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OVAC WVU MEDICINE WHEELING HOSPITAL BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Beckett, Tigers finally top WC for 2A crown

By CODY NESPOR For The Times Leader

CADIZ - It has been a long time coming for Ko-

rey Beckett and the Shadyside Tigers.

Beckett, the Tigers' senior leader, had never defeated Wheeling Central in his high school career and at Harrison Central High School Saturday, the Maroon Knights were all that stood between Beckett's Tigers and an OVAC Class 2A championship.

Despite trailing by 11 points after one quarter, Shadyside stormed back to defeat Central 62-54 and claim the Class 2A crown.

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"It's awesome," Beckett said afterwards. "You can't describe the feeling."

"In the OVAC in (Class) 2A, you've got to go through Central," said Shadyside coach Ed Andes. "They've got a great program, great coaches and this is just a great win for our kids."

The Maroon Knights had already defeated the Tigers twice this season and looked to make it a tri-fecta when they led 17-6 after the game's opening

"I think you've got to give Shadyside credit," said Central coach Mel Stephens. "They did a great job making plays, especially in the fourth quarter. They made plays and we didn't. That was partially due to their aggressiveness. They made it to the foul line and made foul shots.

Part of the reason for Central's early success was the play of senior Ryan Reasbeck, who scored 11 of his game high 23 points in the first frame.

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SHADYSIDE'S KOREY Beckett (20) hits an acrobatic layup against Wheeling Central during Saturday's game. Looking on are Maroon Knights Leighton Toepfer (20) and Caleb Radcliffe.

RIVER'S KAM Potts (25) drives to the hoop against Linsly's Raef Wykes during Saturday's OVAC Class 3A championship game at Harrison Central.

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Linsly defeats River in 3A tilt

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

CADIZ - Linsly has been widely revered this season for its work on the offensive end. And rightfully so since the Cadets are scoring the ball at a better than 70-point clip.

However, often times winning a championship — at any level of any sport — it boils down to defense. The Cadets proved Saturday afternoon that they're able to lock down on the defensive end, too.

Holding River to 35% shooting and forcing 23 turnovers, Linsly wore down the top-seeded Pilots and captured the school's first OVAC boys basketball championship since 2012 with a 55-39 victory.

"Our kids kept their poise throughout, did a good job and finished it off down the stretch," Linsly head coach Dave Wojcik said. "This (championship) is special for our

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St. C. falls to EL again in 4A game

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CADIZ - St. Clairsville and East Liverpool have gotten to the point in their budding rivalry where they know each other quite well.

It seems like they only meet in big games with a championship on the

For the second time and two weeks that was the case and similar to last month's Buckeye 8 cham-

pionship game, the Potters walked away with the championship.

This time, East Liverpool staved off the Red Devils for a 60-57 victory and the OVAC Class 4A championship during Saturday's WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital OVAC Championships held at Harrison Central High School.

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"St. Clairsville and us have had some battles with what seems like every game the last several years coming down to possession basketball and similar to the Buckeye 8 championship game, we were able to make one more play than them (Saturday)," East Liverpool head coach Nate Conley said. "This really could have gone and there was because St. Clairsville played great,

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Photo/KRISTIN MAZGAJ **CLAIRSVILLE'S** Thoburn goes up for a shot as East Liverpool's Cole Dailey defends during Saturday's OVAC Class 4A game at Harrison Cen-

Union Local girls open sectional tournament play on fire

BV KIM NORTH

Times Leader Sports Writer

MORRISTOWN -- When a team is on a mission and plays like it, there's not much an opponent can do. Buckeye Local found that out the hard way Saturday afternoon as it opened postseason play inside tion rules, the second half was played under the mer-'The Hangar' at Union Local High School.

The homestanding Jets, the top seed in the Division 19 points and never looked back as they shot a siz- better and better," first-year Union Local head coach

zling 70 percent from the floor in the opening half, Scooter Tolzda said. "They say when a team is on a including a red-hot 77 percent (10-13) from beyond the bonus arc, in lighting the scoreboard up for 63 points on their way to a 79-20 triumph over the 16th seeded Panthers (9-14).

cy-rule with a running clock.

"I told the girls that I think we are playing crazy III East 1 Sectional/District, scored the game's first good. I've seen it in practice. They've been getting real good and they were going in today."

mission it's hard to beat a mission-minded team and I like the way we are playing right now.

When asked if his team could play any better than it did in the first 16 minutes, the veteran bench boss replied, "We played like that in the Oak Glen game," he was referring to last weekend's OVAC WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital Class 4A championship contest. "When the shots are going in it makes you look

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than its first, but still not quite what the tage. Karson Milhoan (165) sealed the (144) and Tague (150) had decisions. Shamrocks had wanted.

Head coach Jayson Stephen's talented squad went 1-2, finishing fourth. a 28-24 lead with two bouts to go but However, it led late in every match.

In the quarterfinals, the No. 4 Shamrocks knocked off fifth-seeded Marion Pleasant 39-28 after blowing out to a 39-6 lead after 10 bouts. Pins by soph- Dakota King (120) posted a major deomore Johnathan Huntsman (106) and cision. Huntsman (113), Ayden King Owen Ward's 25 points. Junior Jakob freshman Conner Wilson (113) made it 12-0 from the start and a forfeit at 120 (Aydan Andrews) bumped the count to 18-0. OVAC champ Dakota King the consolation final, but lost the last vian Ray's 17. Classmate Jaizen Miles (126) recorded a fall and Reese Stephen six matches -- four by pin -- and fell (132) earned a 3-1 victory in overtime 40-33 to Versailles. over 10th ranked Daxton Chase for a

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Bellaire 60, Martins Ferry 59 - The Big Reds BELLAIRE dropped a 36-28 nod to top-seeded bounced back after two losses this week to complete the season sweep of

Bellaire was led by senior guard Dowling and sophomore Mayson Sochor evenly divided 22 points.

Martins Ferry was led by senior Daadded 16. Landon Hores and Zach Flesch each had nine.

Buck. Local 53, U. Local 48, OT MORRISTOWN - Playing their gan Malin added 10.

The Panthers received a solid outing from Ryder Kindberg-Colabelli. He pumped in 16 points, while senior Cameron Best added 14 and Luke Darrah netted 12

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Girls Basketball St. Clairsville 58, Maysville 41

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - The Red Devils picked up a solid home victory Saturday afternoon.

Leading the way for St. C. was senior Alexis Thoburn. She went for 15

Shae Brookover posted 14 and Me-

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River had the tempo and game seemingly to its liking in the first half. However, the Pilots still found themselves trailing 18-17 at halftime, which was something that Wojcik stressed to his club at the break.

'For all of the misses and mishaps we had in the first half, we still came in (to the locker room) up one," Wojcik said. "We felt really good. I felt like we were getting to their legs and wearing them down a little bit, so we wanted to pick up the pace even more in the second half."

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Romick also pointed to a stretch in the fourth when his team was still down only six, but the Cadets fully asserted themselves to set the tempo.

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had just a bonus goal in the opening was limited by East Liverpool's finish with 14.

"None of these kids were even and then led by five entering the Buckeye 8 championship, we had Conley said. "We talked all week about 1999 and that was a special team, so hopefully this team can do something special, too.

The Potters had four players Each time, St. Clairsville got Ryan McCort. He led all scorers in reach double figures. Cole Dailey, who was a force on both ends with his 6-6 frame and long arms, led the way with 15 points en route to beoffensive end, so we tried to do whistled for two fouls in about a ing named the game's MVP. Green added 13. Trey Armstrong posed

The Red Devils were paced by head coach Ryan Clifford said. "The problem when you play a McCort and Henry, but freshman They did a good job of being patalented team is the margin for er-Tyson Pastor and senior Carson Woodford each had eight.

There is a chance - should both going to have a hard time defend-ing," Clifford said. "I am proud of that the Devils and Potters could strength of four, 3-pointers in the our kids because they definitely meet again in two weeks in the Division II sectional co-final.

"We have a lot of work to do of the game. But, they utilize their game, about what can we do to get between now and then, including a tournament game that stands Still, though, the Red Devils between us and them," Clifford In the fourth, Cam Irvine, who were able to get Avery Henry, who said. "We sure would like to see them again. We're going to play three quarters, scored eight points. future Division I offensive line- five games in seven days, counting Senior Zavea Green and classmate man Mason Ludwig for most of the (Saturday), so we'll get our mind Trey Armstrong also found their night, going. He worked hard to off this (loss). They've stood in our way twice and there's a good "This is the most patient we've St. Clairsville had a desperation chance they'll stand in our way

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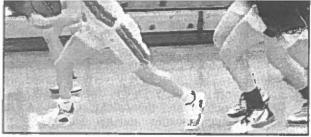
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Bryce Amos added 14 ished with 12. VanNest six on his two 3-pointers.

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3pt. goals: Shadyside -- Bell (2), Beckett (2), Amos (2). Wheeling Central -- Reasbeck (4), Burlenski (3).

Class 3A

Linsly 55, River 39

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Union Local 79, Buckeye Local 20

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The OVAC title is Shadyside's first since 2010 and breaks a nineyear championship streak by the Maroon Knights.

"It's huge," Beckett

"I had never beaten Wheeling Central in my "He was relaxed and career and it just felt great to beat them one last time.

"They're a great team. they've got many, many the place erupted and it and that's what he did. He up could go for 20 (points). scorers," he said. "We brought us so much life." was relaxed, let it come It's tough, but we battled through it and stepped up."





Los Angeles defensive end Aaron Donald (99) celebrates after the Rams win Super Bowl 56 23-20 over the Cincinnati Bengals Sunday.

Stafford's TD pass to Kupp lifts L.A. over Cincy 23-20

By BARRY WILNER AP Pro Football Writer

the crown jewel: a Super Bowl a year ago.

touchdown reception with 1:25 remaining for a 23-20 victory think it turned out all right." Sunday over the Cincinnati Ben-gals to give the Rams their first which game MVP Kupp's 4-yard Los Angeles since 1951.

"They took over that game."

\$5 billion SoFi Stadium, making score. INGLEWOOD, Calif. - In the Rams the second consecutive a venue built for champions, the host to win the championship af-Los Angeles Rams carried off ter Tampa Bay became the first

"As far as building this stadi-It took a precise 79-yard drive um," said Rams owner Stan Kro- ond-fewest times (72) for the capped by Cooper Kupp's 1-yard enke, the man who moved them fewest yards (620) in the regular back from St. Louis in 2016, "I

NFL title since the 1999 season touchdown reception from Mat— and their first representing thew Stafford was negated by Kupp said. "The guys standing offsetting penalties, ended soon here challenged me, they pushed Those guys just did a great after with the NFL Offensive me. I am just so grateful. job," coach Sean McVay said. Player of the Year easily beating Eli Apple in the right corner

They did so in their home, the of the end zone for the winning

Kupp had four receptions for 39 yards, and a 7-yard run on fourth-and-1 from the Rams 30 on the championship drive. Cincinnati was penalized the secseason but flags on three consecutive plays hurt badly - including interference on Kupp in the end zone.

"I don't feel deserving of this,"

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roon knights four goals in the victory.

Central Hockey **Wins State Title** 4-3 Over Park

By CODY NESPOR Sports Writer

WHĒELING While the Rams and Bengals were competing for the Lombardi Trophy at SoFi Stadium Sunday Patriots 48-18 in the evening, the Wheeling Central and Wheeling Park ice hockey teams were playing for the Bob Otten Trophy inside

the day, the Patriots and Maroon Knights met on the ice with a state championship on the line.

the 4-3 victory.

lot of old Central hockey pushing. players who only had one win two or three years

ago and we haven't had a goalie for two years. This is a testament to the program and getting itself back on its feet."

Central out-shot the game, including 20-2 in the first period, but Park leaned on goalie Abram Vigil to stay in the game.

Goals from Zach Vitlip WesBanco Arena.

After winning their tral up 2-0 after the first semifinal games earlier in period and Landon Prager made it 3-0 with 9:09 left to play in the second.

"Puck control is always a big part of hockey and In the end, the Maroon Knights dominated puck possession and were able cliffe said. "They can't to hang on late to secure score if they don't have the puck so we try to "I'm proud of the boys, keep it with our team and it's been a long 3-4 years control the puck. But give here," said Central coach credit to Park, they kept PJ Ratcliffe. "There's a coming back and kept

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Cameron Boys Claim First OVAC Championship

By CODY NESPOR

Sports Writer as they lo CADIZ — Facing off against the ropes. No. 1 seed Wellsville in the OVAC "We just had to pick our heads den the Dragons took control. Class 1A championship at Harri- up," Beresford said. "We were all Cameron's press defense of the Company o son Central High School Saturday morning, the Cameron Dragons We had to communicate on defense possessions in a row and suddenl were down 35-18 in the early go- and come out, work hard and keep the Dragons were right back in it. ings of the third quarter and the fighting." first OVAC title in school history seemed far out of their reach.

cuted matchup zone defense in the of their focus on stopping Beresford first half that suffocated Cameron's inside. offense and all but erased the Drag-

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first three points in the third quarter as they looked to have Cameron on first half of the game, it was like a

velling at each other, but it happens. We had to communicate on defense

"The game plan was to front him ons' standout senior Trevor Beres-ford. every time he came to the low post," Thompson said. "If he went to the Beresford scored just five points corner, somebody had to be on him, in the first half and the Dragons box him out and keep him off the trailed 32-18 at the break. It got boards. They were doing it and it

Just as Wellsville had owned the switch had flipped and all of a sud-

Cameron's press defense caused turnovers and easy buckets on three possessions in a row and suddenly,

'We didn't play well in the first rst OVAC title in school history eemed far out of their reach.

The Tigers ran a perfectly-exeThe Tigers ran a perfectly-exea little bit," said Cameron coach Tom Hart. "We didn't play very good defense in the first half, but in the second half we got a couple of turnovers, got our hands on the ball a few times and got a few easy baskets.

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Photo by Cody Nespor

Cameron's Cole Burkett (3) drives against Wellsville's Josiah Santiago (3) for a go-ahead layup late in Saturday's OVAC Class 1A Championship.

Cadets Capture Class 3A Title Over River

BY SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

CADIZ - Linsly has been widely revered this season for its work on the offensive end. And rightfully so since the Cadets are scoring the ball at a better than 70-point clip.

However, often times winning a championship — at any level of any sport — it boils down to defense. The Cadets proved Saturday afternoon that they're able to lock down on the defensive end, too.

Holding River to 35% shooting and Linsly's Nathan Coleman (24) twists forcing 23 turnovers, Linsly wore down the top-seeded Pilots and captured the school's first OVAC boys basketball championship since 2012 with a 55-39 victory.

"Our kids kept their poise throughout, did a good job and finished it off down had in the first half, we still came in (to the stretch," Linsly head coach Dave Wojcik said. "This (championship) is special for our seniors.

River had the tempo and game seemingly to its liking in the first half. However, the Pilots still found themselves trailing 18-17 at halftime, which was



Photo by Cody Nespor

away from River's Brody Longwell to make a tough layup Saturday.

something that Wojcik stressed to his club at the break.

"For all of the misses and mishaps we the locker room) up one," Wojcik said. "We felt really good. I felt like we were getting to their legs and wearing them down a little bit, so we wanted to pick up the pace even more in the second half."

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Shadyside Finishes **Strong to Top Central** For Class 2A Crown

By CODY NESPOR **Sports Writer**

CADIZ - It has been a long time coming for Korey Beckett and the Shadyside Tigers.

Beckett, the Tigers' senior leader, had never defeated Wheeling Central in his high school career and at Harrison Central High School Saturday, the Maroon Knights were all that stood between Beckett's Tigers and an

OVAC Class 2A championship.
Despite trailing by 11 points after one quarter, Shadyside stormed back to defeat Central 62-54 and claim the Class 2A crown.

'It's awesome," Beckett said. "You can't describe the feeling.'

"In the OVAC in (Class) 2A, you've got to go through Central," said Shadyside coach Ed Andes. "They've credit," said Central coach Mel Stegot a great program, great coaches and this is just a great win for our kids.'

The Maroon Knights had already defeated the Tigers twice this season and looked to make it a trifecta when ness. They made it to the foul line and they led 17-6 after the game's opening made foul shots.' stanza.

"I think you've got to give Shadyside

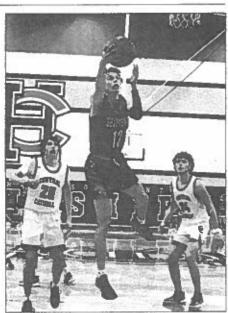


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Shadyside's Korey Beckett (12) hits an acrobatic layup against Wheeling Central during Saturday's OVAC Class 2A Championship game.

phens. "They did a great job making plays, especially in the fourth quarter. They made plays and we didn't. That was partially due to their aggressive-

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East Liverpool Outlasts St. Clairsville for OVAC Class 4A Title

By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

CADIZ - St. Clairsville and East Liverpool have gotten to the point in though, the Potters had an answer. their budding rivalry where they know

games with a championship on the line.

For the second time and two weeks that was the case and similar to last month's Buckeye 8 championship patient. Actually, a little more patient lot against a team you're going to have teams win a tournament game – that game, the Potters walked away with the than we thought they'd be in taking a hard time defending," Clifford said, the Devils and Potters could meet again championship.

This time, East Liverpool staved off and the OVAC Class 4A championship during Saturday's WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital OVAC Championships held at Harrison Central High athleticism to get into the lane time and School.

"St. Clairsville and us have had some battles with what seems like every game the last several years coming down to possession basketball and similar to the Buckeye 8 championship game, we were able to make one more play than multiple buckets. them (Saturday)." East Liverpool head "This is the mo coach Nate Conley said. "This really on offense and it's surprising because

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State Past West Virginia 81-58

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"We're playing really well right The Tigers scored just five points now and the reason is because we're the third quarter and Cameron playing team ball," Hart added, wickly tied the game at 39 in the "Got to give Wellsville credit, they fourth on a free throw from Beres- were well prepared and they are a very good basketball team. Now we Wellsville bounced back to score know why they were the No. 1 seed 14 points in the fourth quarter to and why they had won 12 games

Beresford was named the game's the credit for his performance to his

"It's really on my team," he said. "They're the ones that get me open

"Powell had a bunch of deflections, Burkett and Chris McCauley "It's amazing." Hart said. "We were hounds on the ball. I'm in the 17 points in the third quarter and we They got the ball, we got in transi-

Brewer and Isaiah Greathouse led Wellsville with 18 points apiece. Cameron starter Colson Wichter- although Greathouse fouled out of fall in the third quarter, had to be quarter. Josian Santiago contributed

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The Cadets were able to execute that capitalize again," Romick said. "Linsly plan, too.

Behind an impressive, 9-point quarter from Gavin Jackson, who was tagious with them.' named the game's MVP, Linsly outscored River, 20-15 and took a 38-32 lead into the fourth quarter.

"Under a minute to go in the third quarter, it was a two-point game and if we possess the ball, it's still a two-point game, got it going, too. game, but we had a couple of mishaps start the run for them.'

Jackson's scoring outburst included fecta from the wing. He had an opportunity to go in for basically an uncontested layup, but opted for the 3-point shot, which was all net.

"That's who we are and that's who Gavin is," Wojcik said. "Gavin's an agball. He gave me the look in the second quarter and when he's on, he's really hard to stop and he did a heck of a job for us.

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Murray scored half of his 14 in the and (Linsly) made us pay and it be-came 38-32," River head coach Mark Romick said. "That really seemed to on both ends of the floor, also had two buckets.

On the other end, the Pilots failed to what felt like an early backbreaking tri-record a field goal in the fourth. They cashed in 7 of 9 from the line for their only points.
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three quarter, but give credit to Linsly because their pressure really hurt us. Romick said. "Tip your hat to them gressive kid and I want him to shoot the because they have a lot of length and athleticism, which wears on you as the game went on.

Linsly was led in the scoring column by Jackson's 15. Murray's aforemen-Romick also pointed to a stretch in tioned production was complemented the fourth when his team was still down by Wykes' 11. Junior Nathan Coleman

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can't win while throwing the ball and still win, it means a lot," Beresaway 10 times in a quarter. And ford said. "It's the first (OVAC

"We're playing really well right The Tigers scored just five points now and the reason is because we're in the third quarter and Cameron playing team ball," Hart added, quickly tied the game at 39 in the "Got to give Wellsville credit, they very good basketball team. Now we Wellsville bounced back to score know why they were the No. 1 seed 14 points in the fourth quarter to and why they had won 12 games

> Beresford was named the game's the credit for his performance to his

"It's really on my team," he said.

"Powell had a bunch of deflections, Burkett and Chris McCauley "It's amazing," Hart said. "We were hounds on the ball. I'm in the

Brewer and Isaiah Greathouse led Wellsville with 18 points apiece, Cameron starter Colson Wichter- although Greathouse fouled out of man suffered an injury on a hard the game near the end of the fourth quarter. Josiah Santiago contributed

While it was disappointing to After Wichterman's exit, Camer- lose, Thompson said there was no contenders to win a West Virginia

that.

In winning their first OVAC points. Beresford finished with 13 championship, Beresford and Camwhile Connor Powell and Lance eron's other seniors were able to ac-Hartley each scored seven. Chris complish one of the team's biggest

Saturday's win capped off an im- ford concluded. "Hopefully we get

Cisse, Anderson Lead Oklahoma **State Past West Virginia 81-58**

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) -Moussa Cisse finished with 18 points hit just 3 of 13 from beyond the arc. and 10 rebounds and Avery Anderson West Virginia shot 32% overall and III scored 18 to power Oklahoma State made 7 of 27 from distance (26%). to an 81-58 romp over West Virginia Oklahoma State outscored the Mounon Saturday

Cisse sank 8 of 12 shots from the floor for the Cowboys (12-12, 5-7 nent to less than 60 points in all five Big 12 Conference) on the way to his of its conference wins. West Virginia third double-double of the season. Anbeat the Cowboys 70-60 on Jan. 11. derson was 10 of 12 at the free-throw line and added seven boards. Bryce 8 Kansas today. West Virginia travels Thompson scored 13.

Oklahoma State took a 36-30 lead after Tyreek Smith's layup at the buzzer capped a 5-0 run to close out the first half.

Bryce Williams had back-to-back layups to end a 16-2 spurt to open the try in the final seconds and No. 3 Pursecond half, giving the Cowboys a 52-Virginia (14-10, 3-8) never threat- 62-61 on Sunday. ened from there.

Malik Curry topped the Mountaineers with 13 points off the bench. Sean McNeil and Taz Sherman added Cockburn had 19 points and 15 re-12 points each. Sherman made just 4 bounds as Illinois staved off a late of 16 shots, including 1 of 10 from comeback bid by Northwestern. 3-point range.

The Cowboys shot 48% overall but taineers 40-16 in the paint.

Oklahoma State has held its oppo-

Oklahoma State travels to play No. to play Kansas State today.

Sunday NO. 3 PURDUE 62. MARYLAND 61

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) - Trevion Williams blocked a layup due, boosted by Jaden Ivey's go-ahead 32 lead with 13:47 remaining. West three-point play, held off Maryland

NO. 13 ILLINOIS 73 **NORTHWESTERN 66**

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) - Kofi

Illinois led by 18 points after Alfon-

CADETS

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plan, too.

ter from Gavin Jackson, who was tagious with them.' named the game's MVP, Linsly outscored River, 20-15 and took a 38-32 once again for the Cadets. Once Jacklead into the fourth quarter.

'Under a minute to go in the third quarter, it was a two-point game and if we possess the ball, it's still a two-point game, but we had a couple of mishaps start the run for them."

tunity to go in for basically an uncon- only points. tested layup, but opted for the 3-point shot, which was all net.

gressive kid and I want him to shoot the because they have a lot of length and ball. He gave me the look in the second athleticism, which wears on you as the quarter and when he's on, he's really hard to stop and he did a heck of a job

only six, but the Cadets fully asserted finished with nine. themselves to set the tempo.

had some looks, but they were able to gwell added seven.

The Cadets were able to execute that capitalize again," Romick said. "Linsly plays in streaks and when they hit a 3, Behind an impressive, 9-point quartit's katy bar the door because it's con-

> That is seemingly how it happened son got it going, other Linsly players such as senior Caleb Murray, who was saddled with foul trouble much of the game, got it going, too.

Murray scored half of his 14 in the and (Linsly) made us pay and it be-came 38-32," River head coach Mark Romick said. "That really seemed to on both ends of the floor, also had two

Jackson's scoring outburst included On the other end, the Pilots failed to what felt like an early backbreaking tri- record a field goal in the fourth. They On the other end, the Pilots failed to fecta from the wing. He had an oppor- cashed in 7 of 9 from the line for their

"I thought we did a great job for three quarter, but give credit to Linsly "That's who we are and that's who because their pressure really hurt us," Gavin is," Wojcik said. "Gavin's an ag-Romick said. "Tip your hat to them Romick said. "Tip your hat to them game went on.'

Linsly was led in the scoring column by Jackson's 15. Murray's aforemen-Romick also pointed to a stretch in tioned production was complemented the fourth when his team was still down by Wykes' 11. Junior Nathan Coleman

emselves to set the tempo. River, meanwhile, was led by its "They sped us up, starting in the sec-junior duo of Brody Lollathin and Ty ond quarter, but when it was 40-34, we Long. Each had 10. Senior Brody Lon-

SHADYSIDE -

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Part of the reason for Central's brought us so much life." early success was the play of senior

Reasbeck was supposed to be missed the entire first quarter while out with free throws. getting patched up.

Then we're adjusting by putting in and I thought Micahel (Toepfer) had other kids and stuff you just don't a good look at a three and they just plan for," Andes explained. "It was didn't go down." just an accident during the jump ball. Luckily he didn't need stitches right high 19 points and was named the now so we were very fortunate that he game's MVP. was able to come back in the second

With VanNest back in the lineup, Shadyside held Reasbeck to just 12 points over the remaining three quarwas what Andes thought made the difference Saturday.

"The kids stepped it up on the de- come and had a great game." fensive end, which was huge because twice in the regular season and the two 3-pointers. kids put in a great team effort on the

source.

Beckett drove and found sopho- there." more Luke Bell in the corner, who hit 41. On the next possession, Beckett and Caleb Ratcliffe had 12. drained a trey that gave the Tigers their first lead since the very begin-since 2010 and breaks a nine-year ning of the game.

Bell later hit another corner triple Knights. that tied the game at 49-49 in the fourth quarter and brought the large never beaten Wheeling Central in my contingent of Shadyside fans to their career and it just felt great to beat

"The energy just erupted," Beckett It was like the place erupted and it through it and stepped up.'

"In a game like this, it's huge," An-Ryan Reasbeck, who scored 11 of des added. "For him to just spot up in his game-high 23 points in the first the corner and make two of them, it was great. That's his specialty.'

The Tigers eventually took a 53-50 guarded by Shadyside's Mason Van-lead on a layup by Elijah Brock and Nest, the Tigers' best defender, but Central missed three straight poten-VanNest got hit in the face during the tial game-tying 3-pointers before the opening tip-off, started bleeding and Tigers were able to close the game

"We had some good looks," Ste-"(VanNest) got hurt because of his phens said. "I thought Quiton (Bureye, so he was out the first quarter. lenski) had a good look at a three

Beckett led the Tigers with a team-

"It's an honor, but it's a team effort," Beckett said. "It's not really about me. If it wasn't for my teammates, I wouldn't be here.

"He was relaxed and just played ters. Overall, improved team defense his game," Andes said of Beckett. "That's what we told him and that's what he did. He was relaxed, let it

Bryce Amos added 14 points while they've got many, many scorers," he Brock finished with 12. VanNest said. "We played a team that beat us scored seven and Bell had six on his

"They definitely stepped it up deoffensive and defensive ends. I'm so fensively and offensively, they kind proud of how well they played." fensively and offensively, they kind of attacked the paint a little bit more Shadyside cut the deficit to 29-22 than they had in recent games," Steat halftime and had it down to just phens said. "We obviously knew 43-38 near the end of the third quar- Korey Beckett is a great player and ter. That's when the Tigers got a bit in all three games we've focused of a jump start from an unexpected on him, but the Brock kid and the Amos kid inside did some damage in

Reasbeck finished with a gamea 3-pointer that made the score 43- high 23 points. Burlenski scored 15

> The OVAC title is Shadyside's first championship streak by the Maroon

> "It's huge," Beckett said. "I had them one last time.

"They're a great team. All of said. "I drove and kicked to (Bell) their starting lineup could go for 20 and he hit two big ones in the corner. (points). It's tough, but we battled

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Annual Super Bowl Poll leans to Cincinnati

Super Bowl Sunday!

A day that should be a national holi-

Whether it's the game, commercials, half-time show, the possibilities for financial gains (or losses), it's the one

sporting event that everyone tunes into.
It arrived one week later than normal this season because the NFL expanded the regular season and it comes with two new teams in the game. From my standpoint, I have vivid memories of both franchises in the Super Bowl.

I remember the Cincinnati Bengals in a pair of Super Bowls in the 80s when they lost to the 49ers in 1981 and 1988. I remember the 88 game much better since I was only one year old for the first game.

As a mere 8-year old, I recall my father, who is a die-hard Bengals fan, yelling some strong words that can't be written in this space as John Taylor caught a late touchdown from Joe Montana.

As for the Rams, I remember being heart-broken by them when Kevin Dyson of the Tennessee Titans, my favorite team, came up one-yard short of tying Super Bowl XXXIV in Atlanta.

Fast-forwarding to the present, the Bengals are back and will take on the Rams Sunday night in Super Bowl LVI at SoFi Stadium in Inglewood, Calif.

I don't have a true rooting interest, but I am pulling for the team from Ohio with the quarterback from Ohio and four other players who played their entire collegiate careers at Ohio State.

The annual Super Bowl Poll reflects a common theme. The poll includes the predictions of 62 people, including OVAC football coaches, Ohio Valley products involved in different aspects and levels of football and media types.

Of those surveyed, 38 went with the Bengals, many of whom believe Joe Burrow is going to be the difference. The majority of the Rams' picks point toward their advantage in the treather with the their advantage in the trenches with the likes of Aaron Donald and Von Miller.

I guess we shall see how it turns out. Personally, I am taking the Bengals in a nailbiter. Burrow leads a late drive and as he's done throughout the postseason, Evan McPherson comes up big again.

Here's a look at the other picks: FRED RAY, Bridgeport - It's difficult to go against Joe Burrow. He is a culture changer and has won everywhere

he has been. BENGALS, 24-21. RENO SACCOCCIA, Steubenville -I am pulling for Burrow. If he could beat us, he can be L.A.. The strength of L.A.'s defensive line against the still-improving Cincinnati offensive line will be the key

matchup. RAMS, 30-20
MARK COOK, Martins Ferry - Joe Burrow has been a winner at every level. Why not a Super Bowl title next? BEN-

GALS, 27-24.

BRETT MCLEAN, St. Clairsville -Aaron Donald, Von Miller and co. will rattle Burrow just enough to force a few mistakes. Stafford and L.A. ice the cake late. Home-field advantage helps. RAMS, 24-20.

JIM HOOVER, Buckeye Local - It's Cincinnati's year and it's a well-rounded team in all aspects. BENGALS, 28-21.

B.J. DEPEW, Linsly - Would love to see Cincinnati win, but the talent favors L.A., especially on defense. An aggressive mistake by Joe Burrow will be the difference. RAMS, 20-13.



BARNESVILLE'S JEREMY Hunkler makes a pass as Bellaire's Mac Mac Pettigrew guards him during Friday's OVAC Class 3A Tournament consolation game inside the House of Champions' at Bellaire High School. The Shamrocks hung on for a 64-57 victory.

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Barnesville outlasts Bellaire

By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

BELLAIRE - Another night inside the 'House of Champions' at Bellaire High School yielded yet another wild night of hoops that featured a little bit of everything.

Barnesville game in as many nights - was able to withstand a furious Bellaire rally in the game's final few minutes by converting clutch free throws to pull out a hard-earned 64-57 victory in the Class 3A consolation game of the OVAC Tournament.

"This game is a tale of our season," Hines, Barnesville raced out to a 24-Barnesville head coach Johnny Hines said. "We start out well, feel good about ourselves and then we take some hole," Battista said. quick shots, miss and they make a cou-

Reds to 10-10.

only game today.

The Shamrocks set the tone for the game early. Behind 12 first-quarter points from senior point guard Colton

10 lead after one.

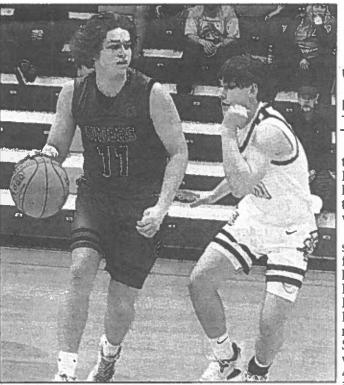
We dug ourselves too deep of a

Bellaire shaved two points off the ple of shots and they're right back in it. deficit in the second, but back-to-back We're getting better and closer."

deficit in the second, but back-to-back 3-pointers by Kason Powell and Jere-While the win improves the Sham- my Hunkler early in the third stretched - playing its second rocks to 9-11, the loss drops the Big the margin to 17 before the Big Reds really started to chip away.
"We want to continue to attack with

Bellaire has a quick turnaround as it hosts Martins Ferry in a 4 p.m. varsity the lead, but we also want to run the clock, so we want to be smart about it," Hines said. "This was a fun game. I enjoyed the tempo, the competition and

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MARTINS FERRY'S Colby Shriver (11) dribbles against route to a cherished 54-50 in the second half when the the defensive pressure of John Marshall's Cody Hartman triumph.

The second half when the Purple Riders rallied from a during Friday night's action inside the Moundsville Junior "We've been searching for 29-23 halftime deficit. The High Fieldhouse. The Purple Riders' senior scored all 12 this kind of win for a while senior duo netted 18 of their of his points in the second half to spark a rally and a 54-40 because they (JM) played exvictory over the Monarchs.

Ferry rallies to top John Marshall

By KIM NORTH

Times Leader Sports Writer

very enjoyable ride home.

Shriver's runner in the lane above water.' while being fouled snapped a

tremely well in the first half.

It felt like they made everything they threw up there went in and when a team is MOUNDSVILLE -- Mar- shooting like that, you've tins Ferry's first trip to the got to keep your head above Moundsville Junior High water," Martins Ferry head Fieldhouse in more than coach Derek Edwards said. three decades turned into a "In recent games we've had a hard time weathering that, Trailing host John Marstaying together and pulling shall 43-37 early in the it out in the end. We've lost fourth quarter, the Purple six games this year in this Riders (7-11) took their first type of fashion. We'd be lead of the OVAC WVU right there but not able to get Medicine Wheeling Hospital our heads all the way above Boys Basketball consolation water. Tonight we stayed round contest when Colby together and got our heads

Edwards 43-all deadlock and the vis- pleased with the way Shriv-T-L Photo/KIM NORTH itors never looked back en er and Peyton Hores played

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Super Bowl gives Chase chance to cap amazing rookie season

TOO ANTOPTED (AD)



Buckeye Local falls short to Fort • Ferry

By BUBBA KAPRAL For The Times Leader

rough two nights for the Buckeye the third frame on a 7-0 run, build-Local boys' basketball team.

Just 24 hours after dropping into the fourth period. a road decision to Barnesville, the floor Friday night, again realizing a similar fate.

Chris Heaton's short-handed were playing without four of their rotational players.

7-13 on the campaign. The Panthers have little time to regroup Buckeye Local's fourth game in five days.

"We were right where we need- score ed to be in the third quarter. But I think we got a little tired late in the game enabling Fort Frye to pull away at the end," Heaton offered. just that to take the lead. But we just could maintain it.'

The hosts trailed 21-14 at intermission after struggling through a night. We had a tough game with cold-shooting initial 16 minutes. Barnesville last night and I think it Buckeye Local started strong in took a toll on our legs late in the at the charity stripe. The hosts the third quarter, forging to a 25- game," Heaton offered. "We got meshed just nine-of-19 tries. 21 lead, courtesy of four straight down early but we battled back. Luke Darrah points and a free Our kids gave us everything they reserve contest.

throw from senior standout Cam- had." eron Best.

CONNORVILLE - It's been a momentum and the lead by closing ing a 28-25 advantage heading

The verdict was still hanging in Panthers returned to their home the balance with just under four minutes to play with the scored knotted at 31-aside.

At that point, the Cadets' Owen charges fell to improving Fort Frye Brown came up big. The 6-1 juby a 42-33 count. The Panthers nior converted a three-point play and followed with a driving layup ride to get here. to give the Beverly-based squad a Thus, Buckeye Local falls to 36-31 upperhand with just under ting better. This is not the same three minutes to play.

as they visit Union Local today tory hopes alive with a hoop, cut- ed. "The kids have been working with a 3 p.m. jayvee tip. It will be ting the margin to three with 2:15 hard and it is paying dividends. It remaining. However, it proved to be the final time the hosts would and one on the road."

shots before Fort Frye's Braxton Brown drained a layup for a 38-33 Cadet lead. After a pair of Panther "We wanted to start the second misfires from the floor, Zaiden half with a good spurt, and we did Huck delivered the clincher for the visitors with a hoop with 25 ticks showing.

The win was the eighth against Fort Frye, however, regained the 12 losses for Fort Frye. The Cadets visit rival Waterford Tuesday.

Fort Frye placed two players in double digits. Owen Brown led the way with 12 points and Braxton Brown netted 11 markers. Huck checked in with eight lightings.

"It was an ugly win. We didn't play very well," Fort Frye coach Eric Henninger noted. "That may because it was our third game in four nights. Plus, it was a long bus

"We are a young team and getteam that started the season. We Best kept Buckeye Local's vic- are making nice progress," he addwas an ugly win but it is still a win,

Darrah was strong in the paint The two teams traded missed for Buckeye Local. He tallied 11 points to go with 10 rebounds. Best delivered eight points and boundless hustle.

Fort Frye led 13-9 after one quarter before stretching it to a seven-point margin at halftime. The Cadets committed 13 turn-"I am proud of our effort to- overs on the night. The Panthers were guilty of 17.

Buckeye Local also hurt itself

Fort Frye also prevailed in the

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team's 31 points after the intermission.

"That's what we expect from them. They are experienced. They've got almost two full years under their belts and they executed down the stretch. We executed down the stretch. The biggest thing is we stuck together tonight.

"Unbelievable effort. That's Peyton's role," Edwards continued. "When he gives that type of effort" doing his role, he's tremendous. Basketball is a role game and that's his role. He did a tremendous job to-

Shriver scored all 12 of his team-high points in the second half while Hores had all six of his markers in the second half.

The Monarchs (5-11) led by as many as nine twice, the last at 38-29 with just over three minutes left in the third quarter after Cody Hartman hit the last of his five bonus goals. However, the Purple Riders went on an 8-2 run to end the quarter and, following a pair of free throws by Roman Gray, they reeled off six straight and drew even at 43 on a Davian Ray floater off the glass at the 3:41 mark.

John Marshall misfired at the other end of the court and Martins Ferry's Peyton Hores secured one of his eight second-half rebounds (four offensive). Shriver then delivered the key basket, but failed to complete the three-point play.

The Monarchs closed to within 45-44 when Brennan Sobutka cashed in the front end of a bonus situation. Hores scored on the inside for a 47-44 advantage and the hosts missed another free throw before Jaizen Miles collected an offensive rebound and put the ball off the glass for a 49-44 Martins Ferry lead with 1:59 showing.

Sobutka made it 49-46 but Shriver calmly dropped in a pair of charity tosses with 41.6 remaining to restore the five-point margin.

Sobutka once again cut the deficit to 51-48, but Miles meshed three foul shots down the stretch to seal the deal.

"Turnovers, missed foul shots and not executing parts of our offense that I wanted us to run," John Marshall head coach Chad Clutter said in summing up the loss. "You can't make mental mistakes and give them the ball back. They (Ferry) started getting it inside ... they didn't shoot well from the outside, but they pounded the ball on the offensive end, especially

John Marshall had 11 turnovers in the game, but four of them came down the stretch when they also missed four free throws.

Alex Reese had 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Purple Riders, while Zach Flesch added nine points. Davian Ray chipped in six off the bench, including a key four-point play in the second quarter with his team down by nine. Hores finished with nine boards as the Purple Riders led 34-22 off the glass.

LeVert's strong finish helps Cavs rally

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Indiana Pacers fans welcomed back Caris LeVert with a loud ovation during pregame introductions. His newly former team even honored him with a highlight reel during the first timeout of the game.

Then, he went out and did what he does best - play winning bas-

LeVert scored 22 points, had five assists and delivered lockdown defense late in the game to help the Cleveland Cavaliers rally for a 120-113 victory on what had been his home court last week.

"Tonight had a little more on it since I was just here a week ago,' said LeVert, who was traded to Cleveland on Sunday. "It was definitely weird energy, just being here a couple days ago. But it is what it is, you can get traded any day in Pacers' Buddy Hield (24) during the NBA - especially around the the first half of an NBA basketball trade deadline. But it was definitely game Friday in Indianapolis. good to get the win.

The Cavs needed everything Le-Vert could muster with All-Star trades this week, looked like a dif-

And just like a week earlier assists in his Pacers debut and Inwhen LeVert scored a season-high
diana opened the game by making
Kevin Pritchard said about LeVert play.

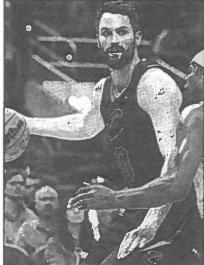
Kevin Pritchard said about LeVert play.

Through our grit, effort, heart and determination,
before the game. "He is a special "Through our grit, effort, heart and determination, disappoint.

Cleveland won its fifth straight to stay within striking distance of the Eastern Conference's top seed. Jarrett Allen wound up with 22 points and 14 rebounds, and Kevin Love scored 14 points to give him 7,001 since joining the Čavs. He needs 10 more to reach 14,000 in his career.

But it was LeVert's combination of offense and defense that helped deficit over the final 15 1/2 min-

utes. and why they were willing to give land the lead at 110-109. up multiple draft picks and expiring contracts and all that stuff to back-to-back baskets, and the Pac- Saturday. get him," Pacers coach Rick Carl- ers only got as close as one point isle said. "I know it's not fun losing the rest of the game. that to that guy, but I know what he's capable of."



CLEVELAND CAVALIERS' Kevin Love (0) is defended by Indiana

The Pacers, who made three key guard Darius Garland out with a ferent team. Tyrese Haliburton ran And just like a week earlier assists in his Pacers debut and In-47 points in the first quarter.

It didn't last.

Despite controlling the entire first half and still leading 94-76 the fourth. Love, LeVert and Rajon Rondo repeatedly made Indiana

Love's basket with 6:58 left cut "This is why they wanted him with 4:06 to go finally gave Cleve- line.

LeVert followed that one with

"Caris is a complete player."

Cavs coach J.B. Bickerstaff said. "He's not just an offensive player. He knew what we needed to get it done. We needed to get stops in in the second half." those moments to get back in the

Cavaliers: Love made three baskets in the first quarter, giving him 1,401 in his career. He finished 4 of 8 from the field. ... Rondo had 17 points, Cedi Osman had 14 points and Dean Wade had 13. .. Evan Mobley finished with eight points and one rebounds after be- • Barnesville ing held scoreless and without a rebound in the first half.

Pacers: Chris Duarte had 18 points while Buddy Hield had 16 Jackson added 11.

tired sprinter Justin Gatlin received score 11 in a row. a Pacers jersey during the second quarter.

QUOTABLE He was one of the hardest peo-

MYLES INCHING CLOSER

Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said us at bay." late in the third, the Cavs swung the he expects center Myles Turner to turn. Turner has not played since bound of the game. Jan. 14 because of a stress reaction

UP NEXT

Cavaliers: Visit Philadelphia on

Pacers: Host Minnesota on Sun- made good on two to ice the game away. day.

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the physicality."

The Big Reds trailed by nine, 47-38, after three points and nine rebounds. ... Jalen panels only to see the deficit inflate back to 13 after Smith had 12 points and Isaiah Asa Geilinger tallied on the interior for the Shamrocks.

The Pacers finished 18 of 38 on Bellaire, via some help from the Shamrocks in 3s. ... Olympic champion and re-terms of missed shots and turnovers, proceeded to

"There were times when we were having to play defense three and four times down the floor because we couldn't get a rebound," Hines said.

Two buckets from Jaren Cash and a trey - the lone the point and had 23 points and six ple I've ever had to trade," Pacers Big Reds conversion from behind the arc - by Jakob president of basketball operations Dowling made it a 59-56 game with 70 seconds to

10 of 12 from 3-point range while before the game. "He is a special "Through our grit, effort, heart and determination scoring an NBA franchise record person and I want to thank Caris. we were able to get it to three and had the ball again, He's probably going to go score 50 Battista said. "We had chances to win the game, but credit Barnesville because they put us in a deep hole and then made enough plays and free throws to hold

Barnesville proceeded to turn the ball over again game with their vaunted defense by return to the lineup shortly after the and then committed a foul. However, Bellaire, which forcing turnover after turnover in All-Star break. Carlisle did not es- struggled mightily at the line to a tune of 8 of 21, tablish a target date for the league's missed again at the stripe. They had two other shots defending blocks champion to re- before Barnesville collected maybe the biggest re-

"Eight for 21 isn't going to get it done in a fifth and Cleveland overcome an 18-point Cleveland's deficit to four. LeVert in his left foot - an injury that sixth grade league, let alone a varsity game," Battismade it a two-point game with may have kept him with the team ta lamented. "We shoot them every day, but it's dif-4:46 remaining and Rondo's 3 that drafted him at the trade dead- ferent shooting them in a game than it is in practice. We've not been shooting the ball well (from the perimeter) lately either."

A.J. Detling knocked in two free throws and Hunkler, who was 6 of 7 from the stripe in the fourth,

"Those were clutch free throws we knocked down," Hines said. "We had some different guys making

The Shamrocks were led by their senior trio of Hines (16), Powell (15) and Hunkler (14). Geilinger finished with nine. The Big Reds, meanwhile, were led by junior Ray

Burrow wrapped up his Ray Pettigrew's 16. Sophomore Mayson Sochor second NFL season as the scored all 10 of his points in the third quarter. Barnesville is off until Monday when it visits

Chase

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ry Holt's single-game I'm saying?" Super Bowl record for

plans on staying in his Ramsey. Part of that production hotel room until it's time

Chase, who said he Rams cornerback Jalen

defend himself if he were year even better.

"He's the one that's AP NFL Comeback Play-

Knights Fend Off Seminoles, 60-52

Central will play Shadyside in final By CODY TOMER

Sports Writer
WHEELING - Two teams that refused to go down without a fight battled to the end in Tuesday's OVAC 2A semifinal game

on Coach 'Skip' Prosser Court. After Monroe Central rallied from 19 points down to cut the deficit to one point with 1:26 to play, Wheeling Central's Ryan Reasbeck and Quinton Burlenski stepped up and made clutch shots down the stretch to give the Maroon Knights a 60-52 tri-

The win catapults Wheeling Central into Saturday's championship at noon against Shadyside at Harrison Central.

"We have to get better at playing with the lead," Wheeling Central coach Mel Stephens said. "Part of that is to their credit. They played hard, they have tough kids, they are wellcoached and they made plays to get back into the game. We were lucky to hang in there but Ryan made a big shot and got the steal

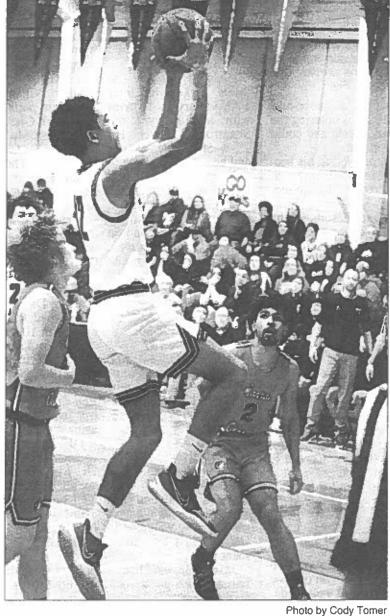
at the end for us."
The Knights' biggest lead was 48-29 late in the third and 48-32 heading into the final frame.

That's when the Seminoles reeled off 11 straight points, which sparked a 16-2 spurt to cut the deficit to 50-48 with 2:41 remaining.

Burlenski drained a 3-pointer to extend Central's lead but four straight points by the Seminoles made it a 53-52 deficit with

"At the end of the third quarter we said, 'We have 8 minutes to try to make an OVAC Championship run, guys." Monroe throws. Central coach Jon Perkins said. "They never hung their heads and they continued to fight. I'm so proud of them.'

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Wheeling Central's Quinton Burlenski goes airborne for a layup during Tuesday's OVAC 2A Semifinal game. He had 22 points.

'We were in scramble mode am of these guys."
If it actually got us back into Burlenski led the Knights with and it actually got us back into the game," Perkins said. "Then, 22 points and Reasbeck poured we missed one rotation and left in 18 points. However, that's as close as Reasbeck open. It's disappoint-

trey with 44 seconds to go, be- OVAC Semifinal you are lookfore adding another bucket. Buring to play for a championship lenski put the finishing touches on a Saturday, so being this on the win with a pair of free close is hard to swallow but I can't stress enough how proud I

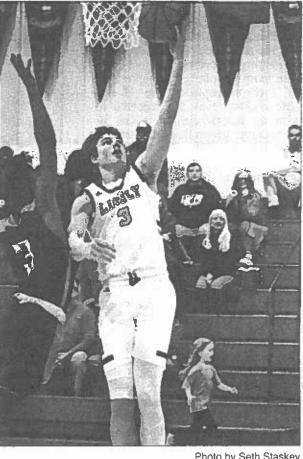


Photo by Seth Staskey Linsly's Caleb Murray goes up for two of his gamehigh 22 points during Tuesday's OVAC Class 3A

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By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer p.m.

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Linsly closed the third on to post an 87-58 vic- back. tory, advancing to Sat-Barnesville in the oth- Battista said. er semifinal, at Harrison Central High School. Tip

time is scheduled for 2

"It takes us a while ly can certainly strike to get our legs under us because no matter how It showed that ability much you practice, or in the third quarter Tues- what you do in practice, day evening during its you can't simulate game OVAC Class 3A semifi- speed," Linsly head nal against third-seeded coach Dave Wojcik said. Bellaire inside the Stifel "It took us about a quarter-and-a-half to get our The Big Reds opened legs and we wanted to the second half by scor- make conditioning a facing back-to-back buckets tor, but we've been off, to trim their deficit to six. so it took a little while From there, however, it longer to apply that pressure.

Once the Cadets got it on a 25-8 spurt and went going, they didn't look

"Every guy they put urday's conference title in the game, at every pogame against top-seeded sition, is very skilled," River, which dispatched Bellaire head coach J.R.

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Semifinal

By CODY NESPOR **Sports Writer**

were hoping that the third time had to come out strong. I thought he's making the other guys comwould be the charm against Cam- our focus was good and I thought municate and he's seeing the whole eron, but Dragons turned in a com- our defensive intensity was high." plete team performance to beat Madonna for the third time this season and pick up an OVAC semifinal the first two quarters while scoring win on their home court.

The first meeting between the two respectively.

ams was a 67-63 Cameron win "They came out and they were teams was a 67-63 Cameron win and the second was just as close, aggressive, they were hungry and with Cameron prevailing 58-50 in they were quick to the ball," Maovertime last Monday.

Tuesday's game, however, was not nearly as dramatic as the Dragons pulled away for a 71-45 tri- Powell, who is a near-constant

"Between both times we played Dragons. them, we probably only had about three and a half good quarters (com- er, but he also plays so intense on

(9-7) to just nine points in each of 14 and 18 in the first two frames,

donna coach George Vargo said.

Hart attributed Cameron's sucsource of communication for the

"Connor is a good offensive play-

bined)," said Cameron coach Tom defense. He's kind of a leader on Hart. "One of the things that we had the floor on the defensive end," CAMERON - The Blue Dons to do was come out focused and we Hart said. "He's communicating, floor. His leadership on the floor, Cameron (12-3) held Madonna especially his communication on defense is huge for us."

Center Trevor Beresford scored Cameron's first eight points of the contest and never looked back as the senior had a signature performance with a game-high 26 points, including three treys and a number of mid-range jump shots.

"Trevor probably had one of his cess on defense to senior Connor best shooting nights from the perim-Powell, who is a near-constant eter," Hart said. "He had a complete game tonight on both ends of the floor."

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Photo by Cody Nespor Madonna's Santino Arlia, left, is guarded by Cameron's Cole Burkett during Tuesday's OVAC Semifinal game.





Kim On To Final



Steelers Hire **Jackson As WR Coach**

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Former Carolina Panthers assistant Frisman Jackson is the new wide receivers coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The team announced the hire Tuesday. Jackson replaces Ike Hilliard, whose contract was not renewed following an underwhelming season by a wide receiver group that received solid production from Pro Bowler Diontae Johnson but not much else.

Jackson spent the last two years with Carolina, coming to the Panthers after a two-year stint at Baylor. He followed then-Baylor head coach Matt Rhule when Rhule made the jump from college to the NFL before the 2020 sea-

Jackson's previous coaching stops include one season with the Tennessee Titans in 2017 and various stints at the final year of his rookie deal and could collegiate level, including Temple and be in line for an extension. North Carolina State.

likely look considerably different in field impact after a breakout rookie sea-2022. Veterans JuJu Šmith-Schuster son in 2020. and James Washington are both free agents. Smith-Schuster missed most of NFL, catching 40 passes for 490 yards the 2021 season after injuring his right and a touchdown with Cleveland from shoulder against Denver in September. 2002-05.



Former Carolina Panthers wide receivers coach Frisman Jackson runs on to the field before a game on Nov. 28, 2021, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

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CLASS 3A

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Wheeling Park 56 Indian Čreek 33

1,000-point mark in the Patriots on an OVAC a much-needed win over loss as he finished with consolation game over the Indians in an OVAC a game-high 26 points Indian Creek Tuesday. consolation game.

Aiden Dais and Xan-Isinghood offered top der Gibson tied for top huge game from Camerscoring honors 13 points each. Gibson Alec Poland led Mor- knocked down three 3-pointers while Davis

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Magnolia 53 **Martins Ferry 49** MARTINS FERRY

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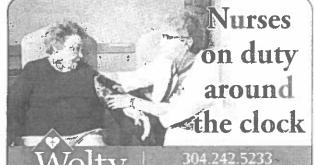
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Just don't mention the idea of "defending" her title. She doesn't view it that way. This is just another contest, Kim maintained, that she wants to land all the tricks she has in mind. She did, too, on that first run - even if scaled-down versions.

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"He has that confi- points. dence quality, you can't just have that," Sher- ton, guards Tyrese Hunt-

bench fidence in practice. The five minutes remaining. picked up exactly where coaches, they know his Seth Wilson, who his skill. They want him forts - which included Huggins has raved about to shoot the ball, they four double-digit scorin practice of late due to want him to take open ers and a 50% shooting

Defensively, display as one of the first Mountaineers seemed to keeping the lead intact. reserves to hit the floor. have all the answers in Sherman led the way He quickly went 3 for 3 containing Iowa State's with 16 points, while from the field, and his Izaiah Brockington, who Bridges (14). Malik Curseven first-half points entered Tuesday as the ry (14) and Sean McNeil were an instrumental Cyclones' leading scor- (13) followed him, pushfactor in the Mountain- er. He finished the night ing the Mountaineers to eers entering halftime shooting 4 of 12 from the win. the field for only 11

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Despite the push, West talent level, they know Virginia's offensive efpercentage from the field held Iowa State off,

West Virginia returns to the court this week-Outside of Brocking- end, opening up a twogame road trip on Saturman said about Wilson. er (22 points) and Caleb day. The Mountaineers "Some people are born Grill (12 points) were will face Oklahoma with it, some people ar- critical pieces of a late State, who they beat earen't. You can develop it, run by the Cyclones (16- lier this season. The 2

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Wednesday, February 9 Boys Basketball

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Wednesday, February 9 **CROSS COUNTRY SKIING** 2:25 a.m. (Thursday) USA - Women's Cross-Country Skiing (Classical 10km)

CURLING 12:15 p.m. USA — Men's Curling (China vs. Sweden) (Taped)

5 p.m. CNBC — Men's Curling (U.S. vs. ROC) (Taped) 8:05 p.m.

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USA — Men's Figure Skating

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USA - Men's Hockey (Czech Republic vs. Denmark) 5 p.m.

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den vs. Latvia) 3:40 a.m. (Thursday) USA - Men's Hockey (Finland vs. Slovakia) LUGE

11:15 a.m. USA — Luge (Doubles: First, Final Runs) (Taped)

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2 p.m. NBC — Alpine Skiing; Luge; Nordic Combined; Snowboarding (Taped)

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1:05 a.m. (Thursday) NBC — Alpine Skiing & Figure Skating (Men's Ceremony)

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11:45 p.m. USA — Men's Skeleton (First, Second Runs) (Taped) SKIING

3 a.m. USA - Men's Nordic Combined (Individual Normal Hill) 10:30 a.m.

USA - Men's Nordic Combined (Individual 10km) (Taped) 7 p.m.

USA - Men's Nordic Combined (Normal Hill, 10km) (Taped) 6 a.m. (Thursday)

USA — Skiing (Mixed Team Aerials)

SNOWBOARDING 10:50 p.m. USA — Men's Snowboarding (Snowboard Cross Qualify-

ing) 1 a.m. (Thursday) USA - Men's Snowboarding (Snowboard Cross Finals) **SPEEDSKATING**

6 a.m. Women's Speedskating (1000m, Relay), Men's Speedskating (1500m)

Sports On TV

Wednesday, February 9 COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

7 p.m. — Ohio St. at Rutgers ESPN2 — Houston at SMU 9 p.m.

ACCN - Pittsburgh at Flc da ESPN2 — Tennessee at Mis-

sissippi St. **NBA BASKETBALL** 7;45 p.m. Chicago at Charlotte

ESPN 10:05 p.m. **ESPN** Golden State at Utah

NHL HOCKEY 8 p.m. TNT — Nashville at Dallas

PREP BOX SCORES

OVAC Semifinals

Class 5A
Morgantown 98, Brooke 54
BROOKE — Sperlazza 6 9-10 26; Isinghood 6 4-6 16; Knox 2 1-1 6; Varner 2 0-0 4; Sperringer 1 0-0 2. MORGANTOWN — Poland 7

4-4 21; Gage 6 0-0 16; Danser 4 1-2 9; Goins 4 1-1 10; Young 4 2-4 10; Marra 3 0-0 6; Davis 7

0-0 19; King 1 0-0 2; Neal 2 0-0 4; Savage 0 1-2 1. 3 Pt. Goals — Brooke 6 (Sperlazza 5, Knox 1). Morgantown 13 (Poland 3, Gage 4, Goins 1, Davis 5).

Class 4A St. Clairsville 70, Harrison

Central 49
HARRISON CENTRAL (49) -Cassidy 3 2-2 8; Madzia 1 5-7 7; J. Vermillion 10 6-14 26; Je. Jones 2 0-0 5; Quito 1 1-4 3; Rex 0 0-0 0; N. Fluharty 0 0-0 0; Arbaugh 0 0-0 0; Ody 0 0-1 0; C. Vermillion 0 0-1 0; Totals: 17-54 14-29 49. ST. CLAIRS-VILLE (70) -- Oberdick 3 0-1 6; Thoburn 2 0-0 6; McCort 7 12-13 28; Woodford 0 0-0 0; Henry 10 3-4 23; Pastor 1 2-2 4; Porter 0 0-0 0; Crist 1 0-0 3; Vera 0 0-0 0; Parsons 0 0-0 0; Schafer 0 0-0 0; Totals: 24-54 17-20 70

3-point goals: HC -- Je. Jones; STC -- Thoburn (2); McCort (2); Crist HC 9 19 12 9 -- 49

(Class 3A)

STC 22 16 18 14 -- 70 Class 3A OVAC Semifinals

Linsly 87, Bellaire 58
BELLAIRE (58) – Dowling 5,
2-2 15; Sochor 2, 0-0 5; Cash
2, 0-0 4; R. Pettigrew 4, 2-2 10;
Ward 0, 4-4 4; Naumann 0, 0-0 0; M. Pettigrew 7, 1-5 15; Kesterson 2, 0-3 4; Littell 0, 1-2 1; D'Aquila 0, 0-0 0; White 0, 0-0 0; Bell 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 22, 10-18 58. LINSLY (87) – Wykes 3, 0-1 6; Murray 7, 5-6 22; Donovic 4, 0-0 8; Colema: 4, 2-3 10; Anderson 1, 0-0 2; D. Jackson 2, 0-3 4; G. Jackson 7, 0-2 16; W. Taylor 5, 3-4 14;

7, 0-2 16; W. Taylor 5, 3-4 14; Vilenius 1, 0-0 2; Robinovich 1, 0-0 2; A. Taylor 1, 0-0 2; Kovalesky 0, 0-0 0; Znu 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 35, 10-19 87.
3-point goals: B – Dowling (3), Sochor. L – G. Jackson (2), Murray (3), W. Taylor.

River 58, Rarnesville 35

River 58, Barnesville 35 B-Hines 5 2-2 13; Powell 3 2-2 10; Hunkler 0 2-2 2; Geilinger 2 0-0 4; Starr 2 2-6 6; Dodd 0 0-0 0; Detling 0 0-0 0; Castello 0 0-0 0; Carpenter 0 0-0 0; Vanhorn 0 0-0 0; Willis 0 0-0 0; Almaraz 0 0-0 0. Totals: 12

R-Isaly 4 0-0 8; Creamer 1 0-0 2; Lollathin 7 0-1 17; Longwell 1 0-0 2; Potts 4 0-0 10; Long 6 3-4 15; Thompson 2 0-0 4; Bowers 0 0-0 0; Blue 0 0-0 0.

Totals: 25 3-5 58. 3-Pt. Goals: Powell 2, Hines; Lollathin 3, Potts 2.

Barnesville 3 19 -- 35 22 4 19 River 58

Class 2A CLASS 2A

Shadyside 50, Caldwell 47 Shadyside (50) – Wach 4-2-2 13, Amos 6 0-0 13, Brock 5 0-2 10, VanNest 2 2-2 6, Beckett 1 3-5 6, Tsoras 1 0-0 2. Totals 19 7-10 50.

Caldwell (47) - B. Lori 7 2-2 18, Kowalsky 4 4-6 12, DeVolld 4 3-5 11, J. Lori 1 2-2 4, Wheeldin 1 0-1 2, Clark 0 0-0 0, Herlan 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 11-16 47. Three-point goals: Shadyside (5) - Wach, 3; Beckett, Amos.

Wheeling Central 60, Monroe Central 52 Monroe — Rose-Burton 2 3-4

8; Kroll 4 0-0 10; Bunning 0 0-2 0; Brown 1 0-0 2; Howell 6 0-0 13; Swisher 7 2-2 19; Totals 20 5-8 52. Whg. Cent. — Ferrera 1 0-0 2;

Reasbeck 7 0-1 18; Burlenski 8 2-2 22; M. Toepfer 2 0-0 4; L. Toepfer 3 0-1 7; P. Toepfer 0 0-0 0; C. Ratcliffo 3 1-4 7; Totals 24 3-8 60.

3-Point Goals: Fose-Burton, Kroll 2, Howel, Swisher 2; Reasbeck 4, Burlenski 4, L. Toepfer.

16 6 10 20 - 52 WC 16 20 12 12 — 60 Class 1A

Cameron 71, Madonna 45 MADONNA — L. Amaismei-er 4 0-0 9; Mascio 5 0-0 10; M. Amaismeier 4 0-0 8; Arlia 3 0-0 7; Bone 1 2-2 4; Muzzi 2 1-2 5; DoBraska 1 0-0 2; Serafii > 0 0-0 0; Pietranton 0 0-0 0; Grishkevich 0 0-0 0.

CAMERON — Beresford 10 3-4 26: Hartley 2 3-6 8: Wichterman 4 1-3 9; Burkett 3 1-2 7; Haeberle 2 0-0 6; Powell 3 0-0 6; Lilley 1 0-0 2; McCauley 1 1-2 3; Winters 1 0-0 2; Mar-

ling 1 0-0 2. 3 Pt. Goals — Madonna 2 (L. Amaismeier 1, Arlia 1). Cameron 6 (Beresford 3, Haeberle 2 Hartley 1).

3 1-2 9; Brooker 1 1-2 3. 3 Pt. Goals — John Marshall 6 (Gray 3, Fitzpatrick 2, Hart-man 1). Fort Frye 8 (Huffman 3, Morgenstern 2, Layton 2, O. Brown 1).

JM 5 9 18 15 - 47 FF 15 16 15 11 — 57 Wheeling Park 56, Indian Creek 33

IC — Francis 1 0-0 2; Kuczykouski 3 0-0 7; Williams 4 0-0 8; Marelli 1 4-6 6; Bodo 2 0-0 5; Schaffer 2 1-4 5. WP — Francis 1 1-2 3: Davis 5

1-1 13; Howard 2 0-0 5; Richter 3 0-0 7; Gibson 4 2-2 13; Wilkinson 1 1-2 3; Doyle 0 2-2 2; Phillips 3 2-4 8; Huffman 1

3 Pt. Goals - Indian Creek 2 (Kuczykouski 1, Bodo 1). Wheeling Park 7 (Gibson 3, Davis 2, Howard 1, Richter 1). IC 10 8 8 7 — 33

WP 19 13 8 16 - 56 Union Local 57, Weir 50 UNION LOCAL (9-8): Blake 1 4-4 6, Butterworth 0 0-0 0, Miller 1 1-1 3, Porter 4 13-13 23, Butts 9 6-9 25. TOTALS: 15

WEIR (6-8): Zagula 3 2-2 9, A. Cross 4 0-0 9, Stromile 0 0-0 0, Taflan 0 0-0 0, G. Cross 2 0-0 4, Turner 6 2-4 16, Kelly 0 0-0 0, Lyons 1 0-0 2, Maley 1 0-0 Jónes 1 0-0 2, Jeter 2 0-0 6. TOTALS: 20 4-6 50. 3-POINTERS: Union Local 3

(Porter 2, Butts); Weir 6 (Turner 2, Jeter 2, Zagula, A. Cross) Union Local 16 11 10 20 - 57

Weir 16 8 8 18 - 50
Steubenville 60, Marietta 54
MARIETTA (5-14): Lieras-Kelley 4 0-0 8; Graham 3 0-0 6; Blevins 0 0-0 0; Evans 1 0-0 3; Koast 4 0-0 10; Kytta 7 4-6 19; Koscho 0 2-2 2; Kendall 3 0-0 6. TOTALS: 22 6-8 54. STEUBENVILLE (10-9): Hill 4

3-4 12; Buggs 1 0-0 2; Hopkins 2 0-0 5; Lewis 2 0-1 5; Pierce 4 2-3 12; Jones 8 0-2 16; Manning 0 0-0 0; Vostatek 4 0-0 8. TOTALS: 25 5-10 60. 3-POINT GOALS: Marietta 4

(Koast 2; Evans; Kytta); Big Red 5 (Pierce 2; Hill; Hopkins; Lewis); REBOUNDS: Marietta 25 (Lieras-Kelley 7); Steubenville 33 (Jones 18). Marietta 17 13 14 10—54

Steubenville 17 10 19 14-66 Oak Glen 64, Toronto 57 Toronto 13-14-7-23 - 57 Oak Glen 22-11-18-13 - 64 TORONTO: Chociej 2 1-2 5; Dickinson 3 0-0 8; Karaffa 2 2-4 6; Baker 5 0-0 14; Mick 2 2-2 6; Keenan 4 1-7 10; Filby 1 0-3 2; Nett 2 0-0 6. TOTALS:

21, 6-18; 57 OAK GLEN: Bridges 5 0-0 10; Clark 8 4-6 20; Cole 2 1-2 6; Hissam 2 0-0 6; Howard 9 4-4 22. TOTALS: 26, 9-12; 64. 3-POINT GOALS: Toronto 9

(Baker 4, Dickinson 2, Nett 2, Keenan); Oak Glen 3 (Hissam 2, Cole).

Buckeye Local 56, Southern

Local 46
BUCKEYE LOCAL (56) McHugh 2, 2-4 6; Walker 2, 0-2 6; Best 12, 5-8 31; Kindberg Colabelli 0, 0-0 0; L. Darrah 3, 1-5 7; A. Deitch 0, 0 0 0; H. Darrah 3, 0-0 6; Totals: 22, 8-19 56. SOUTHERN (46) Persetto 4, 2-2 12; Ketchin 6, 1-5 13; Smith 4, 0-0 8; Sloan 0, 0-0 0; Tribela 3, 2-2 8; Sloan 0, 0-0 0; Riggs 2, 0-0 5; Totals: 19, 5-9 46.

3-point goals: BL - Walker (2), Best (2), S - Persetto (2),

Magnolia 53, Martins Ferry 49 MAGNOLIA (53) – Vargo 0, 0-1 0; Johnson 2, 2-2 6; William-Pyles 9, 0-0 22; Kocher 0, 0-0 0; Winland 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 18. 7-9 53. MARTINS FERRY (49) - Miles 4, 2-9 10; Ray 1, 0-0 3; Hores 1, 0-0 2; Shriver 2, 0-0 4; Williams 0, 0-0 0; O'Connell 0, 0-0 0; Flesch 5, 0-0 14; Reese 6, 4-5 16; P. Hores 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 19, 6-14 49.

3-point goals: M - Williamson (2), Pyles (4). MF - Ray, Flesch

Bridgeport 56, Hundred 39 HUNDRED (39) - Whitehill 5, 0-1 10; Morgan 2, 3-6 7; Bartrug 2, 0-0 5; Ray 4, 0-1 9; Morris 0, 0-4 0; D. Morris 1, 0-0 3; Britton 0, 0-0 0; Johnson 2, 0-0 5; Totals: 16, 3-12 39. BRIDGE-PORT (56) – C. Jackson 9, 3-4 25; Tarr 2, 0-0 4; Ferre 0, 0-0 0; Spurlock 3, 0-0 7; Flanagan 7, 0-0 14; Brown 0, 0-0 0; A. Jackson 0, 0-0 0; Kerns 0, 0-0 0; Goff 0, 0-0 0; Grear 3, 0-0 6; Totals: 24, 3-4 56.

3-point goals: H = Bartrug, Ray, D. Morris, Johnson. B = C. Jackson (4), Spurlock. Girls Caldwell 61, Buckeye Local 36

CALDWELL (61) - Franklin 4, 7-8 17; Hood 0, 0-0 0; Morganstern 1, 0-0 2; J. Hood 9, 3-5 21; Reiter 0, 0-0 0; Egnot 2, 1-3 6; Yurco 0, 0-0 0; Archer 4, 5-9 13; Guiler 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 21, 16-25 61. BUCKEYE LO-CAL (36) – McKeever 4, 2-4 10;

Park Grad Nets Career-High

his name heard at the next Park, 100-77. level.

On turned in a career-high

Wheeling Park grad 34 points to lead West now 21-4 overall and Keondre King is making Virginia Tech past Point 12-2 in conference play

Tuesday, King buried nine 3-pointers.

this season with King In the process, King providing 7.5 points per game and a team-leading The Golden Bears are 42.9 3-point percentage.

WLU Earns 100th Top 5 Spot

Coaches (NABC) weekly

marked Howlett's basketball had II programs with 100 or gles by a 96-82 tally. more Top 5 appearances leased during the 1960- remaining 61 season.

University men's basket- an's record 258 Top 10 of the season, a 75-73 ball team made history on appearances on the all-setback against Dallas Tuesday when the Mountime list, and the 199th Baptist. Northwest Mistain East Conference time West Liberty has souri State (21-2) moved pace-setters moved up earned a Top 25 ranking up to No. 2 with Lubbock to No. 4 in the National - a number reached by Christian barely holding Association of Basketball only six other schools.

The That lofty ranking on the top spot in the week's Top 5. significant MEC standings last week milestone for Coach Ben with back-to-back im-Hilltoppers pressive wins over two WLU in the conference (20-2) as it was the 100th of their top challengers, standings, moved up to time West Liberty men's West Liberty ended West No. 10 in this week's nabeen Virginia State's 10-game tional rankings. Atlantic ranked among the Top 5 winning streak with a 96- Region rivals Indiana, nationally. The Black and 84 victory on Wednes- Pa. (19-2) and Mercy-Gold joined Kentucky day before going down to hurst (19-4) joined the Wesleyan and Northwest Charleston on Saturday Hilltoppers and Falcons Missouri State as the only and completing a season in the poll at No. 7 and current NCAA Division sweep of the Golden Ea- No. 20, respectively, with

Nova since the first poll was re- (20-0), the nation's only also receiving votes. unbeaten squad, moved into the Wednesday when it hosts It's also the 162nd Top No. 1 spot this week af- Glenville State at 7:30 10 national ranking for ter previous front-runner p.m. inside the ASRC.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. the Hilltoppers, trailing Lubbock Christian (20-The West Liberty only Kentucky Wesley- 1) suffered its first loss off the Hilltoppers for Hilltoppers No. 3. UNC Pembroke NCAA Division Top 25. strengthened their hold (20-1) rounded out this

Fairmont State (18-3), only a game back of Pitt-Johnstown 19-4)Southeastern joining the list of teams

WLU returns to action

Crosby Nets 499 in Victory

DEVILS 7

CANADIENS 1

MONTREAL (AP) -

BOSTON (AP) - Sid- 21 saves ney Crosby scored his 499th career regular-season goal as the Pittsburgh

Tuesday night. Danton Heinen scored twice in a span of 28 seconds in the second period and Crosby added anoth- - Boone Jenner scored ing Washington's Alex victory over Washington. six-game winning streak. Ovechkin as the only ac-

guins, and Bryan Rust deficit. scored into an empty net

Swayman finished with two assists.

No. 1 Auburn (22-2) lost to

Arkansas 80-76, OT. Next: vs.

Texas A&M Saturday. No. 2 Gonzaga (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Pacific, Thurs-

No. 3 Purdue (21-3) beat No.

13 Illinois 84-68. Next: vs. Maryland, Sunday.

No. 4 Arizona (20-2) did not

play. Next: at Washington St., Thursday.

No. 5 Kentucky (20-4) beat South Carolina 86-76. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday. No. 6 Houston (20-2) did not

play. Next: at SMU, Wednes-

No. 7 Duke (19-4) did not play.

Next: at Clemson, Thursday. No. 8 Kansas (19-4) lost to No.

20 Texas 79-76. Next: vs. Okla-

homa, Saturday. No. 9 Texas Tech (18-5) did

not play. Next: at Oklahoma,

No. 10 Baylor (19-4) did not

play. Next: at Kansas St., Wednesday.

No. 11 Providence (20-2) did

Southern Cal, Saturday.

day.

day.

Wednesday.

seven-game losing streak. past Carolina. **BLUE JACKETS 5**

CAPITALS 4 WASHINGTON (AP)

Jenner scored less than tive players to score 500 two minutes after Wash- third shutout this season goals in the regular sea- ington's Tom Wilson tied and 27th of his career. the game on a 6-on-5 Tristan Jarry stopped chance. The Blue Jackets shut out this season. 43 shots for the Pen- rallied from an early 2-0

with 1:29 left in the third his 11th and 12th goals a pair of assists as Pittsburgh snapped a of the season, Trey four-game winless streak. Fix-Wolansky gave Co- stopped 27 shots for Min-David Pastrnak scored lumbus its first lead in nesota, which entered the twice for the Bruins, who his NHL debut and Adam game on a season-high, outshot the Penguins Boqvist added a goal and 10-game point streak (9-45-25 but couldn't get an assist. Laine also as- 1-1)). anything past Jarry after sisted Jenner's winner, the first period. Jeremy and Gustav Nyquist had game point streak on the

SENATORS 4 HURRICANES 3 OTTAWA, Ontario

(AP) - Brady Tkachuk Penguins rallied from a Michael McLeod scored snapped a 15-game scortwo-goal deficit and beat twice and New Jersey ing drought with a pair the Boston Bruins 4-2 on beat Montreal to snap a of goals, leading Ottawa

JETS 2, WILD 0

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) - Connor Hellebuyck made 27 saves and er score with 7:07 left in his 19th goal with 44.4 Mark Scheifele scored a the frame, moving him seconds remaining and power-play goal as Winwithin one goal of join- Columbus posted a wild nipeg halted Minnesota's

It was Hellebuyck's

Minnesota hadn't been

Nate Schmidt added an empty-net goal for the Patrik Laine scored Jets and Kyle Connor had

Kaapo

A season-best, sixroad also ended (5-1-1).

Canada Tops USA

Beijing Olympics.

BEIJING (AP) - It Rather than wilt, Canwas going to take more ada responded by scoring than a one-goal deficit to three times over a span rattle Brianne Jenner and of 5 minutes, 25 seconds the Canadians in their to secure a 4-2 win over long-running cross-bor- the defending champider rivalry against the on United States, claim-Americans, which re- ing the women's hockey sumed Tuesday at the tournament's top seed entering the playoff round.

Bauer's Charges Dropped

LOS ANGELES (AP) through social media.

Prosecutors were un-- Los Angeles prosecu- able to prove the San tors on Tuesday decided Diego woman's accusanot to charge Dodgers tions beyond a reasonable pitcher Trevor Bauer for doubt, the Los Angeles allegedly beating and County district attorney's sexually abusing a San office said in a document Diego woman he met concluding their investigation.

Celtics Win Sixth Straight

Saturday. No. 12 UCLA (17-4) beat Stanford 79-70. Next: No. 21 No. 13 Illinois (17-6) lost to cus Smart each scored

MAGIC 113, TRAIL

not play. Next: vs. DePaul, NEW YORK (AP) - and Minnesota beat Sac-Jaylen Brown and Mar- ramento.

(U.S. vs. ROC) (Taped) FIGURE SKATING 8:30 p.m. USA — Men's Figure Skating (Free Skate) HOCKEY

3:50 a.m. - Men's Hockey (ROC vs. Switzerland) 8:30 a.m.

USA - Men's Hockey (Czech Republic vs. Denmark) 5 p.m. USA — Hockey (Game Of The

Day) (Taped) 11:10 p.m. CNBC — Men's Hockey (Sweden vs. Latvia)

3:40 a.m. (Thursday) USA — Men's Hockey (Finland vs. Slovakia) LUGE 11:15 a.m.

USA - Luge (Doubles: First, Final Runs) (Taped)
10:20 p.m.
USA — Luge (Doubles: First, Final Runs) (Taped)
MULTIPLE EVENTS

2 p.m. NBC - Alpine Skiing; Luge; Nordic Combined: Snowboarding (Taped) 8 p.m.

NBC - Women's Snowboarding, Short-Track Speedskating, Figure Skating (Men's) & More (Taped)

1:05 a.m. (Thursday) NBC — Alpine Skiing & Figure Skating (Men's Ceremony) 2 a.m. (Thursday)

NBC — Snowboarding, Speedskating, Figure Skating (Men's) & More (Taped) SKELETON 11:45 p.m. USA - Men's Skeleton (First, Second Runs) (Taped) SKIING

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SPORTS ON TV

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BTN — Ohio St. at Rutgers ESPN2 — Houston at SMU 9 p.m. - Pittsburgh at Flc da ACCN.

ESPN2 - Tennessee at Mississippi St.

NBA BASKETBALL

7:45 p.m. Chicago at Charlotte 10:05 p.m. ESPN -- Golden State at

NHL HOCKEY 8 p.m.

Nashville at Dallas 10:30 p.m. TNT -NY Islanders at Van-

Super Bowl

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 13 At Inglewood, Calif. 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

NBA

Tuesday's Games Phoenix 114, Philadelphia 109 Boston 126, Brooklyn 91 Atlanta 133, Indiana 112 Memphis 135, Clippers 109 New Orleans 110, Houston 97 Dallas 116, Detroit 86 Denver 132, New Yor' 19 Orlando 113, Partland 95 Minnesota 134, Sacramento Milwaukee 131, L.A. Lakers

116

Wednesday's Games San Antonio at Cleveland, 7 p.m Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30

p.m. Toronto at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Golden State at Utah, 10 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10 p.m. Minnesota at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

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Class 3A

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River 22 4 19 13 -- 58 Class 2A

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3-Point Goals: -ose-Burton, Kroll 2, Howe , Swisher 2; Reasbeck 4, Burlenski 4, L. Toepfer.

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3 Pt. Goals — Madonna 2 (L. Amaismeier 1, Arlia 1). Cameron 6 (Beresford 3, Haeberle 2, Hartley 1).
M 9 9 14 13 — 45
C 14 18 20 17 — 71
Wellsville 75, Paden City 28

PC — Guerra 3 1-2 9; Anderson 3 2-3 8; Hizer 2 0-0 4; Thomas 2 0-4 4; Baker 1 0-2 2. WELLSVILLE — Brewer 10 5-6 25; Stock 7 0-0 16; Santrengo 3 2-2 8; Greathouse 3 2-4 8; Egnot. BL - Blazeski (2). Watkins 2 2-2 6; Kantz 1 3-6 Edison 68 6; Heffner 2 0-0 5; Douglas 0

3 Pt. Goals — Paden City 2 (Guerra). Wellsville 4 (Stock 2, Heffner 1, Kantz 1).

PC 11 8 6 3 — 28 W 21 25 19 10 — 71 **Consolation Games** Fort Frye 57, John Marshall 47 JM - Hartman 2 0-0 5; Fitzpatrick 3 0-0 8; Neiswonger 4 2-3 10; Gray 7 0-1 17; Bre. Sobutka 2 1-1 5; Hunter 1 0-0

– La: +on 3 0-0 8; O. Brown 4 2-5 17 B, Brown 2 0-0 4; Huffman 6 1-2 16; Huck 2 1-3 5; Miller 0 1-2 1; Morgenstern 4, Johnson 2).

Tuesday's Games

New Jersey 7, Montreal 1 Ottawa 4, Carolina 3

Pittsburgh 4, Boston 2 Columbus 5, Washington 4

Vancouver 5, Arizona 1

Winnipeg 2, Minnesota 0 Vegas 4, Edmonton 0

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Wednesday's Games

Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Chicago at Edmonton, 8 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver,

Nashville at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Vegas at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

Arizona at Seattle, 10 p.m.

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II programs with 100 or gles by a 96-82 tally.

ney Crosby scored his 499th career regular-season goal as the Pittsburgh Tuesday night.

more Top 5 appearances

leased during the 1960- remaining

Danton Heinen scored twice in a span of 28 seconds in the second period and Crosby added anoth- - Boone Jenner scored ing Washington's Alex victory over Washington. six-game winning streak. Ovechkin as the only ac-

43 shots for the Pen-rallied from an early 2-0 guins, and Bryan Rust deficit. scored into an empty net as Pittsburgh snapped a of the season,

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NCAAB

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Crosby Nets 499 in Victory BOSTON (AP) - Sid- 21 saves.

DEVILS 7 CANADIENS 1 MONTREAL (AP) -

Wesleyan and Northwest Charleston on Saturday Hilltoppers and Falcons

Missouri State as the only and completing a season in the poll at No. 7 and

current NCAA Division sweep of the Golden Ea- No. 20, respectively, with

It's also the 162nd Top No. 1 spot this week af- Glenville State at 7:30

since the first poll was re- (20-0), the nation's only also receiving votes.

10 national ranking for ter previous front-runner p.m. inside the ASRC.

seven-game losing streak. past Carolina.

BLUE JACKETS 5 JETS 2, V CAPITALS 4

WASHINGTON (AP)

Jenner scored less than tive players to score 500 two minutes after Wash- third shutout this season goals in the regular sea- ington's Tom Wilson tied and 27th of his career. the game on a 6-on-5 Tristan Jarry stopped chance. The Blue Jackets shut out this season.

with 1:29 left in the third his 11th and 12th goals a pair of assists. Trey four-game winless streak. Fix-Wolansky gave Co- stopped 27 shots for Min-David Pastrnak scored lumbus its first lead in nesota, which entered the twice for the Bruins, who his NHL debut and Adam game on a season-high, outshot the Penguins Boqvist added a goal and 10-game point streak (9-45-25 but couldn't get an assist. Laine also as- 1-1)). anything past Jarry after sisted Jenner's winner, the first period. Jeremy and Gustav Nyquist had game point streak on the

HURRICANES 3

Nova Southeastern joining the list of teams

squad, moved into the Wednesday when it hosts

unbeaten

Pitt-Johnstown

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) - Brady Tkachuk Penguins rallied from a Michael McLeod scored snapped a 15-game scortwo-goal deficit and beat twice and New Jersey ing drought with a pair the Boston Bruins 4-2 on beat Montreal to snap a of goals, leading Ottawa

WLU returns to action

JETS 2, WILD 0

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) - Connor Hellebuyck made 27 saves and er score with 7:07 left in his 19th goal with 44.4 Mark Scheifele scored a the frame, moving him seconds remaining and power-play goal as Winwithin one goal of join- Columbus posted a wild nipeg halted Minnesota's

It was Hellebuyck's

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Nate Schmidt added an empty-net goal for the Patrik Laine scored Jets and Kyle Connor had

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A season-best, sixroad also ended (5-1-1).

Canada Tops USA

Beijing Olympics.

BEIJING (AP) - It Rather than wilt, Canwas going to take more ada responded by scoring than a one-goal deficit to three times over a span rattle Brianne Jenner and of 5 minutes, 25 seconds the Canadians in their to secure a 4-2 win over long-running cross-bor- the defending champider rivalry against the on United States, claim-Americans, which re- ing the women's hockey sumed Tuesday at the tournament's top seed entering the playoff round.

No. 6 Houston (20-2) did not play. Next: at SMU, Wednesday. No. 7 Duke (19-4) did not play. Next: at Clemson Thursday. Next: at Clemson Thursday. No. 7 Duke (19-4) did not play. Next: at Clemson Thursday.

through social media.

Prosecutors were un- Los Angeles prosecu- able to prove the San tors on Tuesday decided Diego woman's accusanot to charge Dodgers tions beyond a reasonable pitcher Trevor Bauer for doubt, the Los Angeles allegedly beating and County district attorney's sexually abusing a San office said in a document Diego woman he met concluding their investigation.

Celtics Win Sixth Straight

Jaylen Brown and Mar- ramento. cus Smart each scored 22 points and the Boston Celtics rolled to their sixth straight win, beat- (AP) - Cole Anthony ing the star-less Brooklyn scored 23 points and Or-Nets 126-91 on Tuesday lando beat Portland. night.

BUCKS 131 LAKERS 116

mpo scored 44 points in Dallas beat Detroit. Milwaukee's victory over Los Angeles

SUNS 114 76ERS 109

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Devin Booker scored 35 points to lead Phoenix past Philadelphia.

HAWKS 133 PACERS 112 ATLANTA (AP) -

Trae Young scored 34 points and Atlanta beat Indiana. T-WOLVES 134.

KINGS 114

lif. (AP) - Karl-Antho- tend its winning streak to ny Towns had 25 points four games.

NEW YORK (AP) - and Minnesota beat Sac-

MAGIC 113, TRAIL BLAZERS 95 PORTLAND.

MAVERICKS 116, PISTONS 86 DALLAS (AP) LOS ANGELES (AP) Luka Doncic had 33

- Giannis Antetokoun- points with 11 assists and **GRIZZLIES 135. CLIPPERS 109**

MEMPHIS (AP) - Ja Morant had 30 points to lead Memphis past LA. **NUGGETS 132.**

KNICKS 115 DENVER (AP) Rookie Bones Hyland scored 22 points and Denver beat New York.

PELICANS 110, **ROCKETS 97** HOUSTON (AP)

Brandon Ingram scored 26 points and New Orle-SACRAMENTO, Ca- ans beat Houston to ex-

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

OVAC WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital Boys Basketball Championship Semifinals

Defense propels St. C. to win in 4A

 Red Devils thump Huskies, 70-49 By KIM NORTH

Times Leader Sports Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE -- Defense is as much a part of winning as offense is when it comes to just about

any sport. St. Clairsville proved that Tuesday night.
The second-seeded Red Devils (11-6) forced nine
first-quarter turnovers in taking a 22-9 lead and
never looked back in rolling into the Poelvette II Class Medicine Wheeling Hospital Boys Basketball Class 4A finals with a 70-49 victory over No. 3 Harrison Central (11-7) on John Jenkins Court inside St. Clairsville High School.

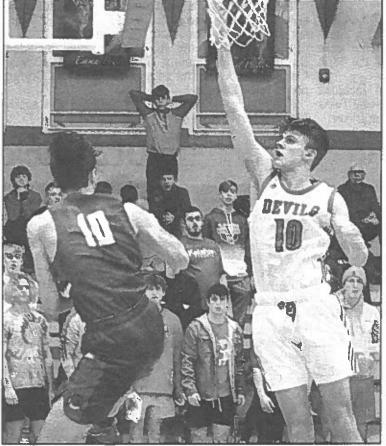
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River beats Barnesville in Class 3A

By TRACY WATSON For The Times Leader

HANNIBAL - In rolling to 17 wins in 18 games this season, River's boys' basketball team has been the epitome of hard work, consistency and patience. Tuesday night, even with the loss of focus for one eight-minute stretch of the first half, veteran Head Coach Mark Romick watched his team once again display those facets of the game to advance to the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class AAA championship

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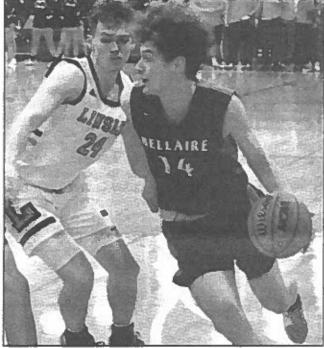
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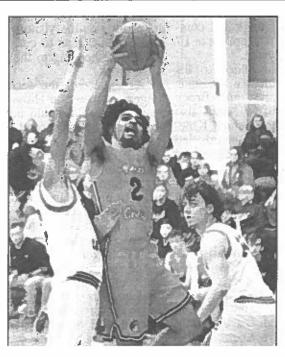
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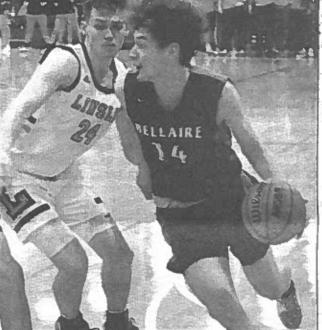
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Bengals now feel they're in Super Bowl after flying to LA

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Cincinnati Bengals finally, really feel as if they're in the Super Bowl now. tweet saying, "We've made it to Cali- three games to get to the Super Bowl.

The Bengals flew into Los Angeles fornia. on Tuesday, a nice switch from preparing for Sunday's game back home in feels like we're getting ready to play the card round, Evan McPherson kicked frigid Ohio to being in warm and sunny California.

Cincinnati offensive coordinator Briweek when the Bengals went about gotten why they're here. their usual routine back in Ohio.

things," Callahan said. "It's the winter- Callahan said. time in Ohio. Had a snowstorm and all that. It just felt like the normal process.'

and Caleb Ratcliffe.

Super Bowl. It's exciting. It's fun, trying to enjoy every moment of it."

an Callahan said being on-site helps earned all of the attention and the op- to Samaje Perine started the comeback make the game real and tangible after portunity to showcase themselves to the from 18 points down in the AFC title feeling like something far away last world. That doesn't mean they've for- game at Kansas City.

"It's cold and miserable and all those into it, ready to go win a football game,"

MOMENTUM BUILDER

No team in the NFL has been as pro-The Bengals were greeted with plen- ductive as the Bengals at scoring late in for," coach Zac Taylor said. "What I

per Bowl logos are everywhere. They in the playoffs when the Bengals have is really on the ball, no huddle. So it announced their arrival with a simple scored in the final two minutes of all doesn't really affect the communication

'Now it feels real," Callahan said. "It Boyd against the Raiders in the wilda late field goal to give the Bengals a halftime lead over Tennessee in the di-Callahan said the Bengals have visional round and Burrow's TD pass

Those scores give the Bengals a "Once we start the prep, we're back league-high 74 points in the final two minutes of the first half in the regular season and playoffs, the fourth most in Jr. is keeping his phone close by at all a season since 2000.

"It's something we were really built baby watch.

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SUPER BOWL BABY WATCH Rams wide receiver Odell Beckham times. As he puts it, he's on call for

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WOODSFIELD - Barnesville's boys and girls bowling teams rolled to the inaugural Mid Ohio Val-Family Bowling Center.

Monroe Central. Buckeye Local and Bridgeport the field. rounded out the field.

Tomlin won the individual league title with a threegame score of 543. She was 50 pins better than Barnesville's Regan Campbell, who had the high Buckeye Local's Jimmy Hornyak, River's Kendall game of the day with 220.

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The Huskies' Jonathan Vermillion kept his team close in the first half with 14 of his team-high 26. He also finished with 13 rebounds. of which 10 came prior to give St. Clairsville credit, the intermission. In addition, side and has been all sea- they sped us up on offense the 6-6 Vermillion charted and I thought they played four steals and blocked a trio

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Clairsville (342.70) See, CHEER, Page B2

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BARNESVILLE'S BELLE Corder (front), Tate Spangenburg (center) and Ava Sobutka (back) perform their routine during Saturday's OVAC Cheering Championships held at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling. The Shamrocks won the 3A title.

WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championships

Cameron too much for Blue **Devils**

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CADIZ -- There's a cliche in sports that says it's tough to beat a team three times.

It clearly didn't apply to Cameron and Beallsville.

The Dragons made it three wins in as many tries against the Blue Devils -- the latest coming in Saturday night's finale of the WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Champion-

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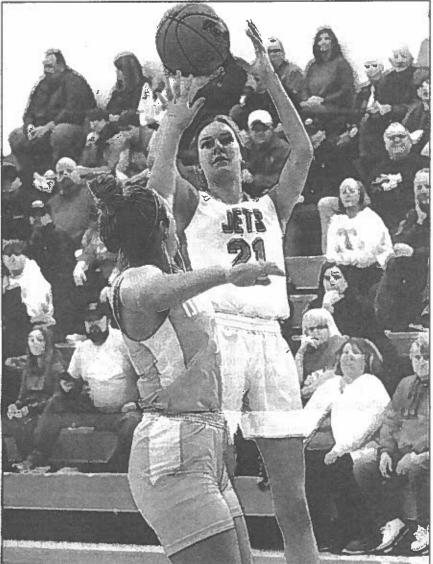
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Cameron used a similar recipe against the Blue Devils this time around. However, according to Blue Devils head coach Tori Lang, the Dragons shot it much better. She was talking about the nine bonus goals Cameron knocked down.

The open shooters on the perimeter were a result of Beallsville having to pick its poison. See, **CAMERON**, Page B2



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY **BEALLSVILLE'S** HALLIE Bommer goes up for a shot during Saturday's Class 1A championship game against Cameron. The Dragons cruised to a victory, which is their third over Beallsville this season.



UNION LOCAL junior Torre Kildow goes up for a shot during Saturday's OVAC Class 4A championship game against Oak Glen. Defending for the into upwards of 20 turnovers, many of which led Golden Bears is Maddie McKay. The Jets soared to the title, 77-36.

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Union Local cruises to 4A crown, 77-36

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

CADIZ -- The 4A game of the OVAC WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital girls was decided quickly.

Union Local erupted for 36 points in the first quarter and was never challenged en route to claiming the school's eighth girls basketball championship at Harrison Central Saturday afternoon by a 77-36 score against Oak Glen.

The Jets (18-3) wasted no time in asserting itself with its size and length. They had built a 12-0 lead before the Golden Bears attempted their first shot.

'Winning is never easy and sometimes it looks easy," Union Local head coach Scooter Tolzda said. "Winning an OVAC championship takes a lot of hard work and it's a result of these girls and what they've done."

Because of the winter weather, which has paralyzed the Ohio Valley the last couple of days, the Jets' players took it upon themselves to get some work in even though their gymnasium at Morristown was shutdown due to the weather.

"A parent volunteered to take our players up to the Highlands Sports Complex, so the girls started texting each other and every girl went up there without any coaches," Tolzda pointed out. "They went up there and walked through some things, got shots up, so that tells you how important this (game) was to them.'

Clearly it paid dividends. Union Local's threequarter-court pressure forced the Golden Bears

Monroe Central comes up short in 2A final to SCC

By KIM NORTH

Times Leader Sports Writer

CADIZ – Sometimes the ball bounces your way and sometimes it doesn't. Monroe Central experienced both ends of the spectrum on Saturday.
The Seminoles cashed in five

The Seminoles cashed in five of eight bonus goals in rolling to a 25-13 lead after the first ovac title since 1989.

"It's been 33 years since we've won an OVAC girls baskind over the next three panels as too seeded Stauberville."

"It's been 33 years since we've won an OVAC girls basketball championship," an elated steubenville Catholic (15-3). Catholic stormed back for a 47-37 victory in the OVAC WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital

from beyond the arc in scoring just 12 points during the next 24 minutes, while the Crusaders would use a sterling effort from Player of the Game Katie Zatta and a near-perfect performance from the free throw line down the stretch in earning their

els as top-seeded Steubenville head coach Jess Looman said after her team was awarded the coveted trophy. "These girls Medicine Wheeling Hospital were very determined to win Girls Basketball Champion-this game. We didn't practice ships Class 2A final inside Har- Thursday so we went at it pretrison Central High School.

After going 10-for-16 from told them win or lose, if they



T-L Photo/SETH STASKE

MONROE CENTRAL senior Trista Morris drives to the basket the floor to open the game, Mon-leave everything on the court during Saturday's OVAC Class 2A championship game against roe Central (15-6) would only connect once on 22 attempts we can't hang our heads when Steubenville Catholic. The Crusaders rallied to win their first title since 1989.

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insly falls short to Fort Frye in 3A, 42-28.

By CODY TOMER

For The Times Leader

WHEELING – For the third time this season, the Fort Frye girls basketball team upended Linsly, this time for the OVAC 3A crown on Saturday at Harrison Cen-

Fort Frye's 42-28 championship victory was sparked by game MVP Mackenzie Dalton's 17 points, along with Hannah

Archer's 10 points. Linsly's Zaniah Zellous paced her squad with 13 points but 11 of those came in the fourth quarter. Until then, a lot of Linsly's shots simply weren't falling.

"We just needed to shoot better," Linstoo many chances against Fort Frye, they "Those were some big momentum points are going to bite you. We were 1-for-17 for them. Dalton is super talented and or 1-for-19 from the 3-point line — it's runs her team flawlessly. going to be hard to win shooting like that get them the ball all of the time and we the momentum began to shift. just didn't shoot the ball well.'

Fort Frye and Linsly have won the last two OVAC titles, respectively. Fort Frye vantage after one, before limiting Linsly OVAC title. to just three points in the second quarter to secure a 21-9 halftime cushion.

"They came out and made a couple of ly coach Rebecca Upton said. "If you take shots right out of the gates," Upton said. Those were some big momentum points

Fort Frye continued the trend of limitbecause our bigs take so much attention. ing Linsly's offense in the third and led It gets so clogged in there that it's hard to 31-17 heading into the final frame when

A 7-0 Linsly run cut the deficit to eight points (32-24) but Fort Frye outscored Upton's squad 10-4 over the remainder opened up a big lead early with a 17-6 ad- of the game to secure the program's 11th

> "I felt we were solid the entire game See, LINSLY, Page B2

ly address what's been on everyone's much more special tonight.' minds since the Beijing Winter Games opened.

Bring on Canada.

The defending Olympic champions worked out their remaining kinks with finale against Canada on Tuesday.

"I think both teams think there's no doubt that we can win, and both teams goes to her. respect their opponent, but they have all the confidence in the world," Johnson

"I know that's how we're approaching it. I know that's how Canada is approaching it. And that's why it's going to be fun to watch.

Hilary Knight scored two first-period most complete performance so far.

also scored twice on a night 13 of 19 U.S. skaters earned at least a point.

"I was really happy with how we played. Just felt like we finally put together a full three periods," defender rando for fifth on the U.S. list. And she Lee Stecklein said. "Looking forward increased her Olympic point total to 22, to hopefully a practice day tomorrow and then excited for Canada as always."

The goal eruption came against a also scored. Swiss team which had been outscored by a combined 17-3 in losing its first two games, including a 12-I loss to Canada on Thursday. It also provided championships in August, and eight the Americans some momentum a day after they had 62 shots but struggled finishing in a 5-0 win over the Russian

Cavallini, who won an NCAA championship with Wisconsin in 2011, won Andrea Braendli finished with 41 saves in her Olympic debut. She had consid- over the final two.

has been on the next opponent, Unit- vallini said. "To be here again is really ed States women's hockey coach Joel special and I seriously can't thank my Johnson and his players could final-teammates enough for making it that

The road became even longer when Johnson revealed the goalie had been set the standard high for St. Clairsville's cheer squad. dealing with "some injury stuff" in recent months, without being specific.

"For her to play as well as she has a dominating 8-0 win over Switzerland and to recover and to be in my mind on Sunday to prepare for their Group A at 100%, it's just fun to see," Johnson

Cavallini's best save came 8 1/2 minutes into the second period, in getting across to her left to stop the Swiss on a 2-on-1 break.

Johnson has now rotated in all three of his goalies, with Nicole Hensley getting the shutout against ROC.

Knight opened the scoring by drivgoals, Alex Cavallini stopped 12 shots, ing to the net and converting her own and the Americans (3-0) produced their rebound for a power-play goal 5:40 in. The game was essentially over when Kelly Pannek and Jesse Compher Compher, Knight and Pannek scored in a span of 2:11 to put the U.S. up 4-0 by the 16:15 mark of the first period.

Knight now has nine career Olympic goals to tie Monique Lamoureux-Mo-

one behind Katie King, who ranks third. Amanda Kessel and Dani Cameranesi

Switzerland, making its fifth Olympic appearance, is being outclassed at Beijing after finishing fourth at the world years after winning the bronze medal at the Sochi Games.

Saskia Maurer, making her Winter Games debut, stopped 17 of 22 shots before being pulled after one period.

Monroe

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we're walking off it

"I think that sat with them and even though we were the top seeds coming in, we felt like the underdog because Monroe has a pretty good tournament stay close. seed," Looman added. "We told them The gam as long as they played a complete 32 minutes, that's all I can ask for."

final 24 were good enough as they enjoyed a 34-12 scoring advantage.

"We got good looks. We just didn't giving us many second-chance opportunities," Monroe Central head coach Troy Baker said. "I told the girls after we took. The shots just weren't falling for us in the second, third and fourth quarters.'

Monroe Central, the No. 2 seed, fin- Bishop also had eight caroms. ished an ice-cold 14-for-55 (25 percent) and a mere 6-for-30 (20 percent) from downtown.

Zatta kept the Crusaders close in the first quarter with 10 of her game-high 28 points. She added 11 in the second quarter when they made their move, of times on shots I didn't think were goand, after going scoreless in the third, ing to go in anyways, and then they step had seven in the fourth, including a to the (foul) line and make them (free 5-of-6 effort from the free throw line throws). where she was 13-of-15 for the game.

Reagan Vinskovich and Torre Kildow

and 6-ft-1 frames on the interior. Kil-

dow's length in the passing lanes was

were talking that they just don't seem as

rated player," Looman said. "She practices hard and is constantly in the gym working on her game. She was on fire in the first half and that allowed us to

The game was tied twice, the last at • Cameron 37 five minutes left to play.

Theresa Kerker's three-ball gave the Steubenville Catholic might not have champs the lead for good at 40-37. Zatplayed a complete 32 minutes, but the ta went 5-for-6 at the line in the final moments, while Ellen Rohde tickled the twine twice.

Rohde finished with nine points make them and they did a nice job of not and seven rebounds. Clara Symington grabbed a team-best eight boards and Kerker seven markers.

The Seminoles were led by Haylyn the game that I'll live with the shots that Hiles with 14 points. Kynzi Bishop added 11 and Kalista Friday had eight points and a like number of rebounds before fouling out with 2:12 remaining.

'Defensively, we didn't play with the intensity that I thought we should have regardless of what the score is. You can't do that and win championships,' Baker stressed. "We also fouled them too much and bailed them out a couple

"The Zatta girl is a good player. She "Katie is Katie. She is a very deco- hustles and gets after it," Baker noted.

out chances. On top of those, juniors posted a 24-10 second quarter for a 60-18 lead at halftime. The entire second

"Winning the Buckeye 8 was a goal and winning this was a goal, and now "Their size and length was just too we'll focus on the next goal, which is

Vinskovich, who was named the rehadn't seen them live, but we had seen cipient of the John Howell MVP Award, them on film and my assistant and I finished with 29 points. Kildow added 17 and senior Hannah Merritt posted 11. Miller finished with nine and Keira

Oak Glen, which plays John Marshall points from Lauren Miller and six each on Monday, was led by Alexus Green-

were simply too much with their 6-ft-2 half was played under the OHSAA mer-

much for us to overcome," Oak Glen the postseason," Tolzda said.

the second or third shots.'

"They had a heckuva cheering section," Liedtke said. "It's like playing against six people there but ba-

tought off challenges from runner-up Union LO- John Marshall at Barnesville, 5:30 p.m cal (292.80) as well as Harrison Central (283.05) Weir (264.85), Oak Glen (241.40) and Indian Creek (225.65).

Tomlan said winning for so many years in a row has

"We have won for so many years that they didn't want to be the first year not to win," Tomlan said. "The pressure is on, (the standard) is just that high right now.'

Another streak continued in Class 1A, where the Blue Dons of Madonna won for the fourth year in a "She played great and all the credit row. Their score of 316.80 topped Cameron (245.90) and Wellsville (235.10).

The Maroon Knights (341.00) beat Toronto (324.65) and Shadyside (275.05).

"We're led by a couple of great seniors and that makes a lot of difference," Becker said. "The leadership and the dedication that they have put in over the years is really a testament to how much they care and the other girls look up to them.

There's not as much tumbling as we've had in years past but I think their commitment and enthusiasm more than makes up for it."

In a true surprise, newcomer Edison won the first title in school history in the non-tumbling division.

The Wildcats won with a score of 302.60, beating out Monroe Central (280.05), Buckeye Trail (227.60) and East Liverpool (217.30).

"I honestly don't know (how we won)," Mozingo said. "These kids put in so much work and they wanted it, they wanted that title and they did it.

'We're teaching them, they're learning as they go. We watched a competition that we just did and from two weeks ago to today, they're even better. Every practice they're improving.

Another surprise came in Class 3A, where Barnesville won in division with the most teams, seven.

'It is amazing. We had one of the smallest squads here and they went out there and nailed it," coach Abby McClelland said. "They have put in a lot of hard work and they knew that they really had to nail the routine and that's exactly what they did.'

With only a five-person squad, Barnesville (331.20) topped runner-up Linsly (295.15), Martins Ferry (285.35), Bellaire (279.45), Magnolia (249.20), River (231.30) and Fort Frye (211.40).

McClelland said having so few athletes adds extra pressure onto each one.

"I think it does (add pressure). There's no hiding, everybody's visible," McClelland said. "They put in so much hard work throughout the whole season. They lift each other up, they're a complete squad and that just makes all the difference.'

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poison. Cameron (14-2) runs its offense through post player Ashlynn VanTassell, who scored 21 points en route to winning the John Howell MVP Award. When she wasn't scoring the ball herself, she was kicking out for seemingly open look after open look from behind the arc.

They were decent from the outside during the first two games we played them, but not as good as they were this time," Lang said. "They were definitely on fire from the outside, and the inside, which makes them really tough to stop.

More than half of those aforementioned treys came in the third quarter when the Dragons blew the game open. After owning a 37-16 lead at halftime, Cameron proceeded to outscore the Blue Devils, 23-10, in the third. The majority of the fourth quarter was played under mercy rule.

"We know teams are going to double Ashlynn inside," Pettit said. "We were just waiting for the girls to start shooting the ball well and (Saturday), we did."

Cameron, which is the defending Class A state runnerup in West Virginia, received a balanced effort las-ATP, St. Petersburg-WTA Early Rounds with no fewer than seven players finding the scoring column. VanTassell scored 21 points and she was backed by freshman Maci Neely, who pumped in 20. She was resposnible for four of the 3-pointers. Sophomore Ashlee Dobbs added seven.

The Blue Devils (14-7) were led by Hallie Bommer's 14. Talented freshman Kaylee Hagan added

"The girls always play hard," Lang said. "People know what they're going to get when they play us, but

this just wasn't our night."

Linsly

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right from the start," Fort Frye coach Dan Liedtke said. "Our defense was on everything and they stayed there. Anything Linsly got they had to work for. We did a nice job of boxing out and not letting them get

Liedtke was also happy about playing on a neutral court after a hard-fought win at Linsly earlier.

sically (Saturday) was a lot of the same game."

Sports on TV

WINTER OLYMPICS TV SCHEDULE EDITION FROM

BEIJING Monday, February 7 BIATHLON 9:40 a.m. USA — Women's Biathlon (Individual: 15km) (Taped) 7 p.m. USA — Women's Biathlon (Individual: 15km) (Taped) 4:35 a.m. (Tuesday) USA - Men's Biathlon (Individual: 20km) CROSS COUNTRY SKIING 3 a.m. (Tuesday) USA – Men's & Women's Cross-Country Skiing (Sprint

Qualifying) 5:30 a.m. (Tuesday) USA - Cross-Country Sloing (Individual Sprint Finals) CURLING

USA - Mixed Doubles Curling (U.S. vs. Great Britain)

(Taped) 12:30 p.m. USA - Mixed Doubles Curling (Semifinal) (Taped)

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FIGURE SKATING

USA - Men's Figure Skating (Short Program) HOCKEY

USA - Hockey (Game Of The Day) (Taped) 11:10 p.m. USA — Women's Hockey (U.S. Vs. Canada) LUGE

8:05 a.m. USA — Women's Luge (First Run) (Taped) 8:30 a.m.

USA — Women's Luge (Second Run) USA — Women's Luge (First, Second Runs) (Taped) MULTIPLE EVENTS

2 p.m. NBC -- Ski Jumping; Biathlon (Taped) 8 p.m. NBC - Alpine Skiing, Figure Skating (Men's);

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11 a.m. USA — Ski Jumping (Mixed Team Normal Hill) (Taped) SNOWBOARDING 1:30 a.m. (Tuesday) USA — Snowboarding (Paratlel Giant Statom Finals) SPEEDSKATING

3:30 a.m. USA — Women's Speedskating (1500m) USA - Men's Speedskating (1000m), Women's

3:45 p.m. USA — Women's Speedskating (1500m) (Taped) COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

5 p.m. CBSSN — UNC-Wilmington at Hofstra

7 p.m. ACCN — Pittsburgh at Virginia Tech CBSSN — Lafayette at Navy ESPN - Virginia at Duke ESPNU - Furman at East Tennessee St.

ESPN - Kansas at Texas ESPNU - Alabama A&M at Grambling St. FS1 — Anzona al Anzona St. COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

6 p.m. BTN — Rutgers at Ohio St. ESPN2 — Georgia Tech at NC State SECN - LSU at Mississippi

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS (WOMEN'S) 8 p.m. BTN — Ohio St. at Nebraska

NHLN - Beanpot Tournament: Boston U. vs. Harvard,

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8 p.m. NBATV — Phoenix at Chicago NFL FOOTBALL

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OVAC Boxes

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Cameron Girls Wear 1A Crown

Dragons defeat Beallsville 66-32

By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

CADIZ - There's a cliche in sports that says it's tough to beat a team three times.

It clearly didn't apply to Cameron and Beallsville.

The Dragons made it three wins in as many tries against the Blue Devils -- the latest coming in Saturday night's finale of the WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championship.

Cameron recorded its third OVAC title in school history and second straight by virtue of an impressive 66-32 victory at Harrison Central High School.

'We've ran into that (cliche) several times, but fortunately this season it went our way, smiled Cameron head coach Holly Pettit. "The last time we faced Beallsville three times (in a season), they got the three wins. They're a phenomenal basketball team, and I am just glad we were able to come out on top."

Cameron used a similar recipe against the Blue Devils this time around. However, according to Blue Devils head coach Tori Lang, the Dragons shot it much better. She was talking about the nine bonus goals Cameron knocked down.

The open shooters on the perimeter were a result of Beallsville having to pick its poison. Cameron (14-2) runs its of- as good as they were this time," outscore the Blue Devils, 23-10, 21 points en route to winning inside, which makes them really the John Howell MVP Award. tough to stop." When she wasn't scoring the ball herself, she was kicking out for seemingly open look after mentioned treys came in the said. "We were just waiting for open look from behind the arc.

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Photo by Cody Tomer Cameron's Kenzie Clutter makes a dash for the basket during Sat-

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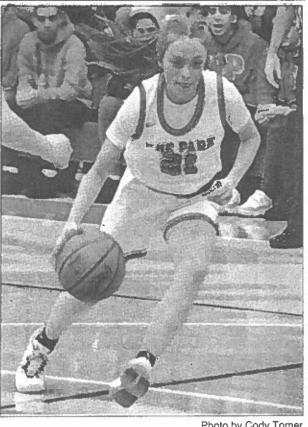


Photo by Cody Tomer Wheeling Park's Natalie Daugherty makes a drive to the bucket during Saturday's championship game.

Park Edged Out By Morgantown

By CODY TOMER **Sports Writer**

third meeting between rebounded a little better.

OVAC and West Virginia girls basketball jug- for them, too. (Lindsay) Saturday afternoon.

Mohigans who won the Morgantown played a battle of the boards and good game.' walked away with a 49-Championship at Harri- in double figures.

most all-time.

game was we got beat on the gates. the boards badly in the first half," Park coach Ryan Young said. "We

probably could have widened the gap before half-WHEELING - The time if we could have just

Morgantown Bechtel hit a couple of and Wheeling Park came big shots for them, (Mia) down to rebounding on Henkins opened the game with a 3 and some others In the end, it was the off the bench hurt us.

Bechtel was named the 48 victory over Wheeling game's MVP with 17 Park in the OVAC 5A points, the only Mohigan

son Central.

After defeating Morgantown in triple overtime in their last battle, coach Jason White said. the Patriots were denied "I also thought we did a their 15th OVAC title in better job of playing degirls hoops, which would fense early than we did have tied St. Johns for last time against them. They jumped all over us 'The difference in the in the last game out of

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Patriots Finish on Podi

By ANDREW GRIMM For The Intelligencer

have been a cold afternoon in Well-state meet, was the only school to Park in 2018 with a 1:53.70. sburg Saturday with snow blowing through the air after the area had been hit with a winter storm days ond in the girls team scores and earlier, the action in the pool at the third in the boys. Brooke Wellness Center heated up as scheduled.

in and battled for spots in the state the podium, while the Patriots fintournament during the WVSSAC ished seven points better than third in a 2:21.37 in the 200 individual Region 1 Championship Swim place John Marshall with a 78. Meet inside the Brooke Natatorium.

Two teams from the southern porhardware, as Morgantown turned in ninth and Weir High 10th. the top team score in the girls por-South claimed the regional title on came up just over seven seconds

WELLSBURG - While it may several swimmers through to the place on the podium in both the boys and girls portions, taking sec-

GIRLS

Teams from across the area dove overall team score of 131.5 to top

Host Brooke came in just off the podium with a 64, while Wheeling the 50 freestyle in 26.12 to make the tion of the region left with the team Central placed seventh, Oak Glen top-three and give the hosts a qualifier.

In the first event of the day, tion of the event and Parkersburg Park's 200-yard medley relay team

off Mogantown's regional record Wheeling Park, which advanced setting effort, turning in a 2:02.81. The Mohigans broke a record set by

> Park's quartet of Ava Sunseri, Abby Heilmen, Maddie Ross and Victoria Anderson advanced from the event with a top-two finish.

Anderson backed up the relay The Mohigans finished with an performance with a third-place showing in the 200 freestyle at 2:10.03, while Maddie Ross turned medley to place a qualifying third.

Brooke's Veronica Mann finished Parkersburg South's Jordan Claypool set a new regional record at 24.60.

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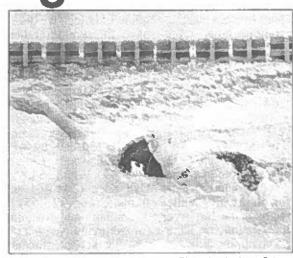


Photo by Andrew Grimm John Marshall's Victoria Kidney takes part in the backstroke during Saturday's regional meet at Brooke High School.

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No. 14 Texas Tech Takes Down W///II

the America snagged the clock deced down, the puck out of the left corner, Nailers tied the score with then capitalized on one and his teammates went of four power plays it re- to work. The play ended Doherty took the puck off ceived in the stanza. The up with Patrick Watling of the left corner boards, the win for Wheeling, as wrist shot from the mid- match into overtime.

then found Tim Doherty 46 seconds to go. Nick for a one-timer on the left Hutchison won an offenside of the slot. Wheeling sive zone face-off, and he puck got moved around delivering a feed to Sean quickly, and Josh Manis- Josling, who swept in a iscalco's tape. Maniscal- shots he faced, including calco was rewarded with shot from the right side of co buried the shot from all six attempts in overthe goal, as he ripped in a the crease, which sent the left side of the slot, time. Sean Bonar took the

Photo by Joe Lovell Wheeling's Patrick Watling celebrates a goal as a fan looks on in Sunday's game inside WesBanco Arena.

At the 5:39 mark, Tim triumph. and put a pass onto Man- he thwarted 31 of the 35 giving the Nailers the 5-4 overtime loss.

Brody Claeys earned

utives as they passed in race concert. the USC locker room.

great-grandson of NA- built for the 1932.

for-Fox Sports spectac- six-minute set from the Peristyle during a brief Just how successful "halftime," and Pitbull was the Busch Light with backup dancers Clash? Two losing driv- outfitted in a checkers high-fived a pair of ered-flag theme used the NASCAR senior exec- same stage for his pre-

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CAMERON -

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1:11.42, while Ross was third in the Wheeling Park with 85. 100 freestyle in 57.38.

Miller, Kaitlyn Cochran, Sierra Taylor and John Marshall 10th. and Victoria Kidney topped the 200 freestyle relay to give the Monarchs an freestyle with a 22.04, while teammate event win with a 1:50.82, about a half a Grant Schehl finished in the all-importsecond faster than second place Brooke (Haeley Shaffer, Ella McCullough, Wheeling Central's Cade Lyla Horvath and Mann), which finished in 1:51.49.

the Monarchs, finishing the 100 backstroke in 1:00.07, more than five seconds quicker than Wheeling Central's team of Schehl, Ethan Waldeck, Ethan JulieAnne Humpe who finished in

Heilmen was second in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:12.87, while the top three in the 100 backstroke by Maroon Knights' Abie Riedel rounded out the podium with a 1:13.54.

Hill, Anderson, Heilmen and Ross made up the 400 freestyle relay team for the Patriots that placed second in 4:03.86.

BOYS

Parkersburg South (126 points) and The Patriots' Rosalyn Hill placed Parkersburg (94 points) took the top third in the 100 butterfly with a two spots on the boys side, in front of

Wheeling Central was sixth, Brooke The John Marshall group of Maitlyn seventh, Weir eighth, Oak Glen ninth

Park's Owen Leary paced the 50

Wheeling Central's Caden Ondrejko was the runner-up in the 100 butterfly with a time of 57.82, while Leary got Kidney got an individual win for another win in the 100 freestyle with

> The Patriots' 200 freestyle relay Bryant and Leary topped the podium in a time of 1:35.72.

> Weir High's Ryan Speirs snuck in eight one hundredths of a second with a time of 1:01.61.

Schehl, Waldreck, Bryant and Leary gave the Patriots another qualifying relay unit with a second place swim in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:33.05.

PARK

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"I'm really proud of our kids." The two teams were basically even through three quarters - 9-9 after one. 26-23 Park at half and 39-37 Park entering the final frame.

The Patriots held a 44-42 edge with 5:30 to play before Bechtel and Revaya Sweeney drained back-to-back 3-pointers to give the Mohigans a 48-44 upper hand with 4:05 remaining. "Those 3s were huge," White said.

"In a game like this it seems like it's a game and to get two 3s back-to-back in the state tournament, as well. is almost like a 10 or 12-point run in any other game."

12 seconds showing on the clock and cially defensively the Patriots trailing by one.

After a pair of missed free throws by Morgantown and a Park timeout, the Patriots had one shot at the buzzer but it came up short and the Mohigans rushed the court in celebration.

"We were trying to get Alexis Bor- upended Notre Dame. das off the ball screen but she got cut off," Young said. "We ended up get-victory as he supplied 16 points, while fall. To get that good of a look against respectively.

Morgantown in that situation is not the worst thing in the world.

"We knew Lex would be keyed on but I still think she played a good game.'

Bordas paced Park with 22 points, while Woods turned in 10 points.

Morgantown has now won two of the three contests against Park but the Patriots have outscored the Mohigans 161-159 in the three games.

The two teams may very well face single possession either way the entire off in the sectional and quite possibly

"We thought this was big as far as ny other game." meeting in the sectional (home court Park didn't quit, however. Natalie advantage)," Young said. "We are two Daugherty put her squad within three even teams and we've actually outpoints with 1:27 left and a Morgan-scored them so far in our games. They town turnover allowed Lala Woods to won this round but we'll just have to reach the bucket for a layup with only try to do a better job next time, espe-

BOYS BASKETBALL REGULAR SEASON Wheeling Central 74 Notre Dame 64

WHEELING - Ryan Reasbeck netted 23 points as Wheeling Central

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GOLD -(Continued from Page 9)

and push for each other.

"They're great repre-Park High School:

flexed some muscle, winship in Class 4A.

Like every team, the as er in the Ohio Valley Indian Creek (225.65). throughout the last week

ly good to have anoth- cheer squad. er championship," said coach Shawn Tomlan. "It many years that they Class 2A title. feels really good, espe- didn't want to be the first

sentatives of Wheeling and we were off this week St. Clairsville, anoth- blessed to come out with the Blue Dons of Madoner perennial power, also another championship."

ning their 14th consec- fought off challenges 316.80 topped Cameron utive OVAC champion- from runner-up Union (245.90) and Wellsville Local (292.80) as well (235.10). Harrison Central Red Devils fought against (283.05), Weir (264.85), mination, determination, some nasty winter weath- Oak Glen (241.40) and Madonna coach Maria

in preparation for Satur- for so many years in a big." day's championship. row has set the standard Another team that had "It just feels real-high for St. Clairsville's to battle through hardship row has set the standard

"They're just a special cially given the week that year not to win," Tomlan group, they love each other we've had. We had girls said. "The pressure is on, going to hotels, we didn't (the standard) is just that have transportation here high right now.'

Another streak continfrom practice. We're just ued in Class 1A, where na won for the fourth year St. Clairsville (342.70) in a row. Their score of

"Determination, deter-Canella said of her girls. Tomlan said winning "I've never seen hearts so

Another team that had recently was Wheeling "We have won for so Central, which won the

"We're just so excited, so happy with this win, said Central coach Jessi Becker, "I have an amaz ing group of girls that have worked through a lot this year.

"We had COVID battles, we had to battle the weather, but they just came together, particularly in the last couple of weeks."

The Maroon Knights (341.00) beat Toronto (324.65) and Shadyside

In a true surprise, newcomer Edison won the first title in school history in the non-tumbling divi-

Another surprise came in Class 3A, where Barnesville won in division with the most teams, seven.

With only a five-person squad, Barnesville (331.20) topped runner-up Linsly (295.15), Martins Ferry (285.35), Bellaire (279.45), Mag"We knew that we help seal the win.

only had one win on the road, and we wanted to 11 points and Kevin Mcchange that tonight," Williams said. "We just Red Raiders. came with our hard hats Jalen Brid Jalen Bridges scored

and went to work.' West Virginia couldn't Neil added 15 for West (AP) - E.J. Liddell hold onto a six-point Virginia (13-9, 2-7), had 24 points and 11 halftime lead, making which has lost sev- rebounds to lead Ohio just four field goals in en straight, tied for the State. the second half.

Virginia coach Bob Huggins said.

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After Shannon's awkward fall, Adams said he didn't expect his sechad a season-high 23 Baylor on Monday. points in an earlier meetto return.

scared at the same time." Adams said.

When Shannon did come back, the Red Raiders took control.

"He went to work and played hard,"

Tech its first lead of the time deficit to win. second half with a layup and free throw, and lat- Mountaineers have plener made a jumper and a ty of work to do in orlayup to extend the lead der to be considered for to 48-41 with 8:01 re- an at-large berth in the maining.

"He's a warrior. That fall was something se- tougher with every game American Athletic Conrious," Williams said of Sherman isn't in the line-Shannon. "He just came up. in and gave us a spark. That's the warrior's ary loss at Texas due No. 9 Alabama. mentality that we try to to COVID-19 protoembody here.'

Gabe made five free throws strength. over the span of a minute to pull West Virginia within 53-50 with 3:40 left. Despite their shoot- toward its best ranking ing woes, the Mountain- of the season in the AP eers still had a chance Top 25 poll after reachto tie it late but couldn't ing No. 13 on Jan. 24. convert.

Williams sank a pair of free throws with 1.46 home on Wednesday

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16 points and Sean Mc-

"You can't win when West Virginia's Taz 7-3 Big Ten) led by as you're 4-for-32," West Sherman, the Big 12's much as 22 points in the second-leading the game with a concus- the field, including an sion after getting hit in 11-for-26 performance ond-leading scorer, who the jaw late in a loss at from 3-point range.

ing with West Virginia, Sherman's absence ear- apiece for the Buckeyes. ly with a double-dig-"He was in pain, but it performance for just he was also, I think, the second time in the 12, 3-9), which dropped past six games, but went its third straight game. scoreless after halftime.

BIG PICTURE Texas Tech: The Red finished with 10. Raiders trailed at half- NO. 6 HOUSTON 80 time for only the fourth Adams time this season. It was the second time they Shannon gave Texas came back from a half-

> West Virginia: The NCAA Tournament.

But the challenge gets Houston (20-2,

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Texas Tech could inch **UP NEXT**

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NO. 16 **OHIO STATE 82** MARYLAND 67 COLUMBUS, Ohio

worst under Huggins. The Buckeyes (14-5, West Virginia's Taz 7-3 Big Ten) led by as scorer second half of its fourth who is averaging 18.9 victory in five games. points per game, missed They shot 51% from

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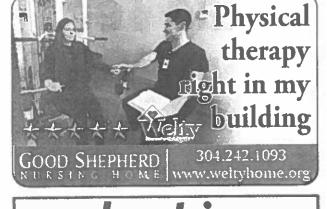
CINCINNATI - Fabian White Jr. scored 22 points, Jamal Shead had 17 points and No. 6 Houston won its 12th straight game by beating Cincinnati.

Taze Moore scored 13 points and Reggie Chaney added 10 for 9-0 ference), which hasn't lost since Dec. 2 - a one-point loss at then-

David DeJulius scored 18 of his 25 points in the first half for the Bearcats (15-7, 5-4 American), who dropped their fourth straight to Houston.

NO. 15 **PROVIDENCE 71 GEORGETOWN 52** WASHINGTON (AP)

Georgetown set a school record with its 11th straight loss, while Jared Bynum scored a





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Linsly Falls

By CODY TOMER **Sports Writer**

WHEELING – For the third time this season, the Fort Frye girls basketball team upended Linsly, this time for the OVAC 3A crown on Saturday at Harrison Central.

Fort Frye's 42-28 championship victory was sparked by game MVP Mackenzie Dalton's 17 points, along with Hannah Archer's 10 points.

Linsly's Zaniah Zellous paced her squad with 13 points but 11 of those came in the fourth quarter. Until then, a lot of Linsly's shots simply weren't

falling.
"We just needed to shoot better,"
"Debaces Union said. "If Linsly coach Rebecca Upton said. "If you take too many chances against Fort Frye, they are going to bite you. We were 1-for-17 or 1-for-19 from the 3-point line – it's going to be hard to win shooting like that because our bigs take so much attention. It gets so clogged in there that it's hard to get them the ball all of the time and we just didn't shoot the ball well.'

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Photo by Cody Tomer Linsly's Zaniah Zellous takes aim from 3-point range during Saturday's OVAC 3A Championship Game.

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Union Local erupted for 36 points in the first quarter and was never challenged en route to claiming the school's eighth girls basketball basketball championship at Harrison Central Saturday afternoon by a 77-36 score against Oak Glen.

The Jets (18-3) wasted no time in asserting itself with its size and length. They had built a 12-0 lead before the Golden Bears attempted their first shot.

Winning is never easy and sometimes it looks easy," Union Local head coach Scooter Tolzda said. "Winning an OVAC championship done."

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Brittany Bowe, a flagbearer for the U.S. in the opening ceremony, is a medal hopeful for the Americans in speedskating. Her best races are the 1,000 meters and the 1,500, and the latter takes place Monday.

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Eileen Gu, the San Francisco native competing in freestyle skiing for her mother's homeland of China, is a medal contender in Big Air. The women's final will be live on NBC in prime

PLANTING THE FLAG

Brittany Bowe, a flagbearer for the tune in to watch it," U.S. coach Joel U.S. in the opening ceremony, is a medal hopeful for the Americans in speedskating. Her best races are the 1,000 meters and the 1,500, and the latter takes place Monday.

USA Network will show the 1,500 a bunch of games cancelled against live early in the morning, with an enthem the past few months, so we have core presentation later in the day. NBC been waiting for that day to get anoth- also plans to air coverage of that race

Herbert, Crosby Send AFC to Pro Bowl Win

ius Leonard's rambling pick-6 on NFL's annual All-Star game, back The AFC has won five consecuthe opening drive to Mac Jones' from a one-year hiatus caused by tive Pro Bowls since the league reblissfully enthusiastic Griddy dance the coronavirus pandemic. at the 2-minute warning, the Pro Bowl's Vegas debut was a messy, chaotic show.

And Justin Herbert, Maxx Crosby and the AFC stars all won big.

Herbert hit Mark Andrews with two touchdown passes, leading the AFC to a 41-35 victory over the yards. NFC on Sunday in the return of the Pro Bowl.

"I think it's a great opportunity to come out here and play some of the best football players this game has to offer." Herbert said. "What their game, understand them, get to know them and just have some fun."

threw a touchdown pass, and the some fun and work on my game," New England rookie also did a Crosby said. "No matter what it is, play to allow the AFC to run out the memorable rendition of the Griddy we're still in full pads and want to clock.

LAS VEGAS (AP) - From Dar- in the first Las Vegas edition of the have a little bit of fun."

Herbert won the offensive MVP award after passing for 98 yards and finding the Baltimore tight end for two TDs in the first half of the Los Angeles Chargers star's first Pro Bowl appearance.

Kyler Murray passed for 160 yards and three touchdowns for the NFC. The Arizona star made Pro Bowl appearance.

Andrews had five catches for 82

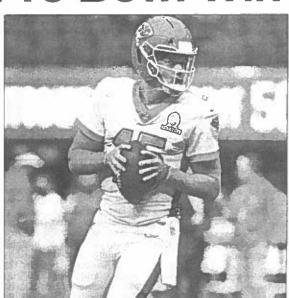
Raiders, won the defensive MVP award with two sacks, three batted passes and three tackles for loss in scramble in the waning minutes, a pleasingly sloppy game featuring but kept running about 55 more seven interceptions, with at least an opportunity to learn more about one thrown by each of the six quarterbacks.

Jones passed for 112 yards and anybody, but I still wanted to have ture, Jones hit Pittsburgh's Najee

turned to a conference format in the 2016-17 season. Its players took home \$80,000 apiece from Vegas, while the NFC got \$40,000.

it close when he hit Minnesota's Dalvin Cook for a TD with 2:36 to Crosby, from the hometown play, trimming the AFC's lead to six points.

Jones then got stopped on a yards to the end zone and celebrated alone with the Griddy, pioneered by Minnesota's Justin Jefferson. After "I didn't want to injure or hurt learning his celebration was prema-Harris for a first down on the next



AFC quarterback Patrick Mahomes of the Kansas City Chiefs looks to throw during the Pro Bowl on

LOCAL GARD

Monday **GIRLS BASKETBALL** Tyler Consolidated at Camer-

Oak Glen at John Marshall Magnolia at Williamstown Doddridge County at Paden

Hundred at Valley East Liverpool at Buckeye Lo-

St. Clairsville at Harrison Central Shadyside at Clay-Battelle River at Monroe Central, 6

p.m. Martins Ferry at Bellaire, 7 pm **BOYS BASKETBALL** Tyler Consolidated at Van

Sports On TV

Monday, February 7 CROSS COUNTRY SKIING 3 a.m. (Tuesday) USA — Men's & Women's Cross-Country Skiing (Sprint

Qualifying) 5:30 a.m. (Tuesday) — Cross-Country Skiing (Individual Sprint Finals)

CURLING 5 a.m. USA — Mixed Doubles Curling (U.S. vs. Great Britain)

(Taped) 12:30 p.m. USA — Mixed Doubles Curling (Semifinal) (Taped)

5 p.m. CNBC — Mixed Doubles Curling (Semifinal) (Taped) NBC — Mixed Doubles Curling (Semifinal) (Taped)

8 p.m. CNBC — Mixed Doubles Curling (Semifinal) (Taped)
FIGURE SKATING

8:15 p.m. USA — Men's Figure Skating (Short Program)
HOCKEY

5 p.m. — Hockey (Game Of The Day) (Taped)

11:10 p.m. - Women's Hockey (U.S. Vs. Canada) LUGE

8:05 a.m. USA — Women's Luge (First Run) (Taped) 8:30 a.m.

USA --- Women's Luge (Second Run) 2:30 p.m.

USA — Women's Luge (First, Second Runs) (Taped)
MULTIPLE EVENTS

2 p.m. NBC — Ski Jumping; Biathion (Taped)

8 p.m. NBC — Alpine Skiing, Figure Skating (Men's); Speedskat-ing & More

1:05 a.m. (Tuesday) NBC — Luge; Short Track Speedskating (Taped)

2 a.m. (Tuesday) NBC — Alpine Skiing, Figure Skating (Men's); Speedskat-ing & More (Taped) SKIING

11 a.m. USA — Ski Jumping (Mixed Team Normal Hill) (Taped) SNOWBOARDING 1:30 a.m. (Tuesday) USA — Snowboarding (Parallel Giant Slalom Finals)

SPEEDSKATING 3:30 a.m. USA — Women's Speedskating (1500m)

6:30 a.m. USA — Men's Speedskat-ing (1000m), Women's Speedskating (500m)

3:45 p.m. USA - Women's Speedskating (1500m) (Taped)

NCAAB

No. 1. Auburn (22-1) did not play. Next: at Arkansas. Tues-

No. 2. Gonzaga (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Pacific, Thurs-

No. 3. UCLA (16-4) did not play. Next: at Stanford, Tuesday. No. 4. Purdue (20-3) did not

play. Next: vs. No. 18 Illinois, Tuesday. No. 5. Kentucky (19-4) did not

play. Next: at South Carolina, Tuesday. No. 6. Houston (20-2) beat

Cincinnati 80-58. Next: at SMU, Wednesday,

No. 7. Arizona (19-2) did not Next: at Arizona St.,

Monday. No. 8. Baylor (19-4) did not play. Next: at Kansas St., Wednesday.

No. 9. Duke (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Monday. No. 10. Kansas (19-3) did not play. Next: at No. 23 Texas,

Monday. Sunday's Game No. 11. Wisconsin (18-4) did No games scheduled not play. Next: at No. 13 Michigan St., Tuesday. No. 12. Villanova (17-6) did

not play. Next: at St. John's,

Tuesday.

OLYMPIC MEDALS

Winter Olympic Medals Table At Beijing Monday, Feb. 7 13 of 109 total events Tot

S Nation В ROC 2 Norway Japan United States 0 2 0 Austria 2 Italy Sweden 0 0 Germany Netherlands 0 Australia 0 Slovenia Canada New Zealand 0 Ð 0 China France Finland 0 Hungary Poland 0

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild-card Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 15 Cincinnati 26, Las Vegas 19 Buffalo 47, New England 17 Sunday, Jan. 16 Tampa Bay 31, Philadelphia

San Francisco 23, Dallas 17 Kansas City 42, Pittsburgh

Monday, Jan. 17 L.A. Rams 34, Arizona 11 **Divisional Playoffs** Saturday, Jan. 22 Cincinnati 19, Tennessee 16

San Francisco 13, Green Bay 10 Sunday, Jan. 23 L.A. Rams 30, Tampa Bay 27

Kansas City 42, Buffalo 36, OT Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 30 AFC

Cincinnati 27, Kansas City 24, OT

NFC L.A. Rams 20, San Francis-

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 13 At Inglewood, Calif. Cincinnati vs. L.A. Rams, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

Pro Bowl

NFC 13 8 0 14-35 **AFC** 13 0-41 14 14 **First Quarter**

AFC — Leonard 45 inter-ception return (Tucker kick), 12:17

NFC — Juszcyk 4 pass from Cousins (Elliott kick), 9:57 AFC — Andrews 1 pass from Herbert (Tucker kick), 9:26 NFC — Winfield Jr. 10 interception return, :00.

Second Quarter AFC - Garrett 1 fumble recovery, (two-point conversion from Jones), 14:48 NFC — Evans 7 pass from Murray, (two-point conversion from Murray), 10:41 AFC — Andrews 4 pass from Herbert, 5:01

Third Quarter AFC — Renfrow 13 pass from Jones, 7:24 AFC — Diggs 7 run, (Tucker kick), 1:39

Fourth Quarter NFC — Pitts 13 pass from Murray, (Elliott kick), 10:18 NFC — Cook 6 pass from Murray, (Elliott kick), 2:36 A---56.206

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING—AFC, Chubb 6-17, Harris 5-15, Taylor 3-8, Johnson 1-6, Diggs 1-4, Jones 5-2. Conner 3-3, Samuel 1-(minus 5), Grant 1-(minus 9). PASSING—AFC: Mahomes 5-10-53-0-1, Herbert 7-11-98-2-1, Jones 12-16-112-1-1, Diggs 1-1-15-0-0. NFC: Cousins 6-10-66-1-1, Wilson 9-17-77-0-2, Murray 18-27-

RECEIVING-AFC, Andrews 5-82, Renfrow 5-43, Johnson 1-33, Diggs 3-29, Chubb 3-29, Hill 4-27, Taylor 2-18, Kelce 1-10, Harris 1-7, NFC, Evans 2-50, Jefferson 5-46, Kittle 4-43, Lamb 4-41, Samuel 3-26, Kamara 4-23, Juszczyk 2-18, Cook 3-17, Grant 2-15, Conner 2-13, Pitts 2-11. MISSED FIELD GOALS-

NHL

None.

Saturday's Games Metropolitan All-Stars 6, Pacific All-Stars 4 Central All-Stars 8, Atlantic All-Stars 5 Metropolitan All-Stars 5, Central All-Stars 3 Sunday's Games

Monday's Games Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m. New Jersey at Ottawa, 7 p.m. Tuesday's Games Carolina at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

OVAC GIRLS

OVAC GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS (at Harrison Central) 5A

Morgantown 49
Wheeling Park 48
M -- Wassick 0 2-3 2; Henkins 1 0-0 3; Bechtel 5 5-6 17; Sweeney 2 1-4 7; Hawkins 0 2-2 2; Jordan 4 0-1 8; Jones 3 2-7 8; Totals 15 10-23 49 2-7 8; Totals 15 10-23 49.

W - Woods 4 2-3 10; Abraham 2 1-2 6; Marling 1 0-0 2; Delk 0 0-0 0; Daugherty 1 0-0 2; Bordas 8 2-3 22; Walker 2 0-0 4; Huffman 1 0-0 2; Totals 19 5-8 48.

3-Point Goals: Wassic 2, Henkins, Sweeney 2; Bordas 4. M 9 14 14 12 — 49 W 9 17 13 9 — 48

Union Local 77, Oak Glen 36 OAK GLEN (36) -- Brown 3, 0-0 7; Kell 1, 1-3 3; Greenlief 3, 4-4 11; Ward 1, 0-0 2; McKay 0, 0-0 0; Barn 1, 3-4 5; Six 0, 0-0 0; Brown 3, 0-0 8; Totals: 12, 8-11 36. UNION LOCAL (77) - King 0, 0-0 0; Miller 4, 0-0 9; Kildow 8, 1-2 17; Kellaway 0, 0-1 0; Pietranton 0, 0-0 0; Merritt 4, 0-0 11; Scott 1, 0-0 3; Cheatham 0, 0-0 0; Gregor 3, 2-2 8; Vinskovich 14, 1-2 29; Totals: 34, 4-7

3-point goals: OG -- Brown, Greenlief, Brown (2). UL --Miller, Merritt (3), Scott.

Fort Frye 42, Linsly 28 F— E. Duskey 1 1-2 3; Archer 2 4-4 10; O'Bryan 1 2-3 4; Dal-ton 6 5-7 17; March 2 0-0 6; Ross 1 0-1 2; Totals 13 12-15

L — A. Cook 2 0-1 4; Edge 3 0-0 6; Grimm 1 0-0 2; Heitz 1 0-0 3; Zellous 6 1-1 13; Totals 13 2-2 28. 3-Point Goals: Archer 2, Dal-

ton, March 2. F 17 4 10 11 — 42 L 6 3 8 11 — 28

2A Steubenville Catholic 47, Monroe Central 37

MONROE CENTRAL (37) -- Friday 3 0-0 8; H. Hiles 5 0-0 14; Morris 0 1-2 1; Bishop 5 1-2 11; Thompson 0 0-0 0; Bettinger 1 1-2 3; Haslam 0 0-0 0; Totals: 14-55 3-6 37. STEUBENVILLE CATHOLIC (47) -- Zatta 6 13-15 28; Symington 0 3-8 3; Rohde 3 3-3 9; Kerker 2 2-2 7; OllKarma 0 0-1 0; Arai 0 0-0 0; Totals: 11-35 21-29 47

3-pt goals: MC - Friday (2); H. Hiles (4); SCC - Zatta (3), Kerker

MC 25 3 4 5 -- 37 SCC 13 13 7 14 -- 47 1A

Cameron 66, Beallsville 32 BEALLSVILLE (32) -- Hagan 2, 8-10 12; Wells 0, 0-0 0; Hughes 0, 1-2 1; Bommer 5, 2-3 14; Phillips 0, 1-4 1; Huffman 2, 0-0 4; Totals: 9, 12-19 32. CAMERON (66) -- Clutter 2, 1-2 6; Schrock 0, 0-0 0; E. Dobbs 2, 0-0 5; Carter 2, 0-0 5; A. Dobbs 2, 1-2 7; Neely 7, 2-2 20; Cain-Loy 1, 0-0 2; Littleton 0, 0-0 0; VanTassell 9, 3-3 21; Totals: 25, 7-9 66.

3-point goals: B -- Bommer (2). C -- Clutter, E. Dobbs, Carter, A. Dobbs (2), Neely (4).

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

W Philadelphia32 21 .604 23 .549 Toronto Brooklyn 29 24 .547 30 25 .545 Boston New York 29 .453 **Southeast Division** W L Pct GB 34 20 .630 Miami 28 26 .519 6 25 28 .472 8½ Charlotte Atlanta Washington 24 28 .462 9 Orlando 12 43 .218 22 ½ Orlando 12 43 .2 ro Central Division

W 33 20 .623 Chicago Milwaukee 34 21 .618 Cleveland 33 21 .611 19 36 .345 Indiana Detroit 12 41 .226 WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division L Pct GB W 37 18 .673 Memphis Dallas 23 .574 New Orleans 21 32 .396 15 San Antonio 20 34 .370 16 ½ 15 38 .283 Houston **Northwest Division**

W L Pct 32 21 .604 Utah 29 24 .547 Denver 28 25 .528 Minnesota Portland 21 33 .389 111/2 Oklahoma City 1735 .327 141/2 Pacific Division

W 42 10 .808 Phoenix Golden State40 13 .755 2½ L.A. Clippers 27 28 .491 16½ L.A. Lakers 26 28 .481 17 Sacramento 20 35 .364 23 1/2 Saturday's Games Memphis 135, Orlando 115

Miami 104, Charlotte 86

VLU Tops Charlesto

By Rick Ryan For the Gazette-Mail

95-82 victory against the 5.2 University of Charleston Center.

West Liberty's danger- ple ous duo of Pat Robinson said. court players.

The win kept the Hilltoppers (20-2, 14-2 MEC) at the league's remaining in the regular season.

WL coach Ben Howl- to make it 73-65. ett. "They battle, and we down and we give them points), Lamont McMa- most important game on was on display tonight.

tough times. We're a revery, very danger- second half.

Kovacevic, both foul out dead even. around the nine-minute Moore, ended with four

er, shrugged off those from the 3. Bryce Butissues with a solid shoot- ler was phenomenal, and ing display, hitting 32 of we just couldn't make 50 shots overall for 64% and were 11 of 16 on 3-pointers.

tague and Moore were which they didn't yield inside the ASRC.

all instrumental off the until WL went on 12-3 bench, providing 19, 17 run in the final three min-Mountain East Confer- and eight points, respec- utes of the first half. UC ence leader West Liberty tively. Rasile was 3 of 4 was 16 of 22 on foul had a couple of moun- on long shots and Mon- shots in the first half and tains to climb Saturday tague 4 of 4. Rasile en- ended up 31 of 41 at the evening, but scaled them tered the game averaging line. WL was 21 of 28 well enough to capture a 8.3 points and Montague

"Zach's been playing at the Wehrle Innovation really well, shooting at a share of first place in points, six assists) struggled with his shot over of Saturday's loss and Bryce Butler (22 the last game and he was points) led the way as the in the gym non-stop the hot-shooting Hilltoppers past couple days, and he the goals [remaining], as broke away in the second shot it well and I thought much as what we're try-half, able to overcome an he was an elite defender. ing to do," Osborne said. half, able to overcome an he was an elite defender. early 12-point deficit as And this is one of Marwell as critical foul prob- lon's best games all year. we can every time we go lems for all their front- He got tough rebounds in out, get better every time himself.''

Charleston (16-5, 12-4) never led in the second well and win. summit with three weeks half and was within 10 points just once in the final 11 minutes, that com-field State is the most im-"I've got guys who ing when Isaiah Gable portant game this year beare just resilient." said drained a 3 with 8:30 left cause it's the next game

put ourselves in position sport scoring balance, ends, then West Virginin practice where we're with Keith Williams (14 ia Wesleyan will be the a certain time to have to nus (12), Jeremiah Keene the schedule, so that's catch up. And I think that (10) and Eddie Colbert kind of how we try to ap-(10) all reaching double proach it. "We were down and figures in points, and forthere was no panic. We mer Ravenswood standhave senior leaders that out Riley Heatherington ing for the team lead with en's

But UC wasn't able The Hilltoppers trailed to match West Liberty's 29-17 midway through passel of shooters basket into a 47-44 lead at the Eagles ended up 46% break, that margin com- from the floor and were 5 ing on a 3-pointer by sub of 15 on 3s. In most other Zach Rasile just ahead statistical measurements of the halftime buzzer. -- rebounding, turnovers, Then, they saw two of points in the paint and their starting post players, fast-break points -- the Ben Sarson and Viktor teams were just about

"There's so many catmark of the second half, egories that were pretty Another forward, Marlon good," said UC coach Dwaine Osborne. "The difference was they just West Liberty, howev- shot it so well, especially enough stops.

The Golden Eagles used the free-throw line Rasile, Christian Mon- to build their initial edge,

for the game after an early disparity.

UC was vying for a high level the past cou- the MEC coming into ple games," Howlett the game, but Osborne "Christian really doesn't think the hangwill linger.

"It's not necessarily "We want to do the best there and played within at practice and play every game like it's our last game and hopefully play

"We weren't able to do that today, but now Blueon the schedule. When The Golden Eagles did the Bluefield State game

WOMEN WLU 78, Charleston 77 CHARLESTON

just get us through those adding nine points and ty- The West Liberty wombasketball team ally good team and when four rebounds. McManus came from behind in the we play together, we can tallied all his points in the waning minutes to pull out a crucial win against Charleston at the H.B. Wehrle Arena.

McCutcheon Karly the first half, but rallied for basket. The Golden drained two free throws with 4.6 seconds on the clock to erase a 77-76 deficit and Coach Kyle Hilltoppers Cooper's (16-6, 11-5) got the stop at the other end to seal the victory.

Corinne Thomas led all scorers for West Liberty with 28 points - nine of them coming in the last five minutes of the game. Bailee Smith added 18 points while Audrey Tingle chipped in with nine points, 8 rebounds and four assists.

The Hilltoppers return home on Wednesday to host unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Glenville State. Tipoff is set for 5:30 p.m.

chicago **Dutlasts (**

CHICAGO (AP) - Joel Embiid ed Los Angeles. dominated with 40 points and 10 rebounds and the Philadelphia 76ers overcame DeMar DeRozan's sea- a triple-double with 18 points, 10 reson-high, 45-point game for Chicago bounds and 11 assists, Jalen Brunson to beat the Bulls 119-108 on Sunday. **NUGGETS 124, NETS 104**

DENVER (AP) - Nikola Jokic had Atlanta. 27 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists for his NBA-leading 14th triple-double of the season and Denver hand- Brown scored 26 points and Boston ed short-handed Brooklyn its eighth beat NBA-worst Orlando for its seastraight loss.

CAVALIERS 98, PACERS 85 CLEVELAND (AP) — Cedi Osman scored 22 points, and Kevin Love had 19 and Cleveland rallied from 20 down thony Towns had 24 points and 12 reto beat Indiana, shortly after agreeing bounds and Minnesota beat Detroit for to acquire shooting guard Caris LeVert its fourth straight victory from the Pacers.

BUCKS 137, CLIPPERS 113

Holiday added 27 and Milwaukee rout- victory over Houston.

MAVERICKS 103, HAWKS 94

DALLAS (AP) - Luka Doncic had scored 22 points despite both of them being in foul trouble and Dallas beat **CELTICS 116, MAGIC 83**

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Jaylen son-best fifth straight win.

TIMBERWOLVES 118 PISTONS 105

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Karl-An-

PELICANS 120, ROCKETS 107 HOUSTON (AP) - Brandon In-LOS ANGELES (AP) - Giannis gram scored 33 points and tied a career Antetokounmpo had 28 points, Jrue high with 12 assists in New Orleans's

letropolita

LAS VEGAS (AP) - 3-on-3 match to win the things to figure out, but

Local Gard

Thursday, February 3 Boys Basketball Madonna at Paden City

Sports on TV

Thursday, February 3 COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

6 p.m. - Drexel at Delaware FS1 - St. John's at Georgetown

7 p.m. ESPN2 - Memphis at Cincinnati ESPNU - NC A&T at Win-

throp 8 p.m. CBSSN - Marshall at Old Dominion

ESPN — UCLA at Arizona FS1 — Iowa at Ohio St. 9 p.m.

ESPN2 — Gonzaga at San Diego ESPNU — Oregon St. at Utah PAC-12N — Washington St. at Stanford

10 p.m. CBSSN — San Francisco at BYU

FS1 — Oregon at Colorado 11 p.m. ESPN2 — Southern Cal at Arizona St. ESPNU — Hawaii at UC-Riv-

erside PAC-12N — Washington at California

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S) 6 p.m. Florida St. at NC **ACCN**

State Maryland at Michigan 7 p.m.

SECN - Mississippi at Missouri 8 p.m.

ACCN — Virginia Tech at Notre Dame BTN — Penn St. at Nebraska

9 p.m. - Arkansas at Texas A&M

10 p.m. N — Stanford at UCLA COLLEGE FOOTBALL

12:30 p.m. ESPNU - Senior Bowl: Practice, Mobile, Ala. 3 p.m.

 Senior Bowl: Practice, Mobile, Ala.

8 p.m. NFLN — East-West Shrine Bowl: From Las Vegas CURLING

3 a.m. USA — Olympics: Italy vs. Switzerland, Mixed Doubles, Beijing (Taped)

10:30 a.m. USA - Olympics: Norway vs. Canada, Mixed Doubles, Beijing (Taped) 7:35 p.m.

USA — Olympics: Canada vs. Switzerland, Mixed Doubles, Beijing

9:30 p.m. USA — Olympics: Italy vs. Norway, Mixed Doubles, Beijing (Taped)

1:30 a.m. (Friday) USA — Olympics: U.S. vs. Sweden, Mixed Doubles,

Beijing FIGURE SKATING 8 p.m.

NBC — Olympics: Team Event, Beijing
FUTSAL (MEN'S) 8:45 a.m.

FS2 - Copa America: Venezuela vs. Bolivia, Asuncion,

2:45 p.m. - Copa America: Brazil vs. Uruguay, Asuncion, Paraguay

6:30 a.m. GOLF — Asian Tour: The PIF Saudi International, First Round, Royal Greens Golf and Country Club, King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi

9:30 a.m. GOLF -- DP World Tour: The Ras Al Khaimah Championship, First Round, Al Hamra Golf Club, Al Jazirah Al Hamra, United Arab Emirates (Taped)

3 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour: The AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, First Round, Pebble Beach Links, Pebble Beach, HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

(BOY'S) 3 p.m. ESPNU — NIBC: Sunrise Christian (Kan.) vs. Bishop Walsh (Md.), Tom's River

5 p.m. ESPNU — NIBC: La Lumiere (Ind.) vs. IMG Academy (Fla.), Tom's River, N.J. HOCKEY (WOMEN'S)

8:10 a.m. USA — Olympics: U.S. vs. Finland, Beijing

HS BASKETBALL **Boys Basketball**

Wheeling Central 85 St. Clairsville 74, OT WHEELING CENTRAL (85) Reasbeck 13 1-2 31; Burlenski 1-2 15; M. Toepfer 2 1-2 6; Toepfer 8 7-7 27; Ratcliffe 0-3 6; Ferrera 0 0-0 0; P. Toepfer 0 0-0 0; Marling 0 0-0 0; Totals: 32-62 10-16 85. ST. CLAIRSVILLE (74) -- Oberdick 3 2-4 8; Thoburn 5 0-0 14; Mc-Cort 11 4-5 27; Woodford 2 0-0 4; Henry 5 4-4 14; Pastor 2 0-0 Porter 1 0-0 2; Totals: 29-64

10-13 74 3-pt. goals: WC -- Reasbeck (4), Burlenski (2), M. Toepfer, L. Toepfer (4); StC -- McCort; Thoburn (4), Pastor

22 21 19 12 11 -- 85 26 20 15 13 0 -- 74 Wheeling Park 76, Steubenville 52

S-Hill 8 1-3 19; Buggs 1 0-2 2; Peirce 1 0-0 3; Jones 5 1-3 12; Vostatek 0 4-4 4; Lewis 1 0-0 2; Hopkins 1 2-4 4; Manning 0 0-0 0; Mullins 2 1-1 6; Kernahan 0 0-1 0. Totals: 19 9-18 52. W-A.Davis 4 4-5 15; Phillips 8 1-4 17; Francis 1 1-3 4; Richter 3 0-0 7; Wilkinson 8 1-1 18; Howard 0 0-0 0; Gibson 1 0-0 3; Galloway 0 0-0 0; Pugh 2 0-0 4; Goodwin 1 1-2 4; Harris 1 0-0 2; Huffman 0 0-0 0; M.Davis 1 0-0 2; Doyle 0 0-0 0. Totals: 30 8-15 76.

3-Pt. Goals: Hill 2, Pierce, Jones, Mullins; A.Davis 3, Francis, Richter, Wilkinson, Goodwin.

10 6 14 22 -- 52 21 19 19 17 -- 76 Mapletown 93, Hundred 42 MAPLETOWN — L. Stevenson 8 8-8 24; AJ Vanata 3 2-4 8; M. Vanata 3 0-0 7; Stout 4 3-5 11; McIntine 6 7-7 24; Gradek 2 0-1 5; J. Mick 1 0-0 2; Stevenson 2 0-2 4; Mick 1 0-0 2; Barton 1 0-0 2; Gantle 1 0-0 2; Howard 1 0-0 2.

HUNDRED — Whitehill 6 3-5 15; Morgan 5 0-2 10; Bartrug 1 0-0 2; Ray 5 0-0 11; Morris

Pt. Goals — Mapletown (McIntine 5, M. Vanata 1, Gradek 1). Hundred 1 (Ray). 33 30 13 17 — 93 8 10 17 7 — 42 Hundred

Brooke 78, Oak Glen 50 OAK GLEN — Bridges 2 0-0 4; Clark 6 2-4 14; Arner 0 0-2 0; Cole 4 0-0 10; Hissm 3 1-2 9; Howard 1 0-0 2; Dennis 5 1-2

BROOKE - N. Taylor 1 0-2 2; Knox 4 2-2 10; Isinghood 11 3-4 25; Sperlazza 6 3-7 19; Petrella 1 0-0 2; Orban 1 0-0 3; ---Varner 3 0-0 7; Cipoletti 1 2-2 4; Fuscardo 2 0-0 6.

Pt. Goals - Oak Glen 4 (Cole 2, Hissam 2). Brooke 8 (Sperlazza 4, Fuscardo 2, Orban 1, Cipoletti 1).

10 11 14 15 — 15 18 21 23 16 - 78 Brooke Girls Basketball

Magxnolia 59, Weir 57 WEIR — Kaufman 3 0-0 6; Re. Hoover 2 0-0 4; Baker 5 4-6 14; Aperfine 5 1-2 13; Faulks 1 0-0 3; Ra. Hoover 3 1-6 7; Turner 3 2-4 8.

MAGNOLIA — Blair 5 0-0 11; Clegg 4 0-0 12; Gaiser 3 4-6 10; Holliday 7 3-3 17; Smith 1 0 0 3; Ingold 1 0-0 2; McKeever 2

3 Pt. Goals - Weir 3 (Aperfine 2, Faulks 1). Magnolia 6 (Clegg 4, Blair 1, Smith 1). 12 12 15 16 — 57 14 18 11 16 — 59

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division Philadelphia31 20 .608 29 21 .580 1½ 26 23 .531 4 Brooklyn Toronto .528 Boston New York .462 71/2 24 28 **Southeast Division** 32 20 .615 28 24 .538 Miami Charlotte Atlanta 24 25 .480 Washington24 .471 .226 201/2 Orlando 12 Central Division Chicago 32 18 .640 Cieveland 31 20 .608 GB M. vaukee 32 21 .604 1½ Inciana 19 34 .358 14½ Detroit 12 38 .240 20 WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division

Dallas

Utah

Denver

Minnesota

Houston

36 18 .667 — 29 22 .569 5½

W L Pct GB 30 21 .588 — 28 22 .560 1½

26 25 .510

20

14 36 .280

New Orleans 19 32 .373 15 1/2

Northwest Division

Portland 21 30 .412 9 Oklahoma City 15 34 .306 14

Pacific Division

San Antonio 19 33 .365

PAC8

Eighth Grade Sherrard 43, Tridelphia 32 TRIDELPHIA — Davis 2 0-0 4; Severns 4 1-3 9; Heller 3 6-10 13; Nickerson 2 0-0 6; Goodwin 0 0-0 0; Perry 0 0-0 0. SHERRARD — White 2 9-12 13; Inclan 1 0-0 3; Storm 5 9-12 22; Miller 2 1-2 5; Blake 0 0-0 0; Mason 0 0-3 0.

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Cameron Sherrard

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild-card Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 15 Cincinnati 26, Las Vegas 19 Buffalo 47, New England 17 Sunday, Jan. 16 Tampa Bay 31, Philadelphia

San Francisco 23, Dallas 17 Kansas City 42, Pittsburgh 21 Monday, Jan. 17 L.A. Rams 34, Arizona 11 **Divisional Playoffs** Saturday, Jan. 22 Cincinnati 19, Tennessee 16

San Francisco 13, Green Bay Sunday, Jan. 23 L.A. Rams 30, Tampa Bay 27 Kansas City 42, Buffalo 36, OT Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 30 AFC Cincinnati 27, Kansas City

24, OT **NFC** L.A. Rams 20, San Francisco

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 13 At Inglewood, Calif. Cincinnati vs. L.A. Rams, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

NHL

46 22 20 4 48 126 142 46 20 20 6 46 115 126 46 15 27 4 34 121 159 San Jose Vancouver Seattle NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards

playoffs. Wednesday's Games Seattle 3, N.Y. Islanders 0 Edmonton 5, Washington 3 Los Angeles 5, Detroit 3 Calgary at Arizona, 9:30 p.m. Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30

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Central, Cameron And **Linsly Boys Earn Home Games for OVAC Semis**

By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

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CLASS 4A

An all Buckeye 8 final four has been established in this class.

East Liverpool, fresh off winning the league title over St. Clairsville last weektop seed. The Potters own four conference titles in hoops, but last won one in 1999.

Slated to visit the Potter Field House seeking their second title all time. Their only championship came in 2004. For the season, Beaver Local sits at 11-6. Two of those losses came at the hands of the history and first since 2010.

In the other half of the bracket, a team in the title game as St. Clairsville welcomes Harrison Central.

Ryan's Red Devils are the second seed City, which is 4-5. with a solid 10-5 mark, while Justin's Huskies are the third seed at 11-5.

The Red Devils defeated the Huskies in their prior meeting this season. The two both schools elected to move the game to semifinal. later in the month foreseeing the OVAC matchup.

St. Clairsville is seeking its first conference title in boys hoops since 2013 and in program history. the Huskies haven't won one since 2007. CLASS 3A

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The Shamrocks, meanwhile, are 7-10 and just one of two schools in the entire OVAC to qualify for the top four despite a sub .500 record. Barnesville won the OVAC title in 2019.

In the other half, high-powered Linsly is the second seed. Coach Dave Wojcik's Cadets will welcome third-seeded Bel-

Linsly currently sits at 10-4. It last won the OVAC title in 2012.

The Big Reds, meanwhile, are in the championship portion of the tournament for just the second time. Coach J.R. Battista's team is 10-8 on the season. Bellaire, which ranks second in OVAC history with 18 championships, hasn't won one since 2006.

CLASS 2A

Since stubbing its toe in the opening game of the season, Wheeling Central has been extremely impressive, reeling off 12 straight victories to earn the top seed in the

The Maroon Knights will welcome Monroe Central, which slipped into the fourth spot after falling to River on Tuesday. Central, which leads all members with an astounding 29 conference Set to visit Morgantown is Brooke. The Bruins are a solid 9-4 on the season. titles.

Monroe Central, meanwhile, has enjoyed an impressive season and enters at 14-5. The Seminoles have never won an OVAC boys hoops crown.

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Set to visit the Noble County Seat is is rival Beaver Local. The Beavers are third-seeded Shadyside, which moved ahead of Monroe with its win over Martins Ferry on Tuesday. The Tigers are 12-5 and seeking their 14th title in school

CLASS 1A

Wellsville, which is the defending coached by a Clifford is guaranteed a spot champion of the smallest class, is the top seed in this year's event. The Tigers are 11-5 and will host fourth-seeded Paden

The Wildcats haven't won an OVAC title on the hardwood since 1994.

Cameron, which toppled Madonna in overtime on Tuesday, will welcome the were scheduled to play this Friday, but Blue Dons back to Marshall County for a

The Dragons are the second seed and own an 11-3 record. Coach Tom Hart's squad is seeking the first conference title

Madonna finished the pre-OVAC portion of the schedule at 9-6. The Blue Dons River has set the pace in this division have won nine OVAC boys titles, but their

Maroon Knight Hockey **Defeats Charleston in OT**

WHEELING - The Wheeling Central ice hockey team picked up a dramatic win in an WVHL postseason play-in game Wednesday, defeating Charleston 5-4 in overtime.

Tommy Woods netted the overtime winner, his second of the game for the Maroon Knights. Nate Woods, Logan Pielech and Gary Hatfield all also registered goals.

Girls Basketball Magnolia 59, Weir 57 NEW MARTINSVILLE - The Blue Eagles won in dramatic fashion as they repelled the Red Riders.

Magnolia led 32-24 at haltime, but a 15-point third quarter for Weir set the stage for a nail-biting finish. The teams matched 16 points in the final frame as

East Liverpool 77, **Harrison Central 57**

EAST LIVERPOOL - East Liverpool overcame a halftime deficit to roar past Harrison Central 77-57 Wednesday night in boys' Buckeye 8 North basketball action.

Jonathan Vermillion paced the Huskies with 20 points, half coming on free throws, while Jace Madzia added 16 and Hayden Cassidy 14.

Cole Dailey led the Potters with 27.

COLLEGE **MEN'S BASKETBALL** West Liberty 96, West Virginia State 84 WEST LIBERTY - The Hilltop-

pers broke the Yellowjackets' 10game winning streak. Druga Rutler conred 23 noints with

Athletes of the Week/B2 Scoreboard/B3 Counsel/B4

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Thursday, February 3, 2022

Kim North Wrestling Writer

Area grapplers prepping for postseason

High school wrestlers are preparing for the postseason as a grueling regular season winds down next week.

With that said, sectional tournaments in Ohio are scheduled on February 26 as Division II schools head to Claymont and Steubenville high schools while Division III venture to Barnesville and Sandy Valley. District tournaments are on the weekend of Friday, Mar. 4 and Saturday, Mar. 5 at Gallia Academy (D-II) and Heath (D-III). The state tournament, which returns to the Jerome Schottenstein Center on the campus of Ohio State University this winter after being staged at three Columbus-area high schools last season, is set for Friday, Mar. 11 through Sunday, Mar. 13.

This are a little different across the Ohio River in West Virginia. Region I competition begins on Saturday, Feb. 19 with the Class AAA event at the Moundsville Fieldhouse and the Class A-AA in Fairmont. The state tournament will be held on Thursday, Mar. 3 through Saturday, Mar. 5 in Huntington at Mountain Health Arena.

Richard Kirkland Jr. High Invite New Philadelphia and Claymont tied for the team championship with 235 points each at Harrison Central High School last Saturday. Barnesville (149) was sixth. Also competing were Harrison Central, Buckeye Local, St. Clairsville, Union Local and Martins

Individually, Barnesville's Colt Carpenter (98) and Koby Jones (150) won their weight classes, as did Buckeye Local's Mason Wilt (245); Harrison Central's Andrew Cox (128) and Union Local's Brody Perzanowski (134)

Finishing second were Barnesville's Easton Stephen (80); Union Local's Gunnar Gossett (110); Harrison Central's Beau Rinkes (122); St. Clairs-ville's Silas Simpson (98); and Buckeve Local's Chase Milton (104) and Cody Devore (205).

According to tournament director Bill Bryant, 224 individuals took to the mats

West Liberty

Congratulations go out to head coach Danny Irwin and his Hilltoppers on defending their Mountain East Conference championship last weekend inside the ASRC.

WLU had four individual titlists and eight members of the squad earned All-MEC recognition.

Defending MEC, regional and national champion Cole Laya (125), Chase Morgan (165), Ty McGeary (174) and Francesco Borsellino (285) all won championships. Tyler Warner (141) was second, while Drake Kendrex (184) and Logan Kemp (197) both finished third. Luke Miller (133), Jacob Simpson (149) and Christian Rivera (157) were all fourth.

The Hilltoppers' strong performance in the championship finals allowed the hosts to finish with 131.5 points in the one-day event. Glenville State was second with 117.5 with Notre Dame settling for third with 111 points. Davis & Elkins (97), Alderson Broaddus (85.5), Fairmont State (41) and Wheeling (15) rounded out the team scoring.

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Boys' OVAC pairings are announced

Times Leader Sports Editor

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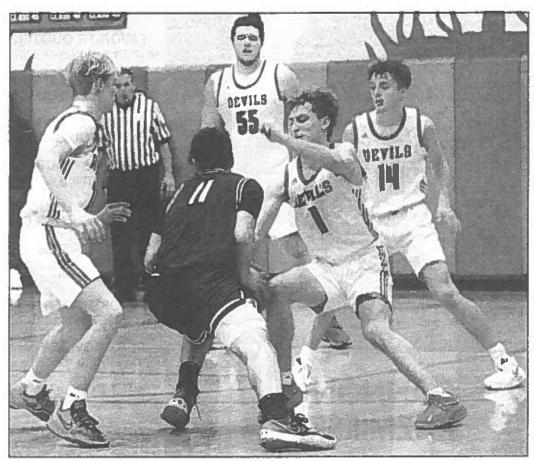
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ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Cole Thoburn, left, and Colin Oberdick (1) try to double team Wheeling Central's Ryan Reasbeck (11) during Wednesday night's game on John Jenkins Court. Looking on are Red Devils' Avery Henry (55) and Ryan McCort (14). The Red Devils fell in OT, 85-74.

Wheeling Central rallies late to top St. Clairsville

Maroon Knights outscore Red Devils 11-0 in OT

Times Leader Sports Writer

ST. CLAIRSVILLE -- Thirty-two minutes Wednesday night as the two boys' basketball squads went toe-to-toe in a heavyweight showdown on John Jenkins Court. However, over the next four minutes the visiting Maroon Knights delivered a knockout blow with the 1-2 punch of Ryan Reasbeck and Leyton Toepfer.

Reasbeck, a senior standout, scored the first four points of the extra session and Leyton Toepfer, a promising sophomore, netted the next seven as Wheeling Central (13-1) held the Red Devils scoreless in an 85-74

overtime triumph before a huge turnout.
"This is a big win for us," veteran Wheeling Central head coach Mel Stephens said. do, and that was to drive the ball. We made stayed the course, kept plugging away and some plays there, but I thought the big plays made enough plays down the stretch. were made on the defensive end of the floor

when Michael (Toepfer) doubled down and got a steal and when we started getting defensive rebounds."

After jumping out to a 9-0 lead to start, was not enough time to decide a winner be- St. Clairsville (10-6) saw Wheeling Centween Wheeling Central and St. Clairsville tral eventually draw even at 22. The contest would be knotted on eight occasions, the last at 74 when the Maroon Knights' Michael Toepfer drained a trey from the right wing with just over a minute remaining in regu-

> Both teams had chances in the waning seconds, but both failed to connect as the boisterous crowd was treated to some bonus basketball.

> Reasbeck quickly scored four points as the lead changed for the 11th time. St. Clairsville would go 0-for-5 from the floor and Leyton Toepfer tickled the twine on five consecutive free throws.

"I told the kids that I'm extremely proud "Things weren't going well for us, especial- of them," Stephens stressed. "That kind ly early and then in the second half they got of effort in a place like this against a very out to another lead a little bit, but we just good team on a very special night for them kept plugging away and stuck with what we when they had all the emotion going. But we

See, CENTRAL, Page B3

Cavaliers beaten by **Rockets**

HOUSTON (AP) Christian Wood and rookie Jalen Green scored 21 points each and the Houston Rockets snapped an 11-game home skid with a 115-104 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Wednesday night.

It's the first win by the Rockets in Houston since a 114-104 victory over Brooklyn on Dec. 8 and it snaps a four-game losing streak overall.

A dunk by Jarrett Allen followed by a 3-point play by rookie Evan Mobley cut Houston's lead to 3 with less than three minutes left. But Houston scored the next 10 points to make it 115-102 with just more than a minute to

Wood scored the first five points in that stretch before Cleveland turnovers on consecutive possessions led to five points by Kevin Porter Jr.

Mobley had a career-high 29 points with 12 rebounds as the Cavaliers lost for the second time in three games while playing without star Darius Garland, who is out with lower back soreness.

This game featured two of the most recent draft's top picks in Green, who was taken second, and Mobley, the third overall selection.

Porter added 16 points with seven assists for Houston and Garrison Mathews had 16 points off the bench.

Kevin love had 21 points with 13 rebounds for the Cavaliers and Cedi Osman scored 13.

Mobley had two baskets around a shot by Houston's Josh Christopher to get the Cavs within 5 with about 8 1/2 minutes to go.

Houston scored the next four points before another basket by Mobley cut the lead to 100-93 with about 5 ½ minutes remaining.

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• OVAC

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eers face off against No. 7 Iowa State on Friday and 8 p.m.

Steubenville product tion match. Jashon Hubbard (157) Hubbard Steubenville made quick work of Maryland's Connor Decker in

39-4, last Sunday.

Cordio 8-3 in an exhibi-

period as the No. 8 Buck opponent in the last four Jersey Mike's Arena.

Next up, the Mountain- eyes throttled the Terps, matches when it travels falls to EL to No. 1 Penn State (14-Hubbard improved to 0, 6-0) for a 7 p.m. bout Northern Iowa on Satur- 11-4 this season and just with the Nittany Lions East Liverpool overcame day. Both duals are set for 2-4 in duals. He also deci- Friday at the Bryce Jorsioned Maryland's Lucas dan Center in University Park, Pa. The match Hubbard is 14-4 in his Big Ten Network. Ohio basketball action. State remains on the road Ohio State (6-2, 2-2) to battle No. 17 Rutgers just 41 seconds of the first will face its third Top 3 (12-4, 2-4) on Sunday at

Central

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step up each night and help him out." "That was the difference, but give their Stephens said. "Tonight Leyton did just kids credit. No. 14 (Michael Toepfer) that tonight. We also got some big permade a big three to tie the game late." formances out of some other people, maybe not double figures (scoring).

The Red Devils led by as many as 11

sion. With the game deadlocked at 71 and 72-71 edge. After the Maroon Knights

McCort made it 74-71 at the 2:39 mark. Following a turnover by each team and a timeout by the visitors, Michael Toepfer came up clutch to tie it.

"The difference in the game late was

"Ryan is always going to get his that they made some big shots and ours (points) because of the type of player went in and came back out," St. Clairsthat he is, and we asked for someone to ville head coach Ryan Clifford said.

Reasbeck completed a double-double with 10 rebounds. Quinton Burlenski, a sophomore transfer from Bridgeport, midway through the second quarter as added 15 points and seven rebounds. senior Ryan McCort accounted for 18 Michael Toepfer and Caleb Ratcliffe of his team-best 27 before the intermise evenly divided 12 points, with Toepfer securing six boards.

"Both teams gave it," Clifford added. 3:22 showing on the fourth-quarter "This is the type of game that is good clock, McCort completed a convention- for the Ohio Valley. Two good proal three point play to give the hosts a grams playing. Both teams can score. I know their kids put in a ton of time misfired at the other end of the court, and I know how much my kids put in, so you're not going to get a lot of stops.

Cole Thoburn also reached double digits with 14 points, which included four triples. Avery Henry also scored 14 and added 11 rebounds

Harrison

EAST LIVERPOOL -a halftime deficit to roar past Harrison Central 77-57 Wednesday night in will be televised by the boys' Buckeye 8 North

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Cavaliers

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A 6-2 spurt by the Cavaliers, powered by three. dunks, got them within 6 midway through the third quarter, but Mathews hit a 3 for the Rockets to push ESPNU — NC A&T at Winthrop it to 81-72.

Cleveland cut the deficit to 6 again later in the third before Houston ESPN2 — Gonzaga at San Diego 11 p.m. Used an 7-0 run, with COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S) cit to 6 again later in the the last five points from Wood, to make it 88-75 with three minutes left in the third.

Love got going after that, scoring all of Cleveland's points in an 8-2 run that cut the lead to 90-83 entering the fourth.

Prep Schedule

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Shadyside at Clay-Battelle
Indian Creek at River
Caldwell at Buckeye Local
Barnesville at Cambridge
Friday, Feb. 4
BOYS BASKETBALL
Barnesville at Martins Ferry
Buckeye Local at Union Local
St. Clairsville at Harrison Central
Monroe Central at Caldwell
Shadyside at Shenandoah
Steubenville at Wheeling Park

OVAC Boys

WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital OVAC Boys Basketball Championship Semifinals Class 5A

University at Dover Brooke at Morgantown Class 4A Beaver Local to East Liverpool Harrison Central at St. Clairsville
Class 3A Barnesville at River

Bellaire at Linsly

Class 2A Monroe Central at Wheeling Central Shadyside at Caldwell

Class 1A Paden City at Welfsville Madonna at Cameron Consolation Games Edison at Frontier Hundred at Bridgeport Trinity at Clay-Battelle Steubenville Catholic at Valley Shenandoah at Conotton Valley Buckeye Local at Southern Local Toronto at Oak Glen Magnolia at Martins Ferry Marietta at Steubenville John Marshall at Fort Frye

Union Local at Weir Beallsville at Buckeye Trail Friday Wheeling Park at Marietta Steubenville at Union Local Martins Ferry at John Marshall Bridgeport at Edison Oak Glen at Indian Creek Fort Frye at Buckeye Local

Indian Creek at Wheeling Park

Buckeye Trail at Shenandoah Frontier at Trinity Weir at Magnolia Southern Local at Steubenville Catholic Conotton Valley at Hundred

Valley at Beallsville Clay-Battelle at Toronto

Sports on TV

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

FS1 — St. John's at Georgetown CBSSN — Marshall at Old Dominion ESPN — UCLA at Arizona

FS1 - lowa at Ohio St.

BTN — Maryland at Michigan St. 8 p.m.
BTN — Penn St. at Nebraska 10 p.m.
ESPN — Stanford at UCLA COLLEGE FOOTBALL 12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m. ESPNU — Senior Bowl: Practice,

3 p.m.
SPN2 — Senior Bowl Practice, Mobile 8 p.m. NFLN — East-West Shrine Bowl: From

NFL Playoffs

Conference Championships Cincinnati 27, Kansas City 24, OT

NFC L.A. Rams 20, San Francisco 17 Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 13 At Inglewood, Callf, Cincinnati vs. L.A. Rams, 6:30 p.m.

Boys Boxscores

Wheeling Central 85, St. Clairsville 74, ot WHEELING CENTRAL (85) — Reas-WHEELING CENTRAL (85) — Reasbeck 13 1-2 31; Burlenski 6 1-2 15; M. Toepfer 2 1-2 6; L. Toepfer 8 7-7 27; Ratcliffe 3 0-3 6; Ferrera 0 0-0 0; P. Toepfer 0 0-0 0; Marling 0 0-0 0; Totals: 32-62 10-16 85. ST. CLAIRSVILLE (74) — Oberdick 3 2-4 8; Thoburn 5 0-0 14; McCort 11 4-5 27; Woodford 2 0-0 4; Henry 5 4-4 14; Pastor 2 0-0 5; Porter 1 0-0 2; Totals: 29-64 10-13 74 Totals: 29-64 10-13 74
3-pt. goals: WC — Reasbeck (4), Burlenski (2), M. Toepfer, L. Toepfer (4); StC — McCort; Thoburn (4).

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Harrison Central 57
HARRISON CENTRAL (57) — Jos.
Jones 1 0-0 3; Madzia 5 6-9 16;
Cassidy 5 0-0 14; J. Vermillion 5
10-15 20; C. Vermillion 1 0-0 2; Rex
1 0-0 2; Totals: 18 16-24 57. EAST
LIVERPOOL (77) — Irvine 2 0-0 4;
Dailey 11 5-5 27; Armstrong 5 6-8
16: Toothman 3 7-8 14: J. Green 4 16: Toothman 3 7-8 14: J.Green 4 10; Tooliman 3 7-8 14; J.Green 4 0-0 9; Dawson 1 0-0 2; Ludwig 0 2-2 2; Ker 1 0-0 3; Totals: 27 20-23 77 3-pt. goals: HC--Cassidy (4), Jones; EL-Toothman, J. Green, Kerr

Ohio Basketball

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Camden Preble Shawnee 61, Carlisle 49
Canal Winchester Hervest Prep 87,
Millersport 55
Canfield 59, Warren Harding 46
Cin. Aiken 58, Cin. Shroder 45
Cin. Dohn High School 64, Newport,
Ky. 45
Cle. Hts. Lutheran E. 59, Garfield Hts. 53
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Galion Northmor 52, Crestline 46
Legacy Christian 54, Day. Jefferson 20
Lyndhurst Brush 72, Vertical, N.C. 65
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W. Carrollton 61, Xenia 59
Wheeling Park, W.Va. 76, Steubenville 52
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Cadiz Harrison Cent. 62, Toronto 23
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Buckeye Valley 18
Can. Glenoak 57, Green 52
Canal Fulton Northwest 51, Akr. Manchester 11 Canfield 59, Warren Harding 46 Centerville 59, Springboro 49
Chagrin Falls Kenston 45, Mayfield 39
Cin. Oak Hills 32, Middletown 27
Cin. Purcell Marian 61, Cin. Country
Day 53

Cle. Hts. 43, E. Cle. Shaw 36 Columbia Station Columbia 39, Oberlin Firelands 38

Valentine Recipes

VALENTINE POPSICLE STICK CRAFT



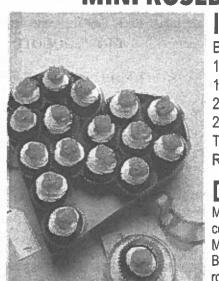
SUPPLIES

- Popsicle Sticks · White Craft Paint
- · Foam Paint Brush
- Red and Pink Buttons
- Hot Glue/Hot Glue Gun White Card Stock
- Magnets for the back

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Using hot glue, glue together your popsicle sticks into a square shape with the popsicle sticks being doubled on each side making a frame.
- 2. Paint your frame white with your foam paint brush and white craft paint. Let dry.
- 3. Once your frame is dry, you can start carefully gluing your buttons all over the front of the frame and even layering the buttons to create depth and dimension...
- 4. Cut a piece of white cardstock a 1/2" bigger than the opening of your frame, have your kids write their own special message to whom they choose, and carefully hot glue it to the
- back of the frame.. Optional: Carefully attach magnets onto the back of your frame with a strong adhesive, let

MINI ROSEBUD CUPCAKES **INGREDIENTS**



BUTTERCREAM FROSTING

1 lb. confectioners' sugar

1 c. unsalted butter

2 tbsp. heavy cream

2 tsp. pure vanilla extract **TOPPINGS**

Red sour straps

DIRECTIONS

Make a batch of your favorite cupcakes. Let

Make frosting.

Begin to tightly roll a red sour strap into a rosebud, then loosely twist it while continuing to wrap it around the bud to form the petals. Tuck the end underneath the rose and secure with one end of a toothpick; stick the other end into

SPORTS

SECTION

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Union Local cruises to 4A title game

By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

MORRISTOWN - Union Local head coach Scooter Tolzda summarized Monday's 56-20 victory against Harrison Central very quickly.

"Mission accomplished!"

The Jets took care of the first order of business toward what they hope results in an OVAC Class 4A championship quickly and efficiently during a Class 4A semifinal against the Huskies inside 'The Hangar.'

"Getting to the (championship) was our goal," Tolzda said. "All in all, I thought we played okay. We were solid again defensively, our pressure bothered them, but it wasn't a great game offensively because we were out of sorts a little bit.'

The Jets will now shift their attention to a new opponent in Oak Glen. The Golden Bears will make their initial trip to the conference title game after dispatching St. Clairsville, 67-57, in the other semifinal.

"I like when we play with edge, but it's hard when you're favored," Tolzda said. "Playing Oak Glen is good for us because it's someone new. We'll get to work on them and be ready for Satur-

For the second time in 10 days, Union Local's defense made life very tough on a Huskies squad, which has had its struggles offensively. In the prior meet-See, UL, Page B2



ing, which occurred in the Buckeye 8 UNION LOCAL junior Reagan Vinskovich goes up for a shot over Harrichampionship game, the Jets limited the See, UL, Page B2 son Central's McKayla Dunkle during Monday's OVAC Class 4A semifinal in Morristown. The Jets rolled to a 56-20 victory.

Oak Glen gets past St. C. in 4

By ANDREW GRIMM

For The Times Leader

NEW MANCHESTER - Competing for an OVAC title is nothing do it in girls basketball this time." new to most of Oak Glen's girls basketball roster, as the majority of them the soccer field or the volleyball court. ed at least four points.

This season, thanks to a 67-57 victory over St. Clairsville in Monday's Barr with team-highs in points (15) off by a McKay old-fashioned three-class 4A semifinal on their home and rebounds (10) for a double-doupoint play, then a Brown triple pushed court, the Golden Bears will compete ble, while Alexus Greenlief contribute the lead to eight before Oak Glen led for one on the basketball hardwood.

beginning of the season," Oak Glen head coach Scott Wiley said. "Everyhead coach Scott Wiley said. "Everyand Sarah Brown knocked down three Wiley said. "Our juniors have a lot MARTINS FERRY'S Lindsey Best (11) drib-

have done so on the softball diamond, on the season with the win, contribut- to lead 15-14 after one quarter.

uted 13 points, Maddie McKay had 32-25 at the break.
a solid, all-around night with nine "We've got a mature group, even "It is one of our goals we set at the a solid, all-around night with nine

a game, then you want to win another light to take a shot whenever they can.

They share the ball, it's not like we "It means a lot to the girls, they've have one player that is going to take been to the OVAC final in the other all the shots, they pass it around nice-

After No. 2 seed Oak Glen opened All eight players to see the floor for an 8-2 lead to start the game, the No. Wiley's club, which improved to 9-5 3 seed Red Devils (9-8) stormed back

The Bears, however, rattled off a Leading that charge was Carson 9-0 run to start the second, kicked

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Linsly rolls by **Martins Ferry** in 3A semis

By KIM NORTH

Times Leader Sports Writer

WHEELING -- Linsly celebrated Senior Night in grand fashion Monday night as it pulled away from Martins Ferry in a Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Class 3A semifinal inside a loud Stifel Fieldhouse.

The top-seeded Cadets (16-3) withstood a valiant attempt to slow the tempo from the No. 4 Purple Riders in the first quarter, using a 21-3 scoring advantage in the second eight minutes en route to a 55-29 victory.

'We kind of knew they wanted to slow the pace down some because they've done that in a couple of games we've seen this season," Linsly head coach Rebecca Upton said. We were semi-prepared for it. They did what they

had to do to put themselves in a good place."

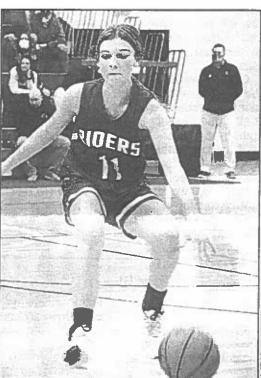
She said after the Purple Riders' Lindsee Sidon knocked down back-to-back bonus goals from each corner, it forced the Cadets

to switch up their defense.
"My girls don't like to play man-to-man defense, but they play it so well," Upton noted. "We keep telling them that they are so good at it, so own it.'

The switch forced Martins Ferry (11-8) into nine unforced turnovers, with five of those coming in the decisive second quarter.

"We had a good start, but in the second quarter we got wide-eyed," Martins Ferry head coach Dave Reasbeck said. "It was a big

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one in the area wants to be in that top4 to get in the tournament, and then

"We don't tell anyone not to shoot,"

"We don't tell anyone not to shoot,"

"We don't tell anyone not to shoot," once you get there, you want to win Wiley said. "They have the green going to go down, we're going to go ketball Class 3A semifinal inside the Stifel Fieldhouse in Wheeling.



Goodwin's 21 help Cavs beat Pelicans 93-90 without Garland

CLEVELAND (AP) - The Cavaliers made sure things didn't go from bad to worse.

Reserve guard Brandon Goodwin matched his career-high with 21 points, Jarrett Allen added 16 and Cleveland shook off an ugly road loss - and being without point guard Darius Garland - by rallying to beat the New Orleans Pelicans 93-90 on Monday

The Cavs, who played poorly in a 10-point loss at Detroit on Sunday, were without Garland due to a sore lower back.

Cedi Osman started for Garland and finished with a

Bengals

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Who expected this? just 7-6 after Week 14. right time." The Bengals finally man-

with a 10-7 record. ceiver Ja'Marr Chase, crazy. the first-round pick in the 2021 draft, emerged as a

ber that the feeling in the terback delivered. locker was we have the ability to play with anybody in this league," Tay- a slow-starting team all ed, go-to receiver for Bur- then grabbed an offensive rebound and day. lor said Monday. "And season. That usually row. then grabbed an offensive rebound and dunked to tie it 90-all with 1:32 left.

Who expected this? we all know, those of causes the from behind. It's exciting ing.

Burrow was coming us who have been in the from behind. It's exciting ing.

"We wanted to get the ball to Devonoff major offseason knee league a long time, you and hard to argue with surgery. Cincinnati was just have to get hot at the the results when they get

late-season struggles of "It's crazy, it still hasn't ders of their 22-year-old the Browns and Ravens. hit me yet," said receiver kicker. They won the AFC North Tee Higgins, who had six catches for 103 yards. "It Burrow and wide re-didn't feel real at all. It's was better after Burrow

WHAT'S WORKING dem. A defense that had to get when they need to time, too. He was sacked been up and down got get it. In the second half, just once and hit three the job done with sacks they needed the defense to other times. He had two and critical interceptions disguise some looks and third-down Coach Zac Taylor said sive quarterbacks. They cal times. the season started with needed running back Joe many uncertainties, but Mixon to break some his

STOCK UP

was sacked nine times in the divisional-round win The Bengals seem to be over Tennessee. He was of the league's most-elu- moved the chains at criti-

STOCK DOWN

Nobody was happier it all came together at the carries for more yards, about the Bengals' sucright time.

They needed Burrow to cess than tight end C.J. "I certainly think that make some more magic, Uzomah, who has been poor seasons. He had the

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te' going to his left hand, but Okoro man said. "We got it and that's all that them, but the Bengals did a great job keeping it away from matters." After the game, some surely would like to be far him," Pelicans coach Willie Green said. aged to win three in a row of the players were still enough ahead at the end "J.V. (Valanciunas) had a good look at

> been dealing with a sore lower back and The pass protection could use some down time. He scored 24 in Sunday's loss to the Pistons.

ankle injury.

Before the game, Bickerstaff was scrambles dealt with several key injuries this seadismal showing in Detroit.

They were able to stay close thanks when we got to Decem- and the second-year quar- with the team through five to Goodwin, whose 3-pointer pulled the Cavs within 84-81 before Isaac Okoro WHAT NEEDS HELP best season of his career knocked one down from long range to The Bengals have been and became a sure-hand- make it 86-84 with 3:31 left. Allen

dunked to tie it 90-all with 1:32 left.

It wasn't pretty, but the Cavs weren't

interested in style points. "This was a very important win," Os-

TIP-INS

Pelicans: Missed their first 12 3-point in December, a streak trying to get their heads to keep from dropping all a layup. Unfortunately, he just didn't attempts. ... Green said Ingram is "get-that coincided with the around it."

the pressure on the shoulage a layup. Unfortunately, he just didn't attempts. ... Green said Ingram is "get-that coincided with the pressure on the shoulage around it."

Garland, who has blossomed into one of just three NBA players averaging at of the league's rising young guards, has least 22 points, six rebounds, five assists and three or less turnovers. The Nets' Kevin Durant and the Heat's Jimmy Butler are the others. ... Rookie F New Orleans was also down a major Trey Murphy Jr. was active after being piece as forward Brandon Ingram, who cleared from the NBA health and safeleads the Pelicans in points and assists, ty protocols. ... It was Hayes' first start, reliable and resilient tan- able to get what they need better at evading it this missed his fifth game in a row with an and Green said the team will "explore" him with the first five.

Cavaliers: Were outrebounded 51confident that his team - which has 37. ... Won their fifth straight at home. Cleveland is 11-2 in its last 13 at in the past two playoff get after Mahomes, one in the fourth quarter that son, including the loss of leading scorer Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse, which is Collin Sexton and veteran guard Ricky becoming noticeably louder and full-Rubio - would perform better after the er as the season progresses. ... F Lauri Markkanen missed his fourth straight But for much of Monday's game, the game with a sprained right ankle. Bick-Cavs were sluggish and trailed 73-63 erstaff said Markkanen is improving and has done some "light" basketball

UP NEXT

Pelicans: Continue their road trip Tuesday at Detroit.

Cavaliers: Visit Houston on Wednes-

Oak-

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tunately we gave it back we knew it was going to cially against a good team

but they just stuck togeth- us, and I think it did." er. It was all about eight

Brown again extend- Bears runs. ed the lead with an early triple in the third, and the was the difference in over (13 points) and Syd-Bears led by seven at 47- the game," Agnew said, ney Miller (10 points) 40 after three.

many as 12 in the fourth, were quicker than us, got double bonus and made buckets. We cut it to sevkey free throws to main- en at one point, then they tain the lead down the went on another spurt and stretch.

"St. Clairsville is al-

"Just some silly turn-time. We were hoping our the road."

Leading overs and stuff like that, running was going to help

Oak Glen led by as quicker than you, and they feat in the loss.

we just couldn't catch up. Central. "Oak Glen has a nice The . ways tough," Wiley said. team, they play hard. I "Coach (Stacey) Agnew's don't know if we were too

down going as hard as teams are always physical excited or what, but we we can.

and they are not going missed four or five bun"We had a lead there at to quit. We knew they nies early and that comes the beginning, and unforweren't going to quit and back to bit you later, espenies early and that comes be a dogfight the whole like this when you're on

Leading St. Clairsville was Megan Malin with a The Red Devils, af-game-high 17 points, 12 players not being selfish ter that initial lead, sim-rebounds and six assists. and just playing togeth- ply didn't have enough She was one of four Red counters to the Golden Devils to reach double figures as Alexis Thoburn "Their foot speed (15 points), Shae Brook-"Sometimes a team is just each accomplished the

With the win, Oak as they went to the line in the loose balls and made Glen will take on top seed Union Local in Saturday's OVAC Class 4A final at 4 p.m. at Harrison

> The Jets defeated the No. 4 seed Huskies in the other semifinal, 56-20, on Monday night. The Red Devils and Huskies will play in the thirdplace consolation game on Thursday.

Ferry

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crowd. Big student section ... big so much to this program." game, and we don't have many girls on We kind of got that 'deer-in-the-headgood. What are you going to do?

can score against most teams, but the reason. If you can't score, it's tough to compete with a team like that.'

in the second quarter, but it was freshman Zaniah Zellous who turned the tide.

Zellous netted six of her team-high game-best 10 rebounds in the quarter. She also charted four blocks.

'She did have a big quarter for us," Upton raved about the 6-1 Zellous. 'She is just so super-talented. There's a lot to say about her."

Linsly had four of its 10 bonus goals in the second quarter.

shoot and like to shoot it," Upton said. that tonight." Tonight they were making them, so that was good, as well."

classmate Haley Heitz had six on a pair an excuse.

of treys.

Grimm, Heitz and Hicks. "They mean have."

Grimm left in the latter stages of the this team that have played in big games. second quarter favoring a foot injury, but Upton said she will be ready for Satlight' moment, but they (Linsly) are urday's championship game at Harrison Central High School against No. 2 Fort "When we play good teams, we have Frye, which ousted third-seeded Beltrouble scoring," Reasbeck said. "We laire, 64-23, Monday night in Beverly.

"There was no need for her to congood ones we have trouble for some tinue playing," the coach said. Grimm re-entered the game in the fourth quarter for a token appearance before leaving Senior Ally Hicks hit a pair of triples the floor for good to a standing ovation. She had four points and five rebounds.

Although the outcome halted the Purple Riders' five-game winning streak, 13 points and grabbed eight of her Reasbeck was happy with the way the second half played out.

"I was pleased with the way we played in the second half. We played even with them until I subbed," he stressed. "Lindsey Best played really well. She doesn't get much press as a freshman, but she is as good a freshman as I've seen this season. She played well, but we've got 'We've got a lot of girls that can to help her and we weren't able to do

The Purple Riders were playing without the services of starter Danielle Hicks finished with 10 points and Lude, but Reasbeck wouldn't use that as

'She would've really helped us. We "Those three seniors are really, re- really haven't had her (healthy) all seaally special," Upton said of Carleigh son, but you've got to play who you

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Huskies to only 13 points.

better, but we gave up too many easy baskets," Harrison Central head coach Nick Yourkovich said. "We didn't exquarter against an opponent like them, you're going to be in trouble.'

game open.

Harrison Central looked up at a 13-3

In the third quarter, however, the Jets seemed to find a rhythm. They went on a 22-1 run which triggered the OHSAA mercy rule and the margin eventually grew to as many as 40.

Six different players scored for the Jets in the third with junior Torre Kildow and senior Hannah Merritt each

netting five in that stretch. All told "I thought we actually competed Union Local connected on four bonus

goals in the frame.

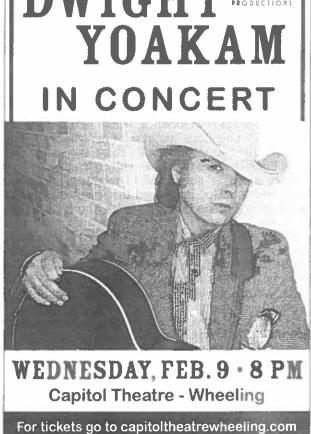
"We made enough plays to put ourselves in the comfort zone," ecute nearly well enough offensive- said. "We got good balance and good ly. When you score (three) points in a production from everyone. I thought we had good chemistry, which we need."
The Jets received 17 points from Kil-

That number was posted in the third dow. Senior Keira Gregor, who had a quarter when the Jets officially blew the strong outing in the prior meeting with the Huskies, added 11.

Junior Reagan Vinskovich and Laudeficit after one and a 31-12 deficit at ren Miller each had nine. The former ripped down a team-high 10 rebounds and blocked two shots.

Harrison Central was led by Maddie Butler's eight.

While the Jets are off until the title game on Saturday at 4 p.m., the Huskies are back in action Thursday in the consolation game at St. Clairsville.





8th grade tours

during February!

GIRLS BASKETBALL

OVAC Semifinals Class 4A

Union Local 56, Harrison Central 20

HARRISON CENTRAL (20) - Dunkle 1, 2-4 4; Butler 3, 0-0 8; Harbold 1, 0-0 2; Fischer 2, 0-0 4; Ferri

0, 0-0 0; Rensi 1, 0-0 2; Nemeth 0, 0-0 0; Hercules 0,

0-0 0; Carson 0, 0-0 0; Banal 0, 0-0 0; Ledger 0, 0-0

0: Totals: 8, 2-4-20, LINKON LOCAL (56) - Kildow 6.

4-5 17; Vinskovich 3, 3-7 9; Merritt 3, 0-0 7; Gregor 5.

0-0 11; Kellaway 1, 0-0 3; Miller 3, 0-0 9; Cheatham 0,

0-0 0; Scott 0, 0-0 0; King 0, 0-0 0; Pietranton 0, 0-0 0;

3-point goals: HC - Butler (2), UL - Kildow, Miller

Class 3A

Linsly 55, Martins Ferry 29

MARTINS FERRY (29) -- Mar. Clark 1 1-5 3; Sidon 2 0-0 6; Best 2 9-11 14; E. McFarland 0 0-0

0; Jones 1 0-0 2; Agnew 0 0-0 0; Pollock 0 2-4 2;

Marchbank 0 0-0 0: Guthrie 0 0-0 0: Smith 0 0-0 0:

Hughes 1 0-0 2; Shreve 0 0-0 0; Mad. Clark 0 0-0 0;

Totals: 7-34 12-20 29. LINSLY (55) -- Grimm 1 2-2 4

Heitz 2 0-0 6; Hicks 3 1-2 10; Edge 2 0-0 5; H. Cook 4 0-0 10; Podubnik 2 0-0 4; Ratcitfe 0 0-0 0; A. Cook

1 0-0 3; Zellous 5 2-4 13; Lituarado 0 0-0 0; Totals:

3-point goals: MF - Sidon (2), Best; L - Heitz (2), Hicks (3), Edge, H. Cook (2), A. Cook, Zellous.

Fort Frye 64, Bellaire 23 BELLAIRE (23) – Ault 2, 0-0 5; Porter 4, 0-0 8;

Harveth 3, 4-6 10; Mason 0, 0-0 0; Hamilton 0, 0-0 0;

McAninch 0, 0-0 0; Rowson 0, 0-0 0; O'Grady 0, 0-0

0: Bonar 0: 0-0 0: Craio 0: 0-0 0: Mendenze 0: 0-0 0:

Totals: 9, 4-6 23. FORT FRYE (64) - Archer 9, 5-5 27;

Duskey 0, 1-2 1; Lang 1, 0-0 2; Buch 0, 0-0 0; O'Brian 6, 0-0 18; Dalton 5, 0-0 11; Rauch 1, 0-0 3; M. Rauch

0, 0-0 0; Ross 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 23, 6-7 64.

Totals: 21, 7-12 56.

20-47 5-8 55.

(3), Gregor, Kellaway, Merritt.

Prep Basketball Boxscores

Friday's triple-double sparks Monroe to 2A final; Beallsville wins in 2OT

had a triple-double and Haylyn Hiles in overtime to advance to the 1A final fired in a team-high 18 points as the against Cameron. Seminoles (15-5) rolled past the visiting Cougars, 57-40.

Friday scored 17 points, handed out 10 assists and collected 10 rebounds. Hallie Bommer, who pumped in 35. 'The senior also had half-a-dozen Freshman Kaylee Hagan added 21 and steals while Hiles knocked down four Hannah Phillips finished with 11. three-pointers. Kynzi Bishop had seven points and a like number of rebounds.

Monroe Central will meet Steubenville Catholic, a 31-23 victor over snapped a lengthy losing skid for their Southern Local Monday night, in Satur- second win of the season over strugday's championship game.

Kara Ramsey had a game-best 19 points for Frontier.

> Class 3A Fort Frye 64, Bellaire 23

BEVERLY - Bellaire ran into a buzzsaw known as Fort Frye Monday a quality win on Monday by fending off evening in a Class 3A semifinal and had

The Cadets connected on 11 bonus goals, while the Big Reds cashed in on just one of 17 from behind the arc.

Fort Frye received 27 points from Wheeling University signee Hannah Archer. Kiana O'Brien hit six bonus goals for 18.

freshman Zara Harveth.

Class 1A Beallsville 85, Trinity 82

BEALLSVILLE - In probably the Bain's 16. Bailey Dyson had eight. wildest game of the evening, the Blue

WOODSFIELD - Kalista Friday Devils outlasted the Warriors by three

The Blue Devils connected on 36 of 45 from the free throw line.

Leading the way for Beallsville was

CONSOLATION GAMES

Barnesville 55, Madonna 40
BARNESVILLE - The Shamrocks gling Madonna.

The Shamrocks received 16 points from Lily Welch. Anna Yater added 11 and Ellie Thompson finished with nine.

Shadyside 55, Beaver Local 46 SHADYSIDE - The Tigers earned the Beavers.

The Tigers were led by senior Paige Gorby, who scored 22. Junior Gentry Brown and sophomore Macy Hendershot went for 17 and 11, respectively.

Bridgeport 36, Paden City 26

PADEN CITY - Bridgeport presented head coach Brittany Hicks with Bellaire received 10 points from her first career victory, snapping a lengthy losing streak that dates back to the 2019-20 campaign.

The Bulldogs were led by Kaylee

New Raiders coach McDaniels hopes for success

LAS VEGAS (AP) -- When Josh McDaniels was hired for his first head coaching job in Denver as a precocious 32-year-old, he flamed out almost im- one of the best things in my life in terms mediately because he realizes now that of my overall growth as a person, as a he didn't really know what the job en-

ended with his firing before the end of been announced, McDaniels jumped his second season humbled McDaniels, who then went back and spent another

decade as a coordinator. Now 13 years later, he's ready for his next shot as a head coach with the Las Vegas Raiders and hopes the lessons he learned back then lead to more success

his second time around. "When I went to Denver, I knew a That trust was a factor for both Mclittle bit of football," McDaniels said Daniels and Ziegler for taking the job Monday after being introduced as Raid-

ers coach. "I didn't really know people and how important that aspect of this process and coach-GM combo that could work well Rounds... maintaining the culture and building the together.

team was.

I failed, and I didn't succeed at it. Looking at that experience has been coach."

After backing out of a deal in 2018 to The experience with the Broncos that coach Indianapolis after it had already at the opportunity to coach the Raiders where he will be teamed with a general manager he has known for decades.

McDaniels and new GM Dave Ziegler were teammates in college at John Carroll University, worked together in Denver and then again the past Rounds nine years with the Patriots.

and for owner Mark Davis, who set out during the process to replace coach Jon Gruden and GM Mike Mayock to find a

Prep Schedule

Tuesday, Feb. 1 BOYS BASKETBALL Shadyside at Martins Ferry, 5:30 p.m Barnesville at Union Local Steubenville Catholic at Bellaire Buckeye Local at Bridgeport River at Monroe Central St. Clairsville at John Marshall BOWLING Harrison Central at Linsly

Brooke at River
Buckeye Local at Union Local
Wednesday, Feb. 2
BOYS BASKETBALL

Wheeling Central at St. Clairsville River at Magnolia Frontier at Shadyside BOWLING Harrison Central at Monroe Central Martins Ferry at Wheeling Central River at Bridgeport GIRLS BASKETBALL

Shenandosh at Barnesville
Toronto at Harrison Central
Barnesville at Bridgeport
WRESTLING
Fort Frye and River at Bridgeport
Oak Glen at Buckeye Local

Sports on TV

Tuesday, February 1 CHL HOCKEY

12 p.m.

NHLN - Tappara Tampere at Red Bull Munich,

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S) ACCN - Boston College at Virginia

FS1 - Creighton at UConn

7 p.m.

BTN - Rutgers at Northwestern

CBSSN - Davidson at St. Bonaventure ESPN - Kansas at Iowa St.

ESPN2 -- Michigan St. at Maryland ESPNU - South Carolina at Mississipoi St.

SECN - Texas A&M at Tennessee

ACCN - North Carolina at Louisville

8:30 p.m FS1 - Seton Hall at Georgetown

9 p.m. BTN - Nebraska at Michigan

CBSSN - Providence at St. John's

FSPN - Alabama at Aubum ESPN2 - Texas at Texas Tech

ESPNU - Tulsa at Wichita St.

SECN - Mississippi at LSU

PAC-12N - California at Stanford

10:30 p.m. FS1 - Nevada at UNLV

11 p.m. CBSSN - Fresno St. at San Jose St

NBA BASKETBALL

TNT - Washington at Milwaukee

10 p.m. TNT - Brooklyn at Phoenix

TENNIS

TENNIS - Pune-ATP, Montpellier-ATP Early

TENNIS - Montpellier-ATP Early Rounds

2:30 a.m. (Wednesday) TENNIS - Pune-ATP, Montpellier-ATP Early

6 a.m. (Wednesday)

TENNIS - Pune-ATP, Montpellier-ATP Early

3-point goals: B - Autl. FF - Archer (4), O'Brian

Class 2A

Monroe Central 57, Frontier 40 FRONTIER (40) - Ramsey 6 6-10 19; Shapley 0 0-0 0; Knowlton 3 1-4 8; Hoff 0 0-0 0; Schmidt 0 0-0 0; Cisler 1 0-0 2; Haught 2 1-2 5; Kirkpatrick 2 1-3 6; Totals: 14 9-19 40. MONROE CENTRAL (57) - Friday 4 6-6 17; Henthorn 0 0-0 0; H. Hilles 7 0-2 18; Thomp son 2 0-0 4; K. Hiles 0 0-0 0; Morris 2 0-1 4; Hoyt 0

0-0 0; Bishop 2 3-4 7; Harriman 0 0-2 0; Haslam 0 0-0 0; Swisher 0 0-0 0; Powell 0 0-0 0; Valkovic 0 0-0 0; Bennington 3 1-1 7; Totals: 20 10-16 57

3-point goals: F - Ramsey, Knowlton, Kirkpatrick; MC - H. Hilles (4); Friday (3)

Class 1A Beallsville 85, Trinity 82 20T

TRINITY (82) - Barnett 4, 2-3 10; Kisher 4, 3-4 15; Lynch 3, 0-0 7; Brown 4, 1-2 9; Austin 4, 1-3 10; Brown 6, 4-6 16; Mercurt 2, 5-6 11; Fisher 2, 0-2 4; Totals: 29, 16-26 82. BEALLSVILLE (85) - Hagan 6, 6-7 21; Wells 1, 1-2 3; Hughes 1, 6-8 9; Hott 1, 0-0 2; Bommer 10, 14-16 35; Phillips 1, 9-12 11; Huffman 2,

0-0 4; Totals: 22, 36-45 85. 3-point goals: T - Kisher (4), Lynch, Austin, Mercurt. B - Hagan (3), Hughes, Bommer.

Consolation Games Barnesville 55, Madonna 40

MADONNA (40) - Alatis 3, 8-11 14; Backel 3, 10-11 17; Wingett 3, 2-5 10; Harbin 0, 0-0 0; Pietranton 0, 0-0 0; Sole 0, 0-2 0; Totals: 9, 20-29 40. BARNES-VILLE (55) - Thompson 3, 1-1 9; Schaffer 0, 0-0 0; McFarland 1, 0-3 3; Lucas 0, 1-2 1; Tyson 2, 2-5 6; Welch 6, 4-4 16; Carter 3, 0-1 7; Fritter 0, 0-0 0; Yater 5, 1-2 11; Totals: 20, 9-18 55.

3-point goals: M - Backel, Wingett (2). B -Thomoson (2), McFarland, Carter.

Shadvside 55, Beaver Local 46

BEAVER LOCAL (46) — Roberts 4, 4-4 13; Fitzsimmons 0, 0-0 0; Hoppel 2, 2-4 6; Narry 2, 1-2 6; Palmer 2, 1-5 7; Starky 0, 0-0 0; Kaler 0, 0-2 0; Jordan 5, 0-0 14; Totals: 15, 8-17 46. SHADYSIDE (55) - Stewart 0, 9-2 0; T. Fulton 1, 0-0 2; R. Fulton 1, 0-0 3; Sims 0, 0-0 0; Brown 6, 3-4 17; Hendershot 4, 1-3 11; Gorby 8, 6-17 22; Totals: 20, 10-26 55.

3-point goals: BL - Roberts, Narry, Palmer (2), Jordan (4). S - R. Fulton, Brown (2), Hendershot (2). Bridgeport 36, Paden City 26

BRIDGEPORT (36) - McCormick 0, 0-0 0; Clemens 1, 1-3 3; Bain 4, 8-12 16; Herman 0, 0-0 0; Stewart 2, 0-0 4; Dyson 2, 3-4 8; Aubrey 1, 3-3 5; Conaway 0, 0-0 0; Marling 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 10, 15-22 36. PADEN CITY (26) - Sawinski 2, 1-15; Mathis 1, 0-12; Walton 0, 0-0 0; Young 0, 0-0 0; Smith 0, 0-0 0; Thomas 5, 6-9 27; Blake 0, 0-0 0; Rose 0, 0-0 0; Dennis 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 9, 7-11 26. 3-point goals: 8 – Dyson. PC – Thomas.

Prep Basketball Scores

GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL= Ashland Blazer, Ky. 62, Ironton 43, 6OT Ashtabula Edgewood 72, Ashtabula Lakeside 46 Ashville Teays Valley 49, Amanda-Ciearcreek 32 Ahwater Waterloo 70, N. Jackson Jackson-Milton

Barnesville 55, Madonna, W.Va. 41 Beallsville 85, Trinity, W.Va. 82, 20T Betmont Union Local 56, Cadiz Harrison Cent. 20 Severly F1. Frye 64, Bellaire 23 Bristol 64, Andover Pyrnatuning Valley 31 Bryan 43, Van Wert 39 Camden Preble Shawnee 72, Ansonia 52 Chagrin Falls Kenston 63, Willoughby S. 38 Chardon 42, Chagrin Falls 40 Chillicothe 64, New Hope Christian 47 Cle. Hts. Beaumont 48, Warren Harding 42 Cle. Hts. Lutheran E. 71, Cle. VASJ 28 Cle. St. Joseph 47, Elyria Cath. 36 Cols. DeSales 42, Dublin Scioto 31 Cuyahoga Falls Watsh Jesuit 66, Gates Mills

Hawken 38 Day, Christian 36, Jamestown Greeneview 34 Defiance Aversville 43, Stryker 30 Delphos St. John's 40, Lima Cent. Cath. 35 Dola Hardin Northern 36, Arcadia 34 Dover 57, Wintersville Indian Creek 40 Eastlake North 54, Cornerstone Christian 19 Fairport Harbor Harding 65, E. Cle. Shaw 40 Findlay 42, Tol. St. Ursuta 34 Findlay Liberty-Benton 69, Pandora-Gilboa 23 Gahanna Cols. Academy 58, Cols. Wellington 24 Galloway Westland 29, Cols. KIPP 18 Garrettsville Garfield 52, Newton Falls 25 Greenwich S. Cent. 36, Sullivan Black River 33

Hamilton Ross 55, Reading 15

Highlands, Ky. 50, St. Bernard Roger Bacon 40 Kettering Alter 48, Bishop Ferwick 39 Kirtland 35, Richmond Hts. 23 Lees Creek E. Clinton 58, Bethel-Tate 18 Liberty Center 56, Tontogany Otsego 12 Linsly, W.Va. 55, Martins Ferry 29 Lyndhurst Brush 101, Akr. Firestone 25 Madison 59, Aurora 50 Mansfield Temple Christian 57, Hearts for Jesus Christ High School 41

Mantua Crestwood 53, Rootstown 41 Mayfield 51, Cuyahoga Falls 29 McArthur Vinton County 61, Athens 28 Miamisburg 59, Lebanon 47 Middletown Madison Senior 63, W. Alexandria

Twin Valley S. 35 Millbury Lake 65, Pemberville Eastwood 52 Mogadore Field 41, Akr. Coventry 27 Morgantown, W.Va. 68, Vincent Warren 45 Morral Ridgedale 52, Bucyrus 36 Mt. Orab Western Brown 63, Clarksville Clin-

New Boston Glenwood 44, Latham Western 41 Newark Cath. 37, Hebron Lakewood 28 Norton 70, Lodi Cloverleaf 57 Notre Dame Academy 44, Tol. Whitmer 37 Oak Glen, W.Va. 67, St. Clairsville 57 Orwell Grand Valley 59, Ashtabula St. John 18 Parma 50, Sheffield Brookside 30 Parma Padua 36, Parma Hts. Holy Name 28 Pataskala Watkins Memorial 40, Granville 27 Peebles 50, Mowrystown Whiteoak 32 Pomeroy Meigs 65, Albany Alexander 55

Portsmouth 54, Portsmouth Clay 35 Portsmouth Notre Dame 59, Franklin Furnace

Valentine Recipes

DIY CANDY HEART GARLAND

SUPPLIES

- Colorful Paper
- Heart Punch
- Letter stamps
- Small Hole Punch
- · Bakers Twine

heart narland

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Cut out hearts in candy colors.
- 2. Stamp cute sayings on each card. Its a lot easier to put the same saying on a specific color.

3. Cut out two tiny hoies in the top of each heart so you can string them into

- a garland. 4. Lastly strip them together and then hang your cute new candy

VALENTINE DOUBLE CHOCOLATE BARK

INGREDIENTS

4 ounces

white chocolate, chopped

8 ounces

bittersweet chocolate, chopped Sprinkles, sanding sugar, candy hearts and coated chocolates,

for toppings

DIRECTIONS

Bring a small pan with 1 inch of water to a boil over medium-low heat. Place the white chocolate in a small bowl and place over the simmering water. When it is almost halfway melted, remove the bowl from the heat to a towel. Continue to stir with a rubber spatula until completely melted. Set aside. Repeat with the bittersweet chocolate.

Pour the bittersweet chocolate onto a parchment-lined rimmed baking sheet and spread to 1/4inch thick. Use a rubber spatula to drizzle the white chocolate over the bittersweet in zigzags and decorative patterns. Run the tip of a skewer through the chocolate in different directions to make swirls. Sprinkle with the toppings as desired. Refrigerate for about 30 minutes, then break

Park Advances To OVAC Final

Patriots shut out JM in first quarter

By CODY TOMER

Sports Writer
WHEELING - The Wheeling Park girls' basketball team will have the chance to repeat as OVAC 5A Champions on Satur-

top-seeded **Patriots** earned that opportunity on Monday night as they quieted No. 4 John Marshall 77-29 inside The Palace on the Hill.

Park will take on Morgantown in the final with the two teams already splitting two thrillers so far this season, which included a triple overtime win by the Patri-

"The OVAC title is definitely on our goal board," Park coach Ryan Young said. "We're excited about the opportunity to go there and play Morgantown. Anytime we have a chance to win over Morgantown it's high win over Morgantown it's big to us. There is going to be a lot more on the line than just an OVAC title. It will probably determine who gets home court in the sectional. They will be ready, especially after the way the last one ended here. This will be just another chapter in the Morgantown vs. Park rivalry, so we'll see what happens."
Leading the way for Park

in the semifinal was standout freshman Alexis Bordas with 16 points, along with junior Sophie Abraham with 14 points, sophomore Natalie Daugherty with 11, junior Naliah Lekanudos win over John Marshall. with nine and sophomore Jillian Huffman with eight.

first quarter and jumped out to a and score two points. We started 20-0 cushion before the Mon- off the game terribly with that. our defensive effort in the first archs got on the board just over We can help our half court dequarter," Young said. a minute into the second quarter. fense if we don't hand them free



Photo by Cody Tomer Wheeling Park's Jillian Huffman drives toward the basket while looking for an open teammate during Monday's OVAC Semifinal

turnovers and half court de- ourselves more than anything Kaitlyn Blake was solid for fense," JM coach Brock Melko and that was our bugaboo. the Monarchs with 16 points, said. "We knew we were go
Another 10-2 run by the said of th while Kayli Derrow netted four. ing to be trapped but the killer triots increased the lead in the Park was in control from the against them is when you have second as they led 45-13 at the start as it shut out JM 18-0 in the live ball turnovers and they go break.

"Our two keys were live ball points but that's where we hurt

Another 10-2 run by the Pa-

"We have to be happy with

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Photo by Kim North

Linsly's Zaniah Zellous dribbles by Martins Ferry's Lindsey Best during Monday's semifinal game.

Linsly Will Play For the 3A Tit

By KIM NORTH For The Intelligencer

Class 3A semifinal inside Class 3A semifinal inside The switch forced a loud Stifel Field House. Martins Ferry (11-8) into

dets (16-3) withstood a with five of those comvaliant attempt to slow ing in the decisive second the tempo from the No. quarter.
4 Purple Riders in the "We had a good start, first quarter, using a 21-3 but in the second quar-scoring advantage in the ter we got wide-eyed," second eight minutes en Martins Ferry head coach

semi-prepared for it. are good. What are you They did what they had going to do? to do to put themselves in "When we play good a good place."

knocked down back-to- most teams, but the good back bonus goals from each corner, it forced the

Cadets to switch up their defense.

WHEELING — Lins-ly celebrated Senior to play man-to-man de-Night in grand fashion fense, but they play it so Monday night as it pulled good," Upton noted. "We away from Martins Ferry keep telling them that in a Wheeling Hospital they are so good at it, so OVAC Girls Basketball own it."

The The top-seeded Ca- nine unforced turnovers,

route to a 55-29 victory. Dave Reasbeck said. "It "We kind of knew was a big crowd. Big stu-they wanted to slow dent section ... big game, pace down some because and we don't have many they've done that in a girls on this team that couple of games we've have played in big games. seen this season," Lins-ly head coach Rebecca in-the-headlight' moUpton said. "We were ment, but they (Linsly)

good place." teams, we have trouble scoring," Reasbeck said. ple Riders' Lindsee Sidon "We can score against

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1A Championship

By CODY NESPOR **Sports Writer**

CAMERÔN - The Cameron girls basketball team will play for cus in practice recently and it was in the second quarter, outsourcing an OVAC championship.

The No. 1-seed Dragons (14- "(Defense is) something that we halftime. 2) punched their ticket to the title really work on in practice," Pettit The D match with a convincing 61-24 vic- said. "Defense wins ball games so tory over No. 4-seeded Hundred (7- if we come out and we win on the reserve players in the fourth quar-

6) Monday night. defensive "I think it's a good confidence the game." booster," Cameron coach Holly Pettit said after the game. "We played press to a pair of her starting guards. Emilee Dobbs finished second with good defense but we still saw some "Macey Neely and Aubrey Cain-things that we still need to work Loy are so quick and so aggressive and two assists. Shayleigh Littleton

defense suffocated the Hornets said. throughout the first quarter.

early to lead 26-3 after the first VanTassell, who put in all 13 of her

Pettit said defense has been a fogood to see in action Monday.

defensive end, then we usually win ter.

on defense that they have the ability The Dragons seized control of the to disrupt anybody's offense, espe- Gretchen Foster came off the bench game early as their full-court press cially when we're pressing," Pettit to score four points and pull down

The bulk of the early scoring Cameron used a 15-point run came from sophomore Ashlynn

points in the opening frame.

Cameron kept the pressure on their visitors 15-5 to lead 41-8 at

The Dragons scored 16 more in the third before turning to mostly

VanTassell finished with a game-Pettit attributed the success of the high 13 points and seven rebounds. led the backups with six points and 10 boards.

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Photo by Cody Nespor Cameron's Ashlynn VanTassell (44) posts up against Hundred's Leah Dean during the Dragons' 61-24 victory Monday night.

Baker Is Goina To



No. 8 Baylor **Outlasts WVU**



GIF! Friday's Triple-Double Lifts Monroe

WOODSFIELD - Kalista Friday goals for 18. had a triple-double and Haylyn Hiles fired in a team-high 18 points as the freshman Zara Harveth. Seminoles (15-5) rolled past the visiting Cougars, 57-40.

Friday scored 17 points, handed out 10 assists and collected 10 rebounds. wildest game of the evening, the Blue The senior also had half-a-dozen Devils outlasted the Warriors by three steals while Hiles knocked down four three-pointers.

Kynzi Bishop had seven points and a like number of rebounds.

Monroe Central will meet Steubenville Catholic, a 31-23 victor over Hallie Bommer, who pumped in 35. and Keiera Wilkinson both scored 22 Southern Local Monday night, in Saturday's championship game.

Kara Ramsey had a game-best 19 points for Frontier.

Class 3A

buzzsaw known as Fort Frye Monday gling Madonna. evening in a Class 3A semifinal and had no answer.

The Cadets connected on 11 bonus and Ellie Thompson finished with nine. goals, while the Big Reds cashed in on just one of 17 from behind the arc.

Wheeling University signee Hannah the Beavers. Archer. Kiana O'Brien hit six bonus

Class 1A Beallsville 85, Trinity 82

in overtime to advance to the 1A final the 2019-20 campaign. against Cameron.

45 from the free throw line.

Leading the way for Beallsville was Freshman Kaylee Hagan added 21 and Hannah Phillips finished with 11.

CONSOLATION GAMES Barnesville 55, Madonna 40

BARNESVILLE - The Shamrocks Fort Frye 64, Bellaire 23 snapped a lengthy losing skid for their BEVERLY — Bellaire ran into a second win of the season over strug-

> The Shamrocks received 16 points from Lily Welch. Anna Yater added 11

Shadyside 55, Beaver Local 46 SHADYSIDE - The Tigers earned Fort Frye received 27 points from a quality win on Monday by fending off

The Tigers were led by senior Paige entering the fourth quarter.

Gorby, who scored 22. Junior Gentry Bellaire received 10 points from Brown and sophomore Macy Hender- final frame as the Blue Eagles hung on shot went for 17 and 11, respectively.

Bridgeport 36, Paden City 26
PADEN CITY - Bridgeport pre-BEALLSVILLE - In probably the sented head coach Brittany Hicks with her first career victory, snapping a

lengthy losing streak that dates back to

The Bulldogs were led by Kaylee The Blue Devils connected on 36 of Bain's 16. Bailey Dyson had eight. Wheeling Central 65, Valley 37

- Lily Vogrin PINE GROVE points as the Maroon Knights defeated ished with six. 'alley on the Road.

Vogrin sank five 3-pointers in the game and Abbey Jones finished third on the team with 11 points.

Huggins' nine.

Boys Basketball Magnolia 52 Tyler Consolidated 50

Williamson's 22 points, Magnolia did just enough to squeak out a victory. The game was 29-28 at halftime and 38-36

Both teams scored 14 points in the

Damon Shimp supported Williamson with 17 points.

Caleb Strode led Tyler with 15 points, Haygen Baker scored 11 and Conner Bailey had nine.

Harmon 82, Hundred 39

HUNDRED - Dylan Ray scored 11 points to lead the Hornets in a losing

Brayden Bartrug scored seven points and Mason and David Morris both fin-

Saturday Wheeling Central 85 North Marion 64

WHEELING The Maroon Wynter Huggins lêd the Lumberjills Knights drained 15 3-pointers and had with 17 points, supported by Cheyanne three players reach 20 points as they defeated North Marion Saturday.

Quinton Burlenski led the team with 26 points and had three triples, but Ryan Reasbeck (23 points) and Ley-SISTERSVILLE - Led by Trevor ton Toepfer (20 points) finished second and third in scoring and make six 3-pointers each.

Preston Williams led North Marion with 21 points.

2 WVU Games To Be Played On Thursdays

MORGANTOWN. from Saturday. W.Va. (AP) - West Virginia's road games oldest football rivalries

announced the chang- statement.

on Sept. 1 and travel to Oct. 13. Blacksburg, Virginia, to

Both pushed ahead two days East.

"Moving two of our at rivals Pittsburgh and to primetime continues Virginia Tech next sea- to build excitement for son are being moved to the 2022 season." West Virginia athletic director Mountaineers Shane Lyons said in a

es Monday night in The changes mean conjunction with the West Virginia will play Atlantic Coast Confer- three Thursday night games next season. The West Virginia will Mountaineers already open the season at Pitt are set to host Baylor on

It's the most weekday face the Hokies on Sept. games since they played three in 2011 in their games were final season in the Big

PARK -

(Continued from Page 9) keeping it a low-scoring point home at halftime before the Patriots once

the first and did a little shot.

were active defensively."

"We had some kids and their pressure forced we have a chance to beat come off the bench, we us into a lot of turnovers," them, we'll have to have gish in the third quarter, got a lot of steals and Melko said. "We weren't a game in the 40's." ourselves from the start.

"They are very good could slow them down. If fourth.

"We man-pressed in game was his team's best and in the third quarter we again got back into a showed ourselves that we rhythm to finish it in the

"We were a little slug-Young said. "Now, we'll The Monarchs fol-have several days this Despite the big half- We weren't doing any- lowed Melko's advice week to fix some things time deficit, Melko knew thing that we wanted to and limited Park to only and prepare for Morgan-limiting mistakes and do. We tried to drive that nine points in the third town."

LINSLY -

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one's we have trouble for some on a pair of treys. reason. If you can't score, it's tough to compete with a team like

triples in the second quarter, but it gram.' was freshman Zaniah Zellous who turned the tide.

Zellous netted six of her teamof her game-best 10 rebounds in

Upton raved about the 6-1 Zellous. "She is just so super-talher.

goals in the second quarter.

shoot and like to shoot it," Upton had four points and five rebounds. Linsly. said. "Tonight they were making them, so that was good, as well."

and classmate Haley Heitz had six the way the second half played out. landed nine rebounds.

ly, really special," Upton said of We played even with them un-Senior Ally Hicks hit a pair of "They mean so much to this pro- sey Best played really well. She

foot injury, but Upton said she will high 13 points and grabbed eight be ready for Saturday's championship game at Harrison Central tonight." the quarter. She also charted four High School against No. 2 Fort Beverly.

"There was no need for her to ented. There's a lot to say about continue playing," the coach said. Linsly had four of its 10 bonus fourth quarter for a token appearance before leaving the floor for

Although the outcome halted the

"I was pleased with the way "Those three seniors are real- we played in the second half. Carleigh Grimm, Heitz and Hicks. til I subbed," he stressed. "Linddoesn't get much press as a fresh-Grimm left in the latter stages man, but she is as good a freshof the second quarter favoring a man as I've seen this season. She played well, but we've got to help her and we weren't able to do that

The Purple Riders were playing Frye, which ousted third-seeded without the services of starter Dan-"She did have a big quarter for Bellaire, 64-23, Monday night in ielle Lude, but Reasbeck wouldn't use that as an excuse.

"She would've really helped us. We really haven't had her (healthy) Grimm re-entered the game in the all season, but you've got to play who you have.

Freshman Haylen Cook added 'We've got a lot of girls that can good to a standing ovation. She 10 points and seven rebounds for

Best had a game-high 14 points, Purple Riders' five-game winning which included a 9-for-11 effort Hicks finished with 10 points streak, Reasbeck was happy with from the foul line. Maria Clark

BAKER

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"This summer he came to me and said, 'I think I'm going to play football.' I was almost nervous about him maybe getting a concussion and I asked, 'Why?' and he said, 'It's my senior year and it's my final chance.

'It's just taken off like crazy and he started excelling at it and started getting attention from colleges, but it's definitely a blessing. I can't express how proud, happy and excited I am for Ayden."

Although he made it look easy. Baker put in the work to make his dreams of playing Division I football come true.

"It came naturally but it wasn't easy," he said. "I put in a lot of work off the field and in the gym. It feels like football was just the right sport for me. I liked the physicality of it and it all kind of clicked as soon as I got on the field.'

He says he was also blessed with great coaches to

help make this opportunity possible.
"Coach (Mike) Young was a great leader for me," Baker said. "He taught me and showed me through the process. Coach 'K' (Shannon Kuchinski) helped me with recruiting and helped me get my name out there to other coaches. I can't thank him enough for everything he's done for me. My defensive ends coach (Phil) Pest taught me a lot. Coach Chance Siebieda was a great coach for me and a great guy and I enjoyed being one of his players."

Along with the help of his coaches, his mother was his greatest supporter, fan and role model.

"My mom has been there for me through every-thing," Baker said, "She is my No. 1 influence and she has always been a great role model for me by showing me how to live life and how to be a good person.

Baker also received attention from Brown University and West Virginia University after turning in 10.5 sacks, 13 tackles for loss, 64 tackles, one interception and one forced fumble.

"Anytime you get to go to an Ivy League school.

CAMERON

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Hundred was led by 11 points from Ashlynn Peters that meeting 58-39 behind a 32-point, 22-rebound and seven by Rachel Snedden. that meeting 58-39 behind a 32-point, 22-rebound double-double by VanTassell.

Cameron advances to the OVAC Class 1A finals, which will be played Saturday at Harrison Central game Monday. High School. The title game will be a rematch be-tween the Dragons and No. 2-seed Beallsville, who er it's Beallsville or Morgantown Trinity," Pettit said.

just played one another last Friday. Cameron won

Beallsville defeated No. 3 Trinity in their semifinal

WVU:

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to Alabama in the Big 12/SEC Challenge. Jonathan Tchamwa Tchatchoua had 14 points.

The Bears were without injured guards Adam Flagler (knee) and LJ Cryer (foot). Flagler is a starter averaging 12.7 points a game and Cryer, their leading scorer at 13.9 points a game, missed his second game in a row.

Sherman made two 3-pointers in a 16-1 run by West Virginia over the final 4 1/2 minutes of the first half for a 39-31 lead.

Both of those 3s by Sherman, the first getting the Mountaineers within 30-28 and the other putting them ahead by one, followed missed 3s by Baylor.

The Mountaineers missed their first six 3s and were down 20-10



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OVAC girls basketball tourney pairings set

Times Leader Sports Editor

The path to an Ohio Valley Athletic Conference girls basketball champion-

The brackets for the 14th annual For the first time in the his-Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Bas- tory of the event, the champiketball Championship finalized Tuesday afternoon with the top four teams in each class earning the right into the semifinals, which are slated for Monday at the higher seed's court.

This marks the first time since 2020 title games slated for Feb. 5.

drastic differences in the Ohio and West Virginia calendars

due to COVID-19.

at Ohio University Eastern.
Both the girls and boys championships will be held at Harrison Central High School with the girls'

onship games will not be held

that the OVAC will crown its champions on the court. Last season was done via the paper champion because of the via the paper champion because of the ovac will be a champion because of the ovac will crown its champion. Those schools not qualifying for the ovac will be a champion because of the ovac will be a champion because of

Committee.

Here's a look at the match- Morgantown for the semifinal.

Class 5A

top seed. The Patriots won last Park already this winter. season's title, which was the 14th in their history.

of its two losses, is the second seed. The

Warren Local — a relative newcomer to the OVAC — is the third seed with an 11-5 record. The Warriors will visit

John Marshall, which is 8-7, grabbed the final spot and will travel to Wheel-Wheeling Park - by virtue ing to take on the Patriots. The Monof a 14-2 record - earned the archs have lost two prior meetings with

Class 4A

Union Local has been the wire-to-Morgantown, which handed Park one wire leader in the standings for this See, OVAC, Page B2

BELLAIRE **SENIOR** Owen Ward drives basline after getting past Shadyside's Ben Wach during the first quarter of Tuesday's game in Bellaire. The Tigers posted a 75-57 victory.

T-L Photo/SETH



STASKEY

Shadyside subdues Bellaire, 75-57

By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

time in asserting itself Tuesday evening at Bellaire.

points of the game and really never dle the pressure because if you can't, were created by senior standout Kolooked back en route to claiming a 75-57 repeat win over the Big Reds.

Shadyside (10-5) was able to handle able to create chances for themselves. Reds that brings out the best in Beckthe Big Reds pressure and not only keep from turning the ball over, but it the Tigers. also converted time and time again.

BELLAIRE - Shadyside wasted no play (Bellaire), they're going to score because they have pretty good foot and they can do it quickly," Shadyside speed. Plus, they can finish on the othhead coach Ed Andes said. "To be suc- er end, which is a problem." The Tigers scored the first seven cessful against them, you have to hanyou lose.

Those opportunities went the way of ett.

"We got off to a good start, but the well as they did when we played down

thing I was probably most excited there," Bellaire head coach J.R. Battisabout was that we were able to keep ta said. "They have some good, senior it going because you know when you guards who can get by the pressure

Most of those Big Reds' problems rey Beckett, who continued to play at It's basically been that simple. In the a high level. And there must be some-For the second time this season, Big Reds' nine victories, they've been thing about playing against the Big

In the prior meeting, Beckett scored "They handled the pressure just as 30 points and eclipsed the 1,000-point

See, SHADYSIDE, Page B2

Bridgeport cameron routs



By CODY NESPOR For The Times Leader

CAMERON – Superior size and aggressive defense allowed the Cameron boys to open up a big lead in the first quarter and the Dragons never looked back, defeating visiting Bridgeport 84-48 Tuesday evening.

It was the fifth win in a row for the surging Dragons (7-3) as both of their post players, Trevor Beresford the way both of them played." and Lance Hartley, put up big offen-

team."

Beresford led all scorers in the contest with 25 points and even drained an open 3-pointer in the third quarter. Hartley was not far behind him, scoring 21 points of his

"They both played pretty well (Tuesday)," Hart said. "Lance missed a couple of baskets inside early but then he started getting his groove a little bit. I'm pleased with

The Bulldogs (1-15) looked pret-

Big Papi elected to HOF; Bonds, Clemens and Schilling denied

By JAKE SEINER AP Baseball Writer

David Ortiz gazed at his phone, his pursed lips revealing nerves rarely seen from one of the game's great clutch hit-

Pedro Martinez's hand rested on Ortiz's shoulder, and Martinez grinned when the good news came through. The former teammates embraced, and Martinez welcomed Ortiz into a rare space in baseball history.

Big Papi is bound for Cooperstown and on the first ballot, too.

Ortiz was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in his first try Tuesday, while steroid-tainted stars Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens were denied entry in their final year under consideration by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Ortiz, a 10-time All-Star over 20 seasons mostly with the Boston Red Sox, was named on 77.9% of ballots, clearing the 75% threshold needed for enshrinement. He's the 58th player inducted in his first time up for consideration.

"Man, it's a wonderful honor to be able to get in on my first rodeo," Ortiz

Big Papi was among baseball's most recognizable faces through the 2000s and 2010s. His enormous grin endeared him to fans, but the Dominican's hulking frame menaced pitchers, especially in the late innings. Three of his 23 career game-ending hits came during Boston's drought-breaking 2004 postseason, when the Red Sox thwarted the rival Yankees and then won their first World Series title in 86 years.

He's the fourth Hall of Famer born in the Dominican Republic, joining Juan Marichal, Martinez and Vladimir Guer-

"I can imagine how New England has to feel about one of its babies getting into the Hall of Fame today," Ortiz said. "I'm not even going to tell you about the Dominican Republic."

The left-handed hitter was signed by Seattle as a teenager and traded to Minnesota as a minor leaguer. He made his major league debut with the Twins in 1997 but hardly looked like a future Hall of Famer there. He was released in 2002, signed by Boston and slugged 31 homers the next season.

Ortiz said he joined the Red Sox to learn what made stars like Martinez, Manny Ramirez and Nomar Garciaparra great. Martinez helped pave the way, encouraging first-year general manager Theo Epstein to sign the 6-foot-3 slug-

"Once I figured it out, it was going to be a wrap," Ortiz said. "That team was surrounded by so many superstars, and

from the slot.

Letang gave Pittsburgh a two-goal "We didn't play with that much speed lead with about nine minutes left in the in the first, but we kept building," Lethird with his second goal of the game. tang said. "I thought we played a re- to exclude him from the He took a pass from Evan Rodrigues sponsible game for 60 minutes and at Hall of Fame based on and sent a blocker-side wrist shot past a the end we got rewarded.' diving Vejmelka.

Schmaltz gave Arizona a 3-2 lead at 2:54 of the third period following a tied with Colorado for the longest active Ortiz said sloppy Pittsburgh turnover in the neutral in the league and their 17 wins since zone. But McGinn tied it at 4:53 when Dec. 4 are tied with the Avalanche for he slid a backhander past Vejmelka.

Then, Crosby and Letang took over

for Pittsburgh.

in his last 12 games. Crosby, with 10 is three away from becoming the second

Schmaltz opened the scoring at 8:23 of the second period, and the teams dating back to Feb. 29, 2016. In Pittsclosed the second with three power-play burgh, the Penguins won their seventh

Letang has four goals and 17 points goals and 32 points in his last 23 games, active player to score 500 career goals.

Rust tied the game on the man advan- 28, 2015.

full court press defense started to games." er a 22-2 run and seized control of the frame and by that time both teams had

the game," said Bridgeport coach Don a 13-2 run late in the game to make the Cash. "We broke the press pretty good and then we just went bonkers there for a minute and they extended their lead. When it rains it just storms.

Cameron went on a 37-4 run that

Despite the lopsided score, the Bulldogs came out of halftime competitive and traded the first eight baskets of the

"I thought we played a little bit better in the second half, but we've got to learn to compete for four quarters," Cash said. "It's been the same old story all year. If we learn to do that, and do and keep our composure and be able to chances can be there if that consistently, it'll give us a shot in finish out this week strong," Hart said. you handle the pressure.'

Cameron led 73-33 entering the final more or less emptied their benches play-"I was pleased with how we started ing their reserves. Bridgeport managed score look a little more respectable.

glove and fluttered into the net.

STREAKING PENGUINS

most in the NHL during that span.

record for the month.

Pittsburgh also won its eighth straight

home game for the first time since an

11-game run in 2018. The Penguins'

10 wins in January is a new franchise

The Penguins also won their seventh

straight against Arizona and they have

points in each of their last 10 games

straight against Arizona since March

Burkett scored 13 points for Cameron

Friday versus Beallsville.

and Commissioner Rob Manfred said in 2016 "I think it would be wrong" that lone test.

"I never failed a test, so The Penguins' six-game win streak is what does that tell you?"

> Ortiz will be enshrined Cooperstown, New York, on July 24 along with era committee selections Buck O'Neil, Minnie Milloso, Gil Hodges, Tony Oliva, Jim Kaat and Bud Fowler.

Bonds, Clemens, Curt Schilling and Sammy Sosa were all rejected in their 10th and final year on the BBWAA ballot. Bonds is MLB's career home run leader and Clemens won a record seven Cy Young Awards, but voters denied them the game's highest honor over allegations they used PEDs. Bonds got 66% of the vote, and Clemens was at 65.2%.

"My family and I put the HOF in the rear view mirror ten years ago, Clemens said on Twitter. "Hopefully everyone can

Shadyside-Continued from Page B1

iden Tarr added nine. mark. He produced a These teams will not have to wait season high 31 markers

you have to make a lot of

Beckett, who is closing in on 200 made treys for his career, scored in a bevy of ways. He buried two bonus goals in the first quarter, but he also knocked down 13 of 15 at the foul line, too.

Andes thought the biggest point of the game was the third quarter. Shadyside built a 42-31 lead at halftime and then opened the third on a 16-5 run to stretch the

margin to 58-36. "We never really got in the flow (of the game)," Battista said. "We didn't bother them. We made some plays and shots to cut into their lead a little bit, but we were never able to make them uncomfortable. a credit to them. They played well. They handled it and passed the ball well. They're a very skilled bunch."

While Beckett much of the damage offensively, he was by no means alone. The Tigers established rangy junior post player Elijah Brock early. He scored eight of his 20 in the first quarter. Senior Bryce Amos

chipped in with 11. The Big Reds (9-7) were paced by junior

Ray Ray Pettigrew's 13 points. Seniors Owen Ward and Jaiden Kesterson each had 12.

Shadyside is back in action Friday at home against Frontier, while Bellaire returns to the court Saturday against Harrison Central in the Buckeye 8 crossover event at Beaver Local.

Sports on TV

Marshall Fieldhouse

Wednesday, January 26 COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S) ESPN2 - Florida at Tennessee

6:30 p.m. BTN - Northwestern at Michigan CSSSN - Providence at Xavier FS1 - Creighton at Butler

ACCN - Miami at Virginia Tech ESPNU - Vanderbill at South Carolina SECN - Arkansas at Mississippi

ESPN2 - Oldahoma at West Virginia BTN - Penn St, at Indiana CBSSN - VCU at Davidson

FS1 - Marquette at Seton Hall 9 p.m. ACCN — Florida St. at Georgia Tech ESPNU - Tulsa at Tulane SECN — Texas A&M at LSU

10 p.m. PAC-12N - Utah at Washington St. 10:30 p.m. FS1 -- San Diego St. at Utah St. COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

2 p.m. PAC-12N — Utah at Oregon PAC-12N — Arizona at UCLA

COLLEGE GOLF

4:30 p.m. GOLF - The Southwestern Invitational: Final Round, North Ranch CC, Westlake, Calif.

Open, First Hound, Torrey Pines Golf Course, San Diego 2:30 a.m. (Thursday) GOLF — DP World Tour: The Dubai Desert

GOLF - PGA Tour: The Farmers Insurance

Classic, First Round, Emirates Golf Club, Dubai, United Arab Emirates NBA BASKETBALL

ESPN - New York at Miaroi 10:05 p.m. ESPN — Phoenix at Utah NHL HOCKEY TNT - Chicago at Detroit TNT - Boston at Colorado SOCCER (MEN'S) 245 p.m. CBSSN - SPFL: Celtic Glasgow at Heart of

Midothian TENNIS ESPN2 - ATP/WTA: The Australian Open,

ESPN - WTA: The Australian Open, Semifinals, Melbourne, Australia

OVAC Wrestling

The OVAC Bill Hinedgardner Wrestling Dual Meet Championships will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. The schedule follows:

(at Brooke H.S.) Weigh-ins: 5 p.m Round 1: 6 p.m. Class 4A #1 St. Clairsville vs #4 Harrison Central #2 Indian Creek vs #3 Oak Glen Winners will meet 20 minutes after completion of semifinals

(at John Marshall Field House) Weigh-ins: 5 p.m. Round 1: 6 p.m. Division 3A: #1 Linsly vs. #4 Martins Ferry #2 Barnesville vs. #3 Shenendoah Winners will meet 20 minutes after completion of semifinals

Division 5A: #1 Wheeling Park vs. #4 Morgantown #2 Steubenville vs. #3 John Marshall Winners will meet 20 minutes after completion

OVAC Girls Hoops

Semifinal Pairings Class SA John Marshall at Wheeling Park Warren at Morgantown Class 4A Harrison Central at Union Local St. Clairsville at Oak Glen Class 3A Martins Ferry at Linsty Bellaire at Fort Frye Class 2A Southern Local at Steubenville Catholic Frontier at Monroe Central Class 1A Hundred at Cameron Trinity at Beallsville Consolation Painings Monday, Jan. 31 Bridgeoort at Paden City Weir at Edison Cambridge at Steubenvill Buckeye Local at Magnolia Madonna at Barnesville Marietta at Shenandosh Dover at Indian Creek Brooke at University River at East Liverpool Wheeling Central at Valley Beaver Local at Shadysid Clay-Battelle at Toronto Buckeye Trail at Caldwell Thursday, Feb. 3 Edison at Brooke Steubenville at Beaver Local Toronto at Wheeling Central Shadyside at Clay-Battelle Indian Creek at River Caldwell at Buckeye Local Barnesville at Cambridge

Shenandoah at Buckeye Trail

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Ohio Boys Scores

3-point goals: UL - Porter (2), Butterworth. BT -

SHENANDOAH (45) - Smith 3, 1-3 8; Fairchild 6,

1-2 17; Stottsberry 0, 0-0 0; Irvin 0, 0-0 0; G. Stotts-berry 2, 1-1 6; VanFleet 1, 0-0 3; Bennett 0, 0-0 0; Perkins 0, 0-0 0; Miles 2, 1-2 5; House 2, 2-2 6; Totals:

16, 6-10 45. MONROE CENTRAL (56) - Rose-Burton 9, 3-4 21; Kroll 0, 0-0 0; Bunning 1, 0-0 2; Brown 0, 2-2 2; Yonak 0, 0-0 0; Kinney 2, 0-0 4; Howell 6, 0-1 14;

Swisher 5, 2-2 13; Landefeld 0, 0-0 0; Demchak 0, 0-0

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0: Potts 0, 0-0 0: Totals: 23, 7-9 56.

ry, VanFleet. MC - Howell (2), Swisher.

Rome, Burga, Beaver, Dodd.

Monroe Central 56, Shenandoah 45

0-0 0; Totals: 12, 4-6 32.

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get to them as the Dragons put togeth-

spanned the end of the first quarter and most of the second to take a 41-8 lead. A 15-4 run by the Dragons to end the first half made it a 56-18 lead at the

half with the Dragons.

Behind Beresford and Hartley, Cole and Chris McCauley had 11.

Jackson led Bridgeport with 17 points while draining a trio of triples. Daniel Spurlock finished with 12 and Aiden Tarr added nine.

long to meet again, as Cameron will hit this time around, includthe road later today to play a makeup ing a 15-point outburst in game against the Bulldogs in Havlicek the second quarter. Gymnasium. Cameron will not get "I was very pleased much rest after that either as they are in with our effort," Andes Gymnasium. Cameron will not get action Thursday against Paden City and said. "Against Bellaire,

"We play four games in four days so two-pointers because the Quarterfinals, Melbourne, Australia (Taped) we've got to be able to keep our legs opportunity for transition

OVAC

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The Jets are the reign- in 2014. ing class champions, but title game in 2020 by

The Golden Bears haven't hoops won an OVAC girls basketball title since 2001.

Red Devils are 8-7 on the season

Harrison Central, which owns two OVAC girls hoop titles in this battled through a mid-sea- top seed on the strength format, earned the fourth son rough patch to finish of an 11-2 record. The spot and will take on the 10-7. The Purple Riders Dragons have won one atorementioned jets. The fended off River by 1.5 title on the court and it two teams just met last points in the average col- came in 2018. Saturday in the Buckeye umn to earn the final berth 8 title with Union Local and right to visit Linsly. posting a 65-13 victory. CLASS 3A

Tolzda's team currently last spring when they fin- seed. sits at 14-3 and at one ished undefeated, the Cajuncture found itself on a dets has won just one con- claimed a conference title 12-game winning streak. ference title and it came since 1989

were defeated in the 3A both came at the hands of second-seeded Fort Frye. The Beveriy-based Ca-Oak Glen is 7-5 and dets are 13-3 and own 10 pocketed the second seed. conference titles in girls

Bellaire, which has been one of the area's St. Clairsville, which surprising teams with a hasn't won a girls title relatively young squad, has never won a title in since 2007, will make garnered the third seed the trip to Newell, W.Va. thanks to a 12-5 record. time in the OVAC, qualto take on Oak Glen. The Big Reds won the ified as the fourth seed 2019 on the court and with a solid 14-3 record. own eight titles overall.

Martins Ferry, which won the 4A title in 2020, Cameron pocketed the

CLASS 2A

Linsly has earned the top failed to qualify. Steuben- titles in their history, curseed with an impressive ville Catholic has quietly rently sport a 12-5 mark. 16-2 record. Prior to win- put together a strong 12-3 YOUR BOOTS DESERVE THE FINEST CARE Glo-Cone and St. Class CLEANERS

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class. Coach Scooter ning the conference title record to earn the top

The Crusaders haven't

Monroe Central, which The Cadets' two losses hasn't won a title since 2009, is the second seed. The Seminoles are 14-4.

> Set to visit Woodsfield is third-seeded Frontier, which owns a 12-6 mark. The Cougars have already lost twice to the Semi-

> Southern Local, which girls basketball in its short **CLASS 1A**

Defending champion

Beallsville, which won the last two small-school crowns on the floor, is the A new champion is second seed. The Blue Defending champion guaranteed as Shadyside Devils, who own eight

> Trinity Christian will make the jaunt to Monroe County on Monday after earning the third seed. The Warriors are 7-4 on the season. Their lone conference title came in 2012.

> Hundred earned the right to visit Cameron as the fourth seed. The Hornets are 6-4 and are seeking their first OVAC title in girls basketball.



Photo by Cody Tomer

Wheeling Park's Lala Woods, front, dribbles around Morgantown's Kate Hawkins during Tuesday's triple overtime battle inside The Palace on the Hill.

No. 4 Patriots defeat No. 2 Morgantown in 3OT thriller

By CODY TOMER **Sports Writer**

WHEELING Practice town (12-3) and No. 4 Wheeling Park (14-2) did.

a 16-point lead evaporate turning into a triple-overtime get some positives out of it." slugfest between W.Va. Class AAAA heavyweights — but the Patriots weathered the storm to

over the Mohigans inside The draw that up in practice. As a Palace on the Hill.

In the fourth quarter, the against a really good basketball and this game will be significant Wheeling Park girls watched team, not that we wanted it to for both teams." happen, but you can definitely

White echoed that statement.

"What a great end-of-game sitpull out a thrilling 74-68 win uation," White said. "You can't

coach, to get that many different "I'm upset we lost the lead but scenarios and that many timeouts makes perfect but it can't create at the end, any win against Morand that many huddles with that the emotion, intensity and exagantown is good," Park coach amount of time on the clock, you perience that Tuesday's instant Ryan Young said. "It kind of can't practice that. What we got classic between No. 2 Morgan- benefited us that they came back out of this game (Tuesday) was because being in a situation of better than any 30 or 40-point three overtimes, a tight game win. It's what you learn from it

> Wheeling Parksonly made a total of three field goals com-Morgantown coach Jason bined in the fourth quarter, first, second and third overtimes and

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Photo by Benjamin Powell/The Dominion Post Morgantown's Brooks Gage (3) keeps the ball in his control from Wheeling Park on Tuesday.

Patriots Downed At Morgantown

By Michael Griffith The Dominion Post MORGANTOWN

All of the scoring for the scored 24 points against Morgantown boys' bas- University earlier this ketball team (8-3) came year, struggled throughfrom its starters, includ- out the game and only ing four of them reach- managed five points, ing double-figures, as it highly due to the team dedefeated visiting Wheel- fense of the Mohigans on ing Park (6-6) 73-58 on Davis, throwing multiple Tuesday night inside the players at him. Rowdie Center.

much more intensity than the deficit remained the and making some shots. offense slightly. Howev-Brody Davis.

Park made it a game, however, holding serve with the state's topend of one, 19-16.

plan and they shot the off the bench to lead his heck out of it," Mohigans team. head coach Dave Tallman said. "That's the best their team has ever shot

the ball in our gym."

Patriots standout freshman, Aiden Davis, who

The pace began to You couldn't ask for slow in the second, but was given by both teams same. Young forced Dafrom the opening tip. Ear- vis into a few turnovers to ly on, both teams were begin the quarter, which causing a few turnovers forced Park to switch its MHS found itself ahead er, the Patriots answered early in the first 10-5, the MHS pressure on paced by six points from defense and kept within striking distance, trailing only by 5 at the half, 35-

With Davis off the ball, ranked team and shooting Brett Phillips and Bren-3 of 4 from deep to begin dan Richter began to get the game. The Patriots hot for Wheeling Park. found themselves only They each entered the trailing by three and the third quarter and reached scoring. double-digit "Give a lot of credit to Richter was 5 of 8 from Wheeling Park tonight, 3-point range in the game they had a great game and scored 21 points

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By SETH STASKEY For The Intelligencer

The path to an Ohio Valley Athletic Central High School with onference girls basketball champion- the girls' title games slat-Conference girls basketball championship is set.

The brackets for the 14th annual Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Bas- qualifying for the chamketball Championship finalized Tues-day afternoon with the top four teams assigned their games by in each class earning the right into the the OVAC Basketball semifinals, which are slated for Mon- Committee. day at the higher seed's court.

This marks the first time since 2020 matchups: that the OVAC will crown its champions on the court. Last season was done Virginia calendars due to COVID-19.

For the first time in the history of the event, the championship games will one of its two losses, is the second seed. ture found itself on a 12-game winning

Both the girls and boys championships will be held at Harrison

ed for Feb. 5.

Those schools not

Here's a look at the

Class 5A

Wheeling Park - by virtue of a 14-2 via the paper champion because of the record - earned the top seed. The Padrastic differences in the Ohio and West triots won last season's fittle, which was the 14th in their history.

not be held at Ohio University Eastern. The Mohigans are 12-3 on the season. streak.

Warren Local - a relative the third seed with an 11-5 record. The Warriors will

semifinal.

is 8-7, grabbed the final 2001. spot and will travel to Wheeling to take on the Patriots. The Monarchs ings with Park already this

winter.

Class 4A

Union Local has been the wire-towire leader in the standings for this Morgantown, which handed Park currently sits at 14-3 and at one junc- victory.

The Jets are the reigning class chamnewcomer to the OVAC - is pions, but were defeated in the 3A title game in 2020 by Fort Frye.

Oak Glen is 7-5 and pocketed the visit Morgantown for the second seed.

The Golden Bears haven't won John Marshall, which an OVAC girls basketball title since

St. Clairsville, which hasn't won a girls title since 2007, will make the trip to Newell, W.Va. to take on Oak Glen. have lost two prior meet- The Red Devils are 8-7 on the season.

Harrison Central, which owns two OVAC girls hoop titles in this format, earned the fourth spot and will take on the aforementioned Jets. The two teams just met last Saturday in the Buckeye 8 class. Coach Scooter Tolzda's team title with Union Local posting a 65-13

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Sliding OU

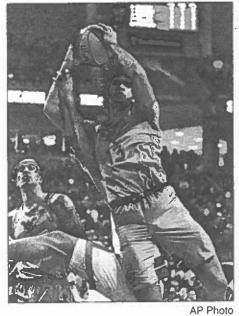
By JARED SERRE For The Intelligencer

MORGANTOWN - While the weight of a losing streak seems to get heavier with each passing day, the West Virginia University men's basketball team knows that being down in the dumps contributes little toward making progress

"We may feel that things are not in our favor," forward Pauly Paulicap said Tuesday, "but we've just got to stick to what we do, practice what we plan and then try to see it through.'

A home date with Oklahoma this Wednesday (8 p.m., ESPN2) could snap WVU's current three-game skid, with the visitors coming to Morgantown having won only two of their seven conference matchups.

Wednesday with an overall 12-7 record, 2-5 in the Big 12.



West Virginia's Isaiah Cottrell (13) rebounds the ball over Texas Tech's Kevin Obanor (0) during Saturday's game.

ly, probably a much better place than The Sooners have underachieved many projected during the offseason. so far by Big 12 standards, but enter Nine scholarship players left the program following head coach Lon Kruger's March decision to retire, forcing They've dropped their last four incoming head coach Porter Moser to

Blow Past Bulldogs

By CODY NESPOR Sports Writer
CAMERON – Sup

Superior size and aggressive defense allowed the Cameron boys to open up a big lead in the first quarter and the Dragons never looked back, defeating visiting Bridgeport 84-48 Tuesday evening.

It was the fifth win in a row for the Cameron's Lance Hartley (33) pressurging Dragons (7-3) as both of their post players, Trevor Beresford and Lance Hartley, put up big offensive performances.

"We're getting better each game," said Cameron coach Tom Hart. "We're playing better team ball and sharing the basketball pretty well. We still have a little ways to go, but we're starting to come together as a team.'

Beresford led all scorers in the contest with 25 points and even drained



Photo by Cody Nespor

sures Bridgeport guard Ciaran Flanagan as he tries to bring the ball up the court Tuesday night.

"They both played pretty well (Tuesday)," Hart said. "Lance missed a couple of baskets inside early but then he started getting his groove a lit-

"I'm pleased with the way both of them played."

The Bulldogs (1-15) looked pretty good in the opening minutes, but the

nion Local Keeps OVAC Hopes Alive Wit

OLD WASHINGTON - Union Lopull away from the invading Zeps.

All kept its OVAC Tournament hopes Monroe Central scored 38 of its cal kept its OVAC Tournament hopes alive when it went to Buckeye Trail and points in the second half. posed a 44-32 Tuesday evening

Cambridge, received 13 points from points. Tucker Howell and Jake Swishjunior Beezer Porter and 11 from class- er added 14 and 13, respectively. mate D.J. Butts.

Buckeye Trail was led by Franko child's 17. Rome's game-high 15.

beat Kansas, they had a ranked Texas.

three-straight

"We've been good at

Despite West Virgin-

around the program this

with the Mountaineers

"Every game is defi-

been winning games. It's

"He's done a great job opponents - all losses.

with them, done a great The Mountaineers have

job putting the team already lost five games together," WVU head in the month of January,

coach Bob Huggins said. including a New Year's

"They had a chance to Day matchup against un-

actually, they led both of times and not very good

them late in the game. at times," Huggins said. He's done a terrific job." "I think a lot of that has

fers from the offseason, obviously, as well. Real-

one - 6-foot-10 for- ly, we haven't been able

ward Tanner Groves - to play two bigs as much

leads the team in scoring. as what I'd kind of like

After transferring from to play two bigs, because

with his brother, Groves guys who can score and

averages 12.7 points in hopefully help other

ference-leader in field ia's up-and-down sea-

goal percentage, making son, as echoed by many

Groves also ranks sec- season, any Big 12 team

ond on the team in re- can beat any other Big

bounding, hauling in just 12 team on any day. One

shy of six a game, while losing streak will come

6-foot-6 Jalen Hill aver- to an end on Wednesday,

Gibson is also a major ones who remedy their

game. He and Groves nitely going to be a batare the only two Sooners tle," Curry said. "You

averaging 10 or more can't take any team light-

points each time out. Iv, no matter who the

But Gibson sees a ma- team is. You gotta give

jor chunk of his success all-out effort every game

come from the free throw to win the game and,

line, where he shoots at a right now, we haven't

a much-needed break for to figure out to come out

West Virginia (13-5, 2-4 with a [W] at the end of

The matchup presents something we're going

factor offensively, av- long-held woes.

Senior guard Umoja hoping they can be the

just over 26 minutes per people score.

Washington we have to find some

Of the team's six trans- to do with who you play,

WVU

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chance to beat Baylor —

game. He's also the con-

55.6% of his attempts.

eraging 12.4 points per

ages roughly 6.3.

The Jets, fresh off a triple OT win at standout Malachi Rose-Burton's 21

Shenandoah was led by Xander Fair-

Steubenville 50, Indian Creek 42 Monroe Central 56, Shenandoah 45

WOODSFIELD - The surging in the second quarter helped the Big STEUBENVILLE - An 11-0 run Seminoles shook off a slow first half to Red hang on and pick up a victory over 11 points. Logan Schaeffer finished points each.

PARK -

ranked

visiting Indian Creek Tuesday.

Steubenville led 25-12 at halftime bounds. and weathered a couple of Indian Creek The Seminoles were led by senior runs in the second half to preserve the victory.

Big Red's Phaeton Hill took game be too much for Bellaire. scoring honors with 20. Inky Jones contributed 14 and recorded a double-double by hauling down 11 rebounds. Frankie Vostatek contributed eight points and eight boards.

with 10 and a team-leading eight re-

Shadyside 75, Bellaire 57

BELLAIRE - Korey Beckett bucketed 31 points as Shadyside proved to

Elijah Brock turned in 20 points for the Tigers, while teammate Bryce Amos added 11.

The Big Reds were led by Ray Ray Pettigrew with 13 points and Owen Mitch Williams ledIndian Creek with Ward and Jaiden Kesterson with 12

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still found a way to win.

In the third OT, freshmen Lala Woods and Alexis Bordas stepped to the free throw line and buried each shot, before sophomore Merritt Delk came off

the bench to drain a pair of free throws and collect the clinching defensive rebound.

"This is a heavyweight battle every time we play," Young said. "One person I pointed out in the locker room, who sat on the bench for a very long time, is Merritt Delk. She came in and had two big rebounds and made two free throws. She went to the line and knocked them down like it was nothing. She was really good after sitting on the bench for two-and-ahalf quarters and I'm really proud of her."

Park started the fourth on a 10-4 run and led convincingly 52-36, but the Mohigans turned up the pressure and turned in an 18-2 march to tie the game

at 54-54 with 2:14 to play.

"I thought our body language was good," White said. "Park exploited a lot of stuff against us but we turned up the pressure, got a couple of steals and fed off that energy.'

After Park took a narrow two-point edge, Morgantown's Lily Jordan delivered a game-tying layup with 2 seconds remaining to send the game to the

"They did a great job of pressuring us in the fourth arter," Young said. "We didn't do a great job of handling it. It's probably the first time we've seen that kind of pressure late in a game. Our young kids struggled but at the same time they will learn from it."

Morgantown looked to be closing in on a win in the first extra period but Bordas stepped up and drained a game-tying 3-pointer with 11 seconds to go, Park's first field goal in over 10 minutes of action, sending the game to a second OT tied at 60-60.

Morgantown led by one late in the second overtime but Bordas again came up clutch with a free throw to send it to the third OT where Park finally gained distance with solid free-throw shooting and suffocating defense as Morgantown only managed two free throws in the final 4 minutes.

Bordas paced Park with 24 points, while Woods garnered 15 points, Natalie Daugherty supplied 14 points and Sophie Abraham added 13.

Sadaya Jones paced Morgantown with 21 points, while Sofia Wassick and Lindsay Bechtel each turned in 11 points.

OVAC -

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Class 3A

Defending champion Linsly has earned the hasn't won a title since top seed with an impres- 2009, is the second seed. sive 16-2 record. Prior to The Seminoles are 14-4. winning the conference title last spring when they is third-seeded Fronfinished undefeated, the tier, which owns a 12-6 Cadets has won just one mark. The Cougars have conference title and it already lost twice to the came in 2014.

The Cadets' two losses hoops.

Bellaire, which has been one of the area's 2019 on the court and came in 2018. own eight titles overall.

River by 1.5 points in the to visit Linsly.

Class 2A

failed to qualify. Steu- 2012. benville Catholic has qui-

since 1989.

Monroe Central, which

Set to visit Woodsfield Seminoles.

Southern Local, which both came at the hands of has never won a title in second-seeded Fort Frye. girls basketball in its The Beverly-based Ca-short time in the OVAC, dets are 13-3 and own 10 qualified as the fourth conference titles in girls seed with a solid 14-3 record.

Class 1A

Defending champion surprising teams with a Cameron pocketed the relatively young squad, top seed on the strength garnered the third seed of an 11-2 record. The thanks to a 12-5 record. Dragons have won one The Big Reds won the title on the court and it

Beallsville, which won Martins Ferry, which the last two small-school won the 4A title in crowns on the floor, is the 2020, battled through a second seed. The Blue mid-season rough patch Devils, who own eight to finish 10-7. The Purtitles in their history, curple Riders fended off rently sport a 12-5 mark.

Trinity Christian will average column to earn make the jaunt to Monroe the final berth and right County on Monday after earning the third seed. The Warriors are 7-4 on A new champion is the season. Their lone guaranteed as Shadyside conference title came in

Hundred earned the etly put together a strong right to visit Cameron as 12-3 record to earn the the fourth seed. The Hornets are 6-4 and are seek-The Crusaders haven't ing their first OVAC title claimed a conference title in girls basketball.

PATRIOTS :

93.3% clip.

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Big 12), who has faced the game.'

Phillips would add 19 on 9 for 10 shooting, combining the two for 40 of 47 going into the fourth, the Mohigans Park's 58 points.

never look back.

With only a seven point lead at 54- and Sha-Ron Young added 17.

Halfway through the third quarter, minutes and grew their lead to 12 with cy. Park shot 8 of 17 for the game from though, MHS put its foot on the gas and just four minutes to play. Brooks Gage

came out to score 12 points in four seconds to play due to a fan emergen- 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Morgantown will travel to John Marscored 22 points to lead the Mohigans shall on Friday night before heading to Magnolia for a matchup with Parkers-The game was called with just 90 burg in the Magnolia Rotary Classic at

DRAGONS ---

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get to them as the Drag-rains it just storms." ons put together a 22-2 Cameron went

how

er by Colin Jackson and broke the press pretty a 56-18 lead at the break. able. held a 5-4 lead after the good and then we just

Cameron went on a with the Dragons. run and seized control of 37-4 run that spanned the end of the first quarter a little bit better in the draining a trio of triples. "I was pleased with and most of the second to second half, but we've Daniel Spurlock finished we started the take a 41-8 lead. A 15-4

Bridgeport opened the game," said Bridgeport run by the Dragons to game to make the score scoring with a 3-point- coach Don Cash. "We end the first half made it look a little more respect-

Despite the lopsided first few minutes of play, went bonkers there for a score, the Bulldogs came Hartley, Cole Burkett but Cameron's full court minute and they extend- out of halftime compet- scored 13 points for press defense started to ed their lead. When it itive and traded the first Cameron and Chris Mceight baskets of the half Cauley had 11.

> got to learn to compete with 12 and Aiden Tarr for four quarters," Cash added nine. said. "It's been the same

Bridgeport managed City and I a 13-2 run late in the Beallsville.

Behind Beresford and

Jackson led Bridge-"I thought we played port with 17 points while

These teams will not old story all year. If we have to wait long to meet learn to do that, and do again, as Cameron will that consistently, it'll hit the road later today give us a shot in games." to play a makeup game Cameron led 73-33 against the Bulldogs in entering the final frame Havlicek Gymnasium. and by that time both Cameron will not get teams had more or less much rest after that eiemptied their benches ther as they are in action playing their reserves. Thursday against Paden Bridgeport managed City and Friday versus

No. 1 Auburn Holds Off Pesky Missouri

COLUMBIA, including five straight place in the Big Ten. within the final 90 seconds, and No. I Auburn survived a scare from Missouri, winning 55-54 on Tuesday night in (AP) - Kellan Grady the program's first-ever scored eight points in game as the nation's topranked team.

No. 4 BAYLOR 74 **KANSAS STATE 49**

Jonathan Tchamwa tucky over Mississippi Tchatchoua and Kendall Brown each had a double-double as Baylor won its third game in a row since rare consecutive losses, beating Kansas State.

No. 9 DUKE 71 **CLEMSON 69** DURHAM, (AP) - Paolo Ban-

Mo. linois held on to beat (AP) - K.D. John- Michigan State and take son scored 17 points, sole possession of first

No. 12 KENTUCKY

82, MISSISSIPPI

STATE 74, OT LEXINGTON, overtime, including consecutive 3-pointers about a minute apart, and Sahvir Wheeler added two WACO, Texas (AP) free throws to lift Ken-

> State No. 14 VILLANOVA **67, DEPAUL 43**

VILLANOVA, (AP) - Justin Moore scored 16 points, Collin Gillespie had 14 and No. 14 Villanova beat De-Paul for the 22nd straight N.C. time.

The Blue Demons chero scored 19 points (10-9, 1-8 Big East) last as ninth-ranked Duke tonned the Wildcats on





Fighting for Justice

Local Card

BOYS BASKETBALL Cameron at Bridgeport Cambridge at St. Clairsville Clay-Battelle at Tyler Consolidated

GIRLS BASKETBALL Linsly at Union Local Buckeye Local at East Liver-

Cameron at Clay-Battelle Harrison Central at Martins Ferry

Marietta at River Valley at South Harrison **WRESTLING**

(at Brooke) OVAC 4A Bill Hinegardner **Dual Meet**

COLLEGE MEN

Wheeling University at West Virginia Wesleyan West Liberty at Davis & Elkins WOMEN

Wheeling University at West Virginia Wesleyan West Liberty at Davis & Elkins 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

ECHL

Wheeling at Cincinnati

Sports On TV

Wednesday, January 26 BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S) 11 p.m.

CBSSN - Athletes Unlimited: Team Carrington vs. Team Mitchell, Las Vegas COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

6 p.m. ESPN2 — Florida at Tennessee

6:30 p.m. BTN — Northwestern at Michigan CBSSN — Providence at

Xavier FS1 — Creighton at Butler 7 p.m. ACCN - Miami at Virginia

Tech ESPNU — Vanderbilt at South Carolina SECN — Arkansas at Mississippi

8 p.m. ESPN2 — Oklahoma at West Virginia

8:30 p.m - Penn St. at Indiana CBSSN — VCU at Davidson FS1 — Marquette at Seton Hall

9 p.m. ACCN - Florida St. at Georgia Tech ESPNU -- Tulsa at Tulane

SECN — Texas A&M at LSU 10 p.m. PAC-12N — Utah at Washington St.

10:30 p.m. FS1 — San Diego St. at Utah

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

PAC-12N - Utah at Oregon 8 p.m.
PAC-12N — Arizona at UCLA
COLLEGE GOLF

4:30 p.m. GOLF — The Southwestern Invitational: Final Round,

North Ranch CC, Westlake, **GOLF**

12:30 p.m. GOLF --- PGA Tour: The Farmers Insurance Open, First Round, Torrey Pines Golf Course, San Diego

2:30 a.m. (Thursday) GOLF — DP World Tour: The Dubai Desert Classic, First Round, Emirates Golf Club, Dubai, United Arab Emirates NBA BASKETBALL

7:45 p.m. New Y 10:05 p.m. - Phoenix at Utah NHL HOCKEY **ESPN** 7:30 p.m.

TNT — Chicago at Detroit 10 p.m.
TNT — Boston at Colorado **TENNIS**

2 p.m. ESPN2 — ATP/WTA: The Australian Open, Quarterfinals, Melbourne, Australia (Taped)

3:30 a.m. (Thursday) ESPN — WTA: The Australian Open, Semifinals, Melbourne,

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Divisio

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Metropolitan Division GP W LOTPts GF G., Rangers 43 28 11 4 60 132 110 Pittsburgh 42 27 10 5 59 145 11 Carolina 39 28 9 2 58 140 94 Washington4323 11 9 139 118 Columbus 39 18 2 3/ 121 139

NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild-card Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 15 Cincinnati 26, Las Vegas 19 Buffalo 47, New England 17 Sunday, Jan. 16 Tampa Bay 31, Philadelphia

San Francisco 23, Dallas 17 Kansas City 42, Pittsburgh 21 Monday, Jan. 17 L.A. Rams 34, Arizona 11 Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 22 Cincinnati 19, Tennessee 16 San Francisco 13, Green Bay

Sunday, Jan. 23 L.A. Rams 30, Tampa Bay 27 Kansas City 42, Buffalo 36, OT Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 30 ÁFC

Cincinnati at Kansas City, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)

NFC

Sunday, Feb. 13 At Inglewood, Calif. conference championship winners, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

PREP BOX SCORES

BOYS Shadyside 75, Bellaire 57 SHADYSIDE (75) – Beckett 8, 13-15 31; Amos 5, 0-0 11; Wach 0, 1-2 1; Brock 7, 5-8 20; VanNec 3, 1-2 7; Gorby 1, 0-0 2; Salgat 1, 0-0 3; Bell 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 25, 20-27 75. BELLAIRE (57) – Ward 3, 5-6 12; R. Pettigrew 6, 1-3 13; M. Pettigrew 0 grew 6, 1-3 13; M. Pettigrew 0, 2-4 2; Sochor 2, 2-2 6; Dowling 2, 2, 2, 8; Kesterson 5, 2-3, 12; Naumann 1, 0-0, 2; Cash 1, 0-0 3; Totals: 20, 14-20 57.
3-point goals: S - Beckett (2), Amos, Brock, Salgat. B -Ward, Dowling (2), Cash.

Cameron 84, Bridgeport 48 BRIDGEPORT — C. Jackson 7 0-0 17; Spurlock 5 0-0 12; Tarr 3 3-7 9; Flanagan 2 1-2 6; A. Jackson 1 0-0 2; Gear 1 0-0 2 Brown 0 0-0 0; Kerns 0 0-0 0; Cerra 0 0-0 0. CAMERON — Beresford 12 0-0 25; Hartley 9 3-6 21; Burkett 6 0-0 13; McCauley 5 0-0

11; Winters 2 0-0 4; Powell 1 0-0 2; Wichterman 1 0-0 2; Lilley 1 0-0 2; Marling 1 0-0 2; Scott 1 0-0 2; Estol 0 0-0 0; Frye 0 0-0 0. 3 Pt. Goals — Bridgeport 6 (C. Jackson 3, Spurlock 2, Flana-

gan 1). Cameron 3 (Burkett 1, McCauley 1, Beresford 1).

Union Local 44 Buckeye Trail 32 UNION LOCAL (44) - Porter 3, 5-7 13; Butts 5, 1-5 11; Miller 3, 0-0 6; Blake 3, 0-0 6; Butter-worth 1, 3-5 6; Kerns 1, 0-0 2;

Saunders 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 16, 9-17 44. BUCKEYE TRAIL (32) Rome 7, 0-0 15; Burga 2, 4-4 9; Beaver 1, 0-0 3; Dodd 1, 0-0 3; Parry 1, 0-0 2; Hastings 0, 0-0 0; Martin 0, 0-2 0; Eagon 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 12, 4-6 32. 3-point goals: UL - Porter (2), Butterworth, BT - Rome, Burga, Beaver, Dodd.

Monroe Central 56

Shenandoah 45 SHENANDOAH (45) - Smith 3, 1-3 8; Fairchild 6, 1-2 17; Stottsberry 0, 0-0 0; Irvin 0, 0-0 0; G. Stottsberry 2, 1-1 6; Van-Fleet 1, 0-0 3; Bennett 0, 0-0 0; Perkins 0, 0-0 0; Miles 2, 1-2 5; House 2, 2-2 6; Totals: 16, 6-10 45. MONROE CENTRAL (56) – Rose-Burton 9, 3-4 21; Kroll 0, 0-0 0; Bunning 1, 0-0 2; Brown 0, 2-2 2; Yonak 0, 0-0 0; Kinney 2, 0-0 4; Howell 6, 0-1 14; Swisher 5, 2-2 13; Landefeld 0, 0-0 0; Demchak 0, 0-0 0; Potts 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 23, 7-9 56. 3-point goals: S - Smith, Fair-child (4), Stottsberry, Van-Fleet. MC - Howell (2), Swish-

Morganto vn 73 Wheeling M — Brooks G rk 58 14 3-4 22

Sharron Young 12 5-6 17 Brody Davis 6 2-2 13 Alec Poland 11 0 0 13 Jalen Goins 4 0-0 8 ginan Marra 1 0-0 0

Brendan Richter 12 0-0 21 Brett Phillips 10 1-3 19 Jayden Howard 2 0-0 6 Aiden Davis 7 1-2 5 Caleb Francis 6 0-1 5 Xandor Gibson 2 0-0 2 3-pointers: Morgantown -(Gage 3, Poland 1, Davis 1); Wheeling Park – 8 (Richter 5, Huvard 2, Francis 1)

19 16 19 19 - 73 W. PARK 16 14 17 11 - 58

Steubenville 50 Indian Creek 42 NDIAN CREEK (6-10): Francis 1 0-0 2; Kuczykowski 0 0-0 0; Williams 3 4-7 11; Morelli 1 2-2 5; Pownall 1 2-2 4; Irizarry 0 0-0 0; Bodo 2 1-2 7; Freshwater 1 0-0 3; Smith 0 0-0 0;

OVAC GIRLS

Wheeling Hospital OVAC Girls Basketball Championships Semifinal Pairings Class 5A

John Marshall at Wheeling Park Warren at Morgantown Class 4A

Harrison Central at Union Lo-

St. Clairsville at Oak Glen Class 3A Martins Ferry at Linsly Bellaire at Fort Frye Class 2A

Southern Local at Steubenville Catholic Frontier at Monroe Central Class 1A

Hundred at Cameron Trinity at Beallsville Consolation Pairings

Monday, Jan. 31 Bridgeport at Paden City Weir at Edison Cambridge at Steubenville Buckeye Local at Magnolia Madonna at Barnesville Marietta at Shenandoah Dover at Indian Creek **Brooke at University** River at East Liverpool Wheeling Central at Valley Beaver Local at Shadyside Clay-Battelle at Toronto Buckeye Trail at Caldwell Thursday, Feb. 3

University at Marietta Edison at Brooke Steubenville at Beaver Local Paden City at Madonna Toronto at Wheeling Central Shadyside at Clay-Battelle Indian Creek at River Caldwell at Buckeye Local East Liverpool at Dover Magnolia at Weir Barnesville at Cambridge Shenandoah at Buckeye Trail

NBA

	EASTERN CONFERENCE							
	Atlantic Division							
		W	L	Pct	t G			
	Brooklyn	29	18	.617	_			
•	Philadelphia	28	19	.596	ì			
	Toronto	23	22	.511				
	Boston		24)			
	New York	23	25		61			
	Southeast Division							
		W	L	Pct	G			
	Miami	30	17	.638	_			
	Charlotte	26	22	.542	43			
	Washington	23	25	.479	71/			
	Atlanta	21	25		81/			
	Orlando	9	39	.188	211			
	Central Division							
		W	L	Pct	G			
	Chicago	29	17	.630	_			
	Milwaukee	30	19	.612	7			
	Cleveland	29	19	604	,			

Milwaukee	30	19	.612	1/2					
Cleveland	29	19	.604	1					
Indiana	17	31	.354	13					
Detroit	11	36	.234	181/2					
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Southwest Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Memphis	32	17	.653						
Dallas	27	21	.563	41/2					
Marri Ostania	4.0	00	000	40					

	IACAS OLIGINIS	10	20	.000	1.0		
	San Antonio	18	30	.375	13 1/2		
	Houston	14	34	.292	17 1/2		
	Northwest Division						
		W	L	Pct	GE		
	Utah	30	18	.625			
	Denver	25	21	.543	4		
	Minnesota	24	23	.511	5 1/2		
	Portland	20	27	.426	9 1/2		
	Oklahoma City	14	33	.298	15 1/2		
Pacific Division							

Pct Phoenix 37 9 .804 Golden State 35 13 .729 L.A. Lakers 24 L.A. Clippers 24 25 .490 141/2 Sacramento 18 31 .367 20 1/2 Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 117, New Orleans 107

Toronto 125, Charlotte 113 etroit ios Boston 128, Sacramento 75 L.A. Clippers 116, Washington 115

L.A. Lakers 106, Brooklyn 96 San Antonio 134, Houston 104 Golden State 130, Dallas 92 Minnesota 109, Portland 107 Wednesday's Games

Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7 p.m. Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7 p.m. New York at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Denver at Brooklyn, 8 p.m. Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m. Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30

Dallas at Portland, 10 p.m. Phoenix at Utah, 10 p.m.

NCAAB

No. 1 Auburn (19-1) beat Missouri 55-54. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday. No. 2 Gonzaga (15-2) did not play Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thurs-

No. 3 Arizona (16-1) vs. No. 7 UCLA Next: vs. Arizona St., Saturday. No. 4 Baylor (18-2) beat Kansas St. 74-49. Next: vs. Alabama, Saturday. No. 5 Kansas (17-2) did not play Next: vs. No. 12 Kentucky, Saturday. No. 6 Purdue (16-3) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Thursday. No. 7 Houston (17-2) did not play. Next: at UCF, Saturday. No. 7 UCLA (13-2) at No. 3 Arizona.

Big Papi Elected to F

Baseball Writer

revealing nerves rare- ation of America. ly seen from one of the ters.

der, and Martinez grinned ing the 75% threshold their first World Series when the good news came needed for enshrinement. title in 86 years. teammates embraced, and ducted in his first time up Famer born in the Domin-Martinez welcomed Ortiz for consideration. into a rare space in baseball history.

Cooperstown – and on said. the first ballot, too.

By JAKE SEINER AP Clemens were denied en- the Dominican's hulking try in their final year un- frame menaced pitchers, David Ortiz gazed at der consideration by the especially in the late inhis phone, his pursed lips Baseball Writers' Associ- nings. Three of his 23

game's great clutch hit- Star over 20 seasons drought-breaking 2004 Pedro Martinez's hand Red Sox, was named on rested on Ortiz's shoul- 77.9% of ballots, clear-The former He's the 58th player in-

all history. honor to be able to get in and Vladimir Guerrero. Big Papi is bound for on my first rodeo," Ortiz "I can imagine ho

Ortiz was elected to the baseball's most recog-Ortiz was elected to the baseball's most recog- getting into the Hall of Baseball Hall of Fame nizable faces through Fame today," Ortiz said. in his first try Tuesday, the 2000s and 2010s. "I'm not even going to while steroid-tainted stars. His enormous grin en- tell you about the Domin-Barry Bonds and Roger deared him to fans, but ican Republic."

career game-ending hits Ortiz, a 10-time All- came during Boston's mostly with the Boston postseason, when the Red Sox thwarted the rival Yankees and then won

He's the fourth Hall of ican Republic, joining "Man, it's a wonderful Juan Marichal, Martinez

"I can imagine how New England has to feel Big Papi was among about one of its babies

enguins Quiet Coyotes

Crosby and Kris Letang led a four-goal, into overtime gave Carolina a win over third-period barrage to give the Pitts- Vegas after blowing a two-goal lead burgh Penguins a 6-3 win over the Ari-late in regulation. zona Coyotes on Tuesday night.

Pittsburgh trailed early in the third tang scored twice and Crosby netted his an assist, and Florida beat Winnipeg. 11th for the Penguins, who won their sixth straight game.

Pittsburgh has 17 wins in its last 19 games. Bryan Rust and Brock McGinn both scored their 10th goals of the season and Brian Boyle added a third-period goal. Tristan Jarry stopped 13 shots.

Arizona's Clayton Keller scored his Schmaltz also scored. Karel Vejmelka made 30 saves for Arizona, which has lost three straight and five of its last seven games.

HÜRRICANES 4, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 3, OT RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - Sebastian New York edged Philadelphia.

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Sidney Aho's second goal of the game 3:49

PANTHERS 5, JETS 3

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) - Mabefore its offensive show, when Le- son Marchment scored twice and added

STARS 5, DEVILS 1

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Joe Pavelski had two goals and two assists, and Dallas extended its winning streak to four games with a victory over New

SENATORS 5, SABRES 0 OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) - Tyler 16th goal and added an assist, and Nick Ennis had a hat trick to lead Ottawa over Buffalo.

ISLANDERS 4, FLYERS 3 NEW YORK (AP) - Zach Parise scored the tiebreaking goal with just over eight minutes left in the third period and Ilya Sorokin made 14 saves as

Sean Payton Steps Down

Saints had a grand total of one playoff 2009 Saints won the NFL title. victory since their founding in 1967.

higher for the next head coach in the Big Easy.

Payton, whose 16-year tenure with the club included its only Super Bowl bounty investigation, is leaving coaching - for now.

day that he is leaving his first and only my heart is right now.'

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Before NFL head coaching job with a 152-89 Sean Payton took his first head coach- regular-season record - and nine playing job in New Orleans in 2006, the off appearances - in 15 seasons. The

"I don't like the word retirement," The standard will be considerably Payton said Tuesday afternoon at an announcement attended by owner Gayle Benson, top management and assistant coaches.

"I still have a vision for doing things championship and also a one-season in football. And I'll be honest with you, suspension stemming from the NFL's that might be coaching again at some point.

"I don't think it's this year, I think Payton informed the team on Tues- maybe in the future. That's not where

akers Rock Brooklyn

LeBron James welcomed Anthony Davis 12 of his 42 points in the beat Charlotte. back with a lob pass for fourth as Philadelphia CELTICS 128, KINGS 75 the game's first basket, pulled away from New BOSTON (AP) then turned to his own offense to score 33 points in the Los Angeles Lakers' 106-96 victory over Tuesday night.

CLIPPERS 116 **WIZARDS 115** WASHINGTON (AP)

- Luke Kennard scored seven points inside the final 9 seconds and Los Angeles stunned Wash-

76ERS 117 PELICANS 107 PHILADELPHIA (AP) sists. Gary Trent Jr. Detroit.

pulled away from New Orleans

WARRIORS 130 **MAVERICKS 92**

SAN FRANCISCO the Brooklyn Nets on (AP) - Stephen Curry had 18 points, nine rerookie Jonathan Kuminga scored 22, and Golden State routed Dallas.

RAPTORS 125 HORNETS 113 TORONTO (AP)

Joel Embiid scored scored 32 and Toronto

BOSTON (AP) Jayson Tatum scored 36 points as Boston routed Sacramento.

SPURS 134 **ROCKETS 104**

HOUSTON (AP) bounds and seven assists. Dejounte Murray had 19 points and 10 assists as San Antonio coasted past Houston.

NUGGETS 110 PISTONS 105

DETROIT (AP) - Ni-Pascal Siakam had 24 kola Jokic had 28 points, points and matched his 21 rebounds and nine career high with 12 as- assists, and Denver beat

Collins, Swiatek Advance

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - for the match in the eighth game. She (2), 6-3 on Wednesday and move into Estonian player sent a forehand wide. an Australian Open semifinal against

Seventh-seeded Iga Swiatek rallied to eventually clinched on Kanepi's serve, beat 36-year-old Kaia Kanepi 4-6, 7-6 scrambling to stay in the point until the "This match was crazv." Swiatek