

# PLAYER OF THE YEAR

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**1A**



Madalena Daugherty  
Sophomore

**2A**



Caitlyn Kassay  
Senior

**3A**



Ashley Tharp  
Senior

**4A**



Taylor Gallentine  
Senior

**5A**

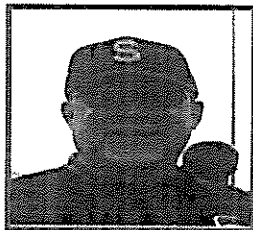


Madison Fields  
Junior



# COACH OF THE YEAR

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Gus Dimarizo  
Steubenville

# ALL STAR GAME



Monday, June 3rd  
2019

J.B. Chambers I-470  
Complex

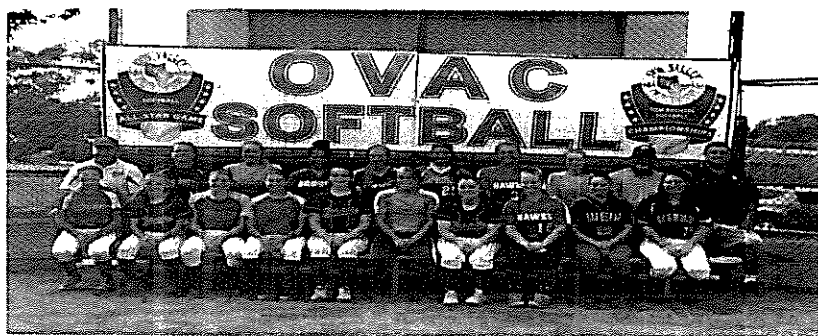
# BEN'S FIELD

# WEST VIRGINIA ROSTER

1	Brianna Mckenzie	Morgantown	SS
3	Kelsey Chacalos	Wheeling Park	CF
5	Kameryn Skrzyneki	John Marshall	OF
7	Lydia Knutsen	John Marshall	3/2
7	Sophia Recrosio	Linsly	CF
8	Ashley Linder	Wheeling Park	P/1B
8	Hannah Patterson	Oak Glen	OF
10	Mahayla Mccrosky	Wheeling Park	C
12	Layne Assif	University	2B
12	Samantha Kaczmarek	Weir	P/OF
15	Ashley Tharp	Magnolia	1B/P
18	Hannah Walker	Oak Glen	C
17	Ashlyn Piekarski	Magnolia	1B/P
20	Jaycee Mitchell	Brooke	3B
24	Alexis Feick	Parkersburg South	3B
25	Caitlyn Kassay	Clay Battelle	P
35	Carly Herring	University	1B
59	Eileen Flowers	Oak Glen	INF

## COACHING STAFF

Butch Varner    Clay Battelle  
 Chris Conti    Madonna  
 Pat Durkin    Wheeling Park

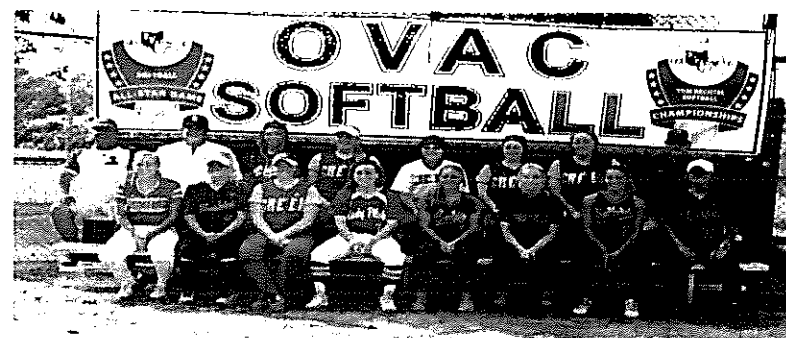


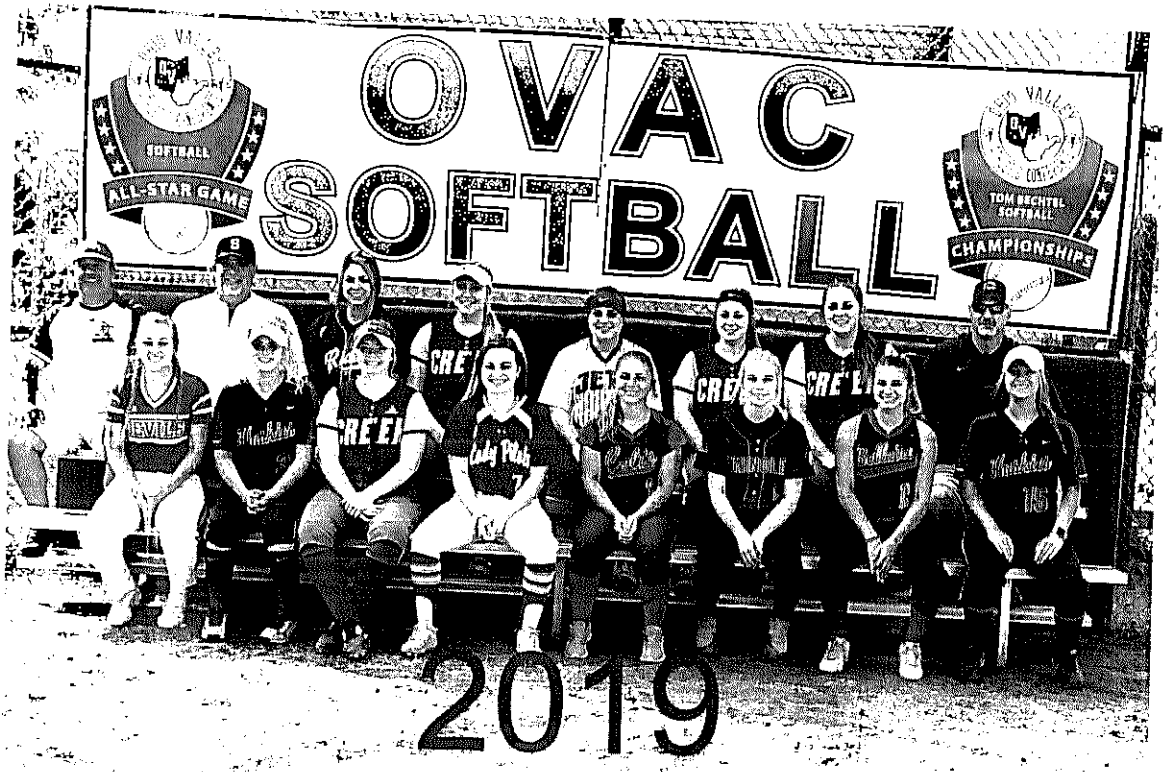
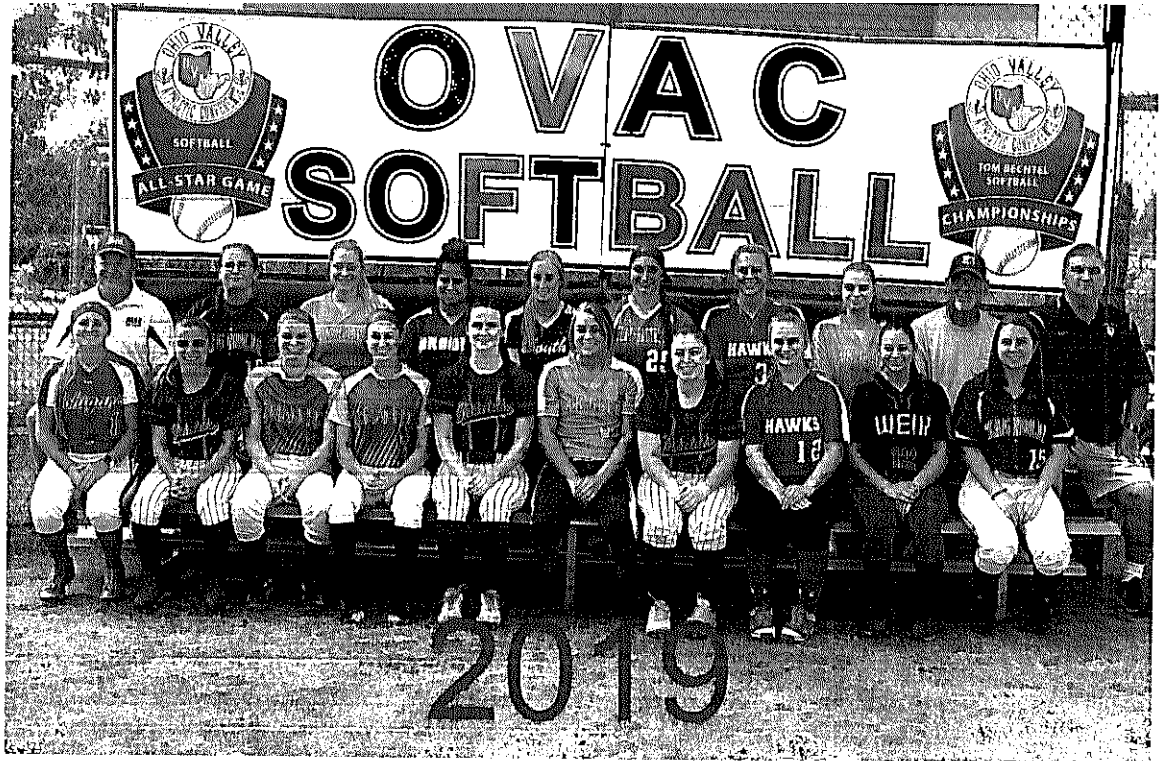
# OHIO ROSTER

1	Brooklyn Ruble	Bridgeport	P/SB
3	Taylor Gallentine	St. Clairsville	SS
3	Jocelyn Peshek	Harrison	3B
5	Bree Bennington	St. Clairsville	3B
7	Megan Kelley	Indian Creek	SS
7	Olivia Rose	River	SS
7	Rylee Combs	Meadowbrook	3B
8	Sydney Yoho	Monroe	1B
11	Natalie Stoner	Bellaire	CF/SS/P
14	Stef Blackburn	Steubenville	OF
15	Madison Young	Harrison	C
17	Abby Bumbico	Martins Ferry	P/SS
21	Kaydee Kinsey	Indian Creek	P
24	Alaie Destifanes	Buckeye Local	SS
33	Kaden Mercer	Union Local	2B/C
34	Leah Ferguson	Stuebenville	SS/OF
36	Hayliee Scott	Indian Creek	C
50	Taylor Scott	Indian Creek	1B

## COACHING STAFF

Jillian Ongley    Shadyside  
 Rob Gallentine    St. Clairsville  
 Darrin Young    Harrison Central





## 2019 OVAC

### WV ROSTER

1	BRIANNA MCKENZIE	MORGANTOWN	SS
3	KELSEY CHACALOS	WHEELING PARK	CF
5	KAMERYN SKRZYNEKI	JOHN MARSHALL	OF
7	LYDIA KNUTSEN	JOHN MARSHALL	3/2
7	SOPHIA RECROSIO	LINSLY	CF
8	ASHLEY LINDER	WHEELING PARK	P/1B
8	HANNAH PATTERSON	OAK GLEN	OF
10	MAHAYLA MCCROSKY	WHEELING PARK	C
12	LAYNE ASSIF	UNIVERSITY	2B
12	SAMANTHA KACZMAREK	WEIR	P/OF
15	ASHLEY THARP	MAGNOLIA	P
18	HANNAH WALKER	OAK GLEN	C
17	ASHLYN PIEKARSKI	MAGNOLIA	1B/P
20	JAYCEE MITCHELL	BROOKE	3B
24	ALEXIS FEICK	PARKERSBURG S	3B
25	CAITLYN KASSAY	CLAY BATTELLE	P
35	CARLY HERRING	UNIVERSITY	1B
59	EILEEN FLOWERS	OAK GLEN	INF

### COACHES

**BUTCH VARNER - CLAY BATTELLE**

**CHRIS CONTI - MADONNA**

**PAT DURKIN - WHEELING PARK**

## ALL-STAR SOFTBALL

### OHIO ROSTER

1	BROOKLYN RUBLE	BRIDGEPORT	P/SB
3	TAYLOR GALLENTINE	ST.CLAIRSVILLE	SS
3	JOCELYN PESHEK	HARRISON	3B
5	BREE BENNINGTON	ST.CLAIRSVILLE	3B
7	MEGAN KELLEY	INDIAN CREEK	SS
7	OLIVIA ROSE	RIVER	SS
7	RYLEE COMBS	MEADOWBROOK	3B
8	SYDNEY YOHO	MONROE	1B
11	NATALIE STONER	BELLAIRE	CF/SS/P
14	STEF BLACKBURN	STEUBENVILLE	OF
15	MADISON YOUNG	HARRISON	C
17	ABBY BUMBICO	MARTINS FERRY	P/SS
21	KAYDEE KINSEY	INDIAN CREEK	P
21	LEAH PANCAKE	BEAVER LOCAL	SS
33	KADEN MERCER	UNION LOCAL	2B/C
34	LEAH FERGUSON	STEUBENVILLE	SS/OF
36	HAYLIEE SCOTT	INDIAN CREEK	C
50	TAYLOR SCOTT	INDIAN CREEK	1B

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**GUS DIMARZIO - STEUBENVILLE**

**ROB GALLENTINE - ST. CLAIRSVILLE**

**DARRIN YOUNG- HARRISON CENTRAL**

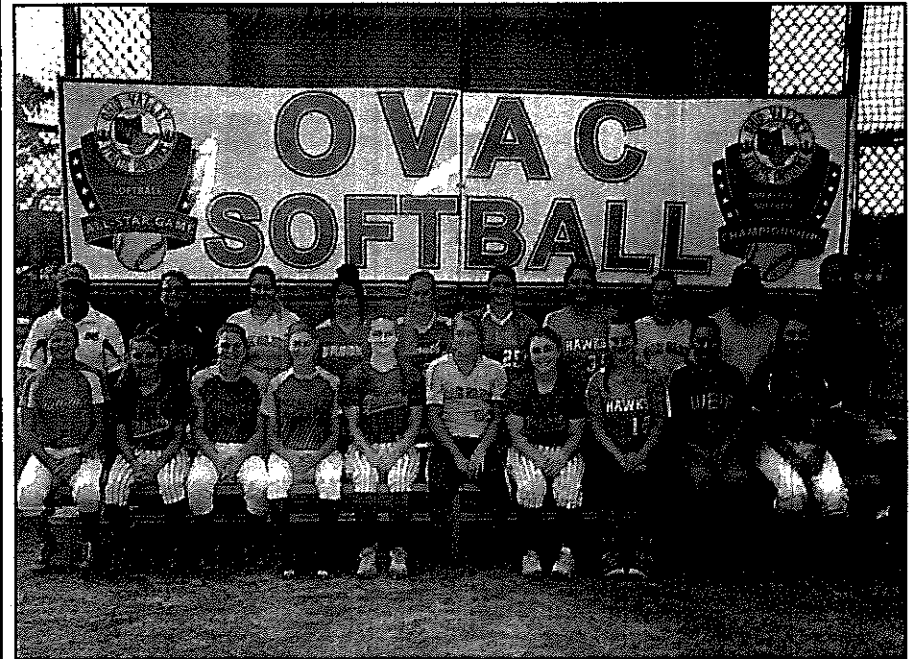
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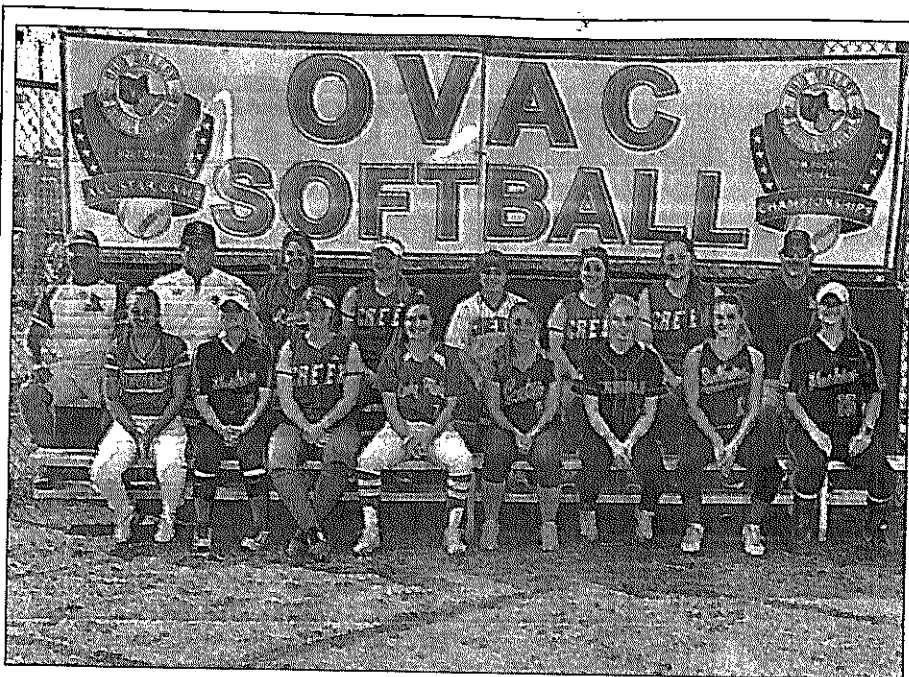
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**West Virginia All-Stars**



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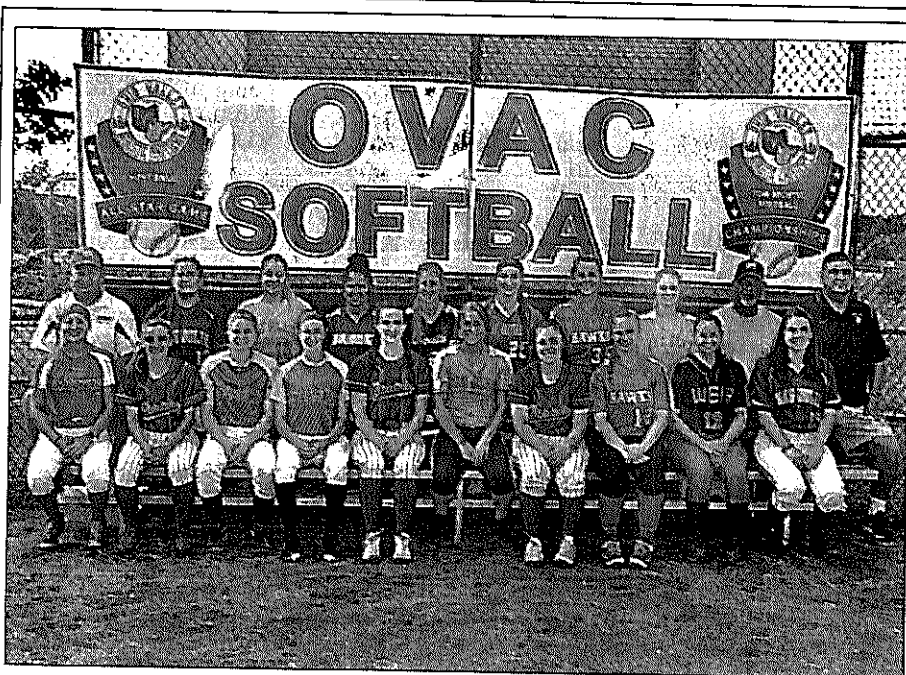
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d Softball All-Star Games

# Clean Sweep -Star Games



West Virginia's Kelsey Chacalos (Wheeling Park) looks at a pitch up in the zone during Monday's OVAC All-Star Game at the I-470 Softball Complex. Ohio emerged victorious by a 7-2 count.

Photo by Kim North

## Six-run ninth gives Buckeye State the win

By **KIM NORTH**  
For The Intelligencer

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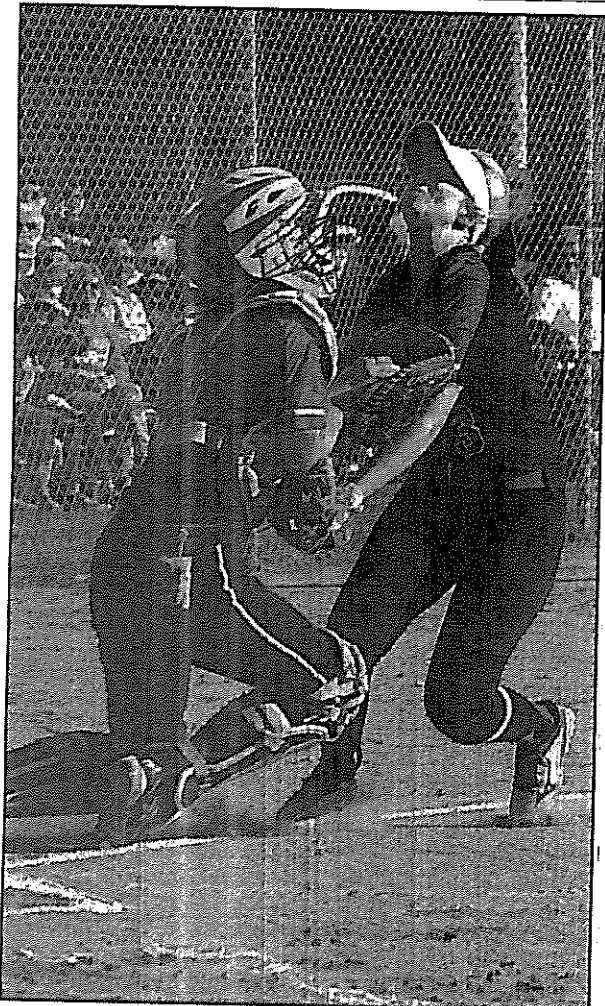
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**HARRISON CENTRAL'S** Madison Young, left, holds onto the ball after colliding with Huskies' teammate Jocelyn Peshek during the first inning of Monday night's OVAC All-Star Softball Game on Ben's Field at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Complex.

# Buckeyes take softball contest

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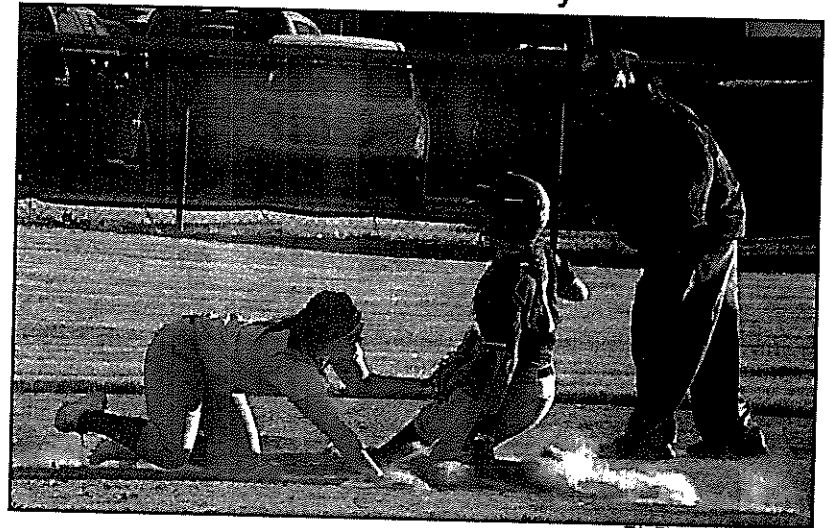
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