

2015 OVAC Individual Awards

OVAC COACH OF THE YEAR



CHRIS CONTI - WEIRTON MADONNA

1A PLAYER OF THE YEAR



KATIE GASVODA - WEIRTON MADONNA

2A PLAYER OF THE YEAR



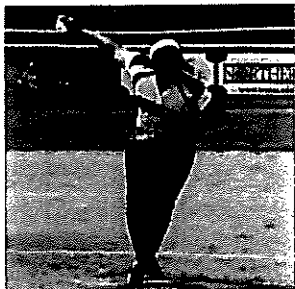
ALEX MCCOMB - STEUBENVILLE CATHOLIC

3A PLAYER OF THE YEAR



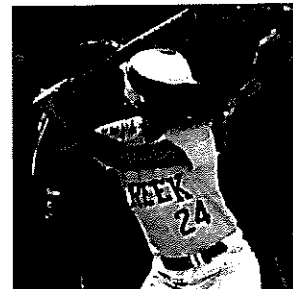
ROSEY ROMICK - RIVER

4A PLAYER OF THE YEAR



KATIE ELLZY - HARRISON CENTRAL

5A PLAYER OF THE YEAR



PAIGE GEANAHEL - INDIAN CREEK



2015 ALL-STAR SOFTBALL GAME



Wednesday, June 3rd
Lisa's Field • JB Chambers Complex
Wheeling, W.Va.

OVAC Ohio All-Stars



<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Pos.</u>
00	Amber LaMotte	Bellaire St. John	CF
1	Mackenzi Otto	St. Clairsville	1B
4	Kierstyn Czuchran	Buckeye Local	1B
4	Dallas Messenger	Bellaire	C
6	Brianna Diss	Meadowbrook	2B
6	Lauren Swiger	Buckeye Local	SS
7	Fran Capaldi	Steubenville	OF
8	Alexis Burris	Buckeye Trail	1B
9	Marissa DeFallo	Indian Creek	CF
10	Caitlin Sliva	Bellaire St. John	3B
12	Haylee Bowers	River	SS
12	Keri Renzler	Bridgeport	SS
13	Elise Smith	East Liverpool	P/C/SS
15	Katie Ellzy	Harrison Central	P
24	Paige Geanangel	Indian Creek	P
32	Cassady Jarvis	Edison	1B
42	Ashlynn Daley	Steubenville	C

Coaches:

Don Bethel – Harrison Central
 Jim DiCarlo – Steubenville Catholic
 Melissa Lahna – Bellaire
 Jerry Magistro – Bellaire St. John

OVAC West Virginia All-Stars



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1	Lynsi Bean	Morgantown	SS
2	Maggie Kaylor	John Marshall	OF
3	Jackie Gellner	John Marshall	OF/1B
4	Skylar Carrington	Wheeling Park	P/1B
4	Montana Mascio	Weir Madonna	2B
5	Paige Shriver	Hundred	P/UTL
5	Morgan Vucelik	John Marshall	2B
8	Sydney Bennington	Central	SS
9	Jamie DeSantis	University	OF
9	Linda Hall	Cameron	P
13	Abby Durig	Magnolia	SS/P
14	Hayley Jones	Clay-Battelle	LF
15	Cassie Barber	Morgantown	C
16	Samantha Tate	Weir	C/3B
19	Abbi Namath	John Marshall	OF/C
20	Tess Fallova	Bishop Donahue	LF/SS
22	Morgan Karnell	Wheeling Park	CF
22	Aubrey Platek	Madonna	CF

Coaches:

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OVAC Softball

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Ohio's Stars Rout W.Va.

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"This was a great honor when all the coaches in the OVAC vote for you," Conti said. "This is a great conference for high school athletics. When you win something like that I am very honored."

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Photo by Jake Flatley
Meadowbrook's Brianna Diss squares to bunt during Wednesday's OVAC All-Star softball game in Wheeling.

OVAC All-Star Softball Game



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ST. JOHN Central's Caitlin Sliva, center, is congratulated by Steubenville Catholic coach Jim DiCarlo after she scored a run Wednesday night. She also had an RBI double.

Pitching boosts Ohio

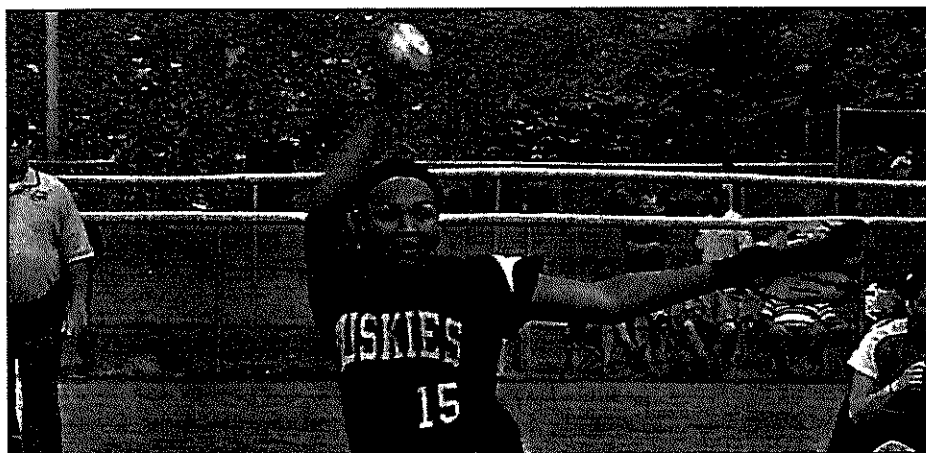
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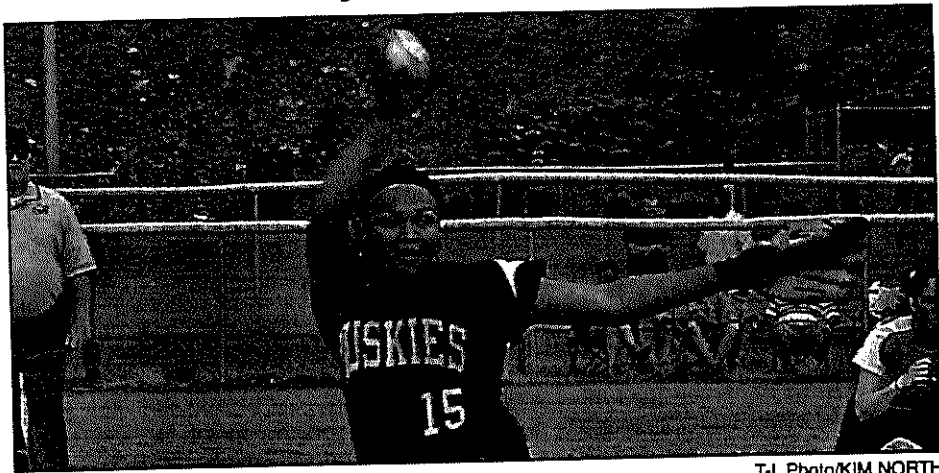
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"With two pitchers like that, we should've won," Harrison Central's



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HARRISON CENTRAL'S Katie Ellzy works to the plate Wednesday night in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Game on Lisa's Field at the J.B. Chambers Youth Sports Complex in Elm Grove.

Donnie Bethel, who served as Ohio's head coach after guiding the Huskies to the Class 4A championship, said. "Katie really held them down until we could get our bats going, and then Paige came in and shut the door."

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"My rise balls and changeups were really working tonight," Ellzy, who signed with Robert Morris prior to her junior season with the Huskies. "It felt good tonight because I never pitch well on this field."

Geanangel said it was her drop pitches that were the most effective.

"I was just trying to get them to hit ground balls as much as possible," she said. "Coming in after Katie I was a little nervous. I didn't want her to show me up too bad."

The Buckeye State scored all the runs they would need with two in the top of the fourth. Indian Creek's Marissa DeFalco singled to center with one out and stole second. She went to third on a throwing error and scored when East Liverpool's Elise Smith reached on another fielding miscue. Smith would round the bases when Buckeye Local's Lauren Swiger tripled to the fence in right-center, making it 2-0.

A trio of errors by the Mountaineers and two extra-base hits by Ohio bumped the count to 5-0 in the sixth. River's Haylee Bowers led off with a triple one pitch after her foul pop was dropped. Buckeye Local's Kierstyn Czuchran hit a grounder that was too hot to handle as Bowers scored. Amber LaMotte, of St. John Central, reached on the third miscue of the frame as Czuchran came across. LaMotte, after stealing second, raced home when Cassidy Jarvis doubled to deep left-center.

Three more tallies in the seventh all but sealed the deal as the margin

ballooned to 8-0. St. John Central's Caitlin Sliva doubled in a run, while Smith tripled her in. Swiger legged out an infield single as Smith touched the plate.

West Virginia scored an unearned run in the bottom of the seventh to avoid being shutout. University's Jamie DeSantis scored on an error.

Czuchran's infield single off a diving Abby Durig, of Magnolia allowed Bowers to score the final run in the top of the ninth.

The Mountaineers threatened in the bottom of the ninth, loading the bases with one out. However, Geanangel struck the next batter out and got a comebacker to end the game.

Ohio banged out a dozen hits, with five of them going for extra bases. Swiger and Bowers both finished with two singles and a triple, with Swiger knocking in two runs.

"It feels good. I'm glad I could end my senior season hitting like I did and not on a bad note," Swiger said. "I'm glad we got the win. I'm glad we beat them."

Bowers, who will attend Muskingum University along with Czuchran, was glad to contribute.

"It was definitely a good experience to be a part of," she said. "I'm glad I got to wear my (River) uniform one more time."

Madonna's Cris Conti, who led the Blue Dons to the Class A championship and was named the OVAC Softball Coach of the Year, said pitching, errors and the lack of timely hitting hurt the Mountaineers.

"Those girls are both good pitchers and we knew that coming in," he said. "It's tough to hit against good pitching like that. There were a couple of innings there were errors hurt us, but they're all all stars and you're going to make a mistake here and there."

"Ohio hit the ball when they had to and we had some runners on, but just couldn't come up with the clutch hit."

GAME NOTES

■ The remaining Players of the Year that are underclassmen were also recognized between innings. They were Madonna's Katie Gasvoda (Class A); Steubenville Central's Alex McComb (Class AA); and River's Roscy Romick (Class 3A).

■ Volunteering their time as game umpires were Jon Hamm (plate); Mike Rine and Greg Sanders (bases).

■ Durig had the defensive play of the game while playing second base in the ninth inning. She ranged far to her left to field a grounder by the speedy LaMotte, and flipped it backhanded to Wheeling Park's Skylar Carrington at first.

■ LaMotte also turned in a web gem when she made a diving catch in shallow right-center to rob Weir's Samantha Tate of a hit in the sixth.

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OH—Ellzy wp (8K, 0BB), Geanangel (6), (7K, 1BB) and Daley, Messenger (6); Swiger 2S, T, 2rb; Bowers 2S, T; Czuchran S, rbi; Jarvis D, rbi; Sliva D, rbi; Smith T, rbi
WVa—Hall 1p (3K, 0W), Carrington (5), (1K, 1BB), Hall (8) and Barber, Nameth (5), Barber (9)

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ALL-STARS SET TO TAKE THE FIELD

Photos by Seth Staskey

ABOVE: Shown above is the Ohio team which will compete in Monday's OVAC George Kovalick All-Star Game at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville. Front row, from left, are Ty Ramsay of Bellaire, Hunter Westlake of Bellaire, Parker Dyson of Bridgeport, Bailey McGrath of Bridgeport, Jaden Border of Caldwell, Kyler McElfresh of Caldwell, Austin Horan of Edison, Austin Kowalski of Harrison Central, Kalub Mitchell of Harrison Central and Jimmy Bolyog of Indian Creek; back row, coach D.J. Butler of Barnesville, Cole Yeater of Indian Creek, Kaleb Baire of Martins Ferry, Lucas Lloyd of Martins Ferry, Ryan Busby of St. Clairsville, Daulton Freeman of St. Clairsville, Michael "Zuke" Jacob of St. Clairsville, Nick Ivkovich of Steubenville Catholic, Chris Murphy of Steubenville Catholic, Nate Stewart of Toronto and coach John Pollek of Bellaire. Absent was Travis Wolfe of Steubenville. **BELOW:** Shown below is the Ohio team which will compete in Wednesday's OVAC All-Star Game at Lisa's Field at the Chamber's I-470 Complex. Front row, from left, are Amber LaMotte of St. John Central, Mackenzi Otto of St. Clairsville, Kierstyn Czuchran of Buckeye Local, Dallas Messenger of Bellaire, Brianna Diss of Meadowbrook and Lauren Swiger of Buckeye Local; second row, Fran Capaldi of Steubenville Catholic, Alexis Burris of Buckeye Trail, Caitlin Sliva of St. John Central, Haylee Bowers of Rive and Keri Renzler of Bridgeport; back row, coaches Don Bethel of Harrison Central and Mellssa Lahna of Bellaire, Katie Ellzy of Harrison Central, Monica Curtis of River, Megan Heagney of Shadyside, Cassidy Jarvis of Edison, Ashlynn Daley of Steubenville Catholic, and coaches Jim DiCarlo of Steubenville Catholic and Jerry Magistro of St. John Central. Absent were Marissa DeFallo of Indian Creek, Elise Smith of East Liverpool and Paige Geanangel of Indian Creek.

