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Pairings for OVAC Girls Tourney Released

For The Intelligencer

BELLAIRE - The path to an Ohio 1A, 2A and 3A. The games Valley Athletic Conference girls bas- begin at 10 a.m. and will

ketball championship is set. start every
The basketball committee met Tuesfrom there. day morning to finalize the standings

The tournament opens Monday The Blue Devils, who are with the higher seed in each class the defending champion, will hosting a semifinal. The winners play host to first-time entrar of those games will then play in the Hundred, which is currently 8championship game on Feb. 8 at Ohio University Eastern.

The order of the champion-ship games is Class 4A, 5A, start every two hours

Class 1A

and pairings for next week's Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball the top seed on the Championship.

The tournament opens Monday with the higher seed in each class the defending above play host to first-time entrant, Hundred, which is currently 8-6.

will be on its home court, taking on Tigers were defeated by River each of

currently 10-5, while the Blue Dons check in at 8-8.

Class 2A

er - the two-time defending champ - didn't qualify for the top four.

However, the top seed is one familiar with the top the run-away four and OUE. Shadyside is the top in this class. In the other semifinal, Cameron seed with a solid 15-5 campaign. The

Madonna. The Dragons are the last two seasons in the title games. Standing in the way for Shadyside is fourth-seeded Wheeling Central. The injury-riddled Maroon Knights are 9-9.

In the other half of the bracket, A new champion Steubenville Catholic is the second is guaranteed as Riv-seed and will host Shenandoah. The Crusaders are 10-7, while the Zeps punched a ticket at 11-7.

Class 3A

The lone undefeated team in the conference - Union Local - was the run-away winner for the top seed

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Vargo Sparks Park Past John Marshall

Senior all-stater tallies 32 points

By BUBBA KAPRAL Executive Sports Editor WHEELING — With the

Youngstown State coaching staff in attendance to watch him for the second straight game, Alex Vargo didn't disappoint.

Wheeling Park's 6-foot-6 senior all-stater poured in 32 points in three quarters of action in leading the Patriots to an 81-57 win over John Marshall Tuesday night at the Palace on the Hill.

Vargo, who drained four treys on the night, tallied 20 of his points prior to intermission. He was also 6 of 6

from the stripe. Fellow 6-6 senior Travis Zimmerman was also impressive, pouring in 22 points, 12 coming in the third period. He delivered a pair of rim-rattling slams.

"JM was down a guy or two to start, but our focus was good from the outset. Last week against Brooke I don't think it was there," Park coach Michael Jebbia said. "Alex got us going early and we did all the little things we needed to do. Travis kept it going for us in the third quarter.

"I was happy with our halfcourt defense. Travis is a rim protector and Shaheed (Jackson) delivers great ball pressure which doesn't show up in the box score.

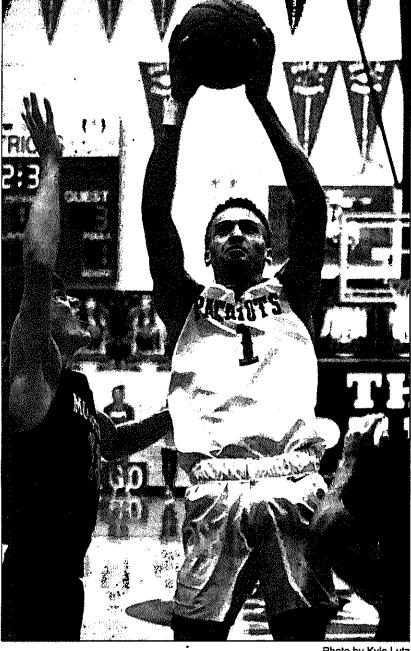


Photo by Kyle Lutz

Wheeling Park's Xavier Morris (1) goes up for a shot while John Mar-Please see VARGO, Page 12 shall's Cole Gilbert defends during Tuesday's game.

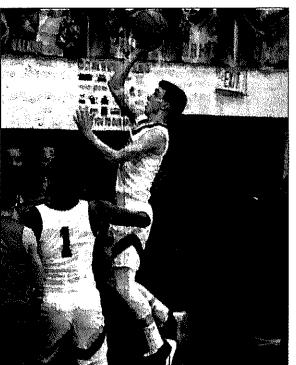


Photo by Cody Tomer

Magnolia senior Jacob Gamble elevates toward the rim for a layup during Tuesday's game against Monroe Central.

Eagles Soar Over Seminoles

By CODY TOMER Staff Writer

NEW MARTINSVILLE - Magnolia coach Dave Tallman let his team know before Tuesday's game that the upcoming contest was pivotal in locking down an OVAC Tournament spot.

The Blue Eagles rose to the occasion.

Behind an impressive 26-point, 10 rebound performance from Qwailei Turner, Magnolia took down Monroe Central 62-43 inside Magnolia's

'We talked about it," Tallman said of possibly clinching an OVAC tournament spot. "I took this as almost like a play-in game for OVAC. I think we clinched (Tuesday). We wanted to get in and we're happy about that. We don't care where we have to go, we'll be ready."

The Blue Eagles are currently fourth in the OVAC Class 3A standings with a 12-3 record, while the Seminoles are sixth at 10-7.

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erry Secures Win

By TRACY WATSON For The Intelligencer spoiling C WHEELING — Winners of festivities.

four games over the last six days,

inated an injury-riddled, state- and know how they feel." ranked Wheeling Central squad at its East Wheeling gym.

ter and Maddie Ging helped points on an injured hip, her first half.

on Coach Skip Prosser Court, basket of the contest the Purple

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 4A leading Martins
Ferry's girls' basketball team is playing its best basketball at the right time of the year.

Tuesday night Coach Dave Reasbeck's Purple Riders traveled across the bridge and down.

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spoiling Central's Senior Night Riders (14-6) scored 12 of the next 14 points to seemingly "I wouldn't say we played take control. Central, however,

eled across the bridge and dom- have been in that situation before final four of the first quarter off of turnovers then putting up the While Maroon Knights' se-ensuing 15 points of the second nior Hannah White was able quarter to extend the lead to 31-Senior guards Shayla Schus- to go, scoring a game-high 23 11 with 3:31 showing in the

the team's pre-practice their coach — and the cessful, and making sure availability Tuesday, way he treats them we do good. The least "but he wants you to be — when they donned we can do is give him yourself and that's the his trademark Hawai- our all."

"There's a certain ous, as evidenced by his way we handle opportunities like this where yard receiving seasons. We're in front of the media," Kelce said during the receiving seasons appreciation for day in making us succeed to the receiving seasons.





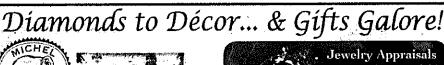
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in a really successful position in a basathletic guys.

and taking care of the ball. I thought we did a nice job early but we couldn't get the lid off the thing on the other end.

"As the game wore on, we got more fatigued and it started to show as we weren't boxing out."

The two teams locked horns in the second but Turner stepped up and made perhaps the biggest play of the game before halftime.

Magnolia had the ball with .7 seconds remaining on the clock when Turner jumped and caught the inbound bers with 13 points and eight boards, pass inside the paint and dropped it while Trevor Williamson bucketed into the basket with a soft touch while four 3-pointers to finish with 12 points. still in mid-air as the horn sounded. He

"Monroe Central has a real nice ketball game when you have tall and team," Tallman said. "They're game is to come out and pressure you full court "We put an emphasis on boxing out and I thought we handled the pressure and taking care of the ball. I thought we really well. When we got our four danice job early but we couldn't get guard set, it's hard to guard when we use the floor as space.

"I'm really happy for our seniors. That's what we talk about in the second half of the season. We talk about the urgency of being a senior. It's their last time around and we have three really good ones (Turner, Gamble, Scheibelhood) and we're going to do the best we can to take us as far as we can."

Gamble neared double-double num-

Talin Babcock paced Monroe Cenwas also fouled on the play and drained tral with 15 points and Auston Hogue the free throw to send his squad into delivered 10.

CENTRAL -

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Central (9-10) could the third quarter, thanks this is another big win for out on the floor, but we in large part to 10 more us on the road at a gym have to take better care led 50-33 with eight The White girls (Hannah) ter who is out there. We minutes to play. Sedid a great job for them have to get better, if we nior Richella Spielvogel also, even though she don't turn the ball over shared team honors with was banged up.' 16 points, scoring nine of

get any closer than 15.
"My two guard

"We just won at Steu-

Ging also tallied 16 those in the fourth quar- for Martins Ferry while ter, while battling foul Jaden Stalder chipped in fix. That's where I realtrouble all night long. 14 and Maria Clark add-Hannah White also ed 10. The Purple Riders had a big frame for the grabbed a slim 27-25 cause they can help settle Knights, scoring 13 of her edge off the glass but had everyone down. We still 23. The Purple Riders ex- 11 fewer turnovers (22) have a chance to get bettended the lead to as many than their hosts. Hannah ter, but we are not going as 21 over the final eight White was Central's only to get much practice beminutes while the Maroon double-figure scorer on fore traveling to Bealls-Knights was not able to the night while Tristan ville Thursday night."

do what they do, and we Coach Penn Kurtz said. in the OVAC Class 4A need them to keep doing "But we battled back a tournament and Wheelit," Reasbeck said. "It's little in the first quarter ing Central traveling to getting real now and we and then turn the ball Shadyside to take on the have a lot to look forward over a couple times to Tigers in the Class 2A close it out.

"It's tough when you get no closer than 13 in benville (Monday) and have to throw freshmen miscues, as the visitors that is tough to play in. of the basketball no mat-33 times we might still at

least be in the game.
"But it's things we can ly miss having all of my seniors on the floor because they can help settle

get any closer than 15.

"My two guards,
Schuster and Ging, both went out and were able to do what they do, and we need them to keep doing it." Peasback said "It's little in the first quarter ing Central traveling to event.

Pairings -

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19-0 record against a sol- erpool for the final bid. id Monroe Central com-

losses came to the Jets. Lady Reds have been one Devils last winter. of the area's most im-

The Jets, who won years. Ferry, which won the season with their only back-to-back titles in its last conference title in loss coming to Union Lo-Class 4A in 2016 and 2009, will play host to cal last weekend.

A rematch of the 2019 other half of the brack- hoisted the trophy in OVAC title game is on et when second-seeded tap for the other semifi- Beaver Local welcomes tap for the other semifinal. Defending champion St. Clairsville. Behind Bellaire, in the field for a sterling performance the fourth straight season, from West Liberty-bound will make the trek to Fort Jenna Riccardo, the Bearing as the second single season and the second state of the Bearing Park, which won the 2017 title and was defeated by University as season ago, is back in the mix as the second state of the Bearing Park, which won the 2017 title and was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was defeated by University as the second state of the Bearing Park, which was the second state of the Beari Frye, which is 16-2. The vers knocked off the Red seed. The Patriots come

Beaver is currently 9-7 proved teams, winning on the season, while the University. 10 of their last 12. Red Devils are 10-8. The Havening teams of the season, while the University.

rently 12-6 on the sea- standings all season and ago when they began the son. The Purple Riders are now officially the top tourney. This, too, is a

2017, will begin chase of fourth-seeded Oak Glen, The Redskins will take the 3A crown with their which overtook East Liv- on fourth-seeded Weir High, which qualified The Golden Bears are with a 10-6 record. The bine. The Seminoles are 8-7 on the season. Red Riders haven't won 15-4, but half of those A rematch of the 2019 an OVAC title since title game is on tap for the 1996, while Creek last 2010.

in at 15-2 on the season.

Park will welcome 9-5

The Hawks are the Class 4A

Class 5A

defending 5A champimartins Ferry garnered
Indian Creek has one and ironically were
the top seed and are cursat atop the big-school the fourth seed a season
rently 12-6 on the season standings of are in the top four for seed. The Redskins are rematch of last winter's the first time in several an impressive 17-1 on title game.

Vargo -

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Morgantown."
Park, rated fifth in the latest WVS-Thursday.

They (Park) are primed to make a entire fourth quarter. run at Morgantown and University. Park is playing very well right now," John Marshall coach Chad Clutter said. "Park is well-coached.

They can work an outside game. It will be interesting to see how they do in sectionals and regionals.

"We have another month to try and kind of outmanned at this point."

"We got some big boys coming up immediately, rolling to a 21-5 advanin Parkersburg South, University and tage after one quarter. Vargo ignited the surge with 11 points.

The hosts stretched their advantage SAC Class AAA rankings, improved to 44-15 at intermission. The Patriots to 11-3. The Patriots host South this surged to a 73-38 advantage after three frames. Jebbia emptied his bench the

Athletic senior Xavier Morris chipped in with 12 points for Park. Jackson snared seven rebounds for the winners while Vargo and Zimmerman "They can work the inside game. each grabbed five boards. Junior point guard D.J, Saunders again stuffed the stat sheet with six assists, four rebounds and two steals.

"We had some positives (Tuesday). get things squared away. We got some Justin had a good night shooting while younger guys who play hard and with heart, and hopefully that carries over the next couple of years. We are just "Zach Bishop played with a lot of heart and had personal best seven points. We

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necticut ESPNU — Memphis at Central 8:30 p.m. BTN - Indiana at Penn State

FS1 — Marquette at Xavier SECN — South Carolina at Arkansas 9 p.m. ACCN — Louisville at Boston College CBSSN — San Diego State at

New Mexico New Mexico
ESPNU — Baylor at Iowa State
11 p.m.
ESPNU — Arizona State at
Washington State
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOM-EN'S)
12 p.m.

12 p.m. NBCSN — Richmond at Massa-

GOLF 3 a.m. (Thursday) GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Sau-di International, First round, King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi

NBA BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m. ESPN — Detroit at Brooklyn 10 p.m. ESPN — Houston at Portland NHL HOCKEY 7:30 p.m.

NBCSN - Nashville at Washington 10 p.m. NBCSN — Tampa Bay at Los

SOCCER (MEN'S)

2:40 p.m.

NBCSN — Premier League: Liverpool at West Ham

SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

5:30 p.m.
FS2 — CONCACAF Olympic
Qualifying Tournament: Canada
vs. Saint Kitts and Navis, Edinburg, Texas

8 p.m.
FS2 — CONCACAF Olympic
Qualifying Tournament: Mexico vs. Jamaica, Edinburg, Texas TENNIS

2 p.m.
ESPN2 — The Australian Open:
Men's Quarterfinals, Melbourne,
Australia (taped)

7 p.m.
TENNIS — The Australian Open: Doubles Match, Melbourne, Australia

10 p.m. ESPN2 — The Australian Open: Women's Semifinals, Melbourne,

OVAC Pairings

Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championships Championship Semilinals Class 1A Hundred at Beallsville

Madonna at Cameron
Class 2A
Wheeling Central at Shadyside
Shenandoah at Steubenville Cath-

Class 3A

Monroe Central at Union Local Bellaire at Fort Frye Class 4A Oak Glen at Martins Ferry St. Clairsville at Beaver Local Class 5A Weir at Indian Creek

Class 5A
Weir at Indian Creek
University at Wheeling Park
Consolation Pairings

Morgantown at Linsly Buckeye Local at Cambridge Steubenville at John Marshall Edison at Brooke

Edison at Prooke
Harrison at Conotton Valley
East Liverpool at Magnolia
Barnesville at Toronto
Buckeye Trail at River
Trinity at Valley
Clay-Battelle at Frontier
Princeport at Pades City

Clay-Battelle at Frontier
Bridgeport at Paden City
Wednesday
Caldwell at Buckeye Trail
Thursday
Conotton Valley at Bridgeport
John Marshall at Morgantown
Brooke at Buckeye Local Brooke at Buckeye Local Cambridge at Steubenville Linsly at East Liverpool River at Clay-Battelle Toronto at Harrison Central Magnolia at Edison Frontier at Barnesville Paden City at Trinity Valley at Caldwell

Australian Upen

Australian Open Results Wednesday At Melbourne Park Melbourne, Australia Purse: AUD71,000,000 Surface: Hardcourt outdoor (AP) — Results Wednesday from Australian Open at Melbourne Park (seedings in parentheses): Women's Singles Quarterfinals

Simona Halep (4), Romania, def. Anett Kontaveit (28), Estonia,

6-1, 6-1. Garbine Muguruza, Spain, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (30), Russia, 7-5, 6-3. Women's Doubles

Semifinals
Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic, and Hsieh Su-wei (1), Taiwan, def. Barbora Krejcikova and Katerina Siniakova (4), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-3.

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Quarterfinals
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Jamie Murray, Britain, def. Zheng Saisai, China, and Joran Vliegen, Belgium, 6-3,

Cameron 77, Bridgeport 32 B — Dulesky 0 1-2 1; Jackson 0 0-0 0; Sommer 1 0-2 2; Kelly 1 0-0 2; C. Williams 0 3-6 3; O'Kernick 1 2; C. Williams 0 3-6 3; O'Kernick 1 3-7 5; E. Williams 3 0-0 6; Stanton 0 0-0 0; Gregorcic 2 0-0 6; Sauvagcot 1 1-3 3; Aubrey 0 0-0 0; Shaheen 2 0-0 4. Totals: 11 8-20 32.

C. — Scott 6 0-0 12; L. Burkett 3 0-0 7; Powell 2 0-0 4; C. Burkett 1 0-0 2; Bogard 0 0-0 0; O'Neil 0 0-0 0; Clutter 4 0-0 8; Jessop Broughton 7 2-4 17; Neely 5 0-0 13; Beresford 4 2-2 10; Howard 0 0-0 0; Clutter 1 0-0 2; Box 0 0-0 0; O'Necauley 1 0-0 2-0 No 0-0

0-0 0; McCauley 1 0-0 2; Day 0 0-0 0; VanTassell 0 0-0 0; Bryan 1 0-0 2.

Totals: 34 4-6 77.

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Union Local 65, Brooke 48
U — McCort 0 0-0 0; M.
Bateman 1 0-0 2; Merritt 6 0-0 18;
Meyer 4 4-4 15; Z. Bateman 2 8-8
12; Martin 5 2-2 13; Loase 2 1-1 5;
Hess 0 0-0 0; Latham 0 0-0 0; Porter
0 0-0 0. Totals: 20 15-15 65.
B — Anderson 0 1-2 1; Isinghood 6 1-3 14; Sperlazza 2 3-4
8; Lilly 5 3-4 14; Coursin 0 0-0 0;
Brown 2 4-4 9; Buckmelter 1 0-0 2;
Silver 0 0-1 0. Totals: 16 12-18 48.

Silver 0 0-1 0. Totals: 16 12-18 48.

3-Point Goals: Merritt 6, Meyer
3, Martin; Isinghood, Lilly.
Union Local 13 14 14 24 — 65
Brooke 6 8 18 16 — 48

L — Donovic 0 0-0 0; Murray 3 0-0 9; Taylor 4 1-2 10; Coleman 4 0-2 8; Kelley 3 0-1 6; Tush 2 5-6 10; Dilorenzo 0 3-4 3. Totals: 16 9-15

0-0 6; Smith 0 0-0 0; Chetock 4 0-0 10; Cunningham 0 0-0 0; Hilditch 2 2-4 6; Reed 2 0-0 5; Kiddeg 0 3-4 3.

Linsly 11 9 19 7 — 46 Beav. Local 5 9 9 13 — 36 Oak Glen 64, Madonna 60

M — Secrist 8 8 8 24; Sessi 1 0-0 2; Boniti 8 4-7 22; Amaismeier 1 0-0 2; Pulice 4 1-2 10. Totals: 22 12-17-60

O — Gage Patterson 3 3-3 11; Perez 4 3-4 11; Allison 1 0-0 2; Tay-lor 8 2-3 21; Clark 5 2-4 12; Mineard

1-1 5; Howard 1 0-0 2. Totals: 24 1-15 64.

3-Point Goals: Boniti 2, Pulice;

3-Point Goals: Murray 3, Tay-

Totals: 13 5-8 36.

lor, Tush.

13-17 60.

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Brooke 6 8 to 10 Linsly 46, Beaver Local 36 Linsly 46, Beaver Local 36 Murra

3-Point Goals: Boniti 2, Pulice; Patterson 2, Taylor 3. Madonna 13 13 21 13 — 60 Oak Glen 11 19 20 13 — 64 Shadyside 65, Bellaire 43 S — Beckett 1 0·0 2; Vannest 0·0·0 0; Shepherd 0·0·0 0; Joseph 1·0·0 2; James 0·0·0 0; Murphy 0·0·0 0; Parr 1 0·0·2; Brock 1 0·0·2; Hendershot 7 1·2·15; Visnic 4 1·2·9; Amos 15 3·4 33. Totals: 30 5·8 65. B — Rejonis 0·0·0 0; Ward 3 4·5·10; Cash 0·0·0 0; Bellville 0·0·0 0; Wilson 5·0·0 01; McCarthy 1 0·0·0 2; Littell 1 0·0·2; Zwack 6·3·4 17; Rhodes 1 0·0·2 Totals: 17 7·9 43. 3-Point Goals: Zwack 2.

3-Point Goals: Zwack 2.
Shadyside 13 6 23 23 — 65
Bellaire 14 7 14 8 — 43
Steubenville 57, Indian Creek 40
S — Kernahan 3 1-2 7; Jones 2
0-0 4; Sawyer 3 0-0 6; Gresko 1 2-2
S: Birkersteff 4 3,6 11; Zimmerman

0-0 4; Sawyer 3 0-0 6; Gresko 1 2-2 5; Bickerstaff 4 3-6 11; Zimmerman 3 2-4 8; Krause 3 0-0 7; Owens 0 0-0 0; Rook 1 0-0 3; Jackson 0 1-2 1; McCoy 2 1-2 5; Wickham 0 0-0 0. Totals: 22 10-18 57.

I — Francis 0 0-0 0; M. Kuczykowski 1 0-2 2; L. Kuczykowski 2 7-12 12; Williams 0 0-0 0; Irizarry 1 0-0 2; Wright 1 0-0 2; Vandine 4 4-4 15; Schaeffer 3 0-2 6; Rothacker 0 1-2 1. Totals: 12 12-22: 40.

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3-Point Goals: Gresko, Rook,
Krause: Vandine 3, L. Kuczykow-

Steubenville 11 21 16 9 — 57 Indian Creek 15 7 12 6 — 40

Indian Creek 15 7 12 6 — 40
Weir 53, Edison 40
E — Woods 4 0-0 8; Connelly
0 2-2 2; Sanders 1 0-0 2; Moses 1
0-0 2; Cline 3 1-3 7; Hanchin 0 1-2
1; McBane 3 6-9 13; Pugh 2 0-0 5.
Totale: 14 10-16 40 Totals: 14 10-16 40. W — Spencer 0

W — Spencer 0 0-0 0; McUmar 31-19; Reitter 0 0-0 0; Gillette 35-6 11; Cross 2 3-4 7; Jackson 1 0-0 2; Nosko 2 0-3 4; Keliy 0 2-2 2; Nutter 2 2-3 6; Milula 5 0-0 12. Totals: 18

3-Point Goals: McBane, Pugh;

3-Point Goals: McBane, Pugh;
McUmar 2, Mikula 2.
Edison 10 7 12 11 — 40
Weir 8 12 17 16 — 53
Buckeye Local 79, Barnesville 74
B — Hines 4 0-0 9; Johnson 0
0-2 0; Hudson 1 1-2 4; K.Powell 3
2-2 10; Skinner 0 0-0 0; Hunkler 1
0-0 3; G.Hannahs 3 2-4 11; L. Powell 10 12-16 37. Totals: 22 17-26 74.
BL — Taylor 6 2-6 17; Novak 0
0-0 0; McHugh 2 0-1 4; Pielech 1
0-0 2; Moffo 2 0-0 4; Mayle 3 0-0 6;
Grabits 6 2-4 16; Best 1 0-0 3; Watt
0 0-0, 0; Brown 1 0-0 3; L.Darrah 5
2-3 12; H.Darrah 6 0-2 12. Totals:

33 6-16 79. 3-Point Goals: L. Powell 5, G.Hannahs 3, Hunkler, K. Powell 2, Hudson, Hines; Taylor 3, Grabits 2, Best, Brown.

Beallsville 70, Valley 61 V — Baker 6 2-3 16; Salterfield 6 5-6 19; Anderson 1 0-0 3; Bassett 1 1-2 3; Shannon 2 0-0 6; Streets 2 1-2 5; L.Bassett 4 0-0 9. Totals:

2 1-2 5; L.Bassett 4 0-0 9. Totals: 22 9-13 61. B — Brown 5 0-0 15; Phillips 8 0-0 17; Schnegg 1 0-2 2; Ludwig 5 2-2 13; Baker 8 5-5 21; Jarrett 1 0-0 2; Bettrand 0 0-0 0; Nalley 0 0-0 0. Totals: 28 7-9 70.

3-Point Goals: V — Baker, Sat-terfield 2, Anderson, Shannon; B — Brown 5, Phillips, Ludwig.

17 3 20 10 5 15 442 29.467 416 26.000 250 17.857 Hundred

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Prep Swimming

Linsly 100, Edison 43 Edison 87, St. John's Central 17

200 Relay: Linsly A (Lofgren, Thomas, Ridenhour, Buff), 2:14.33. 200 Free: Nagel (L), 2:24.36. 200 IM: M. Behm (L), 2:52.90. 50 Free: Carpenter (Ed), 28.29. 100 Butterfly: A. Behm (L), 1:14.69. 100 Free: Duran (L), 1:08.59. 500 Free: A. Behm (L), 5:53.02. 200 Free Relay: Linsly A (Buff, Nagel, A. Behm, Ridenhour), 1:55.29. 100 Backstroke: Lofgren (L), 1:13.47. 100 Breaststroke: Thomas (L), 1:25.58. 400 Free Relay: Linsly A (A. Behm, Nagel, Lofgren, Theaker), 4:27.64. Boys
Linsly 100, Edison 4
200 Relay: Linsly A (Colloca-Bianchi, Zwicker, Yuan, Suchoza), 1:53.25. 200 Free: McCready (L), 2:13.42. 200 IM: Papadimitriou (L), 200 Relay: Linsly A (Lofgren,

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MEC SOFTBALL

SOFTBALL 2020 MEC Coaches' Preseason Poll North Division

1. West Liberty (10) 65 2. Fairmont State (2) 57 3. Notre Dame 43 4. Frostburg State 32 5. Urbana 28 6. Wheeling 21 South Division

1. W.Va. State (10) 65 2. Concord (1) 49 3. Charleston 45 W.Va, Wesleyan (1) 44 Davis & Elkins 22

FOOTBALL MOVES

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS
Named Andrew Berry executive
vice president of football oper-

ations and general manager. Signed FB Johnny Stanton to a reserve/future contract.
DENVER BRONCOS — Named

Mike Shula quarterbacks coach. HOUSTON TEXANS — Named

Bill O'Brien general manager in addition to his duties as coach. Promoted executive vice president of team development Jack Easter-by to executive vice president of football operation. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

- Announced the retirement of offensive line coach Dante Scar-

Tonight's Games Philadelphia 115, Golden State Charlotte 97, New York 92 Toronto 130, Atlanta 114 New Orleans 125, Cleveland 111 Beston 109, Miami 101

Memphis 104, Denver 96 Milwaukee 151, Washington 131 Phoenix 133, Dallas 104 L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, ppd Wednesday's Games

Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m. Detroit at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. Memphis at New York, 7:30 p.m. Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Houston at Portland, 10 p.m. Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 10 p.m. Thursday's Games

Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m. Toronto at Cleveland, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Golden State at Boston, 8 p.m. Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. Utah at Denver, 10:30 p.m. Friday's Games

Toronto at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Denver at Milwaukee, 9 p.m. Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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Monday's Games

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New Jersey 4, Ottawa 3, SO

Dallas 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT

Toronto 5, Nashville 2

Vancouver 3, St. Louis 1 San Jose 4, Anaheim 2 Tuesday's Games

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Calgary at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
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AREA NOTES

Softball Umpire
Training Class Slated
A training class to become registered as a high school softball umpire
in both Ohio and West Virginia will
begin on Sunday, Feb. 2 and run seven consecutive weeks. The classes on Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1 and 22 will run from noon until 1:30 p.m., while the class on March 15 will go from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at Wheeling University. For more information, please contact Tom Bechtel at 304-639-6236 or via email at recbear@comcast.net, or Bob Gabel at 304-281-5656 or via email at bobref@gmail.com SJC Academy Softball Camp

St. John Central Academy in Bellaire is holding "Softball Camp 2020." It will consist of three Sun-2020." It will consist of three Sundays, focusing on fundamentals. The camp will be conducted on Feb. 9, Feb. 16 and Feb. 23. It will be held in the high school gym. The camp will be split into two sessions. Grades 1-4 will go from noon to 2 p.m. while grades 5-8 will go from 3-5 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$20 which includes an awards ceremony and T-shirt. In addition to fundamentals the addition to fundamentals, the camp will feature practice with pitchers and batting practice. For more information or to register, call 740-921-9220.

HUNDKED - Cody ell's 10 points. Soles tallied 18 points, Beallsville 70, Valley 61 12 rebounds and six blocks to pace Hundred, Adam Baker reached 21 but the Hornets fell to Clay-Battelle.

Logan Norris supplied ley. 14 points for the Hornets (9-4).

Union Local 65 Brooke 48 WELLSBURG

Luke Merritt paced Union Local with 18 points in a victory against the Lumberjacks with 19 Brooke. Nathan Meyer (15), Andrew Martin provided 16. (13) and Matt Bateman (12) all scored in double figures for the Jets.

Alex Lilly tallied 14 points to lead the way for Regan Smith tallied nine Brooke.

Oak Glen 64 Madonna 60

NEW CUMBER-LAND - Four Oak Glen players scored in double figures as it defeated Madonna. Zach Taylor erated nine points but paced the Golden Bears (8-7) with 21 points while Jacob Clark netted 12. Gage Patterson and Blake Perez each had 11.

The Blue Dons (8-6) were led by Brennan Secrist with his 24-point Pulice had 10 points.

Shadyside 65 Bellaire 43

BELLAIRE - Bryce Amos secured a gamehigh 33 points while Kelly Hendershot supplied Linsly Men's 200 free-15 as Shadyside defeated style relay team of Fred-Bellaire.

and Owen Ward had 10. Steubenville 57

Indian Creek 40 Calvin Bickerstaff con- record of 1:34.62.

BEALLSVILLE points as he led Beallsville to victory over Val-

Dakota Phillips turned in 17 points for the Blue Devils, while Wyatt Brown accounted for 15 and Kolin Ludwig added

Abe Satterfield paced points and Ryan Baker

GIRLS

St. Marys 56 Tyler Consolidated 36

SISTERSVILLE points in a Tyler Consolidated loss to St. Marys. Wood Co. Christian 39

Paden City 34 PADEN CITY McKenzie Thomas and Raven Fulks each gen-Paden City fell to Wood County Christian.

SWIMMING Girls Linsly 100 Edison 43 Edison 87, St. John's Central Academy 17

WHEELING - Alex performance while Evan Behm charted wins in Boniti tallied 22. Lucky the butterfly (1:14.69) Pulice had 10 points. and the 500 (5:53.02) to help lift Linsly over Edison.

> Boys Linsly 100 Edison 4 WHEELING - The

erico Bianchi, Luke For the Big Reds, Da- Zwicker, Bernie Suchoza vid Zwack had 17 points and WIlliam Yuan broke the 29 year old pool record in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of WINTERSVILLE - 1:34.33, breaking the old

Senators Snap 7-Game Road Skid

snapped a seven-game touched in his crease. road skid with a 5-2 win Blues 5, Flames 4, SO over the Buffalo Sabres on Tuesday night. Tyler Ennis had a goal

and assist and Jean-Gabriel Pageau also scored for Ottawa, which had gone 0-4-3 on the road since a 5-2 win at Edmonton on Dec. 4. Mark Borowiecki sealed the victory by blocking Marcus Johansan empty net with 2:06 to improve to 23-8-5. remaining, Nikita Zaitsev ter with 6 seconds left.

lowed 22 goals.

Sabres captain Jack also scored for Buffalo, achuk missed their tries. which was playing its In a wild back-and-first game following a forth game in which both 10-day layoff.

put weight on his right period.

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) leg in being helped off - Mike Reilly scored the ice with 9:32 left in the go-ahead goal 8:48 the third period. Ullmark, into the third period, who stopped 17 of 20 and the Ottawa Senators shots, was hurt while un-

> CALGARY, Alberta (AP) - David Perron and Ryan O'Reilly scored in the shootout to give the St. Louis Blues a win over the Calgary Flames.

Perron, Alex Steen, Jaden Schwartz and Zach Sanford scored in regulation for the Blues, who got their first win the son's point shot and then tiebreaker in four games banking the puck off the this season. Jordan Binboards and scoring into nington stopped 27 shots

Sean Monanan scored added another empty net- twice, and Matthew Tkachuk and Mark Jankows-Craig Anderson stopped ki also had goals for the 37 shots to snap an 0-4-1 Flames, who were 5-0 in skid during which he al- shootouts. Cam Talbot finished with 30 saves.

Perron and O'Reilly Eichel scored his ca- scored on St. Louis' first reer-best 29th of the sea- two shootout attempts, son and Sam Reinhart while Monahan and Tk-

teams blew two leads, St. Sabres starter Linus Louis tied it 4-4 less than Ullmark was unable to a minute into the third

of its last six.

"We're growing up as the season moves along. We were able to weather the storm, so to speak, and and handle a run.

"In the past, we might've folded. But we're trying to change the culture around here and the kids have bought in. When things go our way they just happen to click for us."

Hayden Taylor scored 17 points and Cameron Grabits added 16 as the Panthers (6-10) went on a 16-0 run early in the fourth quarter to go up 12, only to watch Powell almost single-handedly bring Barnesville back in it.

Kason Powell, who had 10 points, hit a pair of free throws for the Shamrocks with 3:57 left cutting their deficit to 10, then Luke took over.

The elder Powell, who finished with a gamehigh 37 points, hit back-to-back 3s making the

Jacob Pielech answered for the Panthers with layup, but Powell came back with five straight with 2:06 left.

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T-L Photo/RICK THORP

points, as Buckeye Local's lead dwindled to one

BUCKEYE LOCAL'S Hunter Darrah looks to make an outlet pass during Tuesday The Shamrocks' luck ran out there, as the night's game against Barnesville. Darrah scored 12 points in the Panthers' 79-74 victory.

"Just play our game, play hard and just go after it. Play like we are capable and it starts at the defensive end. Get after them at the defensive end and the offense is just going to come," Andes said.

"I thought, in the first half we had (the tempo) to our liking, "Bellaire coach J.R Battista said. "They (Shadyside) are a pretty good team. They have a lot of weapons on offense, a lot of guys who can pass, catch and shoot, and that's a good combination. I thought we had it to our liking, and then we scored the first bucket to start the half, and I thought maybe we could spread it out on them a little bit, but then their pressure bothered us. We can't give up layups to people. There is no defense to a steal, lay-up. It's a problem, but we tried hard. They made more plays.

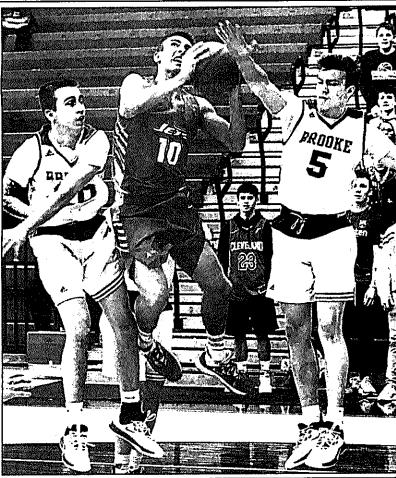
Shadyside (12-5) opened the game

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UNION LOCAL'S Andrew Martin goes up for a shot as Brooke's Dalton Anderson (00) (5) defend during

and Alex Isinghood Tuesday's game in Wellsburg, Martin scored 13 points and the Jets picked up a 65-48 win.

T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY



Union Local stays hot with win at Brooke

By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

WELLSBURG - Union Local has been one of the hottest teams in the Ohio Valley.

The Jets came into Tuesday night's trip to the gorgeous Brooke High Wellness Center as winners of nine of their last 10, but head coach Zach Delman warned his players that they couldn't afford to take their foot off the gas against a struggling Brooke squad, which has just one win.

Outside of a few minute stretch in the second half when Brooke actually got within seven, the message was well received.

And after the Bruins threatened, the Jets accelerated once again and went on for a 65-48 victory.

We try to approach every game like they all have the same magnitude to them, and I thought we had a good start," Delman said. "I thought we got outworked in the second half. It was the little things, too. The things we talk about all the time. I think we started

to take things for granted. Little things can add up and have big results.'

They actually did on both ends of spectrum for the Jets. The Bruins, who scored just 14 points in the first half, forced turnovers, were active on the glass and shot the ball much better in he second half.

However, they never got any closer than seven because Luke Merritt got free behind the arc. An adept 3-point shooter, Merritt connected on six treys for the game, but his biggest two came on back-to-back possessions to thwart the Bruins spurt.

Once our kids settled in (against their zone), and got to the spots on the floor they should have been, rather than just random spots, we hit some open shots," Delman said.

Merritt, who finished with a gamehigh 18 points, ignited what became a -7 run to end the game.

"Luke started strong by hitting two and then we got him some looks in the fourth and he hit them," Delman said. "Nate Meyer played well, Zach

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Ferry girls race past Wheeling CC, 69-52

By TRACY WATSON

For The Times Leader

WHEELING - Winners of four games over the last six days, Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 4A leading Martins Ferry's girls' basketball team is playing its best basketball at the right time of the year.

Tuesday night Coach Dave Reasbeck's Purple Riders traveled across the bridge and dominated an injury-riddled, state-ranked Wheeling Central squad at its East Wheeling

Senior guards Shayla Schuster and Maddie Ging helped force 33 Maroon Knight turnovers while four players hit double-figures in the scoring column and Ferry used a 19-0 first half run to take control on its way to a 69-52 victory on Coach Skip Prosser Court, spoiling Central's Senior Night festivities.

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Photo/CODY TOMER

MONROE CENTRAL'S Austin Hogue catches a pass during Tuesday's game against Magnolia in New Martinsville.

Monroe comes up short at Magnolia

By CODY TOMER

For The Times Leader

NEW MARTINSVILLE - Magnolia coach Dave Tallman let his team know before Tuesday's game that the upcoming contest was pivotal in locking down an OVAC Tournament spot.

The Blue Eagles rose to the occasion.

Behind an impressive 26-point, 10 rebound performance from Qwailei Turner, Magnolia took down Monroe Central 62-43 inside Magnolia's gymnasium.
"We talked about it," Tallman said of possible clinching

an OVAC tournament spot. "I took this as almost like a play-in game for OVAC. I think we clinched (Tuesday). We wanted to get in and we're happy about that. We don't care where we have to go, we'll be ready.

The Blue Eagles are currently fourth in the OVAC Class

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Brackets set for OVAC girls basketball tournev

By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

BELLAIRE — The path to an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference girls basketball championship is set.

The basketball committee met Tuesand pairings for next week's Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championship.

will then play in the championship Hundred, which is currently 8-6. game on Feb. 8 at Ohio University Eastern.

The order of the championship games is Class 4A, 5A, 1A, 2A and day morning to finalize the standings 3A. The games begin at 10 a.m. and will start every two hours from there.

Class 1A The tournament opens Monday with the strength of a 17-3 record. The Blue four.

the higher seed in each class hosting a Devils, who are the defending champisemifinal. The winners of those games on, will play host to first-time entrant,

> donna. The Dragons are currently 10-5, while the Blue Dons check in at 8-8. Class 2A

as River - the two-time defending are 9-9. Beallsville garnered the top seed on champ - didn't qualify for the top

However, the top seed - Shadyside is one familiar with the top four and OUE. The Tigers earned their spot In the other semifinal, Cameron will with a solid 15-5 campaign. The Tibe on its home court, taking on Ma- gers were defeated by River each of the last two seasons in the title games.

Standing in the way for Shadyside is fourth-seeded Wheeling Central. A new champion is guaranteed The injury-riddled Maroon Knights

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winning the tip and putting for-half for the Big Reds, putting the hosts teams emptied their benches over the ward a balanced offense behind Bryce up by a 23-19 count, but the Tigers course of the quarter, with Shadyside said. "They bought in.

Still, Zwack, Owen Ward and second on a bucket from Amos. In ad-Creed Rhodes found the basket after dition to the Tigers' defense waking Trenton Wilson's opening bucket for up, Amos was a machine in the third, the Big Reds to put the hosts back hitting six field goals and netting 15 floor and Wilson kicked the ball out to 14-13 after one.

struggle from the floor as each team managed just three field goals apiece in the quarter, with Zwack hitting two seven after three, 42-35. for Bellaire and Jacob Visnic hitting a pair of buckets off the bench for the Tigers. The half ended with Bellaire leading, 21-19.

Parr, while Bellaire (3-14) took a few swarming the Reds and taking the lead trips down the floor to find its rhythm. back for good at the 6:39 mark of the

All told, the Tigers forced 10 Bel-Zwack, who swished a 3 pointer just laire turnovers, nine of which came via before the buzzer to put the hosts up steals, including four from Parr. The hosts were able to stay as close as five The second period saw both teams nearing the end of the period, however timely shots from Hendershot and 15 points, five steals, three assists and Visnic pushed the Tigers lead back to a block for the Belmont County Ben-

> Shadyside's offense ran through Hendershot and Amos in the fourth, as threes to lead Bellaire. Ward added 10. the pair combined for 16 points, while Bellaire was guilty of 18 turnovers Shadyside held Bellaire to three field compared to eight by the Tigers, who

Amos, Kelly Hendershot and Tyler utilized a calculated defensive attack, continuing to pressure Bellaire, sealing the 65-43 victory.

Amos finished with a double-double, scoring 33 points while dominating the inside with 14 rebounds and out." three blocks.

This was great for him (Amos) beinto it. In the waning moments of the of the Shadyside's 23 third quarter cause he finally got his confidence in the second half. He spun right and left Amos' efforts on the evening.

Hendershot filled the stat-sheet with

Zwack netted 17 including a pair of

Ward hit the first shot of the second goals over the final eight minutes. Both held an edge on the glass 37-23.

"Our kids just turned things up defensively," Heaton

"And toward the end of the third and into the fourth, our guards did a better job of getting (our bigs) the ball and pushing it and finding the open guy. When they started to press us they finished the job inside. That really helped us

Luke Powell broke a 51-all tie after three by scoring four straight points to begin the fourth. From that point, the Panthers went on their game-altering run. Taylor scored eight points during the surge.

and he just did a great job. He played very confidently, which was good to see," Andes said when asked about steeth to help us out and some points for us."

"He made some big shots," Heaton said. "He's finally hitting his groove. We're going to need him down the stretch to help us out and store points for us."

Johnson looked to Taylor as one of the spark plugs that churned the Panthers' offensive engine, one he said was purring at maximum efficiency, while his team's was struggling to churn consistently.

"I don't have a lot of answers right now," he said regarding his team's recent struggles. "It's a frustrating game when stuff like this happens. Give them a lot of credit. I thought they shot it as good as I've seen them on film all

"It went for them, and not enough for us."

OVAC

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Steubenville Catholic is the second ning 10 of their last 12. seed and will host Shenandoah. The Crusaders are 10-7, while the Zeps punched a ticket at 11-7.

Class 3A

conference - Union Local - was the run-away winner for the top seed

The Jets, who won back-to-back Liverpool for the final bid. titles in Class 4A in 2016 and 2017, will begin chase of the 3A crown with season. their 19-0 record against a solid Monroe Central combine. The Seminoles

game is on tap for the other semifinal. field for the fourth straight season, will make the trek to Fort Frye, which is son, while the Red Devils are 10-8. 16-2. The Lady Reds have been one of

In the other half of the bracket, the area's most improved teams, win-

Class 4A

and are currently 12-6 on the season. The Purple Riders are in the top four The lone undefeated team in the for the first time in several years. Fer-

on tap for the other half of the brack-et when second-seeded Beaver Local as the second seed. The Patriots come are 15-4, but half of those losses came et when second-seeded Beaver Local welcomes St. Clairsville. Behind a in at 15-2 on the season. A rematch of the 2019 OVAC title sterling performance from West Liberty-bound Jenna Riccardo, the Beavers ty. The Hawks are the defending 5A Defending champion Bellaire, in the knocked off the Red Devils last winter. champions and ironically were the

Beaver is currently 9-7 on the sea-

Class 5A

Indian Creek has sat atop the bigschool standings all season and are now officially the top seed. The Martins Ferry garnered the top seed Redskins are an impressive 17-1 on the season with their only loss coming to Union Local last weekend.

ry, which won its last conference title The Redskins will take on fourth-seedin 2009, will play host to fourth-seed- ed Weir High, which qualified with a ed Oak Glen, which overtook East Liverpool for the final bid.

10-6 record. The Red Riders haven't won an OVAC title since 1996, while The Golden Bears are 8-7 on the Creek last hoisted the trophy in 2010.

Wheeling Park, which won the A rematch of the 2019 title game is 2017 title and was defeated by Uni-

Park will welcome 9-5 Universifourth seed a season ago when they began the tourney. This, too, is a rematch of last winter's title game.

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Bateman was big at the line and Andrew Martin gave us a nice spark in the first half."

An additional little things the Jets did well against Brooke, like they've done all season, is knock down free throws. Union Local was 15-of-15 for the game at the stripe, including 11-of-11 in the fourth.

Fueling that was Zach Bateman, who cashed in six in the fourth. Nathan Meyer, who backed Merritt with 15, added four free throws. Martin added 13 with 11 coming in the opening half.

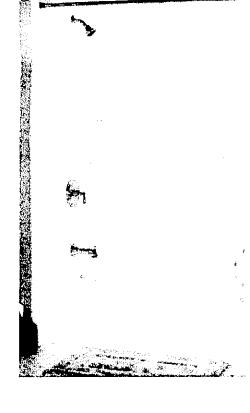
Brooke, meanwhile, continues to search for answers and consistency.

"Other than the St. Clairsville game, we've not been able to get over the hump all season," Brooke head coach Mel Coleman said.

'We don't have the right personnel, so we have to do the best we can with who we have.'

The Bruins were led by Alex Lilly and Alex Isinghood, who evenly divided 30 points. Nick Brown finished with

"At some point in time, this many games into the season, you have to get beyond playing pretty well," Coleman said.
"You have to play better to be successful. You play the game to win. I don't play anything to lose."



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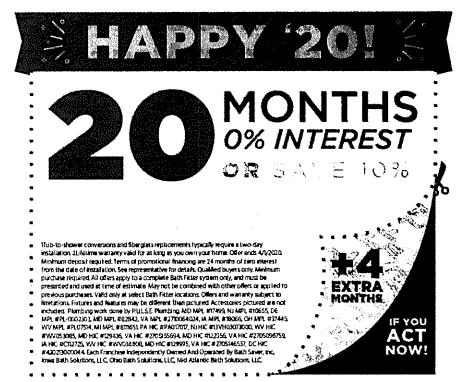
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2020 GIRLS OVAC BASKETBALL SEMIFINALS

Knights Shock Tigers In Instant Classic

Central rallies from 11 down in final 1:11 of game By TRACY WATSON For The Intelligencer

SHADYSIDE - Leading by 11 points with just 1:11 to play Monday night everything seemed to be going as planned for top-seeded Shadyside as the Tigers were attempting to make a third consecutive trip to the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AA championship game.

However, a feisty, injury-rid-dled and determined Wheeling Central team had other plans as the Maroon Knights ral-

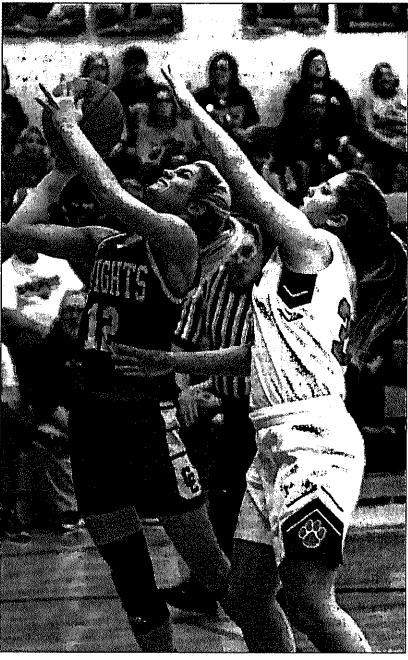
as the Maroon Knights rallied late, forced overtime and crushed Shadyside's plans.

Junior Marissa Horan scored a game-high 23 points, including 14 in the fourth period and overtime, and Central overcame an early 14-point deficit and a late 11-point hole to shock the Tigers by a 66.62 shock the Tigers by a 66-62 margin in overtime at the Tiger Den.

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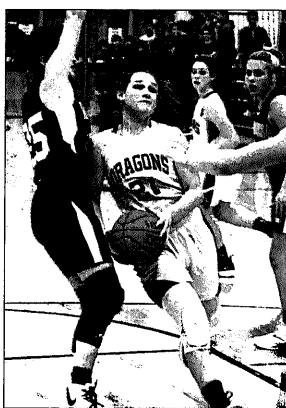


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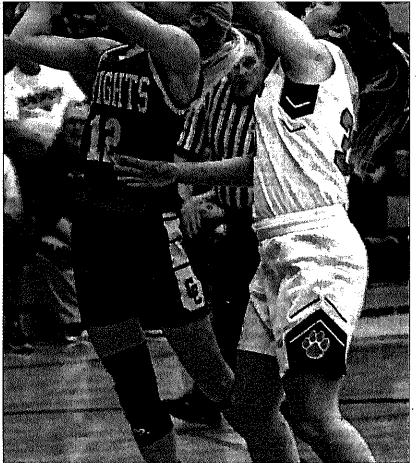
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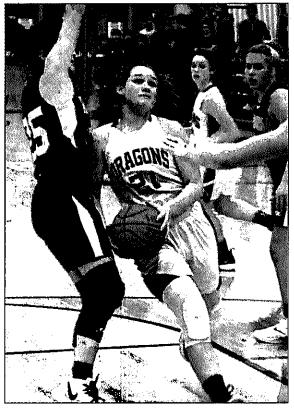


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Redskins Too Much for Weir

By AARON PETCHAL For The Intelligencer

WINTERSVILLE -- Indian Creek took care of business, and now the Redskins have the opportunity to play for their second championship of the season.

The No. 1 seed Indian Creek girls basket-ball team raced out to an early lead against fourth-seeded Weir and never looked back in a 64-23 Wheeling Hospital OVAC Class 5A semifinal victory Monday night at home.

"We came out really aggressive," Indian Creek (18-1) coach Steve Eft said. "The girls played with a lot of energy at the start.

"I thought after we got to that 12-1 lead, we got kind of impatient, and we forced some Indian Creek's Taylor Jones, left, looks to avoid shots. We missed some shots we normally a block by Weir's Sophia Aperline. make. At halftime, we talked to the girls about keep doing what they were doing on defense, and we talked about taking our time on offense. We wanted to take our time. We wanted to slow down. We wanted to get great shots instead of good shots. I thought we did a really good job

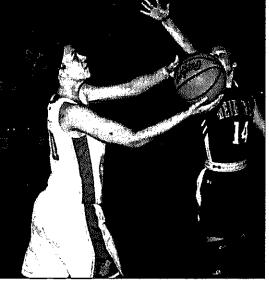


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Ferry Outlasts Oak Glen, 65-39

Top-seeded Martins Fer- ally well." ry began the season in late OVAC Class 4A title.

The Purple Riders ning as the annual Wheel- hyped up." ing Hospital OVAC Girls the Tolbert Gymnasium.

"We get to go play for a championship, so what shots and converted some more can you ask for?" Martins Ferry coach Dave Please see FERRY, Page 12

Reasbeck said.

"I thought once we got MARTINS FERRY – settled down, we played re-

The Purple Riders found October with its eyes on the themselves with just a 16-14 lead after one quarter, but Reasbeck believed by virtue of their impres- much of that slower start, sive 65-39 victory against which included several fourth-seeded Oak Glen - missed scoring chances in moved another step closer close to the basket, was beto the crown Monday eve- cause he had his team "too

These girls have put in a Basketball Championship lot of work and know how Tournament opened inside important this week's game are," Reasbeck said.

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nion Local Punches Ticket to 3A Championship

MORRISTOWN – Union Local ter to secure a victory. shared the wealth as four players scored in double figures to help the Jets secure

Ashlie Louden supplied a game-high of turned in a 19-point performance to a spot in the OVAC Class 3A champi- Ashley Howell contributed with 15. onship game in a 63-59 victory over Rachel Snedden paced the Hornets ity. Monroe Central Monday night in prep with 13 points and Sydney Duckworth onship game in a 63-59 victory over girls basketball action.

Hannah Merritt led the way for the Jets with 20 points while Regan Vinskovich tallied 14. Torre Kildow supplied 13 points and Casey Kildow had 11.

For the Seminoles, Kalista Friday had a team-high 14 points while Amy Bettinger netted 12

Union Local will face Fort Frye in the Class 3A championship.

Class 2A Steubenville Catholic 51 Shenandoah 34

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The Crusaders will take on Wheeling Central in the Class 2A final. Class 1A

Beallsville 66, Hundred 28

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Consolation Games Barnesville 61, Toronto 40

a game-high 22 points in a victory over Toronto.

Kendal Thomas led the Red Knights with 12 points.

Brooke 61, Edison 18

WELLSBURG - A pair of 20-point basketball team to a victory over Edi-

Madison Platt and Ava Bolen netted STEUBENVILLE - Isabella Oliver 20 each for the Bruins. Natalie Ryan Pilant charted a career-high 39 points

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River 52, Buckeye Trail 30 raced past Buckeye Trail.

Rylie Smith hit four 3's en route to a BEALLSVILLE - Beallsville held team-high 15 points for the Warriors. Wildcats with a team-high 20 points.

Valley 49, Trinity 34
PINE GROVE - Shyanne Moore

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John Marshall 62, Steubenville 56 MOUNDSVILLE – Landyn Helms

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Paden City 47, Bridgeport 45, OT PADEN CITY – McKenzie Thom-HANNIBAL – Alli Long scored 16 as supplied a double-double with 11 points and Kiley Piatt had 11 as River points and 13 rebounds as Paden City defeated Bridgeport.

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BOYS Hundred 80, Maple Town 54

HUNDRED - Aaron Stevens re-Rylee Stephens led Barnesville with put up a strong game to lead John Mar- corded a triple-double and Cody Soles delivered a rim-rattling dunk as Hundred (12-4) pounded Maple Town.

Soles scored 32 points and 10 re-13 points and Lakyn Groves compiled bounds for a double-double, while Stevens provided 10 points, 10 rebounds Kylie Maxwell paced Big Red with and 11 assists, while Logan Norris garadded 11 boards.

SWIMMING Wheeling Park boys, girls win on Senior Night

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On the girls side, Abby Turner captured top honors in the 200 (2:01.56)

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ticket into Saturday's with 11 3-point goals. Creek defeated Park at somewhat sloppy taking of boards. Wintersville in their lone care of the ball, commit-

versity to 11-7 on the foul shooting team all Maggie (Stakem) and Zacampaign. The Hawks year. We shoot around riah (Marling) all made are rated No. 10 in the 70 percent from the line," positive contributions," state.

Young said. "We do need Young said." The win also helps to clean up a few things University last season. When we do that we will The Hawks went on be fine against quality

Young's battle-tested four solid quarters. I team." 'We still need to play squad bolted to a 22-11 thought we played a real Guards Shanley Woods take care of the ball well was next with 12 points. and Asia Roby fueled and we fell asleep on de-

perb effort. The senior for the postseason. ond quarter as the Patri- sharpshooter netted a ot lead mushroomed to game-high 26 points, in-ference crown in 2017 42-23 by intermission. cluding four treys and six The Patriots boast 13 Woods nailed three bo- of six at the line. Roby OVAC championships nus bombs in the third was also impressive, tal- second most in confer frame, enabling the hosts lying 14 points to go with ence annals behind St to maintain a 56-40 strong board play.

Junior ace Bella Abernathy was saddled with University never got early foul issues. She still No. 1-rated Class AAA closer than 12 (50-38) in found time, however, to score eight points and Park finished the night grab seven rebounds.

ended Garrison championship The winners were also an with nine points while game at noon against In- impressive 16 of 18 from hard-playing senior Kierdian Creek at Ohio Uni-versity Eastern. The charity stripe. The an Johnson produced six Patriots, however, were points and a like number

"I was real happy with ting 18 turnovers. our bench play (Mon-"We have been a good day). Jai'lah (Walker),

"They don't necessar-Park avenge an OVAC such as rebounding and ily need to score. They semifinal home loss to taking care of the ball. provide us all the things we need.

"When they play like they did (Monday) they

Senior forward Mallolead after the opening good first half. We got a ry Napolillo powered her eight minutes to gain firm little complacent in the way for 15 points to pace and game-long control. second half. We didn't the Hawks. Ashten Boggs

"It will be fun going the quick start with seven points each. fense at times. With a big to OUE to play for an lead it changes how you OVAC title," Young said. "It is a great atmosphere Woods turned in a su- and it helps prepare you

> Park last won the con-John Central's 15.

tucky ESPN2 — Oklahoma at Texas Tech FS1 — Xavier at DePaul SECN — Missouri at Texas A&M 11 p.m.
ESPN2 — Air Force at Nevada
NBA BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m.
TNT — Milwaukee at New Orleans

10 p.m. TNT — San Antonio at LA Lakers NHL HOCKEY 8 p.m. N — Chicago at Minnesota SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

6:20 p.m.
FS2 — CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Tournament: Canada vs. Mexico

TENNIS

5 a.m.
TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Montpellier-ATP, Cordoba-ATP, Pune-ATP, USTA Pro Circuit Dallas & Midland Early Rounds

6 a.m. TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Montpelli-er-ATP, Cordoba-ATP, Pune-ATP, USTA Pro Circuit Dallas & Midland Early Rounds

5 p.m.
TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Cordoba-ATP, Fed Cup, USTA Pro Circuit Early Rounds 5 a.m. (Wednesday)

TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Montpelli-er-ATP, Cordoba-ATP, Pune-ATP, USTA Pro Circuit Dallas & Midland

USTA Pro Circuit Dallas & Midland Early Rounds 6 a.m. (Wednesday) TENNIS — ATP/USTA: Montpelli-er-ATP, Cordoba-ATP, Pune-ATP, USTA Pro Circuit Dallas & Midland Early Rounds

Prep Swimming

Boys
Wheeling Park 124, Steubenville
Catholic 5; Wheeling Park 98,
John Marshall 48; John Marshall
64, Steubenville Catholic 6
200 Relay: Wheeling Park 98,
1:50.45. 200 Free: Kuttan (WP),
2:02.38. 200 IM: Schehl (WP),
2:02.38. 200 IM: Schehl (WP),
2:51.16, 50 Free: Leary (WP), 24.45.
100 Butterfly: Postle (JM), 1:05.21.
100 Free: McCabe (WP), 52.18. 500
Free: Kuttan (WP), 5:31.44. 200
Free Relay: John Marshall (Bauer, Miller, Kidney, Postle), 1:43.10
100 Backstroke: Kidney (JM),
1:09.57. 100 Breaststroke: Schehl (WP), 1:21.44. 400 Free Relay:
Wheeling Park (Leary, Kellas, Kuttan, McCabe), 3:49.52.
Girls
Wheeling Park 117, Steubenville
Catholic 26; Wheeling Park 99,
John Marshall 47; John Marshall
83, Steubenville Catholic 36
200 Relay: Wheeling Park
Langmyer, Bopp, Turner, Ross),
1:58.55. 200 Free: Turner (WP),
2:01.56. 200 IM: McKenna (SCC),
2:44.86. 50 Free: Kidney (JM),
25.64. 100 Butterfly: Mengeu

2:44.86. 50 Free: Kidney (JM), 25.64. 100 Butterfly: Mengeu (WP), 1:20.80. 100 Free: Langmyer (WP), 59.69, 500 Free: Turner (WP), (WP), 59.69. 500 Free: Turner (WP), 5:28.15. 200 Free Relay: John Mar-shall (Siller, Zervos, Cochran, Kidney), 1:54.11. 100 Backstroke: Bopp (WP), 1:05.89. 100 Breast-stroke: Zervos (JM), 1:19.21. 400 Free Relay: Wheeling Park (Bopp), Ross, Langmyer, Turner), 4:04.53.

AREA NOTES

5th-6th Boys Basketball Tournament

The Bellaire Athletic Department will hold a 5th-6th grade boys' basketball tournament Feb. 21-23. The entry fee will be \$100 with a guarantee of three games. Awards will be given for the 1st-2nd-, and 3rd-place teams, as well as individual awards for the 1st-2nd-, and 3rd-place teams, as well as individual awards for the 1st-and 2nd-place teams. For more information, you can contact Bruce Young at byoung@bellairesd.org or (304) 280-2154 or send entry to Bellaire High School, C/O Bruce Young, 349 35th Street, Bellaire, OH 43906. Please indicate team name and roster. Dates will be determined by number of teams.

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Lifeguarding Class
A lifeguarding class will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 at the Brooke High School Wellness Center. Cost of the class is \$200. Call the Athletic Office at (304) 527-1410 x 3369 to sign up.

Spring Fastpitch Softball
Wheeling Parks and Recreation will be hosting Spring Fastpitch Softball Leagues at the I-470 Complex for 8th grade and under

pitch Softball Leagues at the I-470 Complex for 8th grade and under and 6th grade and under teams. Registration available through March 4. If registered before Feb. 21, teams receive a \$75 discount. Games begin mid-March and continue through leth April Register. online at www.wheelingrec.com. For additional information, see the website or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 304-234-3641. ah late April.

Marshall County Girls'

Basketball Tournament
The Marshall Co Basketball
Club, in cooperation with the John Marshall golf team, will host its 29th annual grade school girls basketball tournament Feb. 28-March 1 at Sherrard and Moundsville Middle Schools. There will be individual tournaments for grades 4, 5-8.6 with awards in pe 5 & 6 with awards in each grade level. Tournament will be played under middle school rules with regulation timing, officials, and played on middle school courts. There is a three-game guarantee with a \$100 entry fee. For further information and an application please contact David Gaudino at David.gaudino54@gmail.com.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - The Associated Press high school girls basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and total

Record Pts Prv

Team Class AAA

1. Wheeling Park (7) 16-2 95 1
2. Greenbrier East (1) 13-2 82 72
3. Parkersburg (2) 11-5 79 4
4. Woodrow Wilson 11-3 66 5
5. Cabell Midland 13-2 60 72
6. G. Washington 10-5 49 6
7. South Charleston 11-3 44 8
9 Martinsburg 12-2 36 7 Martinsburg University 10. Huntington 10-6 16 Others receiving votes: Spring Valley 5, Morgantown 1. Class AA 15-1

Winfield (9)
. North Marion (1) . Frankfort Wayne Fairmont Senior 11-3 52 10-5 29 6. Wyoming East 7. Lincoln 8. Chapmanville 13-4 27 12-5 25 10-7 6 10. PikeView

6 8 7 9 9. Nitro 6 10

10. PikeView 10.7 6 10
Others receiving votes: Petersburg 5, Braxton County 5, Lincoln County 4, Mingo Central 3, Westside 2, Bridgeport 2.

Class A

1. St. Joseph Cent. (9)17-1 99 1
2. Parkers. Cath. (1) 17-0 91 3
3. Summers County 11-5 77 2
4. Pocahentas County 13-4 62 4
5. Gilmer County 12-4 60 5
6. Tucker County 11-5 44 T8
7. Wheeling Central 9-10 29 6
8. St. Marys 12-4 27 7
9. Williamstown 11-6 19 NR
10. Tug Valley 11-5 18 T8 12-4 27 7 11-6 19 NR 11-5 18 T8 10. Tug Valley 11-5 18 Others receiving votes: Charles-ton Catholic 13, Cameron 5, Calhoun 3, Tolsia 3.

PREP BOYS

Hundred 80, Maple Town 54 M — Tuttle 1 2-4 4; Stevenson 8 3-9 20; Lanc. Stevenson 3 1-2 8; Lash 4 0-0 10; Cumpston 1 1-2 3; Stout 1 2-2 4; Atwood 2 0-0 5, To-tals 20 9-19 54.

tals 20 9-19 54.
H — Norris 9 0-0 20; Soles 14
2-4 32; Aa. Stevens 3 2-2 10; Ad.
Stevens 1 0-2 3; Hostutler 1 1-2 3;
Baker 2 0-0 6; Geho 2 0-0 6, Totals
32 5-10 80.
3-Point Goals: Land. Steven-

son, Lanc. Stevenson, Lash 2, Atwood; Norris 2, Soles 2, Aa. Stevens 2, Ad. Stevens, Baker 2,

Maple Town 6 9 22 17 — 54 Hundred 22 16 21 21 — 80

NCAAB Top 25

By The Associated Press The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 2.

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18-3	1242	9
18-3	1188	5
17-4	999	15
17-4	959	8
19-2	926	17
16-5	900	10
17-4	827	12
18-5	758	11
16-5	660	13
16-6	624	14
16-6	604	18
17-4	572	22
17-5	437	16
16-6	373	19
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USA Today Top 25 Poll
The top 25 teams in the USA Today men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 2, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Record Pts Pvs
1. Baylor (20) 19-1 787 1
2. Gonzaga (12) 23-1 772 2
3. Kansas 18-3 718 3
4. San Diego State 23-0 710 4

4. San Diego State 23-0 5. Louisville 6. Dayton 19-3 670 5 20-2 18-3 18-3 17-4 Duke 8. Florida State 9. Maryland 534 509 455 **439** 6 15 16 11 10. Auburn 19-2 11. West Virginia 17-4 12. Villanova 17-4
13. Seton Hall 16-5
14. Michigan State 16-6
15. Oregon 411 405 340 337 322 310 10 9 14 12 13 18 15. Oregon 16. Kentucky 18-5 16-5 17. lowa 16-6 310 18
18. LSU 17-4 245 24
19. Butler 17-5 205 17
20. Penn State 16-5 201 23
21. Illinois 16-6 176 19
22. Creighton 17-5 158 —
23. Arizona 15-6 125 —
24. Colorado 17-5 92 21
25. Houston 17-5 61 20
Others Receiving Votes: Texas
Tech 31, Rutgers 21, Wichita State
20, Ohio State 20, Marquette 18,
Tulsa 12, Yale 10, Saint Mary's 8,
Rhode Island 8. Stanford 4. North-16-6 17-4 17-5 17. lowa 18. LSU

Rhode Island 8, Stanford 4, Northern Iowa 4, Wisconsin 3, Virginia 3, Indiana 2, BYU 2.

2, Selmon 2, Elerick 2.

Whg. Cent. 10 13 9 20 14 — 66
Shadyside 15 15 8 14 10 — 62
Steubenville Catholic 51
Shenandoah 34
S — K. Mackie 0 0 0 0; Lynch 0
0 0 0; Wheeler 8 2 3 20; A. Wikander 1 0 0 2; Carpenter 1 1 2 3;
Wickham 0 0 - 1 0; G. Wikander 0
1 2 1; Flood 3 2 5 8; Wehr 0 0 0 0.

Totals: 13, 6 13: 34,
SCC — Zatta 3 3 4 9; Harold 3
0 0 6: Green 1 0 0 3: Rohde 0 0 0

0-0 6; Green 1 0-0 3; Rohde 0 0-0 0; Fayak 3 0-0 7; Balzano 0 0-0 0; Grimm 1 0-0 2; Oliver 7 1-2 15;

Kirkpatrick 0 0-0 0; Dong 0 0-0 0; Olszewski 4 1-2 9, Totals: 22, 5-8:

3-Point Goals: Wheeler 2;

Oak Glen 14 6 6 13 — 39 Martins Ferry 16 14 18 16 — 65 Class 5A

Wheeling Park 67, University 48 U — Sharky 3 0-0 6; Dean 1 1-4 4; Boggs 3 5-6 12; Gibson 1 0-0 3; Bowers 2 0-0 4; Coen 2 0-0 4; Napoliilo 7 1-2 15. Totals 19 7-12 48. W — Garrison 3 0-0 9; Woods 8 6-6 26; Roby 4 2-4 14; Johnson 2 2-2 6; Abernathy 1 6-6 8; Walker 2 0-0 4; Marling 0 0-0 0; Stakem 0 0-0 0; Reasbeck 0 0-0 0; Abraham 0 0-0 0. Totals 20 16-18 67.

M — Schuster 3, 0-0 8; Boyer 0, 0-0 0; Stalder 4, 1-2 11; Ging 3, 4-6 11; Spielvogel 6, 4-10 16; Clark 4, 0-0 10; Jones 1, 1-1 3; Sidon 0, 0-0 0; Agnew 1, 3-4 5. Totals: 22

3-Point Goals: Giogini, Brown. Clark 2, Stalder 2, Schuster 2,

14 6 6 13 --- 39

Ging. Oak Glen

3-Point Goals: Dean, Gibson, Boggs; Woods 4, Roby 4, Garrison 3.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division
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Boston	34	15	.694	1 1/2
Philadelphia	31	20	.608	5 1/2
Brooklyn	22	27	.449	131/2
New York	15	36	.294	211/2
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	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	34	15	.694	
Orlando	22	28	.440	121/2
Washington	17	32	.347	17
Charlotte	16	34	320	181/2
Atlanta	13	38	.255	22
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Milwaukee	42		.857	
			.620	111/2
Chicago	10	33	.365	24 1/2
Detroit	18	34	.346	25 1/2
Cleveland		38	255	30
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Phoenix 20 30 .400 18
Sacramento 19 31 .380 19
Golden State 12 39 .235 26½
Sunday's Games
Detroit 128, Denver 123, OT
Houston 117, New Orleans 109
Milwaukee 129, Phoenix 108
Toronto 129, Chicago 102
Monday's Games
Dallas 112, Indiana 103
Golden State 125, Washington 117

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New York 139, Cleveland 134, OT
Orlando 112, Charlotte 100
Boston 123, Atlanta 115
Miami 137, Philadelphia 106
Brooklyn 119, Phoenix 97
Memphis 96, Detroit 82
Sacramento 113, Minnesota 109
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, late
Tonight's Games
Milwaukee at New Orleans, 7:30

Milwaukee at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m. Charlotte at Houston, 8 p.m. Portland at Denver, 9 p.m. San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10

p.m. p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Phoenix at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Golden St. at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Ok. City, 8 p.m. Cleveland at Ok. City, 8 p.m. Memphis at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Denver at Utah, 9 p.m. Miami at L.A. Clippers, 10 p.m.

0 0-1 0; Ryan 4 2-4 10; Lippoli 3 0-3 6; Knorr 2 1-2 5; Bolen 8 4-11 20, Totals 25 7-24 61.

3-Point Goals: Fiedorczyk 2; Platt 4. .

Platt 4. Edison 4 8 5 1 — 18 Brooke 9 20 19 13 — 61 Valley 49, Trinity 34 T — Hyde 0 1-2 1; Smith 5 6-10 19; Austin 3 2-2 9; Mercure 2 4-5 5, Totals 10 10-19 34. V — Soles 2 0-0 4; Yoho 3 4-4 14; West 1 0-0 3; Moore 8 2-4 19; Bates 1 0-0 2; Kennedy 2 0-0 4; Utt 1 0-0 2; Brown 2 0-0 4, Totals 20 6-8 49.

6-8 49.
3-Point Goals: Smith 3, Austin; Yoho, West, Moore.
Trinity 7 10 12 5 — 34
Valley 15 15 6 13 — 49
Barnesville 61, Toronto 40
B — Carpenter 1 3-7 6; Butler 4
2-2 13; Dotling 0 0-0 0; Markavich 4
0-3 9; Steele 0 0-0 0; Hunter 0 0-0 0; Kaplet 1 0-0 2; Carter 0 0-0 0; Stephens 7 6-9 22; Day 0 0-0 0; Yater 1 3-4 5; Meade 2 0-0 4. Totals: 20 14-25 61. 14-25 61.

14-25 61.

T — Cottrell 2 0-2 4; Beckwith 1
0-2 2; Likkick 0 3-6 3; Kinsey 1 4-8
6; Donnelly 0 0-0 0; M. Anderson 1
3-7 5; Jackson 2 3-6 8; Thomas 6
0-0 12; J. Anderson 0 0-0 0. Totals:
13 13-31 40.

3-Point Goals: Carpenter, But-ler 3, Markavich, Stephens 2; Jackson.

Jackson.
Barnesville 15 13 13 20 — 61
Toronto 12 7 12 9 — 40
Paden City 47, Bridgeport 45, OT
B — Roberts 1 0-0 3; Bain 0
0-0 0; Tiber 1 6-9 8; Tyson 0 0-0
0; Tucker 11 3-5 28; Felton 0 0-0
0; Tiber 1 1-2 4; Clemens 0 0-0 0;
Stockwell 0 0-0 0; Lewis 0 0-0 0;
Perez 0 0-0 0; Bell 1 0-0 2. Totals:
15 10-16 45.

15 10-16 45.
P — McEldowney 2 2-2 7;
Stackpole 4 11-16 20; Bre Hoskins 0 0-0 0; Thomas 5 0-0 11; Fl. Fulks 2 1 4; Bro. Hoskins 0 1-2 1; S. Fulks 1-2 5. Totals: 15 15-22 47. 3-Point Goals: Roberts, Tucker

3, Tiber; McEldowney, Stackpole, Thomas.

Thomas.
Bridgeport 2 16 10 10 7 — 45
Paden City 8 7 16 7 9 — 47
River 52, Buckeye Trail 30
B — Starr 0, 0-0 0; E.Smith 1,
0-0 2; Clymer 1, 1-2 3; M.Smith 0,
0-0 0; Hashings 0, 0-0 0; Gray 0, 0-0
0; Baird 3, 2-2 10; H.Smith 4, 3-4
15. Totals: 9, 6-8 30.
R — Hauptt 1, 1, 2, 4, Park 5

15. Totals: 9, 6-8 30.

R. — Haught 1, 1-2 4; Reed 0, 0-0 0; Boger 3, 1-2 9; Piatt 4, 1-1 11; Moeiler 1, 0-0 2; Smith 2, 0-0 4; Raper 1, 0-1 4; Todd 0, 0-0 0; Long 6, 4-5 16; Schmidt 1, 0-0 2; Brown 0, 0-0 0. Totals: 20, 7-11 52.

3-Point Goals: B. — R.Smith, Baird 2; R. — Haught, Boger 2, Piatt 2.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Monday's Games
Dallas 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
Florida 5, Toronto 3
Philadelphia 3, Detroit 0
Tuesday's Games
Colorado at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Florida at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Washington, 7 r.m.

Dallas at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Florida at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Washington, 7 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Boston, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Arizona, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Anaheim at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Islanders, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Florida, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Winnipeg at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Airona, 9 p.m.

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WASHINGTON (AP) Alec Burks scored 30 III added 22 and Golden deadline. State overcame another

GRIZZLIES 96 PISTONS 82 MEMPHIS,

points and 13 rebounds Brooklyn overcome the in possibly his final home absence of Kyrie Irving game with Cleveland. But the Cavaliers lost for the 11th time in 12 games. Love has been the

Kevin Love had 33

subject of trade speculapoints, Glenn Robinson tion ahead of Thursday's

Knicks guard Elfrid big performance by Brad- Payton, returning from ley Beal to beat Washing- a one-game suspension, had his first triple-double of the season with 17 points, 15 assists and 11 Tenn. rebounds.

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much for this team and its desire.

talked about going out might be playing for a and doing whatever it championship, but our took to win and that is season isn't over yet and did (Monday)."

With senior all-staters go in overtime and the gin to 30-23. score knotted at 52-52.

rin, who finished with times in the second half 10 points off the bench, but still trailed 51-40 gave the visitors a 55-52 edge with a 3-point bomb before Hannah White and the Knights' first drained a pair of triples lead since 8-6 midway and Horan added another through the first quarter. to cut it to 51-49 with 11 A pair of charity tosses seconds to play. from junior Tory Hendershot and a triple from the line before a long classmate Kamdyn Eler- 3-pointer from Horan ick put the Tigers back in just ahead of the horn front by a 57-55 margin. found nothing but net to

of the night came on to go on six free throws.

final attempt to tie was divided 20 points. off the mark and Horan closed the scoring with 45-36 edge off the glass another charity toss be- while Shadyside turned fore the Maroon Knights the ball over 15 times, 11 exploded in celebration fewer than their guests. at the final horn.

we caught them off guard me. a little when we did late "Obviously we were and forced a couple of not prepared, but we big turnovers.

and Marissa (Horan) tled us and were getting knocked down some big balls that were hitting shots late in the fourth. our hands or we were just As much as we have watching go by. They missed our big three at also pushed us around times the other girls have inside. gotten some valuable playing time and we have game and we are fighting been close but not able to the same battles and the close out some games.

"There were times all on me."

Kurtz said afterwards. (Monday) when we had "I am so proud of these as many as three freshgirls. This just says so men on the court against a pretty veteran, and good, Shadyside team. I don't "Before the game we think anyone thought we exactly what these girls they are playing their did (Monday)." hearts out."

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"They made plays "Nothing went our way when they had to and for over three quarters we didn't," Gentile said. and then in the final min"They played harder, ute everything seemed to they executed better and go our way," Kurtz said. they beat us. We were not "We hadn't pressed the a very well-coached team entire game and I think (Monday) and that is on

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UL survives test from Monroe in 3A

By KIM NORTH

Times Leader Sports Writer

MORRISTOWN - Nothing surprises Rob Barr anymore.

beat a team three times in one season,

Bellaire, 61-46, in the other semifinal on Monday night, for the championship Saturday at 6 p.m. inside the Health and Physical Education final quarter and stretched it a point, Building on the campus of Ohio University Eastern.

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tonight. Hannah (Merritt) has only practiced once. She was sick all weekend. Keira (Gregor) is sick right

rises Rob Barr anymore. "After seeing who was available Battling through sickness and for us tonight, I was really nervous," faced with the fact that it's tough to Barr acknowledged. "Kudos go to Baylee Rex and Alleigh Cheatham. I top-seeded Union Local held off a think we got two points from them, late, furious charge by visiting No. but they gave us huge, huge minutes 4 Monroe Central, 63-59, Monday off the bench. They went in there night in Wheeling Hospital OVAC and played hard. They got Reagan a

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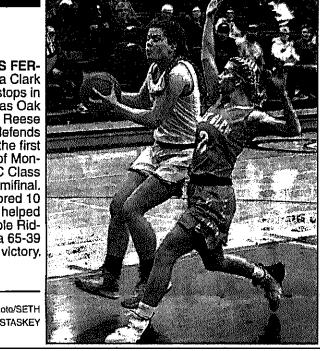


UNION LO-CAL'S Hannah Merritt (30) drives around Monroe Central's Kenzi Bishop during Monday night's Wheeling Hospi-tal OVAC Class 3A tournament semifinal inside "The Hangar." Merritt led the undefeated Jets with 20 points in a 63-59 victory over the Seminoles.

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MARTINS FER-RY'S Maria Clark jump stops in the lane as Oak Glen's Reese Enochs defends during the first quarter of Monday's OVAC Class 4A semifinal. Clark scored 10 points and helped the Purple Riders post a 65-39





Martins Ferry subdues Oak Glen to reach Class 4A final

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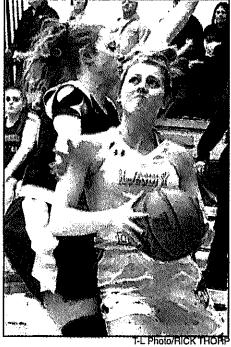
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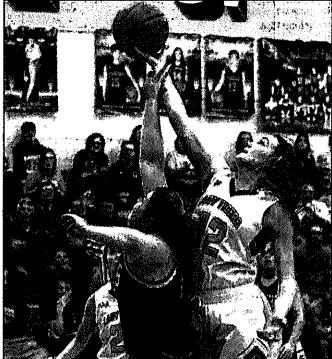
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BEALLSVILLE'S ASHLIE Louden (3) Despite having four starters back from drives against Hundred's Kayele Davis By TRACY WATSON



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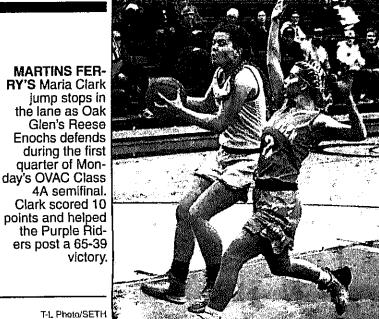
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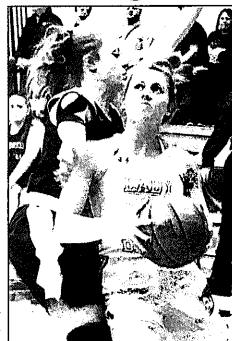
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Despite having four starters back from last season, Hundred was overwhelmed from the start by the Blue Devils' heady play in all phases, especially on the defensive end. After building a 13-point lead after the first quarter, Beallsville blanked the Hornets in the second in stretching its advantage to 30 - 35-5 - by halftime. Rachel Snedden paced Hundred with 13

"We had a gameplan and we came out and stuck to it," Jarrett explained. "There's some things we still need to work on.

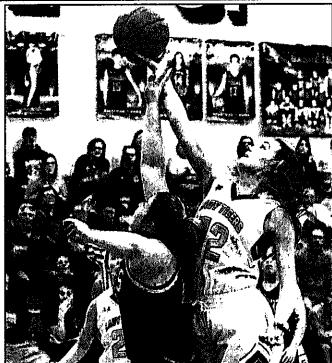


BEALLSVILLE'S ASHLIE Louden (3) drives against Hundred's Kayele Davis (14) during Monday night's OVAC Class1A semifinal in Beallsville.

played a 2-3 often, but it's something we need to work on, so we took the time to work on it now.'

Jarrett credited her players for staying Tigers were attempting to mentally involved in the game, as well as make a third consecut for getting everyone involved. While How- trip to the Ohio Valley Athell and Louden shared most of the workload letic Conference Class AA pointwise, Beallsville's other five players touched the ball plenty of times.

"They all work really hard," she said. ent defense in the second half. Most peo-ple that have watched us know we haven't work hard and play hard."



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the game can be found at timesleaderonline.com championship game.

However, a feisty, injury-riddled and determined Wheeling Cen- contest. "We tried to work on a little bit differ"Having just seven people is not easy. It's tral team had other plans as the Maroon Knights rallied late, forced overtime and gers fall to 15-6 and will be left to wonder crushed Shadyside's plans.

Junior Marissa Horan scored a gamehigh 23 points, including 14 in the fourth period and overtime, and Central overcame SHADYSIDE - Leading by 11 points an early 14-point deficit and a late 11-point

Coach Penn Kurtz' fourth-seeded squad will take a 10-11 record into Saturday's championship game against the survivor of last night's Steubenville Central and Shenandoah

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Meanwhile, Coach Serge Gentile's Ti-See, SHADYSIDE, Page B3

St. Clairsville comes up short at Beaver in 4A, 48-35

By CHRIS RAMBO

For The Times Leader

gel at just the right time.

After struggling to find consistency for much of the season, the Beavers cruised home with a 48-35 victory over St. Clairsville in an OVAC 4Á

semifinal Monday at Beaver Local

ver Local coach Stephanie Coie said. "I Our younger kids are starting to underput together a dominant first half and stand what we want and we're playing more as a team."

The second-seeded Beavers (11-9) now we're all on the same page," Bea-earn the right to defend their 4A title ver Local senior Jenna Riccardo said. High School. earn the right to defend their 4A title wer Local senior Jenna Riccardo said. "We're young at the guard spot and when they take on top-seeded Martins "I'm really excited to try and defend CALCUTTA - The Beaver Local it has taken time to get the young playgirls basketball team may be starting to ers experience and confidence," Beaa.m. Saturday at Ohio University Eastwinning our first one last year, that a.m. Saturday at Ohio University East- winning our first one last year, that em. The third-seeded Red Devils (11- would be awesome." think you're starting to see us mature. 9) will take on Oak Glen in a consolation game Thursday.

Riccardo, the Beavers leading scorer, was held without a point for the first "Earlier in the season, I don't think quarter-and-a-half, but her team didn't everyone knew what their role was, but miss a beat. Behind superb ball move-See, ST. C., Page B3



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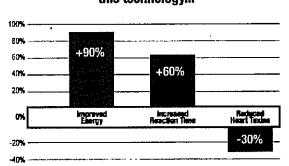
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Bellaire denied return trip to OVAC 3A championship

By MIKE MORRISON

For The Times Leader

BEVERLY - Sophomore Hannah Arlead the Fort Frye Cadets to a 61-46 win over Bellaire in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 3-A semi-final at Fort Frye High School.

Archer connected on six 3-pointers in the game as the Cadets recovered from a poor shooting performance in the opening half to pull away from the Big Reds.

"We were just too quick to shoot the ball and we didn't have any offensive rhythm early on," said Fort Frye head coach Dan Liedtke. "We have came out these past couple of games and just kept busting and busting so I give a lot of credit to Bellaire because they really came out on us hard."

Fort Frye made just 8-of-28 field goal attempts in the first two quarters but rebounded in the second half to shoot a blistering 63 percent (12-of-19).

"We hadn't been challenged like this for awhile so this was good for this team," said Liedtke. "I thought the third quarter we stayed right with it every possession and

the hustle and defense and grit were there

and things started going our way."
Fort Frye took their first lead of the game early in the opening period when sophomore point guard Kenzie Dalton completed a rare four-point play and the Cadets extended their lead to three at the end of the

first eight minutes. Bellaire senior Katrina Davis scored the first four points of the second quarter before the Cadets went on a 9-3 run to take a 25-20 lead into the break.

Archer connected on a three-pointer early in the third quarter and later splashed in p.m.

double-digit lead of the night.

Fort Frye knocked down 11 3-pointers in the game including a pair in the third quarter cher tossed in 22 points Tuesday night to by junior Lexie Huck to push their lead to a dozen (42-30) heading to the final quarter.

The Cadets wasted little time putting things out of reach in the final quarter as they out-pointed the visitors by a 12-3 margin to begin the fourth and increase their lead to a game-best 21 points.

Cadet senior Kiersten Kesselring and Huck joined Archer in double-figures with 14 and 11 points respectively while Dalton added six points, eight assists and five re-

Liedtke felt that his team feeds off of the energy that Dalton provides on both ends of

"A lot of times she (Dalton) sets the tone for us and she did again tonight," said Liedtke, whose team had 16 assists on their 20

"We got a couple of girls in foul trouble in the second quarter and I thought Karlee (Ross) and Julia (Zalmanek) came in and saved us and maybe kept us from going behind by playing tough defense."

Bellaire got a huge game from the 5-foot-2 inch Davis who poured in a game-high 31 points while also yanking down a gamehigh 13 rebounds and picking up five steals.

"You just can't say enough about Davis she is such a great player," said Liedtke. "That's one of the best performances we have went up against in some time."

Bellaire slipped to 14-7 with the loss while the 18-2 Cadets will travel to Ohio University Eastern in St. Clairsville on Saturday night to face undefeated Union Local in the OVAC 3A championship game at 6

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All told, the Purple Rid-One of those types of ers had four players in douhalf. All told, Ferry em- spurts has become a hall- ble figures. Senior Richella Spielvogel overcame a slow about six minutes of game

"Our conditioning right action to all but punch its now is exceptional," Reasticket to Saturday mornbeck said. "We're getting Ging evenly split 22. Clark up on these teams and then finished with 10.

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ment and a red-hot stretch of three-point shooting, Beaver Local raced off to a 22-8 lead before Riccardo registered her first points with 4:30 left in the second.

Senior Madison Cline helped spur the Beavers early surge by burying three-pointers on three straight possessions. Brooke Briggs also nailed a pair of early threes, while Jensen Britt and Kitty Chen each added one. By halftime, Beaver Local had seven threes and a 33-12 lead.

Cline finished with a team-high 13 points and five assists. Riccardo had a solid night with 10 points and 14 rebounds, while Elizabeth Kolkowski had eight points and 10 rebounds. Briggs had eight points of her own.

The Red Devils showed a lot of fight in the second half, but it was too little, too late. Despite Beaver Local's offense going dry for long stretches, St. Clairsville was never able to get closer than 13.

Macy Malin led the Red Devils with 13 points. Keri

Klinkosi added 12.

We have to play a whole game, that's the bottom line," St. Clairsville coach Stacey Agnew said. "We've done this four or five times this year. You can't get down by 20 points and expect to come back. We got more physical and played harder in the second half, but you have to show up ready to play from the start."

The two teams won't have to wait long for a rematch. They will see each other again in a Div. II sectional opener

at St. Clairsville on Saturday, February 15.
"We just have to play harder," Agnew said. "We gave up way too many open shots tonight.'

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With senior all-staters Eden Gainer and Kaylee Reinbeau again watching from the bench injured, classmate Hannah White, playing hobbled by a nagging hip injury, fouled out with 3:26 to go in overtime and the score knotted at 52-52.

Freshman Lily Vogrin, who finished with 10 points off the bench, gave the visitors a 55-52 edge with a 3-point bomb and the Knights' first lead since 8-6 midway through the first quarter. A pair of charity tosses from junior Tory Hendershot and a triple from classmate Kamdyn Elerick put the Tigers back in front by a 57-55 margin.

Shadyside's final lead of the night came on pair of Baylee Wach free throws at 1:47 of the extra session that made it 59-58. Wheeling Central then moved out to a 64-59 cushion with 25 ticks to go on six free throws.

A Wach bomb at 12 seconds made it 64-62 and after Horan hit one-of-two at the line the hosts called time out with 10 seconds to play. Their final attempt to tie was off the mark and Horan closed the scoring with another charity toss before the Maroon Knights exploded in celebration at

"Nothing went our way for over three quarters and then in the final minute everything seemed to go our way," Kurtz said. "We hadn't pressed the entire game and I think we caught them off guard a little when we did late and forced a couple of big turnovers.

"There were times (Monday) when we had as many as three freshmen on the court against a pretty veteran, and good, Shadyside team. I don't think anyone thought we might be playing for a championship, but our season isn't over yet and they are playing their hearts out.'

The Tigers had led 15-8 in the first before settling for a 15-10 margin after one and extended the lead to 30-16 with 2:41 to go in the half before Central scored the final seven to cut the margin to 30-23.

Central had battled back to within four a few times in the second half but still trailed 51-40 with 1:11 to go. That was before Hannah White drained a pair of triples and Horan added another to cut it to 51-49 with 11 seconds to

ch made one-of-two at the line before a long three from Horan just ahead of the horn found nothing but net to force the extra session.

Hannah White finished with 14 points while freshman Abbey Jones also hit double-figures with 10. Tristen White had eight points and eight rebounds for the winners.

Hendershot had an outstanding night for the Tigers with team-highs of 20 points and 12 rebounds while Wach added 17 and Brooke Selmon and Elerick evenly divided 20

"They made plays when they had to and we didn't," Gentile said. "They played harder, they executed better and they beat us. We were not a very well-coached team (Mon-

day) and that is on me.
"Obviously we were not prepared, but we still had a chance to win the game. They out-hustled us and were getting balls that were hitting our hands or we were just watching go by. They also pushed us around inside.

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Area Sports Briefs

SJC Academy holding Softball Camp
St. John Central Academy in Bellaire is holding "Softball Camp
2020." It will consist of three Sundays, focusing on fundamentals.
The camp will be conducted on Feb. 9, Feb. 16 and Feb. 23. It

will be held in the high school gym.

The camp will be split into two sessions. Grades 1-4 will go from noon to 2 p.m. while grades 5-8 will go from 3-5 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$20 which includes an awards ceremony and t-shirt.

In addition to fundamentals, the camp will feature practice with pitchers and batting practice. For more information or to register,

call (740) 921-9220.

Wheeling Rec. Organizing Spring Softball League
Wheeling Parks and Recreation will be hosting Spring Fastpitch
Softball Leagues at the I-470 Complex for 8th grade and under and
6th grade and under teams. Registration available through March
4. If registered before Feb. 21, teams receive a \$75 discount. Games begin mid-March and continue through late April. Register online at www.wheelingrec.com. For additional information, see the website or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (304)

Bellaire Junior Sports Sets Baseball Registration

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Bellaire Junior Sports has set dates and times for registration
for the 2020 season for T-Ball, Pinto, Mustang, Bronco and Pony,
Registrations will take place at the I.A.C. building (upstairs) at 3112
Belmont Street at the following dates and times — Saturday, Feb.
8 (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.); Saturday, Feb. 22 (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.); and
Wed., March 4 (6-8 p.m.). No registrations will be accepted after
March 4. T-Ball fee is \$50 for the first child, plus \$35 for an additional
child. Pinto through Bronco are \$60, plus \$35 for an additional
child. Pony fee is \$70. Family of three or more is \$110. For more
information, contact Rick Zonker at (740) 340-8476.

Softball Umpire Training Class Stated

A training class to become registered as a high school softball
umpire in both Ohio and West Virginia will begin on Sunday and run

umpire in both Ohlo and West Virginia will begin on Sunday and run seven consecutive weeks. The classes on Feb 9, 16, 23, March 1 and 22 will run from noon until 1:30 p.m., while the class on March 15 will go from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at Wheeling University. For more information, please contact Tom Bechtel at (304) 639-8236 or via email at recbear@comcast.net

or Bob Gabel at (304) 281-5656 or via email at bobrel@gmail.com Buckeye Local Junior Panther Youth Hoop Tourney Slated The Buckeye Local Junior Panther Boys and Girls Tournament the Buckeye Local Junior Panther Boys and Gins Tournament will be held on Feb. 13-16 for grades three through six. The games will be played at North Elementary in Brilliant and the Meadow-brook Church of God in Rayland. The entry fee is \$150 and each team is guaranteed 3 games. Rosters can have a maximum of 10 players and school and comunity teams are welcome. Trophies will be awarded to the top two teams in each of the divisions. For more information, contact Erin Best at (740) 359-1218 or Jim Colabelli at (740) 219-9063.

Barnesville Hosting PAV Class

The Barnesville Athletic Department in conjunction with Tim Berger will host a state certified PAV class before the start of the spring sports seasons. The class will be on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the Barnesville High School multi-use room. Cost is \$25 and is not associated with any league or conference. To register contact Angle Hannahs at (740) 425-3616, ext. 5111, or angle.

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Buckeye Local Boys Basketball Hosting Youth Tourney
The Buckeye Local Boys Basketball team will be hosting its annual youth basketball tournament on March 7-8, 2019. Entry fee is \$125 and each team is guaranteed three games. The tournament will consist of six age divisions: 3rd/4th Boys, 3rd/4th Girls, 5th Grade Boys, 5th Grade Girls, 6th Grade Boys & 6th Grade Girls, For more information Contact Sonya Fedorko at (304) 281-1018 or Neil McCormick at (304) 780-9014.

Bellaire Athletic Department Hosting Hoop Tournament
The Bellaire Athletic Department will hold 5/6 (combined) Grade Boys' Basketball Tournament on Friday, Feb. 21-Sunday, Feb. 23. The entry fee will be \$100 with a guarantee of three (3) games. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams will be awarded, as well as individual awards for the 1st and 2nd place teams. Please con-

as individual awards for the 1st and 2nd place teams. Please contact byoung@bellairesd.org or at (304) 280-2154. Send entry to Bellaire High School c/o Bruce Young, 349 35th St., Bellaire, OH,

Marshall County Grade School Tourney

The Marshall Co Basketball Club, in cooperation with the John Marshall golf team, will host its 29th annual grade school girls bas-ketball tournament Feb. 28, Feb. 29 and March 1 at Sherrard and Moundsville middle schools. There will be individual tournaments for grades 4, 5 & 6 with awards in each grade level. Tournament will be played under middle school rules with regulation timing, officials, and played on middle school courts. There is a three game guarantee with a \$100 entry fee. For further information and an application please contact David Gaudino at David gaudino54@gmail.com.

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"I have been coaching for 35 years and I have to tell you this one ranks up there pretty high," a smiling and elated Kurtz said afterwards. "I am so proud of these girls. This just says so much for this team and its desire.

"Before the game we talked about going out and doing whatever it took to win and that is exactly what these girls did (Monday).'

With senior all-staters Eden Gainer and Kaylee Reinbeau again watching from the bench injured, classmate Hannah White, playing hobbled by a nagging hip injury, fouled out with 3:26 to go in overtime and the score knotted at 52-52.

Freshman Lily Vogrin, who finished with 10 points off the bench, gave the visitors a 55-52 edge with a 3-point bomb and the Knights' first lead since 8-6 midway through the first quarter. A pair of charity tosses from junior Tory Hendershot and a triple from classmate Kamdyn Elerick put the Tigers back in front by a 57-55 margin.

Shadyside's final lead of the night came on pair of Baylee Wach free throws at 1:47 of the extra session that made it 59-58. Wheeling Central then moved out to a 64-59 cushion with 25 ticks to go on six free throws.

A Wach bomb at 12 seconds made it 64-62 and after Horan hit one-of-two at the line the hosts called time out with 10 seconds to play. Their final attempt to tie was off the mark and Horan closed the scoring with another charity toss before the Maroon Knights exploded in celebration at the final horn.

'Nothing went our way for over three quarters and then in the final minute everything seemed to go our way, Kurtz said. "We hadn't pressed the entire game and I think we caught them off guard a little when we did late and forced a couple of big turnovers.

"There were times (Monday) when we had as many as three freshmen on the court against a pretty veteran, and good, Shadyside team. I don't think anyone thought we might be playing for a championship, but our season isn't over yet and they are playing their hearts out.'

The Tigers had led 15-8 in the first before settling for a 15-10 margin after one and extended the lead to 30-16 with 2:41 to go in the half before Central scored the final

seven to cut the margin to 30-23. Central had battled back to within four a few times in the second half but still trailed 51-40 with 1:11 to go. That was before Hannah White drained a pair of triples and Horan added another to cut it to 51-49 with 11 seconds to

Wach made one-of-two at the line before a long three from Horan just ahead of the horn found nothing but net to force the extra session.

Hannah White finished with 14 points while freshman Abbey Jones also hit double-figures with 10. Tristen White had eight points and eight rebounds for the winners.

Hendershot had an outstanding night for the Tigers with team-highs of 20 points and 12 rebounds while Wach added 17 and Brooke Selmon and Elerick evenly divided 20

"They made plays when they had to and we didn't," Gentile said. "They played harder, they executed better and they beat us. We were not a very well-coached team (Monday) and that is on me.

'Obviously we were not prepared, but we still had a chance to win the game. They out-hustled us and were getting balls that were hitting our hands or we were just watching go by. They also pushed us around inside.

This was our 21st game and we are fighting the same battles and the same demons and that is all on me.

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Rex and Merritt scored on consecutive backdoor cuts to seal the deal at 60-52. Trista Morris connected on a pair of triples in the last minute but it was too little, too late.

Our turnovers in the first half once again came back to haunt us," Monroe Central head coach Troy Baker pointed out. "We dug ourselves a hole early that we weren't able to overcome, and they (UL) kept hitting shots.

"We had two tough games with them early in the season. I think we played them in our second and eighth games, Baker recalled. "In both of those games they hit some shots in the fourth quarter that changed the game and allowed them to pull away.

Union Local led 19-14 after one quarter as Torre Kildow netted six of her 13 points. After the Seminoles cut the margin to 21-19 midway through the second quarter, the Jets knocked down three-point shots on successive trips downcourt as the margin grew to 30-19. The hosts took a 37-26 advantage into the lockerroom at the half.

Behind Haylynn Hiles' eight points in the third quarter, Monroe Central narrowed the lead to 50-40, setting the stage for the final eight minutes.

"We had a couple of runs there in the second half. Once we cut it to seven and then it went right back to 14. I don't know whether we got gassed or what there, but I wish I could have that seven points back and a timeout to change that up," Baker looked back. "That's two good ball teams going at it right there.

"I thought (Hannah) Merritt really stepped it up and was kind of the difference in the game," he noted. "She hit some

"I'm proud of my girls. It stings that we're not going to OUE, but they put it all out on the floor. I don't think the

girls have any regrets with the outcome of the game.' Joining Merritt in double figures were Reagan Vinskovich with 14. Torre Kildow had 13 and Casey Kildow 11. Friday paced Monroe Central with 14 markers. Betting-

er added 12. Monroe Central plays at Bellaire Thursday night in the third-place game. There is no JV game. Varsity tip at 6:30

11 p.m. ESPN2 - Air Force at Nevada NBA BASKETBALL 7:30 p.m. TNT - Milwaukee at New Orleans TNT - San Antonio at LA Labero NHL HOCKEY 8 p.m. NBCSN — Chicago al Mannesota SOCCER (MOMEN'S) 620 p.m. FS2 — CONCACAF Olympic Qualifying Tournament. Canacte vs. Mexico TENNS 5 p.m.
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OAK GLEN (39) — Enochs 0, 0-0 0; Giogini 2, 2-4 7;
Andrews 6, 1-2 13; McCoy 2, 1-4-5; Krains 1, 3-3 5; Loveland
0, 0-0 0; McMartin 3, 0-2 6; Greenfield, 0, 0-0 0; Brown 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 15, 7-15 39; MARTINIS FERRY
(55) — Schuster 3, 0-0 6; Boyer 0, 0-0 0; Salder 4, 1-2 11;
Grig 3, 4-6 11; Spielhogel 8, 4-10 16; Clark 4, 0-0 10; Jones
1, 1-1 3; Schuster (20, 0-0) Agreeu 1, 3-4 5; Totals: 22, 13-23-65;
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Dicht 2 2-2 6; Bishop 2 0-0 5; Morris 3 0-0 9; Totals: 22-45
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Vone 3-12-2 10; Claiser 10, 0-00 Traks 2-27; 13-276 Vogin 3-4 2-2 (c) Clejasz 0-1 0-00. Totaks: 22-57 13-23-65. SHADYSDE (62) — T.Hendershot 7-24-4-7 20; Wach 6-8 3-4 17; Gorby 0-5 1-2 1; Sebron 3-9 2-2 10; J.Hendershot 0-3 0-0 0; Elerick 4-8 0-2 10; Brown 1-3 2-4 4; Stewart 0-1

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MYER (52) — Haughil 1, 1-2-4; Reed 0, 0-00; Boger 3, 1-2
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Ohio Boys Poll

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4, Gaharma Lincotn	18-1	97	
5. Haliard Bradley	16-2	87	
6, Cin. La Seão	16-2	67	
7. Youngs. Boardman	15-1	57	
6. Green	14-2	50	
9. Pickerington Cent.	14-4	28	
10, Liberty Twp. Lakota E.	15-2	27	
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3, Lima Shawnee (1)	17-0	123	
4, Tol. Rogers	15-2	100	
5, Cin. Wyoming	16-0	94	
6. Health	19-0	71	
7, Ole, Hts. Lutheran E. (1)	13-2	70	
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3. Cin. Deer Park (1)	15-1	102	
4, Ottawa-Glandorf (1)	15-1	101	
5. Richwood N. Union (2)	16-0	93	
6, Mantua Crestwood	15-1	63	
7, Wilard	15-2	57	
8. Oak Hall	15-4	35	
9, Sardinia Eastern	16-1	34	
10, Proctorville Fairland	17-2	33	
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NHL Glance

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seven consecutive weeks. The classes on Feb 9, 16, 23, March 1 seven consecutive weeks. The classes on Feb 9, 16, 23, March 1 and 22 will run from noon until 1:30 p.m., while the class on March 15 will go from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at Wheeling University. For more information, please contact Tom Bechtel at (304) 639-6236 or via email at recbear@comcast.net, or Bob Gabel at (304) 281-5656 or via email at bobref@gmail.com Buckeye Local Junior Panther Youth Hoop Tourney Stated The Buckeye Local Junior Panther Boys and Girls Tournament will be held on Feb. 13-16 for grades three through six. The games will be played at North Elementary in Brilliant and the Meadow-brook Church of God in Rayland. The entry fee is \$150 and each team is quaranteed 3 games. Rosters can have a maximum of 10

team is guaranteed 3 games. Rosters can have a maximum of 10 players and school and comunity teams are welcome. Trophies will be awarded to the top two teams in each of the divisions. For more information, contact Erin Best at (740) 359-1218 or Jim Colabelli at (740) 219-9063. **Barnesville Hosting PAV Class**

The Barnesville Athletic Department in conjunction with Tim Berger will host a state certified PAV class before the start of the spring sports seasons. The class will be on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 5:30 p.m. in the Barnesville High School multi-use room. Cost is \$25 and is not associated with any league or conference. To regis-ter contact Angle Hannahs at (740) 425-3616, ext. 5111, or angle. hannahs@bevsd.org.

Buckeye Local Boys Basketball Hosting Youth Tourney

The Buckeye Local Boys Basketball Hosting Youth Youthey The Buckeye Local Boys Basketball team will be hosting its annual youth basketball tournament on March 7-8, 2019. Entry fee is \$125 and each team is guaranteed three games. The tournament will consist of six age divisions: 3rd/4th Boys, 3rd/4th Girls, 5th Grade Boys, 5th Grade Girls, 6th Grade Boys & 6th Grade Girls. For more information Contact Sonya Fedorko at (304) 281-1018 or

Neil McCormick at (304) 780-9014.

Bellaire Athletic Department Hosting Hoop Tournament
The Bellaire Athletic Department will hold 5/6 (combined) Grade
Boys' Basketball Tournament on Friday, Feb. 21-Sunday, Feb. 23. The entry fee will be \$100 with a guarantee of three (3) games. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams will be awarded, as well

as individual awards for the 1st and 2nd place teams. Please contact byoung@bellairesd.org or at (304) 280-2154. Send entry to Bellaire High School c/o Bruce Young, 349 35th St., Bellaire, OH,

Marshall County Grade School Tourney

Marshall County Grade School Tourney
The Marshall Co Basketball Club, in cooperation with the John
Marshall golf team, will host its 29th annual grade school girls basketball tournament Feb. 28, Feb. 29 and March 1 at Sherrard and
Moundsville middle schools. There will be individual tournaments
for grades 4, 5 & 6 with awards in each grade level. Tournament will
be played under middle school crutes with regulation timing, officials,
and played on middle school crutes. There is a three game graces. and played on middle school courts. There is a three game guarantee with a \$100 entry fee. For further information and an application please contact David Gaudino at David.gaudino54@gmail.com.

Ohio Girls Basketball

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Batavia 49, Clarksville Circton-Massie 42
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CLEVELAND (AP) - Kevin Love doesn't know what the future holds. All he can do is make the most of the present.

Right now, that's not easy in

Love scored a season-high 33 points in possibly his final home game with the Cavaliers, but Marcus Morris Sr. led the New York Knicks to a 139-134 overtime victory Monday night.

Morris' basket from the left wing gave New York a 135-134 lead with a minute to play. He added another jumper and two free throws on his way to 26 points.

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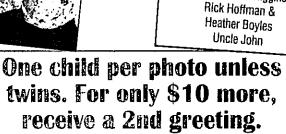
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Park finished the night with 11 3-point goals. The winners were also an impressive 16 of 18 from the charity stripe. The Patriots, however, were somewhat sloppy taking care of the ball, committing 18 turnovers.

Woods turned in a superb effort. The senior sharpshooter netted a game-high 26 points, including four treys and six of six at the line. Roby was also impressive, tallying 14 points to go with strong board play.

Junior ace Bella Abernathy was saddled with early foul issues. She still found time, however, to score eight points and grab seven rebounds.

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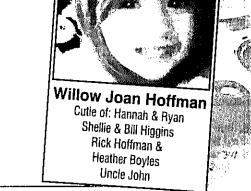
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Path to OVAC boys basketball championships set

By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

BELLAIRE - The brackets are set. After a couple of months of basketball, the path to the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's boys basketball championship established Wednesday morning during the OVAC Basketball Committee meeting.

The Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championships will open on Feb. 11 with the higher seeds in each of the five

classes hosting semi-final games. Those winners will then advance to Ohio University Eastern in St. Clairsville to play for the title on Feb. 15.

The championship final schedule will be the same utilized this coming weekend for the girls with 4A kicking things off at 10 a.m. Games will go off every two hours and go 4A, 5A, 1A, 2A and

The teams not in the top four of their classification were assigned their final two regular season games by the committee. Here's a look at each class: CLASS 5A

Morgantown - on the strength of a 14-2 record - garnered the top seed in the class. The Mohigans have won three conference titles in their still relatively brief history in the OVAC.

Morgantown will welcome fourth-seeded Weir, which is 10-6 and got in after some dominoes fell its way during Tuesday evening's action. The Red Riders

own seven OVAC titles in hoops. but won their last in 2010.

The other half of the bracket pits a pair of familiar opponents. University, which is currently 14-3, garnered the two seed after it edged Wheeling Park on Tuesday. The Hawks, who are

the defending champion and feature Bowling Green signee Kaden Matheny at guard, will play the third-seeded Patriots on Tuesday.

Coach Michael Jebbia's team

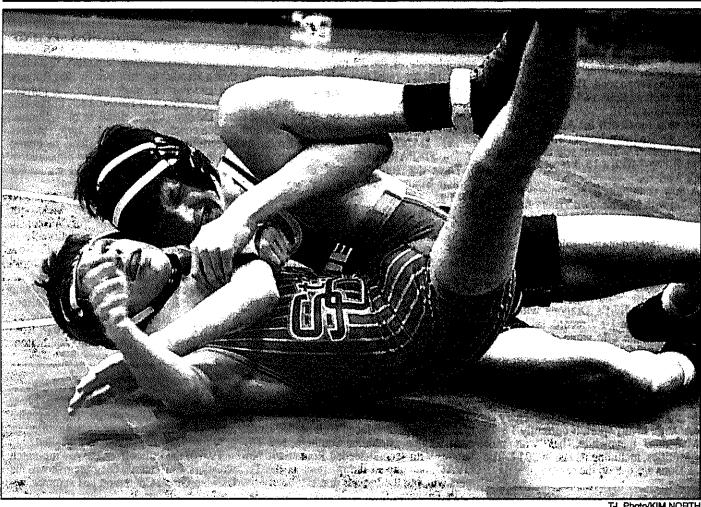
is 12-4 and is seeking its eighth conference title in school history. Park hasn't won a title since

CLASS 4A

Meadowbrook has had a stranglehold on this division, winning the last four titles. Coach Scooter Tolzda's team is the top seed once again as the Colts take part for the final team with their impending departure from the conference.

Meadowbrook earned the top spot with a 14-3 record.

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MARTINS FERRY'S Trey Regis grimaces as earns back points against St. Clairsville's Zach McKeever during their 113-pound match Wednesday night on John Jenkins Court Inside St. Clairsville High School. Regis eventually won, 11-7, but the Red Devils prevailed, 45-33. They also defeated Tri-Valley, 42-36.

Red Devils record

By KIM NORTH

Times Leader Sports Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE Three teams prepping for the upcoming Ohio Regional Team Dual Meet Tournaments met Wednesday night. The host Red Devils came away with a pair of victories, but, while it's nice to come out on top, head coach Joel Sansone said it was all about getting his kids the right matchups.

St. Clairsville topped Tri-Valley, 42-36, and then held off Martins Ferry, 45-33, in triangular action on John Jenkins Court. The Purple Riders also defeated the Scotties,

"We've got a couple of guys battling sickness. We've got a couple of guys out of the line-up," Sansone said.

"We had eight "TWO VERY worthy opponents to Monday and 10 get us ready for the state duals."

yesterday (Tuesguys at practice on day). Tonight was just about getting the matchups that

we wanted for the better competition, so we bumped some guys around.

"We ended up squeaking out a pair of wins with the nextman-up mentality, but it was good competition tonight," he added. "Two very worthy opponents to get us ready for the state duals. Then it's time to rest up for the sectionals.'

Half-a-dozen Red Devils collected a pair of victories, loel Sansone Gannon Kazmir-St. C. head coach ski (106), Mason -McCort and Austin DaRe

(152) each winning twice by pin. Reese Skaggs (195) had a pin and forfeit, while Derek Witsberger (220) earned a pair of decisions. Koen Kish (132) had a forfeit and a decision,

all deadlock.

Corey Naylor pinned Noah back to Barnesville.

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Kim North Wrestling Writer

Ferry, St. Clairsville will both grapple ways to Columbus

The Road to Columbus and the 8th annual Ohio State Wrestling Dual Meet Championships begins this weekend with regional competition for 13 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Eastern District schools, with seven of those being located in Division III. The remaining half-a-dozen are in Division

Only three OVAC schools have ever advanced to the state duals, which are held inside venerable St. John Arena on the campus of Ohio State University. They are Beaver Local, Shadyside and Steubenville. The Beavers reached the state semifinals last season. Big Red made the semis in 2016.

The winners of the eight regions in each of the three divisions (there are no Division I schools in the Eastern District) qualify for quarterfinal action at the state tournament, which will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16.
In Division III, Region 22 action at Al-

exander High School in Albany, Barnesville and Martins Ferry are the top two seeds, respectively. Both received byes in the first round and are battling the injury bug. The Shamrocks handled the Purple Riders earlier this season in a dual. No. 3 West Muskingum and fourth-seeded Shenandoah also received first-round byes into the quarterfinals.

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id. Shadyside, the No. 11 seed, meets Kazmirski provided the win-sixth-seeded Westfall in a first-round matchning points in the Tri-Valley up. That winner gets the third seeded Tordual when he recorded a pin in nadoes. Shenandoah awaits either Liberty 25 seconds that snapped a 36- Union, the fifth seed, or No. 12 Alexander.

I'll take Martins Ferry to reach the state In the Martins Ferry dual, championships by avenging that prior set-

Duck in their 182-pound bout At Mapleton High School in Ashland, to break a 24-all tie. Skaggs Buckeye Local is the eighth seed in Region followed with a 25-second pin 21 and meets No. 9 Garaway in a first round and Witsberger outpointed Za- match. Should the Panthers prevail, they kary Dobson, 6-1, for a 39-24 would meet top-seeded Galion Northmor.

I like Buckeye in the first match, but not

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St. C.'s Lyons continuing grid career at BGSU

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE -Ever since the first time he officially put on a set of pads in the seventh grade, Ja'von Lyons had the dream of playing college football. Lyons, a senior at St.

5 opportunity. He had one from Bowling Green, too.

However, since he elected to wait until the February signing period rather than during the early period in December, the Falcons had reached their limit of offen-

sive linemen in this class. Onita cimply I wone had



Rose applies for reinstatement with MLB, cites Astros

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Pete Rose again asked Major League Baseball to end his lifetime ban, saying the penalty is unfair compared with discipline for steroids use and electronic sign stealing.

Rose's lawyers submitted the application Wednesday to baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred, who in December 2015 denied the previous request by the career hits leader.

"The time has come to recognize that Mr. Rose's penalty has become grossly disproportionate relative to Major League Baseball's treatment of severe wrongdoing by ownership, management and players," the petition said.

Rose agreed to the lifetime ban in August 1989 after an investigation for MLB by lawyer John Dowd found that Rose placed numerous bets on the Cincinnati Reds to win from 1985-87 while playing for and managing the team.

"There has never been any allegation that Mr. Rose's misconduct was intended to gain a competitive advantage over other teams," stated the petition, which was first reported by ESPN. "When it comes to subsequent violations of Major League Baseball rules - namely steroid use and electronic sign stealing this is clearly not the case. They have intentionally and dramatically affected the results of plays and games, including the outcomes of two consecutive World Series. These acts manifestly and deliberately violate the spirit and letter of the rules."

Rose, who turns 79 in April, asked to meet with Manfred, who in his 2015 denial wrote that the 17-time All-Star had "not presented credible evidence of a reconfigured life either by an honest acceptance by him of his wrongdoing, so clearly established in the Dowd Report, or by a rigorous, self-aware and sustained program of avoidance by him of all the circumstances that led to his permanent ineligi-

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claimed the hardware in 2017, which was Edwards' first season at the helm.

CLASS 3A

A new champion is promised in this division as defending champion Barnesville hit the first time. The Indians will make the trip a slide in the middle portion of the season down Route 7 with a 15-3 record. and finished fifth in the standings.

Union Local, which has been one of the the top seed thanks to winning 13 of its final 14, including a win over Barnesville on

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seventh OVAC title, but first since 2012.

Fort Frye, meanwhile, finished the pre-OVAC portion of its schedule with a 14-3 Blue Dons are 8-8 on the season.

that fell in Weir's favor was pushed over their eighth conference title and first since

CLASS 2A

While some of the titles have come in difference classes, the string of success put Harrison has one OVAC title to its credit forth by Wheeling Central, which is the top seed in this class, has been impressive.

All told, the Maroon Knights have won erpool is the second seed and will host Mar- an OVAC-best 27 titles in boys hoops. Included are the last seven.

The Maroon Knights will begin their quest for an eighth straight against 15-1 Clay-Battelle.

The CeeBees have never won an OVAC

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A new champion is guaranteed for this hottest teams in the Ohio Valley, garnered division with Morgantown Trinity failing to qualify for the top four.

Frontier, which has been on top of the standings throughout basically, was awarded the top seed thanks to an 11-7 record. The Cougars, who own five OVAC titles, but none since 2004, will take on a solid ameron outfit.

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Speaking of teams that have never won to Madonna. Hundred, which owns nary an The Cadets are 12-6 and are seeking their OVAC title in any sport, is currently 12-4.

Madonna, meanwhile, has won nine OVAC titles, including its last in 2017. The

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others. Martinez, a quarter- sition. back in high school, expects to play defensive back for the Buckeyes.

Michigan stood pat with der Scott Frost, continues Rakim Jarrett. 23 December signees, in- to build with a class ranked cluding 14 four-stars. The fourth in the Big Ten and Jarrett, out of St. John's Col-Wolverines had hoped first in the West Division lege High in Washington, to land Under Armour for the second straight year. D.C., is the top slot receiver All-America offensive line- The Cornhuskers landed prospect in the country. He man Micah Mazzccua? of nine four-star players, with de-committed from LSU in Baltimore, but he de-com- offensive lineman Turner mitted two weeks ago and Corcoran of Lawrence, Kansigned with Baylor.

Corcoran of Lawrence, Kanthis signing period.
SCHIANO'S SECOND signed with Baylor.

Penn State has 11 fourstar players in its 27-man sota put together their best class. The top-rated player is classes in more than a decade in his return to Rutgers linebacker Curtis Jacobs of and join Nebraska and Pur- is made up of 23 players Glen Burnie, Maryland, the due in the top 40 nationally, and ranked 13th in the Big No 34 player in the nation BTN analyst Gerry DiNardo Ten, ahead of only Illinois. by 247Sports.

DANTONIO **DEPARTURE**

igan State coach Mark Dantonio announced his retirement after 13 seasons.

The Spartans signed 19 to what, at No. 10 in the Big Skoronski of Park Ridge, Il-Ten, is their lowest-ranked linois. class since the 2007 group assembled during the John

RISE OF THE WEST

sas, the top player.

Wisconsin, Iowa, Minne-Jordon Simmons of Power Paul Chryst and Iowa's Kirk Power Five schools. Springs, Georgia, delayed Ferentz have made changes operations.

is building momentum, and Northwestern's Pat Fitzger-

FEAR THE TURTLE

LSU and Oregon, among L. Smith-to-Dantonio tran- class in the Big Ten for the second time in three years, largely because of the sur-Nebraska, coming off two prise December signing straight losing seasons un- of five-star wide receiver

The 6-foot, 208-pound one of the biggest surprises

FIRST CLASS

Greg Schiano's first class said Frost and Purdue coach Among the new players Jeff Brohm have recruited at are six transfers, including a higher level than their pre- four who have appeared in Three-star running back decessors, and Wisconsin's a combined 104 games for

Aron Cruickshank, who his signing a day after Mich- to upgrade their recruiting ran back two kicks for touchdowns for Wisconsin Minnesota's P.J. Fleck and was sixth nationally in kick returns, is from New York City and was lookplayers in December and ald signed his first four-star ing to play closer to home. added two more Wednesday in two years in center Peter Safety Brendon White, who played the last three seasons at Ohio State, was defensive MVP of the 2019 Rose Maryland has a top-six Bowl win over Washington.

Grapple

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the second.

is te No. 7 seed and faces 10th-seeded United in Region 20. Saline Southern, No. 15, tangles with second-seeded Rootstown. No OVAC matchup in the quarters as the Tigers win, but the Indians don't.

In Division II at Philo, St. Clairsville is the fourth seed in Region 13 and goes against OVAC newcomer New Philadelphia, seeded 13th.

A win gets the Red Devils to the quarters where they would face either No. 5 Indian Valley, whom they lost to in the finals last year in Granville, or 12th-seeded Fairfield Union. Another victory would push the locals into the semifinals where top-seeded West Holmes most likely awaits.

Meadowbrook, the other OVAC entrant, is seeded 15th and meets No. 2 Carrollton.

I'll go with St. Clairsville over Carrollton in the finals, giving the local area two squads in Columbus.

At Beachwood High School in Region ersburg South (45-23). 12, Beaver Local received the No. 2 seed behind perennial power Louisville. Steubenville is fourth and Indian Creek ninth.

8 Revere in their first bout. The Beavers are in Moundsville. into the quarterfinals with a bye.

Not quite sure how Indian Creek and Steubenville ended up here when Carrollton and New Philadelphia were shipped south. I'll go with Louisville over Beaver Local in a close match.

Panther Classic Leftovers It seemed like a Pennsylvania dual meet mons at (304) 312-7362.

at times last weekend at Buckeye Local At Rootstown High School, Wellsville High School in Connorville. Ten Keystone State grapplers came away with titles as only four OVAC individuals prevailed.

Two of the titlists from Pa. Are top-notch wrestlers. Carlynton's Oleg Melnyk was the Ukraine Grand Champion last summer, according to his coach.

Ellwood City's Austin Walley improved to 31-1. He finished fourth in the PIAA Double-A last year and is ranked No. 3 this season.

Heavy Duty Quad

Parkersburg South hosted its annual Ouad Classic last weekend as Huntington. Lakewood St. Edward and Wheeling Park competed.

The Ohio powerhouse flexed its muscles with victories over the Highlanders (73-4), the Ohio County Patriots (64-12) and the Wood County Patriots (41-22).

Locally, Wheeling Park earned a victory over Huntington (53-21) but fell to Park-

Marshall County "Oldtimers" Tournament

The John Marshall Wrestling Boosters Big Red meets the 13th-seeded hosts in a are holding an "Oldtimers Tournament on first-round pairing. The Redskins have No. March 15 at the John Marshall Fieldhouse

Age divisions are broken down into This region has a host of talented squads. three groups: Youngens (19-35 years old); Middle Age (36-49); and Over the Hill (50-and-over).

All entrants must be postmarked by March 12. Emails will not be accepted after March 13.

For more information, text David Sim-

Lyons

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McLean. This past season, men should learn." he earned first-team Allseason.

All-Eastern District, All- upward trend. Times Leader, All-OVAC, "They're on the rise," differ All-Valley and All-Buck- Lyons said. "I got a great said. eye 8.

in 2019. However, Lyons in life. Along with All-Ohio, Ly- believes head coach Scott

vibe from Coach Loeffler

regular for the Red Dev- snapping the ball should be also a member of the St. C. ils and head coach Brett one that all offensive line- Singers, which just won a competition last weekend.

The Falcons have been Lyons' versatility was Ohio after grading out at down the last couple of something that his mother, 90 percent blocking for the years, including a 3-9 finish Gina, instilled in him early

"Ever since I was a little ons was named first-team Loeffler has the team on an kid, my mom has always sure that I had interests in different things," Lyons

"She always wanted me



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OVAC Boys Basketball Tourney Pairings Set

By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

BELLAIRE - The brackets are set. After a couple of months of basketball, four of their classification the path to the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's boys basketball championship was established Wednesday morning during the OVAC Basketball Committee meeting.

The Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championships will open on Feb. 11 with the higher seeds in each of the five classes hosting semi-final games. Those winners will then advance to Ohio University Eastern in St. ence titles in their still relatively brief the third-seeded Patriots on Tuesday. Clairsville to play for the title on Feb. history in the OVAC.

weekend for the girls with 4A kicking during Tuesday evening's action. The things off at 10 a.m. Games will go off Red Riders own seven OVAC titles in

every two hours and go 4A, 5A, 1A, 2A and 3A.

The teams not in the top were assigned their final two regular season games by the committee.

Here's a look at each

CLASS 5A

Morgantown - on the strength of a 14-2 record garnered the top seed in the class. feature Bowling Green sign-The Mohigans have won three conferesee Kaden Matheny at guard, will play

Morgantown The championship final schedule fourth-seeded Weir, which is 10-6 and tle in school history. Park hasn't won a will be the same utilized this coming got in after some dominoes fell its way title since 2012.

familiar opponents.
University, which is ence.
currently 14-3, garnered the two seed with a 14-3 record.
One of the dominoes that fell in the control of the dominoes of the d Park on Tuesday. The Hawks, who are the defending champion and

Coach Michael Jebbia's team is 12-4 welcome and is seeking its eighth conference ti-

CLASS 4A Meadowbrook has had a stranglehold

hoops, but won their last in on this division, winning the last four titles. Coach Scooter Tolzda's team is The other half of the the top seed once again as the Colts bracket pits a pair of take part for the final team with their impending departure from the confer-

rison Central. The Huskies, by virtue of their win over Steubenville on Tuesday, punched their own ticket to the final four with a 10-7 record.

Harrison has one OVAC title to its credit and that came in 2007.

On the other half of the bracket, East Liverpool is the second seed and will host Martins Ferry.

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Triadelphia Girls Claim **PAC 8 Championship**

Raiders pull away in final minutes

By CODY TOMER Staff Writer

WHEELING girls from the Triadelphia and Cameron eighth grade basketball teams will be reminiscing over their junior high battles all throughout their high school careers.

A season ago, the Cameron seventh grade girls barely edged Triadelphia by two points in the PAC 8

Championship.
Now in eighth grade, the
Raiders got their revenge.
In a back-and-forth slug-

fest, Triadelphia's eighth grade team delivered the final blow, rallying from three points down with two minutes to go, by going on an 8-0 run to finish the game and capturing the PAC 8 title by a final of 41-36.

The win is Triadelphia's fourth straight eighth grade

"We stressed all year, we use the phrase 'play pres-

"Put mistakes away and on to the next Triadelphia coach Dave Stahnke said.

"They tested us a little bit there.

"Early on we were pressing ourselves and forcing a little bit but we talked at halftime about letting the game come to us and slow down.

"I thought that ended up happening for us. We battled through and pulled it out at the end."

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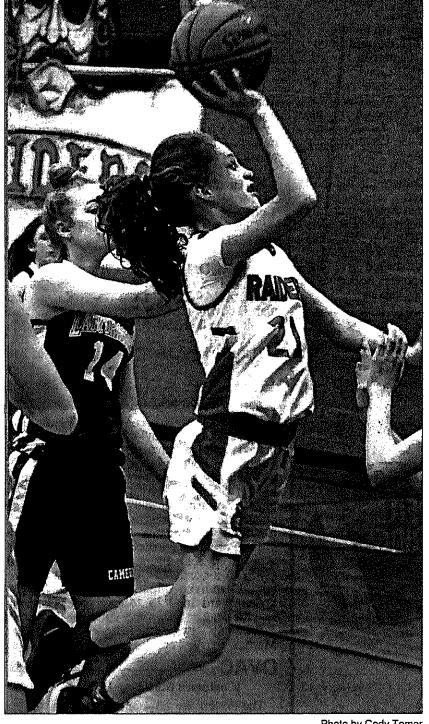
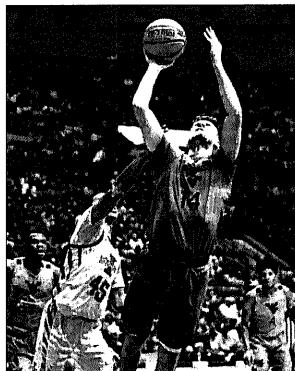


Photo by Cody Tomer

Triadelphia's Natalie Daugherty takes flight with her eyes on the basket during Wednesday's eighth grade PAC 8 Championship game.



West Virginia guard Chase Harler (14) shoots as he is defended by Iowa State guard Rasir Bolton (45).

Harler Scores 14 As WVU Defeats Iowa State, 76-61

By MATT THORNSBURY **Associated Press**

routine.

The freshman had 16 on Wednesday night.

"He gets better ev- 50% of its free throws. ery day," West Virgin- "To turn it over

scorer at 10.7 points per don't go 12 for 24. Are game and the leading re-you kidding me?" bounder at 9.7. He has four games with at least 17 rebounds. This was his

eighth double-double.

"Play hard," Tshieb-we said. "Not everybody MORGANTOWN plays hard. If you keep West Virginia's Os- playing hard, people are car Tshiebwe is making going to get tired, which double-doubles seem is going to make it easier for you.

West Virginia didn't points and 10 rebounds, necessarily play smart and No. 13 West Vir- against the Cyclones. ginia breezed to a 76-61 Huggins left the court agvictory over Iowa State itated about his team's 19 turnovers and making just

"To turn it over 19 ia coach Bob Huggins times is ridiculous," said. "He wants to learn. Huggins said. "When He wants to get better." guys play bad, they miss Tshiebwe is the Moun-free throws. If you're a taineers' second-leading major college team, you

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St. C. Gets **Pair of Wins**

By KIM NORTH For The Intelligencer ST. CLAIRSVILLE – Three teams prepping for the upcoming Ohio Re-



Wheeling Stuns Charleston

stun No. 25 Charleston the Walker Center.

 Liberty saw a game-ty-John Korte drilled a ing 3-point shot fall off 3-pointer with 54 seconds the iron at the buzzer as left to break a 66-66 tie to West Virginia State held help Wheeling University on for a wild upset win at

WOMEN West Liberty 74 WV State 68

INSTITUTE, W.Va. - The West Liberty University women's basket-71-66 during Wednes- The loss snapped an ball team splashed home and out," Stahnke said.
"You can't take any"They weren't falling thing away from them.
They weren't falling thing away from them.
We kept telling We kept our starters in and it's a good fight to beat

are finally going to fall.
"Natalie Daugherty "Natalie Daugherty is pretty strong hit a nice 3 there at the came up short." end and we kind of stayed the course. We Dragons with 14 points, ball in the middle, which Dobbs added nine. helped us, especially in the second half."

edge into halftime.

mained a tough one but the ball. Ashlee Dobbs dropped

the girls that the shots are finally going to fall.

"Note: It is a state of the shots game but even the bench of our girls." is pretty strong. We just

Vantassell paced the made some adjustments while Ashlee Dobbs adelphia used an early

Cameron held an 8-7 can't wait to see what game. lead after one but the she does when she gets Raiders took a 21-18 into high school. She is lge into halftime. a real good center, good The third quarter re- low post, just feed her

in five points, including with 13 points, followed a 3-pointer in the midst by Daugherty with 12

Seventh Grade Triadelphia 28

Cameron 11 WHEELING - Triand were able to get the turned in 11 and Emilee 7-0 run to break away from Cameron in the "Vantassell is amaz- Seventh Grade Girls ing," Littleton said. "I PAC 8 Championship

> Triadelphia also shutout Cameron in the third quarter.

Keira Sparks and Lily Brinker paced the Raiders Woods led Triadelphia with 10 points each, while Mikalah Woods and Maci Neely charted five and four points, respectively,

offensive end. West Virginia is eighth in the country in rebounds per game.
"I mean there's no question the phys"I mean there's no question the physicality was a huge difference in the game," Prohm said.

Rasir Bolton scored 18 points for the

Cyclones (9-13, 2-7) and Tyrese Haliburton added 12.

BIG PICTURE

Iowa State: The Cyclones shot 40% from the floor and fell to 0-7 this season on the road.

West Virginia: The Mountaineers improved to 12-0 at home, seven of which have been by at least 20 points. HAILING HARLER

Harler had a season high for points on 5-of-9 shooting, including three

"Chase has played really well," Huggins said. "We wouldn't be 18-4 without Chase."

NO. 19 BUTLER 79 NO. 10 VILLANOVA 76 INDIANAPOLIS (AP) –

Ka-

NO. 21 CREIGHTON 56

3-pointers, and Providence pulled away

from Creighton. Providence (13-10, 6-4 Big East) defeated a ranked foe for a second straight game after topping then-No. 16 Butler

on the road Saturday. Alpha Diallo, limited to bench duty against the Bulldogs amid a two-game slump, bounced back with 14 points and six rebounds.

Ty-Shone Alexander led Creighton (17-6, 6-4) with 15 points but was just 5 of 15 from the field. Christian Bishop and Damien Jefferson each had 13 points.

NO. 12 SETON HALL 78 **GEORGETOWN 71**

WASHINGTON - Myles Powell scored 34 points, Romaro Gill tied a career-high with eight blocks and No. 12 Seton Hall raced out to a big lead and beat Georgetown.

The Pirates (17-5, 9-1) jumped out to mar Baldwin made a buzzer-beating a 16-0 lead, going 4 for 4 on 3-point-3-pointer and scored 17 points, lifting ers. Powell, the second leading scorer No. 19 Butler over No. 10 Villanova.

The Bulldogs (18-5, 6-4 Big East) of 21 points by halftime.

St. C. -

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In the Martins Fer- gis (113-forfeit, pin); little things here and there ry dual, Corey Naylor Sabin Ward (160-2 didn't go our way. pinned Noah Duck in their pins); Kameron Hughes "We're ready for this 182-pound bout to break (170/182-2 pins) and weekend," he noted. "I a 24-all tie. Skaggs fol- Bruney (dec., pin). think we've got a shot." a 24-all tie. Skaggs followed with a 25-second "Those are two pin and Witsberger out- good Division II schools. pointed Zakary Dobson, We beat Tri-Valley pretty

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Boys Basketball South Harrison 73, Paden City 47

(285) to make it 39-30, coach Chad Ware said, third quarter and never

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OVAC

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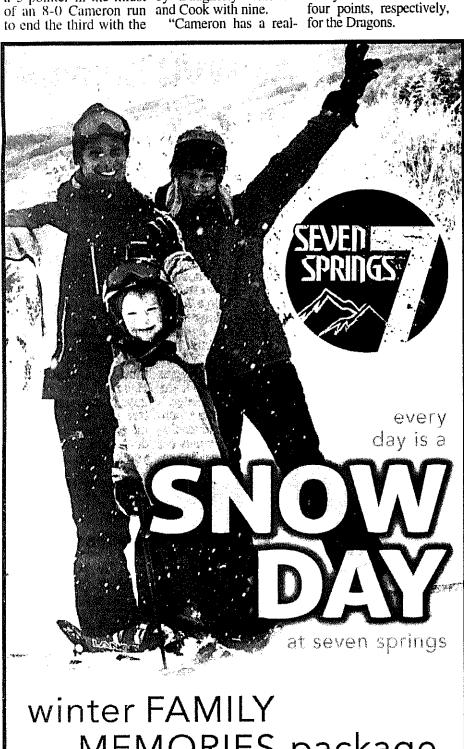
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Beallsville, Cameron to clash in 1A final

Times Leader Sports Writer

quite familiar with each other in recent years.

for the 1A title at the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Basketball Championships - have made acquaintances

in the 1A title tilt on the floor of Ohio University Eastern's Physical

Education and Recreation Center we can get two in a row." two years ago. Cameron won that installment, 69-58, but Beallsville ger to get the sour taste of a semi- County with a 66-28 drubbing of ST. CLAIRSVILLE - Bealls- rebounded by claiming last year's ville and Cameron have become crown with a 38-33 triumph against last season's 1A semis out of their night. It was the 18th victory of the PICTURED ON the covtop-seeded Madonna.

The Blue Devils and Dragons - in three seasons Saturday. And for ward to capping her inaugural camwho meet at 2 Saturday afternoon Blue Devils head coach Tori Jarrett, paign with a crown. it would cap what's been a great regular season thus far.

We have a lot of other things frequently in both regular-season we want to do, but this has definiteand tournament play during the past ly been a big goal," she said. "It's few seasons. awesome to get back. This is the The highlight was a showdown third straight year we've been in the

The Dragons, meanwhile, are ea-

"It's pretty exciting," said Pettit, who played at John Marshall in high school for OVAC Hall of Famer average. Jarrett said the Bluefield Stan Blankenship at John Marshall State signee is a vocal leader. and collegiately for Cameron native Lynn Ullom at West Liberty.

Bealisville advanced to Belmont final loss to the Blue Devils in Hundred in a semifinal tilt Monday p-seeded Madonna. mouths. Holly Pettit, Cameron's season for the top-seeded Blue Dev-One team will make it two titles first-year head coach, is looking for- ils, a team powered by the senior tandem of Ashlie Louden and Ashley Howell.

"I think she and Ashley Howell (6-0, 16.5 ppg) have done a good "We couldn't ask for a better job of being there for the other playchampionship game so, hopefully, group of girls to be taking this jour- ers and helping them out when nec-See, 1A, Page 3

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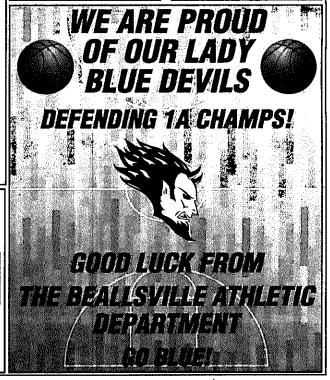
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essary," Jarrett said.

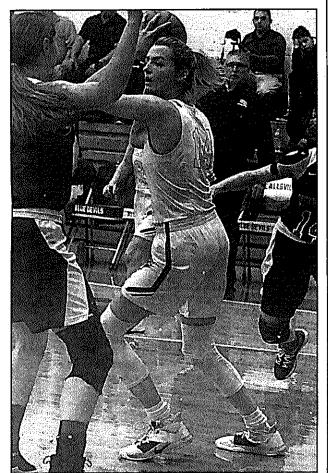
Things took a dramatic turn for the Blue Devils shortly before the start of the regular season when the loss of a pair of players game scenarios in prac-from a year ago reduced their roster to just seven. Juniors Harley Nalley (5-7) best with what we've had. and Cheyenne Riley, soph- The kids have stepped up. omores Hannah Phillips (5- And the ones who might 1) and Jaycee Huffman, and not've gotten as much freshman Hallie Bommer playing time have definite-(5-7) round out the lineup. Bommer has been playing with a broken nose for about every game. Jarrett has the past week.

of the credit goes to them. resulted in an 18-3 mark.

The lack of bodies has presented its challenges. "How do you replicate

ly stepped up.'

All seven play mostly found a recipe for success "The girls have been with including everyone reat," Jarrett said. "All in the lineup, which has



BEALLSVILLE'S ASHLEY Howeli looks for somewhere to pass during Monday's OVAC Class 1A semifinal against Hundred. Howell is one of the Blue Devils leaders and they'll be looking for their second straight OVAC 1A title Saturday at 2 p.m. against Cameron.

losses have come to Mor- ly.

Dut the Blue 22.

One to Division III region- "We lost to them by 16 at swered with a big victory

They play hard every game."

That includes two victories al semifinalist a year ago), Linsly," Jarrett noted. "We against the Cadets at home. against the Dragons. The Wheeling Central and Lins- 'didn't get off the bus."

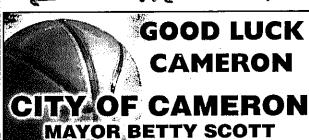
"That's when we really "That's when we really But the Blue Devils an- started to peak," Jarrett said.

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Ferry, Beaver set for round 4 this season

Times Leader Sports Editor

MARTINS FERRY There will be no secrets Saturday morning at Ohio University Eastern's Health and Physical Education Center.

Martins Ferry and Beaver Local didn't need to spend a lot of time this week tracking down information or film on the other one. They've learned plenty about each other during their three prior meetings this season.

However, this meeting has far greater stakes.

The top-seeded Purple Riders and second-seeded Beavers will clash at 10 a.m. in the 4A game of the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championships to begin a day-long basketball fest.

"We know them and they know us," Martins Ferry head coach Dave Reasbeck said. "We're playing well. I'd take us against about anyone right now. We're excited to go out, play and see what happens.'

Beaver Local head coach believes it'll be all about ex-

"It's going to come down to which team executes the at 10 a.m." best," Coie said. "We're fa-

T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

Stephanic Coie, meanwhile, MARTINS FERRY senior Richella Spielvogel is the Purple Riders leading scorer this season and led the way in the semifinal game against Oak Glen. Her performance helped send the Purple Riders to today's 10 a.m. 4A final against Beaver.

Before either team could miliar with their personnel shift focus to a fourth meetas they are with ours. They ing they had to take care of have a really nice team and their respective business it'll probably com down to on Monday. Martins Ferry which team is ready to play rolled past Oak Glen, while

Clairsville to the consolation aware of its last crown since bracket.

hoisted an OVAC girls the same team it defeated hoops championship tro- Monday in the semifinals, phy in 2009. Reasbeck was for the title. the coach of that team, but "Getting back to this many of the Purple Rid- game was definitely one of the coach of that team, but ers weren't probably old our goals at the start of the enough to remember much season," Beaver Local head about it.

about what's happened be-fore," Reasbeck said. "It's Prior to this season, Marteam and this seaso."

the Beaver dispatched St. Beavers' roster is far more it came last year when Bea-The Purple Riders last ver outlasted St. Clairsville,

coach Stephanie Coie said. "These kids don't care "We're excited about the

all about now. We may talk tins Ferry had been in the a little bit about our last consolation bracket for the time there just in terms of last several years, finish-differences in the court and ing well below .500 for the such, so the kids are aware, season. However, Reasbeck but really it's all about this identified in late October when practice began that his that the most lopsided score, gotten better and really newly inherited club had a 69-37, coming in the last See, 4A, Page 12

chance to do something spe- meeting should certainly

"I knew we had six seniors who had played a lot," Reasbeck said. "They hadn't Reasbeck said. "They hadn't Reasbeck said. "We know won a lot, but they had we can beat them. We're gained valuable experience going to build from that and were willing to be learn and were willing to take to ries over." the coaching. Plus, we had a good mix of guards and ture a balanced attack posts, so I thought if we ever offensively. Senior post learned how to win, and play Richella Spielvogel is a hard, we had the potential."

The Purple Riders — in at 15 points and 10 re-their second game of the bounds. season — took down Bea- However, she's not ver Local, which was the alone as it pertains to first signal that Reasbeck scoring the ball. Senior was on to something.

undefeated Union Local omore Maria Clark check that the Riders lost by an astounding 51 points that the nior Jaden Stalder rounds light switched flipped.

that switch flipping to on. cording to her coach. "That Union Local game was a major wake-up call, ers rely on Sidne Sidon. especially in practice the next day. The girls could have quit on the season and started to think about softball or track, but I told them her team will shake off the 'you still have a chance to aforementioned Buckeye win the (OVAC)' and ever since that practice they've taken it and ran."

debacle against the Jets, this will be a good game. Ironcially, the one loss in We know it's going to be there occurred at Beaver a physical game.' Local. However, just a few days later, in the Buckeye 8 vers know they must play third and fourth-place game, better is handling the Rid-

them have been different," Reasbeck said. "The first game was close and we kind amount of turnovers in the of ran away in the second first meeting," Coie obhalf, then they controlled the served. "We have to elim-game at their place from the inate those. We have to start and we had our way in make some shots, rebound the third game."

On the other side, the newly inherited club had a 69-37, coming in the last

help his team mentally.
"We should have all the game and hope that car-

The Purple Riders feanightly double-double

However, she's not Madison Ging donates [1] But, it wasn't until an a game, while classmate early January game against Shayla Schuster and sophin at 10 points a night. Selight switched flipped.

"It took longer than I expected," Reasbeck said of ketball of the season," ac-

Off the bench, the Rid-Allarah Jones and Haleigh Boyer for minutes.

On the other side of the equation, Coie believes 8 meeting.

"We didn't play well that day, but I think we'll The Purple Riders have be ready to play this time," won eight of nine since that Coie said. "I really think

An area that the Beathe Purple Riders defeated ers' full-court pressure, Beaver in the third matchup. which was been effective "All of the games against in the two wins against Beaver.

"We had a ridiculous the ball and take care of Reasbeck believes the fact it. Our young guards have

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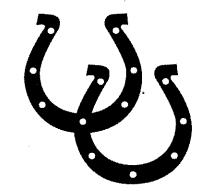


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UL, Fort Frye to meet for 3A crown

By KIM NORTH

Times Leader Sports Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE

clude a long day of girls' high school when Union Local and Fort Frye do battle A pair of schools that have at 6 p.m. for the Wheeling bounced back and forth Hospital OVAC Class 3A

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feated Jets (21-0) and No. cal for a long, long time, 2 Cadets (18-2) both own Union Local head coach OVAC and both have very young squads as just one senior will suit up for the contest. Union Local won in Class beaten them in the last 20 4A in 2016-17 and were years, but I know it isn't Class 3A titlists in 2010-11 while competing in Class 2A. Fort Frye, meanwhile, with a 63-59 nod over claimed three consecu- fourth-seeded tive Class 2A crowns from Central in one semifi-1998-2001, while also nal. Fort Frye held off winning in 2009-10. The third-seeded Bellaire, 61-Beverly-based quint repeat-

between divisions will con- championship inside Ohio ed Class 3A titles in 2011-clude a long day of girls' University Eastern's Health 12 and 2013-13, along with

"Fort Frye has kind of The top-seeded and unde- been a nemesis of Union Lochampionships, Rob Barr said. "Fort Frye was a team we could never get a handle. I don't know how many times we've very many."

Union Local advanced Monroe

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46, in the other. "I think it will be a battle Barr noted. of tempo. We like a lot of

take their time on offense," ing up just under 40. They seven times.

possessions and they like to points per game, while giv- and have topped 70-or-more (5-11) and Torre Kildow (5- tively. Kildow has a team- also the top two rebounders

have scored more than 80

His Jets are scoring 67.5 points on four occasions, men - Reagan Vinskovich scoring averages, respec- from the foul line. They are

10) - pace the Union Local best 38 three-point goals A pair of talented fresh- attack with 20.9 and 17.1 and shoots 74.4 percent



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Wheeling Park, Creek vie in clash of 5A powers

By BUBBA KAPRAL Executive Sports Editor

shapes up as one of the fea- Huntington. ture attractions in today's at Ohio University Eastern.

in Wintersville with the and we never really recov-Redskins emerging with a hard-fought 67-57 triumph. "It left a sour taste in our

today's title tilt with a 64-23 beatdown of Weir Monday he added. "Hopefully, we night. The Patriots, mean-can go over there (OUE) and via a 67-48 win over University that same evening.

Coach Steve Redskins are an impressive onships and this tournament 18-1. The lone blemish has has somewhat of a post-seacome at the hands of unbeat- son feel to it.' en Union Local in the Buckeye 8 championship game. Coach Ryan Young's Pa-

triots, meanwhile, are 18-2 and ranked No. 1 in the WVSSAC Class AAA rank-WHEELING - The Class ings. Park's other loss this 5A game undoubtedly season was a road setback at

"When we went up to OVAC Wheeling Hospital Creek, I thought we played a Basketball Championships really good game. We built up a pretty good lead, but The contest serves as a give them credit. They re-rematch between top-seed-sponded," Young said. "It ed Indian Creek and No. 2 was a kind of a back-and-seed Wheeling Park. The forth game and they took two teams met on Jan. 13 over in the fourth quarter

Indian Creek advanced to mouths. This is the matchup day's title tilt with a 64-23 we have been waiting for," while, punched their ticket play like we know how and bring back another title to Wheeling Park. It's always Eft's exciting playing for champi-

Park boasts a veteran group that packs inside and See, 5A, Page 9

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INDIAN CREEK'S All Tweedy drives to the bas ket during a game earlie this season. Tweedy is senior and a solid contrib utor for the once-beater Redskins. Indian Cree defeated Wheeling Par in January and will take on the Patriots today a noon in the OVAC Clas 5A title game.

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WHEELING PARK'S Linsey Garrison drives to the basket during a game earlier this season. She and the Patriots will try to exact revenge and claim the OVAC 5A title today at noon when they take on Indian Creek in the 5A title game.

Photo/CODY TOMER

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outside offensive firepower.

ble machine.

Young has two explosive guards threat. in senior Shanley Woods and junior Kier Lindsey Garrison. Both are deadly from beyond the arc. Woods is coming off a 26-point effort in the OVAC semifinal win.

Asia Roby rounds out Park's three- score. Junior Bella Abernathy is one of guard lineup. The steady 5-7 junior

> Kieran Johnson is the Patriots' glue. The 5-6 senior forward is a rebounding machine while also a capa- tough blow, Young still has severble scorer inside the paint. Much of al quality performers coming off the her work goes unnoticed in the box
>
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The Patriots will again be without the finest posts in the OVAC. The has bounced back from a knee injury the services of senior dynamo Abby physical 5-11 junior is a double-dou- a year ago to effectively run the point Snedeker. The 5-6 forward served as while also adding another shooting a tempo-changer in her role as sixth man. She is sidelined with a hand in-

While Snedeker's absence is a

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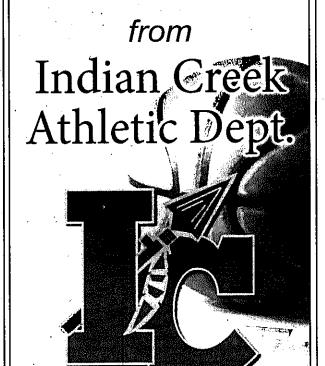
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Steubenville CC, Wheeling CC to battle in 2A

By SETH STASKEY

nes Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE -Wheeling Central and Steubenville Central have been trophy. two of the area's most steady girls basketball programs.

Still, however, not many "ould have predicted this the brackets were finalized more than a week ago.

at 4, the Maroon Knights season. and Crusaders will be on

in the last couple of weeks. eventually pulled out a 66the Class 2A champion- Ravaged by injuries to sev- 62 victory to reach today's sure many others gave us a ling Central in the 2017 title will still be without Division hip game in the Wheeling eral key players, the Ma-final. Hospital OVAC Girls Bas- roon Knights squeezed into ketball tournament when the field as the fourth seed (Reinbeau) to injury and we meanwhile, was able to take said. "We've made the final

Wheeling Central, which ers, took advantage of some

"We had just lost Kayleigh

Facing a double-figure "We had a great practice, lated matters. the court with the winner deficit with just 70 seconds though, last Saturday, and securing the championship to play, Wheeling Central talked about doing whatev- away from the Zeps for a kids played hungry against hit a quartet of three point- er it takes to win the game. I left that practice feeling entered the OVAC at 9-11, free throw issues and mis- like if we played how we history of the event. Their

> Steubenville Catholic,

chance.'

thrown up this afternoon them twice earlier in the or make adjustments to play- coach Jess Looman, who ing without her," Kurtz said. was out of town on work-re- losses, including five of the

> The Crusaders pulled their second title game in the game.

The Crusaders are now downs, too.

six that are by fewer than six points," Looman said. "Our 51-34 win and a berth in Shenandoah and we'll need that to carry over.'

Wheeling Central will was reeling to say the least cues, forced overtime and practiced that day, we'd last appearance ended with once again bring its neverhave a chance, but I am not a loss, ironically, to Wheel- say-die attitude because it I signees Eden Gainer and "We're excited," Looman Reinbeau with injuries.

"We've had to play a lot and faced a road trip to faced a stretch of four games care of business on its home four the last four years, but of younger players (because Shadyside to take on a Ti- in seven days, so we didn't court, against Shenandoah, only gotten to the final that of the injuries), and they've But, when the ball is gers team that had beatern have a lot of time to practice despite playing without head one time previously. We're stepped up," Kurtz said.

just super excited to get "We've had kids elevate their kids."

Of the players suiting up 13-7 on the season, but today, senior Hannah White they've had their ups and is the unquestioned leader See, 2A, Page 12





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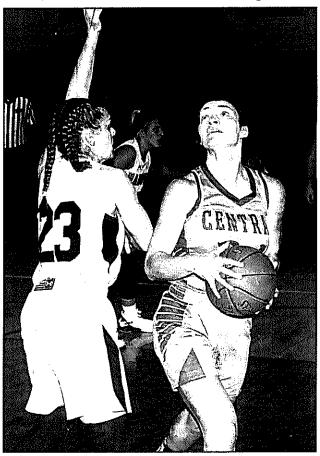
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Photo/JOE CATULLO STEUBENVILLE CENTRAL'S Isabella Oliver makes a move to the basket during a game earlier this season. Oliver averages a double-double for the season.

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/ith 11 and 6.5 per game. "To be honest with you,

thought when the season tarted that we were probaly a year away," Barr acnowledged. "It's hard to ut this much pressure on reshmen, but they've reponded every time we've eeded them too."

Junior point guard Casey ildow (5-6) runs the show nd scores at a 10.9 clip. he has 18 long-distance askets and is an 82.5-perent free throw shooter.

"Casey is the glue that olds us together," Barr raised of his returning arter. "She handles the ball gainst the opponent's press. he distributes the ball to the pen players. She does a lot f things that don't show up 1 the boxscore."

Sophomores Hannah Aerritt (5-7) and Keira Greor (5-7) round out the starting lineup. Merritt led the ets with 20 points in their emifinal victory. She has 1 treys and averages 12.7 oints per outing. Gregor cores 6.8 a contest and also orks hard in the paint. "Hannah has really been a

"Hannah has really been a ig difference maker in the ist month-and-a-half. She an run. She can jump and ne gives us another outside nooter," Barr added. "Her utside shooting has come round. We changed her hot a little bit. They were oming down wet, so we pok some of the arc out of tem and she has been more ccurate."

Sophomores Alleigh Theatham (5-8) and Baylee lex (5-7) are the Jets who ome off the bench.

Fort Frye's two losses ave come to Wheeling Park 1 the Sam Andy Classic and Varren Local.

"They can shoot the ree," Barr said of the Caets. "They had 19 in one ame this season. We will efinitely have to get out on heir shooters."

Sophomore Hannah See, **3A**, Page 12



UNION LOCAL sophomore Hannah Merritt has been one of the top contributors for the Jets on both ends of the floor during their 21-game winning streak. Merritt averages nearly 13 points a game. Merritt and the Jets will take on Fort Frye in this evening's OVAC Class 3A championship game. Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.



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Archer (5-7) is Fort Frnior Lexie Huck (5-5) who Kesselring (5-9), junior Olivia Schneider (5-3) and (5-2).

Archer and Dalton are the top rebounders.

Coming off the Cadets bench are junior Karlee man Riley Medley (5-3).

"We're a smaller, quickye's leading scorer with a er, faster team than they 16-point norm. She is joined are," veteran Fort Frye head in double figures by ju- coach Dan Liedtke said. "We actually thought we scores 11 a game. The other could be good this year, starters are senior Kiersten despite our youth, because three of our juniors started Barr explained. "But that sophomore Kenzie Dalton two sophomores who started at the other end. It's going last year as freshmen."

Ross started as a freshman but missed last season with a knee injury.

"She's coming along," Ross (5-6), sophomore Julia Liedtke said. "We're still it's going to be exciting for Zalmanek (5-6) and fresh- easing her in a little bit at a the girls to play in."

"If they go to a 5-guard offense and try to run upand-down the floor, that could cause matchup problems for us because we usually play two centers," as freshmen and we have will cause them problems to a very interesting game. It's going to be exciting to watch. It's going to be exciting to coach, and I'm sure



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aggressive team, espe-She said Pettit has brought Dragons this season, one that's paying dividends.

"I think they might some different stuff on us," Jarrett envisioned. "We'll just on top."

Cameron comes into the its record.

Louden and Howell and their other great players," The Dragons go about "We have a lot of girls Pettit said of Beallsville. seven deep into their lineup, scoring in the six to eight a man-to-man scheme to the their other great players," "They shoot the ball very well. They're a great team."

The hope, Pettit said, is double figures. that her team can slow down try to play our game and, either Howell or Louden, senior Stephanie Starcher, hopefully, we'll come out thus opening the door for an opportunity to contain the Blue Devils offensively.

fense and do do the things

into place.'

which is led by junior guard Lili Neely, who averages in

Other starters include Reagan Gray, and freshman

"We have a couple of close to that."

playing," Pettit noted.

to a big win.
"The past four or five games the girls have realjuniors Emma Whipkey and ly stepped up," she said. Reagan Gray, and freshman "They've really brought Aubre Loy. Senior Kendra the intensity and have gotgame 11-5, with also a pair
of losses to St. Marys and their best defensively," she one to Lincoln County on said. "If we play good de-into Cameron's plans.

"I want our girls to play Dobbs and freshman Gracie ten more aggressive. I told them that now is when we into Cameron's plans.

"I want our girls to play of losses to St. Marys and their best defensively," she carter also figure heavily them that now is when we want to peak and we're

"They're a physical team we're supposed to do offen- lineups - big or small cially on the defensive end. with the two mainstays in sively, everything will fall depending on who we're

points per game range."

Pettit hopes it all adds up

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the stat sheet. White, who cent.

are times when she can barely walk, but she drags herteam.'

nior Marisa Horan hit the rebounds a night. 3-pointer at Shadyside to send the game to overtime.

Freshman Elle Canestraround out the Knights line-

Freshmen Naliah Lekandous, Lily Vogrin and Reagan Olejasz have also developed into solid contributors.

"We know Wheeling Central is always super prepared and we have a ton of respect for the job that Penn and his staff do," Looman us a tough challenge. We'll said. "We scrimmaged them see who's going to be on the before the season, so we've court (for us) and come up both seen each other. It's go- with a plan and be competing to come down to us do- itive.' ing the small things we need

- both emotionally and on to make ourselves better."

Steubenville Catholic has battled her own injury is led by 5-9 senior Bella problems during her career, Oliver, who is enjoying a is netting 18 points a game strong campaign. She averdespite not being at 100 per- ages 13.7 points and 13.4 rebounds to go along with "I can't say enough about 4.2 assists and 3.2 steals. Hannah," Kurtz said. "There For her career, she has 885 points and 943 rebounds.

Senior Carly Fayak and self out there and helps her senior post Hannah Olszewski are multiple-year start-Junior post Tristen White ers. The former averages is a solid defender and lead- 5.4 points, while the latter is . er on the boards, while ju- averaging 6.9 points and 9.1

Senior Edy Harold and Morgan Green round out the starting lineup. Green ro and junior Alexis Mills averages 6.3 points and is the team's leading 3-point shooter with 23 makes.

Katie Zatta and junior Ali Grimm are the top two subs.

"We know how well coached Steubenville Catholic is," Kurtz said. "I know they'll come in ready to play. We've faced them before and they always give

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bench.

Stakem and sophomores plete team," he added. "The fensive balance. All five OVAC girls' hoop titles on Jai'lah Walker and Zariah Marling are all proven commodities. Senior Daisy Reasbeck - a 5-10 center can also deliver quality inside minutes.

with a 19-point average MacKenzie Taylor are all man defense, but we will while Abernathy and Garrison check in at 13 points

"Park has a lot of offen-"Bella does a good job on points, respectively... the inside. They have shoot-

Junior forward Maggie fensive team. Park is a comthis time."

Indian Creek, meanmachine. Classmates Ky- it harder for defenses. Woods tops the team lie Kiger, Taylor Jones and

have a really good offense. guard Ally Tweedy and ju- it preps you for the sectional

"They are also a solid de- nior Hailey Clark.

"We have real good offirst game was a real battle. of our starters are capable We expect the same again of scoring," Creek's second-year head coach noted. John Central has 15 crowns. "We share the ball and are The Patriots last won the while, is a junior-driven very unselfish. That makes

talented and battle-tested use some halfcourt zone. performers. In the semifinal We will have to defend rewin over Weir, Jones tallied ally well again. The first 24 points while Kiger and game was one that had a lot Kaniecki, Katelynn Hacksive firepower," Eft said. Taylor delivered 16 and 10 of runs to it," he added. "I athorn and Lucy DeFrusreally like the OVAC Tour-They are joined in the nament format. You have to ers all over the floor. They starting lineup by senior win the title on the floor and

tournament."

its resume, the second most in conference history. St. championship in 2017.

Indian Creek, meanwhile, "We like to play man-to- has three OVAC championships. The last came in 2010, the last of three straight titles.

Young is assisted by Jack cio. Eft's staff includes Ron Tweedy and Tera Parrish.

Tipoff is set for noon.

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gone on.'

Wheeling Park has 13 senior standout Jenna Riccardo, who was named the OVAC Class 4A title game MVP last season. The West Liberty signee is enjoying another brilliant campaign at 22 points and 13 rebounds a night.

"We need Jenna to be Jenna, but we know Jenna can't carry us," Coie said. "Everyone has to step up and play some really good team Brooke Briggs are expected basketball for us to be successful."

each meeting, Reasbeck's Halle Jordan come off the defensive gameplan focuses bench. heavily on Riccardo. .

"She can play," Reasbeck

stepped up as the season's said. "We have to know where she is. We need to try Beaver Local features to wear her down, make her play defense. She's a special player, going to West Liberty for a reason. We need to account for her and make her work for everything she gets.'

Complementing Riccardo are Madison Cline and Eli Kolkowski, who is a 6-foot sophomore post. Both score 10 points a game.

Seniors Riley Britt and to make up the remainder of the starting lineup. Dan-As has been the case in ica Taylor, Jensen Britt and



Wheeling Park's Devan Kuttan, right, fist bumps Parkersburg
South's Maguire McDuff after they finished first and second in

"That last relay was amazing. The boys left no doubt. It was awesome," Durkin said.

Parkersburg South finished second, folthe 100 backstroke.

Saturday's West Virginia Secondary Schools overall for the Patriot boys, both in relays and Activities Commission Region 1 Swim Chamindividual honors. pionships at Brooke High School.

All Park's 4X100 relay team of Owen eary, Max Kellas, Devan Kuttan and Isaac McCabe had to do to capture the school's third consecutive Region 1 Championship was win the final event.

And win they did, going away.

Leary set the stage with a strong 54.7 out of the gate, Kellas swam a 56.3, Kuttan extended the lead with a 53.8 and McCabe brought it home with a blistering 52 flat to allow the

Patriots to earn the regional crown.
Park coach Pat Durkin commended his boys for their final-heat effort.

lowed by Brooke.

The same foursome of Leary, Kellas, Kut-3-second win over Brooke in the 200 Med-

The final-heat showing capped a strong day

tan and McCabe kicked off the event with a ley Relay. Kuttan, a senior, followed that up with a victory in the 200 Individual Med-ley (2:10.00), and then Kellas, also a senior, earned the top spot in the 100 butterfly

In the 100 freestyle, McCabe (52.5) finished second to Weir's Chris Hoover (51.89) while Kuttan finished second in the 100 backstroke (58.00) to Parkersburg South powerhouse Maguire McDuff (54.21).

McCabe finished third in the 100 breast stroke, and Leary finished third in the 100 butterfly.

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Central Secures 12th OVAC Championship

White Leads Knights With 23 Points

By BUBBA KAPRAL Executive Sports Editor ST. CLAIRSVILLE - No

miracles needed this time. Wheeling Central used a miraculous rally Monday to upset Shadyside in the semifinals of Wheeling Hospital's OVAC Girls Basketball Championships. Down double figures with a minute to play, the Maroon Knights managed to pull out an overtime win despite being shorthanded against the

top-seeded Tigers.
Saturday's 2A champion-ship game at Ohio University
Eastern was a much different

Coach Penn Kurtz's No. 4-seeded charges pressured their way to a third conference crown in four years with a 58-39 win over No. 2-seeded and gutty Steubenville Catholic.

It was also Central's 12th OVAC girls' basketball title in school history.

Wheeling Central employed a stifling fullcourt press, forcing the Crusaders into 30 turnovers, 19 coming prior to intermission. The Maroon Knights also received superb efforts from two of their stars

– Hannah White and Kaylee Reinbeau.

White topped all scorers with 23 points, 20 coming in the first half, while playing

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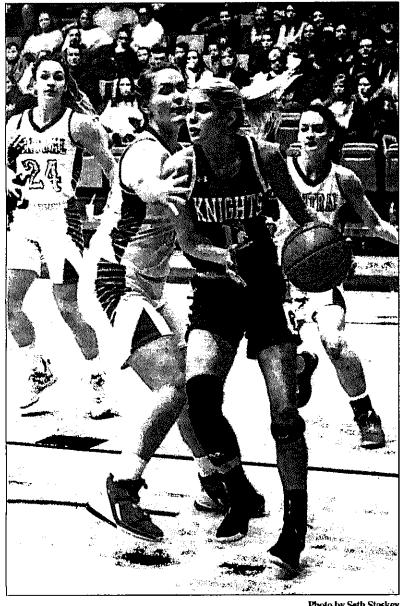
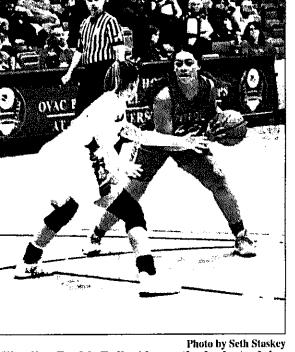


Photo by Seth Staskey Wheeling Central's Hannah White looks for an open teammate during the OVAC Class 2A championship against Steubenville Catholic.



Wheeling Park's Bella Abernathy looks to drive against Indian Creek's Makenzie Taylor during the second quarter.

Creek Edges Park for 5A Title

For the News-Register

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - Two weeks ago, Indian Creek came up short in its first chance for a league championship during the Buckeye 8 Championships.

The Redskins weren't about to let a second op-

portunity to win a title go by.

By virtue of a hard-earned, 46-42 overtime victory against second-seeded Wheeling Park, Indian Creek captured the OVAC Class 5A ti-tle during Saturday's Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championships at Ohio University Eastern.
"I am so happy for the kids," Indian Creek

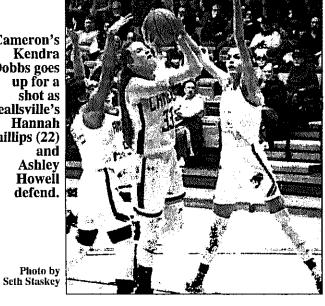
coach Steve Eft said.

"They've worked so hard for this (championship) and they weren't going to be denied."

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Cameron's Kendra Dobbs goes up for a shot as Beallsville's Hannah Phillips (22) and Ashley Howell defend.





Beallsville Takes Down Cameron

By SETH STASKEY For the News-Register ST. CLAIRSVILLE

players for its OVAC Class 1A championship game Saturday afternoon.

Two of its seven, however, were named Ashlie Louden proved to be more than Cameron could handle inside a Physical Education Center.

By virtue of their 40-29 second quarter. victory, the Blue Devils (19celebrating their eighth con- the Blue Devils' second quar- Please see Beallsville, Page B4

Beallsville only dressed seven more later," Beallsville coach spurt. Tori Jarrett said.

back-to-back.

ers is really hard, but the girls half. They couldn't score in and Ashley Howell, and that have stepped up and did what the halfcourt." we've asked them to do."

crowded and loud Ohio Uni- a 15-0 run that stretched from versity Eastern Health and the latter portion of the first first half and went on to claim

Fueling the run was the small-school crown and are Howell, who scored all 12 of

ference title in school history. ter points. It was when Loud-"It feels really good (to win) en got going in the first with and I think it will sink in even a 3-pointer that ignited the

"Our defense was on during "It's really awesome to win that spurt," Jarrett said. "I thought we played excellent "Having only seven play- defense, especially in the first

Louden – the smooth lefty The difference proved to be guard - poured in 11 of her game-high 20 points in the quarter into the middle of the the John Howell Award as the game's MVP.

Louden finished the dou-3) successfully defended their combination of Louden and ble-double with 10 rebounds.

Oklahoma Pulls Upset of No. 13 West Virginia, 69-59

Oklahoma's top offensive option. The Sooners needed it Saturday and ally got going. Doolittle delivered, scoring 27 points In a 17-2 first-half run that lifted the when you're a threat from deep."

and arabbina 12 rabounds on Oldaha

awhile since Kristian Doolittle was the boards early.

But then Oklahoma's lone senior re-

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — It'd been game even as West Virginia dominated might as well shoot.' Then when you would do it more," Huggins said. while since Kristian Doolittle was the boards early. start making them, they have to game Doolittle said his confidence was plan you a lot differently.

"It makes the game a whole lot easier

Doolittle said his confidence was elevated from the start.

"If I was open, just shoot it regardless if I was going to make it or miss it," he Banco opened its doors to the top three on how well last year's tournament crowds in MEC tourney history.

The MEC success mirrors that of the Super Six. The state football championships have blossomed since leaving Charleston and taking root in Wheeling more than two decades ago.

I have said before that the Super Six

treated royally.

Moreover, the local organizing committee has turned the weekend into the Super Six. more than football, highlighting academics and social activities as well.

With that said, I predict the MEC basketball Tournament will call Wes-Banco Arena home for a long time, if

went that they're willing to exercise that third year option. I think last year was a great marriage of two great organizations, the MEC and the city of Wheeling. I think we're good fits for each other."

I agree. I also believe it is a marriage will never leave Wheeling as teams are that will continue to grow stronger and stronger the next two years, leading to a long and fruitful marriage, just like

DONNELLY TO SPEAK

The Martins Ferry Chamber of Commerce is holding a Fall Chamber Banquet on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at the Martins Ferry Recreation Center at

away. You cannot blow a 10-point lead with seven minutes to play when you have the best defense in the league, combined with an effective ground game. Chiefs' QB Patrick Mahones, barring injury, is on track to be the GOAT.

■ The St. Thomas University men's basketball team is now 15-5 on the season. Wheeling Park grad D.P. Harris is the first-year coach of the Miami Gardens, Fl.-based institution. Harris scripted a Hall of Fame coaching career at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., before heading to the Sunshine

■ The Los Angeles Dodgers made

Sharks to seven straight wins, improving to 17-2 overall and 11-2 in the Sunshine State Conference. Nova is a half-game out of the SSC lead.

■ The annual MAC/BMAC WVU Coaches Caravan is scheduled for Monday, May 11 at River City Restaurant in Wheeling. More information will be coming in the future.

■ West Liberty's football fortunes drastically improved this past week when former WVU quarterback Jack Allison announced his plans to become a Hilltopper. He will be eligible immediately.

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Creek

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Eft believes the loss in the Buckeye 8 to Union overtime tied at 35-35 Hailey Clark. Local paid dividends in and was scoreless in the OVAC title game.

feed off the crowd."

The game went to on a run-out chance from with 1:11 to play.

OVAC title game. the extra session for the bleeding with a pair the Redskins back on top 'That game and the opening two minutes of from the free-throw line for good. Park rushed a nosphere definitely action, but Creek finally and Creek got one of two three-pointer and Ally atmosphere definitely action, but Creek finally and Creek got one of two three-pointer and Ally helped us," Eft said. "It broke through on an in- at the foul line itself, set- Tweedy got two at the line, was a great crowd that side basket by Makenzie ting up a trey from Park's making it a 44-40 reading. night and our girls really Taylor and then made it Shanley Woods, which creek was fouled and feed off the crowd."

Taylor and then made it Shanley Woods, which creek was fouled and missed both, but got an

The Patriots stopped field goals in the OT, put

offensive rebound with 18 iced the game with a pair.

good job of pounding the missed desperation heave. ball inside at the end of ln the overtime, the the game and we didn't Redskins went back to what coach Ryan Young said. "They out-rebounded us by 10 in second half.

"I thought we were really inefficient all day the ball more.'

with Park leading 15-14 at halftime, but the Redskins took a 28-26 lead into the fourth.

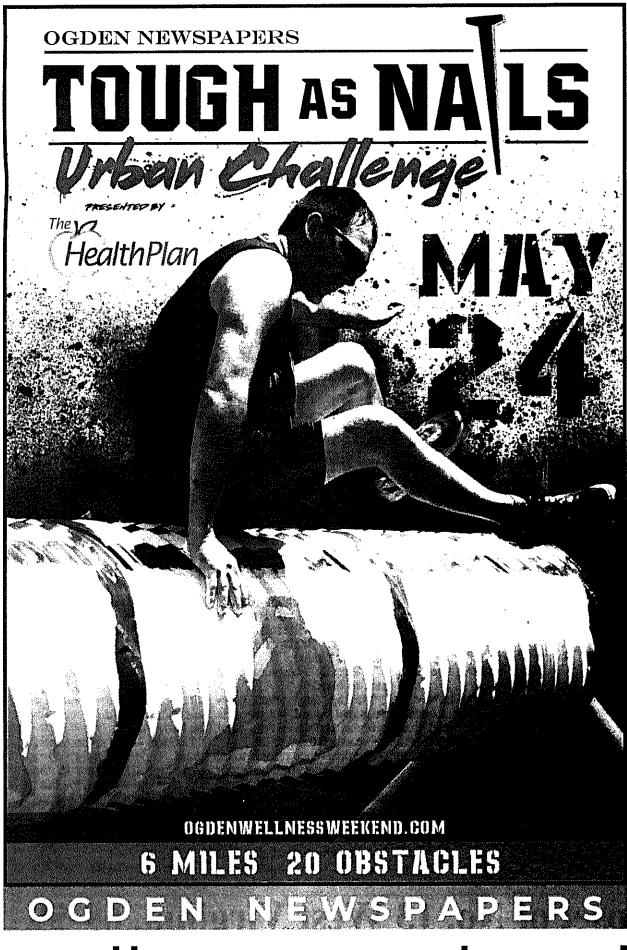
At the end of regula-Taylor, who had three seconds to go. After a time tion, Indian Creek had two out, Park allowed eight chances to win, but missed seconds to run off before two foul shots and then fouling and the Redskins turned it over. Wheeling Park's opportunities "Indian Creek did a ended in a tumover and a

In the overtime, the move like we did on the worked early and that was defensive end in the first in the inside play of Taylor half," Wheeling Park and eventual game MVP Taylor Jones.

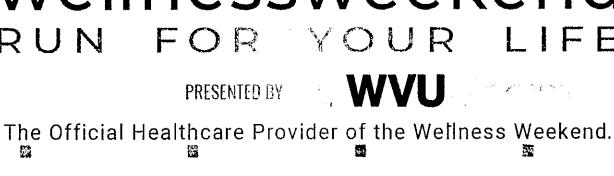
Jones finished with 17 points, while Taylor added nine. Clark also added nine.

The win was the secoffensively, never got in ond of the season for the flow of offense and the Redskins over Park, we needed to get Bella which is the top-ranked team in the state of West It was a slugfest Virginia. The other was throughout the game a 67-57 win in Wintersville on Jan. 13.

Wheeling Park was led by Woods' 20 and Bella Abernathy added 12.



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Ferry Claims 4A OVAC Championship

By SETH STASKEY

For the News-Register
ST. CLAIRSVILLE — When Dave Reasbeck began the season — the first of his second tenure as girls basketball coach he made absolutely no bones

He spoke openly that his senior-laden team, which had struggled at times during their prep careers, was on a mission for a championship.

The mission was completed Saturday morning at Ohio University Eastern's Health and Physical Education Center where the Purple Riders claimed an OVAC Class 4A title with a 63-45 victory against defending champion Beaver Local.

"These girls deserve this (championship)," Reasbeck said. "This senior class has dealt with three coaches, who were all the complete opposites of each

"They've dealt with a lot of sad locker rooms and just down stuff. I told them 32 minutes could make up for all of that and it did. Look at these kids now ... they couldn't be happier."

history and first since 2009 when Reasbeck was also the head coach.

"I knew we had the ingredients (to win this title)," Reasbeck said. "The kids have worked hard from Day 1."

As they've done for most of the seaand energy to force Beaver into 21 turnovers, many of which resulted in easy scoring chances.

Along with using their defense to predicate their offense, the Riders also took control in the middle two quarters, the course of the season.

"You just want to have more points to be, she's dominant." than the other team. We turned them

over and capitalized." Turnovers and easy scoring chances have been aspects that Beaver Local has another sterling performance from sedealt with all season.

they've really determined whether we Madison Cline's 16.

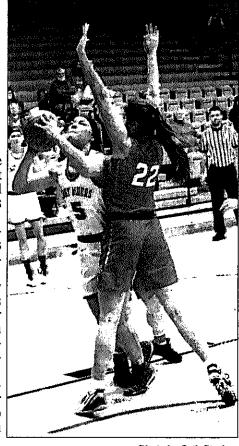


Photo by Seth Staskey Martins Ferry's Richella Spielvogel makes a move around Beaver Local's Eli Kolkowski.

win or lose a game," Beaver Local The title is the sixth in Martins Ferry coach Stephanie Coie said. "We're just very young at the guard spot, so we're having some growing pains, especially when you don't have any pressure on you and turn the ball over. It's just frus-

When they weren't scoring in transison, the Riders relied on their defense tion, the Purple Riders were pounding the ball inside to senior center Richella Spielvogel or watching Madison Ging slash to the goal or senior Jaden Stalder knock down shots from behind the arc.

Spielvogel, who was named the wintook control in the middle two quarters, ner of the John Howell MVP Award, which has become customary during finished with a game-high 29 points

but I told the kids in championship games it doesn't matter," Reasbeck thing ... dominated incide like Rich was said. did," Reasbeck said. "When she wants

> Along with Spielvogel's production, Madison Ging added 16.

nior Jenna Riccardo. The West Liberty Turnovers have been a complete recruit scored 18 points and had seven nightmare for us this season and rebounds. She was complemented by

Jets Fall to Cadets in 3A Title Tilt

By SETH STASKEY For the News-Register ST. CLAIRSVILLE

Throughout the regular season as it racked up win after win, Union Local was able to continually dictate the tempo and style of play in every game it played.
The Jets met their

match Saturday evening in the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championship.

Fort Frye, which also hangs its hat on dictating the style of play, proved to be just a little bit better inside the Health and Physical Education Center at Ohio University Eastern as it pocketed a 46-41 victory to claim the Class 3A OVAC title in the nightcap.

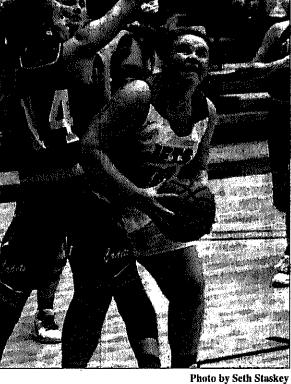
'Really, we're a transition team and our a transition game (Sat-urday), but Union Local got down the floor faster than I thought they would," Fort Frye coach Dan Liedtke said. "We were doing a good job of that coming in, but we issues against Union Logetting back, so it kind just hoped we'd pro- cal's match-up zone, but of turned it into that type vide a little bit more of a the Cadets aided their

inated the bad taste that remained from the 2019 loss to Bellaire.

Cadets did it with suffocating defense.

They held Union Local to more than 30 cal answered. points below its season average, including holdperiods.

fense and we knew that three bonus situations, 11 points.



game plan was to be in Union Local's Kierra Gregor goes up for a shot during the 3A title game against Fort Frye.

coming in," UL coach but Union Local had a Rob Barr said. "They field goal waived off on posed a matchup prob- a travel call. lem for us and we knew

method worked again ized when the Cadets Schneider. for Liedtke. The veter- were able to sit down in an Cadets coach guided the halfcourt and make a key bonus goal in the his team to their 10th the Jets work extremely fourth and stopped Fort

> Union Local, which salt the game away. led 13-10 after one, as many as seven twice, Fort Frye with 12 points. but each time Union Lo-

only as close as three sectional play, was led ing it to 14 combined when talented freshman by Vinskovich's dou-points in the middle two center Reagan Vinskov- ble-double of 12 points ich scored on the interi- and 10 rebounds. "I don't think we or. The Jets were obliged played poorly, but they by the Cadets thanks to dow and sophomore played tremendous de-misses on front ends of Hannah Merritt each had

Fort Frye had its own of game. It wasn't that matchup problem." cause by knocking down we meant to do that."

Union Local's matcher eight bonus goals, including three by Olivia Regardless of how, the up problem was neutral-cluding three by Olivia

Lexie Huck also hit conference title, but first hard for good looks, let since 2016. It also elimalone buckets. Frye's bleeding at the foul line to, in essence,

Hannah Archer, who trailed by five at half- was named the winner of As they tend to do, the time. In the fourth, Fort the John Howell Award Frye stretched the lead to as the game's MVP, led

Union Local, which is now off for 11 days be-However, the Jets got fore opening Division III

Freshman Torre Kil-





<u>SAT., FEB. 15</u> – **OVAC** Wheeling Hospital **Boys Basketball Championships** at OUE

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NBC — Four Continents Championship: Men's and Women's Free Competition, Seoul, South Korea (taped)

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NBCSN — Four Continents
Championship: Men's Free Skate,
Seoul, South Korea (taped)
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4:30 p.m. NBCSN — Six Nations: France vs. Italy, Round 2 (taped) CBSSN — MLR: Seattle at San

8 p.m. FS2 — MLR: Toronto at Austin SKIING

3 p.m.

NBC — FIS: Freestyle World Cup,
Deer Valley Resort, Utah (taped)

1 a.m. (Monday)

NBCSN — FIS Alpine World Cup:
Women's Super-G, Garmisch-PartenBischen, Germany (taped)

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11:25 a.m.

NBCSN — Premier League: West
Ham at Manchester City

12 p.m. FS2 — Bundesliga: RB Leipzig at

Bayern Munich SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

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5 p.m. ESPN — St. Louis at Dallas

days, focusing on fundamentals. The cemp will be conducted on Feb. 9, Feb. 16 and Feb. 23. It will be held in the high school gym. The camp will be split into two sessions, Grades 1-4 will go from noon to 2 p.m. while grades 5-8 will go from 3-5 p.m. Cost

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2; Green 4 0-2 10; Rohde 1 0-1 2;

Totals: 24 7-24 62.
3-Point Goals: Harvey, Slusser, Asterino 3. Rodgers 3; G. PAtterson. Allison. Taylor 3, Clark.
East Fairmont 12 17 4 28 — 61
Oak Glen 11 12 18 21 — 62
Barnesville 78, Martins Ferry 66
M — Buska 1 0-0 2; Ray 3 0-0 9;
Olsen 0 0-0 0; Skvarka 0 0-0 0; Hilson 4 8-10 16; L. Smith 13 1-6 27;
E. Smith 3 0-1 7; Shriver 0 0-0 0;
Gray 1 0-0 3; Hores 1 0-2 2. Totals: 26 9-19 66. 2; Green 4 0-2 10; Norde 1 0-1 2; Fayak 1 1-2 4; Oliver 4 1-4 9; Olsze-wski 2 0-0 4. Totals: 16 2-9 39. W — Horan 2 0-1 5; Lekandous 0 0-0 0; Mills 0 0-0 0; H. White 9 2-4 23; Vogrin 2 0-0 4; Reinbeau 7 3-4 18; T. White 3 2-2 8. Totals: 23 3-Point Goals: Zatta 2, Green 2, Fayak; Horan, H. White 3, Rein-

B — Hines 0 0-1 0; Johnson 1 0-0 2; Hudson 2 0-0 5; K. Powell 2 2-2 7; Skinner 0 0-0 0; Pavell 0 0-0

beau.
Whg. Central 15 17 15 11 — 58
Steub. Cath. 9 14 11 5 — 39
Class 1A
Beallsville 40, Cameron 29
C — Whipkey 1 0-0 3; Carter
0 0-0 0; Gray 1 0-0 2; Neely 3 2-4
9; Loy 2 0-0 5; Canada 3 3-4 10;
Dobbs 0 0-0 0. Totals: 10 5-8 29.
B — Louden 7 4-7 20; Howell 3
4-4 10; Nalley 1 0-0 2; Biery 0 2-2
2; Huffman 0 0-0 0. Totals: 13 12-2; Huffman 0 0-0 0. Totals: 13 12-

15 40. 3-Point Goals: Whipkey, Loy, Canada, Neely; Louden 2.
Cameron 7 5 10 7 — 29
Bealtsville 13 12 7 8 — 40
WVHIT

WHIT

Van 48, Paden City 32
(at Clay-Battelle)

11 a.m.

PAC-12N — Kajikawa Classic:
Kansas vs. Utah, Tempe, Ariz.

COLLEGE WRESTLING
2 p.m.

WHIT

Van 48, Paden City 32
(at Clay-Battelle)
P — McEldowney 3 2-2 8;
Stackpole 1 1-2 3; Bre. Hoskins 0
0-0 0; Thomas 4 1-4 9; R. Fulks 2
0-2 4; Bro. Hoskins 0 0-0 0; S. Fulks

0-2 4; BrO. HOSKINS 0-0 0-0; S. Fulks 3 1-1 8. Totals: 13 5-11 32. V — LaFauci 4 3-5 14; White 3 2-4 8; A. Sampson 4 0-0 9; Gibson 2 1-2 5; A. Sampson 4 1-2 9; Wicox 0 1-4 1; Estep 0 2-2 2. Totals: 17 10-19 48. 3-Point Goals: S. Fulks; LaFauci, A Sampson.
Paden City 6 11 6 9 — 32
Van 10 13 11 14 — 48

Prep Swim

W.Va. Region I Championships
Girls
Parkersburg 112, Morgantown 103,
Wheeling Park 99, John Marshall 48,
University 43, Weir 31, Parkersburg
South 29, Wheeling Central 28,
Brooke 19, Oak Gien 6

Strooke 19, Oak Gien b 200 Relay: Parkersburg South (Strobl, Welsh, Cox, Padden) 1:55.81. 200 Free: Riggs (Mor) 1:57.11.200 IM: Kidney (JM) 2:11.67, 50 Free: Turner (WP) 24.96. 100 Butterfly: Cox (Pksbg) 1:01.54, 100 Free: Turner (WP) 53.71. 1901-54, 100 Free: 10ther (WF) 93.75 500 Free Riggs (Mor) 5:10.56. 200 Free Relay: Morgantown (Stanescu, Blosser, Moore, Riggs) 1:45.42. 100 Backstroke: Kidney (JM) 58.63. 100 Breaststroke: Bopp (WP) 1:06.59. 400 Free Relay: Morgantown (Stanescu, Blossser, Moore, Riggs) 3:47.58. Boys Wheeling Park 96, Parkersburg South

Wheeling Park 96, Parkersburg South 86, Brooke 85, Morgantown 75, Park-ersburg 53, Weir 45, John Marshall 43, Wheeling Central 33 200 Relay: Wheeling Park (D. Kut-tan, McCabe, Kellas, Leary) 1:46.32. 200 Free: Hoover (Weir) 1:53.66. 200 IM: D. Kuttan (WP) 2:10.00. 50 Free: McDuff (PS) 21.58, 100 Butterfly: Kel-las (WP) 58.26. 100 Free: Hoover (Weir) 51.87. 500 Free: Householder (Mor) tas (WP) 55.26. 100 Free: Hoover (Welf) 51.87. 500 Free: Householder (Mor) 5:13.06. 200 Free Relay: Parkersburg South (Richardson, Kinnaird, Haught, Murphyl 1:37.24. 100 Backstroke: McDuff (Pksbg) 54.21. 100 Breaststroke: Robey (Bro) 1:06.74. 400 Free Relay: Wheeling Park (Leary, Kellas, Kuttan, McCabel 3:37.01.

East District Sectional

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Girls
Dover 452, St. Clairsville 317, New
Philadelphia 221, Tri-Valley 212.
Beaver Local 161.5, River View 143,
Martins Ferry 139, Steubenville 113,
Coshocton 89, Barnesville 48, Edison
42, West Muskingum 39, Steubenville
Catholic 38, John Glenn 35.5, Maysville 34, Sandy Valley 28
200 Relay: St. Clairsville (Moyer,
DiBatta, McKeegan, Planey) 1:53.10.
200 Free: Holmes(TV) 1:55.99. 200 IM:
Vidal (RV) 2:15.99. 50 Free: McKeegan

Vidal (RV) 2:15.99. 50 Free: McKeegan (St. C) 25.57, 100 Butterfly: DiBetta (St. C) 1:00.01, 100 Free: Perkowski (Dov) 56.54, 500 Free: Marody (St. C) 5:11,18. 200 Free Relay: Dover (Wallace, Schie, Wright, Smith) 1:48,61, 100 Back-stroke: Holmes (TV) 58,53, 100 Breast-

TENNIS
6:30 a.m.
Free Relay: St. Clairsville (McKeegan, Planey, Marody, DiBetta) 3:47.99.
Boys
TENNIS — USTA: USTA Women's Pro Circuit Midland Singles Final 3 p.m.
TENNIS — USTA: USTA Men's Pro Circuit Dallas Singles Final 4 p.m.
TENNIS — ATP: The Cordoba
TENNIS — ATP: The Cordoba
Coshocton 26, Maysville 26, Beaver Local 25, Bishop Rosecrans 18, Zanes-

Local 25, Bishop Rosecrans 18, Zanesville 12, Garaway 2
200 Relay: Dover (Sexton, McCrate, Lane, Burris) 1:40.58. 200 Free.
Lane (Dov) 1:46.17. 200 IM: McCrate (Dov) 2:11.11. 50 Free: Burris (Dov) 2:230. 100 Butterfly: Holmes (TV) 22.90. 100 Butterfly: Holmes (TV) 55.41, 100 Free: Bolinger (MF) 50.81, 500 Free: Lane (Dov) 4:49.87, 200 Free Relay: Dover (McCrate, B. Burris, Wilson P. Burris) 1:34.26. 100 Backstroke: Sexton (Dov) 54.15. 100 Breaststroke: Bolinger (MF) 1:03.16. 400 Free Relay: Dover (Sexton Wilson Burris, Lane) (Sexton, Wilson, Burris, Lane)

of the camp is \$20 which includes an awards ceremony and T-shirt. In

addition to fundamentals, the camp

will feature practice with pitchers and batting practice. For more infor-

mation or to register, call 740-921-

5th-6th Boys

Basketball Tournament
The Bellaire Athletic Department
will hold a 5th-6th grade boys' bas-

PAC 8 Wrestling

0; Hunkler 2 2-2 8; Hannahs 2 0-0 6; L. Powell 20 2-2 50; Jankins 0 0-0 0.

3-Point Goals: Ray 3, E. Smith, Gray; Hudson, K. Powell, Hunkler 2, Hannahs 2, L. Powell 8.

Martins Ferry 14 17 15 20 — 66 Barnesville 18 18 19 23 — 78

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1-2 1. Totals: 18 1/-23 61. 0 — Patterson 6 0-0 14; Perez 2 0-3 4; Allison 1 0-0 3; Taylor 8 3-9 22; Clark 3 3-4 10; Mineard 4 1-8 9. Totals: 24 7-24 62.

26 9-19 66.

Totals: 29 6-7 78.

PAC 8 Wrestling Championship Moundsville 165.5, Bridge Street 157.5, Warwood 140, Cameron 109, Triadelphia 107, Sherrard 101.5, Brooke 81, Wheeling 73, Weirton 71, River 34, New Mar-tinsville 27

101.5, Brooke 81, Wheeling 73, Weirton 71, River 34, New Martinsville 27

102: Delbert Vantassell, Cameron Fall Carter Duncil, Warwood, 3.27; 110: Ashton Hoge, Cameron Fall Breyden Gerber, Sherrard, 1.19; 116: Kolin Wiley, Bridge Street Fall Aiden Spielvogel, Moundsville, 1.56; 123: Jameson Maynard, Bridge Street Fall Waylon Wyckoff, Moundsville, 3.46; 128: Preston Fitzpatrick, Warwood Fall Chance Funari, Bridge Street, 2.15; 135: Klypsan Wallace, Moundsville Dec Hunter Mozingo, Brooke, 2-1; 145: Zac Lydick, Warwood Fall Jay Ross, Cameron, 42; 155: Dylan Cox, Moundsville Dec Coy Angel, Bridge Street, 7-1; 171: Brody Cottrill, Triadelphia Fall Berndin Hanlin, River, 3.29; 190: Garrett Moore, Brooke Fall Braydon Kupsky, Warwood, 1.33; 285: Alias Pugh, Weirton M-Dec Derek Croghan, Wheeling, 12-3; 78: Noah White, Warwood M-Dec Zander Ward, Sherrard, 10-1; 84: Slaton Pettit, Cameron Fall McKenzie McClelland, Moundsville, 28; 90: Adam Carman, Sherrard, 16-16.

Oklahoma 69,
No. 13 West Virginia 59
WEST VIRGINIA (18-5)
Culver 2-10 0-2 4, Matthews 1-5
0-1 3, Tshiebwe 5-16 2-2 12, Haley
6-14 2-2 15, McCabe 0-0 0-0 0, McBride 4-10 0-0 9, Harler 2-6 0-0 5,
Knapper 0-4 0-0 0, Sherman 2-6
0-0 6, Osabuohien 1-4 1-1 3, Routt
1-1 0-0 2. Totals 24-76 5-8 59.
OKLAHOMA (15-8)
Doolittle 9-15 7-7 27, Manek
4-14 0-0 11, Bleniemy 3-6 2-2 9,
Reaves 1-4 4-5 6, Williams 0-3 0-1
0, Harmon 3-4 1-2 8, Hill 0-1 2-2 2,
Kuath 2-2 2-2 6. Totals 22-49 18-21

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Halftime—Oklahoma Halftime—Oklahoma 31-24, 3-Point Goals—West Virginia 6-15 (Sherman 2-2, Haley 1-3, Harler 1-3, Matthews 1-3, McBride 1-3, Knapper 0-1), Oklahoma 7-15 (Manek 3-8, Doolittle 2-3, Harmon 1-1, Bieniemy 1-2, Williams 0-1). Fouled Out—Reaves. Rebounds—West Virginia 35 (Culver, Tshiebwa 9), Oklahoma 37 (Doolittle 12). Assists—West Virginia 8 (Haley 3), Oklahoma 11 (Bieniemy, Harmon 4). Total Fouls—West Virginia 18, Oklahoma 13. A—8,484 (11,562).

<u>PENGUINS</u>

Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2

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Pittsburgh 2 1 0 — 3
Florida 1 1 0 — 2
First Period—1, Pittsburgh,
Letang 12, 6:30, 2, Pittsburgh,
Blueger 8 (Letang, Johnson),
10:44, 3, Florida, Hoffman 21
(Vatrano, Toninato), 17:22, Penalties—Letang, Pit (Hodding), 4:22;
Pettersson, Pit (Hooking), 18:42.
Second Period—4, Pittsburgh,
Crosby 10 (McCann, Malkin), 3:50
(pp), 5, Florida, Connolly 17 (Trocheck, Hoffman), 4:59, Penalties—
Vatrano, Flo (Tripping), 2:20; Rii-

kola, Pit (Hooking), 16:09. Third Period—None. Penal-

ties—None. Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 8-9-5—22. Florida 10-14-11—35.

5—22. Florida 10-14-11—35.
Power-play opportunities—
Pittsburgh 1 of 1; Florida 0 of 3.
Goalies—Pittsburgh, Jarry 188-1 (35 shots-33 saves). Florida,
Bobrovsky 20-15-5 (22-19).
A—17,773 (19,250). T—2:35.
Referees—Francis Charron,
Frederick L'Ecuyer. Linesmen—
Brandon Gawryletz, Jonny Murray.

ketball tournament Feb. 21-23. The entry fee will be \$100 with a guaran-tee of three games. Awards will be

given for the 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place teams, as well as individual awards for the 1st- and 2nd-place teams. For

Area Notes

A lifeguarding class will be held beginning at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 at the Brooke High School more information, you can contact Bruce Young at byoung@bellairesd. org or (304) 280-2154 or send entry to Bellaire High School, C/O Bruce Young, 349 35th Street, Bellaire, OH Wellness Center. Cost of the class is \$200. Call the Athletic Office at (304) 527-1410 x 3369 to sign up.

43906. Please indicate team name and roster. Dates will be determined by number of teams. Lifeguarding Class

Boston 112, Atlanta 107
Oklahoma City 108, Detroit 101
Toronto 115, Indiana 106
Phoenix 127, Houston 91
Sacramento 105, Miami 97
Utah 117, Portland 114
Saturday's Games
Milwaukee 111, Orlando 95
Dallas 116, Charlotte 100
New York 95, Detroit 92
Toronto 119, Brooklyn 118
New Orleans 124, Indiana 117
Minnesota 142, L.A. Clippers 115
L.A. Lakers 125, Golden State 120
Denver 117, Phoenix 108
Sacramento 122, San Antonio 102
Sunday's Games
Boston at Oklahoma City, 3:30 lead Barnesville to a vic- victories at the East Distory over Martins Ferry. trict Sectional.

Logan Smith had a the Purple Riders.

Paden City 54 Union 46

Moore turned in a douwith 16 points and 10 and rebounds as Paden City (1:05.00). downed Union.

Boston at Oklahoma City, 3:30

p.m. Chicago at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Memphis at Washington, 6 p.m. New York at Atlanta, 6 p.m. Utah at Houston, 7 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 7:30

Monday's Games
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Brooklyn at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Otan at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
Miami at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7

p.m. Portland at New Orleans, 8 p.m. San Antonio at Oklahoma City,

<u>NHL</u>

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Islanders 33 1 16 0 06 1934 47 177 164 Carolina 54 31 20 3 65 174 148 Rangers 53 26 23 4 56 173 178 New Jersey 54 20 24 10 50 149 190 WESTERN CONFERENCE

Pacific Division

GP W LOT Pts GF GA Vancouver 56 30 21 5 65 181 173 Edmonton 55 29 20 6 64 176 173 Vegas 56 28 21 7 63 177 168

Vegas 56 28 21 7 63 177 168
Calgary 56 28 22 6 62 155 171
Arizona 57 27 23 7 61 160 157
San Jose 55 24 27 4 52 145 181
Anaheim 55 22 26 7 51 143 171
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference any accept to playoffs.

each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs. Saturday's Garmes Winnipeg 5, Ottawa 2
Boston 4, Arizona 2
New Jersey 3, Los Angeles 0
Colorado 2, Columbus 1
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
Montreal 2, Toronto 1, OT
Philadelphia 7, Washington 2
Edmonton 3, Nashville 2
Pittsburgh 3, Florida 2
Dallas 3, St. Louis 2, OT
Calgary 6, Vancouver 2
Carolina at Vegas, late
Today's Games
Boston at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles at N.Y. Rangers, 6
p.m.

Chicago at Winnipeg, 7 p.m. Colorado at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
Arizona at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 7

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Calgary at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Arizona at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Winnipeg, 8 p.m. Vegas at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Carolina at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Montreal at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Calgary at Los Angeles, 10 p.m. Chicago at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Chicago at Edmonton, 9 p.m. Ottawa at Colorado, 9 p.m. St. Louis at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Islanders

St. Louis Colorado Dallas

Nashville Minnesota 54 Chicago 54

Winnipeg 56

Edmonton 55

53 31 16 6 68 156 145

ESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
GP W LOT Pts GF GA
56 32 15 9 73 178 160
53 31 16 6 68 194 152
55 31 19 5 67 147 141
56 28 23 5 61 168 170
54 26 21 7 59 176 178
54 26 22 6 58 167 178
54 25 21 8 58 167 178
54 26 22 8 58 167 178
54 26 25 8 58 167 178

8 p.m. Boston at Houston, 9:30 p.m.

Miami at Portland, 9 p.m.

high 21 points for the Bolinger got first in two Wildcats.

Oak Glen 62 East Fairmont 61 NEW

The St. Clairsville girls team-high 27 points for placed second securing a handful of gold medals. Casadie DiBetta touched the wall first in multi-PADEN CITY – Joel ple individual events. loore turned in a dou- The sophomore won the ble-double performance 100 butterfly (1:00.01) 100 breaststroke

On the boys side, Ty Cain had a team- Martins Ferry's Jarrett events. Bolinger won the 100 freestyle (50.81) and 100 breaststroke CUMBER- (1:03.16).

Nailers Fall to Royals

5-3 on their home ice.

a great start, as they lit in over the line. the lamp twice during the

READING, Pa. - circle shot was tipped by The Wheeling Nailers Scarfo, who ended up detook the ice with a unique positing his own rebound lineup of seven forwards into the cage. Then, after and nine defensemen on each squad spent time Saturday night, as they on the man advantage, collided with the Reading Graham Knott fed Sku-Royals at Santander Are-dalski, who powered in na. Despite jumping out a shot from the top of the to a 2-0 lead on goals by crease. Reading scored Ryan Scarfo and Craig with 2:57 remaining, Skudalski, Wheeling was when Rob Michel shiftunable to hold off a sec- ed behind the Wheeling ond period surge by the defense, then reached the Royals, who prevailed, backhand side of his stick around Alex D'Orio's The Nailers got off to right pad to slide the puck

The Royals had a opening period of play, strong surge to start the The first goal came just second period, as they 51 seconds into the stan- pulled ahead with three za, as Matt Abt's right goals in a span of 3:54.

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with reckless abandon de- from White and five spite dealing with a hip steals from the ever-husinjury. Reinbeau, mean-tling Reinbeau. White return after a several-week period, dumping in 11 kle injury. She returned the Maroon Knight lead with a sparkling 18-point, to 32-23 at intermission. eight-steal effort.

sure them.

nah making those threes ing the fourth. She helped easier. She helped set the with seven points in the

"Kaylee being back "A couple of weeks ago was a huge boost. When we weren't even sure of big difference."

Shenandoah.

We knew they would pions. pressure us. We prepared for it but they still did a lone Crusader in double nice job with their press," Looman said. "But I am while senior dandy Bella proud with how our girls Oliver netted nine. kept battling and the passion they exhibited. We play, which also included didn't hang our heads.

ton in the first half but we program. Our hats are off Kurtz said. to them."

Wheeling utes, getting nine points had a great year.'

while, was making her re- mained hot in the second absence due to a high an- more markers in upping

Reinbeau found her "We felt we could pres- form in the second half, netting six points in the That is a new press we third frame as Kurtz's put in and it was effec- crew stretched their adtive," Kurtz said. "Han- vantage to 47-34 enterearly really made things seal the Crusaders' fate fourth period.

she practiced the other making the OVAC Tourday it really gave the team nament. When Kaylee a lift," he added. "She was went down it was a maa little rusty early on but jor blow but some of the she finished very strong, younger kids began to She obviously makes a play better and gain config difference." dence," Kurtz said. "Even though we lost some of Looman's hard-playing those games, the younger Crusaders to 13-8. They kids were getting better advanced to the finals and better, and the team via a 51-34 triumph over got better. Now we are 11-11 and OVAC cham-

Morgan Green was the digits. She had 10 points

White's impressive seven steals, earned her 'We turned it over a the game's MVP award.

"Hannah has been were still in the ballgame. amazing. She came back We have a lot of respect from knee surgery last for Wheeling Central and year and has been battling for Penn. He runs a great a hip injury this year,

"Then she has had to Central carry the load after losing moved to a 15-9 lead af- Eden (Gainer) and Kaylee ter the opening eight min- with injuries. Hannah has

SJC Academy Softball Camp St. John Central Academy in Bellaire is holding "Softball Camp 2020." It will consist of three Sun-

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Like father, like son

• Barnesville's Powell passes father on all-time scoring list By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

BARNESVILLE - It's safe to say there isn't a father in the country who doesn't hope that his son or daughter exceeds anything he achieved in

Matt Powell – an OVAC and Rio Grande College Hall of Famer – cast a big shadow for his son, Luke, as it pertained to basketball.

During his career with the Shamrocks, Powell scored an impressive 2,173 career points, which up until recently was the most in BHS history.

It was last Friday, against Bridgeport, in front of a jam-packed 'Greenhouse' at Barnesville High School when senior standout Luke Powell took over the title as the all-time leading scorer in Shamrocks history. By virtue of his 39-point outburst, Powell surpassed Matt's total.

"It was very emotional," Luke confessed. "All

of the work that we both put in led up to that moment. It was just a joyful moment for both of us and our entire

family. Matt actually missed the Union game Local month last Luke surpassed the 2,000-point barrier because he was out of

"I NEVER thought I would feel so good about being number two in anything, but I' did that night. I still vaguely remember (becoming) number one and it's not close to the amount of pride and joy I had when I became number two and Luke became number one."

> -Matt Powell Luke Powell's Father

the country on business. However, he was seated next to his wife, Penny, in the front row for last Friday's game against Bridgeport.

As he watched Luke loft a free throw early in the second quarter, Matt knew his place in history, which had stood since 1990, had been bumped down a notch. With that free throw, Luke had scored his 2,174th career point, officially giving him the record.

"I never thought I would feel so good about being number two in anything, but I did that night,' Matt said. "I still vaguely remember (becoming) number one and it's not close to the amount of pride and joy I had when I became number two and Luke became number one."

After Luke completed his free throws, he was publicly recognized for his achievement. He and his dad shared an emotional moment, capping a journey that the two had shared since the Powells lived in Kentucky and Luke began playing in a church league as a kindergartner.

"I owe so much of what I've been able to accomplish to both of my parents," Luke said. "Whether it's the countless hours, trips to play basketball at camps or in travel tournaments, they've always been willing to do whatever they could to help me get better.

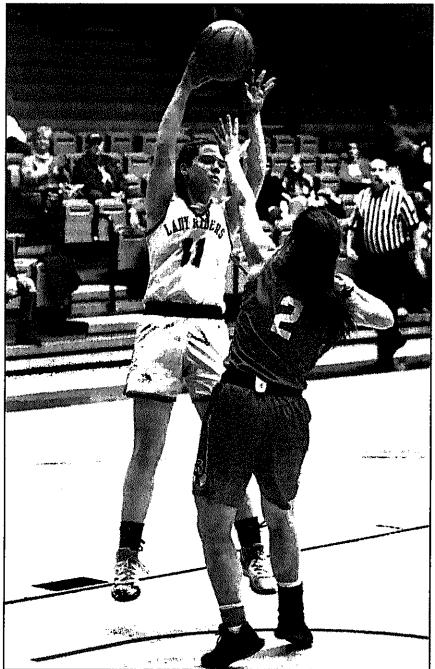
Entering Friday's game against Martins Ferry, Luke had scored 2,222 points in his illustrious career. He still had a minimum of five games to go in his prep career. At his current 34-points per game average, he could legimitately flirt with the 2,500-point plateau. That's rarified air. Only three players in OVAC history - Geno Ford, Nate Davis and Preston Boswell - have surpassed the 2,500-point mark.

For Luke, however, everything he earns individually is gravy. He'd like to see his team get back on track from a mid-season swoon and make a run in the Division III tournament later this month.

"I can't get complacent," Luke said. "It's nice to be recognized and it's something I'll never for-

See, POWELL, Page C2





MARTINS FERRY'S Maria Clark throws a pass over Beaver Local's Riley Britt during the first quarter of Saturday morning's OVAC Class 4A cham- I told the kids in championship games it plonship game at OUE.

Ferry girls cap mission for a crown

• Purple Riders win 4A By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - When Dave Reasbeck began the this season - the first - of his second tenure as girls basketball coach, he made absolutely no bones about it.

He spoke openly that his senior-laden

team, which had struggled at times during their prep careers, was on a mission for a championship.

The mission was completed Saturday morning at Ohio University Eastern's Health and Physical Education Center where the Purple Riders claimed the OVAC Class 4A title with a 63-45 victory against defending champion Beaver Local.

"These girls deserve this (championship),"
Reasbeck said. "This senior class has dealt
with three coaches, who were all the complete opposites of each other. They've dealt with a lot of sad locker rooms and just down stuff. I told them 32 minutes could make up for all of that and it did. Look at these kids now ... they couldn't be happier."

The title is the sixth in Martins Ferry his-

tory and first since 2009 when Reasbeck was also the head coach.

"I knew we had the ingredients (to win this title)," Reasbeck said. "The kids have worked hard from day one."

As they've done for most of the season, the Riders relied on their defense and energy to force Beaver into 21 turnovers, many of which resulted in easy scoring chances.

Along with using their defense to predicate their offense, the Riders also took control in the middle two quarters, which has become customary during the course of the

"I don't know how great we played, but See, FERRY, Page C2

Beallsville repeats as 1A champs

By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

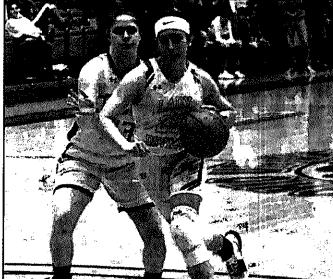
CLAIRSVILLE - Beallsville only dressed seven players for its OVAC Class 1A championship game Saturday afternoon.

Two of their seven, however, were named Ashlie Louden and Ashley Howell, and that proved to be more than Cameron could handle inside a crowded and loud Ohio University Eastern Health and Physical Education Center.

By virtue of their 40-29 victory, the Blue Devils (19-3) successfully defended their small-school crown and are celebrating their eighth conference title in school history.

"It feels really good (to win) and I think it will sink in even more later," Beallsville head coach Tori Jarrett said. "It's really awesome to win back-to-back. Having only seven players is really hard, but the girls have stepped up and did what we've asked them to do.'

The difference proved to be a 15-0 run that stretched from the latter portion of the first quarter into the middle of the second quarter.



HALLIE Bommer drives to the basket as Cameron's Maelyn Canada defends during the first quarter of Saturday's OVAC Class 1A championship game at Ohio University Eastern.

BEALLSVILLE'S

T-L Photo/ SETH STASKEY

Fueling the run were the aforementioned combination of Louden and Howell, who scored all 12 of the Blue Devils' second quarter points. It was when Louden got going in the first with a 3-pointer that ignited the spurt.

"Our defense was on during that spurt," Jarrett said. "I thought we played excellent defense, especially in the first half. They couldn't score in the halfcourt."

Louden - the smooth lefty guard -

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MEC tourney may never leave Wheeling

WHEELING - It was a slam dunk

no-brainer. Mountain East Conference Commissioner Reid Amos announced Tuesday that the conference basketball tournament will remain in Wheeling in 2021, exercising its third-year option.

It was not a tough decision.

The Friendly City knocked it out of the doors to the top three crowds in MEC park last year, hosting the event for the tourney history. initial time, setting attendance records at gorgeous WesBanco Arena. Total atten- Super Six. The state football champi-



Bubba Kapral Executive Sports Editor

yielded red ink. WesBanco opened its

The MEC success mirrors that of the

nizing committee has turned the weekend into more than football, highlighting aca-

demics and social activities as well.

With that said, I predict the MEC basketball Tournament will call WesBanco Arena home for a long time, if not permanently. No one does hospitality better than the Ohio Valley.

Year one is always the toughest to get something of such magnitude off the ground. Wheeling did it seamlessly, establishing a solid foundation for even

Knight back at Indiana

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) - Bob Knight ended his 20-year split with Indi-

ana on Saturday.

The 79-year-old combustible coach was on campus and was expected to be honored at Assembly Hall during halftime of the Hoosiers' game against rival Purdue.

School officials were also to salute Knight's 1980 Big Ten championship team, which featured Isaiah Thomas and Randy Wittman. Former Purdue coach Gene Keady, a friend and rival of Knight's, also was to be recognized.

Knight won 662 games and three national championships in 29 seasons with the Hoosiers before he was fired on Sept. 10, 2000 after a student accused Knight of grabbing him in the hallway of Assembly Hall. The university had initiated a zero-tolerance policy for Knight earlier that year following an investigation that he

choked a former player, the late Neil Reed. Knight finished his career at Texas Tech, retiring in 2008 with a then-record 902 victories

But Knight never forgave the university for his ouster. He declined to come back for any ceremonies honoring his championship teams and didn't even attend his induction into the school's athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. At the time, he issued a statement in which he said he didn't want to be a distraction to the other inductees.

Still, athletic director Fred Glass stayed in touch with Knight through the years, hoping one day the icy relationship would thaw. Then last spring, Knight surprised everyone by showing up for an Indiana baseball game.

He also moved back to Bloomington last year and there was speculation for weeks he might soon return to Assembly Hall.



KANSAS HEAD coach Bill Self watches his team play against TCU on Saturday. Self earned his 700th career coaching victory.

Kansas' Self records 700th win

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - Udoka Azubuike had 20 points and 15 rebounds as No. 3 Kansas matched an NCAA record with its 31st consecutive 20-win season, beating TCU 60-46 on Saturday for coach Bill Self's 700th career victory.

Azubuike, who had his 10th double-double this season, had five dunks in a 13-3 run in the first half that put the Jayhawks (20-3, 9-1 Big 12) ahead to stay.

Devon Dotson added 18 points and 11 assists as Kansas joined North Carolina (1971-2001) as the only teams to win 20 games in 31 consecutive seasons.

Desmond Bane had 20 points for TCU 13-10, 4-6), which has lost five in a row. RJ Nembhard had 11 points and PJ Fuller 10. Kevin Samuel was scoreless but had 10 rebounds.

Six weeks after his 57th birthday, Self became the second-youngest coach in NCAA history to reach 700 wins.

Bobby Knight was 56 when he got his 700th win.

Self is 700-214 in 27 seasons overall, including his time at Oral Roberts (1993-97), Tulsa (1997-2000) and Illinois (2000-03). He is 493-109 in his 17th season with the Jayhawks.

The go-ahead run by Kansas, part of a longer 20-5 spurt when the Horned Frogs missed eight shots in a row during a scoring drought of more than 6 1/2 minutes, started with a game-tying dunk by Azubuike before Dotson had a steal and a breakaway layup.

Deeds

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I can find you some- with an envelope. thing," Johnson said.

year. They were size 9.5.

if they would fit or not," Johnson said.

"I hated to charge her for something that I didn't even know if she would use. I told her to take them and, if they work, fine. If they don't,

"She was so appreciative she almost broke down and cried. I said, 'It's no big

lady returned to the store way."

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Ferry

with all season.

just frustrating."

Soon, he found an older you or something," he said. tried to reach out to Monroe pair, one that'd came out last "Here, it was a gift card. She Central officials in hopes of went and got a gift card to (a "She said she didn't know restaurant) and gave it to me. When I opened it, I was just shocked. It had a big thank ly doing what he thought you on it and said how we was right, and continuing a need more people like this.

'Not that I wasn't appreciative. I just didn't want her ous person," Johnson said. spending money doing that. It kind of defeated the purpose of giving her the shoes. in sports in the Ohio Valley

She gave me a big hug. She Later, Johnson said the little. I'm glad she felt that timesleaderonline.com

doesn't matter," Reasbeck said. "You watching Madison Ging slash to the goal or

Turnovers and easy scoring chances have the John Howell MVP Award, finished with

been aspects that Beaver Local has dealt a game-high 29 points and 12 rebounds.

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the Purple Riders were pounding the ball in- She was complemented by Madison Cline's

just want to have more points than the oth-senior Jaden Stalder knock down shots from

er team. We turned them over and capital- behind the arc.

game," Beaver Local head coach Stephanie she's dominant."

guard spot, so we're having some growing Madison Ging added 16.

"Turnovers have been a complete night-

mare for us this season and they've real-

Cole said. "We're just very young at the

pains, especially when you don't have any

pressure on you and turn the ball over. It's

side to senior center Richella Spielvogel or 16.

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Still, Johnson felt he "I thought it was a thank couldn't keep the card. He's getting the gift card back at some point.

He stressed he was merevirtue put forth by his boss.

"Floyd is a pretty gener-

If you know of someone "She almost made me cry. whom I could feature as an Ohio Valley Unsung Hero, was actually tearing up a drop me a line at rthorp@ via Twitter @RickThorp1

Spielvogel, who was named the winner of

'Eleven years ago, when we last won the

OVAC, Shae Moreland did the same thing

. dominated inside like Richella did,

Along with Speilvogel's production,

Beaver Local, meanwhile, received an-

other sterling performance from senior Jenna Riccardo. The West Liberty recruit

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the area. With local entities 2565. benefitting so much, it will only galvanize increased support from Ohio Valley businesses.

Elliott said, "It?s a great reflection on how well last burgh Pirates with Leyland before national signing day year?s tournament went that from 1986-96. they?re willing to exercise that third year option. I think last year was a great marriage of two great organizations, the MEC and the city of Wheeling. I think we're good fits for each other."

to grow stronger and stronger a long and fruitful marriage, iust like the Super Six.

DONNELLY TO SPEAK ation Center at 6 p.m.

for several teams, and owns shine State. a World Series ring while THE LOS Angeles Dodg-

In conjunction with the minor leaguers. banquet, the Martins Ferry

Chamber is selling copies of sity men's basketball team Wheeling Mayor Glenn that book at a reduced price, continues to enjoy resur-Elliott indicated that last For more information on the gence in Dan Sancomb's year's MEC event had more banquet or the book, call the second-year at the helm. The than a \$2 million impact on chamber office at 740-633-

> Donnelly's latest coaching at 15-7. gig is bench coach for the New York Mets' Triple-A affiliate farm team in Syracuse. He coached the Pitts-

BUBBA'S BITS

Francisco gave it away. to play when you have the I agree. I also believe it is best defense in the league, ment. a marriage that will continue combined with an effective ground game. Chiefs' QB has Nova Southeastern on the next two years, leading to Patrick Mahones, barring a roll. The former West injury, is on track to be the Liberty coaching great has GOAT

THE ST. THOMAS Uni-THE MARTINS Ferry versity men's basketball Chamber of Commerce is team is now 15-5 on the holding a Fall Chamber Ban-season. Wheeling Park grad quet on Wednesday, Sept. 16 D.P. Harris is the first-year the SSC lead. at the Martins Ferry Recre- coach of the Miami Gardens, Fl.-based institution. Har- BMAC WVU Coaches Car-Featured speaker will be ris scripted a Hall of Fame avan is scheduled for Mon-Rich Donnelly. The Steu- coaching career at St. Vinbenville native has coached cent College in Latrobe, Pa., Restaurant in Wheeling, at the Major League level before heading to the Sun-

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former Wheeling Jesuit head coach has his Vulcans sitting

MICHIGAN STATE is in the market for a head football coach after Mark Dantonio's ill-timed resignation, a day and a month after receiving a \$4.3 million longevity bo-KANSAS CITY won Su- nus. The Zanesville native per Bowl 54 because San is also a target in an NCAA probe. Current Cincinnati You cannot blow a 10-point head coach and former Ohio lead with seven minutes State assistant Luke Fickell would be an ideal replace-

> JIM **CRUTCHFIELD** guided his Sharks to seven straight wins, improving to 17-2 overall and 11-2 in the Sunshine State Conference. Nova is a half-game out of

> THE ANNUAL MAC/ day, May 11 at River City More information will be coming in the future.

WEST LIBERTY'S footproved this nast week to David Price from Boston for plans to become a Hilltopper. He will be eligible immedi-

Powell

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forward. The OVAC didn't turn out how we hoped this year, but I am hopeful that we can get things turned around and make a tournament run.'

When the Powells moved back to Barnesville when Luke was in fourth grade, the comparisons actually began. At least for that goal." around the community anyway.

fourth through sixth graders after we moved back and I didn't know what to expect," best player at that time. I never put any kind of pressure on him. He loved the game ability) is about him and his passion for the

Many of those aforementioned Barnesville residents who wanted to compare the

er forget, but the season keeps moving talked to his son about the work that would be needed to achieve it.

'I remember when he was Athlete of the Week (in The Times Leader) as a freshman and one of his answers was, 'I just want to be as good as my dad," Matt said. "I be-lieve this record, in his mind, is validation

Scoring runs in the Powell family. Matt's "We signed Luke up for a league of father, Tim, is now fifth on the Barnesville all-time list with 939 points.

I never felt any pressure to exceed what Matt conveyed. "But, I noticed he was the my dad did and I don't think Luke ever felt pressure because of what I did," Matt said.

As Luke grew up, the Powells played and worked hard at it. I did only a couple many one-on-one games in the driveway of things to help him. The majority of (his outside of their Barnesville home. Those games came to an end just a couple of years ago, actually.

I quit playing in those games when he started beating me," Matt said.

Similarly to the record the first time

two players didn't think I like would con-

The Championship Games will also air live on WKKX.

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All Girl's Basketball Championship Games played

yesterday will air tape-delayed on METV on

Sunday, Feb.9 starting at 12 noon and

Boy's Championship Games will air

tape-delayed on Sunday, Feb. 16, starting at noon.





T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY INDIAN CREEK'S Makenzie Taylor prepares to go up for a shot as Wheeling Park's Bella Abernathy defends during the first quarter of Saturday afternoon's OVAC Class 5A championship at OUE.

Creek tops Park in OT in 5A

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

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Douglas is 'feeling good' 30 years after Tyson bout

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Thirty years after his startling victory against boxing titan Mike Tyson, Buster Douglas is feeling healthy and basking in the glory he says he was denied at the time.

"Right now, everything is looking up," Douglas said in a recent Associated Press interview, noting he struggles with diabetes. "Feeling good and the numbers are good. It's a good thing.'

The 59-year-old fighter will be celebrated at an anniversary gala Friday in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio, where he'll raise money for programs that help others who face seemingly insurmountable challenges.

His stable of students throughout Columbus' parks and recreation system look up to the man they call simply "coach" as a teacher, friend and hero.

"I mean, I really look up to Mike Tyson, but I don't look up to him as much as Coach," said 11-year-old Colton Matson, who has worked with Douglas since he was 6.

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Tyson was the reigning undisputed heavyweight champion of the world, and a frightening opponent to boot, when he entered the ring against James "Buster" Douglas on Feb. 11, 1990, Vegas bookie - whether brave or stupid - would set odds on the fight: 42 to

Douglas won, stunning the sports world. But what followed was anything but a celebration.

Tyson and fight promoter Don King challenged Douglas' victory, claiming Douglas had gone down first in the fight but been given more time than allowed to get up. Douglas' victory was ultimately upheld, but not before months of drama and expensive litigation.

"Don came at me with a vengeance and I was subpoenaed everywhere I went. to," Douglas said. "It made it very uncomfortable and kind of took the 'f' out of

A message was left at a phone number for King.

Tyson didn't respond to an interview request. He told late-night talk show host Jimmy Kimmel in 2015 that it was "Buster's anniversary" to celebrate. not his. Tyson said the loss was a positive for him in the end, allowing him to learn how to "overcome adversity." The two have barely crossed paths since the fight.

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Douglas said he was almost relieved when Evander Holyfield knocked him out in the third round of their match-up a little over eight months later, taking the title.

"It was a relief and then it was upsetting, too, because of how it all came to an end," Douglas said.

A short reign, with a long legacy. The fight is still remembered as one of the most spectacular upsets in sports history. Douglas' story gained new attention with the 2018 release of an ESPN documentary, titled "42 to 1" after the odds against Douglas.

Douglas has given his charity effort the same name and formed an ongoing strategic partnership aimed at delivering several programs focused on workforce development, diversity and soft skills training to at-risk youth.

He said working with kids is one of his favorite things to do.

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He said he gave up on his life and health for a period after the fight. In 1996, he woke up in a hospital on death's door. Again, life presented him a mountain to overcome.

'A light bulb came on. It was either get back into life or cash it on in," he said. "I decided to get back into

Harvick signs extension with SHR

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Kevin Harvick has agreed to a two-year contract extension with Stewart-Haas Racing that will take the 44-year-old NASCAR champion through the 2023 season.

Harvick, who won the 2014 Cup Series

championship, said Saturday at Daytona International Speedway that he had been signed through 2021. He has 49 career wins and won the 2007 Daytona 500.

Harvick has finished third in the final standings each of the last three seasons.

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National championship-winning former Ohio State quarterback Cardale Jones, one

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Former Navy quarterback Keenan Reynolds took the opening kickoff with new rules implemented for safety.

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Games don't feature a coin toss and are full of changes like one-, two- and threepoint conversions.

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Beallsville eventually took a 32-22 lead into the fourth and the Dragons were never able to cut the deficit under 10.

Cameron was led in the scoring column

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He said he gave up on his life and health for a period after the fight. In 1996, he woke up in a hospital on death's door. Again, life presented him a mountain to overcome.

"A light bulb came on. It was either get back into life or cash it on in," he said.
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Harvick signs extension with SHR

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Kevin Harvick has agreed to a two-year contract extension with Stewart-Haas Racing that will take the 44-year-old NASCAR champion through the 2023 season.

Harvick, who won the 2014 Cup Series

championship, said Saturday at Daytona International Speedway that he had been signed through 2021. He has 49 career wins and won the 2007 Daytona 500.

Harvick has finished third in the final standings each of the last three seasons.







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Top-seeded UL fends off Magnolia in OT

Times Leader Sports Writer

MORRISTOWN - Magnolia and Union Local went head-to-head Tuesday night like a pair of heavyweight boxers. Thirty-two minutes of action wasn't enough for the two Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Class 3A Tournament semifinalists.

However, after watching the Blue Eagles send the game into the 4-minute extra session on Trevor Williamson's three-point basket, the Jets held the fourth-seeds scoreless en route to a 47-43 victory before a vocal crowd inside "The Hangar" at Union Local High School.

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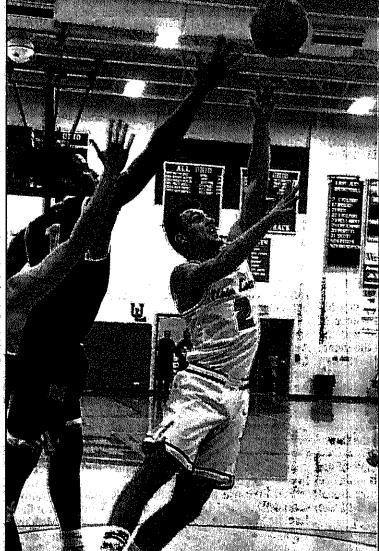
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UNION LOCAL'S Hunter McCort (2) watches the ball as Magnolia's Qwailei Turner (1) attempts to block the shot during third-quarter action Tuesday night inside "The Hangar" at Union Local High School. The Jets defeated the Blue Eagles, 47-43, in overtime in a Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Class 3A Tournament semifinal.

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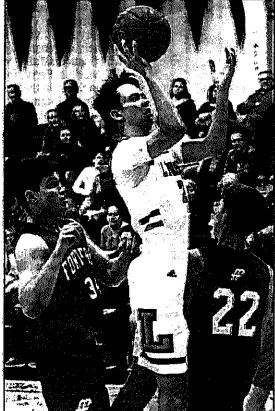
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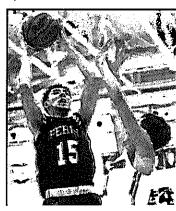
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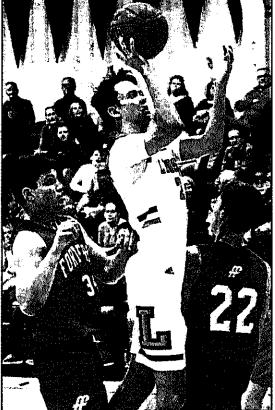
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The Potters (14-4) now get a chance to fulfill one of their biggest season-long goals when they take on top-seeded Meadowbrook for the 4A championship at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ohio University Eastern. Martins Ferry falls to 11-9.

"The something we've had marked down since the

beginning of the year," Conley said. "We've only made the finals in two of my ten years here. It's going to be a lot of fun Saturday."

eight assists and five steals. Brennan O'Hara had a fine night of his own with 15 points and four rebounds. Timmy See, FERRY, Page B2

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Photo/JIMMY JO SAVAGE
MARTINS FERRY'S Logan Smith rises over East Liverpool's Brennan O'Hara on Tuesday in an OVAC Class 4A semifinal at Potter Fieldhouse.

Jackson put his stamp all over the game with 31 points,

Meadowbrook cruises by Harrison in 4A an played really tough tonight. I think it was the best game we've

By KEVIN SUTTON

For The Times Leader

BYESVILLE - Seeking a fifth consecutive Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championship 4A title, top-seeded Meadowbrook High took step one on Tuesday evening with a convincing 70-43 semi-final victory over visiting No. 4 seed Harrison Central.

With the lopsided win, the Colts improve to a sparkling 16-3 record and will now battle East Liverpool on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at Ohio University-Eastern to attempt to secure their fifth straight 4A champion-

În the night's other OVAC semi-final match-up, East Liverpool routed Martins Ferry, 81-41 to clinch their spot in the championship game.

"WE'RE EXCITED to get the opportunity to go down and try and defend our title game. It will be a challenge for us and we will need to work hard for the next few days to get ready for it."

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"We put ourselves in position to win a fifth straight title against a good East Liverpool team," Meadowbrook head coach Lou 'Scooter' Tolzda explained. "They have a lot of great athletes, and it's at a tough time with feel like we were able to frustrate him being 10 in the morning. So that will be a challenge for both teams.'

"We're excited to get the opportunity to go down and try and defend our work hard for the next few days to get triples for six points, and junior Daready for it."

In the early going, led by high-scoring junior Kobe Mitchell, the visiting Huskies stayed within striking distance in the opening quarter. Mitchell pumped in eight points in the quarter to to try to offset Meadowbrook senior Jonathan McCall's nine point frame, including a pair of 3-pointers. 'We knew (Kobe) Mitchell is a re-

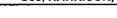
ally talented player...he's averaging over 30 points a game and that's not easy to do," Tolzda offered. "We kind of guarded him by committee and some. Plus we were able to lock down on their other guys and keep them from hurting us."

But McCall received a little more

title again," Tolzda added. "It will be help from his 'friends' with senior a challenge for us and we will need to Zach Rusnak knocking down a pair of

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Red Sox make Roenicke interim manager

chance as a major league manager.

for "permanency."

The Red Sox made Roenicke their interthe day Boston's pitchers and catchers re-

ported for the start of spring training.

Although there is no expiration date on Roenicke's tenure, the interim tag will stay until Major League Baseball completes its investigation into whether the Red Sox engaged in illegal sign-stealing during their 2018 World Series championship season. If the probe clears Roenicke, who has denied being part of any rules violations, he is

expected to stay.
"We felt that naming Ron our interim manager was the best way to respect the investigation that's ongoing into our 2018 club. But we feel very strongly about Ron's the condition of anonymity.

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) - It took Ron ability to lead this group and how well-suit-Roenicke almost five years to get another ed he is for this task," Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom said in a news confer-He'll need to wait at least until next week ence on the eve of the team's first formal workout.

'We have no reason to think that there is im manager Tuesday, promoting the former anything that would cause an adverse result Brewers skipper to replace Alex Cora on for Ron in this investigation," Bloom said. for Ron in this investigation," Bloom said.

Just one year after winning the World Series in his first season in Boston, Cora was let go when Commissioner Rob Manfred named him as a ringleader behind the Astros' 2017 illegal sign-stealing. The Red Sox have maintained that there was no similar scheme after Cora took over in Boston the next year.

Manfred said last week that he hoped to have the Red Sox investigation completed before the start of spring training. But a person with knowledge of the probe said Tuesday the investigation will continue at least into next week. The person spoke on

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a championship and now we just have to get focused on Saturday," Henniger said.

Meanwhile, on the other side, Linsly head coach Dave Wojcik was left wondering what might have been had his team had just a few more seconds or made just a couple more plays.

"Fort Frye, overall, deserved to win because they played better for the course of the game," Wojcik said. "If we had the sense of urgency we had late in the game. coming out of the gate, it might have been a different story, but when you don't make free throws, give up offensive rebounds and turn the ball over, you're in for a long

Those issues all reared their ugly head for the Wheeling-based Cadets in the fourth quarter.

Fort Frye scored the first 11 points of the fourth, which included a trey and an inside bucket from Zane Wallace, a conventional 3-point play by Brady Schilling and a Luke Huffman goal.

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"We have to do a better job of managing our possessions at the end (of games), Henniger said. "We had a lot of timeouts. the 3A consolation game. It will visit Mag-We kept getting trapped and didn't call nolia.

a time out. We have to do a better job of handling the pressure at the end and being smarter.

The teams traded one-of-two at the line and Linsly was forced to foul again. Wallace got one-of-two. Linsly got a clean look from the corner to tie as time wound down, point margin. but it clanged off the rim.

We lost our poise in the fourth," Wojcik said. "We took some quick, deep 3s and we weren't in rebounding position. We were frazzled and splintered. We sort of lost it there a little bit, tried to get it back late, but we came up short. Give Fort Frye credit because they made plays, both offensively and defensively.

Both teams had their share of runs. Fort Frye ended the first on a 15-0 spurt and Colts seemed to pick up the points in the quarter. Linsly proceeded to win the middle two quarters by a 25-12 count, holding Fort

Frye to six points in each period.

Fort Frye was led by Kelton Fogle, who scored 10 of his 14 in the first quarter. Wallace finished with 13 and Schilling added

Linsly, meanwhile, was led by talented senior Marshall Taylor, who single handedly kept Linsly in the game early. He scored 17 of his team's 22 in the first half and finished with 20 for the game. Murray was

"At the end of the day, after the game, you have to look in the mirror and ask, what could I have done differently?" Wojcik said. "I know I am going to do that and ask, 'what could I have called differently? The kids have to self-check themselves as well and see what they could have done better, so it doesn't happen the next time.'

The next time for Linsly comes Friday in

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Blue Eagles followed suit and make their free throws. with 7.8 left. However, on the second miss, Magnolia's Gavin Postlethwait grabbed and focus on the present," the rebound and immediately sent the ball to Williamson who calmly drained a on all five of their field goal trey with three seconds on the clock.

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West Virginians, little did "I thought the effort was they know Williamson's bonus goal would be the last points they would score.

for a 46-43 advantage. After Magnolia failed to connect on a three-point try, Zach Bateman secured the re-1.5 remaining. He missed the first shot, but cashed in the second for the final four-

the 19.6 mark, but the those guys to step up there They've got to wipe out what happened in the past

Delman said. "We did that."
The Blue Eagles misfired attempts in OT.

"We didn't score in overveteran Magnolia time?" tion shot from midcourt was head coach Dave Tallman off the mark as the teams said when informed. "Oh my, you've got to score,

there. It's great being part of the OVAC playoff and give Union Local credit. They Luke Merritt, who had made plays when they had

attempts with 12.7 showing supposed to be the best free throw shooting team in area, and we weren't down the stretch," Delman noted as his team made 4 of 8 in got bigger fish to fry. bound and was fouled with OT. "Had we made our free throws, I think we shot 17for-26 which doesn't seem bad but they (the misses) were all at crucial times, we We've got confidence in would've been alright."

That was an area Tallman wasn't happy with, the disparity in free throws. Union Local went 17-for-26 from the charity stripe, including 10 of 12 in the first half to keep the game close, compared to 3-for-10 for Magnolia.

"Look at the fouls and the number of foul shots they took compared to what we took," he said. "I never complain about officials ... ever, but it's just disheartening."

However, he said his team will learn from this loss.

"They (Union Local) made us better. On the Ohio-side the OVAC means misfired on two free tosses to," Tallman offered.

25 seconds earlier, tickled "A big thing was free the twine twice on a pair of throw shooting late. We're the state tournament," Tallman said. "Our goal is to win the (West Virginia) state tournament and we feel that UL made us better. We've

Meyer led a trio of double-digit scorers for the Jets with 12. Merritt added 11 and Matt Bateman had 10. Meyer also pulled down 11

rebounds.

Harrison

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Singleton scoring four to Colts. give the Colts a 19-11 lead heading to the second peri-

pace and quickly reeled off a quick 6-0 run, capped by team...they can make you the Huskies. a two-handed dunk from senior Addy Black for a 25-11 lead at the 7:20 mark.

Meadowbrook then take control of the contest for good, outscoring Harrison Central 21-9 in the quarter to extend the lead out to 40-20 at the halftime break with Rusnak's third 3-pointer of the half ending first half play.

McCall finished with six points to run his first half total to 15, while Black and Davis Singleton each con-

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Black led the Colts out to tributed four markers for the the night. Sophomore Jake chipping in with five.

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Meadowbrook Central head coach Justin four players in double fig-Clifford stated. "Give them ures led by McCall with his would all the credit tonight, I was 15 points all in the first half, just a little disappointed Black who led the Colts off with the way we competed. the glass with 10 rebounds We were OK early with our and Jake Singleton each effort, but then when one or finished with 13 points and two things went wrong we Davis Singleton added 10. seemed to kind of feel sorry Rusnak just missed double for ourselves instead of bat- figures with nine on his trio of 3-pointers.

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Neal added nine points offense. and a team-high seven rebounds.

"I thought tonight was Tresean's best overall game as a Potter," Conley said. "He didn't gamble on defense and he was able to get everyone else going. When he plays like that, that's when we're at our best."

for a competitive matchup by halftime.

Everything was fueled

The Potters led by three said. rest of the half. The lead was at practice." 37-11 at the break.

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The Purple Riders shot matchup Friday. by their dominant defense, 4-of-18 in the first half,

and created ample transi- every facet of the game than get back in the gym and get tion opportunities for the we were tonight," Martins to work."

Ferry coach Derek Edwards "Their athleticism with 3:47 left in the first bothered us and we weren't quarter before blowing the able to get anything going game wide open with a 28-5 offensively. We have a lot to extended run that lasted the work on starting tomorrow

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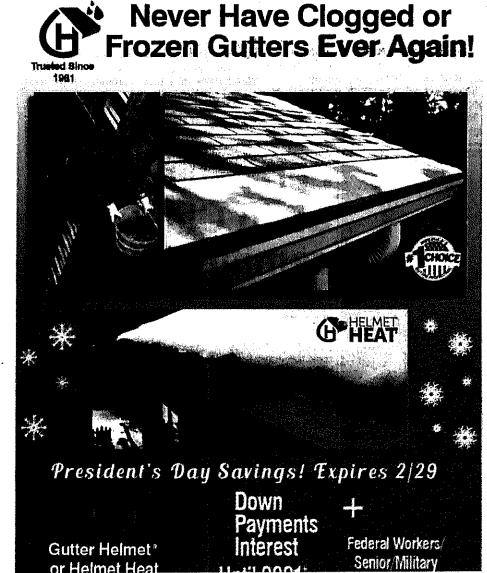
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ing our possessions at the end (of games),' Henniger said. "We had a lot of timeouts. the 3A consolation game. It will visit Mag-We kept getting trapped and didn't call nolia.

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cause they played better for the course of the game," Wojcik said. "If we had the said. "We took some quick, deep 3s and we we came up short. Give Fort Frye credit be-

Both teams had their share of runs. Fort Linsly proceeded to win the middle two quarters by a 25-12 count, holding Fort rye to six points in each period.

Fort Frye was led by Kelton Fogle, who scored 10 of his 14 in the first quarter. Wallace finished with 13 and Schilling added

Linsly, meanwhile, was led by talented senior Marshall Taylor, who single handedly kept Linsly in the game early. He scored 17 of his team's 22 in the first half and finished with 20 for the game. Murray was

'At the end of the day, after the game, you have to look in the mirror and ask, what could I have done differently?" Woask, 'what could I have called differently? The kids have to self-check themselves as well and see what they could have done better, so it doesn't happen the next time.'

The next time for Linsly comes Friday in

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weren't in rebounding position. We were frazzled and splintered. We sort of lost it there a little bit, tried to get it back late, but

give the Colts a 19-11 lead cause they made plays, both offensively and heading to the second peridefensively." Frye ended the first on a 15-0 spurt and Colts seemed to pick up the

In the second stanza, the points in the quarter. pace and quickly reeled off a quick 6-0 run, capped by a two-handed dunk from senior Addy Black for a 25-11 lead at the 7:20 mark.

Harrison

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Meadowbrook would then take control of the contest for good, outscoring Harrison Central 21-9 in the quarter to extend the lead out to 40-20 at the halftime break with Rusnak's third -pointer of the half ending first half play.

McCall finished with six points to run his first half total to 15, while Black and Davis Singleton each contributed four markers for the

for ourselves instead of battling. Black led the Colts out to

Singleton scoring four to Colts. Singleton also tallied six Defensively, Meadowpoints to give Meadowbrook brook was able to slow down a comfortable 55-30 edge

the high-scoring Mitchell, after three quarters of play. limiting him to just four Mitchell picked up his scoring pace in the third

'They are just a good frame with nine points for the Huskies. team...they can make you

look bad at times," Harrison Meadowbrook placed Central head coach Justin four players in double fig-Clifford stated. "Give them ures led by McCall with his all the credit tonight, I was 15 points all in the first half, just a little disappointed Black who led the Colts off with the way we competed. the glass with 10 rebounds We were OK early with our and Jake Singleton each effort, but then when one or finished with 13 points and two things went wrong we Davis Singleton added 10. seemed to kind of feel sorry Rusnak just missed double figures with nine on his trio of 3-pointers.

Mitchell took game-high a 15-10 third quarter scor- scoring honors with 30 ing edge with six points, in- points for Harrison Central cluding his second 'flush' of (10-8), with Cale McAffee the night. Sophomore Jake chipping in with five.

Ferry

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Neal added nine points offense. and a team-high seven rebounds.

"I thought tonight was Tresean's best overall game as a Potter," Conley said. "He didn't gamble on defense and he was able to get everyone else going. When he plays like that, that's when we're at our best."

The potential was there for a competitive matchup coming into the night, but by halftime.

Everything was fueled by their dominant defense, which successfully walled off Martins Ferry forward Logan Smith in the first half

The Potters led by three said. with 3:47 left in the first bothered us and we weren't quarter before blowing the able to get anything going game wide open with a 28-5 offensively. We have a lot to extended run that lasted the work on starting tomorrow rest of the half. The lead was at practice.' 37-11 at the break.

ing to leave here tonight not finished with 16 points and knowing how good Mar- seven rebounds for the Purtins Ferry is," Conley said. ple Riders. By then, though, "They have a good team the issue had long been dewith some nice wins this cided. Dasyn Hores added the Potters made sure the year. I just thought our guys 11 points for Martins Fergame was essentially over came out and played really ry, which will host Harritough tonight.

The Purple Riders shot matchup Friday. 4-of-18 in the first half, while also turning the ball over nine times.

and created ample transi- every facet of the game than get back in the gym and get tion opportunities for the we were tonight," Martins to work."

Ferry coach Derek Edwards "Their athleticism

Smith got going a little "A lot of people are go- bit in the second half and son Central in a consolation

"The biggest thing I told the kids is that there is a tomorrow," Edwards said. "We have to be better in "It's a fresh opportunity to

Shadyside

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night with 26 points, giving him 1,381 for his career. Ashley Holenka is the school's all-time leading hoop scorer with over 1,700 markers.

"I feel happy to get the record but the big thing is it came with a win," Hender-shot said. "But it is a record I could not have attained without my teammates, coaches and family. They were all a part of it.

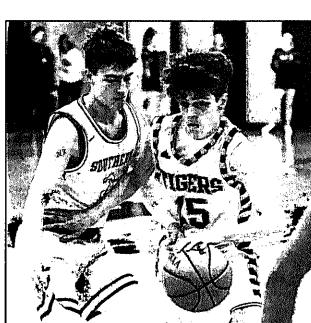
Shadyside is now a spar-kling 16-5. The hard-play-ing Indians, meanwhile,

dropped to a fine 15-5.
"We didn't play one of our better games but we won. We had chances to put them away. They kept fight-ing back," Shadyside head coach Ed Andes said. "We were sloppy with the ball at times and missed too many free throws. Give Southern of an OVAC 2A semifinal. credit, however, they have a nice team and play extremely hard.

"I am also very happy for Kelly. That is a great achievement," he added. "He is a character young man who has worked hard and is a team player. He is very deserving of the record."

Sweet-shooting Tyler Parr was Hendershot's top support with 22 points, 17 coming after intermission. Korey Beckett and Jordan end. Joseph each netted seven tallies for the Tigers.

Cam Grohaus paced Southern with 18 points. Josh Pratt and Brock



Photo/TERRY HANCOCK

SHADYSIDE'S TYLER Parr drives to the basket against a Southern Local defender during the first half

lineville-based Indians.

us to compete," Southern for a 65-61 Orange lead. head coach Gerard Grimm taking care of the ball at the two-point margin.

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Pratt brought the Indians "The last couple of games back to within one at 62we have struggled shooting 61 with a bonus goal. Part threes and at the foul line. again stepped up for the Tonight we did a much bet- hosts, meshing another trey ter job of both. That enabled with 1:50 remaining, good

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Shadyside led 18-13 after The game was knotted at one period and owned a 32-56-all with just over four 26 halftime advantage. The minutes to play before Parr hosts took a 52-45 upper-

Shadyside committed 11 was guilty of 10 miscues.





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Lee Lifts Central To **Class 2A Title Game**

Junior's layup with 3 seconds stuns Cee-Bees

By TRACY WATSON

For The Intelligencer
WHEELING - A pair
of teams looking for different things battled for 32 minutes Tuesday night on Coach Skip Prosser Court and while only one could get the victory both could get the victory both achieved goals.

Clay-Battelle brought a 15-2 record to the North-ern Panhandle looking for respect and the chance to show they could play with powerful Wheeling Central while the Maroon Knights were looking for a berth in an eighth consecutive Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 2A championship game.

Coach Josh Kisner's Cee-Bees most definitely went home with the respect they were seeking but it will be Coach Mel Stephens' Wheeling Central team that takes the court Saturday in search of an eighth straight conference title.

After sophomore Ryan Reasbeck tied the score late with a steal and basket, ju-nior Avery Lee capped an amazing night with a driving layup with 3 seconds showing on the clock as the Maroon Knights avoided the upset and recorded a come-from-behind 87-85 victory over Clay-Battelle at their East Wheeling gym.

Stephens and his crew will take a 15-6 record to Ohio University Eastern

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Photo by Kyle Lutz Wheeling Central's Avery Lee drives to the basket during Tuesday's OVAC Class 2A semifinal game against Clay-Battelle.



Photo by Seth Staskey

Jy'Leik Johnson goes up for a shot during the first quarter of Tuesday's game against Fort Frye in the OVAC Class 3A semifinal inside the Stifel Fieldhouse.

Fort Frye Holds Off Linsly, 45-42

By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

WHEELING - Momentum in basketball games actually in all sports — can be a funny thing, especially when the teams are relatively even.

The momentum in Tuesday night's OVAC Class 3A semifinal between third-seeded Fort Frye and second-seeded Linsly inside the Stifel Fieldhouse went back and forth multiple times.

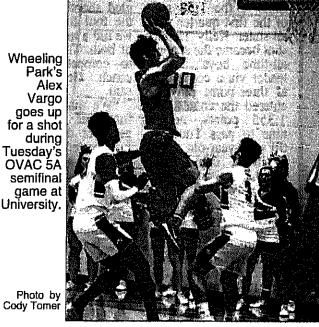
It actually appeared after Caleb Murray drilled a 3-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer that Linsly may have seized the momentum along with the lead.

Fort Frye, which found itself down by two at 32-30 at that point, had other ideas. The Beverly-based Cadets held Linsly scoreless for the first 6:26 of the fourth and built a nine-point lead and eventually hung on for a 45-42 victory to advance to the conference title game Saturday evening at Ohio University Eastern in St. Clairsville.

"Two evenly matched teams and I kept telling our guys this was like looking in a mirror," Fort Frye coach Eric Henniger said. "Linsly plays a disciplined game and has a lot of athletes everywhere. I am proud to come up here and get a win."

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Wheeling Park's Alex Vargo goes up for a shot during Tuesday's OVAC 5A semifinal game at University.



Hawks Throttle Patriots

By CODY TOMER Staff Writer

MORGANTOWN — Deseason but it just wasn't going half. feating an opponent three times to happen (Tuesday). Not with in a season can be a daunting the first quarter that they had." up 1

the Patriots are the most given come to the gym this weekend up in team history.

"They are an exceptional

bia said. "We've shown that we really pleased with the effort on

"This is the first time all year to 239. team," Park coach Michael Jeb- we've been truly healthy. I was

can play with them earlier this both sides of the ball in the first

'We shot lights out. To put e first quarter that they had." up 108 points against Wheel-University's third win over ing Park — one of the best West Virginia Class AAA's Park this season earns them teams in the state of West Virtop ranked University Hawks had no trouble completing that Chore.

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University drained 10
3-pointers in the first half and handed visiting Wheeling Park a convincing 108-69 setback (Tuesday's) game was and I 3-pointers from sharp-shooton Tuesday night in the OVAC knew they were ready to play. ing Kaden Metheny, which 5A semifinal. They were well-rested and had made him the all-time leader in The 108 points allowed by a week off. They wanted to school history in 3s made. He finished the game with six triples, increasing his career total

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Jets Down Blue Eagles in OT

By KIM NORTH For The Intelligencer

MORRISTOWN - Magnolia Local High School. and Union Local went head-to- With the hard-earned tri-head Tuesday night like a pair of umph, coach Zach Delman's ment semifinalists.

Blue Eagles send the game into in the other semifinal Tuesday quarters. Magnolia (12-5) led the 4-minute extra session on night inside the Stifel Center on 10-8 after one and 22-21 at the Trevor Williamson's 3-point the Leatherwood campus. basket, the Jets held the fourthseeds scoreless en route to a 47- Delman said. "I'm so proud of

top-seeded Jets (15-5) will meet No. 3 Fort Frye, which knocked However, after watching the off second-seeded Linsly, 45-42, upperhand during the first three

"What a game. What a game,"

43 victory before a vocal crowd the way our kids battled and batinside "The Hangar" at Union tled. It would've been easy for our kids to come to the bench after they (Magnolia) hit that 3-pointer at the end of regulation heavyweight boxers. Thirty-two squad punched its ticket to the and be dejected to start the overminutes of action wasn't enough championship game Saturday time, but they didn't. We go out for the two Wheeling Hospital at Ohio University Eastern. The and get a stop to start the over-OVAC Boys Class 3A Tournatop-seeded Jets (15-5) will meet time. That was a big key." time. That was a big key.

Neither team could seize the half.

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Magnolia's Jacob Gamble secures a rebound Tuesday night.

Photo by Kim North

Madonna Advances to 1A Title Game

HUNDRED - Four Madonna players scored in double figures as it secured a 63-60 victory over Hundred to claim a spot in the OVAC Class 1A championship game Tuesday during boys' prep basketball action.

Dons with 18 points while Evan Boniti contributed with 15. Brennan Secrist supplied 14 points and Santino Arlia had 11.

while Logan Norris netted 20.

Frontier 54, Cameron 47

NEW MATAMORAS — Logan Brookover scored 23 points and Tanner Bills had 16 as Frontage and Tanner Bills had 10.

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ons with 15 points and five boards and Levi Anderson both poured Buckeye Trail. and Trevor Beresford had 10 in 25 points as Valley secured a Auston Hogue supplied 12 points, 13 rebounds, five blocks victory over Madonna. Ryan Bakpoints and Garet Cramer added 10 and four steals.

Class 5A Morgantown 88, Weir 24 MORGANTOWN – Re Reitter garnered six points to lead Weir as the Red Riders were handled easily by Morgantown.

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River 60, Beallsville 51

HANNIBAL - Stone Thompson tallied 25 points including hitting five each netted 14 points for the vic-Cody Soles turned in game- 3-pointers to lead River to a victory high 22 points to pace the Hornets over Beallsville. Brody Lollathin was added nine. also solid for the Pilots as he netted

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Dylan Gregorcic paced the - Reed Bulldogs with a team-high 16 points while Riese O'Kernick and Cooper Dulesky netted 14.

Brooke 76, Buckeye Local 74 WELLSBURG - Cole Sperla-Lucky Pulice paced the Blue Red Riders 52-10 in the first half. zza scored 12 of his 18 points in cons with 18 points while Evan Consolation Games the fourth quarter as Brooke edged Buckeye Local.

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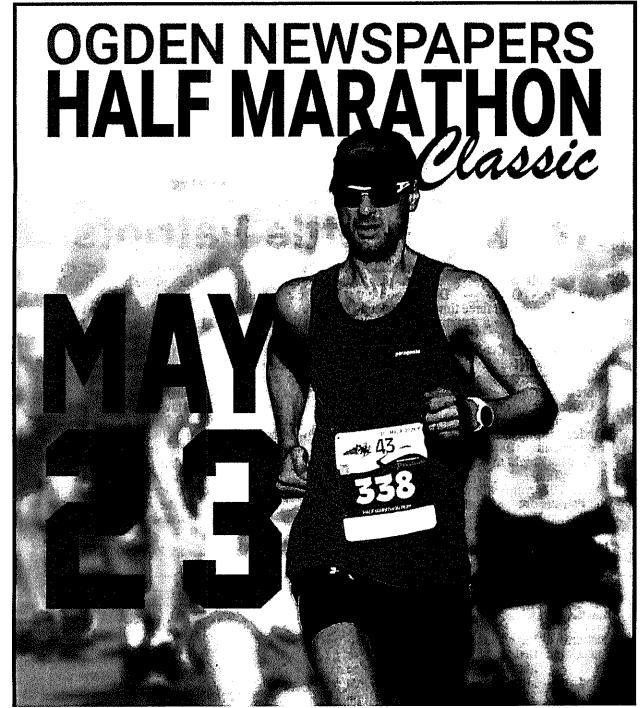
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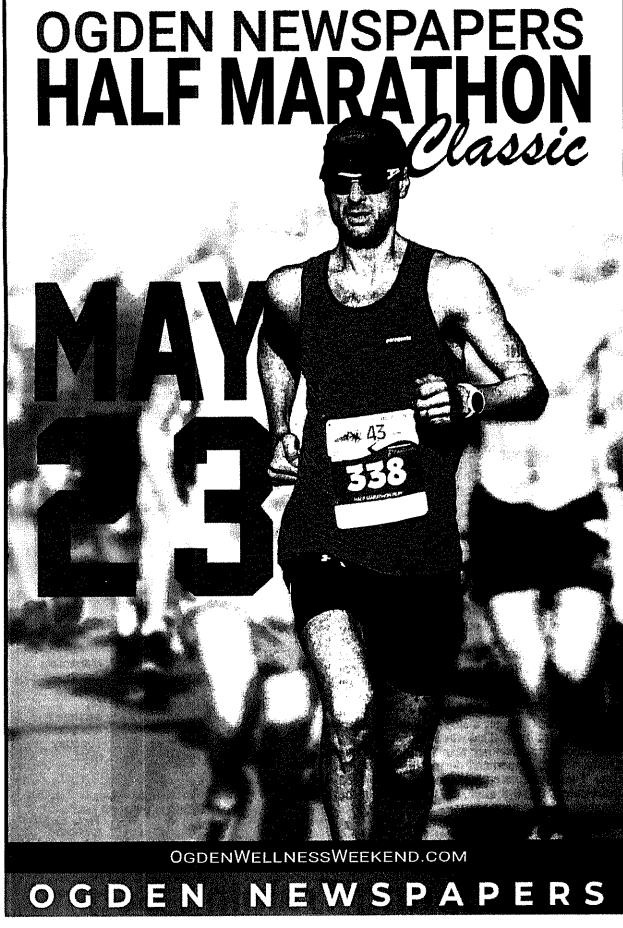
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NHL HOCKEY 7:30 p.m. NBCSN — Montreal at Boston

10 p.m. NBCSN — Calgary at Los An-

TENNIS

5 a.m.
TENNIS — ATP/WTA: Rotter-dam-ATP, St. Petersburg-WTA, Hua-Hin-WTA 6 a.m.

TENNIS — ATP/WTA: Rotter-dam-ATP, New York-ATP, St. Pe-tersburg-WTA & Hua-Hin-WTA Early Rounds
7:30 p.m.
TENNIS — ATP: The New York

Open, Early Rounds, Uniondale, N.Y. 3 a.m. (Thursday)
TENNIS — ATP/WTA: Rotter-dam-ATP, St. Petersburg-WTA,
Hua-Hin-WTA Early Rounds

6 a.m. (Thursday)
TENNIS — ATP/WTA: Rotterdam-ATP, New York-ATP, St. Petersburg-WTA & Hua-Hin-WTA
Early Rounds —

D-11 Top 25

MEN'S BASKETBALL National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA Division II Poll

(February 11, 2020)
 Team (FPV)
 Rec
 Pts

 1. NW Missouri St. (16) 22-1
 400

 2. Lincoln Memorial
 23-1
 380

 3. West Texas A&M
 23-1
 368
 7. Azusa Pacific 8. St. Edward's 9. Indiana (Pa.) 20-2 19-2 . Jefferson Bridgeport 19-2 248 St. Thomas Aquinas 19-3 224 13. Valdosta State 18-3 14. Missouri Southern 18-4 15. Dixie State 19-4 15. Dixie State 19-4 16. Cal State-San Bern. 19-4 17. Point Loma 17-4 18. Grand Valley State 19-4 20. Missouri-St, Louis 20-4 UNC-Pembroke 18-4 22.5 19.4 18.4 23. Ferris State 24. Shippensburg 25. West Liberty

25. West Liberty 18-4 41 20
Others receiving votes: Bellarmine
(Ky.) 35, Indianapolis (Ind.) 25, Sioux
Falls (S.D.) 22, Chico State (Calif.) 14,
Cal Poly-Pomona 8, King (Tenn.) 8,
Pitt-Johnstown (Pa.) 8, Dallas Baptist
(Texas) 5, Seattle Pacific (Wash.) 3, Alabama-Huntsville 2, Angelo State (Texas) 1, Rogers State (Okla.) 1.

PENGUINS

Tampa Bay 2, Pittsburgh 1 Tampa Bay 0 1 0 1 — 2
Pittsburgh 1 0 0 0 — 1
First Period—1, Pittsburgh,
Malkin 18 (Crosby, Letang), 11:31

Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Sergachev 9 (Kucherov, Maroon), 3:59 (pp). Third Period—None.

Overtime—3, Tampa Bay, Gourde 7 (Point, Hedman), 2:45. Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 17-10-9-2—38, Pittsburgh 8-11-16-

Power-play opportunities— Tampa Bay 1 of 4; Pittsburgh 1 of

Goalies—Tampa Bay, Vasile-kiy 30-9-3 (36 shots-35 saves). vskiy 30-9-3 (36 shots-35 saves). Pittsburgh, Murray 16-7-5 (39-37). A—18,445 (18,387). T—2:29. Referees—Steve Kozari, Chris Schlenker. Linesmen—Shandor Alphonso, Brandon Gawryletz.

ESPNU — George Mason at Virginia Commonwealth 8 p.m.

ACCN — Louisville at Georgia Tech 8:30 p.m.

8390int Goals: Statler 5, Chisler 2, Barr 2, Carrico; Lee 4, Toepfer 3, Reasbeck 2, Creighton. Clay-Battelle 23 25 24 13 — 85 Whg. Central 25 20 22 20 — 87 wng. Gentral 25 20 22 20 — 87 Class 3A Union Local 47, Magnolia 43, OT M — Turner 10 1-5 22; Williamson 5 2-3 16; Gamble 1 0-2 3; Scheilbelhood 0 0-0 0; Postlethwait 0 0-0 0; Cecil 1 0-0 2; Glover 0 0-0 0, Totals: 17 3-10 43.

U — McCort 2 0-3 4; Meyer 3 6-8 12; Merritt 2 6-8 11; M. Bateman 4 2-3 10; Z. Bateman 1 1-2 4; Martin 0 2-2 2; Hess 2 0-0 4. Totals: 14-38 17-26 47.

3-Point Goals: Williamson Turner Gamble: Merritt 7 3-Point Goals: Williamson 4, Turner, Gamble; Merritt, Z. Bateman. Magnolia 10 12 9 12 0 — 43 Union Local 8 13 13 9 4 — 47 Fort Frye 45, Linsly 42 F — Schilling 3 2-3 8; Huffman 2 0-0 4; Fryman 2 0-0 4; Brooker 1 0-0 2; Wallace 3 6-8 13; Fogle 5 2-4 14; Brown 0 0-0 0; Adkins 0 0-1 0. Totals: 16 10-16 45.

Totals: 16 10-16 45. L — Donovic 1 0-0 2; Murray 3 0-0 9; Taylor 7 3-4 20; Coleman 1 0-0 2; Kelly 0 0-1 0; DiLorenzo 3 1-2 7; Tush 0 0-0 0; Johnson 1 0-3 2. Totals: 16 4-10 42. 3-Point Goals: Wallace, Fogle 2;

Murray 3, Taylor 3.

Fort Frye 18 6 6 15 — 45

Linsiy 7 15 10 10 — 42

Class 5A

Morgantown 88, Weir 24

W — Spencer 2 1-3 5; Gillette
0 1-2 1; Mellmar 1 0-0 3; Cross 1
1-2 3; Curtis 1 0-0 2; Mikula 1 0-0
2; Reitter 3 0-0 6; Jackson 1 0-0 2.
Totals 10 3-7 24.

M — Goins 1 0-0 2; Bechtel 4
3-3 14; Gage 2 0-0 5; McMillan 2
0-0 6; Pryor 4 1-1 10; Rudy 6 2-2
17; Rollo 3 3-3 11; Poffenberger 4
0-0 8; Borom 3 0-0 7; Washington
1-2 3; Smith 2 0-0 5. Totals 32 10-3; Smith 2 0-0 5. Totals 32 10-

11 88.
3-Point Goals: Mellmar; Bechtel 3, Rudy 3, Rollo 2, McMillan 2, Gage, Pryor, Borom, Smith.
Weir 2 8 8 6 — 24
Morgantown 27 25 19 17 — 88
University 108, Wheeling Park 69
W — Morris 4 0-0 8; Chatman
3 0-0 7; Jackson 1 0-0 2; Saunders
3 1-2 8; Sinclair 1 0-0 2; Hairston
2 0-0 4; Vargo 9 11-13 31; Heller
1 1-2 4; Smelley 1 0-0 3, Totals 25 1-2 4; Smelley 1 0-0 3, Totals 25

13-17 69.

U — Metheny 11 1-3 29; McClurg 9 1-2 24; Niceler 3 1-3 7;
Maumbe 5 1-2 11; Smith 2 0-0 4;
Mazza 3 2-2 10; Forbes 4 2-2 10;
Barkley 3 0-0 7; Reyes 2 0-0 5, Totals 42 8-12 108.

3-Point Goals: Chatman, Saun-

tals 42 8-12 108.

3-Point Goals: Chatman, Saunders, Vargo 2, Heller, Smelley; Metheny 6, McClurg 5, Mazza 2, Barkley, Reyes.
Whg. Park 14 8 20 27 — 69
University 32 22 21 31 — 108

Consolation
River 60, Beallsville 51
B — Brown 4 2-8 11; Louden 1
1-1 3; Nalley 6 4-6 16; Schnegg 0
0-0 0; Ludwig 0 0-0 0; Baker 8 1-2
17; Otto 0 0-0 0; Jarrett 2 0-2 4; Bertrard 0 0-0 0; Creamer 0 2-2 2; Lollathin 7 3-4 19; Schmidt 0 0-0 0; R. Thompson 0 0-1 0; St. Thompson 9 2-4 25; Long 5 0-2 10; Lawrence 1 2-2 4. Totals: 22 9-15 60.

3-Point Goals: Brown; Lollathin, S. Thompson.
Beallsville 12 11 16 12 — 51
River 4 17 22 17 — 60

Valley 71, Bridgeport 59
B — Dulesky 4 6-7 14; Sommer 0
1-2 1; O'Kernick 38-9 14; Gregorcic 5 1-2 16; Sauvageot 2 0-0 5; Shahen 4 1-3 9. Totals: 19 17-23 59.
V — Baker 4 2-4 10; Satterfield 1
0-0 2-Anderson 9 4-5 26: Shappon

V — Baker 4 2-4 10; Satterfield 1 0-0 2; Anderson 9 4-5 25; Shannon 0 2-2 2; Streets 10 5-8 25; Hall 0 1-2 Bassett 3 0-0 6, Totals: 27 14-21

3-Point Goals: Gregorcic 5, Sauvageot; Anderson 3.
Bridgeport 18 18 11 12 — 59
Valley 15 13 19 24 — 71

Velley 15 13 19 24 — 71
Brooke 76, Buckeye Local 74
BL — Taylor 1 0-0 2; Pielech 1
0-0 2; Moffo 16 1-2 34; Mayle 2 1-2
7; Grabits 6 1-2 17; Best 1 0-0 2; H.
Darrah 5 0-0 10, Totals 32 3-6 74.
B — Anderson 2 0-0 6; Brown 4
1-4 10; Isinghood 6 2-2 14; Sperlazza 5 8-12 18; Lilly 4 6-6 14; Sliver 2 0-0 5; Coursin 4 1-2 9, Totals 27
18-26 76.
3-Point Goals: Moffo. Mayle

3-Point Goals: Moffo, Mayle 2, Grabits 4; Anderson 2, Brown, Silver.

Silver.

Buckeye 17 17 17 23 — 74

Brooke 11 19 17 29 — 75

Monroe Central 66, Buckeye

Trail 65

B — Rone 5 0-0 10; Beaver 2

1-2 6; Burga 11 3-3 25; Perry 5 2-2

14; Rowinger 5 0-0 10, Totals 28

6-7 65

6-7 65.

M — Young 1 0-0 2; Rose-Burton 4 0-1 9; Lincoln 6 3-5 17; Hogue 6 0-0 12; Yonak 1 2-2 4; Burkhart 1 2-2 5; Babcock 2 3-4 7; Cramer 3 4-4 10, Totals 24 14-18 66.

3-Point Goals: Beaver, Parry 2; 50.

Rose-Rurton, Lincoln 2, Burkhart.

Rose-Burton, Lincoln 2, Burkhart.

held beginning at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 at the Brooke High School Wellness Center. Cost of the class is \$200. Call the

Cost of the class is \$200. Call the Athletic Office at (304) 527-1410 x 3363 to sign up.

Spring Fastpitch Softball
Wheeling Parks and Recreation will be hosting Spring Fastpitch Softball Leagues at the I-470 Complex for 8th grade and under eams. Registration available through March 4. If registered before Feb. 21, teams receive a \$75 discount. Games begin mid-March and continue through late April. Register online at www.wheelingrec.com. For additional information, see the website or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 304-234-3641. 304-234-3641

304-234-3641.

Marshall County

Girls' Baskethall Tournament
The Marshall Co Baskethall Club, in cooperation with
the John Marshall golf team,
will host its 29th annual grade
school girls backsthall tourne will nost its 29th annual grade school girls basketball tournament Feb. 28-March 1 at Sherrard and Moundsville Middle Schools. There will be individual tournaments for grades 4, 5 & 6 with awards in each grade lev-el. Tournament will be played under middle school rules with under middle school rules with regulation timing, officials, and played on middle school courts. There is a three-game guarantee with a \$100 entry fee. For further information and an application please contact David Gaudino at David.gaudino54@ gmail.com.

ymail.com.

YMCA Kiddie Soccer Clinic
The J.B. Chambers YMCA
will hold their annual Kiddie
Soccer Clinic for boys and girls
ages 4,5 and 6. The Clinic will
be held on Sundays starting on Soccer Clinic for boys and girls ages 4,5 and 6. The Clinic will be held on Sundays starting on Feb. 16. The basic fundamentals of soccer including ball control, defense, and passing will be taught. The clinic will also consist of a variety of fungames that will teach your child the game of soccer. This is the perfect opportunity to start your child in soccer. Each child will receive a weekly treat. The clinic will be run from noon to 1 p.m. at the J.B. Chambers YMCA in Elm Grove. The cost will be \$15 for YMCA Members and \$35 for non-members. Wheeling men's soccer coach Jim Regan, Wheeling women's soccer coach Tyler Absalom, West Liberty men's soccer coach Barry Christmas will be the instructors. Please bring your own ball with child's name on it. Shin guards are required. For more information call Curtis on it. Shin guards are required. For more information call Curtis McGhee at 304-242-8086.

GOLF RANKINGS

Rory McIlroy NIR 9.19 Brooks Koepka USA 9.16 Jon Rahm ESP 8.67 Jon Rahm Justin Thomas Dustin Johnson Patrick Cantlay Webb Simpson USA 6.91 Tiger Woods Xander Schauffele USA 5.73 Justin Rose Tommy Fleetwood ENG 5.66 ENG 5.61 Tony Finau USA 5.04
Patrick Reed USA 4.79
Adam Scott
Adam Scott AUS 4.51
SAF 4.45
SAF 4.43 Louis Oosthuizen Gary Woodland USA 4.37
Shane Lowry IRL 4.32
Bryson DeChambeau USA 4.26 Marc Leishman Matt Kuchar Paul Casey ENG 4.10
Bernd Wiesberger AUT 3.96
Hideki Matsuyama JPN 3.95
Francesco Molinari TA 3.91
Matthew Fitzpatrick ENG 3.82
Rickie Fowler USA 3.72
Henrik Stepson SWE 3.27 Rickie Fowler USA 3.72
Henrik Stenson SWE 3.27
Kevin Na USA 3.20
Abraham Ancer MEX 3.14
Lee Westwood ENG 3.12
Danny Willett ENG 3.02
Kevin Kisner USA 2.89
Sungjae Im KOR 2.87
Tyrrell Hatton ENG 2.85
Cameron Smith AUS 2.83
Shugo Imahira JPN 2.82
Billy Horschel USA 2.74
Jason Day AUS 2.73
Matt Wallace ENG 2.73
anewattananond THA 2.72 40. Jazz Janewattananond 41. Sergio Garcia THA 2.72 ESP 2.71 FRA 2.68 Victor Perez Chez Reavie USA 2.68 Brandt Snedeker USA 2.52 Bubba Watson USA 2.49 ara Caprera Bello iraeme McDowell NIR 2.34 Byeong Hun An KOR 2.31 Jordan Spieth USA 2.29 Erik van Rooyen SAF 2.28 Graeme McDowell

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Utah 123, Dallas 119
Denver 127, San Antonio 120
Miami 113, Golden State 101
L.A. Lakers 125, Phoenix 100
Tuesday's Games
Washington 126, Chicago 114
Philadelphia 110, L.A. Clippers
103 respectively.

Golden State 12 42 .222 Monday's Games Orlando 135, Atlanta 126 Brooklyn 106, Indiana 105

Charlotte 87, Detroit 76 Toronto 137, Minnesota 126 Milwaukee 123, Sacramento

New Orleans 138, Portland 117 San Antonio 114, Oklahoma City 106

City 106
Boston at Houston, late

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.

p.m. Charlotte at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m. Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Golden State at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Miami at Utah, 9 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Denver, 10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans,

Friday's Games

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division
GP WL OT Pts
57 3411 12 80
57 3715 5 79
57 3019 8 68

Central Division

Pacific Division GP W LOT Pts GF GA Vancouver 57 31 21 5 67 187 175 Edmonton 55 29 20 6 64 176 173

Vegas 58 28 22 8 64 182 178 Arizona 59 28 23 8 64 185 162 Anaheim 56 23 26 7 53 146 173 San Jose 56 24 28 4 52 147 187 Los Angeles 57 19 33 5 43 137 183 NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per

each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Monday's Games
Philadelphia 4, Florida 1

N.Y. Islanders 5, Washington 3
Arizona 3, Montreal 2
Tampa Bay 2, Columbus 1, OT
Vancouver 6, Nashville 2

Calgary 6, San Jose 2
Tuesday's Games

Tuesday's Games
Buffalo 3, Detroit 2
N.Y. Islanders 5, Philadelphia 3
Fiorida 5, New Jersey 3
Tampa Bay 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
Toronto 3, Arizona 2, OT
Minnesota 4, Vegas 0
N.Y. Rangers 4, Winnipeg 1
Dallas 4, Carolina 1
Chicago at Edmonton, late
Ottawa at Colorado, late
St. Louis at Anaheim, late
Wednesday's Games
Montreal at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games

Thursday's Games

Columbus at Buffalo, 7 p.m. Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Florida, 7 p.m.

Arizona at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Nashville, 8 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Washington at Colorado, 9:30 p.m. Calgary at Anaheim, 10 p.m. St. Louis at Vegas, 10 p.m.

Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

San Jose at Winnipeg, 7 p.m. New Jersey at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Game

57 29 22 6 64 161 58 28 22 8 64 182

GP W L OT Pts GF GA 56 32 15 9 73 178 160 54 32 16 6 70 197 154

56 32 19 5 69 151 142 58 29 24 5 63 174 176 56 27 23 6 60 173 181

Tampa Bay

St. Louis

Colorado Dallas

Winnipeg

Minnesota

Chicago

Calgary

Vegas Arizona Anaheim

Team USA vs Team World, 9 p.m., Chicago, IL

DEFENSIVE IM-PROVEMENTS:

from the 62.8 per game teams.

rebounds and 2.6 blocks Virginia has 37 assists on per game. The Mountain- 74 field goals (50 percent) eers have been led by Os- over its past three outings car Tshiebwe and Derek while Kansas has assists Culver, who are averag- on 33 of 79 field goals ing 11.5 and 10.8 points, (41.8 percent) during its past three games.

GETTING DEFEN-The SIVE: Kansas has held Jayhawks have allowed opposing teams to 60.3 only 57.1 points per game points per game this seaacross 10 conference son, the eighth-lowest figgames, an improvement ure among all Division I

(Continued from Page 11) Saturday at 4 p.m. for tral team and fans celea third battle this sea- brated. son with second-seeded

at the beginning of the than they did. season," Stephens said. But we know we have us out all night long, but some work to do because what a big steal and baswe will be in a battle with ket from Ryan Reasbeck Shadyside on Saturday."

for the night Lee pro- played well (Tuesday). vided for his team. The "They killed us on field goal attempts and really gutted it out." two points.

large part to Lee.

While the Cee-Bees had the third quarter, the visitors hand at the break. never trailed in the second Clay-Battelle a 74-67 ad-

But the Knights manhoops, the second a put-fewer than their guests. back with 5:41 to go. The Barr led five do lead back to five and led Clay-Battelle with 19 for an intentional foul.

tosses and a three-point mons chipped in 10. attempt were off the mark before Carrico drained hole very well (Tuesday) a pair of free throws to make it 85-81 with 1:47 ball from the line as well showing. Lee hit a pair as we normally do," Kisof free throws with 1:27 ner said. "They got the big to go before a Reasbeck bucket when they needed steal and lay-up at 56 it and sometimes you are second tied the game for just lucky like that. Not to the first time since late in take anything away from the second quarter.

Clay-Battelle worked the clock down with Ca- ly played to our potential. sino going to the stripe These boys have worked for a pair of charity tosses so hard in practice and with 18 seconds to go that during the off season and were both off the mark. they are a good group of Central brought the ball kids that play great team up court, worked it around basketball." and eventually Lee cut through the lane and gave whopping 33 field goals in the hosts the lead with just the contest, to 26 for Cen-3.5 seconds to play.

off the glass as the Cen- were just 9 of 16.

"They made some big Shadyside, a 65-63 win- baskets all night long and ner over Southern Local just kept coming through last night. Central has with shots even with us defeated the Tigers twice contesting them," Stealready this season. Stealready this season. Stealready the Tigers twice contesting them, Stealready the Tigers twice contesting the Tigers twide contesti "Getting to this game battling and we hung in and then to the finals is al- there and we ended up ways one of our big goals making one more play

"Avery really bailed with the game on the That battle may have line. They are a good bas-never materialized if not ketball team and really

tough-as-nails 5-foot-10 the offensive glass, but guard scored a game-high we talked about it at the 32 points, including four half and got better in the triples and a 14 of 14 second half. When we showing at the charity needed to be good on the stripe, but even more im- glass we were. Early on it portantly held high-scor- looked like we might not ing Clay-Battelle senior even get to Saturday, but Seth Casino to just four give our kids credit they

Carrico scored 10 of Casino entered the his 17 points in the first game just eight points shy quarter but Wheeling of 1,000 for his career Central still managed and a stoppage of play a 25-23 edge after one and ball presentation had thanks to three bombs already been set up be- from sophomore Michael fore the contest but never Toepfer. Lee nailed a trio came to fruition thanks in of triples in the second quarter and scored 13 points, however, a Colton a pair of starters, Levi Carri- Barr put-back just before co and Chase Ammons both the horn helped the Ceepick up their fourth fouls in Bees take a 48-45 upper-

Reasbeck added 18 half until the end. A pair of points for the winners Mojo Chisler free throws to while Maxwell had a begin the fourth period gave double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds and Toepfer finished with 10. Central was out reaged to trim the deficit to bounded by a slim 32-29 75-74 a short time later margin but turned the ball on a pair of J.C. Maxwell over just six times, four

Barr led five douvisitors twice extended the ble-figure scorers for 83-81 with 2:08 remain- and 12 rebounds while ing when they were called Chisler had 18, Carrico 17, Gage Statler 15 Fortunately for the off the bench, on five Cee-Bees both charity three-pointers, and Am-

"We put the ball in the we didn't shoot the Dut Wheeling Central.

"I felt like the kids real-

Clay-Battelle had a tral, but the Maroon Knights Casino's last-second finished 25 of 29 from the half-court heave bounced line while the Cee-Bees

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES —
Claimed INF Ramon Urias off
waivers from St. Louis, Assigned
INF Ramon Verbille St. Norfolk INF Pat Valaika outright to Norfolk

(IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Promoted bench coach Ron Roenicke to interim manager. Signed C Juan Centeno and OF Cesar Puello to

minor league contracts.

SEATTLE MARINERS —
Agreed to terms with LHP Manny
Banuelos, LHP Wei-Yin Chen, OF
Eric Filia and INF Alen Hanson to
minor league contracts.

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to

terms with RHP Taylor Jungmann on a minor league contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS —
Agreed to terms with RHP Jake Petricka on a minor league con-

tract. National League
CINCINNATI REDS — Assigned
RHP Sal Romano outright to Lou-

Frontier League EVANSVILLE OTTERS -

BASKETBALL

Women's NBA
CONNECTICUT SUN — Acquired G DeWanna Bonner from Phoenix for two 2020 first-round (No. 7 and No. 10) draft picks and

a 2021 first-round draft pick. MINNESOTA LYNX — Named Rebekkah Brunson assistant WASHINGTON MYSTICS —

Re-signed F Elena Delle Donne, FOOTBALL National Football League CLEVELAND BROWNS — Named Jeff Howard pass game coordinator/defensive backs GREEN BAY PACKERS -

Davon House announced his re-NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS -

Signed DB Lenzy Pipkins.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Promoted Burke Nihill and Gil Bever-

Trumaine Washington; LBs Justin Tuggle and Korey Jones; and OL Jean-Simon Roy to one-year con-

OTTAWA REDBLACKS — Signed LB Kevin Brown and DB Randall Evans to one-year contract extensions.

tract extensions.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS

— Signed OL Kevin Lawrence,
DB Dexter McDougle, LB Thomas
Miles, WR Deontez Alexander, DB
Dee Alford, OL Sepesitiano Pupungatoa, OL Chris Kolankowski,
K Matthew Riley. Agreed to terms
with DB Josh Johnson on a onevear contract.

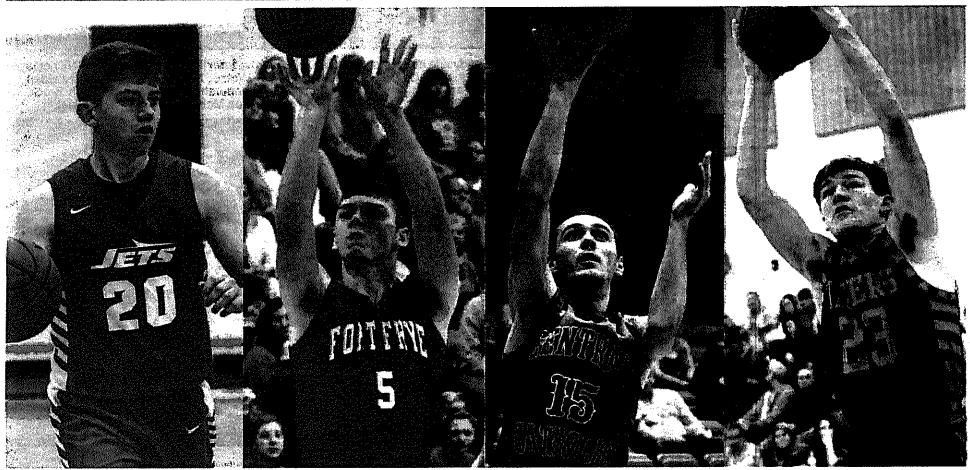
year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Fined Vancouver F Antoine Roussel \$5,000 for slashing
Nashville D Yannick Weber during

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ON THE COVER

PICTURED ON the cover are four of the premier players taking part in today's Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball team. Championships. From left are Luke Merritt (Union Local), Caden Fryman (Fort Frye), J.C. Maxwell (Wheeling Central) and Kelly Hendershot (Shadyside and Wheeling Central know each other quite well might still be selling them short.

After all, the Tigers and Maroon Knights have played twice annually for (Shadyside).

Cover DesIGN/SCOTT HANSON



Shadyside, Central to clash for the third time

By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE Neither Shadyside's Ed Andes nor Wheeling Central's Mel Stephens had to spend a lot of time this week seeking information on the other's

To say that Shadyside and Wheeling Central know

played twice annually for the last several years, including this season. As has happened in the past, just a couple of years ago to be exact, Shadyside and Central will clash for a third time with a lot on the line.

The small-school heavyweights will vie for the OVAC Class 2A title this afternoon at 4 in the fourth of five games at the annual Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Champion-See, 2A, Page 3

PICTURED IS the 2019-20 Shadyside boys basketball team. Front row, from left, are Jacob James, Nicholas Murphy, Korey Beckett, Jordan Joseph, Caiden McCutcheon, Colton Wetzel, Douglas Renshaw and Jayden Carmichael. Top row, from left, are Jacob Visnic, Tyler Parr, Kelly Hendershot, Bryce Amos, Elijah Brock, Alec Shepherd and Mason VanNest. Unavailable for the photo were Lee McKitrick and Holden Salgat.



PICTURED IS the 2019-20 Wheeling Central basketball team. The team includes: Avery Lee, Ryan Reasbeck, Treston Nemeth, Jayvon Miller, Michael Toepfer, J.C. Maxwell, Jalen Creighton, Luke Rohmann, Caleb Ratcliffe, Vinnie High, Clayton Abate, Kaden Yocum. The Maroon Knights are coached by head coach Mel Stephens, assistant coaches Tyler Morando, Adam Shinsky and Lance Bibey.



• 2A

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"It seems like they're their eighth conference ti- cal Education Center. in this game every year," tle in a row and 10th on the Shadyside hasn't

Shadyside hasn't been in the current format, but Knights. Andes said of the Maroon court at Ohio University there as regularly. The Ti- they've played in an addi-

crowns (2008 and 2010) actually lost to the Maroon come-from-behind effort in

Knights, who are seeking Eastern's Health and Physi- gers have claimed two tional championship and to reach this game, it took a

For the Maroon Knights

Tuesday's semifinal against

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Good Luck in the Class 2A Finals!





Shadyside High School **Staff & Students**

Union Local, Fort Frye to play for 3A crown

By KIM NORTH

Times Leader Sports Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE -Union Local-Fort Frye II.

For the second time in two weeks, the top-seeded Jets and No. 3 Cadets will play for the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Class 3A Basketball Championship. This time, however, it will be for the boys title.

Union Local (15-5) and Fort Frye (16-3) will tip at 6 Saturday night to cap a day full of hoops inside Ohio University Eastern's Health and Physical Education Building. The Jets advanced with a hard-earned 47-43 overtime nod over fourth-seeded Magnolia in semifinal action on Tuesday, while the Cadets punched their ticket with a 45-42 decision over No. 2 Linsly the same night.

"It feels great. I can't lie to you," Union Local head coach Zach Delman said. "If you would have said before the year started that we'd be playing for the OVAC title, I would have called you a liar. That's just being hon-

That was before a 1-4 start.

"We've won 14 out of our last 15 games. We had a little slipup on Senior Night against John Marshall, but we were able to get right back on track and do things the way we do them," he

The Jets have soared to six consecutive victories.

"It's a great feeling, especially when you yourself aren't sure if it's possible. Then when the outside world says you guys are going to be good in the future, then all of a sudden you're 15-5, just a few days away from playing for a championship and the chance to hang another banner, it's really humbling yet exciting feeling.

"IT FEELS great. I can't lie to you. If you would have said before the year started that we'd be playing for the OVAC title, I would have called you a liar. That's just being honest.."

> – Zach Delmen Union Local Head Coach

Union Local will be seeking its third OVAC title and its first since the 2014-15 campaign when it claimed the Class 4A crown. The Jets also prevailed in 2008-09 when they were in Class

"I like our matchup with Fort Frye. They are more our size. Magnolia was a lot bigger than us and presented a lot of problems for us," Delman assessed. "Fort Frye is more of our style and play similar to us with the open post. They play really good defense and are very well disciplined and very well coached."

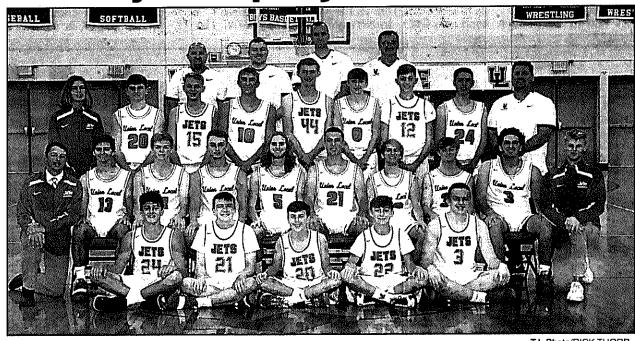
Ironically, this won't be the first time these two teams have met each other this season on the OUE

Thanksgiving break just before the season started we had a scrimmage at OUE against Fort Frye, Delman revealed, "I thought we played well then, but we've changed our lineup some since then.

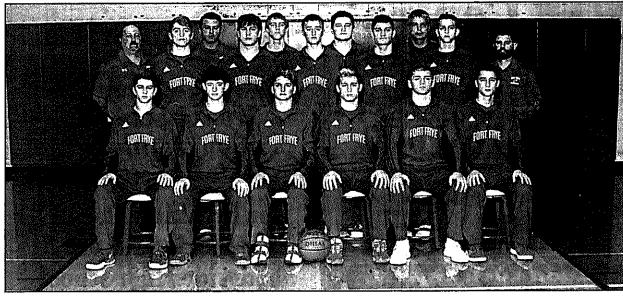
Union Local is led by 5-10 guard Luke Merritt. The junior averages 19.2 and shoots 42 percent from behind the bonus arc. He has set a single-season record with 80 so far. An allaround performer, he pulls down 3.1 rebounds and charts 2.1 assists per game.

Classmates Nathan Meyer (5-10) and Zach Bateman (6-1) average 9.9 and 8.3 points per game, respectively. Both average 3.4 rebounds, while Meyer has taken 21 charges. Bateman

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PICTURED IS the 2019-20 Union Local boys basketball team. First row, from left, are Carter Blake, Matt Grob, Gavin Loy, Beezer Porter and Elijah Butterworth. Second row, from left, are manager Bryley Jennewein, Carter Loase, Nathan Meyer, Hunter McCort, Luke McDiffitt, Matt Bateman, Jared Reitter, Cade Latham, Dakota Hess and manager Karl Wehhofer. Third row, from left, are manager Alvaro Alves, Luke Merritt, D.J. Butts, Andrew Martin, Jared Miller, Liam Vinskovich, Tre Rex, Zach Bateman and assistant coach Doug Butts. Fourth row, from left are assistant coach Jim Hess, head coach Zach Delman, and assistant coaches Vaughn Butler and Dustin Roe.



PICTURED IS the 2019-20 Fort Frye basketball team. The team includes Ethan Brooker, Caden Fryman, Brady Schilling, Zane Wallace, Brian Adkins, Kelton Fogle, Dylan Hart, Luke Huffman, Casey Brooker, Garrett Lippot and Owen Brown. The Cadets are coached by Eric Henniger, Rob Nelson, Matt Barton and Troy

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Clay-Battelle. Central found a cliche. itself down by double fig-

said. "We just kept plugging away. We were able and rebounds when we realhelped, too."

Shadyside. had no walk to the title game in its own right. The Tigers (size) inside that they used built a double-figure lead to, so it's more of a five out on Southern Local, but then or four out and one in ap-found themselves in a battle proach," Andes said. "It's to the final horn before post- a different look. We'll still ing a 65-63 victory to improve to 16-5 on the season. well because they have

"That was a good game scoring punch at each spot." for us," Andes said of The Maroon Knights still his team's semifinal with feature one of the area's Southern. "Southern played really hard and never quit. We'd get up, but they just kept coming back. We were able to stay ahead at the end, which is what we were ultimately trying to do."

81-75 victory in Belmont Maroon Knights.
County on Dec. 17 and then With Abate of a 75-58 victory on Jan. 14.

times in a season come to fruition?

"It's tough to beat a team once," Stephens said. "Shadyside has some weap-ons and we'll really have to phens said. "Avery has realons and we'll really have to focus and play well on defense. We played pretty well games, and we think Jalen is in the last meeting, but now it's a neutral court. We'll to get four guys in double have to do our best defensively and try to hold their guys down."

Andes is certainly hopeful ball in bunches quickly. that the aforementioned adage proves to be true for his who poured in 26 against

"We just have to go and ures in the second half, but play the game and not regot the lead on an Avery Lee bucket with just under four seconds to play and closed out a thrilling 87-85 victory. know us.We're just excit-"Give Clay-Battelle cred- ed to have the opportunity it, they came in and shot the to play in this game. It's a ball very well," Stephens challenge we're looking Stephens challenge we're looking tept plug- forward to."

Since the earlier meetto scramble, get a few stops ings, a few of the faces have actually changed. Central ly needed them and scored will be without Clayton some points at the line Abate due to injury. When with clock stopped, which he suffered his injury, he was averaging 12 points meanwhile, and 10 rebounds.

"They don't have the have to defend all five spots

The Maroon Knights still premier one-two combinations in sophomore Ryan Reasbeck and junior J.C. Maxwell.

Lee, who had a 31-point outburst against the Cee-Bees earlier this week, is a The reward for both teams steady contributor on both is the third meeting with one ends at the point guard spot. another. Central has won Jalen Creighton is another the prior two. It claimed an to keep an eye on for the

With Abate out of the lineup, it's meant extended So, will the adage that it's minutes for sophomore Mitough to beat a team three chael Toepfer. Vinnie High has also developed into a solid contributor off the bench.

"We want to be as bally picked it up the last few due to break out. We'd like figures every night.'

Shadyside, meanwhile, has the ability to score the

Senior Kelly Hendershot, club, but he also knows it'll Southern, just became the boil down to more than just school's all-time leading

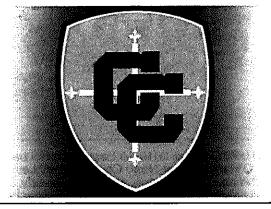
male scorer with 1,381 points.

"Kelly is a tremendous focus has to start." player, who can score inside

and outside," Stephens said. Sophomore Korey Beckett in 3-point shooting. Senior "He's definitely where our has been impressive, aver- Tyler Parr has been a solid

aging better than 15 points addition to the lineup and Hendershot isn't alone. a game and leading the team actually had two of his best See, 2A, Page 10

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Meadowbrook, East Liverpool to tangle in 4A

• Colts seeking fifth straight conference title; Potters after their first since '99

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE To say East Liverpool and Meadowbrook are both hungry for a championship wouldn't be exaggerating it.

And the reasons go far beyond the simple fact of accomplishing a goal of winning the OVAC Championship that so many teams set for themselves in November.

East Liverpool hasn't won an OVAC title since 1999 and came up short to St. Clairsville in its only other appearance in the championship game.

"To be back in this game is awesome for our kids," East Liverpool head coach Nate Conley said. "Not a lot of motivation or pep talks will be needed (this) morning when you're playing for an OVAC title.'

On top of the title drought, East Liverpool has some "unfinished business" with begin the day-long event claiming the conference title last season, Meadowbrook OVAC Boys dispatched the Potters in Championships. the semifinals and defeated them earlier this season.

Meadowbrook's motivation stems from the opportunity to win its fifth consecutive conference title. The only other school tle. The only other school with a streak that long in the tournament are is. Wheeling the work wheeling the school with a streak that long in the tournament are is. Wheeling the work with the school with a streak that long in the school with the school w tournament era is Wheeling Central, which is playing later today in the 2A game, kids up? When do you shoot riding a seven-year winning

"We've looked at the opportunity to 'five-peat' as a challenge all season," fourth-year Meadowbrook head coach Lou "Scooter" Tolzda said. "Getting to this game and hopefully winning it has been something we've been working toward all season."

On top of the Colts' title

"I'M AN OVAC guy, so being able to take part in this (event) has some real sentimental value to me. I grew up in the OVAC and I am going to miss this event and the people involved with it."

> – Lou "Scooter" Toizda Meadowbrook Head Coach

streak, this marks the final chance for them to win a title because Meadowbrook is departing the OVAC at the end of the school year to ioin the Muskingum Valley League.

"Î'm an OVAC guy, so being able to take part in this has some real sentimental value to me," Tolzda said. "I grew up in the OVAC and I am going to miss this event and the people involved with it."

Add it all up and it should be quite the morning showdown at Ohio University Eastern's Health and Physical Education Center.

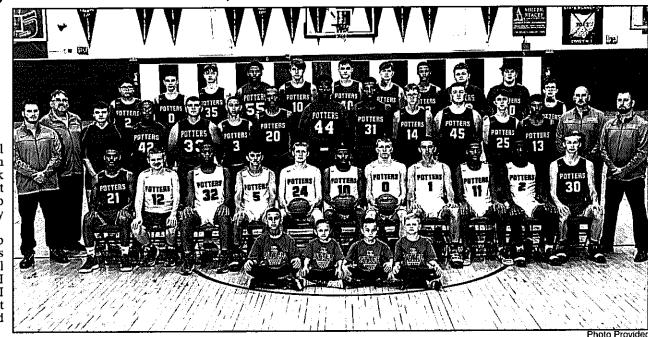
Meadowbrook. En route to at 10 a.m. in the 4A game of the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championships.

Neither team is obviously accustomed to playing so early in the day, which has led to some additional preparation work for their respective coaches.

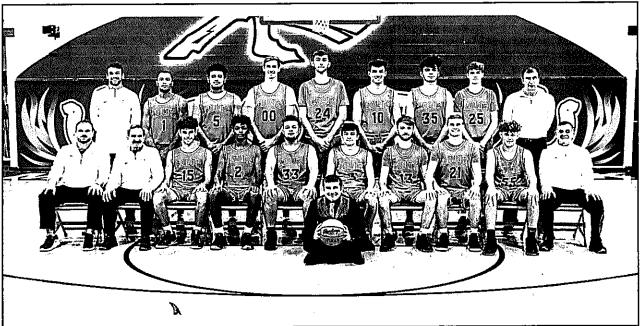
a matter of when do you eat? When do you get the around? We've spent time talking about that this week. It's just an uncommon start time for a boys basketball game, but we'll make the most of it," Conley said.

On the other side, the Colts don't have quite as far to come since it's just a 45-minute or so ride from their gym in Byesville to the

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PICTURED IS the 2019-20 East Liverpool basketball team. The varsity team includes Nick Woodyard, Brennan O'Hara, Timmy Neal, Chance Stull, Levi George, Gannon Irvine, Tresean Jackson, Cole Dailey, Devin Toothman, Zavea Green, Cameron Beverly, Jerone Deal and Demani Brown. The Potters are coached by head coach Nate Conley and assistant coaches Andy Miller, J.R. Walker and Robert Nizer.



PICTURED IS the 2019-20 Meadowbrook basketball team. The varsity team includes Addy Black, Johnathan McCall, Johna McCall, Jake Singleton, Malachii Phillips, Davis Singleton, Josh Hupp, Zach Rusnak, Jerome Todd, Boston Black, Drew Webster, Tyler Lacey, Eric McCulloch and Trevon Mayle. The Colts are coached by Lou "Scooter" Tolzda and assistant coaches Tyler Engle, Dan Schweiterman, Teryn Jarrett and Mel Pesuit.

City rivals Morgantown, University meet in 5A

• Top-seeded Mohigans, second-seeded Hawks have split earlier meetings

By BUBBA KAPRAL **Executive Sports Editor**

ST. CLAIRSVILLE Crosstown rivals Morgantown and University will

be traveling some 90 miles

one-way today to play each other for a title.

The Mohigans Hawks, already very fa-miliar foes, will meet for University Eastern.

Morgantown advanced to

1 in the WVSSAC ratings. Morgantown is now 15-2 and ranked one slot lower.

OVAC and state champions.

The two squads have split their meetings this winter. times this season.

University boasts one of next year.

Hawks' backcourt by K.J. both better." McClurg. The 6-3 senior the victory over Wheeling
Park. He is also the target of
D-I recruiters. He recently
de-committed from Niagara.
Selector type Smith is anSelector type Smith is anSelector type Smith is anSelector type Smith is an-

Forbes and 6-6 classmate impressive depth. See, **5A**, Page 10

"IT'S A great rivalry between Morgantown and us. It's a year-long thing. We bring out the best in each other. We know how hard they work and how good they are. They know the same about us. So that competition makes us both better."

> -Joe Schmidle - University Head Coach

the third time this season Blake Barkley deliver size with the Wheeling Hospital inside. Mike Maumbe, a 6-7 OVAC 5A championship senior, John Mazza, a 6-2 going to the winner. Tipoff senior guard, and 6-3 junior is slated for noon at Ohio forward Ryan Niceler are

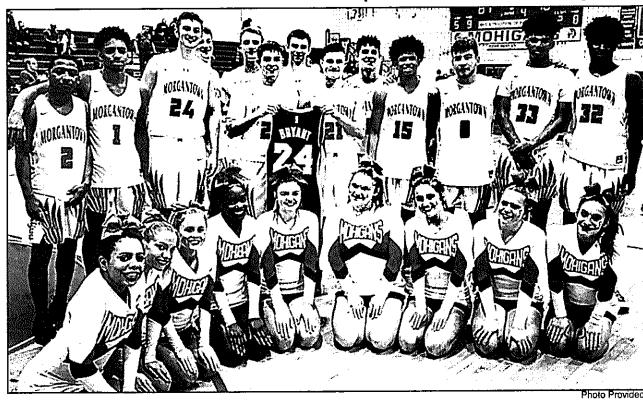
quality reserves.
"The season has played the finals via an 88-24 win out pretty much as we had over Weir Tuesday night. expected. We played in the University downed Wheel- Beach Ball Classic in South ing Park, 108-69, in the oth- Carolina and won a couple games, including beating er semi that same evening.

University enters the the No. I team in Illinois. championship tilt with a We knew at that point we 15-3 mark and ranked No. could have a nice season,' University head coach Joe Schmidle said. "Kaden and K.J. have meant a lot to this The Hawks are defending program. They are both excellent players, surrounded by a nice supporting cast. When Aaron was inserted University took the opener, into the starting lineup that 49-46, before Morgantown is when things really began evened matters with a 67-65 to click. Blake is a really win. The two passionate rinice shooter while Kyle is a vals may end up playing five real tough defender," added the Fairmont State grad.

"It is a great rivalry bethe premier players in the state in Kaden Metheny. Us. It is a year-long thing," The 5-11 senior point guard poured in 29 points in Tueshead man. "We bring out the day's semifinal. He has best in each other. We know signed to continue his hoop how hard they work and career at Bowling Green how good they are. They ext year. know the same about us. So Metheny is joined in the that competition makes us

Morgantown is coached tossed in 24 counters in by Magnolia High grad

other starter at guard while star power in its backcourt, 6-5 sophomore Aaron Morgantown counters with



PICTURED IS the 2019-20 Morgantown basketball team. The varsity team includes: Alec Poland, Troy Battle, Jaheim Felton, Brooks Gage, Mac McMillen, Luke Bechtel, Xavier Pryor, Ryan Smith, Alexander Rudy, Antonio Rollo, Carson Poffenberger, Lonnie Borom and Max Washington. The Mohigans are coached by head coach David Tallman and assistants Matt Lemine, Nate Tallman, Dennis Kerns and Stephen Sutherland.



PICTURED IS the 2019-20 University basketball team. The varsity team includes: K.J. McClurg, Kyle Smith, Kaden Metheny, T.T. Brooks, Javier Reyes, Blake Barkley, Ryan Niceler, Jaeden Hammack, Mike Maumbe, John Ross Mazza, Noah Braham and Aaron Forbes. The Hawks are coached by Joe Schmidle.

Frontier, Madonna feel prepared for 1A clash

• Cougars have never won a title in current format; Dons last won in '17

By RICK THORP

Times Leader Sports Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE In many ways, Frontier and Madonna are mirror images of each other.

The Cougars and Blue Dons, who meet this aftermoon at 2 for the 1A crown at the Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championships, have endured many ups and downs to reach this pinnacle.

have been bumpy at times, Hornets by 28 at home in both head coaches - Frontier's Roger Kirkpatrick and long trek to Wetzel County Madonna's George Vargo resulted in a more challeng-- believe their teams' ob- ing contest.

stacles have prepared them for this moment.

goals, to get to (Ohio Uni-versity Eastern)," Kirkpat- Despi play, we'd get a higher seed because of that.

"We had a little taste of it last year and got beat (in the semifinals). I told them the semifinals). I told them said. "It was a great game. that we didn't work hard in winning end." "the summer not to make it. It means a lot to the kids."

first time in two years, proved the Cougars to 13-7 George Vargo is also back and has the Washington on Madonna's bench after a County school on the verge short hiatus.

the way the season is going current tourney format. and very satisfied with the "We played Caldwell way the kids are respond- last Saturday and I thought ing with me coming back," we played extremely well," he said. "I'm happy to be Kirkpatrick said. "We came in the OVAC champion-

The third-seed Blue Dons well in the second half." secured a spot at OUE's Recreation Center via a 63- Hoff have cemented Fron-57 victory at Hundred on

"THIS HAS been one of the goals, to get to (Ohio University Eastern). I told the kids, with the schedule we play, we'd get a higher seed because of that. We had a little taste of it last year and got beat (in the semifinals). I told them (Tuesday night) at halftime that we didn't work hard in the summer not to make it. It means a lot to the kids."

> – Roger Kirkpatrick Frontier Head Coach

But while the road may Tuesday. After besting the early January, Madonna's

"That's probably the best Hundred team I've seen in "This has been one of my years of coaching," Var-

Despite a subpar night at rick said. "I told the kids the foul line late, Madonna that, with the schedule we got the job done and improved to 9-8, snapping a three-game slide.

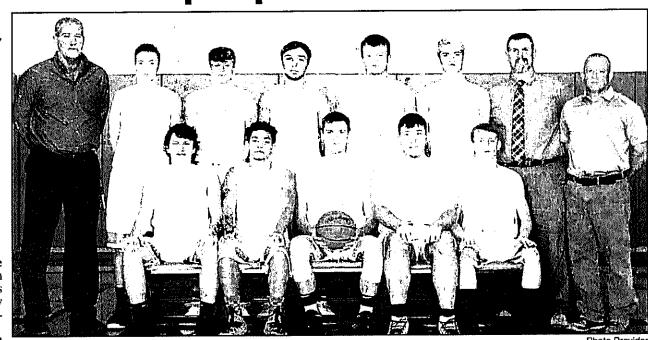
(Tuesday night) at halftime I was just glad to be on the

Frontier, the class' top seed, advanced with a 54-47 The Blue Dons are back triumph against Cameron in in the tournament for the Beaverton. The victory imof its first OVAC title since "I'm very satisfied with 2004, and the first under the

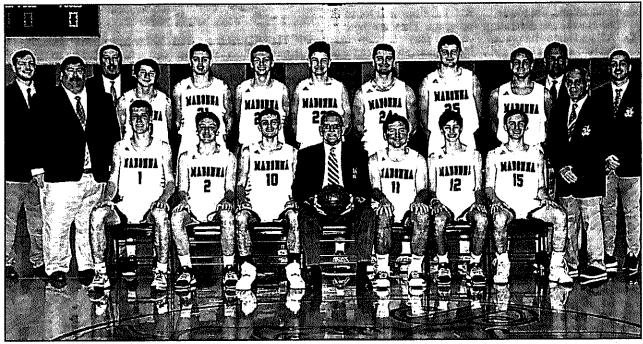
coaching again, and I'm ex- out a little flat against Camcited to have the team back eron, but (Logan) Brookin the OVAC champion over, (Kyle) Daugherty, and Tanner (Bills) played really

Those three, along with Physical Education and Colby Curtis and Breckin

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PICTURED IS the 2019-20 Frontier basketball team. The varsity team includes Logan Brookover, Corby Curtis, Kyle Daugherty, Kalyn McQueary, Jansen Stewart, Gaige Bowersock, Jacob Gutberlet, Breckin Hoff, Tanner Bills, Lucas Cox, Tice Curtis, Walker Hendershot and Noah West. The Cougars are coached by head coach Roger Kirkpatrick, assistant coaches Erin Curtis and Todd Bradford.



PICTURED IS the 2019-20 Madonna basketball team. The varsity team includes Brennan Secrist, Evan Quering, Coleton Littleton, Thomas Sessi, Mark Pletranton, Santino Árlia, Evan Boniti, Peyton Moore, Lennon Dietrich, Michael Burdine, Matt Amaismeier, Lucky Pulice, Evan Bone and Josh Gavoda. The Blue Dons are coached by head coach George Vargo.

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son. Brookover and Daugherty, though, have been the Cougars' lynchpins.

"Logan is a 4-year starter who averages about 22 points and 12 rebounds a game, while Kyle is about 15 (ppg) and 13 (rpg)," Kirkpatrick said. 'They've been with me for four years and they've progressed tre-mendously. When they're ready for things like Satboth playing well, we're pretty good."

They also provide solid

leadership.

"They know what to exdemonstrating that," Kirkpatrick said.

Curtis is also a senior, junior and sophomore, respectively. Jacob Gutberlet can also see time.

One of the biggest challenges for Frontier this winter has been its schedule. Playing a schedule filled with former PVC foes, the Shadyside, also playing for titles today on the OUE

"We've only had one or two 'cupcake' teams on our to Fort Frye.

"Hopefully, those games fashioned a fine campaign. have made us better and will help us we move down the road and into the tourna-

Kirkpatrick marveled at Madonna's schedule, which off the bench. has also included some tough foes.

"I think George is a good for our sectional," Var-coach," he said. "They've go said. "Hopefully, our had an up and down season, young guys can do well." too. We have a lot of respect for them. We think it'll be a good game. We need to defend, rebound and limit our turnovers.

ed the season winning six lenge," he said. of their first seven, with a

tier's lineup most of the sea- two-point loss at home to Weir the only blemish on the slate. A nine-point loss to the Red Riders midway through the campaign triggered a slide that saw Madonna drop seven of nine before Tuesday's semifinal victory.

That's why we play a urday," Vargo said. "The kids are playing good basketball. They've bought back into my system and pect, and they're good and I'm happy for that. They're great kids and I think it will be a good game."

The Blue Dons are led while Hoff and Bills are a by a pair of seniors in Evan Boniti (14 ppg) and Brennen Secrist (18 ppg). But, for the most part, Madonna's roster is comprised of youngsters, mainly sopho-

"We have a lot of them, Cougars have held their and that's a positive movown with most of them, ing forward," Vargo said, including Fort Frye and noting he hopes to get between 15 and 20 points a game from the class.

The sophomores making an impact include starters schedule," Kirkpatrick said, Santino Arlia and Matt noting a pair of close losses Amaismeier. Junior Lucky Pulice (15 ppg) has also

> Vargo said sophomores Peyton Moore and Evan Bone, and junior Anthony Sessi will likely see time

"The OVACs is a good jumpstart in getting ready

Kirkpatrick expects nothing but a challenge from the Blue Dons.

"They have speed, The Blue Dons start- height; it will be a chal-



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St. Clairsville campus.

thin what we're used to for day." re," Tolzda said. "Along with preparing for East Livfor that difference, too. But, both teams have to play at that time, so we'll get the

Once the ball goes up, regardless of the start time, it's going to be a basketball game and boil down to the tempo and make you who hits shots and who gets play uncomfortable. They

The teams have familiarity with one another beyond their previous meeting in shift its focus to the rematch, the conference tournament. it had business in Tuesday's They actually played each semifinal to tend to. Meadother on Dec. 21, on the owbrook, which is 16-3 on same OUE court, as part the season, easily took care er, Conley also has concerns of the annual Buckeye 8 Challenge. The Colts pulled East Liverpool, meanwhile, away in the second half for a cruised past Martins Ferry,

53-37 victory.

"One of my biggest fears is the fact that we beat them by 16 already," Tolzda admitted. "They're athletic played about as well as we conley said. "He blocks a mitted."

80-41, in the other semifi"We got out in transimake an impact on both ends of the floor with his size," Conley said. "He blocks a mitted." and very talented. We know could play in the first half them and they know us. I (against Martins Ferry)," have the utmost respect for Conley said. the job that Nate does. He's a graduate of East Liverpool seed in the upcoming Divi-

be a good battle and should ule. Two of its three losses 'It's a different animal be a good game to start the

Conley isn't going to let the fact that his team already erpool, we have to prepare lost to Meadowbrook fester, phia late last month. but he does take one major thing from the game.

We have to figure out and do the best we can with than we did," Conley said. 'I know that game in December feels like seasons ago, but Scooter's teams always have a way to control just don't give up a lot of points.

Before either team could of Harrison Central (70-43). 80-41, in the other semifi-

The Colts, who are the top

came to Wheeling Park. They also posted wins - on back-to-back nights - over Dover and New Philadel- Potters are led by Trese-

"We have some big-game experience," Tolzda said. "Our schedule is solid and kids going in the morning how to score the ball better it makes us better. We were 2-2 at a juncture and the and we have a ton of respect only game we've lost since for him," Tolzda said. "He's that point was to Park, at our a great player, who is realplace.'

he looks at senior Johnathan around him.' McCail, who averages 15.3 points a game.

ing column by Davis Singleton, who checks in at 111 points and then Jake Singleton at 10.9 a night. Howevwith Colts post presence Addy Black, who averages 8.8 points, 8.9 rebounds and

lot of shots, but he changes a lot more shots. They're a how many spot-up shooters they have. They're the num- man at 7 points a night. Levi

Zach Rusnak, Jerome Todd and Boston Black are

also contributors. On the other side, the an Jackson, who is scoring 23 points a game and has eclipsed the 1,200-point barrier for his career.

"It all starts with Jackson ly the true heartbeat of their When Conley begins team. He's not alone though. breaking down the Colts, He has a lot of good players

In the Potters' four losses, Jackson has battled foul He's backed, in the scor- trouble, which is something that Conley knows he must avoid this morning.

Along with Jackson, senior Brennan O'Hara has been a solid contributor for Liverpool at 13.5 points and five rebounds per contest.

member of the Potters' double-figure scoring collec- lineup also includes sophtion at 10.5 points a night. Senior Gannon Irvine and sophomore Zavea Green a pass-first point guard, as well as Alec Shepherd.

tough matchup because of headed to Fairmont State also one of the Tigers' best realize what's on the line," to play football, is the sixth

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'We can go 12 deep. I really have a nice bunch,"
Tallman said. "On any given
night we can have someone lead us in scoring.

"It's is good to be back at OUE and in the OVAC finals. It is a special event and a super facility," he continued. "I don't mind driving to St. Clairsville to play University. Sometimes, it gets a little too crazy when we play each other in Morgantown.

The Mohigans feature 6-2 junior Xavier Pryor at point guard. Antonio Rollo, a 6-0 senior, and Mac Mc-Millen, a 6-2 senior, also the best team in the city start in the backcourt. Troy Battle, a 6-2 junior, and 6-7 junior Carson Poffenberg- champs," Schmidle said.

er man the Morgantown frontcourt.

The Mohigans' deep bench is highlighted by Luke Bechtel.

'University is definitely one of the top teams in the state. They have two D-I guards who can play any-where," Tallman said.

Morgantown and University have combined to dominate the OVAC 5A championship race. The Mohigans claimed conference titles in 2014, 2015, 2016 while the Hawks have won the last three.

'We feel if we can be of Morgantown then we have a chance to be state

2A

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Timmy Neal is the third against the Knights earlier. The Tigers' starting omores Bryce Amos and niors Jordan Joseph and Mason Vannest, who is round out the starting lineup. Amos has had some big Nick Woodyard, who is games as a scorer and is to be a battle, but our kids rebounders.

games of the season need as much offense as we can get and a lot of help on the defensive end.'

Shadyside utilizes ju-Jacob Visnic off the bench

"We know this is going Stephens said. "Being in "We're going to need this game is one of the and his teams are always sion II Eastern District, have ber one seed in the district well coached. It's going to played a challenging sched- for a reason."

George also sees quality (production from) every- goals we set at the begin-minutes off the bench. one," Andes said. "We'll ning of the year."

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point shots. Meyer has 17.

(5-9) and Matt Bateman bing 4 rebounds. Bateman

has knocked down 27 three- (6-1) round out the start- is the leading rebounder at ing five. McCort scores 5.6 Seniors Hunter McCort points a game while grab-

5.5. He scores 5.3.

Junior Andrew Martin (6-2) and sophomore Dakota from the free-throw line. Hess (5-11) provide depth

Meyer led a balanced 2003-04 and 2010-11. scoring attack in the win and Matt Bateman had team-best 11 rebounds.

51.1 and shoot 69.8 percent shooters.'

"Like I've been saying coach. over the Blue Eagles with for most of the season, it's a dozen. Merritt added 11 like looking in a mirror," Fort Frye head coach Eric 10. Meyer also grabbed a Henniger said of Union Lo- senior Caden Fryman (6-3)

As a team, the Jets av- of team that we are, but I (5-11). erage 61.3 points, give up think they might have more

Fort Frye, which was up- nior, led the Cadets with 14 off the bench. Martin av- set on its homecourt in last points in the win over Linserages 9.6 points and 4.8 year's semifinals by even- ly. Ten of those came in the us," Henniger said of that points. Hess, who missed tual champion Barnesville, first quarter. Zane Wallace, preseason scrimmage. "But most of the season with a has claimed championships a 5-9 senior, added 13 and football injury, scores 1.4 in Class 3A in 2011-12 and 6-2 senior Brady Schilling our deep (playoff) run in but averaging 9 as a fresh- 2013-14. It also has Class chipped in eight. All three 2A titles in 1999-2000, average 12 points a game, few practices together. according to their head

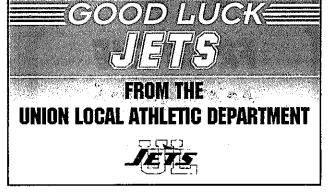
> Shilling is the top rebounder at six a game.

The other two starters are cal. "They are the same type and junior Luke Huffman

Wallace is a three-year veteran. Fogle and Shil-Kelton Fogle, a 6-0 ju- ling have lettered two years each.

"They really put it on we were just coming off football and had only had a

"We both like to get up-and-down the floor, so I think it should be a fun, exciting game," he added. "I think it will be a close game."





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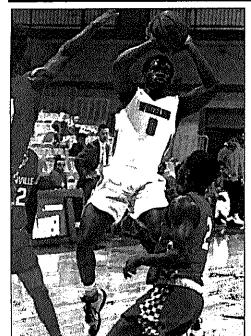
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Wheeling's Jarrett Haines supplied 16 points to help the Cardinals complete they can play defense as they held the half off a Phil Bledsoe bucket. It was the season sweep of Glenville State.

WU Earns Huge Victory Over Glenville St.

Four Cardinals Reach Double Figures in Win

By KYLE LUTZ Staff Writer

East Conference's top teams (Charleston and West Virginia State), Wheel-

tice as Glenville State, which averages more than 90 points per game was scheduled to make a trip to the Mc-Donough Center Saturday evening.

Pioneers well below their season aver- the first lead for Glenville State since

age in an 78-67 victory.
"First and foremost, I'm proud of our guys and how they defended (Saturday)," Ryan said. "You hold a team that averages 94-95 (points) per game, 13-2 run to put the score at 48-40 with to 67, well below their average, says 13:33. WHEELING - After securing two a lot about our team. I thought they victories against two of the Mountain showed great resolve, coming off a setback against Concord, where we back the lead for good. didn't defend really well. We tried to points during the spurt. ing seemed to be making a big leap.
However, the Cardinals hit a buzzsaw this past Wednesday when Concord shot 67.3 percent from the floor to got stops when they needed to. For the control of the Cardinals a loss hand the Cardinals a loss.

Wheeling Coach Will Ryan, had to make defense one of the main focuses over the next couple of days of praction of Clerville Acts which over the next couple of the bounce and they should be compared to the most part, it was a great defensive performance. They got multiple guys that can attack you off the bounce and they should be compared to the most part and the properties of the compared to the most part, it was a great defensive performance. They got multiple guys that can be compared to the most part, it was a great defensive performance. They got multiple guys that can be compared to the most part, it was a great defensive performance. They got multiple guys that can be compared to the most part, it was a great defensive performance. They got multiple guys that can be compared to the most part, it was a great defensive performance. They got multiple guys that can be compared to the most part, it was a great defensive performance. They got multiple guys that can be compared to the most part, it was a great defensive performance. They got multiple guys that can be compared to the most part, it was a great defensive performance. They got multiple guys that can be compared to the most part, it was a great defensive performance. They got multiple guys that can be compared to the most part and the here and there."

The Cardinals (13-9, 10-8 MEC) took a one-point halftime lead at 35onough Center Saturday evening.

34. However, the Pioneers (13-11, ple of days and refocused our energy The Cardinals definitely showed that 10-8 MEC) scored first in the second on the defensive end," Ryan said. "We

the 15:09 mark in the first half.

Hegel Augustin increased the lead

Emmanuel Ansong sparked the run while Jordan Reid gave the Cardinals back the lead for good. Reid had eight

However, Glenville State did not go away. With 9:57 left in the game, Augustin converted on a conventional three-point play as the score read 54-51 in favor of the Cardinals.

Wheeling, though, did not break and scored 11 of the next 14 points. Jarrett Haines' basket gave the Cardinals their first double digit lead of the evening, 65-54.

"We went pretty light the last cou-

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Central Extends OVAC Title Streak to 8

Lee Scores 34 As **Knights Top Tigers**

By BUBBA KAPRAL Executive Sports Editor ST. CLAIRSVILLE - The

streak continues. Wheeling Central pocketed its eighth consecutive Wheeling Hospital OVAC basketball championship Saturday after-noon at Ohio University Eastern, holding off fast-closing Shadyside, 72-67, in the Class 2A finale.

Overall, it is the Maroon Knights' 28th OVAC basketball crown. It also marks their third win over the Tigers this

Coach Mel Stephens' charges received a huge performance from junior Avery Lee.

The dynamic guard was virtually unstoppable, pouring in 34 points, including seven treys. He was named the John Howell MVP for his impressive efforts.

"It is very special winning the OVAC title. It is a и сощегence," Stephens said. "Doing it eighth straight times means that a lot of different players have gotten to share winning something very nice."

The triumph was the 16th against six losses for Wheeling Central. Shadyside owns an identical record.

The game began in an old-fashioned shootout.

The two teams both boarded 21 points in the opening quarter. Lee was scorching, dropping in 12 points. Shadyside All-Ohioan Kelly Hendershot,

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Photo by Sheri McAninch Avery Lee drives to the bucket against Shadyside during Saturday's OVAC Class 2A championship at OUE. Lee scored 34 points and was named the game's MVP.

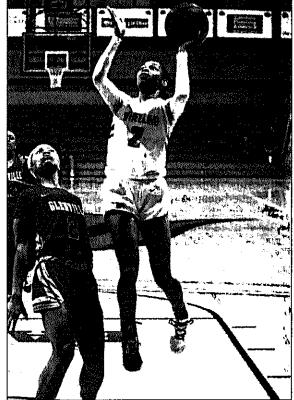


Photo by Kyle Lutz

Wheeling's Khira Burton attempts a shot for while Glenville State's Zakivah Winfield defends during

Glenville Puts 121 on Wheeling

By KYLE LUTZ Staff Writer

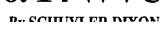
WHEELING — When a team plays Glenville State in women's basketball, it's certainly hard to keep up its style of play. After all, the Pioneers are averaging more than 108 points per game.

For Wheeling, it wasn't exactly hard for it to drive to the basket. It was more of finishing the play as the Cardinals missed a plethora of layups and point blank shots and were not able to overcome the dynamic offense of the Pioneers in a 121-89 setback Saturday afternoon at the Mc-Donough Center.

"A dozen, 12-15 layups. We were right there. We wanted to be three possessions, plus or minus at half," Wheeling coach Mike Llanas said. "And we didn't do that. We were down by 19 at half. I guess in any other game that's a disappointment. We had a lot of teaching points. I told them at the end of the game, you missed 13 layups. Cut that in half and we shot 48 percent. We shot 48

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Ruby, Nailers Pocket Win

Wheeling Nailers knew they were faced with a big game on Saturday night, as they played



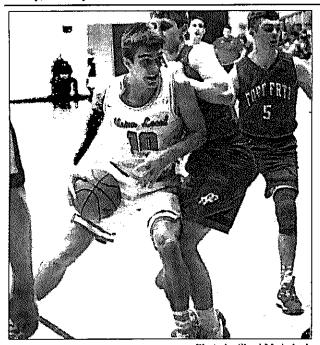


Photo by Sherl McAninch Union Local's Andrew Martin makes a move in the post during Saturday night's OVAC Class 3A championship game against Fort Frye. The Jets lost, 54-44.

Jets Fall to Cadets

For the News-Register

For the News-Register the gymnasium.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE "I have pretty tough

It was a week later kids," Henniger said. and a different gender, "They've been in presponent were the same.

an impressive defensive Coach Delman does an performance, showcased awesome job. We knew

3Å championship. get a win.' Eerily similar to the It's been exact way in which the to the title for the Cadets. Cadets' girls team went They were upset as the about its business, the top seed in the semifinals Fort Frye boys outlast- last season by eventual ed Union Local at Ohio champion Barnesville and University Health and Physical Ed- along, they lost a key cog ucation Center, 57-47, to due an eligibility issue. win a conference title in Championships.

Eric Henniger said. "We makes it easier to coach." hadn't won since 2014 and it's something we scratched and clawed kept talking about. We their way back, the hole want to win it every sin- was simply too deep. gle year because we like They found themselves winning championships. down 16-7 after one and It slingshots us into the then looked up at a 30-tournament." 15 reading at the half.

While the Cadets are riding a high entering Division III sectional play in the third by outscoring against Bellaire on Tuesday, Feb. 25, Union Lo- fourth, as Delman pointcal coach Zach Delman ed out, each time the Jets must find a way to get seemed to be gaining his team, which had lost some traction, Fort Frye just once since December had an answer. prior to Saturday, back The Jets got to within up before a Tuesday road eight three times in the trip to River to close out fourth, but only as close the regular season.

congrats to Fort Frye be- Merritt, who led his team cause they played a great with 16 points. game," Delman said. Union Loca "Hopefully, we'll press has hung its hat on its the reset button on Mon- 3-point shooting, strugday and shift our focus gled from the field. On to River and hopefully top of shooting just 4 of get back on the winning 18 from behind the line, track. We have a chance they were 13 of 38 from to play Fort Frye again, inside the arc, including a so that's a goal we can set bevy of missed layups. right now, but we can't afford to look ahead."

week for the Cadets, who McCort added eight. went on the road to Linsly and prevailed during Brady Schilling, who and then survived what of the John Howell MVP was basically a home Award, finished with 17 game for the Jets, who points.

By SETH STASKEY again filled their side of

but the approach and op- sure situations in different sports. To come here For the second straight and beat Union Local Saturday, Fort Frye used is a good win because a disciplined offense and we'd be in for a battle, captured an OVAC Class and I am just happy to

It's been a long road Eastern's this season, while rolling

"I have a lot of playthe nightcap of the day-long Wheeling Hospital Henniger said. "These OVAC Boys Basketball kids have really stuck together and it's just a testa-"Winning this is ment to them. We have a huge," Fort Frye coach good group of kids, which

While the

Union Local began the

as six once and that came "It's unfortunate, but on a trey by junior Luke

Union Local, which

While the Jets were led by Merritt's 16 and Na-The win capped a tough than Meyer's 14. Hunter

Fort Frye was led by Tuesday semifinal round was named the recipient

Frontier Rallies Past Madonn

By BUBBA KAPRAL **Executive Sports Editor**

line-in-the-sand moment.

Frontier found itself trailing 34-26 with three minutes to play in the third quarter in its Wheelafternoon.

At that point, Cougars coach goal." Roger Kirkpatrick opted to scrap best coaching decisions in his long 54-47 triumph over Cameron. and successful tenure at the New Matamoras-based school.

quish. The Cougars pressured the at Hundred. Blue Dons into nine turnovers af-54-44.

tournament format.

defense it made all the difference. Our zone was too passive," Kirk- Cougar title drive. The 6-foot-2 ST. CLAIRSVILLE - It was a patrick said, "Our man (defense) forward pumped in a game-high really changed the tempo of the 18 points, six coming in the cilgame and created some problems for them.

"I am just so happy for my playing Hospital OVAC 1A champi- ers and staff. They have worked onship game against Madonna at so hard for this. This was one of Ohio University Eastern Saturday our goals going into the season. It erty netted 11. is great to have them realize that

The win was the 14th in 21 his zone defense and go full-court starts for the top-seeded Cougars. nine points. man. It may have been one of the They advanced to the finals via a

Frontier went on an 11-0 run to punched their ticket into the final at intermission. grab a lead it would never relin- with a hard-earned 63-57 triumph

"You have to be able to take ter the switch to win going away, care of the basketball. We did not do that when we needed to," Ma-The OVAC crown was the first donna coach George Vargo said. for Frontier since 2004 and first "They turned up the heat on us and since the conference went to the we didn't handle it. But I am proud of my team. We played hard. We 'When we switched to the man just didn't handle their pressure."

Logan Brookover fueled the mactic fourth quarter, en route to earning the John Howell MVP Award.

Tanner Bills was solid support with 14 points while Kyle Daugh-

Junior Lucky Pulice paced Madonna with 13 points. Athletic senior Brennen Secrist produced

The two teams battled on deadeven terms in the first quarter, Madonna, meanwhile, evened at ending the frame in a 12-12 stand-9-9 on the season. The Blue Dons off. Frontier inched ahead, 24-23,

> Madonna committed 14 turnovers, twice as many as Frontier.

> 5A Championship University 74, Morgantown 44 ST. CLAIRSVILLE - Kaden Metheny racked up 27 points to lead University to an OVAC

K.J. McClurg was solid for the Hawks as he turned in 26 points.



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Aug. 13.
The entire OVAC Hall of Fame class, points (a school rewhich is sponsored by Robinson Auto cord at the time), a 27.3 average, scorcommittee every two weeks.

honorees from the 1960s and it will be trict Tournament finals.

announced on March 1. Previously announced Hall of Fame many post-season honors. honorees for the 2020 event are Mon-St. John Central product Natalie (Perand Magnolia alumnus Josh Watson all-District 12 selection. have been tabbed to represent the decade of the 1990s.

The 1980 honorees are JoJo Blaha a junior when he scored 342 points. of Wheeling Central and Carl Fodor of

Here's a capsule look at the honorees

The next release will contain the led the Bobcats to three OHSAA Dis- nior.

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Abuls was named first-team All-Ohio roe Central grad Leekycia Brown and as a senior, joining Ohio State legends Clark Kellogg and Art Schlichter on that 2015. zanowski) Bigelow, representing the list. He was also the AP Eastern District decade of the 2000s, while Wheeling Class AAA "Player of the Year" and a Park graduate Daryl "Boogie" Johnson first-team All-OVAC Class AAAA and

As a junior, he was an honorable Catholic Central. mention all-Eastern District honoree as

in track & field for the Bobcats.

The three-year letterman set what

sists and 110 steals. He averaged 13.3 sen to play in the Ohio North/South points as a freshman and led the team All-Star Game. Group and housed at WesBanco Arena ing in double figures in all 21 games at 12.1 as a sophomore. After an injuin Wheeling, will be announced by the including six 30-point games, topped ry-plagued junior campaign, he again nated on the national landscape. by 40 against New Philadelphia. Abuls led the team in scoring at 14.5 as a se-

As would be expected, he received ic Conference accolades following his senior campaign.

Abuls was inducted into the District

Don "Kip" McClane, Steubenville Catholic Central (Class of 1971) -McClane rates among the best hoopsters ever to suit up at Steubenville tional power in those days.

McClane put together a dominating senior year for the Crusaders. He av-Abuls was also a dynamic performer eraged 25.4 points and an amazing 20 rebounds a contest.

Not surprisingly, a slew of honors business consultant in Florida.

His outstanding expolits also reso-

McClane was named to a pair of All-American teams: The U.S. Bas-Abuls earned all-Ohio Valley Athlet- ketball Writers Association Coach and Athletic Magazine and the Surildst Growers A-A squad.

He ended his Steubenville Central 12 Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame in career with 1,008 points. He is also a member of the school's Hall of Fame.

After his illustrious Crusader career, McClane received a basketball scholarship to Duquesne University — a na-

He was a three-year starter at Duquesne University, scripting an outstanding college career with the Dukes. McClane picked up his Duquesne degree in 1975 and currently works as a

Meadowbrook Captures Fifth Straight OVAC Title

By SETH STASKEY For the News-Register ST. CLAIRSVILLE

Ohio Valley Athletic Conference has been vast.

boys basketball Saturday morning at the Health and Physical Education Center at Ohio University Eastern.

Headed to another conference, starting in the fall, a little bit. We got our butts Meadowbrook won its fifth kicked in the first half, and I consecutive championship at wasn't sure if we'd come out the Wheeling Hospital Boys and lay down or perform (in Basketball Championships, the second half)." but it had to fight tooth and nail for it.

After building a commanding, 22-point lead at halftime, Meadowbrook held off a spirited comeback from East Liverpool for a 47-39 victory.

our last year) is kind of emotional," Meadowbrook head coach Lou "Scooter" Tolzda said. "I don't know if I'll East Liverpool - outside of ever get to coach in it again, two Nick Woodyard buckets but it feels good to win again. To win five-in-a-row is something that no school, other be proud of.'

what Tolzda had hoped for, getting there was a challenge.

a second half," Tolzda said. "We've seen that before. Actually, similar to what happened to us when we played (East Liverpool) the first time. And I told the kids at halfthe first time we played, and I think they must have misun-

derstood me.' Evidently.

ion and appearing on the vea Green finished with nine. brink of blowing the Potters "Their defense and the out, Meadowbrook watched way they can dictate the tem-East Liverpool score the first po worried us," Conley said.

11 of the third and eventually 19 of the first 20 and a Brennan O'Hara field goal to Meadowbrook's history in the end the third made it a 38-32 game entering the fourth.

"I thought we were a little The Colts added another big-eyed or shellshocked (to chapter - their last - in start the game)," East Liverpool head coach Nate Conley said. "We played in the district final last year and the Buckeye 8 Championship already this year, so that surprised me

In the fourth, the Colts struck first with a basket from eventual game MVP Johnathan McCall, making it 40-

East Liverpool, meanwhile, missed its first three shots of "Winning this again (in the fourth and had a turnover. Those empty trips proved to be enough for the Colts to be able to escape because never got on a run in the

"What could have turned than Wheeling Central, has out to be a fun fourth quarever done, so that's someter ended up being a possible thing for our entire school to nightmare situation," Tolzda said. "At the end of the day, While the end result was our seniors — Johnathan and Addy (Black) - did what they had to do. Plus, we were "What a first half! What able to take some of the air out of the ball, which is something we work on.'

Meadowbrook was led in the scoring column by Mc-Call's 14. Davis Singleton added 11 and Addy Black, time, let's not have a repeat of who was a force on both ends of the floor, added 10.

East Liverpool was led by Tresean Jackson, who was held 11 points below his aver-After building a 31-9 cush- age. He finished with 12. Za-

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hot in the second frame. 1:24 to play. Shadyside did not, tipping Knight direction.

and sophomore sharpshooter play. Ryan Reasbeck each delivered Knights.

start after intermission when up in flames on its first two possessions. The Tigers failed to Maxwell, however, delivered followed by a turnover.

Central capitalized.

Lee drained three more trifecat the 2:14 lighting, ballooning urday). Avery has been playing the middle two. the lead to 53-34. Coach Ed and practicing very well for Andes' squad was able to pare a good while now," Stephens them, as was Kelly for us. We the gap to 58-44 entering the said. "We didn't play the best made a nice run, cutting it to final chapter.

leading the way, methodically They shot it well. made matters interesting in the

Lee, however, slowed the Tithe momentum in the Maroon gers' surge, meshing two char-ning OVAC titles.' ity tosses. After a Tiger miss Central outpointed the Ti- from the floor, Lee drained gers 19-10 in the period for a two more freebies for a 70-62 13 points, respectively. 40-31 halftime advantage. Lee Central advantage with 38.8 to

Shadyside's hopes for a quick Beckett nailed a bonus ball over 1,400 career points. with 7.2 seconds left, making it a 71-67 score. Central's J.C fin with a free throw with 6.5 ticks left.

"What can you say about Av-Shadyside, with Hendershot but Shadyside has weapons, credit. They are a very good

"But we did like the tempo. the Tigers to within 66-59 at made a nice run. J.C. (Max- Tigers.

who became the school's all- the 1:59 mark. Hard-working well) made a couple of 3s that time leading boys' scorer Tues- sophomore Mason Vannest help to slow them down. We day, countered with 10 points. buried another Tiger trifecta probably need to spend some Wheeling Central remained to make it a 66-62 score with more time on time-and-score. But I am happy for my players and coaches. It's very nice win-

Maxwell and Reasbeck were Lee's chief support with 15 and

Hendershot was nothing short of sensational in a losing Seconds later, Lee added cause. The 6-3 dandy equalled six points in the quarter for the one more free throw before Lee's 34 points, 14 coming in Shadyside sophomore Korey the final quarter. He now has

Beckett was next with nine counters.

"We missed way too many connect on a breakaway layup the final nail in the Tigers' cof- easy shots. We had good looks but left too many points on the table," Andes said. "We played well in the first and fourth quartas in the third, the last coming ery? He was super again (Sat- ters but had trouble scoring in

of defense in the first quarter, four. Give Wheeling Central team.'

Michael Toepfer grabbed We like to get it out and go, so nine rebounds for Central. Hen-A Hendershot trey brought the pace was good. Shadyside dershot collared eight for the

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shoot the ball well enough and do a decent job good looks offensively. It's just about getting stops.'

Reid and Ansong both tallied 21 points to pace the Cardinals while Haines chipped in a

Jay Gentry rounded out the double digit scorers with 10 points.

For the Pioneers, Bledsoe secured a double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Augustin had a team-high 18 points and Steven Verplancken had 14.

of them on Wednesday when they play host to on track (Saturday). Fairmont State. The Falcons are currently tied for second place in the conference with Charles-

Wheeling currently sits in fifth place. "I tell our guys, there's no rest for the weary," Ryan said.

"You play who's next on that schedule and against pressure. I thought we could get some you take it one game at a time. I know that may sound cliche and coach speak, that's the way you have to look.

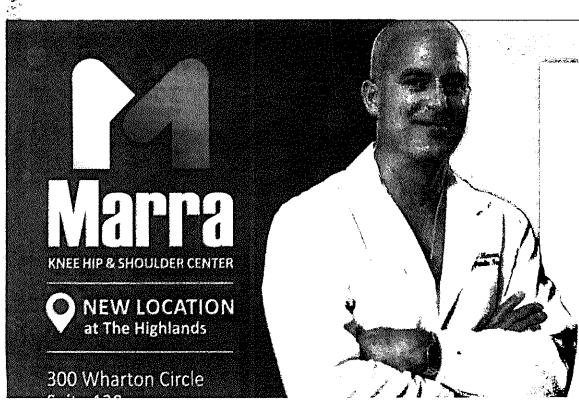
"We talk a little bit about standings. I don't really get into all that stuff, but coming down the home stretch, there's a logiam for some seeding. You better take game seriously, try to close this thing out and get to the highest seed as possible because come tournament time, anything can

happen.
"You want to be playing your best basketball during this stretch and we were, I thought. Then The Cardinals will have another big test ahead we hit a snag against Concord, but we got back

"It's a testament to our guys. They've worked

extremely hard in practice.

They believe in one another and they believe that things can happen. They're pretty focused every day and that's all you can ask. Hopefully that continues."



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Bubba Kapral **Executive Sports Editor**

Snively, Circosta are enshrined into OVFCA hall

STEUBENVILLE - Jay Circosta and Terry Snively are no strangers to halls of fame. The two football coaching icons added yet another shrine to their impressive resumes last Sunday.

The Ohio Valley Football Coaches Association held its 41st Annual All-Conference Awards Dinner at Steubenville High. The event pays tribute to OVAC

award-winning players and coaches.
It also has a Hall of Fame wing.
Snively (River) and Circosta (Woodsfield & Monroe Central) fittingly got the call together. They both scripted long and ultra-successful careers in Monroe County.

This marks the first time since 2015 that the OVFCA has added to its HOF. That year, Shadyside's David "Ty" Fleming was enshrined.

Circosta was unable to attend the affair, as he was in Florida. His daughter, Susan Snively, also the daughter-in-law of Terry, accepted eloquently on his behalf.

I was able to reach out to Circosta by

phone Tuesday morning.

"They are all special (halls of fame).

This is my fourth one," Circosta said. "This one is really nice because it is with the coaches you go head-on-head against. These are the guys you have an association with on a day-to-day basis.

"I have always said some of the best coaches are in the Ohio Valley," he added. "I regret that I couldn't be there. It is a great honor. I would have loved to be there with Terry.'

Circosta compiled an amazing 336-144-5 during his 47-year head coaching career. That win total sits second only to Steubenville legend Reno Saccoccia in Ohio Valley history while ranking in the top 10 all-time in the state of Ohio.

He launched his coaching career in 1968, serving as an assistant three years at Woodsfield under former Ohio State University standout Bob Butts. When Butts left for Union Local, Circosta took over to begin a 47-year head coaching run, the first 23 seasons at Woodsfield and then, following consolidation, for 24 years at Monroe Central.

Circosta-coached teams enjoyed six undefeated regular seasons (1973, 1976, 1991, 1993, 1999 and 2002); captured 14 OVAC championships (nine at Woodsfield; five at Monroe Central) and earned 14 OHSAA playoff appearances (five at Woodsfield; nine at Monroe Central). Woodsfield was crowned the 1976 Class A state champions by The Associated Press and Monroe Central won the Division V, Region 19 championship in 2001 before falling to Bedford Chanel in the state semifinals.

He was previously inducted into the West Liberty University Athletic Hall of Fame, OVAC Hall of Fame and the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of

SNIVELY, meanwhile, cut his coaching teeth in 1970 as an assistant to Jake Olsavsky at Bellaire High, helping to coach such luminaries as Ed Burgy, Ron Lee, John Ostrander and Lance Mehl. He left the All-American Town after six years with the Big Reds heading south, serving as Shadyside head basketball coach and assistant football coach for two seasons.

In 1978, he retuned to his roots, being named head football coach at River, a job he relished with great success until his retirement in 2002. He guided the Pilots to 127 wins.

His 1997 team went 10-0 and won the OVAC title while his teams made the Ohio playoffs in 1993 and 1997. Snively coached in the OVAC All-Star Game twice while also coaching the Ohio North-South

WHEELING HOSPITAL OVAC BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Meadowbrook captures fifth consecutive Class 4A title

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - Meadowbrook's history in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference has been vast.

The Colts added another chapter — their last — in boys basketball Saturday morning at the Health and Physical Education Center at Ohio University Eastern.

Headed to another conference, starting in the fall,

Meadowbrook won its fifth consecutive championship at the Wheeling Hospital Boys Basketball Championships, but it had to fight tooth and nail for it.

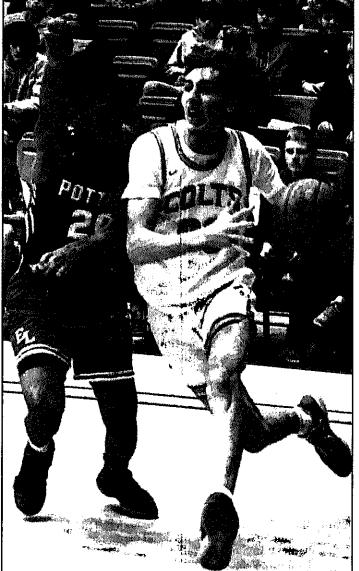
After building a commanding, 22-point lead at half-time, Meadowbrook held off a spirited comeback from East Liverpool for a 47-39 victory.

"Winning this again (in our last year) is kind of emotional," Meadowbrook head coach Lou "Scooter" Tolzda said. "I don't know if I'll ever get to coach in it again, but it feels good to win again. To win five-in-a-row is something that no school, other than Wheeling Central, has ever done, so that's something for our entire school to be proud

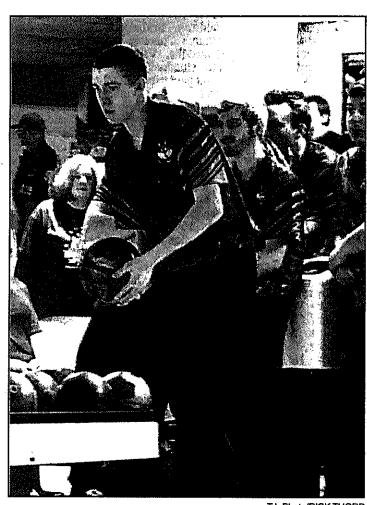
While the end result was what Tolzda had hoped for, getting there was a challenge.

'What a first half! What a second half," Tolzda said. "We've seen that before. Actually, similar to what happened to us when we played (East Liverpool) the first time. And I told the kids at halftime, let's not have a repeat of the first time we played, and I think they must have misunderstood me."

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MEADOWBROOK'S ADDY Black drives baseline against East Liverpool's Zavea Green during Saturday morning's OVAC Class 4A championship game at Ohio University East-



T-L Photo/RICK THORP HARRISON CENTRAL'S Trevor Thompson eyes the lanes during Saturday's Ohio Division 2 sectional bowling tournament in St. Clairsville. Thompson won the individual title with a 699, leading the Huskies, who advanced with a runner-up place in the team standings.

Harrison, UL boys roll to D-II district

Balanced OSU topples Purdue

of the game against Purdue coach Chris Holtmann said. and never looked back.

tie at 3-3, the Buckeyes led players in great position to every minute and topped the make it difficult to guard. Boilermakers 68-52 Satur- We had stretches in first half day afternoon for their fifth where we both missed shots

December, while Purdue to them." (14-12, 7-8) lost its second

play hit the scoreboard, led added 15. by Kyle Young with a career high 16 points, and Kaleb opening tip but left plenty Wesson had 13 and a season-high three steals. Luther

Muhammad added 11. "We knew it was going to be a fight from start to than five minutes in the first finish," Muhammad said. half. "Purdue came out to play hard. The coaches were just hitting on us to compete, execute, Toughness.

"They got on us to presjust find a way to... guard the three and control the

Ohio State beat Purdue

their last six meetings. 'Our defense was as good

COLUMBUS (AP) – and as sound as we have Ohio State hit its first bucket played all year," Ohio State 'Our defensive consistency Aside from a 28-second was good. Purdue puts their

win in the past six games. and turned it over on their Ohio State (17-8, 7-7) pressure, which they are ulled to .500 in the Big good at. Some of that was on Ten for the first time since us; some of that was a credit

Evan Boudreaux contributed 17 for the Boilermak-All eight Buckeyes to ers, while Jahaad Proctor

Ohio State led from the of opportunity for Purdue to stay in the game, committing nine first-half turnovers and going scoreless for more

But Purdue failed to capitalize, shooting just 35.2% from the field and 20% from beyond the arc.

The Boilermakers, who sure the ball a lot and really force more turnovers than any other team in the Big Ten, nudged Ohio State into nine in the first half. The Buckeyes ended with 16 for just the second time in turnovers, but forced Purdue into 16, as well.

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gines, Johnson will zip ahead of the other 39 cars and take a ceremonial trip around took a moment Daytona International Speedway will honor

Johnson will then fall in line and start seventh title in 2016. Sure, the winner of champion still as respected as any driver in NASCAR – but far from the serious threat but the 44-year-old Californian is trying to he once was to contend for the victory.

For those who know Johnson best, his drive to finish his final full season in NA-SCAR in championship style can't be beat. year and intends to shift into other forms of

"I've never seen Jimmie so energized," team owner Rick Hendrick said Saturday. NASCAR schedule, and has been hesitant "Sometimes a guy in his last year, they're celebrating, it's the end. I don't want to say Daytona 500.

"The (Indy) 500 has passed for me," It's not been me. I'll probably hate it and Johnson said. "I haven't had enough conbury myself with more work in another versations to figure everything out. But way."

the track up front during the warm-up lap. before practice Saturday to shake hands in the No. 48 Chevrolet, fans can relive 131 laps last season and only 40 in 2018, with Richard Petty, the only other living Johnson's two Daytona 500 wins (2006. the seven-time NASCAR champion with a seven-time NASCAR champion. Johnson 2013) at a three-panel kiosk located in the when he led more than a 1,000 laps in eight tribute video on the track's big screen that seemed poised to pass Petty and Dale Earn- infield. His Hendrick Motorsports teamwill celebrate his greatest accomplishments. hardt atop the record book when he won his mates and his rivals taped testimonials sixth today, the two-time Daytona 500 83 career Cup races would love to close his His car sponsor stationed 48 flags along a matters most. He'll have no shortage of casidewalk across from Daytona International full-time career with a record eighth title, Speedway.

'We're going to give him everything we

Johnson says he's doing nothing more than "retire" from 38 NASCAR weekends a Johnson stopped Johnson stopped by an IndyCar test this

potential racing pit stop.

Besides the another 0-fer in 2019, a tumuituous season pace lap drive that included two crew chiefs. Johnson led a precipitous drop from his dominant days straight seasons (2007-2014).

Going out on top may be a long shot, but to Johnson that will be played at the race. going out in 2020 on his own terms is what reer options, and just might have more time for his wife and two young daughters.

"I don't know what it's like to be bored," Johnson said.

"What is that? What would that look and week in Texas to catch a glimpse of his next feel like? I hope to get to that point at some time next year. Bored? That's just not me.

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but too many turnovers in alive by dispatching the both halves," Purdue coach Boilermakers, pulling to Matt Painter said. .500 in the Big Ten.

"I thought we had some good shots that didn't go than our offense.

BIG PICTURE

es of cold shooting, but the school history.

"I thought we got some Buckeyes caught fire late good shots in the first half... to keep their NCAA hopes

Johnson^a

enjoy his final ride.

MAKING HISTORY

Kaleb Wesson's has now down. They are a good de- scored 1,158 in his Ohio good job being physical on Frank Howard for 40th on your cuts. I thought at times the Buckeyes all-time list. their defense was just better He has added 618 career boards, putting him 21st in school history. He is three State battled long stretch- Bates-Diop for 20th in

Meadowbrook

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Evidently.

After building a 31-9 cushion and appearing on the brink of blowing the Potters out, Meadowbrook watched East Liverpool score the first 11 of the third and eventually 19 of the first 20 and a Brennan O'Hara field goal to end the third made it a 38-32 game entering the fourth.

"I thought we were a little big-eyed or shellshocked (to start the game)," East Liverpool head coach Nate Conley said. "We played in the district final last year and the Buckeye 8 Championship already this year, so that surprised me a little bit. We got our butts kicked in the first half, and I wasn't sure if we'd come out and lay down or perform (in the second half).

In the fourth, the Colts struck first with a basket from eventual game MVP Johnathan McCall, making it 40-32.

East Liverpool, meanwhile, missed its first three shots of the fourth and had a turnover. Those empty trips proved to be enough for the Colts to be able to escape because East Liverpool - outside of two Nick Woodyard buckets never got on a run in the fourth.

"What could have turned out to be a fun fourth quarter ended up being a possible nightmare situation." Tolzda said. "At the end of the day, our seniors - Johnathan and Addy (Black) - did what they had to do. Plus, we were able to take some of the air out of the ball, which is something we work on.

Meadowbrook was led in the scoring column by Mc-Call's 14. Davis Singleton added 11 and Addy Black, who was a force on both ends of the floor, added 10.

East Liverpool was led by Tresean Jackson, who was held 11 points below his average. He finished with 12. Zavea Green finished with nine.

"Their defense and the way they can dictate the tempo worried us," Conley said. "We had some good looks at the end, but we just couldn't make enough shots.



Harrison

motorsports. He hasn't ruled out a limited

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The Huskies started strong out of the edge St. Clairsville for third. gate, rolling a 930 in the first of three regular games. Things trailed off a bit 3,393, 40 pins better than the Red from there, before picking up steam in tral finished with a score 3,653, 18 pins behind Carrollton.

"We just had a couple of flat tires," fensive team. They do a State career and surpassed Parkinson said. "We had one bad Baker. If we would've bowled a better one it would've made a difference.

'But I'm happy with the outcome." For the first time, Harrison Central will take both boys' and girls' teams Both Purdue and Ohio away from passing Keita to district. The boys will look to return to the state tournament after winning the district title last year. One boys team and two girls teams qualify to Columbus in two weeks, with one boy and two girls not on qualifying squads advancing, as well.

> girls team Thursday. Saturday, though, Sunrise Strikes after finishing second sure. He stayed calm. He just bowled its boys staged a rally in the Bakers to overall with a 595. That included a really well.'

The Jets finished with a score of Devils. UL was, in fact, sixth after the Bakers, including a 210 in the second one to surge ahead.

at all. But, it's not how you start, but how you finish.'

Nathan Brown and Chad Barbe, both juniors, spearheaded the Jets' effort, finishing eighth and ninth, respectively, with scores of 541 and 536.

Union Local's Cherika Koplets advanced as an individual on Thursday

Despite not qualifying as a team, St. C. will be represented at district Union Local just missed sending its competition by Patrizi, who returns to marks. He was never under any pres-

210 in his second game.

No stranger to advancing in the postseason, Patrizi has been a lynchpin for the Red Devils the last four years, the six Bakers. All told, Harrison Cen- three games, but registered a 993 in and that's why it came as no surprise to his head coach that he advanced.

'No one deserves this more than "Bakers are what pay the bills," a him," St. Clairsville head coach Court-smiling Union Local head coach Doug ney Reinbold said. "He puts in so Stephens said. "We didn't start strong much time and effort."

Joining Patrizi as an individual qualifier will be Harrell. The junior becomes the second Seminole bowler and the first boy - to qualify for the district. His teammate, Shaylei Giesey advanced Thursday.

"He bowled really well," Monroe Central head coach Jacob Hill said of Harrell, who bowled a 576, third over-

"He stayed consistent and hit his

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both enshrined in the OVAC Hall of Fame.

doesn't seem that long ago.

'I have to thank all my coaches over the years. During my 25 years at Rivor longer. That is great loy-alty on their part," added the former Powhatan High foursport great. "I have to thank my players. They always gave me 100 percent."

Snively was selected to the All-Time WVU 1950-69 Era team.

to come around and help a few days. I am with him ev- night." 50 years."

note about the banquet was office at 740-633-2565. poor attendance by OVAC schools.

conference. Of that number,

In 2004, Snively received up for the banquet. The no-land from 1986-96. the Upper Ohio Valley Dap- shows included Parkersburg per Dan Carl Hamill Award. South, New Philadelphia, He and his son, Mike, are Dover, Brooke, Cambridge, Meadowbrook. Shenandoah, Wellsville, I want to thank the Ohio Caldwell, Bridgeport, Mahonor," Snively said at the and Hundred. The classy banquet. "It is hard to be- event paid tribute to all-conlieve I started way back in ference award-winners. A a two-time all-state lacrosse 1970 as an assistant for slew of nice plaques went player at Wheeling Central Jake Olsavsky in Bellaire. It unclaimed at those schools' tables.

DONNELLY TO SPEAK

THE MARTINS Ferer, 75 percent of my coaches ry Chamber of Commerce worked with me for 15 years is holding a Fall Chamber gusta, S.C. Wilkinson pre-Banquet on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at the Martins Ferry Recreation Center at 6 p.m.

at the major league level ter's degree in teaching from acts. for several teams, and owns Clemson University. a World Series ring while rianks to Mike Flan- assisting Jim Leyland with covering the boys' PAC 8 is simply goofy. So much nery at River, I am still in the Florida Marlins. He also basketball championships for tradition. Fourteen teams this husiness. He asked me wrote a best selling healt. this business. He asked me wrote a best-selling book - at Sherrard Middle School are way too many. Picking "The Chicken Runs at Mid-

have to thank my wife Rose. of that book at a reduced onship game. The gym was Leave it alone, commission-She has put up with me and price. Book sales are moveral standing-room-only with this coaching profession for ing briskly. For more information raucous fans. There was ONE DISAPPOINTING the book, call the chamber sion in those games than

Donnelly's latest coaching gig is bench coach for The former Cambridge High There are 49 foot- the New York Mets' Tri- all-Ohioan hoopster and ball-playing schools in the ple-A affiliate farm team in thinclad is weaving a mag-Syracuse. He coached the ical season with the Wheelonly 29 schools showed Pittsburgh Pirates with Ley- ing University hoop team.

BUBBA'S BITS

DAVE BRUNEY is doing well after undergoing Southern, open-heart surgery a few Ferry football coaching leg-Valley Football Coaches donna, Conotton Valley, end is at home, rehabbing of-year accolades while also Association for such a great Beallsville, Valley, Trinity under the tender loving care helping the Cardinals exhibof his wife, Cheryl.

> and a captain of the Maroon Knights' first state lacrosse championship team, has started a boys' lacrosse program at AAA Fox Creek High School in North Auviously served as an assis-Featured speaker will be Wilkinson received his B.S. Rich Donnelly. The Steu- in education from West Libbenville native has coached erty University and his mas-

recently. Bridge Street de- your opponent is an auto-feated Triadelphia in the matic chip on the shoulder eryday and in the pressbox

In conjunction with the every Friday night," Snive-banquet, the Martins Ferry ly said. "But most of all, I Chamber is selling copies in the eighth grade champithree games is totally unfair.

The game was talong commissions the commissions of the lower seed, while the seventh grade title tilt while for the lower seed, while the warmout the game is totally unfair. with er. mation on the banquet or more excitement and pas- redshirt freshman on the most high school games.

LILY RITZ is amazing.

Her 36-rebound effort in a 75-72 win over West Virginia State last weekend set a national collegiate record for any level. Her outstandweeks back. The Martins ing play has put her in conversation for MEC playerit much team improvement. TUCKER WILKINSON, She was named MEC and national player-of-the-week for her rebounding feat.

CONGRATULATIONS GO out to Shadyside allstater Kelly Hendershot on becoming the school's alltime boys' basketball scoring leader. He set the mark Tuesday against Southern Local in a 65-63 OVAC tant football coach and head semifinal win. The 6-3 sesoccer coach at Fox Creek. nior now stands at 1,381 tallies. Todd Antill held the previous mark for 32 years with 1,363. Both are class

MAJOR LEAGUE Base-I HAD the privilege of ball's proposed playoff plan

> CARMEN LICHT is a University of Cincinnati track team. She is a middle distance runner. Licht is a 2018 graduate of Macedonia Nordonia High School in Ohio, where she was a seven-time placer at the state meet.

Licht is the daughter of former Martins Ferry High track standout Mary Margaret Brown. This past weekend, the Cincinnati women's distance medley relay team broke the school record while competing in the Charlie Thomas Invitational in College Station, Texas. Licht was a member of that quartet. She ran the 400-meter portion of the event and clocked a sharp

KUDOS TO River High basketball coach bovs' Mark Romick for achieving the 300-win plateau this past Tuesday.

He also has done excen-



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Union Local denied OVAC 3A title by FF

By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - It was a week later and a different gender, but the approach and opponent were the same.

For the second straight Saturday, Fort Frye used an impressive defensive performance, showcased a disciplined offense and captured an OVAC Class 3A championship.

Eerily similar to the exact way in which the Cadets' girls team went about its business, the Fort Frye boys outlasted Union Local at Ohio University Eastern's Center, 57-47, to win the conthe day-long Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championships.

"Winning this is huge," Fort Frye head coach Eric Henni-"Winning this is huge," Fort
Frye head coach Eric Henniger said. "We hadn't won since
in pressure situations in differ-2014 and it's something we kept talking about. We want to win it every single year because we like winning championships. It slingshots us into the tourna-

While the Cadets are riding a high entering Division III sectional play against Bellaire on title for the Cadets. They were upset as the top seed in the semimust find a way to get his team,

which had lost just once since December prior to Saturday, back up before a Tuesday road trip to River to close out the regular season.

'It's unfortunate, but congrats to Fort Frye because they played a great game," Delman said. "Hopefully, we'll press the reset button on Monday and shift our focus to River and hopefully get back on the winning track. We have a chance to play Fort Frye again, so that's a goal we can set right now, but we can't afford to look ahead."

The win capped a tough week for the Cadets, who went on the Health and Physical Education road to Linsly and prevailed Tuesday semi-final ference title in the nightcap of round and then survived what was basically a home game for the Jets, who once again filled their side of the gymnasium.

> ent sports. To come here and beat Union Local is a good win because Coach (Zach) Delman does an awesome job. We knew we'd be in for a battle, and I am just happy to get a win.'

It's been a long road to the See, UL, Page B2



Tuesday, Feb. 25, Union Local head coach Zach Delman must find a way to get his team.

UNION LOCAL'S Hunter McCort goes up for a shot during the second half of Saturday evening's OVAC Class 3A championship game against Fort Frye. The Jets fell to the Cadets, 57-47.

Second quarter proves costly for Shadyside in OVAC 2A final

By BUBBA KAPRAL

Executive Sports Editor

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - The streak

Wheeling Central pocketed its eighth consecutive Wheeling Hospital OVAC basketball championship Saturday afternoon at Ohio University Eastern, holding off fast-closing Shadyside, 72-67, in the Class 2A finale.

Overall, it is the Maroon Knights' 28th OVAC basketball crown. It also marks their third win over the Tigers

Coach Mel Stephens' charges received a huge performance from junior

cluding seven trevs. He was named the John Howell MVP for his impressive

"It is very special winning the OVAC title. It is a great conference," Stephens said. "Doing it eighth straight times means that a lot of different players have gotten to share winning something very nice."

The triumph was the 16th against six losses for Wheeling Central. Shadyside owns an identical record.

The game began in an old-fashioned shootout.

The two teams both boarded 21 points in the opening quarter.

Lee was scorching, dropping in 12 points. Shadyside All-Ohioan Kelly Hendershot, who became the school's all-time leading boys' scorer Tuesday, countered with 10 points.

Wheeling Central remained hot in the second frame. Shadyside did not, tipping the momentum in the Maroon Knight direction.

Central outpointed the Tigers 19-10 in the period for a 40-31 halftime The dynamic guard was virtually advantage. Lee and sophomore sharp-unstoppable, pouring in 34 points, in-shooter Ryan Reasbeck each delivered six points in the quarter for the Knights

> Shadyside's hopes for a quick start after intermission when up in flames on its first two possessions. The Tigers failed to connect on a breakaway layup followed by a turnover.

Central capitalized.

Lee drained three more trifectas in See, SHADYSIDE, Page B2

Daytona 500 postponed due to rain

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) The Daytona 500 has been postponed by rain for the first time since 2012, dampening NASCAR's season opener that started with a ballyhooed visit from President Donald

The race was postponed after two lengthy delays totaling more than three hours. The race will now begin at 4 p.m. Monday and be broadcast live on Fox.

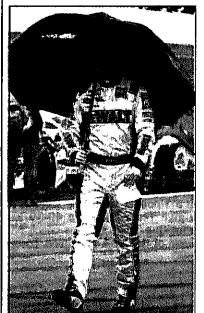
It's the second time in 62 years that "The Great American Race" will finish on a Monday.

The first delay of the day came moments after the presidential motorcade completed a ceremonial parade lap around the 2 1/2-mile track. Trump's armored limousine nicknamed "The Beast" exited Daytona International Speedway, and the sky opened for a brief shower that forced drivers back to pit road.

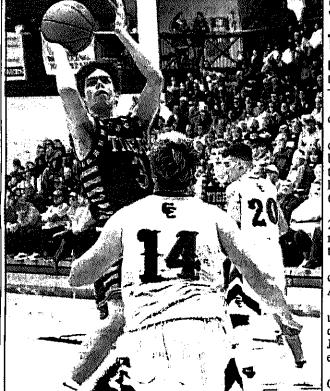
The start already had been pushed back 13 minutes to accommodate Trump's trip. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. eventually led the field to the green flag and was out front for the first 20 laps before heavier rain soaked a racing surface that takes hours to

NASCAR called drivers back to their cars around 6:40 p.m. EST, hoping to get more laps in before more showers hit again. Some drivers showed, but the heaviest rain of the day forced a postponement.

It no doubt choked some of the excitement out of an event that had been a raucous celebration See, DAYTONA, Page B2



ERIK JONES walks down pit road after rain caused a delay in the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway, Śunday In Daytona Beach, Fla.



Photo/SHERI MCANINCH SHADYSIDE'S MASON Vannest goes up for a shot over Wheeling Central's Michael Toepfer during Saturday's OVAC Class 2A final at OUE.

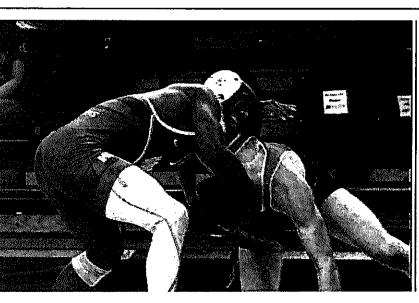
Bunch's decision lifts WLU

By KIM NORTH

Times Leader Sports Writer

WEST LIBERTY - Darius Bunch couldn't have scripted a better way to end his senior season at home.

The West Liberty standout posted a major decision Sunday afternoon that lifted the No. 16 Hilltonesse (A O) to



Team LeBron takes All-Star Game 157-155 in revamped format

CHICAGO (AP) - Players were taking charges, bodies were hitting the floor, calls and non-calls were being screamed about on both ends. The fourth quarter of the NBA All-Star Game was as intense as the final moments of a playoff game, the biggest stars in the league holding absolutely nothing back.

And in the end, Anthony Davis was a hometown hero by making a free throw.

Kobe Bryant - ever the competitor - would have simply loved the way this night went.

"That was pretty damn fun," a sweat-soaked, exhausted LeBron James said at the end.



AP PHOTO

LEBRON JAMES of the Los Angeles Lakers high fives Anthony Davis of the Los Angeles Lakers uring the first half of the NBA All-Star basketball game Sunday in Chicagó.

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James' team wore blue jerseys, all Raptors to call time — with the quarith the No. 2 for Gianna Bryant. Anter win and \$100,000 on the line. with the No. 2 for Gianna Bryant. Antetokounmpo's team wore red, every Kobe Bryant. And on their right shoulnine stars, one for each victim of the helicopter crash that took the lives of Bryant, his daughter and their seven friends on Jan. 26.

"His presence was felt," James said. at it in the fourth: Antetokounmpo got in all at stake in the final period. out to block a shot by James, Lowry took a charge from his former Toronto in collisions for rebound positioning, Chris Paul was screaming encouragement to Team LeBron teammates in a time-out - all adding up to an intensity hardly ever seen in All-Star Games.

It was the first All-Star Game with a new format: The teams played a minigame in each of the first three quarters, each one earning \$100,000 for their ma was perfectly set. Chicago-area children's charity.

Team LeBron played for Chicago After School Matters. James' team won the first quarter 53-41, Antetokoumpo's team won the second quarter 51-30.

The third quarter had down-to-thewire, big-money drama. Nikola Jokic hit a 3-pointer with 22.2 seconds left to give Team LeBron a 40-39 lead, prompting Team Giannis coach Nick Nurse of the NBA champion Toronto to shooting from very deep, connected Lake City.

made one of two free throws to push span. ders was a black circular patch with the Team LeBron lead to two. Trae Young then found Rudy Gobert for a dunk for Team Giannis with 2.2 secthe buzzer, and that \$100,000 carried And with the new rules, they went over to the fourth - putting \$300,000

The cumulative score at that point was Team Giannis 133, Team LeBteammate in Leonard, elbows got up ron 124 going into the untimed fourth quarter - with another new twist. The NBA decided, as part of the series of Bryant tributes, that the winner of the All-Star Game would be the team that added 24 points, a nod to his jersey number, to whatever the leading total score was after three quarters.

That meant the target score was set: the scores starting at 0-0 in each of 157. The game clock was off. The shot those periods and the winning team in clock stayed on. And the stage for dra-

TIP-INS

Team LeBron: Paul threw down an Lee. Scholars. Team Giannis played for alley-oop dunk from Russell Westbrook in the second quarter. According to Basketball-Reference, Paul's last dunk in a regular season game came in December 2015. He had two playoff dunks since. ... Arvydas Sabonis, who was never an All-Star during his career, was in attendance to watch son Domantas Sabonis' All-Star debut.

But Team Giannis promptly turned first 10 field goals were dunks - and player wearing No. 24 on the back for the ball over, and Russell Westbrook he also missed a pair of slams in that

RECORDS

A list of some records set in the All-Star Game: Team LeBron tied a onds left, knotting the quarter score at single-quarter record with 53 points to help keep the Jets at bay. 41-41. Westbrook missed a runner at in the first quarter, James set the record by starting a 16th All-Star Game (breaking a mark he shared with Bryant), James moved past Kareem Ab-dul-Jabbar for most All-Star minutes

CELEB WATCH

Among the stars of stage in screen in attendance to watch basketball's All-Stars: Kanye West and Kim Kar-dashian West, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Metta World Peace, Jennifer Hudson, Queen Latifah, Common, Chaka Khan (who performed the national anthem pregame), Chance the Rapper, DJ Khaled, Donnie Wahlberg, Bad Bunny, Guy Fieri, Jon Stewart, Jose Andres, Katelyn Ohashi, Lil Wayne, Ludacris, Patrick Mahomes and Spike

Also there: Former Philadelphia star Allen Iverson, who wore Bryant's original No. 8 Lakers jersey along with a Lakers hat and drew roars from the crowd.

UP NEXT

The 70th NBA All-Star Game is Feb. 14, 2021 in Indianapolis. That'll be followed by the 2022 game in Team Giannis: Young, no stranger Cleveland and the 2023 game in Salt

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a reversal of his own, only to see Simpson gain control again four ticks later and hold on.

"Whether the kid was ranked or not, Jacob listened to us (the coaching staff) in a crucial position, making an adjustment that led to that win," Irwin said. "That's all about the kids having faith in our coaching staff. We might not be the best coaching staff in the nation, but we certainly not the worst."

Seton Hill drew even with a decision by Logan McCoy at 157, but West Liberty used a 11-9 decision by Chase Morgan at 165 for a 6-3 edge. The Griffins, however, took a short-lived 9-6 lead on a pin

at 174. West Liberty went into halftime with a 12-9 margin thanks to a forfeit at 184 to Huntington product

"You feel pretty con-

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season, while rolling along, they lost a key cog due an eligibility issue.

"I have a lot of players and they're resilient," Henniger said, "These kids have really stuck together and it's just a testament to them. We have a good group of kids, which makes it easier to coach.'

While the Jets definitely scratched and clawed their way back, the hole was simply too deep. They found themselves

down 16-7 after one and then looked up at a 30-15 reading at the half.

"You can't dig that kind of hole against Fort Frye," Delman "They're said. too disciplined and they don't beat themselves. They're not going to

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allow you to chip away. When we made shots, they'd go down answer.' Union Local began the process of chipping away in the

third by outscoring the Cadets, 12-8. In the fourth, as Delman pointed out, each time the Jets seemed to be gaining some traction, Fort Frye had an answer.

The Belmont Countians got to within eight three times in the fourth, but only as close as six once and that came on a trey by junior Luke Merritt, who led his team with 16

Union Local, which has hung its hat on its 3-point shooting, struggled from the field. On top of shooting just fourof-18 from behind the line, they were 13-of-38 from inside the arc, including a bevy of missed layups.

"We practiced (at OUE) a few times this week, so it shouldn't have been like we were not used to shooting here," Delman said. "The ball didn't bounce our way tonight in terms of the shooting performance. Sometimes, when you rely on the 3-point shot and it's not going, it can quickly become a recipe for disaster."

While the Jets were led by Merritt's 16 and Nathan Mey-

er's 14. Hunter McCort added eight.

Fort Frye was led by Brady Schilling, who was named the recipient of the John Howell MVP Award, finished with 17 points.

Included was a sharp 9-of-10 effort at the. Taking that a step farther, he hit five-of-six from the stripe in the fourth

Shadyside

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the third, the last coming at the 2:14 lighting, ballooning the lead to 53-34. Coach Ed Andes' squad was able to pare the gap to 58-44 entering the final chapter.

Shadyside, with Hendershot leading the way, methodically made matters interesting in the final eight minutes.

A Hendershot trey brought the Tigers to within 66-

59 at the 1:59 mark. Hard-working sopho-more Mason Vannest buried another Tiger trifecta to make it a 66-62 score with 1:24 to play.

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> - Ed Andes Shadyside Head Coach

Lee. however. slowed the Tigers'

surge, meshing two charity tosses. After a Tiger miss from the floor, Lee drained two more freebies for a 70-62 Central advantage with 38.8 to play.

Seconds later, Lee added one more free throw before Shadyside sophomore Korey Beckett nailed a bonus ball with 7.2 seconds left, making it a 71-67 score. Central's J.C. Maxwell, however, delivered the final nail in the Tigers' coffin with a free throw with 6.5 ticks left.

"What can you say about Avery? He was super again (Saturday). Avery has been playing and practicing very well for a good while now," Stephens said. "We didn't play the best of defense in the first quarter, but Shadyside has weapons. They shot it well.

"But we did like the tempo. We like to get it out and so the pace was good. Shadyside made (Maxwell) made a couple of 3s that help to slow them down. We probably need to spend some more time on timeand-score. But I am happy for my players and coaches. It's very nice winning OVAC titles."

Maxwell and Reasbeck were Lee's chief support with 15

and 13 points, respectively.

Hendershot was nothing short of sensational in a losing cause. The 6-3 dandy equalled Lee's 34 points, 14 coming in the final quarter. He now has over 1,400 career points.

Beckett was next with nine counters.

'We missed way too many easy shots. We had good looks but left too many points on the table," Andes said. "We played well in the first and fourth quarters but had trouble scoring in the middle two.

"Lee was tremendous for them, as was Kelly for us. We made a nice run, cutting it to four. Give Wheeling Central credit. They are a very good team."

Michael Toepfer grabbed nine rebounds for Central. Hendershot collared eight for the Tigers.

Daytona

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some of it prompted by Trump's dramatic entrance. Thousands cheered as Air Force One performed a flyover and landed at Daytona International Airport a few hundred yards behind the track. Trump's motorcade arrived a few minutes later, eliciting another loud ovation. Both entrances were broadcast on giant video boards around the super-... speedway.