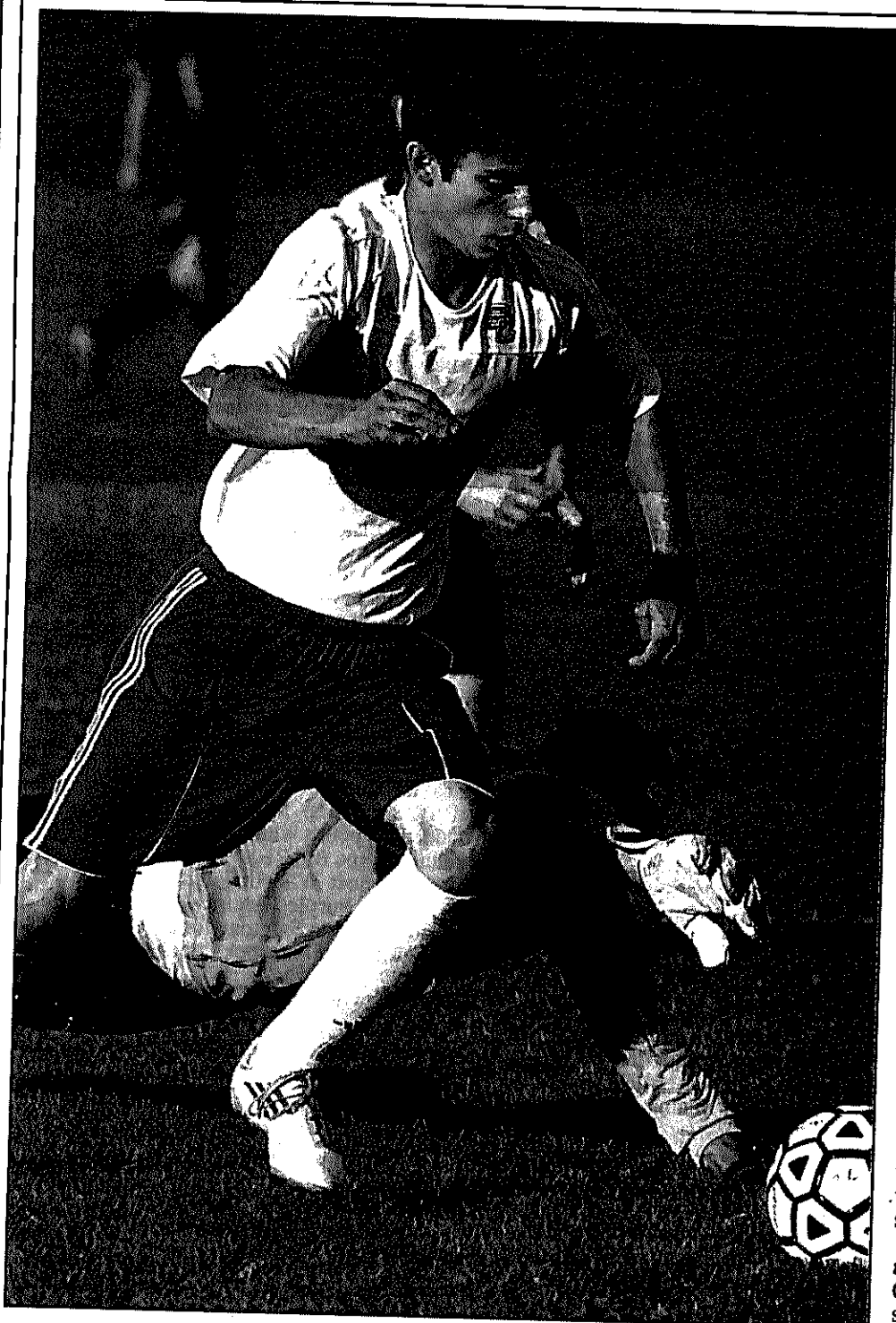


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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Luke Morrison gets around Steubenville Catholic Central goalie Andrew Duska late in the second half of Tuesday's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Cup Tournament quarterfinal game at Brooke High School. The Crusaders prevailed, 2-1, in penalty kicks that went 11 rounds.

Photo/MIKE MATHISON

Penalty kicked

• St. C. boys drop heartbreaker in 11th round of OVAC Cup

By **MIKE MATHISON**
For The Times Leader

WELLSBURG — The St. Clairsville boys' soccer team had an abundance of chances to win Tuesday's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Cup Tournament quarterfinal with Catholic Central at Brooke High School.

And all but one of those chances came up empty, or in the hands of Crusaders goalie Andrew Duska.

"We spend a lot of time focusing on what athletics and sports and competition teaches us about life," said St. Clairsville coach Gary Watt. "Boy, it'd be nice if everything turned out exactly how you'd like it to be."

"This is one of those things that, even though it's a hard lesson to learn, the kids are going to learn how to handle disappointment, especially the guys who feel like they missed opportunities, they're going to have to be able to step above and learn that they can still come back another day and perform and come out on the right side of things."

"This will be a good chance for them to learn, but a hard lesson to learn tonight, so we'll talk about it tomorrow."

The Red Devils had three big opportunities to take home a win and a date with Wheeling Park in Saturday's semifinals at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Duska twice got his paws on the ball and the other time it found the post as Catholic Central prevailed, 2-1, in a shootout that went 11 rounds.

"That's the longest one (game) I've ever been involved with," Crusaders coach Steve Kopcha said of the penalty kicks.

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Photo by Josh Strobe

Linsly's Emily Hobbs (9) and Weir's Kaitlyn Williams (15) battle for the ball as the Red Riders' Mikayla Davis (23) closes in during Thursday's OVAC Cup quarterfinal in St. Clairsville.

Cadets Edge Riders

Linsly advances past Weir in shootout

By JOSH STROPE
Staff Writer

St. CLAIRSVILLE — If there was one word that could describe Linsly goalkeeper Morgan Lee's night, it would be redemption.

After letting in an easy goal in the first half, the junior goalkeeper played flawless the rest of the match and into overtime before making the deciding save in the shootout as Linsly defeated Weir in the quarterfinals of the OVAC Cup Tournament at Red Devil Stadium. The score was tied 1-1 after regulation.

"It was an awesome game," Linsly coach Erica Hall said. "We tied them earlier in the year and their keeper (Taylor Gianangeli) was amazing. You can tell both teams wanted it."

"We love overtime. We love shootouts. It was a tournament game and it was awesome."

For the third straight season, Weir went to a shootout in the quarterfinals of the tournament, but it looked like Linsly was the more experienced group.

Linsly's first two shooters, Carolyn Tolbert and Maleha Kureishy, both scored easily against Gianangeli.

The Red Riders weren't as fortunate as Jessica Derby kicked the ball right at Lee, while Meghan Finton went high off the crossbar.

In the third round, Linsly gave Weir a glimmer of hope as Catherine Stephens missed wide left, but Weir's Morgan Cassels followed with the same shot.

In Round 4, Emily Hobbs was denied by a diving Gianangeli to keep Weir in it, but sophomore

Alyssa Shingle had to score to keep the match going.

Her shot low was into the left corner,

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Photo by Josh Strobe

Edison's Kylie Long converts a corner kick Thursday night.

No. 7 Hawks Upset Cats

University scores all of its goals in first half

By JOSH STROPE
Staff Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — University coach Ray Petrisin made a few calls and tried to find out as much about Edison as he could. He was unsuccessful.

So he decided to throw caution to the

wind and attack, attack, attack.

Turned out to be a pretty good strategy as the Hawks scored all of their goals in the first half and No. 7 University upset No. 2 Edison, 5-0, in the quarterfinals of the OVAC Cup Tournament on Thursday at Red Devil Stadium.

"Edison was the first Ohio team we've played, at least in the six years I've been here," Petrisin said.

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St. Clairsville was one PK goal away from a win in the first round of five tied at 4-4, but Duska dove to his left and made a save.

The same scenario repeated itself five rounds later, but this Red Devils attempt bounced harmlessly off the goal post to Duska's left. That was one shooter after Red Devils' sophomore keeper Isaac Wiley made a save on Central's 10th shooter, setting the stage for the win. Both teams had made their first four attempts in the second round.

"We had a lot of opportunities," said Watt, including missing a wide open goal, "but you have to give it to their goalkeeper, he made some great saves. We missed some shots, but he made some stops. That's why you play the game. You have to put it out on

the field and come through when it's your turn.

"That's been the history of our season — when we've lost, it's games exactly like this — outplay a team, outshoot a team and lose because we just couldn't finish. It's happened to us twice before and it raised its ugly head at the wrong time.

"I take nothing away from Steubenville Central. They played a solid game. They came out with a lot of heart, but, I'm real proud of our guys. They kept playing, they stuck together and they gave it their best."

The teams had gone through 10 shooters and a discussion ensued with Kopcha, Watt and the officials about the next step.

"It was just a matter of conferring and making sure that we were doing it correctly," said Kopcha.

The original five shoot-

ers were back in play and, like rounds 6-10, this was all about sudden-victory.

Cuyler Ledyard, Central's first and 11th shooter, buried his second attempt in the same place as his first for the lead, setting the stage for Duska, who dove to his left for the game-winning save.

"After a while they all started blending together and I couldn't remember who was who," said Duska. "On the last one I actually picked the wrong side. I don't know how I saved it. I went the wrong way and somehow I saved it.

"This is a big confidence boost for our team. They dominated us in the first half. We came out in the second half, John Pankus scored the goal and it carried us through.

"Our defense got a lot of work today, but we pulled it out."

St. Clairsville scored with 1:46 left in the first half when Logan Young buried a penalty kick, of all things, in the bottom right corner of the net.

Catholic Central scored 5:01 into the second half when Pankus found the back off the next off an excellent pass from Leo Herrmann.

The majority of the rest of the game was played in

Catholic Central's end; meaning Duska and the defense were under pressure.

"We've had a bend-but-don't-break attitude on defense this year," said Kopcha. "The last few games we've played some really competitive teams, our defense has been under a lot of pressure, but they've been able to respond well so far."

The biggest save of the evening was by Duska with 1:35 left in the second 5-minute overtime as Luke Morrison sent a cross to Nick Sherman whose point-blank shot was gobbled up by Duska.

"That's why we have him back there, his experience," Kopcha said of Duska. "He's a leader on the team, a big part of our team and a big part of our defense and he comes up big for us."

The win gives Catholic Central a 2 p.m. date Saturday with No. 1 Wheeling Park.

"Park is one of the best teams in the valley, the best team in the state of West Virginia and we can only get better by playing the best," said Kopcha. "The only thing we can do is go in and give them the best game we possibly can and see where we measure up."



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"I know they were in the class below us, they were a smaller school, but they had an impressive record.

"I told the girls that we would try to do it on the fly and see what they've got. We can't attack all the time, depending on the team we are playing. If I saw that they had stronger attackers, stronger midfield, I would have made some personnel changes."

The coach didn't have to make many changes. In fact, it was another Petrisin, Kaylynn, that did most of the work.

The first-team all-stater had her way with the Edison defense, scoring three goals in just 13 minutes.

At first it seemed like it was bad luck for the Wildcats as Lauren Peace put the Hawks on the board in the 11th minute with a shot that deflected off an Edison defender and in.

Kaylynn Petrisin's first

goal took a bounce off an Edison defender right to her, which she easily put past Wildcats goalie Jenn Sheets.

Then things started to come easier for University, a team that might be the most tournament-tested group having won two straight West Virginia Class AAA championships.

Autumn Lockwood, another returning first-team all-stater, was swarmed by a pair of Edison attackers, but got rid of the ball down the sideline to teammate Elizabeth Custer. The sophomore then sent a perfect cross onto the foot of Kaylynn Petrisin for the easy goal.

She finished the hat trick in the 27th minute and added an assist on Peace's second goal in the 35th minute, a blast from outside the box.

"There isn't much to say about the first half," Edison coach Jeremy Angelo said. "First half we sat

around and watched a good team play. They did pretty much what they wanted and we let them. I think they were a little in awe because that is a state championship team they were playing. Second half, we came out and played a little bit."

Edison held University off the scoreboard and played with more intensity in the second half, but the damage had already been done.

University moves on to face Linsly at noon Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"It will be very interesting," Coach Petrisin said. "Coach (Erica) Hall has done a good job wherever she has gone and (assistant coach) Darryl Crews is an old buddy of mine so they are soccer people. They have a very impressive record and have some very dangerous players and once the game starts, we may have to adjust."

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but Lee was just able to get a hand on the ball and deflect it away, sending her teammates swarming in from midfield.

"That's the thing about soccer, sometimes fluke goals happen," Hall said. "Sometimes you let you mark go or you let a save through your legs. It's a team effort. That's what we press on our girls and it's never just one person's fault."

"She felt pretty bad about that first goal and she took care of business after that. Going into the shootout, you talk about being confident in your shooters, she may be tiny but she is ready for it. She loves being in a shootout and this will probably be one of her favorite memories."

Finton put Weir on top in the ninth minute when her hard shot from outside the box went through Lee's legs and into the goal.

Linsly backed up her quickly with a goal nine minutes later as freshman Erica White took a pass from Kureishy, who was being swarmed by multiple Weir defenders, at the top of the penalty box and was all alone with Gianangeli, beating her to the lower left corner to tie the score.

Things stayed tied from there thanks to

the play of not just Lee, but Gianangeli.

The senior leader made outstanding saves late in the second half and in overtime, a couple times denying Kureishy, the Cadets' most-dangerous offensive player, on point-blank attempts.

"If it wasn't for her, we wouldn't have been in this position," Weir coach Jessica Naughton said. "The game would have been over 20 minutes ago. It's very disappointing to come up short when she's done everything she can. I wouldn't expect anything less of her. She's been in this position every year for the past three years and I guess the third time wasn't lucky for her."

Gianangeli finished with 13 saves, while Lee had six.

Linsly will play University at noon Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium in the semifinals.

"We scrimmaged them early in the season but we are a completely different team and I'm sure they are as well," Hall said. "We are as ready as we are gonna be. The girls are looking forward to it and nothing is going to turn their head to getting that cup back."

"Whoever wins is going to have to beat three good teams and that is tough whoever is playing. We are ready."

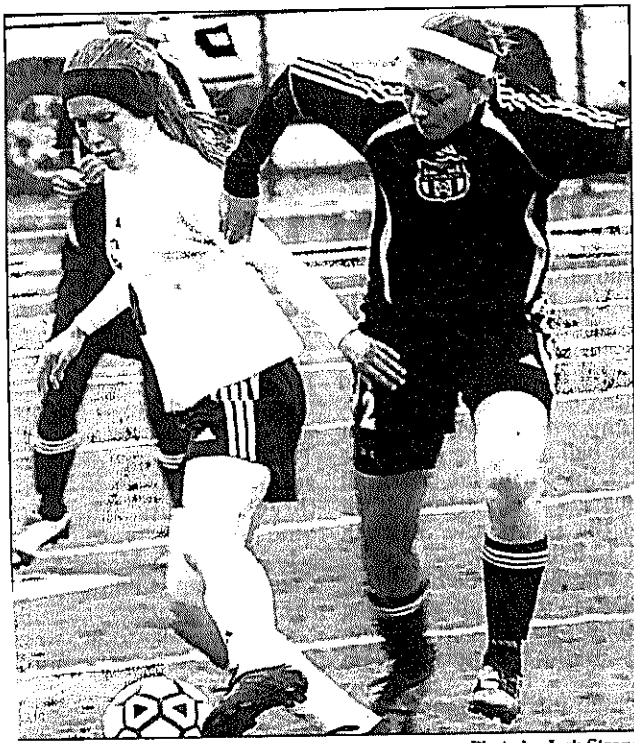


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Linsly's Josie Mosman, left, and University's Kaylynn Petrisin battle for the ball Saturday.

Hawks Oust Cadets

By TRACY WATSON
For The News-Register

WHEELING — While the OVAC will not actually crown its girls' soccer champion until Monday night, two things were pre-determined on Saturday afternoon.

The first is the fact that there will be a new champion and the second was that there will be a first-time kingpin coming from a school making its first tournament appearance.

After advancing with a shootout victory against Weir in Thursday night's quarterfinals, Linsly watched its hopes for a repeat title washed away yesterday in a defensive classic that lasted all the way to a ninth shootout round before University closed the Cadets out.

Sophomore Alyssa Chafin's penalty-kick goal in the ninth round of overtime deflected off of Linsly keeper Morgan Lee's hands and into the side of the net, sending the Hawks into a wild celebration and giving University what will go down as a 1-0 victory against the stunned Cadets at cold, rainy Wheeling Island Stadium.

Chafin's goal advanced University into Monday's 5:30 p.m. championship game against arch-rival Morgantown. The teams are both participating in their first OVAC Cup tour-

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namment and played to a 1-1 tie earlier this season.

"This was a very fun game," long-time University coach Ray Petrisin said. "I am 60 years old and have been doing this for 30 years and they just keep getting better."

"But I can tell you that in watching this game, throughout the course of it I honestly felt that it seemed to me the game meant more to Linsly. They played with so much heart and beat us to an awful lot of balls."

The two teams battled through 80 minutes of scoreless play before both were shutout in both five-minute overtime periods, setting up the shootout.

Coach Erica Hall's team led 1-0 after the first round, but they battled even in the second through eight rounds with both squads entering the ninth and final one deadlocked at 5-5.

Junior Gift Chima's attempt was batted away by University keeper Hillary Dewitt on a diving effort to begin the round, leaving the count tied. Chafin's kick looked like it was going to be defended, however, while Lee appeared to get both hands on the ball, she could not control it and it rolled into the back of the net.

Morgantown Blanks South

By TRACY WATSON
For The News-Register

WHEELING — A pair of West Virginia Class AAA heavyweights hooked up in the girls' OVAC Cup semifinals Saturday morning with each looking to advance to their first tournament championship game.

And while Parkersburg South gave it everything it had against the Mountain state's No. 1 team, Morgantown, the Patriots were denied one step short of its goal for the second season in a row.

Sophomore Maggie Snively scored the only goal the Mohigans needed nearly 35 minutes into the contest and the Morgantown defense did the rest in collecting a hard-fought 4-0 victory on the cold and

soggy turf at Wheeling Island Stadium.

While the first half was very evenly played and a defensive struggle, the Mohigans managed to get on the board late with the game's first tally. Junior Natasha Trott's corner-kick was knocked in by Snively with 5:27 to play in the half.

Snively's rocket rattled into the far corner of the net from deep inside the box.

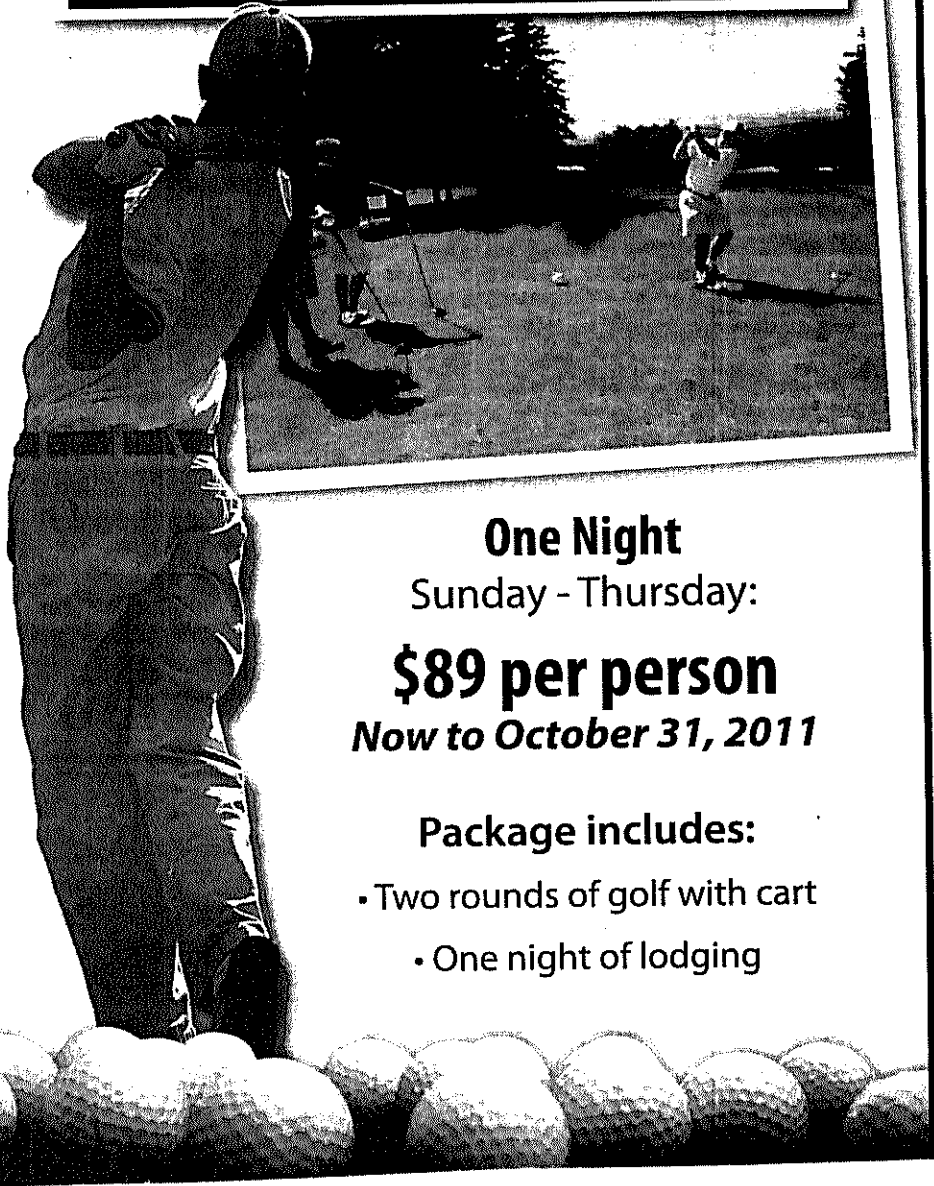
"That first half was not us, not the way we like to play," Morgantown coach Ashley Neal said. "Sometimes it can be tough coming off an easy win and you might not come out and play like you should."

"But the second half was completely different, and we just came out and got the job done."

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Wheeling Park's Kyle George, left, and Steubenville's Ray Humienny battle for a loose ball during Monday's match.

Park Maintains Dominance

Patriots stretch OVAC Cup streak to four

By JOSH STROPE
Staff Writer

WHEELING — This season's version of the Wheeling Park boys' soccer team isn't filled with superstars, but everyone does their job and does it well.

One thing this team has in common with the previous versions is the moniker of OVAC champions.

Five different players scored for Wheeling Park as it downed Steubenville, 5-1, on Monday at Wheeling Island Stadium to win its fourth straight OVAC Cup title.

"I put all the seniors on the roster at the end of the game because they have accomplished something no other Wheeling Park team has done," Wheeling Park coach Mario Julian said. "We were able to tie Linsly with four consecutive championships. We always come, every year, OVAC title is our goal and the state championship is the next goal."

"Those goals will never change as long as I'm the coach at Wheeling Park."

While Wheeling Park lost many starters from last season's squad, so did Steubenville. Many people didn't give Big Red much of a chance to get back to the title game, let alone hang with the

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Photo by Josh Strope

Morgantown's Charlotte Vester, left, receives guidance from Morgantown coach, and Linsly alum, Ashley Neal during Monday's match.

Mohigans Edge City Rivals

One goal is all Motown needs to top Hawks

By JOSH STROPE
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Ashley Neal has waited a long time to get her hands on the OVAC Cup.

The Glen Dale native and former Linsly standout had four chances during her time with the Cadets from 2000-03 but lost each time, including her final game in the OVAC Cup Tournament championship to Wheeling Park.

That wait is over as the first-year Morgantown coach guided the Mohigans to a 1-0 victory against city rival University on Monday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"When I was a senior we lost to Park in the finals and that is one of the only high school games I remember," Neal said. "I told those girls at halftime 'I know what it's like to battle and to lose this game.' I didn't want them to have that feeling."

Despite being in the tournament for the first time, Morgantown and University put on a display that gave fans a taste of what they can bring to the conference.

University is the two-time defending Class AAA state champions and Morgantown has the look of a team that can

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For 75 minutes, the two teams, who battled to a 1-1 tie earlier this season, looked as even as can be.

Finally, Morgantown got on the scoreboard as Sydney Lavengood sent a perfect cross in front of the net that Natasha Trott hit in the air and past University goalkeeper Hillary Dewitt for a 1-0 lead.

"The goal was just hustle," Neal said. "Natasha can run a 12-4 and (Monday) was the first time she did it on a soccer field. Sydney bringing the ball down the side. It was just pure, speed, heart and going hard."

The Mohigans defense was just as solid, allowing just three shots on goalkeeper Erika Yohn.

University's best chance to score came 30 seconds before the Morgantown goal as the Hawks' Kelsey Baker fired a shot inside the penalty box that Yohn made a diving save on.

Morgantown pushed the ball up the field quick to Lavengood to set up the

goal.

"Basically the second half we were just playing defense," University coach Ray Petrisin said. "We have some matchup problems speed-wise. They kept coming and coming and finally we got burned down our left side. They have too much speed."

"Their four midfielders and two attackers were putting a lot of pressure on our defense."

Standout Kaylynn Petrisin was moved to midfield to try and match up with Morgantown speedster Makayla Schmidt. She was able to hold Schmidt from getting any shots, but taking her from the offense didn't help the Hawks.

"I am very thankful for the OVAC for having us as members," Petrisin said.

"Thank you to (tournament director) Chuck Robinson for holding an outstanding tournament. It was fun, it was new, the semifinal against Linsly was a great game, this was a great game. Our hats off to the OVAC people and we are glad to be here."

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top-ranked team in West Virginia.

Wheeling Park led 1-0 into halftime after a goal by Eric Davis, but had trouble getting much offense going.

Defense has never been a problem as Steubenville coach Greg Bowers is considered one of the top defensive minds in the valley. The question was could Big Red score enough to hang with the Patriots potent offense?

Big Red came out of the second half with a new energy and stunned Wheeling Park with an early goal as Tayari Lavender scored on a direct kick from 30 yards out that went high into the top right corner of the goal and just off the hands of Wheeling Park goalie Cameron Allen.

"We always believe we could beat Wheeling Park but we knew we had to have a different game plan," Bowers said. "You can't attack Wheeling Park. We played defensive and played for what happened. We got the goal and tied it up. Then it goes to 2-1 and the game is winding down and you have to make adjustments."

"Once you make those adjustment, they open you up like they did at the end of the game. But Wheeling Park is a great team, and I want to congratulate them and wish them the best of luck in the state tournament."

Park regained the lead five minutes later as Alex Bauer scored on a header off a corner kick from Davis.

With Big Red needing to score, they tried to take more chances up field, but

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the Patriots weren't allowing it, never letting their foot off the gas.

Freshman Eric Bonar put the nail in the coffin for Wheeling Park in the 71st minute when he followed up a Bauer shot and beat Big Red goalie John-Paul Duff for a 3-1 lead. Less than a minute later, Wheeling Park tacked on another as Josh Garrett's cross into the box was headed past Duff by Kyle George.

Errin Baynes scored the final goal 3 minutes later.

"It's the championship game and we knew they were going to give us their best shot," Julian said. "(Bowers) tried to neutralize us through the midfield by getting a lot of guys back. They have a great player (Lavender) up top and tried to get him the ball by making some diagonal passes."

"When they were able to get out of our end, they were able to get some pressure on us. We have a couple of young kids playing defense and they are maturing slowly and that was a huge matchup for them."



Photo by Fred Younce

Wheeling Park's Alex Bauer (5) and Oak Glen's Eric Oliver go after a loose ball during Monday's OVAC Cup quarterfinal match at Brooke High School. The Patriots advanced with a 7-0 victory.

Patriots Start Strong

Wheeling Park claims big victory in quarters

By FRED YOUNCE
For The Intelligencer

WELLSBURG — The quarterfinals of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Cup Soccer Tournament were dampened by rain and shortened by lightning, but that didn't prevent Wheeling Park from claiming a decisive 7-0 victory against Oak Glen on Monday at the Brooke Athletic Complex.

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Mario Julian said. "We go into it every year looking to be the champion. You have to play every opponent as tough as you can."

"Oak Glen has a great season so far and our kids put a very strong effort in there."

The two teams played scoreless for 15 minutes before the Patriots were able to get things rolling. Mike Mauk sent a crossing pass to Errin Baynes who placed a header into the net for the first of his two goals and a 1-0 lead.

"We came down there knowing what

to expect," Oak Glen coach Aaron Bennett said. "We held them scoreless for 15 minutes."

"That's one of the best teams in the Ohio Valley year in and year out."

Mauk picked the first of his two goals a short time later on a penalty kick. A handball in the box set up the attempt.

Baynes made the score 3-0 with a shot off the right post off an assist from Alex Bauer and Park was off and running from there.



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The Patriots' next two goals came within 31 seconds of each other.

The first came on a blast from Eric Davis with 11:58 left in the first half. The second came when Woody Pond headed a beautifully placed pass past the goalkeeper at 11:27 to make the score 5-0.

Mauk made the score 6-0 with a header off a Baynes throw-in with 4:18 left in the first half. The Patriots took that lead into halftime.

With 41:09 left in the second half, Eric Bonar scored the game's final goal to give the Patriots a 7-0 lead.

"If this wasn't the first time Oak Glen made the OVAC, then it's very close," Bennett said. "We're very proud of what

the boys have accomplished so far and they need to keep their heads held high."

Then rain and lightning stopped the action with 24:15 left. After a delay of more than an hour and an entertaining show put on by the Patriots, with a little help from the Steubenville Catholic Central team that was waiting to play the next game, the contest was called and the Patriots advanced to the semifinals of the OVAC Cup.

"The team's been playing pretty well," Julian said. "We did what we had to do and we're ready to move on to the next round."

The Patriots face the winner of the game between Steubenville Central and St. Clairsville, which was postponed at 4:30 today because of the weather.



File Photo by Josh Strobe

Brett Nanners and the Linsly Cadets look to repeat as OVAC Cup champs.

Park Boys, Linsly Girls Seek Repeat

OVAC Cup Tourney begins today at Brooke

By JOSH STROPE
Staff Writer

The OVAC Cup Tournament gets under way today with intriguing brackets on both the boys' and the girls' side.

Mario Julian's Wheeling Park Patriots, the No. 1-ranked team in West Virginia, will also carry the target of being the top seed on the boys' side.

Wheeling Park is led by a talented group of scorers in Errin Baynes, Kyle George, Alex Bauer, and Michael Mauck with a strong defense featuring Mike Zandron, Eric Davis, and goalkeeper Cameron Allen.

The Patriots have won the last three tournaments and begin their quest for a four-peat today at Brooke High School against No. 8 Oak Glen. The Golden Bears were the lucky recipients of the final playoff spot when tournament qualifier Cambridge decided not to take part.

The winner of that game gets the winner of an intriguing matchup of Division 3A-1A champion Steubenville Central and St. Clairsville.

The Crusaders and the Red Devils take the field following the conclusion of the Wheeling Park-Oak Glen contest.

The boys return to action Wednesday with No. 2 seed Weir trying to end a 16-year title drought.

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The Red Riders had to replace a wealth of talent but veteran coach Joe Pepe has found some new stars in Chad Hensley, Kenny Muhart and Shane Davis.

Weir's journey gets off to a rough start when it plays the same opponent it faced in that 1996 championship game, rival Brooke. The Red Riders own a 2-0 victory against the Bruins this season, but records are often thrown out when these two get together.

The last team other than Wheeling Park to win the OVAC Cup Tournament was Linsly and the Cadets get a tough task in their opener in Steubenville.

Big Red has advanced to the championship game the previous two years, only to suffer 2-0 and 6-0 defeats to the Patriots.

Greg Bowers-coached teams are always physical and play with a different kind of intensity. Steubenville, the No. 3 seed, is led by the scoring of Tayari Lavender and Harold Malone.

Girls

While Wheeling Park will be the team to beat on the boys' side, the girls' bracket is completely wide open.

Linsly is the defending champion and enters the tournament as the No. 3 seed.

"If you take a look at the scores throughout the OVAC, there is so much inconsistency," Linsly coach Erica Hall said. "I think it's a good indication that anybody is capable of winning it. I think that is the awesome part going into it because you never know."

"It makes the atmosphere really exciting. I don't think anyone is safe. I know the girls are excited and a lot of people were anxious to see what we were gonna look like this year after we lost

so many from last year's team. We have a lot of young girls but we are playing good soccer. We play as a team and I'm really excited about it."

The Cadets have the longest wait as their game against No. 6 Weir will be the final quarterfinal contest.

Linsly's offensive attack is led by sophomore Maleha Kureishy and Brett Nanners heads a stellar defense. The Red Riders counter with offensive standouts Morgan Cassels, Carly Lescalette and Alyssa Shingle.

The top seed belongs to newcomer Morgantown, which begins the girl's portion Tuesday at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville against Wheeling Central. After a few down seasons, the Maroon Knights are back in the tournament under first-year coach David Cross.

Also new to the OVAC Cup Tournament is University, but while Coach Ray Petrisin's Hawks may be unfamiliar with the conference, they are arguably the most tournament-tested team having won the past two Class AAA state championships. The Hawks will be the underdogs as No. 2 seed and Division 4A champion Edison awaits them.

Parkersburg South and Wheeling Park are the four and five seeds, respectively. Wheeling Park has been on a role of late as it seeks to return to the dominance it once had on the tournament. Parkersburg South won't go down easy behind the play of Kari Simon and Mary Lewis.

All semifinals will be played Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium. The championships games will be held Monday, Oct. 3 at Wheeling Island Stadium with the girls' match at 5:30 p.m. and the boys playing at 7:30 p.m.

Park cruises to semifinals

• St. C. boys' game postponed until today

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The two teams played scoreless for 15 minutes before the Patriots were able to get things rolling. Mike Mauk sent a crossing pass to Errin Baynes who placed a header into the net for the first of his two goals and a 1-0 lead.

Mauk picked the first of his two goals a short time later on a penalty kick. A handball in the box set up the attempt.

Baynes made the score 3-0 with a shot off the right post off an assist from Alex Bauer and Park was off and running from there.

The Patriots' next two goals came within 31 seconds of each other.

The first came on a blast from Eric Davis with 11:58 left in the first half. The second came when Woody Pond headed a beautifully placed pass past the goalkeeper at 11:27 to make the score 5-0.

Mauk made the score 6-0 with a header off a Baynes throw-in with 4:18 left in the first half. The Patriots took that lead into halftime.

With 41:09 left in the second half, Eric Bonar scored the game's final goal to give the Patriots a 7-0 lead.

"If this wasn't the first time Oak Glen made the OVAC, then it's very close," Bennett said. "We're very proud of what the boys have accomplished so far and they need to keep their heads held high."

Then rain and lightning stopped the action with 24:15 left. After a delay of more than an hour and an entertaining show put on by the Patriots, with a little help from the Steubenville Catholic Central team that was waiting to play the next game, the contest was called and the Patriots advanced to the semifinals of the OVAC Cup.

"The team's been playing pretty well," Julian said. "We did what we had to do and we're ready to move on to the next round."

The Patriots face the winner of the game between Steubenville Central and St. Clairsville, which was postponed at 4:30 today because of the weather.

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Big Red Blanks Bruins in Semis

Steubenville in third straight final

By JOSH STROPE
Staff Writer

WHEELING

Steubenville had plenty of questions coming into the season and how to replace four starters on defense was likely at the top of that list.

But despite the change in personnel, Big Red has remained a pretty stout defense and posted their eighth shutout of the season with a 4-0 victory against Brooke on Saturday in the semifinals of the OVAC Cup Tournament at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Steubenville advances

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to Monday's 7:30 p.m. championship game for the third straight time, looking to wrestle away Wheeling Park's grip on the boys' championship.

"We have always played that defense but with four new guys back there, this is impressive and shows a lot about their heart," Steubenville coach Greg Bowers said.

That defense has been led by John-Paul Duff, who stopped 11 shots in

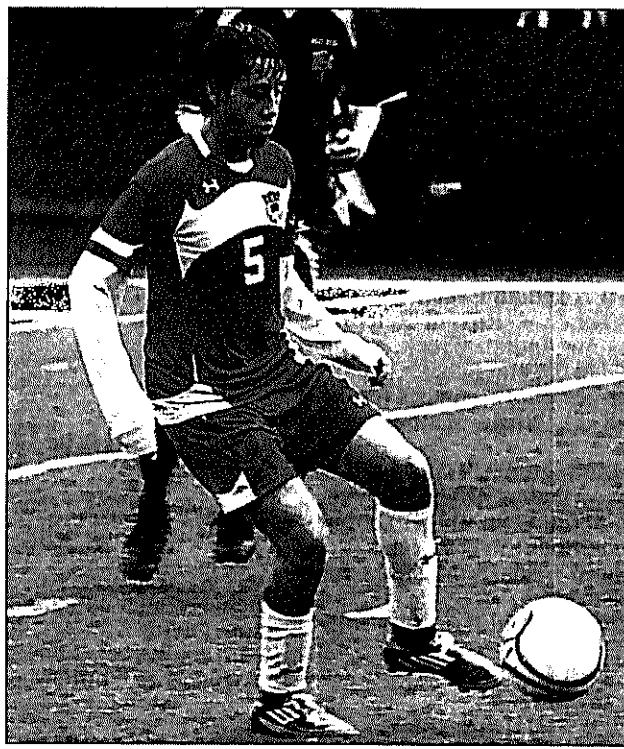
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Photo by Josh Stroppe

Wheeling Park's Alex Bauer controls the ball Saturday afternoon at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Patriots Advance Past Crusaders

Park aims for its fourth-straight

By JOSH STROPE
Staff Writer

WHEELING

It might be just a game and kids having fun, but the Wheeling Park boys' soccer team goes about its business with a workmanlike effort.

Saturday's 5-0 victory against Steubenville Central in the semifinals of the OVAC Cup Tournament at Wheeling Island Stadium was the perfect example of that.

As the Patriots (12-0-3) go for their fourth straight championship on Monday against Steubenville, a 4-0 winner against Brooke,

Wheeling Park will play Steubenville for the OVAC Cup boys' title at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

they will be looking to match Linsly's record for consecutive titles from 2000-2003.

"We know the importance of the OVAC championship," Wheeling Park coach Mario Julian said. "It means a lot to Wheeling Park High School and the kids here want to come out on top. Steubenville will be a great opponent and we won't take them lightly."

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"We have a lot of seniors playing and they have been through two state tournaments and they know they need to get up for it. If we don't come to play, we won't be able to win and we know that."

Before getting to Big Red, the Crusaders stood in Wheeling Park's way.

Steubenville Central, the OVAC Division III champions, played a solid contest just days after topping St. Clairsville in a shootout that went 11 rounds.

Against Wheeling Park, though, the Crusaders were just outmatched.

Steubenville Central was able to keep the high-scoring Wheeling Park offense off the board for the first 15 minutes before a perfect cross from Kyle George to Mike Mauck put the Patriots in front 1-0.

Mauck added the first of his three assists on a perfect corner kick that Woody Pond jumped up and headed past Steubenville Central goalie Andrew Duska.

"We played a pretty disciplined first half, even though we were a little inconsistent around the goal mouth," Julian said.

"It came together. Tough conditions for the first time with the weather being cold but the kids know the importance of the tournament and they responded well."

With Wheeling Park's passing and ability to

attack at any moment, Steubenville Central spent most of the afternoon with eight or nine players back on defense.

The Crusaders (8-3-3) hustled to every ball and did their best to try and stay in the game.

"We came out and competed the best we could," Steubenville Central coach Steve Kopcha said. "We know what a challenge Wheeling Park presents. We knew that they were going to possess it and it was a matter of trying to maintain our balance on defense, trying to slow them up a little bit, staying with the person we were marking."

Wheeling Park woke up in the second half with two goals in 42 seconds.

George got behind the defense after a pass from Mauck and beat Duska to the far post for a 3-0 lead. Moments later, Mauck fired a shot that Duska couldn't hang on to and Pond was there to clean up the rebound.

"Going in 2-0 at half-time, we felt we were still right there with them," Kopcha said. "We felt if we could have scored one early and got us a bit closer, but we had a minute lapse there. It's tough playing an entire 80 minutes against Park. They are that good and put that much pressure on you."

George scored his second on an assist from Pond for the final goal in the 64th minute.

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keeping Brooke off the scoreboard.

Another thing coaches always preach is following up shots, especially on a day like Saturday when rain caused the ball to be pretty slippery.

Steubenville's Tayari Lavender fired a seemingly innocent shot to the net, where Brooke goalkeeper Brandon Wagoner went to scoop it up. Instead, the ball slipped through his hands and between his legs.

A hard-charging Jorge Dominquez was left in the box unguarded, found the loose ball and put it into the empty net and Steubenville had the match's first goal.

"Jorge, he did what we asked him to do," Bowers said. "Very seldom do they actually follow a shot, especially from that

deep out but it paid off and proved to be a big play by a freshman."

A.J. Lucas doubled the Big Red lead with a laser shot from 30 yards out into the top corner that Wagoner had no chance at.

From there, Steubenville's defense took over and while Brooke had shots, few made Duff work very hard.

"We played a lot better Wednesday (against Weir in the quarterfinals)," Brooke coach Brian Cerullo said.

"We didn't capitalize on our chances and we started to play too rushed instead of calming down, possessing the ball, and playing to our feet"

"Once they had the lead, we started to force too much instead of play-

ing our game."

Steubenville put the game away in the 65th minute as Harold Malone's shot was knocked in by a Brooke defender.

Lavender scored the final goal in the 71st minute.

Steubenville hopes the third time will be the charm against Wheeling Park. In the previous two championship meetings, the Patriots defeated Big Red 2-0 and 6-0.

Wheeling Park won the regular season match between the two teams, 5-1.

"I want to congratulate the players from both teams," Bowers said. "Wheeling Park lost a ton of talent off last year's squad and so did we and it says a lot about the players to get back to this point again."

"With that said, to beat Park we are going to have to play our best game. Our kids are going to play hard no matter who they play and we are going to come out and give it our best shot."



OVAC CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT

SCC Wins In Round 11 of SO

Crusaders earn shot at Wheeling Park

By MIKE MATHISON
For The Intelligencer

WELLSBURG — The St. Clairsville boys' soccer team had an abundance of chances to win Tuesday's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Cup Tournament quarterfinal with Steubenville Catholic at Brooke High School. The Red Devils had three big opportunities to take home a victory and a date with Wheeling Park in Saturday's semifinals at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Steubenville Catholic Central goalkeeper Andrew Duska twice got his paws on the ball and the other time it found the post as Catholic Central prevailed, 2-1, in a shootout that went 11 rounds.

"That's the longest one I've ever been involved with," Crusaders coach Steve Kopcha said of the penalty kicks.

St. Clairsville was one PK goal away from a victory in the first round of five tied at 4-4, but Duska dove to his left and made a save.

The same scenario repeated itself five rounds later, but this Red Devils attempt bounced harmlessly off the goal post to Duska's left. That was one shooter after Red Devils sophomore keeper Isaac Wiley made a save on Central's 10th shooter, setting the stage for the victory. Both teams had made their first four attempts in the second round.

"We had a lot of opportunities," said St. Clairsville coach Gary Watt, including missing a wide open goal, "but you have to give it to their goalkeeper, he made some great saves. We missed some shots, but he made some stops. That's why you play the game. You have to put it out on the field and come through when it's your turn.

"That's been the history of our season — when we've lost, it's games exactly like this — outplay a team, outshoot a team and lose because we just couldn't finish. It's happened to us twice before and it raised its ugly head at the wrong time.

"I take nothing away from Steubenville Central. They played a solid game."

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Photo by Josh Strope

Wheeling Park's Carly Collins (6) battles for possession with Parkersburg South's Emily Brezler (12) during OVAC Cup action Thursday in St. Clairsville.

Park Stunned

Patriots give up late lead, fall to South in OT

By TRACY WATSON
For The Intelligencer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Missed opportunities early in the game nearly cost Parkersburg South a return trip to the OVAC Cup girls semifinals Tuesday night against Wheeling Park.

However, it was two chances that the Wood County Patriots cashed in late in regulation and overtime that made the difference.

Kari Simon's second goal, with just 2:45 to play in regulation, forced overtime and freshman Taylor Life's tally with only 15 seconds on the clock of the second extra 5-minute session was the game-winner as South rallied to hand Park a stunning and heartbreaking 3-2 overtime setback at Red Devils Stadium.

With the victory, Coach Rick Bush's fourth-seeded squad will take an 8-3-3 mark into Saturday's semifinals at 10 a.m. at Wheeling Island Stadium against top-seeded

Morgantown. The Mohigans, West Virginia's top-ranked team, defeated the Patriots by a 5-2 margin earlier this year.

"Unbelievable," Bush said. "We missed so many opportunities early in the game and should have had a 4-0 cushion before they even scored, but that is the sad side of the character of our team, missed opportunities."

Trailing 2-1 with Wheeling Park (8-5) controlling play for most of the second half, the southern Patriots got a break when Simon redirected a pass from sophomore Lindsay Jones that slid into the back of the net to knot the count at 2-2 with just 2:45 showing.

That forced a pair of 5-minute overtime periods, with neither team able to even get off a shot in the first 5-minute session and the initial 4:45 of the second.

But the one shot on goal that was recorded in extra time was the difference maker with Life's shot ricocheted off a Park player and into the goal, setting off a wild celebration for South with just 15 seconds remaining.

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Morgantown Blows By Central

No. 1 seed flexes its muscle against the Maroon Knights

By TRACY WATSON
For The Intelligencer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — In rolling through the regular season unbeaten, Morgantown earned the No. 1 seed in the girls' OVAC Cup Soccer Tournament.

Tuesday afternoon the Mohigans took the first step toward their first conference championship with a convincing quarterfinal victory against No. 8 Wheeling Central.

Morgantown controlled the contest with precision passing and ball control, getting goals from six different players and allowing only two shots in rolling to a 6-0 blanking of the Maroon Knights at Red Devil Stadium.

The victory propels the Mohigans into Saturday morning's 10 a.m. semifinal against Parkersburg South at Wheeling Island Stadium.

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Wheeling Central goalie Bri Robbins makes a save during Tuesday's OVAC Cup quarterfinals at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville.

Photo by Josh Strope

Wheeling Park boys claim OVAC Cup title

By JOSH STROPE
For The Times Leader

WHEELING — This season's version of the Wheeling Park boys' soccer team isn't filled with superstars, but everyone does their job and does it well.

One thing this team has in common with the previous versions is the moniker of OVAC champions.

Five different players scored for Wheeling Park as it downed Steubenville, 5-1, on Monday at Wheeling Island Stadium to win its fourth straight OVAC Cup title.

"I put all the seniors on the roster at the end of the game because they have accomplished something no other Wheeling Park team has done," Wheeling Park coach Mario Julian said. "We were able to tie Linsly with four consecutive championships. We always come, every year, OVAC title is our goal and the state championship is the next goal."

While Wheeling Park lost many starters from last season's squad, so did Steubenville. Many people didn't give Big Red much of a chance to get back to the title game, let alone hang with the top-ranked team in West Virginia.

Wheeling Park led 1-0 into halftime after a goal by Eric Davis, but had trouble getting much offense going.

Defense has never been a problem as Steubenville coach Greg Bowers is considered one of the top defensive minds in the valley. The question was could Big Red score enough to hang with the Patriots potent offense?

Big Red came out of the second half with a new energy and stunned Wheeling Park with an early goal as Tayari Lavender scored on a direct kick from 30 yards out that went high into the top right corner of the goal and just off the hands of Wheeling Park goalie Cameron Allen.

"We always believe we could beat Wheeling Park but we knew we had to have a different game plan," Bowers said. "You can't attack Wheeling Park. We played defensive and played for what happened. We got the goal and tied it up. Then it goes to 2-1 and the game is winding down and you have to make adjustments."

"Once you make those adjustment, they open you up like they did at the end of the game. But Wheeling Park is a great team, and I want to congratulate them and wish them the best of luck in the state tournament."

Park regained the lead five minutes later as Alex Bauer scored on a header off a corner kick from Davis.

With Big Red needing to score, they tried to take more chances up field, but the Patriots weren't allowing it, never letting their foot off the gas.

Freshman Eric Bonar put the nail in the coffin for Wheeling Park in the 71st minute when he followed up a Bauer shot and beat Big Red goalie John-Paul Duff for a 3-1 lead. Less than a minute later, Wheeling Park tacked on another as Josh Garrett's cross into the box was headed past Duff by Kyle George.

Errin Baynes scored the final goal 3 minutes later.

Girls

Morgantown 1, University 1

For 75 minutes, the two teams, who battled to a 1-1 tie earlier this season, looked as even as can be.

Finally, Morgantown got on the scoreboard as Sydney Lavengood sent a perfect cross in front of the net that Natasha Trott hit in the air and past University goalkeeper Hillary Dewitt for a 1-0 lead.

The Mohigans defense was just as solid, allowing just three shots on goalkeeper Erika Yohn.

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"Kari Simon is a very special player and that was a huge goal to tie the game late," Bush said. "But she had some missed chances early. I think it comes down to the fact that she is so special that you expect her to make every one and when she doesn't you get a little disappointed."

A key factor in the contest was Wheeling Park's inability to get shots at the net. Parkersburg South did an outstanding job defensively of knocking away shots before they even made it to their keeper and Wheeling Park finished with just four in the game.

"Both of our keepers are inexperienced and the kids recognize that and do an outstanding job of limiting shots," Bush said.

After a high shot early and being denied by an outstanding save by Park keeper Devyn Nickerson a short time later, Simon finally found the back of the net at 24:05 of the first. Simon took a nice lead pass from sophomore midfielder Kaitlyn Miller and beat Nickerson for the initial goal of the contest.

Coach Aubrey Taylor's Park squad didn't manage to get a shot on goal for the first 29:22 of play, but when it did get the first one it made it count. Junior Ashley Grove slid a shot past South keeper Tiffany Schultz at 10:38 of the first to earn a 1-1 deadlock that held up at the break.

The goal came with a cluster of players deep in the box, with Grove able to get a foot on it and

direct the ball into the net.

Wheeling Park finally got the lead midway through the second half, on just its third shot, when freshman Briella Taylor's pass to junior Alyssa Sonnefeld was rocketed into the back of the net over Schultz' hands for a 2-1 count.

"That is a very tough way to lose," Aubrey Taylor said. "Our girls played so hard and played to win, unfortunately we didn't get it done in the end and overtime. But that is part of the game."

"They broke our hearts (Tuesday), but we will definitely come back. This was a good performance, but we will hold that lead the next time. Parkersburg South is a very good team and they really bring out the best in us."

"We did a good job controlling play in the second half, but we needed to score a few more goals and we just weren't able to do that. But we know we are capable of always playing this good and I know we will get better."

As for Saturday's opponent, Bush knows his team will have to be at its best, but he also knows his Patriots will show up ready to play.

"The first time we played them we made two or three gross defensive errors that really cost us," he said. "But they have only had two teams score more than one goal on them all year and we are one of them."

"They are not undefeatable and the No. 1 team in the state by accident."

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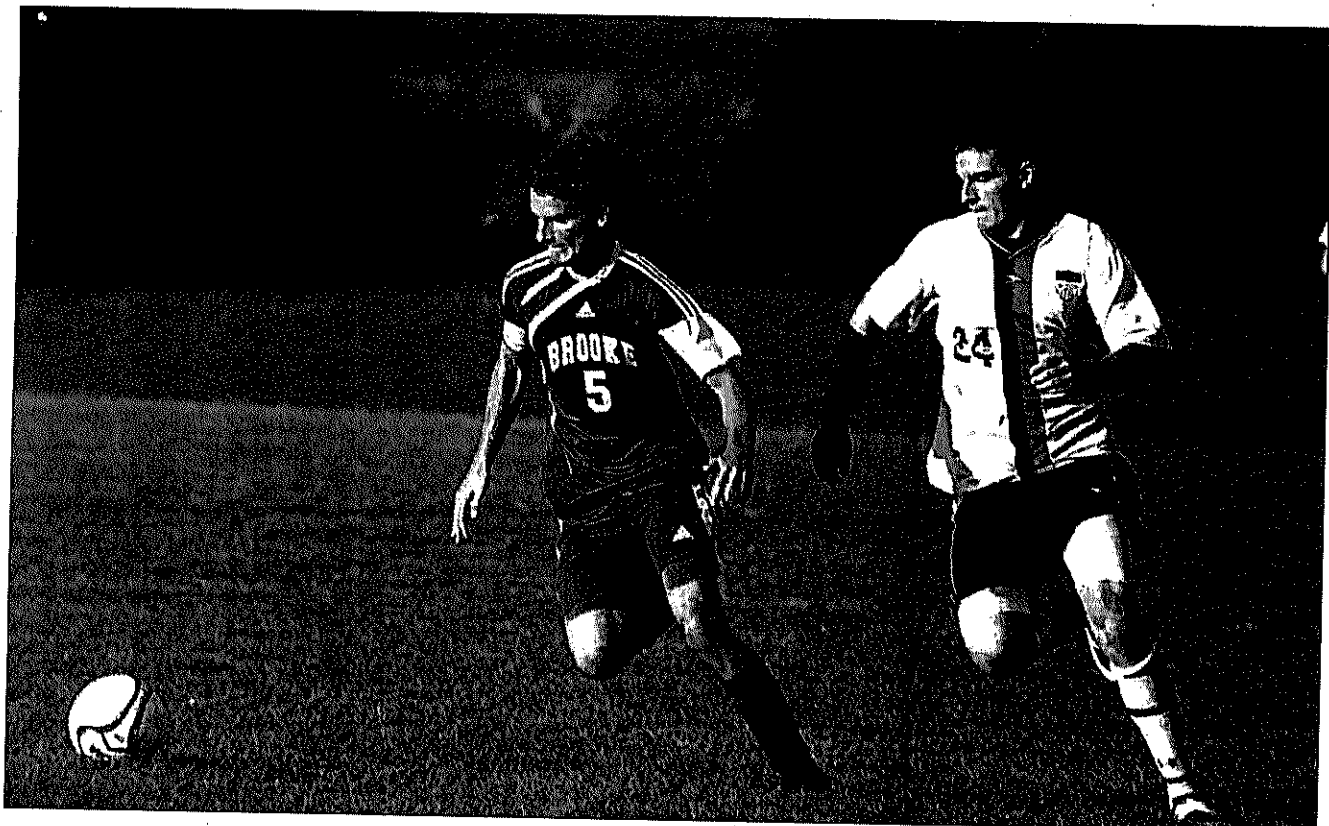
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Brooke's Jake Riccelli (5) dribbles the ball upfield amid pressure from Weir defender Josh Groves during action of their OVAC Cup quarterfinal match Wednesday at Brooke High School in Wellsburg. Photo by Mike Mathison

Lucas, Duff Spearhead Big Red

Steubenville advances by shutting out Linsly

By TRACY WATSON
For The Intelligencer

WELLSBURG — Defense was the name of the game in Wednesday night's OVAC Cup boys' semifinal contest between third-seeded Steubenville and sixth-seeded Linsly.

But when all was said and done, it came down to the foot of Big Red senior A.J. Lucas and the hands of sophomore keeper John-Paul Duff.

Lucas' laser from the side provided the game's only score with 11:42 to play and Duff continually knocked Cadets shots away as Steubenville advanced to the semifinals with a hard-fought, 1-0 victory against Linsly at Brooke High School.

Head Coach Greg Bowers' squad will battle Brooke at 4 on Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium with a berth in the championship game on the line.

"John-Paul Duff played a great game and when we needed someone to step up A.J. did it with a big shot, but this was definitely a team win," Bowers said. "A.J. hit a huge shot against Weir High earlier this year and he did it again."

Both teams had plenty of opportunities deep in the other's box with Linsly (6-5-2) out-shooting Steubenville by a 20-5 margin, with Duff coming up big in goal.

"Their keeper made some great saves," Linsly coach Eric Fries said. "He has good, quick feet, was very agile and protected the net, which is his job."

While neither team could convert, and it appeared the game might be heading for overtime in a scoreless deadlock, Big Red finally got the break it was looking for.

Sophomore Dominic DiCarlo batted a free kick from near midfield toward the goal and Lucas did the rest, dribbling in

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Bruins Pull Upset of Red Riders

Brooke moves on by way of a 3-1 victory

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WELLSBURG — Weir entered Wednesday's OVAC Cup boys' tournament quarterfinal game with the No. 2 seed, a 12-3-1 record and plenty to prove.

However, seventh-seeded Brooke had other thoughts and Coach Brian Cerullo's Bruins were on a mission, one they would not be denied.

Senior Jake Riccelli gave Brooke a halftime lead and Josh Harrick and Eric Johnson added rebound goals in the second half as the Bruins surprised the Red Riders by a 3-1 count at Brooke High School.

It moves Cerullo's club to 6-4-1 and sends it into Saturday afternoon's 4 p.m. semifinal contest against Steubenville at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"Easily the biggest win of the season," Cerullo said. "Now I can just sit back watch the next game (Steubenville-Linsly) and see what we can expect on Saturday."

Brooke opened the scoring midway through the first half on a well-executed throw in and header from Harrick and Riccelli. Riccelli's shot made it past Weir keeper Josh Barney at the 22:12 mark for a 1-0 score.

Harrick turned up on the other side of the scoring column at 23:11 of the second period when he charged into the box, collected a ricochet off the post and blasted it into the net for a 2-0

cushion.

While opportunities were few and far between for the Red Riders, they did manage their first shot on goal with 17:50 to play, however Brandon Wagoner's save turned them away.

The Bruins' third goal came in heavy traffic in front of the net with 16:12 to play when Johnson's rebounded effort made its way past a diving Barney for a commanding 3-0 count.

"Early in the season our biggest problem was finishing," Cerullo added. "But I am happy with the way we put the ball into the net (Wednesday). It's a good feeling."

"We have had trouble with that final touch, but we definitely finished when we had to in this one."

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Weir had another chance to cut into the deficit, but a penalty kick with 12:45 showing sailed harmlessly high over the goal.

But the Riders did finally dent the scoreboard with 4:40 to go when they were awarded a direct kick. With everyone believing play had halted, Conner Addison set the ball down and quickly booted it past Wagoner, who was retreating toward the goal.

"It's tough to score when you don't get shots," Weir coach Joe

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Brian Cerullo
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Pepe said. "We just came out flat and continued to play flat. Sometimes that happens to good teams."

"Take nothing away from Brooke, they played well, but we had chances. We had a kid take a penalty kick who hadn't missed one in two years and he shot it over the goal."

"But these are kids, they will wake up and the sun will shine."

"We will shake this off and get back to business, we have other things to do now."

"We seen our mistakes on the field and we will plan to correct them. Good teams bounce back and we will do that."

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before knocking a laser high into the back corner of the net for the only goal that was needed.

Duff again came through late as the Cadets put plenty of pressure on the net, but to no avail.

"We definitely outplayed them," Fries added. "But you can't win if you don't put the ball in the back of the net and we just didn't do it. I truly felt we were the better team."

"Our defense did a fantastic job, but our offense couldn't capitalize and sometimes its just that one opportunity you have to take advantage of and Steubenville did."

Bowers, meanwhile, felt his offense's ability to keep the ball out of its own end was the difference.

"We took a lot of pressure off by keeping the ball on their side of the field," Bowers added. "We just made some great plays and took advantage of what we needed to take advantage of."

As for Brooke, Bowers knows the Bruins will create a challenge on Saturday.

"Brooke is a big team that plays hard and physical," he said. "And we know we have to be careful and watch those long throw-ins they like to do."

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BEVERLY — Kayley Stephens had 17 kills and nine blocks and Chelsie Roberts added 13 kills and 20 blocks.

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