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Dodgers advance to World Series

• Rally past Atlanta 4-3 in Game 7 thriller; will meet Tampa Bay Tuesday in opener

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Cody Bellinger hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the seventh inning and the Los Angeles Dodgers advanced to the World Series for the third time in four years by topping the Atlanta Braves 4-3 in Game 7 of the NL Championship Series on Sunday night.

Bellinger connected on an inning after Kike Hernandez became the first pinch hitter with a game-tying or go-ahead homer in a winner-take-all game. His homer tied it at 3 and, like Bellinger's, came on the eighth pitch of the at-bat.

The Dodgers, who matched an LCS record with 16 homers, overcame a 3-1 series deficit by winning three consecutive games when facing elimination for only the second time in their storied history.

After winning both their NL Division Series and the NLCS in the new \$1.2 billion Globe Life Field, the Dodgers get to stay in place for the World Series. Game 1 against the American League champion Tampa Bay Rays is Tuesday night.

The Dodgers again will try to win their first World Series title since 1998. They lost Game 7 at home three years ago to the Houston Astros, and then lost in five games to the Boston Red Sox in 2018 when Mookie Betts was the AL MVP and playing against Los Angeles.

Tampa Bay's win in Game 7 of the ALCS late Saturday night wiped out the chance for an October rematch with the Astros, whose 2017 World Series victory over the Dodgers has been heavily tarnished by the revelations of Houston's sign-stealing tactics that season.

Betts, the first-year Dodger signed for 12 more years, made another incredible defensive play, robbing NL MVP candidate Freddie Freeman of a solo homer in the fifth.

Julio Urias, the fifth Dodgers pitcher, retired the last nine batters for his fourth win in four appearances this postseason.

The 24-year-old right-hander, already in his fourth postseason, has a 0.57 ERA in these play-offs.

The massive shot to right by reigning NL MVP and 2018 NLCS MVP Bellinger came on a 94-mph sinker after fouling off three pitches in a row by Chris Martin, the fifth Braves pitcher who started the seventh with strikeouts of Max Muncy and Will Smith.

Hernandez led off the sixth with a 424-foot drive to left-center off A.J. Minter.

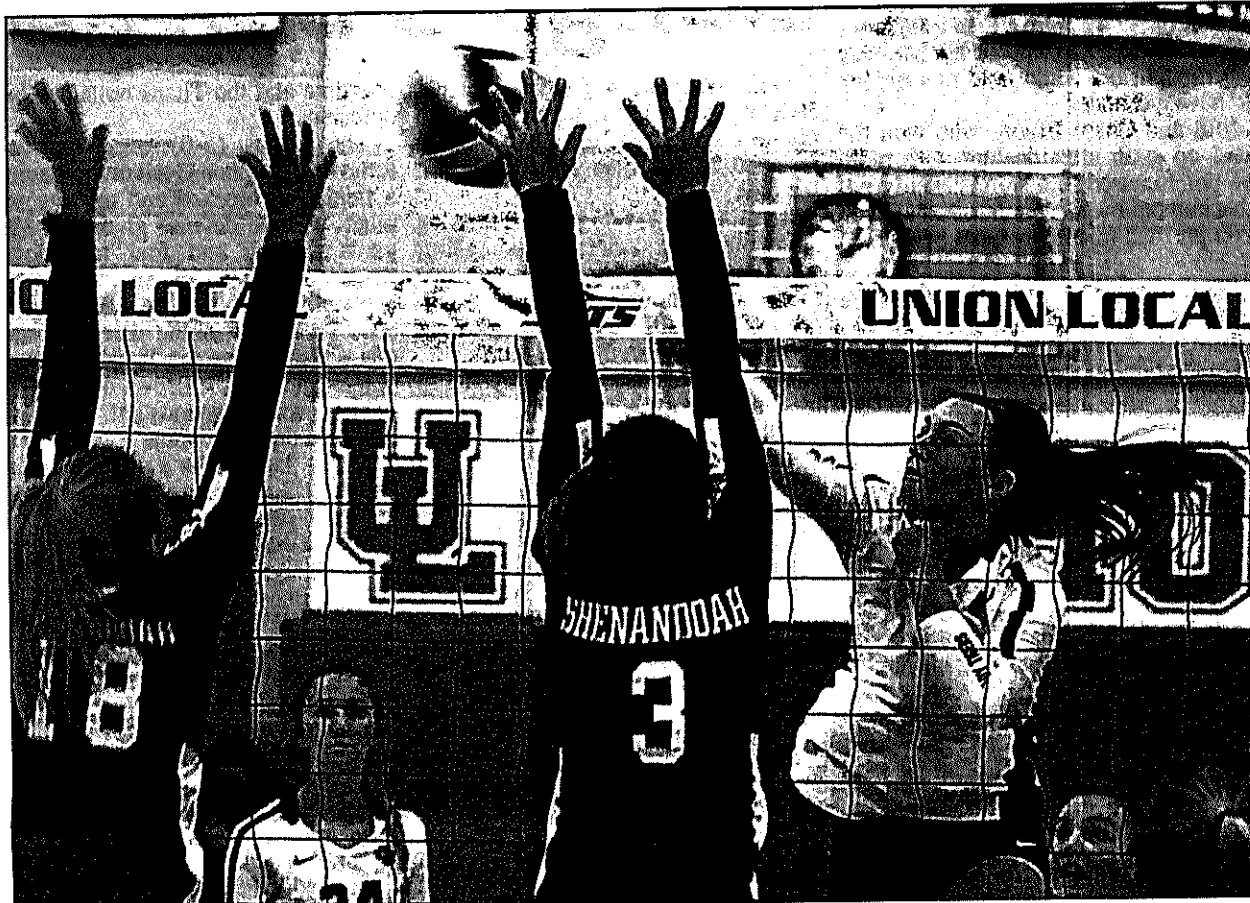
Dansby Swanson homered for Atlanta, which hasn't been to the World Series since 1999.

way back to relevance, the Steelers provided a stark reminder of how far Cleveland still has to go in a lopsided 38-7 victory on Sunday.

James Conner ran for 101 yards and a touchdown, Ben Roethlisberger passed for 169 yards and a score and Pittsburgh's defense chased aching Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield in the third quarter. The Steelers improved to 5-0 for just the second time in the franchise's 87-year history.

The Browns (4-2) were unable to get anything going against a defense that gave Mayfield little time to throw or running back Kareem Hunt any space to maneuver. Cleveland managed just 75 yards on the ground — 113 below its season average — and was basically forced to abandon its gameplan after falling behind by 24 points in the first half.

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SHADYSIDE'S TORY Hendershot delivers a kill during Saturday's OVAC 2A Championship victory over Shenandoah.

Photo/CODY TOMER

Shadyside wins first OVAC volleyball title

By CODY TOMER
For The Times Leader

MORRISTOWN — Over half of the Shadyside volleyball team are seniors and juniors and they vividly recall losing to Shenandoah in the OVAC 2A Championship a year ago.

Those upperclassmen got their chance at redemption and they took it.

In a back-and-forth four-set match, the Tigers (18-2) upended the Zeps (11-11) by scores of 25-17, 18-25, 25-21 and 25-22 to secure their first OVAC 2A title in school history on Saturday at Union Local.

"They have worked so hard this year," Shadyside coach Eric Mercer said of his championship team. "We played them last year in the final and they beat us so this is some great redemption for this group because we have a lot of ladies who remember that

loss very keenly.

"So, it's great for them and I'm just super proud of them. They played their hearts out."

Shadyside came out of the gates with a purpose as Tory Hendershot delivered six straight points and the Tigers took a commanding 7-2 lead it did not relinquish.

The second set was a different story.

Shenandoah won the race to 15 and never looked back on its way to evening the match at 1-1.

"They are tough," Zeps coach Megan Grywalski said of the Tigers. "The fact that we went four sets after the big difference in the first set was something. Then, the second set, coming out and playing that way — we have been on a roller coaster this year. We were inconsistent and I think that's what hurt us this game."

The Zeps were looking to keep that mo-

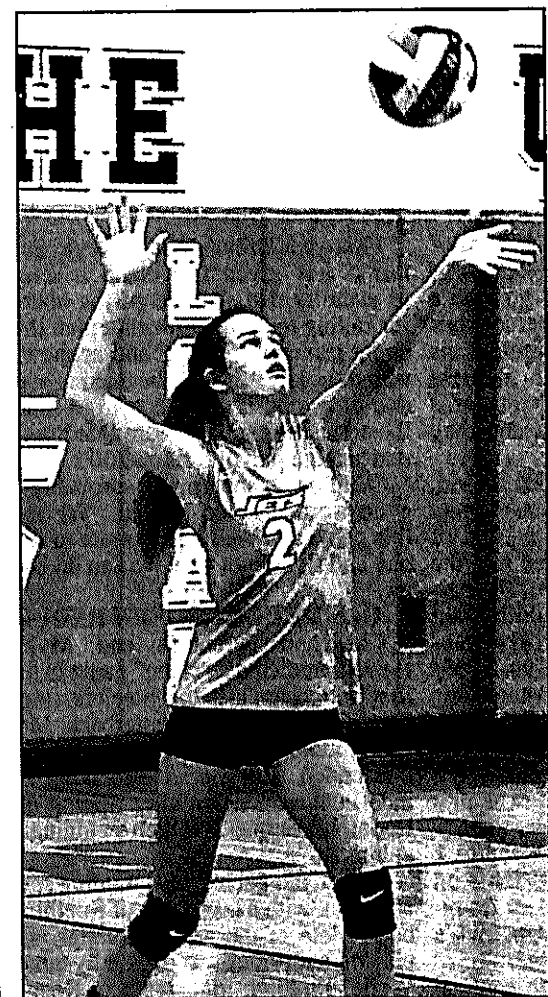
mentum going into the third set and they did as they grabbed a 13-10 edge but Hendershot, again, was their kryptonite.

Hendershot stepped behind the service line down 13-10 and rattled off five straight points to put the Tigers in front for good heading into the fourth set.

Shenandoah continued to battle — holding a 13-9 lead but a crucial timeout by Mercer rallied the Tigers, who came storming back.

"It starts with communication," Mercer said. "I called timeout down 13-9 and just said 'ladies, we have to start communicating again. Our energy has dropped, our communication stopped. We have to turn that around.' Once we got that going again, we made a couple plays and made a run and hung on for the win."

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Photo/CODY TOMER

UNION LOCAL senior Casey Kildow serves during Saturday evening's OVAC Class 4A championship game against Beaver Local. The Jets were swept by consecutive 25-22 scores.

Beaver Local sweeps Union Local for 4A OVAC crown

By RICK DELUCA
For The Times Leader

MORRISTOWN — Just a week after dropping from the ranks of the unbeaten in the Buckeye 8 finals, Beaver Local came to play in the OVAC Class 4A Championship finals and handed its Buckeye 8 final opponent, Union Local, its first loss of the season in a straight set win on the Jets home court in the playoff final.

With a good-sized and excited crowd inside the Jets' Hangar, Coach Sarah Lowe's Lady Beaver registered three straight 25-22 wins to capture the OVAC 4A crown and push their pre-Sectional record to 21-1. They will take on Philo in their post-season opener this week on the home court.

Union Local, which had coasted through 20 opponents before squaring off with the Beavers on Saturday, saw its mark drop to 20-1. For coach Kaye Sechrest's club, it marked the first match in which they did not win the opening set. UL will open the sectionals on their court this week, facing Harrison Central.

"We faced them last week in the Buckeye 8 and they won in three sets. This week we put in a lot of work and played well today," Coach Lowe said. "We were very fortunate that we were able to keep our unforced errors to a minimum and we have a strong program. We have 15 players on our roster traveling with us for the post-season. All are extremely talented and that makes it hard to decide who to put on the floor each night."

"I couldn't be prouder of those that exe-

cuted tonight," she added. "It was a big win for us tonight, both from the floor and the sidelines and our fans in the stands."

"We have very strong defenders and we battled back and forth between our liberos because they both work so hard not letting that ball hit the floor," Lowe continued. "And we can't think about our hitters without thinking about our defenders. They all play as a team. We have a great team."

Beaver received fine efforts from a talented lineup including Grace Hill who finished with 13 kills and four blocks, Karlee Furman who added nine points, two aces, five kills, 25 assists and seven digs. Brooke Talbot played well with four points, two aces, 14 kills, 17 assists and 13 digs while Elizabeth Kolkowski added 11 kills and two blocks.

After the game, an excited Talbot was quick to point out, "I think we kind of settled in because we had the pressure off us after last week and then they came in with the pressure of being undefeated."

Union Local played well and was just a few mistakes shy of a completely different outcome.

Casey Kildow led the Lady Jets with 12 points, 11 kills, 31 spikes, 19 assists and eight digs while Torre Kildow kicked in with 17 points, 16 kills, 45 spikes, 12 assists and nine digs.

Baylee Rex had three points, three kills, eight spikes and four digs, Keira Gregor contributed three points, two kills, five spikes and Reagan Vinskovich closed with six points, three kills, 17 spikes, 10 digs and two blocks.

COVID-19 pandemic, which reduced the capacity to about 10,000 fans for Sunday's race at Kansas Speedway.

Oh, and one of his other wins this season? Phoenix, where Logano will now race for a title.

"I spent more time looking in the mirror than I did looking in the windshield there," Logano said of his late-race duel with Harvick. "I thought if I could hold him off the first 15 laps, I would have a chance."

Kyle Busch was fifth and Chase Elliott, who won the opening stage, wound up sixth after dealing with radio problems that at one point caused him to mistakenly pit. Elliott tried using a backup radio and even resorted to hand signs with his team on pit road to convey what he wanted done with the car.

Ryan Blaney, William Byron, playoff driver Martin Truex Jr. and Christopher Bell rounded out the top 10. Kansas native Clint Bowyer, who is retiring after the season and taking a spot in the Fox Sports commentary booth, was competitive early but wound up finishing 26th in what could be his final race at his home track.

Harvick's second-place run was good for his own championship hopes. He now has a 41-point cushion over the cut line with two races left before the championship, while Denny Hamlin is 20 points above it after a mistake caused him to brush the wall and he wound up 15th. Keselowski is eight points above Elliott, the first driver below the cut line.

Bowman is 27 points below, Truex is 31 points behind and Kurt Busch is 73 points back after blowing his engine Sunday.

Elliott may have had the most eventful afternoon until the final green-flag run simply because of his radio issue, which really bit him in the second stage. He had pit with most of the leaders before Matt Kenseth hit the frontstretch wall to bring out a caution. The remaining cars headed down pit road with 12 laps left in the stage, but Elliott crew chief Alan Gustafson wanted his driver to stay on the track. The message not got through, and Elliott took a left onto pit road.

Elliott lost a handful of spots and that left Hamlin and Harvick, who have combined for 16 wins this season, to race for the stage win. Hamlin managed to hold off the

Bengals blow 21-0 lead

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Lamar Jackson threw for a touchdown and ran for a score and the Ravens held on for a 30-28 win over Philadelphia on Sunday.

The Eagles (1-4-1) came in missing seven offensive starters, including four offensive linemen, and then lost two more when running back Miles Sanders left in the third quarter and tight end Zach Ertz exited in the fourth.

Still, the Ravens (5-1) needed to prevent a 2-point conversion with 1:55 remaining to secure the win. Carson Wentz was stopped by L.J. Fort and Matthew Judon trying to run it in. The Eagles wouldn't have needed the conversion after Wentz sneaked in from the 1 if coach Doug Pederson kicked the extra point when they scored early in the third quarter to cut Baltimore's deficit to 17-6.

BUCCANEERS 38, PACKERS 10
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tom Brady outplayed Aaron Rodgers in a rare meeting between the Super Bowl-winning quarterbacks.

It was the 43-year-old Brady's first signature victory since signing with the Bucs (4-2) after a historic 20-year run with the New England Patriots, which included nine NFL title game appearances and six championships.

BRONCOS 18, PATRIOTS 12
FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Brandon McManus kicked six field goals and linebacker Malik Reed came up with a big sack late in a game twice delayed following positive coronavirus tests for both teams.

Sunday's game was originally scheduled for last week but got postponed twice, first by a day, then by seven. The delay was caused after multiple Patriots players tested positive for COVID-19, including quarterback Cam Newton and reigning Defensive Player of the Year cornerback Stephon Gilmore.

Drew Lock finished 10 of 24 for 189 yards in his first start since injuring his shoulder in Denver's Week 2 loss to Pittsburgh. He was steady early, but had back-to-back interceptions in the fourth quarter to let the Patriots back into the game.

TITANS 42, TEXANS 36, OT
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Derrick Henry took a direct snap and ran 5 yards for a touchdown 3:30 into

overtime and the Titans remained undefeated.

The Titans (5-0) overcame two turnovers, Stephen Gostkowski having a field goal blocked and missing another, and the defense giving up 335 yards passing and four touchdown passes to Deshaun Watson.

Ryan Tannehill, who had three of his 19 career winning drives to start this season, drove the Titans 76 yards before finding A.J. Brown on a 6-yard TD pass with 4 seconds left. Gostkowski made the extra point.

Henry, last season's rushing leader, ran for 202 yards in regulation, including a 94-yard TD sprint. In overtime, he took a screen pass 53 yards on the second play. He capped the six-play, 82-yard drive with a wildcat snap for his second TD, finishing with 212 yards rushing and 52 yards receiving.

BEARS 23, PANTHERS 16
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Nick Foles threw for one touchdown and ran for another, Chicago's defense forced three turnovers and sacked Teddy Bridgewater four times.

Foles finished with 198 yards passing and a touchdown and David Montgomery added 58 yards on the ground as the Bears (5-1) opened the season 3-0 on the road for the first time since 2006, when they reached the Super Bowl.

The Panthers (3-3) had their three-game winning streak snapped.

GIANTS 20, WASHINGTON 19
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Joe Judge and the New York Giants have finally won, and they have rookie Tae Crowder and a risky gamble by Washington coach Ron Rivera for making them relevant again.

Crowder, the last player taken in the NFL draft — Mr. Irrelevant — scooped up a fumble and ran 43 yards for a touchdown with 3:28 to play.

The game wasn't decided until Rivera rolled the dice after a 22-yard touchdown pass from Kyle Allen to Cam Sims with :36 left in regulation to cap a 10-play, 75-yard march.

Instead of playing for overtime, Rivera had Washington (1-5) go for the win with a 2-point conversion in an attempt to get back in the mediocre NFC East race. Allen found no one open, scrambled to his left and had his pass under pressure fall incomplete.

FALCONS 40, VIKINGS 21

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Julio Jones returned from injury to catch two of Matt Ryan's four touchdown passes, as the Falcons got their first victory of the season — one week after the firing of head coach Dan Quinn.

Kirk Cousins threw three interceptions in the first half for the first time in his career, and the Falcons (1-5) turned those picks into 17 points to build a 20-0 lead at the break. That proved to be solid enough for even this falter-prone team.

COLTS 31, BENGALS 27
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — After trailing 21-0, Philip Rivers rallied the Colts with three touchdown passes, including the go-ahead score on the first play of the fourth quarter. It equaled the largest comeback in the franchise's regular-season history. None of the previous four came at home, and the last time Indianapolis (4-2) achieved the feat came in 2003 at Tampa Bay. Only a 28-point comeback in the 2013 playoffs against Kansas City was a larger margin.

It's the fifth time the Bengals (1-4-1) have blown a 21-point lead in franchise history, their second-worst all time.

DOLPHINS 24, JETS 0

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Ryan Fitzpatrick threw three touchdown passes and the Dolphins held the Jets without a third-down conversion until the fourth quarter.

The game was so lopsided that Miami rookie Tua Tagovailoa made his NFL debut in mop-up duty with 2:27 left. The Dolphins' potential franchise quarterback ran onto the field to a big roar from the crowd of 10,772, and a grinning Fitzpatrick waved to encourage more cheers.

LIONS 34, JAGUARS 16

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Rookie D'Andre Swift ran for a career-high 116 yards and two touchdowns, and Matthew Stafford got an elusive TD pass against the only team he hadn't thrown one against in 12 seasons.

Detroit (2-3) made this one look easy, somewhat surprising considering the Lions had lost six straight in which they led by double digits. They've already done it three times this season, collapsing in losses to Chicago, Green Bay and New Orleans.

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Kylie Baker's serving also played a big role as she chalked up five straight points to turn a 16-13 deficit into a 19-16 lead.

She also took a pass from teammate Caroline Mercer and blistered it over the net for the game-ending and match-winning kill.

Mercer handed out 33 assists in the win, along with eight points.

Gentry Brown tallied 21 kills and seven points, while Hendershot delivered 15 points and seven kills, Baker amassed 10 points and seven kills and Baylee Wach and Paige Gorby each turned in four points and four kills for the Tigers.

"We lost four seniors last year and this group just plays well together," Coach Mercer said. "They don't get too excited. They are always as cool as a cucumber but when they get the energy

going they can really play well and that's what they did (Saturday)."

Mya Leach paced the Zeps with 14 kills, six points and seven digs, while Tara Pakes tallied nine points, four aces and six kills, Ryleigh Sherman garnered 31 assists and seven points and Makenna Clift added 10 digs and eight points.

Shenandoah also has no seniors on the team and just one junior, putting them in prime position to return for another shot at an OVAC title.

"We'll be back," Grywalski said. "I think we'll see Shadyside again in the district finals. This is obviously very important but so is going to regionals, so we've got a chance to do that again."

"We've seen them now and know what they have and know what we are capable of."

Virgil and Charleen (Finney) Markovich



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"We just got outplayed today," said Mayfield, who completed 10 of 18 passes for 119 yards to go with a touchdown and the two interceptions before being taken out to protect his tender ribs. "That's what happens when you don't execute. Great teams capitalize on your mistakes and they did."

Fitzpatrick, an All-Pro last season, collected his first true "splash" play of 2020 when he stepped in front of a Mayfield pass and sprinted into the end zone. Mayfield never saw Fitzpatrick coming. The same could be said for the rest of the Browns. The franchise's best start since 1994 ended with a thud in a stadium where they haven't won since Mayfield was in elementary school.

A week after allowing Philadelphia to convert 10 of 15 third downs in a closer than expected win over the Eagles, the Steelers held Cleveland to 1 of 12 on third downs and 0 for 3 on fourth downs, an afternoon of dominance that began with Fitzpatrick's Pick-6.

"I think it sent a message to them that you know, third down wasn't going to be easy sledding today, and we needed it," Tomlin said. "Minkah is an A-player. It was a significant play. He's capable of delivering those type of plays and we'll keep snapping the ball and watching him do it."

First-year Browns coach Kevin Stefanski has given Cleveland a sense of stability. He shouldered the blame for failing to come up with a plan that could protect Mayfield, and acknowledged the key now will be making sure one loss doesn't mushroom — not the easiest thing for a team that hasn't reached the playoffs since 2002.

"Calling it sobering is probably a good word," Stefanski said. "We lost this game and we have to react to this one and figure out how we can do better."

GARRETT/RUDOLPH REDUX

Cleveland defensive end Myles Garrett predicted a "clean" game in his first action against the Steelers since his ugly fight with quarterback Mason Rudolph last November, a game that ended with Garrett receiving an indefinite suspension after ripping off Rudolph's helmet and then swinging it at him.

Garrett did get his AFC-leading seventh sack with a takedown of Roethlisberger late in the second quarter and play on both sides was decidedly tame. While Rudolph did replace Roethlisberger midway through the fourth quarter, by then Garrett was on the sideline. The two did not appear to interact during the postgame handshake.

"It was way calmer than anybody expected," said Steelers rookie right guard Kevin Dotson, who started in

place of injured Pro Bowler David DeCastro. "It wasn't like we were brawling, fighting thinking about last year. Last year was last year. ... I wasn't on the team so it wasn't a crazy thing for me."

INJURIES

The Steelers received a potentially massive blow to their defense when second-year inside linebacker Devin Bush left in the second quarter with what Tomlin called a "significant" left knee injury. Bush, who had not missed a defensive snap all season, appeared to take an awkward step while attempting to break up a pass. Robert Spillane filled in but with Bush almost certainly longer-term, the depth at inside linebacker will be tested.

"It's a big blow but Spillane came in and did well," outside linebacker Bud Dupree. "Prayers up for Devin as he goes through recovery."

UP NEXT

Browns: will attempt to sweep the season series from in-state rival Cincinnati when they visit the Bengals next Sunday. Cleveland captured the first meeting 35-30 at home on Sept. 17.

Steelers: begin a three-game road swing on Sunday when they visit the undefeated Titans (5-0). The game was originally scheduled for Oct. 4 before being moved while Tennessee dealt with a COVID-19 outbreak.

love for his athletes could not be more clear as I interviewed him just two weeks ago following Bilby's second straight state title run.

When asked how Bilby would be remembered, Ujcich broke down in tears of joy — the pride gleaming on his face — as he

beyond blessed to say he was my golf coach for four amazing years and I will love him forever."

Brooke Athletics Director Sean Blumette echoed the statements of Bilby.

"I just talked to him Friday," Blumette said of Ujcich. "The

efit everybody. When we needed a new baseball infield, I got the estimate and we didn't have the money for it and he said 'get me the dirt and I'll take care of it,' and he got it done.

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Photo by Sean Blumette

Brooke golf coach Ron Ujcich Jr., right, stands with two-time state golf champion Ryan Bilby following this year's regional golf championship. Ujcich died Saturday at the age of 45 after a tragic ATV accident.



AP Photo

West Virginia wide receiver Sam James (13) scores a touchdown against Kansas during Saturday's game in Morgantown.

WVU Pulls Away From Jayhawks

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — Leddie Brown broke open a close game with a long touchdown run in the third quarter and caught one of Jarret Doege's three touchdown passes to lead West Virginia to a 38-17 victory Saturday over a winless Kansas team that was without coach Les Miles.

Before a crowd of 10,759 in the first game that West Virginia allowed the general public to attend amid the pandemic, the Mountaineers (3-1, 2-1 Big 12) overcame a bevy of mistakes to beat the Jayhawks for the seventh straight time.

With West Virginia clinging to a 17-10 lead late in the third quarter, Brown came into the game needing to get a first down.

He got a whole lot more.

Brown rumbled 87 yards up the middle untouched, the start of three straight touchdowns for the Mountaineers.

"I'd seen a little crease. I jumped through it and I seen green — a whole bunch of green field," Brown said. "I just hit it."

The 210-pound junior compiled 195 yards on 18 carries, sitting out the fourth quarter. With 515 yards through four games, Brown has eclipsed his season rushing totals in each of the past two seasons.

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Steelers Quiet Browns in Blowout



AP Photo

Pittsburgh free safety Minkah Fitzpatrick (39) is greeted by teammates in the end zone after intercepting a pass by Cleveland quarterback Baker Mayfield (6) and taking it in for a touchdown during Sunday's game in Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh hasn't lost to Cleveland at home in 17 years

PITTSBURGH (AP) — One by one the dominos toppled.

The NFL's best running game fell first. The passing game came next, quickly followed by the optimism that somehow things would be different for the Cleveland Browns.

It never is. Not in Pittsburgh anyway. Players change. Coaches change. Decades change. The result when the Steelers host the Browns does not. Pittsburgh wins.

And while the Browns might be on their way back to relevance, the Steelers provided a stark reminder of how far Cleveland still has to go in a lopsided 38-7 victory on Sunday.

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Pittsburgh sacked Mayfield four times and picked him off twice — including Minkah Fitzpatrick's 33-yard sprint to the end zone on Cleveland's first possession. That gave the Steelers a quick 10-0 lead they never came close to squandering, extending their home winning streak over

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Linsly Tops Allderdice

By KYLE LUTZ
Sports Writer

WHEELING — For its first home game of the 2020 season, Linsly's battle against Taylor Allderdice had it all on Saturday. In a hard-nosed game, it was the Linsly defense that stepped up at the end as the Cadets secured a 27-19 victory at Fawcett Field inside Lockhart Alumni Stadium.

"We've always had really good football games with them," Linsly coach B.J. Depew said. "They beat us on our field and we've beat them on theirs. Coach (Rick) Haslett always has his team playing tough and they play and fight. I knew that's what it was going to be like coming in here. We played a really good first half. We were very disciplined and executed well. Not that we felt comfortable at halftime, but we were pleased of where we were. We knew it was going to take a duplicate second half to put them away and we didn't play that way. But all in all, those kids hung in and we had to win with our defense at the end, which I was proud of."

And it was also the Cadets defense that



Photo by Seth Staskey

Linsly's Hunter Kelley runs the ball as Taylor Allderdice's Denzel Greenwood goes in for a tackle.

made the first big play of the contest. On the Dragons' first possession, they were able to get to the Cadets' 1. However, on a 4th-and-goal, Linsly forced an incomplete pass and took over possession.

"It was a tone setter and I thought we played really well defensively most of the game," Depew said.

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Paden City Captures Fourth Straight OVAC Championship

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

MORRISTOWN — With a fourth straight OVAC 1A title on the line, Paden City found itself in a pickle — down 2-0 and facing elimination in Saturday's championship at Union Local.

However, with an experienced group fresh off a state runner-up season in 2019, Wildcats' coach Jennifer Yeater and her team showed no panic.

Instead, Paden City dug deep and reeled off three straight wins to stun Wellsville in a five-set thriller with scores of 18-25, 23-25, 25-23, 25-23 and 15-10 to earn its fourth consecutive OVAC crown.

"It's pretty awesome.



Photo by Cody Tomer

Paden City's Tanley McEldowney prepares to serve during a crucial moment of the OVAC 1A Championship on Saturday at Union Local.

We had to dig deep," Yeater said. "We kind of got in that first and second set slump and it was 'hey, we have to find the heart and hustle.'" That's just what they did.

"Last year in the sectional we were down

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Park Falls in Five-Set OVAC Final

BY KYLE LUTZ
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MORRISOWN — Going into Saturday's OVAC Class 5A volleyball championship, Wheeling Park was primed to defend its title. And after the first set, it looked very well for the Patriots. Morgantown, though, regrouped. And in what turned into a five-set thriller, it was the Mohigans that came out victorious. Morgantown denied Wheeling Park a repeat in a 18-25, 25-22, 26-28, 13-25, 15-10 victory Saturday morning at Union Local High School.

"It was a very exciting five-set thriller," Morgantown coach Erica Manor said. "I think both sides of the court had their good moments and their bad moments and I think down the stretch it came down to us having mental toughness in those last few points in the fifth set."

The Mohigans also showed toughness in the fourth set when they forced a decisive set. After dropping the third set in a marathon battle (28-26 in favor of Park), Morgantown raced out to a 17-8 lead and were never really threatened. The toughness tuned over in the fifth set as the Mohigans grabbed an 11-4 lead a little over the midway point of the decisive set.

While Wheeling Park put together a small rally and cut its deficit to 14-10, the hole proved to be too large for the Patriots as the Mohigans took the match on the next point.

"Morgantown always plays us tough," Wheeling Park coach Samantha Gentle said. "We just saw them (Monday), so we weren't really able to hide anything from them. They kind of knew what to expect from us. Their middle did some things that we weren't

able to adjust to as well as I would have liked us to. So that's something that we have to take into consideration because we see them on Tuesday and sectionals, I'm sure. The girls, they fought and battled, but we couldn't come out with the result we obviously wanted.

"It's tough, but I think our will persevere and look to get better and be ready for sectionals and regionals."

The Patriots got off to a quick start and took a commanding lead in the first set. Up 7-6, they reeled off 11 straight points to have a comfortable cushion and run away with it and take the first set.

In the third set, they overcame a fierce Mohigan rally. Up 20-13, Morgantown clawed its way back and eventually tied it at 24-24. After trading points, Park was able to take the set and secure a 2-1 lead.

"I definitely think we will be able to adjust our defense to what they're showing us, so we're a little bit more prepared next time and we just have to execute," Gentle said.

Caylin Angel had 11 points and 12 digs while Makara Ferguson had five kills and four blocks for the Patriots. Ellanore Schellhase had 11 points; Rachel Simon collected 11 points, 16 kills, 13 digs and three blocks and Olivia Albrecht had eight kills and five digs for Park. Alexandra Franko was also solid for the Patriots with 20 points, 21 digs and 14 kills while Elizabeth Simon had three kills and six digs; Anya Ritz tallied 18 points, 11 digs and 35 assists and Isabelle Miller had 17 points and 20 digs. Emily Braden tallied seven digs.

For the Mohigans, Isabel Grushesky had 10 points, three aces, six kills, seven blocks and

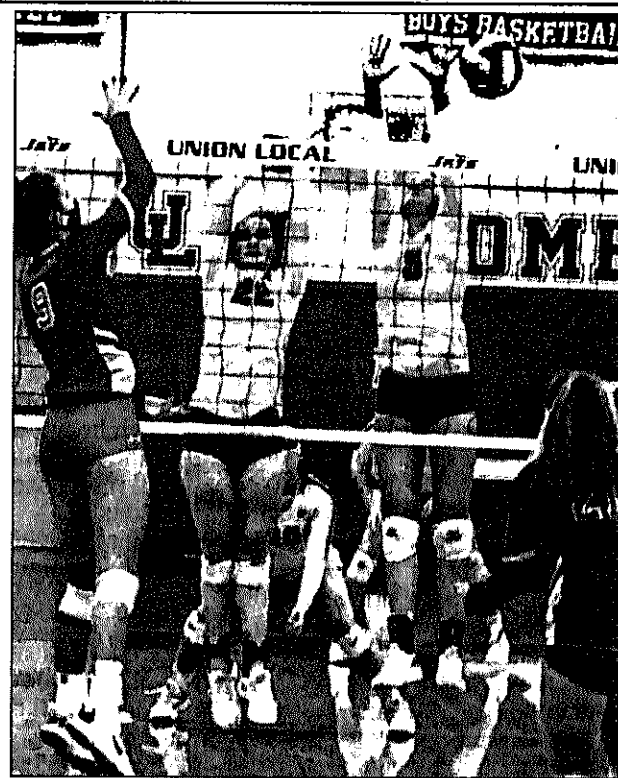


Photo by Kristin Mazgal
Wheeling Park's Anya Ritz (22) and Rachel Simon (5) attempt a block during Saturday's OVAC 5A final.

three digs while Paige Brock turned in a four dig, 17 assist and seven dig performance. Asia Halbitter had 16 points, five aces and nine digs while Alyana Corwin had seven points 21 kills and seven digs for Morgantown.

Fort Frye Defeats Linsly For 3A Crown

Long leads the way with 25 points, 22 kills and five digs

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

MORRISTOWN — Linsly senior outside hitter Charlie Allison brings many challenges to the volleyball court for her opponents.

Fort Frye coach Emily Tracewell knew that in order for her Cadets to bring their first OVAC championship in school history back home, they would need to be prepared for her talents.

Allison had a strong effort with 21 kills but Fort Frye (18-4) came up big when it needed to in earning a 25-21, 25-17 and 25-18 sweep of Linsly (15-4) for the OVAC 3A crown on Saturday inside Union Local's gymnasium.

"We played them before and lost the first two sets before coming back to win in five sets," Tracewell said. "So, this week at practice we had our assistant coach, Brady Ohrn who is really good at volleyball, pretend to be Charlie the whole time. We were just working on blocking because they set the ball to her every time, so we figured out a way to reenact it in practice"

When the campaign began, Tracewell put the goal in place for her team to raise the OVAC trophy — on Saturday, they brought that goal to fruition.

"That was something we talked about at the beginning of the season — how we've never won an OVAC Championship," Tracewell said. "That was something in the back of our minds, while we were practicing and working throughout the season. I think we finally peaked at the right time together."

"We've been working together as a team and everybody was on board with their hitting, setting and moving their feet."

"Their serving's been good and we've just been working hard at practice for the last few weeks to get our mindset right to be able to bring home the win."

Linsly fought every step of the way in all three sets and led 15-14 in the opening frame.

That was until Liv Schneider stepped behind the service line and dialed up four consecutive points to give Fort Frye a 19-15 advantage it did not relinquish.

Makenna Long provided the final block to preserve the 1-0 lead.

Again, Linsly jumped out to a 6-3 upper hand behind four straight points from Celia Demarchi but Fort Frye was on a mission.

Fort Frye's Karlee Ross put the match in her own hands and delivered a six-point run that turned a 17-16 edge into a 23-16 cushion, before Long provided another game-ending kill.

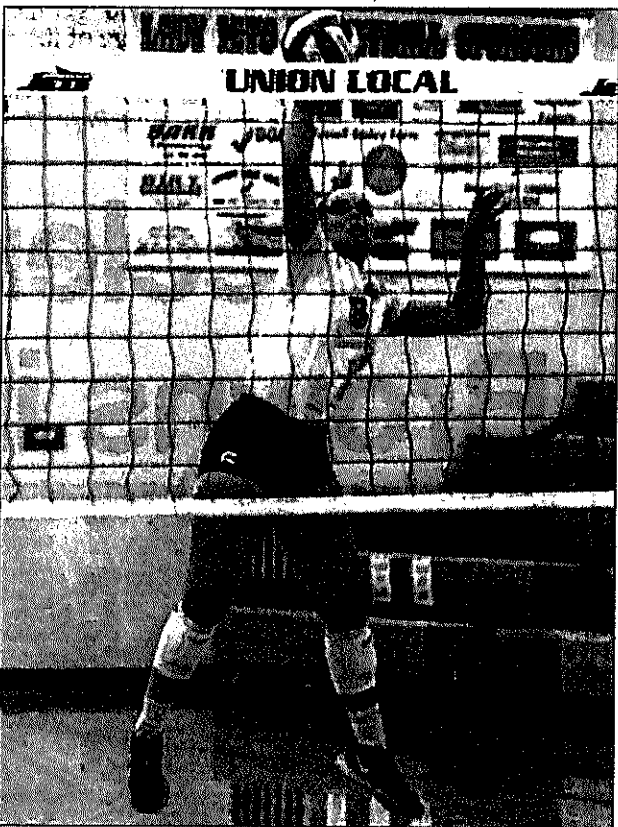


Photo by Kristin Mazgal
Linsly's Milica Sekulovic sends the ball over the net during Saturday's OVAC 3A final at Union Local.

With Fort Frye in control, Linsly hung around in the third set for a while, grabbing its only lead at 11-10 but Julia Zalmanek blasted several missiles over the net for kills and Cara McIntosh rattled off five straight points to end the set and the match to send her Fort Frye teammates into celebration.

Despite the loss, Linsly coach Ashlee Jividen was proud of her team's effort.

"That's what I told every single person on the team — that there is no doubt that they wanted it," Linsly coach Jividen said. "That showed just in their passion for the game."

In the victory, Fort Frye was led by Long's 25 points, 22 kills and five digs, while Karlee Ross delivered 19 points and 15 kills with Bella Schilling dishing out 20 assists and six digs.

Also for Fort Frye, Schneider amassed 10 digs, McIntosh recorded 15 assists, eight digs and six points, Julia Zalmanek turned in a stellar 17 points and 13 kills, Khloee Ross supplied six points and four kills, Lexie Huck collected 18 digs and Jayden Wallace added 15 digs, seven kills and five assists.

Along with Allison's 21 kills, Linsly was led by Milica Sekulovic's 15 kills, London Podobnik's 36 assists and Demarchi's 17 digs.

"Fort Frye played well," Jividen said. "Defense was key."

"Both teams have good hitters and our passing could have done a better job at limiting our errors."

Central Escapes Union Local, 35-25

MORRISTOWN — led by Wyatt Moore's 114 yards and a score. After stopping Union Local on fourth down late in the game, Wheeling Central running back Jordan Waterhouse took a 73-yard run to the house to seal a 35-25 victory over the Jets on Saturday.

Waterhouse finished with 167 yards and three touchdowns on 17 carries, while Payton Marling had a two scores and a team-high 213 yards rushing for the Maroon Knights.

The Jets were led by QB Carter Blake who threw for 172 yards and two touchdowns.

His top target was Carter Loase who turned in 100 yards receiving with two scores.

Jackson Price added 94 yards on the ground for Union Local.

Ohio Playoffs
Division IV, Region 15
St. Clairsville 47
Sparta Highland 30
ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Behind a brilliant effort from quarterback Tyler Tonkovich, St. Clairsville rolled past Sparta Highland in postseason action.

Tonkovich supplied 210 yards and three passing touchdowns, while rushing for a score, as well.

Colin Oberdick caught six passes for 137 yards and two scores and took a punt 73 yards for six.

Reese Skaggs tallied 10 tackles and a sack, while Drew Sefsick added 10 stops and an interception for the Red Devils' defense.

Division VI, Region 23
Barnesville 63
Elgin 20

BARNESVILLE — The Shamrocks (5-2) asserted themselves immediately when senior A.J. Dealing took the opening kickoff from his own 15 to the Comets (5-3) 39-yard line. Senior tailback Gage Hannahs

25-17, 18-25, 25-21, 25-22

MORRISTOWN — In a rematch of last year's OVAC 2A final, it was Shadyside avenging last year's loss to raise the trophy for the first time in school history.

Caroline Mercer handed out 33 assists in the win, along with eight points.

Gentry Brown tallied 21 kills and seven points, while Tory Hendershot delivered 15 points and seven kills, Kylie Baker amassed 10 points and seven kills and Baylee Wach and Paige Gorby each turned in four points and four kills for the Tigers.

OVAC
4A Championship (at Union Local)
Beaver Local d. Union Local

25-22, 25-22, 25-22

MORRISTOWN — In its first loss of the year, Union Local was swept by Beaver Local for the OVAC title.

The Jets were led by the Kildow sisters as Torre amassed 16 kills, 12 assists and nine digs, while Casey tallied 11 kills, 19 assists and eight digs.

Lacy Bilyeu supplied 13 digs and Reagan Vinskovich added 10 digs for U.L.

Ohio Playoffs
Division III
East 1 Sectional

Philo d. Steubenville 25-20, 22-25, 25-9, 25-12

STEUBENVILLE — Anna Taylor had eight kills and eight digs but Steubenville fell to Philo in volleyball postseason action.

Division IV
East 1 Sectional

Harrison Central d. West Muskingum 18-25, 25-12, 25-9, 25-16

LINSLY

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"We didn't have an answer when they started to run their quarterback.

"That was a good adjustment and we knew they would give

"At that point, it certainly isn't a good feeling because you had the chance to put a good team away, but penalties kept it

reverse the momentum that can be created by penalties or take alive and cost us"

FOOTBALL CARD

Friday Ohio Playoffs Division VII Shadyside at East Knox Reedsville Eastern at River Regular Season Brooke at Wheeling Park Linsly at Morgantown John Marshall at Parkersburg Tyler at Magnolia Conotton Valley at Clay-Battelle Monroe Central at Frontier Union Local at Toronto Shenandoah at Buckeye Trail Beaver Local at Martins Ferry Wellsville at Edison Valley at Hundred Weir at East Liverpool Waterford at Caldwell Preston Co. at University Saturday Ohio Playoffs Division IV Vincent Warren at St. Clairsville Division V Bellaire at Garaway Division VI Lucasville Valley at Barnesville Africentric at Fort Frye Regular Season Oak Glen at Spring Mills, 1 p.m. Wheeling Central at Madonna Buckeye Local at Steubenville CC, 1 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV

NFL FOOTBALL 5 p.m. FOX - Kansas City at Buffalo NFLN - Kansas City at Buffalo 8:15 p.m. ESPN - Arizona at Dallas SOCCER (MEN'S) 12:25 p.m. NBCSN - Premier League: Burnley at West Bromwich Albion 2:55 p.m. NBCSN - Premier League: Wolverhampton at Leeds United SWIMMING 10 a.m. CBSN - ISL: The N 2, Duna Arena, Budapest Hungary

STEELERS

Pittsburgh 38, Cleveland 7 Cleveland 0 7 0 0 - 7 Pittsburgh 10 14 7 7 - 38 First Quarter Pit-FG Boswell 35, 10:35. Pit-Fitzpatrick 33 interception return (Boswell kick), 8:58. Second Quarter Pit-Conner 3 run (Boswell kick), 10:28. Pit-Washington 28 pass from Roethlisberger (Boswell kick), 5:43. Cle-Higgins 13 pass from Mayfield (Parkey kick), 1:01. Third Quarter Pit-Claypool 3 run (Boswell kick), :52. Fourth Quarter Pit-Snell 1 run (Boswell kick), 8:08. A-5,260.

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING-Cleveland, Hunt 13-40, Hilliard 4-29, Mayfield 1-5, D. Johnson 4-1. Pittsburgh, Conner 20-101, Snell 6-17, Claypool 2-7, Roethlisberger 3-5, McFarland 3-2, Rudolph 3-(minus 3). PASSING-Cleveland, Mayfield 10-18-2-119, Keenum 5-10-0-46. Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 14-22-0-162, Rudolph 1-1-0-6. RECEIVING-Cleveland, Hooper 5-52, Landry 3-40, Beckham 2-25, Hunt 2-17, Higgins 1-13, Bryant 1-11, Njoku 1-7. Pittsburgh, Claypool 4-74, Washington 4-68, Ebron 2-9, Smith-Schuster 2-6, McFarland 1-6, Snell 1-4, Conner 1-1. MISSED FIELD GOALS-None.

WVU-KANSAS

West Virginia 38, Kansas 17 Kansas 10 0 0 7 - 17 West Virginia 7 10 7 14 - 38 First Quarter KAN-FG Borella 41, 11:41. KAN-Parchment 43 pass from Kendrick (Borella kick), 9:21. WVU-Ford-Wheaton 33 pass from Doege (Staley kick), 4:53. Second Quarter WVU-L.Brown 6 pass from Doege (Staley kick), 3:25. WVU-FG Staley 33, :16. Third Quarter WVU-L.Brown 87 run (Staley kick), 3:37. Fourth Quarter WVU-James 8 pass from Doege (Staley kick), 14:55. WVU-Sinkfield 3 run (Staley kick), 2:00. KAN-P.Williams 92 kickoff return (Borella kick), 1:45. A-10,759.

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NFL

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include American Conference East, South, North, West; National Conference East, South, North, West.

MLB PLAYOFFS

Table with columns: Series, Game, Date, Time, Location. Rows include Wild Card Series American League Tampa Bay 2, Toronto 0; National League Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Milwaukee 0; Division Series American League Tampa Bay 3, New York Yankees 2; National League Los Angeles Dodgers 3, San Diego 0; League Championship Series American League Tampa Bay 4, Houston 3; World Series (Best-of-7) At Arlington, Texas (All Games on Fox) Los Angeles vs. Tampa Bay.

UJCICH

(Continued from Page 9) "It's going to take Brooke High School a while to get over this because he was a legitimate larger than life personality and I don't know if there is person in the building that wouldn't call him a friend. "He would want us to keep his programs going strong and do it in a way he would want, which is to make sure the kids are taken care of first." Not only did he make an impact on the lives of baseball players and golfers at Brooke, but his guidance and charisma could be felt from other schools, as well. "Ronnie was one of my dearest friends," Wheeling Park golf coach Don Headley said. "He and I have coached a lot of golfers over the years. He was always a great supporter of high school golf. "I will think of him every time I step on a golf course for the rest of my life.

OVAC

(Continued from Page 9) In the third set, the Wildcats trailed 15-11 and 23-21 and, with their backs against the wall, pulled out a miraculous comeback with the final four points of the set to send the match to a fourth set. "It was all heart, hustle, energy and effort," Yeater said. "We had to minimize mistakes and maximize our effort and that is really what we go by. "When we get sloppy, we have to pull it back in and play our game. We've worked hard. We got here on a forfeit, too, so we also wanted to prove that we were the No. 1 seed for a reason. We had to prove why we were here." After pulling out a back-and-forth fourth set and pulling even with Wellsville in the fifth and decisive set, Paden City turned up the heat and thanks to massive hits from Madison Kline and senior Mallory Yeater, along with a clutch block by Brandis Dalrymple, the Wildcats went on a

Twelve days ago Ryan, Ronnie and (Brooke golfer and Ujcich's nephew) Alex (Jezierski) all stayed in a cabin with the Wheeling Park team during the state tournament. He took care of all of us and we had the best time. All of our kids will remember that forever. "He had a great sense of humor and was so much fun to be around. I'm still numb from finding out this terrible news." Four years ago when I began covering golf, I was just a young reporter trying to find my way around the golf course. Ujcich took me under his wing and drove me around in the golf cart - telling me about all of the local golfers and providing me with hilarious stories of the past. I'm thankful I was fortunate enough to get to know Coach Ujcich over the last four years and it's moments like that I will cherish forever.

6-1 run to end the contest. It was only fitting that all-state senior duo Hope Weber and Mallory Yeater were involved on the final play as Weber set up Yeater for the game-ending kill. "Our seniors wanted it really bad," Coach Yeater said. "This isn't their first rodeo. This is Mallory's and Hope's fourth year starting and they each have contributed to the success of the program. They are a good pair and they feed off of each other. It added another element of bringing Hope in as a setter a couple of years ago because they work well together. So, it was great for Mallory to set up Hope and then Hope turn around and set up Mallory." This is now the 10th OVAC title for Paden City's volleyball program, which improves to 19-1 this season and is without a loss since Sept. 19. "I want to give mad props to Wellsville," Coach Yeater said. "They

TOP 25

Table with columns: Record, Pts, Pvs. Rows include 1. Clemson (54) 5-0 1542 1, 2. Alabama (8) 4-0 1494 2, 3. Notre Dame 4-0 1337 4, 4. Georgia 3-1 1300 3, 5. Ohio St. 0-0 1223 6, 6. Oklahoma St. 3-0 1137 7, 7. Texas A&M 3-1 1054 11, 8. Penn St. 0-0 1033 9, 9. Cincinnati 3-0 1028 8, 10. Florida 2-1 942 10, 11. Miami 4-1 897 13, 12. BYU 5-0 875 14, 13. Oregon 0-0 841 12, 14. North Carolina 3-1 677 5, 14. Wisconsin 0-0 677 16, 16. SMU 5-0 638 17, 17. Iowa St. 3-1 511 20, 18. Michigan 0-0 489 19, 19. Virginia Tech 3-1 411 23, 20. Kansas St. 3-1 399 22, 21. Minnesota 0-0 234 24, 22. Marshall 4-0 227 -, 23. NC State 4-1 199 -, 24. Southern Cal 0-0 192 25, 25. Coastal Carolina 4-0 185 -. Others receiving votes: Memphis 76, Oklahoma 74, Tulsa 58, West Virginia 57, Auburn 48, Iowa 42, Louisiana-Lafayette 40, Liberty 37, Utah 36, UAB 30, Army 29, Arkansas 15, Air Force 14, Kentucky 12, Tennessee 11, Virginia 9, Arizona St. 9, Washington 8, South Carolina 8, Indiana 4, Texas 1. USA Today Top 25 Poll The Amway Top 25 football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 11, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking:

STEELERS

(Continued from Page 9) the Browns to 17 years and counting. "That was varsity ball today," Pittsburgh head coach Mike Tomlin said. From start to finish. The Browns (4-2) were unable to get anything going against a defense that gave Mayfield little time to throw or running back Kareem Hunt any space to maneuver. Cleveland managed just 75 yards on the ground - 113 below its season average - and was basically forced to abandon its gameplan after falling behind by 24 points in the first half. "We just got outplayed today," said Mayfield, who completed 10 of 18 passes for 119 yards to go with a touchdown and the two interceptions before being taken out to protect his tender ribs. "That's what happens when you don't execute. Great teams capitalize on your mistakes and they did." Fitzpatrick, an All-Pro last season, collected his first true "splash" play of 2020 when he stepped in front of a Mayfield pass and sprinted into the end zone. Mayfield never saw Fitzpatrick coming. The same could be said for the rest of the Browns. The franchise's best start since 1994 ended with a thud in a stadium where they haven't won since Mayfield was in elementary school. A week after allowing Philadelphia to convert 10 of 15 third downs in a closer than expected win over the Eagles, the Steelers held Cleveland to 1 of 12 on third downs and 0 for 3 on fourth downs, an afternoon of dominance that began with Fitzpatrick's Pick-6.

"I think it sent a message to them that you know, third down wasn't going to be easy sledding today, and we needed it," Tomlin said. "Minkah is an A-player. It was a significant play. He's capable of delivering those type of plays and we'll keep snapping the ball and watching him do it." First-year Browns coach Kevin Stefanski has given Cleveland a sense of stability. He shouldered the blame for failing to come up with a plan that could protect Mayfield, and acknowledged the key now will be making sure one loss doesn't mushroom - not the easiest thing for a team that hasn't reached the playoffs since 2002. "Calling it sobering is probably a good word," Stefanski said. "We lost this game and we have to react to this one and figure out how we can do better." INJURIES The Steelers received a potentially massive blow to their defense when second-year inside linebacker Devin Bush left in the second quarter with what Tomlin called a "significant" left knee injury. Bush, who had not missed a defensive snap all season, appeared to take an awkward step while attempting to break up a pass. Robert Spillane filled in but with Bush almost certainly longer-term, the depth at inside linebacker will be tested. "It's a big blow but Spillane came in and did well," outside linebacker Bud Dupree. "Prayers up for Devin as he goes through recovery."

NASCAR RESULTS

Table with columns: Record, Pts, Pvs. Rows include 1. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 267 laps, 42 points. 2. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 267, 48. 3. (6) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 267, 46. 4. (8) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267, 47. 5. (20) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 267, 33. 6. (1) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 267, 47. 7. (9) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 267, 45. 8. (10) William Byron, Chevrolet, 267, 29. 9. (5) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 267, 34. 10. (22) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 267, 27.

WVU

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SPORTS

Shadyside returns to 2A title tilt

• Top-seeded Tigers to face Shenandoah

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer

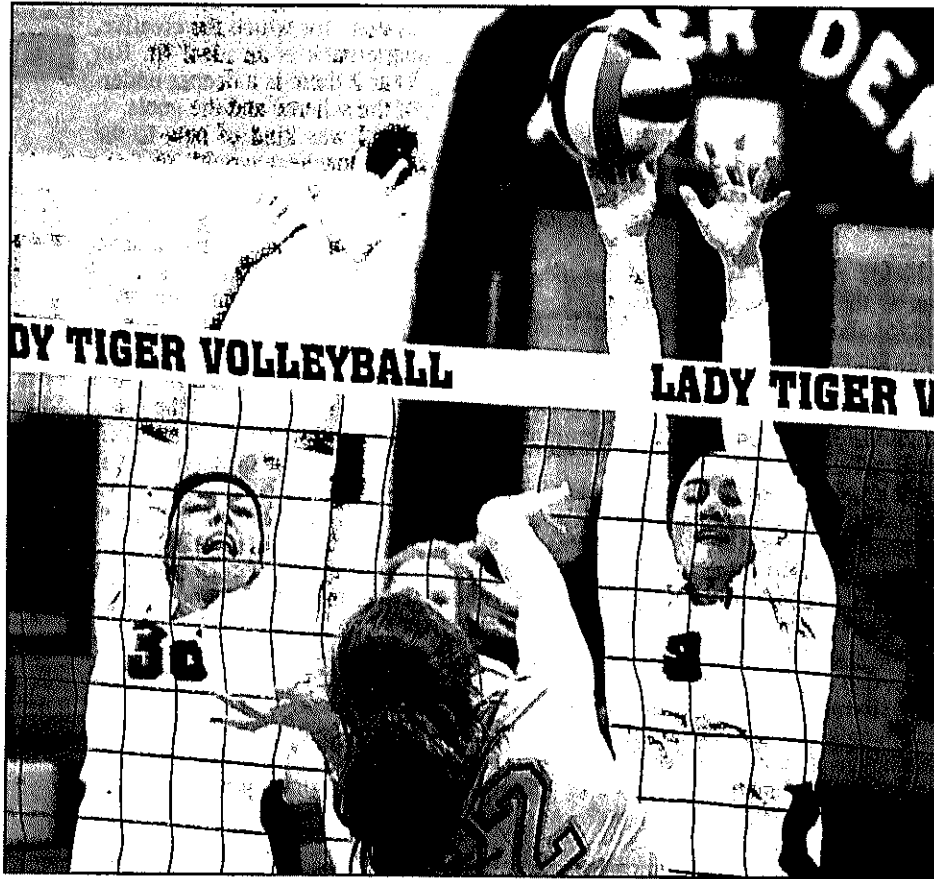
SHADYSIDE — It may not have been picture-perfect, but it was pretty close. That's the best way to describe Shadyside's straight set sweep of Frontier in an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class 2A Tournament semifinal Tuesday night.

The top-seeded Tigers (17-2) made quick work of the No. 4 Cougars by the scores of 25-16, 25-9 and 25-15. The total match time was 44 minutes.

With the victory, Shadyside advances to the championship match for the second consecutive season where it will be seeking some revenge. The Tigers are paired with second-seeded Shenandoah Saturday in the 1:30 p.m. title tilt inside Union Local High School's 'Hangar.' The Zeps zapped the Tigers in last year's finals.

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OVAC VOLLEYBALL SEMIFINALS



SHADYSIDE'S TORY Hendershot (9) blocks a shot by a Frontier player as Tiger teammate Kylie Jo Butler (36) is also pictured during Tuesday night's OVAC Class 2A volleyball semifinal inside the Tiger Den. Shadyside won in straight sets.

T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

Quest for title drives Fields

COLUMBUS (AP) — Not knowing when or if Ohio State was going to play in 2020, Justin Fields never stopped working toward another college football season. He stayed in Columbus, embraced a vegan diet and filled his days with physical conditioning and regular sessions of video study and field work under the tutelage of head coach Ryan Day.

As the Buckeyes prepare for their Oct. 24 opener against Nebraska, the 21-year-old quarterback's determination is palpable, even in his Zoom interviews with reporters.

"I know the time's ticking, so I'm just more anxious and anxious every day until game day comes," Fields said Tuesday. "I know I've said it 10 times, but y'all don't know how excited I am to play."

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Linsly upsets Monroe in Class 3A semifinal

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference title is highly sought after by all 50 members, but it's especially important for the student-athletes at Linsly.

After all, unlike the other 49 members, the Cadets are not members of the West Virginia SSAC, so there is no deep run in the post-season tournament in the offing.

Linsly demonstrated the intensity that it takes to win a conference title Tuesday evening when it swept second-seeded Monroe Central, 25-23, 25-21, 25-15 before a boisterous crowd inside the Stifel Fieldhouse.

"The girls are really excited and they're ready," Linsly head coach Ashley Jividen said. "(The OVAC) is our goal. We want to get a 2020 on that (championship) banner (on the wall)." None of Linsly's players were alive

or even thought about when the Cadets last won an OVAC title. It came in 1995 and is one of three volleyball crowns the school owns. However, this is the second straight season the Cadets are in the title game. They fell to Buckeye Trail last season.

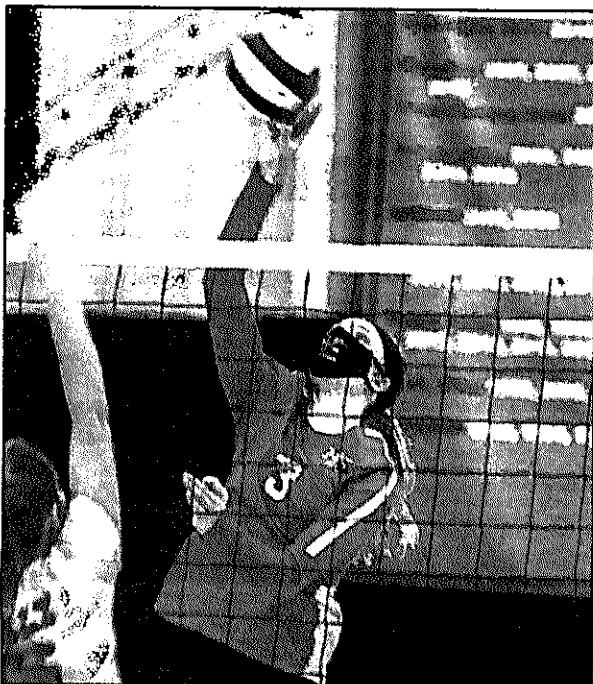
If the Cadets are to make it a fourth title, they'll have to go through top-seeded Fort Frye, which dispatched Magnolia in Beverly in five sets.

Meanwhile, Monroe Central will begin preparations for Division IV sectional play against River. That match is slated for Monday.

The OVAC semifinal was shifted to Linsly's campus on Monday when it was announced that Monroe Central was shifting to remote learning at the high school due to a couple of COVID-19 cases.

On top of the venue change, both schools agreed to play in masks out of an abundance of caution.

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Photo/KRISTIN MAZGAJ

MONROE CENTRAL'S Haylynn Hiles goes up for a return during Tuesday's OVAC Class 3A volleyball semifinal inside the Stifel Fieldhouse on the Linsly School campus. The Cadets swept the Seminoles to advance to Saturday's OVAC championship match.



AP Photo

IN THIS Oct. 3, 2020, file photo, Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields throws a pass during practice in Columbus. Fields returns for a second season as the Ohio State starter. Coaches and teammates say Fields is in better shape because of diet and workout regimen, and is a more confident and vocal leader.

Atlanta goes up 2-0 over L.A. in NLCS

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Freddie Freeman and Ozzie Albies homered again, rookie Ian Anderson extended his postseason scoreless streak in an abbreviated start and the Atlanta Braves just held on for an 8-7 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday night and a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven National League Championship Series.

Freeman put the Braves ahead to stay with a two-run homer in the fourth off rookie Tony Gonsolin, who filled in after three-time NL Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw was scratched because of back spasms.

Freeman added an RBI single as part of a four-run

by closer Mark Melancon. That solo shot proved huge for the Braves, who led 7-0 but near squandered the lead as the Dodgers scored four runs in the bottom of the ninth.

Melancon came on with two outs after Corey Seager's RBI double and Max Muncy's two-run homer. Albies made a fielding error on Will Smith's grounder to second, and reigning NL MVP Cody Bellinger hit an RBI triple. AJ Pollock then hit a game-ending ground-out to end a 4-hour, 12-minute game.

Game 3 is tonight, with 24-year-old playoff veteran Julio Urias pitching for the Dodgers against Klvle



Tannehill powers Titans past Bills

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The wait between games caused by the NFL's first COVID-19 outbreak left the Tennessee Titans depleted.

They're still undefeated.

Ryan Tannehill threw for three touchdowns and ran for another as the Titans routed the Buffalo Bills 42-16 on a rare Tuesday night in a showdown between two of the NFL's five remaining undefeated teams pushed back two days after a couple more positive tests for Tennessee last week.

The Titans (4-0) continued their best start since winning their first 10 games in 2008 despite getting on the field the past three days since their last game Sept. 27 in Minnesota.

Malcolm Butler intercepted two passes, the second he returned 68 yards, and both set up short touchdowns for Tennessee. Kareem Orr's recovery of a fumbled kickoff set up Tannehill's fourth TD for 21 points off Buffalo's three turnovers. Kalif Raymond's 40-yard punt return also set up a 1-yard TD run by Derrick Henry.

The Bills (4-1) had not won five straight games since 2004, and they came in looking for the franchise's best start since 1991 when Buffalo reached the Super Bowl. They

In a post on Twitter shortly after the Jets' statement, Bell posted a hands in prayer emoji — implying that the feeling is mutual.

Ronaldo tests positive

By TALES AZZONI
AP Sports Writer

Cristiano Ronaldo has become the latest international soccer star to test positive for the coronavirus.

The Portuguese soccer federation said Tuesday that Ronaldo was doing well and had no symptoms after he tested positive while with his country's national team.

He was in isolation and was dropped from the country's Nations League match against Sweden on Wednesday in Lisbon.

"Ronaldo is doing great. He is dealing very well with this," Portugal coach Fernando Santos said. "He is asymptomatic, he has no problems. He doesn't even know how this happened to him."

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"It's obviously something we've never dealt with before, but everyone is trying to get through it the best they can," Monroe Central head coach Troy Baker said of the few distractions his team dealt with. "It didn't matter where we played this game because (Linsly) was the better team and good luck to them (in the final)."

Monroe Central seemed to be in control of the first set, owning a five-point lead at a juncture. However, the

another down of college football. He could have opted out of this pandemic-shortened season but wanted one more shot at the Heisman and a national title with a team he's convinced can get there.

Fields patiently waited out the Big Ten as the conference shelved the season for about five weeks due to coronavirus concerns before reversing course. Instead of moving on, he spearheaded an online petition that was signed by hundreds of thousands of people urging the Big Ten to start back up.

Fields emerged from the pandemic break leaner and stronger. Coaches and teammates say he's also a more confident and demonstrative leader.

"I think when you have a year under your belt, you realize the consequence of every game, every snap, the preparation that comes into every play," Day said. "He asks the right questions going into practice if he's not sure. He makes sure he has it right. And he's also holding people accountable."

Day added: "If (the play) doesn't

complemented at the net by junior Milica Sekulovic, who had 14 kills.

The hitters were the beneficiaries of some solid setting thanks to sophomore London Podobnik, who had 44 assists.

The Seminoles were led by Trista Morris who had 8 kills. Abby Thompson added eight kills and four blocks, while Haylyn Hiles added six. Kalista Friday had 17 digs, four points and two aces. Regan Hamilton had 13 assists and six points.

"Last year I was kind of new to the playbook so (coaches) would give me the play and be like, 'Yo, it's most likely going to be this guy, this guy or this guy open in certain places,'" Fields said.

This time around, "I happen to ask why we're calling a certain play, or what coach Day's goal is when it comes to calling that certain play."

"I'm trying to think more like him and be that coach on the field," he said. Fields is blessed with a great supporting cast. The Ohio State offensive line is stocked with potential NFL talent. Acrobatic receivers Chris Olave and Garrett Wilson will be primary targets. A highly touted quartet of freshman receivers could make an impact, too, and there is depth at running back.

"I'll be shocked if he doesn't have a Heisman-winning type of year," ESPN college football analyst Kirk Herbstreit said. "And I hate to just put that on him, but I'm sure that's what his own expectations are, for himself and for his team."

Cadets -- with senior Charlie Allison leading the way -- came roaring back to claim victory in that set.

And basically never looked back. "(Winning) the first set was big because it gave us the momentum and confidence we needed to take it all the way," Jividen said.

Allison was simply too much for the Seminoles. Hitting the ball exceptionally well and hard, Allison finished with a game-high 24 kills. She was

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The Tigers then used their power at the net to control the contest.

"Our net play was excellent tonight. We kept them (Frontier) out of system and that was a key for us because we were able to set up our defense and make good stops," Mercer said. "Communication was another key for us. We've been focusing on that ... talking to each other be-

cause it all starts with communication. When we communicate and we're loud on the court, we play better.

"We were loud tonight." This was the third 'cat fight' between the Tigers and Cougars this season, with the Orange-and-Black earning a second sweep at home. They won in four sets at Frontier earlier.

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Brown added 15 kills and half-a-dozen blocks, while Caroline Mercer contributed 37 assists and two aces. Paige Gorby charted eight kills and five blocks; Baylee Wach chipped in four kills, two assists and a pair of blocks; and Kylie Jo Butler had six kills and a like number of blocks.

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Concord Valley at Newark Catholic	Division VIII
Fossilville Eastern at Caldwell	Division IX
Waterford at River	Division X
Frontier at Shenandoah	Division XI
Toronto at East Knox	Division XII
Wheeling Park at Brooke	Division XIII
John Marshall at Berkeley	Division XIV
St. Marys at Magnolia	Division XV
Carson at Clay-Satellite	Division XVI
Oak Glen at War	Division XVII
Tenney at Valley	Division XVIII
Bridgeport at Boone Southern	Division XIX
Buckeye Local at Newcomersdam	Division XX

Sports on TV

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Miami	Washington
N.Y. Jets	N.Y. Giants

Transactions

BASEBALL
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed OF Adam Duvall on the 10-day L. Activated INF Julian Carrero.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Assigned RHP James Bourque and C Raulo Raulo to Fresno (PCL).
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed CB Prince Amukamara to the practice squad. Released WR Jason Brown from the practice squad.
ATLANTA FALCONS — Placed DL Marlon Davidson on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Signed LB James Burgess to the practice squad. Promoted CB Tyler Hall to the active roster.
BUFFALO BILLS — Promoted LB Andre Smith and CB Darnell Jackson to the active roster.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed TE Jordan Franks and OT Timon Farnes to the practice squad. Released TE Kyle Markway from the practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed QB Chris Cooper to the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS — Signed WR Victor Bolden to the practice squad. Released RB Tavon Foster.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Placed TE Josiah Deguara on injured reserve. Placed C Jake Hanson to the practice squad. Released WR Josh Malone to the practice squad.
HOUSTON TEXANS — Placed LB Derwinch McKinney on injured reserve.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed CB Christian Angulo to the practice squad. Released LB James Grimes from the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Re-signed DT Carl Davis to the practice squad.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Placed FB Anthony Sherman on reserve/COVID-19 list.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — Signed LB J. Wade to the practice squad. LOS ANGELES RAMS — Placed S Jordan Fuller on injured reserve. Promoted DB Juaun Hughes to the active roster. Signed DT Eric Banks to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed DE Eddie Yarbrough to the practice squad. Moved DT Hercules Mustafa. Signed DE Jordan Bradford.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Released WR Dawson Raley from the practice squad. Promoted WR Austin Mack to the active roster.
NEW YORK JETS — Placed WR Chris Hogan on injured reserve. Promoted CB Lamar Jackson to the active roster. Re-signed WR Josh Malone to the practice squad.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Designated S Will Parks from injured reserve. Moved DB Graydon Arnold and DE Casey Toohill.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Claimed CB Patrick Mueky off waivers from Tampa Bay.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released LB Tim Williams from the practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed WR Travis Johnson. TE Cody McKinley and LB Teyon Steales to the practice squad. Designated WR John Hurd and G John Michon from injured reserve.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Activated CB Kristian Fulton and QB Keanuon Combs from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Promoted CB David Quarsherry. DB Kameron Orr. WR Cody Hollister and LB Darin Gates to the active roster.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed G Krasimir Kaskasov and D Tyler Lewington to one-year, two-way contracts.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with F Austin Czarnik and D Grant Hutton on two-year contracts.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Signed F Patrick Maroon to a one-year contract.
USA Hockey
UNITED STATES WOMEN'S NATIONAL ICE HOCKEY TEAM — Announced the retirement of captain Meghan Duggan.
COLLEGE
THE CITADEL — Named Luke Welch assistant wrestling coach.
SEMA COLLEGE — Named Ryan Brooks Newton men's soccer team goalkeeper coach.

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the battery and charging system before the cold sets in. Make sure you change your battery following the manufacturers instructions and recommendations.

3. CHECK WIPER BLADES, DEFROSTERS AND HEATING
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should be replaced every six months. When you go to change your wiper blades, you can also check the level of windshield wiper fluid in your car's reservoir.

4. CHECK THE FLUIDS
Checking your vehicle's fluids is one of the most critical car care routines. The various fluids lubricate, cool, and perform other vital functions that help keep your car running and driving. Take a few minutes to check the underhood fluids, including the engine oil, coolant, and brake fluid. You'll also want to check the automatic transmission fluid (if your car has a dipstick) and the

power steering fluid (if your car has hydraulic power steering).

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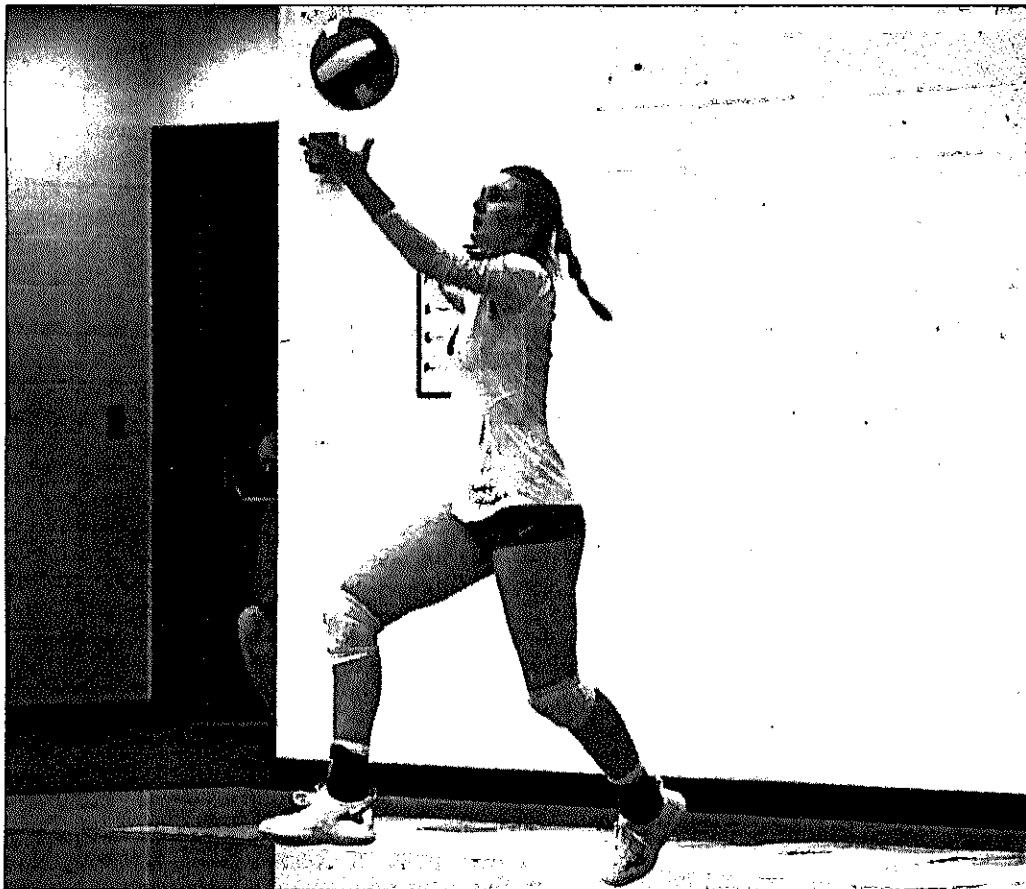


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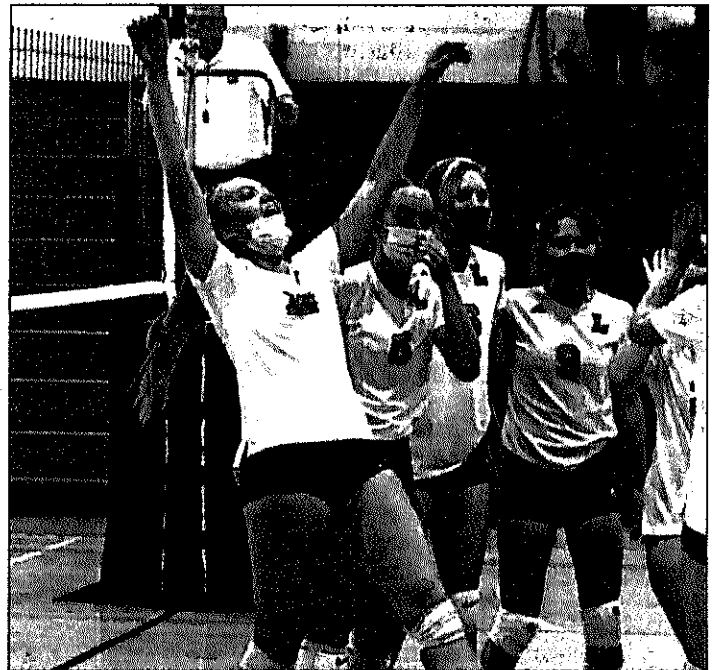


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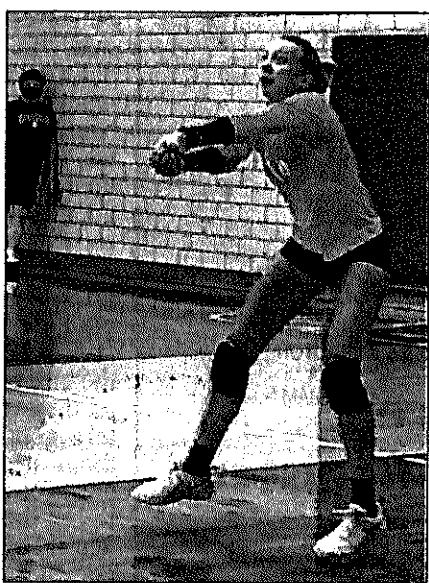


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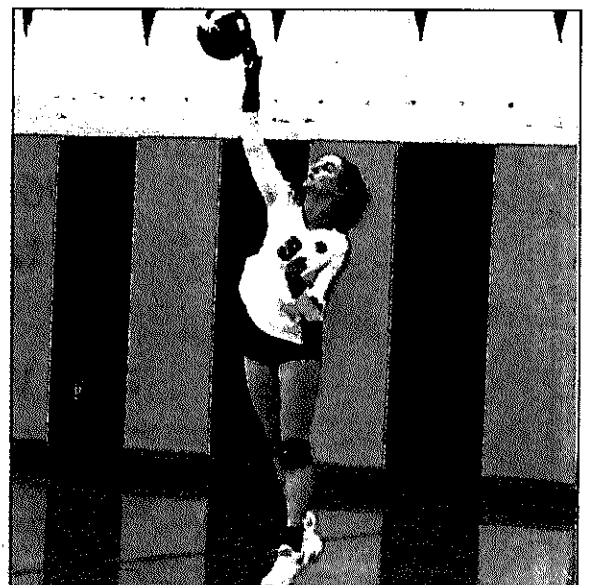


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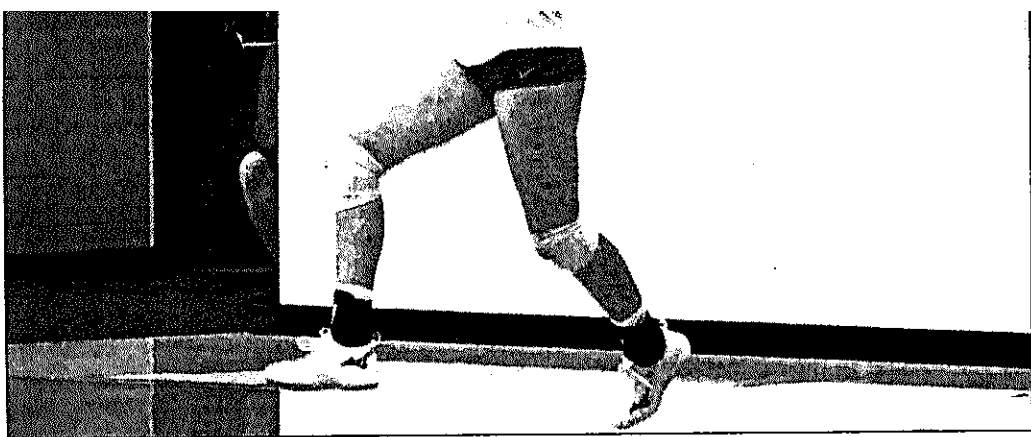


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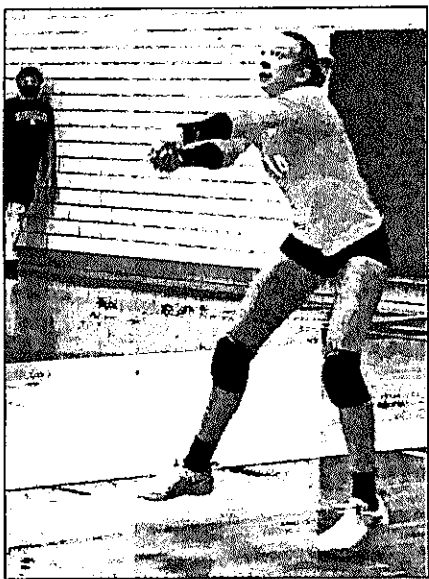


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Photo Joe Catullo

Oak Glen's Jules Virden goes in for a kick while Brooke's Brooklynn Muecheck defends.

Oak Glen Girls Get Past Brooke

By AARON PETCHAL
For The Intelligencer

WELLSBURG — Thanks in large part to its speed up top, the Oak Glen girls soccer team netted two goals in each half to pull away from Brooke, 4-1, Tuesday night on the road in a game played on the Bruins' grass field.

The Golden Bears controlled the ball for a good bit of the match, but the Bruins also had their chances to score.

"That's been the tale of our last three halves," Oak Glen (14-2-1) coach Ryan Wells said about his team controlling the ball but having difficulty finishing. "The same thing happened the other day against St. Clairsville. We outshot them, 23-5, but the final was 1-1.

We just couldn't put into the net. That is going to happen.

"We are just going through a rough spot. It will work itself out. We looked like ourselves in the second half."

Brooke had difficulty containing Oak Glen's speed.

"They are fast," Brooke (7-7-3) coach Elias Hannaoui said. "They definitely have some fast forwards. We could not contain them. They were using through balls. We struggled to keep up. It was a close game in the first half. They scored an early goal, and we came right back and scored to tie it.

"I think it was less than a minute later. In the first half, we did a little bit better, but we were not creating opportunities for ourselves. We

could not play down the middle. They dominated the middle of the field. They were able to stop our attack with their speed."

Senior standout striker Reese Enochs scored two goals to lead the way for the Golden Bears. Kami Ward collected a goal and an assist, and Brooklyn Loveland delivered a goal. Brooklyn Watts tallied another assist.

Enochs has scored 41 goals this season to go along with 15 assists, giving her 97 points on the season. Ward has delivered 19 goals and 10 assists, giving her 48 points, and Watts' assist was her 30th of the season to go along with eight goals to give her 46 points.

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PARK

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Down 9-6, Wheeling Park scored seven straight points to take a four-point lead. However, University put together a spurt of its own and scoring the next six points. After a couple more spurts from each team, Wheeling Park was facing a one-point deficit, 21-20. The Patriots then took the next four points. And while University, took the next two points, the Patriots made sure they weren't going to go into a 2-0 hole and

earned the final point to tie the match at 1-1. Along with Gentle's words, winning the second set was the spark the Patriots needed as they raced out to a 12-5 lead during the third. The lead blossomed to nine (19-10). The Hawks made one final run at a comeback, cutting their deficit to five (22-17), but Wheeling Park scored the final three points to take the set.

"I told them to play our game and if University was going to win, they would have to earn it," Gentle said. "Our girls started to communicate and played aggressive. We then played our game well." In the fourth set, the Patriots, with the help of the serving of Isabelle Miller, scored nine straight points which turned a 6-5 competitive set to a 15-5 comfortable lead.

"I think our kids are excited," Gentle said. "We are the team to beat now and our kids are confident," Gentle said. "It should be a really good match on Saturday." Rachel Simon paced the Patriots with 11 kills, 16 digs, and eight blocks while Ally Franko was solid with 17 kills and 11 digs. Isabelle Miller contributed with 13 digs and three aces.

Rays Take 3-0 Series Lead on Astros

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Joey Wendle hit a go-ahead, two-run single two batters after another critical error by Jose Altuve, and the Tampa Bay Rays rallied for a 5-2 win against the Houston Astros on Tuesday night that moved them within one victory of the second World Series appearance in franchise history.

Tampa Bay took a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven AL Championship Series at Petco Park. Towering righty Tyler Glasnow, who grew up just north of Los Angeles, will try to deliver the Rays their first pennant in 12 seasons on Wednesday night when he opposes Zack Greinke.

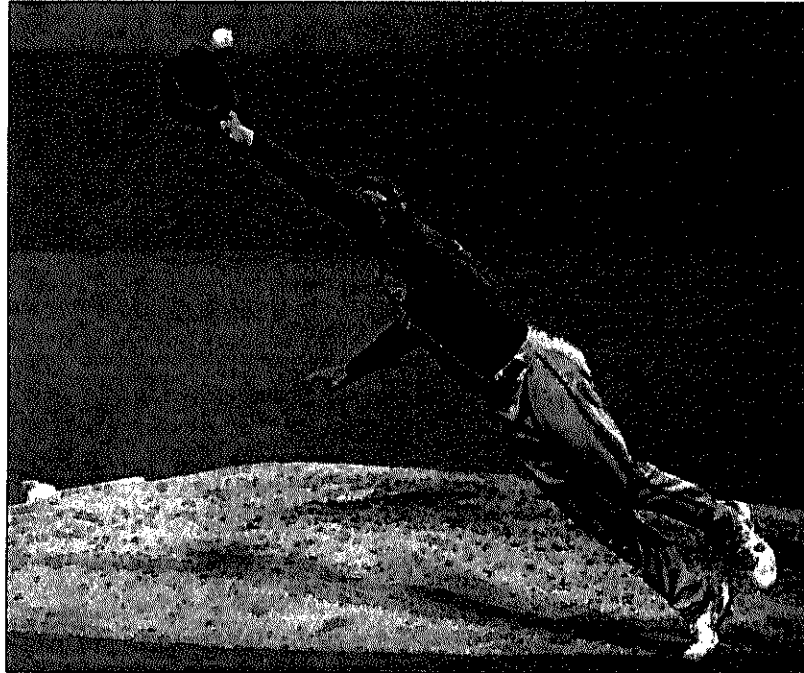
Tampa Bay reached the World Series in 2008 before losing to the Philadelphia Phillies.

The innovative Rays, managed by former big league catcher Kevin Cash, had one of baseball's lowest payrolls during the pandemic-shortened season and still finished with the AL's best record at 40-20. They often have a different player come up big every night, whether it's a batter or reliever - or sometimes both. They've also played spectacular defense.

The Astros got into the postseason with a 29-31 record before going 5-1 to reach the ALCS. But they've looked nothing like the team that won the AL pennant two of the last three seasons and they remain villains in many peoples' eyes for their sign-stealing scandal three years ago en route to a World Series title.

After Diego Castillo pitched the ninth for his second save, stranding two baserunners, he clapped his hands and the Rays celebrated with their usual handshake line.

The Astros fell apart in the sixth, when the Rays sent 11 batters to the plate and scored five runs on four hits, two hit batters and Altuve's error at second base. One of



AP Photo

Tampa Bay Rays' pitcher John Curtiss reaches out to catch an infield hit by Houston Astros' Yuli Gurriel during the seventh inning in Game 3.

the runs was unearned. **Freeman, Albies HR again, Braves hang on for 2-0 NLCS lead**

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Freddie Freeman and Ozzie Albies homered again, rookie Ian Anderson extended his postseason scoreless streak in an abbreviated start and the Atlanta Braves just held on for an 8-7 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday night and a 2-0 lead in the National League Championship Series.

Freeman put the Braves ahead to stay with a two-run homer in the fourth off rookie Tony Gonsolin, who filled in after three-time NL Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw was scratched because of back spasms. Freeman added an RBI single as part of a four-run outburst an inning later.

Albies homered in the ninth for the second night in a row, and for the second time in a row the ball

was caught in the bullpen by closer Mark Melancon.

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Allison was simply too much for the Seminoles. Hitting the ball exceptionally well and hard, Allison finished with a game-high 24 kills. She was complemented at the net by junior Milica Sekulovic, who had 14 kills.

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will try to deliver the Rays their first pennant in 12 seasons on Wednesday night when he opposes Zack Greinke.

Tampa Bay reached the World Series in 2008 before losing to the Philadelphia Phillies.

The innovative Rays, managed by former big league catcher Kevin Cash, had one of baseball's lowest payrolls during the pandemic-shortened season and still finished with the AL's best record at 40-20. They often have a different player come up big every night, whether it's a batter or reliever — or sometimes both. They've also played spectacular defense.

The Astros got into the postseason with a 29-31 record before going 5-1 to reach the ALCS. But they've looked nothing like the team that won the AL pennant two of the last three seasons and they remain villains in many peoples' eyes for their sign-stealing scandal three years ago en route to a World Series title.

After Diego Castillo pitched the ninth for his second save, stranding two baserunners, he clapped his hands and the Rays celebrated with their usual handshake line.

The Astros fell apart in the sixth, when the Rays sent 11 batters to the plate and scored five runs on four hits, two hit batters and Altuve's error at second base. One of



Tampa Bay Rays' pitcher John Curtiss reaches out to catch an infield hit by Houston Astros' Yuli Gurriel during the seventh inning in Game 3.

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the runs was unearned.

Freeman, Albies HR again, Braves hang on for 2-0 NLCS lead
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Freeman put the Braves ahead to stay with a two-run homer in the fourth off rookie Tony Gonsolin, who filled in after three-time NL Cy Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw was scratched because of back spasms. Freeman added an RBI single as part of a four-run outburst an inning later.

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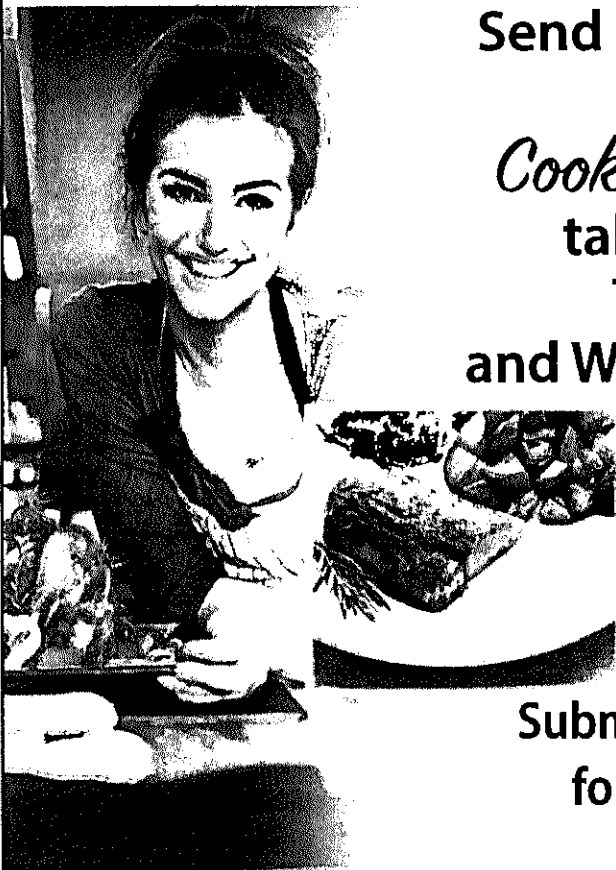
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The Tigers then used their power at the net to control the contest.

"Our net play was excellent (Tuesday). We kept them (Frontier) out of system and that was a key for us because we were able to set up our defense and make good stops," Mercer said. "Communication was another key for us. We've been focusing on that ... talking to each other because it all starts with communication. When we communicate and we're loud on the court, we play better."

"We were loud (Tuesday)."

This was the third

time the two teams have met this season, with Shadyside earning a second sweep at home. They won in four sets at Frontier earlier.

Shadyside was led on the stat sheet by Tory Hendershot with 10 kills, three aces and a pair of blocks. Gentry Brown added 15 kills and half-a-dozen blocks, while Caroline Mercer contributed 37 assists and two aces.

Paige Gorby charted eight kills and five blocks; Baylee Wach chipped in four kills, two assists and a pair of blocks; and Kylie Jo Butler had six kills and a like number of blocks.

Leading Frontier (10-8) was Logan Haught with 12 assists. Makenna Sutphin and Taylor Bennett evenly divided six points.