

2017 OVAC Individual Awards

OVAC PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

1A - KATIE GASVOVA - MADONNA

2A - GINA FOGLE - TORONTO

3A - VANESSA TEMPLETON - TYLER CONSOLIDATED

4A - HANNAH CLUNK - OAK GLEN

5A - LAUREN GARCIA - JOHN MARSHALL

OVAC COACHES OF THE YEAR

ED WEST - JOHN MARSHALL

GUS DIMARZIO - STEUBENVILLE

STACI SMITH - BUCKEYE TRAIL



2017 ALL-STAR SOFTBALL GAME



**Monday, June 5th
Lisa's Field • JB Chambers Complex
Wheeling, W.Va.**

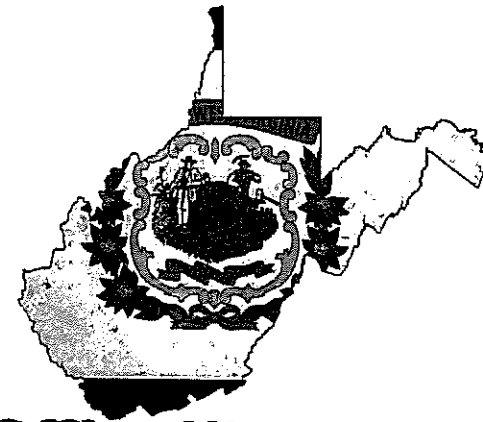


OVAC Ohio All-Stars

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
1	Serena Burkey	Toronto
5	Miranda Bowers	Bridgeport
7	Na Banks	Steubenville
9	Alexia Dowdle	Harrison
10	Allison Kuhn	Monroe Central
11	Alexis Wheeler	Buckeye Trail
11	Charli McConnell	Edison
12	Shayna Mirabella	Steubenville Catholic
12	Skylar Fankhauser	Edison
13	Bailey Caldwell	River
14	Lexi Brookover	Frontier
15	Allyson Kuntz	Toronto
16	Sammi Morris	Frontier
16	Sara McAninch	Bellaire
22	Gabby Capaldi	Steubenville Catholic
24	Kayla Logston	Monroe Central
25	Mercedes McLeod	Martins Ferry
28	Hayley Stamps	Steubenville

Coaches:

Gus DiMarzio – Steubenville
 Staci Smith – Buckeye Trail
 Melissa Lahna – Bellaire



OVAC West Virginia All-Stars

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
3	Alyse Guynn	Morgantown
3	Conner Assif	University
4	Hannah Clunk	Oak Glen
5	Hannah Mozingo	Wheeling Central
6	Katie Whorton	John Marshall
6	Josie Bonar	Bishop Donahue
7	Courtney Elliott	Brooke
8	Taylor Wisvari-Weir	Linsly
8	Hannah Morris	John Marshall
8	Mariah Stevens	Weir High
9	Laral Saunders	Wheeling Park
11	Amber Rusch	Morgantown
13	Mak Amend	Wheeling Park
15	Brittany Phillips	University
15	Ravyn Schultz	John Marshall
17	Sarah Huffman	Parkersburg South
24	Kaylee Andersen	Morgantown
30	Kat Donzella	Wheeling Park
42	Vanessa Templeton	Tyler Consolidated

Coaches:

Curt Mele – Bishop Donahue
 Rick Magruder – Wheeling Central
 Chris Conti – Madonna



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MARTINS FERRY'S Mercedes McLeod swings at a pitch during Monday's annual OVAC All-Star Softball Game held on Ben's Field at the Chambers I-470 Complex. McLeod had two hits and a RBI as Ohio prevailed, 3-2, over West Virginia.

Ohio stars outshine West Virginia in OVAC softball game

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

ELM GROVE — Pitching is usually the name of the game in softball.

Both Ohio and West Virginia's all-star rosters were chalk full of impressive arms.

As it turned out, Ohio's were just a little bit better than its West Virginia counterparts.

The Buckeyes coupled the solid pitching of Steubenville's Hayley Stamps, Bellaire's Sara McAninch and Monroe Central's Kayla Logston with some timely hitting, aggressive base running and solid defense to pull out a 3-2 victory in the annual OVAC All-Star Game, which was held on Ben's Field at the Chambers I-470 Complex.

"There are great players at every at-bat, in every position and with every pitch," Ohio and Steubenville head coach Gus DiMarzio said. "These games are all about the kids and the entertainment. But, in the end, if you win, you definitely feel better about yourself."

Ohio grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second when Monroe Central product Allison Kuhn singled back through the middle, which

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*- Gus DiMarzio
Steubenville Head Coach*

allowed Steubenville's Na Banks, who had singled to lead off the inning to race around from second.

The Buckeyes added a pair of runs in the fourth off of Tyler Consolidated's Vanessa Templeton, but only one was earned. Steubenville Catholic's Shayna Mirabella singled home Edison's Skylar Fankhauser, who reached on an error. Martins Ferry's Mercedes McLeod produced her single hit in as many at bats when she singled home Mirabella for a 3-0 cushion.

Meanwhile, the Ohio pitching staff continued to roll along. It was the beneficiary of a combination of solid Ohio defense and poor West Virginia base running. Twice, during the first three innings, the Mountain State had a

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runner thrown out on the bases, trying to take an extra base.

Otherwise, scoring chances – outside of the fifth when the Mountaineers scored both of their runs – were scarce. In that fifth, West Virginia took advantage of two Ohio errors en route to both runs. Wheeling Park's Kat Donzella had a RBI double, which scored Oak Glen's Hannah Clunk. Earlier in the inning, Clay-Battelle's Brooke Barr scored on a well-executed double steal.

John Marshall's Ravyn Schultz and Weir's Mariah Stevens both came up infield singles, which loaded the bases with just one out.

However, McAninch beared down and induced innocent pop outs to second and then to first to thwart the rally without further damage.

"We didn't have many chances to score because Ohio's pitching kept us off balance much of the game," Bishop Donahue and West Virginia head coach Curt Mele said. "They made the plays when they had to. It was a good game and something these kids will never forget. That's what these (all-star) games are all about."

West Virginia's Laurel Saunders – who played at Wheeling Park – drew a lead-off walk against Logston in the seventh. She advanced to second on an error and was sacrificed to third. Logston, who was impressive in earning the save, proceeded to fan the next two hitters. Of the nine outs Logston recorded, seven came via the strikeout.

"Our pitching was outstanding," DiMarzio said. "Our pitchers threw the ball, got outs and just did a fantastic job. This was a great experience and I would coach this game every year if they'd let me."

Stamps earned the pitching win. She struck our four and didn't issue a walk during her three innings of work.

At the plate, Ohio received two hits from McLeod and Steubenville's Na Banks.

West Virginia, meanwhile, was led at the plate by Stevens' two-hit effort.



OVAC W.Va. Softball All-Stars

Photo by Kim North

Pictured is the OVAC West Virginia Softball All-Stars. Front row, from left, are Hannah Clunk (Oak Glen), Hannah Mozingo (Wheeling Central), Katie Whorton (John Marshall), Josie Bonar (Bishop Donahue) and Taylor Wisvari-Weir (Linsly). Second row, from left, are Ravyn Schultz (John Marshall), Sarah Huffman (Parkersburg South), Kat Donzella (Wheeling Park), and Vanessa Templeton (Tyler Consolidated). Back row, from left, are coaches Rick Magruder (Wheeling Central) and Curt Mele (Bishop Donahue). Not pictured are Alyse Guynn (Morgantown), Conner Assif (University), Courtney Elliott (Brooke), Hannah Morris (John Marshall), Mariah Stevens (Weir), Laral Saunders (Wheeling Park), Amber Rusch (Morgantown), Mak Amend (Wheeling Park), Brittany Phillips (University), Kaylee Andersen (Morgantown) and coach Cris Conti (Madonna).



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The Ohio squad for Monday's OVAC Softball All-Star Game slated to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the I-470 Complex in Elm Grove, WV includes, front row, from left, Serena Burkey of Toronto, Alexia Dowdle of Harrison Central, Allison Kuhn of Monroe Central, Alexis Wheeler of Buckeye Trail, Charlie McConnell of Edison, Shayna Mirabella of Steubenville Catholic and Skylar Fankhauser of Edison; second row, Bailey Caldwell of River, Allyson Kuntz of Toronto, Sammi Morris of Frontier, Sarah McAninch of Bellaire, Gabby Capaldi of Steubenville Catholic, Kayla Logston of Monroe Central and Mercedes McLeod of Martins Ferry; back row, coaches Melissa Lahna of Bellaire, Gus DiMarzio of Steubenville and Staci Smith of Buckeye Trail. Absent were Miranda Bowers of Bridgeport, Na Banks of Steubenville, Lexi Brookover of Frontier and Hayley Stamps of Steubenville.