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Central's fourth win in five starts was also part of the school's fourth annual Hall of Fame ceremonies. The Pioneers, meanwhile, dropped to 3-2.

Coach Mike Young's well-drilled gridders find themselves prepping

we were still getting our heads out of the clouds from our great Homecoming win against Shadyside," Young said. "Our kids, however, made the needed adjustments and played tough the rest of the game. We also were able to get out healthy."

Young made full use of his roster. Nine different Knights carried the

said. "Having so many players touch the ball is really nice. It keeps the opposition guessing."

Waterhouse, a junior running back, made the most of his seven carries. He gained 101 yards while finding the end zone twice.

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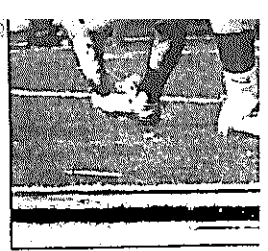


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Linsly's Faith Paul (16) is congratulated by teammate Grace Ridenhour (5) after scoring the opening goal of Saturday's OVAC Class 1A-3A championship against Madonna. Paul netted two goals as the Cadets rolled to a 5-1 victory.

Cadets Cruise To OVAC Title

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Faith Paul and Athena Mariano each scored two goals in leading Linsly to its first OVAC championship since 2014 with a 5-1 rout of Madonna in the Class 1A-3A title game Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"It means a lot," Paul said. "Since my freshman year, we haven't won this and it is something we all wanted really, really badly. We worked hard for it. It means everything and what we've been waiting for."

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"We practice corner kicks all the time and have really been practicing winning balls out of the air," Paull said. "I'm glad I was able to finish on that one."

The Cadets were off and running after that.

Mariano showed why she is one of the top goal scorers in the Ohio Valley with two goals in a span of eight minutes.

The first came as she got some space and banked it off the near goalpost and into the net in the 12th minute.

In the 19th minute, she took a through ball, beat a hard-charging Macek to the ball during a one-on-one scenario and tucked it into the empty net for a 3-0 lead.

"The fast start was hugely important," Linsly coach Darryl Crews said.

"It allowed us to play a lot of people, which we like to do. We practice a lot of finishing in the box.

"Athena played a really good game, a lot of possession and really proud of the team game she played."

If Madonna had ideas of a comeback, they were put to bed early in the second half.

Paull added her second goal 57 seconds into the second off, taking a cross from Mariano and beating Macek for a 4-0 lead.

Cook added a goal in the 46th minute to complete the Linsly scoring.

"They have worked really hard for this and this is them proving to themselves they could do this," Crews said.

Kali Krynicki converted a penalty kick in the 67th minute as Madonna (8-5)

avoided a shutout. It was the only shot on goal for the Blue Dons.

Macek was under heavy pressure all day, making 15 saves.

"The better team won," Madonna coach Bob Kolancko said. "Linsly has a great team. They played great and Linsly is so strong in so many facets of the game. You have to give them credit."

"We wanted to slow some of their players down and we weren't able to do that as well as we wanted to. We had a very limited bench and one of our starters got hurt in the first five minutes and made it an even smaller bench. We weren't able to keep fresh legs in the game. When you play in a defensive mode most of the game, that doesn't allow you to get much offense."

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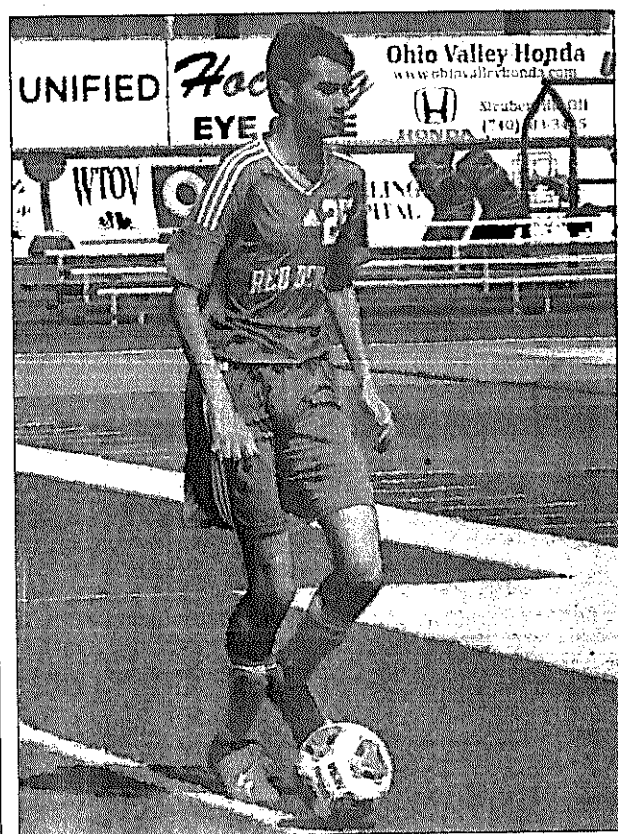


Photo by Rick Thorp
St. Clairsville's Andy Schmidt controls the ball during Saturday's OVAC 4A Championship win over East Liverpool.

Red Devils Pocket 4A Boys Crown

Wolfe Sends St.C. Home Champions

By RICK THORP
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ST. CLAIRSVILLE —

After St. Clairsville and East Liverpool has played to a scoreless draw for almost 70 minutes Saturday afternoon, the Red Devils' Cade Wolfe decided he'd had enough of the hot and sweaty conditions at Red Devil Stadium.

Wolfe, a senior, knocked home a corner kick from Sean O'Grady with 10:49 remaining and that was enough as the top-seeded Red Devils blanked No. 2 seed East Liverpool, 1-0, for the OVAC Class 4A boys' soccer championship before a large and boisterous crowd.

Wolfe, who recorded both goals in the Red Devils' semifinal victory against Oak Glen on Tuesday, found himself in the right place at the right time as St. Clairsville secured its third conference crown in a match that was rugged and testy on the pitch and off.

"My teammate was out there in the corner and he saw me and passed it in," Wolfe explained following a raucous locker room celebration. "I just bumped it into the goal. It was a great play from him."

After a series of corner kicks proved unsuccessful in the latter going, Wolfe was able to maneuver his 6-foot, 160-pound frame into the right spot which, ultimately, gave St. Clairsville its first OVAC crown since 2014.

"You could feel it was coming," acting St. Clairsville

coach Jeff Roberts said, "and, it finally came.

"We have some great seniors on this team that are great leaders. Cade put himself in a position to be able to score the goal."

The Red Devils and Potters put on a defensive clinic in the first half, with neither team able to really garner any type of offensive momentum. Both teams had their moments but, for the most part, scoring chances were at a premium.

"It was a struggle," Roberts said. "(East Liverpool) is a tough team. Both teams played their butts off.

"We were able to get a good corner kick and Cade was able to finish it off. They never quit, and that's what we preach — never quit. This is our house and we wanted to get the victory."

The Potters had a handful of opportunities to break the ice in the first half. But as the match wore on, especially in the second half, the Red Devils clamped down defensively and allowed themselves more offensive chances.

"East Liverpool is an incredible team," Roberts said, "and they have some incredible defenders and players overall. They didn't want to quit, either. It was just evenly-matched. We were just able to come out on top."

Wolfe emphasized it was a team victory.

"This is what we've worked for all season," he said. "We practiced in the summer for this. We couldn't let up in the second half. We had to give it everything we had.

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Crusaders Earn 1A-3A Title in SO

Asci Blasts Deciding Goal to Beat Linsly

By **KYLE LUTZ**
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St. CLAIRSVILLE — It was quite the way to start the day full of OVAC championship matches. And the two perennial powers in the Class A-3A field did not disappoint.

Deadlocked at 1-1, the first 80 minutes wasn't enough to settle a champion between Linsly and Steubenville Catholic.

And after two five-minute overtime periods, it went to a penalty kick shootout where the Crusaders got the upper hand, 4-3, to claim the OVAC Class 1A-3A championship, over the Cadets Saturday morning at Red Devil Stadium.

Gian Asci kicked the winner for the Crusaders during the fifth round.

"We knew it was going to be a competitive game regardless," Steubenville Catholic coach Steve Kopcha said. "Linsly is always very talented year after year. They came in defending champions. We knew it was going to be a great game on both sides. Linsly, very skilled and very talented. We just knew we had to try and match with them (Saturday) and we were very fortunate that we came out on top."

And just like in the first 90 minutes, the shootout was in a deadlock after three rounds as all three players on both sides found the back of the net.

The Crusaders had success from Michael Lee, Tom Beigel and Matt Duff while Linsly got goals from Will Carson, Arman Toyserkani and Mike Flynn.

Luke Lenz began the fourth round for the Cadets, but hit the crossbar. However, Linsly goalkeeper Ben Wiemer stepped up big for his team as he blocked an Ethan Moore attempt.

Artem Savkov looked to give Linsly the lead to begin the fifth round, but freshman goalkeeper Michael Duff had other plans as he denied the shot.

That gave all the momentum to Asci, who stepped up and buried his shot in the back of the net to secure the win for the Crusaders.

"For a freshman goalie, this is his first experience," Kopcha said of his goalkeeper. "He's been doing a job for us all year. I think he did a tremendous job for us (Saturday)."

Ironically, Steubenville Catholic got on the board first with a penalty kick. In the 11th minute of the first half, Beigel put the Crusad-



Photo by Kyle Lutz
Steubenville Catholic's Gian Asci celebrates after he scored the game-winning penalty kick during a shootout against Linsly during the OVAC Class 1A-3A championship game.

ers on top, 1-0, where the scored remained that going into halftime thanks to stealer defense by both teams.

The Crusaders did not allow the Cadets to have a shot on goal for the first 40 minutes.

"In the first half, we might have had three shots, but nothing on frame," Linsly coach Greg Martin said. "We didn't test the guy and that's something we always want to do is to test the keepers early and often. We didn't do that in the first half."

However, in the second half, the Cadets showed their presence around the goal. They were able to get two clean shots, but Michael Duff stood firm and collected two saves.

Steubenville Catholic looked to get some breathing room 16 minutes into the second half as Beigel got behind the Linsly defense and looked to have a clean shot on goal. Beigel also got behind the goalkeeper and took a shot.

Cameron Neighoff, though, made a sliding save to prevent the ball from going in and the score remained, 1-0.

"He's a young guy out there too.

He's a freshman and he's played bigger than that," Martin said. "He's a strong defender, he reads the game well, very skill and talented. He came up for us in that moment, that's for sure."

The Cadets got their big play on offense in the 62nd minute as Carson tallied the equalizer. Carson's shot hit the right post, but bounced in the back of the net to make it 1-1 with 17:11 left in the second half.

"Kudos to them (Steubenville Catholic). They're always well-coached and a strong team," Martin said. "No. 4 (Moore) is a really nice player. They're really dangerous on set pieces and we gave them a lot of those opportunities. But I think we just started slow."

Wiemer tallied eight saves for the Cadets while Michael Duff had two.

"We have a lot of challenging games left in the rest of the season. We'll see Linsly again for a regular season game," Kopcha said. "But the teams we play to wrap up the season, they're going to be very competitive games and those games will make us ready for the state tournament."

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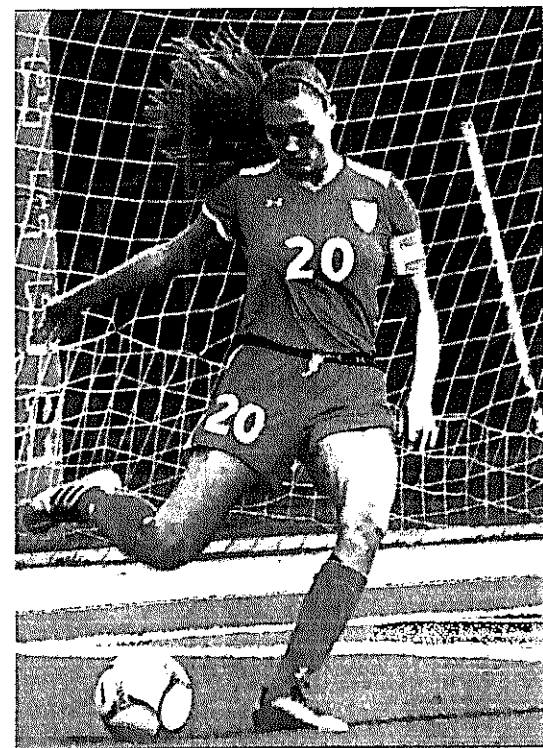


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Enochs Tallies Four Goals

By **KIM NORTH**

For the News-Register
WHEELING — The third time was definitely a charm for the Oak Glen girls' soccer team as it three-peated Saturday afternoon.

Junior Reece Enoch scored four goals and classmate Brooklyn Loveland added a trio of assists in the Golden Bears' 5-0 domination over St. Clairsville at sun-scorched Wheeling Island Stadium in the OVAC Cup Class 4A championship match.

The victory, which raised Oak Glen's record to a superb 11-1-2, was the second in three seasons over the Red Devils (8-2-2).

"It is just because of the sustainability," Oak Glen coach Ryan Wells said when asked if this

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two interceptions on his first two possessions. In the third overtime, Spigarelli put the ball in the hands of Porter, who is his All-Ohio running back. Porter, who had been bottled up most of the afternoon, ripped off 17 on the first carry. Then got to the 1, setting up the Roth run. "At the end, Coach (Mike) Sherwood helped make the (play) call," Spigarelli said. "We went wing and ran the toss to the other side. Actually, we just threw that in there. Porter is a man among boys when

more tight end Cole Secrest on a 31-yard touchdown with just 24 seconds to play in regulation. The coaches then traded time outs before Spigarelli sent the kicking team out and Porter connected on the game-tying PAT. "I am happy with how our kids competed from start to finish," Spigarelli said. "Everyone knows this. I didn't like how these kids competed during basketball and baseball last year, so I quit going to the games, but (Saturday) they competed all the way to the end.

Bellaire's Cole Porter runs through defenders during Saturday's game against Cambridge at Nelson Field. Porter knocked through the game-winning extra point to win it for the Big Reds in triple overtime.

Photo by Kristin Mazgaj

There were some good plays and bad plays, but we fought and competed all the way to the end." Roth finished the game 21 of 43 for 208 yards. He threw two touchdowns, including a 34-yarder to senior A.J. McCarthy, who caught six passes for 61 yards, to begin

the scoring the early portion of the third quarter. Porter, who had two big catches on the game-tying drive, finished with 81 yards of offense. Cambridge was led by Jeffrey's 99-yard effort on the ground. Moore finished 17 of 32 for 182 through the air.



Photo by Joe Catullo

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Red Riders Past Petersburg

played the best they have played all year. We tackled better and got more penetration and made things happen in their backfield."

The Vikings opened the game with a Power-T formation and attempted to run the ball right at the Red Riders' defense, but were stuffed early, forcing coach Winson Redman to call the final three quarters with a spread formation. That didn't help much either, as they were able to gain just 36 total yards passing.

"We prepared ourselves with a defense that worked well a couple of weeks ago in the second half against Ankfort (a 28-27 overtime win)," Filberto said. "It worked well against this

from 24 yards out. Reitter's kick gave the Riders a 27-0 halftime lead.

Weir received the kickoff that opened the third quarter and set up shop at their own 35 after the kick rolled out of bounds. Spencer hit McUmar for 13 yards and Gillette for 12 on the first two plays. Later, a Spencer 15-yard run gave the Red Riders a first down at the Petersburg 15.

Gillette was the target of another Spencer pass on the next play, and the rangy senior leaped up in the end zone and snagged the ball with one hand. That score and kick made it 33-0.

"I just saw the ball coming behind me, and I just reached out and caught

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title was any more special than the first two. "When you're a small school like Oak Glen, we play some schools who have freshmen classes bigger than our entire student body. So, to have consistency year-in and year-out in any program in sports is huge.

"So, it's not like it's new. It's still a work in progress. You mold a new team and go from there, but a three-peat is always nice."

Enochs got the scoring started when she took an assist from Jori Alexander and found the back of the net in the 25th minute.

The high-scoring junior made it 2-0 just before the half ended when she banged home a left-footed shot from low in the box to the right of St. Clairsville goalkeeper Jaeda Nowak.

Enochs took a beautiful cross from the right wing by Loveland and tapped it into an empty net behind Nowak early in the second half to complete her natural hat trick. She added a fourth tally in the 71st minute, also off a cross by Loveland.

"If it wasn't for my teammates I wouldn't be where I am today," the soft-spoken

Enochs said. "Every goal has an assist. Our team works super hard, and it paid off."

Alexander completed the scoring off Loveland's third helper.

"We played hard. We just played as really talented team," St. Clairsville coach Wes Stoner said. "They were in the (Class AA) state finals last year. They didn't lose much and they gained one that is pretty good. I think she's a transfer. They're talented and fast every where. It's hard to deal with.

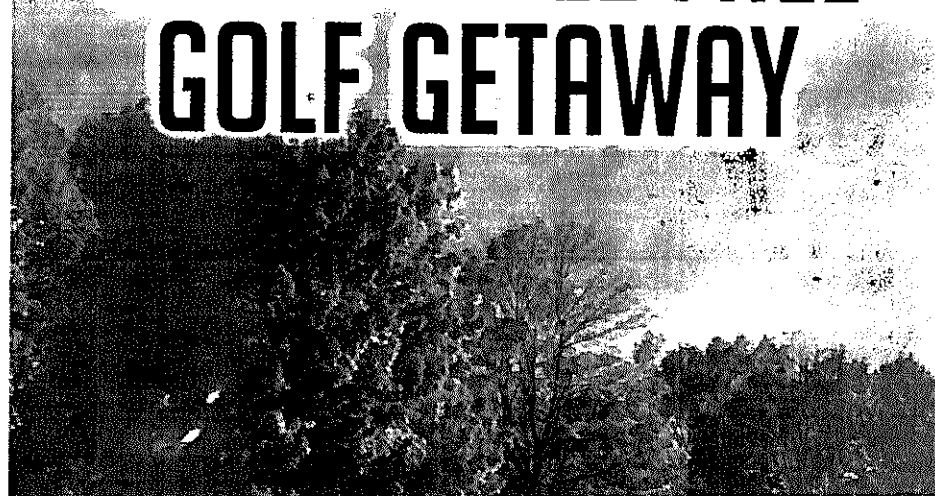
"Just getting to this game was excellent. They (Oak Glen) beat a really talented Beaver Local to get here, and we beat a lot of good teams.

"I tried a new defense to kind of slow down their speed attack. It worked in the first half because they didn't get any break-aways on us, but it kind of eliminated our offensive presence. That's on me. Just a bad decision."

Oak Glen keeper Alexa Andrews stopped two shots to earn the shutout. She gave way between the posts in the waning moments to Mia Ridgeway.



UNBEATABLE FALL GOLF GETAWAY



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Morgantown coach Stirlin Rivers knew he had to disrupt that. And that game plan worked to perfection.

Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium, Morgantown handed Wheeling Park its first loss of the season with a 3-1 victory, claiming the school's first OVAC 5A championship since 2013.

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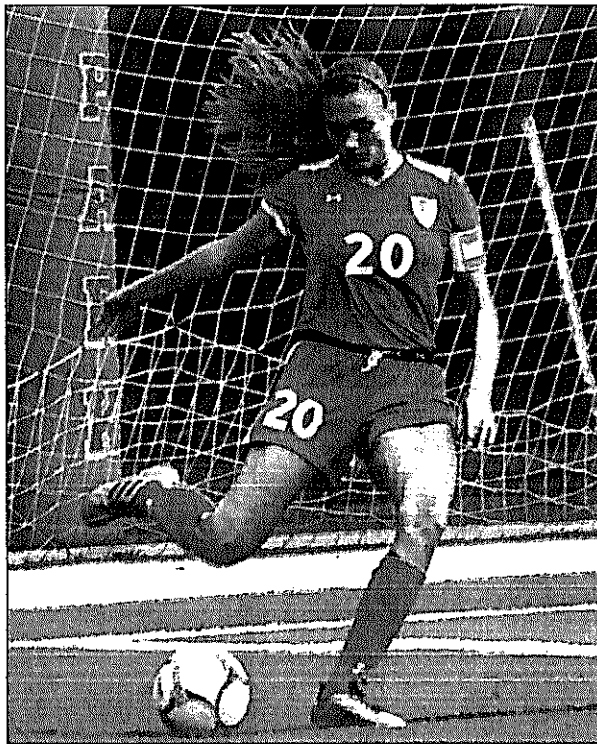


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"I mean, their record indicates that and it's always nice to beat a rival opponent like University."

The Patriots didn't lose their composure. In fact, about 14 minutes later, the No. 1 seed in the Class 5A rankings responded. On the Hawks' (10-4) side of the field, Wheeling Park had a throw-in opportunity and took advantage. With a perfect throw, Chris Romanek secured the equalizer to put the score at 1-1.

"Congratulations to Wheeling Park," University coach Michael Smith said. "They definitely got us when it comes to depth in the team right now and I think that showed. Our guys played hard and left it all out on the field."

"I think toward the end, we may have run out of gas a little bit. We've had two games against them now where we've scored first and the final score has been 2-1. We know we can play with them and these guys know right now, the first thing out of their mouths were they want to make sure we can get somewhere where we can play them again."

In the opening minutes of the second half, the Patriots had a solid shot on goal, but the kick was a little too high as it hit the goal post.

Just more than two minutes later, though, Glass found the back of the net, which proved to be the game winner.

"Andrew is a heckuva athlete, a good soccer player and good field goal kicker," Julian said. "But we're really happy to have Andrew. He's a dy-

namic player and has a lot of foot skill. That's the second time this year he's scored against University. He knows how to get goals against good competition."

University, though, had a great opportunity to tie the game with about 26 minutes left to play. Awarded a direct kick, the Hawks put a good shot on the goal. The ball was just a bit too high as it hit the top of the crossbar.

"It feels good. It feels really good," Julian said about winning the 5A title. "These kids have been working really hard and you see our roster, we start eight seniors. Their goal coming into the season was to win an OVAC championship and get the No. 1 seed in the tournament. So far, we've accomplished that. But the second half of the season starts next week."

Zach Calvert collected four saves while Timmy Bailey secured six.

The Hawks and Patriots also met in last year's title game where the Hawks secured the victory.

"These OVAC games are always tight," Julian said. "Thursday (against Morgantown) was tight. This one was tight and that's to be expected. University was undefeated last year in the regular season and we tied them and sent them to overtime in the championship last year. They were the better team."

"You know that these games stay close because there's a trophy on the line and the kids really enjoy this OVAC tournament. It's a great tournament."

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Brown is the catalyst for Morgantown (10-2-1). The W.Va. Player of the Year candidate scored two goals in leading her team to victory.

"We knew what we needed to do and executed the way we know we can," Brown said. "We had to be aware of their speed up top and just try to shut that down."

"When I get the ball, I have to remember sometimes to just go to goal and take it myself. Find the corner. I practice shooting into the corners every day at practice and I kept that in mind. It is just natural now."

Wheeling Park (11-1-3) couldn't get anything going from the opening whistle.

Morgantown came out attacking and didn't allow the Patriots the space they normally work with. The Mohigans registered the first three shots on goal before finally cashing in.

Alyssa Weaver broke the scoreless tie as she headed in a corner kick from teammate Michaela August past Wheeling Park goalie Jillian Blair in the 16th minute.

Brown showed her skill in the 34th minute, putting the Mohigans up two scores. After stealing the ball from a Park midfielder at the 35-yard line, she turned on the speed, got around a Park defender and beat Blair low to the corner.

"We showed up and didn't play our game, didn't play like we have been playing all year," Wheeling Park coach Carrie Hanna said. "When you play your game and give your best effort and end up on the short end of the stick, it is OK. But when you don't, you feel like you lost twice. You lost the game and you lost the feeling of executing your game plan."

"When we are not possessing and combining and creating and moving off the ball and talking, again, we got away from our game and we can't do that. We have to be disciplined to stick with it no matter what the other team is doing."

The Morgantown momentum continued in the second half as Brown got Goal No. 2 in the 47th minute and killed any thought of a Wheeling Park comeback.

"This was the first step," Rivers said. "We always set short-term goals and long-term goals. Our long term goal is to win states, short time is to win OVACs, then now going to sectionals. We have some tough games coming up with Hurricane and Winfield to see where we are at overall."

"I am excited. We just have to keep working and just keep enjoying this ride. They are enjoying doing the right thing and I like that."

Wheeling Park avoided the shutout with an own goal after Graceelyn Hanna's direct kick was punched away by Morgantown netminder Jessica Jones, but into the back of one of her defenders and back into the net.

After suffering the first loss, Coach Hanna is interested in seeing how her team bounces back with the main goal still ahead of them, especially with a possible rematch with Morgantown lurking.

"This is going to make you or break you," she said. "That is up to the players and the coaches' leadership. Is this going to be something that will get us to the next level with a tough lesson to learn? Or is this going to be something that breaks our confidence? It is not about what happens to you, but how you respond to what happens to you."