

SPORTS

Ohio proposals would let high schoolers redo pandemic year

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The pandemic made Jake Gregg's senior year of high school very different than anticipated. He got by enough to graduate, but now the 19-year-old Ohioan wants a redo.

The Wheelersburg quarterback aspires to play football in college and wants what coronavirus restrictions took away last year: the chance to visit football camps and meet college coaches, to play a full finale season in front of thousands of fans, to absorb more from classes and elevate his grades that

plummeted during remote and hybrid learning.

Some Ohio lawmakers are proposing it's only fair to offer Gregg and other students that second chance if they want it. But the Ohio High School Athletic Association isn't on board.

Under a measure introduced this week by GOP Sen. Andrew Brenner, of Delaware, and Democratic Sen. Teresa Fedor, of Toledo, students who just finished their senior year could re-enroll in 12th grade this fall to take the same classes and get another round of eligi-

bility for sports.

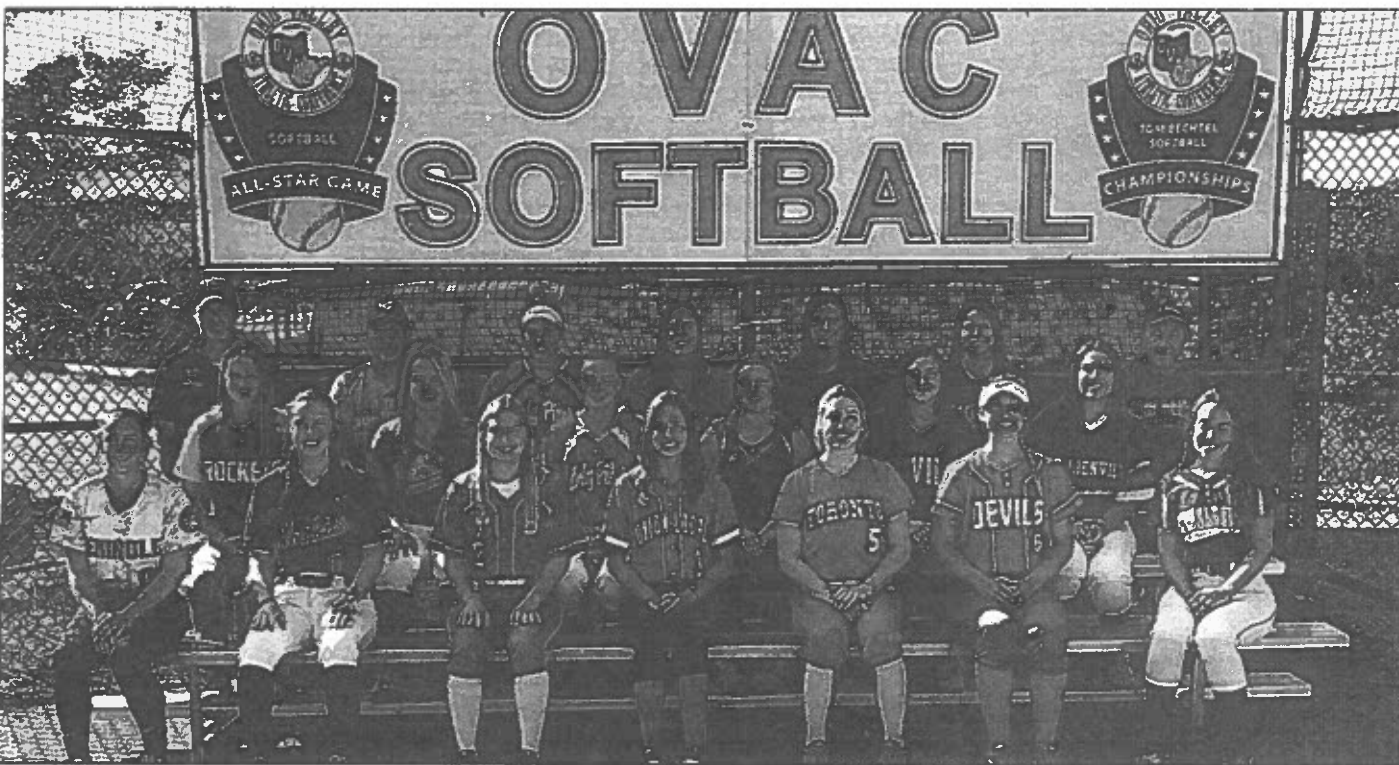
"It's really important not only for student-athletes but for all students that they get this done, because it was a pretty rough year," said Gregg, who has advocated for that flexibility.

An separate House bill sponsored by Reps. Dontavius Jarrells, D-Columbus, and Brett Hillyer, R-Uhrichsville, would establish a program in which high schoolers could seek their district's permission to repeat or supplement the courses they took this school year, and pursue additional eligibility for athlet-

ics.

Kentucky already created a similar program for students, and Pennsylvania parents might be able to have a child repeat a grade if the governor signs off on legislation that lawmakers passed Thursday.

It's unclear how many students around Ohio might voluntarily retake the year if given the opportunity. Gregg said he knows of 50 or 60 interested from his and other districts in southern Ohio. Many of them are student-athletes. See, OHIO, Page B2



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

PICTURED IS the 2021 Ohio OVAC All-Star Softball Team. Front row, from left, are Liz Roderick (Monroe Central), Danyell Beadling (Harrison), Olivia Starr (Barnesville), Casey Kildow (Union Local), Riley Kinsey (Toronto), Jenna Jaskowiak (St. Clairsville) and Adriana Lefever (Steubenville CC). Middle row, from left, are Sarah Schaar (Conotton Valley), Jayden Lowe (Bellaire), Katie Lively (River), Raegan Wheeler (Caldwell), Harley Nalley (Beallsville) and Lakyn Blackburn (Steubenville). Back row, from left, are Coach Darrin Young (Harrison Central), Coach Jeremy Bleininger (Conotton Valley), Katie Rufener (River), Riley Magnani (Union Local), Shelby Thomas (Martins Ferry), Ava Doyle (Martins Ferry) and Coach Jerry Magistro (Martins Ferry). Absent were Hannah Christoff (Edison) and Kylie Jo Baker (Shadyside).

Union Local's Kildow: An all star for all the seasons

By SETH STASKEY
Times Leader Sports Editor

ELM GROVE — Casey Kildow defines the term 'student-athlete.'

The recent Union Local graduate has seemingly received a different scholarship almost daily for her work in the classroom and her work in athletics has yielded nearly as many accolades.

Kildow will officially close the book on her prep sports career Monday evening when she takes part in the OVAC All-Star Softball Game, which is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the Chambers I-470 Complex.

"I am really looking forward to the game and the chance to play one more (softball) game with Riley (Magnani) and all of these girls," Kildow said during media day festivities Thursday afternoon.

Kildow has been a common name in 2020-21 OVAC All-Star Games this school year. Actually, she's the only Ohio player on the softball roster to have been chosen for three of the games this school year.

She was named to the all-star volleyball roster in November, but that game was called off due to the COVID-19

pandemic. She was named to the basketball roster and sat on the Ohio bench, but couldn't play due to a softball injury in May.

However, she will be in the lineup on Monday.

"It's definitely an honor to have been chosen for three all-star games in one school year," Kildow said. "It's exciting to have the opportunity to play in this (softball) game after missing out on the other two for different reasons."

In serving as the unquestioned leader of the Jets volleyball, basketball

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Steelers cut 6-time Pro Bowl guard DeCastro

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers on Thursday released six-time Pro Bowl guard David DeCastro in a surprise move.

The 31-year-old DeCastro attended the team's mandatory minicamp last week but did not participate in full-team drills.

DeCastro, the team's first-round pick in the 2012 draft, spent nine years with the Steelers. He was named All-Pro following the 2015 and 2017 seasons while playing on one of the most dominant offensive lines in the league. DeCastro was entering the final season of a five-year \$50-million contract he signed in 2017.

The decision does free up some salary-cap space for the Steelers to find a replacement, but DeCastro's solid play on the field and presence in the locker room deals a significant blow to what is now a very young offensive line group.

"David was without a doubt one of the premier offensive linemen during his time with us," general manager Kevin Colbert said in a statement. "He helped us win a lot of football games, but it was David's consistency, reliability and professionalism that stood out more than anything else."

DeCastro expressed frustration last December with the disjointed 2020 season. The Steelers won the AFC North while playing most of their home games in an empty Heinz Field because of COVID-19 protocols.

"You're like, 'What are we doing out here?'" DeCastro said at the time. "I don't like to make excuses because we're professionals and stuff but we're still human. We have emotions and not having fans there, it's just tough."

DeCastro's abrupt departure means the Steelers will have an almost completely rebuilt offensive line entering 2021. Veteran center Maurkice Pouncey retired in January, left tackle Alejandro Villanueva signed with Baltimore and left guard Matt Feilier is now with the Los Angeles Chargers.

Zach Banner is the only starter from the offensive line group that walked onto the field for Week 1 in 2020 who will be back this season, and Banner is recovering from major knee surgery after going down in the opener against the New York Giants.

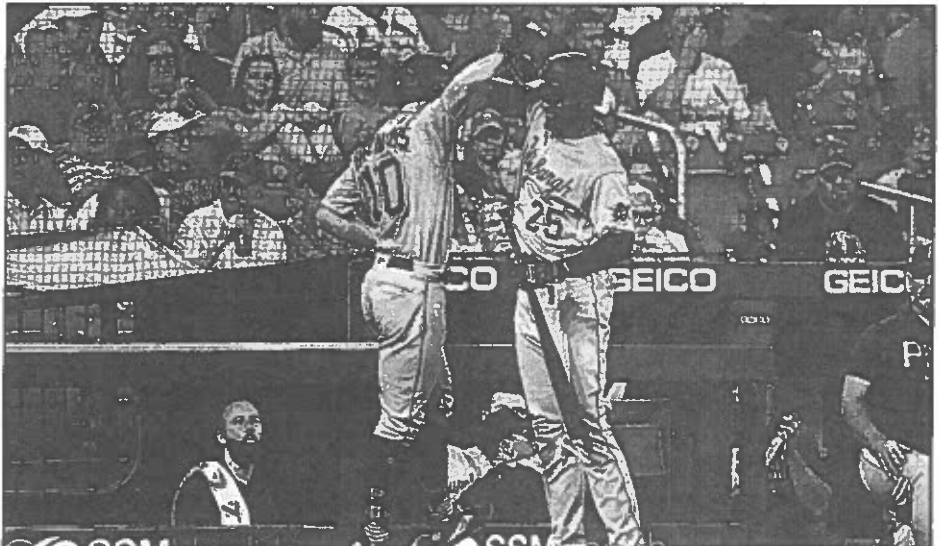
The Steelers drafted center Kendrick Green in the third round to take over for Pouncey. Kevin Dotson will take over at one of the guard spots, with B.J. Finney figuring to be the frontrunner to take over the other one unless Pittsburgh finds someone on the market.

Pirates win in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Bryan Reynolds had a three-run homer among his three hits, Chad Kuhl pitched six strong innings and the Pittsburgh Pirates snapped a nine-game losing streak against the St. Louis Cardinals with an 8-2 victory Thursday night.

Adam Frazier and Phillip Evans also homered for Pittsburgh in its first win over St. Louis since Sept. 18, 2020.

Kuhl (2-4) allowed one run and three hits with two strikeouts and three walks



Putting On A Clinic



File Photo

Wheeling Central's Jarika Baylor capped off her senior season by earning first-team all-state honors.

Baylor Garner's 1st-Team Honor Central Senior Joined By Madonna's Landry Bone

By **JOE ALBRIGHT**
For The **Intelligencer**
PARKERSBURG — To call Buffalo softball anything but a Class A power would be a mistake — a huge misstep as a matter of fact.



BONE

It just isn't accurate. Too much success and heaps of a positive culture emanate from the program for it to be labeled anything but elite. Yet just because that is the case, it doesn't mean the school stands immune to down times.

Coming into the 2021 season, Bill Rasnake's club was young with a freshman pitcher and saw a very young group making up the bulk of the lineup. However, in

the midst of those young batters stood a seasoned Class A player capable of putting a team on her back: Abby Darnley.

Prior to the year, she'd already established herself as one of the top hitting catchers in the classification and was chasing a second appearance on the all-state first team. At least, that is what the stats would tell you.

To hear it from her mouth, she was never concerned about being honored a second straight time.

"My main goal was just to get on base and get things started just little things like that," Darnley said.

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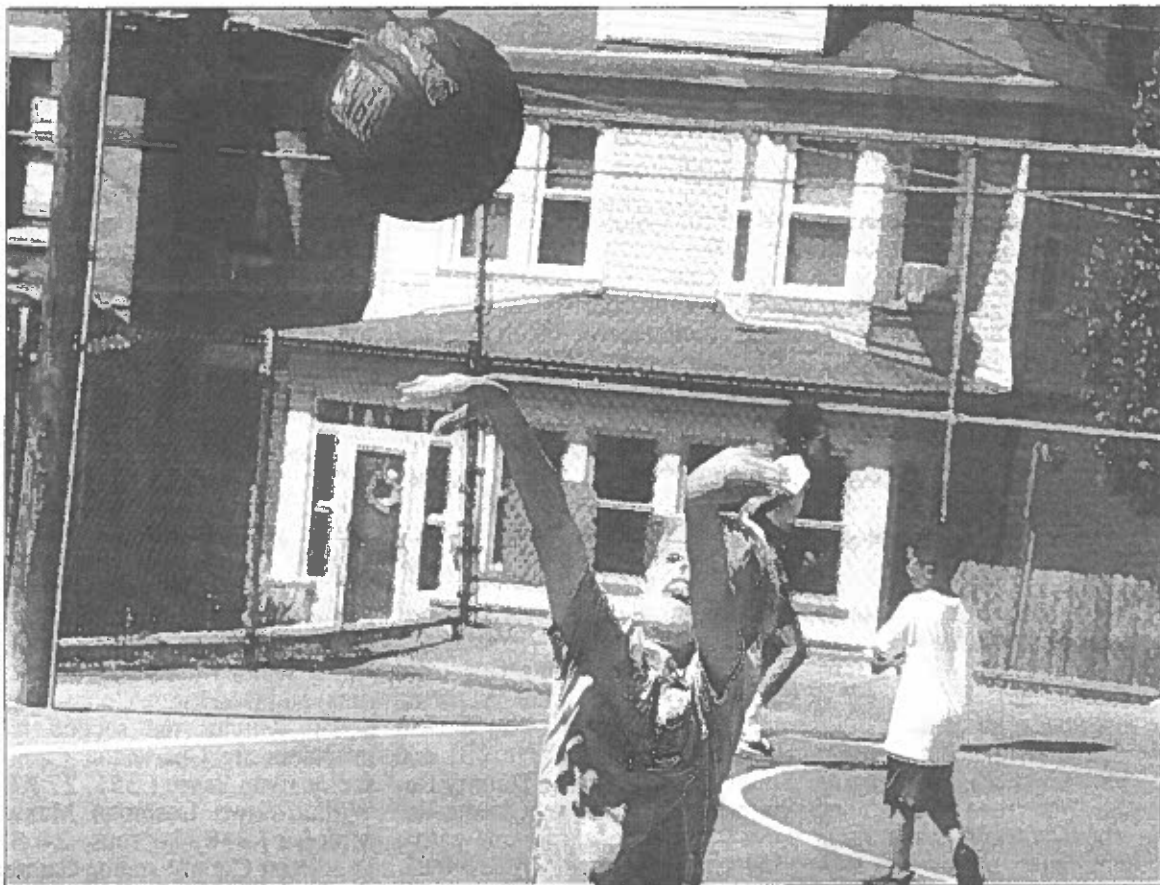


Photo by Kim North

Wheeling's Edward Ball shoots for two points during Monday morning's free basketball clinic at Wilson Park in North Wheeling.

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"Every kid thinks they have to go to a personal trainer to get better and pay all that money when these courts are out here for free. The community puts these courts up free of charge," he stressed. "I'm a firm believer that you only get better by playing, so to get these kids out here today playing on the court is great."

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Rockies Shut Out Pirates At Coors Field

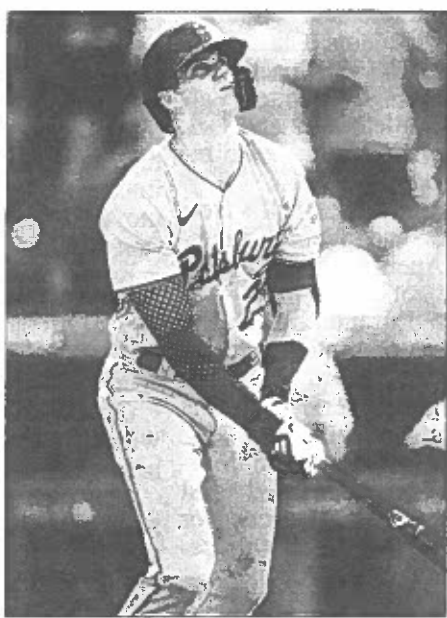
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Pittsburgh Pirates' Kevin Newman flies out against Colorado Rockies relief pitcher Daniel Bard to end the game Monday in Denver.

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England ranked 253rd. It was, in some respects, as if Wimbledon had never left, as if the

played, and won, his first singles match at the place in four years. There was rain — so much rain that

and can bring such joy and disappointment. A No. 24 seed Nikoloz Basilashvili at Centre Court.

foot jumper for a 62-61 lead. The Clippers responded with the next 10 points and then started sinking 3-pointers.

TOEPFER

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Van Meter has signed to play NCAA Division I baseball for Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland.

Van Meter primarily played shortstop during his senior campaign after having Tommy John surgery last year. The pandemic erased the opportunity for a return trip to Charleston for the two-time defending state champions in 2020.

Van Meter is a returning all-state first team member having been a pitcher in his sophomore season with an impressive 8-0 record and 0.64 ERA with 73 strikeouts while batting .325.

Van Meter improved his plate appearances by having a .478 batting average this year with 25 RBI and 26 runs scored.

"He just does a lot of things that people don't see that happen in a game. The practices, challenging the younger players to do better and helping them, always encouraging to his teammates and always supporting who is pitching," Moorefield coach Wade Armentrout said. "He's always lifting those guys up and those are things that people don't see in his pitching numbers or batting average or whatever it is. They don't see that and that is the real guy he is, that is a special player."

Joining Van Meter as infielders on the first team squad are state semifinalist senior J.W. Armstrong from Charleston Catholic with a batting average of .426 with 28 RBI and 21 stolen bases, Man state

runner-up junior Caleb Blevins with a .500 batting average, Sherman junior Josh Jenkins with a batting average of .505 with 41 RBI and 35 runs and Buffalo junior Caleb Nutter.

The Class A all-state first team pitching unit consists of Charleston Catholic senior Jacob Hufford (2019 first team utility), who the Irish to the state semifinals with an 11-1 record with a 2.23 ERA and 72 strikeouts in 69 innings pitched; Greenbrier West senior Evan McDade, who tossed 72 strikeouts with a 1.80 ERA; James Monroe senior Andrew Hazlewood, who had a 1.36 ERA with 86 strikeouts in 51 innings; and Tyler Consolidated sophomore Ty Walton.

The Class A all-state first team catchers selected were Wahama junior Ethyn Barnitz with a .338 batting average plus 18 RBI and South Harrison senior Tommy Davis, who led the Hawks to the Region II championship game with a .351 batting average with 33 RBI.

The Class A all-state first team outfield unit includes Man junior Chase Hurley, who hit .471 as a powerful gap hitter with good instincts, South Harrison senior Logan Ross, who batted .426 with 49 runs and 20 RBI with 32 stolen bases and Tyler Consolidated sophomore Jayden Helmick.

The Class A all-state first team utility group consists of Moorefield senior Hayden Baldwin (.414 with 35 RBI and 23 runs plus a pitching record of 7-1 with a 1.31 ERA with 55 strikeouts), Williamstown

senior Leewood Molessa (.452 with 33 RBI, 22 stolen bases plus a 6-3 pitching record with a 1.72 ERA) and Wheeling Central Catholic junior Michael Toepfer.

Baldwin moved up from the second team in 2019 to be on the Class A all-state first team this season in a utility role position playing as a pitcher, shortstop and third baseman for the Yellow Jackets.

The Class A all-state second team pitchers are Moorefield state champion junior Karson Reed (4-2 5.191 ERA, 49K), South Harrison sophomore Josh Thomaschek (6-3, 2.73 ERA), Buffalo senior Jakob Smith and Wahama freshman Bryce Zuspan (4-0, 2.471 ERA); the second team catchers are East Hardy senior Alex Miller (.298, 17 runs) and Doddridge County senior Dylan Knight; the second team infielders are Charleston Catholic senior Evan Sayre (.351, 27 RBI), Williamstown freshman Maxwell Molessa (.348, 26 runs, 24 SB), Pendleton County senior Cameron Kisamore and Cameron junior Nathan Haeberle (.419, 22 RBI, 15 SB); second team outfielders are Magnolia senior Silas McKeever, Summers County senior Logan Fox and Wahama sophomore Logan Roach (.316, 6 3B) and second team utility players are Pendleton County senior Isaiah Gardiner, Hundred junior Christian Fluharty (.480, 20 RBI, 20 SB), Williamstown senior Brady Ankrom (4.25, 23 RBI, 29 runs) and Sherman senior Noah Boggs (.436, 33 RBI, 30 runs).

PIRATES

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Anderson (3-8) went five innings and allowed two runs on five hits — including Diaz's third homer of the season, a solo shot in the fifth — against his former team.

Anderson, who has lost his last five decisions, dealt with some tough luck at Coors Field.

"You saw the expansiveness of this outfield," Pirates manager Derek Shelton said. "There was a ball there that split the gap and got in there for a triple and then he gave up the homer to Diaz. But other than that, I thought he was pretty effective. He had to grind through the fifth, and empty the tank out to get (Charlie) Blackmon in a big situation and give us a chance to win."

TRAINER'S ROOM
Pirates: 1B Colin Moran left the game as a precaution in the bottom of the first inning after being hit on the left wrist by a pitch in the top of the inning. Ben Gamel replaced Moran in the lineup and Phillip Evans moved from left field to first base.

Rockies: RHP Robert

Stephenson was placed on the 10-day injured list because of upper back tightness. LHP Ben Bowden was recalled from Triple-A Albuquerque.

UP NEXT

Pirates: RHP Chase De Jong (0-2, 4.94) is scheduled for his sixth start of the season. He is coming off consecutive losses after getting no-decisions in his first three starts.

Rockies: RHP German Marquez (6-6, 3.99 ERA) is slated to make his 17th start of the season and 11th at home, where he has gone 5-1 with a 3.56 ERA.

INDIANS 13

TIGERS 5

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jose Ramirez homered and drove in five runs, Austin Hedges had a two-run shot and Cleveland blasted Detroit.

NATIONALS 8

METS 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kyle Schwarber homered twice, becoming the first player in major league history to hit 15 home runs in a 17-day span, and the Washington Nationals beat the New York Mets 8-4 on Monday night.

ANGELS 5,

YANKEES 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Shohei Ohtani pounded his hardest-hit home run of the season, Jose Suarez pitched 5 1/3 innings of one-run relief after Dylan Bundy threw up on the mound because of heat exhaustion and Los Angeles beat New York.

REDS 12, PHILLIES 4

CINCINNATI (AP) — Nick Castellano hit a grand slam in the seventh inning and drove in a career-high seven runs as Cincinnati beat Philadelphia.

RED SOX 6

ROYALS 5

BOSTON (AP) — Hunter Renfroe homered twice, the second a 434-foot solo shot over the Green Monster to break a sixth-inning tie, and Boston rallied for a four-run deficit to beat Kansas City.

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West Virginia took a 2-0 lead after two at-bats and didn't even have a hit as a pair of errors and alert baserunning paved the way.

Daugherty led the game off by reaching on an error. A wild pitch advanced her to second and

a groundout moved her to third. The Blue Dons standout sprinted home when a comebacker off the bat of Linsly's Karena Recrosio was thrown to first for the second out.

Madonna's Michaela Battista was hit with a pitch with two outs in the second. After moving up 90 feet on a wild pitch, she scored on an error.

The Buckeyes drew even with a pair of runs in the fourth. Caldwell's Raegan Wheeler walked with one out and Beallsville's Harley Nalley laid down a perfect bunt. She beat the throw to first that got away as Wheeler went to third and Nalley ended up at second.

Wheeler crossed the plate on a groundout by River's Katie Rufener and Nalley circled the bases when Union Local's Rylee Magnani blooped a single

over the first baseman.

Edison's Hannah Christoff started the Ohio sixth with a base hit to right. Bellaire's Jayden Lowe laid down a sacrifice bunt that was thrown wildly to first, allowing Christoff to take third. After Lowe went to second on catcher's indifference, Christoff sprinted home on a wild pitch, just beating the tag of John Marshall's Tessa Wise. Lowe scored on a groundout for a 4-2.

Jenna Jaskowiak singled in a run in the seventh for Ohio.

Morgantown's Mahalie Moser belted a solo home run to deep right-center to cap the scoring in the eighth.

Clay-Battelle's Sydney Wilson had a double, as did Recrosio.

Shadyside's Kylie Jo Baker had a pair of singles for Ohio. River's Katie Lively also singled twice, while Martins Ferry's Ava Doyle doubled.

Wise, who tied the rubber in the third, sixth and eighth, was the winning

pitcher. She charted three strikeouts. Wilson recorded five Ks.

Lively took the loss.

GAME NOTES

■ Players of the Year were presented plaques in between innings. They included Conotton Valley's Masy Baker (Class 1A); Clay-Battelle's Wilson (Class 2A); Martins Ferry's Lauren McFarland (Class 3A); Oak Glen's Mady McKay (Class 4A); and Parkersburg South's Paige Adams (Class 5A).

■ The co-coaches of the Year -- Conotton Valley's Bleining and Oak Glen's Garner -- also received plaques.

■ John Marshall's Dori Kins and Weir's Isabella Aperfine were injured and not able to play.

■ Ed and Linda Cihy were presented with a special award for their longtime service to the sport.

■ Veteran John Marshall head coach Ed West was given a plaque for achieving his 300th career win this season.

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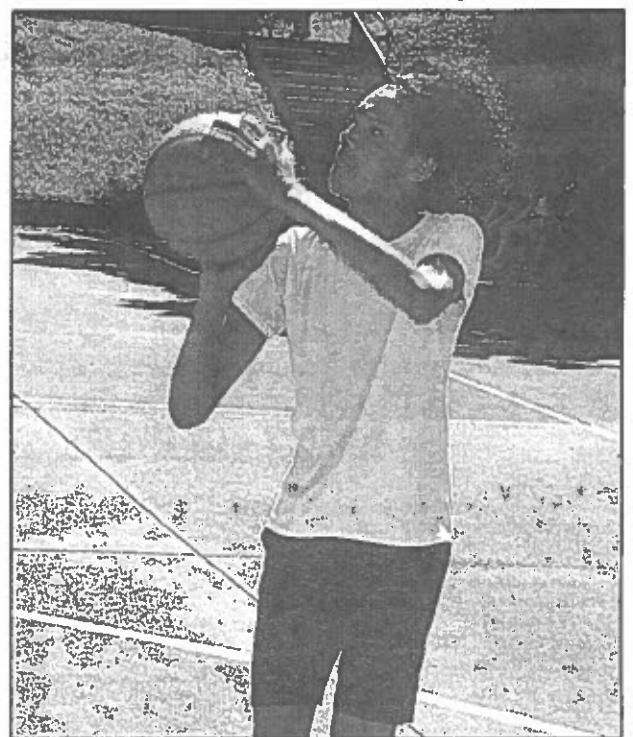
"Every kid thinks they have to go to a personal trainer to get better and pay all that money when these courts are out here for free. The community puts these courts up free of charge," he stressed. "I'm a firm believer that you only get better by playing, so to get these kids out here today playing on the court is great."

Goodwin said he's willing to do anything to help out kids.

"I'm just here to help some friends. Rev. (Darrell) Cummings has been my pastor all my life and Chase has been a good friend. Anything I can do to help, especially with kids, I'm all for it," Goodwin said. "I don't care if it was tennis, I would come out and help the kids."

When asked how basketball

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MARTINS FERRY'S Anthony Booth, 12, eyes the basket during a free basketball clinic at "Wilson Park" in North Wheeling Monday morning.

Ramirez's homer, 5 RBIs power Indians to 13-5 rout of Tigers

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jose Ramirez homered and drove in five runs. Austin Hedges had a two-run shot



Tampa Bay tops Montreal, 5-1

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — After carrying the Montreal Canadiens to the Stanley Cup Final with sublime goaltending, Carey Price stopped just about everything he

Vanderbilt a win away from national title • Indians

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Vanderbilt gave Jack Leiter a big early lead and went on to an 8-2 victory over Mississippi State in Game 1 of the College World Series finals Monday night to move within a win of a second straight

national championship. The Commodores (49-16) scored seven runs off Christian MacLeod and Chase Patrick in the first inning of a game delayed an hour because of the threat of inclement weather that never materialized.

Mississippi State (48-18) led 1-0 against its Southeastern Conference rival after Kamren James hit Leiter's fastball into the left-field bleachers. But McLeod struggled for a second straight CWS start.

The redshirt freshman left-hander walked two of the first three batters and hit two in a row to bring in Vandy's first run. CJ Rodriguez's two-run single and Isaiah Thomas' RBI double brought on Patrick.

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with his fourth homer, a towering two-run shot to left that barely cleared the 19-foot high wall. Bradley Zimmer's RBI single earlier in the inning made it 3-1. In the fourth, Ramirez followed a double by Cesar Hernandez and Rosario's third single with his 17th homer to put the Indians ahead 9-2.

The Indians pounced on Manning for two runs in the first as Ramirez hit an RBI groundout and Eddie Rosario delivered a sacrifice fly.

Cabrera got a run back in the second with his sixth homer, a shot to right-center.

BIEBER UPDATE

Indians ace Shane Bieber will undergo another scan on his sore shoulder later this week. The AL's reigning Cy Young winner was shut down on June 14 after complaining of tightness following a start.

Manager Terry Francona said Bieber was examined by a team physician on Monday "and they were both pretty pleased with it."

THIS & THAT

Cleveland's Eddie Rosario extended his hitting streak to 14 games. ... Cabrera has 2,915 hits, 14 away from tying Al Simmons for 40th place. ... The Indians are 73-23 against the Tigers since 2016.

• Camp

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helped him become an NFL player, he responded, "I think basketball players are absolutely the most athletic individuals on this earth. The movement that basketball players have to make during the course of a game is incredible. I think playing basketball helped me tremendously. I know I can run. I know I can jump. If you can catch, then you can play football."

Following the three-hour camp, each participant was treated to pizza and received a t-shirt.

The North Wheeling Community Youth Center's summer program is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more details, call (304) 233-8899.

• OVAC

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West Virginia took a 2-0 lead after two at-bats and didn't even have a hit as a pair of errors and alert baserunning paved the way.

Daugherty led the game off by reaching on an error. A wild pitch advanced her to second and a groundout moved her to third. The Blue Dons standout sprinted home when a comebacker off the bat of Linsly's Karena Recrosio's was thrown to first for the second out.

Madonna's Michaela Battista was hit with a pitch with two outs in the second. After moving up 90 feet on a wild pitch, she scored on an error.

The Buckeyes drew even with a pair of runs in the fourth. Caldwell's Raegan Wheeler walked with one out and Beallsville's Harley Nalley laid down a perfect bunt. She beat the throw to first that got away as Wheeler went to third and Nalley ended up at second. Wheeler crossed the plate on a groundout by River's Katie Rufener and Nalley

circled the bases when Union Local's Rylee Magnani blooped a single over the first baseman.

Edison's Hannah Christoff started the Ohio sixth with a base hit to right. Bellaire's Jayden Lowe laid down a sacrifice bunt that was thrown wildly to first, allowing Christoff to take third. After Lowe went to second on catcher's indifference, Christoff sprinted home on a wild pitch, just beating the tag of John Marshall's Tessa Wise. Lowe scored on a groundout for a 4-2.

Jenna Jaskowiak singled in a run in the seventh for Ohio.

Morgantown's Mahalie Moser belted a solo home run to deep right-center to cap the scoring in the eighth.

Clay-Battelle's Sydney Wilson had a double, as did Recrosio.

Shadyside's Kylie Jo Baker had a pair of singles for Ohio. River's Katie Lively also singled twice, while Martins Ferry's Ava Doyle

doubled.

Wise, who tied the rubber in the third, sixth and eighth, was the winning pitcher. She charted three strikeouts. Wilson recorded five Ks.

Lively took the loss.

GAME NOTES

■ Players of the Year were presented plaques in between innings. They included Conotton Valley's Masy Baker (Class 1A); Clay-Battelle's Wilson (Class 2A); Martins Ferry's Lauren McFarland (Class 3A); Oak Glen's Mady McKay (Class 4A); and Parkersburg South's Paige Adams (Class 5A).

■ The co-Coaches of the Year — Conotton Valley's Bleininger and Oak Glen's Garner — also received plaques.

■ John Marshall's Dori Kins and Weir's Isabella Aperfine were injured and not able to play.

■ Ed and Linda Cihy were presented with a special award for their longtime service to the sport.

• Pirates

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gression. Anderson (3-8) went five innings and allowed two runs on five hits — including Diaz's third homer of the season, a solo shot in the fifth — against his former team.

Anderson, who has lost his last five decisions, dealt with some tough luck at Coors Field.

"You saw the expansiveness of this outfield," Pirates manager Derek Shelton said. "There was a ball there that split the gap and got in there for a triple and then he gave up the homer to Diaz. But other than that, I thought he was pretty effective. He had to grind through the fifth, and empty the tank out to get (Charlie) Blackmon in a big situation and give us a chance to

win."

BACK TO NORMAL

The "re-opening" pageantry included a flyover by four Air Force fighter jets, pregame introductions for both teams and the return of tossing of bags of peanuts into the crowd from an upper-deck radio booth during the seventh-inning stretch. It was the first game without restricted attendance at Coors Field since Sept. 29, 2019, against the Milwaukee Brewers.

DERBY STORY

The Rockies will have hometown entrant in the Home Run Derby. Trevor Story confirmed his participation in the July 12 competition being staged at hitter-friendly Coors Field, also the site of the All-

Star Game the next day. Story joins Shohei Ohtani of the Los Angeles Angels, Trey Mancini of the Baltimore Orioles and Pete Alonso of the New York Mets as competitors in the derby. Alonso won the most recent Home Run Derby in 2019.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Pirates: 1B Colin Moran left the game as a precaution in the bottom of the first inning after being hit on the left wrist by a pitch in the top of the inning. Ben Gamel replaced Moran in the lineup and Phillip Evans moved from left field to first base.

Rockies: RHP Robert Stephenson was placed on the 10-day injured list because of upper back tightness.

Moundsville tops Barton

CRESCENT — League-leading Moundsville picked up a 3-1 road victory Monday night in Ohio Valley Baseball League action on Henning Field inside Pramesa Park.

The Expos received a two-run homer from Tim Mistry in the top of the fourth that was the difference. Hunter Cottrell had an RBI in the first inning.

The Braves lone run came off the bat of Bailey McGrath in the form of a first-inning homer.

Greyson Loweey pitched into the seventh to get the win. He fanned eight, walked one and scattered seven hits.

Ben Taylor took the loss. He struck out seven, walked two and gave up just four hits in two innings. Dillon Sunnafrank pitched two innings, punching out three and yielding two hits.

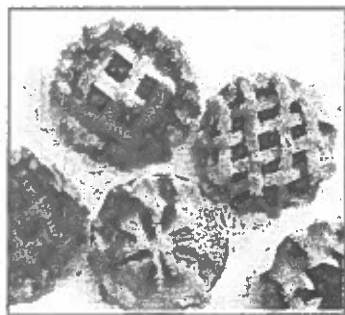
Barton is back in action tonight as Weirton visits Belmont County.



MINI CHERRY PIES

Ingredients
3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup cold vegetable shortening
2 sticks cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
1 large egg yolk, plus 1 beaten egg for brushing
6 to 8 tablespoons ice water
Coarse sugar, for sprinkling

For the filling:
8 cups fresh cherries (Bing, sour or a mix; about 2 1/4 pounds), pitted
2/3 to 3/4 cup granulated sugar (depending on the sweetness of your cherries)
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 teaspoon grated lemon zest, plus 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon pure almond extract



Instructions

1. Make the crust: Pulse the flour, granulated sugar and salt in a food processor. Add the shortening and 1 stick butter; pulse until the flour looks like coarse meal. Add the remaining butter and pulse until it is in pea-size pieces. Add the egg yolk and 6 tablespoons ice water; pulse until the dough just begins to clump, adding up to 2 more tablespoons water if needed. Transfer the dough to a large sheet of plastic wrap and gather into a 2-by-12-inch log. Wrap and refrigerate until firm, at least 2 hours or overnight.
2. Put a baking sheet on the middle oven rack and preheat to 400 degrees F. Make the filling: Combine the cherries, granulated sugar, cornstarch, lemon zest and juice, and almond extract in a large bowl; toss until the sugar is dissolved and the cherries are coated. Set the filling aside.
3. Cut the dough in half; cut one half into 6 pieces (keep the other half refrigerated). Roll each piece into a 6-inch round on a lightly floured surface. Ease each round into a 5-inch pie plate, letting the excess dough hang over the edge. Evenly divide the filling among the bottom crusts (the pies will be full).
4. Remove the remaining dough from the refrigerator and use to make the top crusts (see options below); assemble the pies. Brush the top crusts with the beaten egg and sprinkle generously with coarse sugar. Refrigerate the pies until firm, about 30 minutes. Put the pies on the hot baking sheet in the oven and reduce the

STARS AND STRIPES CUPCAKES

Ingredients
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 1/2 sticks (12 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted
1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
1/3 cup milk

For the frosting:
2 sticks unsalted butter, at room temperature
3 cups confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon raspberry extract
2 to 3 tablespoons milk
Red gel food coloring
1/2 cup blue candy melts

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line a 12-cup muffin pan with paper liners; set aside.
2. Make the cupcakes: Whisk the flour, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. Combine the granulated sugar and eggs in a large bowl; beat with a mixer on medium-high speed until pale and thick, about 2 minutes. Beat in the melted butter and vanilla until smooth. Reduce the mixer to low speed; beat in half of the flour mixture, the milk, then the remaining flour mixture until smooth.
3. Divide the batter among the prepared muffin cups and bake until a toothpick comes out clean, 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool 10 minutes in the pan, then remove to a rack to cool completely.
4. Make the frosting: Beat the butter in a large bowl with a mixer on medium speed until creamy, about 1 minute. Gradually beat in the confectioners' sugar until smooth, then beat in the vanilla and raspberry extracts. Beat in the milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, until creamy. Transfer half of the frosting to a separate bowl and tint red with food coloring. Put the white and red frosting in separate zip-top bags; snip a corner of each. Snip a corner of a larger zip-top bag; put both frosting bags in the larger bag and twist so that they pipe out of the snipped corner. Pipe the frosting onto the cupcakes.
5. Make the candy stars: Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Microwave the candy melts in a microwave-safe bowl in 45-second intervals, stirring, until smooth. Transfer to a small zip-top bag and snip a small



PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1A



TAMI BAKER
MARTINS FERRY

2A



SYDNEY WILSON
CLAY BATTELLE

3A



LAUREN MCFARLAND
MARTINS FERRY

4A



MADISON MCKAY
OAK GLEN

5A

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PAIGE ADAMS
PARKERSBURG SOUTH

OVAC SOFTBALL

ALL STAR GAME



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COACHES OF THE YEAR



JEREMY BLEININGER
CONOTTON VALLEY



SHERRIE GARNER
OAK GLEN

WEST VIRGINIA ROSTER

1	LAUREN FOX	3B	WHEELING PARK
1	MALEAHA MISCH	P	BROOKE
2	EMMA WHIPKEY	INF	CAMERON
5	ISABELLA APERFINE	INF	WEIRTON
7	ALEXIS ADAMS	CF	WEIRTON
7	MAHALIE MOSER	OF	MORGANTOWN
9	KARENA RECROSIO	C/OF	LINSLEY
10	MICHAELA BATTISTA	2B	MADONNA
10	RONDA PETRUCCI	C	CLAY BATTELLE
11	TESSA WISE	P/OF/IF	JOHN MARSHALL
12	MADALENA DAUGHERTY	SS/CF	MADONNA
15	DORI KINS	1B	JOHN MARSHALL
15	LINDSEY VORNDRAN	CF	UNIVERSITY
19	SHYANNA WHITE	1B	MAGNOLIA
22	JAIRIKA BAYLOR	SS	WHEELING CENTRAL
25	KYLA THARP	P/1B	WHEELING PARK
25	SYDNEY WILSON	P	CLAY BATTELLE
32	GRACE HAINES	P/1B	MORGANTOWN
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21	RYLEE MAGNANI	2B/OF	UNION LOCAL
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