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OHIO VALLEY ATHLETIC CONFERENCE CLASS 4A SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

St. Clairsville boys repeat as champs

• Red Devils rally from 2-0 deficit for 3-2 win over Beaver

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WELLSBURG -- Nate Thornburg made a decision to come to St. Clairsville as a sophomore with games like Saturday's OVAC Class 4A championship in mind.

Actually, the talented junior probably couldn't have written a better script than what he saw occur Saturday morning at Brooke Memorial Stadium against Beaver Local.

Behind two goals from Thornburg, including the game winner with less than seven minutes to play, the Red Devils pocketed their second consecutive OVAC Championship and fourth in school history by virtue of a 3-2 victory against the Beavers.

"Scoring that (final) goal means a lot, but the key was the fact that we stuck together as a team," Thornburg said. "We were able to get it done and that's all that matters."

The Red Devils (8-0-2) certainly had to earn the right to hoist the trophy as Beaver Local (7-3-1) shot out to a 2-0 lead in the opening 10 minutes of the game thanks to a pair of goals from senior Chase Flati.

He struck first just 1:45 into the match

and then almost eight minutes later, he got behind the Red Devil defense and tickled the back of the net for the two-goal lead.

"I was really bummed out watching (Beaver) score those first two goals," Thornburg admitted. "But, I knew there was a lot of time left and we just had to pick our heads up and we'd be able to come back."

The Red Devils began their comeback just under three minutes later when Thornburg weaved his way through several Beaver defenders en route to the goal.

That goal seemingly led to a huge exhale from the entire St. Clairsville sideline.

"The boys never let up after we got down," St. C. head coach Jeff Roberts said.

"When it was 2-0, I was thinking 'this can't be happening.' We'd been preparing (for the OVAC title game) since June, basically, and talking about this day, so to fall behind that quickly was a little nerve wracking."

Roberts admitted that at 2-0, he felt the next goal in the game -- regardless of which team scored it -- was "crucial."

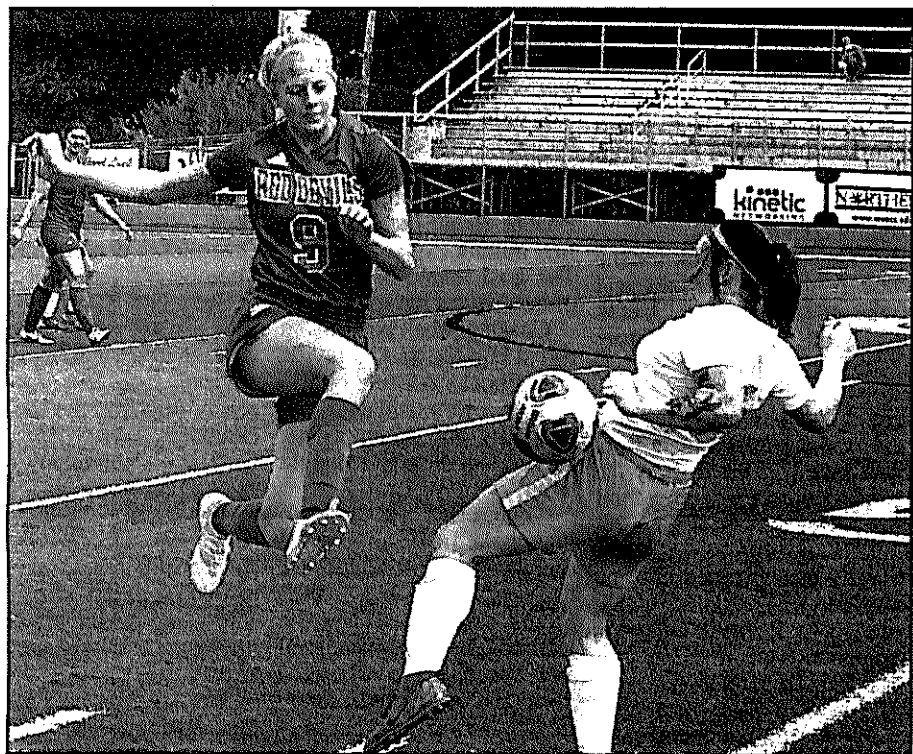
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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Nate Thornburg (21) is congratulated by Noah Palmer (left) and Evan Holstein (16) after scoring what proved to be the game-winning goal Saturday at Brooke Memorial Stadium in the OVAC 4A Soccer Championship against Beaver Local.



T.L. Photo/KIM NORTH

ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Emily Thompson tries to control the ball as Oak Glen's Brooklyn Watts has it carom off of her during Saturday's OVAC Class 4A championship game at Red Devil Stadium in St. Clairsville. The Golden Bears won 5-1 to claim their fourth straight title.

Oak Glen captures 4th straight championship

• St. Clairsville girls have been runnerup three times

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE -- It's tough to win one championship. It's even tougher trying to defend that title. When a team has won three straight crowns it has a bulls-eye on its back while seeking a fourth. However, that was no problem for Oak Glen (8-2).

Saturday afternoon at sun-splashed Red Devil Stadium, the No. 2 seeds made it back-to-back-to-back-to-back Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 4A soccer tournament titles when they upset top-seeded St. Clairsville, 5-1. It marked the third time in the four years -- and second straight -- that the Red

Devils (8-2-1) have found themselves on the short end in the title tilt. Oak Glen defeated Beaver Local two years ago on penalty kicks.

Head coach Ryan Wells stopped short of referring to his program as a dynasty.

"That's not for us to say," he said while sporting a slight smile from behind his COVID-19 mask. "We always talk about consistency and being relevant every year in the OVACs and the West Virginia state tournament."

"I think because of the senior leadership we've had since my first year here, we've been able to do that. You don't want to fluctuate up and down. You want to be consistent every year. You want to be the domi-

nant team with the target on your back every year. I tell the girls that is a great spot to be in and they've shouldered it really well when you gave everyone gunning for you."

Back-to-back-to-back-to-back sounds pretty good though.

"You like to win them all and this senior class has won four in a row, so from their freshmen year on they've done what it takes," Wells added. "We've talked about that. They see this as another stepping stone to the state (W.Va. Class AA tournament). We prepare a certain way for OVACs and then we kind of flip a switch and get ready for regionals and the state."

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Shadyside picks up win over EH

• Victory is 100th for Mark Holenka

By **BUBBA KAPRAL**
For The Times Leader

SHADYSIDE - Down but definitely not out.

Shadyside has encountered a rare rough start to the 2020 grid campaign, dropping close nods to a trio of quality programs while winning just once.

After a lethargic first half Saturday afternoon, the Tigers flashed their perennial-powerful form over the final two quarters, roll-



MARK HOLENKA



Photo/TERRY HANCOCK

SHADYSIDE JUNIOR Wyatt Reiman jumps into the end zone for a third-quarter touchdown during Saturday's game against East Hardy at Fleming Field. The Tigers prevailed, 21-7.

UL blanked by Warren

By **JOE ALBRIGHT**
For The Times Leader

VINCENT -- Every once in a while, even a good offense needs help from its defense until it can officially get going. This was exactly the case for the Warren Warriors in their home matchup with Union Local Saturday afternoon.

Matt Kimes' point-stopping unit holding scoreless a Jets team hoping for an upset and allowing its offense some breathing room was really making things hard on their visitors. They did this via intercepting three passes, scoring on a fumble recovery, and holding the Jets to 152 total yards of

Pirates

• Pittsburgh ends 19-41; Cleveland on to the playoffs

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Indians are staying home for the first round of the postseason — and the New York Yankees are coming to town.

Carlos Santana had four RBIs and delivered a go-ahead, two-run double in the seventh inning as the Indians rallied for an 8-6 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday to gain home-field advantage for their AL wild-card series.

Cleveland (35-25) finished second in the Central and grabbed the No. 4 seed in the American League playoffs when the Chicago White Sox lost to the cross-town Cubs.

"We feel proud of our city and we wanted to play here," Indians designated hitter Franmil Reyes said. "We want to give the city of Cleveland what they deserve, which is to keep winning and a championship."

The Indians, who won seven of their last eight games, host the Yankees in a best-of-three series beginning Tuesday. The opener features a prime pitching matchup, with Cy Young Award favorite Shane Bieber set to face New York ace Gerrit Cole.

"We knew we had a chance to be at home, so that was our No. 1 goal," Cleveland closer Brad Hand said. "It wasn't entirely in our control, but we knew we had to win our game today first."

The Pirates held a 6-2 lead in the bottom of the sixth, when Reyes belted a three-run homer that chased starter JT Brubaker.

Nik Turley (0-3) entered for the seventh, hitting Cesar Hernandez with a pitch and giving up a double to Jose Ramirez before Santana scored them both to put Cleveland ahead 7-6.

A sacrifice fly by Reyes drove in Santana, who hit a two-run homer in the third after promising acting manager Sandy Alomar Jr. that he would make up for his error in the second.

"I told Sandy, 'No worries, I'll get it back for us,'" said Santana, who went 3 for 3 with two doubles and three runs. "I live day to day, I play day to day and right now I'm focused on the baseball playoffs."

James Karinchak (1-2) struck out all three batters he faced in the seventh for his first win in the majors. Hand got four outs for his AL-high 16th save in 16 opportunities.

Ramirez, a leading AL MVP contender, doubled twice and scored two runs. He batted .442 with six homers and 18 RBIs over the final 12 games.

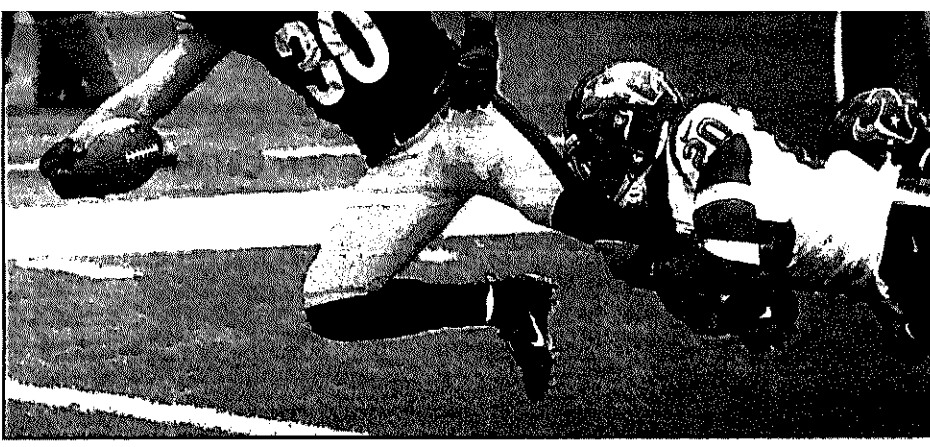
"Jose, that's my MVP there," Reyes said. "The way he carried us at the end was big. Really big, big for the team."

Pirates rookie Ke'Bryan Hayes singled in the first and homered in the third, becoming the first Pittsburgh player with eight straight hits since Andy Van Slyke in 1994.

The 23-year-old also reached base in 10 consecutive plate appearances and finished with a .376 batting average (32 for 85) after making his major league debut on Sept. 1.

Jose Osuna went 3 for 3 with two RBIs and two runs, belting a solo homer in the fifth, and Adam Frazier had a two-run double for Pittsburgh.

The Indians returned to the playoffs for the fourth



AP Photo

PITTSBURGH STEELERS running back James Conner (30) stretches for the end zone to score as Houston Texans strong safety Justin Reid (20) tries to bring him down in the second half of a game, Sunday, in Pittsburgh.

Steelers rally past Texans Texans for 3-0 beginning

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"We're a four-quarter team," Conner said. "Our defense allowed us to get back in it and ... (if) you get us back on offense, we're going to get it going sooner or later."

DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN?

Houston opened 0-3 in 2018 and rallied to win the AFC South. The going might be tougher this season if the defense can't find a way to hold up over 60 minutes. Then again, the schedule hasn't exactly been user friendly either considering Houston opened with road trips to Kansas City and Pittsburgh sandwiched around a home visit by the reigning Super Bowl champions.

"We've got 13 more games," said Watson, who finished 19 of 27 for 264 yards with two touchdowns and the interceptions.

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1-0 every week," he said.

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Washington coach Ron Rivera didn't have a specific update on Young, who will receive more treatment and evaluation Monday. Young joined his teammates on the sideline in the second half and was animated while cheering them on.

Led by Garrett, the Browns' defense, which spent the week hearing about Young and Washington's sack-hun-

"So it's a lot of opportunities out there. We've got to keep building and keep pushing forward."

PASSING 'IRON MIKE'

Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger threw for 237 yards and two touchdowns in his franchise-record 221st appearance, breaking the record set by Hall of Fame center Mike Webster. The 38-year-old even paid tribute to Webster by throwing a block on Houston linebacker Jacob Martin on wide receiver Diontae Johnson's 9-yard reverse in the second quarter.

Roethlisberger gave the credit for his longevity to the men who have protected him throughout the years and stressed he doesn't believe he's eclipsed Webster.

"He's 'Iron Mike' for a reason," Roethlisberger said. "They're never going to call me 'Iron Ben,' I get that. ... It's not like I passed him, I feel like I joined him today."

FAMILY REUNION

The Watt family reunion — just the second game in the NFL in 93 years to feature three brothers — began with a group photo well before kickoff and included Pittsburgh linebacker T.J. Watt and big brother, Houston defensive end J.J. Watt, meeting at midfield for the opening coin toss.

Middle brother Derek, a fullback for the Steelers, watched from the sidelines and spent most of the afternoon there. Derek played occasionally in the first half before leaving with a hamstring injury.

T.J. Watt earned family bragging rights, picking up a key sack on Watson to push back the Texans at the start of their final possession. Watt's sack was the fifth by the Steelers on the afternoon, extending their streak of games with at least one sack to 60, fourth-longest in NFL history.

"I know this really is a once in a lifetime thing," T.J. Watt said.

One J.J. doesn't plan to savor until his team figures things out.

"Someday we'll look back on it and it will be pretty cool," J.J. Watt said. "But right now, sitting at 0-3 it doesn't feel that great."

INJURIES

Texans: S A.J. Moore left with a hamstring injury in the first half and did not return.

Steelers: Johnson exited in the second quarter due to a concussion on the play where Roethlisberger helped pave the way for a short gain.

UP NEXT

Texans: Host Minnesota next Sunday looking to avoid their first 0-4 start since 2008.

Steelers: Travel to Tennessee next week to take on the unbeaten Titans (3-0). Pittsburgh won the last meeting between the two teams 40-17 on Nov. 16, 2017.

on Saturday.
Trainer Kenny McPeck confirmed the decision on Sunday.
Jockey Robby Albarado,

against males, Swiss Skydiver finished second to potential Preknness rival Art Collector in the Blue Grass Stakes on July 11.

• Boys

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"Getting it to 2-1 was a game changer," Roberts said.

With still 22:21 to play in the first half, the Red Devils had squared the match after Caden Stout lofted a shot over the Beaver keeper's head from what appeared to be an impossible 180-degree angle.

The way that the Red Devils climbed back into the game didn't surprise Beaver Local head coach Joseph Zirillo.

"We knew we'd have to play 80 minutes because (St. Clairsville) is a good team," Zirillo said. "We were taking what was given to us and scored early, but we knew we'd have to buckle down on defense."

The score remained that way for the remainder of the half and had the looks that it could be headed to sudden-death overtime, but Thornburg had other ideas.

Beaver turned it over and Thornburg found himself with basically a one-on-one situation with the keeper and got the shot past him.

"We were able to pounce (on that loose ball) and Nate was able to kind of chip it past the goalie," Roberts noted. "The feeling out mode kind of went their way at first and then we got some momentum. But, it was just a battle throughout. Beaver is a great team."

Though disappointed with the loss, Beaver Local head coach Joseph Zirillo believes his team and the Red Devils could clash again.

"We'll bounce back," Zirillo said. "We're an experienced, good team. I am sure we'll see these guys again, and hopefully, we'll have better luck."

• Oak

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"These girls are a different kind of team. They are not stat-driven at all," Wells stressed. "The one stat that we do talk about is the scorebook. We just keep on plugging away ... doing the little things. It's all the small things that led to this win. It was nothing big."

It didn't take long for the focused Golden Bears to strike.

Senior standout Reese Enochs found the net in the first minute (29 seconds in). The goal would be the first of her natural hat trick.

Chasing the ball as it rolled into the St. Clairsville box, Enochs collected the it after it was misplayed and banged it into an empty net from down deep in the right wing.

"You can't put yourself in a hole like that against a team like Oak Glen," St. Clairsville head coach Wes Stoner admitted. "They are well-coached and have skill and speed every where. I guess we just weren't ready to play in the first 30 seconds, nothing against that goal but we should have never let that one in. The other four were legitimate."

Enochs made it 2-0 in the fifth minute when she lofted the ball towards the net from just outside the top of the box. It sailed just under the crossbar and over the outstretched fingers of leaping St. Clairsville goalkeeper Jaeda Nowak.

Brooklyn Watts, who recorded a trio of assists, sent a shot from deep on the right wing that Nowak batted away. The rebound hit the post to Nowak's left and caromed to the right foot of Enochs who did the rest for her 134th career net-finder.

"She's a stud. She's just a stud," Wells raved about his standout goal scorer. "Reese has even started to focus on other aspects of the game. The offensive part of her game comes naturally, she is a scorer and she's going to be a scorer in college. She's the type of player that is going to be able to contribute at the collegiate level right away."

"She's a quiet leader, but the way she finishes on a consistent basis is amazing," he continued. "But her de-

fense has gotten better and her passing has gotten a lot better. She's just a tremendous all-around player."

Watts sent a beautiful cross to Brooklyn Loveland late in the 19th minute and Loveland sent it past a diving Nowak with her right foot for a 4-0 reading.

St. Clairsville avoided being shutout when freshman Delaney Florence knocked home a rebound after Oak Glen goalkeeper Alexus Greenleaf denied Emily Thompson's shot.

Greenleaf finished with five saves, while Nowak was called upon to make 11.

Despite the loss, the season is far over the Red Devils.

"There's something to be said about even making it to this game," Stoner said. "Nothing against anyone else, and losing stinks, but just being in this championship game means a lot, and we've got a lot of soccer left to play."

Already playing with senior standout Macy Malin who is out for the season after knee surgery, the Red Devils got a little more banged up Saturday as Megan Malin was an early exit. Alyssa Bodkin and Nowak were also shaken up but later returned.

"We've got too many girls banged up right now. We have several ankles and one with a rib injury," Stoner noted. "We already had a couple of girls nursing bangs and bruises, but not we got a few more."

St. Clairsville will host Weir Monday at 6 p.m. A special ceremony is planned, according to Stoner.

GAME NOTE

— A moment of silence was held prior to each of the three games Saturday at Red Devil Stadium for Weir sophomore Madison Crowe who was tragically killed on Thursday.

"We have some younger girls that played travel ball with Madison," Wells said. "We played with some heavy hearts Thursday night, even some tears. We had some girls show up really upset. We know the Weirton community is strong ... Hancock County strong with one another. We'll get through it."

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It also was the turning point of the game according to Kimes. "They were kind of driving and we made a great play to get the ball out and from there on out it kind of took the wind out of

Steelers Stay Perfect, Down Texans, 28-21



Pittsburgh wide receiver JuJu Smith-Schuster (19) catches a two point conversion pass from quarterback Ben Roethlisberger with Houston free safety Eric Murray (23) defending.

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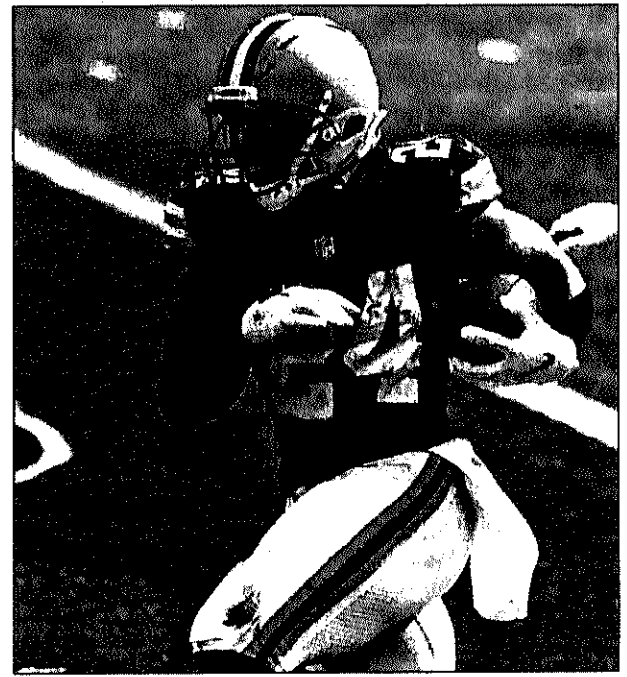
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Cleveland running back Nick Chubb (24) rushes for a touchdown against the Washington Football Team.

Browns Defeat Washington

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With their second straight win under first-year coach Kevin Stefanski, the Browns are 2-1 for the first time since 2011. It's also the first time they've had a winning record since Week 14 in 2014, when they were 7-6 before dropping their last three and costing Mike Pettine his job.

Cleveland had gone 90 consecutive weeks without a winning record. The Browns won just four games from 2015-17.

And while the start is notable, Stefanski downplayed its significance.

"We're just trying to get to 1-0 every week," he said.

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WVU Falls To Oklahoma St.

By JOHN TRANCHINA
Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — For Chuba Hubbard and Oklahoma State, it wasn't pretty, but in the end, when it really mattered, he and his team made the plays they needed to.

Hubbard scored on a 23-yard run with 1:17 remaining to salvage a difficult afternoon and help No. 15 Oklahoma State beat West Virginia 27-13 on Saturday.

Sidelined for a number of key plays after fumbling on consecutive second-half possessions, Hubbard ended up with 101 yards on 22 rushes for his 12th 100-yard performance in his last 13 games. With the additional action, Hubbard's backup, L.D. Brown, gained 103 yards on 11 carries, including a 66-yard touchdown run, for Oklahoma State (2-0, 1-0 Big 12).

It was the first time since a 2016 contest against TCU that Oklahoma State had two different running backs rush for over 100 yards in a Big 12 outing.

"It's not good when you put the ball on the ground," Cowboys coach Mike Gundy said about Hubbard. "And he knows that and he did come back in late and made a cut and made a score, and did good for us, but this is not a secret. He needs to take care of the football."



West Virginia running back Leddie Brown (4) attempts to run past Oklahoma State cornerback Jarrick Bernard-Converse.

True freshman backup quarterback Shane Illingworth, in his first collegiate start, completed 15 of 21 passes for 139 yards, but also had an interception, for the Cowboys.

"That's part of football, you're not going to be able to have games where everything goes as planned," said receiver Tylan Wallace, who had six receptions for 78 yards. "You know you're going to face adversity, we had a lot of that today, and I'm just happy that we fought to the end."

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Madonna Secures Big Win For Weirton Community

By KYLE LUTZ
Sports Writer

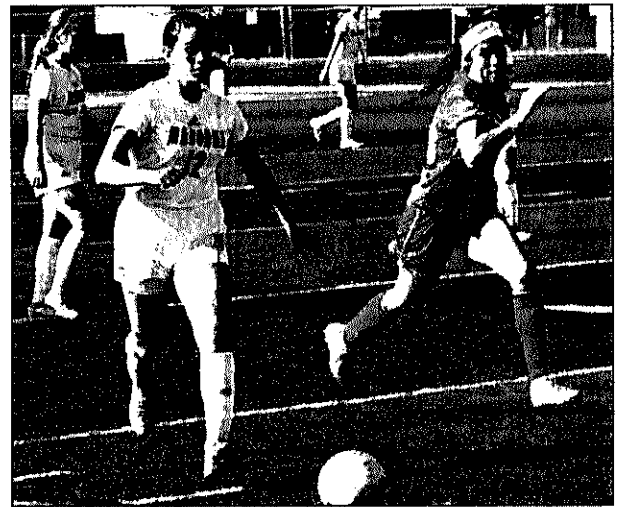
ST. CLAIRSVILLE — For the past few days, the community of Weirton has been dealing with tragedy.

On Thursday, the town was mourning two deaths because of a double homicide. One of the deaths included Weir soccer player Madison Crowe.

With so much to play for, the Madonna girls soccer team may have provided a spiritual lift for the community.

With 5:32 left in the OVAC Class 1A-3A championship match, Maddie Daugherty got by a pair of defenders to chase a loose ball. It was a footrace between her and Steubenville Catholic goalkeeper Bri DeChristopher.

Daugherty got there a half a second sooner, which was just enough time for her to get a foot on the ball and



Madonna's Kristina Lesho controls the ball during Saturday's 1A-3A championship game against Steubenville Catholic.

find the back of the net.

That was the difference maker and Madonna secured the hardware in a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Steubenville Catholic Saturday morning at Red Devil Stadium.

"It was probably the most difficult week for us that I ever had to coach a team." Madonna coach Bob Kolanko said.

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was struck by a backswing Saturday, our played the entire game.

UP NEXT

Pirates: Spring training opener on Feb. 27 against the Red Sox in Fort Myers, Florida.

Indians: AL wild-card series against an undetermined opponent on Tuesday. Bieber (8-1, 1.63 ERA), RHP Carlos Carrasco (3-4, 2.91 ERA) and RHP Zach Plesac (4-2, 2.28 ERA) will be their starters.

Cardinals top Brewers, both reach postseason on final day

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Harrison Bader tripled and homered to help the St. Louis Cardinals clinch a postseason berth on the final day of the regular season with a 5-2 win over Milwaukee, and the Brewers also earned a playoff spot Sunday via help on the West Coast moments later.

St. Louis (30-28) will be the fifth seed in the NL and open a three-game wild-card series at San Diego on Wednesday. By winning, the Cardinals avoided having to travel to Detroit for two makeup games Monday.

PADRES 5, GIANTS 4

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco had its postseason hopes dashed on the final day of the regular season, finishing 29-31 under first-year manager Gabe Kapler.

RAYS 5, PHILLIES 0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Rookie pitcher Josh Fleming allowed four hits over six innings and AL East champion Tampa Bay eliminated Philadelphia from the playoff race.

champion Los Angeles completed a three-game sweep of the Angels.

Pollock's drive gave the Dodgers a major league-leading 118 homers. It was their fifth shutout victory; they went 15-1-4 in series this season.

MARLINS 5, YANKEES 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Miami ended a streak of 10 straight seasons without a winning record, beating New York behind a home run and three RBIs from rookie Jazz Chisholm.

CUBS 10, WHITE SOX 8

CHICAGO (AP) — Reynaldo Lopez (1-3) struggled and the White Sox tumbled out of position for a home playoff series, losing to Kris Bryant and the crosstown Cubs.

RED SOX 9, BRAVES 1

ATLANTA (AP) — Jackie Bradley Jr. homered and made a leaping catch as last-place Boston won its final game under manager Ron Roenicke, beating playoff-bound Atlanta.

DIAMONDBACKS 11

ROCKIES 3

PHOENIX (AP) — Madison Bumgarner pitched five scoreless innings to win his first game for Arizona in his ninth and final start this season.

ROYALS 3, TIGERS 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Brady Singer (4-5) finished his rookie season with a stellar performance, Alex Gordon wrapped up his long Royals career with a fond farewell and Kansas City ended its season with a win over Detroit.

on one in-year back to wear down Washington in the fourth.

"We take pride in those 2-yard dirty runs because we know it takes a toll on the team, and eventually, we will bust one," Chubb said. "The whole game everybody kept telling me, 'Just be patient. It is going to pop. It is going to

some great equity in this sport," said Rivera, who first hired King in Carolina. "Women love this game and a lot of them want to play this game and they play it. A lot of them want to coach it and they're coaching it."

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STEELERS

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DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN?

Houston opened 0-3 in 2018 and rallied to win the AFC South. The going might be tougher this season if the defense can't find a way to hold up over 60 minutes. Then again, the schedule hasn't exactly been user friendly either considering Houston opened with road trips to Kansas City and Pittsburgh sandwiched around a home visit by the reigning Super Bowl champions.

"We've got 13 more games," said Watson, who finished 19 of 27 for 264 yards with two touchdowns and the interceptions. "So it's a lot of opportunities out there. We've got to keep building and keep pushing forward."

PASSING 'IRON MIKE'?

Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger threw for

237 yards and two touchdowns in his franchise-record 221st appearance, breaking the record set by Hall of Fame center Mike Webster. The 38-year-old even paid tribute to Webster by throwing a block on Houston linebacker Jacob Martin on wide receiver Diontae Johnson's 9-yard reverse in the second quarter.

Roethlisberger gave the credit for his longevity to the men who have protected him throughout the years and stressed he doesn't believe he's eclipsed Webster.

"He's 'Iron Mike' for a reason," Roethlisberger said.

"They're never going to call me 'Iron Ben,' I get that. ... It's not like I passed him, I feel like I joined him today."

FAMILY REUNION

The Watt family reunion — just the second game in the NFL in 93 years to feature three brothers — began with a group photo well before kickoff and included Pittsburgh linebacker T.J. Watt and big brother, Houston defensive end J.J. Watt, meeting at midfield for the opening coin toss.

Middle brother Derek, a fullback for the Steelers, watched from the sidelines and spent most of the afternoon there. Derek played occasionally in the first half before

leaving with a hamstring injury.

T.J. Watt earned family bragging rights, picking up a key sack on Watson to push back the Texans at the start of their final possession. Watt's sack was the fifth by the Steelers on the afternoon, extending their streak of games with at least one sack to 60, fourth-longest in NFL history.

"I know this really is a once in a lifetime thing," T.J. Watt said.

One J.J. doesn't plan to savor until his team figures things out.

"Someday we'll look back on it and it will be pretty cool," J.J. Watt said. "But right now, sitting at 0-3 it doesn't feel that great."

INJURIES

Texans: S A.J. Moore left with a hamstring injury in the first half and did not return.

Steelers: Johnson exited in the second quarter due to a concussion on the play where Roethlisberger helped pave the way for a short gain.

UP NEXT

Texans: Host Minnesota next Sunday looking to avoid their first 0-4 start since 2008.

Steelers: Travel to Tennessee next week to take on the unbeaten Titans (3-0). Pittsburgh won the last meeting between the two teams 40-17 on Nov. 16, 2017.

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"We went from the ultimate low when we got the news to the ultimate high with the OVAC championship for us. I prayed all week that the girls were able to focus and did what they needed to do. And they absolutely did. And they did it for one reason. They did it for Madison. She's been a good friend of theirs for years. Some of these girls have been playing soccer with her since they were eight. And they came out on the field and played 80 minutes of the best soccer I've ever seen them play. It's a beautiful thing for them."

And hoisting the hardware was just a little way to ease the pain of what the Blue Dons had to go through the past couple days.

"Practice that day was absolutely crushing," Kolanko said. "We got out there and kicked the ball around a little bit. (Friday's) practice was much better. They started to understand a little bit and reality started to set in. (Saturday), they came out to play. Every ball, they challenged for it and we said at the beginning, 'Pray for Flo. Play for Flo. And play like Flo.' That was her nickname (Mad-Flo). And they did. They really did."

And it was only a matter of time before someone found the back of the net. The Blue Dons had a handful of opportunities in the first half as the majority of the first 40 minutes were played on the Crusaders' side of the field. However, strong goalkeeping by Christopher kept the score at 0-0 at halftime.

She finished the contest with nine saves. Madonna goalkeeper Abby Macek turned in a three save performance.

"You could kind of see at the end of the first half, it was just going to take one," Steubenville Catholic coach Jonathan Hoover said. "Both teams were relatively even. Both teams had great defenses and you could kind of see when the half went on, it was going to be a one goal game. It was just a matter of who was going to find that first goal and unfortunately they found it before we did."

Daugherty, a senior, had never stepped on the soccer field until this year when Kolanko asked her to come out and play, even if it was just for a handful of games.

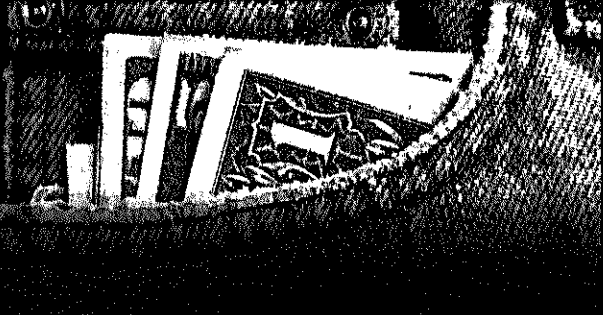
"It was her first year playing soccer," "She's a volleyball and softball player. And I talked her into coming out and playing for us. I said, 'If you could play eight, nine, 10 games because of volleyball season, I'm good with that. Come out and play.' She ran past a couple of defenders. The goalkeeper came out and it was a footrace. And thank God her little feet got there first."

Getting a victory in a championship match is always a confidence booster for the rest of the season. While it will be for the Blue Dons, the victory itself was something much bigger than that.

"But it was important to get this victory for the girls, the program, the whole community of Weirton," Kolanko said. "I'm sure Madison is looking down from above right now, saying, 'Thank you.'"

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Oak Glen Claims 4th Straight OVAC Title

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For The Intelligencer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — It's tough to win one championship. It's even tougher trying to defend that title. When a team has won three straight crowns it has a bullseye on its back while seeking a fourth. However, that was no problem for Oak Glen (8-2).

Saturday afternoon at sun-splashed Red Devil Stadium, the No. 2 seeds made it back-to-back-to-back Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 4A soccer tournament titles when they upset top-seeded St. Clairsville, 5-1. It marked the third time in the four years — and second straight — that the Red Devils (8-2-1) have found themselves on the short end in the title tilt. Oak Glen defeated Beaver Local two years ago on penalty kicks.

Head coach Ryan Wells stopped short of referring to his program as a dynasty.

"That's not for us to say," he said while sporting a slight smile from behind his COVID-19 mask. "We always talk about consistency and being relevant every year in the OVACs and the West Virginia state tournament. I think because of the senior leadership we've had since my first year here, we've been able to do that. You don't want to fluctuate up and down. You want to be consistent every year. You want to be the dominant team with the target on your back every year. I tell the girls that is a great spot to be in and they've shouldered it really well when you gave everyone gunning for you."

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that led to this win. It was nothing big."

It didn't take long for the focused Golden Bears to strike.

Senior standout Reese Enochs found the net in the first minute (29 seconds in). The goal would be the first of her natural hat trick.

Chasing the ball as it rolled into the St. Clairsville box, Enochs collected it after it was misplayed and banged it into an empty net from down deep in the right wing.

"You can't put yourself in a hole like that against a team like Oak Glen," St. Clairsville coach Wes Stoner admitted. "They are well-coached and have skill and speed everywhere. I guess we just weren't ready to play in the first 30 seconds, nothing against that goal but we should have never let that one in. The other four were legitimate."

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Chicago strong safety Tashaun Gipson (38) celebrates his interception of Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan during the second half.

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Philadelphia's Jake Elliott lined up for a 59-yard field goal with 19 seconds left in overtime, but a false start on Matt Pryor forced the Eagles to punt it away and play for the tie.

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PANTHERS 21, CHARGERS 16
INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Carolina was missing Christian McCaffrey, but got big efforts on defense and special teams to give coach Matt Rhule his first NFL victory.

The Panthers forced three Los Angeles turnovers and Joey Slye kicked five field goals in a win over the Chargers.

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The Red Devils (8-0-2) certainly had to earn the right to hoist the trophy as Beaver Local (7-3-1) shot out to a 2-0 lead in the opening 10 minutes of the game thanks to a pair of goals from senior Chase Flati.

Caden Stout also found the back of the net for the Red Devils to tie the game at 2-2.

Seminoles Secure MOVL Golf Title

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By SETH STASKEY
For The Intelligencer

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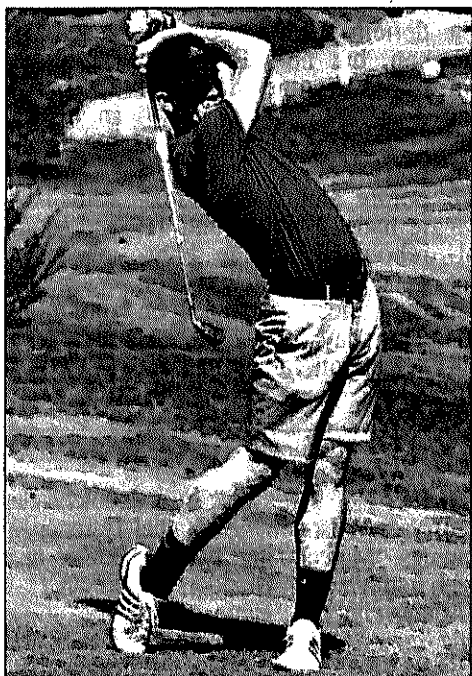
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Photo by Seth Staskey

Steubenville Takes Down John Marshall

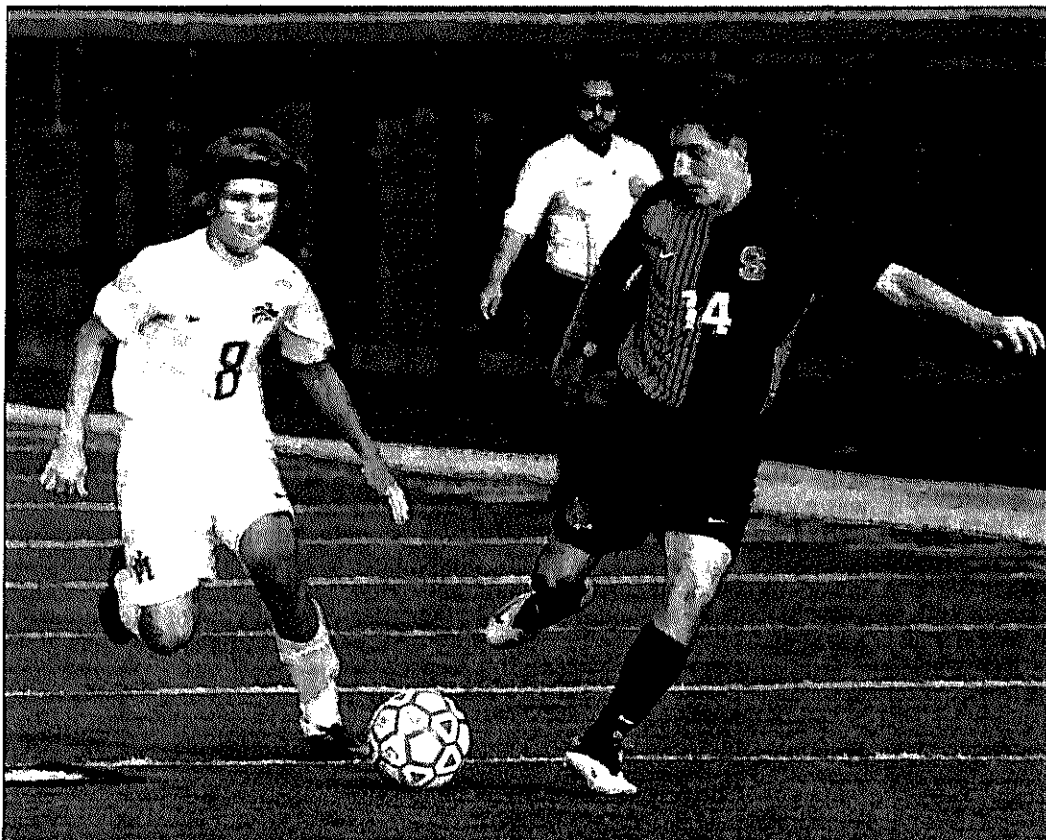


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John Marshall's Hayden Daniels (8) and Steubenville's Austyn Roberts go after a loose ball during Tuesday's game.

Big Red will play Brooke or South in 5A title game

By AARON PETCHAL
For The Intelligencer

STEUBENVILLE — Finishing was not a problem for the Steubenville boys soccer team against John Marshall on Tuesday.

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"We got off to a quick start," Big Red (4-2-3) coach Greg Bowers said. "We were impressed with how we moved the ball. We had some nicely played goals. They were set up well. We had some nice crosses, and

we were able to finish on the other end."

Big Red's fast start left John Marshall behind the eight ball from the opening whistle, as the hosts scored their first goal just 17 seconds into the match.

"They scored 10 or 20 seconds in," John Marshall (2-7) coach Jesus Marin said. "Steubenville is a good team. They made some nice passes. They know exactly what they are supposed to be doing. They may be the fastest team we are going to play. Their coach had them well prepared. They are one of the best teams we are going to see throughout the year."

Big Red collected seven goals in the first half to take a 7-0 lead into halftime. Both

teams scored a goal in the second.

Andrew Neely tallied four goals, John Sidoriak delivered a goal and two assists and Matt Loot and Mike Rook each contributed a goal and an assist for Steubenville. Also, Esteban Serna ended up with a goal, while Theo Loot produced a pair of assists.

"We hope scoring these goals may be a little bit contagious," Bowers said. "Hopefully, we can start finishing better. We were happy to have scored that many goals. The boys did a great job."

J.P. Walsh made three saves in goal for the victors.

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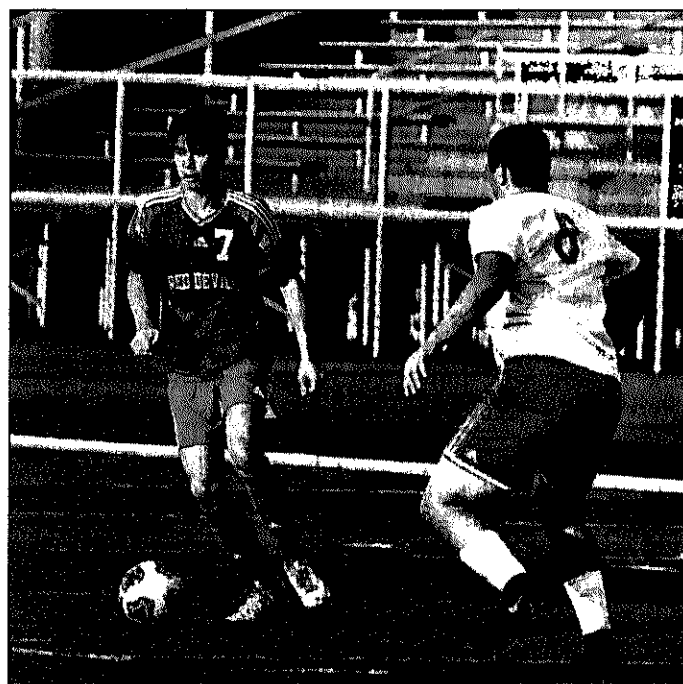


Photo by Kim North

St. Clairsville's Jack Gasber (7) controls the ball as East Liverpool's Justin Christenson defends during Tuesday's Class 4A semifinal matchup.

Red Devils Get Past Potters, 2-1

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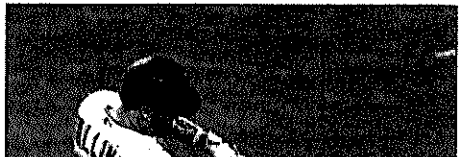
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OVAC CLASS 4A SOCCER SEMIFINALS



ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Noah Palmer, left, watches his shot sail towards the net Tuesday night as teammate Nate Thornburg (21) and East Liverpool's Ayden Wright look on. The shot found the net and ended up being the game-winner in a 2-1 victory. Thornburg had the other goal.

T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

St. C. boys back to defend title

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"Our forwards do have some good foot skills. We really work on that and today was a great team effort," Roberts added.

To East Liverpool's credit,

it never laid down. In fact, the visitors dominated much of the second half and were pressuring when the final buzzer sounded.

"We shot ourselves in the foot in the first half and we dug ourselves a hole that we weren't able to get out of," East Liverpool head coach Chase Hilliard said.

"If we would've played the entire game the way we came out in the second half, it would've been a much better game.

"But we only showed up for 40 minutes instead of 80."

Jacob Myers got the Potters on the scoreboard in the 69th minute when he buried a penalty kick past St. Clairsville goalkeeper Shane Jackson. However, despite a ton of late opportunities, Jackson was up to the test each and every time."

Red Devil girls hoping third time a charm

By **KIM NORTH**
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ST. CLAIRSVILLE — "The third time is a charm" and "Home sweet home" are a pair of old sports adages that the St. Clairsville girls' soccer team is hoping come true Saturday.

The top-seeded Red Devils (8-1-1) continued their storybook season Tuesday night by dispatching fourth-seeded East Liverpool, 5-0, in an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 4 semifinal match on the artificial surface at Red Devil Stadium. With their second win over the Potters (4-3-1) this season, the Red Devils punched their third straight championship-game ticket.

However, the difference between the last two seasons is St. Clairsville will be playing this championship match at the friendly confines of Red Devil Stadium instead of Wheeling Island Stadium where they have lost to Oak Glen. The second-seeded Golden Bears meet No. 3 Indian Creek Thursday at 5 p.m. in New Manchester to see whom the Red Devils will meet at noon.

"It doesn't matter who it (our opponent) is. It is what it is. It's a championship game regardless of who it is," St. Clairsville head



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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Megan Malin chases the ball as East Liverpool's Abbey DeLong (9) defends Tuesday night. Malin scored two goals in the Red Devils' 5-0 victory.

coach Wes Stoner said. "It's going to be a tough game either way."

When asked if his squad might be rooting a little for Oak Glen, Stoner replied, "They will play whoever it is. I don't think they will be rooting for either team, but they would definitely like to play Oak Glen. They just like playing good teams and that is what Oak Glen and Indian Creek are. We played Indian Creek in a close game at their place earlier this season, so whoever our opponent turns out to be, it won't be an easy game."

Mikayla Hendershot and Megan Malin each scored a pair of goals while Alyssa Bodkin added a goal and an assist.

Goalkeeper Jaeda Nowak recorded her school-record 32nd career shutout with four saves. However, she was never seriously tested.

"Jaeda really didn't have much to do tonight," Stoner noted. "It's been that way for much of her career because of the defense in front of her."

"We played well defensively tonight. We knew No. 6 (Kya Kavanagh) was a scoring threat coming in so we just knew where she was at all times," he continued. "We knew what was coming and we game-planned for it."

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MONROE CENTRAL freshman Zander Potts tracks his tee shot on the first hole during the second annual MOVL Championship held at Switzerland CC.

Big Red outlasts Brooke in 5A girls' soccer semifinal

STEUBENVILLE — Trailing by a goal with less than a minute to play, a Brooke player ripped a shot on goal from inside the box. However, Big Red goalie Lakyn Blackburn made the save, allowing No. 2 seed Big Red to record a 3-2 victory against No. 3 Brooke in an OVAC Class 5A tournament semifinal Tuesday night on Reno Field inside Harding Stadium.

Chloe Petrelle netted the first two goals of the match for Big Red. Mary Marshall also tallied a goal, while Jaleys Scales collected an assist.

Blackburn made seven saves on the night for the hosts.

CROSS COUNTRY

Barnesville Sweeps OVCCCL Meet

HANNIBAL — River played host to an Ohio Valley Cross Country League meet Wednesday afternoon.

The Barnesville girls won the team race and were fueled by freshman Aubrey Johnson, who won the meet with a time of 21:11. Marah Bethel was third overall and second for the Shamrocks in 21:48. River's Mara Beard was second in 21:20.

The Shamrocks boys team also prevailed and produced the meet's individual champion in Tyler Jenkins. He ran the 3.1 mile course in 17:57. Logan Dodd was third overall and second for the Shamrocks in 18:45.

GOLF

Buckeye Local splits triangular

RAYLAND — East Liverpool prevailed over Buckeye Local (180) and Indian Creek (187) with a round of 173 Tuesday afternoon.

Aiden Polanski led the Panthers with a 43.

John Marshall 190, Weir 208, Brooke NS

WEIRTON — Matthew Douglas turned in a 44 to lead John Marshall to a victory over Weir and Brooke. Mason Orndorff supplied a 47 while Colton Sprowls shot a 48 for the Monarchs.

VOLLEYBALL

Shadyside d. Bridgeport

25-5, 25-1, 25-6

SHADYSIDE — The Tigers inched closer to wrapping up the Mid Ohio Valley

League title with a sweep of Bridgeport.

Shadyside was led by sophomore Gentry Brown's 11 kills, two aces and two digs. Tory Hendershot had nine aces, while Paige Gorby had four kills. Baylee Wach had two kills, three assists and Kylie Jo Baker donned six kills and two aces.

River d. Bellaire 25-18, 25-23, 25-13

HANNIBAL — The Pilots rolled to a sweep and repeat victory over the Big Reds Tuesday evening.

River was led by Rilyn Haught's seven kills. Delaney Bolger and Hannah Raper each had five digs. Bolger had seven aces and two blocks as well.

Bellaire was paced by Bryanna Beckett's 22 assists, nine digs and two kills. Jayden Lowe had nine digs, seven kills and three aces. Allie Ault had six digs and three aces.

Monroe Central d. Caldwell 25-14, 25-15, 25-14

WOODSFIELD — Abby Thompson tallied 19 points, six aces, three blocks and five kills as Monroe Central defeated Caldwell.

Alexa Marley was also solid for the Sem-

inoles with 12 points and eight assists while Kynzi Bishop gathered seven kills and six assists. Kalista Friday also had six points and 16 digs.

Steubenville d. St. Clairsville 19-25, 25-19, 25-19, 25-21

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — After dropping the first set, Steubenville won the next three to secure a victory over St. Clairsville.

Lydia Wees had 13 kills for the Red Devils while Ela Brak tallied eight digs.

Union Local d. Barnesville 25-18, 25-6, 25-9

BARNESVILLE — The invading Jets soared to another three-set sweep Tuesday.

Leading the way for the undefeated Union Local was sophomore Torre Kildow, who had 12 kills, 11 assists and eight digs. Reagan Vinskovich — another talented sophomore — had eight kills and two blocks. Senior Casey Kildow had five kills, 19 assists and five digs. Baylee Rex added five kills and six digs.

For the Shamrocks, Ava McFarland had eight assists and five digs while Keirsten Adams supplied nine assists.

Nuggets take Game 3, trail Lakers 2-1 • Red

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Jamal Murray had 28 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds and made two late 3-pointers to halt a Lakers charge, helping the Denver Nuggets to a 114-106 victory Tuesday night that cut Los Angeles' lead to 2-1 in the Western Conference finals.

The Nuggets lost almost all of a 20-point lead in the fourth quarter but held on to win, avoiding a 3-0 hole that would have been daunting even for this never-out-of-it team.

Denver has set a record by erasing two 3-1 deficits in this postseason,

but no NBA team has ever come back from 3-0.

Jerami Grant added a playoff career-high 26 points and Nikola Jokic had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Nuggets, who will try to even the series in Game 4 on Thursday.

LeBron James had 30 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds for the Lakers, who remained two wins from their first NBA Finals appearance in a decade.

Anthony Davis, who made the winning 3-pointer at the buzzer in Game 2, scored 27 points.

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East Liverpool goalkeeper Alessandra Ferrazzano injured a knee late in the contest and had to be helped from the field.

St. Clairsville continues to play without the services of senior standout Macy Malin who is sidelined following knee surgery to repair a torn ACL and meniscus. Junior Emily Thompson made her return after being injured early in the season.

The win was the 43rd career win for the St. Clairsville seniors. They're hoping No. 44 is a special one.

• Monroe

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Magnolia, which won the team title last season, produced the individual champion for the second straight season.

Senior Alex Parker shot a 38 on the inward 9 and finished with a round of 81 to claim the medalist honor.

"If I am being honest, I could have (played) so much better," Parker said. "I honestly feel like I got lucky because I know there are people out here who are better than me. Winning this, as a senior, means a lot to me. I am really starting to play well, so this means a lot to me, especially since this is one of our last matches."

Magnolia's Faith Yoho was the low female in the event, posting a round of 95. She was seven shots better than Shadyside's Grace Green. River's duo of Sierra Littleton and Kiera Saksa both earned All-MOVL by posting a 106.

• Pirates

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"He's done a nice job," Pirates manager Derek Shelton said. "Not only is he helping those pitchers grow, we're seeing him grow. There's a guy there that's an elite receiver, an elite thrower. A guy that in my mind should win the Gold Glove. We're seeing him turn into a leader."

Richard Rodriguez (3-2) pitched a scoreless ninth for the win.

Chicago's Jose Quintana was activated from the injured list and made his first

start of the season. The left-hander went two innings and gave up one run and one hit with one strikeout.

Quintana had made just two relief appearances this year. He underwent surgery before the season to repair never damage in his left thumb and then was sidelined by a strained lat.

"It was good to be back and do my job," Quintana said.

"Hopefully, I'll get more pitches the next time. I feel great. I could have kept go-

ing but I know where we're at right now with my first start back."

Down 2-0 with two outs and none on in the eighth, the Cubs' Willson Contreras singled off Chris Stratton. Left-hander Sam Howard relieved and Rizzo sent a 2-0 pitch into the right-field stands for his 10th homer of the season and first off a lefty.

Both teams had just five hits.

Pittsburgh starter Steven Brault pitched seven shutout

innings. He threw a two-hitter to beat the Cardinals in his previous start last Thursday.

The Cubs were without a hit until Cameron Maybin singled with one out in the fifth, ending Brault's hitless innings streak at 10 games. Making his last start of the season, the left-hander finished the year with a 13-inning scoreless streak.

Brault struck out six, walked three and only got into one serious jam. He hit Contreras and Rizzo with

consecutive pitches to begin the fourth inning but got Javier Baez to ground into a double play and struck out Kyle Schwarber.

The Pirates took a 2-0 lead on RBI doubles by Erik Gonzalez in the second inning and Adam Frazier in the fifth.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Cubs: 3B Kris Bryant (right lower oblique tightness) sat out after leaving Monday's game. Ross is optimistic Bryant can avoid going on the IL. ... To make

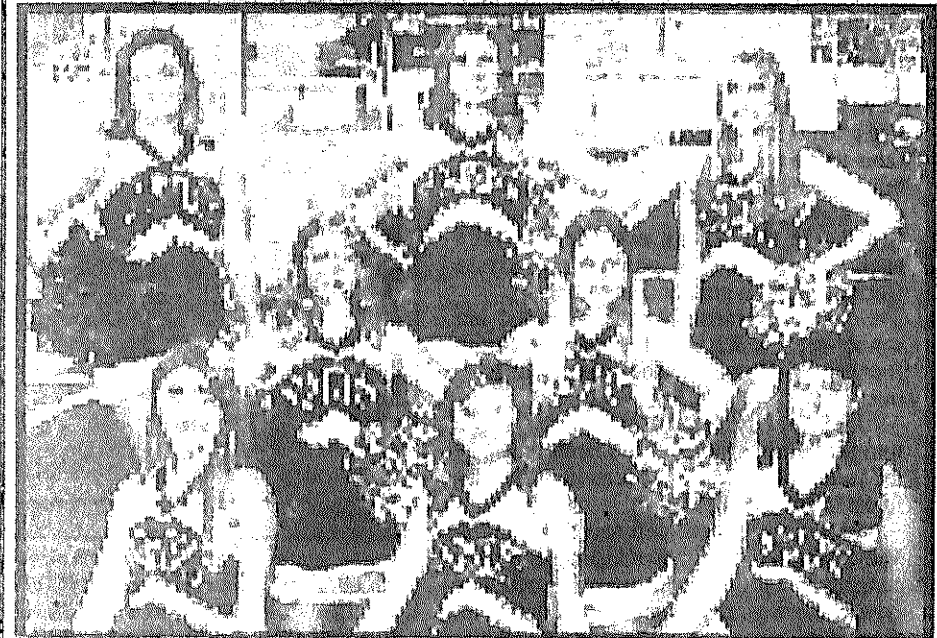
room for Quintana on the roster, LHP Rex Brothers was optioned to the alternate site in South Bend, Indiana.

UP NEXT

Cubs: RHP Kyle Hendricks (6-4, 2.93) will start tonight in the third game of the four-game series.

He has allowed just seven walks in 73 2/3 innings this season.

Pirates: RHP Trevor Williams (1-8, 6.70) has lost five straight decisions since getting his lone win Aug. 13 at Cincinnati.



Cheerleaders from left to right: Anna ...

Members of the Martins Ferry Purple Hatters football team ...

Photo by Scott McCloskey
Wheeling Park's Jacob Stewart and the Patriots are ready for Friday's game against Linsly.

Park, Linsly To Square Off

Patriots, Cadets meeting for first time on the field

By TRACY WATSON
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — With all the uncertainty in high school football this season, all the schedule changes and all the rules and regulations that have been brought upon us by the current situation in the world, a pair of schools located just miles apart in Ohio County have found themselves ready to line up across from each other on the field of play for the very first time.

While Linsly and Wheeling Park had both originally been slated to play different foes this week the Covid pandemic has caused a schedule change that will have the Cadets and Patriots battling it out Friday night at 7 p.m. on the turf at Wheeling Island Stadium. Linsly had been scheduled to play at Dover and Wheeling Park was slated to host Steubenville.

"Originally we thought we were playing Steubenville this week, then it went to Logan and that didn't work and finally we ended up with Linsly, and that all happened in a 24-hour period," Park head Coach Chris Daugherty mentioned.

While it will be the first meeting between the two schools in varsity football, they have scrimmaged once and it is something that both head coaches, B.J. Depew and Daugherty, have talked about in the past.

"We have scrimmaged and played junior varsity and freshman football, but this will be the first time for varsity," Depew said. "Actually, we have talked about this the last couple of years, but we haven't been able to match open weeks. I believe this is something that will be great for the city of Wheeling and I know the kids will be excited because most of them know each other.

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location had been switched for they have an unbreakable program so it's next man up, next team up." next day of practice and getting ready for Fort Frye."



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JM Looks to Get Back on Track

By KYLE LUTZ
Sports Writer

M O U N D S -
VILLE — For the first time this season, John Marshall coach Jason Willis and his squad will be coming off a loss.

Last Friday, the Monarchs faced off against undefeated Oak Glen and made a commendable comeback effort. Down 48-21, the Monarchs were able to make it a one possession game, 48-40 with just under seven minutes to go in the game.

Unfortunately, the hole proved to be too big and the Golden Bears were able to secure the victory, 55-46.

"I'm proud of the guys. We could have easily gave in, but we fought back and made a game out of it. That's a good team they

have at Oak Glen. I'm proud of the effort we put forth."

The Monarchs (2-1) will head back to Monarch Stadium Friday night where they will host Parkersburg South (1-2).

The Patriots are also looking to bounce back after they fell to Princeton, 34-14.

"They try to spread the field out and they have a nice running back. They also have a good quarterback. They big up front up front. They are a good team," Willis said.

Already closing in on 1,000 passing yards this season, Sam Schuler is the signalcaller for the Patriots. He has completed 90 of 122 passes for 957 yards with eight TDs and three interceptions. Devin Gaines is the leading running back as he has carried the ball 57 times good for

274 yards and three scores.

Cyrus Traugh is the leading receiver as he has 36 catches for 355 yards and three touchdowns.

"John Marsall, they're big and physical," Parkersburg South coach Nathan Tanner said. "They have a strong running game. They have a quarterback that's really crafty. He can extend plays with his feet. They're a lot more efficient in the passing game than last year. They're are a balanced team that can put up points. They are a tough team and there's a reason they are 2-1."

John Marshall quarterback Derrick Darrow had a quality game against Oak Glen as he threw for 352 yards and five touchdowns. Dalton Flowers hauled in eight receptions for 118 yard and two scores while Alex Burton also had two touchdowns on the receiving end.

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Photo by Cody Tomer
Wheeling Central's Tristen White gets a kill during Wednesday's win over Linsly.

Maroon Knights Rally Past Cadets

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

WHEELING — Don't call it a comeback.

Wheeling Central faced multiple deficits on Wednesday night and rose to the occasion each time as the Maroon Knights pulled off a five-set 18-25, 25-20, 25-23, 22-25 and 15-11 victory over rival Linsly.

The Cadets took the opening set only to see the Knights take the next two of three.

Linsly also led 23-18 in the third set before Nicole Reasbeck stepped behind the service line and reeled off seven straight points to capture the set.

To finish the night, Central (5-5) fell behind 7-2 in the fifth set but cut the deficit to 11-8. That's when Maddie LeMasters began serving and de-

livered a seven-point scoring streak to wrap up the match in thrilling fashion.

"They didn't give up and they kept their composure, which is all we ask for but they were aggressive at the same time," Central volleyball coach Delaney Denniston said. "We are really happy with the way they played. They really pulled out a nice win."

The Knights were led in victory by Reasbeck's nine kills, 17 digs and five aces.

Delaney O'Connell's 10 kills played a big role in the victory, as well as Alexis Hood's 33 assists and four digs.

Tristen White poured in eight kills and five crucial blocks, while LeMasters garnered eight kills and four blocks, Gabby Leadbitter supplied eight digs and Meredith Romanek added six digs.

"I think all-around we played well," Denniston said. "The biggest thing was we weren't dwelling on our mistakes, we pushed through and we didn't let the fans or Linsly get in our heads and we just played our game."

Linsly falls to 8-2 with the loss.

"I just told them (after the game) that we beat ourselves," Linsly coach Ashlee Jividen said. "Making errors and things like that hurt us but they are 100 percent things we can work on moving forward."

Paden City d. John Marshall
25-13, 25-15, 27-25

PADEN CITY — Tanley McEl-downey turned in 14 points and 12 digs as Paden City upended John Marshall.

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Brooke Heading to OVAC 5A Title

By AARON PETCHAL
For The Intelligencer

WELLSBURG — The Brooke boys soccer team has punched its ticket to the big dance.

Eddie Marks recorded two goals and an assist to lead top-seeded Brooke to a 5-0 victory against No. 4 seed Parkersburg South in an OVAC Class 5A tournament semifinal Wednesday night on Paul "Bud" Billiard Field inside Brooke Memorial Stadium.

"It was a good night for the boys," Brooke (8-1-1) head coach Joe Pepe said. "It was a good night for the team. They played extremely well. They played as a team. They are gelling together. I think early on there were a lot

of nerves. This is the first time Brooke High has been to the OVACs in at least five years. These seniors have never been here, so it has been at least five years.

"The last time we made it we went down to Morgantown and lost, 1-0. These seniors were not there. We kept telling them about it. The kids have worked hard. The kids have adapted well. I cannot ask for anything more out of them. I was a little worried early on because we could not find the back of the net. Once we got on through, it opened the gates."

Also for the Bruins, Telmo Randazzo tallied two goals, Hunter Adams delivered a goal and an assist and William

Cruny contributed two assists. Liam Cronin added an assist.

Brooke used two goalies in the game. Andrew Coursin started the game in the net, and he made two saves before being replaced by Jeremy Gilchrist late in the second half. Gilchrist did not make a save.

Garrett Lewis made 13 saves for the Patriots (1-7).

"Parkersburg South came up ready to play," Pepe said. "They played hard. I talked to their head coach, and he said he couldn't be here, but his assistant and his team would be here. They were ready. They came to play."

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Photo by Joe Catullo
Brooke's Blaise Buchmelter fires a pass to a teammate during Wednesday's OVAC semifinal matchup against Parkersburg South.

Gale Sayers, Bears Hall of Fame RB, Dies at 77

CHICAGO (AP) — Gale Sayers, the dazzling and elusive running back who entered the Pro Football Hall of Fame despite the briefest of careers and whose fame extended far beyond the field for decades thanks to a friendship with a dying Chicago Bears teammate, has died. He was 77.

Nicknamed "The Kansas Comet" and considered among the best open-field runners the game has ever seen, Sayers died Wednesday, according to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Relatives of Sayers had said he was diagnosed with dementia. In March 2017, his wife, Ardythe, said she partly blamed his football career.

"Football fans know well Gale's many accomplishments on the field; a rare combination of speed and power as the game's most electrifying runner, a dangerous kick returner, his comeback from a serious knee injury to lead the league in rushing, and becoming the youngest player inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame," Bears chairman George McCaskey said in a statement. "People who weren't even football fans came to know Gale through the TV movie 'Brian's Song,' about his

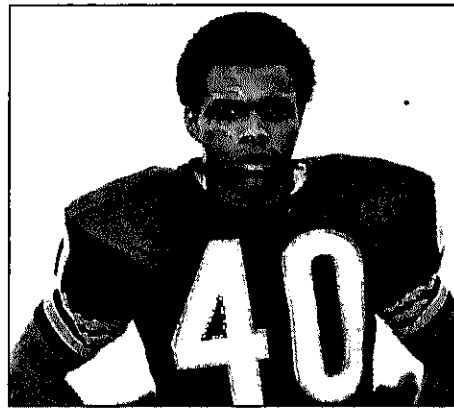
friendship with teammate Brian Piccolo. Fifty years later, the movie's message that brotherhood and love needn't be defined by skin color still resonates."

Sayers was a blur to NFL defenses, ghosting would-be tacklers or zooming by them like few running backs or kick returners before or since. Yet it was his rock-steady friendship with Piccolo, depicted in the film "Brian's Song," that marked him as more than a sports star.

"He was the very essence of a team player — quiet, unassuming and always ready to compliment a teammate for a key block," Hall of Fame President David Baker said. "Gale was an extraordinary man who overcame a great deal of adversity during his NFL career and life."

Sayers became a stockbroker, sports administrator, businessman and philanthropist for several inner-city Chicago youth initiatives after his pro football career was cut short by serious injuries to both knees.

"Gale was one of the finest men in NFL history and one of the game's most exciting players," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "Gale was an electrifying and elusive runner who



AP Photo
Hall of Famer Gale Sayers has died. He was 77. Considered among the best open-field runners in NFL history.

thrilled fans every time he touched the ball. He earned his place as a first-ballot Hall of Famer."

A football and track star at Omaha Central High School in Nebraska, Sayers was a two-time All-American at Kansas and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. He was selected by Chicago with the fourth pick overall in 1965, and his versatility produced dividends and highlight-reel sla-

loms through opposing defenses right the start.

He tied an NFL record with six touchdowns in a game and set another with 22 touchdowns in his first season: 14 rushing, six receiving, one punt and one kickoff return. Sayers was a unanimous choice for Offensive Rookie of the Year.

"I played football a long time and I never saw a better football player than Gale Sayers," said Hall of Fame tight end Mike Ditka, Sayers' teammate from 1965-66. "I mean that. He was poetry in motion. Besides that, he was a great guy. It's just a shame that he's gone. He was special."

Ditka later coached Walter Payton, giving him an up-close look at two of the best running backs. But the greatest performance he saw might have been Sayers' six-touchdown game. Playing San Francisco at a muddy Wrigley Field, just about everyone else was slipping and sliding.

"He was playing on a different field than we were," Ditka said. "The field was wet, it was slippery, it was kind of muddy. He was unbelievable. He was making runs and cuts that were unbelievable."

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Burton and Flowers can also be threats in the backfield too.

"I think defensively, we have to slow down John Marshall's run game and we have to put as much pressure on the quarterback as possible. They're really tough to deal

with when they extend plays. We

have to find ways to slow (Flowers) down and we have to get in a rhythm on offense. We can't give up big plays on special teams."

Parkersburg South's lone victory this season came against Woodrow Wilson (41-6) on Sept.

11.

"We got to control the line of scrimmage and get the running game going," Willis said. We can throw the ball and we showed that last week. We have to wrap them up on defense and see what happens."

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"I'm the oldest coach - not by age but by tenure - so I am able to talk to all of these people. Their head coach told me he could not make it, but his team he would be there, and they would be ready. Take nothing away from them. They worked hard. They played hard the whole game."

The game was scoreless for more than 30 minutes.

"I think there was a little bit of nerves," Pepe said. "These kids have never been here before. Coach Dan (Shorts) and I were pounding them about it. We were talking to them about it."

Marks finally put the Bruins on the scoreboard when he scored with 9:53 left to play in the first half, giving

Brooke a 1-0 lead.

The victors extended their advantage to 2-0 a little more than four minutes later when Marks scored his second goal off of a cross from Adams with 5:42 remaining in the half.

"This is the first time we have been on a run like this," Pepe said. "Hopefully, we are able to keep it going."

The Bruins struck quickly in the second half, as Adams found the back of the net 47 seconds into the half to increase Brooke's advantage to 3-0.

Then, Randazzo delivered his first goal about six minutes later to make the score 4-0, and he added his second less than a minute later to make it a 5-0 advantage.

"I told them they can't look ahead," Pepe said. "We told them we

have seen some things from a good team in Big Red. They move the ball well. I was afraid we would be looking ahead. You have to take care of what is on your plate first before you can look ahead. Big Red is well coached and well schooled. They are going to be ready."

With the win, the Bruins have advanced to the tournament final against Big Red at noon Saturday at Brooke. Big Red, the No. 2 seed, advanced to the final by defeating No. 3 John Marshall, 8-1, in the other semifinal Tuesday evening on Reno Field inside Harding Stadium.

There is a lot of mutual respect between Pepe and Big Red head coach Greg Bowers.

"Big Red has a very good program," Pepe said. "He has done a

good job since taking over the program. I was at Weir for 21 years, and we have now been here for seven years. Coach Dan and I are home."

Pepe guided the Red Riders to an OVAC championship back in 1996.

"We beat Brooke, 2-1, down on the Island. How about that? I graduated from Brooke in 1974. I am back home," Pepe said.

GIRLS

OVAC 5A Semifinal Parkersburg South 8 John Marshall 0 PARKERSBURG — Karleigh Dowler netted four goals to lead Parkersburg South to an OVAC semifinal victory over John Marshall.

Fath Wachter and Jhett Corley made 10 and eight saves, respectively, for the Monarchs.

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"The only shame in the whole thing is that everyone who wants to see it won't be able to get in. There is not a doubt in my mind we could pack that stadium Friday night, but at least with the local media and the coverage it will get people will be able to see it that way. And who knows if this all goes well maybe there will be a future in this. I can tell you personally that I would be happy to do it again in the future."

The Cadets have been no strangers to playing bigger schools, having played both Steubenville and Morgantown multiple times over the last few years. Linsly is coming off an impressive 42-7 victory last week at Weir in which Depew's team once again showed a balanced offense in racking up 439 total yards.

"I feel that has been the case for us so far this season," Depew added. "We have been very balanced, and our goal has been to make the other team defend the entire field. We have a good group of weapons and our kids are so unselfish, which I believe makes us even more dangerous on offense."

On the other side, Daugherty's Patriots have a bevy of weapons as well, most of which were on full display during last week's 42-21 dismantling of Huntington on the road. Wheeling Park collected 326 total yards on offense and also forced four turnovers, two interceptions and two fumbles, while allowing just 207 yards.

"Watching Huntington warm up last week they looked very good and we just thought 'wow,'" Daugherty admitted. "But we were able to execute and jump on them early and things kind of snowballed down hill for them from there. But we did make some mistakes to let them back

heed Jackson, who finished with four grabs for 71 yards.

Senior do-it-all Stevie Mitchell has become the Park's top threat at running back and piled up 139 yards on 19 carries with two scores last week while Carson Namack also caught six passes for 62 yards.

"Obviously this game was unexpected, so we are still looking at film, but what we know they have an excellent program and from what we have seen so far they have a ton of speed with plenty of good athletes," Depew said. "They like to spread it out and make you defend the entire field and we know they will be a handful for us."

"But we will be ready and very excited for the challenge. With the teams we already play lining up against Wheeling Park isn't as big as shock as it might be otherwise, but it doesn't make it any less exciting. Our kids embrace these types of games and I know it ignites them and they thrive on it."

Linsly's offense is led by returning senior quarterback Hunter Kelley, who is a double threat with his arm and legs. Kelley completed 10 passes for 195 yards and two touchdowns last week and also had five carries for 66 yards, including a 62-yard touchdown scamper. His main targets in the passing attack are Dylan Hill, who had four catches for 109 yards against Red Riders, and junior Felix Reitter, who had a 31-yard scoring grab.

Senior Spencer Knight rushed for 107 yards and a score on nine totes a week ago while classmate Zachai Simmons scored a pair of touchdowns on the ground as the Cadets ran for 244 yards.

"They are as good as they normally are," Daugherty added. "They are big up front on both the offensive and defensive sides and they have good athletes. This

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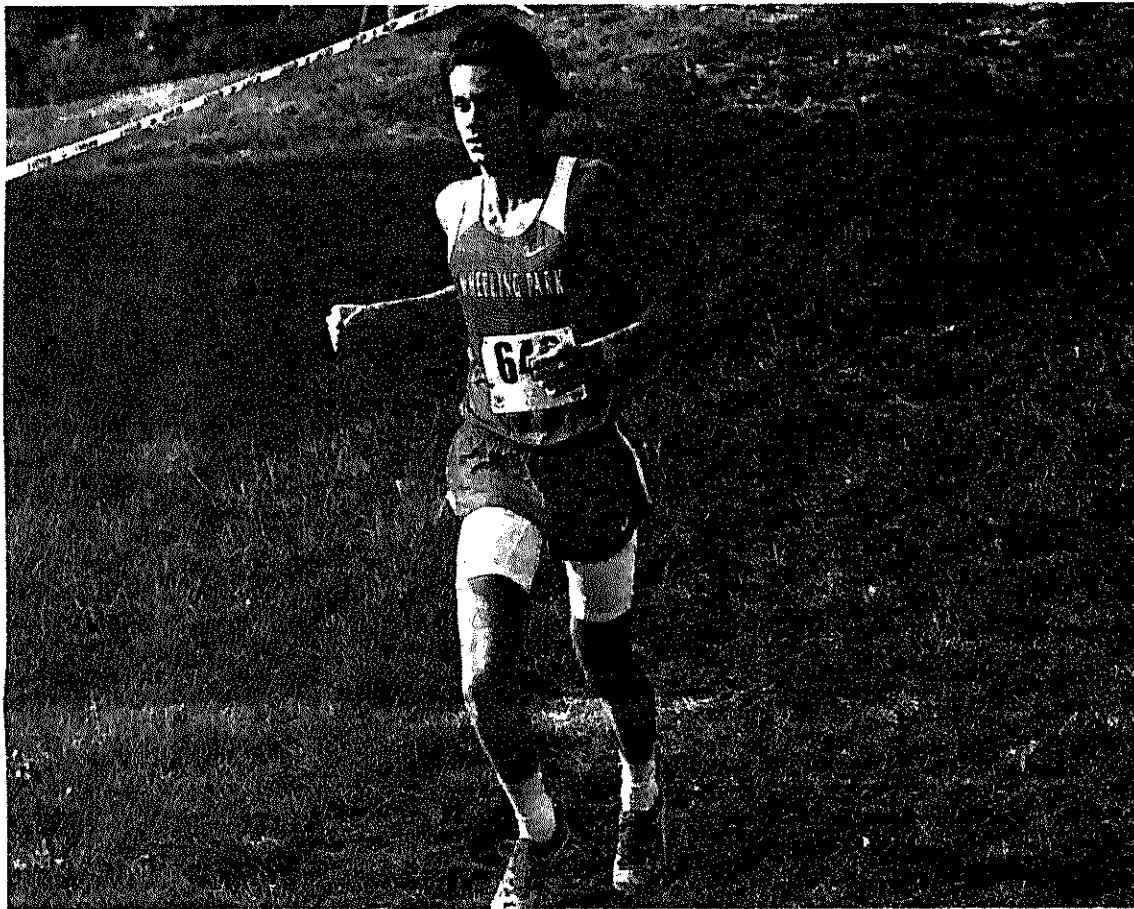


Photo by Kyle Lutz

Jonah Nizami and the Wheeling Park boys cross country team have started the 2020 season in impressive fashion. The Patriots have secured a first place finish in all three of the invitationals that they've competed in.

Patriots have claimed three invitational victories

By **KYLE LUTZ**
Sports Writer

WHEELING — The Wheeling Park boys cross country team has gotten off to a great start to the 2020 season. Three meets in, the Patriots have claimed the top spot in every invitational.

They opened the season winning their annual Wheeling Park Fall Classic on Sept. 5 followed by a victory at the Chick-Fil-A Invitational (Sept. 12). Four days later, the Patriots took the hardware at the Bryan Fritz Memorial Invitational at Brooke.

“To start the season with three wins in three races is a nice payoff for the guys’ work this summer and really last spring,” Wheeling Park coach Jacob Galik said. “The races are the fun part. Everyone wants to win, not everyone is willing to put in the work to make it happen. Winning the first home meet against Bridgeport and JM was big, but going down to Chick-Fil-A, where no Park team has ever won, was huge. It has made the guys hungry for more.”

Arguably the most important dynamics of a cross country team is its depth. And boy, does Wheeling Park have it.

Two times this year, the Patriots have had at least four runners place in the Top 10.

At the Wheeling Park Fall Classic, Brady Miller won the event while Jonah Nizami claimed second. Max Morgan got fourth while Trent Thomas placed eighth and Eli Miller 10th.

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AP Photo

Bryson DeChambeau, of the United States, kisses the winner's trophy after winning US Open Golf Championship.

DeChambeau Wins U.S. Open

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — What was supposed to be a typical U.S. Open produced a most unconventional champion.

Bryson DeChambeau was not the least bit concerned by the narrow fairways or the ankle-deep rough that shape Winged Foot into historically the toughest of all U.S. Opens. With his extra 40 pounds of muscle and mass, he wanted to pound it into submission with his driver, even if his errant shots were buried in deep grass.

That's how he plays the game. And for skeptics who said that wouldn't work in a U.S. Open at Winged Foot, just look at that shiny silver trophy he kissed, and the record score he posted Sunday in a six-shot victory.

This victory was as much about validating his out-of-the-box approach to the royal and ancient game.

“One hundred percent, no doubt,” DeChambeau said. “For me, it's about the journey of can I execute every shot more repeatable than everybody else. I was able to do that this week. That's why I won by six.”

Part of this course's fame is the “Massacre of Winged Foot” in 1974 when the winning score was 7-over par. This was a massacre, all right.

DeChambeau rolled in a 7-foot par putt and thrust those powerful arms in the air when he capped off a 3-under 67 on a course that didn't allow another round under par. Two shots behind Matthew Wolff at the start of a chilly September afternoon, he caught him in four holes, passed him in five and pulled away along the back nine.

From the fairway. From the rough. It didn't matter.

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St. Louis Tops Pittsburgh, 2-1

By **JOHN PERROTTO**
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Yadier Molina hit a two-run homer and Jack Flaherty struck out 11 as the St. Louis Cardinals kept their hold on a postseason spot with a 2-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday.

Molina's home run to the bleachers in left field came in the seventh inning off Derek Holland and extended St. Louis' winning streak to a season-high four games. The Cardinals had been shut out by Joe Musgrove over the first six innings.

Flaherty (4-2) allowed only one run and two hits in six innings while walking two. It was his ninth career double-digit strikeout game.

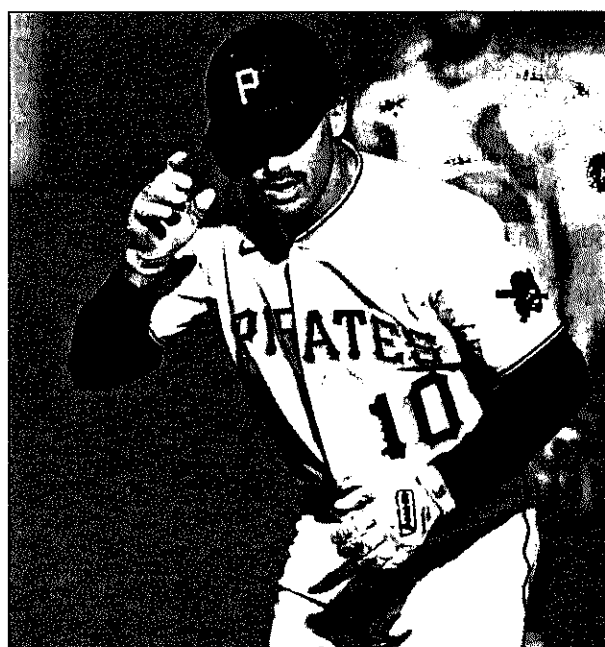
Flaherty had been tagged for a career-worst nine runs in three innings in his previous start Tuesday at Milwaukee.

The Cardinals (26-24) hold a one-game lead over Cincinnati (27-27) and Milwaukee (26-26) for second place in the NL Central with one week left in the regular season. The top two finishers in each division gain berths in the expanded postseason during this pandemic-affected season.

Musgrove also had 11 strikeouts — a career high — in six innings but remained winless in seven starts this season. He gave up three hits and one walk.

Matt Carpenter singled in the St. Louis seventh off Holland (1-3) and Molina hit his fourth homer of the year.

A night earlier, Molina left the game after being on the left wrist by a pitch. The nine-time All-Star was also hit in nearly the same spot Tuesday by a swing while



AP Photo

Pittsburgh Pirates' Bryan Reynolds reacts after hitting a double during fourth inning.

behind the plate.

Yet the 38-year-old was back in the lineup.

Andrew Miller pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his third save.

Pittsburgh scored its run in the fourth inning. Bryan Reynolds hit a leadoff

double, moved to third on Adam Frazier's sacrifice bunt and scored on Colin Moran's sacrifice fly.

That was the only inning in which the Pirates had a runner in scoring position.

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OVAC Soccer Pairings are Set

By **KIM NORTH**
For The Intelligencer

COVID-19 has struck the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference soccer playoffs, especially in Class 1A/3A and Class 5A as several West Virginia schools aren't allowed to participate due to state restrictions.

On the boys side of things, Wheeling Central (5-1-0) and University (2-0-0) would have been the top seeds in the divisions, while Linsly (4-1-0) was No. 2 in the smallest division and Wheeling Park (5-2-0) in the biggest. However, none will be taking the field.

St. Clairsville is the top seed in both the boys and girls Class 4A portions of the playoffs that begin on Tuesday at various sites around the Ohio Valley.

The Red Devils (5-0-2) will play host to fourth-seeded East Liverpool (3-2-2) at 6 p.m. at Red Devil Stadium in one semifinal. On the other side of the bracket, No. 2 Beaver Local (6-2-1) welcomes third-seeded Indian Creek (4-2-3) to Lisbon on Thursday at 5 p.m.

The two winners will square off on Saturday at 9 a.m. at Brooke Memorial Stadium.

The Class 5A semis have No. 1 Brooke (6-1-1) entertaining fourth-seeded Parkersburg South (1-6-0) at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

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mariners with a three-run rally in the 11th inning that included a go-ahead double by newcomer Mitch Moreland.

**RED SOX 10
YANKEES 2**

BOSTON (AP) — Tanner Houck took a no-hitter into the sixth inning of his second major league start and Michael Chavis had a huge day at the plate as Boston halted two long streaks with a victory over New York.

ORIOLES 2, RAYS 1

BALTIMORE (AP) — John Means struck out a career-high 12 in a pitching duel with Ryan Yarbrough, and Baltimore stalled Tampa Bay's push toward the AL East title.

Means (2-3) allowed three hits and a run in 5 2/3 innings.

The left-hander tied a team record with seven consecutive strikeouts, matching the mark set by Sammy Stewart in 1978.

BRAVES 7, METS 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Kyle Wright allowed one hit in the best start of his big league career, pitching into the seventh inning to lead Atlanta past New York.

Ronald Acuna Jr. homered off Rick Porcello (1-6) to break a scoreless tie in the sixth and finished with four RBIs. Travis d'Arnaud added a two-run double for his latest clutch hit against his former team.

GIANTS 14, ATHLETICS 2

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Brandon Crawford hit a grand slam, Chadwick Tromp and Darin Ruf added two-run homers, and San Francisco prevented Oakland from clinching the AL West title at home.

U.S. OPEN

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"I don't really know what to say because that's just the complete opposite of what you think a U.S. Open champion does" Rory McIlroy said. "Look, he's found a way to do it. Whether that's good or bad for the game, I don't know, but it's just not the way I saw this golf course being played or this tournament being played."

Call him a mad scientist in a tam o'shanter cap. Call him a game-changer in golf.

Any description now starts with U.S. Open champion.

Wolff, trying to become the first player since Francis Ouimet in 1913 to win the U.S. Open in his debut, closed with a 75. He made a 10-foot eagle putt on the par-5 ninth to stay within one shot. That was his only hole under par. Wolff finished at even-par 280, a score that would have won four of the previous five U.S. Opens at Winged Foot.

It didn't stand a chance in this one.

"You can't take Bryson out because obviously he won, but shooting even par for four rounds at Winged Foot is pretty exceptional," Wolff said.

That describes DeChambeau this week. It was a breathtaking performance, four rounds at par or better, the first player to manage that at Winged Foot.

His victory really began last October, when he closed out his 2019 season in Las Vegas and said with a mischievous grin, "I'm going to come back next year and look like a different person." He added 40 pounds through intense workout and a diet of 6,000 calories a day.

The COVID-19 pandemic shut down golf for three months, leading to the U.S. Open being postponed from June to September. It also gave DeChambeau more time to execute his plan of swinging faster and harder, stretching the limits.

His work ethic borders on insanity, and the eve of the final round

2ND GAME

MIAMI (AP) — Kurt Suzuki homered and doubled to bounce back from a game-ending strikeout in the opener, and Washington routed playoff-contending Miami to split a doubleheader.

In the opener, Marlins reliever Brandon Kintzler fanned Suzuki with the bases loaded to preserve the win.

REDS 7, WHITE SOX 3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Mike Moustakas hit a two-run single as Cincinnati scored five times in the fourth inning on just one hit.

Aristides Aquino hit a two-run homer as the surging Reds stayed in contention for a playoff spot, taking two out of three from the the AL Central leaders for their seventh win in eight games.

ROCKIES 6, DODGERS 3

DENVER (AP) — Antonio Senzatela pitched efficiently into the seventh inning as Colorado avoided a sweep and delayed the Dodgers from clinching their eighth straight NL West title.

Senzatela (5-2) carried over his command from his last start when he turned in his first career complete game. He allowed one run over 6 1/3 innings.

INDIANS 7, TIGERS 4

DETROIT (AP) — Carlos Carrasco allowed one hit in seven scoreless innings, and Jose Ramirez homered twice to lift Cleveland.

Carrasco (3-4) struck out 11. The Indians took three of four in this series after entering on an eight-game losing streak and are closing in on a postseason berth.

BREWERS 5, ROYALS 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Dan-

xander Schauffele were lurking at even par. Still to play was the back nine, where so much has gone wrong at Winged Foot over the years.

RANGERS 7, ANGELS 2

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Kyle Cody earned his first major league win as Texas hit a season-high five home runs.

Joey Gallo, Anderson Tejada, Sam Huff, Ronged Odor and Derek Dietrich homered for the Rangers.

BLUE JAYS 6, PHILLIES 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Teoscar Hernandez hit a two-run homer and Taijuan Walker tossed six sharp innings to help the Toronto Blue Jays snap a six-game losing streak with a win over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Phillies slugger Bryce Harper exited with lower back stiffness after he struck out with the bases loaded in the seventh inning.

TWINS 4, CUBS 0

CHICAGO (AP) — Max Kepler homered, Jose Berrios threw six shutout innings to outduel Yu Darvish and the Minnesota Twins beat the Chicago Cubs.

Kepler had three hits and Josh Donaldson added two for the Twins, who took two of three from the NL Central-leading Cubs.

ASTROS 3

DIAMONDBACKS 2

HOUSTON (AP) — George Springer homered twice, including an inside-the-park shot, to lead the Houston Astros over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Carlos Correa drove in the go-ahead run for Houston with a sacrifice fly in the eighth inning.

was no exception. Unhappy with how he played Saturday, hitting only three fairways, DeChambeau had the lights turned on so he could stay on the range well past 8 p.m., pounding driver, searching for the right swing. Temperatures were in the 40s. He was in a short-sleeve shirt.

He didn't find fairways, but he seemed to miss in the right spots. That was key for a player who hit only six fairways on Sunday, 23 out of 56 for the week.

Skepticism turned into admiration, with a healthy dose of disbelief.

"It's a game we've never really seen before," said Harris English, who shot 73 and finished fourth.

Louis Oosthuizen birdied the 18th to finish alone in third.

"I don't think they can set it up for him, to be honest," Oosthuizen said. "I don't know what they can do really, because he's hitting it so far. He's so strong out of the rough. And he's probably one of the best putters out there, which a week that he really putts well, you're going to have a lot of trouble."

In six U.S. Opens at Winged Foot among 894 competitors, DeChambeau is only the third to finish a tournament under par. His 6-under 274 was the lowest score, and no one saw it coming this week.

Wolff, the 21-year-old Californian who can drive it past DeChambeau with a lower flight and more roll in the fairway, gave him a good run in his quest to become the youngest U.S. Open champion since Bobby Jones in 1923.

The U.S. Open was still up for grabs for a fleeting moment around the turn. DeChambeau and Wolff each got out of position on the eighth hole and made bogey. DeChambeau was at 3 under, one shot ahead of Wolff. Ahead of them, Oosthuizen and

Xander Schauffele were lurking at even par.

Still to play was the back nine, where so much has gone wrong at Winged Foot over the years.

Not this time.

DeChambeau and Wolff blasted drives down the fairway on the par-5 ninth. DeChambeau rolled in a 40-foot eagle putt with perfect pace. Wolff, who had pitching wedge for his second shot, matched his eagle with a 10-foot putt.

Just like that it was a two-man race.

And then it was a one-man show.

Wolff's tee shot on the par-3 10th rolled left into the thick collar of the bunker, a spot so precarious he had to stand in the deep bunker and grip halfway down the steel shaft of his sand wedge. He chipped 10 feet by the hole for a bogey to fall two shots behind.

From the fairway on the 11th, however, Wolff hit wedge that was chunky and went into the right rough, and he had to scramble for par instead of setting up a reasonable birdie chance. DeChambeau from the right rough came up short, but he used putter from off the green for birdie from 15 feet away.

With a three-shot lead, DeChambeau kept blasting away as if he were chasing, not leading, just like he said he would. He saved par from the left rough on the 14th and a perfect pitch from deep grass behind the green. He downed another protein shake walking down the 15th, marching along to a major title that affirms his position in the game as a pioneer.

Imagine the USGA, which has been studying the impact on distance, getting together for a debriefing after this performance. What would they say?

"He's hitting it forever," DeChambeau said with a laugh.

The last laugh.

WEIRTON — Abby Macek and Bella Aperfine both found the back of the net as Weir defeated Maddonna in the city championship.

STEELERS

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Watt and staggered to his right before linebacker Bud Dupree crashed on top of him, driving Lock's throwing shoulder into the ground.

"I fell on it weird," said Lock. "I tried to tuck it last second."

Instead, he fumbled. The Steelers recovered and went downfield for a touchdown while Lock was in the blue medical tent getting evaluated. He attempted to throw the ball but it "felt funny."

Driskel completed 18 of 34 for 256 yards with two touchdowns and a pick and absorbed that serious pounding. Still, he had the Broncos in position to win it until Edmunds' No. 34 swallowed him up with the game on the line.

Tomlin will take a somewhat ugly win over the alternative.

"We understand early in the season we're not going to be perfect (but) we were good enough to win," Tomlin said.

Ben Roethlisberger threw for 311 yards with two touchdowns and an interception in his second game back from right elbow surgery. The 38-year-old connected on 29 of 41 passes, including a rain-bow down the left sideline to rookie Chase Claypool that turned into an 84-yard touchdown.

Still, he wasn't exactly

thrilled on a day the Steelers never trailed but struggled to put the Broncos away. "The good news is when you play poorly and you still win the football game, that's something to be thankful (for)," Roethlisberger said. "I just need to trust myself making the throws. The guys are in the right spot."

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Steelers spent a portion of the week dealing with a self-inflicted public relations mess after putting the name of Antwon Rose Jr. — a Black Pittsburgh teenager shot in the back and killed by a white East Pittsburgh Police officer in 2018 — on the back of their helmets last week against the Giants. Left tackle Alejandro Villanueva called an audible and put the name of fallen U.S. soldier Alwyn Cashe on the back of his helmet instead. Villanueva opted to honor Cashe again Sunday while center Maurkice Pouncey, a longtime police advocate, used the space to pay tribute to fallen officer Eric Kelly, who was killed in the line of duty in 2009.

While all Steelers stood for the national anthem, Claypool, a Canadian, raised his right fist. He said he considers himself a "visitor" in the United States but wanted to provide some sign of unity.

OVAC

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A day earlier, second-seeded Steubenville (2-2-3) faces No. 3 John Marshall (1-5-0) at 5:30 p.m. at Harding Stadium.

Those winners will meet Saturday at noon at Brooke Memorial Stadium.

Warren Local (5-2-0) was ineligible to participate for not playing enough OVAC opponents. New Philadelphia (4-3-0) and Dover (3-3-2) chose not to take part.

In Class 1A/3A, No. 1 Steubenville Central (4-3-2) and second-seeded Caldwell (2-3-0) meet for the title on Saturday at 3 p.m., also at Brooke Memorial Stadium.

The Crusaders would have been the fourth seed as Monroe Central (3-1-1), which placed third in the standings, was ineligible for tournament competition for not playing enough OVAC matches.

Steubenville Catholic (1A/3A), St. Clairsville (4A) and Wheeling Park (5A) were 2019 champions.

On the girls side, the Red Devils (7-1-1) welcome No. 4 East Liverpool (4-2-1) on Tuesday at 8 p.m. at Red Devil Stadium. Second-seeded Oak Glen (5-2-0) entertains No. 3 Indian Creek (6-2-0) on Thursday at 5 p.m. at Oak Glen High

School. The winners clash at noon on Saturday at St. Clairsville's Red Devil Stadium.

In Class 5A, top-seeded Parkersburg South (7-0-0) hosts No. 4 John Marshall (1-4-0) on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Parkersburg, while No. 2 Steubenville (4-1-1) welcomes third-seeded Brooke (2-3-3) on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Harding Stadium.

The victors meet Saturday at 3 p.m. at Red Devil Stadium.

Morgantown (1-0-0), University (2-0-0) and Wheeling Park (4-1-0) are unable to compete due to COVID-19 restrictions. Warren Local (4-0-2), Dover (3-3-2) and New Philadelphia (3-4-2) chose not to participate.

In Class 1A/3A, top-seeded Steubenville Catholic (4-2-2) and No. 2 Madonna (2-1-3) will meet for the championship on Saturday at 3 p.m., also at Red Devil Stadium.

Linsly (3-1-3) would've been the top seed and Wheeling Central (1-5-1) were not available to participate due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The Cadets (1A/3A), Oak Glen (4A) and Morgantown (5A) won titles last season.