so. They are fun to watch and have the potential to do great things this season.

Josh Strope can be reached at [strope@theintelligencer.net](mailto:strope@theintelligencer.net)

2011 OVAC EXECUTIVES



Ohio University Eastern Campus



## 2011 Wheeling Hospital OVAC Basketball Championships Schedule / Media Coverage

At The Finals . . .

One Lucky Fan Will Have The Chance To Win \$25,000 Courtesy of THE HEALTH PLAN

all games live on WKKX 1600 AM

**GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 12 at OUE**

\*AAAA - 10 AM • A - 1PM • AA - 4 PM • AAA - 7 PM

**BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 19 at OUE**

\*AAAA - 10 AM • A - 1PM • AA - 4 PM • AAA - 7 PM

Girls'/Boys' Games will air on RTV9 as follows:

**GIRLS' TV SCHEDULE:**

Tues. 2/15 AAAA 8 pm

Wed. 2/16 AAA 8 pm

Thurs. 2/17 AA 8 pm

Fri. 2/18 A 8 pm

**BOYS' TV SCHEDULE:**

Mon. 2/21 AAAA 8 pm

Tues. 2/22 AAA 8 pm

Wed. 2/23 AA 8 pm

Thurs. 2/24 A 8 pm

\*Girls'/Boys' AAAA Games will air live on RTV9

## OVAC CORPORATE PARTNERS:



Bordas & Bordas, PLLC



WHEELING HOSPITAL

# OVAC GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Times Leader

Friday, February 11, 2011



# OVAC GIRLS BASKETBALL

THE TIMES LEADER - Friday, February 11, 2011 - 2

## A note from the Executive Secretary...

Welcome to the Fourth Annual Wheeling Hospital OVAC Basketball Championships.



**TOM RATAICZAK**  
OVAC Executive Secretary

Each year, this format gains more and more credibility, as teams vie for the OVAC title the way it should be determined: on the court. To the players and coaches, congratulations. Your hard work has paid off. At the end of the game, whether you receive the runner-up medal or the championship medal, you will realize that you represented your school and community in a solid, positive manner. While doing that, you also got a "pre-taste" of

post-season tournament play, experienced a great venue, exciting atmosphere, and felt the pressure of performing when it matters. Hopefully, this tournament experience will benefit you in the weeks to come.

The OVAC is grateful to all the sponsors who make this championship and this conference what it is, but a special thank you goes to Wheeling Hospital, the title sponsor of this game. Their credo says it all: "a tradition of excellence, a legacy of caring." So many things they do throughout the year, behind the spotlight, allow our student/athletes to reap benefits not experienced by other schools in Ohio and West Virginia.

Ohio University Eastern is the perfect site for this championship. A big-time facility in a smaller arena allows the athletes the best playing conditions and the

fans to get involved in the game. Factor in the ease of getting there and the enthusiasm of their staff to give our kids a great experience, and you have the perfect atmosphere.

Let's all remember that this game is for the kids. A display of good sportsmanship will leave a lasting impression on these young men and women and, win or lose, will affect their memories for years to come.

And finally, thanks to our media for the fantastic job they do in covering our athletes. Travel anywhere and ask schools if they receive the coverage in their area that we do in ours. From newspaper to radio to television to web streaming, this game is being transmitted all over the world. Who could ask for more?

We hope you enjoy the games and thank you for your support.

## On The Cover

ON THE cover is a representative from all eight schools, who are in action this weekend. From left are Isabella Anile (Madonna), Alexis Davis (Union Local), Kelsey Holloway (Shadyside), Kiley King (Oak Glen), Haley DeCoy (St. John), Lacey Huck (Fort Frye), Kiley Howard (John Marshall) and Marissa Tucker (Wheeling Park). Inside is a preview on each game as well as rosters for each team.

Cover Photos/Paul Krajnyak, Marietta Times, Steubenville Herald Star and Seth Staskey.  
Cover Design Emily Dominici  
Tab Design/Seth Staskey

## OVAC Girls Basketball Championship Schedule



### Class 4-A 10 a.m.

#1 John Marshall vs. #3 Wheeling Park (Page 3)

### Class 1-A 1 p.m.

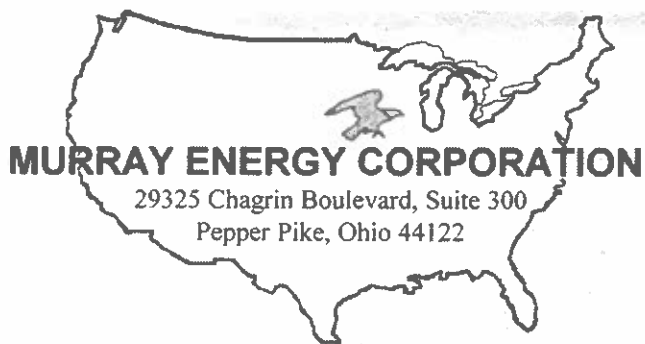
#1 St. John vs. #2 Weirton Madonna (Page 7).

### Class 2-A 4 p.m.

#1 Shadyside vs. #2 Fort Frye (Page 13).

### Class 3-A 7 p.m.

#2 Union Local vs. #4 Oak Glen (Page 16).



Robert E. Murray, Chairman, President and CEO

# Murray Energy Corporation

and our independent operating subsidiaries are proud to provide Ohio with:

- 1,326 local high-paying direct jobs that support up to 15,000 secondary jobs
- Nearly \$100 million in wages and benefits each year
- More than \$200 million annually in supplies, capital expenditures, infrastructure creation and taxes to local, state and federal agencies
- A commitment to safety that is second-to-none

American Energy Corporation • The Ohio Valley Coal Company • OhioAmerica Energy, Inc. • The Ohio Valley Transloading Company

# Familiar foes meet in 4-A

• Top-seeded John Marshall and third-seeded Wheeling Park to clash for the second time

By RICH GIBSON  
Times Leader Sports Writer

John Marshall's Stan Blankenship and Wheeling Park's Meredith Dailer are in agreement: Saturday's OVAC/Wheeling Hospital Girls 4-A Championship Game could go either way.

And why not? The Mountain State rivals played an earlier down-to-the-wire regular season dandy.

"We won that game by five points," Blankenship recalled. "There's no reason to expect (Saturday's title matchup) will be any different. I know we'll have to bring our 'A' game."

Countered Dailer: "We certainly expect another competitive battle with JM," she advised. "Hopefully, our team is in a good frame of mind. We'll need our best effort, we realize that."

Top-seeded JM advanced to Saturday morning's (10:00) tipoff by upending No. 4 seed East Liverpool by a decisive 72-48 count.

The Park, meanwhile, was third-seeded and needed to secure a semifinal road win at Indian Creek which the Lady Patriots achieved by 56-43.

BLANKENSHIP is rightfully regarded as the patriarch of girls' hoops in



T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

DISPLAYING THE championship trophy are the opposing head coaches in Saturday's Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Class 4-A Championship Game. From left are Stan Blankenship of John Marshall and Meredith Dailer of Wheeling Park. The Lady Monarchs are the top seed, while the Lady Patriots are seeded third.

valley circles. JM's personable cage guru is on the Lady Monarchs' bench for an impressive 34th season.

Over that span, 'Stan the Man' owns nine prior OVAC titles and is seeking number 10 Saturday.

If the Lady Monarchs are to raise another trophy, their first since 2002, they will do so without a senior on the 2010-11 roster.

"Yes, we're a predominantly young team but one with some varsity experi-

ence, nevertheless," Blankenship advised. "I'd like to this this group is getting at the right time."

This winter's Brown & Gold combine enters Saturday's matchup with a 14-5 record. Blankenship is

expected to send a trio of juniors and two sophomores for the tipoff at Ohio University-Eastern's spacious athletic complex.

Talented 10th grader Kylie Howard has been a season-long force but never

more so than in JM's prior meeting with Park when she erupted for 39 points.

"We consider Kylie our 'go-to' player. She's such a well-rounded athlete," Blankenship said of the

See, 4-A, Page 5

**JOHN MARSHALL**  
**Lady Monarchs**

00	Shannen Pegg	11	5-5
4	Mallory Ball	11	5-8
10	Hanna Rogerson	09	5-6
12	Marissaa Magers	11	5-8
20	Kristen Lewicki	10	5-5
23	Morgan Watson	10	5-7
24	Kylie Howard	10	5-8
31	Joanna McCausland	11	5-8
34	Emily Winters	09	5-9
40	Alexis Montes	11	5-10
52	Jenna Stevens	11	6-1

Head Coach: Stan Blankenship.  
Assistant coaches: Mark McCormick, Mindy Yoho.

**WHEELING PARK**  
**Lady Patriots**

4	Marissa Tucker	09	5-3
5	Alyssa George	09	5-3
10	Haley Robb	10	5-6
11	Kristen Slater	10	5-6
12	Carly Collins	09	5-3
21	Caitlyn Taylor	09	5-10
23	Meggie Ball	12	5-6
30	Kelsi Johnson	09	5-6
34	Ashley Grove	10	5-5
35	Laura Stefanow	12	5-9
40	Emily Puskarich	10	5-8
42	Krista Crawshaw	11	5-10

Head Coach: Meredith Dailer  
Assistant coaches: Michele Parsons, Ryan Young, Mandi Swiger.

**PONDEROSA**  
**STEAKHOUSE**

1605 WHEELING AVENUE  
GLEN DALE, WV  
304-845-6500

*Congratulations Monarchs!*

**DALES**  
**PRE-OWNED AUTOS**

CONGRATULATIONS  
MONARCHS

RT. 2 • MOUNDSVILLE, WV  
304-845-1770

**ACCESSORIES**  
**LTD**

LET US ACCESSORIZE YOUR RIDE!  
**GOOD LUCK MONARCHS!**

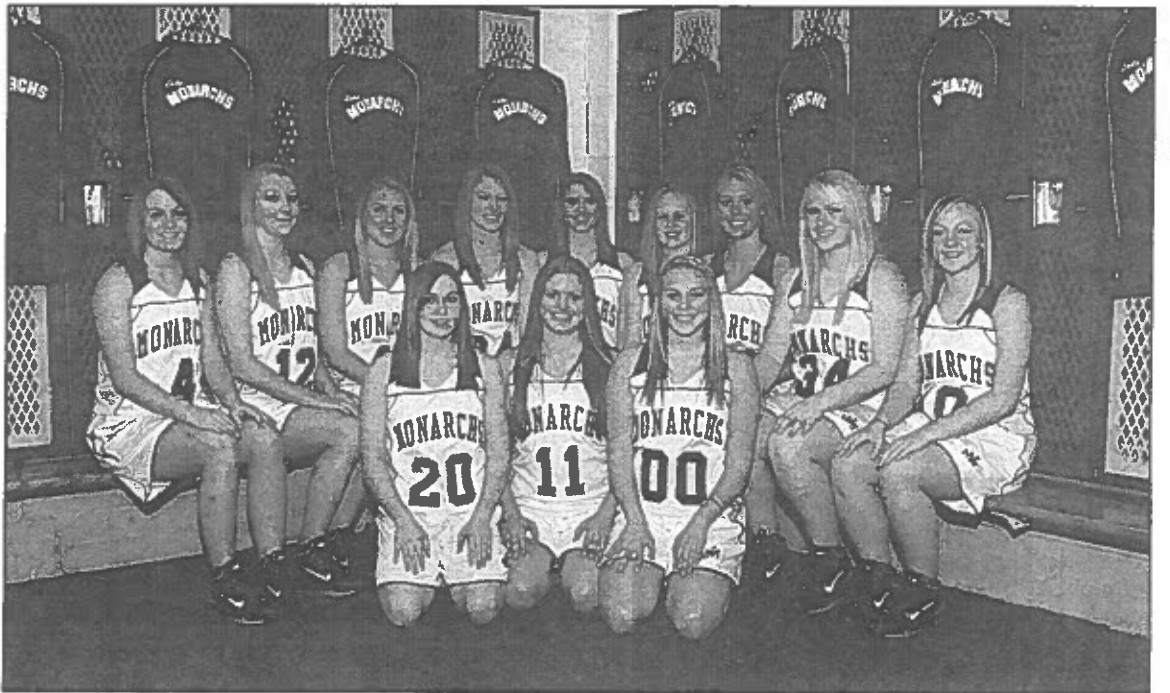
1009 First St., Moundsville, WV 26041  
**304-845-7587**

AUTO ACCESSORIES - CARHART CLOTHING  
WINDOW TINTING - TRUCK ACCESSORIES

# JOHN MARSHALL MONARCHS

Photo Provided

PICTURED IS the 2010-11 John Marshall Lady Monarchs Basketball Team. Front row, from left, are Kristin Lewicki, Alissa Leach and Shannen Pegg. Back row, from left, are Mallory Ball, Marissa Magers, Alexis Montes, Kiley Howard, JoJo McCausland, Morgan Watson, Jenna Stephens, Emily Winters and Hanna Rogerson.



## "CHEY-NAN'S" WESTERN TACK & MORE

Horse Tack. Custom Tees.  
Hats. Totes. Hoodies & Gift  
Items For Horse Lovers!  
Gift Cards Available

304-843-1767 OR  
1-888-584-3726

HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 2pm-9pm; Sat. 9am-4pm



*Fay's*  
Jewelry

Open Friday till 7:00pm  
Watch & Jewelry Repair

323 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville  
845-5960



Home Cooked Meals At Reasonable Prices

## YOUNG'S CAFETERIA

"We Do It the Old Fashion Way"

CATERING AVAILABLE FOR PARTIES & WEDDINGS

1309 Wheeling Ave. • Glen Dale, WV • 304-845-4820

## Dianna's Cakes & Catering

by Dianna Coffield

a\* Specializing In Homestyle Cooking  
\* Catering For Parties, Weddings & Anniversaries.  
We Welcome All Events...Small Or Large  
\* Cakes For All Occasions  
\* Custom Designed Wedding Cakes \* Take Out Meals Available  
Mon., Tues. & Wed. 3:30 pm-6:30 pm

Located On Rt. 88, Route 1,  
Box 484, Moundsville, WV

304-845-5355

## GO MONARCHS!

**Mike McCoy**  
Agent

900 Lafayette Ave.  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
Bus. 304.845.7660  
Fax 304.843.1147

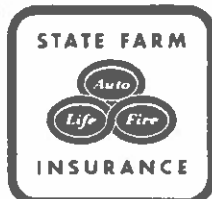


State Farm®

Providing Insurance & Financial Services  
Home Office: Bloomington, Illinois 61710

"Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.™"

State Farm®  
Providing Insurance and Financial Services  
Home Office, Bloomington, Illinois 61710

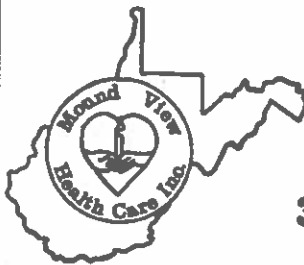


**Rosalyn Rhodes**  
Agent  
300 Jefferson Avenue  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
304.845.4200

rosalyn.rhodes.cthu@statefarm.com

Like a Good Neighbor, State Farm is There®

• RN, LPN & CNA STAFF • 24 HOURS/7 DAYS A WEEK



GOOD LUCK  
LADY MONARCHS!

304-843-1035

2200 Floral Ave., Moundsville, WV 26041

## Anderson Funeral Home

1109 2nd St., Moundsville, WV  
304-845-7884

GOOD LUCK MONARCHS!



# OVAC GIRLS BASKETBALL

THE TIMES LEADER - Friday, February 11, 2011 - 5

## ● 4-A

Continued from Page 3

Monarchs' 5-8 wing, averaging 18 points. "Kylie also is a steady contributor on the boards. She's come up big for us on so many occasions."

Howard's production is well-complemented by classmate Kristin Lewicki, JM's savvy backcourt ace. "I can't remember coaching a point guard with more quickness than Kristen," Blankenship praised.

Versatile junior Marissa Magers, at 5-8, brings shooting skills to the table. "Marissa is at a 2-wing spot," Blankenship related. "She can be a streaky shooter with beyond the arc potential."

Reliable Alexis Montes, at 5-10, patrols the paint with authority, reflected in her consistent ability to compile double-doubles.

"Another great athlete who is such a valuable part of our success," Blankenship stated. "Alexis is a returning starter who is a definite inside presence."

JM's crafty cage boss says 6-1 junior Jenna Stevens has been a "pleasant surprise, especially the way her game has developed."

Stevens also resides in double-double territory and has greatly improved her mobility.

Junior guard Mallory Ball is a productive bench contributor who recently netted 18 points in a Monarchs' victory over Martins Ferry.

Blankenship also speaks highly of 5-8 junior forward Joanna McCausland and 5-7 sophomore guard Morgan Watson, a fearless defender.

"(This) will be a battle of two quality teams deserving of (being here)," Blankenship noted. "It's probably going to come down to who executes at critical times."

JM's roster also includes: 5-5 junior guard Shannen Pegg, and a pair of freshmen, 5-9 forward Emily Winters and 5-6 guard Hanna Rogerson.

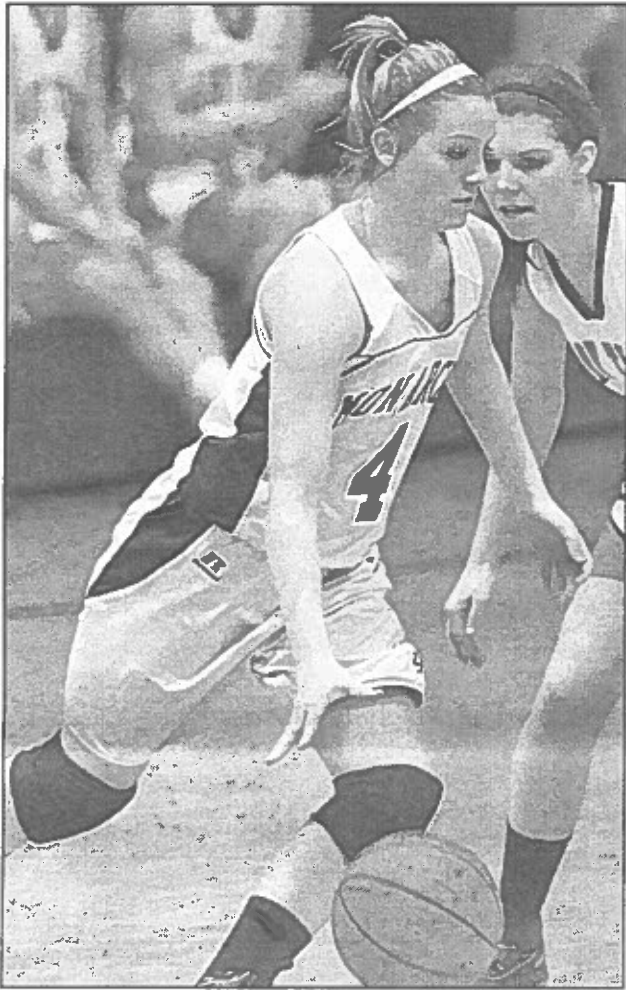
Blankenship's staff includes Mark McCormick and Mindy Yoho.

**DAILER** is in her fourth season at Park and like Blankenship, depends on a group of young talent to show the way.

Following a road loss at University earlier this week, the Lady Patriots enter Saturday's title tilt with a 9-9 ledger.

"We've been in a season-long process of trying to create and maintain chemistry," Dailer advised. "It's taken some time with a freshman and two sophomores in the starting lineup."

A underclassman of high caliber is 5-8 guard Emily Puskarich, a second team all-state selection as a freshman. "Emily is a talented young player who loves the game and plays with great passion," Dailer described.



Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

**JOHN MARSHALL'S** Mallory Ball drives toward the bucket during a game earlier this month at Shadyside. Ball and the Lady Monarchs will meet Wheeling Park Saturday at 10 a.m.



T-L File Photo/SETH STASKEY

**WHEELING PARK'S** Haley Robb shoots a three-pointer during a game last month at the "Palace on the Hill." Robb is the Lady Patriots' second-leading scorer at 12.8 points per game.

See, 4-A, Page 8

**BEST OF LUCK LADY MONARCHS!**



From Your  
Marshall County Elected Officials

**GRAND VUE PARK**  
MARSHALL COUNTY, WV

CONGRATULATIONS  
M ONARCHS!

Just Off US 250 in Marshall County  
Rd 5 Box 16A, Moundsville  
(304) 845-9810  
www.grandvuepark.com

Log on to  
**TimesLeaderONLINE**  
.com


**Dr. Zambito**  
Family Dentistry

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL PLAYERS  
IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES!**

- Single Visit Cerec Crown • Cosmetic Dentistry
- Implants • Preventative Care • Porcelain Veneer
- Root Canals • Fixed & Removable Appliances
- Laser Dentistry - Non Invasive • Drilless Dentistry
- Intra-Oral Video Cameras • Digital Photography
- Rembrandt In-Office Whitening System

1201 Mt. DeChantal Road Wheeling, WV  
(304) 243-1500 www.zambitodentistry.com

Accepting New Patients.  
Tues. & Thurs. Evening & Sat. Morning • Hours Also Available  
Financing Available



# WHEELING PARK PATRIOTS



Photo Provided  
 PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Wheeling Park Lady Patriots Basketball Team. Front row, from left, are Laura Stefanow and Meg Ball. Kneeling, from left, are Carly Collins, Marissa Tucker, Kelsi Johnson, Emily Puskarich, Haley Robb and Alyssa George. Standing, from left, are assistant coach Ryan Young, assistant coach Mandi Swiger, Krista Crawshaw, Trainer Audrey Beiga, Caitlyn Taylor, assistant coach Michele Parsons and head coach Meredith Dailer.



**ELM GROVE CARRYOUT**  
 202 Kruger St.,  
 Wheeling, WV  
 (304) 242-1449

Stop In  
 For All  
 Your Snacks  
 &  
 Beverages

GOOD LUCK PATRIOTS!



**INN &  
 SUITES  
 CONFERENCE  
 CENTER**

Exit 11 Dallas Pike  
 304-547-1380

*Good Luck  
 Wheeling Park!*



## CORNER BARBER & STYLING

*We Specialize In Military Cuts & Flat Tops*  
 Sophia, Gina, Annie & Heather

Open: Tuesday-Friday 8am-7pm • Saturday 8am-4pm

**(304) 242-8225**

## VALPUT Properties

*Good Luck Patriots*  
 2011 Warwood Ave., Wheeling  
 (304) 277-2468  
 www.valputproperties.com

*Good Luck  
 To The  
 Wheeling  
 Park Lady  
 Patriots*



## The AUTO SHOP

We do major & minor automobile repairs.  
 We repair all makes and models.  
 ASE Certified mechanic on duty.

- OIL CHANGES • BRAKE SERVICE
- AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE • ENGINE TUNE-UP
- TRANSMISSION FLUSHES AVAILABLE

617 Fulton St. Wheeling • (304) 233-7866  
 WEST VIRGINIA STATE INSPECTION STATION

### GOOD LUCK PATRIOTS

## OHIO VALLEY AWARDS

"Custom Awards of All Kinds"

*Serving the Valley for over 16 years.*  
 Stop in today and check out our show room at our new location:

2245 Main Street, Wheeling, WV  
 304-233-1925 • TOLL FREE 800-446-1925  
 www.ovawards.com • Email: ovawards@comcast.net

Official Trophy Supplier for the Ron Mauch  
 OVAC Wrestling Tournament

Plaques, Trophies, Banners, Business Awards, Employee Appreciation,  
 Golf Scramble, Political, Sale & Parking Signs



## OHIO COUNTY SCHOOLS

**Enriching Minds,  
 Insuring The Future**

# SJC, Madonna to clash in 1-A final

• Lady Irish seek conference-leading 15th crown, while Lady Blue Dons making inaugural appearance in title game

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

St. John Central and Weirton Madonna are two of the premier small-school programs in the Ohio Valley.

The two parochial schools haven't met on the basketball court since 2009 when they played in the consolation round of the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championship.

They'll meet again Saturday, but there is certainly more on the line.

The Lady Irish and Lady Blue Dons will lock horns Saturday at 1 p.m. with the Class 1-A title on the line.

"We forgot how much fun it is to be involved in this tournament," said Lady Irish head coach Bubba Kapral. "There was excitement hosting a semifinal game and then to reach the finals, there's a lot of buzz. You get away from that after being away for a few years."

Madonna is making its inaugural appearance in the championship since the OVAC adopted its new format in 2008.

"We're right where we wanted to be at this point," said Madonna head coach Don Ogden. "I couldn't ask for more. The girls have worked hard and we feel really good about it."



T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

**DISPLAYING THE** championship trophy are the opposing head coaches in Saturday's Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Class 1-A Championship Game. From left are Don Ogden of Weirton Madonna and Robert "Bubba" Kapral of St. John Central. The Lady Irish are the top seed, while the Lady Blue Dons are the second seed.

St. John, which won the inaugural title at OUE, could have an advantage in the experience factor.

"We're approaching this like another game," Ogden said. "It's just in a bigger area with a bigger court, but if we get too caught up in the significance or the bigness of this game, then

we'll lose sight of what we're really here to accomplish and that's just to play basketball."

The Lady Irish, who own more conference titles, 14, than anyone in the Ohio Valley, come into the game with a strong 17-2 record. Their lone blemishes came on the road at Morgantown

Trinity and Caldwell.

"Madonna will probably be the second best team we play (in the regular season)," Kapral continued. "Caldwell, by far, was the best team we played. I think we've beaten some good teams, but I think Madonna has played a better schedule than we have. Our record is

the product of being able to win a lot of close games."

The Lady Blue Dons, who are making their initial appearance in the title game, come in with a solid 15-4 record. They own wins over OVAC 3-A tournament entrant Weir and finalist Oak Glen during the course of the regular sea-

son. "We had some stumbles along the way," Ogden said. "But, the girls are great and resilient. We had some things we had to sort out."

Madonna, which is seeking its first OVAC girls' basketball title since 1992,

See, 1-A, Page 8

ST. JOHN CENTRAL Lady Irish			
00	Hannah Absalom	9	5-8
2	Lauren Oszust	9	5-6
3	Rosa Young	11	5-6
4	Kaydie Coppa	10	5-6
11	Gina Beekman	11	5-7
12	Jordan Nickerson	12	5-7
15	Haley DeCoy	11	5-6
22	Emily Powell	11	5-10
24	Kristen Russell	10	5-5
25	Ellie LeMasters	12	6-0
34	Molly Knox	9	5-8
44	Maclaine Murad	9	5-6
<b>Head Coach:</b> Bubba Kapral			
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Jerry Liberatore, Jim Murad, Miki Clegg.			
MADONNA Lady Blue Dons			
1	Haley Worden	11	5-4
3	Lisa Parkens	11	5-5
4	Kaitlyn Conner	11	5-7
5	Melanie Mazur	11	5-4
10	Kristen Tunno	11	5-9
11	Kelsey Gilson	12	5-5
12	Nicollette Sellitti	10	5-8
21	Stephanie Magnone	11	5-8
22	Isabella Anile	11	5-5
25	Ali Yazbek	10	5-6
32	Sara Lyons	11	5-11
35	Amy Davis	10	5-6
<b>Head Coach:</b> Don Ogden			
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Duff Birkhimer, Rusty Hodgkiss.			

## GOOD LUCK!

*From the Friendly Folks at...*



**Bellaire** 676-1165    **St. Clairsville** 695-0140    **Powhatan** 795-4565    **Barnesville** 425-1901

Insured by the FDIC



● 1-A

Continued from Page 7

advanced to this point by virtue of a 60-42 victory against Cameron this past Monday in the semifinals.

"We kind of had a feeling that if we could get by Valley, we'd be playing Madonna," Kapral noted. "We were concerned about Valley because they were playing well late in the season and we hadn't seen much of them. But, we got to see Madonna and we know we'll be in for quite a task."

The Lady Irish made quick work for the aforementioned Lumberjills during the semifinal. They jumped out to a 21-0 lead and never looked back en route to a 66-43 victory.

"I've not seen much on St. John, but their reputation speaks for itself," Ogden said. "They're disciplined, fundamentally sound and well-prepared. I don't expect anything less from them this Saturday."

Kapral doesn't beat around the bush when he talks about his team's quest

to reach this point of the season.

"This was a goal from day one," Kapral said. "We started open gyms in May and then into the summer and into the season, this was a goal. It's still a goal. We're playing well right now and we just played our best game of the season."

Health issues have bitten the Green at times this season. They lost dynamic junior Emily Powell to a knee injury in December and this week, several Lady Irish players have come down with sickness.

"That's my only concern," Kapral said in relation to his team's ongoing battle with illness. "We need our best people on the floor. If we get everyone healthy, we'll play well."

The Lady Irish aren't the deepest team around by any stretch of the imagination. With the injury to Powell, their rotation has been trimmed to basically six.

Madonna, meanwhile, shuffles no fewer than eight

to nine players.

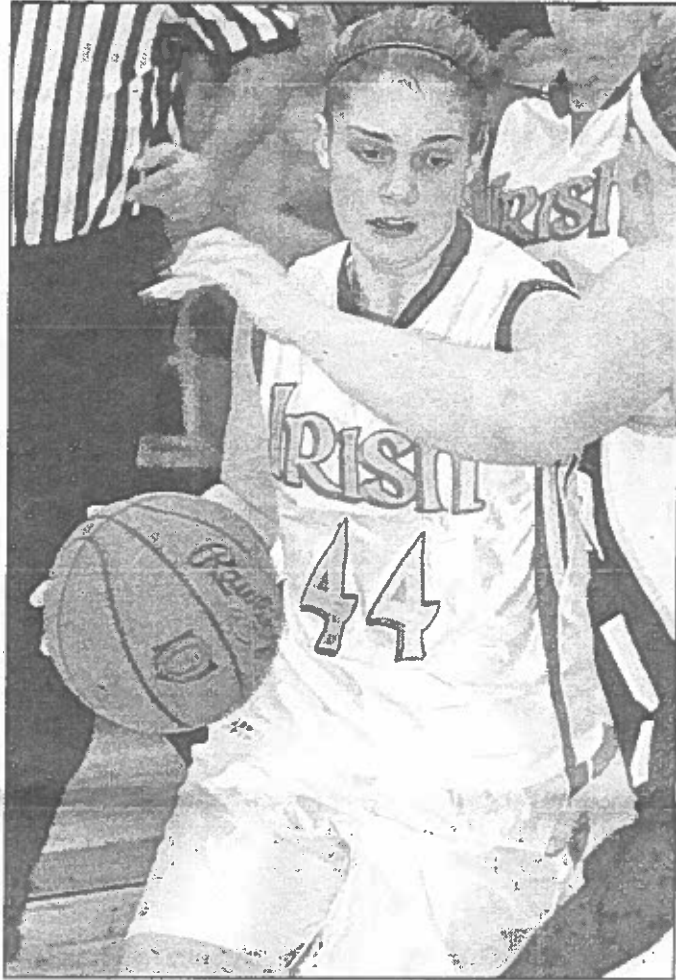
"What we like to say is don't focus on who starts, but who is finishing the game," Ogden said. "If someone is struggling that game, we've got no problem in getting someone new into the game."

While they don't go deep, the Lady Irish boast one of the area's premier players in 6-foot senior Ellie LeMasters.

While most six footers in girls' basketball are firmly planted under the bucket, LeMasters has guard skills in a post's frame.

"Ellie came into the program as a guard, but she didn't play much as a freshman because she was caught behind some good players like (Natalie) Perzanowski, (Kylie) Kidder, (Kelly) Perzanowski and (Justene) Delman," Kapral said.

LeMasters, who became just the ninth player in the Lady Irish's storied tradition to surpass the 1,000



ST. JOHN'S freshman MaClaine Murad drives to the bucket during Monday's semifinal game against Valley. She's been a key cog in the Lady Irish's success this winter.

T-L File Photo/SETH STASKEY

See, 1-A, Page 11

Good Luck Fighting Irish From...

**BELMONT CAREER CENTER**  
110 Fox Shannon Place, St. Clairsville, OH  
740-695-9130

**HARRISON CAREER CENTER**  
82500 Cadiz Jewett Rd., Cadiz, OH  
740-942-2148

www.BHCcenters.com

"Want Career Success?  
Get Career Skills!"

**CHAPTER SQUARE**  
68210 Belmont Avenue, Bridgeport • 635-3064

- JJC Excavating • E-Z Car Wash
- Double J Laundromat • Flea Market
- Mini Storage • Tanning

**GOOD LUCK LADY IRISH**

GOOD LUCK MACLAINE FROM GRANDPAP  
MAYOR JOHN CALLARIK

● 4-A

Continued from Page 5

Among the valley's most productive hoopsters, Puskarich pours in just under 20 points per game. She also works the boards with regularity and is a reliable free throw shooter with 84 percent accuracy.

Park's other 10th grade regular is 5-6 guard Haley Robb, a frequent visitor to

the scoring (12.8) column and an equally adept foul shooter.

"Haley's play gives us a huge lift," Dailer related. "She's a consistent three-point threat and has made steady improvement."

Dailer is pleased with the progress of freshman point guard Marissa Tucker, a feisty 5-3 cager who nets five points an outing.

"Marissa continues to come into her own," Dailer stated. "She's also impressed us by showing some leadership qualities."

Park's inside game is enhanced by 5-10 junior Krista Crawshaw who is both a dependable scorer (9.7 ppg.) and board banger

Log on to  
**TimesLeaderONLINE**  
www.timesleader.com

Stay Connected to the Outside World

See, 4-A, Page 19

# ST. JOHN FIGHTING IRISH



Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK  
 PICTURED IS the 2010-11 St. John Central Lady Irish Basketball Team. Sitting, from left, are Jordan Nickerson and Ellie LeMasters. Middle row, from left, are Gina Beekman, Kaydie Coppa, Rosa Young, Haley DeCoy, Kristen Russell and Emily Powell. Back row, from left, are McClaine Murad, Rachel Voytecek, Hannah Absalom, Molly Knox and Lauren Oszust.



**GOOD LUCK  
 LADY IRISH!**  
 From...  
**THE ST. JOHN  
 BOOSTERS!**

**GOOD LUCK  
 LADY IRISH  
 BASKETBALL  
 TEAM**

From The...  
 St. John's  
 Bowling Team!

**FFP FIRST**  
**Financial Partners**  
 78 12th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003  
 Vince R. Gallagher, Branch Manager  
 (304) 232-1633 or toll free (866) 825-9584

**Good Luck  
 Lady Irish!**  
**We're Behind You 100%!  
 Bring The title Home**  
**WILSON BLACKTOP**  
 635-3566

**MIDEI FOOD  
 & FUEL**  
 Tiltonsville, Ohio  
 740-859-9926  
 Brilliant, Ohio  
 740-598-3864

**GOOD LUCK LADY IRISH  
 BASKETBALL TEAM!**

**KACSMAR & COMPANY**  
 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS • TAX ADVISORS  
 BUSINESS CONSULTANTS • FINANCIAL ADVISORS

- Income Tax Preparation Business & Personal
- Bookkeeping Services
- Payroll & Payroll Taxes
- Oil & Gas Taxation
- Income Tax Planning
- Management Consulting
- Litigation Assistance
- Business Start-Up Assistance
- Corporate Income Tax Return Preparation
- Financial Statements
- Retirement Planning & Distributions
- Small Business Services
- Estate Tax Returns

**EXPERIENCED ACCOUNTANTS  
 SOLVING COMPLEX BUSINESS PROBLEMS**  
 121 East Main Street - St. Clairsville, Ohio  
**740-695-1569**  
**Toll Free 877-541-1146**  
 DISTINCTIVE IN OUR SERVICE • DEDICATED IN OUR WORK  
 Visit Us On The Web at: [www.kacsmarepa.com](http://www.kacsmarepa.com)

**ST. JOHN CENTRAL  
 HIGH SCHOOL**  
 3625 Guernsey Street  
 Bellaire, OH 43906  
 676-4932

*"Dedicated to facilitating the work of God's grace in the integration of the spiritual, intellectual, physical, cultural and social lives of each student."*

Enter to learn  Leave to serve

**GOOD LUCK LADY IRISH!  
 WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**

# AUDIOLOGY SERVICES & HEARING AIDS



90 Day Trials  
12 months same as cash

Linda Davison, M.A., CCC-A  
Suzanne Kubancik, M.S., CCC-A

## Where Physicians Refer Their Patients

### Professional Hearing Tests Are Not Free

but they are often covered by insurance.

### *See a Professional*

Get a professional evaluation by visiting one of our Hospital-Based clinics.  
All tests are performed by licensed, certified audiologists.

Call Central Scheduling at:

East Ohio Regional Hospital  
**740-633-4444**

Ohio Valley Medical Center  
**304-234-8888**

For Questions Contact: 740-695-1058 (Business Office)

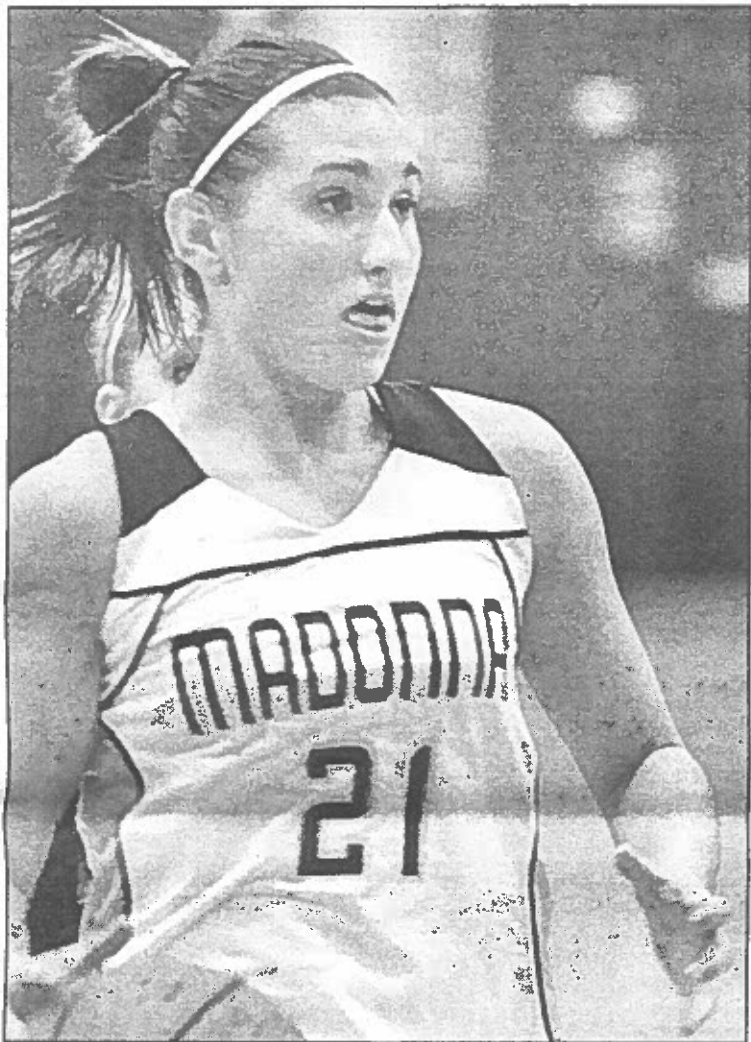
***Sudden Hearing Loss Can  
Be A Medical Emergency***



Hearing Test By Phone  
740-633-HEAR (4327)

Visit us at [www.davisonaudiology.com](http://www.davisonaudiology.com) or send e-mail to [questions@davisonaudiology.com](mailto:questions@davisonaudiology.com)





**MADONNA'S**  
Stephanie Magnone is one of the Lady Blue Dons' go-to players. She's averaging a little more than 10 points per game this season.

File Photo/MIKE MATHISON

**WEIRTON MADONNA BLUE DONS**



Photo Provided  
PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Madonna Girls Basketball Team. Front row, from left, are Melanie Hazur, Isabella Anile, Kelsey Gilson, Lisa Parkins and Ali Yazbek. Second row, from left, are assistant coach Duff Birkhimer, assistant coach Rusty Hodgkiss, Amy Davis, Kaitlyn Conner, Kristen Tunno, Sara Lyons, Nicolette Sellitti, Stephanie Magnone and head coach Don Ogden. Absent was Haley Worden.



● 1-A

Continued from Page 8  
point barrier earlier this week, averages 18.6 points. She's a 79 percent foul shooter and owns a season high of 32 points.

"Ellie's had very good sophomore and junior years, but she really exploded this year," Kapral said.

"She'll go down as one of the best players we've had."

She's worked hard to

See, 1-A, Page 12

**First Choice Realtor**  
"The Right Choice"  
Kevin McGilton, Broker

**Mary Fran Kowalo**  
Realtor-Awarded Top Producer  
Voted #1 Best Real Estate Agent

845 Commerce Street  
Wellsburg, WV 26070  
frannykk@aol.com  
304-639-1253 Cell  
304-737-0034 Fax  
www.MaryFranKowalo.com

**GOOD LUCK  
BLUE DONS!**

**GOOD LUCK TO  
THE WEIRTON  
MADONNA  
BLUE DONS**  
from the  
management  
and staff of



1221 Pennsylvania Ave.,  
Weirton, WV  
**304-797-7288**

**GOOD LUCK  
BLUE DONS!**



**Dr. Nasser Emami**

Medical Pavilion at Trinity  
Suite 203,  
Stuebenville, OH  
**740-264-5300**

3129 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Weirton, WV  
**304-723-5300**

**FRANKOVITCH, ANETAKIS,  
COLANTONIO & SIMON**  
**GOOD LUCK LADY BLUE DONS!** 337 Penco Rd., Weirton, WV 26062  
**(304) 723-4400**

**Strip Steel**  
Community Federal Credit Union

3316 Main St.  
Weirton

(304)  
748-6622

**TED'S PLAZA  
PHARMACY**

**GOOD LUCK AMY & ALL  
THE LADY BLUE DONS**

265 Penco Rd., Weirton, WV  
**304-723-2656**

"The New Standard in Quality Pre-Owned Vehicles"

**New City  
AUTO SALES**

Mon.-Thurs. 9-7 • Fri. til 6 • Sat. til 3  
2813 Penna Ave. • Weirton, WV  
**304-723-1313 • 800-766-2913**  
newcityauto.com

Good Luck Lady Blue Dons & Coaches!  
Congratulations On A Great Season!

**Good Luck Lady  
Blue Dons**

**WEIRTON AREA  
CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**

3174 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Suite 1  
Weirton, WV 26062  
**(304) 748-7212**

1-A

Continued from Page 8

become a better ball player."

Junior guard Rosa Young has also been a solid contributor. Along with serving as the two-guard, she's also the team's sparkplug, who provides constant energy on both ends of the floor.

She averages 13.3 points and has his 24 points.

"Rosa is the passion and toughness of our team," Kapral said. "She's stepped it up at crunch times and she really wears her emotions on her sleeve, which is good. She can be contagious with how she plays."

Junior Kristen Russell has come on of late. Inserted as a starter after the Powell injury, she's scoring at a 7.2 points per game clip.

Junior Haley DeCoy is the Lady Irish point guard and lock-down defender. Along with averaging almost four points a game, she draws the assignment of the other team's best guard.

Freshman McClaine Murad is one of the area's premier plebes. She's averaging 9.5 points a game. Sophomore Kaydie Coppa is the team's sixth man.

St. John scores nearly 60 points a contest, but it's been on the defensive end and its ability to switch from man to zone, which makes the Lady Irish formidable.

"We can adjust (defensively), but it's a matter of being able to realize who has their hot hand," Kapral said. "It's just a matter of us playing well."

The Lady Blue Dons won't be a team opposing coaches throw a junk defense at since they don't have the absolute go-to player in their rotation.

"They don't have that one player you can hang your hat on," Kapral noted. "I really like how (Anile) plays and (Lyons). They're really interchangeable parts, but first and foremost, we need to worry about taking care of ourselves."

Madonna, which features just one senior, gives the ball to junior Lisa Perkins to run the point guard spot. She's averaging five points a game.

Also in the backcourt is junior Kaitlyn Conner, who is also averaging less than six points a game.

In the front court, junior Sara Lyons (5-11) patrols the middle. She averages nine points a game.

The Lady Blue Dons' go-to player is junior shooting guard Isabella Anile, who is shade over 10 points a night. Junior small forward Stephanie Magnone rounds out the starting five. She, too, is netting a shade over 10 points a game.

"We really don't have that dominant scorer and we love that," Ogden said. "I think we have the ability to push it inside, but we have some perimeter shooters where we had to make some shots and our guards were able to do that. I like our bigs."

OVAC BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS GIRLS' INDIVIDUAL MOST POINTS

1A: 27, Savannah Burke, Beallsville, 2008  
2A: 24, Karlie Davis, Monroe Central, 2008

3A: 20, Shae Moreland, Martins Ferry, 2009  
4A: 17, Mikki Davis, Indian Creek, 2010

MOST FREE THROWS MADE  
1A: 9, Savannah Burke, Beallsville, 2008  
2A: 6, Deidra Combs, Fort Frye, 2010  
3A: 8, Brooke Cenkus, St. Clairsville, 2009  
4A: 9, Britana Kamarec, Indian Creek, 2008

BEST FREE THROW % (5 attempts minimum)  
1A: 88% (7/8), Natalie Perzanowski, St. John, 2008  
2A: 100% (5/5), Karlie Davis, Monroe Central, 2008  
3A: 88% (7/8), Courtney Coleman, Martins Ferry, 2008  
4A: 90% (9/10), Briana Kamarec, Indian Creek, 2008

MOST 2-POINT GOALS MADE (5 attempts minimum)  
1A: 9, Sara Wamsley, St. John, 2008  
2A: 10, Aleshia Guiler, Monroe Central, 2008  
3A: 9, Shae Moreland, Martins Ferry, 2009  
4A: 8, Meghan Billick, Indian Creek, 2009

BEST 2-POINT GOAL % (5 attempts minimum)  
1A: 50% (7/14), Alyssa Headley, Beallsville, 2008  
2A: 100% (6/6), Aleshia Guiler, Monroe Central, 2009  
3A: 56% (5/9), Leah Bettinger, Barnesville, 2008  
4A: 80% (4/5), Adrienne McEwen, Edison, 2009

MOST 3-POINT GOALS MADE  
1A: 2, Allie Campbell, Beallsville, 2010  
2A: 1, Natalie Perzanowski, St. John, 2008  
3A: 3, Kristin Prokopakis, Edison, 2010  
4A: 2, AunDrea West, Steubenville, 2010

Mikki Davis, Indian Creek, 2008  
BEST 3-POINT GOAL % (4 attempts minimum)  
1A: 33% (2/6), Tori Jarrett, Beallsville, 2008  
2A: 71% (5/7), Karlie Davis, Monroe Central, 2008  
3A: 75% (3/4), Lacey Neavin, Martins Ferry, 2008  
4A: 50% (2/4), Jocelyn Pugh, Steubenville, 2010

Mikki Davis, Indian Creek, 2008  
INDIVIDUAL MOST OFFENSIVE REBOUNDS  
1A: 7, Alexis Kanzig, Beallsville, 2009

MOST DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS  
1A: 12, Rachel Benda, Bridgeport, 2010  
2A: 9, Aleshia Guiler, Monroe Central, 2009  
3A: 8, Allie Doan, Barnesville, 2008  
4A: 10, Meghan Billick, Indian Creek, 2010

MOST TOTAL REBOUNDS  
1A: 13, Rachel Benda, Bridgeport, 2010  
2A: 11, Aleshia Guiler, Monroe Central, 2009  
3A: 14, Leah Bettinger, Barnesville, 2008  
4A: 13, Meghan Billick, Indian Creek, 2010

MOST ASSISTS  
1A: 4, Natalie Perzanowski, St. John, 2008  
2A: 2, Aleshia Guiler, Monroe Central, 2008  
3A: 3, Brittany Burch, Martins Ferry, 2008  
4A: 4, Ty Harris, Indian Creek, 2008

MOST STEALS  
1A: 5, Rebecca Garlick, Beallsville, 2010  
2A: 5, Ginny Petties, Steub. Catholic, 2008  
3A: 4, Courtney Coleman, Martins Ferry, 2009  
4A: 4, Gabbi Davis, Indian Creek, 2008

MOST BLOCKS  
1A: 2, Lacey Hampton, Bishop Donahue, 2009  
2A: None  
3A: None  
4A: 1, Teryl Pendergrast, Steubenville, 2010

TEAM MOST POINTS  
1A: 71, St. John, 2008  
2A: 66, Monroe Central, 2008  
3A: 50, Edison, 2010  
4A: 53, Indian Creek, 2009



MOST FREE THROWS MADE  
1A: 17, Beallsville, 2008  
2A: 13, Monroe Central, 2009  
3A: 15, Edison, 2010  
4A: 19, Indian Creek, 2008

BEST FREE THROW % (10 attempts minimum)  
1A: 65% (15/23), St. John, 2008  
2A: 75% (12/16), Monroe Central, 2008  
3A: 90% (9/10), Martins Ferry, 2008  
4A: 71% (12/17), Edison, 2009

MOST 2-POINT GOALS MADE  
1A: 25, St. John, 2008  
2A: 18, Monroe Central, 2008  
3A: 20, St. Clairsville, 2010  
4A: 20, Indian Creek, 2009

BEST 2-POINT GOAL % (20 attempts minimum)  
1A: 45% (21/47), Beallsville, 2008  
2A: 50% (18/36), Monroe Central, 2008  
3A: 64% (16/25), Barnesville, 2008  
4A: 41% (18/44), Indian Creek, 2010

MOST 3-POINT GOALS MADE  
1A: 3, Beallsville, 2010  
2A: 6, Monroe Central, 2008  
3A: 3, Edison, 2009

TEAM MOST ASSISTS  
1A: 8, St. John, 2008  
2A: 4, Shadyside, 2010  
3A: 8, Martins Ferry, 2008  
4A: 8, Edison, 2009

MOST STEALS  
1A: 16, St. John, 2008  
2A: 12, Monroe Central, 2008  
3A: 16, St. Clairsville, 2010  
4A: 15, Indian Creek, 2008

MOST BLOCKS  
1A: 3, Bishop Donahue, 2009  
2A: None  
3A: None  
4A: 1, Steubenville, 2010

CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES 2008  
CLASS A  
1 St. John 71  
2 Beallsville 65  
3 Bridgeport (OT) 74  
4 Valley 67

CLASS AA  
1 Monroe Central 66  
2 Steubenville Central 39  
3 Buckeye Trail 59  
4 Frontier 29

CLASS AAA  
1 Barnesville 50  
2 Martins Ferry 33  
3 Wheeling Central 57  
4 St. Clairsville 19

CLASS AAAAA  
1 Indian Creek 49  
2 John Marshall 40  
3 Edison 63  
4 Brooke 31

2009 CLASS A  
1 Beallsville 58  
2 Bishop Donahue 37  
3 Valley 59  
4 Cameron 48

2 Shadyside 42  
3 Frontier 51  
4 Steubenville Catholic 44  
CLASS AAA  
1 Martins Ferry (2OT) 49  
2 St. Clairsville 44  
3 Oak Glen 44  
4 Harrison Central 28

CLASS AAAA  
1 Indian Creek 53  
2 Edison 48  
3 John Marshall 37  
4 Steubenville 32

2010 CLASS A  
1 Beallsville 32  
2 Bridgeport 31  
3 Cameron DNP  
4 Madonna DNP

CLASS AA  
1 Fort Frye 40  
2 Shadyside 36  
3 Buckeye Trail 56  
4 Monroe Central 51

CLASS AAA  
1 Edison 50  
2 St. Clairsville 46  
3 Weir DNP  
4 Oak Glen DNP

CLASS AAAAA  
1 Indian Creek 50  
2 Steubenville 32  
3 Wheeling Park DNP  
4 John Marshall DNP

COMPOSITE TOURNAMENT RECORDS  
Barnesville 1-0  
Beallsville 2-1  
Bishop Donahue 0-1  
Bridgeport 0-1  
Edison 1-1  
Fort Frye 1-0  
Indian Creek 3-0  
John Marshall 0-1  
Martins Ferry 1-1  
Monroe Central 2-0  
St. Clairsville 0-2  
St. John 1-0  
Shadyside 0-2  
Steubenville 0-1  
Steubenville Central 0-1

ATTENDANCE RECORDS  
CLASS A  
2008 391  
2009 417  
2010 387

CLASS AA  
2008 367  
2009 435  
2010 463

CLASS AAA  
2008 522  
2009 302  
2010 303

CLASS AAAAA  
2008 317  
2009 450  
2010 385

TOTAL  
2008 1704  
2009 1872  
2010 1726  
SINGLE GAME 522  
Martins Ferry v. Barnesville, 2008

Log on to TimesLeaderONLINE.com  
Stay Connected to the Outside World

Bridgeport Home Builders  
55532 National Rd., Bridgeport, Ohio  
740-635-3197  
Cintil Homes GOOD LUCK LADY IRISH!

# Rematch set for 2-A title game

• Shadyside, Fort Frye to renew acquaintances for conference title; Lady Cadets seeking repeat

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Often times in life, second chances never come.

Shadyside and Fort Frye both have one when they meet Saturday at 4 p.m. for the OVAC Class 2-A title during the day-long basketball extravaganza at Ohio University Eastern's Health and Physical Education Center.

The Lady Tigers – making their third straight appearance in the championship game – have a chance to erase the demons from last season, while the Lady Cadets have a chance to hang their second consecutive championship banner with a victory in the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championship.

"It's always exciting to be playing at this time of the year and especially in this tournament," said Shadyside head coach Tina Yates. "The last two years (in the championship), we've had a miserable feeling after the game, but we're going to come focused on this year's game."

The Lady Cadets (16-2) captured their fifth OVAC title in school history last season by virtue of a 40-36 victory against the Lady Tigers. Fort Frye used a stifling defensive effort and afterward many in attendance expected these two schools to be right back at this point this season because neither team suffered massive graduation losses.

"Getting (to this game) is a great achievement," said Fort Frye head coach Dan Liedtke, who is in his second season at the helm of the girls program. "Our girls last year came here



T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

**DISPLAYING THE** championship trophy are the opposing head coaches in Saturday's Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Class 2-A Championship Game. From left are Tina Yates of Shadyside and Dan Liedtke of Fort Frye. The Lady Tigers are the top seed, while the Lady Cadets are the second seed and defending champion.

very young and this was a great experience for them and a great preparation for the state tournament. This entire event is first-class and it's a great honor to be

back." Seeing that both teams have much of their same personnel in place, the talk of last year's meeting has come up often.

Especially in Tiger Town.

"The kids have been excited about this game," Yates said. "We didn't talk

See, 2-A, Page 14

FORT FRYE Lady Cadets			
No.	Name	Gr.	Ht.
1	Bailey Thieman	9	5-5
2	Allison Hesson	9	5-5
3	Katie Tornes	12	5-2
11	Lacey Huck	12	5-10
13	Shawntell Parsons	9	5-7
14	Brooke Borich	9	5-5
21	Micayla Hupp	10	5-10
22	Lexi Huck	10	5-9
23	Sammi Hanson	11	5-10
24	Morgan Liedtke	10	5-7
25	Emily Tornes	10	5-9
31	Taylor Buchanan	10	5-10
32	Deidra Combs	10	5-10
35	Allie Lawrence	10	5-5

Head Coach: Dan Liedtke

Assistant Coaches: Terry Huck, Pat Lang, Cathy Borich, Troy Fogle.

SHADYSIDE Lady Tigers			
No.	Name	Gr.	Ht.
3	Hayley Holenka	10	5-4
4	Kelsey Holloway	12	5-8
5	Kaitly Fleming	10	5-5
10	Bethanie Ramsey	9	5-4
11	Jillian Laslo	11	5-5
12	Toni Andes	9	5-4
13	Kristen Fijalkowski	10	5-8
14	Lauren May	10	5-5
22	Karli Bonar	10	5-5
24	Brooke Meintel	11	5-8
32	Sarah Neavin	12	5-10
42	Alexa Dorris	11	5-7

Head Coach: Tina Yates

Assistant Coaches: Clyde Yates, Jenna Johnson, B.A. Holloway.

**KUCERA**  
PLUMBING, HEATING, A/C & SHEET METAL

For all your  
**Air Conditioning,  
Plumbing  
and Heating needs.**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TIGERS!**

4150 Central Ave., Shadyside, OH  
740-671-8239

**Shadyside  
Party Center**

OPEN 7  
DAYS A  
WEEK!

Sunday  
Liquor  
Sales

State Liquor Store with Everything Sold at State Minimum Pricing  
Amish Wines • Tobacco Products • Adult Beverages  
Ohio Lottery • Wine Kits • Gift Baskets  
Primitive Gift Shop & Wine Making Supplies

3750 CENTRAL AVE., SHADYSIDE, OH • 740-676-2525  
Fax: 740-676-4697 • Email: shadysidepc@sbcglobal.net

Don't Be Fooled We Still Have The Area's Largest Selection Of

**La-Z-Boy Chairs**  
To Choose From!

Starting At **\$269** each

80-100  
CHAIRS ON  
DISPLAY!

**THE MORE YOU BUY...THE MORE YOU SAVE!!**  
Save Even More If You Haul It Yourself!!!

One Of The Oldest La-Z-Boy Dealers In The United States  
Be Sure To See Us Before You Purchase Your La-Z-Boy Chair

**HOFFMANN HOUSE**  
For Fine Furniture

98 W. 41st St., Shadyside 676-2565

**CONGRATULATIONS TIGERS!**



● 2-A

Continued from Page 13

about a rematch much, but once it came about, we were pretty happy for the chance. But, I am sure Fort Frye feels the same way."

The Lady Cadets advanced to this weekend's game by virtue of a hard-earned 43-42 overtime victory against Wheeling Central. The Lady Tigers, meanwhile, overcame a strong early challenge from Monroe Central to advance by a 52-36 count.

"That was a very good Wheeling Central team," Liedtke said. "We had the opportunity to scout them twice (in person) and we

knew we'd have to play well to beat them. And actually, they played much better than what we thought."

The Cadets' losses came to rival Waterford on Jan. 29 and at Monroe Central on Jan. 15 by a 39-36 score.

"Our season has gone well," Liedtke said. "It's one thing to play well and get beat, but we didn't play well at Monroe and the Waterford game was kind of the same thing. We had some girls show up and others didn't."

Despite their hunger for the school's first OVAC

title since 2005 being at an all-time high, Yates and company won't change the approach, which has worked 17 times previously this season.

"Our motto all season has been to have fun and that's what it's about," Yates said. "We upgraded our schedule and the girls have come ready to play. We don't always play well for four full quarters, but we've been able to do the things necessary at the end of the game to come out with a 'W'."

The Lady Tigers still have make-up games on the

road, against Monroe Central on Monday and against Wheeling Central on Feb. 19, but with each passing game, and victory, the bulls' eye continues to grow even larger.

"Going undefeated is a goal, but not the main goal," Yates said. "Before the season we talked about some things we wanted to accomplish and winning the OVAC is definitely one of them."

Shadyside has been efficient offensively this season, averaging 56.5 points a game. Fort Frye, meanwhile, surrenders less than 30 points a contest.

"Fort Frye is very good again," Yates said. "They're still young, but they've got a lot of talent and most of these kids played against us last year. They're very disciplined and we've got to be able to play our game and do the things that we do well and have worked for us all season."

The Lady Cadets' coach-



Photo Courtesy/MARIETTA TIMES

**FORT FRYE** sophomore Morgan Liedtke looks for somewhere to go with the basketball during last Monday's OVAC semifinal game against Wheeling Central. Liedtke is the Lady Cadets' second-leading scorer and has connected on 55 three-point goals.

See, 2-A, Page 15

Good Luck Tigers From...

**BELMONT CAREER CENTER**  
110 Fox Shannon Place, St. Clairsville, OH  
**740-695-9130**

**HARRISON CAREER CENTER**  
82500 Cadiz Jewett Rd., Cadiz, OH  
**740-942-2148**

www.BHCcenters.com

*"Want Career Success?  
Get Career Skills!"*

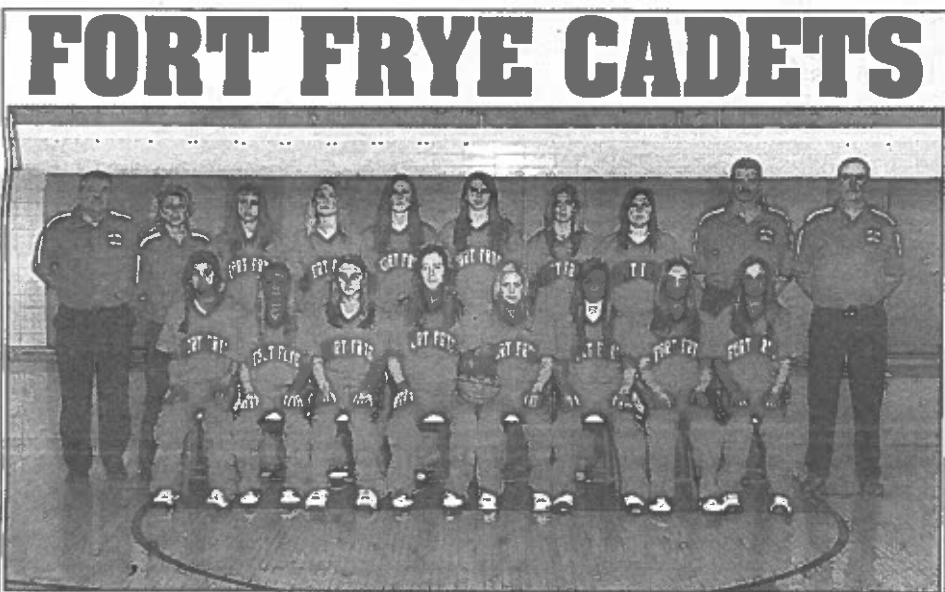


Photo Provided  
PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Fort Frye Lady Cadets Basketball Team. Front row, from left, are Shawntell Parsons, Bailey Thieman, Allison Hesson, Lacey Huck, Katie Tornes, Brooke Borich, Morgan Liedtke and Allie Lawrence. Back row, from left, are assistant coach Pat Lang, assistant coach Cathy Borich, Deidra Combs, Taylor Buchanan, Micayla Hupp, Sammi Hanson, Emily Tornes, Lexi Huck head coach Dan Liedtke and assistant coach Terry Huck.

# GOOD LUCK

## DEFENDING CHAMPIONS!

From The Fort Frye Athletic Department

**Stay Connected to the Outside World!**

**TimesLeader** ONLINE .com

Log on Today!

## OVAC GIRLS BASKETBALL

THE TIMES LEADER - Friday, February 11, 2011 - 15

### ● 2-A

Continued from Page 14

ing staff has seen the Lady Tigers a couple of times this season and has come away extremely impressed each time.

"Undoubtedly, (Shadyside) has it all," Liedtke noted. "They've got good guards and post players. They're very well-rounded and probably the most well-rounded team we'll play. That's why their record is the way it is. We'll have to be prepared."

Liedtke believes if his team is to win, it's going to happen on the defensive end. The Lady Tigers love to shoot the ball from deep. They've hit 82 treys this season, which is more than five a contest.

"If you're not going to guard Shadyside, you'll be in trouble," Liedtke said. "The other thing that's impressive about them is how well they hit the boards, so rebounding will be a key thing, too."

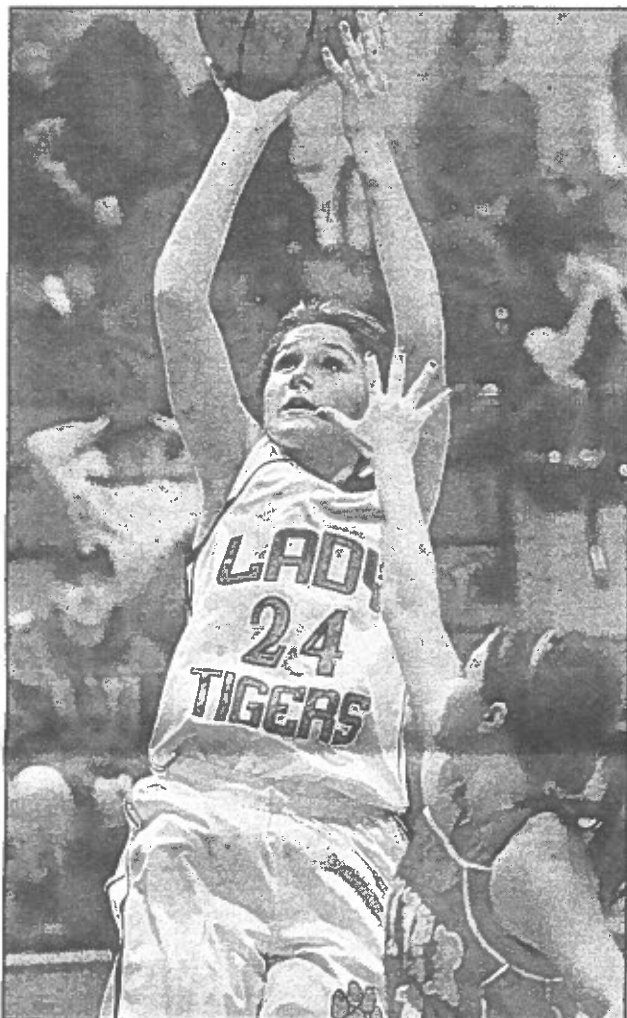
The Lady Tigers aren't the deepest team by any stretch as Yates employs a solid six-person rotation much of the game. They feature four players who average better than eight points a contest.

Senior Kelsey Holloway leads the way. Rounding back into form after a devastating knee injury earlier in her career, Holloway has been lights out since the first of the year. All told, she's averaging 13 points a game.

A pair of sophomores are next in line. Karli Bonar, who is the area's leading three-point shooter with 50 treys, nets 11.6 points a game, while Hayley Holenka, who is a tireless defender, averages 11.3 points a night.

Senior Sarah Neavin averages 8.8 rebounds and is one of the team's leading rebounders.

Junior Brooke Meintel's scoring has dropped some this season. She averages



File Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

**SHADYSIDE'S** Brooke Meintel goes up for a shot during a game earlier this season. Meintel is the Lady Tigers' leading rebounder and scores more than six points a game.

just 6.5 points, but she's a workhorse on the boards, averaging better than 10 a game. In the semifinal, against Monroe, she had 20 rebounds.

Sophomore Kristen Fijalkowski is the top sub. She's also an impressive rebounder and scores 3.3 points a game. Junior Alexa Dorris is the seventh player.

"We've got to play our defense, but even at that, Shadyside has the caliber of team, which will make it difficult, but I think they can do that to a lot of teams," Liedtke lauded.

"This is going to be a great challenge."

Fort Frye goes as many as nine deep. Only two players have appeared in every quarter of every game this season.

A pair of sophomores, Taylor Buchanan and Morgan Liedtke, who is the daughter of the head coach, lead the way in the scoring column.

Buchanan averages 12.3 points, while Liedtke checks in with a 12.1 average. Liedtke has buried 55 triples.

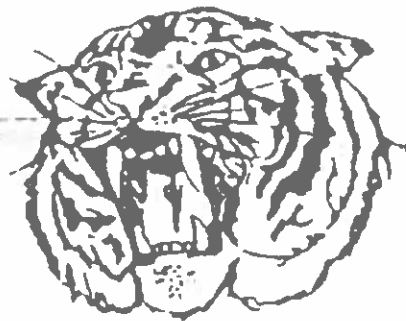
See, 2-A, Page 19

## SHADYSIDE TIGERS



Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Shadyside Lady Tigers Basketball Team. Front row, from left, are managers Claire Palmer, Sydnie Destifanes and Jessie Cicogna. Second row, from left, are Mandy McPherson, Tony Andes, Hayley Holenka, Sarah Neavin, Kelsey Holloway, Karli Bonar, Lauren May and Bethany Ramsey. Third row, from left, are Lydia Mack, Alexa Dorris, Brooke Meintel, Bre Lappert, Dana Jackson, Kristen Fijalkowski, Jillian Laslo and Katie Fleming. Back row, from left, are assistant coach Jenn Johnson, head coach Tina Yates and assistant coach Clyde Yates.



**GOOD LUCK LADY TIGERS!**  
**SHADYSIDE FLOWER SHOP**  
 3838 Central Ave.  
 Shadyside, OH  
**740-676-3202**

Call This Guy Before You Buy  
**MIKE MODRA**  
 Home Inspection Service  
**671-9101**  
 WAY TO GO LADY TIGERS!

**TOTAL HAIR CARE**  
 3807 Central Ave.  
 Shadyside  
**740-671-9638**  
 GO LADY TIGERS!

**Newhart's Body Shop**  
**GO LADY TIGERS!** 740-676-6661 **GO LADY TIGERS!**

**Palmer Construction** **GOOD LUCK TIGERS!**  
 Owner: Chas Palmer  
 Cell 740-310-1397 Home 740-676-8449 • 58718 Horsemill Hill Rd. Shadyside, OH 43947  
**FREE ESTIMATES! FULLY INSURED!** License #WV028297

# First-time entrants meet in Class 3-A

• Second-seeded Union Local, fourth-seeded Oak Glen both seeking fourth title in school history

By KIM NORTH  
Times Leader Sports Writer

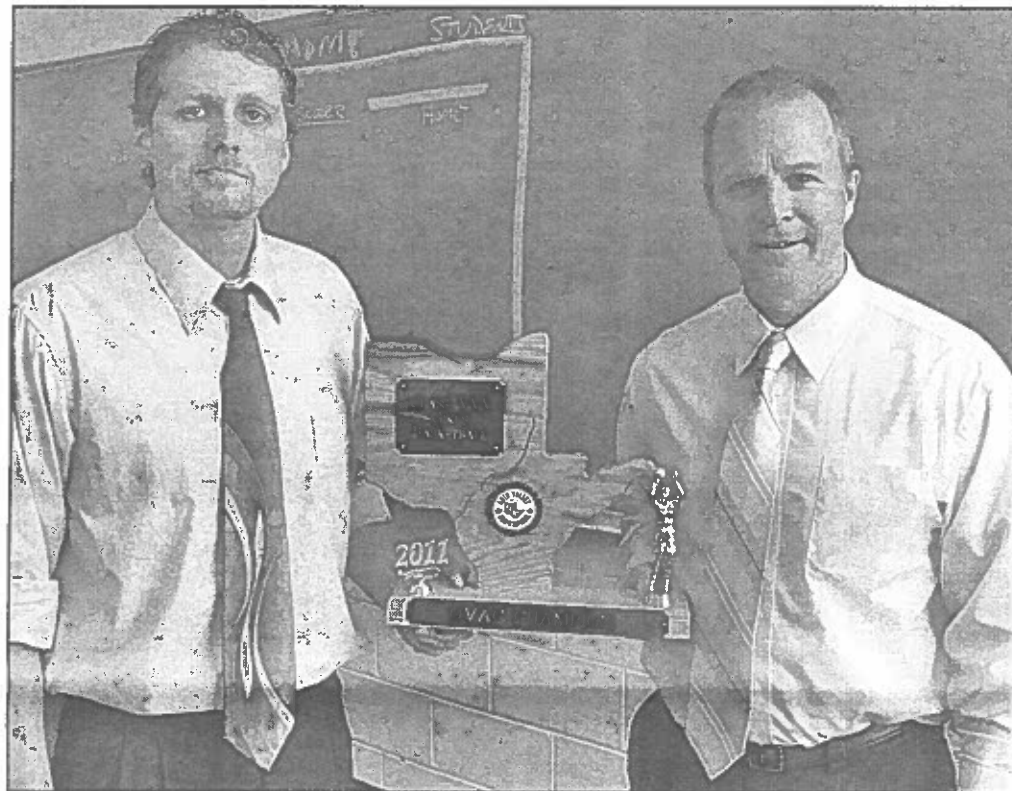
A first-time champion is guaranteed Saturday afternoon when Union Local and Oak Glen meet in the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Class 3-A girls basketball championships.

Neither the Jets nor the Golden Bears have appeared in the event's title tilt in the previous three seasons, but they will square off at 7 p.m. inside Ohio University Eastern's Health and Physical Education Building in St. Clairsville.

"This was one of our very long-range goals," Union Local third-year head coach Drew Greenwood revealed. "We had written down on paper what we wanted to accomplish, but we knew we had a lot of things to take care of before it got to this point. The girls have worked hard to prepare for it."

Second-seeded Union Local (13-6) defeated No. 3 Weir by a 43-23 count in the semifinals Monday night in Morristown as Cori Medley outscored the Red Riders all by herself. The 5-7 freshman tallied two dozen points.

For the season, Medley scores just under 14 points a game. She's one of the area's most adept three-point shooters, knocking down 33 treys on the sea-



T.L. Photo/KIM NORTH

**DISPLAYING THE** championship trophy are the opposing head coaches in Saturday's Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Class 3-A Championship Game. From left are Drew Greenwood of Union Local and Scott Wiley of Oak Glen. Both are making their debuts in the conference title game.

son. "Cori can be a good scorer when she keeps her mind focused on the game and not get frustrated when she misses a couple of shots," Greenwood allowed.

"She's got to remember she's a scorer and a scorer's mentality is that they have to keep scoring."

He said his team's surprising success can be attributed to its hard work.

"The girls have really worked hard, and I mean everyone of them," he said. "They really work hard for each other and they expect things from each other."

"A while back, we sat down and evaluated our team. We always look at our weaknesses and how we can turn them into strengths."

"The girls took it as a challenge and they have worked really hard to strengthen those weaknesses up, and here we are."

In addition to Medley, the Jets' other starters include senior point guard Rosa Nardo, who is the Lady Jets' facilitator. She scores 4.5 points a game,

but she's a sparkplug on both ends of the floor. She's hit several key shots at crucial times this season.

Sophomores Kayla Doty and Dallas Montag along with junior Alexis Davis. Doty had six points against Weir, while Montag and Davis had four each.

Doty, who is one of the Lady Jets' most athletic players, is a standout in the post, averaging 8.2 points per game. She's also one of the team's leading rebounders.

Davis, who is another adept rebounder, is a talented athletic forward. She's had some big scoring moments this season and has a knack for finishing around the bucket. All told, she's netting six points a game.

Montag, despite battling injuries toward the latter part of the season, has been a steady performer as well.

She's a versatile player who can shoot from the perimeter or drive the ball to the bucket. She, too, has had some big scoring games and now nets 9.1 points per game.

The remainder of the Union Local roster includes sophomores Carlee Stiles, Alexis Valine and Frankie Gatten, and freshmen Anna Jo Nardo, Abby Collins, Megan Bashline, Brittany Moore and Cecilia Rucker.

While Oak Glen participated in Union Local's Holiday Tournament in December, the two were never matched up as the Golden Bears met Magnolia and Caldwell.

"We didn't get to play them, but we did watch their games and were able to pick up on some of the things that they do," Greenwood admitted.

When talking about Oak Glen, Greenwood was quick to point out what his team has to do to come out on top.

"We need to take care of our business and do what we plan to do and that is execute our game plan," he added. "We need to keep a couple of their players in check."

The Golden Bears (12-7) enter the game as the fourth seed, having upset top-seeded Edison, 37-32, in the other semifinal Monday night in Richmond.

See, 3-A, Page 17

UNION LOCAL			
Lady Jets			
5	Frankie Gatten	10	5-4
10	Rosa Nardo	12	4-11
12	Anna Jo Nardo	9	5-0
13	Dallas Montag	10	5-4
14	Cori Medley	9	5-7
15	Alexis Valine	10	5-8
20	Alexus Davis	11	5-8
24	Carlee Stiles	10	5-4
33	Abby Collins	9	5-9
34	Kayla Doty	10	5-7
<b>Head Coach:</b> Drew Greenwood.			
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Dustin Roe, Amy Delaney, Dan Peterson.			
OAK GLEN			
Lady Golden Bears			
2	Alex Burch	10	5-4
4	Haley Baird	12	5-3
10	Shelby Zahora	9	5-4
12	Casey Patterson	10	5-6
13	Haley McLaughlin	11	5-4
20	Lacey Pearson	11	5-6
21	Payden Eckleberry	11	5-4
23	Carlynn Asbury	12	5-5
25	Tori Feicht	9	5-7
30	Vanessa Hissam	9	5-7
32	Karly Wiley	9	5-5
33	Karraghan Taylor	9	5-5
42	Amy Webster	11	5-9
44	Kiley King	12	5-11
<b>Head Coach:</b> Scott Wiley			
<b>Assistant Coaches:</b> Rhonda Stipeck, Sam Paletta			

**Bring the 3A Banner  
Back to Mo Town!  
GO JETS!**

*Celebrating 50 Years!*

**"I'M NOT BUYING 'TIL I'VE CHECKED"**

**DOAN**  
FORD • LINCOLN



● 3-A

Continued from Page 16

Kiley King, a 5-11 senior, leads Oak Glen with a 19-point average. She tallied 21 points against the Wildcats. The other player Greenwood was referring to

is 5-4 junior point guard Payden Eckleberry. Both were second team all-state last season.

"We need to know where both of those players are at

all times," he noted.

First-year Golden Bears' head coach Scott Wiley inherited a squad that finished 16-9 in 2009-10 and qualified for the W.Va.

Class AA state tournament for a second consecutive campaign.

"Coming into the season we had two starters coming back that gave us a good

foundation to build upon," Wiley said. "The expectations were pretty high with the back-to-back trips to Charleston, but we had a couple of spots that we

needed to fill in.

"It's taken us some time to progress," he added. "You would like for them to play well to start, but we are

See, 3-A, Page 18

# UNION LOCAL JETS



Photo Provided

PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Union Local Lady Jets Basketball Team. Front row, from left, Brittany Moore, Anna Jo Nardo, Rosa Nardo, Cori Medley and Megen Bashline. Standing, from left, are head coach Drew Greenwood, assistant coach Amy Delaney, Carlee Stiles, Cecelia Rucker, Kayla Doty, Alexis Davis, Alexis Valine, Frankie Gatten, Dallas Montag, manager Madison Doty, assistant coach Daniel Peterson and assistant coach Dustin Roe. Absent was Abby Collins.



**CAPSTONE HOLDING COMPANY**

Developers Of: **HIGHLAND PARK ESTATES**  
740-968-0533

**GOOD LUCK JETS!**

Good Luck Jets!  
**BELMONT EQUIPMENT SALES INC.**

National Road,  
St. Clairsville, Ohio

(740) 695-3052

*Shep's Transmission Shop, LLC*

**TRANSMISSION & AUTO REPAIRS OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE**

JOHN L. SHEPPARD-Owner  
103S. Main St., Bethesda, OH  
740-484-0104

**Cornerstone Landscape**

67530 Falloure Rd.,  
Belmont, Ohio 43718  
740-782-1787  
740-310-0038 mobile

**MOWING, MAINTENANCE & LANDSCAPING**

**GOOD LUCK JETS!**  
Everett Stewart

**CENTERVILLE FAMILY MARKET**



Main Street  
Belmont, Ohio  
**686-2288**

GOOD LUCK UNION LOCAL JETS FROM THE STAFF OF:

**Bashline Chiropractic Clinic**

SHANE D. BASHLINE, D.C.

432 EAST HIGH STREET Flushing, Ohio 43977  
(740) 968-3610 (740) 695-6398

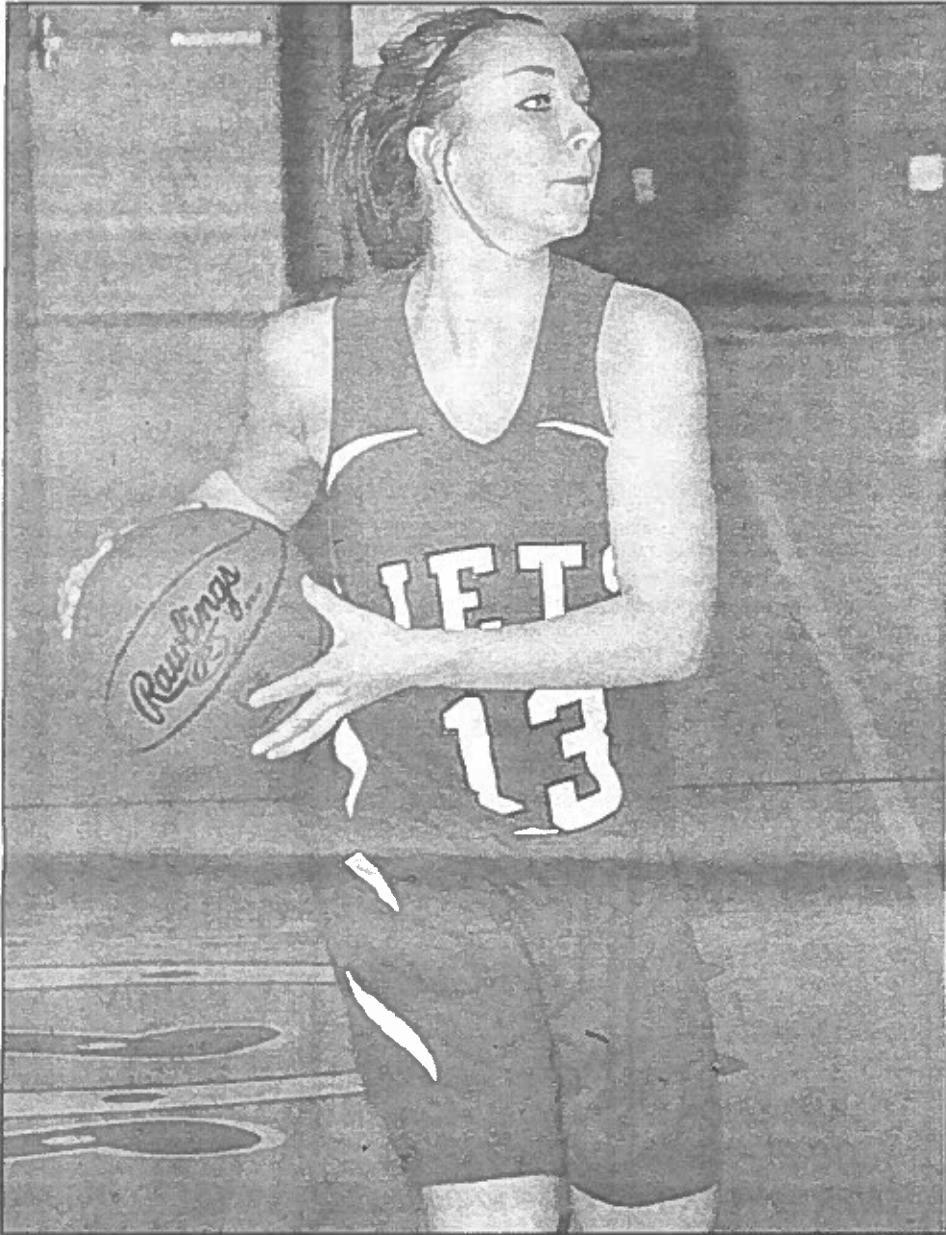
**BARR Surveying**  
740-782-1919  
Toll Free 1-866-641-6204

**RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL**  
Boundary • Construction • Subdivision Design  
Mortgage Location • Serving Belmont & Neighboring Counties  
Licensed in OH • Free Estimates  
206 W. Church St., Morristown Now Accepting All Major Credit Cards



**Quality Environmental Services, Inc.**

67440 Falloure Rd., Belmont, Ohio 43718  
Phone...(740) 782-1767 FAX...(740) 782-1905  
OWNER: Fred Blackman



T-L File Photo/SETH STASKEY



File Photo/MIKE MATHISON

**UNION LOCAL** sophomore Dallas Montag looks for somewhere to go with the ball during a game earlier this season. Montag and the Lady Jets will meet Oak Glen Saturday evening at 7 for the OVAC Class 3-A title.

**OAK GLEN** guard Payden Eckleberry works the ball up the floor during last March's state tournament in Charleston. Eckleberry and the Lady Golden Bears knocked off top-seeded and defending champion Edison to reach the final.

● 3-A

Continued from Page 17

starting to put it together at the right time."  
 King is the Golden Bears go-to player and has also served as a leader for the younger girls, according to her head coach.  
 "Kiley has kind of been the silent leader the last three years, but with eight freshmen out for the team this year, she has kind of put her arms around them and

led them through the way," he said. "She also does a good job on the glass and averages nearly 10 a game."  
 "Payden is the last Eckleberry for a while, unfortunately, but we've got her for another year after this," Wiley continued. She is the player that makes us go. They always said that John Havlicek had three

lungs and I like to think of her in that way because she never stops."  
 He said his team's key to beating Edison was its offensive rebounding.  
 "They (Edison) had 20 offensive rebounds in one game that we scouted and they got 20 points off of them," he assessed. "I told the girls that they couldn't let them get position and we

did an excellent job of coming out and boxing out."  
 He said he hopes that momentum carries over into Saturday.  
 "Absolutely," he said. "We're on a roll. We've won five games in a row and we hope to continue that."  
 Rounding out Oak Glen's starting five are senior Caitlyn Asbury, sophomore

Alex Burch and freshman Vanessa Hissam.  
 "Caitlyn has started the last five games and done a very good job," Wiley added. "She didn't go out last year and hurt her ankle during volleyball season. Alex is our defensive specialist. She's really quick and Vanessa is so strong and quick."  
 Wiley said that when his

team played in Morristown in late December that he had no idea that Union Local would pop up on the Golden Bears schedule.  
 "We didn't stick around," he admitted. "We had no idea that we would be playing them. If I would've had thought we would see them somewhere down the road, we would've stayed but we  
 See, 3-A, Page 19

**2010 OVAC  
Championship  
Game Boxscores**

**CLASS 1-A  
BEALLSVILLE 32,  
BRIDGEPORT 31**  
BRIDGEPORT (31) — Grall 1, 0-0 2; Vavrock 0, 0-2 0; Grandstaff 1, 0-0 2; Benda 7, 4-6 19; Heckathorn 1, 0-2 3; Conaway 0, 0-0 0; Strauss 0, 0-0 0; Agnew 2, 1-4 5; Totals: 12, 5-14 31. BEALLSVILLE (32) — Jarrett 6, 1-3 14; Campbell 3, 0-0 8; Stephan 0, 0-0 0; Kanziggy 3, 0-2 6; Lilius 0, 0-0 0; Bilyeu 0, 1-4 1; Garlick 1, 1-3 3; Totals: 13, 3-12 32.

Three-Point Goals: B — Benda, Heckathorn, Bea — Jarrett, Campbell (2).

**CLASS 2-A  
FORT FRYE 40,  
SHADYSIDE 36**  
FORT FRYE (40) — Tornes 0, 0-0 0; La. Huck 1, 0-0 2; Okey 2, 1-3 7; Liedtke 1, 0-2 2; Buchanan 5, 2-3 13; Combs 5, 6-9 16; Le. Huck 0, 0-0 0; Baker 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 14, 9-17 40. SHADYSIDE (36) — Holloway 0, 0-0 0; Haney 1, 0-0 2; Tollett 0, 0-0 0; Johnson 1, 2-4 4; Bonar 5, 0-0 14; Meintel 5, 2-3 12; Holenka 1, 2-2 4; Neavin 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 13, 6-9 36.

Three-Point Goals: FF — Buchanan, Okey (2). S — Bonar (4).

**CLASS 3-A  
EDISON 50, ST.  
CLAIRSVILLE 46**  
EDISON (50) — Potock 0, 0-0 0; Robinson 1, 1-2 3; Snyder 3, 3-4 9; Prokopakis, Ka. 3, 4-8 10; Myler 6, 0-0 12; Prokopakis, Kr. 3, 7-9 16. Totals — 16, 15-23. ST. CLAIRSVILLE (46) — Nemeti 0, 0-0 0; Smith 1, 0-0 2; Perzanowski 1, 0-2 2; Matkovich 2, 0-0 4; Gordon 3, 0-0 6; Slenski 2, 2-6 6; Machovina 3, 1-1 7; Cenkus 8, 3-6 19. Totals — 20, 6-15.

Three-point goals. Edison — Kr. Prokopakis (3).

**CLASS 4-A  
INDIAN CREEK 50,  
STUEBENVILLE 32**  
INDIAN CREEK (50) — Vella 0, 0-0 0; Furda 1, 0-2 2; Kamaarex 4, 3-4 12; M. Davis 7, 2-2 17; G. Davis 1, 0-0 2; Mathieu 0, 0-0 0; Ross 0, 0-0 0; Giusto 0, 0-0 0; Harris 1, 1-4 3; Billick 4, 4-5 14; Totals: 19, 10-17 50. STEUBENVILLE (32) — West 5, 2-5 12; Pugh 3, 0-0 8; Berryman 1, 0-0 2; Meyer 1, 1-2 3; Lawson 1, 0-0 2; Snyder 0, 0-0 0; Magnone 1, 0-0 3; Pendergrast 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 13, 3-7 32.

Three-Point Goals: IC — Kamarec, M. Davis. S — Pugh (2), Magnone.

● **2-A**

Continued from Page 15

"We have to do the little things on both ends of the floor if we're going to win," Yates said. "We have to be fundamental and defend like we're capable and offensively, we've got to get our feet set and shoot the basketball."

Deidra Combs (8.3 ppg), Lacey Huck (7.2) and Brooke Borich (6.3) round out the starting lineup for the Beverly-based combine.

Katie Tornes, Micayla Hupp, Emily Tornes and Allie Lawrence are all viable options off the bench for Liedtke.

The Lady Tigers' defense is surrendering just 38.6 points a game this season.

After the OVAC, both teams will enter postseason play as their respective sectional's top seed. Fort Frye meets Bellaire in Division III at Cambridge on Thursday, while Shadyside will take on East Richland Christian a night earlier at Union Local in Division IV.

● **4-A**

Continued from Page 8

(7.0 rebounds).

"Krista is a legitimate inside presence and also a multi-faceted contributor in other areas," her coach points out.

The Lady Patriots lone senior is 5-9 Laura Stefanow, while not a prolific scorer, a three-year starter whose experience has proven invaluable.

"Laura is a quiet leader who plays big under the boards," Dailer indicated.

Also stepping up to make positive strides this winter is 5-3 freshman guard Carly Collins, regarded as a defensive specialist with decent shooting ability.

Rounding out Park's varsity roster is: 5-5 sophomore guards Kristen Slater and Ashley Grove; 5-10 freshman forward Caitlyn Taylor, 5-6 freshman forward Kelsi Johnson and 5-3 frosh guard Alyssa George.

Dailer is assisted by Michelle Parsons.

● **3-A**

Continued from Page 18

didn't."

He said that he has heard from people that Union Local has a very good team.

"Being a second seed in the OVAC Tournament is pretty good," Wiley said. "It should be a good test for us."

The remainder of the Oak Glen roster includes senior Haley Baird; juniors Haley McLaughlin, Lacy Pearson

and Amy Webster; sophomore Casey Patterson; and freshman Tori Feicht.

After the OVAC concludes, the Lady Jets will begin Division III sectional play at Cambridge High School. They drew the fourth seed and will meet Shenandoah. The winner of that contest will return to meet the winner of Bellaire Fort Frye for a trip to the

Division III district tournament at Steubenville High School.

Oak Glen, meanwhile, has another week of regular season after this weekend's tournament before it begins its quest for a return trip to the West Virginia State Tournament. The Lady Bears qualified last year, but were eliminated in the quarterfinals.

**OAK GLEN BEARS**

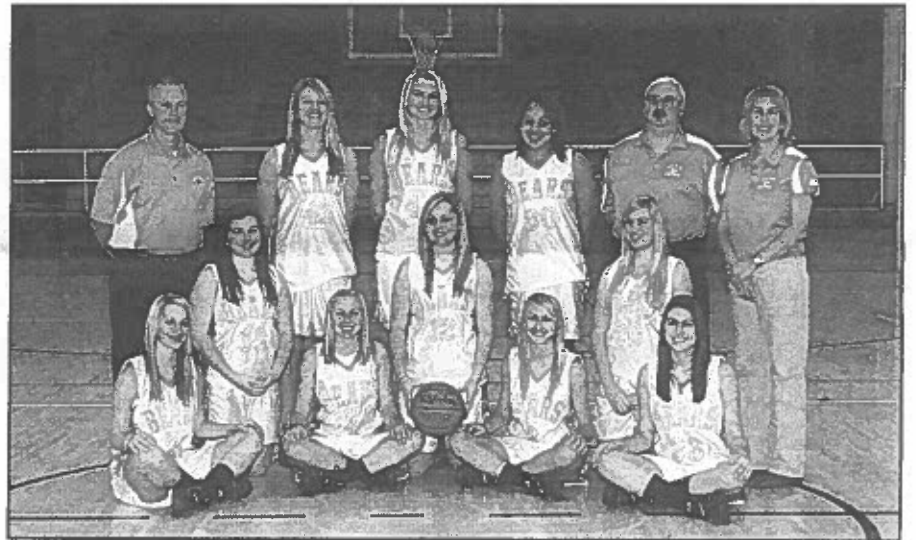


Photo Provided  
PICTURED IS the 2010-11 Oak Glen Lady Bears Basketball Team. Seated, from left, are Payden Eckleberry, Haley Baird, Alex Burch and Caitlyn Asbury. Kneeling, from left, are Haley McLaughlin, Casey Patterson and Lacy Pearson. Standing, from left, are head coach Scott Wiley, Amy Webster, Kiley King, Vanessa Hissam, Assistant Coach Sam Paletta, Assistant Coach Rhonda Stipec.

**We were there!**

order your favorite Times Leader photos on mugs, mousepads, t-shirts, calendars... endless opportunities...log on today!

[cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

**GOOD LUCK LADY BEARS**

*Bears*

From the Oak Glen High School Administration, Faculty, Staff & Students!

Log on to  
**TimesLeaderONLINE**  
www.timesleaderonline.com



GOOD LUCK  
TO ALL OVAC  
TEAMS!



**SLAM DUNK  
SAVINGS**



SOUTHEAST OHIO'S LARGEST CHEVY - DODGE - CHRYSLER - JEEP DEALER



9108 SOUTHGATE ROAD • CAMBRIDGE, OH 43725

**866-254-8944**

TAKE I-70 TO EXIT 178 GO 1 MILE SOUTH

[WWW.DUNNINGMOTORSALES.COM](http://WWW.DUNNINGMOTORSALES.COM)

# SPORTS

Sunday,  
February 13, 2011

## Fourth Annual Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championship

### Shadyside gets gold on third try

• Lady Tigers top FF for 2-A title

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Shadyside had a t-shirt printed this week that said, "OVAC Championships. Third time's a charm." And it most certainly was.

After falling in the last two Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championships, the Lady Tigers came out Saturday afternoon focused and took the game right at defending Class 2-A champion Fort Frye at Ohio University Eastern.

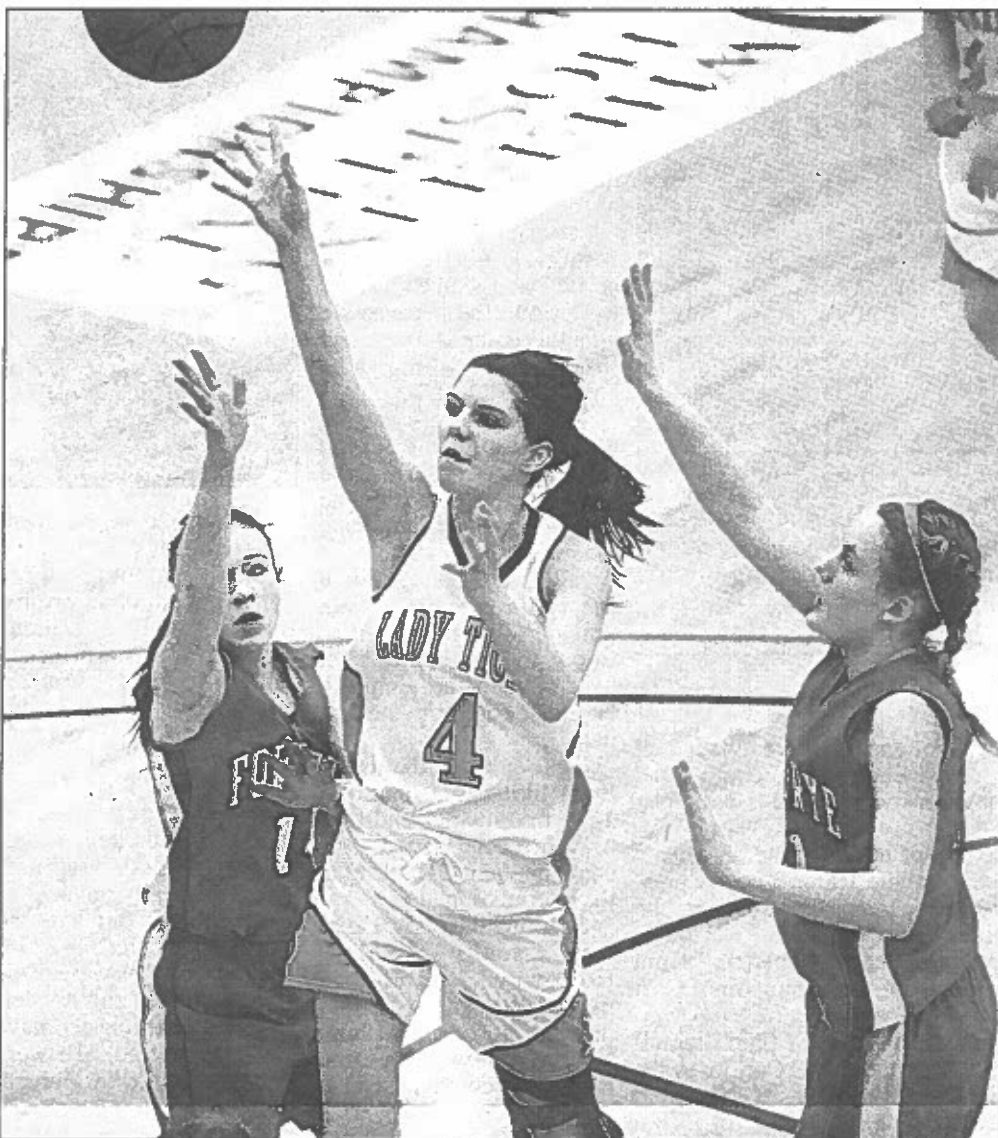
Basically, they did it the same way they've done it all season and the end result was the same as it's been all season, another LT victory.

Shadyside claimed its sixth OVAC title in impressive fashion by virtue of a 52-36 decision over the the Lady Cadets before a large turnout.

"This is a great feeling for the kids, community and it was definitely needed," said a relieved Tina Yates after the game at the post-game press conference. "This was another great team effort."

The Lady Tigers, who are now 18-0 on the season, return to regular season action Monday at Monroe Central before opening Division IV sectional play against East Richland Christian Wednesday. They'll

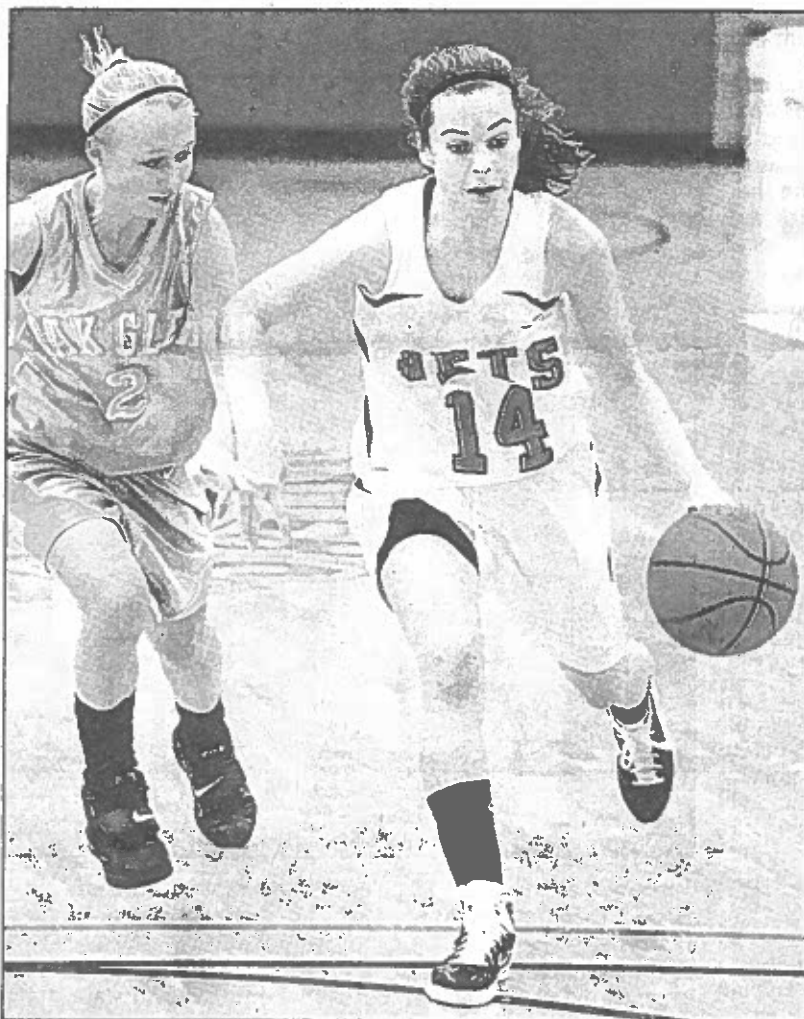
See, 2-A, Page C2



**SHADYSIDE'S** Kelsey Holloway shoots a floater between Fort Frye's Brooke Borich (left) and Taylor Buchanan (right) during the first half of the Class 2-A championship game at Ohio University Eastern Saturday afternoon. Holloway scored 20 points to help lead the Lady Tigers to a 52-36 victory.

Photos/PAUL KRAJNYAK

**UNION LOCAL** freshman Cori Medley brings the ball into the frontcourt during Saturday evening's OVAC Class 3-A championship game against Oak Glen. Defending for the Lady Bears is Alex Burch. Medley scored 14 points and the Lady Jets knocked off Oak Glen for the OVAC title.



### Youthful UL wins 3-A crown over Oak Glen

• Lady Jets claim first OVAC title since 1993

By **RICH GIBSON**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

Fly high, Lady Jets, fly high.

Not only did Drew Greenwood's Union Local girls' quint deliver another defensive masterpiece, they captured an OVAC championship in the process.

UL took control early and never let up enroute to winning the 3-A title Saturday night at Ohio University-Eastern.

The Jets mounted a 10-point half-time lead against Oak Glen and went on to secure a 44-33 victory.

After holding Weir High to 23 tallies during an impressive semifinal triumph, Greenwood's club was once again in shutdown mode.

For a team with but one senior and three underclassmen in its starting lineup, the Lady Jets have performed like veterans as Saturday night's outcome would indicate.

Following a well-deserved postgame celebration, Greenwood made it clear his team has no plans to rest on its laurels.

*'...we're pleased to win a OVAC title. That's a great tribute to these girls and the hard work they've put forth.'*

- Drew Greenwood

"Of course, we're pleased to win a OVAC title," he stated. "That's a great tribute to these girls and the hard work they've put forth. But our season is far from over. Now, we have to prepare for a tough sectional opponent in Shenandoah."

It would not be wise to sell these Lady Jets short, especially considering the number they did on a good Oak Glen club Saturday night.

See, 3-A, Page C2

### Madonna's defense too strong for SJC

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

St. John Central came into Saturday's Class 1-A final at the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championship leading the area in scoring at a shade more than 60 points per contest.

However, the Lady Irish ran into a defensive buzzsaw Saturday afternoon at Ohio University Eastern in St. Clairsville in the form of Weirton

field. The West Virginia combine eventually pulled out a 47-41 victory to capture the school's seventh conference title.

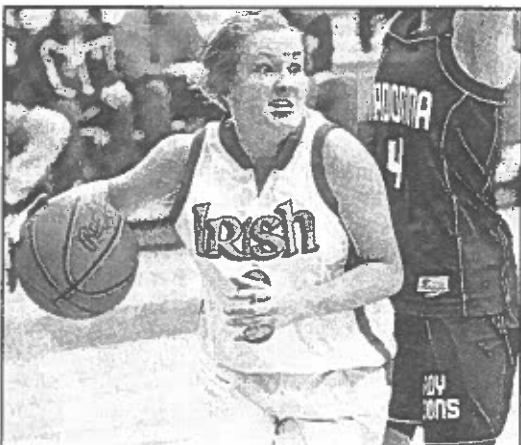
"I really don't know what we were trying to do (offensively) and that's a bad job on my part," said Lady Irish head coach Bubba Kapral. "Madonna did a great job with its man defense and we just didn't execute. That's a real credit to (Madonna)."

The Lady Irish, who got off to

"I think we were tight early," Kapral said. "We asked (the girls) about butterflies before the game and they admitted to having them, which is a good thing. Tightness wears off, though, and we just never got into any flow (offensively), and again that's a credit to Madonna's defense."

The Lady Dons, however, weren't much better against the Lady Irish's sticky defense, connecting on 1 of 9 shots from the floor.

**ST. JOHN'S** Rosa Young drives baseline against Madonna's Kaitlyn Conner during Saturday's Class 1-A OVAC Championship Game. The Lady Blue Dons





Fourth Annual Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championship

# Shadyside gets gold on third try

• Lady Tigers top FF for 2-A title

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Shadyside had a t-shirt printed this week that said, "OVAC Championships. Third time's a charm."

And it most certainly was.

After falling in the last two Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championships, the Lady Tigers came out Saturday afternoon focused and took the game right at defending Class 2-A champion Fort Frye at Ohio University Eastern.

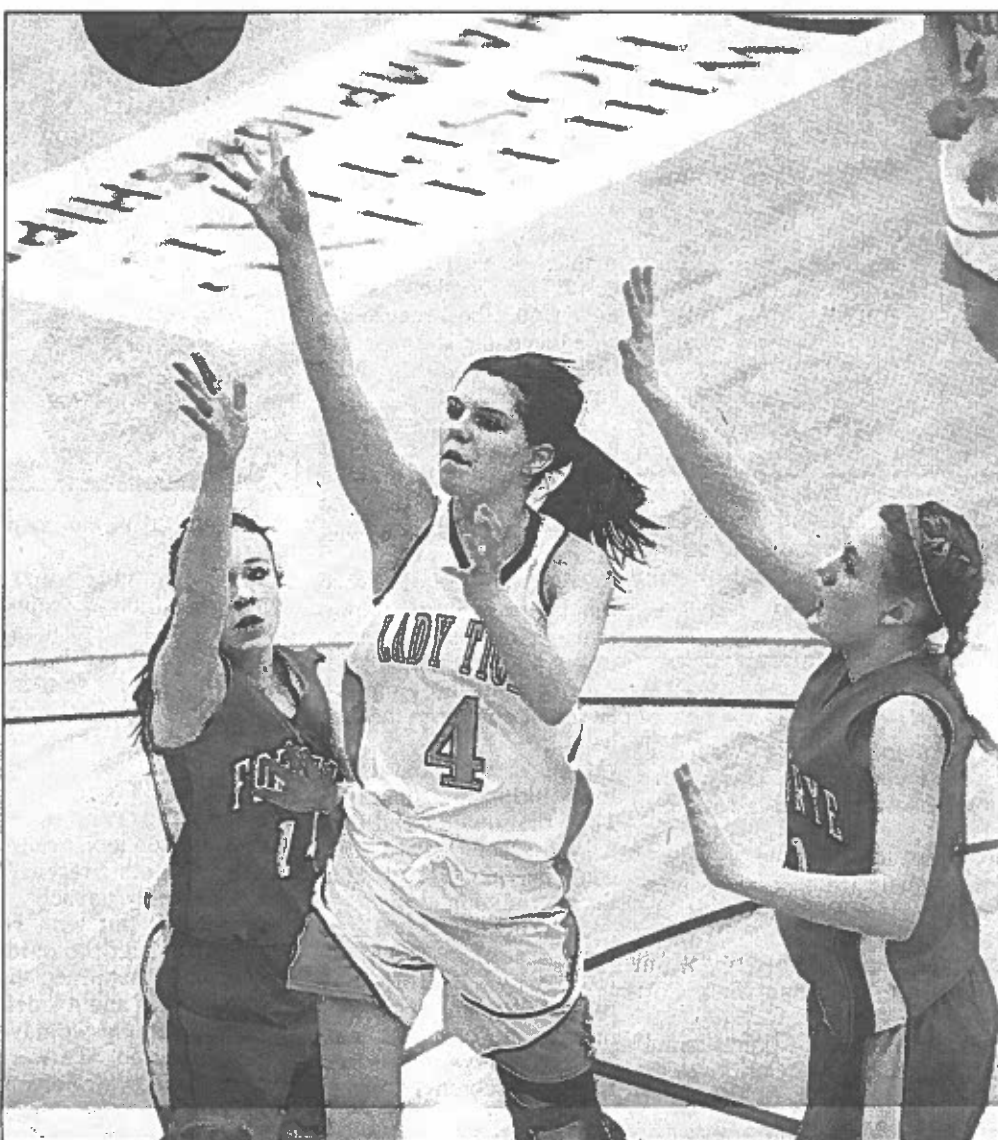
Basically, they did it the same way they've done it all season and the end result was the same as it's been all season, another LT victory.

Shadyside claimed its sixth OVAC title in impressive fashion by virtue of a 52-36 decision over the the Lady Cadets before a large turnout.

"This is a great feeling for the kids, community and it was definitely needed," said a relieved Tina Yates after the game at the post-game press conference. "This was another great team effort."

The Lady Tigers, who are now 18-0 on the season, return to regular season action Monday at Monroe Central before opening Division IV sectional play against East Richland Christian Wednesday. They'll

See, 2-A, Page C2



**SHADYSIDE'S** Kelsey Holloway shoots a floater between Fort Frye's Brooke Borich (left) and Taylor Buchanan (right) during the first half of the Class 2-A championship game at Ohio University Eastern Saturday afternoon. Holloway scored 20 points to help lead the Lady Tigers to a 52-36 victory.

Photos/PAUL KRAJNYAK

# Youthful UL wins 3-A crown over Oak Glen

• Lady Jets claim first OVAC title since 1993

By **RICH GIBSON**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

Fly high, Lady Jets, fly high.

Not only did Drew Greenwood's Union Local girls' quint deliver another defensive masterpiece, they captured an OVAC championship in the process.

UL took control early and never let up enroute to winning the 3-A title Saturday night at Ohio University-Eastern.

The Jets mounted a 10-point half-time lead against Oak Glen and went on to secure a 44-33 victory.

After holding Weir High to 23 tallies during an impressive semifinal triumph, Greenwood's club was once again in shutdown mode.

For a team with but one senior and three underclassmen in its starting lineup, the Lady Jets have performed like veterans as Saturday night's outcome would indicate.

Following a well-deserved postgame celebration, Greenwood made it clear his team has no plans to rest on its laurels.

*'...we're pleased to win a OVAC title. That's a great tribute to these girls and the hard work they've put forth.'*

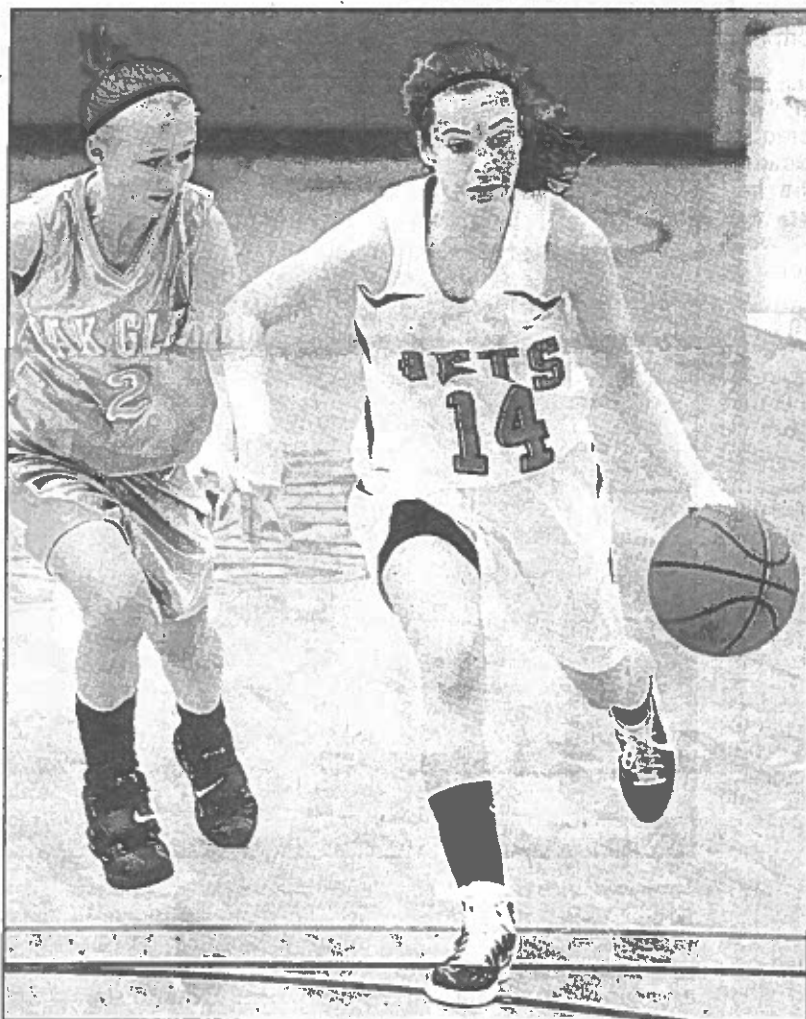
*- Drew Greenwood*

"Of course, we're pleased to win a OVAC title," he stated. "That's a great tribute to these girls and the hard work they've put forth. But our season is far from over. Now, we have to prepare for a tough sectional opponent in Shenandoah."

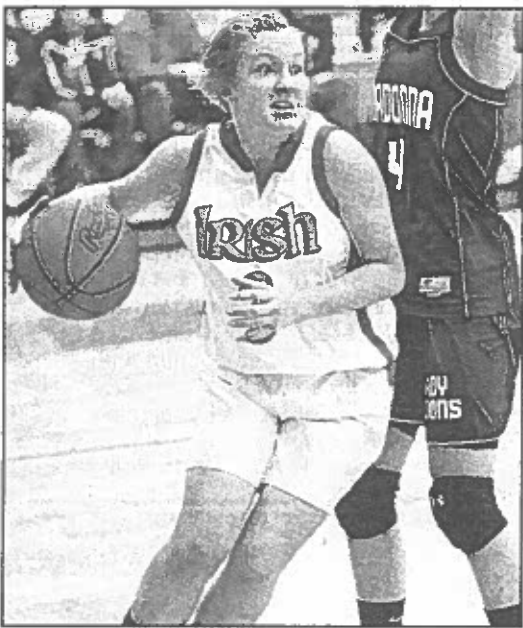
It would not be wise to sell these Lady Jets short, especially considering the number they did on a good Oak Glen club Saturday night.

See, 3-A, Page C2

**UNION LOCAL** freshman Cori Medley brings the ball into the frontcourt during Saturday evening's OVAC Class 3-A championship game against Oak Glen. Defending for the Lady Bears is Alex Burch. Medley scored 14 points and the Lady Jets knocked off Oak Glen for the OVAC title.



**ST. JOHN'S** Rosa Young drives baseline against Madonna's Kaitlyn Conner during Saturday's Class 1-A OVAC Championship Game. The Lady Blue Dons prevailed over the top-seeded Lady Irish.



# Madonna's defense too strong for SJC

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

St. John Central came into Saturday's Class 1-A final at the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championship leading the area in scoring at a shade more than 60 points per contest.

However, the Lady Irish ran into a defensive buzzsaw Saturday afternoon at Ohio University Eastern in St. Clairsville in the form of Weirton Madonna.

The Lady Blue Dons made it extremely difficult on the Lady Irish to find any sort of rhythm, while limiting the Green to a chilling 15 of 63 effort from the

field. The West Virginia combine eventually pulled out a 47-41 victory to capture the school's seventh conference title.

"I really don't know what we were trying to do (offensively) and that's a bad job on my part," said Lady Irish head coach Bubba Kapral. "Madonna did a great job with its man defense and we just didn't execute. That's a real credit to (Madonna)."

The Lady Irish, who got off to an impressive start against Valley in their semifinal contest, were good on just 1 of 16 shot attempts and were guilty of six turnovers in the opening eight minutes.

"I think we were tight early," Kapral said. "We asked (the girls) about butterflies before the game and they admitted to having them, which is a good thing. Tightness wears off, though, and we just never got into any flow (offensively), and again that's a credit to Madonna's defense."

The Lady Dons, however, weren't much better against the Lady Irish's sticky defense, connecting on 1 of 9 shots from the floor.

All told, the Lady Blue Dons owned a 5-2 lead.

"Our philosophy is that your offense can be off at times, but you should never be off defen-

See, 1-A, Page C2





Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

**UNION LOCAL'S** Alexis Davis goes up for a shot after getting position on Oak Glen's Kiley King during the first half of Saturday's OVAC championship game.

### ● 3-A

Continued from Page C1

"I see on the stat sheet we got one offensive rebound all night. That's amazing," related Lady Bears' coach Scott Wiley. "I can tell you one offensive rebound is not going to get it done."

Wiley didn't need video proof to determine his team's downfall. "We just couldn't handle Union Local's pressure for the most part. They were in our face all night," he noted.

Offensively, UL spread the wealth, benefiting from another superlative outing from freshman flash Cori Medley.

The Jets' savvy ninth grader collected 14 points, draining a trio of bonus buckets along the way. "Cori loves the game and the way she plays shows why," Greenwood described. "Has she exceeded my expectations for such a young player? Probably. But she's always playing within the (team concept)."

Junior Alexis Davis was also outstanding. Davis delivered 11 points and more importantly, a game-leading 13 rebounds.

UL's remaining starters were no less effective. Dallas Montag scored eight; Kayla Doty netted seven; and lone senior Rosa Nardo contributed four points and expert floor play.

Oak Glen received a game-leading 15 points from junior guard Payden Eckleberry who did her best to keep the Lady Bears afloat.

UL, however, limited 5-11 senior Kiley King to just two field goals and seven points. No other OG cager scored more than four points.

"We wanted to pound (it) inside to Kiley, but UL did an excellent job taking that away," Wiley stated. "They boxed us out on virtually every offensive possession."

UL mounted a 11-5 upperhand after eight minutes, then extended the spread to 22-12 at halftime.

Oak Glen made a mild second half comeback bid. UL, however, had an answer after the Bears pulled within 31-25 at the final stop.

The second-seeded Jets improved to 14-6 entering Wednesday night's sectional test at Cambridge. Oak Glen saw its ledger go to 12-8.

UL shot 16-of-45 from the floor and outboarded the West Virginians, 29-18. Oak Glen led in turnovers, 12-9.

OAK GLEN (33) — Baird 0, 0-0 0; Webster 0, 0-0 0; Pearson 1, 0-0 2; Burch 2, 0-0 4; Hissam 2, 0-0 4; King 2, 3-4 7; Eckleberry 6, 0-0 15. Totals 00 13, 3-4. UNION LOCAL (44) — Stiles 0, 0-0 0; Nardo, R. 1, 2-6 4; Doty 3, 1-1 7; Montag 2, 3-4 8; Davis 5, 1-1 11; Medley 5, 1-2 14. Totals — 16, 8-14.

Three-point goals. Oak Glen — Eckleberry (4). Union Local — Medley (3), Montag.

Gibson may be reached at rgibson@timesleaderonline.com

## Ohio falls at W. Michigan

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — Flenard Whitfield recorded a double-double and Demetrius Ward added 22 points as Western Michigan edged Ohio 85-83 Saturday.

Whitfield finished with 27 points and 11 rebounds for the Broncos (13-10, 6-4 Mid-American Conference). Juwan Howard Jr., had 12 points and Mike Douglas 10.

D.J. Cooper led the Bobcats (12-13, 5-6) with 17 points, and DeVaughn Washington added 16 points and 11 rebounds.

## OIL & GAS LEASE REPRESENTATION

# THOMAS

### ● 2-A

Continued from Page C1

then try to complete the school's first-ever perfect season when Wheeling Central comes calling next Saturday.

"Going 20-0 means a lot to us," said Shadyside senior Sarah Neavin. "We want a perfect season and we want to break the school record for wins. It's something we set as a goal during the summer."

Before any thoughts could be shifted to the perfect season and even OHSAA sectional play, the Lady Tigers had some unfinished business to tend to.

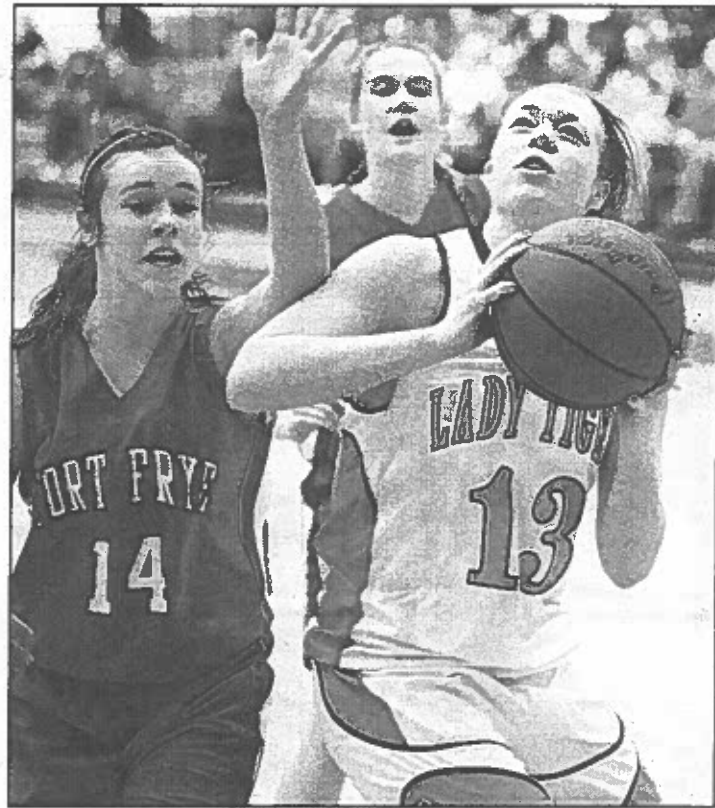
"Shadyside was out to win," said Fort Frye head coach Dan Liedtke. "I knew they would be because we won this game last year and they had everything to be charged up about."

The Lady Tigers actually borrowed a page from the Lady Cadets' 2010 recipe for victory and did it on the defensive end to predicate their offense.

"We were able to force the issue to cause some turnovers and get the tempo to our liking," Yates said. "We wanted the tempo to be in our control in the first half."

Shadyside got the tempo to its liking to a tune of a 18-4 first-quarter and then a 17-6 second period for a commanding 35-10 lead at the intermission.

Sparking the Lady Tigers was senior Kelsey Holloway. Holloway played like she was on a mission on for gold, draining three treys in the first half. She scored 17 of her



**SHADYSIDE** sophomore Kristen Fijalkowski goes up for a shot as Fort Frye's Brooke Borich defends during Saturday's OVAC Class 2-A title game. Fijalkowski scored five points in the game.

Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

game-high 20 in the opening 16 minutes.

"My teammates were doing a great job of dishing the ball, and I had some open looks," Holloway said. "This team is so much fun to play on because we've got such amazing chemistry."

The Lady Tigers were seemingly getting open look after open look against a Lady Cadets' defense, which is usually staunch.

"We came out with no intensity," Liedtke said. "It's actually happened the last two games and it's definitely something we have to get corrected. We were playing in like 60 percent

mode for whatever and they got easy looks."

Fort Frye made a run in the second half, but the hole was just too deep for the Lady Cadets who climbed within 11 at 47-36, but a pair of Haley Holenka foul shots and a critical conventional three-point play by talented sophomore Kristen Fijalkowski sealed the deal.

Holloway's production was complemented by Holenka, who finished with 12. Brooke Meintel, Neavin, Bonar and Fijalkowski all logged valuable minutes.

Bonar and Holenka led the Lady Tigers on the glass.

Fort Frye, meanwhile, was led in the scoring column by Morgan Liedtke, who buried for triples for 12. Taylor Buchanan and Deidra Combs added eight and seven, respectively.

FORT FRYE (36) — Tornes 0, 0-0 0; Huck 0, 0-0 0; Borich 3, 0-0 6; Hupp 0, 0-0 0; Liedtke 4, 0-0 12; E. Tornes 1, 0-0 3; Buchanan 4, 0-0 8; Combs 3, 1-2 7; Totals: 15, 1-2 36. SHADYSIDE (52) — Holenka 4, 2-4 12; Holloway 8, 0-0 20; Fijalkowski 2, 1-1 5; Bonar 1, 0-0 3; Meintel 3, 0-0 6; Neavin 3, 0-1 6; Dorris 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 21, 3-6 52.

Three-Point Goals: FF — Liedtke (4), E. Tornes, S — Holloway (4), Holenka (2), Bonar.

Staskey can be reached at sstaskey@timesleaderonline.com

### ● 1-A

Continued from Page C1

sively," said Madonna head coach Don Ogden. "We stress defense in practice and during our preparation. We knew St. John had some great players and some players that we'd really have to focus on stopping."

One of those players is senior standout Ellie LeMasters, who struggled mightily from the floor during the first half before turning it on to finish with a game-high 21 points.

"I wasn't really pressing, but I did miss a lot of shots early," LeMasters said. "In the second half, I played like I knew how. We've just got to forget this game and move onto the next."

After owning a 17-15 lead at the intermission, the Lady Blue Dons went to work again on the defensive end. They limited the Lady Irish to six points in the third quarter, while scoring 14 to take a 31-21 upperhand into the fourth.

"I thought we played well enough on defense in the first half that we could have been up by 10 or 12 points if we'd been able to score," Kapral said. "We just weren't able to execute."

Madonna extended the lead to 10 thanks to a trey from the right corner by Kaitlyn Conner.

In the fourth, LeMasters and Young tried single handedly to keep the Lady Irish in it. LeMasters, who had 18 rebounds, scored 10 points in the final frame, while Rosa Young netted seven of her 10 in the fourth.



**ST. JOHN** junior Haley DeCoy looks to pass as she elevates in the lane against Madonna's Sara Lyons and Isabella Anile (22) during the first half of Saturday's Class 1-A title game at OUE.

Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

John got close, the Lady Blue Dons answered. Isabella Anile and Stephanie Magnone both came up big in the fourth.

"We just had to settle down and play loose," Ogden said of his team's second half in which it scored 30 points. "We stressed at halftime not to focus on the mistakes and get aggressive. We just kept pushing the ball up the court and finally we got some good looks."

The Lady Irish received a gutsy effort from Young, who was questionable coming into the game after being sick most of the week.

Young, who admitted in

ence to being winded, managed to score 10 points in top support of LeMasters.

"The kids knew all week Rosa wasn't going to start, but she definitely has an impact on what we try to do and who we are as a team," Kapral said.

Madonna was led by Anile, who scored 11 and Lisa Parkins who had 10. Parkins came up big with three, first-half triples when seemingly no other Lady Blue Don could score.

St. John held a 41-39 edge on the boards. Kristen Russell complemented LeMaster's production with eight rebounds.

St. John finishes its regular season at 17-3. It will

play Wednesday at 6 p.m. against Bridgeport.

Madonna, meanwhile, is now 16-5 on the season and has another week of regular-season play ahead before opening sectional action.

MADONNA (47) — Parkins 3, 1-3 10; Conner 2, 1-2 7; Mazur 0, 0-0 0; Tunno 0, 3-6 3; Gilson 0, 1-3 1; Sellitti 1, 0-0 3; Magnone 2, 3-6 7; Anile 5, 1-2 11; Yazbek 0, 0-0 0; Lyons 2, 1-2 5; Davis 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 15, 11-23 47. ST. JOHN (41) — Young 3, 3-4 10; Coppa 0, 0-0 0; DeCoy 1, 1-3 3; Russell 3, 0-0 7; LeMasters 8, 3-5 21; Murad 0, 0-2 0; Totals: 15, 7-14 41.

Three-Point Goals: M — Parkins (3), Conner (2), Sellitti, SJC — LeMasters (2), Young.

Staskey can be reached at sstaskey@timesleaderonline.com



Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

**UNION LOCAL'S** Alexis Davis goes up for a shot after getting position on Oak Glen's Kiley King during the first half of Saturday's OVAC championship game.

### ● 3-A

Continued from Page C1

"I see on the stat sheet we got one offensive rebound all night. That's amazing," related Lady Bears' coach Scott Wiley. "I can tell you one offensive rebound is not going to get it done."

Wiley didn't need video proof to determine his team's downfall. "We just couldn't handle Union Local's pressure for the most part. They were in our face all night," he noted.

Offensively, UL spread the wealth, benefiting from another superlative outing from freshman flash Cori Medley.

The Jets' savvy ninth grader collected 14 points, draining a trio of bonus buckets along the way. "Cori loves the game and the way she plays shows why," Greenwood described. "Has she exceeded my expectations for such a young player? Probably. But she's always playing within the (team concept)."

Junior Alexis Davis was also outstanding. Davis delivered 11 points and more importantly, a game-leading 13 rebounds.

UL's remaining starters were no less effective. Dallas Montag scored eight; Kayla Doty netted seven; and lone senior Rosa Nardo contributed four points and expert floor play.

Oak Glen received a game-leading 15 points from junior guard Payden Eckleberry who did her best to keep the Lady Bears afloat.

UL, however, limited 5-11 senior Kiley King to just two field goals and seven points. No other OG cager scored more than four points.

"We wanted to pound (it) inside to Kiley, but UL did an excellent job taking that away," Wiley stated. "They boxed us out on virtually every offensive possession."

UL mounted a 11-5 upperhand after eight minutes, then extended the spread to 22-12 at halftime.

Oak Glen made a mild second half comeback bid. UL, however, had an answer after the Bears pulled within 31-25 at the final stop.

The second-seeded Jets improved to 14-6 entering Wednesday night's sectional test at Cambridge. Oak Glen saw its ledger go to 12-8.

UL shot 16-of-45 from the floor and outboarded the West Virginians, 29-18. Oak Glen led in turnovers, 12-9.

**OAK GLEN (33)** — Baird 0, 0-0 0; Webster 0, 0-0 0; Pearson 1, 0-0 2; Burch 2, 0-0 4; Hissam 2, 0-0 4; King 2, 3-4 7; Eckleberry 6, 0-0 15. Totals 00 13, 3-4. **UNION LOCAL (44)** — Stiles 0, 0-0 0; Nardo, R. 1, 2-6 4; Doty 3, 1-1 7; Montag 2, 3-4 8; Davis 5, 1-1 11; Medley 5, 1-2 14. Totals — 16, 8-14.

Three-point goals. Oak Glen — Eckleberry (4). Union Local — Medley (3), Montag.

Gibson may be reached at [rgibson@timesleaderonline.com](mailto:rgibson@timesleaderonline.com)

## Ohio falls at W. Michigan

**KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP)** — Flenard Whitfield recorded a double-double and Demetrius Ward added 22 points as Western Michigan edged Ohio 85-83 Saturday.

Whitfield finished with 27 points and 11 rebounds for the Broncos (13-10, 6-4 Mid-American Conference). Juwan Howard Jr., had 12 points and Mike Douglas 10.

D.J. Cooper led the Bobcats (12-13, 5-6) with 17 points, and DeVaughn Washington added 16 points and 11 rebounds.

## OIL & GAS LEASE REPRESENTATION

# THOMAS LAW OFFICES

118 WEST MAIN STREET, ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OH

FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION

Saturday.

"Going 20-0 means a lot to us," said Shadyside senior Sarah Neavin. "We want a perfect season and we want to break the school record for wins. It's something we set as a goal during the summer."

Before any thoughts could be shifted to the perfect season and even OHSAA sectional play, the Lady Tigers had some unfinished business to tend to.

"Shadyside was out to win," said Fort Frye head coach Dan Liedtke. "I knew they would be because we won this game last year and they had everything to be charged up about."

The Lady Tigers actually borrowed a page from the Lady Cadets' 2010 recipe for victory and did it on the defensive end to predicate their offense.

"We were able to force the issue to cause some turnovers and get the tempo to our liking," Yates said. "We wanted the tempo to be in our control in the first half."

Shadyside got the tempo to its liking to a tune of a 18-4 first-quarter and then a 17-6 second period for a commanding 35-10 lead at the intermission.

Sparking the Lady Tigers was senior Kelsey Holloway. Holloway played like she was on a mission on for gold, draining three treys in the first half. She scored 17 of her

### ● 1-A

Continued from Page C1

sively," said Madonna head coach Don Ogden. "We stress defense in practice and during our preparation. We knew St. John had some great players and some players that we'd really have to focus on stopping."

One of those players is senior standout Ellie LeMasters, who struggled mightily from the floor during the first half before turning it on to finish with a game-high 21 points.

"I wasn't really pressing, but I did miss a lot of shots early," LeMasters said. "In the second half, I played like I knew how. We've just got to forget this game and move onto the next."

After owning a 17-15 lead at the intermission, the Lady Blue Dons went to work again on the defensive end. They limited the Lady Irish to six points in the third quarter, while scoring 14 to take a 31-21 upperhand into the fourth.

"I thought we played well enough on defense in the first half that we could have been up by 10 or 12 points if we'd been able to score," Kapral said. "We just weren't able to execute."

Madonna extended the lead to 10 thanks to a trey from the right corner by Kaitlyn Conner.

In the fourth, LeMasters and Young tried single handedly to keep the Lady Irish in it. LeMasters, who had 18 rebounds, scored 10 points in the final frame, while Rosa Young netted seven of her 10 in the fourth.

However, each time St.



**SHADYSIDE** sophomore Kristen Fijalkowski goes up for a shot as Fort Frye's Brooke Borich defends during Saturday's OVAC Class 2-A title game. Fijalkowski scored five points in the game.

Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

game-high 20 in the opening 16 minutes.

"My teammates were doing a great job of dishing the ball, and I had some open looks," Holloway said. "This team is so much fun to play on because we've got such amazing chemistry."

The Lady Tigers were seemingly getting open look after open look against a Lady Cadets' defense, which is usually staunch.

"We came out with no intensity," Liedtke said. "It's actually happened the last two games and it's definitely something we have to get corrected. We were playing in like 60 percent

mode for whatever and they got easy looks."

Fort Frye made a run in the second half, but the hole was just too deep for the Lady Cadets who climbed within 11 at 47-36, but a pair of Haley Holenka foul shots and a critical conventional three-point play by talented sophomore Kristen Fijalkowski sealed the deal.

Holloway's production was complemented by Holenka, who finished with 12. Brooke Meintel, Neavin, Bonar and Fijalkowski all logged valuable minutes.

Bonar and Holenka led the Lady Tigers on the glass.

Fort Frye, meanwhile, was led in the scoring column by Morgan Liedtke, who buried for triples for 12. Taylor Buchanan and Deidra Combs added eight and seven, respectively.

**FORT FRYE (36)** — Tornes 0, 0-0 0; Huck 0, 0-0 0; Borich 3, 0-0 6; Hupp 0, 0-0 0; Liedtke 4, 0-0 12; E. Tornes 1, 0-0 3; Buchanan 4, 0-0 8; Combs 3, 1-2 7; Totals: 15, 1-2 36. **SHADYSIDE (52)** — Holenka 4, 2-4 12; Holloway 8, 0-0 20; Fijalkowski 2, 1-1 5; Bonar 1, 0-0 3; Meintel 3, 0-0 6; Neavin 3, 0-1 6; Dorris 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 21, 3-6 52.

Three-Point Goals: FF — Liedtke (4), E. Tornes. S — Holloway (4), Holenka (2), Bonar.

Staskey can be reached at [ssaskey@timesleaderonline.com](mailto:ssaskey@timesleaderonline.com)



**ST. JOHN** junior Haley DeCoy looks to pass as she elevates in the lane against Madonna's Sara Lyons and Isabella Anile (22) during the first half of Saturday's Class 1-A title game at OUE.

Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

John got close, the Lady Blue Dons answered. Isabella Anile and Stephanie Magnone both came up big in the fourth.

"We just had to settle down and play loose," Ogden said of his team's second half in which it scored 30 points. "We stressed at halftime not to focus on the mistakes and get aggressive. We just kept pushing the ball up the court and finally we got some good looks."

The Lady Irish received a gutsy effort from Young, who was questionable coming into the game after being sick most of the week.

Young, who admitted in the post-game press confer-

ence to being winded, managed to score 10 points in top support of LeMasters.

"The kids knew all week Rosa wasn't going to start, but she definitely has an impact on what we try to do and who we are as a team," Kapral said.

Madonna was led by Anile, who scored 11 and Lisa Parkins who had 10. Parkins came up big with three, first-half triples when seemingly no other Lady Blue Don could score.

St. John held a 41-39 edge on the boards. Kristen Russell complemented LeMaster's production with eight rebounds.

St. John finishes its regular season at 17-3. It will begin Division IV sectional

play Wednesday at 6 p.m. against Bridgeport.

Madonna, meanwhile, is now 16-5 on the season and has another week of regular-season play ahead before opening sectional action.

**MADONNA (47)** — Parkins 3, 1-3 10; Conner 2, 1-2 7; Mazur 0, 0-0 0; Tunno 0, 3-6 3; Gilson 0, 1-3 1; Sellitti 1, 0-0 3; Magnone 2, 3-6 7; Anile 5, 1-2 11; Yazbek 0, 0-0 0; Lyons 2, 1-2 5; Davis 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 15, 11-23 47. **ST. JOHN (41)** — Young 3, 3-4 10; Coppa 0, 0-0 0; DeCoy 1, 1-3 3; Russell 3, 0-0 7; LeMasters 8, 3-5 21; Murad 0, 0-2 0; Totals: 15, 7-14 41.

Three-Point Goals: M — Parkins (3), Conner (2), Sellitti. SJC — LeMasters (2), Young.

Staskey can be reached at [ssaskey@timesleaderonline.com](mailto:ssaskey@timesleaderonline.com)

**DPS Penn**  
WITH YOU FROM THE BEGINNING

**CD BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICE INC**  
**JOHN A. DEVINE, E.A.**  
WE PROVIDE



# Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls' Basketball Championships Weirton Madonna Upends St. John in Class A

**By SETH STASKEY  
For the News-Register**  
ST. CLAIRSVILLE — St. John Central came into Saturday's Class A final at the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls' Basketball Championship leading the area in scoring at a shade more than 60 points per contest. However, the Irish ran into a defensive buzzsaw Saturday at Ohio University Eastern in the form of Madonna.

The Blue Dons made it extremely difficult on the Irish to find any sort of rhythm while limiting them to a chilling 15 of 63 effort from the field, and eventually pulled out a 47-41 victory to capture the school's seventh conference title.

"I really don't know what we were trying to do (offensively) and that's a bad job on my part," Irish coach Bubba Kapral said. "Madonna did a great job with its man defense and we just didn't execute. That's a real credit to them."

The Irish, who got off to an impressive start against Valley in their semifinal contest, were good on 1 of 16 attempts and were guilty of six turnovers in

the opening 8 minutes. "I think we were tight early," Kapral said. "We asked (the girls) about butterflies before the game and they admitted to having them, which is a good thing. Tightness wears off though and we just never got into any flow (offensively), and again that's a credit to Madonna's defense."

The Dons, however, weren't much better against the Irish's sticky defense, connecting on 1 of 9 shots.

All told, Madonna owned a 5-2 lead.

"Our philosophy is that your offense can be off at times, but you should never be off defensively," Madonna coach Don Ogden said. "We stress defense in practice and during our preparation. We knew St. John had some great players and some players that we'd really have to focus on stopping."

One of those players is senior standout Ellie LeMasters, who struggled mightily from the floor during the first half before turning it on to finish with a game-high 21 points.

"I wasn't really pressing, but

I did miss a lot of shots early," LeMasters said. "In the second half I played like I knew how. We've just got to forget this game and move onto the next."

After owning a 17-15 lead at halftime, the Blue Dons went to work again on the defensive end. They limited the Irish to six points in the third quarter while scoring 14, to take a 31-21 upperhand into the fourth.

"I thought we played well enough on defense in the first half that we could have been up by 10 or 12 points if we'd been able to score," Kapral said. "We just weren't able to execute."

Madonna extended the lead to 10 thanks to a trey from the right corner by Kaitlyn Conner.

In the fourth, LeMasters and Rosa Young tried to keep the Irish in it. LeMasters, who had 18 rebounds, scored 10 points in the final quarter, while Young netted seven of her 10.

However, each time St. John got close, the Blue Dons

answered. Isabella Anile and Stephanie Magnone both came up big in the fourth.

"We just had to settle down and play loose," Ogden said of his team's second half where it scored 30 points. "We stressed at halftime not to focus on the mistakes and get aggressive. We just kept pushing the ball up the court and finally we got some good looks."

The Irish received a gutsy effort from Young, who was questionable coming into the game after being sick most of the week. Young, who admitted in the postgame press conference to being winded, managed to score 10 points in top support of LeMasters.

"The kids knew all week Rosa wasn't going to start, but she definitely has an impact on what we try to do and who we are as a team," Kapral said.

Madonna was led by Anile, who scored 11 and Lisa Parkins who had 10. Parkins came up big with three, first-half 3-point-

**"We stress defense in practice and during our preparation. We knew St. John had some great players that we'd really have to focus on stopping."**

Don Ogden

ers when seemingly no other Blue Don could score.

St. John held a 41-39 edge on the boards. Kristen Russell complemented LeMaster's production with eight rebounds.

St. John finishes its regular season at 17-3. It will begin Division IV sectional play at 6 p.m. Wednesday against Bridgeport.

Madonna, meanwhile, is 16-5 and has another week of regular-season play ahead before opening sectional action.

# Shadyside Remains Perfect With Class AA Triumph

**By SETH STASKEY  
For the News-Register**  
ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Shadyside had a T-shirt printed this week that said "OVAC Championships, Third Time's a Charm."

And it most certainly was. After falling in the last two Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls' Basketball Championships, the Tigers came out Saturday focused and took the game right at defending Class AA champion Fort Frye at Ohio University Eastern.

Basically, they did it the same way they've done it all season and the end result was the same as it's been all season, another victory.

Shadyside claimed its sixth OVAC title in impressive fashion by virtue of a 52-36 decision against the the Cadets before a large turnout.

"This is a great feeling for the kids, community and it was definitely needed," Shadyside Coach

Tina Yates said. "This was another great team effort."

The Tigers (18-0) return to regular-season action Monday at Monroe Central before opening Division IV sectional play against East Richland Christian on Wednesday. They'll then try to complete the school's first perfect season when Wheeling Central comes calling next Saturday.

"Going 20-0 means a lot to us," Shadyside senior Sarah Neavin said. "We want a perfect season and we want to break the school record for wins. It's something we set as a goal during the summer."

Before any thoughts could be shifted to the perfect season and even OHSAA sectional play, the Tigers had some unfinished business to tend to.

"Shadyside was out to win," Fort Frye coach Dan Liedtke said. "I knew they would be because we won this game last year and they had everything to

**"Going 20-0 means a lot to us. We want a perfect season and we want to break the school record for wins. It's something we set as a goal during the summer."**

Sarah Neavin

be charged up about."

The Tigers actually borrowed a page from the Cadets' 2010 recipe for victory and did it on the defensive end to predicate their offense.

"We were able to force the issue to cause some turnovers and get the tempo to our liking," Yates said. "We wanted the tempo to be in our control in the first half."

Shadyside got the tempo to its liking to a tune of an 18-4, first-quarter and then a 17-6 second quarter for a commanding 35-10

lead at halftime.

Sparking the Tigers was senior Kelsey Holloway. She played like she was on a mission on for gold, draining three treys in the first half where she scored 17 of her game-high 20.

"My teammates were doing a great job of dishing the ball, and I had some open looks," Holloway said. "This team is so much fun to play on because we've got such amazing chemistry."

The Tigers were getting one open look after another against a Cadets defense that is usually

staunch. "We came out with no intensity," Liedtke said. "It's actually happened the last two games and it's definitely something we have to get corrected. We were playing in like 60-percent mode for whatever and they got easy looks."

Fort Frye made a run in the second half but the hole was just too deep for a team that climbed within 11 at 47-36. But a pair of Hayley Holenka foul shots and a critical conventional three-point play by talented sophomore Kristen Fijalkowski sealed the deal.

Holloway's production was complemented by Holenka, who finished with 12.

Bonar and Holenka led the Tigers on the glass.

Fort Frye, meanwhile, was led in the scoring column by Morgan Liedtke who buried four triples for 12. Taylor Buchanan and Deidra Combs added eight and seven, respectively.

# Union Local Takes Control Early In Flying to Title

**By RICH GIBSON  
For the News-Register**  
ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Fly high. Jets. Fly high.

Not only did Drew Greenwood's Union Local girls' basketball team deliver another defensive masterpiece, it captured an OVAC championship in the process.

UL took control early and never let up en route to winning the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Class AAA title Saturday night at Ohio University-Eastern. The Jets mounted a 10-point halftime lead against Oak Glen and went on to secure a 44-33 victory.

After holding Weir to 23 points during an impressive semifinal triumph, Greenwood's club was once again in shut-down mode.

For a team with but one senior and three underclassmen in its starting lineup, the Jets have performed like veterans as Saturday night's outcome indicated.

Following a well-deserved postgame cele-

the wealth, benefiting from another superlative outing from freshman flash Cori Medley.

The Jets' savvy ninth grader collected 14 points, draining a trio of 3-pointers along the way.

"Cori loves the game and the way she plays shows why," Greenwood said. "Has she exceeded my expectations for such a young player? Probably. But she's always playing within the (team concept)."

Junior Alexis Davis was also outstanding as she delivered 11 points and more importantly, a game-leading 13 rebounds.

UL's remaining starters were no less effective. Dallas Montag scored eight, Kayla Doty netted seven, and lone senior Rosa Nardo contributed four points and expert floor play.

Oak Glen received a game-leading 15 points

from junior guard Payden Eckleberry who did her best to keep her team afloat.




UL, however, limited 5-foot-11 senior Kiley King to two field goals and seven points. No other OG player scored more than four points.

"We wanted to pound (it) inside to Kiley, but UL did an excellent job taking that away," Wiley said. "They boxed us out on virtually every offensive possession."

UL mounted a 11-5 upperhand after 8 minutes, then extended the spread to 22-12 at halftime.

Oak Glen made a mild second-half comeback bid. UL, however, had an answer after the Bears pulled within 31-25 at the final stop.

The second-seeded Jets improved to 14-6 entering Wednesday night's sectional test at Cambridge. Oak Glen saw its ledger go to 12-8.

## Ohio University Eastern Campus

### 2011 Wheeling Hospital OVAC Basketball Championships Schedule / Media Coverage

*At The Finals . . .*  
One Lucky Fan Will Have The Chance To Win \$25,000 Courtesy of THE HEALTH PLAN

#### BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 19 at OUE

AAAA\* - 10 AM • A - 1PM • AA - 4 PM • AAA - 7 PM

*all games live on WKKX 1600 AM*

**Girls'/Boys' Games will air on RTV9 as follows:**

<p><b>GIRLS' TV SCHEDULE:</b> Tues 2/15 AAAA 8pm</p>	<p><b>BOYS' TV SCHEDULE:</b> Mon 2/21 AAAA 8pm</p>
--	--





didn't execute. That's a real credit to them."

The Irish, who got off to an impressive start against Valley in their semifinal contest, were good on 1 of 16 attempts and were guilty of six turnovers in

One of those players is senior standout Ellie LeMasters, who struggled mightily from the floor during the first half before turning it on to finish with a game-high 21 points.

"I wasn't really pressing, but

Rosa Young tried to keep the Irish in it. LeMasters, who had 18 rebounds, scored 10 points in the final quarter, while Young netted seven of her 10.

However, each time St. John got close, the Blue Dons

she definitely has an impact on what we try to do and who we are as a team," Kapral said.

Madonna was led by Anile, who scored 11 and Lisa Parkins who had 10. Parkins came up big with three, first-half 3-point-

Division IV sectional play at 6 p.m. Wednesday against Bridgeport.

Madonna, meanwhile, is 16-5 and has another week of regular-season play ahead before opening sectional action.

# Shadyside Remains Perfect With Class AA Triumph

By SETH STASKEY  
For the News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Shadyside had a T-shirt printed this week that said "OVAC Championships, Third Time's a Charm."

And it most certainly was. After falling in the last two Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls' Basketball Championships, the Tigers came out Saturday focused and took the game right at defending Class AA champion Fort Frye at Ohio University Eastern.

Basically, they did it the same way they've done it all season and the end result was the same as it's been all season, another victory.

Shadyside claimed its sixth OVAC title in impressive fashion by virtue of a 52-36 decision against the the Cadets before a large turnout.

"This is a great feeling for the kids, community and it was definitely needed," Shadyside Coach

Tina Yates said. "This was another great team effort."

The Tigers (18-0) return to regular-season action Monday at Monroe Central before opening Division IV sectional play against East Richland Christian on Wednesday. They'll then try to complete the school's first perfect season when Wheeling Central comes calling next Saturday.

"Going 20-0 means a lot to us," Shadyside senior Sarah Neavin said. "We want a perfect season and we want to break the school record for wins. It's something we set as a goal during the summer."

Before any thoughts could be shifted to the perfect season and even OHSAA sectional play, the Tigers had some unfinished business to tend to.

"Shadyside was out to win," Fort Frye coach Dan Liedtke said. "I knew they would be because we won this game last year and they had everything to

"Going 20-0 means a lot to us. We want a perfect season and we want to break the school record for wins. It's something we set as a goal during the summer."

Sarah Neavin

be charged up about."

The Tigers actually borrowed a page from the Cadets' 2010 recipe for victory and did it on the defensive end to predicate their offense.

"We were able to force the issue to cause some turnovers and get the tempo to our liking," Yates said. "We wanted the tempo to be in our control in the first half."

Shadyside got the tempo to its liking to a tune of an 18-4, first-quarter and then a 17-6 second quarter for a commanding 35-10

lead at halftime.

Sparking the Tigers was senior Kelsey Holloway. She played like she was on a mission on for gold, draining three treys in the first half where she scored 17 of her game-high 20.

"My teammates were doing a great job of dishing the ball, and I had some open looks," Holloway said. "This team is so much fun to play on because we've got such amazing chemistry."

The Tigers were getting one open look after another against a Cadets defense that is usually

staunch.

"We came out with no intensity," Liedtke said. "It's actually happened the last two games and it's definitely something we have to get corrected. We were playing in like 60-percent mode for whatever and they got easy looks."

Fort Frye made a run in the second half but the hole was just too deep for a team that climbed within 11 at 47-36. But a pair of Hayley Holenka foul shots and a critical conventional three-point play by talented sophomore Kristen Fijalkowski sealed the deal.

Holloway's production was complemented by Holenka, who finished with 12.

Bonar and Holenka led the Tigers on the glass.

Fort Frye, meanwhile, was led in the scoring column by Morgan Liedtke who buried four triples for 12. Taylor Buchanan and Deidra Combs added eight and seven, respectively.

# Union Local Takes Control Early In Flying to Title

By RICH GIBSON  
For the News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Fly high. Jets. Fly high.

Not only did Drew Greenwood's Union Local girls' basketball team deliver another defensive masterpiece, it captured an OVAC championship in the process.

UL took control early and never let up en route to winning the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Class AAA title Saturday night at Ohio University-Eastern. The Jets mounted a 10-point halftime lead against Oak Glen and went on to secure a 44-33 victory.

After holding Weir to 23 points during an impressive semifinal triumph, Greenwood's club was once again in shutdown mode.

For a team with but one senior and three underclassmen in its starting lineup, the Jets have performed like veterans as Saturday night's outcome indicated.

Following a well-deserved postgame celebration, Greenwood made it clear his team has no plans to rest on its laurels.

"Of course, we're pleased to win an OVAC title," he said. "That's a great tribute to these girls and the hard work they've put forth. But our season is far from over."

"Now, we have to prepare for a tough sectional opponent in Shenandoah."

It would not be wise to sell these Jets short, especially considering the number they did on a good Oak Glen club.

"I see on the stat sheet we got one offensive rebound all night. That's amazing," Bears coach Scott Wiley said. "I can tell you one offensive rebound is not going to get it done."

Wiley didn't need video proof to determine his team's downfall.

"We just couldn't handle Union Local's pressure, for the most part. They were in our face all night," he said.

Offensively, UL spread

the wealth, benefiting from another superlative outing from freshman flash Cori Medley.

The Jets' savvy ninth grader collected 14 points, draining a trio of 3-pointers along the way.

"Cori loves the game and the way she plays shows why," Greenwood said. "Has she exceeded my expectations for such a young player? Probably. But she's always playing within the (team concept)."

Junior Alexis Davis was also outstanding as she delivered 11 points and more importantly, a game-leading 13 rebounds.

UL's remaining starters were no less effective. Dallas Montag scored eight, Kayla Doty netted seven, and lone senior Rosa Nardo contributed four points and expert floor play.

Oak Glen received a game-leading 15 points

from junior guard Payden Eckleberry who did her best to keep her team afloat.

UL, however, limited 5-foot-11 senior Kiley King to two field goals and seven points. No other OG player scored more than four points.

"We wanted to pound (it) inside to Kiley, but UL did an excellent job taking that away," Wiley said. "They boxed us out on virtually every offensive possession."

UL mounted a 11-5 upperhand after 8 minutes, then extended the spread to 22-12 at halftime.

Oak Glen made a mild second-half comeback bid. UL, however, had an answer after the Bears pulled within 31-25 at the final stop.

The second-seeded Jets improved to 14-6 entering Wednesday night's sectional test at Cambridge. Oak Glen saw its ledger go to 12-8.



## Ohio University Eastern Campus



### 2011 Wheeling Hospital OVAC Basketball Championships Schedule / Media Coverage

At The Finals . . .  
One Lucky Fan Will Have The Chance To Win \$25,000 Courtesy of THE HEALTH PLAN

#### BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 19 at OUE

AAAA\* - 10 AM • A - 1PM • AA - 4 PM • AAA - 7 PM

all games live on WKKX 1600 AM

Girls'/Boys' Games will air on RTV9 as follows:

GIRLS' TV SCHEDULE:  
Tue. 2/15 AAAA 8 pm  
Wed. 2/16 AAA 8 pm  
Thurs. 2/17 AA 8 pm  
Fri. 2/18 A 8 pm

BOYS' TV SCHEDULE:  
Mon. 2/21 AAAA 8 pm  
Tue. 2/22 AAA 8 pm  
Wed. 2/23 AA 8 pm  
Thurs. 2/24 A 8 pm

\*Boys' AAAA Game will air live on RTV9

#### OVAC CORPORATE PARTNERS:



Bordas & Bordas, PLLC



MARINES THE FEW. THE PROUD.



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

...HOW TOUGH ARE YOU?...

**TOUGHMAN CONTEST**  
THE ORIGINAL

PRIZE MONIES UP TO **\$12,000**  
IF YOUR TOUGH ENOUGH SIGN UP NOW! \$M

WEIGHT CLASSES FOR MEN AND WOMEN  
LIGHTWEIGHT: UP TO 139 LBS  
MIDDLEWEIGHT: 140 TO 159 LBS  
LIGHT HEAVY: 160 TO 184 LBS  
HEAVYWEIGHT: 185 TO 400 LBS

\*MISS RING GIRL CONTEST\* WINNER \$1000! 2ND, 3RD & 4TH \$200 EACH...  
TICKETS: \$16 G.A., \$21 RES. & \$31.50 VIP RINGSIDE  
ON SALE AT ARENA BOX OFFICE & ALL TICKETMASTER OUTLETS  
CHARGE BY PHONE: 304-233-4470/ ONLINE: TICKETMASTER.COM

SIGN UP TO FIGHT OR BE A RING GIRL  
**1-800-296-3897**  
**wvtoughman.com**  
WIMPS NEED NOT APPLY! \$M

Friday & Saturday 7:30pm  
**MARCH 11th & 12th, 2011**  
WESBANCO ARENA WHEELING, WV

# SPORTS

### CLASS A

No. 1 St. John 66, No. 4 Valley 43  
No. 2 Madonna 60, No. 3 Cameron 42  
**Championship**  
Saturday, 1 p.m. at OUE  
No. 1 St. John vs. No. 2 Madonna  
**Consolation**  
No. 4 Valley at No. 3 Cameron

### CLASS AA

No. 1 Shadyside 52, No. 4 Monroe 36  
No. 2 Ft. Frye 43, No. 3 Whg. CC 42 OT  
**Championship**  
Saturday, 4 p.m. at OUE  
No. 1 Shadyside vs. No. 2 Ft. Frye  
**Consolation**  
No. 4 Monroe at No. 3 Whg. CC

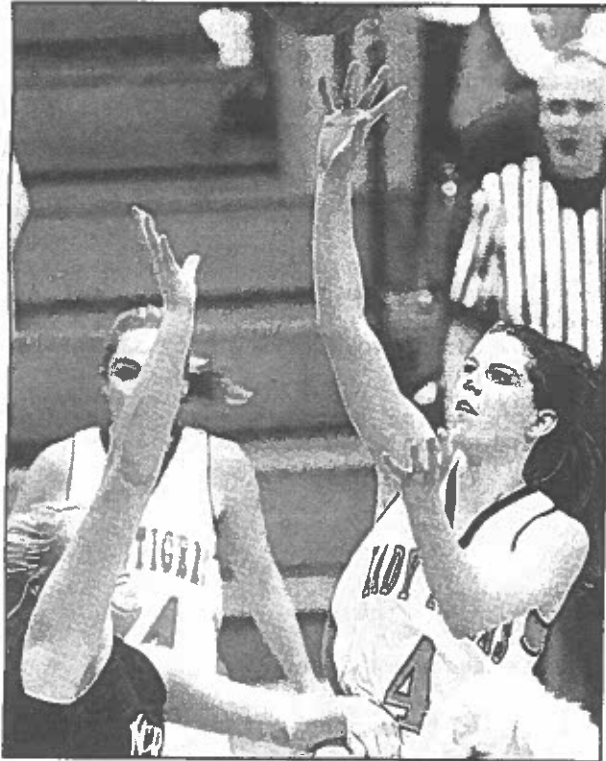


### CLASS AAA

No. 4 Oak Glen 37, No. 1 Edison 32  
No. 2 Union Local 43, No. 3 Weir 23  
**Championship**  
Saturday, 7 p.m. at OUE  
No. 2 Union Local vs. No. 4 O.G.  
**Consolation**  
No. 1 Edison at No. 3 Weir

### CLASS AAAA

No. 1 John Marshall 72, No. 4 EL 48  
No. 3 Whg. Park 56, No. 2 Creek 43  
**Championship**  
Saturday, 10 a.m. at OUE  
No. 1 JM vs. No. 3 Wheeling Park  
**Consolation**  
No. 2 Creek at No. 4 E. Liverpool



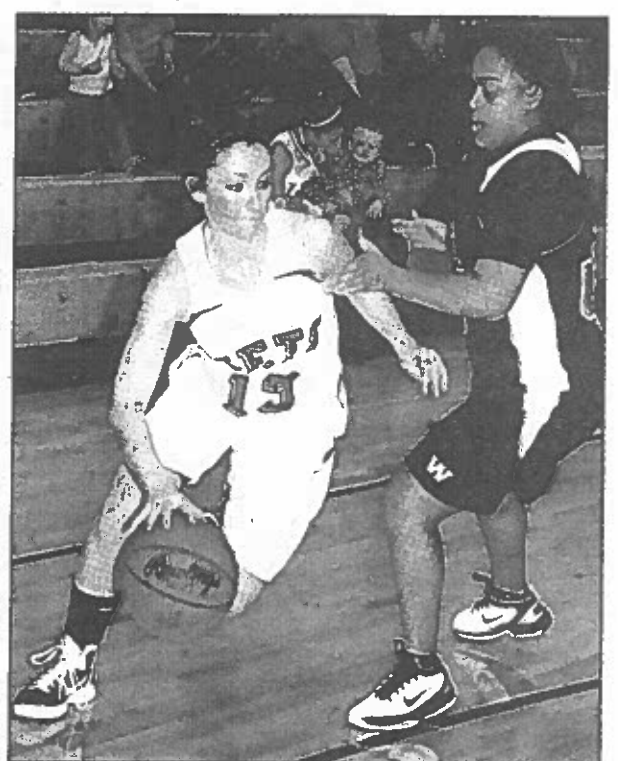
Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

**SHADYSIDE'S** Kelsey Holloway shoots a floater in the lane as several Monroe Central players converge on her defensively. She scored 10 points and the Lady Tigers advanced to their third straight OVAC Class 2-A final by virtue of a 52-36 final.



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

**ST. JOHN'S** Rosa Young pivots around a Valley defender to the bucket during the first half of Monday's Class 1-A semifinal in Bellaire. Young scored 23 points as the Lady Irish advanced to the 1-A title game on Saturday.



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

**UNION LOCAL'S** Dallas Montag drives baseline against a Weir High defender in the Lady Jets' 3-A semifinal game Monday in Morristown. Union Local prevailed. *Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)*

## Pennant chase continues

### Shadyside pulls away from Monroe in 2-A

By **KIM NORTH**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

Good teams find ways to win games when they don't especially play well.

Monday night in Shadyside, the unbeaten Lady Tigers (17-0) used their superior height advantage inside and a pair of 10-point spurts in knocking off Monroe Central, 52-36, in an OVAC Wheeling Hospital Class AA girls' basketball tournament semifinal contest.

With the victory, Shadyside punched its ticket to a third consecutive championship game, which will be played Saturday at 4 p.m. at Ohio University Eastern. The No. 1 seeded Tigers will be seeking their first title, but will have to do

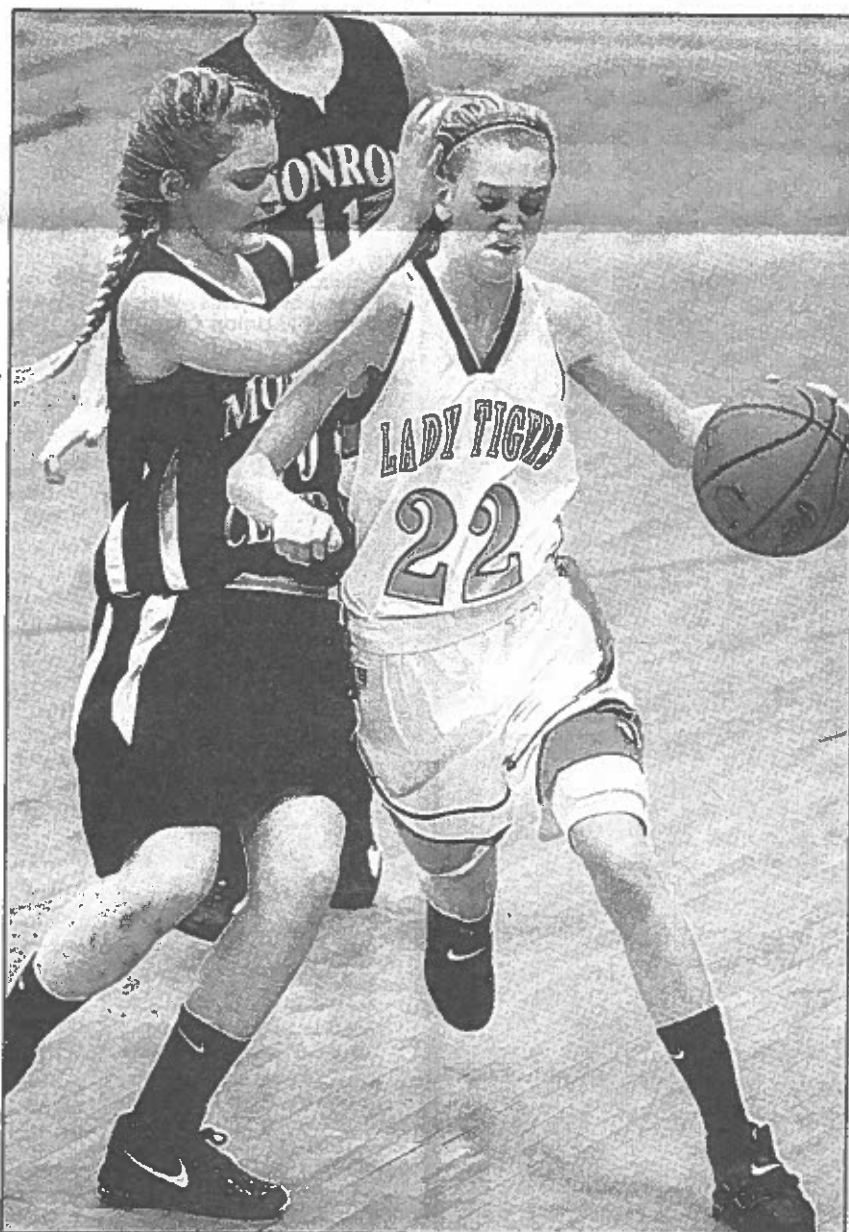
it against second-seeded nemesis Fort Frye, which outlasted Wheeling Central in overtime Monday night. The Cadets beat the Tigers a season ago.

The inside duo of Brooke Meintel and senior Sarah Neavin dominated the paint, combining for 30 of Shadyside's 58 rebounds. Meintel, a hard-working 5-8 junior, wiped the glass clean 20 times, including a dozen in the first half.

"We couldn't play any uglier, that's for sure," lamented Shadyside head coach Tina Yates. "I mean we did a lot of things that weren't fundamental basketball that we are capable of doing, and I think a lot of that has to do without practicing for two days."

*'We couldn't play any uglier, that's for sure.'*

*- Tina Yates*



Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

**SHADYSIDE GUARD** Karli Bonar dribbles up the baseline as Monroe Central's Alex Kuhn defends. Bonar scored nine points for the Lady Tigers who advanced to the Class 2-A final by a 52-36 score Monday.

### Union Local just a win away from first title since '93

By **RICH GIBSON**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

A berth in the OVAC/Wheeling Hospital 3-A Championship Game couldn't possibly have been on the Lady Jets' radar, could it?

"Let's just say it was a long-range goal," smiled Union Local's Drew Greenwood after watching his team waltz past Weir High, Monday night at

Morristown.

UL's 43-23 semifinal decision advances the Jets to Saturday's 3-A title tilt, set Saturday evening (7:00) at Ohio University Eastern.

By most accounts, UL figured to be matched up against No. 1 seeded Edison, a Wildcats' team which twice downed the Jets during regular season play.

That won't happen, however, after fourth seeded Oak Glen knocked off Edison Monday at Richmond.

*'The fact we're playing is a result of all of the hard work these girls have put in.'*

*- Drew Greenwood*

See, **UL**, Page B2







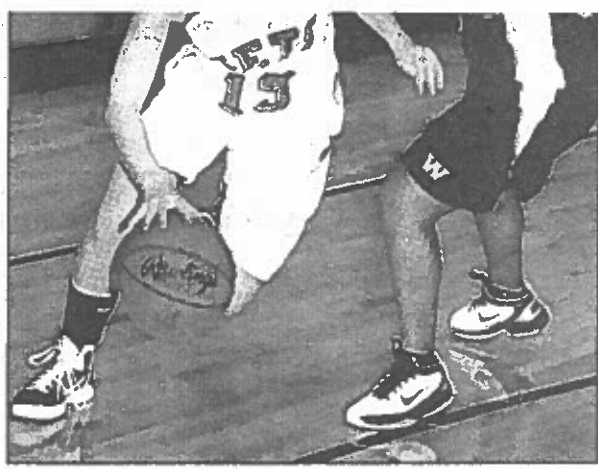
Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

**SHADYSIDE'S** Kelsey Holloway shoots a floater in the lane as several Monroe Central players converge on her defensively. She scored 10 points and the Lady Tigers advanced to their third straight OVAC Class 2-A final by virtue of a 52-36 final.



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

**ST. JOHN'S** Rosa Young pivots around a Valley defender to the bucket during the first half of Monday's Class 1-A semifinal in Bellaire. Young scored 23 points as the Lady Irish advanced to the 1-A title game on Saturday.



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

**UNION LOCAL'S** Dallas Montag drives baseline against a Weir High defender in the Lady Jets' 3-A semifinal game Monday in Morristown. Union Local prevailed. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

# Pennant chase continues

## Shadyside pulls away from Monroe in 2-A

By **KIM NORTH**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

Good teams find ways to win games when they don't especially play well.

Monday night in Shadyside, the unbeaten Lady Tigers (17-0) used their superior height advantage inside and a pair of 10-point spurts in knocking off Monroe Central, 52-36, in an OVAC Wheeling Hospital Class AA girls' basketball tournament semifinal contest.

With the victory, Shadyside punched its ticket to a third consecutive championship game, which will be played Saturday at 4 p.m. at Ohio University Eastern. The No. 1 seeded Tigers will be seeking their first title, but will have to do

it against second-seeded nemesis Fort Frye, which outlasted Wheeling Central in overtime Monday night. The Cadets beat the Tigers a season ago.

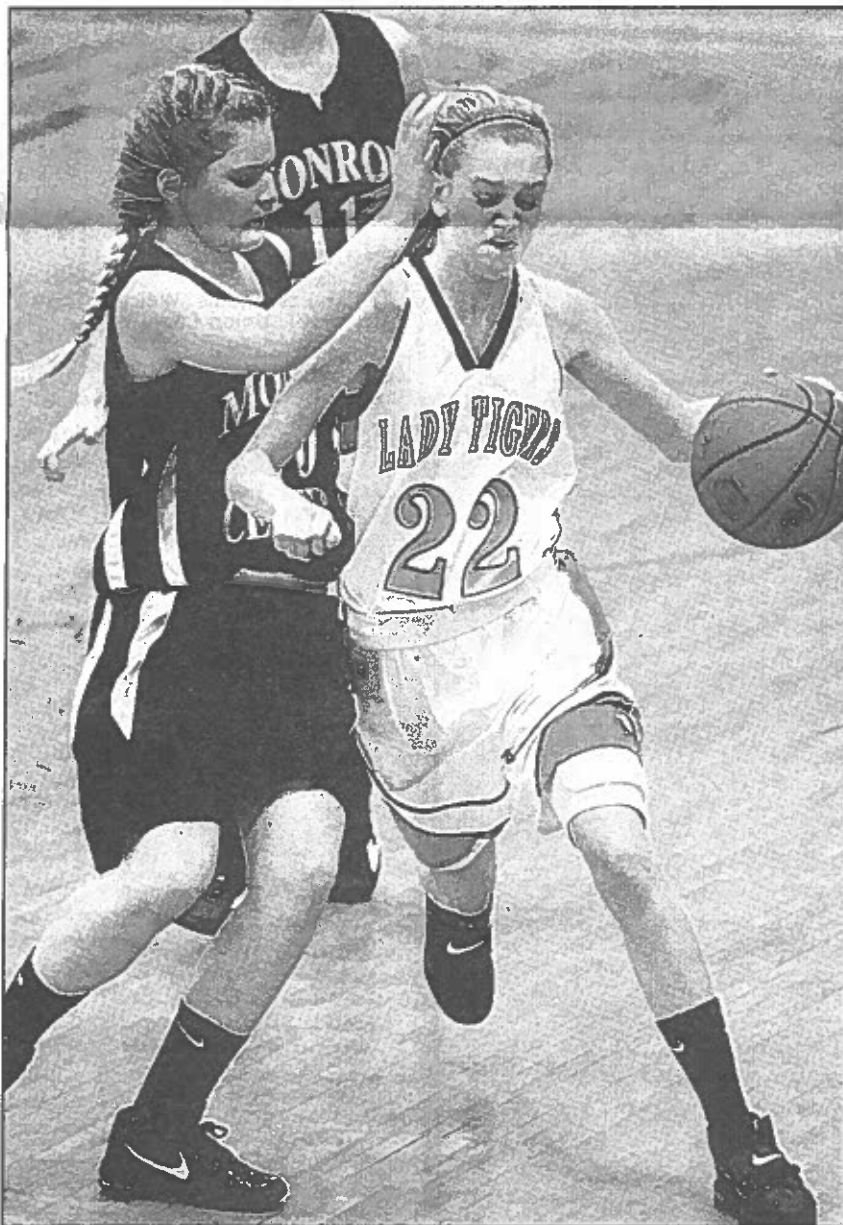
The inside duo of Brooke Meintel and senior Sarah Neavin dominated the paint, combining for 30 of Shadyside's 58 rebounds. Meintel, a hard-working 5-8 junior, wiped the glass clean 20 times, including a dozen in the first half.

"We couldn't play any uglier, that's for sure," lamented Shadyside head coach Tina Yates. "I mean we did a lot of things that weren't fundamental basketball that we are capable of doing, and I think a lot of that has to do without practicing for two days."

See, **SHADYSIDE**, Page B2

*'We couldn't play any uglier, that's for sure.'*

*-Tina Yates*



Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

**SHADYSIDE GUARD** Karli Bonar dribbles up the baseline as Monroe Central's Alex Kuhn defends. Bonar scored nine points for the Lady Tigers who advanced to the Class 2-A final by a 52-36 score Monday.

## LeMasters, Young spark SJC to 1-A final

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

St. John Central set a goal to win the OVAC Class 1-A championship last May.

After Monday's night's 66-43 pasting of fourth-seeded Valley inside the Greenhouse, the Lady Irish find themselves just one win away from hoisting the school's 15th conference banner into the rafters.

"I told the girls they played lights out tonight, but we'll have to play a little better Saturday regardless of who we're playing," said SJC head coach Bubba Kapral.

The Lady Irish (17-2) will tangle with Weirton Madonna, which dispatched Cameron in the other Class 1-A semifinal Monday. The title game is set for 1 p.m. at Ohio University Eastern in St. Clairsville.

The Lady Irish erased any doubt about



**ST. JOHN'S** Ellie LeMasters is recognized during the first half after she hit a three-pointer, which put her over the 1,000-point mark for her career. She finished with 24 points and 24 rebounds. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

an upset early as it raced out of the gate to build a 21-0 lead. As the Lumberjills fired brick after brick from the perimeter, Lady Irish senior Ellie LeMasters was all over the glass and turned most of

Valley's 16 first-quarter misses into run-outs as she teamed with junior Rosa Young.

See, **SJC**, Page B2

## Union Local just a win away from first title since '93

By **RICH GIBSON**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

A berth in the OVAC/Wheeling Hospital 3-A Championship Game couldn't possibly have been on the Lady Jets' radar, could it?

"Let's just say it was a long-range goal," smiled Union Local's Drew Greenwood after watching his team waltz past Weir High, Monday night at Morristown.

UL's 43-23 semifinal decision advances the Jets to Saturday's 3-A title tilt, set Saturday evening (7:00) at Ohio University Eastern.

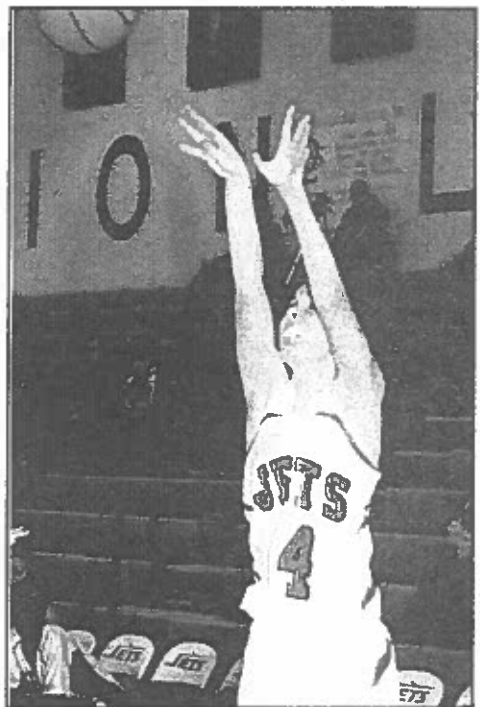
By most accounts, UL figured to be matched-up against No. 1 seeded Edison, a Wildcats' team which twice downed the Jets during regular season play.

That won't happen, however, after fourth seeded Oak Glen knocked off Edison Monday at Richmond.

*'The fact we're playing is a result of all of the hard work these girls have put in.'*

*-Drew Greenwood*

See, **UL**, Page B2



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

**UNION LOCAL** freshman Cori Medley shoots a three-pointer during the first half of Monday's OVAC Class 3-A semifinal against Weir. The Lady Jets, the second seed, advanced to their first-ever OVAC title game by virtue of a 43-23 victory.



# Barnesville boys cruise past Beallsville

By MIKE PALMER  
Times Leader Sports Writer

The Barnesville Shamrocks avenged a loss earlier this season to Beallsville in convincing fashion as they rolled up a 74-47 victory to put some insurance points on their OVAC class AA championship bid as both squads entered the contest holding on to the fourth-and-final spot in the tournament.

"The chemistry was there tonight, it was a revenge win, we laid an egg down there," Barnesville head coach Chris Pack said. "We were playing well together tonight, we got some good help off the bench and that was the difference."

The Shamrocks led 23-12 after the first frame as Zach Dornan tallied 13 points including a pair of 3-pointers.

"Zach finally put it all together tonight," Pack added. "He finally clicked and got in the right gear," as the 6 foot junior meshed a game high 25 points.

The hosts led 43-24 at the half but coach Pack was far from relaxed.

"Beallsville is a good team," the 'Rocks coach said. "They scored 49 (points) on Caldwell in the fourth quarter."

"That was the most amazing comeback I have ever witnessed in all my years of coaching," Blue Devils head coach Lou Tolzda said. "Since we beat Caldwell we haven't played the same since."

"We should have all kinds of momentum but we are mentally flat."

"We have played six games in the last eight days and we host St. John's (tonight), I think mentally we just might be exhausted."

The Shamrocks continued their lopsided scoring with 18 points in the third



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

**BARNESVILLE'S ZACH Dornan splits Beallsville defenders Teryn Jarrett (20) and Grahamm Dauch (22) during Monday's game in Barnesville. The Shamrock's rolled to a 74-47 victory. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)**

frame as Dornan added eight points and Brennan Delaney seven lightings to put their team up by 30.

There would be no dramatic turn of events in the final period as Barnesville cruised through, improving to 10-6.

Following Dornan was Delaney with 17 points including three treys and five assists, Cristian Bailey with nine points and Dylan MacMillan with eight as the Shamrocks finished 31 of 67 from the field and 8 of 11 at the line.

Tyler Fitzpatrick had six points and led on the boards with 11 rebounds for the 'Rocks. Bryson Stephen had 10 rebounds as the hosts pulled down a total of 29 caroms.

Teryn Jarrett paced Beallsville with 12 points, all coming from outside the arc.

Josh Baldrige finished with 11 and Grahamm Dauch rounded out the top three with nine points. The Blue Devils were 7 of 16 at the stripe and fell to 10-6.

The two squads will be trying to secure their league berths as Barnesville will play host to Steubenville Catholic Central and Beallsville will welcome Class A opponent St. John Central tonight.

It is one of those playoff scenarios that will come down to the tenths of a point," Pack said. "Whether we end up playing Fort Frye or Monroe Central, if we continue to play like we played tonight, I like our chances."

The Blue Devils and Fighting Irish tip off at 7 p.m. tonight and will travel to Bridgeport on Saturday. Barnesville also won the JV contest 52-38.

## ● UL

Continued from Page B1

"The fact we're playing (for a championship) is a result of all the hard work these girls have put in," Greenwood stated. "It'll be a great experience but also a game we want to win. Obviously, I'm very proud of the girls."

Winning was never an issue Monday after UL came off a 7-6 lead after one period to take control. A 12-2 second stanza pull-away enabled Greenwood's quint to build 19-8 command at the half.

"We came back from 19 down to beat Steubenville Big Red earlier this season. Tonight, though, our shots just weren't falling," offered Weir High head coach Bill Smith.

"Give Union Local credit. They have a nice team which combines both athleticism with physical play."

The Lady Jets' semifinal victory was sparked by freshman Cori Medley, easily among the finest young players in the valley this winter.

Medley accounted for 10 of her game-leading 24 points in the second panel, then finished strong with seven more markers in the final eight minutes.

Sophomores Kayla Doty and Dallas Montag were sharp in supporting roles. Doty donated six points and Montag netted five.

Weir High senior Shameca Gray tallied nine points.

Weir could make no more than nine of its 43 field goal attempts. The Riders nabbed 24 rebounds.

UL cashed 16 of 38 from the floor. Medley and Alexis Davis grabbed six boards apiece for the Jets who charted 16 turnovers.

In Monday's jayvee encounter, UL sophomore Alexis Valine accounted for the game-winning bucket in the final five ticks of a 32-31 overtime triumph.

**WEIRTON (23)** — Julian 0, 0-0 0; Lemley-Raiford 0, 0-0 0; Burns 1, 0-0 2; Gianangeli 1, 0-2 2; Robinson 1, 2-2 4; Shingle 2, 0-0 6; Gray 4, 1-3 9. Totals — 9, 3-7. **UNION LOCAL (43)** — Nardo, A.J. 0, 0-0 0; Collins 0, 0-0 0; Stiles 0, 0-0 0; Gatten 0, 0-1 0; Davis 2, 0-0 4; Nardo, R. 1, 1-3 4; Montag 2, 0-0 5; Doty 1, 4-6 6; Medley 10, 1-3 24. Totals — 16, 6-13.

Three-point goals: Weir — Shingle (2); Union Local — Medley (3); Montag, R. Nardo.

## ● Shadyside

Continued from Page B1

Deadlocked at 12 after eight minutes, the Seminoles (12-4) grabbed the lead on an Alex Kuhn triple from the left wing with 7:31 on the clock, but the visitors wouldn't score again until Chelsea Tewanger's basket at the 2:27 mark.

During that stretch, Shadyside, which was ranked in the others receiving votes in the latest statewide Division IV poll, reeled off 10 unanswered to grab a 22-15 lead. Kelsey Holloway scored six of her 10 points in the run, while Neavin added four of her team-high 13 that went along with her 10 boards.

"Both of those girls are capable of getting numbers like that," Yates added. "They both work extremely hard underneath the basket."

Nine of their 30 rebounds came on the offensive end of the floor, something that didn't go unnoticed by veteran Monroe Central head coach Troy Baker.

"We couldn't buy a bucket there in the second quarter and they dominated us on the glass," he noted. "Everybody thinks rebounding is a lot of effort, but we were really out-sized down low and they took advantage of it. They got a ton of offensive rebounds that led to second and third opportunities that hurt us."

Monroe Central used a late run of its own to cut the halftime deficit to a pair, 24-22, but a 13-4 scoring margin in the third quarter by the hosts sealed the deal. Neavin led the way with half-a-dozen lightings.

The lead ballooned to 23, 52-29, before the Seminoles went on a late run to make it a little more respectable.

"We had a lot of communication breakdowns. It's probably my fault just as much as it theirs," Baker said. "We'll work on that."

Monroe Central avoided the sweep by claiming the JV contest.

**Varsity scoring:**  
**MONROE CENTRAL (36)** — Kuhn 5 1-2 12; Marshall 2 0-0 5; Zwick 0 1-2 1; Habig 0 0-0 0; Roberts 0 1-4 1; Stephens 1 2-2 4; Stimpert 1 0-0 3; Parks 0 0-0 0; Tewanger 3 0-0 7; LaFollette 0 1-2 1; Digity 1 0-0 2; Fickell 0 0-0 0; Bettinger 0 0-2 0; Totals: 13-52 6-17. **SHADYSIDE (52)** — Holenka 1 5-8 8; Holloway 2 6-7 10; Bonar 3 0-0 9; Meintel 2 2-5 6; Neavin 6 1-2 13; Fijalkowski 0 4-6 4; Dorris 0 2-2 2; Fleming 0 0-0 0; Laslo 0 0-0 0; May 0 0-0 0; Ramsey 0 0-0 0; Totals: 14-38 20-30.

**Three-Point Goals:** Monroe Central 4 (Kuhn, Marshall, Stimpert, Tewanger); Shadyside 4 (Bonar 3, Holenka)

North can be reached at [knorth@timesleaderonline.com](mailto:knorth@timesleaderonline.com)

## ● SJC

Continued from Page B1

"This was the best we've played in the first half," Kapral continued. "Our girls came focused and knew what was at stake. We've got respect for Valley because it beat (Morgantown) Trinity, which is something we couldn't do. I thought we used our size advantage well."

St. John's definitely used its size, owning a commanding 62-42 edge on the boards with the aforementioned LeMasters collecting 24 stray shots to lead all rebounders.

After building a 23-3 lead after one, the Lady Irish seemingly put it on cruise control from there. They eventually led 36-17 at the break and 56-29 after three.

"I thought we did a really nice job in half-court defense and then we were able to get out and run a little bit," Kapral said. "Haley (DeCoy) did a nice job of pushing the envelope and it just snow balled. We got a nice lead and then they've got to start to press a little bit."

Despite the game being well in hand, there was an order of business for the Lady Irish. LeMasters came into the contest 13 points shy of 1,000 for her career.

After netting nine in the opening period and two quick free throws in the second, LeMasters seemed to begin to press a little bit. However, at the midway point of the second, she buried a trey from the right wing, giving her 1,001 points. She eventually finished with as many points as she grabbed rebounds.

*'This was the best we've played in the first half. Our girls came focused.'*

— Bubba Kapral

She also blocked five shots and had five steals.

"Ellie really did a great job on the boards," Kapral explained. "(Valley) really didn't have a post presence and she cleaned up the entire inside."

Young, who played with tremendous energy at both ends of the floor, finished with 23 points. Kristen Russell donated 14.

The Lady Irish were charted for 15 turnovers, which was two more than the Pine Grove-based outfit.

St. John made it a sweep by winning its final reserve game of the season.

**Varsity scoring:**  
**VALLEY (43)** — Guthrie 4, 1-2 13; Hayes 2, 1-4 6; Morris 2, 2-2 6; Underwood 0, 4-6 4; Starkey 3, 1-5 8; Bucher 2, 0-0 6; Shaw 0, 0-2 0; Thomas 0, 0-0 0; Headley 0, 0-0 0; Haught 0, 0-0 0; Schell 0, 0-0 0; Carter 0, 0-0 0; Ashcraft 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 13, 9-21 43. **ST. JOHN (66)** — LeMasters 6, 11-14 24; Nickerson 0, 0-0 0; Young 8, 4-4 23; DeCoy 0, 0-0 0; Beekman 0, 0-0 0; Russell 4, 6-8 14; Coppa 1, 0-0 3; Murad 0, 2-4 2; Knox 0, 0-0 0; Absalam 0, 0-0 0; Ozust 0, 0-1 0; Totals: 19, 23-31 66.

**Three-Point Goals:** V — Guthrie (4), Hayes, Starkey, Bucher (2). SJC — LeMasters, Young (3), Coppa.

Staskey can be reached at [staskey@timesleaderonline.com](mailto:staskey@timesleaderonline.com)



## That's my neighbor

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond to serve their community?

The Times Leader wants to spotlight local people who do good in the community!

The new "Hey! That's My Neighbor" will be featured again on Friday, Feb. 25th and we need your nominations!

- Maybe they oversee the church's weekly luncheon or organize the school carnival!
- Maybe it's the one who coaches youngsters or helps with the band even though their own are grown!
- Maybe it's that special scout leader or the person who rakes leaves for the elderly!

To nominate someone for the "Hey! That's My Neighbor" spotlight, simply fill out the form below and send it along with a short explanation as to why this person should be recognized to The Times Leader by Wed., Feb. 16th. Send to:

The Times Leader  
attention Kay Sedamer

NEW FURNITURE ARRIVING DAILY!

LA Z BOY RECLINERS

STARTING AT \$299

- Flexsteel
- Vaughan Bassett
- Many More!

12 MONTHS SAME AS CASH!

**WILSON FURNITURE**

227 North Lincoln Ave., Bridgeport, OH (740) 635-0652 • 1-877-857-4634

[www.wilsonfurniturestore.com](http://www.wilsonfurniturestore.com)

Open Mon.-Fri. 10-7, Sat. 9-5

With approved credit and \$1000 minimum purchase. 20% deposit required.

"Want Career Success? Get Career Skills!"



WLU men cruise again

# Patriots Pull Away From Monarchs

Pr



Photo by Rick Thorp  
John Marshall's Mallory Ball, left, is defended by Wheeling Park's Marissa Tucker during Saturday morning's game at Ohio University Eastern.

## Park stands tall late to claim 4-A championship

By RICK THORP  
Staff Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Talk about finishing with a flourish.

Wheeling Park broke open a tie game early in the fourth quarter with 13 straight points en route to a 55-41 victory Saturday morning against John Marshall to claim the Class AAAA crown at the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls' Basketball Championships.

It was the Patriots' first tournament crown and the program's first OVAC title since 2004.

"We did exactly what we wanted to do,"

### WHEELING HOSPITAL OVAC BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wheeling Park coach Meredith Dailer said following the victory inside Ohio University Eastern's Health and Physical Education Center.

"We got to key on (John Marshall's Kylie) Howard a little bit more and we were able to put three rebounders out of that 2-3 zone to the glass and I think that helped especially in the second half and the fourth quarter."

This matchup between the West Virginia Class AAA sectional rivals had a dramatically different look than the one the Monarchs won 78-74 at home Jan. 27.

See Patriots, Page B4

## PATRIOTS

Continued from page B1

For one, Howard, who torched the Patriots for a career-high 39 points that night, was held in check. She again paced John Marshall, this time scoring 17 points, but Park neutralized her and her teammates down the stretch.

John Marshall was 3 of 11 from the field in the fourth and didn't attempt a free throw during the second half.

"I think we've found our niche defensively," Dailer said. "We're much more comfortable and personnel-wise we're subbing a little bit less, but it allows us to be more focused on the defensive end."

John Marshall coach Stan Blankenship said his team, which looked almost perfect in defeating East Liverpool in the semifinals last Monday, simply couldn't capitalize in the final 8 minutes.

"We just broke down in the fourth quarter ... that's part of the game," said Blankenship, now 0-2 in OVAC title tilts.

"They executed down the stretch and made their shots. We made some crucial, crucial turnovers and they capitalized on them."

Howard's layup off a Mallory Ball miss tied the score at 36-36 with about 6 minutes left in the game.

Krista Crawshaw, who missed most of the first quarter after picking up two fouls during the first 49 seconds, then made back-to-back buckets to start Park (9-9) on its way.

Moments later, Emily Puskarich, who finished with 13 points, converted a JM inbound miscue into two points and, following another Monarchs turnover, she scored again to give the Patriots a 42-36 lead.

Following a JM timeout, Haley Robb hit a pair of free throws to push the Park lead to 44-36. Seconds later, Laura Stefanow (11 rebounds) hit a pair of her own to up the lead to 46-36.

At this point, the Patriots were in the bonus and they spent the rest of the

game living at the free-throw line.

As a team, Park was 12 of 16 from the line down the stretch with Robb netting 10 of her game-high 21 points. Robb finished 13 of 14 from the line.

Dailer said having an opportunity to analyze the earlier loss to the Monarchs paid off Saturday.

"We were definitely more comfortable the second time around," she said.

Park jumped out to an early 6-0 lead, but watched JM go on a 14-5 run to take a 14-11 advantage early in the second quarter.

The Monarchs held the lead most of the quarter until the Patriots scored five straight points to tie things at 23-23.

John Marshall held the ball for almost the final 2 minutes of the half waiting for the last shot. When the opportunity came, it didn't capitalize and seemed to lose any momentum it had.

"Right before halftime we missed a crucial layup that would have put us up two and gave us the momentum," Blankenship said.

The two teams played even during the third quarter, which featured four ties and six lead changes.

The victory was a welcome one for Park, which had lost six of its last seven games.

"We built our roster around young kids," said Dailer, who has one senior. "We took some hits early in the season trying to find our identity. We still have a couple of weeks to grow and improve."

That starts Wednesday when the Patriots will play host to, yes, John Marshall. The two teams are also likely to meet in the sectional tournament.

"We wanted to have some confidence going into our home game against them that we could beat this team," Dailer said.

"We've been trying hard to get better every game."

# Controversy surrounds 1-A OVAC Final

• Eligibility of a Trinity player in question; Beallsville weighing options for injunction

By **SHAWN RINE**  
For The Times Leader

WHEELING - Two months removed from the West Virginia Class AAA football playoff fiasco, another Ohio Valley Athletic Conference team finds itself battling in the court system. It should be known sometime today if a second conference school has joined the argument.

Beallsville, which was beaten 89-39 by Morgantown Trinity in a semifinal Tuesday night, is considering filing an injunction to stop the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Class A boys' basketball championship between Weirton Madonna and the Warriors on Saturday at Ohio University Eastern. Trinity (19-1), the No. 1-ranked small-school team in the state, was recently notified by the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission that it was being forced to forfeit each of those victories due to the eligibility status of one of its players, point guard A.J. Mayle.

Following the lead of the Brooke and Martinsburg football programs, despite the state Supreme Court of Appeals ruling in that case that the SSAC had all authority concerning such issues, the Trinity administration filed its own injunction with the Monongalia Circuit Court, allowing its team to compete Tuesday night.

"We talked to our legal counsel," OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak said Wednesday. "They said the appeal meant absolutely nothing and the SSAC decision would stand."

"But if the injunction was given, we have no choice but to allow (the game) to be played."

According to Beallsville athletics director Delmas Moore, that might not be sufficient for his school. He noted that he didn't want to criticize another school, but that his administration is considering putting a halt to the game.

"Myself, and I am just speaking for me, that would have never happened here," he said of an ineligible player participating. "(An injunction is possible, but) I can't say it will or won't happen. That decision will be made after we get more advice."

"It's a Catch-22 for us. What do we do?"

"Do we just take the loss and go by the wayside?"

Rataiczak said he and his staff were in discussion from the time the OVAC received the 19-page court document at approximately 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

Rataiczak said he then contacted Trinity athletics director Butch Varner to find out more, then informed him that without legal documentation the Warriors would be forced to forfeit and Beallsville would advance.

"This tournament is to the point where all the monies that are made, is divided equally to the schools - it's been \$1,800, \$1,600, even last year with the weather each school received \$1,200."

"If you take one game away: 1) you have to find a time to play it. Ohio's got sectionals starting next week, and then you have to have an agreeable time. Then we can't get the OUE venue because they've got sectionals going on out there."

"You have to pay for extra workers, officials, rents and everything else."

"Take a little school like Fort Frye who is minding its business and doing the right thing, and suddenly this \$1,800 is now \$900."

"You'll never make that up when sectionals begin."

The situation centers on Mayle's eligibility as a transfer student. He attended Cheat Lake Middle School, a feeder school for University High, as an eighth grader and transferred to Trinity where he played two seasons. However, he then transferred to the Kiski School in Pennsylvania before re-enrolling this season at Trinity.

"The thing that's frustrating to me is, people said 'I knew this going into the season.'" Rataiczak said. "Why wait until Game 18 to say something?"

"Have the courage to do it in Game 1 or 2."

Beallsville is considering doing just that, but it may come down to a financial situation for a school that spent more than \$400, which included a team meal and the bus trip, which roundtrip was roughly 5 hours, to travel to Morgantown for a game that arguably should never have been played.

"If it's \$4,000 or \$5,000 to fight it, then we don't have that," Moore said. "Whatever we do, we're going to get criticized."

"I realize we went down there and got beat by a lot so some people are just going to say it's sour grapes."

"But I've got 15 kids I have to worry about."

Rataiczak said that if Trinity should win Saturday and subsequently be ruled ineligible, it would be stripped of a championship that would then be awarded to Madonna.

He pointed to the OHSAA taking a cross country crown away from St. John last season as precedent.





# RINE

(Continued from Page 15)

scheduled to meet Saturday in New Martinsville.

**Prediction:** Weir beats St. Clairsville for the title.

**Class AA**  
**No. 4 River at**  
**No. 1 Monroe Central**  
**No. 3 Barnesville**  
**at No. 2 Fort Frye**

There is some new blood here as the top-seeded Seminoles (13-4) have somehow flown under the radar most of the season among area fans. The same could probably be said of Barnesville (11-6), which like Monroe Central has three or four players that can beat an opponent on a given night.

A lot was expected of Coach Mark Romick's Pilots (12-6) this season, and quite obviously they've delivered. The

wildcard could be Fort Frye (14-3), which was a No. 1 seed in 2009.

**Prediction:** Fort Frye beats River for the title.

**Class A**  
**No. 4 Beallsville**  
**at No. 1 Trinity**  
**No. 3 Bishop Donahue**  
**at No. 2 Madonna**

The Bishops (15-3) are one season removed from being champions, but have a tall task ahead against a Madonna team that features a tall, physical front line. The Blue Dons beat Donahue last week on the road.

Trinity (17-1) is considered by many to be the team to beat in the West Virginia Class A ranks, and probably has a little too much firepower for Beallsville.

**Prediction:** Trinity beats Madonna for the title.

## New Faces In OVAC Title Chase

WHEELING — The road to Ohio Valley Athletic Conference boys' basketball championships has been paved, and it's guaranteed that two new champions will emerge next week on the campus of Ohio University Eastern. That's because defending Class AA champion Bridgeport, which moved up a class, did not qualify, as was the case for Class AA Shadyside.

However, Wheeling Park is attempting to become three-time Class AAAA champions, while Weir High is looking to go back-to-back in AAA.

In addition to Shadyside and Bridgeport, there are other familiar names missing. Teams like Bellaire, Martins Ferry, Wheeling Central and Linsly, are all on the outside looking in this season.

Here's a breakdown of the championship brackets:



SHAWN RINE

Sports Editor

**Class AAAA**  
**No. 4 East Liverpool**  
**at No. 1 Wheeling Park**  
**No. 3 John Marshall**  
**at No. 2 Indian Creek**

There's some recent pedigree here. Coach Michael Jebbia's Patriots (13-2) have been the class of this division lately, knocking off John Marshall (11-5) in the final each of the last two seasons. In fact, the Monarchs have been runner-up the last three seasons, falling to Indian Creek (14-3) in the 2007 title game.

East Liverpool is generally regarded as one of the premier teams in the conference.

**Prediction:** Wheeling Park beats Indian Creek for the title.

**Class AAA**  
**No. 4 Union Local**  
**at No. 1 St. Clairsville**  
**No. 3 Magnolia at No. 2 Weir**

These teams certainly know each other well. Union Local (11-6), which beat Buckeye Local just before the cutoff to leapfrog Bellaire into the No. 4 spot, has played St. Clairsville (15-1) twice this season and lost both times. The Jets are seeking their first crown since 2008.

The Blue Eagles (12-6), who knocked off Wheeling Central in double overtime Tuesday night to land the No. 3 spot, and Weir (12-3) are sectional rivals and are

Please See RINE, Page 20



## Ohio University Eastern Campus



### 2011 Wheeling Hospital OVAC Basketball Championships Schedule / Media Coverage

At The Finals . . .

One Lucky Fan Will Have The Chance To Win \$25,000 Courtesy of THE HEALTH PLAN

all games live on WKKX 1600 AM

**GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 12 at OUE**  
 \*AAAA - 10 AM • A - 1PM • AA - 4 PM • AAA - 7 PM

**BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIPS - FEBRUARY 19 at OUE**  
 \*AAAA - 10 AM • A - 1PM • AA - 4 PM • AAA - 7 PM

Girls'/Boys' Games will air on RTV9 as follows:

**GIRLS' TV SCHEDULE:**  
 Tues. 2/15 AAAA 8 pm  
 Wed. 2/16 AAA 8 pm  
 Thurs. 2/17 AA 8 pm  
 Fri. 2/18 A 8 pm

**BOYS' TV SCHEDULE:**  
 Mon. 2/21 AAAA 8 pm  
 Tues. 2/22 AAA 8 pm  
 Wed. 2/23 AA 8 pm  
 Thurs. 2/24 A 8 pm

\*Girls'/Boys' AAAA Games will air live on RTV9

### OVAC CORPORATE PARTNERS:



Bordas & Bordas, PLLC



# SPORTS

## OVAC girls hoops pairings set

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

After more than two months of action, there are only four girls' teams in each class left with a chance at hoisting the championship trophy.

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference formally announced the pairings for the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championships Tuesday morning.

The top seeds for the event, which begins Monday with the semifinals and wraps up Saturday with the four championship games, are as follows: John Marshall (4-A), Edison (3-A), Shadyside

(2-A) and St. John Central (1-A).

IN CLASS 4-A, the top-seeded Lady Monarchs own a strong 13-4 record and will meet fourth-seeded East Liverpool (10-6) Monday in Glen Dale.

"I think this is a wide-open tournament," said JM head coach Stan Blankenship. "We're excited to have a home-court advantage. We lost a couple of games around Christmas and the girls really started playing well since then. We set this as one of our goals and now we're looking forward to playing a solid East Liverpool team."

A rematch of last year's semifinal

between second-seeded Indian Creek (10-6) and third-seeded Wheeling Park (8-6) will be staged at Wintersville. The Lady Redskins are the only 4-A team to win the title in the tournament's existence.



IN CLASS 3-A, the Edison Lady Wildcats are seeking to defend their title from a season ago when they knocked off St. Clairsville in the title game.

Coach Tony Kovalesky's team has won 15 games in a row since starting the season 0-2 to earn the top seed. The Lady Wildcats' reward is a home game against fourth-seeded Oak Glen, which has posted

a 10-7 mark.

"We're glad to continue to be a part of the tournament," Kovalesky said. "We used to play Oak Glen until the Buckeye 8 was formed, but I know they're a good team. I've been following them because (their head coach) Scott Wiley is an Edison graduate."

The winner of the Edison-Oak Glen contest will meet the survivor of Union Local and Weir. The Lady Jets qualified for the championship bracket for the first time in the history of the tournament as the two seed.

Coach Drew Greenwood's club is 11-5

See, **OVAC**, Page B2

### ● OVAC

Continued from Page B1

on the season. Weir High finished 9-6 before the cut-off date for the third seed.

IN CLASS 2-A, the Shadyside Lady Tigers are back in the field for the third straight year as the top seed.

However, Coach Tina Yates' club is 0-2 in the title game, including losing last year to Fort Frye.

The Lady Tigers, who are 14-0, will host Monroe Central (10-3) Monday evening. Shadyside was a decisive winner against the Lady Seminoles in December. The two schools' second regular-season meeting has been postponed until a later date.

"We know Monroe Central is a quality team," Yates said. "We have to get by them before we can begin to worry about the championship game, but the last two years have been in the back of our minds. We set a goal before the season to not only make (the tournament), but to win it."

The defending champion Lady Cadets of Fort Frye (14-2) earned the second seed. With their win Monday evening, they surpassed Wheeling Central (13-4) in the standings for the home game, meaning the Knights will make a more than 90 mile trip to Beverly.

IN CLASS 1-A, St. John Central returns to the championship bracket for the first time since the Lady Irish captured the

inaugural event.

Coach Bubba Kapral's squad posted a 15-2 record prior to the cutoff to cement the top seed by a little more than half a point over second-seeded Madonna.

"Earning a home game in the OVAC semifinals was one of our goals going into the season," said Lady Irish head coach Bubba Kapral. "I am proud of what we've accomplished so far, especially when you factor in losing one of our key players (Emily Powell) to a torn ACL in December. Making the final four is nice, but we hope to be playing at 1 p.m. on Feb. 12."

En route to the 2008 title, which was the Lady Irish's 14th in school history, the path began with a meeting with Valley. The Lumberjills are back in the field as the fourth seed with a 10-4 record.

The other semifinal pits 14-4 Madonna hosting 12-3 Cameron.

Two-time defending champion Beallsville didn't qualify for the field.

The teams not qualifying for the top four were assigned two games each by the basketball committee with all attempts to limit travel and avoid teams playing for a third time being made. Those pairings can be found on Page B4 of today's edition.

Staskey can be reached at [sstaskey@timesleaderonline.com](mailto:sstaskey@timesleaderonline.com)

### OVAC Pairings

- WHEELING HOSPITAL  
OVAC CHAMPIONSHIP  
Girls Basketball Semifinals**
- Monday**
- Class AAAA**
1. John Marshall vs. 4. East Liverpool
  2. Indian Creek vs. 3. Wheeling Park
- Class AAA**
1. Edison vs. 4. Oak Glen
  2. Union Local vs. 3. Weir
- Class AA**
1. Shadyside vs. 4. Monroe Central
  2. Fort Frye vs. 3. Wheeling Central
- Class A**
1. St. John Central vs. 4. Valley
  2. Madonna vs. 3. Cameron
- CONSOLATION POOL GAMES**
- Monday**
- Linsly at Morgantown Trinity
  - Magnolia at Parkersburg South
  - Brooke at St. Clairsville
  - Steubenville at Bellaire
  - Shenandoah at Martins Ferry
  - Steubenville Central at Harrison Central
  - Hundred at Frontier
  - Barnesville at Toronto
  - River at Bridgeport
  - Bishop Donahue at Paden City
- Wednesday, Feb. 9**
- Beallsville at Bishop Donahue
  - Buckeye Local at Steubenville
- Thursday, Feb. 10**
- Morgantown Trinity at Beallsville
  - Paden City at Steubenville Central
  - Toronto at Linsly
  - Bridgeport at Hundred
  - St. Clairsville at River
  - Bellaire at Shenandoah
  - Martins Ferry at Barnesville
  - Frontier at Magnolia
  - Parkersburg South at Buckeye Local
  - Harrison Central at Brooke
  - Morgantown at Steubenville

## SPORTS

## B

Thursday,  
February 10, 2011

## OVAC boys brackets set

By SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Editor

After two months of action, the brackets for the Wheeling-Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championship are now set.

The top four teams in each class earned their way into the championship pool, while the remaining teams were assigned their remaining two games by the OVAC committee during a meeting Wednesday morning at Ohio University, which will play host to the finals a week from Saturday.

The semifinals will be held Tuesday at the site of the higher seed in the bracket.

The top seeds are as follows: Wheeling Park (4-A), St. Clairsville (3-A), Monroe Central (2-A) and Morgantown Trinity (1-A).



The consolation pairings may be found on today's scoreboard page.

**IN CLASS 4-A**, the two-time defending champion Wheeling Park Patriots are back in the saddle as the top seed thanks to a 13-2 record.

"We're excited to be back in the tournament," said Park head coach Michael Jebbia. "One of our goals each year is to win the OVAC. We've talked a lot about managing expectations and we've taken one step at a time."

The Patriots posted victories over John Marshall in each of the last two seasons in the title game.

This year's path to OUE for the Patriots begins against East Liverpool, which finished fourth with a 11-4 mark.

"It's nice when you play someone not on the regular season schedule," Jebbia continued. "We've had a great tradition with East Liverpool through the 90s and early 2000s. They're a much better team than they've been."

The aforementioned Monarchs are seeking their fourth straight trip to the finals. They're road begins Tuesday at Wintersville against Indian Creek. The Monarchs were knocked off in the 2008 title game by the Redskins.

Indian Creek earned the second seed. It's won 11 games in a row and owns a solid 14-3 record.

**IN CLASS 3-A**, St. Clairsville has been the wire-to-wire leader in the class and earned the top seed on the strength of a 15-1 record.

This marks the fourth straight year the Red

See, OVAC, Page B2

LEADER • Thursday, February 10, 2011 • B2

## ● OVAC

Continued from Page B1

Devils have been a part of the championship bracket. They advanced to the title game in their first two appearances, but were knocked off by eventual champion Weir in last season's semifinal.

"We're happy to be where we are as far as our season is going," said St. C. head coach Kim Clifford. "We really like the tournament atmosphere, which puts a little pressure on you to get ready for the (state) tournaments."

As for their past appearances, Clifford isn't worried.

"We just have to play and ignore the other factors involved," Clifford said. "If the game is being called tight, or just being tight. We have to adjust to whatever presents itself."

The Red Devils will open the quest for their first-ever OVAC title against long-time rival Union Local, which snuck into the field as the fourth seed. The Jets (11-6) passed Bellaire by nine hundredths of a point to get into the field.

The other semifinal pits a rematch of last year's title game when Magnolia visits defending champion Weir. The Blue Eagles hung onto the third seed thanks to a double overtime victory against Wheeling Central. The Red Riders are 12-3.

**IN CLASS 2-A**, Monroe Central is making its debut in the championship side of the bracket and the Seminoles earned the top seed in the class after posting a 13-4 record during the regular campaign.

The Seminoles' victory against River on Tuesday pushed the Noles past Fort Frye for the top seed in the bracket.

"Making the playoffs is always one of our goals," said Monroe head coach Greg Taylor. "Once we get close enough, we want to host a game, so to be the top seed and host we're tickled to death, but we know we've got a tough road ahead of us."

The Seminoles will meet the Pilots for the third time in the semifinals. The two teams split during the season, with each winning on the other's floor.

In the other semifinal, second-seeded Fort Frye will host third-seeded Barnesville. The Cadets, who played for the title two years ago, finished with a strong 14-3 record. The Shamrocks have been red-hot of late and played their way into the field by virtue of a 11-6 campaign.

**IN CLASS 1-A**, Morgantown Trinity is the top seed in its first official season in the field.

The Warriors are 17-1 on the season and finished just 15 hundredths of a point ahead of Madonna.

The path to OUE begins for Trinity against Beallsville, which comes into the tournament with a 10-6 mark.

The second seed is Weirton Madonna, which is making its second appearance in the championship bracket.

However, Coach George Vargo's Blue Dons are hoping to take the next step after they were upended by Bridgeport in 2008.

They'll host Bishop Donahue Tuesday evening. Donahue won the 2009 title and was felled in the championship game a season ago.

Staskey can be reached at [sstaskey@timesleaderonline.com](mailto:ssstaskey@timesleaderonline.com)



# Shadyside Gets Rematch With Fort Frye

By KIM NORTH  
For The Intelligencer

**SHADYSIDE** — Good teams find ways to win games when they don't especially play well.

Unbeaten Shadyside (17-0) used its superior height advantage inside and a pair of 10-point spurts in knocking off Monroe Central, 52-36, on Monday in an OVAC Wheeling Hospital Class AA girls' basketball tournament semifinal contest.

With the victory, Shadyside punched its ticket to a third consecutive championship game, which will be played Saturday at 4 p.m. at Ohio University Eastern. The Tigers will be seeking their first title, but will have to do it against nemesis Fort Frye, which outlasted Wheeling Central, 43-42, in overtime Monday night. The Cadets beat the Tigers a season ago.

The inside duo of Brooke Meintel and senior Sarah Neavin dominated the paint, combining for 30 of Shadyside's 58 rebounds. Meintel, a hard-working 5-foot-8 junior, wiped the glass clean 20 times, including a dozen in the first half.

"We couldn't play any uglier, that's for sure," Shadyside coach Tina Yates said. "I mean we did a lot of things that weren't fundamental basketball that we are capable of doing, and I think a lot of has to do without practicing for two days."

Deadlocked at 12-12 after 8 minutes, the Seminoles (12-4) grabbed the lead on an Alex Kuhn triple from the left wing with 7:31 on the clock, but the visitors wouldn't score again until Chelsea Tewanger's basket at the 2:27 mark.

During that stretch, Shadyside reeled off 10 unanswered to grab a 22-15 lead. Kelsey Holloway scored six of her 10 points in the run, while Neavin added four of her team-high 13 that went along with her 10 boards.

"Both of those girls are capable of getting numbers like that," Yates said. "They both work extremely hard underneath the basket."

Nine of their 30 rebounds came on the offensive end of the floor, something that didn't go unnoticed by veteran Monroe Central coach Troy Baker.

"We couldn't buy a bucket there in the second quarter and they dominated us on the glass," Baker said. "Everybody thinks rebounding is a lot of effort, but we were really out-sized down low and they took advantage of it. They got a ton of

offensive rebounds that led to second and third opportunities that hurt us."

Monroe Central used a late run of its own to cut the halftime deficit to a pair, 24-22, but a 13-4 scoring margin in the third quarter by the Tigers sealed the deal.

"We had a lot of communication breakdowns. It's probably my fault just as much as it theirs," Baker said. "We'll work on that."

**CLASS AAA**

**Union Local 43, Weir 23**

**MORRISTOWN** — Cori Medley scored 24 points, one more than Weir, as Union Local advanced to Saturday's title game.

Shameca Gray paced the Red Riders with nine points.

**Oak Glen 37, Edison 32**

**RICHMOND** — Kiley King scored 12 points as fourth-seeded oak Glen upset top-seeded Edison to advance to Saturday's title tilt.

Savannah Snyder paced Edison with 15 points, while Kayla Prokopakis had 14.

**CLASS A**

**St. John 66, Valley 43**

**BELLAIRE** — Ellie LeMasters scored 24 points and Rosa Young had 23 as St. John advanced to Saturday's championship game by topping Valley.

Brittany Guthrie nailed four 3-pointers and finished with a team high 13 points for the Lumberjills.

**OVAC Consolation**

**Brooke 47, St. Clairsville 25**

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE** — Amyelia Gaudio scored a game-high 17 points as Brooke (5-13) downed St. Clairsville.

Alexis Emrisko paced the Red Devils (5-14) with seven points.

**Frontier 63, Hundred 22**

**NEW MATAMORAS** — Heather Booth's 16 points left lift Frontier (8-9) past Hundred.

The Hornets were led by nine points from Mercedes Goff.

**Paden City 33**

**Bishop Donahue 32**

**PADEN CITY** — Megan Cutlip netted 14 points and Paden City used a 12-5 fourth quarter to edge Class A rival Bishop Donahue.

Amanda Heasley added 10 points for the Wildcats (4-16).

Taylor Barry paced the Bishops with 12 points.

**River 51, Bridgeport 40**

**BRIDGEPORT** — Megan Beard had a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds as River topped Bridgeport.

Alexis Isaly was the high-scorer for the Pilots (9-10) with 17 points.

Tiffany Heckathorne paced the Bulldogs (8-11) with 15 points.

**Caldwell 63, Beallsville 57**

**BEALLSVILLE** — Hannah Jones' 21 points was complemented by Lizzy Nau's 19 as Caldwell (14-4) topped Beallsville.

Julie Bilyeu led the Blue Devils (5-12) with 21 points and Katie Kinney and Madison Stephen each scored 11.

**Steubenville 56, Bellaire 52**

**BELLAIRE** — Emily Masloski scored 23 points to lead Steubenville (8-10) past Bellaire.

Dana Poole helped Big Red with 15 points and Hannah Meyer added 10.

Katie Fry paced the Big Reds with 13 points, followed by Corie Trigg with 11.

**Pkbg. South 69, Magnolia 46**

**PARKERSBURG** — Hannah Maston scored 22 points and Katelyn Hamilton had 11 as Parkersburg South topped Magnolia.

Pady Ludewig again paced the Blue Eagles with 19 points.

**Martins Ferry 36**

**Shenandoah 35**

**MARTINS FERRY** — Jessica Kinney scored 30 points as Martins Ferry held off Shenandoah.

Sami Scholt paced the Zeps with 17 points.

**Harrison Central 61**

**Steub. Catholic 23**

**CADIZ** — Julie Kelley and Madison Richards each scored 13 points as Harrison Central topped Steubenville Catholic.

Rachel Rigaud scored nine points for the Crusaders.

**Barnesville 64, Toronto 31**

**BARNESVILLE** — Heidi Hines poured in 14 points and Melanie Baker had 11 in Barnesville's victory.

**COLLEGE**

**MEN**

**West Liberty 102**

**Ohio Valley 81**

**VIENNA** — West Liberty's unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Hilltoppers had no trouble extending their season-opening winning streak to 21 games, coasting to against Ohio Valley.

Coach Jim Crutchfield's defending West Virginia Conference champions have made more 3-point field goals than any other NCAA Division II squad this season and Monday night was no exception as West Liberty (21-0, 17-0 WVC) drained 17 of 41 shots from behind the arc to account for exactly half of its 102 points.

Barry Shetzer led five double-fig-

ure scorers for the Hilltoppers with a season-high 29 points while Corey Pelle added 17 points. Tim Hausfeld followed up his career-high 32-point game against Wheeling Jesuit on Saturday with a 16-point night in 19 minutes of action off the bench. Alex Falk added 15 points and John Wolosinczuk just missed a double-double with 10 points and nine rebounds.

**Pitt-Johnstown 82**

**Wheeling Jesuit 57**

**JOHNSTOWN, Pa.** — Kourtney Booth led the way with 15 points but Wheeling Jesuit dropped to 6-15 overall and 5-12 in the WVC with a loss to Pitt-Johnstown.

Megan Stuvek chipped in with 12 points for the Cardinals, while Jenn Rennell added 10.

**WOMEN**

**West Liberty 73, Ohio Valley 70**  
**VIENNA** — West Liberty launched a school-record 52 3-point shots Monday night and made just enough of them to rally past upset-minded Ohio Valley.

On a night when she became the first woman in college basketball history with 400 career 3-pointers, Laura Malernee scored 13 of her game-high 16 points after intermission to help West Liberty (19-3, 14-2 WVC) outlast the Fighting Scots (11-9, 7-10) in a tense second half which featured a dozen lead changes.

Tori Hansen backed Malernee with 13 points and 10 rebounds — her 11th double-double of the season — while Kayla Ayers added 14 points off the bench and Jenni Robbins donated 12 points and seven assists. Meghan Wiseman rounded out the double-figure scorers with 10 points.

**Wheeling Jesuit 93**

**Pitt-Johnstown 78**

**JOHNSTOWN, Pa.** — Andre Harris dropped in 23 points as Wheeling Jesuit snapped a two-game losing streak with a victory against Pitt-Johnstown.

Obi Ukwuoma (19), Marquis Moore (18), Ben Siefert (13), and Brad DuPont also had solid games for the Cardinals (12-8, 9-8 WVC).

**PREP HOCKEY**

**Wheeling Central 2**

**Morgantown 1**

**WHEELING** — Wheeling Central remained perfect with a Senior Night victory against Morgantown.

P.J. Ratcliffe and Parker Henry had the goals for the 18-0 Maroon Knights. Joey Baker added two assists, while Harry Lee, Henry, and Ratcliffe each had one.

## MAGNOLIA

Continued from page B1

and I felt that if we caught them on a little bit of an off night, we had a chance to win," he added.

Shooting was a struggle throughout the game for Coach Kim Clifford's Red Devils, as they just 31 percent (16 of 44) from the floor and their high-scoring sophomore stalwart Dan Monteroso was just 3 of 13 but still finished with 17 points after going 11-for-14 from the foul line.

Magnolia (15-6) did a solid job of double-teaming Monteroso whenever he touched the basketball early in the game. The 6-foot-3 forward didn't connect on his first field goal until the 5:02 mark of the third quarter when he found an opening to the basket and banked an underhand layup off the glass, tying the score 33-33.

"That kid is just a great player," Tallman said. "How many times did he create something and get to the foul line when there was nothing there because we had a couple of guys in the area? He's just a sophomore and they've got to be

happy about that."

Magnolia's own potential blue-chip sophomore Mark Winters had a big night for himself, sticking several mid-range jumpers from the 12-15 foot area while scoring 17 points and collecting nine rebounds. Senior Matt Sapp also was on target, swishing four 3-pointers on the way to scoring 18 points.

Among the many keys for the Blue Eagles on this night was their ability of their guards, Sapp and junior Jayson Keller, to handle St. Clairsville's constant full-court pressure and get the ball into Winters' hands.

"Keller had that injury in football but he's over it and doing a great job running our offense from the point," Tallman said. "I don't know how many times he and Matt split a triple-team and gave us some easy shots. A lot of Mark's intermediate jump shots came after we beat their pressure and he was wide open. That was the difference in the game."

Clifford also believed the big shots Winters cashed while moving away from the basket left his team with an uphill battle.

"When we were pressing, I thought we made them take some shots you normally want them to take and they knocked them down. In the fourth quarter, they made three 3s in a row and that's when the game got away from us."

The lead swung back-and-forth six times in the opening half with Magnolia avoiding some early foul concerns to walk off the court ahead 29-25 after Sapp's backside rebound of a missed shot by Winters.

Tallman talked about the Blue Eagles being able to weather the storm with Keller, Jordan Moore, Nick Blatt and Winters having to take seats for a spell after each was whistled for their second personal fouls.

St. Clairsville quickly tied things up early in the second half on a rare four-point play as DeRosa drained a trifecta while

being fouled by the 6-5 Blatt, his third personal. The successful free throw pulled the Red Devils at 29-29 and there would be five more deadlocks before the quarter ended with the teams in a 40-40 tie.

The Red Devils' only lead of the second half came when Riley Carlton buried a 3-pointer from the right wing for a 38-37 lead. Winters hit the front end of a two-shot foul and Campbell, on a nice move inside, put the score at 40-38 before Monteroso's spin move tied the game one more time.

The first 2:22 of the fourth quarter was like a heavyweight championship fight with both teams attempting to land knockout punches. After goals by Keller and Monteroso, Rogalski drilled a 3-pointer, only to be matched seconds later by DeRosa.

Moore then followed with another triple, giving the Blue Eagles the lead to stay at 48-45. An acrobatic tip while flying to the rim by DeRosa made it a one-point game just ahead of Sapp's 3-point-

er at the top of the key that put Magnolia up by four at 51-47 with 5:38 showing.

A Blatt free throw and follow-up basket from Winters extended the advantage to 54-47 near the 4-minute mark.

St. Clairsville pulled within four points twice, first at 54-50 following DeRosa's fourth trifecta and then 56-52 on MacKenzie Koehler hoop at the 2:05 mark.

The Red Devils were unable to take advantage of a Blue Eagles turnover and with less than a minute left, Moore netted the front end of his 1-and-1. Monteroso was short on his 3-point attempt with 27 seconds left. After Rogalski cashed only the front end of his double-bonus, Monteroso also went 1 of 2 at the line and Moore added two more free throws to close the scoring with 16 seconds on the clock.

"Congratulations to Magnolia," Clifford said. "It couldn't happen to a better guy that Dave Tallman."

## MORE OVAC ACTION

See more results from the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls' Basketball Tournament, including the consolation matchups/14

# The Intelligencer. SPORTS

TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY 8, 2011  
FINANCIAL .....16-17  
TV/ENTERTAINMENT .....18

13



Photo by Fred Younce

Wheeling Park's Krista Crawshaw brings down a rebound Monday against Indian Creek.

## Park On To The Title Tilt

### Indian Creek's run comes to an end

By ED LOOMAN  
For The Intelligencer

WINTERSVILLE — There will be no four-peat for Indian Creek in the Wheeling Hospital Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAAA girls basketball tournament. Wheeling Park made sure of that Monday.

Sophomores Emily Puskarich and Haley Robb combined for 28 points as the third-seeded Patriots knocked off the No. 2 Redskins, 56-43. Creek entered the semifinal match as the only champion in the first three years of the event.

Meredith Dailer's club will tackle top-seeded John Marshall on Saturday in the title game on the campus of Ohio University Eastern.

Robb was the sparkplug for Park (10-8) in the second quarter as the Patriots built an eight-point lead at 31-23. She accounted for 10 of her team's 18 points and connected twice from behind the arc. She started a late 8-0 Park run with a free throw. Puskarich followed with a 3-pointer. Laura Stefanow hit a free throw and Carly Collins drained one from downtown.

Robb finished the half and the game with 12 points and a team-high seven rebounds, four coming off the offensive glass.

"She definitely likes to shoot the 3," Dailer said of Robb. "She was on and that really helped us out in the first half. She also did a nice job on the back side of our zone, getting some huge rebounds."

Puskarich assumed the sparkplug role in the second half, particularly in the fourth quarter.

Please See PARK, Page 14

## WHEELING HOSPITAL OVAC GIRLS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

# Monarchs Seek Crown



Photo by Rick Thorp

Jenna Stephens (52) goes up for an easy basket during John Marshall's victory against East Liverpool on Monday in Glen Dale.

## JM bests Potters, one step closer to OVAC title

By RICK THORP  
Staff Writer

GLEN DALE — John Marshall girls' basketball coach Stan Blankenship has seen a lot of dominating performances from his teams during his almost 30 seasons at the Monarchs' helm.

But Monday night's effort against East Liverpool in the semifinals of the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Basketball Tournament ranks right up there with the best of them.

John Marshall went on a remarkable 37-2 run during the second and third quarters en route to a 72-48 victory that wasn't as close as the scoreboard indicated.

The victory sends the Monarchs into Saturday's Class AAAA championship game at Ohio University Eastern against Wheeling Park, a 56-43 winner at Indian Creek. It marks the third time John Marshall has reached the championship game and it will be the second of three scheduled meetings between the two rivals this season.

The squads are also scheduled to play Wednesday, Feb. 16 at Wheeling Park.

"Our pressure defense really got to them ... that was the key," Blankenship said following his team's ninth victory in 10 games.

Before the Potters (11-7) could even attempt a shot, they turned the ball over six times.

Please See MONARCHS, Page 15

## Quick Start Pushes Madonna

### Dons never trail in semifinal victory against Cameron

By FRED YOUNCE  
For The Intelligencer

WEIRTON — Weirton Madonna's girls' basketball team looked dominant from start to finish in its semifinal of the Wheeling Hospital Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Championships. The Blue Dons sent visiting Cameron packing, 60-42, to advance to the OVAC Class A Final on Saturday.

"We were real loose in the beginning," Madonna coach Don Ogden said. "We thought we'd be able to pressure a little bit and the girls did well."

"We got in a little bit of foul trouble toward the second half but for the most part I thought the girls played a very well-disciplined game."

The Blue Dons doubled the Dragons' first-quarter output (12-6) and never looked back from there.

"Intensity was the difference," Cameron coach Joe Pettit said. "(Madonna) had that extra spark on the offensive end and the defensive end."

"Just that little extra step of gusto."

Isabella Anile was the catalyst for Madonna in the first half, scoring 11 of her game-high 21 points in the half. Anile shot an impressive 9-for-10 from the free-throw line. The Blue Dons led 28-16 at the intermission.

Cameron scored the first basket of the second half to bring itself within 10 but that was as close as it got as the Madonna defense continued to keep up the pressure throughout, even pushing the lead as high as 20 points on multiple occasions.

"One of the things we wanted to do so we didn't take let up is keep up the pressure," Ogden said. "We pushed the ball."

"We've been in a couple of situations where we led, unfortunately, and we went on to lose the end result so I didn't really need to say much."

Please See MADONNA, Page 15

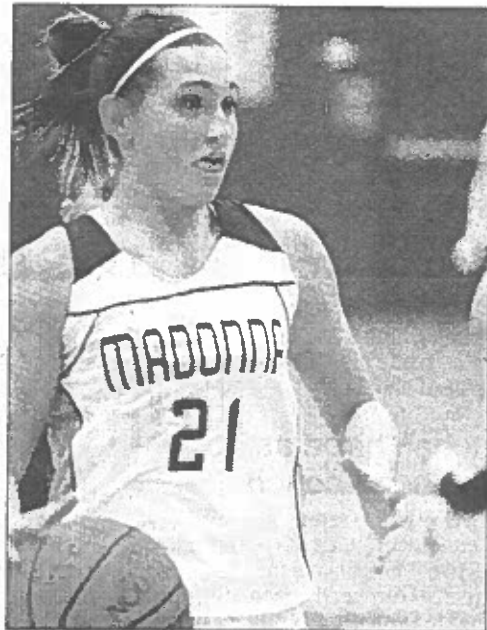


Photo by Fred Younce

Madonna's Stephanie Magnone brings the ball up the floor against Cameron.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

Staff and wire reports

### Killeen, Urquhart back with Nailers

WHEELING — The Pittsburgh Penguins have reassigned goaltender Patrick Killeen to the Wheeling Nailers from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins of the American Hockey League. In addition, the Hamilton Bulldogs (AHL) have reassigned defenseman David Urquhart to Wheeling.

Killeen, 20, is currently second in the ECHL in victories with 17. The Nailers netminder has posted solid numbers in his rookie campaign, posting a 17-9-0-1 record with a 2.70 goals against average, and a .906 save percentage. Killeen appeared in one game with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, making his AHL debut in relief on January 23 against the Charlotte Checkers.

Urquhart, 26, has appeared in 15 games with the Bulldogs this season recording an assist and six penalty minutes. In 21 games with Wheeling this season, Urquhart registered nine points (1g, 8a) and 30 penalty minutes. This was his second call-up to Hamilton this season.

### Taormina named Player of Week

WEXFORD, Pa. — After nearly averaging a double-double in two victories last week, Bethany College sophomore Kayla Taormina was named the Presidents' Athletic Conference Player of the Week for Feb. 7.

In helping the Bison (11-10, 6-6) to a pair of big victories last week that boosted them to fourth place in the conference, the 5-foot-8 guard averaged 18 points and 9.5 rebounds while shooting 54 percent (14-26) from the field and 60 percent (6-10) from the arc. Her first big performance came in a 66-58 triumph against Thiel, as she posted her third double-double of the season with 16 points and a career-high 12 rebounds, while also blocking a pair of shots.

### Munchak hired as Titans head coach

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans have hired Mike Munchak as the franchise's 16th head coach, deciding to promote from within to replace Jeff Fisher.

Munchak was the first man interviewed to replace Jeff Fisher and had been considered the top candidate

# Shadyside Gets Rematch With Fort Frye

By KIM NORTH  
For The Intelligencer

SHADYSIDE — Good teams find ways to win games when they don't especially play well.

Unbeaten Shadyside (17-0) used its superior height advantage inside and a pair of 10-point spurts in knocking off Monroe Central, 52-36, on Monday in an OVAC Wheeling Hospital Class AA girls' basketball tournament semifinal contest.

With the victory, Shadyside punched its ticket to a third consecutive championship game, which will be played Saturday at 4 p.m. at Ohio University Eastern. The Tigers will be seeking their first title, but will have to do it against nemesis Fort Frye, which outlasted Wheeling Central, 43-42, in overtime Monday night. The Cadets beat the Tigers a season ago.

The inside duo of Brooke Meintel and senior Sarah Neavin dominated the paint, combining for 30 of Shadyside's 58 rebounds. Meintel, a hard-working 5-foot-8 junior, wiped the glass clean 20 times, including a dozen in the first half.

"We couldn't play any uglier, that's for sure," Shadyside coach Tina Yates said. "I mean we did a lot of things that weren't fundamental basketball that we are capable of doing, and I think a lot of has to do without practicing for two days."

Deadlocked at 12-12 after 8 minutes, the Seminoles (12-4) grabbed the lead on an Alex Kuhn triple from the left wing with 7:31 on the clock, but the visitors wouldn't score again until Chelsea Tewanger's basket at the 2:27 mark.

During that stretch, Shadyside reeled off 10 unanswered to grab a 22-15 lead. Kelsey Holloway scored six of her 10 points in the run, while Neavin added four of her team-high 13 that went along with her 10 boards.

"Both of those girls are capable of getting numbers like that," Yates said. "They both work extremely hard underneath the basket."

Nine of their 30 rebounds came on the offensive end of the floor, something that didn't go unnoticed by veteran Monroe Central coach Troy Baker.

"We couldn't buy a bucket there in the second quarter and they dominated us on the glass," Baker said. "Everybody thinks rebounding is a lot of effort, but we were really out-sized down low and they took advantage of it. They got a ton of

offensive rebounds that led to second and third opportunities that hurt us."

Monroe Central used a late run of its own to cut the halftime deficit to a pair, 24-22, but a 13-4 scoring margin in the third quarter by the Tigers sealed the deal.

"We had a lot of communication breakdowns. It's probably my fault just as much as it theirs," Baker said. "We'll work on that."

#### CLASS AAA

##### Union Local 43, Weir 23

MORRISTOWN — Cori Medley scored 24 points, one more than Weir, as Union Local advanced to Saturday's title game.

Shameca Gray paced the Red Riders with nine points.

##### Oak Glen 37, Edison 32

RICHMOND — Kiley King scored 12 points as fourth-seeded oak Glen upset top-seeded Edison to advance to Saturday's title tilt.

Savannah Snyder paced Edison with 15 points, while Kayla Prokopakis had 14.

#### CLASS A

##### St. John 66, Valley 43

BELLAIRE — Ellie LeMasters scored 24 points and Rosa Young had 23 as St. John advanced to Saturday's championship game by topping Valley.

Brittany Guthrie nailed four 3-pointers and finished with a team high 13 points for the Lumberjills.

#### OVAC Consolation

##### Brooke 47, St. Clairsville 25

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Amyelia Gaudio scored a game-high 17 points as Brooke (5-13) downed St. Clairsville.

Alexis Emrisko paced the Red Devils (5-14) with seven points.

##### Frontier 63, Hundred 22

NEW MATAMORAS — Heather Booth's 16 points left lift Frontier (8-9) past Hundred.

The Hornets were led by nine points from Mercedes Goff.

##### Paden City 33

##### Bishop Donahue 32

PADEN CITY — Megan Cutlip netted 14 points and Paden City used a 12-5 fourth quarter to edge Class A rival Bishop Donahue.

Amanda Heasley added 10 points for the Wildcats (4-16).

Taylor Barry paced the Bishops with 12 points.

##### River 51, Bridgeport 40

BRIDGEPORT — Megan Beard had a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds as River topped Bridgeport.

Alexis Isaly was the high-scorer for the Pilots (9-10) with 17 points.

Tiffany Heckathorne paced the Bulldogs (8-11) with 15 points.

##### Caldwell 63, Beallsville 57

BEALLSVILLE — Hannah Jones' 21 points was complemented by Lizzy Nau's 19 as Caldwell (14-4) topped Beallsville.

Julie Bilyeu led the Blue Devils (5-12) with 21 points and Katie Kinney and Madison Stephen each scored 11.

##### Steubenville 56, Bellaire 52

BELLAIRE — Emily Masloski scored 23 points to lead Steubenville (8-10) past Bellaire.

Dana Poole helped Big Red with 15 points and Hannah Meyer added 10.

Katie Fry paced the Big Reds with 13 points, followed by Corie Trigg with 11.

##### Pkbg, South 69, Magnolia 46

PARKERSBURG — Hannah Maston scored 22 points and Katelyn Hamilton had 11 as Parkersburg South topped Magnolia.

Padyn Ludewig again paced the Blue Eagles with 19 points.

##### Martins Ferry 36

##### Shenandoah 35

MARTINS FERRY — Jessica Kinney scored 30 points as Martins Ferry held off Shenandoah.

Sami Schott paced the Zeps with 17 points.

##### Harrison Central 61

##### Steub. Catholic 23

CADIZ — Julie Kelley and Madison Richards each scored 13 points as Harrison Central topped Steubenville Catholic.

Rachel Rigaud scored nine points for the Crusaders.

##### Barnesville 64, Toronto 31

BARNESVILLE — Heidi Hines poured in 14 points and Melanie Baker had 11 in Barnesville's victory.

#### COLLEGE

##### MEN

##### West Liberty 102

##### Ohio Valley 81

VIENNA — West Liberty's unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Hilltoppers had no trouble extending their season-opening winning streak to 21 games, coasting to against Ohio Valley.

Coach Jim Crutchfield's defending West Virginia Conference champions have made more 3-point field goals than any other NCAA Division II squad this season and Monday night was no exception as West Liberty (21-0, 17-0 WVC) drained 17 of 41 shots from behind the arc to account for exactly half of its 102 points.

Barry Shetzer led five double-fig-

ure scorers for the Hilltoppers with a season-high 29 points while Corey Pelle added 17 points. Tim Hausfeld followed up his career-high 32-point game against Wheeling Jesuit on Saturday with a 16-point night in 19 minutes of action off the bench. Alex Falk added 15 points and John Wolosinczuk just missed a double-double with 10 points and nine rebounds.

##### Pitt-Johnstown 82

##### Wheeling Jesuit 57

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — Kourtney Booth led the way with 15 points but Wheeling Jesuit dropped to 6-15 overall and 5-12 in the WVC with a loss to Pitt-Johnstown.

Megan Stuvek chipped in with 12 points for the Cardinals, while Jenn Rennell added 10.

#### WOMEN

##### West Liberty 73, Ohio Valley 70

VIENNA — West Liberty launched a school-record 52 3-point shots Monday night and made just enough of them to rally past upset-minded Ohio Valley.

On a night when she became the first woman in college basketball history with 400 career 3-pointers, Laura Malernee scored 13 of her game-high 16 points after intermission to help West Liberty (19-3, 14-2 WVC) outlast the Fighting Scots (11-9, 7-10) in a tense second half which featured a dozen lead changes.

Tori Hansen backed Malernee with 13 points and 10 rebounds — her 11th double-double of the season — while Kayla Ayers added 14 points off the bench and Jenni Robbins donated 12 points and seven assists. Meghan Wiseman rounded out the double-figure scorers with 10 points.

##### Wheeling Jesuit 93

##### Pitt-Johnstown 78

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — Andre Harris dropped in 23 points as Wheeling Jesuit snapped a two-game losing streak with a victory against Pitt-Johnstown.

Obi Ukwuoma (19), Marquis Moore (18), Ben Siefert (13), and Brad DuPont also had solid games for the Cardinals (12-8, 9-8 WVC).

#### PREP HOCKEY

##### Wheeling Central 2

##### Morgantown 1

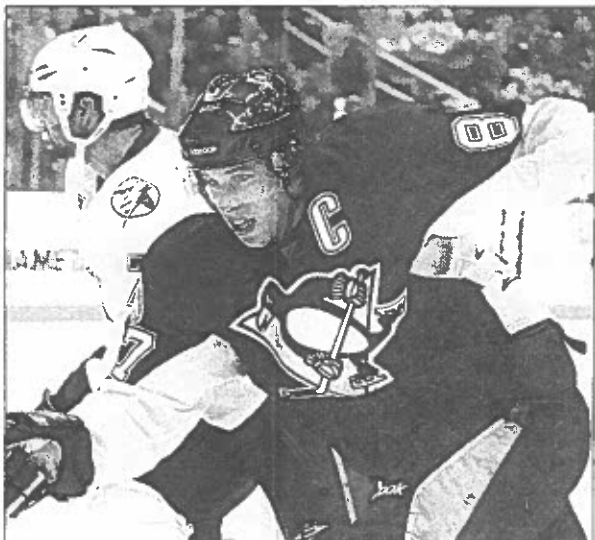
WHEELING — Wheeling Central remained perfect with a Senior Night victory against Morgantown.

P.J. Ratcliffe and Parker Henry had the goals for the 18-0 Maroon Knights. Joey Baker added two assists, while Harry Lee, Henry, and Ratcliffe each had one.

## Crosby Return Unclear

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Center Sidney Crosby has already missed 13 games for the Pittsburgh Penguins with complications due to a concussion, and his return date is still unclear.

Coach Dan Bylsma addressed Crosby's status, as well as other injury



## Cavaliers Add To Losing Skid

DALLAS (AP) — Over one season or two, no team in NBA history has lost as many games in a row as these Cleveland Cavaliers.

The surging Dallas Mavericks beat Cleveland 99-96 on Monday night, making it 25 straight losses for the Cavs.

Cleveland already held the record for the most losses in a single season, but the

rebounds to lead Los Angeles over Memphis.

Memphis got within two points in the fourth quarter, but Los Angeles took advantage of five Grizzlies turnovers to go on an 11-0 run and take an 89-76 lead.

##### Bobcats 94, Celtics 89

##### CHARLOTTE, N.C.

(AP) — Gerald Wallace scored 19 points, including the clinching free throws



Rank	Team	W-L	PTS	REB	STL
1.	University	15-1	83	3	
2.	Greenbrier East	14-2	78	2	
3.	South Charleston	14-1	75	4	
4.	Bridgeport	15-1	58	6	
5.	Huntington	14-3	54	5	
6.	Spring Valley	14-3	38	7	
7.	Nicholas County	12-2	29	9	
8.	George Washington	11-6	20	8	
9.	John Marshall	13-5	5	NR	

Others receiving votes: Parkersburg Senior 10, Washington 10, Robert C. Byrd 2, Ripley 1.

Rank	Team	W-L	PTS	REB	STL
1.	Summers Co. (10)	17-0	100	1	
2.	Westside	13-2	84	2	
3.	Berkeley Springs	15-1	81	3	
4.	Ravenswood	15-2	68	4	
5.	Lincoln	12-3	53	5	
6.	Braxton County	16-3	48	6	
7.	Scott	10-6	43	7	
8.	Clay County	13-5	29	8	
9.	James Monroe	11-6	19	T9	
10.	Totsia	10-6	17	T9	

Others receiving votes: Weir 3, Pike-View 3, River View 2.

Rank	Team	W-L	PTS	REB	STL
1.	St. Marys (8)	17-0	98	1	
2.	Saint Joseph (2)	10-6	81	2	
3.	Charleston Catholic	14-3	72	3	
4.	Pocahontas County	15-2	65	5	
5.	Williamstown	14-4	60	4	
6.	Wheeling Central	14-4	58	6	
7.	Tucker County	11-5	33	9	
8.	Parkersburg Catholic	10-6	29	8	
9.	Buffalo	12-5	18	10	
10.	Notre Dame	10-5	12	7	

Others receiving votes: East Hardy 9, Cameron 6, Greater Beckley Christian 4, Trinity 4, Madonna 1.

## MONARCHS

(Continued from Page 13)

However, they rebounded from an early 11-4 deficit to tie the score at 14-14 on Mallory Waggle's jumper to start the second quarter.

From there, it was all John Marshall.

The Monarchs (14-5) unleashed a suffocating defense and a potent inside game that combined to result in the monumental run that began early in the second quarter and didn't end until JM had scored the first 15 points of the third period.

Along the way, the Monarchs scored 28 unanswered points and turned a comfortable 27-18 lead into a dominant 55-18 advantage.

"The pressure hurt us and we didn't slow down and run an offense," East Liverpool coach Emily Reed said. "We have to realize that if we're going to do anything we have to slow down and have something with some structure to it."

The Potters will play host to the Redskins in a consolation contest Thursday night.

While John Marshall's pressure resulted in numerous turnovers (the Potters had 21 in the first half) and missed shots (11 of 46 from the field through three quarters), the

Monarchs domination inside made things worse for the Potters.

Three players registered double-doubles for JM — Kylie Howard (16 points, 15 rebounds), Jenna Stephens (15 points, 10 rebounds) and Alexis Montes (15 points, 11 rebounds).

"That's terrific," Blankenship said when informed of the fact. "If I can get that every night I might be a great coach."

Jenna had a heckuva game. That's what we need. She's peaking at the right time.

"And Alexis, she's been that steady inside player for us all year long."

Kristen Lewicki scored only nine points, but she tacked on eight assists and five steals.

"We got on a good run and it was our pressure defense," Blankenship said. "Our kids feed off that. They were feeding each other and hitting the open player."

JM's bench also did the job, outscoring East Liverpool's 14-6.

"JM has a great team," Reed said. "They are strong and solid and that's a result of their great coaching and great players."

"They did a really nice job."

## MADONNA

(Continued from Page 13)

"They knew what was on the line and they responded and I'm proud of them."

Madonna's Sara Lyons played consistent throughout, scoring 16 points on 7-for-12 shooting from the field.

The Dragons were led by Shelby Wood and Lindsay Siburt, who scored 14 and 13 points, respectively.

"I want to give a lot of credit to Kaitlyn Conner," Ogden said. "She guarded one of their top scorers (Siburt) and I thought she

did a fabulous job along with Stephanie Magnone on the Wood girl.

"You can't always shut down those kind of scorers but you can at least reduce the damage and those two girls played a big role in that."

Now Madonna can look to trying to bring home the OVAC Class A title.

"Saturday we're playing for the championship," Ogden said.

"That was one of our goals, to get to the tournament and see how far we could go and we'll see what happens Saturday."

## SPORTS

THE TIMES

# Park's fourth quarter surge stops JM in OVAC 4-A final

By RICH GIBSON  
Times Leader Sports Writer

For three quarters, long-time rivals John Marshall and Wheeling Park went toe to toe.

The big school kingpins gave every indication Saturday's OVAC/Wheeling Hospital 4-A championship game was going down to the wire.

At which point, Meredith Dailer's Lady Patriots took charge and unexpectedly won going away.

The Park used a game-ending 21-7 pullaway for a 55-41 victory inside Ohio University-Eastern's athletic complex.

Coach Stan Blankenship's Monarchs entered as the 4-A division's top seed. JM, though, endured an uncharacteristically poor final eight minutes and Park seized the moment.

"The two big keys, I thought, were our defense and ability to keep JM off the offensive boards," Dailer explained. "We forced some second half turnovers (10) and were able to capitalize."

Blankenship acknowledged a series of late mistakes proved costly. "Basically, we broke down in the fourth quarter," he described. "We had some crucial turnovers and Park took advantage."

Deadlocked at 34 through three periods, Park methodically built leads of six and eight points, eventually forcing the Brown & Gold into foul situations.

"We've been a 68 percent foul shooting team," Dailer advised. "Today, we were really clutch."

*'The two big keys, I thought, were our defense and ability to keep JM off the offensive boards.'*

— Park's Meredith Dailer

Converting 19 of 24 attempts, overall, the Lady Patriots were nearly lights out in 16 fourth period visits to the stripe, delivering 13 times.

Sophomore guard Haley Robb continually punished JM, knocking down 9-of-10 free flips as the final minutes ticked away.

Additionally, sophomore ace Emily Puskarich and 5-10 junior Krista Crawshaw contributed five points apiece.

JM, meanwhile, put the wraps on a miserable shooting performance. The No. 1 seed finished 14-of-52 from the perimeter.

"We can't afford to get down on ourselves," Blankenship advised. "Sure, we're disappointed by our performance today but we expect to play Park two more times."

The rivals have a regular season rematch Wednesday and will likely square off again when West Virginia sectional play convenes.

"Most of the season, we've been trying to find an identity," Dailer reported. "Even though JM had beaten us earlier, I thought we came into this game with a little more confidence."

Robb's superb outing included a game-leading 21 points. The 5-6 tal-

ent cashed 13-of-14 at the line. Puskarich provided 13-point support and yanked down nine rebounds.

Park also received a big-time board effort from senior Laura Stefanow who totaled eight points and nine rebounds.

JM's sterling sophomore Kylie Howard hooped 17 points and landed 11 rebounds. The Monarchs' savvy 10th grader had erupted for 39 markers in JM's earlier decision of the Park.

Junior Alexis Montes totaled eight points and six rebounds. Junior Jenna Stevens also nabbed a half-dozen stray shots.

Park shot 16-of-45 from the field and was charted for nine turnovers. JM, a 30-29 leader off the glass, was guilty of 14 giveaways.

WHEELING PARK (55) — Tucker 2, 0-0 5; Robb 3, 13-14 21; Collins 0, 0-0 0; Taylor 1, 0-0 2; Johnson 0, 0-0 0; Stefanow 3, 2-2 8; Puskarich 5, 2-4 13; Crawshaw 2, 2-4 6; Totals: 16, 19-24 55. JOHN MARSHALL (41) — Ball 2, 0-0 6; Magers 1, 0-0 3; Lewicki 0, 0-0 0; Watson 1, 0-0 3; Howard 7, 2-3 17; Montes 1, 6-8 8; Stevens 2, 0-0 4; Totals: 14, 8-11 41.

Three-Point Goals: WP — Tucker, Robb (2), Puskarich, JM — Ball (2), Magers, Watson, Howard.

Gibson may be reached at rgibson@timesleaderonline.com

**CLASS A**

No. 1 Trinity 89, No. 4 Beallsville 32  
No. 2 Madonna 68, No. 3 Donahue 57  
**Championship**  
Saturday, 1 p.m. at OUE  
No. 1 Trinity vs. No. 2 Madonna  
**Consolation**  
No. 4 Beallsville at No. 3 Donahue

**CLASS AA**

No. 1 Monroe 62, No. 4 River 46  
No. 2 Ft. Frye 56, No. 3 Barnesville 53  
**Championship**  
Saturday, 4 p.m. at OUE  
No. 1 Monroe vs. No. 2 Ft. Frye  
**Consolation**  
No. 4 River at No. 3 Barnesville



**CLASS AAA**

No. 1 St. Clairsville 45, No. 4 UL 41  
No. 3 Magnolia 58, No. 2 Weir 37  
**Championship**  
Saturday, 7 p.m. at OUE  
No. 1 St. C. vs. No. 3 Magnolia  
**Consolation**  
No. 2 Weir at No. 4 Union Local

**CLASS AAAA**

No. 1 Wheeling Park 80, No. 4 EL 67  
No. 3 John Marshall 46, No. 2 Creek 41  
**Championship**  
Saturday, 10 a.m. at OUE  
No. 1 Park vs. No. 3 John Marshall  
**Consolation**  
No. 2 Indian Creek at No. 4 E.L.

## OVAC title chase continues

### Red Devils survive to reach third 3-A final in four seasons

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Good teams find a way to win close games. Good players usually rise to the occasion to help their teams pull out a victory when its not necessarily played its best game.

St. Clairsville's a good team with a tremendous player and needed both attributes Tuesday evening on John Jenkins Court inside the Red Devils' Gymnasium during the Class 3-A semifinals of the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championship against Union Local.

Playing before a jam-packed, boisterous crowd, the Red Devils persevered by going to sophomore all-Ohioan Dan Monteroso, who dropped in a floater and then slipped around a missed block out on the front end of a bonus situation for a put-back to lift the Red Devils to a thrilling 45-41 victory against the Jets.

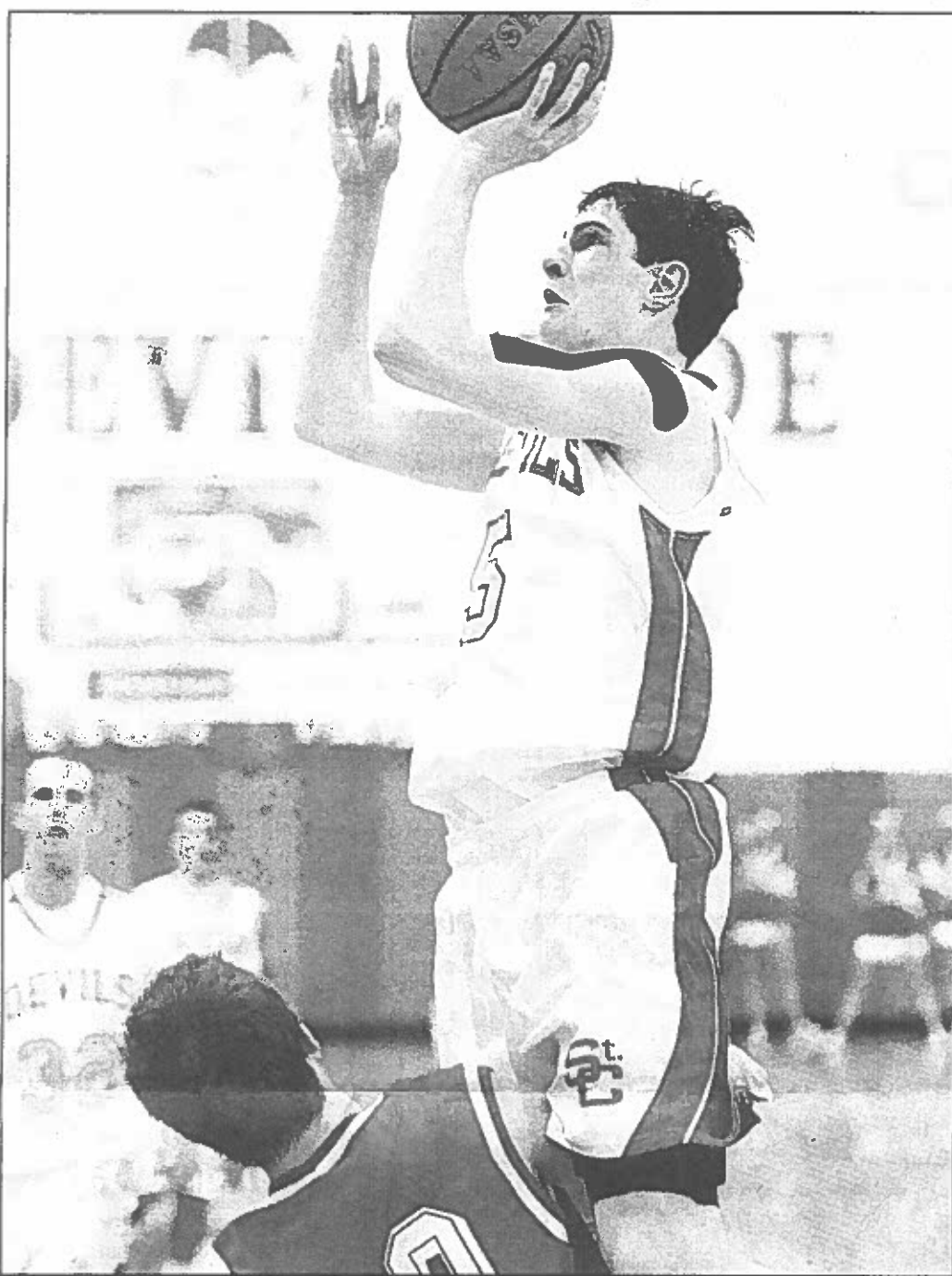
"It's definitely a cliché, but a lot of times, it's not the Xs and Os, but the Johnnys and Joes," Clifford said. "We didn't have a secret formula or anything. Good players just made plays."

The win puts the Red Devils into Saturday's OVAC Championship against Magnolia, which was a decisive winner against second-seeded and defending champion Weir. The title game is slated for 7 p.m. at Ohio University Eastern.

This marks the Red Devils' third appearance in the four-year history of the title game. They're still searching for the school's first-ever OVAC title in boys' basketball.

*'...a lot of times, it's not the Xs and Os, but the Johnnys and Joes.'*

*- Kim Clifford*



**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Dan Monteroso elevates against Union Local's Myron Jellison for a shot during their OVAC Class 3-A semifinal contest on John Jenkins Court. Monteroso led all scorers with 19 points, including the final five to lift the Red Devils to a 45-41 victory.

Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

See, ST. C., Page B2

### Monroe Central advances to first OVAC 2-A final

• Top-seeded Seminoles to meet Fort Frye Saturday at 4 p.m.

By **RICH GIBSON**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

**GRAYSVILLE** — After splitting a pair of regular season games, Monroe Central left little doubt in a Tuesday night rubber match against county rival River.

Playing before a standing room only turnout at Skyvue Elementary, Coach Greg Taylor's Seminoles claimed a 62-46 scalp in a Wheeling Hospital/OVAC 2-A semifinal contest.

Monroe's win elevates the now 15-4 and No. 1 seeded Noles into Saturday afternoon's 2-A title tilt opposite second-seeded Fort Frye, a 56-53 Tuesday victor over Barnesville.

Taylor watched his team mount a first quarter double digit lead against River and eventually prevail in wire-to-wire fashion.

"First, let me say this is a bittersweet victory," Taylor noted. "I have the utmost respect for (River coach) Mark Romick and his team. Mark and I go back a few years. I realize he's hurting a little (after this loss)."

Romick's Pilots were 59-58 winners in a

*'We had a few seniors who didn't step up and that's disappointing. If that happens next week in our sectional, we might as well fire up the Maytags'*

*- River head coach Mark Romick*

Seminoles' guard Jimmy Baker who authored a 13-point opening panel, raining home a trio of bonus buckets along the way.

"Jimmy lit them up early. That's exactly the kind of start we were hoping for," Taylor advised. "Before the game, we talked about trying to get off to a fast start. We scored 21 (in the first quarter) and that was key."

**MONROE CENTRAL'S** Marcus Schumacher shoots a floater over River's Jordan Potts during Tuesday's Class 2-A OVAC semifinal at Skyvue.

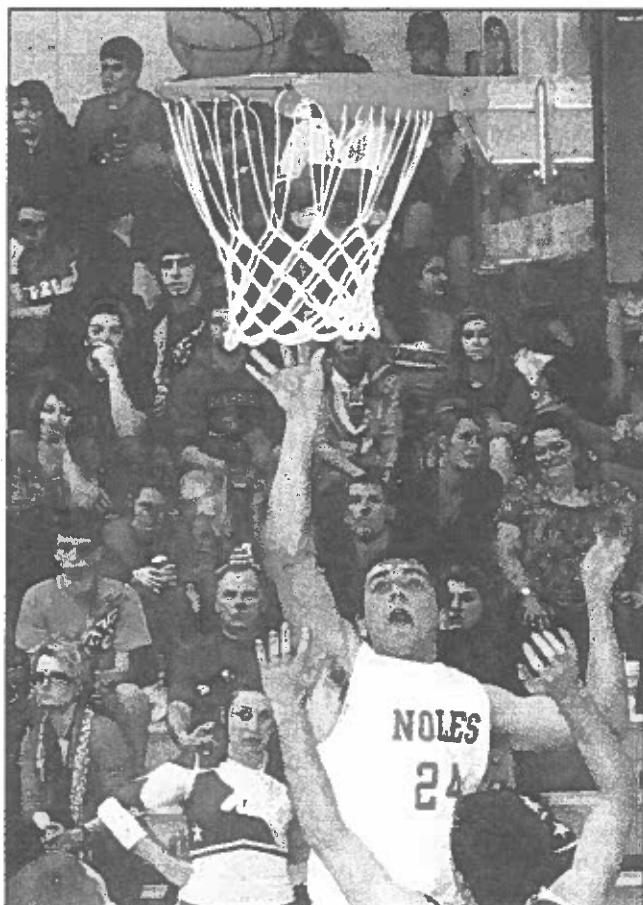


Photo Courtesy/Tracy Blackstone

# final in four seasons

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Good teams find a way to win close games. Good players usually rise to the occasion to help their teams pull out a victory when its not necessarily played its best game.

St. Clairsville's a good team with a tremendous player and needed both attributes Tuesday evening on John Jenkins Court inside the Red Devils' Gymnasium during the Class 3-A semifinals of the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championship against Union Local.

Playing before a jam-packed, boisterous crowd, the Red Devils persevered by going to sophomore all-Ohioan Dan Monteroso, who dropped in a floater and then slipped around a missed block out on the front end of a bonus situation for a put-back to lift the Red Devils to a thrilling 45-41 victory against the Jets.

*'...a lot of times, it's not the Xs and Os, but the Johnnys and Joes.'*

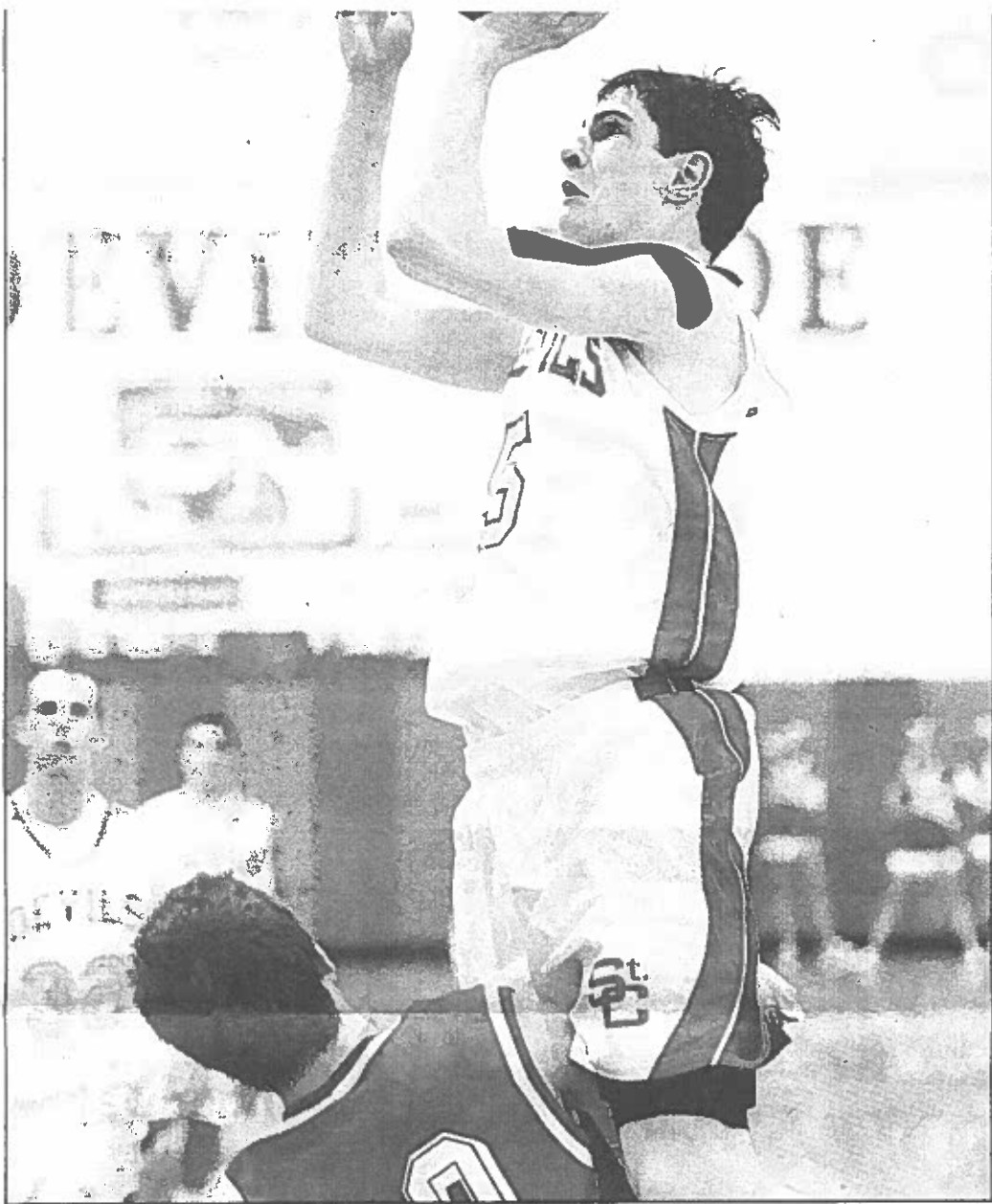
*- Kim Clifford*

"It's definitely a cliché, but a lot of times, it's not the Xs and Os, but the Johnnys and Joes," Clifford said. "We didn't have a secret formula or anything. Good players just made plays."

The win puts the Red Devils into Saturday's OVAC Championship against Magnolia, which was a decisive winner against second-seeded and defending champion Weir. The title game is slated for 7 p.m. at Ohio University Eastern.

This marks the Red Devils' third appearance in the four-year history of the title game. They're still searching for the school's first-ever OVAC title in boys' basketball.

See, ST. C., Page B2



**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Dan Monteroso elevates against Union Local's Myron Jellison for a shot during their OVAC Class 3-A semifinal contest on John Jenkins Court. Monteroso led all scorers with 19 points, including the final five to lift the Red Devils to a 45-41 victory.

Photo/PAUL KRAJNYAK

# Monroe Central advances to first OVAC 2-A final

• Top-seeded Seminoles to meet Fort Frye Saturday at 4 p.m.

By **RICH GIBSON**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

**GRAYSVILLE** — After splitting a pair of regular season games, Monroe Central left little doubt in a Tuesday night rubber match against county rival River.

Playing before a standing room only turnout at Skyvue Elementary, Coach Greg Taylor's Seminoles claimed a 62-46 scalp in a Wheeling Hospital/OVAC 2-A semifinal contest.

Monroe's win elevates the now 15-4 and No. 1 seeded Noles into Saturday afternoon's 2-A title tilt opposite second-seeded Fort Frye, a 56-53 Tuesday victor over Barnesville.

Taylor watched his team mount a first quarter double digit lead against River and eventually prevail in wire-to-wire fashion.

"First, let me say this is a bittersweet victory," Taylor noted. "I have the utmost respect for (River coach) Mark Romick and his team. Mark and I go back a few years. I realize he's hurting a little (after this loss)."

Romick's Pilots were 59-58 winners in an early regular season sizzler at Skyvue before Monroe recently returned the favor, posting a 67-57 decision at Hannibal.

Tuesday's third encounter got away from the Rivermen in a hurry, thanks in large part to

*'We had a few seniors who didn't step up and that's disappointing. If that happens next week in our sectional, we might as well fire up the Maytags'*

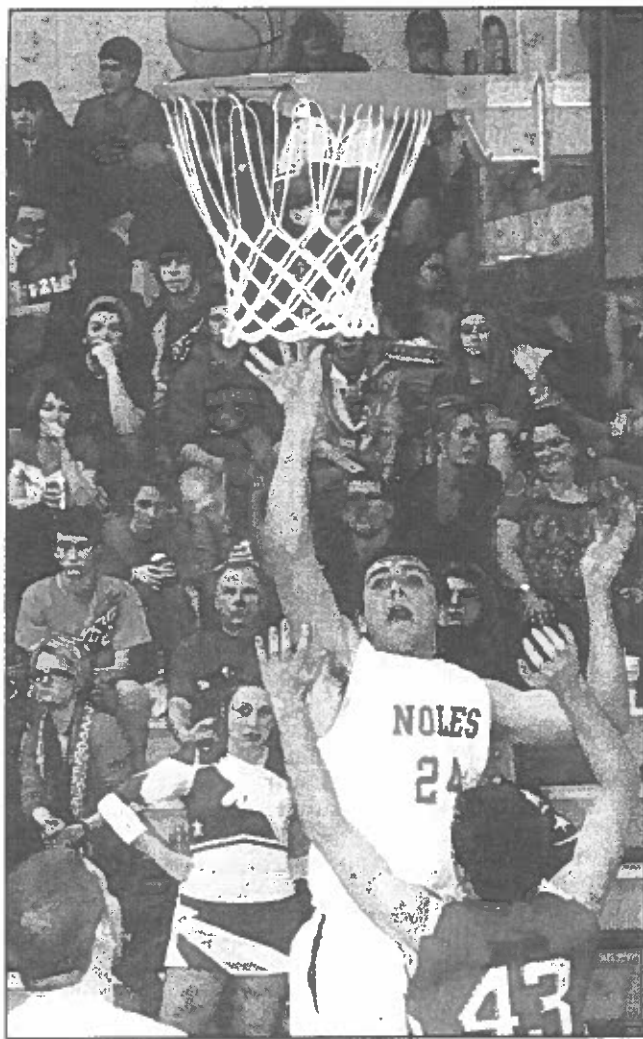
*- River head coach Mark Romick*

Seminoles' guard Jimmy Baker who authored a 13-point opening panel, raining home a trio of bonus buckets along the way.

"Jimmy lit them up early. That's exactly the kind of start we were hoping for," Taylor advised. "Before the game, we talked about trying to get off to a fast start. We scored 21 (in the first quarter) and that was key."

Down 21-11 after one, River made no second stanza inroads and left the floor at halftime facing a 28-17 deficit.

See, **MONROE**, Page B2



**MONROE CENTRAL'S** Marcus Schumacher shoots a floater over River's Jordan Potts during Tuesday's Class 2-A OVAC semifinal at Skyvue.

Photo Courtesy/Tracy Blackstone

# Bridgeport outlasts Harrison in OT

By **MIKE PALMER**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

It was the battle of the dogs as Harrison Central's Huskies traveled to Bridgeport to face off against the Bulldogs floor of John J. Havlicek gymnasium in an OVAC Consolation Bracket pairing Tuesday night. When the fur settled it would be the hosts making a comeback and knotting it up to send it into extra frames where they would then earn a 59-52 decision in overtime.

In a contest that would have little meaning outside of the two clubs on the hardwood, there was little indication that this game was not important on

either side of the scorer's table. The two teams would trade punches through the first round leaving the floor after the first buzzer with the score tied at 13 apiece.

The Huskies would use strong rebounding to take a late second quarter lead and took a 5-point advantage into the break, 30-25.

"They are a bigger team and I thought rebounding was key," said Bridgeport coach Don Cash. "They were winning the battle on the boards in the first half, they were getting second looks and we were not."

Harrison Central had the momentum at the half and returned to the floor to continue their run as they doubled their

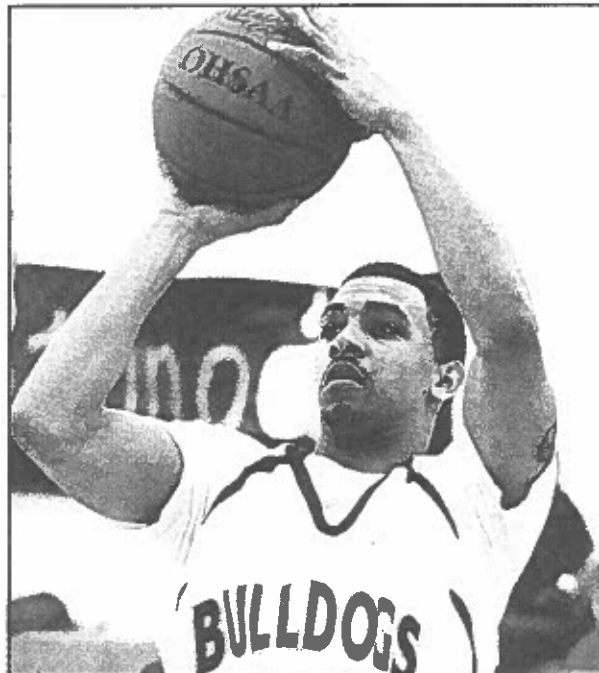
lead to 10 points, 30-40 with 5:24 left in the frame.

Bridgeport was far from ready to concede the contest and began chipping away at the lead and narrowed the gap to a single possession with just under a minute remaining in the third quarter, 42-44.

Curt Smelley hit the front end of a pair of foul shots before the buzzer to set the score board at 43-44 going into the fourth. Cole Smelley would get a transition bucket, then drawing a foul for an old fashioned three-point play to give the Bulldogs their first lead of the second half, 46-43.

"We did not value every pos-

See, **DOGS**, Page B3



**BRIDGEPORT'S** Garrett Price goes up for a shot during the first half of Tuesday's OVAC consolation game against Harrison Central. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER



## Barnesville, Beallsville eliminated; Buckeye Local gets first victory

A pair of area teams saw their OVAC title hopes come to a half in the semifinals Tuesday evening.

After making lengthy road trips, both Barnesville and Beallsville found rough goings at Fort Frye and Morgantown Trinity, respectively.

**AT BEVERLY,** the Shamrocks owned a three point lead at halftime, but were outscored 14-11 in the third and 18-15 in the fourth as the Cadets advanced to their second OVAC final by virtue of a 56-53 victory.

Tyler Fitzpatrick led the Shamrocks with 11 points. Brennan Delaney, Dylan MacMillan and Zack Dornon each scored nine in top support.

Fort Frye, meanwhile, was led by Zach Eddy, who scored 17.

The Cadets will meet PVC rival Monroe Central Saturday at 4 p.m. for the Class 2-A title.

### Class A Semifinal TRINITY 89 BEALLSVILLE 39

**AT Morgantown,** Cody Triplett tossed in 21 points and teammate Chris Martinez scored 17 as top-seeded Trinity rolled past Beallsville to advance to Saturday's Wheeling Hospital/OVAC 1-A championship game against Weirton Madonna. Tip-off at Ohio University Eastern is 1 p.m.

The Blue Devils fell behind 28-8 after one period and faced a 45-16 halftime deficit.

Taryn Jarrett and Graham Dauch netted eight points apiece for Beallsville.

### OVAC CONSOLATIONS BUCKEYE LOCAL 63

### STEUBENVILLE CENTRAL 50

**AT Connorville,** the Panthers recorded their first win of the year with an impressive victory over Steubenville Central.

"The student-athletes have continued to work hard in practice and have not given

up on themselves," remarked Buckeye's first-year head coach Jay Morris.

"I had 190 wins in college but none of those are any sweeter than getting this first one (tonight). I'm so happy for my seniors to get this win in their last home game."

Buckeye and Central were locked up at 12 following one quarter before the Panthers took a 28-23 lead to the lockerroom at halftime. The hosts maintained 44-41 after three rounds before pulling away.

Justin Isinghood connected for a game-leading 28 Panther points. Central's Andrew Rigaud topped the Crusaders with 24 tallies.

### SHENANDOAH 74 LINSLEY 70

**AT Sarahsville,** senior Brett Farnsworth erupted for a career-high 38 points as the Zeps held off invading Linsley.

Farnsworth fired in 10 field goals and made good on 13 of 19 free throw opportunities. Justin Rich provided 13-point support for Dan Schweiterman's club.

Junior Akil Blount tallied 26 points and landed 10 rebounds for the Cadets. Jarred Smith and Anthony Wallace each contributed 16 counters.

### CAMERON 78, SHADYSIDE 47

**CAMERON** — Mark Walker scored 14 of his 20 points in the third quarter as Cameron (10-11) topped Shadyside.

Ellis Brown paced the Tigers (1-18) with 18 points.

### STEUBENVILLE 71, BELLAIRE 59

**STEUBENVILLE** — Matt Ogletree scored 16 points and William Houst had 12 as Steubenville topped Bellaire.

Josh Tolliver led all scorers with 22 points for the Big Reds.



JAY MORRIS

## ● Monroe — ● St. C.

Continued from Page B1

Romick was encouraged when the Pilots returned and sliced the margin to five points at 28-23. Monroe, however, quickly retaliated, regaining 43-30 command after three panels.

"We had a few seniors who didn't step up and that's disappointing," Romick explained. "If that happens (next week) in our sectional game (vs. Frontier), we might as well fire up the Maytags. Our season will be over."

With a definitive height disadvantage, Romick realized an effective perimeter game was necessary.

"We weren't going to have much success trying to take it inside. We just didn't make enough three-pointers until it was too late," he theorized. "Give Greg and his team all the credit. They definitely took it to us here tonight."

Baker's 16 points paced the Noles. Teammate Marcus Schumacher provided 12-point support. Guiler Bettinger and Shane Highman netted eight tallies apiece.

River's Sam Ramsier scored a team-leading 15 markers. Zach Wax contributed 13.

Monroe finished 24-of-45 from the field and collected 36 rebounds. River countered at 15-of-46. The Pilots nabbed 25 boards. Monroe led in turnovers, 9-7.

The Seminoles also prevailed in Tuesday night's jayvee outing, 48-38.

**RIVER (46)** — Eggleston 0, 0-0 0; Price 1, 0-0 2; Potts 0, 3-4 3; Brown 1, 0-0 3; Indermuhle 0, 4-6 4; Stewart 2, 0-0 6; Wax 4, 1-1 13; Ramsier 7, 1-4 15. Totals — 15, 9-15. **MONROE CENTRAL (62)** — Ramage 0, 0-0 0; Kinchen 0, 0-0 0; Ring 1, 0-0 2; Hill 1, 1-1 3; Wise 2, 2-5 6; Dimmerling 3, 1-4 7; Highman 2, 4-7 8; Bettinger 4, 0-1 8; Schumacher 5, 2-2 12; Baker 6, 0-0 16. Totals — 24, 10-20.

Three-point goals: River — Wax (4), Stewart (2), Brown. Monroe Central — Baker (4).

Gibson may be reached at [rgibson@timesleaderonline.com](mailto:rgibson@timesleaderonline.com)

## Pirates' closer battle under way

By PAUL LADEWSKI  
For The Times Leader

**BRADENTON, Fla.** — Two professional athletes, same sport, same position. Similar ages, skill sets, competitive drives and contract situations. And one vacancy.

In almost any other team sport, that scenario could make for one very sticky situation.

Fortunately for the Pirates, relief pitchers Evan Meek and Joel Hanrahan do not have an ordinary relationship, which explains how the two have managed to co-exist in the last seven months. Or for as long they have been candidates to fill the closer role, a decision that is expected to be announced later this week.

Regardless of which candidate is declared the winner, the 'pen pals are convinced little will change, least of all the trust and respect they have for one another.

"Whatever they decide is fine with me," Hanrahan said. "If Evan turns out to be the guy, then I'll shake his hand, wish him well and

Continued from Page B1

"We're going to go back to work and prepare for Magnolia," Clifford said. "They're very formidable with a good inside-outside game. I expect a good game and a really nice atmosphere."

St. Clairsville, however, almost found itself preparing to host Weir in the consolation round. The Jets, who were buried by 30 and 37 in the earlier two meetings with the Red Devils, found themselves with a 41-40 upperhand with less than two minutes to go after Ethan Tobin cashed a pair at the foul line.

"Getting beat by 30 twice, I don't think anyone believed we could come in here and compete let alone win the game," said a disappointed, but proud Ben Porter. "We truly believed we could win the game and we had a chance. These kids believe in what we're doing and we were just a couple of bounces away."

While the fans and general public might not have given UL much of a chance, that was by no means the case for the Red Devils, who are now 18-1.

"We certainly didn't overlook Union Local at all," Clifford said. "We knew they had guys who could shoot the ball, handle the ball, penetrate and kick and they're a tough matchup when you have to do that. I expected all three games to be like this, this year," said Clifford.

The Red Devils, who seemed to be pressing on the offensive end against the Jets' defense, which was sticky throughout. Struggling from the floor, St. C. missed on three straight possessions to regain the lead.

"We didn't make shots, we were a little undisciplined at times and I was a little disappointed in our shot selection at times, but give a lot of credit to Union Local because they really played within themselves and played well," said a relieved Kim Clifford.

While the Red Devils missed golden opportunities to regain control, the Jets missed on two possessions where they could have delivered a dagger to the Red Devils' hopes. However, a miss from point-blank range and they were off the mark on a deep trey.

"You live, learn and try to get better from it," Porter said. "We've got to get better from situations like this. We're not going to fault the kids for trying. The kids feel bad and when you get 15, 16, 17-year old kids in those situations, it's tough."

Clifford appeared to be prepared to signal for a timeout, but he stood pat and watched Monteroso dribble the ball through traffic into the lane. The silky southpaw went up and connected for his second goal of the period and half with 42.9 seconds to go, putting St. C. up 42-41.

"I couldn't get a shot to fall down (in the third quarter) and finally in the fourth I got it to go down a couple times to help us get the victory," Monteroso said. "I wasn't thinking about that shot being the game-winner. That's a shot we work on."

Another empty trip for the Jets, who eventually lost

decision but to foul. St. Clairsville, however, missed the front end of one-plus-one.

"We've missed a few box outs at times this year," Porter said. "(Monteroso) is a tremendous player and a heck of an athlete. Players make plays."

According to Monteroso, the Jets' defender missed him as he slid below and got the rebound. Fading away, he was fouled and eventually converted the and-one, which gave him 19 points in the game to go along with 12 rebounds.

"The coaches were telling me not to go over the back, but I was going to try to slip underneath for the rebound," Monteroso said. "I got the perfect bounce off the rim. I got the rebound and just threw it back up."

The Jets' desperation heave was well off the mark and the St. C. student section promptly stormed the court.

In the first half, when it appeared as if the Red Devils were going to run away and hide, senior Allen Derosa showed his shooting touch. The 6-5 swing player meshed four, second-quarter triples, allowing the Devils to take a 28-17 lead into the intermission.

"Allen really came up big in the first half for us," Clifford said. "Those shots were really big."

The Red Devils led by as many as 14 in the third quarter after senior Mackenzie Koehler tallied, but the Jets began to chip away and got within eight at 35-27 after three panels.

Derosa finished with 14 points and Koehler added 10 for the winners.

"It's big to win a game like this," Clifford acknowledged. "Teams are going to play differently against us from here on out. We're going to see different tempos and styles of plays. There were some possessions that I wasn't pleased with, but overall, we made the plays."

The Red Devils' dressed Jared Clovis, but didn't play him. He'd been out for almost a week after being injured against Bellaire. According to Clifford, he was medically cleared, but he hadn't practiced.

"Jared will be ready to play Saturday, but we didn't want to him in that kind of situation without having him practice," Clifford said. "He was kind of like the emergency fourth string quarterback they use in the NFL."

Union Local, meanwhile, was paced by Jellison, who had 14 points. Tobin added nine. Jacob Bailey and Tyler McGary came up big in the fourth when the Jets were making their run.

Because of Weir's loss, Union Local will host the Red Riders Friday evening.

St. Clairsville won its final reserve game of the season in convincing fashion.

Varsity scoring:  
**UNION LOCAL (41)** — Jellison 5, 3-3 14; McGary 2, 0-0 4; Bailey 2, 0-0 4; Ogilbee 1, 0-0 3; Tobin 3, 2-2 9; DeMarchi 0, 0-0 0; Rutter 2, 0-0 4; Valine 1, 0-0 3; Totals: 16, 5-5 41. **ST. CLAIRSVILLE (45)** — Monteroso 6, 6-9 19; Derosa 4, 2-6 14; Koehler 4, 2-3 10; Carlton 0, 0-0 0; Yudasz 1, 0-0 2; Kozel 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 15, 10-18 45.

Three-Point Goals: UL — Jellison, Ogilbee, Tobin, Valine

**PREMIER RETIREMENT LIVING**  
Call for Availability on Suites & Rooms

**304-242-0240**  
[www.elmhurstpch.com](http://www.elmhurstpch.com)

Log on to  
**TimesLeaderONLINE**  
Stay Connected to the Outside World

**GAME DAY Remembered**

Order a special 11"x17" reproduced laminated keepsake of your favorite Game Day Remembered page. A different page runs each Sunday in The Times Leader.

**ONLY \$4.99**  
+ 34¢ TAX \$5.33

ing a team workout inside the Brooke Wellness Center.

"Kids came and went when they wanted and did what they wanted. It wasn't considered a sport."

It was time for a culture change:

freshmen to help get the Bruins swimming back on the map.

"They're my babies," she said. "They came when I came ... we started this journey together."

"It's been one heckuva ride. In the past four years we, as a team, have

and in four years that's a big accomplishment."

Brooke sends its boys' team to this week's state meet in Morgantown as a regional champion for the first time

Please See **BRUINS**, Page 18

starting at 3:30 p.m. Finals are Friday at the same times.

The Patriots and Bruins will also be sending their boys' and girls' squads, along with John Marshall and Wheeling

affected Park's success.

During Durkin's three seasons at the helm, the Patriots have won two OVAC Big School titles and just missed

See **BLOCKS**, Page 18

## Madonna Advances In Class A

Donahue fights back, but eventually falls

By **FRED YOUNCE**  
For The Intelligencer

WEIRTON — The Madonna boys' basketball team advanced to the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys' Class A championship game with a 68-57 victory against a tough Bishop Donahue team Tuesday at the Dube Dome.

"This is the type of game that people like to watch," Madonna coach George Vargo said. "All 10 kids on the court working hard."

Madonna jumped out to a 6-0 lead it extended to 16-4 before taking a 20-9 lead into the second quarter.

Clay Rokisky and Chris Perna played big in the quarter with Rokisky scoring 10 points and Perna adding six. The two ended up sharing game-high honors on the night with 21 points each.

The Blue Dons seemed to be in firm

Please See **MADONNA**, Page 16

## Seminoles Punish Pilots

Monroe will face No. 2 Fort Frye on Saturday

By **RICH GIBSON**  
For The Intelligencer

SKYVUE — After splitting a pair of regular-season games, Monroe Central left little doubt in a Tuesday night rubber match against county rival River.

Playing before a standing-room-only turnout at Skyvue Elementary, Coach Greg Taylor's Seminole claimed a 62-46 scalp in a Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys' Tournament AA semifinal contest.

No. 1-seeded Monroe's victory elevates its to 15-4 and into Saturday's title tilt opposite second-seeded Fort Frye, a 56-53 victor against Barnesville.

Taylor watched his team mount a first-quarter double-digit lead against River and eventually prevail in wire-to-wire fashion.

Please See **PILOTS**, Page 17

## OVAC Boys' Basketball Championships

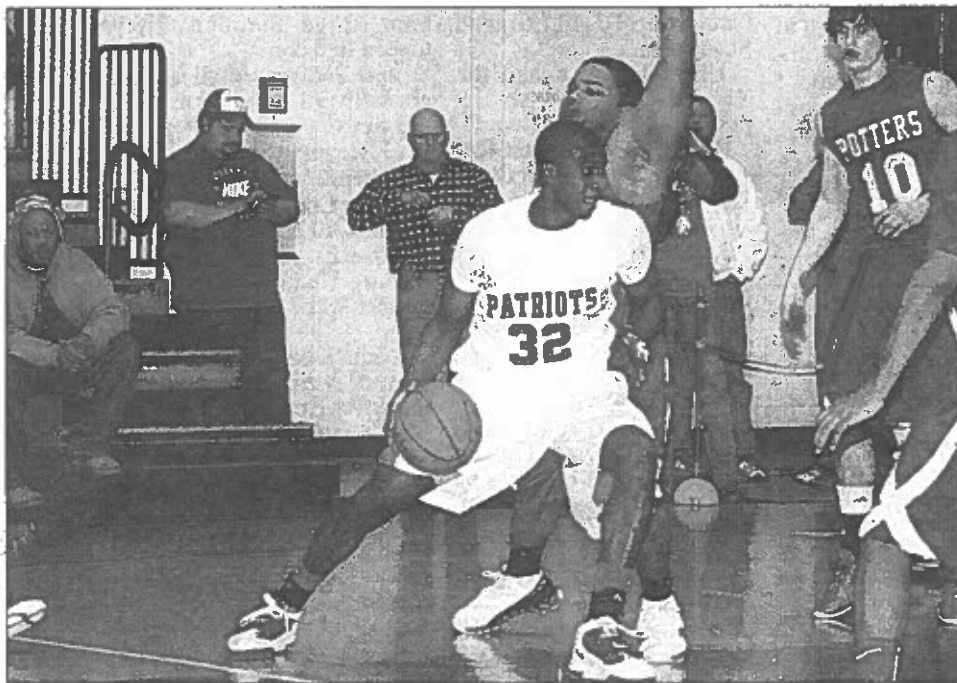


Photo by Josh Strope

Wheeling Park's Marqez O'Neal (32) tries to back down East Liverpool's John Thompson. Looking on for the Potters is Christian Kyle (10).

## Park Will Play for A Third Straight Title

Patriots run away from Potters at home

By **JOSH STROPE**  
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Coming off a solid performance Saturday against Logan, Wheeling Park's Boo Lathon got out in front of the pack and was about to deliver a monster dunk in the opening minutes of Tuesday's Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys' Basketball Tournament semifinal against East Liverpool.

The Potters' Derek Thompson had other ideas as a flagrant foul sent Lathon to the floor and then to the free-throw line.

Lathon calmly knocked them both down, starting a 13-0 run to spark the Patriots (17-2) as they advanced to Saturday morning's title game opposite John Marshall with an 80-67 victory against the Potters at Wheeling Park High School.

"The intentional foul kinda got us going," Wheeling Park coach Michael Jebbia said. "We built a nice lead and were kinda sporadic in the second half. I know it's tough for 16-, 17-year-old kids and you want them to focus with South Charleston in 24 hours, and I know they are thinking about it."

"A win is a win and I'm just glad our guys kept their cool. Our kids are tough

kids."

Already this season, Wheeling Park owns two victories against the John Marshall, which defeated Indian Creek, 46-41, in the other semifinal. The Patriots have defeated the Monarchs in last two championship games.

East Liverpool (12-6) standout Marky Thompkins got the game going with two straight buckets to give the Potters their only lead at 4-0.

Following Lathon's free throws, Marqez O'Neal hit two of his own to tie the game and Bubby Goodwin gave the Patriots the lead for good with a 3-pointer from the corner.

O'Neal rebounded a missed Emil Popic 3-pointer for a basket and a foul. He missed the foul shot but teammate Vondel Bell tipped the rebound back to O'Neal for the easy two.

Bell scored on the next Wheeling Park possession to complete the early run.

"He is good enough to get double figures," Jebbia said of Bell, who scored 14 points. "Boo is starting to come along and our bench did a nice job. Every game is a different situation and guys six-through-12 have to be ready to go."

Wheeling Park led 48-23 heading into the second half but East Liverpool came out with a little bit of life and closed the gap to 58-41.

Please See **PARK**, Page 18

## JM Gets One On Road

Monarchs upset Skins, will play WP

By **BRENT SOBLESKI**  
For The Intelligencer

WINTERSVILLE — The road to the Class AAAA Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys' Tournament again goes through John Marshall. The Monarchs defeated Indian Creek 46-41 on Tuesday night to claim their fourth straight appearance in the final game, where they will face Wheeling Park for the third time this season, losing both previous encounters.

"They beat us by 40 the first time. Then they got us by 15 the second time," John Marshall coach Bill Storm said. "This is the fourth time we are going since the OVAC championship game began. Who would have thought that when these kids were freshmen and sophomores?"

"They just play as hard as they can. You have to love this team."

John Marshall's Logan Martin's presence was felt early and often throughout the contest. He scored six of his game-high 15 points to open the game.

Three-point field goals by Alex Young and Frank Kamarec helped give Indian Creek a 10-9 advantage coming out of the first quarter.

Despite the lead, the flow of game for the Redskins was interrupted when top scorer, and lone senior, Niko Otto, found himself in early foul trouble. Otto did not see any further action until the second half after scoring two points.

The Redskins held tenuously to the lead, but John Marshall was able to keep pace eventually pulling ahead before half after Luke Lavenski drilled a 3-pointer from the corner. The scoreboard read 22-19 at half-time.

Indian Creek cranked up the heat in the second half with return of Otto. Its defense became a vice grip squeezing in on the Monarchs. The pressure resulted in a 14-4 advantage for the Redskins during the third quarter.

Please See **JM**, Page 16

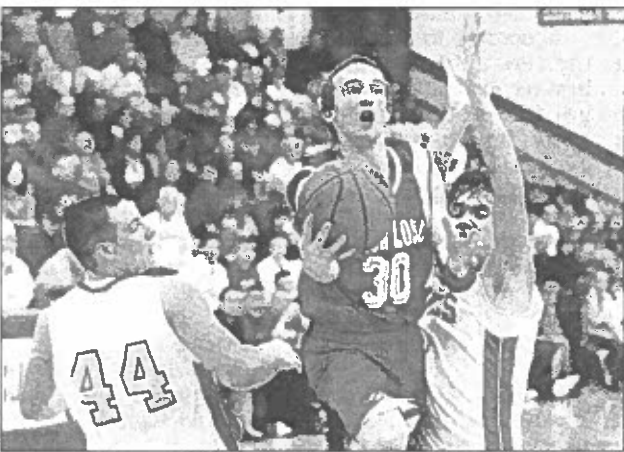


Photo by Paul Krajnyak

Union Local's Myron Jellison (30) splits a pair of St. Clairsville players, including Mackenzie Koehler, left.

## Red Devils Escape Against Jets

Monteroso comes up big down the stretch

By **SETH STASKEY**  
For The Intelligencer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Good teams find a way to win close games.

Good players usually rise to the occasion to help their team pull out a victory when it's not necessarily played its best game.

St. Clairsville's a good team with a tremendous player and needed both attributes Tuesday night on John Jenkins Court inside the Red

Devils' Gymnasium during the Class AAA semifinals of the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys' Basketball Championship against Union Local.

Playing before a jam-packed, boisterous crowd, the Red Devils persevered by going to sophomore All-Ohioan Dan Monteroso, who dropped in a floater and then slipped around a missed block out on the front end of a bonus situation for a put-back to lift the Red Devils to a 45-41 victory against the Jets.

"It's definitely a cliché, but a lot of times, it's not the Xs and Os, but the Johnnys and Joes," Clifford

said. "We didn't have a secret formula or anything. Good players just made plays."

The victory puts the Red Devils into Saturday's OVAC Championship against Magnolia, which was a decisive winner against second-seeded and defending champion Weir. The title game is slated for 7 p.m. at Ohio University Eastern.

This marks the Red Devils' third appearance in the four-year history of the title game. They're still searching for the school's first OVAC title in boys' basketball.

Please See **ESCAPE**, Page 16

### ON THE LINE

Today's Results:

Q. Has NASCAR made enough safety changes since the death of Dale Earnhardt?

Yes: 75%

No: 25%

Tomorrow's Poll:

Q. Do the West Liberty men have a legitimate shot at winning a D-II national championship?

Tell us what you think.

Register your answer at [www.theintelligencer.net](http://www.theintelligencer.net)  
(The results of this poll are not scientific and represent only the opinions of Internet users who have chosen to participate.)



# Magnolia Lays One on Weir

## Sophomore Winters again looms large

By ED LOOMAN  
For The Intelligencer

WEIRTON — Magnolia will represent West Virginia on Saturday in the Class AAA title game of the Wheeling Hospital Boys' Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Tournament.

The Blue Eagles punched their ticket to Ohio University Eastern with a 58-37 victory inside the Carl Hamill Field House. The victory was Magnolia's second in four days against the Red Riders.

Coach Dave Tallman's club will face top-seeded St. Clairsville in the championship bout. Weir has dropped three straight.

The third-seeded Blue Eagles (14-6) scored the first eight points and were never seriously threatened. Senior sharpshooter Matt Sapp, who burned Weir with six 3-pointers Saturday, got things started when he connected from the behind the arc. Nick Blatt scored inside off a Mark Winters pass and Jordan Moore swished a trey to get Magnolia off and running.

The visitors were up 16-8 after the opening 8 minutes and 33-23 at the half.

Weir's theme for the evening really was established in the first quarter when the Riders connected on 3 of 10 tries. At the half, Weir was 7-for-21 and finished 12 of 52.

"Right now, I think it is fair to say that we are in a shooting slump and have been for the past three games," Weir coach Mike Granato said. "The kids had great effort. I really think at times they were just trying too hard to make plays. We had some decent looks early and again on our first four or five possessions of the third quarter. We are looking for a spark right now, we need a guy to step up and make shots."

Weir, the No. 2 seed, fired 21 shots in the third, connecting on three. Early in the quarter, the Red Riders

## Area Roundup

missed nine straight, several coming from the paint after offensive rebounds. The cold-shooting spell allowed Magnolia to carry a 46-31 advantage into the final quarter.

"Defensively, I thought we played real well," Tallman said. "There were times when we didn't box out real well and they were able to get second shots. However, we did a good job of contesting those shots."

Winters, the talented 6-foot-6 sophomore, had a huge night for Magnolia. He finished with a game-high 16 points, hauled down 10 rebounds, blocked three shots and dished out three assists.

Jayson Keller had 11 points and Moore finished with nine. Moore grabbed a game-high 12 and Blatt finished with 10.

"This is a very difficult place to come and play," Tallman said. "We are tickled to be representing West Virginia in the OVAC title game (the Blue Eagles fell to Weir a year ago). We are peaking at the right time. I actually hope we are not peaking too early. This was a big win since the ballots go out for tournament seeding next week."

Christian Williams, Harley Mills and Mike Drizake all scored eight for Weir. Mills recorded eight rebounds and Williams seven before they both fouled out in the fourth period.

"We did have better defensive intensity than we have had in a while," Granato said. "We need to take that intensity with us on Thursday when we play at Brooke. That's a big rivalry and Brooke is much improved. We will need to come ready to play."

**Class A**  
**Trinity 89, Beallsville 39**  
MORGANTOWN — Cody Triplett scored 21 points and Chris Martinez added 17 as Trinity took Beallsville to the woodshed.

Taryn Jarrett and Graham Dauch each scored eight points to lead the Blue Devils.

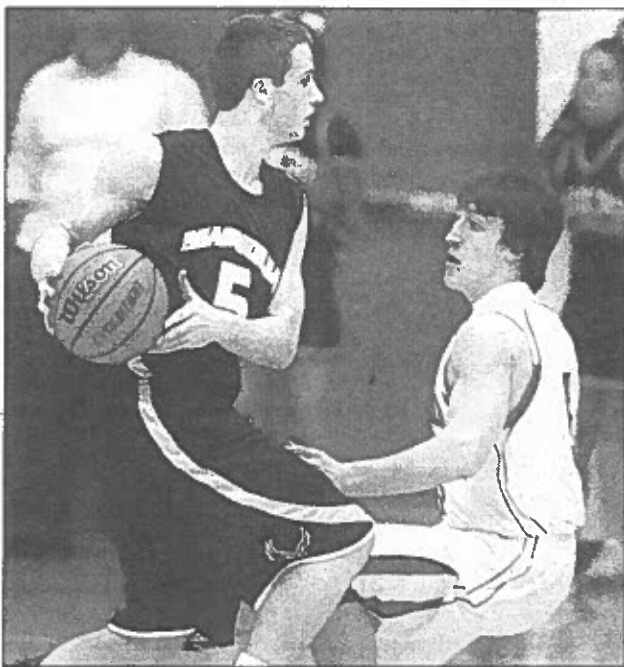


Photo by Mike Mathison

Magnolia's Jordan Moore, left, tries to shield the ball from Weir defender Tyler Salko on Tuesday night.

**OVAC Consolations**  
**Shenandoah 74, Linsly 70**  
SARAHSVILLE — Brett Farnsworth powered his way for 38 points and Justin Rauch had 13 as Shenandoah edged Linsly.

Akil Blount paced the Cadets with 26 points, while Anthony Wallace and Jared Smith each had 16.

**Cameron 78, Shadyside 47**  
CAMERON — Mark Walker scored 14 of his 20 points in the third quarter as Cameron (10-11) topped Shadyside.

Ellis Brown paced the Tigers (1-18) with 18 points.

**Edison 67, Oak Glen 42**  
RICHMOND — Chad Wickham, Mark Smyth and Austin Abdalla scored 17, 16 and 15 points, respectively in Edison's victory against Oak Glen.

Martin Mazezka paced the Golden Bears with 16 points.

**Hundred 44**  
**Paden City 29**  
HUNDRED — Dalton Kuhn netted 11 points as Hundred defeated Paden City.

Zach Yost (13 points) and Geoffrey Bidwell (10) paced the Wildcats.

**Bridgeport 59**  
**Harrison Central 52**  
CADIZ — Tre Lindsey scored 18 points and Jared Carlier had 13 as Bridgeport edged Harrison Central.

Kyle Blanchard led all scorers with 21 points for the Huskies.

**Valley 60, Toronto 37**  
TORONTO — Ronald Morris poured in 20 points as Valley downed Toronto. Tyler Butler scored 15

points for the Red Knights.  
**Parkersburg South 67**  
**Brooke 57**

**PARKERSBURG** — Brady Munday scored 17 points and Wes Mitchem had 12 as South edged Brooke.

Shane Paesano led all scorers with 25 points for the Bruins.

**Steubenville 71, Bellaire 59**  
STEUBENVILLE — Matt Ogletree scored 16 points and William Houst had 12 as Steubenville topped Bellaire.

Josh Tolliver led all scorers with 22 points for the Big Reds.

**Regular Season**  
**Parkersburg Catholic 75**  
**Tyler Consolidated 53**

**KIDWELL** — John Paden had 21 points and Parkersburg Catholic had little trouble with Tyler Consolidated.

Zach Knowlton led all scorers with 26 points for the Silver Knights.

**GIRLS**  
**Oak Glen 66, Brooke 61**  
WELLSBURG — Payden Eckleberry and Kiley King each scored 19 points as Oak Glen edged Brooke.

Amyelia Gaudio paced the Bruins with 16 points, while Kristen Black had 13.

**COLLEGE**  
**Wrestling**  
**No. 12 Ashland 22**  
**West Liberty 15**  
WEST LIBERTY — West Liberty had four wrestlers win in falling to nationally ranked Ashland University.

Seth Phalen, Jarrod Shaw, Derrick Williams and Mitch Knapp all picked up victories for the Hilltoppers.

# Central Slips Past Ferry

By NICK BEDWAY  
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — For an OVAC consolation game, Martins Ferry and Wheeling Central played with the pride and passion of two teams battling for a much bigger prize Tuesday night at the Maroon Knights' 13th Street Gymnasium.

In an exciting back-and-forth scrap that saw the score tied six times and the lead exchange hands on 16 occasions, Wheeling Central's Shane Greskevitch hit a 6-foot leaner from along the baseline to break a 58-58 tie and give the hosts the lead to keep with 56 seconds remaining.

After several missed opportunities from the foul line by both teams, the Maroon Knights turned in a key defensive play at the end to finally escape on the front end of a 61-60 score.

Martins Ferry (7-12) got its first big chance when Jordan Murry drew a foul while attempting to drive in for a layup with 44 seconds on the clock. He connected on the initial attempt only to have the second bounce off the rim and into the hands of Greskevitch.

The Purple Riders fouled Joel Jarrett with 26 seconds left and the Maroon Knights' speedy back-courier hit only the first of a 1-and-1, stretching the lead to 61-59. Ferry's Dorsey Moore, deadly from the baseline all night while scoring 20 points, missed this time with Jarrett hacked immediately after grabbing the rebound.

The front end of his 1-and-1 was off the mark, giving the Purple Riders still another chance to tie or possibly win the game with a 3-point shot. Instead, Murry drew still another foul on his two-point attempt with 2.2 seconds left. The first shot dropped cleanly through the twine

narrowing the deficit back to one point. However, the second rimmed off the iron and the scramble for the rebound saw the ball ricochet out of bounds off the hands of a Maroon Knights defender.

With 1.3 seconds remaining, Martins Ferry coach Jeff Sabatino called timeout to set up the inbound play. The break also gave Central the opportunity to talk over its defensive strategy.

"We figured they would either go to a box set and try to lob the ball into Moore or use the stack which they ran successfully for a basket earlier in the game," Central Coach Mel Stephens said.

Coming out of the huddle, the Knights stationed Lee Peluchette behind Moore and also assigned another defender to play off the guard attempting the inbound pass to try and make it tougher to get the ball into him.

When play resumed, the pass sailed over Murry's outstretched hands and harmlessly landed on the court as the buzzer sounded, giving the Maroon Knights their 10th victory in 21 games this season.

"That's been the story our season," Sabatino said. "We have a lot of inexperienced guys and at times we really play well. In the last couple of games we've had the lead late and just didn't execute down the stretch."

Greskevitch also led his team in scoring with 15 points, while McCormick drained four 3-pointers on the way to scoring 14 points.

Joining Moore double figures in the Martins Ferry offense were sophomore Tyler Strama with 15 points and Aaron Schuster, who had 11 points.

## JM

(Continued from Page 15)

"I thought we played real well," Indian Creek coach Joe Dunlevy said. "Defensively, I thought we played great the whole game. We just turned the ball over at the end of the game, bottom line."

"We couldn't play any better on the defensive end. When they are getting steals and layups, those are hard to overcome. We work so hard on defense, it's such a shame that we are turning the ball over."

"In our half-court set, we played tremendous." Otto scored the opening basket and contributed five of his eight total points in the third quarter. Mike and Matt Furda combined for six more.

Lavenski drained his second trey of the evening for John Marshall. It was the team's only make from the field the entire quarter.

John Marshall continued to bite into its 33-26 deficit as the fourth quarter began. The Monarchs gave Indian Creek a taste of its own medicine by forcing multi-

ple turnovers and scoring in transition.

"They didn't change anything," Dunlevy said. "They made us fight a little harder. They were a little more aggressive. We didn't handle the pressure like we have in the past. We had some big turnovers, and it cost us the game."

"It was not for lack of effort. That's a pretty good team. I really thought we were fine. If we could have handled the pressure at the end of the game, we are not having the same conversation."

Quick buckets from Logan Martin and Justin Wade whittled the seven-point lead to three.

"We don't have to tell them anything," Storm said. "The two Martins are our leaders. They lift the team up. We have great senior leadership, and they played through the buzzer. This was just a big game."

Four straight free throws by John Marshall brought the game within one after a Kamarec score.

## MADONNA

(Continued from Page 15)

control early but the Bishops stormed back behind tough pressure defense and some good ball movement in the second quarter to close the gap to six at halftime.

D.T. Meeker was the Bishops' biggest weapon in chipping at the lead, scoring eight in the quarter. Meeker led his team with 20 points.

"We dug ourselves into a really big hole," Bishop Donahue coach Tom Wise said. "We were able to cut a 14-point lead to six points at half."

"We got them in foul trouble and hit our foul shots and that's how we clawed back in the first half."

The third quarter saw the Blue Dons expand their lead back to 10 points led by the outside shooting of Perna who knocked down two 3-

pointers.

The Bishops roared back yet again though, behind the play of Meeker who scored 10 more points in the quarter. When the dust of the third quarter settled, the Blue Dons led only 51-48.

"We got within three points going into the fourth quarter and then I thought we took some really bad shots," Wise said. "The idea was we wanted to pound the ball inside and I think we got a little brain dead and they got a couple run outs."

Vargo knew the Bishops were going to be a tough team to finish.

"When a team is 15-4 you don't put them away," he said. "Tom Wise does a great job and he has a bunch of gym rats like I do and it's a fun game for high school basket-

ball."

Rokisky and Connor Arlia answered the bell in the final quarter to combine for the first seven points and push the lead back to 10.

Arlia joined Perna and Rokisky in double-digits with his 10-point outing.

"I think we got lucky on the rebounds, too," Vargo said. "Clay and Mario (Yacoviello) got some good rebounds and so did Connor. I don't know how he does it. That allowed us to get out and run."

The Bishops never got back within seven the rest of the way as the Madonna defense and some clutch free-throw shooting (6-for-8 in the quarter) resulted in the Blue Dons pulling out a victory.

"Fortunately for me we made our foul shots at the end," Vargo said.

## ESCAPE

(Continued from Page 15)

"We're going to go back to work and prepare for Magnolia," Clifford said. "They're very formidable with a good inside-outside game. I expect a good game and a really nice atmosphere."

foul line.

"Getting beat by 30 twice, I don't think anyone believed we could come in here and compete, let alone win the game," Union Local coach Ben Porter said. "We truly believed we could win the game and

all," Clifford said. "We knew they had guys who could shoot the ball, handle the ball, penetrate and kick, and they're a tough matchup when you have to do that. I expected all three games to be like this, this year."

The Red Devils, who

to regain control, the Jets missed on two possessions where they could have delivered a dagger to the Red Devils hopes.

"You live, learn and try to get better from it," Porter said. "We've got to get better from situations like this.

scorer Myron Jellison to fouts, left them with no decision but to foul. St. Clairsville, however, missed the front end of 1-and-1.

"We've missed a few box outs at times this year," Porter said. "(Monteroso) is a tremendous

and hide, senior Allen Derosa showed his shooting touch. The 6-foot-5 wing player meshed four, second-quarter 3-pointers, allowing the Devils to take a 28-17 lead at halftime.

The Red Devils led by as many as 14 in the third



onship bout. Weir has dropped three straight.

The third-seeded Blue Eagles (14-6) scored the first eight points and were never seriously threatened. Senior sharpshooter Matt Sapp, who burned Weir with six 3-pointers Saturday, got things started when he connected from the behind the arc. Nick Blatt scored inside off a Mark Winters pass and Jordan Moore swished a trey to get Magnolia off and running.

The visitors were up 16-8 after the opening 8 minutes and 33-23 at the half.

Weir's theme for the evening really was established in the first quarter when the Riders connected on 3 of 10 tries. At the half, Weir was 7-for-21 and finished 12 of 52.

"Right now, I think it is fair to say that we are in a shooting slump and have been for the past three games," Weir coach Mike Granato said. "The kids had great effort. I really think at times they were just trying too hard to make plays. We had some decent looks early and again on our first four or five possessions of the third quarter. We are looking for a spark right now, we need a guy to step up and make shots."

Weir, the No. 2 seed, fired 21 shots in the third, connecting on three. Early in the quarter, the Red Riders

points and Moore finished with nine. Moore grabbed a game-high 12 and Blatt finished with 10.

"This is a very difficult place to come and play," Tallman said. "We are tickled to be representing West Virginia in the OVAC title game (the Blue Eagles fell to Weir a year ago). We are peaking at the right time. I actually hope we are not peaking too early. This was a big win since the ballots go out for tournament seeding next week."

Khristian Williams, Harley Mills and Mike Drizake all scored eight for Weir. Mills recorded eight rebounds and Williams seven before they both fouled out in the fourth period.

"We did have better defensive intensity than we have had in a while," Granato said. "We need to take that intensity with us on Thursday when we play at Brooke. That's a big rivalry and Brooke is much improved. We will need to come ready to play."

**Class A**  
**Trinity 89, Beallsville 39**  
**MORGANTOWN** — Cody Triplett scored 21 points and Chris Martinez added 17 as Trinity took Beallsville to the woodshed.

Taryn Jarrett and Graham Dauch each scored eight points to lead the Blue Devils.

doan edged Linsly.

Akil Blount paced the Cadets with 26 points, while Anthony Wallace and Jared Smith each had 16.

**Cameron 78, Shadyside 47**  
**CAMERON** — Mark Walker scored 14 of his 20 points in the third quarter as Cameron (10-11) topped Shadyside.

Ellis Brown paced the Tigers (1-18) with 18 points.

**Edison 67, Oak Glen 42**  
**RICHMOND** — Chad Wickham, Mark Smyth and Austin Abdalla scored 17, 16 and 15 points, respectively in Edison's victory against Oak Glen.

Martin Mazezka paced the Golden Bears with 16 points.

**Hundred 44**  
**Paden City 29**  
**HUNDRED** — Dalton Kuhn netted 11 points as Hundred defeated Paden City.

Zach Yost (13 points) and Geoffrey Bidwell (10) paced the Wildcats.

**Bridgeport 59**  
**Harrison Central 52**  
**CADIZ** — Tre Lindsey scored 18 points and Jared Carlier had 13 as Bridgeport edged Harrison Central.

Kyle Blanchard led all scorers with 21 points for the Huskies.

**Valley 60, Toronto 37**  
**TORONTO** — Ronald Morris poured in 20 points as Valley downed Toronto. Tyler Butler scored 15

nao 12 as South edged Brooke.

Shane Paesano led all scorers with 25 points for the Bruins.

**Stuebenville 71, Bellaire 59**  
**STUEBENVILLE** — Matt Ogletree scored 16 points and William Houst had 12 as Steubenville topped Bellaire.

Josh Tolliver led all scorers with 22 points for the Big Reds.

**Regular Season**  
**Parkersburg Catholic 75**  
**Tyler Consolidated 53**  
**KIDWELL** — John Padden had 21 points and Parkersburg Catholic had little trouble with Tyler Consolidated.

Zach Knowlton led all scorers with 26 points for the Silver Knights.

**GIRLS**  
**Oak Glen 66, Brooke 61**  
**WELLSBURG** — Payden Eckleberry and Kiley King each scored 19 points as Oak Glen edged Brooke. Amyelia Gaudio paced the Bruins with 16 points, while Kristen Black had 13.

**COLLEGE**  
**Wrestling**  
**No. 12 Ashland 22**  
**West Liberty 15**  
**WEST LIBERTY** — West Liberty had four wrestlers win in falling to nationally ranked Ashland University.

Seth Phalen, Jarrod Shaw, Derrick Williams and Mitch Knapp all picked up victories for the Hilltoppers.

Martins Ferry (7-12) got its first big chance when Jordan Murry drew a foul while attempting to drive in for a layup with 44 seconds on the clock. He connected on the initial attempt only to have the second bounce off the rim and into the hands of Greskevitch.

The Purple Riders fouled Joel Jarrett with 26 seconds left and the Maroon Knights' speedy back-courier hit only the first of a 1-and-1, stretching the lead to 61-59. Ferry's Dorsey Moore, deadly from the baseline all night while scoring 20 points, missed this time with Jarrett hacked immediately after grabbing the rebound.

The front end of his 1-and-1 was off the mark, giving the Purple Riders still another chance to tie or possibly win the game with a 3-point shot. Instead, Murry drew still another foul on his two-point attempt with 2.2 seconds left. The first shot dropped cleanly through the twine

the guard attempting the inbounds pass to try and make it tougher to get the ball into him.

When play resumed, the pass sailed over Murry's outstretched hands and harmlessly landed on the court as the buzzer sounded, giving the Maroon Knights their 10th victory in 21 games this season.

"That's been the story our season," Sabatino said. "We have a lot of inexperienced guys and at times we really play well. In the last couple of games we've had the lead late and just didn't execute down the stretch."

Greskevitch also led his team in scoring with 15 points, while McCormick drained four 3-pointers on the way to scoring 14 points.

Joining Moore double figures in the Martins Ferry offense were sophomore Tyler Strama with 15 points and Aaron Schuster, who had 11 points.

## JM

(Continued from Page 15)

"I thought we played real well," Indian Creek coach Joe Dunlevy said. "Defensively, I thought we played great the whole game. We just turned the ball over at the end of the game, bottom line."

"We couldn't play any better on the defensive end. When they are getting steals and layups, those are hard to overcome. We work so hard on defense, it's such a shame that we are turning the ball over."

"In our half-court set, we played tremendously."

Otto scored the opening basket and contributed five of his eight total points in the third quarter. Mike and Matt Furda combined for six more.

Lavenski drained his second trey of the evening for John Marshall. It was the team's only make from the field the entire quarter.

John Marshall continued to bite into its 33-26 deficit as the fourth quarter began. The Monarchs gave Indian Creek a taste of its own medicine by forcing multi-

ple turnovers and scoring in transition.

"They didn't change anything," Dunlevy said. "They made us fight a little harder. They were a little more aggressive. We didn't handle the pressure like we have in the past. We had some big turnovers, and it cost us the game."

"It was not for lack of effort. That's a pretty good team. I really thought we were fine. If we could have handled the pressure at the end of the game, we are not having the same conversation."

Quick buckets from Logan Martin and Justin Wade whittled the seven-point lead to three.

"We don't have to tell them anything," Storm said. "The two Martins are our leaders. They lift the team up. We have great senior leadership, and they played through the buzzer. This was just a big game."

Four straight free throws by John Marshall brought the game within one after a Kamarec score.

## MADONNA

(Continued from Page 15)

control early but the Bishops stormed back behind tough pressure defense and some good ball movement in the second quarter to close the gap to six at halftime.

D.T. Meeker was the Bishops' biggest weapon in chipping at the lead, scoring eight in the quarter. Meeker led his team with 20 points.

"We dug ourselves into a really big hole," Bishop Donahue coach Tom Wise said. "We were able to cut a 14-point lead to six points at half."

"We got them in foul trouble and hit our foul shots and that's how we clawed back in the first half."

The third quarter saw the Blue Dons expand their lead back to 10 points led by the outside shooting of Perna who knocked down two 3-

pointers.

The Bishops roared back yet again though, behind the play of Meeker who scored 10 more points in the quarter. When the dust of the third quarter settled, the Blue Dons led only 51-48.

"We got within three points going into the fourth quarter and then I thought we took some really bad shots," Wise said. "The idea was we wanted to pound the ball inside and I think we got a little brain dead and they got a couple run outs."

Vargo knew the Bishops were going to be a tough team to finish.

"When a team is 15-4 you don't put them away," he said. "Tom Wise does a great job and he has a bunch of gym rats like I do and it's a fun game for high school basket-

ball."

Rokisky and Connor Arlia answered the bell in the final quarter to combine for the first seven points and push the lead back to 10.

Arlia joined Perna and Rokisky in double-digits with his 10-point outing.

"I think we got lucky on the rebounds, too," Vargo said. "Clay and Mario (Yacoviello) got some good rebounds and so did Connor. I don't know how he does it. That allowed us to get out and run."

The Bishops never got back within seven the rest of the way as the Madonna defense and some clutch free-throw shooting (6-for-8 in the quarter) resulted in the Blue Dons pulling out a victory.

"Fortunately for me we made our foul shots at the end," Vargo said.

## ESCAPE

(Continued from Page 15)

"We're going to go back to work and prepare for Magnolia," Clifford said. "They're very formidable with a good inside-outside game. I expect a good game and a really nice atmosphere."

St. Clairsville, however, almost found itself preparing to play host to Weir in the consolation round. The Jets, who were buried by 30 and 37, respectively in the earlier two meetings with the Red Devils, found themselves with a 41-40 upperhand with less than 2 minutes to go after Ethan Tobin cashed a pair at the

foul line.

"Getting beat by 30 twice, I don't think anyone believed we could come in here and compete, let alone win the game," Union Local coach Ben Porter said. "We truly believed we could win the game and we had a chance. These kids believe in what we're doing and we were just a couple of bounces away."

While the fans and general public might not have given UL much of a chance, that was by no means the case for the Red Devils (18-1).

"We certainly didn't overlook Union Local at

all," Clifford said. "We knew they had guys who could shoot the ball, handle the ball, penetrate and kick, and they're a tough matchup when you have to do that. I expected all three games to be like this, this year."

The Red Devils, who seemed to be pressing on the offensive end against a Jets defense that was sticky throughout. Struggling from the floor, St. Clairsville failed on three straight possessions to regain the lead.

"We didn't make shots, we were a little undisciplined at times and I was a little disappointed in our shot selection at times, but give a lot of credit to Union Local because they really played within themselves and played well," Clifford said.

While the Red Devils missed golden opportunities

to regain control, the Jets missed on two possessions where they could have delivered a dagger to the Red Devils hopes.

"You live, learn and try to get better from it," Porter said. "We've got to get better from situations like this. We're not going to fault the kids for trying. The kids feel bad and when you get 15-, 16-, 17-year old kids in those situations, it's tough."

Clifford appeared to be prepared to signal for a timeout, but he stood pat and watched Monteroso dribble the ball through traffic into the lane. The silky southpaw went up and connected for his second goal of the half with 42.9 seconds to go, putting St. C. up 42-41.

Another empty trip for the Jets, who eventually lost Robert Rutter and leading

scorer Myron Jellison to fouls, left them with no decision but to foul. St. Clairsville, however, missed the front end of 1-and-1.

"We've missed a few box outs at times this year," Porter said. "(Monteroso) is a tremendous player and a heckuva athlete. Players make plays."

According to Monteroso, the Jets defender missed him as he slid below and got the rebound. Fading away, he was fouled and eventually converted the three-point play, which gave him 19 points to go along with 12 rebounds.

The Jets' desperation heave was well off the mark and the St. C. student section promptly stormed the court.

In the first half, when it appeared as if the Red Devils were going to run away

and hide, senior Allen Derosa showed his shooting touch. The 6-foot-5 wing player meshed four, second-quarter 3-pointers, allowing the Devils to take a 28-17 lead at halftime.

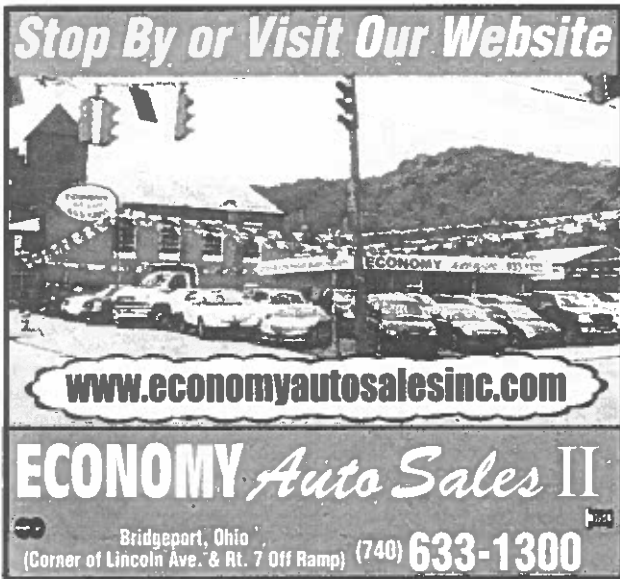
The Red Devils led by as many as 14 in the third quarter after senior Mackenzie Koehler tallied, but the Jets began to chip away and got within eight at 35-27 after three.

Derosa finished with 14 points and Koehler added 10 for the winners.

Union Local, meanwhile, was paced by Jellison, who had 14 points. Tobin added nine. Jacob Bailey and Tyler McGary came up big in the fourth when the Jets were making their run.

Because of Weir's loss, Union Local will entertain the Red Riders on Friday night.

**Stop By or Visit Our Website**



[www.economyautosalesinc.com](http://www.economyautosalesinc.com)

**ECONOMY Auto Sales II**

Bridgeport, Ohio  
(Corner of Lincoln Ave. & Rt. 7 Off Ramp) (740) 633-1300

**Drover's Inn**

If You Haven't Tried Our Wings, You Don't Know What You're Missing!

Also Serving Full Menu Reservations Suggested

1001 Washington Pike • Wellsburg  
304-737-0188  
Hours: Wed.-Sat. 5-11pm • Sun. Noon-7pm

**HEALTH PLAN**

"HERE FOR YOU"  
YESTERDAY, TODAY, & TOMORROW

800-624-6961 • [healthplan.org](http://healthplan.org)