



Photo by Seth Staskey

St. Clairsville's Will Foster tracks a tee shot during the OVAC Class 4A championship held Tuesday at Oglebay Park's Jones Course. Foster shot a 5-over, 76, to claim his first conference title. In doing so, he helped lead the Red Devils to the team title.

## Foster, St. C. Earn Crown

By Seth Staskey  
For The Intelligencer  
WHEELING — St. Clairsville believed it was the clear favorite for the OVAC Class 4A Golf Championship.

After all, the classification is primarily made up of the Buckeye 8 membership which the Red Devils soundly defeated over two rounds last month at Cadiz and Belmont Hills Country Clubs.

However, head coach Ryan Clifford also knows that golf can be a fickle game, so he made sure he had his team as prepared for the challenging, Par 71 Jones Course at Oglebay Park's Spiedel Golf Club as he possibly could.

In the days and weeks leading up to Tuesday's

tournaments, the Red Devils have competed or held practice rounds on the course as many as five times. It paid dividends, too.

St. Clairsville produced two of the top three individual scores in the tournament and posted an impressive 320 total en route to claiming the school's 25th conference title by 44 shots over defending champion Beaver Local.

"We've pretty much camped out here (at Oglebay) for the past month," Clifford joked. "We made it a point to get down here and be prepared and the kids played really well today."

Indeed.

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# Central Golf Back On Top of OVAC



Photo by Cody Tomer

Wheeling Central's Justin Doerr watches a putt during Tuesday's OVAC 1A/2A Championship at Crispin. Doerr shot a 71 and finished second overall as the Maroon Knights won the team crown.

## Doerr, Costanzo, Woods all earn All-OVAC honors

By CODY TOMER  
Sports Writer

WHEELING — One year without an OVAC team trophy was long enough for the Wheeling Central golf team.

Coach Jim Mortakis and the Maroon Knights returned to glory on Tuesday at Oglebay's Crispin Course as they won their sixth OVAC 1A/2A championship in the last seven years and their eighth title in the last 10 seasons.

Central rolled to a 42-stroke victory with a team card of 298, followed by last year's de-

fending champion Steubenville Catholic (340), Frontier (343), Conotton Valley (350) and Shadyside (351).

"Our kids work really hard and they practice hard all the time and I'm just proud of them," Mortakis said. "We had four out of five golfers hit in the 70s and we'll just keep plugging along."

Leading the charge for the Knights was junior and defending individual champion Justin Doerr with a 71. For most of the day it looked like he would be the winner until Frontier's Karter Satterfield finished with a

remarkable score of 69 to earn medalist honors

"I would have liked Justin to be able to play with Satterfield so he would have known where he stood but I'm happy that we still had three out of the Top 5 golfers," Mortakis said.

Doerr finished second, while Central's Ryan Costanzo and Nate Woods were also named All-OVAC with cards of 74 and 75, respectively. Landon Prager (78) and Luke Tiu (82) were solid for Central, as well.

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# No Disciplinary Action for Bellaire Asst. Coach

By SETH STASKEY  
For The Intelligencer

BELLAIRE — An assistant Bellaire football coach will not face disciplinary action from the school district from an incident that occurred during the first half of Saturday's game against Wheeling Central.

Bellaire Local Schools Superintendent Derrick McAfee confirmed that the school district had completed its investigation into the incident that made its way — via video — to social media before the Big Reds' 14-7 victory against the Knights had even ended.

"We have reviewed this extensively and we see no wrongdoing," McAfee said.

According to McAfee, he and Director of Athletics Mike Sherwood watched several angles of videos and talked to people involved before rendering a final decision.

"We were absolutely satisfied with what we heard," McAfee said.

An altercation occurred when a Bellaire player was hit out of bounds on a run. The Maroon Knight player was flagged for a penalty, but then the altercation really took off.

Video shows what looks like a Bellaire coach making contact with a Wheeling Central player, but Bellaire's administration slowed the video down and looked frame by frame. It

determined that the coach was actually pushed and then lost his footing.

"The video doesn't show how far out of bounds the hit was," McAfee said. "During the scrum, after the hit, is when our coach was pushed or bumped into by one of our players."

McAfee and Sherwood determined that any contact that might have occurred between their coach and a Central player was "not purposeful and therefore inadvertent."

No players or coaches were ejected from the game by the officials. However, multiple offsetting unsportsmanlike penalties were assessed to both

sides.

Wheeling Central head coach Mike Young also reviewed the video, talked to the officials who worked the game, and talked to Sherwood about the incident.

"It's a shame that (the incident) happened because it was a great high school football game," Young said. "They beat us and they played a great game."

According to Young, the Wheeling Central administration reviewed the video, too. It believed it was up to the Big Reds' administration to handle.

"At this point, we're not taking any action," Young said. "It was a great game and con-

grats to Bellaire on winning."

While the incident continues to draw attention on social media, both schools are on to their next opponent.

"It's the day and age that we live in," McAfee said. "Every bit of drama can be amplified through social media. We hate to see things like this happen, but we're just glad no one was hurt on either team."

The Big Reds welcome Cambridge on Saturday for a noon kickoff and the night prior, Wheeling Central will welcome undefeated Shadyside to Wheeling University.

"We're moving forward. We have to get ready for Shadyside," Young said.

## Lesley: D' Must Play



## COVID Forces Bridgeport To Cancel Homecoming

Caleigh Phillips turned in 10 kills, seven digs, four blocks and four points as Tyler Consolidated swept Parkersburg Catholic.

Also in the win, Braeden Wall supplied 11 kills, Caitlyn Northcraft charted 17 points, 26 assists and 10 digs, Audrey Dennis recorded 15 digs and eight points, Tanley McEldowney garnered 12 digs and six points and Landry Buchanan added 12 digs and five points for Tyler (8-2).

**Toronto sweeps Buckeye Local**

**CONNORVILLE** — Toronto picked up a three-game sweep of homesteading Buckeye Local Tuesday evening by scores of 25-10, 25-12 and 25-18.

The Panthers were led by Abbey Berze's nine digs and Cassidy George's eight. Isabella Hepburn had three kills and two aces.

**Beallsville sweeps St. John**

**CENTRAL ACADEMY** — Invading Beallsville cruised past winless St. John Central Academy by scores of 25-5, 25-13 and 25-6.

The Blue Devils were led by Kaylee Hagan's seven kills. Kinley Hughes had seven assists, four aces and a kill. Alayne Wells had four aces and two kills.

**St. Clairsville outlasts Wildcats**

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE** — Alexis Thoburn blasted 13 kills and collected seven digs as St. Clairsville took care of Edison 25-18, 17-25, 25-19 and 25-19.

Lydia Wees garnered

for the Red Devils, while Shae Brookover dished out 27 assists and nine digs and Brooke Biancarelli added six aces and five digs.

**COLLEGE GOLF WOMEN**

**West Liberty's Pettit Cracks**

**Top 10 in Charleston**

**CHARLESTON** - Kaley Pettit finished strong to earn a Top 10 finish, highlighting the West Liberty University women's golf team's two-day run at the season-opening Golden Eagle Invitational.

Pettit, a returning All-MEC standout, lit up the Edgewood Country Club layout with a 2-over-par 74. It was the second-lowest round of the tournament and vaulted the WLU veteran all the way to seventh place in the final medal standings with a 36-hole score of 157 - only four shots out of first place.

**MEN**

**Hilltoppers 2nd at Golden Eagle Invitational**

**CHARLESTON** - The West Liberty University men's golf team tied Davis & Elkins for runner-up honors and senior standout Alex Easthom carded a top five finish in the medal chase as the Golden Eagle Invitational wrapped up at Berry Hills Country Club.

Coach Thadd Obecný's Hilltoppers and the Senators posted matching 36-hole scores of 585 but couldn't keep pace with host Charleston, who posted the two lowest team scores of the tournament to win going away

**VOLLEYBALL Hilltoppers Finish Strong to Bounce Malone**

**WEST LIBERTY** - The West Liberty University volleyball team broke up a tight match with a huge third set and pulled away to a 3-1 win against Malone (Ohio) in non-conference action at the ASRC.

Kirsten Bogunovich led the way with a triple-double, notching 10 kills, 26 assists and 15 digs, while Maddie Clayton and Riley Cudnik added 11 and 10 kills, respectively.

**LATE MONDAY HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL**

**Tyler Consolidated d. St. Marys**

**25-22, 25-10, 25-19**

**SISTERSVILLE** — Caleigh Phillips blasted 12 kills and 13 points, while charting nine digs and 11 assists in a win over St. Marys.

Caitlyn Northcraft added 28 assists and eight points.

**FRIDAY FOOTBALL**

**John Marshall 48**

**Preston 7**

**KINGWOOD** — The Monarchs handed Preston a crushing defeat last week.

In 2021, Klypson Wallace leads the Monarchs with 345 yards rushing and five touchdowns, while Jacob Coffield has 355 yards passing and two scores, along with 151 yards rushing and two more TDs.

Nate Menendez is the leading tackler with 21 stops and Coffield is also making an impact on defense with 18 tackles.

into some future game situations, "then, yes, we will use him because I think he can help us."

On Tuesday, after reviewing the game, Brown called Greene's performance "a mixed bag" and didn't elaborate on whether he might bump up his one-quarterback system with starter Jarret Doege to two.

"You've got to go in with an intentional plan," Brown said. "I'm not saying that's the gospel. That's how we've done it in the past."

The Mountaineers have yet to have a 100-yard rusher this season,

came in the 2020 season opener. Brown said he didn't believe Greene was ready to play in the season opener two weeks ago at Maryland.

Greene's rushing yards against Long Island were the most for a West Virginia quarterback since Skyler Howard ran for 129 at Kansas in 2015. That make it almost impossible for the coaching staff to ignore Greene going forward.

At least it gives the Hokies something to think about. Whether or not Greene sees the field, Virginia Tech will have to account for him

our guys are so different."

Greene runs a lot and throws some, too. He kept a touchdown drive alive with a scrambling 28-yard pass along the sidelines to Isaiah Eskdale on fourth down.

Doege has a pair of 250-yard passing games already but typically doesn't venture far out of the pocket and has been sacked five times in two games.

"It's good to see Garrett out there making plays, and he does that in practice, and it's good to see him get to do it in the game," Doege said.

**CLEANER**

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defense the team had a season ago.

Personnel losses are partially to blame, with Dreshun Miller and former All-American Tykee Smith transferring out of WVU. Others, like Darius Stills and Tony Fields, left for the NFL, leaving the Mountaineers with holes to fill across the defense.

While new faces are thrown onto the field, there are still big shoes to fill.

"A lot of what you see, through two games, is how teams are attacking us," Lesley said.

"We're not giving our guys a chance a lot of times to be successful, honestly. Quick game, screens, short throws, so we've got to do a better job changing lanes and affecting the quarterback in different ways other than sacks. I tell guys all the time in front a sack is not the only successful pass rush. We've got to do a better job of that."

Lesley is at least pleased with the unit's drive, saying the group has looked strong in that area.

"We really haven't had any effort issues," Lesley said.

"I think our guys have played hard (in) both games. We've got to clean some things up fundamentally, got to clean some things up (with) communication, but overall I think our guys have flown to the ball for the most

part."

O'Laughlin on the mend West Virginia may soon see one of its top offensive players return to the lineup.

Starting tight end Mike O'Laughlin, who has missed a majority of fall practice and has not yet played in a game, was scheduled to practice on Tuesday.

"He did some things yesterday, he's gonna practice today," head coach Neal Brown said Tuesday. "We'll see where that goes."

In nine games last season, O'Laughlin hauled in 15 passes for 137 yards and one touchdown.

Same face, different place This weekend, West Virginia starting left guard Doug Nester will be looking across the line of scrimmage at some familiar faces.

Nester transferred to West Virginia this offseason following two seasons with Virginia Tech. He saw playing time in both seasons, seeing starting reps at both of the guard spots.

"He knows the program far better than any of us, right?" offensive coordinator Gerad Parker said. "I'm sure there's things that he can mention about the program and those things, but otherwise we're gonna let him line up with us and go play ball."

**CENTRAL**

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"That's what is great about it, they all make each other push harder," Mortakis said. "Ryan tries to push Justin everyday and Nate is a newcomer and he is a really long hitter. Luke is a freshman and Landon came through with a really good round and I couldn't be more proud of them."

Doerr drained three birdies on the day, which included the

Par 3 No. 1 and two Par 5s (No. 4 and No. 12). He came close to garnering three more on 15, 16 and 17 but the first two birdie putts sat on the lip of the cup and did not fall and the third lipped out.

"I hit it pretty well but not a lot of putts fell for me," Doerr said. "But that's just golf. It's nothing to be ashamed of. I shot a 71 but I had 33 putts.

If I make more putts I probably win but it is what it is."

Doerr defeated Steubenville Catholic's Cole Tegano a year ago in an overtime hole in the OVAC final and he received a good luck text from his old foe before teeing off.

"Cole has kept in touch and has always been really nice to me," Doerr said. "I look for him to have a lot of success at

Cal U (of Pa)."

As for the overall winner, Satterfield finished fifth last year with a score of 80, which he improved this year by 11 strokes.

"I missed a lot of putts this year and last year but last year I was ripping the driver on every hole and I played stupid," Satterfield said. "This year, I took it easy and kept my focus."

Satterfield turned in five birdies in the event on holes 1, 4, 14, 17 and 18.

"I worked all summer, spring and all of last year for this," he said. "I fell short at sectionals and at OVACs so I just kept grinding and this means a lot."

Monroe Central's Zander Potts placed fifth for All-OVAC honors with a card of 77.

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Hannan at Hundred  
Warren at Fort Frye  
New Philadelphia at Canton  
Central Catholic  
Hedgesville at Morgantown  
Caldwell at Reedsville Eastern  
Indian Valley at Buckeye Trail  
Calhoun County at Tyler Consolidated

**Saturday**  
Cambridge at Bellaire, noon  
Windham at Steubenville  
Central  
University at Wheeling Park

**COLLEGE**  
Virginia Tech at West Virginia  
Tulsa at Ohio State  
Western Michigan at Pitt  
Purdue at Notre Dame  
East Carolina at Marshall  
Notre Dame College at West Liberty  
Alderson Broadus at Wheeling University  
Bethany College at Washington & Jefferson

## SPORTS ON TV

**MLB BASEBALL**  
6:30 p.m.  
ATT — Cincinnati at Pittsburgh

## NFL

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**  
**East**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Miami 1 0 0 1.000 17 16  
Buffalo 0 1 0 .000 16 23  
N.Y. Jets 0 1 0 .000 14 19  
New England 0 1 0 .000 16 17

**South**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Houston 1 0 0 1.000 37 21  
Indianapolis 0 1 0 .000 16 28  
Jacksonville 0 1 0 .000 21 37  
Tennessee 0 1 0 .000 13 38

**North**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Cincinnati 1 0 0 1.000 27 24  
Pittsburgh 1 0 0 1.000 23 16  
Baltimore 0 1 0 .000 27 33  
Cleveland 0 1 0 .000 29 33

**West**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Denver 1 0 0 1.000 27 13  
Kansas City 1 0 0 1.000 33 29  
L.A. Chargers 1 0 0 1.000 20 16  
Las Vegas 1 0 0 1.000 33 27

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**East**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Philadelphia 1 0 0 1.000 32 6  
Dallas 0 1 0 .000 29 31  
N.Y. Giants 0 1 0 .000 13 27  
Washington 0 1 0 .000 16 20

**South**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Carolina 1 0 0 1.000 19 14  
New Orleans 1 0 0 1.000 38 3  
Tampa Bay 1 0 0 1.000 31 29  
Atlanta 0 1 0 .000 6 32

**North**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Chicago 0 1 0 .000 14 34  
Detroit 0 1 0 .000 33 41  
Green Bay 0 1 0 .000 3 38  
Minnesota 0 1 0 .000 24 27

**West**  
W L T Pct PF PA  
Arizona 1 0 0 1.000 38 13  
L.A. Rams 1 0 0 1.000 34 14  
San Francisco 1 0 0 1.000 41 33  
Seattle 1 0 0 1.000 28 16

**Thursday's Games**  
Tampa Bay 31, Dallas 29

**Sunday's Games**  
Arizona 38, Tennessee 13  
Carolina 19, N.Y. Jets 14  
Cincinnati 27, Minnesota 24, OT  
Houston 37, Jacksonville 21  
L.A. Chargers 20, Washington 16

Philadelphia 32, Atlanta 6  
Pittsburgh 23, Buffalo 16  
San Francisco 41, Detroit 33  
Seattle 28, Indianapolis 16  
Denver 27, N.Y. Giants 13  
Kansas City 33, Cleveland 29  
Miami 17, New England 16  
New Orleans 38, Green Bay 3  
L.A. Rams 34, Chicago 14

**Monday's Games**  
Las Vegas 33, Baltimore 27, OT

**Thursday, Sept. 16**  
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:20 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 19**  
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Denver at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
Houston at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
L.A. Rams at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Las Vegas at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 4:05 p.m.  
Minnesota at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.

Dallas at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.  
Tennessee at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.  
Kansas City at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 20**  
Detroit at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m.

West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
z-San Francisco	94	50	.653	—	—	9-1	W-8	46-23	48-27
Los Angeles	92	53	.634	2½	—	7-3	W-4	50-23	42-30
San Diego	74	69	.517	19½	—	3-7	L-4	44-31	30-38
Colorado	67	78	.462	27½	8	5-5	W-2	45-27	22-51
Arizona	47	97	.326	47	27½	3-7	L-1	28-43	19-54

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**Tuesday's Games**  
Cleveland 3, Minnesota 1, 7 innings, 1st game  
Tampa Bay 2, Toronto 0  
Minnesota 6, Cleveland 3, 7 innings, 2nd game  
N.Y. Yankees 7, Baltimore 2  
Milwaukee at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.  
Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.  
Oakland at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.  
Boston at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Milwaukee (Woodruff 9-8) at Detroit (Manning 3-6), 1:10 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Wacha 3-4) at Toronto (Ray 11-5), 3:07 p.m.  
Boston (Houck 0-4) at Seattle (Gonzales 8-5), 4:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Cortes Jr. 2-2) at Baltimore (Means 5-7), 7:05 p.m.  
Cleveland (Quantrill 5-3) at Minnesota (Jax 3-3), 7:40 p.m.  
Houston (Urquidy 6-3) at Texas (Arihara 2-3), 8:05 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (TBD) at Chicago White Sox (Keuchel 8-9), 8:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Manaea 9-9) at Kansas City (Minor 8-12), 8:10 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.  
Oakland at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 5:05 p.m.  
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.

Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**Tuesday's Games**  
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 5  
Washington 8, Miami 2  
Chicago Cubs 6, Philadelphia 3  
Colorado 5, Atlanta 4  
Milwaukee at Detroit, 6:40 p.m.  
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.  
San Diego at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m.  
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Miami (Rogers 7-7) at Washington (Rogers 1-0), 1:05 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Woodruff 9-8) at Detroit (Manning 3-6), 1:10 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Gutierrez 9-6) at Pittsburgh (Keller 4-11), 6:35 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Mills 6-6) at Philadelphia (Suarez 6-4), 7:05 p.m.  
St. Louis (Lester 5-6) at N.Y. Mets (Megill 3-4), 7:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Senzatela 4-9) at Atlanta (Ynoa 4-5), 7:20 p.m.  
San Diego (Musgrove 10-9) at San Francisco (TBD), 9:45 p.m.  
Arizona (Bumgarner 7-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Urias 17-3), 10:10 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Colorado at Atlanta, 12:20 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.  
San Diego at San Francisco, 3:45 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.

## OVAC GOLF TOURNAMENTS

**OVAC Class 1A/2A Championship (at Oglebay Park Crispin Course)**  
**Wheeling Central 298, Steubenville Catholic 340, Frontier 343, Conotton Valley 350, Shadyside 351, Trinity Christian 379, Monroe Central 390, Southern 403, Toronto 414, Paden City NS, Bridgeport NS, Clay-Battelle NS, All-OVAC Team**  
Karter Satterfield, Frontier, 69  
Justin Doerr, Wheeling Central, 71  
Ryan Costanzo, Wheeling Central 74  
Nate Woods, Wheeling Central  
Zander Potts, Monroe Central, 77  
**Wheeling Central** — Doerr 71, Costanzo 74, Woods 75, Prager 78.  
**Steubenville Cath.** — Schaefer 78, Barcalow 83, Gibas 86, O'Karma 93.  
**Frontier** — Satterfield 69, Reed 83, Curtis 91, West 100.  
**Conotton Valley** — Galigher 81, Lambert 84, O'Conner 87, Edie 98.  
**Shadyside** — Tsoaras 82, Green 87, Bell 89, Grover 93.  
**Trinity** — Hancox 89, Tudor 93, Mercure 98, Lynch 99.  
**Monroe Central** — Potts 77, Wicktacher 100, Winland 106, Williams 107.  
**Southern** — Tribelo 93, Black 99, Riggs 102, Bach 109.  
**Toronto** — Karaffa 87, Suffoletta 91, Blood 103, Fogle 133.  
**Paden City** — McGinnis 92, Clements 125.  
**Clay-Battelle** — Barr 108, Statler 136.  
**Bridgeport** — Fouty 92, Giffin 110, Puskas 130.

**Class 4A (at Oglebay Park Jones Course, Par 71)**  
**Team Scores: St. Clairsville, 76; Beaver Local, 364; Cambridge, 371; East Liverpool, 378; Harrison Central, 387; Indian Creek, 397; Union Local, 410; Oak Glen, 420; Edison, 458; Weir, 505**  
**Individual Scores**  
**Top 5 Overall**  
1. Will Foster, St. Clairsville, 76  
2. Luke Eyster, Beaver Local, 78\*  
3. Brodi Foster, St. Clairsville, 78  
4. Beezer Porter, Union Local, 79  
5. Adam Smith, Cambridge, 79  
(\* Won Runner-up Medalist on first playoff hole)

**St. Clairsville** — Will Foster, 76; Brodi Foster, 78; Saul Crispi, 82; Andrew Abel, 84  
**Beaver Local** — Luke Eyster, 78; Sky Pappas, 83; Logan Ours, 90; Mike McKenzie, 113.  
**Cambridge** — Adam Smith, 79; Bradyn Gregg, 92; Jackson Reed, 93; Aiden Castello, 107.  
**East Liverpool** — Nathan Kelly, 83; Jake Smith, 93; Paxton Grimes, 98; Aaron Dieringer, 104.  
**Harrison Central** — Aiden Sliva, 88; Nash Roberts, 95; Heath Clay, 97; Wyatt Foreman, 107.  
**Indian Creek** — Noah Tweedy, 87; Like Merriman, 88; Connor Garbade, 105; Logan Kuczynski, 117.  
**Union Local** — Beezer Porter, 79; Rylan Luyster, 109; Lee Adkins, 110; Sean Alkire, 112.  
**Oak Glen** — Brady Chaney, 98; Logan Weekley, 101; Caleb Lang, 106; Seanessy Adkins, 115.  
**Edison** — Zoe Shell, 100; Nicole Zullo, 117; Tristin Arnold, 120; Ryan Dinger, 121.  
**Weir** — Jude Smith, 90; Jake Bostaph, 109; Zion Spencer, 142; Mason Drobish, 164.

## TOP 25 SCHEDULE

**Saturday**  
No. 1. Alabama at No. 11 Florida, 3:30 p.m.  
No. 2. Georgia vs. South Carolina, 7 p.m.  
No. 3. Oklahoma vs. Nebraska, Noon  
No. 4. Oregon vs. Stony Brook, 7:30 p.m.  
No. 5. Iowa vs. Kent St., 3:30 p.m.  
No. 6. Clemson vs. Georgia Tech, 3:30 p.m.  
No. 7. Texas A&M vs. New Mexico, Noon  
No. 8. Cincinnati at Indiana, Noon  
No. 9. Ohio State vs. Tulsa, 3:30 p.m.  
No. 10. Penn State vs. No. 22 Auburn, 7:30 p.m.  
No. 12. Notre Dame vs. Purdue, 2:30 p.m.  
No. 13. UCLA vs. Fresno St., 10:45 p.m.  
No. 14. Iowa State at UNLV, 10:30 p.m.  
No. 15. Virginia Tech at West Virginia, Noon  
No. 16. Coastal Carolina at Buffalo, Noon  
No. 17. Mississippi vs. Tulane, 8 p.m.  
No. 19. Arizona State at No. 23 BYU, 10:15 p.m.  
No. 20. Arkansas vs. Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.  
No. 21. North Carolina vs. Virginia, 7:30 p.m.  
No. 22. Auburn at Penn St., 7:30 p.m.  
No. 24. Miami vs. Michigan St., Noon  
No. 25. Michigan vs. N. Illinois, Noon

outs in the inning. Satterfield struck out Joey Votto looking for his fifth save.

Following a mound visit with runners on first and second in the fifth, Miley allowed Yoshi Tsutsugo to single to left, driving in Kevin Newman, before Reynolds scored on an errant throw to third from left fielder Aristides Aquino that gave the Pirates a 5-0 lead. Jacob Stallings tacked on a sixth run with an RBI single.

Miley was pulled following a groundout from Anthony Alford. He has allowed at least 10 hits in two of his past three starts, giving up 12 to the Cardinals on Sept. 1.

The Reds scored four off reliever Nick Mears in the sixth.

A bases-loaded single from Tucker Barnhart drove in two before Max Schrock scored on a fielder's choice. Right fielder Ben Gamel then couldn't make a diving catch to deny Kyle Farmer of a two-out RBI single, cutting the deficit to 6-4.

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**RAYS 2, BLUE JAYS 0**  
**TORONTO (AP)** — Drew Rasmussen combined with four relievers on a three-hitter, Brandon Lowe and Ji-Man Choi homered and the Tampa Bay Rays became the first AL team to reach 90 wins by beating the Toronto Blue Jays.

After losing four of their previous five, the East-leading Rays hit the 90-win mark for the eighth time — all in the past 14 seasons.

Tampa Bay (90-55) stopped a two-game losing streak.

Toronto began the day in the AL wild card lead, one game ahead of the New York Yankees and Boston.

Rasmussen (3-1) allowed two hits in five innings. Andrew Kittredge pitched a perfect ninth for his seventh save in eight chances.

**YANKEES 7, ORIOLES 2**  
**BALTIMORE (AP)** — Aaron Judge started a five-homer barrage that backed Gerrit Cole, and New York beat Baltimore, winning consecutive games for the first time since Sept. 1 and 3.

Cole (15-7) returned from left hamstring tightness that cut short his Sept. 7 start against Toronto. He stranded the bases loaded in a 29-pitch first inning when he struck out Ramon Uris and allowed one run and four hits in five innings with seven strikeouts and three walks.

**FOSTER**  
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Rangers' single-season rookie record with his 30th homer, one of three long balls allowed by Zack Greinke in his return after testing positive for COVID-19.

**INDIANS 3, TWINS 1, 1ST GAME**  
**TWINS 6, INDIANS 3, 2ND GAME**  
**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Cleveland's Triston McKenzie cruised through six innings of the first game of a doubleheader to beat Minnesota when a comebacker off the wrist of Twins rookie Joe Ryan shortened the pitching duel.

Ryan Jeffers had four RBIs in the nightcap as the Twins gained a split.

McKenzie (5-6) had seven strikeouts, including Byron Buxton three times, with just three hits, one run and one walk allowed.

Bradley Zimmer homered in the fifth, and Austin Hedges hit a go-ahead RBI double in a two-run seventh against Danny Coulombe (3-2), before Emmanuel Clase closed it out with a perfect seventh for his 23rd save in 27 chances.

Kyle Barraclough (1-0) picked up the win in the nightcap. Alex Colome earned his 14th save. Logan Allen (1-7) took the loss.

**CUBS 6, PHILLIES 3**  
**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Patrick Wisdom and Alfonso Rivas hit back-to-back homers for Chicago in a win over a Philadelphia team running out of time to make a serious run in the NL playoff race.

The Phillies remained 4½ games behind first-place Atlanta in the NL East and 2½ games behind Cincinnati in the wild-card race. San Diego and St. Louis are ahead of the Phillies for the second wild card.

The Phillies fell to .500 at 72-72 and have lost six of seven games.

Odubel Herrera hit a leadoff homer, and Bryce Harper and Didi Gregorius added RBI hits. Kyle Gibson (10-7) struck out seven in allowing five hits and four earned runs in five innings.

Rafael Ortega hit two RBI doubles and Ian Happ drove in another run with a double for Chicago.

Adrian Sampson (1-2) gave up two runs in five innings. Rowan Wick struck out the side in the ninth for his fourth save.

**NATIONALS 8, MARLINS 2**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Ryan Zimmerman homered, Erick Fedde pitched five solid innings and Washington pounded out 14 hits in winning for the second time in three games.

Fedde (7-9) allowed a run on three hits with eight strikeouts and no walks.

Juan Soto had three hits, an RBI and a walk for Washington, and Keibert Ruiz had three hits.

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## SPORTS

Wednesday,  
September 15, 2021St. Clairsville  
claims 25th  
OVAC golf  
championshipBy SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — St. Clairsville believed it was the clear favorite for the OVAC Class 4A Golf Championship.

After all, the classification is primarily made up of the Buckeye 8 membership which the Red Devils soundly defeated over two rounds last month at Cadiz and Belmont Hills Country Clubs.

However, head coach Ryan Clifford also knows that golf can be a fickle game, so he made sure he had his team as prepared for the challenging, Par 71 Jones Course at Oglebay Park's Spiedel Golf Club as he possibly could.

In the days and weeks leading up to Tuesday's tournaments, the Red Devils have competed or held practice rounds on the course as many as five times. It paid dividends, too.

St. Clairsville produced two of the top three individual scores in the tournament and posted an impressive 320 total en route to claiming the school's 25th conference title by 44 shots over defending champion Beaver Local.

"We've pretty much camped out here (at Oglebay) for the past month," Clifford joked. "We made it a point to get down here and be prepared and the kids played really well today."

Indeed.

All told, the Red Devils team score included a 76, 78, 82 and an 84.

"It's pretty good team golf when you throw out an 85," Clifford said. "Shooting a 320 on this course is hard to do. It's definitely the best score we've had here all season."

The Red Devils were led by senior standout Will Foster, who finished with a 5-over, 76. He shot an even, 36, on the

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ST. CLAIRSVILLE senior Will Foster tracks his tee shot during Tuesday's OVAC Class 4A Championship at Oglebay Park's Jones Course inside the Spiedel Golf Club. Foster shot a 5-over, 76 to take the medalist honors and lead the Red Devils.

Photo/SETH STASKEY

Wheeling Central wins  
OVAC 1A/2A golf titleBy CODY TOMER  
For The Times Leader

WHEELING — One year without an OVAC team trophy was long enough for the Wheeling Central golf team.

Coach Jim Mortakis and the Maroon Knights returned to glory on Tuesday at Oglebay's Crispin Course as they won their sixth OVAC 1A/2A championship in the last seven years and their eighth title in the last 10 seasons.

Central rolled to a 42-stroke victory with a team card of 298, followed by last year's defending champion Steubenville Catholic (340), Frontier (343), Conotton Valley (350) and Shadyside (351).

"Our kids work really hard

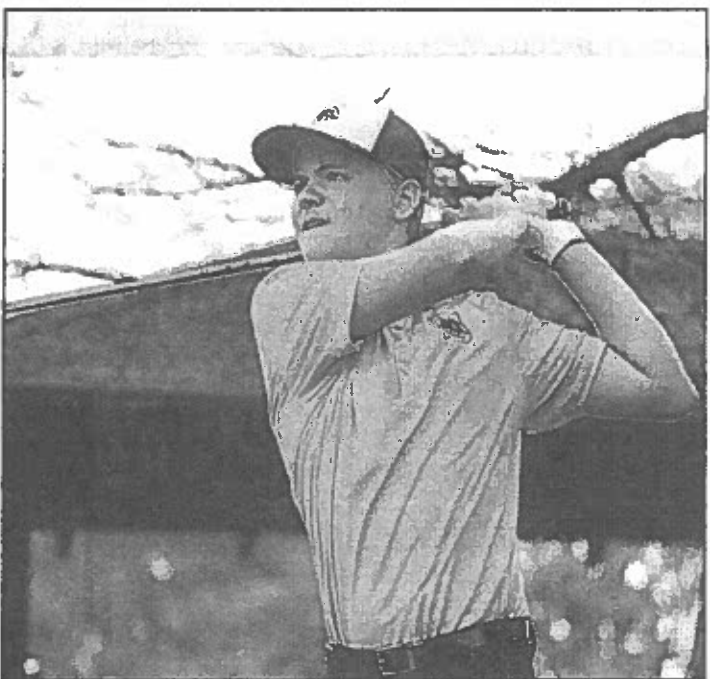
and they practice hard all the time and I'm just proud of them," Mortakis said. "We had four out of five golfers hit in the 70s and we'll just keep plugging along."

Leading the charge for the Knights was junior and defending individual champion Justin Doerr with a 71. For most of the day it looked like he would be the winner until Frontier's Karter Satterfield finished with a remarkable score of 69 to earn medalist honors.

"I would have liked Justin to be able to play with Satterfield so he would have known where he stood but I'm happy that we still had three out of the Top 5 golfers," Mortakis said.

Doerr finished second, while

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SHADYSIDE'S LUKE Bell watches his shot on the back nine of Oglebay's Crispin Course, which played host to the OVAC Class 1A/2A tournament Tuesday. Wheeling Central claimed the team title for the eighth time in 10 seasons.

Photo/CODY TOMER

Bellaire  
assistant  
won't be  
punishedBy SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Editor

BELLAIRE — An assistant Bellaire football coach will not face disciplinary action from the school district from an incident that occurred during the first half of Saturday's game against Wheeling Central.

Bellaire Local Schools Superintendent Derrick McAfee confirmed that the school district had completed its investigation into the incident that made its way

— via video — to social media before the Big Reds' 14-7 victory against the Maroon Knights had even ended.

"We have reviewed this extensively and we see no wrongdoing," McAfee said.

According to McAfee, he and Director of Athletics Mike Sherwood watched several angles of videos and talked to people involved before rendering a final decision.

"We were absolutely satisfied with what we heard," McAfee said.

An altercation occurred when a Bellaire player was hit out of bounds on a run. The Maroon Knight player was flagged for a penalty, but then the altercation really took off.

Video shows what looks like a Bellaire coach making contact with a Wheeling Central player, but Bellaire's administration slowed the video down and looked frame by frame. It determined that the coach was

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Bridgeport  
vs. Conotton  
football offBy KIM NORTH  
Times Leader Sports Writer

BRIDGEPORT -- COVID-19 has struck again.

Due to some positive tests among students and football players, Bridgeport High School has been forced to cancel its homecoming game versus Conotton Valley set for Friday on Perkins Field inside Bill Jobko Stadium.

"We've canceled the game due to the quarantining of several players," Bridgeport Exempted Village School District Superintendent Brent Ripley said. "We're still contacting families for contact tracing purposes, and we are recommending quarantining."

## Monroe Central edges Shadyside in five

By KIM NORTH  
Times Leader Sports Writer

SHADYSIDE — Monroe Central needed a volleyball win in the worst of ways. It



Kalista Friday's serve was returned by the Tigers, but Abby Thompson was there to slam home the return for match-point. After a Shadyside timeout, the Seminoles put the



properties. That is a 7% increase over last season (16.3 million average) and nearly equal to 2019, which averaged 17.6 million and remains the high-

also occurred in the first of a presidential campaign, when some people were watching cable news channels. NFL games ranked as the top six broadcasts

26.4 million on NBC and digital, making it the most-watched first game of the season since 2015. NBC averaged 22.8 million for the Thursday

It is the most watched "Monday Night Football" Week 1 game since 2013, when Philadelphia at Washington averaged 16.5 million.

## Lots of QB shuffling early in season, led by Big 12

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
AP Sports Writer

The most experienced quarterbacks in the Big 12 have already been sidelined this season for very different reasons.

Skylar Thompson was off to good start in his sixth year in Kansas State's program before a knee injury that will keep him out indefinitely.

Fourth-year Iowa State starter Brock Purdy was benched in the fourth quarter of the biggest home game in program history, though coach Matt Campbell has since reiterated his "great trust" in the quarterback.

First-year Texas coach Steve Sarkisian is already shuffling starters, replacing inconsistent redshirt freshman Hudson Card with junior Casey Thompson.

All of that is through only two games this season and the unexpected changes at the game's most important position stretch beyond the Big 12.

When starting quarterback JT Daniels was out for second-ranked Georgia with an oblique injury, backup Stetson Bennett stepped in and tied a school record with five TD passes in the first half. No. 7 Texas A&M will be without redshirt freshman quarterback Haynes King indefinitely after surgery to repair his broken right leg. Boston College's Phil Jurkovec could miss the rest of the season after hand surgery.

**THOMPSON'S TOUGH LUCK**  
Skylar Thompson took advantage of the extra year of eligibility given to all players because of the pandemic after missing most of

last season with a right shoulder injury. He lowered his left shoulder and bulled into the end zone while running for K-State's first TD in a season-opening win over Stanford, then led the Wildcats to a quick TD in their second game and was on the brink of another when he suddenly crumbled to the ground.

"See him go down and it's always gonna be a shell shock because that's a great guy and a great player for us," said running back Deuce Vaughn, who was behind the quarterback when he got hurt rolling to the right.

Wildcats coach Chris Klieman said the injury isn't believed to be season-ending, but called it "frustrating because it's like it's not fair. Why does it happen to somebody two years in a row?" Thompson's 32 career starts are tied for the most in school history.

Will Howard has been pressed into the starting role again like he was a freshman last year. He went through all of last spring with the No. 1 offense while Thompson was still rehabbing his throwing shoulder.

### TRUST IN BROCK

Iowa State had turnovers on three consecutive drives, including two interceptions by Purdy, and were down by 17 points early in the fourth quarter of its highly anticipated home game against in-state rival Iowa when Campbell put second-year freshman QB Hunter Dekkers in.

The 27-17 loss dropped the Cyclones, last season's Big 12 runner-up, five spots to No. 14 in the new AP poll. Purdy, still without a TD pass, is anticipated to be back under center when Iowa State plays

at UNLV on Saturday night.

"Brock and I have a great relationship and really he's got great trust in who we are," Campbell said. "Equally, we have great trust of who he is."

### THOMPSON IN TEXAS

Most Texas fans assumed Casey Thompson would be the easy choice as the 2021 starter when he came off the bench to throw four TDs in eight passes in the Alamo Bowl win over Colorado last December before Sarkisian was hired. But the fourth-year player couldn't shake off the spring and summer training camp competition with Card.

After a solid opening win over then-No. 23 Louisiana-Lafayette, the Longhorns got overrun 40-21 by former SWC rival and future SEC foe Arkansas, and got knocked out of the AP poll from 15th.

"You could tell early on Hudson was a little rattled," Texas linebacker DeMarvion Overshown said.

Thompson led two TD drives against Arkansas after getting in the third quarter when Texas was already far behind. His first start since still in high school in November 2017 is set for Saturday against Rice.

He considered transferring from Texas after the 2018 season, but stayed and spent two seasons as Sam Ehlinger's top backup. Thompson said he didn't consider leaving when Card was named the starter two weeks ago.

"At this point, I'm already in this thing, I've waited so long," Thompson said Tuesday. "There was no way I could just quit and let up at this point."

social media, both schools are on to their next opponent.

"It's the day and age that we live in," McAfee said. "Every bit of drama can be amplified through social media. We hate to see things like this happen, but we're just glad no one was hurt on either team."

The Big Reds welcome Cambridge on Saturday for a noon kickoff and the night prior. Wheeling Central will welcome undefeated Shadyside to Wheeling University.

"We're moving forward. We have to get ready for Shadyside," Young said.

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front side of the course.

The individual championship marks his first conference title.

"One of my goals was to win this or the Buckeye 8," Foster said. "I've been chasing this and to win it is great."

During a quadrangular match last week against the likes of Wheeling Park, Dover and New Philadelphia, Foster had a round to forget. He lost six balls and finished with a score that St. C. didn't even count toward its team total.

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## • Bridgeport

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of weeks, but the numbers just kept increasing.

"The kids were bummed out today and were very disappointed,"

Ray added. "They wanted another chance to play a home game at Perkins Field, and they also wanted to have homecoming at our place."

Bridgeport hasn't celebrated homecoming at Perkins Field since the 2017 season due to problems from flooding.

## • Monroe

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difference was in the final two sets.

"Our passing was poor in the third set but it got better. In the fourth set it

got worse and that was the key in the fifth set," he explained.

"We were giving them over-passes, we didn't do

the things we need to do and we didn't put the ball on the floor."

Leading the Tigers was Paige Gorby with 14 kills, 12 digs and two aces. Caroline Mercer added 44 assists, 11 digs, four kills and a pair of aces, while Gentry Brown charted 23 kills, seven digs and five aces. Macy Hendershot finished with five kills and a like number of digs and Bayleigh Harmon had 11 digs and four kills. Kayla Krahn contributed eight

digs and Mady Violet three kills.

Monroe Central was paced by Thompson's eight kills and five blocks. Haylyn Hiles added seven kills and four blocks, while Kynzi Bishop charted seven kills, five points, four blocks and an ace. Friday chipped in nine points, 11 digs and two aces. Regan Hamilton and Olivia Valkovic evenly divided 18 assists. Grace Swisher had five points and Trista Morris five digs.

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Central's Ryan Costanzo and Nate Woods were also named All-OVAC with cards of 74 and 75, respectively. Landon Prager (78) and Luke Tiu (82) were solid for Central, as well.

"That's what is great about it, they all make each other push harder," Mortakis said. "Ryan tries to push Justin everyday and Nate is a newcomer and he is a really long hitter. Luke is a freshman and Landon came through with a really good round and I couldn't be more proud of them."

Doerr drained three birdies on the day, which included the Par 3 No. 1 and two Par 5s (No. 4 and No. 12). He came close to garnering three more on 15, 16 and 17 but the first two birdie putts sat on the lip of the cup and did not fall and the third lipped out.

"I hit it pretty well but not a lot of putts fell for me," Doerr said. "But that's just golf. It's nothing to be ashamed of. I shot a 71 but I had 33 putts. If I make more putts I probably win but it is what it is."

Doerr defeated Steubenville Catholic's Cole Tegan a year ago in an overtime hole in the OVAC final and he received a good luck text from his old foe before teeing off.

"Cole has kept in touch and has always been really nice to me," Doerr said. "I look for him to have a lot of success at Cal U (of Pa)."

As for the overall winner, Satterfield finished fifth last year with a score of 80, which he improved this year by 11 strokes.

"I missed a lot of putts this year and last year but last year I was ripping the driver on every hole and I played stupid," Satterfield said. "This year, I took it easy and kept my focus."

Satterfield turned in five birdies in the event on holes 1, 4, 14, 17 and 18.

"I worked all summer, spring and all of last year for this," he said. "I fell short at sectionals and at OVACs so I just kept grinding and this means a lot."

Monroe Central's Zander Potts placed fifth for All-OVAC honors with a card of 77.

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AREA SPORTS BRIEFS

Weir-Ferry Pre-sale Tickets Pre-sale tickets for the Weirton at Martins Ferry football game on Friday night are available at Total Sports Connection and Martins Ferry High School Office.

PAV Workshop at Martins Ferry H.S. Martins Ferry Athletic Department in conjunction with Tim Berger will host a state certified PAV workshop at Martins Ferry High School on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Shadyside Offering Athletic Passes for 2021-22 Shadyside High School Athletic Department is selling the following athletic passes for the 2021-22 school year.

St. Clairsville High School Athletic Department is offering passes for adults, students and senior citizens for the entire school year. The adult pass is \$80, students (grades K-12) is \$40 and seniors citizens is \$30.

OVAC GOLF SCORES

OVAC Class 1A/2A (at Ogley Park Crispin Course) Wheeling Central 298, Steubenville Catholic 340, Frontier 343, Conotton Valley 350, Shadyside 351.

Class 4A (At Ogley Park Jones Course, Par 71) Team Scores: St. Clairsville, 76; Beaver Local, 364; Cambridge, 371; East Liverpool, 378; Harrison Central, 387; Indian Creek, 397; Union Local, 410.

Individual Scores Top 5 Overall 1. Will Foster, St. Clairsville, 76 2. Luke Eyster, Beaver Local, 78 3. Brodi Foster, St. Clairsville, 78 4. Beezer Porter, Union Local, 79 5. Adam Smith, Cambridge, 79

COLLEGE POLLS

The Associated Press began its college football poll on Oct. 19, 1936, and it is now the longest-running poll of those that award national titles at the end of the season.

Table with columns: Rank, Team, Record, Pts, Pvs. Rows for Alabama (64), Georgia (1), Oklahoma, Oregon, Iowa, Clemson, Texas A&M, Cincinnati, Ohio State, Penn State, Florida, Notre Dame, UCLA, Iowa State, Virginia Tech, North Carolina, Auburn, Brigham Young, Miami (FL), Michigan, etc.

SPORTS DEALS

BASEBALL Major League Baseball American League BALTIMORE ORIOLES - Recalled RHP Marcos DiPani from Norfolk (Triple-A East). Selected the contract of INF Pat Valaika from Norfolk and agreed to terms on a major league contract.

OHSAA COMPUTER GRID POLL

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Ohio High School Athletic Association released the first official weekly football comp

Division II Region 5 - 1. Cle. Benedictine (4-0) 10.4, 2. Wiloughby South (4-0) 8.6023, 3. Hudson (4-0) 8, 4. Macedonia Nordonia (3-1) 7.025, 5. Lyndhurst Brush (3-1) 6.675, 6. Austintown-Fitch (2-1) 6.5556, 7. Akron Archbishop Hoban (2-1) 5.7083, 8. Boardman (3-1) 5.475, 9. Maple Hts. (2-1) 4.1111, 10. Eastlake North (2-2) 4.025, 11. Bedford (2-2) 3.5, 12. Ashlaba Lakeside (2-2) 3.4811, 13. Painesville Riverside (2-2) 3.425, 14. Cuyahoga Falls Walsh Jesuit (2-2) 3.3342, 15. Akron Kenmore-Garfield (2-2) 3.2841, 16. Garfield Hts. (1-3) 2.525, 17. Twinsburg (1-3) 1.975, 18. Hunting Valley University School (1-2) 1.9494, 19. Akron Ellet (1-3) 1.875, 19. Warren G. Harding (1-3) 1.875, 21. Cuyahoga Falls (1-3) 1.5, 21. Kent Roosevelt (1-3) 1.5

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# SPORTS

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## St. C., Linsly to clash tonight; Harrison to host

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

Thursday was certainly a hectic day for football coaches and athletic directors.

With COVID-19 cases climbing all over the Ohio Valley, more and more football games are being affected.

No fewer than five games across the Ohio Valley were either called off or al-

tered due to COVID-19 issues that have continued to rear their ugly head.

There has been at least one game on the OVAC slated called off each week. However, similar to the COVID cases, that number has grown weekly. In total, 21 games involving at least one OVAC member have canceled.

For instance, this week, alone, there have been seven originally scheduled

games called off. Of those, 14 schools involved, four have been able to find a replacement game.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE was informed by Indian Creek that the Redskins didn't have enough available players to be able to play this evening.

"Getting that call is definitely not the way you want to start your day, but it's kind of the life all head coaches are liv-

ing," St. C. Head coach Brett McLean said. "We found out we needed an opponent and we were fortunate to find a local team that happens to be a pretty darn good team, too."

The Red Devils were able to ink an agreement with Linsly, which found out last Sunday that its scheduled trip to Princeton, W.Va., was off. All told, the

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**BARNESVILLE SENIOR** Carter Wells chips on to the green during the back nine of Thursday's OVAC Class 3A Championship tournament at Oglebay Park's Crispin Course.



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## Wheeling Park wins 5A golf

By **CODY TOMER**  
For The Times Leader

**WHEELING** — Eighteen holes of extremely competitive golf simply weren't enough to decide Thursday's OVAC 5A Golf Championship at Oglebay's Jones Course.

Wheeling Park shot a team score of 324 to capture its fourth OVAC team title in five years and John Marshall was the runner-up with a 345 but a pair of Patriots and one Monarch needed one more hole to decide the individual winner.

When the dust settled, it was Park's Gavin Goodrich who emerged from the playoff as the OVAC 5A medalist.

Goodrich earned a par on 18 in the playoff to defeat teammate Owen Leary and JM's Colton Sprowls. All three finished 18 holes with an 80.

Both Leary and Sprowls bogeyed and played another hole for runner-up honors, which was won by Leary.

Luke Marsh of Wheeling Park  
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## Barnesville's Wells wins OVAC 3A golf

By **SETH STASKEY**  
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**WHEELING** — Fort Frye and Barnesville came into Thursday's OVAC Class 3A Championship as the clear favorites.

Both the Cadets and Shamrocks delivered at Oglebay Park's Crispin Course.

In the end, the evenly matched teams both posted a 316 after four scores were compiled, forcing a fifth-score playoff, which allowed the Cadets to claim their first conference title in school history in golf.

"One way or another, we thought we'd be within five strokes of each other," Fort Frye head coach Doug Pfeffer said. "We played well at the beginning of the year, hit the skids for a few matches and the last three or so matches we've kind of gotten back to where we had been playing. These kids were determined to one and bring the first (OVAC golf championship) back to Beverly."

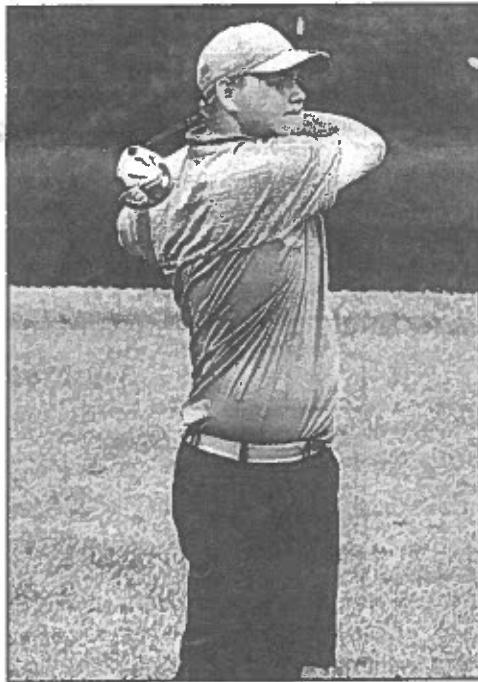
The Cadets were fueled by three players earning All-OVAC acclaim.

Braiden Allen shot what Pfeffer called "the round of his life" en route to posting a 79. He played as the Cadets fifth player.

"His best, prior to (Thursday), had been an 81," Pfeffer admitted. "If you're going to shoot a career-best round, there was no better time to do it than (in the OVAC)."

Fort Frye played a match at Crispin on Tuesday to get a feel for the course and finished with a 319.

Leading the way for Frye was Dawson



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**BARNESVILLE'S DRYDEN** Bauman watches his tee shot on the front nine of Thursday's OVAC Class 3A golf tournament. Bauman fired a round of 79 to earn All-OVAC honors.

Layton, who posted a 77. Kelson McCurdy also signed for a 79 and the fourth score was an 81, which was produced by Brandon Dye.

The difference for the Cadets was the presence of Ella Keffer. She played in the fourth spot for the Fort, but her score

was the fifth-best on the team. Though it didn't figure into the 316, it was six shots better than Barnesville's fifth score.

"We're really disappointed," Barnesville head coach Jerry Robinson said. "We knew it was going to come down to a tight score and we got beat on a tiebreaker. But, I couldn't be more proud of these kids who have given me all they had. I'd go to battle with these kids on any day."

The Shamrocks had a four-shot lead in the team standings after the first cards were recorded thanks to senior standout Carter Wells.

After a rough front nine, Wells caught fire on the back, shooting a 1-under 34 to finish with a solid 2-over, 73 for the round. That was good enough for medalist honors.

"I knew had to get it going on the back nine if I wanted to pull something off," Wells said. "At the turn, I had a number in my mind that I thought I would have to shoot to give myself a chance, but I had to keep applying pressure and keep on playing with the pressure."

Barnesville had one other player on the All-OVAC squad. Senior Dryden Bauman posted a 79.

Other scores in the Shamrocks 316 were an 81 by Breanna Flood and an 83 by Jude Hannahs.

The runner-up medalist was Linsly freshman Adam Gill. Gill had led much of the round before Wells closed with a birdie and a par on 17 and 18, respectively. Gill posted a solid 75, however.



Photo/CODY TOMER

**WHEELING PARK'S** Gavin Goodrich watches a putt during Thursday's OVAC Class 5A golf tournament at Oglebay Park.

## St. C., Beaver girls



## PITTSBURGH PIRATES'

Yoshi Tsutsugo strikes out against Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Tyler Mahle during the first inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds in Pittsburgh, Thursday. The Reds won 1-0.



AP PHOTO

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### • Tie

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Clairsville goalkeeper Rileigh Wood who timed her jump perfect. However, the ball trickled through her fingers, took one bounce and went into the net in the 33rd minute.

St. Clairsville, which took a slim lead over four-time defending Class 4A titlist Oak Glen, threatened late in the first half, but Alyssa Bodkin's blast from deep in the right corner sailed wide left.

"It's always a friendly rivalry when we come down here and it always seems to play out in close games," Beaver Local head coach Elizabeth Connor said. "We tied in the regular season last year, as well. We were looking to come back here and

perform well. I feel like we did for the majority of the game."

Two minutes into the second half, Bodkin sent a corner kick towards the net from the left side of the net. Emily Thompson went high into the air to head the ball, but it was blocked out of bounds by a Beaver player, resulting in a second corner kick. Bodkin once again sent a beautiful ball to the box where Gianna Nardo got her head on it and directed it into the net in the 42nd minute.

Three minutes later, Bodkin let a blast fly from the 25-yard mark that appeared to be headed wide right. However, the ball curved just inside the post as a stunned Beaver Local goalkeeper Caiden Lamp looked on in disbelief as

the hosts took a 2-1 edge. It was Bodkin's 22nd net-finder of the season.

"I told them at halftime that this was the first time we had faced adversity all season. We had never trailed and had never been in a losing position," Stoner said. "I asked them how they were going to respond? Are you going to give up or are you going to attack. They attacked."

The slim margin didn't last long as the Beavers, who entered the contest in third place in the 4A race, took advantage of St. Clairsville's failure to get the ball out of their end of the pitch.

"We just had about a five-minute frame where we weren't focused," Connor recalled. "We've

been talking about those moments during practice but we're still a fairly young team. We've been talking about soccer knowledge. Give St. Clairsville credit. They came out strong and caught us on our heels."

Erin McComas was in the right place at the right time to poke the ball through a scrum of players from point-blank range. Beaver Local had sent a corner kick towards the net, but the ball pinballed around until it found the right foot of McComas. Jessica Eisenhart logged the assist.

"Unfortunately it was just a bad clearance off the corner kick," he noted.

Lamp made eight saves.

### • Football

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the trip to the Belmont County Seat saves the Cadets and their fans upwards of 260 miles.

"Coach McLean and I spoke before 9 a.m. and within the hour we were trading films," Linsly head coach B.J. Depew said. "It's been a crazy week of phone calls, emails and messages, but it definitely worked out in our favor (in terms of finding a game and a much closer one)."

The Red Devils and Cadets have not played since 1982 when they clashed in a Belmont County Fair Game at Red Devil Stadium. All told, the two schools have played 24 times with each team winning 11 and two ties.

"We're thrilled to be playing a local team," Depew said. "Especially a local team that's such a good, respected program in a

beautiful facility. Having said that, (St. Clairsville) would be tough to prepare for if we had a full week because they do so many things well."

The addition of Linsly completes the Ohio County swing on the schedule for the Red Devils. St. C. lost to Wheeling Park in Week 2 and will take on Wheeling Central next month.

"We've been watching as much film as we can, but it's definitely not normal," McLean said. "I see a lot of speed and size up front on both sides of the ball."

HARRISON CENTRAL, which found out on Wednesday that East Liverpool would not be able to play its scheduled game at Wagner Field, officially picked up Gates Mills Hawken Thursday morning.

The Division IV school from suburban Cleveland will make the trip to Cadiz for a 7 o'clock kick this evening.

"We actually traded film at 7:30 a.m. (on Thursday), but it's more or less just getting back to basic things like we were doing in the summer," Harrison Central head coach Anthony Hayes said. "Hawken didn't hesitate to be willing to make the trip."

Before officially agreeing to the game — or any replacement game for that matter — Hayes and his staff discussed and they also gauged their players.

"We are down some guys too, so we wanted to see where the kids stood and they all wanted to play," Hayes noted.

In other scheduling changes, Conotton Valley, which was originally set to visit Bridgeport,

will trek to Howard to take on East Knox.

BUCKEYE LOCAL was supposed to visit Monroe Central Thursday evening and the Panthers received a call from the Seminoles that the game would have to be canceled due to a COVID-19 case in the program.

The Panthers spent much of the day on Thursday seeking another opponent, but continued to come up empty. They're still hopeful of finding an opponent.

Monroe Central hopes to return to action next week when it is scheduled to visit Magnolia, which has been off since Sept. 3 due to its school being closed because of surging COVID numbers.

### • Park

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also made the All-OVAC team with a score of 81, which helped catapult the Patriots to the top spot.

"Gavin was All-OVAC last year so not only did he step it up a notch but he won the whole thing," Park coach Don Headley said. "He could have won it outright but he three-putted and bogeyed the last hole but he works so hard at this game and I'm so happy for him."

"We had a swimmer (Leary — state champion swimmer in 2020) and a baseball player (Marsh) on the all-tournament team, so we're pretty tickled. Campbell (Koegler) (83) was one shot away from making the all-tournament team and if he doesn't bogey 17, he may get on there, too."

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"It's always a friendly rivalry when we come down here and it always seems to play out in close games," Beaver Local head coach Elizabeth Connor said. "We tied in the regular season last year, as well. We were looking to come back here and

perform well. I feel like we did for the majority of the game."

Two minutes into the second half, Bodkin sent a corner kick towards the net from the left side of the net. Emily Thompson went high into the air to head the ball, but it was blocked out of bounds by a Beaver player, resulting in a second corner kick. Bodkin once again sent a beautiful ball to the box where Gianna Nardo got her head on it and directed it into the net in the 42nd minute.

Three minutes later, Bodkin let a blast fly from the 25-yard mark that appeared to be headed wide right. However, the ball curved just inside the post as a stunned Beaver Local goalkeeper Caiden Lamp looked on in disbelief as

the hosts took a 2-1 edge. It was Bodkin's 22nd net-finder of the season.

"I told them at halftime that this was the first time we had faced adversity all season. We had never trailed and had never been in a losing position," Stoner said. "I asked them how they were going to respond? Are you going to give up or are you going to attack. They attacked."

The slim margin didn't last long as the Beavers, who entered the contest in third place in the 4A race, took advantage of St. Clairsville's failure to get the ball out of their end of the pitch.

"We just had about a five-minute frame where we weren't focused," Connor recalled. "We've

been talking about those moments during practice but we're still a fairly young team. We've been talking about soccer knowledge. Give St. Clairsville credit. They came out strong and caught us on our heels."

Erin McComas was in the right place at the right time to poke the ball through a scrum of players from point-blank range. Beaver Local had sent a corner kick towards the net, but the ball pinballed around until it found the right foot of McComas. Jessica Eisenhart logged the assist.

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# Goodrich, Park Earn OVAC Crowns

## Monarchs finish second overall

By CODY TOMER  
Sports Writer

WHEELING — Eighteen holes of extremely competitive golf simply weren't enough to decide Thursday's OVAC 5A Golf Championship at Oglebay's Jones Course.

Wheeling Park shot a team score of 324 to capture its fourth OVAC team title in five years and John Marshall was the runner-up with a 345 but a pair of Patriots and one Monarch needed one more hole to decide the individual winner.

When the dust settled, it was Park's Gavin Goodrich who emerged from the playoff as the OVAC 5A medalist.

Goodrich earned a par on 18 in the playoff to defeat teammate Owen Leary and JM's Colton Sprowls. All three finished 18 holes with an 80.

Both Leary and Sprowls bogeyed and played another hole for runner-up honors, which was won by Leary.

Luke Marsh of Wheeling Park also made the All-OVAC team with a score of 81, which helped catapult the Patriots to the top spot.

"Gavin was All-OVAC last year so not only did he step it up a notch but he won the whole thing," Park coach Don Headley said. "He could have won it outright but he three-putted and bogeyed the last hole but he works so hard at this game and I'm so happy for him."

"We had a swimmer (Leary — state champion swimmer in 2020) and a baseball player (Marsh) on the all-tournament team, so we're pretty tickled. Campbell (Kogler) (83) was one shot away from making the all-tournament team and if he doesn't bogey 17, he may get on there, too."

Goodrich — who shot a 76 last year for All-OVAC honors — shot a 41 on the front nine, fired a 39 on the back and stayed locked in and finished strong in the playoff.

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Photo by Cody Tomer

Wheeling Park's Gavin Goodrich tees off during the OVAC 5A Golf Championship on Thursday at Oglebay's Jones Course. Goodrich won the event in a playoff hole and Park was the team champion.

the playoff)." Goodrich said. "I put it in the right rough and the lie was above my feet but my second shot landed 6 feet past the hole. Then, it lipped out on my birdie try. I wanted to birdie there but I was OK with it."

"I shot a 68 here a few nights ago and it was playing like a totally different course (Thursday) but this is a pretty cool feeling and I'll see if I can do it again next year."

As for Leary, the state champion swimmer shot one of the best rounds of his life with a 40 on the front and back nines.

"I knew I had a good round going but Gavin has been playing really well all year, so I didn't think I could match him," Leary said. "I was happily surprised. Everything was just clicking. My putts were rolling really well and I felt comfortable pretty much everywhere on the golf course."

"My goal wasn't to come out here and win but it would have been the cherry on top. I'm happy that Gavin won."

Along with Sprowls' top score of 80, the Monarchs received standout performances from Ethan Cook (85), Mason Orndorff (87) and Travis DeGarmo (93).

"In 20 years of coaching, it's been a long road and it's a great feeling to see it all come to fruition," JM coach David Gaudino said. "There are a lot of good

things going on in our program right now and the kids worked so hard for this. They believe in what we are doing and it's paying off."

"The big difference (Thursday) was when they had a bad hole, they put it aside and came back to have a good hole afterward."

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Photo by Seth Staskey

Linsly's Adam Gill finished second at the OVAC 5A Golf Championship at Crispin on Thursday.

## Linsly's Gill Earns OVAC Runner-Up

By SETH STASKEY  
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Fort Frye and Barnesville came into Thursday's OVAC Class 3A Championship as the clear favorites at Crispin.

In the end, the evenly matched teams both posted a 316 after four scores were compiled, forcing a fifth-score playoff, which allowed the Cadets to claim their first conference title in school history in golf.

"One way or another, we thought we'd be within five strokes of each other," Fort Frye coach Doug Pfeffer said. "These kids were determined to bring the first (OVAC golf championship) back to Beverly."

Leading the way for Frye was Dawson Layton (77), followed by Kelson McCurdy (79), Braiden Allen (79) and Brandon Dye (81).

Ella Keffer played in the fourth spot for the Fort, but her score was the fifth-best on the team. Though it didn't

figure into the 316, it was six shots better than Barnesville's fifth score.

"We're really disappointed," Barnesville coach Jerry Robinson said. "We knew it was going to come down to a tight score and we got beat on a tiebreaker. But, I couldn't be more proud of these kids who have given me all they had. I'd go to battle with these kids on any day."

Barnesville's Carter Wells finished with a 73 to earn medalist honors.

"At the turn, I had a number in my mind that I thought I would have to shoot to give myself a chance, but I had to keep applying pressure and keep on playing with the pressure," Wells said.

Barnesville's Dryden Bauman posted a 79 for All-OVAC honors.

The runner-up medalist was Linsly freshman Adam Gill. Gill had led much of the round before Wells closed with a birdie and a par on 17 the fifth-best on the team. Though it didn't

# Shaydside Fends Off Wheeling Central Comeback Attempts

By CODY NESPOR  
Sports Writer

WHEELING — Shaydside volleyball fended off multiple Wheeling Central Catholic comeback attempts and came away with a win Thursday evening.

The visiting Lady Tigers won in straight sets (26-24, 25-17, 25-19) but none of the three were gimmees as both teams played some of their best volleyball.

The first set established the tone of the match as Shaydside watched a six-point lead evaporate before eventually prevailing 26-24.

With the Tigers up 18-12, Central coach Delany Denniston called a timeout to try and refocus her team. Following that break, the Maroon Knights stormed back, powered by a serving run from libero Gabby Leadbitter. The senior led the team with five aces in the match.

The Maroon Knights eventually drew even

with the Tigers 20-20. At that point it was Shaydside coach Eric Mercer calling a timeout to talk to his squad.

"In that moment, it's about being able to forget the past," Mercer said. "We needed to just move on and continue doing what we were doing."

From there, the teams traded serves back and forth, neither able to put together a run. Tied 24-24, Shaydside was finally able to string two points together and win 26-24.

After a dramatic and emotional first set like that, Mercer said it was very important for his players to quickly forget about it and move right on to set two.

"That's on (the players)," Mercer said. "That's something we talk about, but it's on them to move past it and get ready to keep playing."

The second set started as the first set finished, with the teams dead-

locked in scoring. Neither team took much of a lead until the Tigers went up 16-13 and Denniston called another timeout.

Like in the first set, Central came out of the timeout and immediately tied the game up at 16-16, however this time Shaydside was able to hold them off and go on a run of their own.

The Tigers would surrender sev're just once for the rest of the set, winning 25-17.

The third set began as another back-and-forth affair and the teams were tied as late as 14-14. A quick burst put Shaydside up 19-15 and the Tigers continued from there to take the set 25-19 and the match 3-0.

"I thought Central played great, it was a very fun game," Mercer said. "I don't have a bad thing to say about the way we played."

Gentry Brown led the Tigers with 16 kills, followed by Macy Hendershot with 10. Caroline

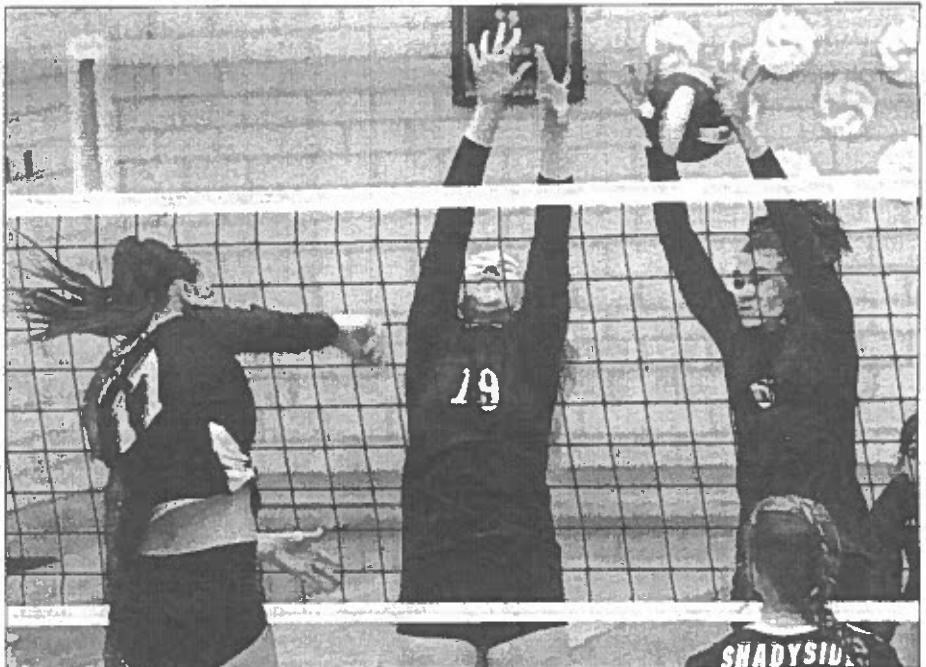


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Wheeling Central's Sydney Doyle, right, blocks a spike from Shaydside's Gentry Brown, left, Thursday evening.

Mercer led with 37 assists.

"Gentry played great. She and Macy were swinging hard all night," Mercer said. "Caroline did great too, I thought we all played very well tonight."

Brown and Mercer tied for the team lead with six digs. Hendershot had a team high five blocks

Shaydside improves to 6-2 and will play Fort Frye on the road next. Wheeling Central drops to 4-4 and will play Notre Dame and Cameron in a tri-match at Cameron.

**St. Clairsville Defeats Martins Ferry**

**MARTINS FERRY** — The Red Devils prevailed against Martins Ferry Thursday (26-24, 25-15

notching a hat trick and an assist in the victory. Brody Wall scored two goals and had two assists.

Alex Canestraro, Carlos Zavala, Matteo Gattesco, Cody Taggart and Spencer Zoldaz all found the back of the net once.

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SPORTS ON TV

Friday, September 17 AUTO RACING 7:30 p.m. NBCSN — NASCAR Xfinity Series: The Food City 300, Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, Tenn.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL 7:30 p.m. ESPN — UCF at Louisville 9 p.m.

FS1 — Maryland at Illinois COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S) 6:30 p.m. BTN — Michigan at Maryland 7 p.m.

ACCN — Virginia at VT 8:30 p.m. BTN — MSU at Wisconsin FUTSAL 10:50 a.m.

FS2 — FIFA World Cup Group Stage: Iran vs. U.S., Group F, Vilnius, Lithuania

GOLF 7:30 a.m. GOLF — EPGA Tour: The Dutch Open, Second Round, Bernardus Golf Course, Cromvoirt, Netherlands 3 p.m.

GOLF — LPGA Tour: The Cambia Portland Classic, Second Round, Columbia Edgewater Country Club, Portland, Ore. 6 p.m.

GOLF — PGA Tour: The Fortinet Championship, Second Round, Silverado Country Club; North Course, Napa, Calif. 9:30 p.m.

GOLF — PGA Tour Champions: The Sanford Invitational, First Round, Minnehaha Country Club, Sioux Falls, S.D. (Taped)

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL 7 p.m. ESPN2 — John Curtis (La.) at Edna Karr (La.) 10 p.m.

ESPNU — Bishop Gorman (Nev.) at Hamilton (Ariz.)

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By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

Thursday was certainly a hectic day for football coaches and athletic directors.

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No fewer than five games across the Ohio Valley were either called off or altered due to COVID-19 issues that have continued to rear their ugly head.

There has been at least one game on the OVAC slated called off each week. However, similar to the COVID cases, that number has grown weekly. In total, 21 games involving at least one OVAC member have canceled.

For instance, this week, alone, there have been seven originally scheduled games called off. Of those, 14 schools involved, four have been able to find a replacement game.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE was informed by Indian Creek that the Redskins didn't have enough available players to be able to play this evening.

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Regardless of Saturday's outcome, the Mountaineers understand they're still a work in progress.

"We've got a great running back in the backfield; we want to play for him," Ryan said. "We want to block for him, we want to create big plays for him and create momentum off of him. We got a great quarterback that we're trying to build and get him comfortable and get back to the things that we like to do and the things that we were successful at ... I think the [Maryland] loss made us closer; it showed us a lot that we need to work on as a team."

ROE (Continued from Page 11) A charter member of the West Liberty Hall of Fame in 1981, Roe is also enshrined in the West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, the OVAC Hall of Fame, the City of Wheeling Hall of Fame, the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Hall of Fame and the Bethany College Hall of Fame.

"During his nine seasons at West Liberty, Coach Roe influenced, inspired and guided more than 300 players, assistant coaches, trainers and student managers," said former Hilltopper grinder Rod Reese, one of the driving forces behind the Coach Bob Roe Memorial Game. "In respect and gratitude for the incredible impact he had on our lives, we are proud to honor his memory."

The WLU Foundation has been working closely with the Coach Bob Roe

weekend event honoring Coach Roe.

Prior to the game, Coach Roe's football alumni will have a get-together in a tent erected in the lower parking lot adjacent to West Family Stadium. A moment of silence will be observed in memory of Coach Roe and his former players who have passed during pregame announcements and the returning players will stand and be recognized during the game.

The day concludes with a post-game celebration from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the West Sports Bar.

The WLU Foundation and Coach Bob Roe Football Committee are also raising funds to commission a commemorative bronze plaque in honor of Coach Roe to be permanently installed at West Family Stadium along with creating an endowed