

## OVAC All-Star Teams



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# Ohio softball stars defeat W.Va., 4-3

By KIM NORTH  
Times Leader Sports Writer

WHEELING — Shaye DeLeonardis wasn't happy with the way her senior softball season ended at Martins Ferry. She took her frustrations out on the West Virginia team Tuesday on Ben's Field at the I-470 J.B. Chambers Youth Sports Complex.

DeLeonardis started and struck out six batters in three innings of work inside the circle. She didn't walk a batter and yielded two harmless singles. However, her biggest fete was a sacrifice fly to right with one out in the bottom of the fifth inning that lifted Ohio to a 4-3 victory in the annual Tom Bechtel Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Game.

"I just wanted to come out and have some fun. Our high school season didn't end very well, but I actually and glad I'm going out on a good note," DeLeonardis, who was named the Class 4A Player of the Year during the nine-inning contest. "I threw a lot of screwballs and

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(Shadyside's) Lindsey (Dunn) did a good job of calling them. We worked a lot inside to outside and it worked."

She said being named OVAC Class 4A Player of the Year was a blessing.

"It just goes to show that all of my hard work that I put into softball has finally paid off."

Ohio jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second as St. Clairsville's Adrian Smith lined a leadoff double to the gap in right-center. Cambridge's Lindsey Nunamaker singled to left to score Smith. When the throw went to the plate, Nunamaker alertly took second and continued to third on an error. St. Clairsville's Jolyn Shunk singled to right to plate Nunamaker.

West Virginia cut the deficit in half in the fourth on a sacrifice fly to left by Wheeling Central's JaiEhir Jackson. The Mountain State took the lead in the top of the fifth as Edison's Lucia Eroshevich had trouble locating the strike zone. The Wildcats' ace issued free passes to Morgantown's Abby Snitz and Bishop Donahue's Sommer South as the designated visitors went ahead, 3-2.

The Buckeye State squad came right back in the bottom of the inning. Toronto's Emily Anderson drew a leadoff walk and Steubenville's Tenia Barker reached on an infield single. River's Rosey Romick singled to left to drive in Anderson and South raced home on DeLeonardis's flyball to right.

Ohio head coach Staci Smith, of Buckeye Trail, thought the depth of her pitching staff was the difference in the game.

"The girls never quit ... never quit," Smith noted. "We had a pretty stout pitching staff and when you have that you don't have to play a whole lot of defense. I thought our pitchers were



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**BUCKEYE LOCAL'S** Rachel Zeroski gets ready to apply a tag to John Marshall's Mary Tennant who avoided being picked off Tuesday night during the annual Tom Bechtel Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Softball Game on Ben's Field at the I-470 J.B. Chambers Youth Sports Complex. Ohio won, 4-3.

pretty aggressive tonight."

Following DeLeonardis and Eroshevich, who picked up the win, to the middle of the diamond were Smith and Romick. The foursome teamed for 11 strikeouts and walked seven. They allowed just four hits — all singles. Romick earned the save.

West Virginia head coach Rick Magruder, who guided Wheeling Central to a perfect 33-0 record and Class A state title, thought the game was well played.

"We had a couple of mistakes, but it's an all-star game and the girls played hard," Magruder noted. "It was all about having fun and getting to know each other a little bit. They did well and I'm proud of them."

Nunamaker was the only player with multiple hits as she singled twice.

John Marshall's Alyssa Blake, University's Alexa Greene and Morgantown's duo of Sydnie Spencer and Abby Snitz worked inside the circle for the Mountain State. They had eight Ks and one walk. They allowed eight hits.

In addition to DeLeonardis, also receiving plaques for Players of the Year were Wheeling Park junior Kat Donzella (Class 5A); Buckeye Trail sophomore Hannah Smith (Class 3A); Romick (Class 2A) and Weirton Madonna sophomore Katie Gasvoda (Class 1A).

Earning Coach of the Year awards were Magruder, Smith and River's Dave Wright.



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The Ohio squad for the OVAC Softball All-Star Game slated Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. on Lisa's Field at the I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, W. Va. includes, front row l to r, Emily Anderson (Toronto), Alli Delaney (Union Local), Shaye Deleonardis (Martins Ferry), Lindsey Dunn (Shadyside), Lucia Eroshevich (Edison), Jenna Gress (Meadowbrook) and Tyrah King (Martins Ferry); second row, Alex McComb (Steubenville Catholic), Maddy Metcalf (Steubenville Catholic), Erin Miller (Monroe Central), Lindsey Nunamaker (Cambridge), Rosey Romick (River), John Shunk St. Clairsville and Adrian Smith (St. Clairsville); back row, Coach Melissa Lahna (Bellaire), Madi Taylor (River), Abby Tatgenhorst (Meadowbrook), Megan Warne (Buckeye Trail, Becky Zeroski (Buckeye Local), Rachel Zeroski (Buckeye Local) and Coach Paige Williams (Martins Ferry). Absent were Tenia Barker (Steubenville) and Coach Staci Smith (Buckeye Trail).

## OVAC Baseball, Softball All-Star Games set Tuesday at I-470 Complex in Elm Grove

For the first time ever, the OVAC Baseball and Softball All-Star Games will take place on the same night at the same location with both games being contested Tuesday at the I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, W.Va.

The OVAC George Kovalick Baseball All-Star Game begins at 6 p.m. while the OVAC Softball All-Star Game begins at 6:30, with both games slated for nine innings.

Here's a look at the rosters:

### Baseball Ohio

Jacob Keiser, Barnesville; Dominic Muscari, Beaver Local; Tanner Clark, Caldwell; Caleb Heller, Caldwell; Zavin Orr, Cambridge; Tanner Evans, Edison; Collin Scott, Edison; Derek Layton, Fort Frye; Austyn Porter, Harrison Central; Dustin Redish, Harrison Central; Giovanni Rocchi, Harrison Central; Ethan Baire, Martins Ferry; Tyler Blomquist, St. Clairsville; Patrick Buchanan, St. Clairsville; Dylan Busby, St. Clairsville; Dimitrios Collaros, Steubenville; Devin Ferguson, Steubenville; Anthony Zorne, Steubenville; Blaze Glenn, Toronto; Blaine Rawson, Toronto.

### West Virginia

Andrew Rush, Bishop Donahue; Fargo Camerlengo, Brooke; Chad Harper, Brooke; Ryan Clutter, Cameron; Blaise Robson, John Marshall; Tyler Ashbrook, Linsly; James Cartwright, Linsly; Logan Goodnight, Linsly; Tyler Anderson, Magnolia; Josh Stegmaier, Morgantown; Zac Porter, Oak Glen; Alex Shuman, Oak Glen; Luke Cooper, Paden City;

Cole Day, Parkersburg South; Tyler Hart, University; Brian Campbell, Wheeling Central; Anthony Gentile, Wheeling Central; Tyler Cooley, Wheeling Park; Zane Hummel, Wheeling Park; Spencer Rodgers, Wheeling Park.

### Softball Ohio

Emily Anderson, Toronto; Alli Delaney, Union Local; Shaye Deleonardis, Martins Ferry; Lindsey Dunn, Shadyside; Lucia Eroshevich, Edison; Jenna Gress, Meadowbrook; Tyrah King, Martins Ferry; Alex McComb, Steubenville Catholic; Maddy Metcalf, Steubenville Catholic; Erin Miller, Monroe Central; Lindsey Nunamaker, Cambridge; Rosey Romick, River; John Shunk, St. Clairsville; Adrian Smith, St. Clairsville; Madi Taylor, River; Abby Tatgenhorst, Meadowbrook; Megan Warne, Buckeye Trail; Becky Zeroski, Buckeye Local; Rachel Zeroski, Buckeye Local; Tenia Barker, Steubenville.

Coaches - Staci Smith, Buckeye Trail; Melissa Lahna, Bellaire; Paige Williams, Martins Ferry.

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KATIE  
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3A  
HANNAH  
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BUCKEYE  
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WHEELING  
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PLAYERS OF THE  
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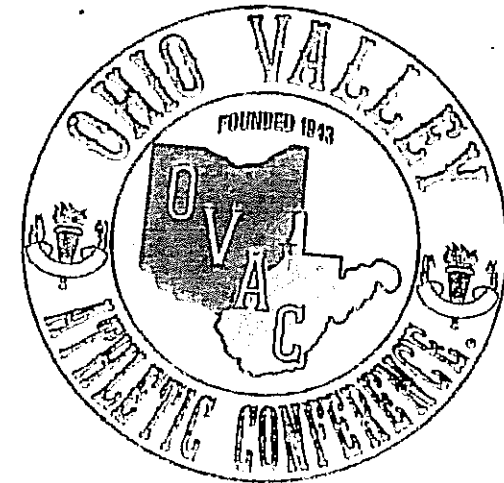
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THE YEAR

RICK  
MAGRUDER  
WHEELING CENTRAL

STACI SMITH  
BUCKEYE TRAIL

DAVE WRIGHT  
RIVER

# 2016 ALL-STAR SOFTBALL GAME



TUESDAY, MAY 31  
BEN'S FIELD  
J.B. CHAMBERS COMPLEX  
WHEELING, WV

## WEST VIRGINIA OVAC ALL STARS

1 Taylor Simala	Brooke
2 Courtney Kaczmarek	Madonna
2 Sydnie Spencer	Morgantown
3 Mary Tennant	John Marshall
6 Sarah Tekavec	Morgantown
6 Sara Travaglino	Madonna
8 Abby Snitz	Morgantown
9 Davianne Croasmun	Magnolia
10 Brette Geary	Brooke
10 Marissa Meintel	Cameron
11 Alyssa Blake	John Marshall
23 JaiEhir Jackson	Wheeling Central
24 Sommer South	Morgantown
30 Alexa Greene	University
33 Taylor Thompson	Madonna

COACH RICK MAGRUDER, CENTRAL  
COACH ED WEST, JOHN MARSHALL  
COACH CHRIS CONTI, MADONNA



## OHIO OVAC ALL STARS

1 Maddy Metcalf	Steub. Catholic
1 Megan Warne	Buckeye Trail
3 Tenia Barker	Steubenville
3 Erin Miller	Monroe Central
4 Lindsey Dunn	Shadyside
5 Becky Zeroski	Buckeye Local
6 Madi Taylor	River
8 Emily Anderson	Toronto
11 Shaye Deleonardis	Martins Ferry
11 Abby Tatgenhorst	Meadowbrook
12 Alex McComb	Steub. Catholic
13 Rachel Zeroski	Buckeye Local
14 Rosey Romick	River
16 Jenna Gress	Meadowbrook
19 Lindsey Nunamker	Cambridge
19 Jolyn Shunk	St. Clairsville
21 Adrian Smith	St. Clairsville
23 Lucia Eroshevich	Edison
23 Tyrah King	Martins Ferry
30 Alli Delany	Union Local

COACH STACI SMITH, TRAIL  
COACH PAIGE WILLIAMS, FERRY  
COACH MELISSA LAHNA, BELLAIRE

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# SPORTS

## Ohio scores sweep of OVAC All-Star Games

### Buckeyes post 4-3 victory in softball

JEFF HARRISON  
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

ELM GROVE, WV — Ohio made it back-to-back victories in the annual OVAC All-Star Softball Game by scoring a 4-3 victory over West Virginia on Ben's Field at the I-470 Complex on Tuesday.



The Buckeye State squad broke on top with two runs

in the bottom of the second inning thanks to three straight hits.

St. Clairsville's Adrian Smith opened the inning with a double before Cambridge's Lindsey Nunamaker collected an RBI with a base hit that scored Smith.

Nunamaker then scored on an RBI single by St. Clairsville's Jolynn Shunk to give Ohio a 2-0

**OVAC SOFTBALL ALL-STAR GAME OHIO 4, WEST VIRGINIA 3**  
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Ohio 020 020 00x — 4 7 2  
Alyssa Blake/John Marshall (3 Ks, 0 BB), Alana Greene/University (3rd, 1 K, 0 BB), Sydney Spencer/Morgantown (2 Ks, 1 BB), Abby Snitz/Morgantown (2 Ks, 0 BB) and Sommer South/Bishop Donahue, Sara Traveglio/Madonna (3rd), Brettie Geary/Brooke (5th), Traveglio/Madonna (7th), Shaya DeLeonardis/Martins Ferry (6 Ks, 0 BB), Lucia Eroshovich/Edison (4th, 2 Ks, 5 BB), Adrian Smith/St. Clairsville (8th, 2 Ks, 2 BB), Rosey Romick/River (8th, 1 K, 0 BB) and Lindsay Dunn/ShadySide, Becky Zerock/Buckeye Local (4th), Jolynn Shynk/St. Clairsville (6th), Abby Tatpanhorst/Meadowbrook (8th).  
**STAT LEADERS**—For West Virginia, Mary Tennant/John Marshall, single, run; Sommer South/Bishop Donahue, single, RBI; Sarah Tekavec/Morgantown, single, run; Courtney Kacmarek/Madonna, single; Jaielhir Jackson/Wheeling Central, RBI; Abby Snitz/Morgantown, RBI; Brettie Geary/Brooke, run. For Ohio, Lindsey Nunamaker/Cambridge, 2 singles, RBI, run; Adrian Smith/St. Clairsville, double, run; Jolynn Shunk/St. Clairsville, single, RBI; Rosey Romick/River, single, RBI; Becky Zerock/Buckeye Local, single; Rachel Zerock/Buckeye Local, single; Shaya DeLeonardis/Martins Ferry, RBI; Emily Anderson/Toronto, run; Tania Barak/Staubersville, run.

picked up an RBI with a sacrifice fly to left which plated Tekavec to cut Ohio's lead to 2-1.

West Virginia moved on



Michelle Witt/The Daily Jeffersonian/buyjeffphotos.com  
Cambridge High's Lindsey Nunamaker is ready for action at third base during the OVAC All-Star Softball Game at the at the JB Chambers I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, W. Va. on Tuesday. Nunamaker had two hits in Ohio's 4-3 victory. Behind Nunamaker is umpire Greg Saunders.

### Buckeye baseball belts W. Va., 13-4

CODY TOMER  
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

ELM GROVE, WV — Tuesday's OVAC George Kovalick All-Star Game was just like a scene out of the timeless classic "Field of Dreams", but instead of "Shoeless" Joe Jackson crushing home runs into a



corn field, it was the OVAC All-Stars displaying their skills for the final time at the J.B. Chambers

I-470 Baseball Complex where the Ohio upended West Virginia by a 13-4 count.

Ohio started fast with a four run first to set the tone and finished strong with a six-run eighth inning to seal the victory.

The Buckeye All-Stars gathered plenty of insur-

**OVAC BASEBALL ALL-STAR GAME OHIO 13, WEST VIRGINIA 4**  
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Ohio 401 101 06x — 13 17 1  
Logan Goodnight (LP, 0 Ks, 2 BB), Zac Porter (2nd, 9 Ks, 1 BB), Josh Stegmaler (4th, 0 Ks, 1 BB), Andrew Rush (5th, 1 K, 0 BB), Luke Cooper (7th, 1 K, 0 BB), Cole Day (8th, 0 Ks, 2 BB), Jordan Baker (8th, 0 Ks, 0 BB) and Michael Wilcox. Dustin Redish (WP, 5 Ks, 2 BB), Blaze Glenn (4th, 3 Ks, 6 BB), Tyler Bloomquist (7th, 3 Ks, 1 BB), Dominic Muscarl (9th, 1 K, 2 BB) and Colin Smith, Zach Smith (8th).  
**STAT LEADERS** — For West Virginia, Goodnight, double, triple, run, RBI; Baker, run; Tyler Anderson, run; James Cartwright, double, SB, RBI; Rush, single; Cole Clutter, SB; Tyler Ashbrook, run. For Ohio, Glenn, double, 2 runs, SB, RBI; Bloomquist, 2 singles, 2 runs, SB, RBI; Redish, single, double, 2 runs, SB; Dylan Busby, 2 runs, RBI; Derek Layton, triple, run, 4 RBI; Giovanni Rocchi, single, run, 2 RBI; Austin Porter, single; Blake Rawson, 3 singles, 2 RBI; Tanner Evans, single, run, SB; Caleb Heller, single; Zavin Orr, single, run; Jacob Keiser, single; Colin Scott, RBI; Dalton Wiggins, single, run, SB; Tory Barber, single, SB, RBI.

a great experience and they had fun as well, and that is the main thing you have to do when you play baseball."

Four local athletes were on the Ohio squad as Caldwell's Caleb Heller, Cambridge's Zavin Orr, Meadowbrook's Dalton Wiggins and Barnesville's



scored on a single by St. Clairsville's Jolynn Shunk to give Ohio a 2-0 advantage.

West Virginia got its first two hits of the game — singles by Sommer South of Bishop Donahue and Courtney Kacmarek of Madonna — in the third frame, but failed to score as Ohio pitcher Shaye Deleonardis of Martins Ferry fashioned three strikeouts around the hits.

The Mountain States squad put its first run on the board in the top of the fourth when Morgantown's Sarah Tekavec collected a single, but wound up on third thanks to an overthrow out of play.

After an out, Wheeling Central's JaiEhir Jackson

succeeded in hitting Tekavec to cut Ohio's lead to 2-1.

West Virginia moved on top 3-2 by scoring two runs in the top of the fourth without getting a hit.

John Marshall's Alyssa Blake reached on an infield error before walks to Brooke's Brette Geary and John Marshall's Mary Tennant loaded the bases.

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Buckeye Trail High's Megan Warne and Meadowbrook's Abby Tatgenhorst cheer for their teammates during the OVAC Softball All-Star Game at the I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, W. Va. Ohio beat West Virginia, 4-3.

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six-run eighth inning to seal the victory.

The Buckeye All-Stars gathered plenty of insurance runs, but with four pitchers combining to hold the Mountaineer All-Stars to just four runs on four hits, every run after the first frame was just icing on the cake.

Ohio was coached by Bridgeport's Mike Muklewicz, Cambridge's Josh Lowery and Buckeye Trail's Mike Neuhart.

Not many high school coaches get the chance to be apart of such an important event and Neuhart expressed his thoughts about sharing the dugout with such gifted athletes and coaches.

"There is a lot of talent out here and this was fun," he stated. "Being able to coach a group of boys like this is

Caldwell's Caleb Heller, Cambridge's Zavin Orr, Meadowbrook's Dalton Wiggins and Barnesville's Jacob Keiser all finished with one single apiece in the box score, with Orr and Wiggins both coming across the plate to score.

Harrison Central's Dustin Redish was credited with the win with five strikeouts and just two walks in three innings, while the loss went to Linsly High's Logan Goodnight.

"I think the main thing tonight was that Redish came out early and set the tone for the team," Neuhart noted. "That got us up, we took the lead and didn't look back."

Toronto High's Blaze Glenn got things started for

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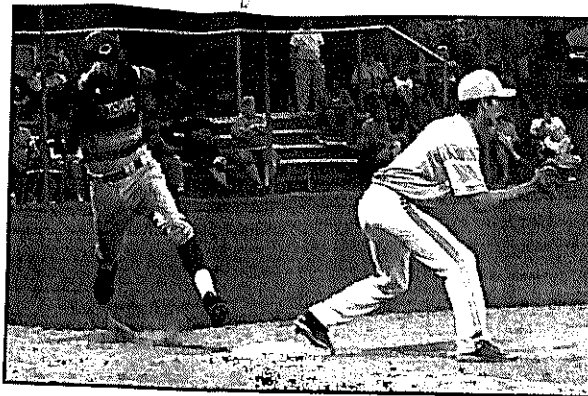
Michelle Witt/The Daily Jeffersonian/buyjeffphotos.com  
Barnesville High's Jacob Keiser (14) takes a big cut during Tuesday's OVAC George Kovalick All-Star Game at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, W. Va. Ohio rolled to a 13-4 victory.



Michelle Witt/The Daily Jeffersonian/buyjeffphotos.com  
Meadowbrook High's Dalton Wiggins kicks up the baseline chalk as he sprints to first base during Tuesday's OVAC George Kovalick All-Star Baseball Game at the JB Chambers I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, W. Va.



Michelle Witt/The Daily Jeffersonian/buyjeffphotos.com Meadowbrook High's Jenna Gress (16) is about to make contact with a pitch during the OVAC Softball All-Star Game.



Michelle Witt/The Daily Jeffersonian/buyjeffphotos.com Caldwell High's Caleb Heller (2) sprints to first base as Oak Glenn's Zac Porter (9) makes the out during the OVAC George Kovalick All-Star Baseball Game.

## Ohio wins softball, 4-3

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## Ohio rolls in baseball

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The next three runs in the stanza came on a bases-loaded walk to St. Clairsville's Dylan Busby, a sacrifice fly to right by Harrison Central's Giovanni Rocchi and an infield single by Toronto's Blaine Rawson to make it a 4-0 Ohio lead after one.

Wiggins showed off his abilities in the third when he singled, stole second and later scored from third with a head-first slide into on a ground out by Tony Barber of Steubenville Catholic, making it a 5-0 advantage.

Ohio struck again in the fourth, this time with a leadoff infield single from the Eastern District All-Star Game MVP — Cambridge's Orr — who dashed around second and into third when a pick-off attempt got away from the first-baseman.

Orr later scored on a ground-out to extend the lead to 6-0. Edison's Collin Scott made it a 7-0 game in the sixth with an RBI ground-out before the floodgates opened in the eighth.

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West Virginia did not go away without a fight as Goodnight laced an RBI triple down the left-field line in the eighth and scored on a passed ball to give W. Va. some life.

In the ninth, the Mountaineers added two more runs on an error and an RBI double by Linsly's James Cartwright before Beaver Local's Dominic Muscari struck out the final batter of the game to secure the victory for the Buckeyes.

Rawson paced Ohio with three hits, followed by Bloomquist and Redish with two hits each.

Leading the way for West Virginia was Goodnight with a pair of base hits and an RBI.

Ohio out-hit West Virginia by a 17-4 margin and the Mountaineer All-Stars struck out 12 times compared to just five whiffs by Ohio hitters.





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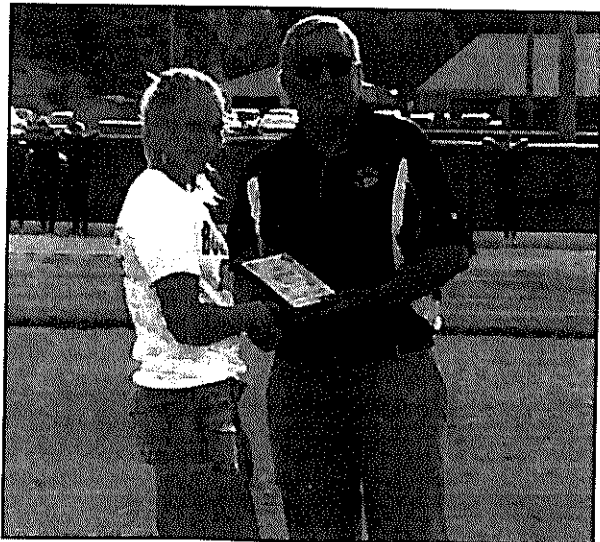
West Virginia did not go away without a fight as Goodnight laced an RBI triple down the left-field line in the eighth and scored on a passed ball to give W. Va. some life.

In the ninth, the Mountaineers added two more runs on an error and an RBI double by Linsly's James Cartwright before Beaver Local's Dominic Muscari struck out the final batter of the game to secure the victory for the Buckeyes.

Rawson paced Ohio with three hits, followed by Bloomquist and Redish with two hits each.

Leading the way for West Virginia was Goodnight with a pair of base hits and an RBI.

Ohio out-hit West Virginia by a 17-4 margin and the Mountaineer All-Stars struck out 12 times compared to just five whiffs by Ohio hitters.



Jeff Harrison/The Daily Jeffersonian  
Buckeye Trail High sophomore Hannah Smith receives her OVAC Class 3A Player of the Year award from OVAC Softball Commissioner Tom "Bear" Bechtel during Tuesday's OVAC Softball All-Star Game at the I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, W.Va.



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Three coaches who guided their teams to very successful seasons shared the OVAC Softball Coach of the Year Award. Pictured, l to r, are Staci Smith of Buckeye Trail, Rick Magruder of Wheeling Central, OVAC Softball Commissioner Tom "Bear" Bechtel and Dave Wright of River.

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She said being named OVAC Class 4A Player of the Year was a blessing.

"It just goes to show that all of my hard work that I put into softball has finally paid off."

Ohio jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second as St. Clairsville's Adrian Smith lined a leadoff double to fill the gap in right-center. Cambridge's Lindsey Nunamaker singled to left to score Smith. When the throw went to the plate, Nunamaker alertly took second and continued to third on an error. St. Clairsville's Jolyn Shuck singled to right to plate Nunamaker.

West Virginia cut the deficit in half in the fourth on a sacrifice fly to left by Wheeling Central's JaiEhir Jackson. The Mountain State took the lead in the top of the fifth as Edison's Lucia Eroshevich had trouble locating the strike zone. The Wildcats' ace issued free passes to Morgantown's Abby Saitz and Bishop Donahue's Sommer South as the designated visitors went ahead, 3-2.

The Buckeye State squad came right back in the bottom of the inning. Toronto's Emily Anderson drew a leadoff walk and Steubenville's Tenia Barker reached on an infield single. River's Rosey Romick singled to left to drive in Anderson and South raced home on DeLeonardis's flyball to right.

Ohio head coach Staci Smith, of Buckeye Trail, thought the depth of her pitching staff was the difference in the game.

"The girls never quit ... never quit," Smith noted. "We had a pretty stout

pitching staff and when you have that you don't have to play a whole lot of defense. I thought our pitchers were pretty aggressive tonight."

Following DeLeonardis and Eroshevich, who picked up the win, to the middle of the diamond were Smith and Romick.

The foursome teamed for 11 strikeouts and walked seven. They allowed just four hits — all singles. Romick earned the save.

West Virginia coach Rick Magruder, who guided Wheeling Central to a perfect 33-0 record and Class A state title, thought the game was well played.

"We had a couple of mistakes, but it's an all-star game and the girls played hard," Magruder noted. "It was all about having fun and getting to know each other a little bit. They did well and I'm proud of them."

Nunamaker was the only player with multiple hits as she singled twice.

John Marshall's Alyssa Blake, University's Alexa Greene and Morgantown's duo of Sydnie Spencer and Abby Snitz worked inside the circle for the Mountain State.

They had eight Ks and one walk. They allowed eight hits.

In addition to DeLeonardis, also receiving plaques for Players of the Year were Wheeling Park junior Kat Donzella (Class 5A); Buckeye Trail sophomore Hannah Smith (Class 3A); Romick (Class 2A) and Weirton Madonna sophomore Katie Gasvoda (Class 1A).

Earning Coach of the Year awards were Magruder, Smith and River's Dave Wright.

# Ohio Softball Defeats West Virginia in All-Star Match

By KIM NORTH  
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Shaye DeLeonardis wasn't happy with the way her senior softball season ended at Martins Ferry. She took her frustrations out on the West Virginia team Tuesday on Ben's Field at the I-470 J.B. Chambers Youth Sports Complex.

DeLeonardis started and struck out six batters in three innings of work inside the circle. She didn't walk a batter and yielded two harmless singles. However, her biggest fete was a sacrifice fly to right with one out in the bottom of the fifth

inning that lifted Ohio to a 4-3 victory in the annual Tom Bechtel Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Game.

"I just wanted to come out and have some fun. Our high school season didn't end very well, but I'm actually glad I'm going out on a good note," DeLeonardis, who was named the Class 4A Player of the Year during the nine-inning contest, "I threw a lot of screwballs and (Shady-side's) Lindsey (Dunn) did a good job of calling them. We worked a lot inside to outside and it worked."

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John Marshall's Alyssa Blake waits for throw as Steubenville's Tenia Barker gets back into second base safely.

Photo by Kim North