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MEMBERS OF the Union Local volleyball team celebrate the school's first OVAC volleyball title since 1986 Saturday afternoon after it defeated Shenandoah in five sets for the title.

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## Steelers fend off Bucs for second win

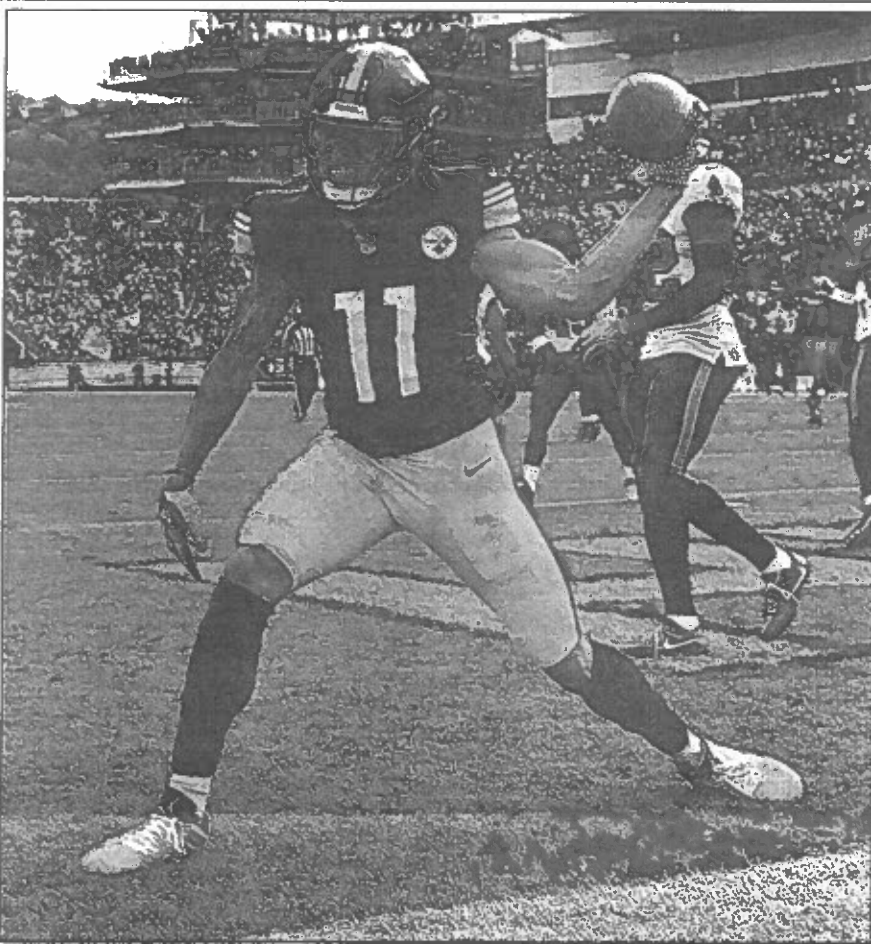
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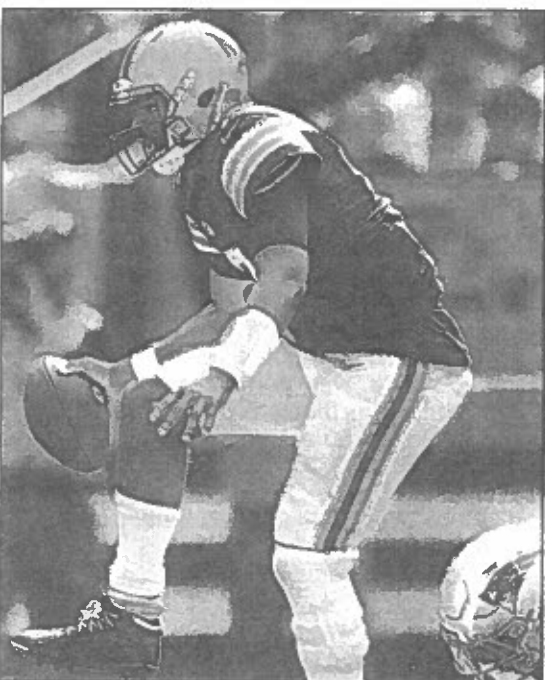
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PITTSBURGH STEELERS wide receiver Chase Claypool (11) celebrates after his touchdown catch of a pass by quarterback Mitch Trubisky during the second half of an NFL football game in Pittsburgh, Sunday.

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CLEVELAND BROWNS quarterback Jacoby Brissett (7) evades New England Patriots linebacker Mack Wilson Sr., right, as he scrambles.

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## Patriots bury Browns, 38-15

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Zappe finished 24 of 34 passing a week after throwing for 188 yards and a touchdown in his first start, a 29-0 win over Detroit.

"He has pretty good instincts, but again, there's a lot for him to learn," Belichick said of the young quarterback. "He saw some things today and he learned from them, he was able to take advantage and make a couple plays, so it was a solid performance."

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"Our offensive line is fantastic. They've done a great job all year," Bonar

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# Barnesville sweeps OVCCCL titles

CONNORVILLE — The cross country regular season wrapped up Saturday with the annual Ohio Valley Cross Country League Championship held at Buckeye Local High School.

A pair of familiar faces — Shadyside's Kenzy Beckett and St. Clairsville's Ben Shields — recorded the individual titles, while Barnesville swept the team titles.

The Shamrocks' boys, who won the OVAC title last week, finished

with 50 points, which was 29 better than St. Clairsville.

Leading the way for Barnesville was Conner Starr, who finished second overall. Connor Warrington was eighth.

Shields clearly paced the Red Devils as he toured the 3.1 mile course in 16:11. Junior Sawyer Bonnett was fourth in 17:07.

Bellaire's Stefan Palenicek was fifth in 17:33.

On the girls' side, the Shamrocks

finished with 59 points, which was 11 fewer than runner-up Edison.

Fueling the Shamrocks were senior Aubrey Johnson, who was third in 20:15, and junior Marah Bethel, who was fourth in 20:21.

Beckett, who has had a brilliant senior season, ran an impressive 19:23, which was 41 seconds better than Edison freshman Josie Le-snansky.

Next up on the CC slate is the district meet at Cambridge.

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Holmes for the eighth. Holmes didn't pitch in Game 3 after Boone decided to shut him down but didn't tell the right-hander.

Holmes struck out Amed Rosario and All-Star Jose Ramirez in the eighth before Wandy Peralta finished for the save.

Working his third straight day,

Peralta retired three batters on just seven pitches.

The Guardians weren't supposed to be here. But they won the AL Central, swept Tampa Bay in the wild-card round and had the Yankees on the cusp of elimination. All Cleveland's kids have to do now is beat the Yankees in baseball's

most hostile environment.

This was the kind of game the Yankees envisioned Cole pitching in when they signed him to a nine-year contract in 2019 as a free agent after he spent two seasons with the Astros.

There was no magic this time for the Guardians.

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"We ain't back yet," defensive end Cam Heyward said after Pittsburgh toppled Brady for just the fourth time in 16 tries. "We've still got work to do."

Maybe, but Pittsburgh avoided its worst start in 34 years by keeping Brady in check for long stretches. The 45-year-old struggled to have his way with a Steelers secondary missing four of its top five players, including star safety Minkah Fitzpatrick.

Brady completed 25 of 40 passes for 243 yards and a touchdown but also saw drives bog down consistently in the red zone. Four times Tampa Bay drove inside the Pittsburgh 20. Three times the drive ended with Ryan Succop kicking a field goal instead of an extra-point attempt.

"We didn't earn the win," Brady said after his team lost for the third time in four weeks. "It's a game of earning it and it's a game of playing well and performing well and we're just not doing a good job of that. I don't think we've done it for six weeks. I think we're all playing less than what we're capable of."

The seven-time Super Bowl

champion let his teammates know it. At one point cameras caught Brady excoriating an offensive line that let the Steelers — who had barely produced much of a pass rush since T.J. Watt went down with a left pectoral injury in the season opener — make Brady far more uncomfortable than he's used to.

"It's all of us," Brady said. "It's our whole offense. ... Obviously there's no position that's performing at an elite level right now."

Then again, neither were the Steelers, who were outclassed in every way imaginable during the club's worst loss since 1989. Head coach Mike Tomlin, faced with the prospect of his first losing season in 16 years on the job, ordered his players to dig in.

They responded by producing one of the most improbable regular-season wins of his long tenure as 10-point underdogs at home. Linebacker Devin Bush, a former first-round pick whose erratic play led the team not to pick up his fifth-year option, knocked away a 2-point conversion attempt with 4:38 remaining after Brady's touchdown pass to Leonard Fournette cut Pittsburgh's lead to two.

Trubisky did the rest, connecting with Claypool for a 26-yard gain down the sideline, then running 9 yards on an option play as the Steelers simultaneously bled the clock and stop the bleeding — at least momentarily — on a season that was on the verge of spinning out of control.

"I went in there, really tried to play free, tried to stay aggressive," Trubisky said. "If I looked relaxed, I mean I felt relaxed. It felt good. ... I would love to duplicate what we did."

### PICKETT EXITS

Pickett's first NFL start at the same stadium where he starred at the University of Pittsburgh ended early after he was knocked to the ground by Tampa Bay linebacker Devin White in the third quarter shortly after throwing an incomplete pass.

The 20th overall pick in the draft lay on the turf for several seconds before slowly picking himself up as officials motioned for Pittsburgh's training staff to check on him. Pickett then sat down briefly while being tended to before going into the protocol. He completed 11 of 18 passes for 67 yards and his first touchdown pass, a 6-yard flip to Najee Harris in the first quarter.

### INJURIES

Tampa Bay: Tight end Cameron Brate left on a stretcher late in the third quarter after getting tackled by Pittsburgh linebacker Myles Jack following a 6-yard catch. Buccaneers head coach Todd Bowles said Brate is dealing with a neck injury.

### UP NEXT

Buccaneers: Travel to NFC South rival Carolina next week. Tampa Bay is 4-0 against the Panthers since Brady arrived in 2020.

Steelers: Visit Miami for the first time since 2016 next Sunday night.

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Stevenson broke through, bounced left and tore down the sideline for a 31-yard score.

Early in the second half, Zappe hooked up with Jonnu Smith for 53 yards to get down to the Browns 20, and a 13-yard completion to Henry set up first-and-goal at the 2. Three plays later, Thornton grabbed Zappe's short toss in the end zone.

Later Patriots linebacker Ja'Whaun Bentley hit quarterback Jacoby Brissett as he was throwing, leading to a pick by Jalen Mills that gave them the ball at the Cleveland 40. Three plays later, Zappe found a wide-open Henry, who ran untouched for a 31-yard touchdown and a 24-6 New England lead.

The Browns' offense produced only a pair of field goals by Cade York in the first half.

Cleveland's Nick Chubb, who entered leading the NFL in rushing, didn't have a double-digit gain un-

til late in the third quarter. He had 23 yards rushing and 14 receiving on that drive, but again the Browns stalled — and York came on for a 51-yard field goal.

Chubb finished with 12 carries for 56 yards, both season lows.

Brissett, who finished 21 for 45 for 266 yards with two interceptions, threw a 15-yard scoring pass to Amari Cooper in the fourth quarter but a 2-point attempt failed, leaving it a two-score game with 6:22 left.

New England sealed it with a 19-yard end-around for a touchdown by Thornton. Brissett fumbled the ball away on the Browns' next drive, leading to Stevenson's second TD, a 6-yard plunge with 3:40 left.

It was the most points allowed by Cleveland this season and its most lopsided loss.

"Every way you can get beat — offense, defense, special teams,

coaching — we got beat," Browns coach Kevin Stefanski said. "They beat us, and we also beat ourselves a few too many times."

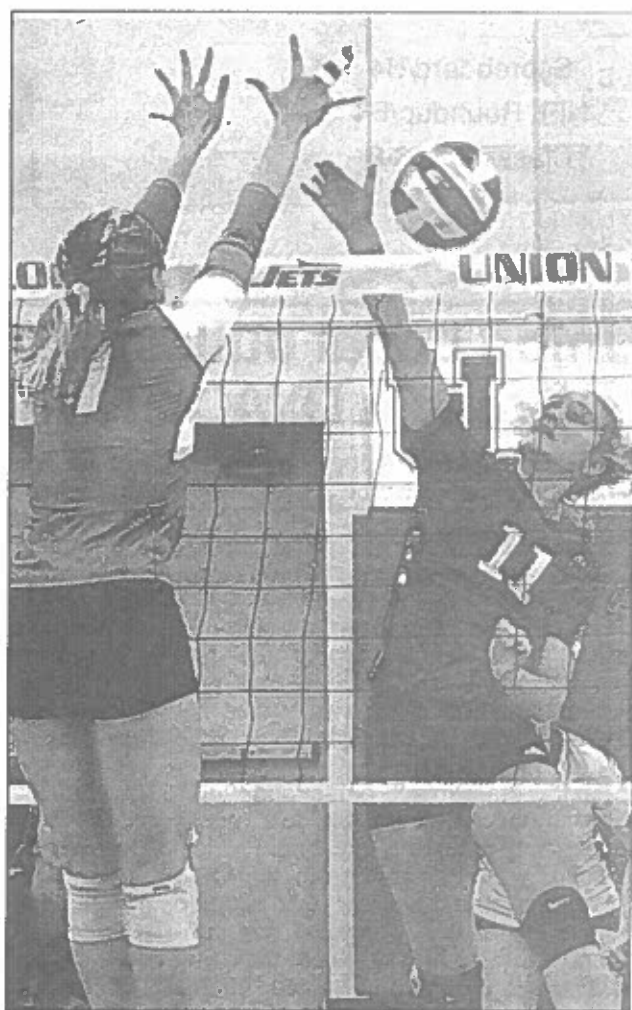
Defensive end Myles Garrett said Zappe caught the Browns off-guard when he came out throwing.

"The plan was they were going to run the ball, based on what's happened the last two weeks," Garrett said. "But we shouldn't have made it so easy on him."

### HISTORIC WIN

Belichick, who is 324-159 including the playoffs, has a chance to pass Halas next Monday night at home against Chicago — the franchise with which Halas won all his games. Don Shula tops the list with 347.

"You can't win games in this league without good players, so I've been very fortunate to coach a lot of great players and have a lot of great coaches through the years," Belichick said.



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**BEALLSVILLE'S KAYLEE** Hagan hits around the attempted block of Conotton Valley's Keira Turek during Saturday's OVAC Class 1A championship game at Union Local High School.

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a good team."

Though it hadn't come back to cost them, according to Zeps head coach Megan Grywalski, her team has lifted its foot off the gas late in matches before.

"Once we've gotten to the final five points, we've let up at times because we think we have it," Grywalski said. "Teams like Union Local aren't going to give it to you. I think we were waiting for them to mess up rather than playing to win. We were playing just not to lose, hoping they'd give us the point."

The Jets dominated the first set, soaring out of the gates quickly en route to the win. From there, though, every set was nip and tuck.

Similar to the fifth set, the Jets found themselves down 20-15 in the second only to battle back and knot the set at 20. However, this time, with junior standout Mya Leach leading the way, the Zeps closed out the set for a 25-20 victory.

Shenandoah was able to fend off elimination in the fourth with a win. Union Local again battled its way back, staving off three set points before a service error did it in and set the match, which was played before a huge and loud crowd, to the decisive set.

"We fought and fought and fought," Grywalski said. "We didn't play well in the first set, but we started doing what we had been practicing to do."

Kildow continues to light up the stat sheet. She recorded an astounding 41 kills in the match. That number is tied for 22nd most all-time in Ohio history. Kildow produced a triple-double. She also had 19 digs, 12 assists. For good measure, she posted four aces and three blocks.

Kelly Gress was charted for 44 assists and nine digs. Olivia Whortman was a solid second hitter for the Jets with 13 kills and seven digs. Julie Broussard had 17 digs, while Emily Kellaway and Emma Yager added 11 and 10, respectively. Ali Briggs donated four kills and seven digs. Ella Pietranton was charted for three kills and four digs.

"This is a special group of girls," Sechrest said. "This is very special. It's for all of the girls who have played for me at Union Local."

Shenandoah (20-2) was led by Leach's 18 kills, 22 digs and 18 assists. Makenna Clift had 23 assists and 12 digs. Charli Wickham had seven kills and 10 digs, while Brenna Leach and Klara Anderson each had nine kills. Grace Wikander had 16 points and 16 digs.

### CLASS 1A

#### Conotton Valley def. Beallsville

Beallsville, which was coming off an upset of top-seeded Frontier in the semifinals, couldn't keep up with the Rockets who soared to a sweep by scores of 25-13, 25-18 and 25-20.

Keira Turek led the Rockets with 23 kills. Masyn Baker added 13 digs, while Chloe Stuber posted 11 assists and 14 digs.

The Blue Devils, meanwhile, were led by sophomore Kaylee Hagan who had eight kills and 11 digs. Kinley Hughes stuffed the stat sheet with eight assists, seven digs, four kills and two blocks. Chloe McCulley posted seven digs and six assists. Brooke Wells had nine digs.

IN OTHER OVAC volleyball championship matches: Morgantown defeated Marietta for the 5A title, while Wellsville swept Toronto in 2A and East Liverpool swept Beaver Local in 4A.

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Photo by Kim North

Bellaire's Luca DaQuila tackles Union Local's Billy Schumacher (24) during Saturday afternoon's game at sun-drenched Nelson Field in Bellaire. The Big Reds prevailed, 8-7.

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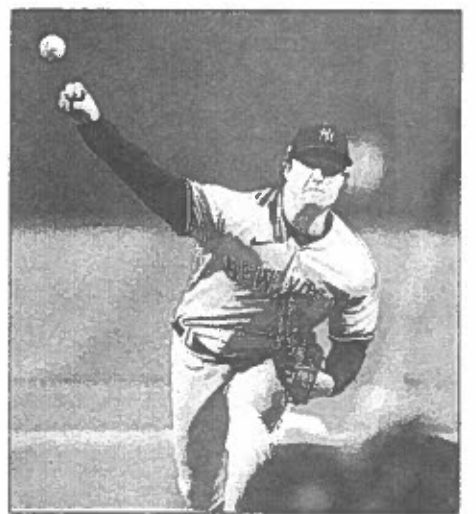
CLEVELAND — Gerrit Cole brought the Yankees back from the brink. They're Bronx bound, still chasing a championship.

Cole gave New York what it needed, seven solid innings and Harrison Bader hit a two-run homer as the Yankees saved their season and forced a decisive fifth game in the AL Division Series with a 4-2 win over the Cleveland Guardians in Game 4 on Sunday night.

"This series certainly isn't over, and we have bigger goals," Cole said. "But I'm definitely having the time of my life and I love it and I can't wait to keep going."

New York's \$324 million man, Cole allowed two runs and struck out eight in beating the Guardians for the second time in six days. He didn't dominate, but Cole kept Cleveland's hitters off base and off balance.

Bader homered for the third time in the best-of-five series, connecting in the second inning off Cal Quantrill,



AP Photo

New York Yankees' Gerrit Cole pitches in the first inning of Game 4 of the AL Division Series against the Cleveland Guardians on Sunday in Cleveland.

who came in unbeaten in 44 games at Progressive Field.

After blowing Game 3 on Saturday, when the Yankees' bullpen had its greatest meltdown in the team's storied postseason history, New York recovered and is headed home.

New York will start Game 2 loser Jameson Taillon against Aaron Civale on Monday night at Yankee Stadium.

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Division V, Region 19. according to Eitel.

"We didn't play our best game today, but credit to Bellaire. They are a tough team." Union Local head coach Bernie Thompson said. "We just need to get back to what we do best and I didn't think we ran the ball very well today."

"It came down to we needed a stop on defense late in the game and we didn't get it," Thompson added.

Sparking the late TD drive was a 38-yard pass on first down from Heatherington to Edgar that moved the ball to near midfield. It came one play after Bellaire's Maurice Webb intercepted a Carter Blake pass at the Big Reds' 11.

The first half was an offensive struggle as both teams moved the ball to a certain degree, but the defenses played with the bend-but-don't-break mentality.

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Price lugged the leather 19 times for 89 yards and Blake was 8-for-14 for 142 yards, a touchdown and two picks.

Bellaire played the game without the Pettigrew brothers - Ray Ray and Mac Mac - who were attending funeral services for their father in Florida.

Both teams have huge games next Friday night to close the regular season as Bellaire visits Martins Ferry for the S.P.A.R.K.Y. Trophy and Union Local heads to Barnesville for the Milk Jug.

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#### BILLS 24, CHIEFS 20

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Josh Allen threw for 329 yards and three touchdowns, including the go-ahead toss to Dawson Knox with 1:04 remaining, and the Buffalo Bills beat the Kansas City Chiefs 24-20 on Sunday to exact a small measure of revenge for their epic overtime loss in last year's playoffs.

#### GIANTS 24, RAVENS 20

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Julian Love's interception and 27-yard return set up Saquon Barkley's 1-yard touchdown dive with 1:43 to play, and New York rallied from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Baltimore.

#### JETS 27, PACKERS 10

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - Breece Hall ran for 116 yards, including a 34-yard touchdown, and New York sacked Aaron Rodgers four times to win its fourth straight.

#### COLTS 34, JAGUARS 27

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Matt Ryan threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Alec Pierce with 17 sec-

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) - Matthew Stafford passed for 253 yards, Darrell Henderson and receiver Ben Skowronek rushed for touchdowns in the second half, and Los Angeles beat Carolina to end a two-game skid.

#### VIKINGS 24, DOLPHINS 16

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) - Dalvin Cook rushed for a 53-yard insurance touchdown in the fourth quarter and Minnesota held on to beat injury-riddled Miami.

#### BENGALS 30, SAINTS 26

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Joe Burrow passed for three touchdowns and scrambled for a score as Cincinnati rallied past New Orleans.

#### FALCONS 28, 49ERS 14

ATLANTA (AP) - Marcus Mariota threw a pair of touchdown passes and ran for another score against the NFL's top-ranked defense, leading Atlanta past San Francisco.

#### SEAHAWKS 19, CARDINALS 9

SEATTLE (AP) - Rookie Kenneth Walker III rushed for an 11-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter and Seattle beat Arizona.

#### EAGLES 26, COWBOYS 17

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Jalen Hurts threw for 155 yards and two touchdowns as Philadelphia beat rival Dallas to stay undefeated.

## BURY

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Zappe finished 24 of 34 passing a week after throwing for 188 yards and a touchdown in his first start, a 29-0 win over Detroit.

"He has pretty good instincts, but again, there's a lot for him to learn," Belichick said of the young quarterback. "He saw some things today and he learned from them, he was able to take advantage and make a couple plays, so it was a solid performance."

The Patriots' offense took a

while to get going in this one, and the Browns (2-4) never really did.

Late in the first half, Rhamondre Stevenson broke through, bounced left and tore down the sideline for a 31-yard score.

Early in the second half, Zappe hooked up with Jonnu Smith for 53 yards to get down to the Browns 20, and a 13-yard completion to Henry set up first-and-goal at the 2. Three plays later, Thornton

grabbed Zappe's short toss in the end zone.

Later Patriots linebacker Ja'Whaun Bentley hit quarterback Jacoby Brissett as he was throwing, leading to a pick by Jalen Mills that gave them the ball at the Cleveland 40. Three plays later, Zappe found a wide-open Henry, who ran untouched for a 31-touchdown and a 24-6 New England lead.

The Browns' offense produced only a pair of field goals by Cade York in the first half.

Cleveland's Nick Chubb, who entered leading the NFL in rushing, didn't have a double-digit gain until late in the third quarter. He had 23 yards rushing and 14 receiving on that drive, but again the Browns stalled - and York came on for a 51-yard field goal.

Chubb finished with 12 carries for 56 yards, both season lows.

Brissett, who finished 21 for 45 for 266 yards with two interceptions, threw a 15-yard

scoring pass to Amari Cooper in the fourth quarter but a 2-point attempt failed, leaving it a two-score game with 6:22 left.

New England sealed it with a 19-yard end-around for a touchdown by Thornton. Brissett fumbled the ball away on the Browns' next drive, leading to Stevenson's second TD, a 6-yard plunge with 3:40 left.

It was the most points allowed by Cleveland this season and its most lopsided loss.

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## RALLIES

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Though it hadn't come back to cost them, according to Zeps head coach Megan Grywalski, her team has lifted its foot off the gas late in matches before.

"Once we've gotten to the final five points, we've let up at times because we think we have it," Grywalski said. "Teams like Union Local aren't going to give it to you. I think we were waiting for them to mess up rather than playing to win. We were playing just not to lose, hoping they'd give us the point."

The Jets dominated the first set, soaring out of the gates quickly en route to the win. From there, though, every set was nip and tuck.

Similar to the fifth set, the Jets found themselves down 20-15 in the second only to battle back and knot the set at 20. However, this time, with junior standout Mya Leach leading the way, the Zeps closed out the set for a 25-20 victory.

Shenandoah was able to fend off elimination in the fourth with a win. Union Local again battled its way back, staving off three set points before a service error did it in and set the match, which was played before a huge and loud

crowd, to the decisive set.

"We fought and fought and fought," Grywalski said. "We didn't play well in the first set, but we started doing what we had been practicing to do."

Kildow continues to light up the stat sheet. She recorded an astounding 41 kills in the match. That number is tied for 22nd most all-time in Ohio history. Kildow produced a triple-double. She also had 19 digs, 12 assists. For good measure, she posted four aces and three blocks.

Kelly Gress was charted for 44 assists and nine digs. Olivia Whortman was a solid second hitter for the Jets with 13 kills and seven digs. Julie Broussard had 17 digs, while Emily Kellaway and Emma Yager added 11 and 10, respectively. Ali Briggs donated four kills and seven digs. Ella Pietranton was charted for three kills and four digs.

"This is a special group of girls," Sechrest said. "This is very special. It's for all of the girls who have played for me at Union Local."

Shenandoah (20-2) was led by Leach's 18 kills, 22 digs and 18 assists. Makenna Clift had 23 as-

sists and 12 digs. Charli Wickham had seven kills and 10 digs, while Brenna Leach and Klara Anderson each had nine kills. Grace Wikander had 16 points and 16 digs.

#### CLASS 1A

Conotton Valley def. Beallsville Beallsville, which was coming off an upset of top-seeded Frontier in the semifinals, couldn't keep up with the Rockets who soared to a sweep by scores of 25-13, 25-18 and 25-20.

Keira Turek led the Rockets with 23 kills. Masyn Baker added 13 digs, while Chloe Stuber posted 11 assists and 14 digs.

The Blue Devils, meanwhile, were led by sophomore Kaylee Hagan who had eight kills and 11 digs. Kinley Hughes stuffed the stat sheet with eight assists, seven digs, four kills and two blocks. Chloe McCulley posted seven digs and six assists. Brooke Wells had nine digs.

In other OVAC volleyball championship matches: Morgantown defeated Marietta for the 5A title, while Wellsville swept Toronto in 2A and East Liverpool swept Beaver Local in 4A.

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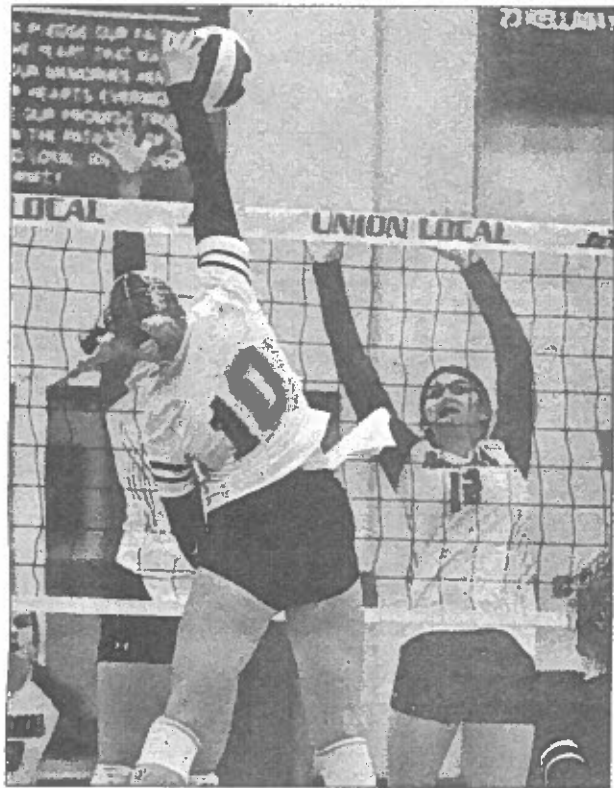


Photo by Seth Staskey

Union Local's Emma Yager goes up for a block as Caldwell's Gwyn Lori hits the ball during Tuesday's OVAC Class 3A semifinal match at Union Local. The Jets swept the Redskins to advance to Saturday's title match.

## Jets Sweep Caldwell In OVAC 3A Semifinal

By SETH STASKEY  
For The Intelligencer  
MORRISTOWN — Union Local vs. Shenandoah ... part 3 is official-ly scheduled.

The Jets and Zeps both took care of their respective business Tuesday evening on their home courts in the semi-final round of the OVAC volleyball tournament to earn a spot in Saturday morning's 3A title game, which will be played at 11 a.m. in Morristown.

However, before each could shift focus to the rubber match, plenty of business remained. Union Local — for the 20th time this season — won by virtue of a sweep, handing fourth-seeded Caldwell a 25-22, 25-14 and 25-16 setback before a loud and large crowd in the Hangar.

"Caldwell was really, really good and very

young and they gave us a battle," UL head coach Kaye Sechrest said. "We're excited to advance and now we have to come back in (for practice) and do some tweaks and get ready for Saturday.

The Redskins definitely gave the Jets all they wanted and then some in the first set. Caldwell had the lead at 22-21 before the Jets closed with a flurry to win the set and grab the match's momentum.

"We gave away seven serves in the first set and were still competitive," Caldwell head coach Alexis Watson said. "We couldn't get out of one rotation and they went up by 10, and it looked to me like we got content with competing in the first set."

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# Tigers Prevail Over Maroon Knights

Wellsville reverse sweeps Central in OVAC 2A semifinal

By CODY NESPOR  
Sports Writer

WHEELING — Wellsville entered the OVAC volleyball tournament with a sparkling 18-1 record. The No. 3 Tigers showed just how resilient they are Tuesday in a come-from-behind OVAC 2A semifinal victory over second-seeded Wheeling Central.

After falling down two sets to none to the Maroon Knights (15-4), Wellsville rattled off a convincing 25-12 victory in set three before taking sets four and five by scores of 25-20 and 15-13.

"We knew they were a good team," Central coach Kara Conners said. "I think they had a slow start, but we knew that they were going to come back strong... The third set for us was rough."

A six-point run early in set three gave the Tigers an 11-4 lead and they would eventually piece together a 10-2 run that sealed the victory.

Wheeling Central showed resolve in the fourth set, using a five-point swing to lead 11-7, but Wellsville responded with six straight scores to pull ahead 13-11. The Tigers would eventually claim eight of the final nine points to win by five.

"They were picking up what we were putting down," Conners said of Wellsville's defense. "They have some great players and they were very consistent servers. At times we got a little rattled."

In the deciding fifth set, the Tigers scored seven-of-eight points early to lead 9-4 before Central fought back to cut the lead to 10-9. Once Wellsville got to 14-10, however, it was only a matter of time until the Tigers got the final point to take the set and the match.

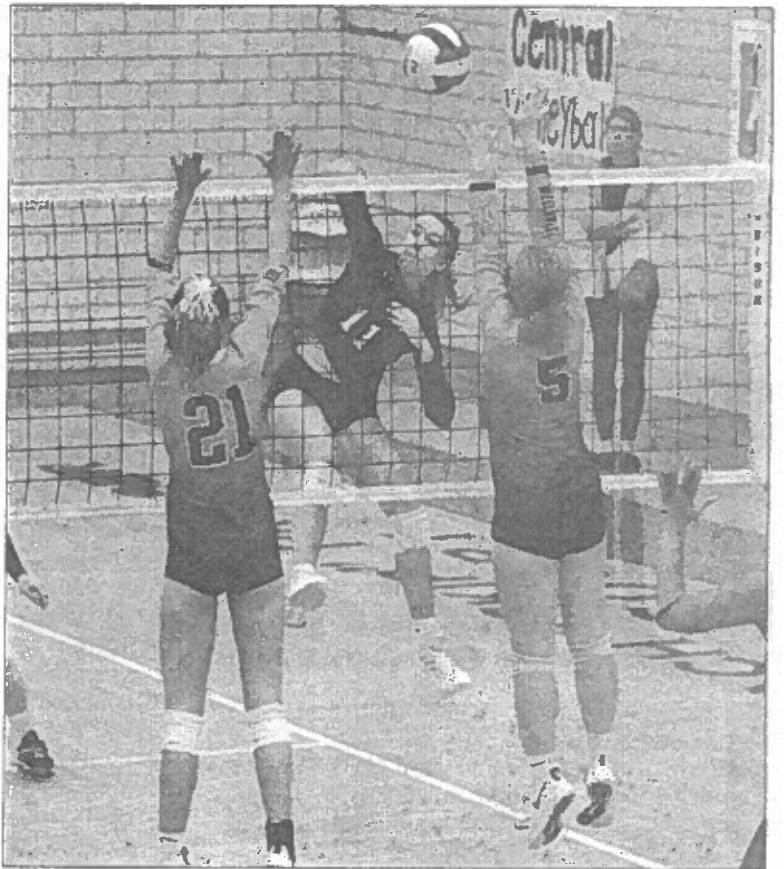


Photo by Cody Nespor

Wheeling Central's Nicole Reasbeck (11) hits splits two Wellsville blockers with a hit during Tuesday's OVAC Class 2A semifinal match at Wheeling Central.

"We fought until the end, we just came up a little bit short," Conners said. "We worked really hard and we played really hard, so I'm proud of the girls."

Wellsville was led by Presley Stokes, who racked up 27 kills, 10 blocks, 12 assists and five aces. Alana Amato provided 14 kills and 10 blocks of her own with four aces. Bella Poppelriter supported with 27 assists, 16 digs and six aces and Kaylee Rawson recorded six blocks.

Wheeling Central won the first two sets by narrow scores of 25-20 and 25-18 largely by leaning on the strength of its powerful outside hitters Nicole Reasbeck and Kamy Conners. Reasbeck finished the match with 22 kills and Conners had 19.

The effectiveness of those hits dwindled as the match wore on, however, as Wellsville played better and better on defense.

"We were getting blocked and they picked up a lot of our hits on defense," Coach Conners said.

Reasbeck also recorded 21 digs, seven assists and a like number of blocks. Kamy Conners had 20 digs with four aces. Gabby Leadbitter led with 27 digs while Lainey Peters dished out 17 assists and Alexis Hood charted 12 helpers.

"We're a good team too," Coach Conners said. "We made it to the OVACs and we haven't done that for a couple of years. I'm very proud of them and we're ready to pick back up and push to try and go down to states next."

# Cup Champs Tend to Keep Their Core Together

By STEPHEN WHYNO  
AP Hockey Writer

Joe Sakic adopted a very practical approach to the task of molding the Colorado Avalanche roster that will attempt to repeat as Stanley Cup champions.

"We know we're not going to be able to sign everybody," the NHL's reigning general manager of the year said not long after his team hoisted the Cup. "We know that. But we've got our priority."

That priority has been shared by many recent Cup winners that have bid adieu to key players in order to keep others in the hope of staying atop the league. Colorado is now banking on keeping its championship core of Nathan MacKinnon, Cale Makar, Mikko Rantanen and Gabriel Landeskog together long term and making changes

around the edges to keep things fresh — a recipe that has worked for rivals like Chicago, St. Louis and Los Angeles in the West and Pittsburgh, Washington and Tampa Bay in the East.

"I don't look at change for the sake of change or change for the sake of keeping people honest: I think change is natural in a salary cap world," said Doug Armstrong, GM of the Blues, who won the Cup in 2019. "We've been fortunate to have some really good players that have stayed here for a long time, and we've lost a couple too. When you look around the league, that's more the norm than the exception."

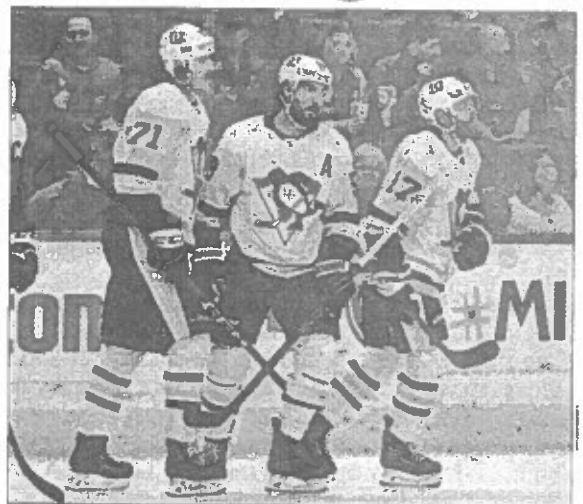
Go back as far as the 2010 Blackhawks to see a team forced by the salary cap to jettison top contributors. Colorado most closely resembles Chicago from 12 years ago because it made the

decision to keep defensemen like Josh Manson and forwards Valeri Nishushkin around and switch out goaltenders, from Darcy Kuemper to longtime Rangers backup Alexandar Georgiev.

The Blackhawks won it all three times in six years with two different goalies and a rotating supporting cast around Jonathan Toews, Patrick Kane, Duncan Keith and Brent Seabrook. Only Kane and Toews remain with Chicago plunging into a long-term rebuild.

The engine behind the Kings' 2012 and 2014 Cup runs remain in L.A.: goaltender Jonathan Quick, defenseman Drew Doughty and center Anze Kopitar. They're now the elder statesmen for a team shifting back into contender status.

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AP Photo

Pittsburgh Penguins right wing Bryan Rust (17) celebrates his goal with Kris Letang (58) and Evgeni Malkin (71) during a preseason game.

## Cole Cruises, Yankees Beat



## WLU, Wheeling Gearing Up for Hoops Season

LOCAL CARD

Wednesday, Oct. 12
BOYS SOCCER
Brooke at Steubenville
GIRLS SOCCER
Harrison Central at Beaver Local
Buckeye Local at Martins Ferry
Harrison Central at Toronto
Ravenswood at Magnolia
Oak Glen at Tyler
VOLLEYBALL
OVAC 5A Semifinal
John Marshall at Morgantown
Regular Season
South Harrison at Valley
Wheeling Park at Parkersburg South

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East
Buffalo 4 1 0.800 152 61
Miami 3 2 0.600 115 131
N.Y. Jets 3 2 0.600 116 118
New England 23 0.400 103 98
South
Tennessee 3 2 0.600 96 118
Indianapolis 2 2 1.500 69 94
Jacksonville 2 3 0.400 111 80
Houston 1 3 1.300 86 99
North
Baltimore 3 2 0.600 138 117
Cincinnati 2 3 0.400 108 89
Cleveland 2 3 0.400 133 125
Pittsburgh 1 4 0.200 77 128
West
Kansas City 4 1 0.800 159 125
L.A. Chargers 3 2 0.600 122 136
Denver 2 3 0.400 75 80
Las Vegas 1 4 0.200 125 130
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
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Philadelphia 50 01.000 135 88
Dallas 4 1 0.800 93 72
N.Y. Giants 4 1 0.800 103 93
Washington 14 0 .200 90 128
West
Tampa Bay 3 2 0.600 103 83
Atlanta 2 3 0.400 118 122
New Orleans 23 0.400 115 128
Carolina 1 4 0.200 93 122
North
Minnesota 4 1 0.800 115 102
Green Bay 3 2 0.600 97 96
Chicago 2 3 0.400 86 106
Detroit 1 4 0.200 140 170
West
San Francisco 3 2 0.600 108 61
Arizona 2 3 0.400 105 123
L.A. Rams 2 3 0.400 80 116
Seattle 2 3 0.400 127 154
Thursday's Games
Indianapolis 12, Denver 9, OT
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Giants 27, Green Bay 22, London, GBR
Buffalo 38, Pittsburgh 3
Houston 13, Jacksonville 6
L.A. Chargers 30, Cleveland 28
Minnesota 29, Chicago 22
N.Y. Jets 40, Miami 17
New England 29, Detroit 0
New Orleans 39, Seattle 32
Tampa Bay 21, Atlanta 15
Tennessee 21, Washington 17
San Francisco 37, Carolina 15
Dallas 22, L.A. Rams 10
Philadelphia 20, Arizona 17
Baltimore 19, Cincinnati 17
Monday's Games
Kansas City 30, Las Vegas 29
Thursday, Oct. 13
Washington at Chicago, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 16
Baltimore at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
New England at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Carolina at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.
Open: Houston, Las Vegas, Tennessee, Detroit
Monday, Oct. 17
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 8:15 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
Boston 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Tampa Bay 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 3
Detroit 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Florida 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Buffalo 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Toronto 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Montreal 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Ottawa 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Metropolitan Division
N.Y. Rangers 1 1 0 0 0 2 3 1
Washington 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Pittsburgh 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

MLB PLAYOFFS

WILD CARD SERIES (Best-of-3)
American League
Cleveland 2, Tampa Bay 0
Friday, Oct. 7: Cleveland 2, Tampa Bay 1
Saturday, Oct. 8: Cleveland 1, Tampa Bay 0, 15 innings
Seattle 2, Toronto 0
Friday, Oct. 7: Seattle 4, Toronto 0
Saturday, Oct. 8: Seattle 10, Toronto 9
National League
Philadelphia 2, St. Louis 0
Friday, Oct. 7: Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 3
Saturday, Oct. 8: Philadelphia 2, St. Louis 0
San Diego 2, New York 1
Friday, Oct. 7: San Diego 7, New York 1
Saturday, Oct. 8: New York 7, San Diego 3
Sunday, Oct. 9: San Diego 6, New York 0
DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5)
American League
Houston 1, Seattle 0
Tuesday, Oct. 11 — Houston 8, Seattle 7
Thursday, Oct. 13 — Seattle (Castillo 4-2) at Houston (Valdez 17-6), 3:37 p.m. (TBS)
Saturday, Oct. 15 — Houston at Seattle, 4:07 p.m. (TBS)
x-Sunday, Oct. 16 — Houston at Seattle, 3:07 p.m. (TBS)
x-Monday, Oct. 17 — Seattle at Houston, 5:07 p.m. (TNT)
New York 1, Cleveland 0
Tuesday, Oct. 11 — New York 4, Cleveland 1
Thursday, Oct. 13 — Cleveland (Bieber 13-8) at New York (Cortes 12-4) 7:37 p.m. (TBS)
Saturday, Oct. 15 — New York (Severino 7-3) at Cleveland (McKenzie 11-11), 7:37 p.m. (TBS)
x-Sunday, Oct. 16 — New York at Cleveland, 7:07 p.m. (TBS)
x-Monday, Oct. 17 — Cleveland at New York, 7:37 p.m. (TBS)
National League
Los Angeles vs. San Diego
Tuesday, Oct. 11 — San Diego (Clevinger 7-7) at Los Angeles (Urias 17-7), 9:37 p.m. (FS1)
Wednesday, Oct. 12 — San Diego (Darvish 16-8) at Los Angeles (Kershaw 12-3), 8:37 p.m. (FS1)
Friday, Oct. 14 — Los Angeles at San Diego, 8:37 p.m. (FS1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 15 — Los Angeles at San Diego, 9:37 p.m. (FS1)
x-Sunday, Oct. 16 — San Diego at Los Angeles, 9:07 p.m. (FS1)
Philadelphia 1, Atlanta 0
Tuesday, Oct. 11 — Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 6
Wednesday, Oct. 12 — Philadelphia (Wheeler 12-7) at Atlanta (Wright 21-5), 4:37 p.m. (Fox)
Friday, Oct. 14 — Atlanta at Philadelphia (Nola 11-13), 4:37 p.m. (FS1)
x-Saturday, Oct. 15 — Atlanta at Philadelphia, 2:07 p.m. (FS1)
x-Sunday, Oct. 16 — Philadelphia at Atlanta, 4:37 p.m. (FS1)

WV FB RANKINGS

WVSSAC Football Computer Rankings
Week 7
Class AAA
1. Musselman 5-112.83
2. Parkersburg So. 5-112.33
3. Cabel Midland 5-1 12
4. Huntington 5-111.83
5. Hurricane 5-111.67
6. Spring Valley 5-1 11.5
7. Bridgeport 6-111.29
7. Martinsburg 5-211.29
9. Jefferson 5-2 10
10. G. Washington 4-2 9.83
11. Morgantown 4-2 8.33
12. University 5-2 9.29
13. Wheeling Park 4-2 9
14. Woodrow Wilson 5-2 8.71
15. Hedgesville 4-3 7.86
16. Brooke 4-2 7.83
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20. John Marshall 3-3 5.83
Class AA
1. Scott 7-011.57
2. Roane County 6-011.33
3. Independence 6-0 11
4. North Marion 6-110.29
5. Winfield 5-1 9.83
6. Frankfort 6-1 9.57
7. Clay County 5-1 8.83
7. Nicholas County 5-1 8.83
9. Logan 5-2 7.71
10. Herbert Hoover 4-2 7.33
10. East Fairmont 4-2 7.33
12. Fairmont Senior 4-3 7.29
13. Lincoln 4-2 7.17
14. Keyser 4-2 7
15. Liberty 4-2 6.5
16. Point Pleasant 3-3 5.5
16. Philip Barbour 3-3 5.5
16. Lewis County 3-3 5.5
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20. Weir 4-3 5
...
26. Oak Glen 2-5 2.86
Class A
1. Williamstown 6-0 10.5
2. Wheeling Central 6-0 9
3. James Monroe 6-0 8.83
4. Doddridge Co. 6-0 8.5
5. Tucker County 6-0 8.33
6. Cameron 7-0 8.29
7. Wahama 7-0 8.14
8. Man 6-1 7.71
9. Van 6-0 7.67
10. Greenbrier West 6-1 7
11. Montcalm 6-0 6.83
11. Tug Valley 5-1 6.83
13. Petersburg 5-1 6.67
14. Clay-Battelle 4-1 6.4
15. East Hardy 5-1 6.33
16. South Harrison 4-2 6.17
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21. Tyler 4-2 4.5
22. Valley 4-3 4.29
23. Madonna 3-3 4.17
...
34. Paden City 1-4 1.2
35. Hundred 1-5 1.17
...
40. Magnolia 0-7 0

HS FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 14
John Marshall at Brooke
Musselman at Wheeling Park
Dover at Linsly
Edison at Buckeye Local
Martins Ferry at Lancaster
Fisher Catholic
Carrick at Wheeling Central
Shenandoah at Barnesville
Shadyside at Bridgeport
Frontier at Monroe Central
Paden City at Beallsville
Harrison Central at Indian Creek
Fort Leboeuf at St. Clairsville, 7:30 p.m.
Phillip-Barbour at River
Cameron at Clay-Battelle
Albert Gallatin at Weir
Pymatuning Valley at Toronto
Oak Glen at East Liverpool
Alexander at Warren
Cambridge at Marietta
John Hay at Beaver Local
Clear Spring, Md. at Trinity
Morgantown at Parkersburg South
St. Marys at Magnolia
Hancock, Md. at Hundred
Saturday, Oct. 15
Union Local at Bellaire, noon
Richwood at Madonna
Steubenville at Cardinal
Mooney (at Mineral Ridge)
Conotton Valley at Steubenville CC

SPORTS ON TV

Wednesday, October 12
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
7:30 p.m.
ESPN2 — Louisiana-Lafayette at Marshall
COLLEGE GOLF
3 p.m.
GOLF — The Jackson T. Stephens Cup: Final Round, Seminole GC, Juno Beach, Fla.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)
8 p.m.
ACCN — Clemson at Georgia Tech
BTN — Ohio St. at Minnesota
ESPNU — Rutgers at Illinois
SECN — Mississippi at Kentucky
GOLF
11 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour: The ZOZO Championship, First Round, Narashino Country Club, Inzai, Japan
MLB BASEBALL
4:30 p.m.
FOX — N.L. Divisional Series: Philadelphia at Atlanta, Game 2
8:30 p.m.
FS1 — N.L. Divisional Series: San Diego at LA Dodgers, Game 2
NBA BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
ESPN — Preseason: Brooklyn at Milwaukee
10 p.m.
ESPN — Preseason: Minnesota at LA Lakers
NHL HOCKEY

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Placed S Marcus Williams on injured reserve. Released CB Daryl Worley.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Waived DE Khalid Kareem.

Tyler Falls to Ritchie County

SISTERSVILLE — Tyler Consolidated fell to visiting Ritchie County in four sets, 26-24, 25-7, 22-25 and 25-18.

Braeden Wall led the Knights with 13 kills, two blocks and two aces. Juliana Lattea racked up six kills with eight blocks. Tanley McEldowney charted 11 digs while Caitlyn Northcraft had 25 assists with nine digs, four blocks and three aces.

Tyler is now 15-8 and will play at Wirt County on Thursday.

Shadyside sweeps St. Clairsville
ST. CLAIRSVILLE — Shadyside continued its late-season success by posting a sweep of the Red Devils by scores of 25-18, 26-24 and 25-22.

The Tigers were led by senior standout Gentry Brown's 22 kills and 19 digs. She also had six blocks and an ace. Bayleigh Harman had 17 assists and two aces. Macy Hendershot had 12 digs and three kills, while Janelle Greenwood and Josey Greenwood evenly divided 22 digs. Ali Weatherwood had 11 assists.

Ferry edges Buckeye Local
MARTINS FERRY — The Purple Riders needed four sets, but picked up another win by toppling the Panthers by

JETS

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While the service errors were certainly costly, the Redskins were able to make their biggest push when they caught Union Local with senior standout Torre Kildow in the back row, negating her big-swing ability.

"The girls stepped it up (when Kildow was in the back row) in the third game," Sechrest said. "I don't know if we played our best game, but Caldwell had a lot to do with that because they really played well."

In the second set, the Jets left little doubt when they raced out to a 10-0 lead to open the set. Kildow spent more time in the front row and planted spike after spike at the feet of Redskins' defenders.

As Sechrest pointed out, the Jets seemingly adjusted to Kildow being in the back row in the third set and never allowed the Redskins to get on any type of extended scoring run.

"The first (set) could have gone either way and if it had gone (Caldwell's) way, who knows what would have happened?" Sechrest said.

The Jets received another brilliant hitting performance from Kildow. The Ohio

CORE

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"They calm the pace," Kings center Phillip Danault said. "They don't panic. They go with the flow. They know what to do. They've done it twice, so they can do it again."

The Penguins did it twice, too, going back to back in 2016 and 2017. Three players remain from those two Cup teams and the one in 2009 that won it after management re-signed center Evgeni Malkin and defenseman Kris Letang to keep the trio with captain Sidney Crosby together.

Can Pittsburgh win again? "When you have those two guys — a leader like Sid — everything's possible," Letang said.

The same goes for the Capitals with Alex Ovechkin, and the bulk of the 2018 championship core remains from John Carlson on the blue line to Evgeny Kuznetsov and

HOOPS

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"We've got a lot of work to do, we've got a lot of guys who are going to be first-time college basketball players," coach Chris Richardson said. "They're going to follow the example that is set by the guys that are in front of them."

The Cardinals were picked 10th in the MEC preseason poll and figure to be led by a pair of seniors in Brent Price and John Korte.

"Those two guys, from the time we started in the spring, have really assumed that mantle of leadership and they've run with it," Richardson said. "They set the tone for our group from everything we did in the Spring and everything we've done in the preseason so far."

Among the newcomers Richardson

scores of 25-23, 21-25, 25-23 and 25-17.

On the stat sheet, the Riders were led by Sydney Koller's four aces, 20 kills and 18 digs. Lindsay Best had six aces, 11 kills and 23 digs. Hannah Meeker posted three aces, four kills and 13 digs. McKenzie Carte added 10 kills and three blocks. Kelsi Gillespie posted eight digs.

Buckeye Local was led by Sam Ankrum's 28 digs. Pam Kandrach added four kills and 21 assists to go along with 25 digs and three aces. Brynn McKeever posted four aces and 16 digs. Morgan Richardson was charted for six kills, two blocks, 11 digs and nine assists. Jaelee Thompson had eight kills and two aces, while Shaylee Hornyak had 16 kills, seven blocks and eight digs.

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T.J. Oshie up front. Washington brought in Kuemper to take another run.

The Cup champs in between keep riding their goalies. Jordan Binnington is unquestionably the starter in St. Louis, and Tampa Bay's Andrei Vasilevskiy is widely considered the best in the world.

After winning in 2020 and '21 and reaching the final last season before losing to Colorado, the Lightning made a difficult choice to part with a key part of the core, veteran defenseman Ryan McDonagh, to maintain flexibility, re-sign younger players and remain one of the NHL's best teams

"I think that extends our window of being a Stanley Cup contender," GM Julien BriseBois said. "It allows us to make sure we can make sure we extend it beyond one season."

last year's team back — including MEC freshman of the year Bailee Smith — but the team will be without all-american graduate Audrey Tingle, at least on the court.

"We return five of our top six from last year in terms of production and minutes, which is very, very exciting," Cooper said. "We did lose a very key piece, an all-american and five-year starter in Audrey Tingle, but she'll be coming back to us as a graduate assistant."

The Hilltoppers will be one of the younger squads in the conference, with only two seniors and two juniors. Even still, the Hilltoppers were voted third in the MEC preseason poll. "Top to bottom, we do believe this is

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Tomlin: Steelers need to work back toward 'respectability'

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The hole the Pittsburgh Steelers find themselves in is basically unprecedented during Mike Tomlin's long and largely successful tenure.

Five games into the season, the Steelers (1-4) are injury-plagued and toothless on defense. Young, inexperienced and ineffective on offense.

The upcoming schedule is daunting. And there is no Super Bowl-winning quarterback in

the huddle to bail them out or calm the waters.

The standard might still be the standard. But it isn't being met. Not by a longshot. Facing the prospect of his first losing season as an NFL coach, Tomlin has one message to his staff and his players: say less, do more.

"We've got to put our heads down and work hard and diligently stay together for an extended period of time as we grind our way back to respect-

ability if you will," Tomlin said on Tuesday, less than 48 hours removed from the franchise's worst loss in 33 years, a 38-3 beatdown in Buffalo in which the Steelers were outclassed, outplayed and outcoached in every facet.

That's how big the hole is in Pittsburgh at the moment. The Steelers are 30th in scoring, 30th in yards allowed and in the mix to potentially land the first pick in the draft next

spring.

It's not the position Tomlin or his team expected to be in, even as it transitioned from Ben Roethlisberger to (briefly) Mitch Trubisky to Kenny Pickett, who moved the ball in his first NFL start but failed to produce a touchdown, something that's been an issue in Matt Canada's increasingly pedestrian 22-game tenure as offensive coordinator.

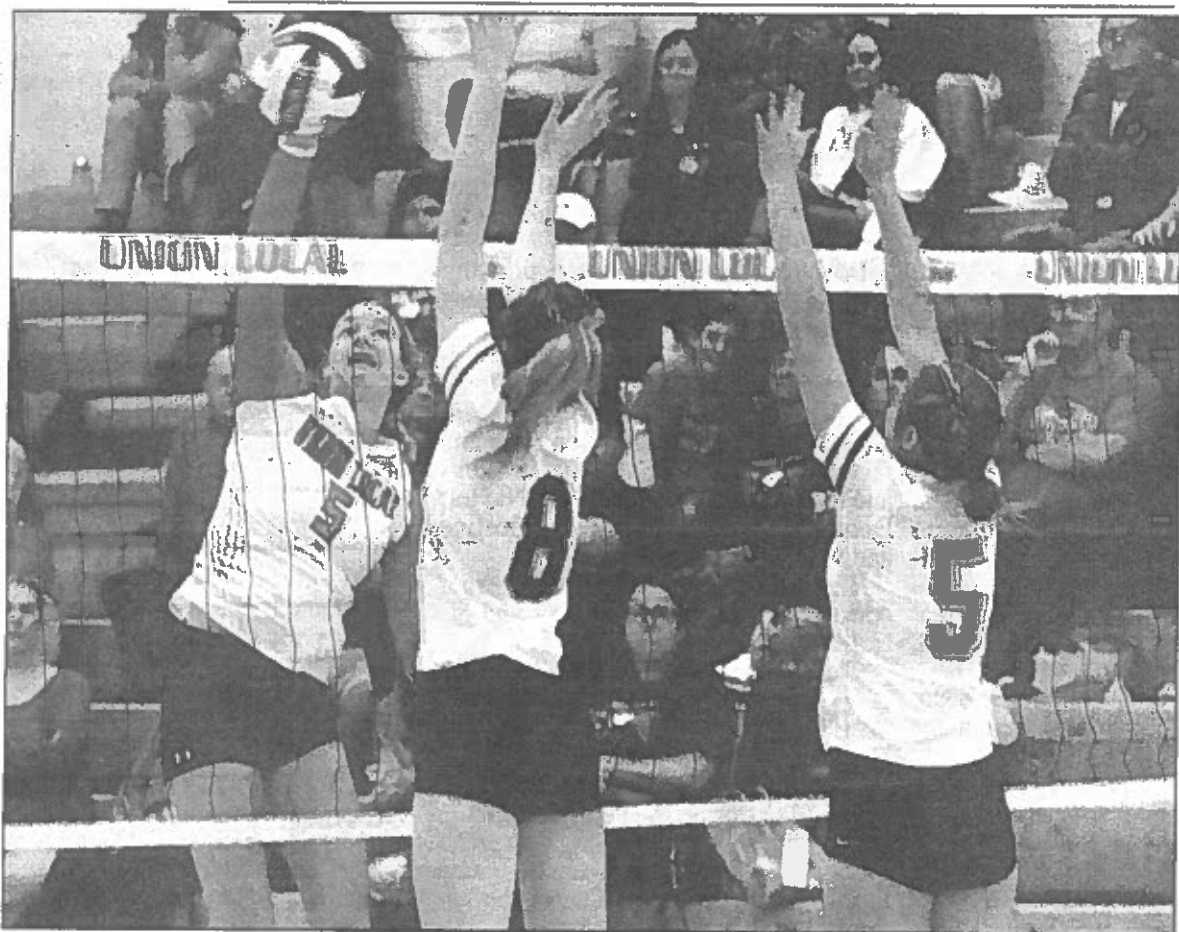
Pittsburgh's offense has

reached the end zone six times in 20 quarters (and one overtime) of work. Or, two more than Kansas City tight end Travis Kelce produced on Monday night alone.

While Tomlin said in the aftermath on Sunday he would turn over every stone in search of helping the Steelers plot a path forward, the process — at least at the moment — does not include moving on from Canada.

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OVAC VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS



UNION LOCAL senior Torre Kildow hits around the Caldwell blockers Shelby Pakes (8) and Lyla Lowe (5) during Tuesday's OVAC Class 3A semifinal in Morristown. Kildow produced 29 kills in the Jets' sweep of the Redskins.

T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

Union Local spikes Caldwell; advances to Class 3A title tilt

• Top-seeded Jets will meet Shenandoah Saturday morning

By SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Editor

MORRISTOWN — Union Local vs. Shenandoah ... part 3 is officially scheduled.

The Jets and Zeps both took care of their respective business Tuesday evening on their home courts in the semi-final round of the OVAC volleyball tournament to earn a spot in Saturday morning's 3A title game, which will be played at 11 in Morristown.

However, before each could shift focus to the rubber match, plenty of business remained. Union Local — for the 20th time this season — won by virtue of a sweep, handing fourth-seeded Caldwell a 25-22, 25-14 and 25-16 setback before a loud and large crowd in the Hangar.

"Caldwell was really, really good

and very young and they gave us a battle," UL head coach Kaye Sechrest said. "We're excited to advance and now we have to come back in (for practice) and do some tweaks and get ready for Saturday."

The Redskins definitely gave the Jets all they wanted and then some in the first set. Caldwell had the lead at 22-21 before the Jets closed with a flurry to win the set and grab the match's momentum.

"We gave away seven serves in the first set and were still competitive," Caldwell head coach Alexis Watson said.

"We couldn't get out of one rotation and they went up by 10, and it looked to me like we got content with competing in the first set."

While the service errors were certainly costly, the Redskins were able

to make their biggest push when they caught Union Local with senior stand-out Torre Kildow in the back row, negating her big-swing ability.

"The girls stepped it up (when Kildow was in the back row) in the third game," Sechrest said. "I don't know if we played our best game, but Caldwell had a lot to do with that because they really played well."

In the second set, the Jets left little doubt when they raced out to a 10-0 lead to open the set. Kildow spent more time in the front row and planted spike after spike at the feet of Redskins' defenders.

As Sechrest pointed out, the Jets seemingly adjusted to Kildow being in the back row in the third set and never allowed the Redskins to get on any type of extended scoring run.

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Guardians lose ALDS opener to Yankees

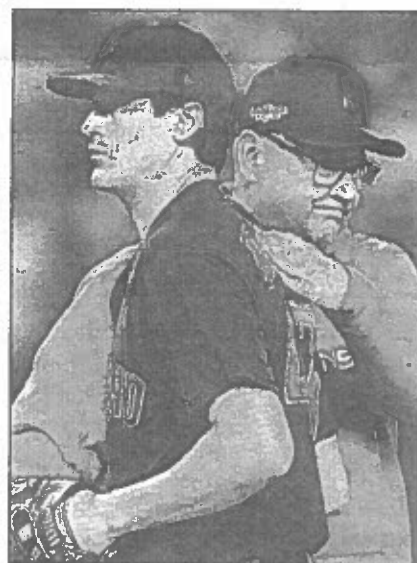
NEW YORK (AP) — Gerrit Cole cruised for most of the night, Harrison Bader and Anthony Rizzo homered and the New York Yankees beat the Cleveland Guardians 4-1 on Tuesday in their AL Division Series opener.

Not even another Josh Donaldson baserunning blunder could slow the Yankees, who have won six straight postseason games against Cleveland dating to a comeback from a 2-0 deficit in the 2017 Division Series.

After rookie Steven Kwan put the Guardians ahead with a third-inning homer, Cole escaped a bases-loaded jam later in the inning by striking out Andrés Giménez.

Cole allowed just two more runners, on a single and his only walk, and got the win in his first postseason game for the Yankees in the Bronx. He left after giving up one run and four hits in 6 1/3 innings with eight strikeouts.

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AP Photo

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS manager Terry Francona, right, relieves starting pitcher Cal Quantrill during Game 1 of an American League Division series against the Yankees.

Ohio State's Stroud top QB in Big Ten at midseason point

• Illinois' Brett Bielema is AP top coach in conference

By ERIC OLSON  
AP College Football Writer

Second-year coach Bret Bielema and his Illinois football team are achieving at a rate not seen in the program in a long time. A very long

defense at 8.0 per game. Its points-against average is its lowest since 1950. The Illini are on track to post their best marks in rushing defense (67.2 ypg) since 1964 and in total defense (228 ypg) since 1966.

The offense has found a steady hand in De-



digs. She also had six blocks and an ace. Bayleigh Harman had 17 assists and two aces. Maddy Hendershot had 12 digs and three kills, while Janelle Greenwood and Josey Greenwood evenly divided 22 digs. All Weatherson had 11 assists.

### Ferry wins Buckeye Local

**MARTINS FERRY** — The Purple Riders needed four sets, but picked up

## St. Clair girls fall to Oak Glen

By **MIKE HUGHES**  
For The Times Leader

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE**—A lot of things can be said about Oak Glen junior Kami Ward.

A selfish player is not one of them. Ward passed up a couple perfect shot opportunities in the first half Tuesday night at St. Clairsville in favor of attempting to set up her teammates.

The second half, Ward opted to take the shots herself, notching four goals as part of a comeback in the second half as the Golden Bears defeated the Red Devils 6-0.

Shots were scattered all around by Oak Glen attackers in the first half, but rarely a one found its way into the net thanks to a spirited effort by senior keeper Rileigh Wood, who exited the game with eight saves in the second half.

With 30:49 left in regulation and the score still knotted at 0-0, Ward worked her way up the left side, angled in and unleashed a hard shot straight at Wood. The Devils' keeper blocked the shot, but not before it slipped through her fingers and directly into her face.

### • Spikes

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"The first (set) could have gone either way and I could have gone (Caldwell's) way, who knows what would have happened?" Sechrest said.

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Wood had to be attended to and eventually got up under her own power and came off the field. Her backup, freshman Kailin Hughes, entered in her stead.

Hughes, who had 14 saves against one goal coming in during spot duty in previous games, had yet to face an attack featuring players like Ward, Carson Barr and Aalyiyah Siegel.

Ward quickly went to work, notching two goals within a couple of minutes, following by lofting a perfect pass to Barr just in front of the goal, who boot-ed it past the freshman.

"She did excellent, she played a great what, 50 minutes," St. Clairsville coach Wes Stoner offered.

"But it's unfortunate she let one slip through her hands and hit her in the face. She could have gone back in, but we kept her out as a precautionary measure."

"But after that first goal went in, it looked like everyone on the field just stopped, and quit playing. I addressed that after the game, that win adversity hits, you can't stop. You have to go harder."

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fly in the fifth after Isaiah Kiner-Falefa reached on a single into the right-field corner and Wild Card Series star Oscar Gonzalez allowed the ball to bounce through his legs for a two-base error.

Rizzo chased Quantrill with a drive into the right-field second desk in the sixth after Aaron Judge walked.

An inning earlier, Donaldson made another of the lack-of-hustle gaffes marking his first season in New York. With the score tied 1-1, the former AL MVP led off the fifth with a drive that hit the top of the 10-foot wall in right field, just in front of a fan's hands, and bounced back onto the field.

Donaldson went into a trot, thinking it was a home run, and even high-fived first base coach Travis Chapman.

Gonzalez grabbed the ball off the carom and threw to shortstop Amed Rosario, who was standing on second. Donaldson was midway between first and second, and Rosario took a few steps and tossed to first baseman Josh Naylor. Donaldson tried to slide back into first and was tagged out.

Right field umpire Mark Ripperger correctly ruled the ball in play and his call was confirmed in a video review.

Cleveland was playing on the 74th

### • Stroud

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#### DEFENSIVE PLAYER

CB Joey Porter Jr., Penn State (5-0, 2-0). The son of Pittsburgh Steelers great Joey Porter has taken his game to a higher level and is one of the nation's top lockdown cornerbacks. Purdue threw Porter's way 14 times in the season opener, according to Pro Football Focus, and he broke up five passes. Opponents have targeted him just eight times since, and he's given up just one catch in the last three games. His 10 pass breakups are tied for second nationally.

#### FIRST-YEAR FRESHMAN

RB Nicholas Singleton, Penn State. The nation's No. 1 running back in the 2022 recruiting class is one of the Big Ten's top breakaway threats. He leads the nation with five runs of at least 40 yards, with three of them going for touchdowns. His 7.35 yards per carry rank fifth. He's the third-leading first-year freshman rusher with 92.6 yards per game.

#### FIRST-YEAR TRANSFER

WR Charlie Jones, Purdue (4-2, 2-1). His move to the Boilermakers was genius. He reunited with his childhood friend in quarterback Aidan O'Connell and has caught 50 passes for 603 yards and seven touchdowns. Last year, in 14 games for Iowa, he had 21 catches and three TDs. He's been targeted 69 times and has dropped just one ball, according to PFF.

### • Tomlin

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"I don't intend to change for the sake of changing, to shoot a hostage, if you will, or anything of that nature," Tomlin said. "If changes produce better outcomes or seemingly produce better outcomes, or we feel like it puts us in a position to produce better outcomes and I'm open to it."

Tomlin, a former defensive coordinator and coach earlier in his career who has long openly acknowledged being an active participant in putting together Pittsburgh's defensive game plan, said he is "highly involved" in the offense as well.

The Steelers promoted Canada from quarterbacks coach to offensive coordinator in January 2021 after Randy Fichtner was let go following a first-round playoff loss to Cleveland.

Last season was pock-marked by shaky performances for long stretches with the occasional Roethlisberger rally helping Pittsburgh somewhat miraculously reach the playoffs.

The team retooled in the offseason, overhauling

slow-tooted catcher.

### IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Sixty people were lined up from home plate to short right field when the Yankees were introduced, starting with 17 support staff that cover athletic training, massage therapy, strength and conditioning, equipment and translation. They were followed by seven coaches, 26 non-starting players, the starting lineup and manager Aaron Boone.

#### TRAINER'S ROOM

Guardians: RHP Nick Sandlin (strained shoulder) was dropped along with LHP Kirk McCarty, and RHPs Aaron Civale and Cody Morris were added.

Yankees: INF DJ LeMahieu was left off the roster and may have a broken bone under the second toe of his right foot. ... RHP Scott Effross needed Tommy John surgery.

#### UP NEXT

After an unusual day off between Games 1 and 2, LHP Nestor Cortes (12-4) starts for the Yankees against RHP Shane Bieber (13-8) on Thursday. Rain is in the forecast.

#### MOST DISAPPOINTING TEAM

Michigan State was the AP's midseason surprise team in 2021 after starting 7-0 and earning a top-10 ranking. Things have changed for Mel Tucker and the Spartans (2-4). They've lost all four of their games against Power Five teams and they're winless in their first three conference games for the second time in 16 years. Injuries have plagued the defense, which is giving up 445 yards per game, and the offense has been held under 300 yards in two of its three conference games.

#### HOTTEST SEAT

Kirk Ferentz of Iowa (3-3, 1-2) has been skewered for his stubbornness in how he deals with the worst offense in the country. Complicating matters is that his son, Brian Ferentz, is the offensive coordinator. Ferentz has built up plenty of capital over 24 years as head coach, and the Hawkeyes are the defending West champions, but the fan base's patience is wearing thin.

#### BIGGEST INJURY

It's scary to think how prolific Ohio State's offense could be if it had a healthy Jaxon Smith-Njigba, the top returning receiver in the country. A hamstring injury has limited the AP preseason All-America first-team pick to four catches for 36 yards over two games. He's missed the last three games and could be ready to play against Iowa after this week's open date.

ing a portion of the offensive line, bringing in two new quarterbacks in Trubisky and Pickett and drafting wide receiver George Pickens in the second round.

Any sense of progress, however, is difficult to find. Second-year running back Najee Harris is averaging just 3.2 yards per carry and the Steelers are the only team in the league still waiting for a receiver to score a touchdown.

Tomlin, however, stressed he's "confident" in Canada and isn't going to shake things up simply "in an effort to quell the masses or anything of that nature."

The second-winningest coach in Steelers' history repeatedly blamed himself and downplayed postgame frustration from players such as cornerback Arthur Maulet, who challenged his teammates in the locker room to up their care level. "When it is that bad across the board, it starts with me," Tomlin said. "We don't need to seek comfort because, you know, there's enough blame to go around. We need to be solution-oriented."

The schedule offers no relief, at least in the short term. Tampa Bay (3-2) and Tom Brady visit Acrisure Stadium on Sunday followed by trips to Miami (3-2) and Philadelphia (5-0). It may very well get worse before it gets better.

"We're going to be working our tails off," he said. "We didn't dig ourselves into this circumstance in one day, so we're not going to dig ourselves out of this circumstance in one day or one performance."

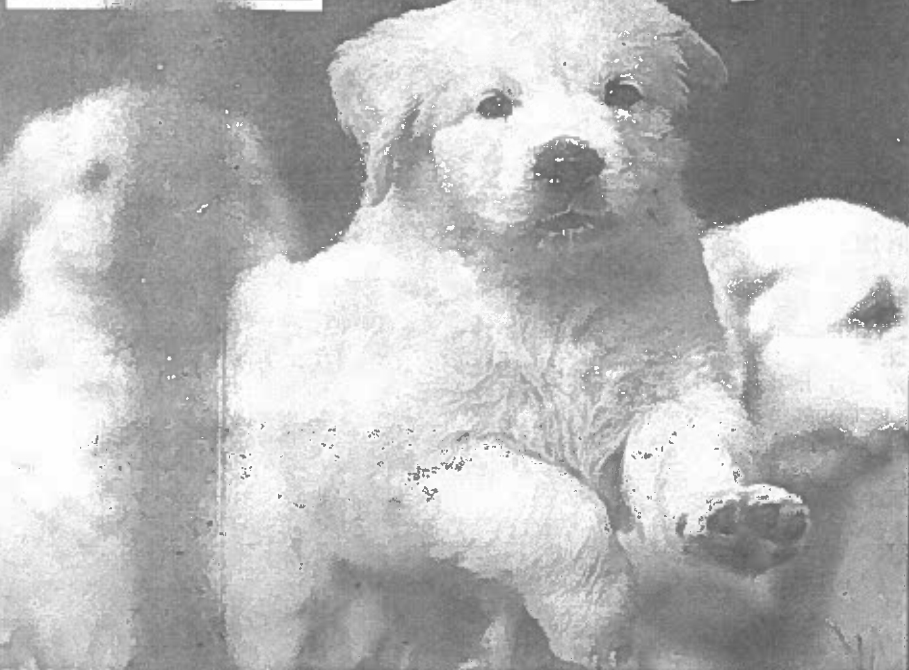
**NOTES:** CB Cam Sutton (hamstring), S Minkah Fitzpatrick (knee), DT Larry Ogunjobi (back), DT Montravius Adams (hip) and TE Zach Gentry (knee) will be monitored during the week. ... CB Levi Wallace and TE Pat Freiermuth are both in the concussion protocol. ... Tomlin offered no update or timetable for the possible return of star LB T.J. Watt, who is on injured reserve with a torn left pectoral and underwent what the team called a minor knee procedure last week.

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Thursday, Oct. 13 Washington at Chicago, 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 16 Baltimore at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m. Cincinnati at New Orleans, 1 p.m. Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. Minnesota at Miami, 1 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 1 p.m. New England at Cleveland, 1 p.m. San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m. Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. Arizona at Seattle, 4:05 p.m. Carolina at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m. Buffalo at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m. Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m. Open: Houston, Las Vegas, Tennessee, Detroit

Monday, Oct. 17 Denver at L.A. Chargers, 8:15 p.m.

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NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Tuesday's Games N.Y. Rangers 3, Tampa Bay 1 Vegas 4, Los Angeles 3

Wednesday's Games Boston 5, Washington 2 Carolina 4, Columbus 1 Montreal 4, Toronto 3 Chicago at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

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Thursday, Oct. 13 BOYS SOCCER Union Local at Carrollton Harrison Central at Tusky Valley Tyler at Magnolia Weir at Fairmont Senior VOLLEYBALL John Marshall at Weir Tyler at Wirt County

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Thursday, October 13 COLLEGE FOOTBALL 7 p.m. ESPN - Temple at UCF FS1 - Baylor at West Virginia 7:30 p.m. ESPN2 - Morgan St. at NC Central

COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S) 6 p.m. ACCN - Duke at Florida St. BTN - Wisconsin at Penn St. 7 p.m. SECN - Mississippi St. at Mississippi 8 p.m. ACCN - Virginia at Virginia Tech BTN - Purdue at Iowa

GOLF 8 a.m. GOLF - DP World Tour: The Estrella Damm N.A. Andaluia Masters, First Round, Valderrama Golf Course, Sotogrande, Spain 11 p.m. GOLF - PGA Tour: The ZOZO Championship, Second Round, Narashino Country Club, Inzai, Japan

HORSE RACING 12:30 p.m. FS2 - NYRA: America's Day at the Races

MLB BASEBALL 3:30 p.m. TBS - A.L. Divisional Series: Seattle at Houston, Game 2 7:30 p.m. TBS - A.L. Divisional Series: Cleveland at NY Yankees, Game 2

NBA BASKETBALL 7 p.m. NBATV - Preseason: Memphis at Detroit

NFL FOOTBALL 8:15 p.m. PRIME VIDEO - Washington at Chicago

SOCCER (MEN'S) 10 a.m. CBSSN - UEFA Champions League: TBA (Taped)

TENNIS 5 a.m. TENNIS - San Diego-WTA, Florence-ATP, Gijon-ATP, Cluj-Napoca-WTA Early Rounds

6 a.m. TENNIS - San Diego-WTA, Florence-ATP, Gijon-ATP, Cluj-Napoca-WTA Early Rounds

8 p.m. TENNIS - San Diego-WTA Early Rounds

6 a.m. (Friday) TENNIS - San Diego-WTA, Florence-ATP, Gijon-ATP, Cluj-Napoca-WTA Quarterfinals

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WILD CARD SERIES (Best-of-3) American League Cleveland 2, Tampa Bay 0 Friday, Oct. 7: Cleveland 2, Tampa Bay 1 Saturday, Oct. 8: Cleveland 1, Tampa Bay 0, 15 innings Seattle 2, Toronto 0 Friday, Oct. 7: Seattle 4, Toronto 0 Saturday, Oct. 8: Seattle 10, Toronto 9

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DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-5) American League Houston 1, Seattle 0 Tuesday, Oct. 11 - Houston 8, Seattle 7 Thursday, Oct. 13 - Seattle (Castillo 8-6) at Houston (Valdez 17-6), 3:37 p.m. (TBS) Saturday, Oct. 15 - Houston (McCullers Jr. 4-2) at Seattle (Kirby 8-5), 4:07 p.m. (TBS) x-Sunday, Oct. 16 - Houston at Seattle, 3:07 p.m. (TBS) x-Monday, Oct. 17 - Seattle at Houston, 5:07 p.m. (TNT)

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Atlanta 1, Philadelphia 1 Tuesday, Oct. 11 - Philadelphia 7, Atlanta 6 Wednesday, Oct. 12 - Atlanta 3, Philadelphia 0 Friday, Oct. 14 - Atlanta at Philadelphia (Nola 11-13), 4:37 p.m. (FS1) Saturday, Oct. 15 - Atlanta at Philadelphia, 2:07 p.m. (FS1) x-Sunday, Oct. 16 - Philadelphia at Atlanta, 4:37 p.m. (FS1)

JM Falls to Morgantown in Semi

By MICHAEL GRIFFITH The Dominion Post

MORGANTOWN - Knowing your strengths and playing to them is a formula for success in sports that has worked for years. That's exactly what the Morgantown volleyball team did on Wednesday night in its OVAC tournament semifinal match against John Marshall. The Mohigans won the match in a sweep of the Monarchs, 3-0 (25-18, 25-12, 25-13) and will advance to play Marietta High School (Ohio) on Saturday in the championship.

The Monarchs jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first set, but the Mohigans rallied for the next nine out of ten points in the set to take control 10-3 and forcing JM to call a timeout.

The Monarchs were able to find two points out of the timeout but once again the Mohigans denied their opponents any chance at momentum. Strong hitting on offense, combined with some unforced errors by JM allowed the hosts to begin to pull away.

The lead grew to nine at 17-8 and JM needed to find a rally immediately or the first set would be out of reach. The Monarchs did just that and took six of the next seven points to cut the lead to four at 18-14 and forcing MHS into a timeout this time.

The Mohigans rallied after the timeout and took three of the next four points, stealing the control right back. JM would manage a few more points

in the latter part of the set, but it would be MHS who ultimately won the opener 25-18, in what would be the most competitive of the three.

"I thought our athletes did a great job tonight of managing the game," MHS head coach Erica Manor-Sphar said of her team's victory. "We had aggressive serves and were moving the ball around offensively. This win puts us in the OVAC championship match on Saturday where we will be looking for an OVAC three-peat championship."

The second set carried over from the first, with MHS continuing to be aggressive on offense and the Monarchs being unable to keep up. Some miscommunication and errors kept JMHS from really capturing the momentum needed to make a comeback in the game, and after dropping the second set 25-12, it seemed to be all but over.

The third set started evenly, however, with the Monarchs finding a rally to take an early lead 8-6. The next serve would sail out of play though, giving MHS a free point, the ball back on-serve, and momentum.

The Mohigans won five straight points, giving them the lead back at 11-8, one they wouldn't surrender in the third. MHS would take the third and final set by a score of 25-13, sweeping the match 3-0 and advancing the Mohigans to the OVAC 5A championship. A win on Saturday against Marietta would give MHS its third straight OVAC title.

PATRIOTS

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Quarterback Bryden Hartman, the brother of 2020 Kennedy Award winner Blake Hartman, leads the way and is coming off a game in which he ran for three touchdowns and threw for five more for coach Brian Thomas' squad. Junior receiver Logan Shelton hauled in three TD catches while senior Ray Adames caught two.

"They are the No. 1 team in the state for a reason," Daugherty mentioned. "They have beaten some good teams and have more points and bonus points than anyone else. They are a very well-coached team and Brian (Thomas) does an outstanding job with them."

"The big thing is you never know what you are going to have to defend because they come at you with so many different things. They run the wing-T, the spread, the option. You have to wait to see what they are lining up in before you even know what defense you need to be in. You have to put in a lot of work getting ready for them."

"On defense they run a three-man front with a lot of different things behind it. Nothing they do is standard or ordinary and you honestly have to play it by ear with them. And, oh yeah, they have another Hartman kid to worry about as well."

Senior quarterback Brett Phillips had a monster night against the Mohigans two weeks ago, hitting 25-of-31 passes

for 288 yards and four touchdowns with speedster Jerree Hawkins rushing for a score and catching six passes for 97 yards.

Jameson Maynard was also huge with four catches for three touchdowns while Mykel Davis had four grabs for 60 yards and a score and Keohn Stephens added seven for 47 yards.

The Patriots have outscored their opponents by a 228-196 margin, however, 156 of those points came in a three-week span and they have not allowed more than 14 in any of the other three contests.

"This is the kind of games you want to be playing at this time of year," Daugherty admitted. "There are a lot of points on the line, and let's be honest, everyone wants to host playoff games. We have four games left and they are all big ones, but this week presents a really great opportunity for us to help get where we want to be."

The teams have met three times in the last four years with Musselman winning all three by one score, including a 25-17 victory last year.

"We honestly could have won all three of those games," Daugherty commented. "But give them credit, they found a way to take them away from us. We didn't get to play them the Covid year, but that was the year that we were both probably going to be in the top four in the state and might have been the best game of then all, had we got to play."

Braves Blank Phils 3-0 to Even NLDS

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ATLANTA (AP) - Kyle Wright, baseball's winningest pitcher, threw six brilliant innings to outduel Zack Wheeler as the Atlanta Braves evened their NL Division Series at one game apiece, blanking the Philadelphia Phillies 3-0 on Wednesday night.

After persistent rain delayed the first pitch by nearly three hours, Wright surrendered just two hits and claimed the win when the Braves got to Wheeler for three runs in the bottom of the sixth.

This was a game the reigning World Series champions had to have after losing the opener of the best-of-five series 7-6. They had the right guy on the mound, a right-hander with a big arm and looping curveball who has finally cashed in on his enormous potential.

threw both arms in the air when he realized Swanson had the pulled off the catch.

It turned out to be the final pitch of Wright's 83-pitch gem, in which he struck out six with one walk.

Wright watched from the top step of the dugout as the Braves finally broke the scoreless tie in the bottom half, doing all the damage after Wheeler retired the first two hitters.

It started when Wheeler plunked Ronald Acuna Jr. near the right elbow on a 96 mph fastball that rode up and in on the slugger.

Swanson walked and Matt Olson drove in the first run of the game, ripping a single past first baseman Rhys Hoskins, who meekly waved at a ball he should've at least knocked down.

Olson was generously credited with an RBI single, but the Braves

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Through six games Young's offense has outscored its opponents by a whopping 268-85 margin, with the 22 points allowed to the Purple Riders a season-high. They have scored at least 45 points in four of their six wins.

"I am very pleased with the chemistry and the senior leadership of this group," Young added. "They just all work together so well. But there is still a lot of football ahead for us and as I already said, we need to continue to get better."

"The bottom line to the whole thing is blocking and tackling. Fundamentals are not always easy to execute but we have a veteran coaching staff that understands the game, which means so much, and some very intelligent kids. We practice fundamentals every single day and we always will."

Quarterback Peyton Hildebrand directs the offense and has the capabilities to throw the ball around the field when not handing off to his stud running backs. Hildebrand was an efficient five of six for 25 yards and a touchdown to Ferrera last week through the air.

But when push comes to shove, as it has been for years for the Maroon Knights, the rushing attack is the bread and butter.

"They love the game of football, they love running the ball and they love blocking for each other. And the two of them will be the first ones to tell you that they could never do it without the guys up front on the line. They really feed off of one and another."

"Riley and Lorenzo are honestly two of the finest, most unselfish kids I have coached in all my years of doing this. They are definitely a great 1-2 punch, and they are back-breakers for the defense. If they stay healthy and we continue to improve it is going to open so many other things up for us."

Next up is Carrick, a team that is coming off a 54-7 setback to PTA last week and dropped a 29-0 decision to Steubenville Catholic Central earlier this year. They have lost three games in a row and been outscored in that stretch by a 119-7 margin. Last week they allowed 173 passing yards and three touchdowns through the air.

"They won a couple of games earlier this season," Young said. "They are a big, athletic bunch, just like most of the Pittsburgh city schools are. We just hope to be able to out-scheme them, get a victory and come out of this injury free. We are on a