

# New Philadelphia Pounds Steubenville, 31-0

By ED LOOMAN  
For The Intelligencer

NEW PHILADELPHIA — A rare road appearance under the Thursday night lights just did not work out well for Big Red.

New Philadelphia dominated play on both sides of the ball, scored points off three Big Red turnovers (the visitors turned it over five times in all) and rolled to a 31-0 victory inside Woody Hayes Quaker Stadium.

The loss was the first in four outings for coach Reno Saccoccia's club, which was ranked sixth in the initial Ohio AP Division III poll. The Quakers, who were playing their initial home game of the season, improved to 3-1 and now lead their all-time series with Steuben-

ville, 7-5-1.

"New Philadelphia is a good football team, but (Thursday) we made them look a lot better," Saccoccia said. "We got started on the wrong foot and stayed on the wrong foot for four quarters."

Coach Matt Dennison's Quakers wasted no time in taking control of the contest. After the defense delivered a three-and-out, New Philadelphia quickly marched 69 yards for its first score. It came on a 34-yard pass from Caden O'Neill to Caden Richmond, who was uncovered by the Steubenville defense.

Big Red's next drive stalled at its own 39. The Quakers took over at their 41. After two running plays lost 5 yards, O'Neill broke the defensive containment and sprinted 64 yards for a

touchdown. Elliott Warner's kick made it 14-0.

Midway through the second period, Matthew Beach recovered a Big Red fumble at the Steubenville 15.

Logan Ortt took it in from there, and the hosts had a 21-0 lead at the intermission.

In the opening half, New Philadelphia, which now has won two straight over Big Red, compiled 195 yards of offense on just 21 plays, while Steubenville has 97 on 27 snaps.

Steubenville started the second half with an onside kick that was recovered by Niko Suriano at the Quaker 49. After a couple of Nate McShan carries, a Cade Kernahan pass was picked by New Philadelphia's Drew Dummer-

muth.

The Quakers struck again with 4:34 left in the third after recovering another Steubenville fumble. The score came on a 32-yard field goal by Warner.

Saccoccia's club mounted a serious scoring threat on its next possession. Big Red moved from its 20 to the New Philadelphia 8. Kernahan powered the march with completions of 20 yards to Hakim Edwards and 33 yards to Aaron Ferguson. Unfortunately, Steubenville ended up turning the ball over on downs.

Big Red threatened again the next time it had the ball. Kernahan connections with Spencer Ostovich, Tylik

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Photo by Kristin Mazgaj

Linsly's Ryan Dembiczak follows through on a swing during Thursday's OVAC 3A Championship at Crispin.

## Linsly Golf Sits Atop OVAC 3A

Dembiczak finishes two under to earn medalist

By SETH STASKEY  
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — All OVAC championships are cherished at the Linsly School.

The golf crown the Cadets captured Thursday afternoon under ideal conditions at Oglebay Park's Crispin Course will always rank extremely high on the list of the 18 the school now owns.

And that's for a myriad of reasons, too.

Obviously, Linsly isn't eligible for West Virginia post-season play, making the conference tournament the biggest goal. Additionally, the Cadets played five seniors, all of whom had been part of three consecutive runner-up finishes.

If that wasn't enough, throw in the fact that a little less than a week ago there was a huge question mark as if Linsly could even compete because of the COVID-19 pandemic and the state of West Virginia's color-coded map, which had Ohio County listed as 'Orange' last Saturday morning.

The county dipped back to 'yellow' by Saturday afternoon, the Cadets were eligible and didn't let the opportunity pass by. Firing an impressive score of 295, Linsly captured its first conference title on the links since 2014.

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# Park Returns to Glory, Wins OVAC 5A Title



Photo by Cody Tomer

Left: Brooke senior Ryan Bilby watches his shot fly from the fairway during Thursday's OVAC 5A Championship at Oglebay's Jones Course. Right: Wheeling Park's Gavin Goodrich putts on the 12th green.

## Brooke's Bilby shoots bogey-free round for third straight crown

By CODY TOMER  
Sports Writer

WHEELING — The Wheeling Park golf team and Brooke senior Ryan Bilby played Thursday afternoon like it was their last round of golf of the year.

It quite possibly could have been with everyday in question due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but Thursday at Oglebay's Jones Course was all about leaving it all on the course.

The Patriots returned to glory, winning their third OVAC 5A title in the last four years and Bilby capped an incredible, bogey-free round of 65 (6-under par) with his third straight OVAC championship triumph.

Wheeling Park shot a 314 to

edge out defending champion Dover (336), led by sophomore standout Gavin Goodrich, who carded a 76 to earn All-OVAC honors.

Seniors Noah Seivertson and James Salvatori shot 78 and 83, respectively, while Owen Leary and freshman Campbell Koegler turned in scores of 79 and 81, respectively.

"It's special," Park coach Don Headley said of winning three OVAC titles with his two seniors. "Last year we didn't have any seniors but now old man time caught up to us and (Seivertson and Salvatori) are seniors."

"Young guys will have to fill their shoes and they did a great job (Thursday). It was a group effort. Not only with those two seniors but

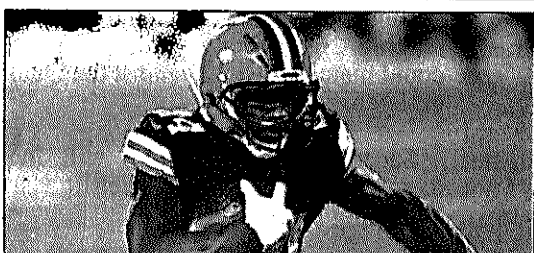
they have great teammates and their teammates picked them up and carried us to a win.

"I just hope COVID doesn't stop this because we want to make a legitimate run at it. We'll just have to see how things work out."

Goodrich's positive personality on the course helped him birdie holes 4, 11 and 18 on his way to a strong finish.

"I just love being out there and having fun," Goodrich said. "Playing the ball down on Jones is a totally different animal but I thought I handled it well. I made a few putts. I didn't start out well but I got it back with a birdie and made a few shots."

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# Browns Hold Off Burrow, Bengals

By TOM WITHERS  
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Baker Mayfield found Odell Beckham Jr. and maybe some of his missing swagger.

pass in the first half as the Browns (1-1) rebounded from an atrocious performance last week in Baltimore, where they were roughed up 38-6 by the Ravens and looked mostly inept

Burrow's third TD pass — a 9-yarder to Tyler Boyd with 43 seconds left — pulled the Bengals within five, but the Browns recovered the ensuing onside kick and ran out the

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Zervos Nets 11 Goals in John Marshall Victory

SISTERSVILLE - Zara Zervos couldn't be contained, slowed or stopped on Thursday night as she recorded 11 goals in a monster 12-0 victory for John Marshall over Tyler Consolidated.

Williamstown 4, Linsly 1 WILLIAMSTOWN - Despite the setback to Williamstown, Payton Storch found the back of the net on an assist from Riley Maroney to pace the Cadets.

Stebenville Catholic 4, Madonna 1 STEUBENVILLE - The Crusaders scored a goal about two minutes into the match, and they controlled the game from that point on, en route to a victory against Madonna to knock the Blue Dons from the ranks of the unbeaten.

Maria Meyer recorded two goals to lead the way for the Crusaders, while Becca Bolster and Ellen Rhode each collected a goal. Bella Zinno chipped in

with an assist. Bre DeChristopher made eight saves.

Angelina Spicakrd produced the lone goal for the Blue Dons off of an assist by Isabella Pulice.

St. Clairsville 6, Harrison Central 0 CADIZ - St. Clairsville remained unbeaten in boys' high school soccer action. And did so impressively.

Nate Thornburg found the net twice and assisted on a third goal as the Red Devils (5-0-2) blanked homestanding Harrison Central on the artificial surface at Wagner Field.

Caden Stout also tallied a pair of goals while Jesse Brannan also scored. The Huskies (1-7) were guilty of an own-goal when an attempted clearing shot deflected off one of their players and into the net. Sean O'Grady and Anthony Vcelka logged assists. Goalkeeper Shane Jackson was only called upon to make two saves.

LINSLY

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"I am really happy for our seniors," Cadets coach Mark Landini said. "We know what it feels like to finish second and we also knew Fort Frye and Barnesville were tough. We knew we'd have to play our best (to win)."

Linsly played probably as close to its best as it could. The Cadets' score was 24 shots better than Fort Frye and 27 fewer than two-time defending champion Barnesville.

That sort of score was fueled by three players - Ryan Dembiczak, Dylan Dunlevy and Aidan Grubler - who earned a spot on the All-OVAC squad, which includes the top five overall players.

Dembiczak blitzed the Crispin course. He set the tone for the round immediately off the first tee by making a birdie and really never looked back, finishing with a round of 2-under, 69.

"As soon as I birdied the first, I was thinking about parring out and making a couple of birdies on the par fives," Dembiczak said. "My putting was on point and it led to a good start. The birdie (at one) definitely helped significantly because you realize that you can score and play well if you're dialed in."

Dembiczak made the turn at 3-under 33 and played a bit more conservative-

ly on the back side where he finished with a 36.

"I was able to get up and down on five, six and seven, and I had a feeling I was going to birdie eight and nine for that 33," Dembiczak said. "I only had 28 putts, which is something you can't complain about. This (OVAC) title is something that I've wanted or thought about since my freshman year. It's a special feeling."

Dunlevy finished with a 74 and Grubler was a shot back. The fourth Cadet score to be counted was Geno Bisbocci's solid effort of 77.

"I am so happy that these kids get to go out as champions," Landini said, fighting back emotion. "(Last Saturday) we woke up in the morning thinking we weren't even going to get a chance to compete for (the OVAC). It just means a lot and having been through that really adds to it. All four of our guys are capable of shooting well and they brought it (Thursday)."

Barnesville junior Carter Wells finished as the runner-up medalist, signing for a round of even-par, 71.

The other spot on the All-OVAC squad went to Monroe Central freshman Zander Potts, who posted a 5-over, 76, while playing in the fourth position.

BOYS

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VOLLEYBALL

Barnesville d. Bridgeport 25-8, 25-4, 25-17

BRIDGEPORT - Barnesville made quick work of Bridgeport.

Ava McFarland paced the Shamrocks with 18 points and 13 assists, while Rylee Stephens delivered 13 points, six kills, five aces and five digs, Keirston Adams accounted for 12 points, five aces and five assists and Halle Markovich added 10 kills.

The Bulldogs were led by Brooke Stewart's two aces, five points and four digs. Hannah Graham had two kills and two digs.

Shadyside d. Wheeling Central 25-4, 25-18, 25-11

SHADYSIDE - Tory Hendershot paced Shadyside with nine kills and six aces in a sweep of Wheeling Central.

Gentry Brown supplied 11 kills and five digs in the win, while Baylee Wach added eight aces and four kills.

GLORY

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"I've come a long way. I had knee surgery in February and wasn't able to get out on the course but I was able to putt, chip and get the short game down. I feel like I've really improved in that area of my game."

As for Bilby, Brooke coach Ron Ujcich Jr. said he wanted two things from him at the beginning of the season. Bilby delivered both Thursday.

"That was one of the most incredible rounds I've ever seen," Ujcich said. "We were coming back from Pinehurst before the season started and I asked him for a 65 and I wanted a bogey-free round. He hasn't done either in four years and he did it all in one day."

POUNDS

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Sims and Ivan Buggs moved the pigskin to the New Philadelphia 26. The Quaker defense delivered another interception and returned the pick to the Steubenville 8. Reise Meechan found the end zone from there to finish the scoring and kick-in the OHSAA running clock rule.

The winners finished with 245 rushing yards. Meechan collected 89 and O'Neill 81.

Steubenville was missing several starters on both sides of the ball, but Saccoccia said those injuries were not a key factor in the outcome.

St. Clairsville d. Martins Ferry 25-9, 25-11, 25-15

MARTINS FERRY - In a sweep of Martins Ferry, Chloe Biancarelli turned in 11 kills, 10 assists and six digs to lead the Red Devils.

Alexis Thoburn accumulated 12 kills and seven digs, Lydia Wees recorded eight kills and Shae Brookover added 18 assists and five aces.

Indian Creek d. Buckeye Local 25-7, 25-10, 25-7

WINTERSVILLE - Alexa Williams turned in five points and four kills, while Cassidy George added nine digs but Buckeye Local fell to Indian Creek.

GOLF

St.C. Finishes third in quad CAMBRIDGE - St Clairsville finished third in a quad golf tournament.

The Red Devils finished with a 209 in a field that also included Meadowbrook, Maysville and Edison.

Saul Crist led the Devils with a 45.

PIRATES

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him seven in his last nine games and 12 this season. Josh Donaldson also went deep for Minnesota and was ejected for kicking dirt on home plate. He had been upset by a pair of strike calls by plate umpire Dan Belli-

MARLINS 3 MIAMI (AP) - Nathan Eovaldi (3-2)

pitched five shutout innings, Rafael Devers had a three-run homer and Kevin Plawewski hit a two-run single for Bos-

help rally the Mets past Philadelphia.

YANKEES 10 BLUE JAYS 7 NEW YORK (AP) -

The Yankees tied a major league record with five home runs in an in-

Up next

Saccoccia and his team will look to rebound on Sept 25 when it visits Wheeling Park.



# SPORTS

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**ABOVE:** St. Clairsville junior Saul Crist tees off during Tuesday's OVAC 4A Golf Championship held at Oglebay Park's Spiedel Golf Club. Crist finished in the top five overall, earning All-OVAC. The Red Devils finished third in the team standings.

**BELOW:** St. Clairsville junior Will Foster tracks an approach shot on the 17th hole of Tuesday's OVAC 4A Golf Championship held at Oglebay Park's Spiedel Golf Club. He finished third in the event.

T-L PhotoS/SETH STASKEY

## Steubenville CC claims 1A/2A OVAC golf title

By CODY TOMER  
For The Times Leader

**WHEELING** – Wheeling Central's Justin Doerr, only a sophomore, did not shy away from the moment on Tuesday afternoon at Oglebay's Crispin Golf Course.

In a playoff hole for the 1A/2A OVAC title and going head-to-head with senior and last year's defending champion Cole Tegano of Steubenville Catholic, Doerr stepped right up and drained a four-foot birdie putt to earn his own OVAC medalist award.

"It was just another hole of golf to me," Doerr said of the playoff hole. "I just had to keep playing and keep hitting it."

"It's an awesome feeling. Not a lot of people get a chance to compete as a sophomore so I'm excited to have a couple more years left to do it."

Doerr and Tegano's group finished long before the rest of the field and with a large lead, the two elected to go-ahead with the playoff hole instead of waiting until the end.

"I just wanted to go," Tegano said. "I was loose and I felt good with my tee-shot on 1 because I could drive the green but I hit it a little left of the green and it was a bad spot to get up and down."

"I just couldn't get it done."

Doerr and Tegano each finished 18 holes tied at 70 after both shooting 35 on the front and back nines.

The two went back-and-forth all day atop the leaderboard.

On the front nine, Doerr and Tegano each surged out to two-stroke leads only to see the other rally from behind.

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## Beaver wins first OVAC golf title

• St. C. places two on All-OVAC 4A squad

By SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Editor

**WHEELING** – Consistency is the name of the game for any golfer.

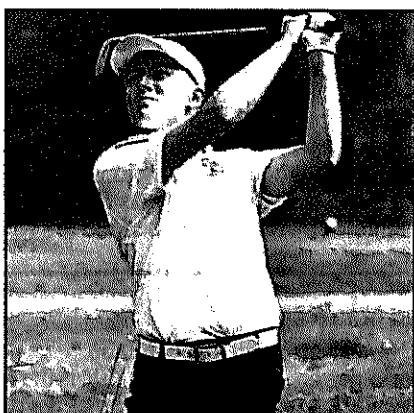
It's especially true when golf becomes a team sport.

Beaver Local has demonstrated time and time again, so far this season, that it has mastered that trait.

And it was on full display again Tuesday at the challenging Jones Course at Oglebay Park's Spiedel Golf Club during the annual OVAC Class 4A Championship.

The Beavers had nary a player shoot higher than a 90 and produced the overall class champion in junior Luke Eyster as they claimed the school's first conference title in golf with a solid 344 score.

"We have a great, young team," Pierson said. "They played very solid



golf (Tuesday). We're excited to win this. This was one of our goals."

Beaver's total was 10 shots better than runner-up Cambridge and 14 strokes fewer than St. Clairsville.

"I had a good idea of what everyone else was like, but I had no idea what Cambridge was like," Pierson said. "It was a blind shot with them, but we overcome and that's what we've been doing all season."

Eyster set the pace for the Beavers. Playing in the number one player spot in a group that included Cambridge's A.J. Wilkin, St. Clairsville's Will Foster and Harrison senior Sam Santille, Eyster caught fire in a three-hole stretch on the backside of the course. He birdied 13, 14 and 15, but opened the door for the others in the group with a double on the 16th.

"Winning the OVAC was one of my goals ever since I started high school because I realize how prestigious it is to win this," Eyster said. "I played well and got it done."

Thinking back to his birdie holes, Eyster pointed at his ball striking as a pivotal part.

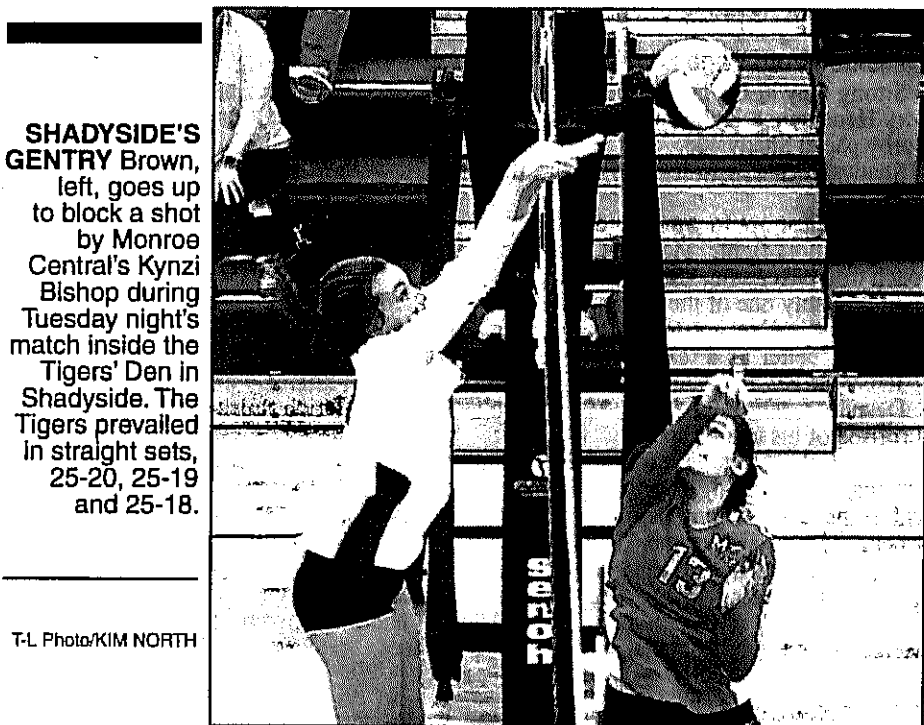
"My putting was good and I just kept calm," Eyster said. "If I hit a bad shot, I was able to remain calm and just focus on the next shot. I couldn't have drawn those three (birdie) holes any better because the course was very challenging. It was very well thought out by the Spiedel staff."

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Photo/CODY TOMER

**SHADYSIDE'S GRACE** Green watches her tee shot during Tuesday's OVAC class 1A/2A championship at Oglebay's Crispin Course.



**SHADYSIDE'S GENTRY** Brown, left, goes up to block a shot by Monroe Central's Kynzi Bishop during Tuesday night's match inside the Tigers' Den in Shadyside. The Tigers prevailed in straight sets, 25-20, 25-19 and 25-18.

T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

## Shadyside completes season sweep of MC

By KIM NORTH  
Times Leader Sports Writer

**SHADYSIDE** – Many times in athletics it's not how you start, but how you finish.

Such was the case Tuesday night inside the Tigers' Den as Shadyside (9-0) overcame an 8-2 deficit in the first set to sweep visiting Monroe Central by scores of 25-20, 25-19 and 25-18. It was the second time the Orange has swept the Seminoles in less than two weeks.

The Seminoles (7-2) grabbed the early lead but couldn't overcome mistakes and a solid Shadyside squad.

With senior Baylee Wach at the service line in the opening set, the hosts reeled off five points to draw even at 8. After an exchange of points, Shadyside scored seven of

the next eight points to take a 16-10 advantage it would never relinquish.

Monroe Central closed the gap to 21-17 but couldn't get a serve over the net late as the Tigers prevailed.

"I don't like the slow start, but we came back and tied it up and kept the momentum through that set and the rest of the way through," Shadyside head coach Eric Mercer said.

"The girls responded really well. Monroe Central is always a good team. They never give up and will push you until the end," Mercer added. "I'm pleased with how my team hung in there."

The two teams were knotted at 3 early in the second set. However, the Tigers ran off 10 of the next 11 points to take control.

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# Reds inch closer to playoffs with win over Pirates

CINCINNATI (AP) — Tucker Barnhart hit a home run and Brian Goodwin prevented one with a leaping catch as the Cincinnati Reds extended their winning streak to a season-high four games with a 4-1 victory Tuesday night over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Michael Lorenzen (2-1) looked sharp in a spot start, helping Cincinnati inch closer to a playoff spot.

The third-place Reds went into the game higher than fourth in the NL Central for the first time since Aug. 23. They were 1 1/2 games behind second-place St. Louis and ninth in the overall National League standings, one game behind the Giants for the final post-season berth.

San Francisco's game at Seattle was postponed because of poor air quality.

The top two teams in each division and the two teams in the league with the next-best records qualify for the playoffs.

"It feels like we have a lot of momentum on our side and we haven't felt that all year," Lorenzen said.

"It feels like we're picking up steam. It's a really good feeling when you're getting timely hits and robbing home runs like Goody did tonight. We haven't felt like that."

"Balls are dropping in on offense instead of us hitting rockets at guys. A 60-game season can flip in an instant. It feels like we're in a good position."

Lorenzen, primarily a reliever since starting 21 games in 2015, made his first 2020 start as the Reds try to bolster a rotation hampered by injuries to Sonny Gray and Wade Miley. The right-hander allowed one run and four hits in five innings with no walks and six strikeouts.

"I really didn't know what to expect," Reds manager David Bell said. "He has pitched three, four innings. He thought he was going to pitch a complete game, so I figured it would be somewhere in between. I didn't want to limit him."

The Reds took a 3-0 lead in the first while Joe Musgrove was throwing 28 pitches. Shogo Akiyama and Nick Castellanos opened the inning with singles and

He landed about right."

Pittsburgh's only run came in the fourth on Ke'Bryan Hayes' double and Colin Moran's single.

Tejay Antone and Lucas Sims combined for three innings of shutout relief before Amir Garrett pitched the ninth for his first career save, getting help from Goodwin's grab that robbed Moran of a leadoff homer to center field.

Garrett took off his cap and saluted Goodwin.

"I saw it pretty good," said Goodwin, acquired by the Reds from the Angels at the Aug. 31 trade deadline.

"I've got a pretty good view out there, especially on the other side of the ball. You can really see it. I was locked in and focused on every pitch (Garrett) was throwing. I'm starting to get more comfortable knowing where the walls are and the track."

The Reds took a 3-0 lead in the first while Joe Musgrove was throwing 28 pitches. Shogo Akiyama and Nick Castellanos opened the inning with singles and

Joey Votto, walked.

Jesse Winker forced Votto at the plate with a chopper to Musgrove, but the right-hander hit Mike Moustakas on the left foot with a pitch to force in a run.

Votto scored on Goodwin's sacrifice fly. Freddy Galvis followed with an RBI single.

Barnhart led off the second with his fourth homer, a no-doubter to right field.

None of the Pirates players even turned to watch.

Musgrove (0-5) settled down after Barnhart's drive, finishing five innings.

He gave up six hits, four runs and one walk. He retired 11 of the last 12 batters he faced.

"I felt good the whole night, really," Musgrove said. "No pun intended, but I kind of shot myself in the foot by hitting Moustakas with the curveball. If I punch him out, the flow of the inning's different, the energy's different. It's super frustrating to have a guy in a count (0-2) like that and then put him on."

## BABIES CHANGE EVERYTHING

Eugenio Suarez was scratched from Cincinnati's lineup after being placed on the paternity list 3 1/2 hours before the first pitch. Suarez missed the afternoon team photo shoot.

## FINDING SEATS

The Pirates have allowed at least one home run in a season-high 12 consecutive games.

## WELCOME, BLAKE

RHP Blake Cederlind, recalled earlier Tuesday, made his major league debut, taking over for Musgrove in the sixth.

## TRAINER'S ROOM

Cincinnati placed RHP Jose De Leon on the 10-day injured list with a right groin strain. He left the second game of Monday's doubleheader after facing two batters.

## UP NEXT

**Pirates:** Rookie RHP J.T. Brubaker (1-1) makes his first career appearance against Cincinnati.

**Reds:** RHP Luis Castillo (2-5) has won his last two starts, including a two-hitter at St. Louis Friday.

## Martins Ferry completes sweep of Bridgeport in prep volleyball

BRIDGEPORT — The invading Purple Riders completed the season volleyball sweep of the Bulldogs Tuesday evening by scores of 25-16, 20-25, 25-13 and 25-15.

Bridgeport was led by sophomore Emmi Felton's nine kills, three assists and two digs. Kaylee Bain added six points, three kills, four assists and four digs. Campbell Kropka had 12 points and a dig. Markie McCormick had 13 assists, two kills and two digs. Hannah Graham added four kills and three digs.

Edlson d. St. Clairville  
RICHMOND — Edison

picked up another win, toppling the Red Devils in four sets, 25-23, 21-25, 25-23, 25-20.

St. C. Was led by Ella Brak's 16 kills and 20 digs. Alexis Thoburn added 12 digs. Lydia Sees had 15 kills and three blocks. Shae Brookover had 15 assists and two aces.

Toronto d.  
Buckeye Local

CONNORVILLE -- The invading Red Knights rallied to win three straight sets after dropping the opening set to defeat the Panthers, 19-25, 25-9, 25-20 and 25-8.

Alex Williams led the

Panthers with five aces, 12 points and eight kills.

Isabella Hepburn had eight blocks and three kills. Abbey Kinyo added 15 assists, nine points and six blocks.

Kassidy George had 40 digs and eight points.

GOLF  
Barnesville tops  
Monroe, Magnolia

AT SWITZERLAND, the Shamrocks fired a round of 170 to take down the Seminoles (184) and Blue Eagles (199).

Barnesville's Carter Wells was the match medalist with a round of 2-over, 37.

## School leader: B1G football on hold until questions answered

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
AP College Football Writer

The University of Wisconsin chancellor said Tuesday that Big Ten football will remain on hold until there are answers to questions about COVID-19 testing and tracing, along with possible long-term heart issues related to the coronavirus.

Chancellor Rebecca Blank said once the Big Ten university leaders have their concerns addressed "we will try to plan a delayed season."

A month after postponing games, conference leaders are considering playing a fall season after all. There were weekend meetings on a plan to begin play as soon as mid-October.

Blank, appearing at a congressional hearing on compensation for college athletes, was asked by Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) about the Big Ten's decision last month and whether the conference might reverse course.

"There were several main reasons for that," Blank said. "One was that we were uncertain we could do the level of testing and contact tracing that we needed to keep athletes safe. Secondly, there was this growing evidence about heart-related myo-

carditis and that evidence was uncertain and it wasn't clear what it means and we wanted to know more. There were a few other minor reasons."

She would not predict which way a vote to return to play would go.

"Decisions within the Big Ten are largely majority based decisions, but I'll be honest, we almost always decide everything by consensus. We very rarely take votes," Blank said.

A court filing earlier this month disclosed that Big Ten presidents and chancellors voted 11-3 in favor of postponing all fall sports. Iowa, Nebraska and Ohio State voted against the move.

When the next decision comes from the Big Ten was unclear, though KETV in Omaha posted video Tuesday of University of Nebraska President Ted Carter saying, "We're getting ready to announce the Huskers and Big Ten football tonight," before he spoke at an unrelated news conference.

Carter later told KLKN in Lincoln that statement was taken out of context.

"When there is any news to share or confirm regarding any Big Ten board decision, it will be announced by the Big Ten," University of Nebraska spokeswoman Deb Fiddelke said.

## 2 WVU gridders test positive for virus

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — West Virginia's football team has two active confirmed coronavirus cases, coach Neal Brown said Tuesday.

Brown said at his weekly news conference that two freshman walk-ons tested positive, the only such cases in the program.

Brown also said a defensive lineman sat out Saturday's season-opening win over Eastern Kentucky due to contact tracing. Brown identified the lineman as freshman Sean Martin and said he was disappointed because Martin had been expected to play in the opener. "He's well. He's fine. But

he missed the game," Brown said. "He's a guy we wanted to play. He really had his best week of practice last week until he was out. But still, really, really excited about him. I like his make-up, how he's worked since he's been on campus. He's going to be a real bright spot for us."

## • OVAC

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"It was a battle all day for sure," Tegano said. "I was just trying to do what I did last year. It was kind of the same situation last year."

"I went eagle and birdie to win but this year I was trying to hit 16, 17 and 18 and make eagles if possible. I almost had it but not quite."

"(Doerr) is a great player and he made a bunch of putts. He probably made a 70-footer off the green on 7 and a 20-footer off the green on 2. He was just making putts all day."

Tegano didn't leave empty-handed, however. After five straight team championship victories by Wheeling Central, it was Steubenville Catholic emerging from the field to

capture its first OVAC title since 2011 and its 11th overall.

Along with Tegano's runner-up performance, the Crusaders received an All-OVAC showing from Brendan Schaefer, who carded a 77 to finish third overall.

Vince Barcalow turned in an 84, Johnny O'Karma tallied an 87 and Jacquelyn Bensusan added a 117 in the triumph.

"This is truly a testament to the kids," Steubenville Catholic coach Pete Lancia said.

"They played well all day — all five of them. We put in a lot of work and you can see the result. The reality is that we wanted this one really bad. Last year we fell six strokes short and it stung. This was a big one on the calendar."

"I would liked to have seen Cole win and get a medalist and a champion but you can't have everything. That's life."

Frontier finished second with a 326, behind an All-OVAC effort from Karter Satterfield, who finished fifth overall with an 80 and Toronto used an All-OVAC finish from Hunter Keenan, who turned in a 79, to grab third place in the team standings.

Last year's defending champion Maroon Knights placed fourth with a 354.

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Eyster, however, righted the ship for a par on 17 and then overcame a tough pin placement and speed greens on the 18th to clinch the title with a round of 78, which was a shot clear of both Foster and Wilkin.

"The guys in the group and I are all friends off the course and we always have a good time no matter how we're playing," Eyster admitted. "It was easy to know what you had to do to come

out on top."

The title is the first for Eyster. He was the runner-up to Martins Ferry's Luke Krol in 2019.

"Luke is just steady," Pierson said. "He's solid every day of the week."

After Eyster's score, Beaver's second counted score was the 86 produced by Logan Ours.

Sky Pappas, Landen Cameron and Aiden Palarcik all posted a 90.

The aforementioned Wilkin and Foster finished second and third, respectively with a 79.

Wilkin posted a par on the first playoff hole and Foster's putt that would have extended the playoff to a second hole just rolled around the hole.

Joining Eyster, Wilkin and Foster on the All-OVAC team were East Liverpool's Nathan Kelly (82) and St. Clairsville's Saul Crist (84).

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Strong play at the net by Gentry Brown, Tory Hendershot, Kylie Jo Baker and Paige Gorby paced Shadyside.

Shadyside led wire-to-wire in the third set.

"We've just got to work harder as a unit and show more fight," Monroe Central head coach Troy Baker said. "Shadyside is a great team probably one of the better in the Ohio Valley, but we've got to get better as individuals, better as a team and better as a coach."

Despite a few new faces, Mercer isn't surprised of his team's start.

"We graduated quite a few seniors from last season, including four starters but we had some good strength coming off the bench," Mercer said of the Tigers fast start to the season. "The girls just know where each other is going to be. The chemistry is good and it's really all about the pass," Mercer added. "I've told them all year if we

can pass, we'll be fine. You could see that tonight. When we struggled the passing was off a little bit."

Brown led the Tigers with 14 kills, eight digs and five blocks while Gorby recorded nine kills, eight digs and a trio of blocks. Hendershot charted seven kills, five digs and two aces.

Caroline Mercer totaled 33 assists and four digs while Baker had six kills and two digs. Baylee Wach contributed four service aces, three kills and a like number of digs. Kamdyn Elerich finished with half-a-dozen digs.

Kalista Friday paced the Seminoles with 18 digs and four kills. Kynzi Bishop added seven kills, six points (3 aces) and five assists while Trista Morris contributed four kills, 12 digs and five assists. Alexa Marley charted eight points and seven assists. Regan Hamilton had nine digs and six points (2 aces).

## • Steelers



## Seven Players Score in Park Win

By KYLE LUTZ  
Sports Writer

WHEELING — While young, the Wheeling Park girls soccer team has many weapons that it can put on the field. Hence was the case Tuesday evening against rival John Marshall. Seven different players found the back of the net as the Patriots secured a 8-0 victory over the Monarchs at Wheeling Island Stadium.

"We really always emphasize in moving the ball and making the right play. That was really awesome to see," Wheeling Park coach Carrie Hanna said about seven different players finding the back of the net.

Graceylyn Hanna supplied two goals to pace the Wheeling Park offense. She scored the final goal of the first half with 3:50 remaining to put the score at 3-0.

She then opened up the second half with a score on a penalty kick.

However, while the offense was doing its job, the

defense for the Patriots was equally as effective as they kept the shots on goal at a minimum, allowing goalkeeper Ryleigh Hicks to save one shot.

"Our back line is very organized and we have a veteran back line. We have a lot of seniors back there leading us," Coach Hanna said. "We always so the attack starts from the back. It started from their organization and quality distribution from the back to keep us on the attack for most of the game."

Adlie Abraham found the back of the net for the Patriots to put her team on the board.

Kaylee Davis, who also had two assists, put the score at 2-0 with 17:30 left in the first.

After Graceylyn Hanna's two goals, Abby Barki got in on the action followed by a goal from Audrey Lantz and Lily Hanna.

Merritt Delk put the final touches on the game as she found the back of the net to put the score at 8-0 with 3:54 remaining.

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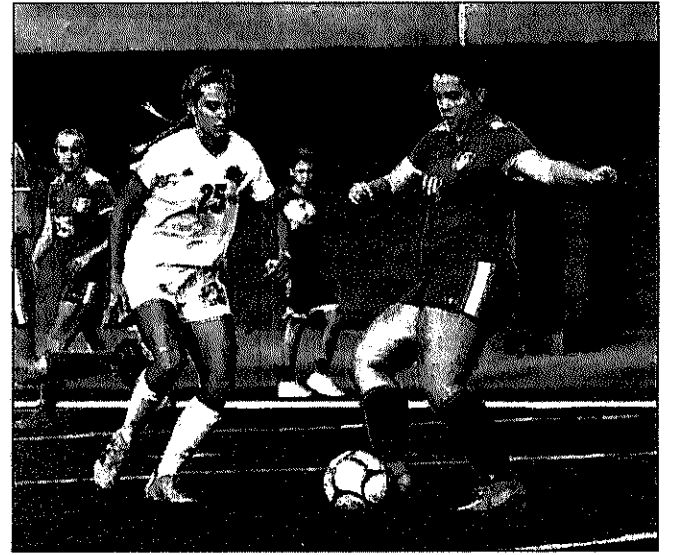


Photo by Kyle Lutz  
Wheeling Park's Loryn Ramsey controls the ball while John Marshall's Zara Zervos goes into defend during Tuesday's game at Wheeling Island Stadium.



Photo by Seth Staskey

St. Clairsville's Will Foster (left) and Beaver Local's Luke Eyster congratulate one another after finishing on the 18th hole during the OVAC 4A Golf Championship.

## Beaver Local Takes 4A Title

By SETH STASKEY  
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WHEELING — Consistency is the name of the game for any golfer.

It's especially true when golf becomes a team sport. Beaver Local has demonstrated time and time again, so far this season, that it has mastered that trait.

And it was on full display again Tuesday at the challenging Jones Course at Oglebay Park's Spiedel Golf Club during the annual OVAC Class 4A Championship.

The Beavers had nary a player shoot higher than a 90 and produced the overall class champion in junior Luke Eyster as they claimed the school's first conference title in golf with a solid 344 score.

"We have a great, young team," Pierson said. "They played very solid golf (Tuesday). We're excited to win this. This was one of our goals."

Beaver's total was 10 shots better than runner-up Cambridge and 14 strokes fewer than St. Clairsville.

"I had a good idea of what everyone else was like, but I had no idea what Cambridge was like," Pierson said. "It was a blind shot with them, but we overcome and that's what we've been doing all season."

Eyster set the pace for the Beavers. Playing in the number one player spot in a group that included Cambridge's A.J. Wilkin, St. Clairsville's Will Foster and Harrison senior Sam Santille, Eyster caught fire in a three-hole stretch on the backside of the course. He birdied 13, 14 and 15, but opened the door for the others in the group with a double on the 16th.

"Winning the OVAC was one of my goals ever since I started high school because I realize how prestigious it is to win this," Eyster said. "I played well and got it done."

Thinking back to his birdie holes, Eyster pointed at his ball striking as a pivotal part.

"My putting was good and I just kept calm," Eyster said. "If I hit a bad shot, I was able to remain calm and just focus on the next shot. I couldn't have drawn those three (birdie) holes any better because the course was very challenging. It was very well thought out by the Spiedel staff."

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## Doerr Earns OVAC Title on Playoff Hole



Photo by Cody Tomer

Wheeling Central's Justin Doerr tees off on the 18th hole of Tuesday's OVAC 1A/2A Championship at Oglebay's Crispin Golf Course.

## Steubenville Catholic notches team victory with 318 score

By CODY TOMER  
Sports Writer

WHEELING — Wheeling Central's Justin Doerr, only a sophomore, did not shy away from the moment on Tuesday afternoon at Oglebay's Crispin Golf Course.

In a playoff hole for the 1A/2A OVAC title and going head-to-head with senior and last year's defending champion Cole Tegano of Steubenville Catholic, Doerr stepped right up and drained a four-foot birdie putt to earn his own OVAC medalist award.

"It was just another hole of golf to me," Doerr said of the playoff hole. "I just had to keep playing and keep hitting it."

"It's an awesome feeling.

Not a lot of people get a chance to compete as a sophomore so I'm excited to have a couple more years left to do it."

Doerr and Tegano's group finished long before the rest of the field and with a large lead, the two elected to go-ahead with the playoff hole instead of waiting until the end.

"I just wanted to go," Tegano said. "I was loose and I felt good with my tee-shot on 1 because I could drive the green but I hit it a little left of the green and it was a bad spot to get up and down. I just couldn't get it done."

Doerr and Tegano each finished 18 holes tied at 70 after both shooting 35 on the front and back nines.

The two went back-and-forth all day atop the leaderboard.

On the front nine, Doerr and Tegano each surged out to two-stroke leads only to see the other rally from behind.

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