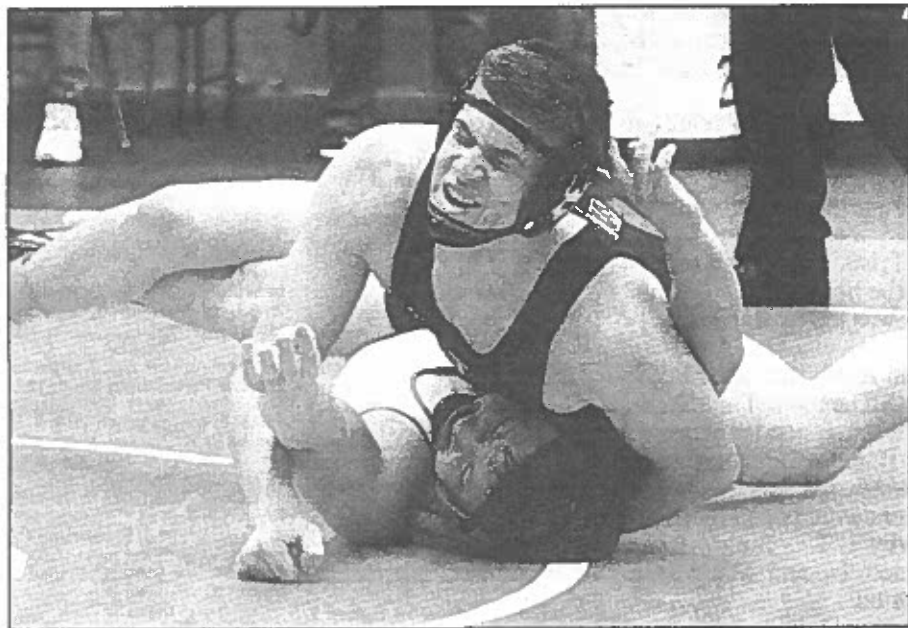


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OVAC SWIMMING AND WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS



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HARRISON CENTRAL'S Lucas Thomas grimaces as he works for a pin against Wheeling Park's Erick Brothers Jr. in the 220-pound championship bout Saturday night inside WesBanco Arena.

Barnesville captures Class 3A championship

• Wheeling Park wins first overall title since 2005

By **KIM NORTH**
Times Leader Sports Writer

WHEELING -- Depth is a vital part of any athletic team. It was a key element Saturday in Wheeling Park ending nearly two decades of frustration at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships.

With only two individual titlists, the Patriots piled up enough points in the first three sessions to overcome a terrible semifinal showing and then rolled to a convincing, 278-228.5, wire-to-wire victory over runnerup University to win not only the coveted overall team title for

the first time since 2005, but also the Class 5A crown as the 68th edition capped its three-day stay inside WesBanco Arena.

"This is a great team to coach. They love wrestling and want to win," Wheeling Park head coach Brian Leggett said of his squad which also captured the Wheeling Park Duals several weeks ago inside the same building. "We put in a solid two days, but things didn't go well early on today. However the kids bounced back and won some big consolation matches for us."

Winning their weight classes were senior Nate Shelek (132) and junior

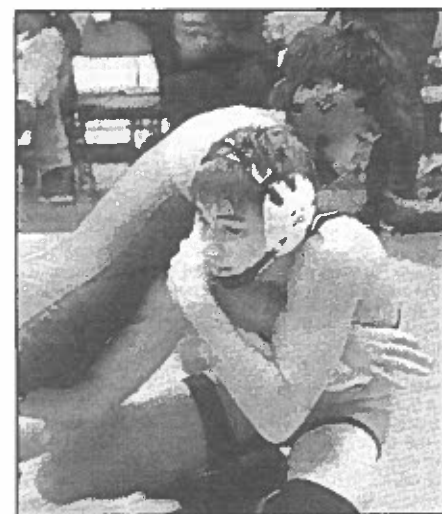
Bradyn Lucas (138). Shelek, a runnerup last season, held off Parkersburg South's Ryan Martin 13-9 while Lucas decisioned Barnesville's Skyler King, 12-7.

"It doesn't surprise me because they are practice partners and they get after it in the (wrestling) room," Leggett said about Shelek and Lucas.

The Patriots depth included a runnerup, four third-placers, two fourths, a fifth, two sixths and one seventh.

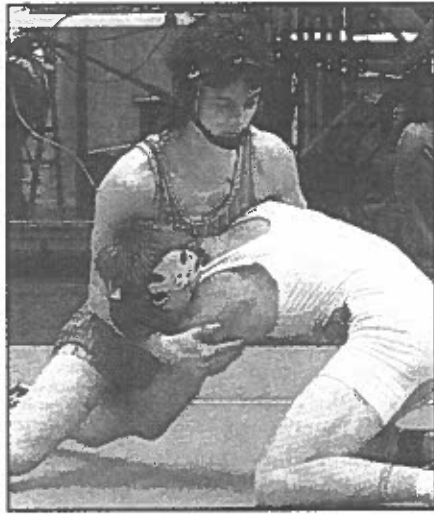
"Our team is still young," Leggett added. "We've got a lot of freshmen in the lineup that wrestled really well here."

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LEFT: BARNESVILLE'S Dakota King has control of Steubenville's Cal Beadling during their 126-pound title bout Saturday night. King won by technical fall.

RIGHT: ST. Clairville's Gannon Kazmirski, left, battles with John Marshall's Ethan Cook in the 113-pound championship match. Kazmirski won, 1-0.



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Linsly boys, St. C. girls splash to Gold medals

By **CODY TOMER**
For The Times Leader

WELLSBURG — It was a year of repeats at the 2022 OVAC Bill Brubaker Swim Championships Saturday at Brooke.

For the third straight year and 62nd time overall, the Linsly boys won the Class 1-4A title, while the St. Clairsville girls captured the small school crown for the fifth consecutive year.

In Class 5A, Dover's boys and girls swept the event for the third straight season with scores of 444 and 575, respectively.

The Linsly boys recorded 242 points to defeat runner-up St. Clairsville, which finished with 203.50 points. Cambridge was third (91.50) and Wheeling Central was fourth (64).

Lorenzo Serotini paced the Cadets by winning the 100 butterfly with a time of 52.24.

The senior was also a member of the 200 medley relay team, along with Asier Doval, John Papadimitriou and Parker Griffith, which won in a time of 1:44.93.

"A lot of hard work has gone into this over the last two-and-a-half months," Linsly coach and OVAC swim director Bill Brubaker said. "Those kids sacrificed their Christmas breaks to work hard and practice so they would get better. There is just a lot of determination on the part of a lot of swimmers."

"They all had to step up. St. Clairsville has eight quality boys and it was really tight going down to the end and our last two freestyle relays scored where they needed to in order to keep the lead heading into our last event."

The Red Devils' girls' team continued to dominate with 364 points, followed by Linsly with 238, Wheeling Central with 103 and Martins Ferry with 88.

The St. Clairsville girls' 200 relay team set a new meet record with a time of 1:43.26. That squad consists of four standout seniors in Kylie McKeegan, Olivia Moyer, Brenna Planey and Casadie DiBetta.

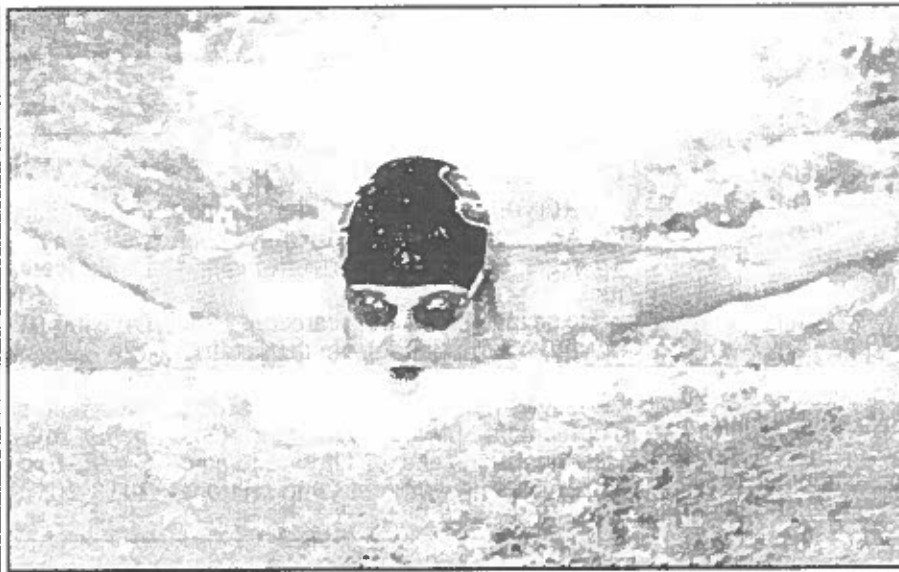
The same foursome prevailed in the 200 medley relay to win with a time of 1:51.53, while DiBetta captured gold in the breaststroke (1:05.26).

"The girls did great," St. Clairsville coach Ernie Banks said. "Every single girl on the team performed admirably. It shows a lot about our leadership. Our senior and junior girls have brought up the ones that are freshmen and sophomores. These girls are the perfect storm and I've enjoyed it but the core team — I am very proud of them."

The Wheeling Park boys' and girls' teams each finished third.

Leading the Park boys was defending state champion Owen Leary, who set a new meet record in the 100 at a pace of 48.45.

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TOP: ST. Clairville's Kylie McKeegan swims in the butterfly leg of the 200 medley relay Saturday at Brooke High School.



LEFT: ST. Clairville's Jack Gasber competes in the breaststroke.

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Cuffaro, Crosier honored with prestigious Mr. Mat awards

WHEELING - The most prestigious special award presented at the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Ron Mauck is Mr. Mat.

Prior to championship finals of the 68th edition Saturday inside WesBanco

canceled last winter due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 and 2022 were awarded.

Wheeling's Pete Cuffaro was presented with the 2021 Blue jacket, while Barnesville's Jeff Crosier received the

scorekeeper as the OVAC Ron Mauck Championships, as well as other tournaments around the valley.

He didn't let a spinal cord injury from a freak diving accident in 1983 keep him down. Despite being confined to a

ed the Daniel M. Burke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship in honor of former Wheeling Park wrestler Daniel M. Burke, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident.

He lives by the following motto: "No

River 36, Magnolia 21
HANNIBAL — Homestanding River picked up another win by virtue of another impressive defensive performance.
 The Pilots pitched a shutout in

WINTERSVILLE — Indian
 Creek head coach Joe Dunlevy didn't have to wait long for victory number 401 after picking up his 400th on Friday. He guided his Redskins to another win Saturday afternoon against Buckeye Local,

The Shamrocks were led by Lily Welch and Anna Yater. Each scored 12.

OSU men top Penn St., 61-56

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — E.J. Liddell scored 19 points and No. 16 Ohio State defeated Penn State 61-56 Sunday.
 Ohio State (11-4, 5-2 Big Ten) won despite shooting just 38.6% overall and going the final 5:07 without a basket.
 "I didn't think that Penn State would go away," Ohio State coach Chris Holtmann said. "They have a strong will about them."

The Nittany Lions (8-7, 3-4) trimmed multiple 10-point deficits in the second half and pulled within four with seven seconds to go.
 Seth Lundy, Penn State's leading scorer with an average of 14.1 points, missed his first game of the season. The school announced earlier in the day that he was out but didn't give a reason.
 "We missed him," Penn State coach Micah Shrewsberry said.

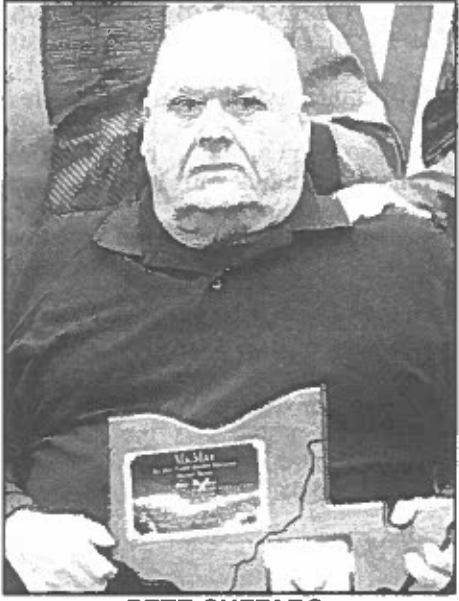
"We're going to fight whether he's with us or whether he's without us. But we want him with us."
 Ohio State's Kyle Young forced a steal with 1:25 remaining and sank a pair of free throws 20 seconds later to hold off the Nittany Lions. Jamari Wheeler made four foul shots in the final minute.
 "It was the play of the game," Holtmann said of Young's steal. "It was the difference in a lot of ways."

• 3A

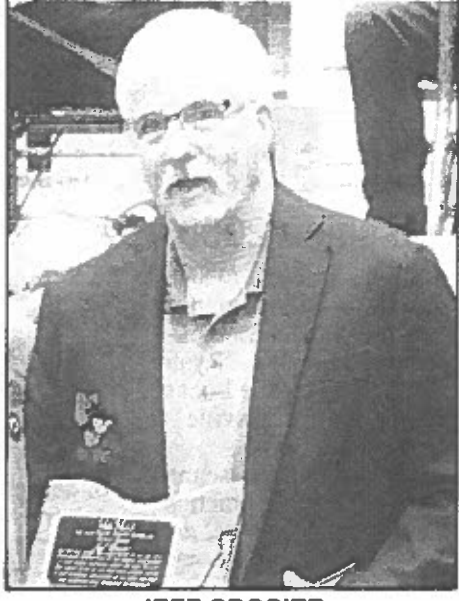
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 Steubenville had a pair of titlists in Brody Saccoccia (120) and Peyton Tuttle (285). Saccoccia earned a 7-3 nod over Parkersburg South's Brent Bosley and Tuttle pinned University's Corbin Turney in 3:58.
 "We knew that one was going to be a battle," first-year Steubenville head coach Lucas Huffman said of Tuttle's match. "Peyton wrestled a good, smart match."
 Big Red finished a point behind Parkersburg South (108-107) and finished fourth overall, but Huffman was pleased.
 "I'm extremely proud of our team top to bottom," he noted. "We just asked the kids to go out and compete, and they did. I'm extremely happy."

Barnesville captured the Class 3A title behind the championship performance of Dakota King (126) who posted a 19-4 technical fall over Steubenville's Cal Beadling. The Shamrocks also had a runnerup, a third and a fourth.
 "We've got a good core of kids and battled through some adversity. I'm proud of them," Barnesville's Jayson Stephen said. "We came in here thinking we could be a top 5 team and we lost some matches in the 'blood round' that we should never lose. That can't happen."

The Shamrocks tallied 118.5 points to 97 for runnerup Martins Ferry.
 Oak Glen's Logan Davis (106) got the finals started with a 4-0 blanking of Cameron's Slaton Pettit.
 The Dragons did get a champion in senior Ian Bush (182). The two-time OVAC and two-time defending W.Va. state champion is a WVU recruit. He pinned Cambridge's Caden Kenworthy in 3:03.
 Capturing titles for Indian Creek, which finished second to Beaver Local in the Class 4A race, set a school milestone Saturday.
 "This was a special weekend for us because we've never had two individual champions in school histo-



PETE CUFFARO



JEFF CROSIER

• Mr. Mat

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 CROSIER has been a fixture around OVAC wrestling events for more than 40 years, serving in a variety of capacities.
 He began his coaching career in 1981 at Mingo High School. He then matriculated to Barnesville where he spent 15 years. He had 52 OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament placemen; 32 Ohio state qualifiers; and 11 Ohio state placers. His teams won four Ohio sectional

tournaments and one district crown, as well as a trio of OVAC Class AA/AAA Dual Meet titles.
 He was honored as the 1994 Ohio Division III Coach of the Year. He was also presented with the OVAC Class AA Coach of the Year in 2000.
 Crosier has also held several leadership roles in the OVAC, including OVAC Executive Board president from 2018-20.

• Gold

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 He also won the 50 at a time of 22.14.
 "It's fantastic," Leary said. "This is my senior year and my last shot. Last year we didn't actually have a meet so I'm just grateful for the opportunity and happy that I made the most of it."
 "It's great to see all of our hard work pay off. We go through some really brutal practices and this was a great opportunity to see that hard work come to fruition."
 Also capturing a pair of gold medals was John

and it's nice to have a meet this year after it was canceled last year. I'm excited today but we'll practice tomorrow."
 St. Clairsville's Jack Gasber was also impressive with a win in the breaststroke (1:03.34).
 The Dover boys won five events, which included a meet record in the 400 relay. The Tornados were led by Ohio State commit Lucas Lane, who beat his own meet record in the 200 (1:41.85).

Victoria Marshall's Kidney in the 200 IM (2:14.32) and the backstroke (59.60).
 "This is really exciting," Kidney said. "It's nice to kind of see where I am. With state and regionals coming up, this is kind of where I need to be so this was reassuring for me."
 "It's another stepping stone in the path to state and it's really special. We have a lot of newcomers on the team so it's nice to see them excited and enjoying the experience

ry," Indian Creek's Brandon Pendleton said. "This is a good group of guys that we've been focusing on doing things for the first time with. I couldn't be any more proud of them."
 Standing atop the podium were Dom Paterra (152) and Austin Starr (195). Paterra knocked off top-seeded Caden Stout of St. Clairsville, 3-2, while Starr blanked University's Brock Kehler, 7-0.
 Also winning titles were St. Clairsville's Gannon Kazmirski (113); University's Luca Felix (145); Beaver Local's Logan Ours (160); Parkersburg South's Gage Wright (170) and Harrison Central's Lucas Thomas (220).
 Kazmirski, the fourth seed, made a second-period escape hold up in a 1-0 win over John Marshall's Ethan Cook. Felix topped Beaver Local's unseeded Dorian Jackson, 10-3. Ours, who was voted the Bierkorte Award winner by tournament coaches, pinned University's Dakota Hagedorn in 2:53, and Wright scored a fall in 5:34 over University's Elijah Wellings-Osha. Thomas shocked a lot of people when he pinned Wheeling Park's Erick Brothers Jr. in 5:22 trailing 5-2.
 "Gannon winning isn't really a surprise to me," St. Clairsville's Joel Sansone said. "When we lost to Cook last week in the finals at Cameron by a 2-1 score in overtime on a fleeing the mat call, I told him he would see him (Cook) next week at OVACs when it matters."
 "Lucas earns every bit of what he got tonight," Harrison Central's Bill Bryant said of his third seed. "He works a lot harder and puts more time in in the (wrestling) room than anybody on the team. He puts in a ton of mat time. He traveled this summer to make himself better."
 Thomas is the Huskies' first champion since Doug Eddy in 2012.

1-4; Shapley 3, 0-0 /; Knowlton 1, 4-4 6; Schmidt 0, 0-0 0; Cister 1, 0-0 2; Haught 1, 1-2 4; Totals: 11, 7-8 33. **MONROE CENTRAL (46)** — Friday 7, 3-4 21; Thompson 0, 1-2 1; Morris 2, 8-13 14; Bishop 2, 2-4 6; Haslam 0, 0-0 0; Swisher 0, 2-2 2; Bettinger 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 12, 16-25 46.
 3-point goals: F — Ramsey (2), Shapley (1), Haught (1). MC — Friday (4), Morris (2).
Shadyside 64, Barnesville 47
BARNESVILLE (47) — Thompson 1, 3-4 6; Schaffer 0, 0-0 0; Lucas 3, 2-4 8; Tyson 1, 1-5 3; Welch 5, 2-2 12; Carter 1, 0-0 3; Fritter 1, 0-1 2; Powell 0, 0-0 0; Johnson 0, 1-2 1; Yater 6, 0-2 12; Totals: 18, 9-20 47.
SHADYSIDE (64) — Stewart 3, 0-4 6; Zduzcyk 0, 0-0 0; T. Fulton 2, 0-0 4; R. Fulton 5, 0-0 14; Boltz 0, 0-0 0; Sims 2, 0-0 5; Brown 3, 0-0 7; Hendershot 4, 0-0 11; Gorby 6, 4-5 17; Totals: 25, 4-9 64.
 3-point goals: B — Thompson, Carter. S — R. Fulton (4), Sims, Brown, Hendershot (3), Gorby.

BOYS BASKETBALL
Shadyside 72, Bridgeport 35
BRIDGEPORT (35) — Jackson 2, 2-2 8; Moore 3, 4-4 10; Tarr 1, 0-0 2; Flanagan 1, 1-2 3; A. Jackson 1, 0-0 2; Gear 3, 4-5 10; Totals: 11, 11-13 35.
SHADYSIDE (72) — Stottlemeyer 0, 0-0 0; VanNest 0, 0-0 0; Bell 1, 0-0 3; Booth 1, 0-0 2; Wach 2, 0-0 6; Saugat 3, 0-0 8; Beckett 8, 4-4 24; Tsoras 1, 1-2 3; D. Booth 1, 0-0 2; Brock 6, 0-0 12; Gorby 1, 0-0 2; Crozier 0, 0-0 0; Amos 3, 3-4 9; Totals: 27, 8-10 72.
 3-point goals: B — Jackson (2). S — Bell, Wach (2), Saugat (2), Beckett (4).

St. Clairsville 70, Martins Ferry 42
ST. CLAIRSVILLE (70) — Oberdick 2, 5-6 9; Thoburn 9, 0-1 23; Burk 0, 0-2 0; Pastor 4, 0-2 8; McCort 3, 2-2 9; Woodford 0, 1-2 1; Wolfe 0, 0-0 0; Schafer 0, 0-0 0; Crist 1, 0-0 2; Gasber 0, 0-0 0; Henry 6, 4-7 16; Totals: 26, 12-22 70.
MARTINS FERRY (42) — Miles 6, 3-9 15; Ray 2, 4-5 8; L. Hores 2, 0-0 4; Shriver 0, 0-2 0; Williams 3, 0-0 8; O'Connell 0, 0-1 0; Flesch 0, 0-0 0; Reese 1, 2-2 5; P. Hores 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 15, 9-19 42.
 3-point goals: StC — Thoburn (5), McCort. MF — Williams (2), Reese.

River 36, Magnolia 21
MAGNOLIA (21) — Gilbert 0, 0-0 0; Vargo 0, 0-0 0; Johnson 2, 2-2 8; Williamson 2, 0-0 6; Shimp 0, 0-0 0; Pyles 2, 0-0 5; Kocher 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 7, 2-2 21.
RIVER (36) — Isaly 1, 4-4 7; Creamer 1, 0-0 3; Lollathin 3, 2-2 8; Longwell 2, 0-0 4; Thompson 1, 0-0 2; Long 4, 2-3 10; Potts 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 13, 8-9 36.
 3-point goals: M — Johnson (2), Williamson (2), Pyles. R — Creamer.

Linsly 81, Brooke 57
BROOKE (57) — Taylor 1, 0-0 3; Marks 0, 0-0 0; Knox 2, 0-0 5; Isinghood 16, 2-5 35; Sperlazza 1, 5-6 7; Orban 0, 0-0 0; Varner 3, 0-0 7; Cipoletti 0, 0-0 0; Sperringer 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 23, 7-11 57.
LINSLY (81) — Wykes 6, 4-5 18; Murray 3, 1-2 9; Donovic 1, 0-0 2; Anderson 2, 0-0 5; G. Jackson 7, 0-0 19; Coleman 4, 1-1 9; Vilenius 1, 0-0 2; D. Jackson 0, 0-0 0; Jones 0, 0-0 0; A. Taylor 3, 0-0 6; Kovalesky 0, 0-0 0; W. Taylor 4, 2-3 11; Rabinovich 0, 0-0 0; Sun 0, 0-0 0; Zhu 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 31, 8-11 81.
 3-point goals: B — Taylor, Knox, Isinghood, Varner. L — Wykes (2), Murray (2), Anderson, G. Jackson (5), Taylor.

Monroe Central 51, Frontier 50
MONROE CENTRAL (51) — Rose-Burton 7, 5-5 20; Kroll 3, 0-1 8; Bunning 1, 1-2 3; Lincoln 1, 0-0 2; Yonak 0, 0-0 0; Kinney 1, 0-0 2; Howell 2, 0-0 4; Swisher 4, 1-1 12; Totals: 19, 7-9 51.
FRONTIER (50) — Bills 9, 1-1 20; Buck 1, 0-0 2; Cox 5, 2-2 13; Curtis 3, 0-0 7; Reynolds 1, 0-0 2; Hendershot 3, 0-0 6; Bowersock 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 22, 3-3 50.
 3-point goals: MC — Kroll (2), Swisher (3), Rose-Burton. F — Bills, Cox, Curtis.

Indian Creek 53, Buckeye Local 29
BUCKEYE LOCAL (39) — Palmer 0, 0-0 0; McHugh 1, 0-0 2; Romanyak 2, 2-2 6; Walker 4, 0-4 9; Best 1, 0-0 2; Colabelli-Kindberg 0, 0-0 0; L. Darrah 1, 5-11 7; A. Deitch 0, 0-0 0; Berry 0, 0-0 0; H. Darrah 1, 1-2 3; Chandler 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 10, 8-19 29.
INDIAN CREEK (53) — Francis 0, 1-2 1; Kuczykowski 4, 1-2 10; Williams 3, 2-2 8; Morelli 1, 3-4 6; Vandeborne 0, 0-0 0; Tweedy 0, 0-0 0; Pownall 1, 0-0 3; Irizarry 1, 0-1 2; McGee 1, 0-0 2; Bodo 1, 0-2 2; Freshwater 1, 0-0 3; Smith 3, 2-4 8; Schaffer 2, 4-8 8; Bodo 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 15, 13-25 53.
 3-point goals: BL — Walker. IC — Kuczykowski, Morelli, Pownall, Freshwater.

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 15
 San Francisco at Dallas, late
 Pittsburgh at Kansas City, late
Monday, Jan. 17
 Arizona at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 22 and Sunday, Jan. 23
 NFC lowest remaining seed at Green Bay, TBD
 Cincinnati or Pittsburgh at Tennessee, TBD
 Cincinnati at Buffalo or Buffalo at Kansas City, TBD
 AFC highest remaining seed at Tampa Bay, TBD
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 30
 AFC
 lowest remaining seed at highest remaining seed, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
 NFC
 lowest remaining seed at highest remaining seed, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

Class 3A
 1. Barnesville 118.5; 2. Martins Ferry 97; 3. Shenandoah 63; 4. River 46; 5. Linsly 21; 6. Buckeye Local 18.5; 7. Fort Frye 17; 8. Bellaire 13
Class 1A/2A
 1. Cameron 117; 2. Southern Local 45.5; 3. Wellsville 43; 4. Caldwell 30; 5. Bridgeport 22.5; 6. Shadyside 22; 7. Toronto 18; 8. Paden City 8; 9. Steubenville Catholic 5; 10. Beallsville 2; 11. (tie) Hundred, Madonna, Monroe Central 0
Championship Finals
 106--Logan Davis (OG) d. Slaton Pettit (Cam), 4-0; 113--Gannon Kazmirski (STC) d. Ethan Cook (JM), 1-0; 120--Brody Saccoccia (Steub) d. Brent Bosley (PS), 7-3; 126--Dakota King (Barn) tf. Cal Beadling (Steub), 19-4; 132--Nate Shelek (WP) d. Ryan Martin (PS), 13-9; 138--Bradyn Lucas (138) d. Skyler King (Barn), 12-7; 145--Luca Felix (U) d. Dorian Jackson (BvL), 10-3; 152--Dom Paterra (IC) d. Caden Stout (STC), 3-2; 160--Logan Ours (BvL) p. Dakota Hagedorn (U), 2:53; 170--Gage Wright (PS) p. Elijah Wellings-Osha (U), 5:34; 182--Ian Bush (Cam) p. Caden Kenworthy (Camb), 3:03; 195--Austin Starr (IC) d. Brock Kehler (BvL), 7-0; 220--Lucas Thomas (HC) p. Erick Brothers Jr., (WP), 5:22; 285--Peyton Tuttle (Steub) p. Corbin Turney (U), 3:58

Consolation Finals
 106--Noah White (WP) d. Tristen Rossiter (Shen), 3-2; 113--Adam Carman (WP) d. Hayden Lamb (OG); 120--Carter Pauley (U) p. Tyler Sipes (IC), 2:12; 126--Jack Lowe (WP) md. Nathan Perez (D), 10-0; 132--Jaymin Salsberry (BvL) d. Griffen Stephen (Barn), 10-5; 138--Trent Jones (PS) d. Mason Pauley (N), 1-0; 145--Ayden King (Barn) d. C.J. Spencer (IC), 3-1; 152--Jude Childers (PS) d. Quinton Velas (WP), 9-5; 160--Robert Shockey (PS) d. Gabe Carman (WP), 9-7; 170--Brandon Kiser (D) d. Adam Angel (Cam), 8-6 0; 182--Hunter Nixon (WP) d. Klypsan Wallace (JM), 1-0; 195--Preston Harmon (Morg) d. Brandon Kinney (Steub), 3-2; 220--Zak Dobson (MF) d. Nate King (Steub), 11-6; 285--Marshall Bier (Riv) p. Landen Thomas (HC), 4:44
Fifth-Sixth Place
 106--Zander Ward (JM) p. Pate Mahoney (MF), 2:15; 113--Dylan Ward (MF) md. Brodi Bowersock (BvL), 12-1; 120--Garret Spohn (Morg) p. Carter Lucas (WP), 2:23; 126--Ashton Hoge (Cam) p. Zach McKeever (STC), 2:02; 132--Carl Cochran (JM) d. Pedro Garcia (D), 4-3; 138--Egidio DiFazio (D) d. Mark Emmerling (BvL), 5-1; 145--Cody Taggart (WP) d. Nathaniel Gibson (UL), 6-2; 152--Savvier Faulks (Steub) d. Chance Wooley (SL), 5-4; 160--Reese Spencer (IC) d. Brodie Jait (WL), 6-0; 170--Ben McCarden (JM) md. Jameson Maynard (WP), 10-2; 182--Aydan Edwards (PS) d. Gabe Morgan (BvL), 8-7; 195--Tyler Wise (Brk) md. Wes Molish (OG), 12-2; 220--Colin McBee (U) d. Brycen Arthur (PS), 7-2; 285--Tyler Stanley (Well) d. Zane McCoy (BvL), 4-3
Seventh-Eighth Place
 106--Mason Samms (Well) p. Justin Sampson (HC), 1:31; 113--Hayley Snyder (WL) d. Ethan Stimpert (Steub), 8-7; 120--Zander Eltringham (Brk) d. Damon Stansbury (EL), 5-3; 126--Carter Adkins (JM) won by forfeit over Aiden Spahlinger (SL); 132--Drake Kanyuch (Shen) d. Mason Aberts (Bpt), 3-1; 138--Cole Antill (Steub) d. Ryan Ward (JM), 2-0; 145--Peyton Pyle (Bpt) d. Kyle Wheeler (PS), 7-1; 152--Braxton Dlugopolski (OG) d. Mason Orndorff (JM), 9-4; 160--Camden O'Connor (OG) d. Mason McCort (STC), 7-4; 170--Marshall Sayre (Cald) p. Johnny Bailey (EL), 0:34; 182--Hezekiah Taylor (U) d. Ethan Llewellyn (IC), 6-4; 195--Brody Cottrill (WP) d. Jacob Walker (STC), 6-3; 220--Gavin Dondzila (IC) d. Jameson Stiles (ED), 10-5; 285--Josh Fancher (Tor) p. Dylan Haseleu (Morg), 1:37

Sports on TV

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
 12 p.m.
 FOX — Purdue at Illinois
 2:30 p.m.
 FOX — Notre Dame at Howard
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL (BOYS)
 1 p.m.
 ESPN — Hoophall Classic: Milton (Ga.) vs. Camden (N.J.), Springfield, Mass.
 3 p.m.
 ESPN — Hoophall Classic: Montverde (Fla.) vs. IMG Academy (Fla.), Springfield, Mass.
 5 p.m.
 ESPN — Hoophall Classic: Prolific Prep (Calif.) vs. Link Prep (Mo.), Springfield, Mass.
ICE HOCKEY (MEN'S)
 7:30 p.m.
 NHLN — ECHL All-Star Game: ECHL All-Stars vs. Jacksonville Icemen, Jacksonville, Fla.
NBA BASKETBALL
 1 p.m.
 NBATV — Charlotte at New York
 3:30 p.m.
 TNT — Chicago at Memphis
 6 p.m.
 TNT — Milwaukee at Atlanta
 10:30 p.m.
 NBATV — Utah at LA Lakers
NFL FOOTBALL
 8:15 p.m.
 ABC — NFC Wild Card Playoff: Arizona at St. Louis
 ESPN — NFC Wild Card Playoff: Arizona at St. Louis
 ESPN2 — NFC Wild Card Playoff: Arizona at St. Louis (MNF with Peyton and Eli)



Photo by Cody Tomer

Wheeling Park's Owen Leary, left, and Linsly's Lorenzo Serotini proudly display their OVAC gold medals.

Linsly Boys, St. C. Girls Capture Swimming Gold

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

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For the third straight year and 62nd time overall, the Linsly boys won the Class 1-4A title, while the St. Clairsville girls captured the small school crown for the fifth consecutive year.

In Class 5A, Dovers' boys and girls swept the event for the third straight season.

The Linsly boys recorded 242 points to defeat runner-up St. Clairsville, which finished with 203.50 points. Cambridge was third (91.50) and Wheeling Central was fourth (64).

Lorenzo Serotini paced the Cadets by winning the 100 butterfly with a time of 52.24.

The senior was also a member of the 200 medley relay team, along with Asier Doval, John Papadimitriou and Parker Griffith, which won in a time of 1:44.93.

"A lot of hard work has gone into this over the last two-and-a-half months," Linsly coach

and OVAC swim director Bill Brubaker said. "Those kids sacrificed their Christmas breaks to work hard and practice so they would get better. There is just a lot of determination on the part of a lot of swimmers.

"They all had to step up. St. Clairsville has eight quality boys and it was really tight going down to the end and our last two freestyle relays scored where they needed to in order to keep the lead heading into our last event."

The Red Devils' girls' team continued to dominate with 364 points, followed by Linsly with 238. Wheeling Central with 103 and Martins Ferry with 88.

The St. Clairsville girls' 200 freestyle relay team set a new meet record with a time of 1:43.26. That squad consists of four standout seniors in Kylie McKeegan, Olivia Moyer, Brenna Planey and Casadie DiBetta.

The same squad won 200 medley relay with a time of 1:51.53, while DiBetta captured gold in the breaststroke (1:05.26).

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Patriots Win OVAC Team Title

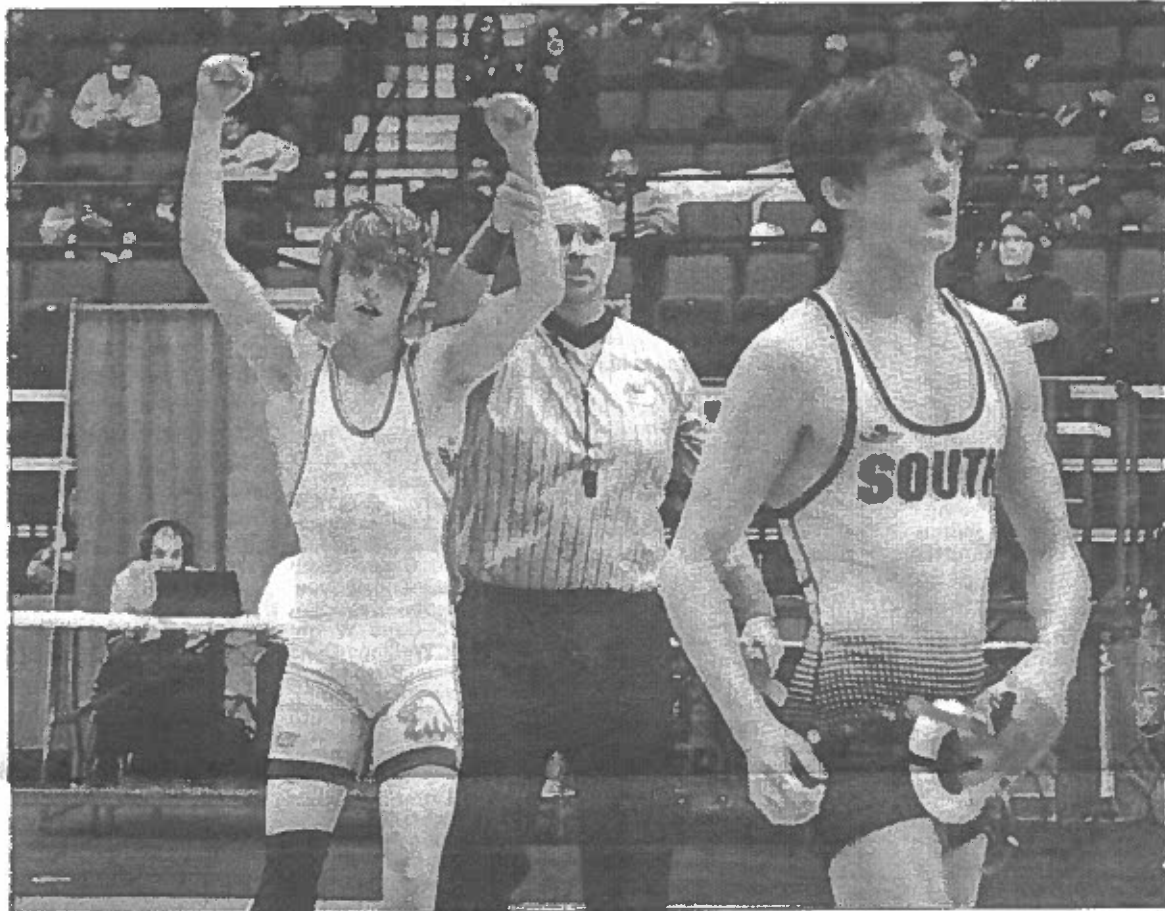


Photo by Kim North

Wheeling Park's Nate Shelek, left, held off Parkersburg South's Ryan Martin, right, to win the individual title in the 132 pound weight class Saturday inside WesBanco Arena.

Shelek, Lucas win individual titles at OVAC Wrestling Championships

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — Depth is a vital part of any athletic team. It was a key element Saturday in Wheeling Park ending nearly two decades of frustration at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships.

With only two individual titles, the Patriots piled up enough points in the first three sessions to overcome a rough semifinal showing and then rolled to a convincing, 278-228.5, wire-to-wire victory over runner-up University to win not only the coveted overall team title for the first time since 2005, but also

the Class 5A crown as the 68th edition capped its three-day stay inside WesBanco Arena.

"This is a great team to coach. They love wrestling and want to win," Wheeling Park head coach Brian Leggett said of his squad which also captured the Wheeling Park Duals several weeks ago inside the same building. "We put in a solid two days, but things didn't go too well early on today. However the kids bounced back and won some big consolation matches for us."

Winning their weight classes were senior Nate Shelek (132) and junior Bradyn Lucas (138). Shelek, a runnerup last season, held off Parkersburg South's

Ryan Martin 13-9 while Lucas won a decision over Barnesville's Skyler King, 12-7.

The Patriots depth included a runner-up, four third-placers, two fourths, a fifth, two sixths and one seventh.

"Our team is still young," Leggett added. "We've got a lot of freshmen in the lineup that wrestled really well here."

Steubenville had a pair of titlists in Brody Saccoccia (120) and Peyton Tuttle (285). Saccoccia earned a 7-3 nod over Parkersburg South's Brent Bosley and Tuttle pinned University's Corbin Turney in 3:58.

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Pete Cuffaro, Jeff Crosier Win Mr. Mat Awards

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

WHEELING — The most prestigious special award presented at the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Ron Mauck Wrestling Championships is Mr. Mat.

Prior to championship finals of the 68th edition Saturday inside WesBanco Arena, two individuals were honored for their service and commitment to high school wrestling in the Ohio Valley.

Due to the three-day event being canceled last winter due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 and 2022 were awarded.

Wheeling's Pete Cuffaro was presented with the 2021 Blue jacket, while Barnesville's Jeff Crosier received the 2022.

Cuffaro has been instrumental in supporting and promoting the sport. Over a quarter century, he served as a volunteer clock operator and official scorekeeper as the OVAC Ron Mauck Championships, as well as other tournaments around the valley.



Photo by Kim North

Jeff Crosier, right, is presented the 2022 Mr. Mat award, given Saturday at the OVAC Wrestling Championships.

He didn't let a spinal cord injury from a freak diving accident in 1983 keep him down. Despite being confined to a wheelchair, he continued to be involved in athletic events for decades, as well as numerous civic organizations in the Wheeling area.

Just prior to his injury, Cuffaro started the Daniel M. Burke Memorial

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Almeida's OT Heroics Clinch Series

ORLANDO, FL — It took a crazy ending and some extra work, but the Wheeling Nailers got the win they deserved on Sunday afternoon against the Orlando Solar Bears at Amway Center. Orlando scored twice in the final five minutes to force overtime, but in the extra session, Justin Almeida connected for his second of the day, as the Nailers defeated the Solar Bears, 4-3, to take two of three on the weekend.

The first period was filled with opportunities for both sides, but the lone goal came during the closing seconds, courtesy of the Nailers. Justin Almeida sent Felix Pare on a breakaway, just as Pare's minor penalty expired. Despite fanning on his initial try, Pare was able to quickly gather the puck and spin around with a forehand shot in from the right side of the crease.

Early in the middle frame, Orlando drew even, just as a power play came to its conclusion. Alexey Lipanov's left circle shot got stopped, but the rebound bounced out to Dylan Fitze, who chipped in the loose change. Midway through the period, Wheeling got its lead back. Chris Ortiz touched the puck up on the right side of the ice to Justin Almeida, who immediately let a wrist shot fly into the top-left corner of the net.

At the 2:44 mark of the third period, the Nailers extended their advantage with what turned out to be a big marker. Ortiz dangled around a defender and got enough power on his right circle wrister to send the puck off of Brad Barone's glove and in over the goal line. The rest of the stanza proved to be a challenge for Wheeling, as it was forced to kill four penalties, and that would have been five, if not for a goal during a delayed call. The Solar Bears capitalized on the circumstances to tie the tilt. Tristan Langan's first marker came from a wrist shot just above the right side of the goal line on the power play, then he potted the equalizer with a one-timer from the center point, sending the contest to overtime deadlocked, 3-3.

In the extra session, Wheeling got the lone power play and made sure to cash in. Justin Almeida walked the puck into the left circle, then rifled the game winner up and under the crossbar, giving the Nailers the 4-3 triumph and the win in the weekend series.

Stefanos Lekkas turned in another brilliant performance for Wheeling, as he earned the victory by stopping 37 of the 40 shots he faced. Brad Barone took the overtime loss for Orlando, as he made 22 saves on 26 shots.

High School Basketball

GIRLS BASKETBALL

MONROE CENTRAL 46, Frontier 33
FRONTIER (33) — Ramsey 5, 2-2 14; Shapley 3, 0-0 7; Knowlton 1, 4-4 6; Schmidt 0, 0-0 0; Cislis 1, 0-0 2; Haight 1, 1-2 4; Totals: 11, 7-8 33.
MONROE CENTRAL (46) — Friday 7, 3-4 21; Thompson 0, 1-2 1; Morris 2, 8-13 14; Bishop 2, 2-4 6; Haslam 0, 0-0 0; Swisher 0, 2-2 2; Bettinger 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 12, 16-25 46.
 3-point goals: F — Ramsey (2), Shapley (1), Haight (1).
MC — Friday (4), Morris (2).
Shadyside 64, Barnesville 47
BARNESVILLE (47) — Thompson 1, 3-4 6; Schaffer 0, 0-0 0; Lucas 3, 2-4 8; Tyson 1, 1-5 3; Welch 5, 2-2 12; Carter 1, 0-0 3; Fritter 1, 0-1 2; Powell 0, 0-0 0; Johnson 0, 1-2 1; Yater 6, 0-2 12; Totals: 18, 9-20 47.
SHADYSIDE (64) — Stewart 3, 0-4 6; Zduńczyk 0, 0-0 0; T. Fulton 2, 0-0 4; R. Fulton 5, 0-0 14; Boltz 0, 0-0 0; Sims 2, 0-0 5; Brown 3, 0-0 7; Hendershot 4, 0-0 11; Gorby 6, 4-5 17; Totals: 25, 4-9 64.
 3-point goals: B — Thompson, Carter, S — R. Fulton (4), Sims, Brown, Hendershot (3), Gorby.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Wheeling Park 62, East Liverpool 54
WHEELING PARK — Francis 4 1-2 10; Davis 5 7-10 19; Richter 2 4-5 8; Wilkinson 2 1-2 6; Phillips 8 2-4 19.
EAST LIVERPOOL — Trvine 1 3-4 6; Dailey 6 5-8 17; Armstrong 3 1-2 9; Toothman 2 2-4 7; Green 4 7-8 15.
3 Pt. Goals — Wheeling Park 4 (Davis 2, Francis 1, Wilkinson 1), East Liverpool 5 (Armstrong 2, Irvine 1, Dailey 1, Toothman 1).
Shadyside 72, Bridgeport 35
BRIDGEPORT (35) — Jackson 2, 2-2 8; Moore 3, 4-4 10; Tarr 1, 0-0 2; Flanagan 1, 1-2 3; A. Jackson 1, 0-0 2; Gear 3, 4-5 10; Totals: 11, 11-13 35.
SHADYSIDE (72) — Stottlemeyer 0, 0-0 0; VanNest 0, 0-0 0; Bell 1, 0-0 3; Booth 1, 0-0 2; Wach 2, 0-0 6; Salgat 3, 0-0 8; Beckett 8, 4-4 24; Tsoaras 1, 1-2 3; D. Booth 1, 0-0 2; Brock 6, 0-0 12; Gorby 1, 0-0 2; Crozier 0, 0-0 0; Amos 3, 3-4 9; Totals: 27, 8-10 72.
 3-point goals: B — Jackson (2), S — Bell, Wach (2), Salgat (2), Beckett (4).
St. Clairsville 70, Martins Ferry 42
ST. CLAIRSVILLE (70) — Oberdick 2, 5-6 9; Thoburn 9, 0-1 23; Burk 0, 0-2 0; Pastor 4, 0-2 8; McCort 3, 2-2 9; Woodford 0, 1-2 1; Wolfe 0, 0-0 0; Schafer 0, 0-0 0; Crist 1, 0-0 2; Gasber 0, 0-0 0; Henry 6, 4-7 16; Totals: 26, 12-22 70.
MARTINS FERRY (42) — Miles 6, 3-9 15; Ray 2, 4-5 8; L. Hores 2, 0-0 4; Shriver 0, 0-2 0; Williams 3, 0-0 8;

O'Connell 0, 0-1 0; Flesch 0, 0-0 0; Reese 1, 2-2 5; P. Hores 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 15, 9-19 42.
 3-point goals: StC — Thoburn (5), McCort. MF — Williams (2), Reese.
River 36, Magnolia 21
MAGNOLIA (21) — Gilbert 0, 0-0 0; Vargo 0, 0-0 0; Johnson 2, 2-2 8; Williamson 2, 0-0 6; Shimp 0, 0-0 0; Pyles 2, 0-0 5; Kocher 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 7, 2-2 21.
RIVER (36) — Isaly 1, 4-4 7; Creamer 1, 0-0 3; Lollathin 3, 2-2 8; Longwell 2, 0-0 4; Thompson 1, 0-0 2; Long 4, 2-3 10; Potts 1, 0-0 2; Totals: 13, 8-9 36.
 3-point goals: M — Johnson (2), Williamson (2), Pyles. R — Creamer.
Linsly 81, Brooke 57
BROOKE (57) — Taylor 1, 0-0 3; Marks 0, 0-0 0; Knox 2, 0-0 5; Isinghood 16, 2-5 35; Sperlazza 1, 5-6 7; Orban 0, 0-0 0; Varner 3, 0-0 7; Cipolletti 0, 0-0 0; Sperringer 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 23, 7-11 57.
LINSLY (81) — Wykes 6, 4-5 18; Murray 3, 1-2 9; Donovan 1, 0-0 2; Anderson 2, 0-0 5; G. Jackson 7, 0-0 19; Coleman 4, 1-1 9; Vilenius 1, 0-0 2; D. Jackson 0, 0-0 0; Jones 0, 0-0 0; A. Taylor 3, 0-0 6; Kovalesky 0, 0-0 0; W. Taylor 4, 2-3 11; Rabinovich 0, 0-0 0; Sun 0, 0-0 0; Zhu 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 31, 8-11 81.
 3-point goals: B — Taylor, Knox, Isinghood, Varner. L — Wykes (2), Murray (2), Anderson, G. Jackson (5), Taylor.
Monroe Central 51, Frontier 50
MONROE CENTRAL (51) — Rose-Burton 7, 5-5 20; Kroll 3, 0-1 8; Bunning 1, 1-2 3; Lincoln 1, 0-0 2; Yonak 0, 0-0 0; Kinney 1, 0-0 2; Howell 2, 0-0 4; Swisher 4, 1-1 12; Totals: 19, 7-9 51.
FRONTIER (50) — Bills 9, 1-1 20; Buck 1, 0-0 2; Cox 5, 2-2 13; Curtis 3, 0-0 7; Reynolds 1, 0-0 2; Hendershot 3, 0-0 6; Bowersock 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 22, 3-3 50.
 3-point goals: MC — Kroll (2), Swisher (3), Rose-Burton. F — Bills, Cox, Curtis.
Indian Creek 53, Buckeye Local 29
BUCKEYE LOCAL (39) — Palmer 0, 0-0 0; McHugh 1, 0-0 2; Romanyak 2, 2-2 6; Walker 4, 0-4 9; Best 1, 0-0 2; Colabelli-Kindberg 0, 0-0 0; L. Darrah 1, 5-11 7; A. Deitch 0, 0-0 0; Berry 0, 0-0 0; H. Darrah 1, 1-2 3; Chandler 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 10, 8-19 29.
INDIAN CREEK (53) — Francis 0, 1-2 1; Kuczykowski 4, 1-2 10; Williams 3, 2-2 8; Morelli 1, 3-4 6; Vandeborne 0, 0-0 0; Tweedy 0, 0-0 0; Pownall 1, 0-0 3; Irizarry 1, 0-1 2; McGee 1, 0-0 2; Bodo 1, 0-2 2; Freshwater 1, 0-0 3; Smith 3, 2-4 8; Schaffer 2, 4-8 8; Bodo 0, 0-0 0; Totals: 15, 13-25 53.
 3-point goals: BL — Walker, IC — Kuczykowski, Morelli, Pownall, Freshwater.

63.5; 8. Warren Local 56; 9. Brooke 55; 10. Marietta 14

Class 4A
 1. Beaver Local 161.5; 2. Indian Creek 148.5; 3. St. Clairsville 119.5; 4. Oak Glen 94.5; 5. Harrison Central 74.5; 6. Cambridge 41; 7. Union Local 34; 8. Edison 32; 9. East Liverpool 29; 10. Weir 8
Class 3A
 1. Barnesville 118.5; 2. Martins Ferry 97; 3. Shenandoah 63; 4. River 46; 5. Linsly 21; 6. Buckeye Local 18.5; 7. Fort Frye 17; 8. Bellaire 13
Class 1A/2A
 1. Cameron 117; 2. Southern Local 45.5; 3. Wellsville 43; 4. Caldwell 30; 5. Bridgeport 22.5; 6. Shadyside 22; 7. Toronto 18; 8. Paden City 8; 9. Steubenville Catholic 5; 10. Beallsville 2; 11. (tie) Hundred, Madonna, Monroe Central 0
Championship Finals
 106--Logan Davis (OG) d. Slaton Pettit (Cam), 4-0; 113--Gannon Kazmirski (STC) d. Ethan Cook (JM), 1-0; 120--Brody Saccoccia (Steub) d. Brent Bosley (PS), 7-3; 126--Dakota King (Barn) tf. Cal Beadling (Steub), 19-4; 132--Nate Shelek (WP) d. Ryan Martin (PS), 13-9; 138--Bradyn Lucas (138) d. Skyler King (Barn), 12-7; 145--Luca Felix (U) d. Dorian Jackson (BvL), 10-3; 152--Dom Paterra (IC) d. Caden Stout (STC), 3-2; 160--Logan Ours (BvL) p. Dakota Hagedorn (U), 2-53; 170--Gage Wright (PS) p. Elijah Wellings-Osha (U), 5:34; 182--Ian Bush (Cam) p. Caden Kenworthy (Camb), 3:03; 195--Austin Starr (IC) d. Brock Kehler (BvL), 7-0; 220--Lucas Thomas (HC) p. Erick Brothers Jr., (WP), 5:22; 285--Peyton Tuttle (Steub) p. Corbin Turney (U), 3:58
Consolation Finals
 106--Noah White (WP) d. Tristen Rossiter (Shen), 3-2; 113--Adam Carman (WP) d. Hayden Lamb (OG); 120--Carter Pauley (U) p. Tyler Sipes (IC), 2:12; 126--Jack Lowe (WP) md. Nathan Perez (D), 10-0; 132--Jaymin Salsberry (BvL) d. Griffen Stephen (Barn), 10-5; 138--Trent Jones (PS) d. Mason Pauley (N), 1-0; 145--Ayden King (Barn) d. C.J. Spencer (IC), 3-1; 152--Jude Childers (PS) d. Quinton Velas (WP), 9-5; 160--Robert Shockey (PS) d. Gabe Carman (WP), 9-7; 170--Brandon Kiser (D) d. Adam Angel (Cam), 8-6 ot; 182--Hunter Nixon (WP) d. Klypsan Wallace (JM), 1-0; 195--Preston Harmon (Morg) d. Brandon Kinney (Steub), 3-2; 220--Zak Dobson (MF) d. Nate King (Steub), 11-6; 285--Marshall Bier (Riv) p. Landen Thomas (HC), 4:44
Fifth-Sixth Place
 106--Zander Ward (JM) . Pase Mahoney (MF), 2:15; 113--Dylan Ward (MF) md. Brody Bowersock (BvL), 12-1; 120--Garret Spohn (Morg) p. Carter Lucas (WP), 2:23; 126--Ashton Hoge (Cam) p. Zach McKeever (STC), 2:02; 132--Carl Cochran (JM) d. Pedro Garcia (D), 4-3; 138--Egidio DiFazio (D) d. Mark Emmerling (BvL), 5-1; 145--Cody Taggart (WP) d. Nathaniel Gibson (UL), 6-2; 152--Savvier Faulks (Steub) d. Chance Wooley (SL), 5-4; 160--Reese Spencer (IC) d. Brodie Tait (WL), 6-0; 170--Ben McCardle (JM) md. Jameson Maynard (WP), 10-2; 182--Ayden Edwards (PS) d. gabe Morgan (BvL), 8-7; 195--Tyler Wise (Brk) md. Wes Molish (OG), 12-2; 220--Colin McBee (U) d. Brycen Arthur (PS), 7-2; 285--Tyler Stanley (Well) d. Zane McCoy (BvL), 4-3
Seventh-Eighth Place
 106--Mason Samms (Well) p. Justin Sampson (HC), 1:31; 113--Hayley Snyder (WL) d. Ethan Stimpert (Steub), 8-7; 120--Xzander Eltringham (Brk) d. Damon Stansbury (EL), 5-3; 126--Carter Adkins (JM) won by forfeit over Aiden Spahlinger (SL); 132--Drake Kanyuch (Shen) d. Mason Aberts (Bpt), 3-1; 138--Cole Antill (Steub) d. Ryan Ward (JM), 2-0; 145--Peyton Pyle (Bpt) d. Kyle Wheeler (PS), 7-1; 152--Braxton Dlugopolski (OG) d. Mason Orndorff (JM), 9-4; 160--Camden O'Brien (OG) d. Mason McCort (STC), 7-4; 170--Marshall Sayre (Cald) p. Johnny Bailey (EL), 0:34; 182--Hezekiah Taylor (U) d. Ethan Llewellyn (IC), 6-4; 195--Brody Cottrill (WP) d. Jacob Walker (STC), 6-3; 220--Gavin Dondzila (IC) d. Jameson Stiles (ED), 10-5; 285--Josh Fancher (Tor) p. Dylan Haseleu (Morg), 1:37

promising drive of the opening half with Mike Edwards' end zone interception.

The Eagles won four of their last five games to earn the No. 7 playoff seeding in the NFC, however the turning point in their season came when running the ball became a focal point of the offense during the second half of a 28-22 home loss to the Bucs.
 The Eagles ran for at least 130 yards

win over Las Vegas in Saturday's wild-card game.

BILLS 47, PATRIOTS 17

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Josh Allen set a Buffalo Bills playoff record with five touchdown passes, including two to Dawson Knox, and Devin Singletary ran for two scores in the first half of a throttling of division rival New England.

PATRIOTS

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"We knew that one was going to be a battle," first-year Steubenville head coach Lucas Huffman said of Tuttle's match. "Peyton wrestled a good, smart match."

Big Red finished a point behind Parkersburg South (108-107) and finished fourth overall, but Huffman was pleased. "I'm extremely proud of our team top to bottom," he noted. "We just asked the kids to go out and compete, and they did. I'm extremely happy."

Barnesville captured the Class 3A title behind the championship performance of Dakota King (126) who posted a 19-4 technical fall over Steubenville's Cal Beadling. The Shamrocks also had a runner-up, a third and a fourth.

"We've got a good core of kids and battled through some adversity. I'm proud of them," Barnesville's Jayson Stephen said. "We came in here thinking we could be a top 5 team and we lost some matches in the 'blood round' that we should never lose. That can't happen."

The Shamrocks tallied 118.5 points to 97 for runner-up Martins Ferry.

Oak Glen's Logan Davis (106) got the finals started with a 4-0 blanking of Cameron's Slaton Pettit.

"Logan wrestled well. He was the No. 1 seed coming in and did what he had to," Oak Glen head coach Patrick McGillian said of Davis. "He was pretty flawless in the finals. I'm proud of him."

The Dragons did get a champion in senior Ian Bush (182). The two-time OVAC and two-time defending W.Va. state champion is a WVU recruit. He pinned Cambridge's Caden Kenworthy in 3:03.

"We knew coming in that we had a pretty good chance at winning our class," Cameron head coach Tim Jones said. "We challenged the kids to show up, and they did. Even the guys that didn't place fought hard. Definitely a team effort."
 "It's going to be hard when he wrestles

his last match for us," Jones said of Bush, who pinned his way through the tournament to win the Hercules Award. "He is something special."

Indian Creek, which finished second to Beaver Local in the Class 4A race, set a school milestone Saturday.

"This was a special weekend for us because we've never had two individual champions in school history," Indian Creek's Brandon Pendleton said. "This is a good group of guys that we've been focusing on doing things for the first time with. I couldn't be any more proud of them."

Standing atop the podium were Dom Paterra (152) and Austin Starr (195). Paterra knocked off top-seeded Caden Stout of St. Clairsville, 3-2, while Starr blanked University's Brock Kehler, 7-0.

Also winning titles were St. Clairsville's Gannon Kazmirski (113); University's Luca Felix (145); Beaver Local's Logan Ours (160); Parkersburg South's Gage Wright (170) and Harrison Central's Lucas Thomas (220).

Kazmirski, the fourth seed, made a second-period escape hold up in a 1-0 win over John Marshall's Ethan Cook. Felix topped Beaver Local's unseeded Dorian Jackson, 10-3. Ours, who was voted the Bierkorte Award winner by tournament coaches, pinned University's Dakota Hagedorn in 2:53, and Wright scored a fall in 5:34 over University's Elijah Wellings-Osha. Thomas shocked a lot of people when he pinned Wheeling Park's Erick Brothers Jr. while trailing 5-2.

"Lucas earns every bit of what he got tonight," Harrison Central's Bill Bryant said of his third seed. "He works a lot harder and puts more time in in the (wrestling) room than anybody on the team. He puts in a ton of mat time. He traveled this summer to make himself better."

Thomas is the Huskies' first champion since Doug Eddy in 2012.

SWIMMING

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"The girls did great," St. Clairsville coach Ernie Banks said. "Every single girl on the team performed admirably. It shows a lot about our leadership. Our senior and junior girls have brought up the ones that are freshmen and sophomores. These girls are the perfect storm and I've enjoyed it but the core team — I am very proud of them."

The Wheeling Park boys' and girls' teams each finished third.

Leading the Park boys was defending state champion Owen Leary, who set a new meet record in the 100 freestyle at a pace of 48.45. He also won the 50 freestyle in 22.14.

"It's fantastic," Leary said. "This is my senior year and my last shot. Last year we didn't actually have a meet so I'm just grateful for the opportunity and happy that I made the most of it."

"It's great to see all of our hard work pay off. We go through some really brutal practices and this was a great opportunity to see that hard work come to fruition."

MR. MAT

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Wrestling Scholarship in honor of former Wheeling Park wrestler Daniel M. Burke, who was tragically killed in an automobile accident.

He lives by the following motto: "No matter how bad you think you have it, look around. You can always find someone else who has it worse than you do. Count your blessings."

Crosier has been a fixture around OVAC wrestling events for more than 40 years, serving in a variety of capacities.

He began his coaching career in 1981 at Mingo High School. He then matriculated

to Barnesville where he spent 15 years. He had 52 OVAC Ron Mauck Tournament placewinners; 32 Ohio state qualifiers; and 11 Ohio state placers. His teams won four Ohio sectional tournaments and one district crown, as well as a trio of OVAC Class AA/AAA Dual Meet titles.

He was honored as the 1994 Ohio Division III Coach of the Year. He was also presented with the OVAC Class AA Coach of the Year in 2000.

Crosier has also held several leadership roles in the OVAC, including OVAC Executive Board president from 2018-20.

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