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Baseball Playoffs

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Toronto Ohio

May 2, 2014

Vaccaro Field

Steubenville Ohio

May 3, 2014

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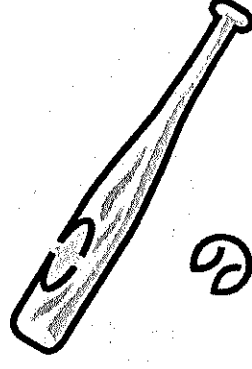
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WEST VIRGINIA

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Madonna
Blue Dons

5 of Anthony Antinone
6 if, p Michael Rogers
7 of, p, if Nick Mazur
8 if, p Kaleb Baire
14 p, of, 1b Luca Fuscardo
15 of, p, 1b Adam Robertson
21 c, 1b Domenic Silvestri
22 of Andrew Higgins
23 of, p Will Bowser
33 of Jake Ferrari
3 Hunter Payne
4 Ross Cornis
6 Vince Merico
11 Jake Gasvoda
12 Simon Nero
24 Marcello Biondillo
32 Gaetano Fuscardo

Head coach: Tim Provenzano, Assisant coaches: Eric Sperlazza, Luke Myers, Jeff Silvestri, JT Brancazio.

10
AA
Shadyside
Tiger

21 c Austin Dorris
99 1b Colton Campbell
10 p,of Zack Frizzi
17 2b,ss Luke Nardo
15 p Tre Meyers
25 1b Jacob Grogan
6 if,of Cole Crow
1 of Travis Fulton
00 c Steven Doughty
11 3b Josh McFarland
72 of Eli Karkowski
24 of Shawn Hanson
50 dh Zack Meadows
8 of Jake Lennox
12 of Chad Snyder
9 if Will Brown
3 p/of Colin Hunter
5 if Billy Johnson
13 c Dalton Palmer

Head coach: Mike Meintel, Asst. coaches: Brent Holloway, Perry Nardo, Mike Coyne.

9

AA

Caldwell

Redskins

- 2 Caleb Heller
- 3 Tanner Clark
- 4 Tyler Stephens
- 5 Brennan Saling
- 7 Chase Lucas
- 8 Jack Ridenour
- 9 Nick Roberts
- 10 Jaden Border
- 11 Kyler McElfresh
- 15 Troy Hupp
- 16 Austin Mettier
- 18 Mason Janusik
- 20 Tyler Wells
- 25 Zac Cain

Head Coach: Brian Wheelidin, Asst. coaches: Derek Sidwell, Stan Randolph

2

A

Bishop Donahue

Bishops

- 1 P Chaice Truex
- 3 of Brett Moore
- 9 of Austin Cunningham
- 10 of Bryce Jones
- 11 of Zachary McCoy
- 14 of Andrew Rush
- 20 if Dylan Druschel
- 23 c Alex Riedel
- 25 c Chris Vani
- 39 if Lane LeMasters
- 99 if Hunter Kaschke
- 7 Jared Yates
- 5 Lavont Hamilton
- 11 Jesse Padlow
- 2 Adrian Whorton
- 24 John Stocklask
- 21 JC Custer
- 32 Chris Berry

Head Coach: Bob Klee Asst, Coaches: Eric Gordon, Kent Jones, Bob Gross.

3

AAA
Linsly
Cadets

- 30 p, if Arien Seymour
- 44 p, if Jamison Murray
- 26 p, if Colton Coss
- 22 c, if Dillon Curtin
- 28 p,if,of Tyler Ashbrook
- 47 c,if James Cartwright
- 24 p,if Logan Goodnight
- 23 of Jameson Mascara
- 34 if Trent Ciechomski
- 46 of Josh Sands
- 48 of Erick Taylor
- 39 if Josh Auten
- 50 if Floyd Giddings
- 35 if Kelley Maverick
- 27 1b/c Gage Giovenngo
- 25 Zeke Scherich
- 29 Zak Kriechbaun

Head Coach: Jay Cartwright, Ron Stephens, Mike Koss,
James Wallace, Jordan Medley, Chris Kiedaisch

8

AAAA
Steubenville
Big Red

- 9 if Paul DeFrances
- 4 if Lucas Herrington
- 10 p,if Justin Corsi
- 22 c Kai McClurg
- 3 p Anthony Zorne
- 1 of Travis Wolfe
- 2 of Rob Agresta
- 5 in/of Di'Mitros Collaros
- 6 of/p Brandon Jones
- 7 if Bryan Pierrro
- 8 if/c Devon Ferguson
- 11 of/if Niko Petrides
- 12 if Kasey Peterson
- 17 p Paul Runkel

Head Coach: Fred Heatherington, Asst. Coaches: Joe
Pierrro, Justin Banks, Anthony Gossett, Jeff Petrelle,
Seth Fluhardt

AAAA
Martins Ferry
Purple Riders

15	3b, 1b	Robert Vargo
25	1b	Conner Coup
7	cf	Marcus Sutton
9	p/ss	Dustin Schau
10	c/p	Seth Scott
5	2b/p	Brandon Baire
12	rf	T.J. Jacobs
13	c	Garrett Trudo
16	lf	Jeremy Plants
8	p	Lucas Lloyd
3	2b	Chris Tucker
20	2b/3b	Logan Bassa
2	ss/p	Ethan Baire
33	3b/p	Matt Barbour
21	c/rf	Colin Jamison
15	ss/p	Cade Lloyd

Coach: Anthony Reasbeck

AAA
Bellaire
Big Reds

2	Brendon Ross
3	Tyler West
4	Spencer Badia
5	Bralen Snell
6	Nick Patrone
7	Tyler Ramsey
8	Nathaniel Cumberlidge
9	A. J. Anastasia
10	Josh Crawford
11	Luke McDonough
12	Michael Kovalyk
13	Brennan Conroy
14	Nick Hall
15	Nathan Steele
17	Robert Kovalyk
18	Hunter Westlake
20	Wyatt Back
26	J.J. Longwell
27	Alex Hibbitts
29	Mitch Parker
30	Jared Crawford

Coach: John Patrone, David Hagiloizou, Eric Driscoll,
Chris Ciatti, Timmy Young

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AAAAA

Edison

Wildcats

- 2 if Dylan Jones
- 3 if, p Austin Horan
- 4 of Josh Pasek
- 1 if, of Carter Andreozzi
- 6 of Armando Sinicropi
- 8 c,3b,of Storm Allese
- 10 if Jimmy Marsh
- 11 if,p Nolan Marcus
- 15 3b,p Ben Boyd
- 16 dh,1b Shane Pendleton
- 18 p,1b Matt Dillon
- 19 c Collin Skeeles
- 21 if,p Tanner Evans
- 22 if.p Collin Scott
- 23 p,if Clay Woodward
- 24 p,1b,of Brian Flack
- 5 of Nick Sinacropi
- 7 if/p Nick Glenn
- 9 if Connor Bahen
- 12 if/p Joe Nave
- 14 of Bryce Platt
- 18 ut Dominic Rogers
- 20 p Tyler Schmitt
- 25 p Matt Johnson

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AAAAA

Wheeling Park

Patriots

- p/if Matthew Brooks
- Of Grove Calvert
- U Eric Crow
- If Nathan Hardman
- p/of Justice Jackson
- If Jay Massey
- Of Cody Nemo
- U Daniel Baclak
- Of Killian Coyne
- p/if Michael Grove
- Of Chuck Heymen
- Of Chalmer Moffett
- p/if Phillip Bledsoe
- p/if Zane Hummel
- c/of Tyler Cooley
- p/if Isaac Turner

Head Coach: Mike Mcleod: Asst. Coaches: Jack Doyle, Mike Cook, John Calvin

Head coach: Mike Collopy,
Asst. coaches: Jim Marcus, Cory Wickham

BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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2009:

A: Toronto, Brian Perkins
AA: Linsly, Jay Cartwright
AAA: Magnolia, Dave Cisar
AAAA: John Marshall, Bob Montgomery

2010:

A: Madonna, Jeff Baire
AA: Linsly, Jay Cartwright
AAA: St. Clairsville, Tom Silva
AAAA: Steubenville, Fred Heatherington

2011:

A: Bishop Donahue, Dan Angalich
AA: Shenandoah, Kevin Davis
AAA: Edison, Mike Collopy
AAAA: Steubenville, Fred Heatherington

2012:

1A: Bishop Donahue, Bob Kleeh
2A: Linsly, Jay Cartwright
3A: Bellaire, John Patrone
4A: Edison, Mike Collopy
5A: Cambridge, Dave Gray

2013:

1A: Bishop Donahue, Bob Kleeh
2A: Steubenville Catholic, Don Young
3A: Linsly, Jay Cartwright
4A: Harrison Central, Justin Clifford
5A: Edison, Mike Collopy

1947:

OH: Bridgeport
WV: Wellsburg

1956:

OH: Steubenville, Ang Vaccaro
WV: Weir

1948:

OH: Tiltonsville
WV: Wheeling

1957:

OH: Bridgeport
WV: Weir

1949:

OH: St. John
WV: Triadelphia

1958:

OH: Steubenville, Ang Vaccaro
WV: Weir

1950:

OH: Tiltonsville
WV: Weir

1959:

OH: Steubenville, Ang Vaccaro
WV:

1951:

OH: Tiltonsville
WV: Triadelphia

1960:

OH:
WV:

1952:

OH: Tiltonsville
WV: Wellsburg

1961:

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OH: Tiltonsville
WV: Union

1962:

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WV:

1954:

OH: Tiltonsville
WV: Wellsburg

1963:

OH:
WV:

1955:

OH: Bridgeport
WV: Weir

1964:

OH:
WV:

BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2002:
A: St. John, Tom Silva
AA: Steubenville Catholic, Tom Bartemes
AAA: Martins Ferry, John Josefczyk
AAAA: Steubenville, Fred Heatherington

1965: CH:
MV:

2003:

A: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AA: River, Kyle Rose
AAA: Indian Creek, Mike Cottis
AAAA: Edison, Bill Beattie

1966: OH:
WV:

2004:

A: Weirton Madonna, Tony Magnone
AA: Steubenville Catholic, Frank Spence
AAA: Meadowbrook, Tim Roller
AAAA: Buckeye Local, Chris Blackburn

1967: OH: Steubenville, Chuck Watt
WV: Wellsburg, Ed Watkins

1968: Steubenville, Chuck Watt

1969:

Wheeling, Mike Pockl

2005:

A: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AA: Fort Frye, Sonny Bidwell
AAA: Harrison Central, Mike Saffel
AAAA: John Marshall, Bob Montgomery

1970: Jim Martinek, Bellaire

2006:

A: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AA: Toronto, Brian Perkins
AAA: Harrison Central, Mike Saffel
AAAA: Wheeling Park, Chad Stout

1971: Brooke, Ed Watkins

1972:

OH: St. John, Bob Flalkowski
WV: Brooke, Ed Watkins

2007:

A: Shadyside, Gary Cunningham
AA: Steubenville Catholic, Frank Spence
AAA: Union Local, Rich Mercer
AAAA: John Marshall, Bob Montgomery

1973: Steubenville, Chuck Watt

1974:

Triadelphia, Dick Moore

2008:

A: Toronto, Brian Perkins
AA: Steubenville Catholic, Frank Spence
AAA: St. Clairsville, Tom Silva
AAAA: Cambridge, Matt Johnson

1975:

A: Bishop Donahue, Mark Matz

1976:

A: Bishop Donahue, Mark Matz
AA: Magnolia, Dave Cisar
AAA: Bellaire, Terry Snively

1977:

A: Skyvue Don Bayes
AA: Bridgeport
AAA: St. Clairsville

1978:

A: Paden City
Skyvue Don Bayes
AA: Barnesville, Brad Wilson
Mingo
AAA: Steubenville, Jake Hollywood

1979:

A: Paden City
AA:
AAA:
AAAA:

1980:

A: Bishop Donahue, Paul West
AA: Buckeye South, Len Vince
AAA: Magnolia, Dave Cisar
AAAA: John Marshall: Bob Montgomery

1981:

A: Buckeye Trail
AA: Barnesville
AAA: Buckeye South
AAAA: John Marshall, Bob Montgomery

1982:

A: St. John,
AA: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AAA: Magnolia
AAA: Steubenville, Jake Hollywood

John Marshall Bob Montgomery

1996:

A: Beallsville, Mike Elliott
AA: Steubenville Catholic, Craig Farrar
AAA: St. Clairsville, Richard Hall
AAAA: Edison, Bill Beattie

1997:

A: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AA: Steubenville Catholic, Craig Farrar
AAA: Barnesville, Brad Wilson
AAAA: Edison, Bill Beattie

1998:

A: St. John, Tom Silva
AA: Steubenville Catholic, Tom Mort
AAA: Meadowbrook, Tim Roller
AAAA: Wheeling Park, Tom Dale

1999:

A: St. John, Tom Silva
AA: Toronto, Matt Morrison
AAA: Meadowbrook, Tim Roller
AAAA: Steubenville, Fred Heatherington

2000:

A: St. John, Tom Silva
AA: Toronto, Matt Morrison
AAA: Harrison Central, Mike Saffell
AAAA: Edison, Bill Beattie

2001:

A: Beallsville, Ronnie Street
AA: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AAA: Magnolia, Dave Cisar
AAAA: East Liverpool, Brian Connolly

CHANCEBALL CTAWIRPIONSHIP

1983:
A: Skyvue
AA: Buckeye Trail
AAA: Jefferson Union
AAAA: Wintersville

1984:
A: Skyvue, Mark Huffman
AA: Cadiz, John Alleman
AAA: Steubenville Catholic, Clyde DiAngelo
AAAA: Steubenville, Steve Romey

1985:
A: Skyvue, Mark Huffman
AA: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AAA:
AAAA: Bellaire, Mark Bonar

1986:
A: Skyvue, Mark Huffman
AA: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AAA: Steubenville Catholic, Clyde DiAngelo
AAAA: Steubenville, Tony D'Aurora

1987:
A: Springfield, Ken Miser
AA: Toronto, Bill Stone
AAA: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AAAA: Brooke, Perry West

1988:
A: St. John, Dan Butts
AA: Wheeling Central, Terry Edwards
AAA: Bellaire, Mark Bonar
AAAA: East Liverpool, Joe Chontos

989:
A: St. John, Dan Butts
AA: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AAA: River, Harry Bush

1990:
A: St. John, Dan Butts
AA: Cadiz, Ken Woodford
AAA: St. Clairsville, Richard Hall
AAAA: Wintersville, John Retton

1991:
A: Bishop Donahue, Terry Espina
Mingo, Ron Sismondo
AA: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AAA: Wheeling Central, Terry Edwards
AAAA: St. Clairsville, Richard Hall
AAAA: Steubenville, Fred Heatherington

1992:
A: Weirton Madonna, Anthony Magnone
AA: Steubenville Catholic, Jeff Keeton
AAA: St. Clairsville, Richard Hall
AAAA: Steubenville, Fred Heatherington

1993:
A: Edison North, Bill Beatlie
AA: Steubenville Catholic, Craig Farrar
AAA: Bellaire, Mark Bonar
AAAA: Steubenville, Fred Heatherington

1994:
A: Shadyside, Larry Apicella
Paden City, Brent Croasmun
AA: Linsly, Gary Sprague
Steubenville Catholic, Craig Farrar
AAA: Magnolia, Dave Cisar
St. Clairsville, Richard Hall
AAAA: Steubenville, Fred Heatherington
Weir, Bill Smith

1995:
A: Linsly, Gary Sprague
AA: Steubenville Catholic, Craig Farrar
AAA: St. Clairsville, Richard Hall
AAAA: Steubenville, Fred Heatherington

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Beallsville	1	11	12	32	2.67
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OVAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEMI-FINALS

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Class 5-A

#1 Edison 4 #4 Morgantown 1
#2 Wheeling Park 15 #3 Brooke 11

Class 4-A

#1 Steubenville 10 #4 Harrison Central 2
#2 Martins Ferry 9 #3 St. Clairsville 0

Class 3-A

#4 Bellaire 20 #1 Steubenville Catholic Central 0, 5 inn.
#3 Linsly 2 #2 Fort Frye 1

Class 2-A

#4 Shadyside 12 #1 Bridgeport 7
#2 Caldwell 7 #3 Toronto 6

Class 1-A

#1 Madonna 9 #4 St. John Central 4
#2 Bishop Donahue 6 #3 Paden City 0

OVAC CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Friday, May 2 2014

at Toronto High School

Class 3-A

#4 Bellaire vs. #3 Linsly, 5 p.m.

Class 4-A

#2 Martins Ferry vs. #1 Steubenville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 3 2014

at Vacarro Field Steubenville

Class 1-A

#2 Bishop Donahue vs. #1 Madonna, 10 a.m.

Class 5-A

#1 Edison vs. #2 Wheeling Park, 1:30 p.m.

Class 2-A

#2 Caldwell vs. #4 Shadyside, 4 p.m.

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2014 Baseball Standings - Current

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CLASS 5-A

	School	W	L	TG	CP	AVE.
2	Edison	11	1	12	788	65.67
1	Wheeling Park	11	5	16	852	53.25
3	Brooke	11	4	15	778	51.87
4	Morgantown	10	6	16	780	48.75
5	John Marshall	6	5	11	404	36.73
	Parkersburg South	6	11	17	444	26.12
	Beaver Local	4	6	10	252	25.20
	University	3	10	13	234	18.00
	Cambridge	3	8	11	174	15.82
	Indian Creek	2	11	13	138	10.62

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CLASS 4-A

	School	W	L	TG	CP	AVE.
1	Steubenville	12	4	16	918	57.38
2	Martins Ferry	10	6	16	674	42.13
3	St. Clairsville	6	5	11	402	36.55
4	Harrison Central	7	8	15	518	34.53
5	Buckeye Local	7	8	15	502	33.47
	Meadowbrook	6	9	15	396	26.40
	Oak Glen	8	9	17	404	23.76
	Union Local	3	10	13	216	16.62
	East Liverpool	3	8	11	164	14.91
	Weir	2	6	8	114	14.25



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Baseball Championships

Sunday, April 27, 2014

FRIDAY, MAY 2 AT TORONTO

5:00PM: Bellaire v. Linsly

7:30PM: Martins Ferry v. Steubenville

SATURDAY, MAY 3 AT STEUBENVILLE

10:00AM: Bishop Donahue v. Madonna

1:30PM: Edison v. Wheeling Park

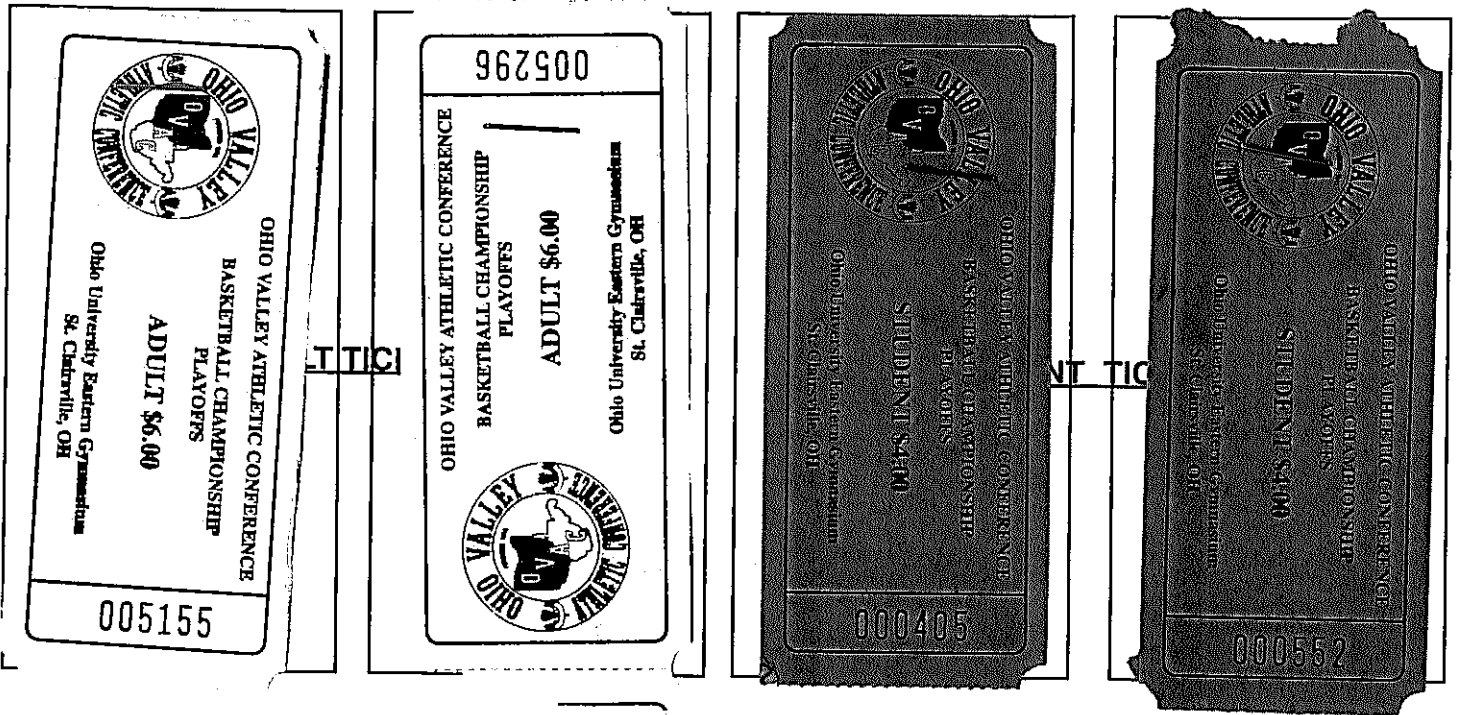
4:00PM: Caldwell v. Shadyside

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OVAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



TO DETERMINE TICKETS SOLD. SUBTRACT TICKET A (C) FROM TICKET B (D), THEN SUBTRACT 1

DATE OF EVENT: SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

VACCARO FIELD, STEUBENVILLE

START-UP CASH:

Ones:	\$ 500.00
Fives:	\$ 300.00
Tens	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,000.00

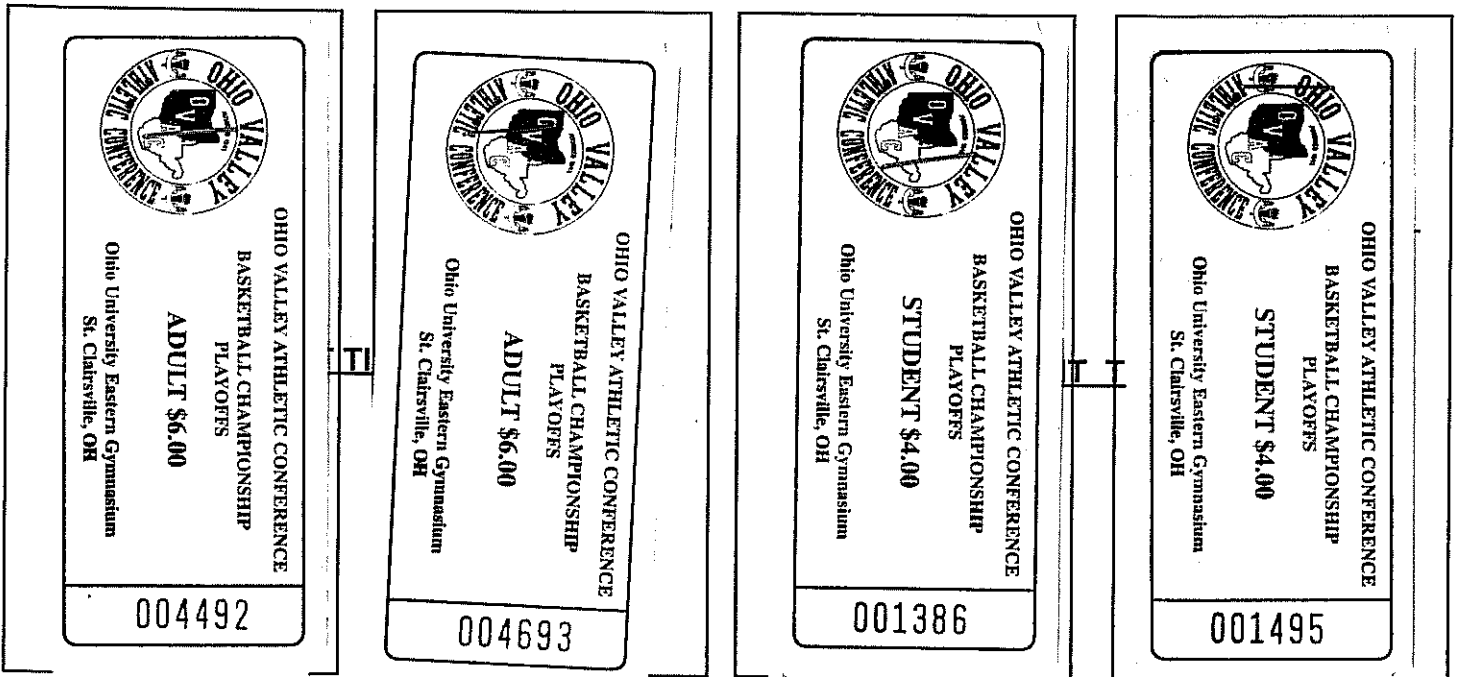
GATE

ADULTS:	<u>170</u> tickets sold @ \$6.00 =	\$ <u>870.-</u>
STUDENTS:	<u>146</u> tickets sold @ \$4.00 =	\$ <u>584.-</u>
TOTAL TICKETS	<u>286</u>	TOTAL GATE \$ <u>1,424</u>

Game Ticket Seller: 1424 IN BOX

Counted/Confirmed by: _____

OVAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



TO DETERMINE TICKETS SOLD. SUBTRACT TICKET A (C) FROM TICKET B (D), THEN SUBTRACT 1

DATE OF EVENT: FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2014

TORONTO HIGH SCHOOL

START-UP CASH:

Ones: \$ 500.00
 Fives: \$ 300.00
 Tens: \$ 200.00
TOTAL \$ 1,000.00

GATE

ADULTS:	235	200	tickets sold @ \$6.00 =	1410 ⁰⁰	\$	7200⁰⁰
STUDENTS:	116	708	tickets sold @ \$4.00 =	464 ⁰⁰	\$	432⁰⁰
TOTAL TICKETS		308				
		351				
			TOTAL GATE	1874 ⁰⁰	\$	7632⁰⁰

Game Ticket Seller: _____ 1874 IN Box

Counted/Confirmed by: _____ 1632 TICKETS

242 OVER

2014 OVAC
BASEBALL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

T-Shirts Sold	70
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1100
40% of \$1100 (Total off Contract)	\$440

NOTES FOR 2015:

SPORTS

OVAC Baseball Tournament

Ferry headed to Class 4A title game

By **RICK THORP**
Times Leader Sports Writer

MARTINS FERRY – Following Thursday's defeat against Union Local, Martins Ferry skipper Anthony Reasbeck was eager to see if it would turn out to be a "good loss."

Saturday, he got his answer.

Luke Lloyd tossed a five-hit complete game, Marcus Sutton slapped a single and knocked in two runs and the Purple Riders blanked St. Clairsville, 9-0, in an OVAC Class 4A baseball semifinal at Martins Ferry High School.

The Purple Riders (11-7) advance to face Steubenville in next Friday's championship game at Toronto's Red Knights Baseball Complex. First pitch is set for 7:30 p.m. Big Red bested Harrison Central in the other 4A semi.

"This is a tribute to them," Reasbeck said. "These kids are great in every sport they play. I wish everyone had an opportunity to coach these guys. It's so fun, so much fun."

Lloyd set the tone immediately for the Purple Riders, getting two of his three Ks on the day in a 1-2-3 first inning.

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See, **FERRY**, Page C2



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

MARTINS FERRY'S Marcus Sutton is congratulated by teammate T.J. Jacob after Sutton scored the game's first run Saturday in the Riders' OVAC Class 4A baseball semifinal against St. Clairsville. Ferry won, 9-0. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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By **ED LOOMAN**
For The Times Leader

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For The Times Leader

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As it turned out, the diamond boss had no cause for alarm.

The fourth-seeded Big Reds erupted for nine runs in the second (they sent 13 batters to the dish) and cruised to a 20-0 five-inning victory over previously unbeaten Catholic Central in the OVAC Class 3A semifinals Saturday at windy Vacarro Field.

"We had prom last night and I was hoping the boys were smart and got their rest," Patrone stated. "In the first inning,



BELLAIRE'S Hunter Westlake tags out a Steubenville CC runner during Saturday's Class 3A semifinal. The Big Reds won, 20-0.

Photo/MATT PEASLEE

we came in and looked like we were half asleep (Central starter Chris Murphy struck out three of four Bellaire batters in the opening frame). In the second, we got our bats out and started hitting the ball.

"I'm real proud of our guys. They did a nice job. We've had a real hard time with

past."

Brendon Ross got things going for Bellaire (11-4) in the second when he dropped a single into shallow right. Tyler Ramsay followed with an infield hit.

Central in the

See, **BELLAIRE**, Page C2

Shadyside ousts Bridgeport in Class 2A tourney

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

BROOKSIDE — Shadyside will be seeking its third Ohio Valley Athletic Conference baseball title next weekend by virtue of its 12-7 upset of top-seeded Bridgeport in a Class 2A semifinal Saturday night on the Niekro Diamond at Perkins Field.

Tigers' head coach Mike Meintel called Saturday's triumph a "total team effort. I can't single out one player. Everybody contributed."

With the win, the fourth-seeded Tigers (7-4) advance to next Saturday's championship tilt against second-seeded Caldwell, which outlasted Toronto, 7-6, in nine innings. The game is slated for 4 p.m. at Steubenville's Vaccaro Field.

"This will be the third time I've coached in an OVAC championship game," Meintel said. "We haven't won one yet."

See, **SHADYSIDE**, Page C4



SHADYSIDE'S Zach Meadows is congratulated by head coach Mike Meintel after he connected on a pinch hit, solo home run in the sixth. The Tigers went on to win, 12-7 and advance to the OVAC Class 2A final. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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BELLAIRE

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"We gave them some outs in the second and that's what happens," said Central coach Don Young. "You can't do that against good teams. Murph was up a little in the strike zone and after that, they just started swinging. Things just got away from us."

Bellaire scored two in the third (Badia and Westlake getting RBIs) and eight in the fourth. Ramsay knocked home a pair with a double and Nick Patrone with a single. The score went to 20-0 when the Big Reds added one more in the fifth.

John Patrone's club finished with 17 hits. Ramsay had four and collected five RBI. Nick Patrone (he also had five RBI), Badia and Ross collected three hits each.

"We've been very streaky at the plate this season," Patrone said. "Some games we hit the ball well and others we haven't.

It's one of those things where I hope the right team shows up.

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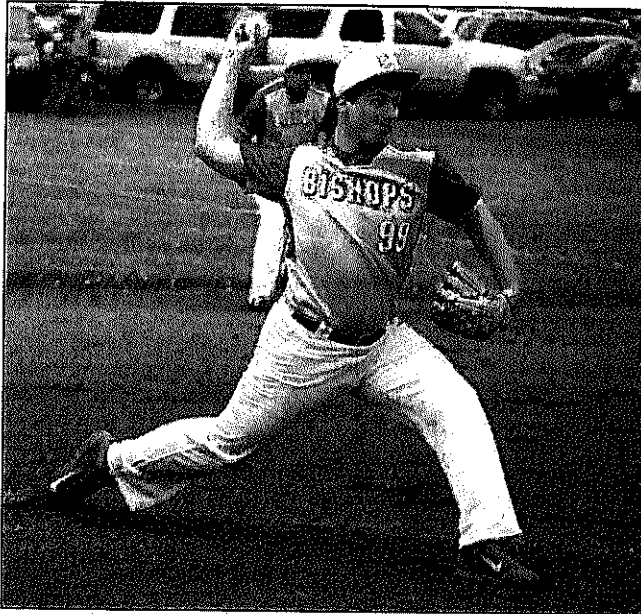
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CLASS 1A

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By DAVE MORRISON
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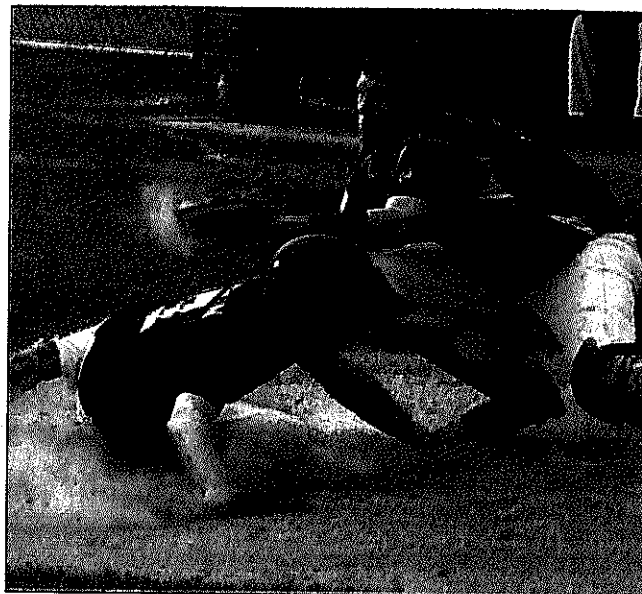
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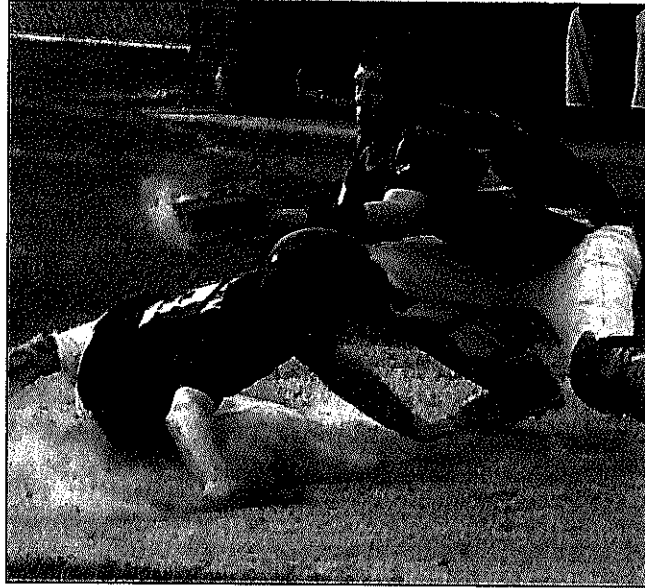
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MARTINS FERRY — Following Thursday's loss to Union Local, Martins Ferry skipper Anthony Reasbeck was eager to see if it would turn out to be a good loss.

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CLASS 4A

OVAC Class 4A baseball semifinal at Martins Ferry High School.

The Purple Riders (11-7) advance to face Steubenville in next Friday's championship game at Toronto's Red Knights Baseball Complex. First pitch is set for 7:30 p.m. Big Red bested Harrison Central in the other 4A semi.

“This is a tribute to them,” Reasbeck said. “These kids are great in every sport they play. I wish everyone had an opportunity to coach these guys. It's so fun, so much fun.”

Lloyd set the tone immediately for the Purple Riders, getting two of his threestrikeouts on the day in a 1-2-3 first inning.

“At breakfast this morning I told the guys that if we could get out of the first inning, I liked our chances,” Reasbeck said.

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Ferry didn't hit the leather off the ball like they had during its surge that got them into the OVAC Tournament. Instead, they did all the little things and took advantage of some St. Clairsville miscues to get the job done.

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Bellaire hands Steubenville Catholic first loss, 20-0

By ED LOOMAN
For the News-Register

STEUBENVILLE — John atrone wasn't sure what to expect from his Bellaire baseball team the day after the school's prom.

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“We had prom (Friday night) and I was hoping the boys were smart and got their rest,” Patrone said. “In the first inning, we came in and looked like we were half asleep (Central starter Chris Murphy struck out three of four Bellaire batters in the opening frame). In the second, we got

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our bats out and started hitting the ball.

“I'm real proud of our guys. They did a nice job. We've had a real hard time with (Catholic) in the past.”

Brendon Ross got things going for Bellaire (11-4) in the second when he dropped a single into shallow right. Tyler Ramsay followed with an infield hit. They both advanced

on Nathan Steele's sacrifice bunt and scored when Wyatt Black reached on an error.

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Who will win OVAC baseball crowns?

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At any rate, spring championships in tennis, baseball, softball and track — in that order — are about to be won. With that in mind, let's take a look at the brackets for baseball, which holds its semifinals at higher-seeded teams' parks Saturday.

The winner's advance to next weekend's finals at Steubenville's Vaccaro Field. Note that all records are reflective of Wednesday's cutoff date.

Class 5A No. 4 Morgantown (10-6)

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(Continued from Page 11) at No. 1 Edison (11-1), 11 a.m.

The Wildcats were rolling along undefeated until running into Steubenville earlier this week. Edison has a number of capable pitchers, including Nolan Marcus and Collin Scott, just to name a few, and you know it can swing the sticks. The Mohigans, meanwhile, have been somewhat of a surprise but don't really have a signature victory.

No. 3 Brooke (11-4) at No. 2 Wheeling Park (11-5), 11 a.m.

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at No. 2 Fort Frye (14-11 a.m.

If ever there was a deciding third seed, it would be Linsly. With a stable of capable pitchers (Logan Good night, Jameson Murray and Tyler Ashbrook) the Cadets can, and do, compete with anyone. That says nothing of an offense that features A. Seymour (leadoff), Colton Coss and Zeke Scherich. Another team with the Cadet nickname, Fort Frye, is as well known in the immediate area but seems to be involved in nearly every OVAC championship event.

Finals Prediction: Steubenville Catholic vs. Linsly.

Champion: Linsly.

Class 2A

No. 4 Shadyside (4-4) at No. 1 Bridgeport (12-5 p.m.

Things always get interesting when these two rival meet, regardless of sport. This figures to be no different as Coach Ted Downing Bulldogs ran away from the field in the regular season. Bridgeport features Bailey McGrath, Parker Dyson, Andrew Hadzima, Brad Pritchett and Q.J. Williams. The Tigers haven't gotten many games in this season but got enough to make it count. Zack Frizzi, Tre Meers and Austin Dorris could play for anyone in the valley.

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Finals Prediction:

Steubenville vs. Martins Ferry

Champion: Steubenville.

Class 3A

No. 4 Bellaire (9-4) at

No. 1 Steubenville Catholic (13-0), 11 a.m.

Right now it's hard to fathom anyone slowing down the Steubenville Catholic train, but Bellaire is about to give it a shot. The Crusaders, led by Brenton Colabella, Stone Romano, Chris Murphy, Aleks Porreca, Josh Merriman and Tony and Michael Barber, appear to be on a mission. Don't sleep on the Big Reds though, because they swing some mean bats. Spencer Badia is the catalyst, but Wyatt Back, Tyler Ramsay, and Brendan Ross are all capable.

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The Blue Dons again appear to be among a handful of teams in the chase for a W.Va. Class A state championship, thanks to another balanced club. Ross Comis, Caleb Baire, Michael Rodgers and Nick Mazur make Madonna go. With numbers up, the Fighting Irish are back in the conversation thanks to the play of veterans like Quinn Myers and Mason Kull, as well as newcomers Zach Schnegg and Jared Keiser.

No. 3 Paden City (8-8)

at No. 2 Bishop Donahue (7-6), noon

The Bishops, who are looking for their fourth straight conference crown, have played a heckuva schedule and their near-500 record is proof positive of that. Chaice Truex and Hunter Kaschke power Coach Bob Kleeh's squad. The Wildcats, behind the play of Zach Heasley, Levi Meadows, Craig Allen, Hayden Hizer, Isaac Hall and Luke Cooper, are on their way to once again being a tough out at tournament time.

Finals Prediction:

Madonna vs. Bishop Donahue.

Champion: Madonna.

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BIG RED

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it's a shame we had it taken away from us like that."

The Purple Riders didn't get a lot of offense going against Steubenville sophomore Anthony Zorne. The crafty lefty won't wow anyone who looks at a radar gun, but his stuff was effective, especially his breaking ball. He sat down 17 Riders by virtue of the strikeout.

With his pitch count climbing, Heatherington didn't even debate going to his bullpen.

"We would have lifted him after the 10th (because of pitching rules)," Heatherington said. "We don't worry about pitch counts. We talk to our pitchers, and if they say they're OK, they keep going."

Evidently, Zorne told Heatherington what he wanted to hear and kept plowing along. Outside of the two innings when Ferry scored, he limited the Riders to two hits during the remainder of the game.

"I had a feeling that if we could score six runs, we'd be celebrating,"

Reasbeck said. "We scored five and they scored six, so I guess I was right. Zorne was outstanding for them. I am glad they're moving (up) to 5A because he's good and they're a great program."

Ferry (11-8) got two runners aboard in both the eighth and ninth innings. But, Zorne buckled down and a routine fly out to right and back-to-back strikeouts to end the rally.

Designated hitter Justin Corsi led off the ninth with a single. He was sacrificed to second by Kasey Peterson. Lucas Herrington appeared to have connected on the game-winning hit, but Riders second baseman Brenden Baire made a tough play to smother the ball and throw the runner out at first.

Reasbeck elected to intentionally walk Bryan Pierro, who had been a thorn in Ferry's side with two hits, two RBI and a run scored.

A couple of pitches later, Seth Scott's offering squirted past the catcher and Corsi broke for home immediately. The throw back to the

pitcher wasn't handled and Big Red celebrated.

"We expected the tooth-and-nail battle," Reasbeck said. "I love the communities of Martins Ferry and Steubenville. Whenever they play each other in anything, it's this kind of game. Freddy is the best, and he knows he's the best."

In the sixth inning, Pierro drove in a run on a single. He later scored on a single by Niko Petrides. Dimitri Collaros, who was at the plate when the game-winning run scored, scored the tying run on a heads-up base-running play.

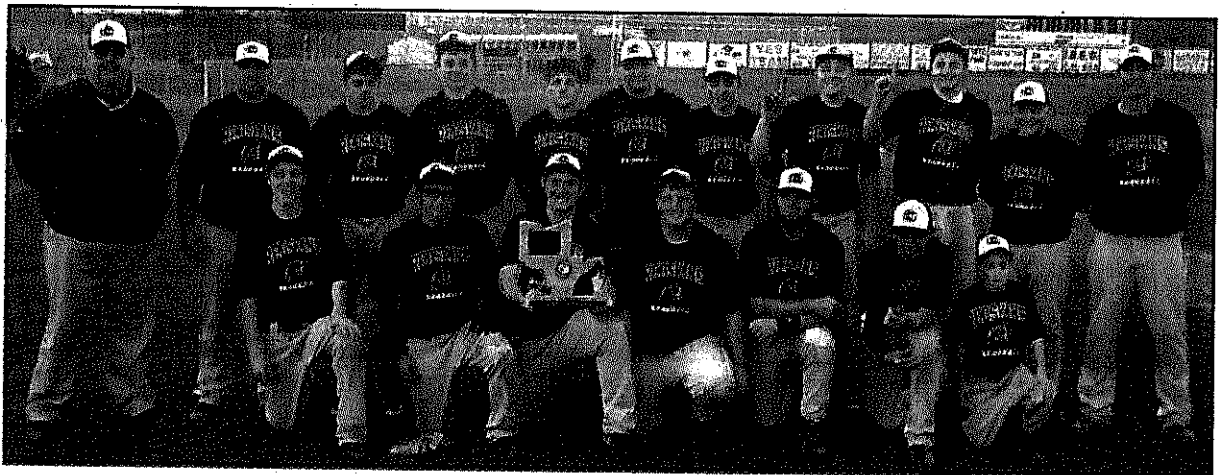
Ferry attempted a pick-off play and Collaros raced home.

"We walked the next guy anyway, so he would have scored regardless," Reasbeck said. "We got some unfortunate breaks. You can't get (all the breaks), I guess."

The Riders offense received a lift from Ethan Baire. He had a single, double and drove in three runs. Robert Vargo drove in a run on a fielder's choice. Jeremy Plants scored a run on the lone Big Red error.

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Caldwell wins first-ever OVAC baseball title



Capturing the school's first-ever OVAC baseball championship by defeating Shadyside, 9-1, in the Class 2A championship game were the Caldwell Redskins.
 Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian

LINSLY

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championship game at the Red Knights Baseball Complex.

The title was the second in a row for Linsly and fifth in six seasons after capturing three in Class AA.

"Winning this game is our No. 1 goal every season," Cartwright said. "We really want to win this game."

It didn't take Linsly long to get started with Arien Seymour getting a leadoff single to left and taking second on an error just ahead of Colton Coss' run-scoring base hit to left.

Following a Murray single and an out, Dalton Curtin's base hit to left produced the second run as the Cadets sent eight to the plate but left the bases loaded.

Bellaire wasn't as fortunate getting the big hit in the second, using a walk, base hit and sacrifice bunt to put runners on second and third. That is where they remained.

Linsly added two more in the second on a leadoff double from No. 9 hitter Zak Kriechbaum and Seymour's second hit in as many innings for the third run. Seymour later stole second and third and scored on an throwing error to make it 4-0.

A leadoff walk to the No. 9 hitter and a huge error got Bellaire back into the contest in the third. With one on and one out, Nick Patrone lofted a fly ball to medium right that bounced out of the fielder's glove to help keep things going.

One out later Hunter Westlake ripped a two-run double to deep left and later scored on Brandon Ross' RBI single to cut the

deficit to 4-3.

The Cadets got two more back in the third, the first coming on Dillon Curtin's booming home run over the left-field fence leading off. The second run, making it a 6-3 count, came via a Tyler Ashbrook double and a pair of fielder's choices, the second an RBI from Gage Giovengo.

Linsly added a run in the fourth, but saw the chance for a bigger inning flame out on the bases. Coss doubled and went to third on a Murray single. After Murray was picked off first Logan Goodnight picked up a run-scoring single, but got caught in between first and second and was tagged out.

"The guys played hard," Cartwright said. "You never know what you are going to get with the weather we had and having to practice inside. But this was an impressive and real solid effort."

"Jameson Murray pitched a great game and our hitters did a very good job against a couple of quality Bellaire arms. Our guys like the fastball, and they hit it well."

Big Reds coach John Patrone was disappointed, but knows there is plenty more ahead for his squad.

"They just hit the ball," Patrone said. "Leave it up there on a tee and they are going to hammer it and that is what they did. The final score may have been 7-3, but it was never that close."

"We just could not get anything going and they flat out beat us. They have a very nice team, and I thought we might be all right after we scored those three runs in the third, but (Curtin's) home run gave them back the momentum."



Photo by Seth Staskey

The Linsly baseball team poses with its OVAC Class 3A championship hardware.

Linsly Wears Class 3A Crown

By TRACY WATSON
For The Intelligencer

TORONTO — When you can't play for state championships, which means that there are also no sectional or regional tournaments in your future, you have to have a goal to play for.

For Linsly that something is OVAC championship banners. And no sport at the Wheeling private school wins them more frequently than Coach Jay Cartwright's baseball squad.

Friday the Cadets jumped on Bellaire early and never surrendered the lead in adding to their impressive collection.

Jameson Murray fired a four-hitter, fanning five and walking two, and Linsly belted out 13 hits, including six for extra bases, while scoring a pair of runs in each of the first three innings en route to a 7-3 triumph against Bellaire in the Class 3A

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Big Red Prevails In 4A

Steubenville wins 20th title

By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

TORONTO — There are tough losses in sports and then there's what Martins Ferry experienced Friday night.

Playing in the school's first OVAC Championship Game since winning the crown in 2002, the Riders ad top-seeded Steubenville right where they wanted it with a 5-2 lead entering the sixth inning.

However, having been there and done that, Big Red responded to knot the game in the bottom of the sixth and eventually pushed a run across with two outs in the ninth to claim the school's 20th conference title and first since 2011 by a 6-5 count.

"Our kids play the game," said Steubenville



Photo by Seth Staskey

Steubenville's lefty Anthony Zorne struck out 17 in a nine-inning, complete-game effort.

coach Fred Heatherington, who notched victory No. 500 in his illustrious career on Thursday. "They know what they're doing, and we let them play."

Hence, why Big Red (16-4) never flinched and took Ferry's best shot.

"It's a shame," Ferry coach Anthony Reasbeck said. "It's a shame to play as hard we did and not get the outcome you deserve. It's a just a shame, and we'll leave it at that. This has been a goal for four years, and

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"We didn't really play a bad game, but he kept us off balance the whole game."

No need to explain it to Paden City catcher Michael Wilcox. The sophomore, who is hitting over .300 on the season, hadn't struck out all season.

Kaschke got Wilcox twice Saturday, and afterward Wilcox hunted him down and told him just that.

Ironically, the game started with Paden City's Hayden Hizer reaching on an error.

Levi Meadows followed that with a fielder's choice.

After that, Kaschke found his zone.

He struck out seven of the next eight, including the side in the second and third inning.

Bishop coach Bob Kleeh cited the first two hitters as the key.

"He learned a little bit after those first two hitters hit the ball pretty hard," Kleeh said. "He's been in big games, and he started keeping the ball down, found his rhythm and he never really lost it again. He's pitched two-in-row like that for us now. If he his on his game like he was (Saturday), he's hard to beat."

"Everything was working," Kaschke said. "I found my rhythm pretty early and that's the way I like to work. If I fall off, I

try to get it right back."

He worked ahead in the count most of the day, keep the ball down and only allowed one hit the rest of the way.

In the meantime, the Bishops got all the runs they would need early.

Bryce Moore and Bryce Jones opened the bottom of the first with back-to-back singles. Alex Riedel delivered a one-out double to score Moore and Lane Lemasters grounded out to score Jones, who slid in just underneath Wilcox's tag at the plate on the throw from Zach Heasley at first.

After that there were a whole lot of zeroes.

Lost in the performance by Kaschke was that of Paden City pitcher Kyle Postlethwait, who had pitched well in his own right, striking out seven.

The Bishops pushed another run across in the fifth, when Moore, who had singled, scored on Kaschke's single.

In the sixth three straight hits — a leadoff double by Lane Lemasters and singles by Levonte Hampton and Zak McCoy — all lead to runs. McCoy's single scored Lemasters and Hampton and Moore scored on an error.

"It was nice to get those late runs," Kleeh said.

"Paden City has a really talented team and

(Croasmun) does a great job with those kids. You never feel safe with a 2-0 or 3-0 lead against that team."

Paden City's best chance to get on the board came in the fourth when Levi Meadows led off the inning with a single and Zach Heasley — the only Wildcat who Kaschke did not strike out — was hit by a pitch with one out. However, Kaschke got out of that with a strike-out and a fly to right field, part of the 11 he retired in a row to end the game.

"He wasn't the OVAC 1A player of the year (in 2013) for no reason," Croasmun said. "When a kid is throwing like that, you have to take care of every opportunity you get, and we really didn't get a lot of opportunities. The kid threw one heck of a game."

Now Bishop will move on and face Madonna Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in Steubenville.

It is a rematch of last year's OVAC 1A title game, won by Bishop 2-1.

"That was our focus, especially for the seniors on this team," Kaschke said.

"We wanted a chance to go back and win it for the fourth time. That would be special."

"Not too many kids get a chance to do that," Kleeh said.

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SPORTS

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Sunday
May 4, 2014

Caldwell wins first OVAC title Heller's pitching, timely hitting lift 'Skins to 9-1 Class 2A win

JEFF HARRISON
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STEUBENVILLE - To steal a line from the late, legendary entertainer Jackie Gleason: How sweet it is!! It was a long, long time coming, but Caldwell High captured its first-ever Ohio Valley Athletic Conference baseball championship on Saturday, scoring an impressive 9-1 victory over Shadyside in the Class 2A title game at Vaccaro Field.

The Redskins, who won for the 11th time in 18 outings, had claimed their first OVAC tournament victory last week against Toronto in the semifinals and

they followed it up nicely by combining timely hitting with solid pitching against Shadyside. "These kids are unbelievable," beamed Redskin coach Brian Wheeladin as his team basked in the glow of victory in the infield. "We had one kid we weren't sure if he had mono

and another that we thought had pneumonia two days ago, but they just go out there and battle.

"It's a testament to how hard they work and play together," he said of finally reaching the top of the ladder in the conference. "We started the year 1-3, but after we lost two at Toronto, we

scored Heller for a 1-0 Redskin lead. CHS pushed its lead to 3-0 with a two-spot in the third frame.



Singles by Caleb Heller and Tanner Clark and a walk to Jack Ridenour loaded the bases with one out, and Nick Roberts delivered a perfectly-executed suicide squeeze bunt which scored Heller for a 1-0 Redskin lead.

Clark reached on an out-out error, stole second and moved to third on a single by Mason Janusik before Roberts delivered an RBI single to plate Clark.

With runners at first and third, Roberts broke for second and a balk on Shadyside's pitcher resulted in Janusik being sent



Garrett Knott/The Daily Jeffersonian

Caldwell's Caleb Heller throws a pitch during Saturday afternoon's OVAC action.

home.

The 'Skins took advantage of back-to-back walks to Austin

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CALDWELL, 9, SHADYSIDE, 1
Shadyside: 000,001, 0-1, 3, 1
Caldwell: 102,303, x-0, 10, 2
Travis Fulton (LP, 3Ks, 2 BB), Austin Dorris (4th, 1Ks, 2BB, 1 HP) and Josh Westland, Caleb Heller (WP 5-1, 4Ks, 1 BB, 1 HP) and Jaden Border.
RECORDS-Shadyside: 7-5; Caldwell, 17-7
STAT LEADERS-Rb: Shadyside, Billy Johnson; single, Luke Nardo; single, Zach Frizzi; single, Caleb Campbell; RBI: For Caldwell, Nick Roberts, 2 singles, 3; RBI: Kyle McElhinshi, double, single, RBI, 2 runs; Heller, 2 singles, RBI, 2 runs; Mason Janusik, 2 singles, RBI, run; Tanner Clark, single, run; Jack Ridenour, single, RBI; Border, 2 runs; Austin Metler, run.

Harrison denied in OVAC 4A

By ED LOOMAN
For The Times Leader

STEUBENVILLE - As veteran coach Fred Heatherington correctly stated, Saturday's OVAC Class 4A semifinal between his Big Red and Harrison Central was basically over after one inning.

Heatherington's top-seeded club exploded for 10 runs in the home half of the frame and coasted to an 11-2 victory at Vacarro Field.

Big Red, now 14-4, will play for an OVAC championship when it meets Martins Ferry (which blanked St. Clairsville in the other semifinal) at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Toronto.

"We jumped out big early - the first inning was the game," Heatherington stated. "We get up 10-0, we needed to play from there out and we did. It was a good win for us."

Steubenville's first three batters worked Harrison Central starter Dustin Redish for walks to launch the early rally. Niko Petrides delivered a single up the middle to plate Bryan Pierro and Dimitri Collaros. Branden Jones earned free pass to load the bases again.

Kai McClurg collected the fifth walk of the inning to make it 3-0. Justin Corsi belted a double to deep center, Petrides and Jones scoring. Kasey Peterson reached via a Huskie error and Lucas Herrington followed with a double to left, making it 6-0.

Singles by Pierro and Collaros along with an Anthony Zorne sacrifice fly scored runs seven, eight and nine. The final tally came on Petrides' second base knock of the frame.

Big Red sent 13 batters to the plate and collected six hits.

"It's tough to come back from that," said first-year Huskie skipper Mike Valesko. "You keep telling yourself there's plenty of game left, but at the same time you think back to

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Mettler and Jaden Border opened the fourth inning. Kyle McElfresh belted an RBI double to score Mettler and, after Border moved to third on a groundout, he scored when Janusik popped a single to center. Although Janusik was thrown out trying to advance to second on the play, Caldwell had built a 6-0 advantage.

Shady-side (7-5) finally broke through with a run in the top of the sixth on singles by Luke Nardo and Zach Frizzi and a Caldwell error, with Colton Campbell pick-

ing up the Tigers' RBI when he grounded into a fielder's choice.

Caldwell put the game on ice with three insurance rallies in the bottom of the sixth.

Border was hit by a pitch; McElfresh singled and Heller lined an RBI single for the first run.

After an intentional walk to Janusik loaded the bases, Ridenour's infield single scored McElfresh and Roberts picked up

another RBI with a sacrifice fly which brought in Heller.

Heller, now 5-1 on the season, finished with a complete-game three-

hitter. He struck out five, walked one and hit one batter.

"Caleb threw outstanding," said Wheelin. "He took a lot of pressure off of our defense. He was around the strike zone all day. It doesn't look like it, but he's sneaky fast and if you're looking for the curve, he'll throw it by you."

Four players enjoyed multi-hit games for the 'Skins, with McElfresh collecting a double and single while Heller, Janusik and Roberts each had two singles.

"It wasn't like we pounded the baseball,"

Wheelin stated, "but we got some timely hits and mixed in a couple of walks. We were very aggressive on the bases and kept the pressure on them all day."

Shady-side used two pitchers, with starter Travis Fulton taking the loss. He fanned three and walked two while Austin Dorris, who came on in the fourth inning, had one K, two walks and one hit batsman.

It was a busy weekend on the diamond for the OVAC, with the five baseball and softball champions all crowned.

In the other baseball

finals, Weirton Madonna edged Bishop Donahue, 3-2, in Class 1A; Linsly topped Bellaire, 7-3, in Class 3A; Steubenville topped Martins Ferry, 6-5 in 9 innings in Class 4A; and Wheeling Park routed Edison, 10-2, in Class 5A.

In softball, St. John Central beat Paden City, 5-1, in Class 1A;

Wheeling Central edged Shady-side, 5-4, in Class 2A; Steubenville Catholic blanked Bellaire, 8-0, in Class 3A; Steubenville downed Harrison Central, 4-2, in Class 4A; and John Marshall upended Indian Creek, 6-4, in Class 5A.

NEXT - Caldwell will host Beallsville on Monday at 5 p.m.

● Shadyside

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The Tigers didn't waste any time in getting on the board as they plated two runs in the first. The first run was unearned as it scored on an error. Jake Lennox singled through the left side of the infield to make it 2-0.

The Bulldogs came right back with three runs of their own in the bottom of the frame. Andrew Hadzima and Colt Charlton had run-producing singles, while another run scored on a throwing error. The inning could've been bigger but Charlton was thrown out at the plate to end the frame.

Shadyside answered right back with two runs in the second and tacked on three more in the third. After a double steal deadlocked the game at three, Luke Nardo's double down the left field line knocked in the go-ahead run. Nardo added a run-scoring single in the third and Zack Frizzi singled in two others for a 7-3 reading.

The score remained that way until the top of the sixth when pinch-hitter Zach Meadows slugged a solo home run to deep left-center to make it 8-3.

"He made me look like a genius," Meintel said. "Zach has been our designated hitter all season, but he had been struggling lately.

"We let Jake (Gregon) DH today because he had been hitting the ball pretty well."

After Bridgeport plated four runs in the home half of the sixth to cut the deficit to 8-7, Shadyside tallied four of its own in the top of the seventh to seal the deal.

Parker Dyson and Bradley Pritchett had RBI singles, while Charlton blasted a two-run double.

Austin Dorris smacked a two-run double to the leftfield corner in the top of the seventh. Another run scored on an error and Billy Johnson's sacrifice fly plated the final run.

Frizzi came on in relief of Travis Fulton and slammed the door until the sixth. Dyson suffered the loss.

Nardo led Shadyside's 11-hit attack with two singles and a double.

OVAC Class 2-A Semifinal
(at Niekro Diamond at Perkins Field)

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S—Fulton (1K, 5W), Frizzi wp (4), (3K, 4W) and McFarland; Nardo 2S, D, rbi; Dorris D, 2rbi; Frizzi 2S, rbi; Meadows HR, rbi; Lennox 2S, rbi; Johnson S, sac, fly, rbi

B—Dyson lp (3K, 3W), McGrath (2), (5K, 4W), Charlton (7), (OK, 0W) and Charlton, Watson (2); Dyson S, rbi; Pritchett 2S, rbi; Charlton S, D, 3rbi

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OVAC Baseball

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Friday (at Toronto)

Class 3A

Bellaire vs. Linsly, 5 p.m.

Class 4A

Marins Ferry vs. Staubenville, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday (at Vacarro Field)

Class 1A

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Class 5A

Wheeling Park vs. Edison, 1:30 p.m.

Class 2A

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and nine. The final tally

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from that," said first-year

Huskie skipper Mike

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yourself there's plenty of

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what you might have done

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For the News-Register

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Park Is King of Class 5A

McLeod's Patriots

peaking at the right time

By TRACY WATSON
For the News-Register

STEUBENVILLE — If there is a time to be peaking in high school baseball, right around the time of the OVAC Tournament and just a week before sectional play might be as good as time as any.

That is what seems to be the case with Coach Mike McLeod's Wheeling Park team as the Patriots, even with a week off, have

really found a rhythm.

Seven days after putting up 15 runs on 15 hits against sectional rival Brooke in the OVAC Class 5A semifinals, Park went back to work Saturday and again pounded the ball against top-seeded Edison in the finals.

Justice Jackson and Chalmers Moffett had four hits apiece and Grove Calvert highlighted a six-run, fourth-inning rally with a two-run homer as the Patriots collected 16 more hits in a stunning, 10-2 thrashing of the Wildcats in the big-school championship game at Vaccaro Field.

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Photo Provided
Wheeling Park players celebrate at home plate during the Patriots victory against Edison at Vaccaro Field.

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Blue Dons Stop Run Of Bishop

Fuscardo gets the job done in 3-2 victory

By **TRACY WATSON**
For the News-Register

STEUBENVILLE – A season after dropping a 2-1 decision to Bishop Donahue in the OVAC Class 1A championship game, Madonna found itself with a chance to turn the tables Saturday.

While Coach Tim Provenzano's Blue Dons were out-hit by a 7-4 margin and didn't score a run after the first inning, they did enough to get the revenge they were after.

Kent State recruit Luca Fuscardo flirted with disaster most of the contest, but fanned seven and walked four in going the distance and a first-inning run on a wild pitch proved to be the difference as Madonna held on for a 3-2 victory against the Bishops to claim

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Photo Provided
**Bishop Donahue second baseman
Jesse Padlow tags out Madonna's
Ross Combs.**

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It was the third conference baseball title in Wheeling Park's history and the first since the Patriots captured the Class 4A championship in 2006. Meanwhile, Edison (13-3) was the defending champion and had won three in a row overall, capturing 5A in 2012 and 3A in 2011.

"This is a real good feeling," a beaming McLeod said. "It's only the third in school history, but the kids are real excited and have worked so hard for this.

"We have great senior leadership. This is a little bit of history for us. There is one other shot at history for us down the line, and the kids know what that is."

Park (13-5) wasted a pair of scoring chances in the opening two innings, but got those back later.

A strikeout to end the inning kept Wheeling Park (13-5) off the scoreboard.

McLeod's squad did get on the board first in the third inning on Jackson's two-out RBI single over short, but the Patriots left

the bases loaded, stranding their sixth runner in three innings.

The Wildcats got that run back in the bottom of the inning on a lead-off Dylan Jones double, a wild pitch and Nolan Marcus' fielder's choice.

But the big hits finally started coming for the Patriots in the fourth when they sent nine hitters to plate and pushed across six runs to make it a 7-1 score. The big blast was Calvert's two-run bomb over the left-field fence.

Jackson had an RBI triple during the uprising while Eric Crow, Michael Grove and Moffett all provided run-scoring base hits.

The Patriots extended the lead with three more in the sixth, including a two-run Zane Hummel single and another tally on Edison's second error.

Trailing by nine, the Cats loaded the bases in the home-half of the sixth on a single, walk and error, but were unable to push across any tallies.

"The kids hit the ball hard and we take pride in that," McLeod added. "I told the seniors (Saturday) morning before we headed here that we were going to need them and they came through.

"It's funny, we seem to leave a lot of guys on early, but we continue to be aggressive at the plate and on the bases and it comes around. These are kids and they don't always get the job done, but it feels good that they did."

Starting pitcher Matt Brooks pitched well for the Patriots, fanning six and walking just two, through four innings while allowing three hits. Grove came on in the fifth to pick up a victory and Daniel Baciak closed the door.

"Wheeling Park hit the ball hard and put it in play and our offense just wasn't enough," Edison coach Mike Collopy said. "They are a very good team and they took advantage of their opportunities and we didn't."

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the small-school crown at Vaccaro Field.

For Donahue coach Bob Kleeh, it was a game in which his squad had plenty of opportunities to not only go ahead, but put some distance between itself and the Blue Dons, but just couldn't get the big hit.

"We just did not take advantage of anything at the plate," Kleeh said. "Congratulations to Weirton Madonna. Luca struggled a little early on and we just couldn't take advantage of it.

"He is one hell of a pitch-

er and did one hell of a job when he needed to. But I also have to say that Hunter Kaschke pitched a hell of a game for us as well, we just had some miscues in the field that hurt us."

While Donahue had opportunities early on, the Bishops managed to push across just one run, that coming in the first inning.

Bryce Jones' one-out single was followed by a walk to Kaschke and Alex Riedel's run-scoring base hit for a 1-0 lead. However, Donahue stranded runners at second and third.


On the other hand, Madonna made the most of its chances in the bottom half. A lead-off walk was followed by Will Bowser's booming double to right field and one out later Ross Comis' run-scoring single to center that made it 2-1. The Blue Dons added a third run on a passed ball.

The Bishops were at it again in the second, however a pair of walks and an error did nothing but leave the bases loaded with no damage done.

Things got even worse in the third as Bishop Donahue again filled the sacks, this time with one out. But Fuscardo managed to fan the next two batters and again keep the Bishops off the board.

Through three Kleeh's club sent 18 hitters to the plate, scored just one run and stranded eight runners, six in scoring position.

Madonna missed a chance to expand the lead in the fifth due to some poor

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They both advanced on Nathan Steele's sacrifice bunt and scored when Wyatt Black reached on an error.

Winning pitcher Nick Patrone then doubled to right making it 4-0. Spencer Badia drew an intentional walk and Hunter Westlake was clipped by a pitch, filling the sacks. Ross rifled a single to right, plating two more runs. Ramsay then stepped in and drilled a three-run homer to deep center.

"We gave them some outs in the second and that's what happens," said Central coach Don Young. "You can't do that against good teams. Murph was up a little in the strike zone and after that, they just started swinging. Things just got away from us."

Bellaire scored two in the third (Badia and Westlake getting RBIs) and eight in the fourth. Ramsay knocked home a pair with a double and Nick Patrone with a single. The score went to 20-0 when the Big Reds added one more in the fifth.

John Patrone's club finished with 17 hits. Ramsay had four and collected five RBI. Nick Patrone (he also had five RBI), Badia and Ross collected three hits each.

"We've been very streaky at the plate this season," coach Patrone noted. "Some

games we hit the ball well and others we haven't. It's one of those things where I hope the right team shows up.

"In the past, they (Central) have hit the ball like that on us. They definitely are a team that is capable of doing the same thing."

Nick Patrone was razor-sharp on the hill for Bellaire. He took a no-hitter into the fifth (his bid ended when Johnny DiCarlantonio lined a single to center). The right-hander fanned eight and walked four.

"He threw strikes today," John Patrone said of his son. "We didn't have a lot of passed balls and I was concerned about that early on. His breaking pitches were around the plate. I was happy with his performance. As a team, we played a solid game today."

The Crusaders did threaten in the third, loading the bases thanks to a pair of walks and hit batsman. Nick Patrone induced a ground out and recorded a strikeout to escape trouble.

Bellaire, which is scheduled to host Union Local Monday, will face Linsly (the Cadets nipped Fort Frye 2-1) in the 3A championship game. Central, now 14-1, is scheduled to play Martins Ferry Tuesday.

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es. And, once we got a few runs, he settled in and we went from there."

Ferry didn't hit the leather off the ball like they had in its surge that got them into the OVAC Tournament. But they did all the little things and took advantage of some St. Clairsville miscues to get the job done.

"We did what we had to do," Reasbeck said. "We hit sac flies, bunted well ... we had smart at-bats. I can live with that."

"It seemed like through the first part of the season we couldn't catch any breaks. I told the guys that it's baseball and the breaks would even out. They did (Saturday)."

Sutton reached first on an error to start the second and went to second after Garrett Trudo walked. Seth Scott then laid down a sac bunt advancing the runners to third and second, respectively.

After Jeremy Plants was hit by a Cody Goletz pitch, leadoff man Brendan Baire walked in Sutton for the game's first run.

Next, T.J. Jacob hit a shot to first. An attempt to force Trudo out at home failed and Ferry went up 2-0.

St. Clairsville's Patrick Buchanan singled to lead off the third. After Ryan

Busby grounded out to second, Luke Slavik reached on an error giving the Red Devils runners at the corners. A Goletz single loaded the bases. But Lewis Mitchell flied out and Buchanan was tagged out at home to end the frame.

"We had opportunities to score," Red Devils head coach Tom Sliva said. "We just have to do a better job of giving ourselves opportunities."

"But, there's a lot of baseball left to be played."

St. Clairsville left five runners stranded, including two more in the fifth.

Meanwhile, The Purple Riders scored four times in a wild bottom of the fourth that included three hits, two errors, a walk and a catcher's interference.

The first four Ferry batters in the sixth were walked - Robert Vargo, Cole Coup, Ethan Baire and Sutton. Sutton's walk scored Vargo, Coup scored on a passed ball and a Baire came in on a sac fly by Scott.

'Zuke' Jacob finished with two singles for the Red Devils.

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After a walk loaded the bases with one out, Nick Roberts dropped down a suicide squeeze to bring Heller home.

Shadyside never recovered.

Heller continually worked ahead in the count and until the Tigers scored an unearned run in the sixth, many Shadyside hitters came back to the dugout shaking their heads.

Until that sixth inning, Shadyside didn't have a runner reach third base and had only one hit. It finished with three singles.

"Give Caldwell the credit because they came ready and did a great job," Meintel said. "The inactivity and being in the gym since last Saturday's (OVAC semifinal) game hurt us, but at some point guys just have to step up and play. These guys have to grow up and learn to come to play. Some of them talk the talk, but they can't walk the walk."

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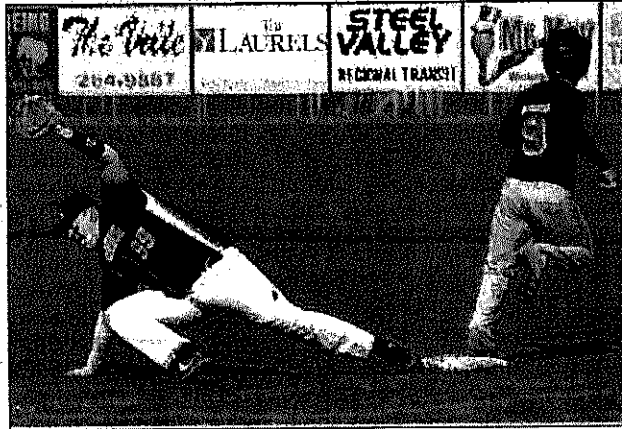


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Shadyside first baseman Colton Campbell takes a throw to retire Caldwell runner Nick Roberts (9).

struggling to find any sort of offensive groove, the Redskins added on a pair of runs in the third, a trio in the fourth and then answered the Tigers with a three spot of their own.

"These kids were just unbelievable," Caldwell coach Brian Wheeldin said. "We kept pressure on (Shadyside) the entire game offensively and that's exact-

ly what we wanted to do. This is a testament to these kids and how they've come together as a team."

Heller finished the complete game by retiring the Tigers in order. He finished with five strikeouts, two walks and a plunked a batter.

Shadyside's Colton Campbell drove in the Tigers' run on a fielder's choice.

OVAC Baseball and Softball Tournaments

Steubenville outlasts Ferry in Class 4A

• Big Red denies Riders second OVAC title in school history in 9

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

TORONTO — There are tough losses in sports and then there's what Martins Ferry experienced Friday night.

Playing in the school's first OVAC Championship Game since winning the crown in 2002, the Riders seemingly had top-seeded Steubenville right where they wanted it with a 5-2 lead entering the sixth inning.

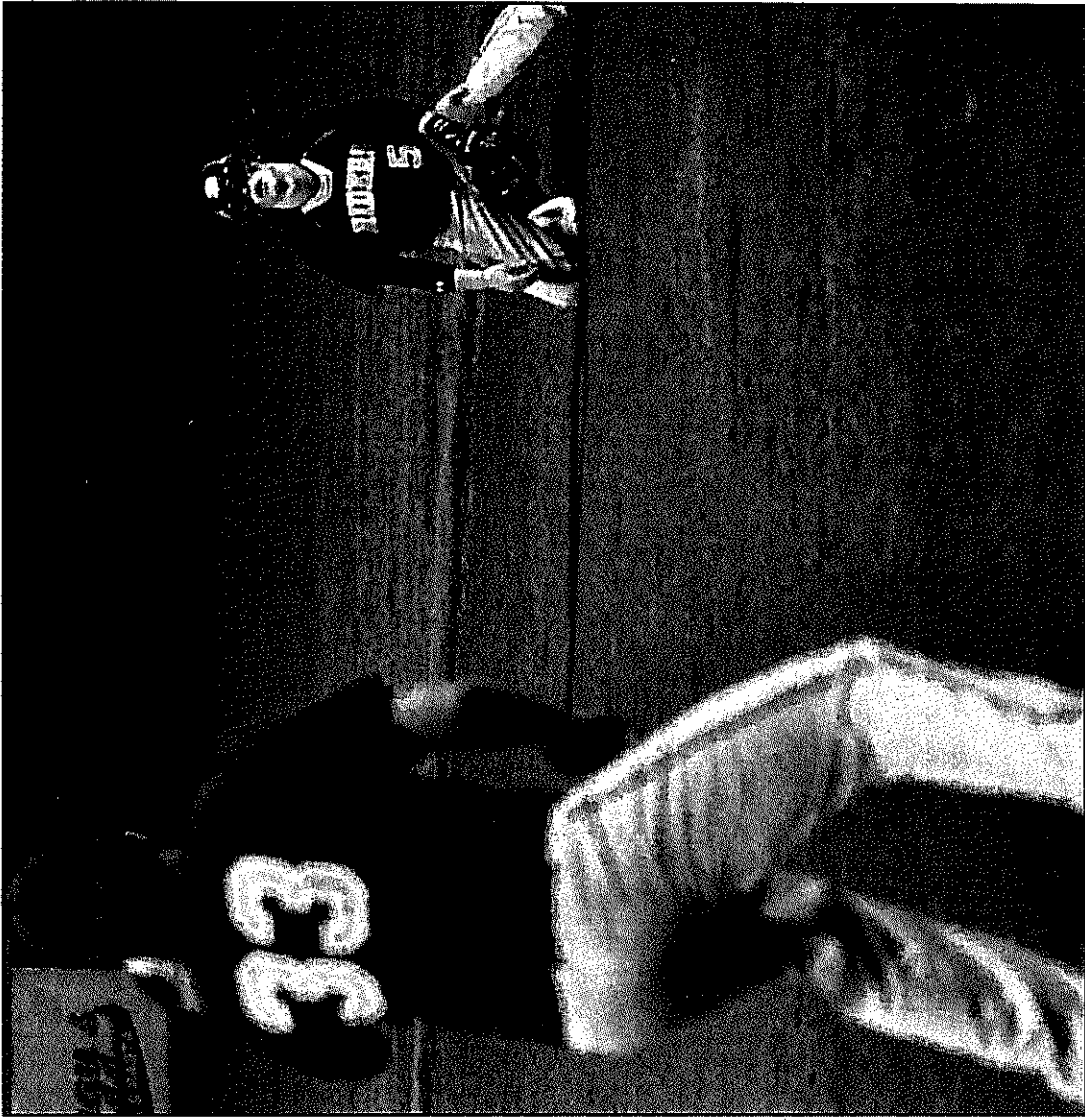
However, having been there and done that time and time again, Big Red responded to knot the game in the bottom of the sixth and eventually pushed a run across with two outs in the ninth to claim the school's 20th conference title and first since 2011 by a 6-5 count.

"Our kids play the game," Steubenville head coach Fred Heatherington, who notched victory number 500 in his illustrious career on Thursday. "They know what they're doing, and we let them play."

Hence, why Big Red (16-4) never flinched and took Ferry's best shot time and time again.

"It's a shame," lamented Ferry head coach Anthony Reasbeck. "It's a shame to play as hard we did and not get the outcome you deserve. It's a just a shame, and we'll leave it at that. This has been a goal for four years, and it's a shame we had it taken away from us like that."

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TORONTO — Regardless of the level of baseball or the teams playing, when pitchers struggle with their command and leave the ball up in the zone, the opposition is going to make them pay.

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going. We had one rally (which was started with an error), but other than that, we just couldn't get it going. Linsly flat out beat us."

While the Big Reds struggled to ignite the offense, Linsly struck for two runs in each of the first three innings. The Cadets' two runs in the bottom of the third were especially important after the Big Reds had climbed back into the game with three unearned runs in the top of the frame.

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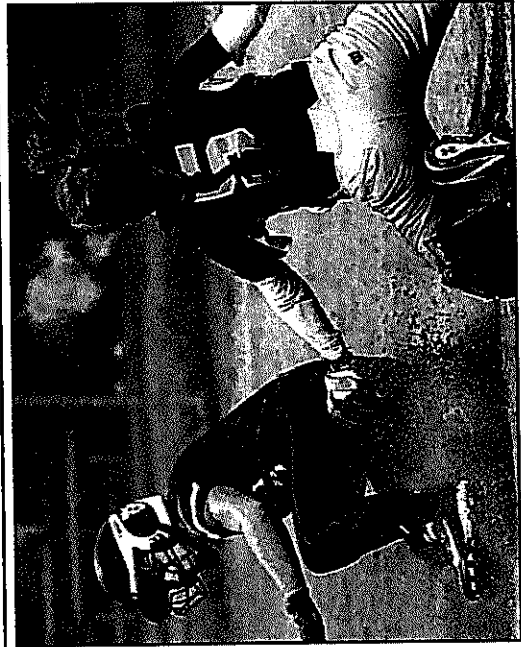
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HARRISON CENTRAL'S Paige Richards slides in safely ahead of the tag of Buckeye Local's Becky Zerowski during the OVAC Class 4A semifinals.

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Rangers grab 1-0 series lead on Penguins in OT

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The best line on hockey's busiest team hardly looked gassed.

The way Derick Brassard and Benoit Poulhot were furiously pouring in overtime goals, the New York Rangers didn't exactly look like a group in need of a day off.

Brassard beat Marc-Andre Fleury 3:06 into overtime - with Poulhot bizarrely doing the same seven seconds later - and the Rangers stunned the Pittsburgh

been playing well against Philly and now tonight. We deserved that."

Poulhot and Brad Richards gave the Rangers an early 2-0 lead. Henrik Lundqvist stopped 34 shots and stuffed a late Pittsburgh breakaway in the final seconds of regulation. The line of Poulhot, Brassard and Mats Zuccarello combined for 14 points in New York's four regular-season meetings with the Penguins.

They were the best trio on the ice on a

team barely 48 hours removed from a wearying seven-game victory over Philadelphia in the opening round.

"Since Christmas they've probably been our most consistent line," Rangers coach Alain Vigneault said. "They've got real good chemistry. They read off one another and support one another well and ... they scored two in overtime."

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Amber LaMotte slides into home ahead of Bishop Donahue's Abbey Mele during OVAC Class 1A semifinal. Additional info can be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

"Like I told her dad, she's a great player and a good kid. Four years of her is enough."

With one out in the seventh, Josie Bonar singled to left. Jewell Purpura's grounder to the hole at short put runners on first and second, and a fielder's choice loaded the bases. After the second out was recorded, KJ Brown, the Bishops' No. 9 hitter, worked a full-count walk from Absalom — her only free pass — to force in a run. Tess Fallova followed with a two-run double to left-center to tie the game. Abby Randolph was then hit with a pitch to reload the bases. Summer South then fouled off numerous pitches, including a laser down the leftfield line that couldn't have been foul by no more than two blades of grass, before becoming Absalom's 11th strikeout.

Absalom finished with 13 Ks. She scattered seven hits.

Meanwhile, the banged-up Irish will be back on Ben's Field today at 10 a.m. against No. 3 seed Paden City, which upset Madonna Thursday night.

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Saturday's 140th Derby with good reason. He has won four straight races by a com-

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"I thought we played a solid ballgame," Bethel praised. "Our pitching was strong. Our defense was outstanding at times, and we got some timely hitting."

Harrison Central drew first blood between the Buckeye 8 rivals when sophomore Shianne Nameth launched a solo home run to deep right-center with two outs in the first inning.

"That was huge to score first," Bethel added. "We had already beaten them 1-0 in the regular season, so we knew it was going to be a tough game."

With junior ace Katie Ellzy inside the circle, one run is enough most nights.

"In my mind, if she's not the best pitcher in the Ohio Valley, she's definitely got to be in the top two or three," Buckeye Local head coach Joe Soos said of Ellzy, who has already verbalized to Robert Morris University. "Your have to scratch for everything you get off of her."

"Even though both teams had seven hits, their's were a little bit stronger and more timely," Soos allowed.

After stranding runners at second and third in the fourth frame, Harrison Central added to its lead in the fifth. Nameth's sacrifice fly to center chased home Alexia Dowdle to make it 2-0.

Clutch run-producing singles by Paige Richards (with one out) and Hanna Warrington (with two outs) bumped the count to 4-0 after five-and-a-half innings.

"Those were two really good at-bats," Bethel said of Richards's and Warrington's plate appearances. "Especially for Paige after she had a terrible at-bat earlier in the game when she missed three signs.

to left, which chased Patrone in favor of Spencer Badia. He, too, was greeted rudely when Tyler Ashbrook doubled. He later scored on a groundout by Gage Giovengo.

"I am impressed with the effort in every aspect of the game today," said Linsly skipper Jay Cartwright. "Our hitters were solid against some good Bellaire arms. Our guys like the fastball and they hit it well. Anytime you can get a lead and get some momentum, it's big and our sticks were on early."

That proved to be plenty for Murray. He limited Bellaire to just one hit the remainder of the contest.

He finished with five strikeouts, two strikeouts and two hit batsmen. All of the Bellaire runs were unearned. He also had two singles.

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IN'S Amber LaMotte slides into home ahead of Bishop Donahue's Abbey Mele during the OVAC Class 1A semifinal. *Additional may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com*

"Like I told her dad, she's a great player and a good kid. Four years of her is enough."

With one out in the seventh, Josie Bonar singled to left. Jewell Purpura's grounder to the hole at short put runners on first and second, and a fielder's choice loaded the bases. After the second out was recorded, KJ Brown, the Bishops' No. 9 hitter, worked a full-count walk from Absalom — her only free pass — to force in a run. Tess Fallova followed with a two-run double to left-center to tie the game. Abby Randolph was then hit with a pitch to reload the bases. Summer South then fouled off numerous pitches, including a laser down the leftfield line that couldn't have been foul by no more than two blades of grass, before becoming Absalom's 11th strikeout.

Absalom finished with 13 Ks. She scattered seven hits.

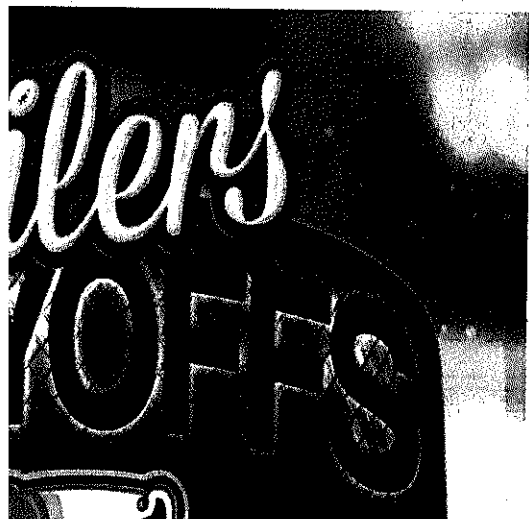
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Derby runs today

Saturday's 140th Derby with good reason. He has won four straight races by a combined 24 ¼ lengths under Victor Espinoza, who won the Derby in 2002 with War Emblem.

"He's so light on his feet," Espinoza said. "He just does things so easy and makes my job easy."



home run to deep right-center with two outs in the first inning.

"That was huge to score first," Bethel added. "We had already beaten them 1-0 in the regular season, so we knew it was going to be a tough game."

With junior ace Katie Ellzy inside the circle, one run is enough most nights.

"In my mind, if she's not the best pitcher in the Ohio Valley, she's definitely got to be in the top two or three," Buckeye Local head coach Joe Soos said of Ellzy, who has already verbalized to Robert Morris University. "You have to scratch for everything you get off of her."

"Even though both teams had seven hits, their's were a little bit stronger and more timely," Soos allowed.

After stranding runners at second and third in the fourth frame, Harrison Central added to its lead in the fifth. Nameth's sacrifice fly to center chased home Alexia Dowdle to make it 2-0.

Clutch run-producing singles by Paige Richards (with one out) and Hanna Warrington (with two outs) bumped the count to 4-0 after five-and-a-half innings.

"Those were two really good at-bats," Bethel said of Richards's and Warrington's plate appearances. "Especially for Paige after she had a terrible at-bat earlier in the game when she missed three signs."

"It was good to see her rebound," he said.

Buckeye Local, which edged the Huskies, 4-3, in last year's title tilt, tallied a run in the bottom of the sixth, but left the bases loaded.

Karlee Leonard's see-eye single up the middle ignited the two-out rally. Kierstyn Czuchran singled to right as Leonard stopped at second. Lauren Swiger smacked a single to left that knocked in Leonard for a 4-1 reading, but after Morgan Staten's infield single loaded the bases, Ellzy struck out the next hitter to end the threat.

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A couple of pitches later, Seth Scott's offering squirted past the catcher and Corsi broke for home immediately. The throw back to the pitcher wasn't handled and Big Red celebrated.

"We expected the tooth-and-nail battle," Reasbeck said. "I love the communities of Martins Ferry and Steubenville. Whenever they play each other in anything, it's this kind of game. Freddy (Heatherington) is the best, and he knows he's the best."

In the sixth inning, Bryan Pierro, who was a thorn in Ferry's side all evening, drove in a run on a single. He later scored on a single by Niko Petrides. Dmitri Collaros, who was at the plate when the game-winning run scored, scored the tying run on a heads-up base-running play.

Ferry attempted a pick-off play and Collaros raced home.

"We walked the next guy anyway, so he would have scored regardless," Reasbeck said. "We got some unfortunate breaks. You can't get (all the breaks), I guess."

The Riders' offense received a lift from Ethan Baire. He had a single, double and drove in three runs. Robert Vargo drove in a run on a fielder's choice. Jeremy Plants scored a run on the lone Big Red error of the game. T.J. Jacob also had a double and a single.

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