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Shenandoah defeats Union Local in volleyball

By MIKE HUGHES For The Intelligencer

MORRISTOWN - Shenan- a 21-11 advantage. doah entered Saturday's OVAC spotless 22-0 record.

During that stretch, only two earlier in the season.

a mission. avenging 2022's to take over. OVAC 3A finale loss with a 25-23, 25-14, 25-19 sweep.

and-forth battle that stretched Not to be outdone, Brenna into the fifth set. Saturday start- Leach twice registered kills hited off in a similar fashion as ting off the block soon after. Shenandoah fought for every Fittingly, that's exactly how Shenandoah fought for every point, winning 25-23 in the first.

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making little mistakes and it Brenna Leach backed her with took us out of our game." Union eight kills, as did senior Brylee Local (18-4) head coach Kaye May as the trio held sway at the Sechrest noted after the match. net.

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as 10 in the second set when an attack error sent a ball long and gave the designated home team

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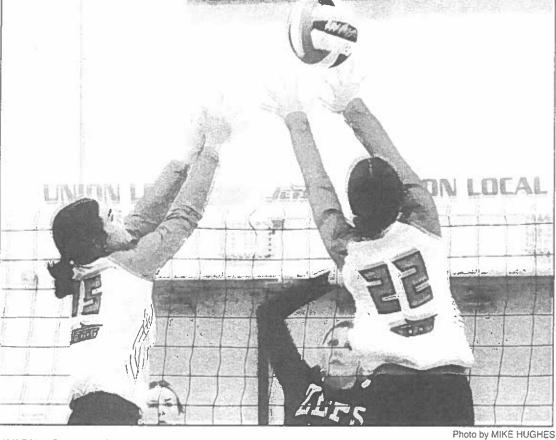
successfully Leach hit through a block to go up 13-12, The two team's previous duel followed by a well-placed drop in the 2022 final was a back- shot for a 14-12 reading.

Mya Leach ended the match at 25-19, hitting off a block for

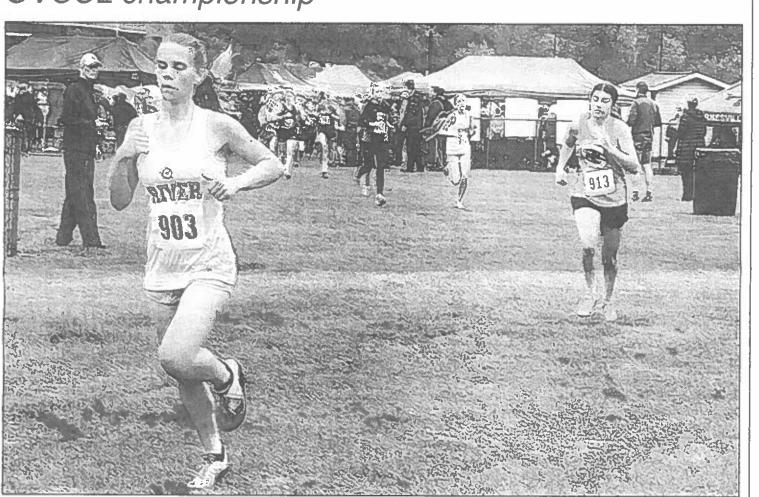
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The elder Leach finished with a match-high 1 / kine seists. "We got down and started with seven digs and five assists. Brenna Leach backed her with

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UNION LOCAL'S Olivia Wortman (15) and Laken Vinskovich (22) go for a block at the net against the Shenandoah Zeps on Saturday.



Browns stun 49ers

CLEVELAND (AP) From dominant to defeated in less than a week. The San Francisco 49ers were reminded there are no perfect teams or givens in the NFL. Brock Purdy suffered his first

loss as a starter and the Niners had their regular-season winning streak stopped at 15 when rookie kicker Jake Moody missed a 41-yard field goal with six seconds remaining,

OVCCL championship

Photo provided

RIVER'S MARA Beard speeds along the race path during the OVCCL Championships at Buckeye Local on Saturday. Beard finished first in the girls race, finishing in 18:40.29. Martins Ferry claimed the gold in the girls race, followed by Barnesville and Shadyside. Shadyside's Chloe Meholovitch, Edison's Josie Lesnansky, River's Mallory Brake and Barnesville's Marah Bethel rounded out the top five. In the boys race, St. Clairsville took first, Linsly second and Bellaire third. The Red Devils' Ben Shields placed first, Caleb Bryniarski placed third, and Tyler Harris placed fourth. Barnesville's Conner Star placed second and Linsly's Jakob Schmidt-Weigand placed fifth.

Ohio State delivers 41-7 blowout to Purdue

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) - Ohio State running back Dallan Hayden spent five games preparing for an opportunity that never came.

When he got his chance Saturday, he was ready.

On a day Kyle McCord threw three touchdown passes,



giving the Cleveland Browns an unexpected 19-17 win on Sunday.

"I don't think we deserved to win," said 49ers star defensive end Nick Bosa. "We didn't underestimate them, but they did play better than us. We haven't lost in a long time in the regular season, so it hurts a lot more."

Dustin Hopkins kicked four field goals for the Browns (3-2) - the last with 1:40 left. capping a drive helped by a disputed unnecessary roughness call against San Francisco. Cleveland pulled off the upset without quarterback Deshaun Watson, who missed his second straight game with a bruised right shoulder.

The 49ers (5-1) came in looking nearly unbeatable after destroying Dallas 42-10 at home last week and scoring at least 30 points in each of their first five games.

But Cleveland's top-ranked defense was more than up to the task, and the 49ers

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Montgomery shuts out Astros as Rangers win Game 1 of ALCS

HOUSTON (AP) -Jordan Montgomery shut down the Houston Astros and Leody Taveras homered as the Texas Rangers did just enough against Justin Verlander to get a 2-0 win in the opener of the AL Championship Series on Sunday night.

Montgomery pitched five-hit ball over 6 1/3 innings and Taveras provided a two-run lead with his solo homer in the fifth. Evan Carter, a 21-yearold rookie, doubled and scored in the second and made two nifty defensive plays in left field.

"We just found a way to get a couple of runs across the board," Texas manager Bruce Bochy said. "That was the difference in the game, obviously. But our guy was really good. Monty, terrific job he did. And he got in a it.

sion Series. The winning season, and posting a 2.08 their previous six playoff starts. games against Toronto in the ALDS in 2015 and runs and six hits in 6 the save and the Rang- tiring Marcus Semien on a Three straight singles be here. 2016.

Game 2 of the best-of-Houston.

pion Astros, in the ALCS start for Verlander and the ished with 12 digs. four batters in Houston's Young lineup were 2 for 12 with threw 47 fastballs, getting five strikeouts against the 27 swings without a sinleft-hander. Slugger Yor- gle swing and miss. dan Alvarez struck out against him three times.

woes came after it hit 16 by Aroldis Chapman. The • Ohio homers and outscored the Rangers turned a double Continued from Page C1 Rangers 39-10 in a three- play when Carter made a game sweep in September. great grab on the track on aged just five singles.

"Sometime you've got to say: 'Hey, the guy safe, but the Rangers chal-



TEXAS RANGERS' Leody Taveras hits a home run during the fifth inning of Game 1 of the baseball AL Championship Series against the Houston Astros on Sunday in Houston.

good pitching beats good groundout. couple of jams there and hitting, but when you to know what's wrong, his first playoff run.

streak followed loses in ERA in three postseason of fun."

2/3 innings to mark the first time this postsea- • Union seven series is Monday in son where both starters pitched into the seventh. The defending cham- It was the 36th postseason

Jose Altuve starting the fense. Houston's offensive eighth and was replaced first after Carter's catch.

Altuve initially called half. threw a great game to- lenged the play, and it was with 276 yards, matching high gear, outscoring op- was carted off the field against unranked oppogame," manager Dusty view. Alvarez following high for TD throws.

Carter was asked about playoff. found a way to get out of don't hit, everybody wants his ability to stay calm in

In the ALCS for the first There's not a whole bunch ime since back-to-back to say. He threw a real so much fun," he said, during the regular season, appearances in 2010-11, good game against us." "That's just all I think the Rangers improved to Montgomery has been about. Where else would for Texas with a hustle The Astros had chances in the fifth. 6-0 this postseason af- great in the last month, I want to be. This is awe- double on a grounder with to score in the third and family here for the game. ter sweeping the Rays in allowing just two earned some. I'm just trying to one out in the second be- fourth innings. Martin Anytime we're in this the Wild Card Series and runs over 27 innings in his keep my feet grounded fore scoring on a single Maldonado walked with the Orioles in the Divi- last four starts of regular and just keep rolling with by Jonah Heim. John Jung one out in the third before this team. It's been a lot singled with two outs, a two-out single by Breg-

Verlander allowed two one in a perfect ninth for limited the damage by re- struck out.

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for a seventh straight year. MLB-record 14th time Sechrest noted that when they can do that and now await a meeting with digs: 4 kills, 4 pts: But-had a tough time getting he's started a playoff se-anything going against ries opener. Was tough to defend as really good and tough to Montgomery. The top The three-time Cy she's capable of gener-four batters in Houston's Young Award winner ating a top of power on "They have their three." They have their three Award winner ating a ton of power on attack swings, but Leach options, but we knew who Local 25-23, 25-14, 25or place a drop shot just coach added. Josh Sborz walked behind the first line of de-

Harrison caught six questions the Buckeyes contest. Things were much differ- a ball hit by Alex Bregman passes for 105 yards and defense, which has only ent in the first postseason and Altuve was called out had the first score of the allowed 58 points all sea- Ohio State's medical meeting between these in- for not retouching second game while Stover had son. Now Ohio State's team took away Trayastate rivals as they man- base when he retreated to four catches for 53 yards offense is starting to show num's helmet following and two TDs, one in each some mettle. Despite all a brief examination in the per carry one week af-McCord was 16 of 28

night against us, excellent overturned in a video re- his single-game career ponents 68-14 over the with an air cast around his nents. They're No. 5 in the ters said after a second their first seven at home. straight loss. "And they're Instead," they're 1-4 at sitting where we want to Ross-Ade in Year 1 under go as a program. Purdue 32 with 126 yards and for 110 yards for the Even worse, a student Boilermakers. THE TAKEAWAY

ers' second shutout of the fly ball.

Texas' bullpen has a eight in a row when Tav-1.86 ERA in the playoffs eras drove a hanging slid-

Jose Leclerc struck out the bases and Verlander stranded when Alvarez

AP Photo

Verlander had retired ed Alvin High School, Nolan Ryan.

The Astros had chances have a lot of friends and Taveras walked to load man. But they were both big deal. Doesn't matter

by Chas McCormick. Mauricio Dubon and Jeremy Pena loaded the bases with two outs in the fourth. Montgomery wriggled out of the jam again when he struck out Maldonado to end the inning.

Heim walked to open the seventh and a two-out single by Taveras chased Verlander. Hector Neris took over and retired the next two batters.

Carter robbed Bregman of a hit with one out in the first. He sprinted before leaping to make the catch and crashing into the scoreboard wall in left field and knocking out one of squares.

UP NEXT

Houston LHP Framber Valdez (0-1, 10.38 ERA) opposes RHP Nathan Eovaldi (2-0, 1.32) in Game 2. Eovaldi grew up in suburban Houston and attendwhich is also the alma mater of Hall of Fame pitcher

"It's awesome," Eovaldi said. "I'm going to stage in this moment right here, being this close to the World Series, it's a where we're playing at, it's a big honor for us to

"She's a good player Ella Pietranton and Lak- kills, 8 pts. 3 dgs; Brous-Brenna Leach also fin-and she can put the ball en Vinskovich had seven sard 14 digs: Logan 16 wherever she wants and apiece for the Jets, which assists, 7 digs: Yager 10

Olivia Wortman fin- digs, 9 pts; Pietranton 7 7 ts; 16 assists; McVicker ished with eight kills and kills, 9 pts; Vinskovich 7 4 kills; May 8 kills

Shenandoah def. Union 7 digs: Knoll 10 digs. 9 ocal 25-23, 25-14, 25- pts: B.Leach 12 digs: 8 kills; 4 pts: Crum 11 pts: U – Wortman 8 kills, 5 15 assists; 8 digs: Merryn

INJURY REPORT

the injuries, the Buckeyes injury tent. Purdue offenlower right leg during the

Ohio State: Nobody tiple field goals during a yard game of the season and the 11th of his college career. ... The Buckeyes are now 4-5 at Purdue since 2005. ... Ohio State rushed for 4.2 yards ter averaging 1.9 against seem to be kicking it into sive lineman Luke Griffin Maryland. ... Day is 34-0

> Purdue: Burks caught three passes for 2 varde v catches this season. ... The Boilermakers are 3-3 in their last six games

"They have their three also knows when to tip the main option was," the 19

Baker said. "And they say with an inning-ending

River sweeps Wheeling Central

WHEELING - The River Pilots earned a three-set sweep Saturday against the Wheeling Central Catholic Maroon Knights, defeating them 28-26, 26-24, 25-17.

For the Pilots, Hallie Hammel totaled 13 kills and nine digs. Reese Hobbs finished with a statline of eight kills, Hudson Card was 13 of the season. three blocks and three aces. Kaylee Hagan had five kills, three blocks, five digs and three aces.

Emma Reed had five kills and 13 digs for River. Aubrey Fetty had 17 digs and Maci Isaly had 29 assists.

Oak Glen Defeats Potters In Four

MORRISTOWN = The Golden Bears were victorious in the 4A OVAC Championship on Saturday, dealing the Potters a 25-15, 24-26, 25-22, 25-21 defeat.

Ashlyn Six had 24 kills and two blocks for Oak Glen. Mckenzi Martin had 20 kills and three blocks. Brooklyn Six had six kills and one block. Averi Martin had five kills and seven blocks, and Reccelvn Craig had three kills and two blocks.

Jersey Smith finished with 50 assists, two blocks and three aces for the Bears. Addison Smith and Tia Vick each added five digs.

Exiting the conference tournament. Oak Glen has a record of 24-3-3.

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Cleveland's squad and outplayed attempt to the right. Purdy, who threw his first Moody's failed kick.

had been perfect in his chance.

Purdue: The Boiler- first quarter. country for a reason," makers wanted to take ad- mates ran to the cart to and now has five TD Purdue coach Ryan Wal- vantage of playing five of show their support.

last three halves.

"It's on me,"

quarterback some of their worst games

Purdue's first three gan stumbles, the Buck- Saturday in a key East Dione touchdown. Devin scoring chances ended eyes will have a hard time vision game. Mockobee ran 18 times with missed field goals. climbing in the rankings. came out during a media timeout and made mul- posted his fourth 100- on Oct. 28.

His team-

POLL

IMPLICATIONS Ohio State helped its against top-five foes. Walters, treating fans to case with a lopsided road victory, but until No. 1 **BY THE NUMBERS**

UP NEXT

Ohio State: The Buck-Georgia or No. 2 Michi- eyes host Penn State next

Purdue: The Boilermakers have a bye week Ohio State: Harrison before visiting Nebraska

positioned the ball in the questionable throw into Francisco P.J. Walker came off middle of the field for the end zone – to set up practice Moody, who pushed his Hopkins for the winner.

said helped with a roughinterception this season. Moody, who missed a 54- ness call on 49ers safe- fouls against the Browns. finished with just 125 yard in the first half. "I've ty Tashaun Gipson Sr., the 49ers scored on their yards and nearly pulled got to make these kicks who spent four seasons first possession with off a stirring comeback in in these situations. That's with Cleveland. On 3rd- Purdy shoveling a short the final moments before what I signed up for at my and-10, Walker's throw pass to McCaffrey, who position. The team fought for Elijah Moore was high made two quick cuts got The 23-year-old Purdy really hard to give me a but Gipson was called for to the outside and went in the personal foul for lead- untouched.

left tackle Trent Williams shoved Moore from the side and The Browns were also knocked his helmet off.

Helped by two personal

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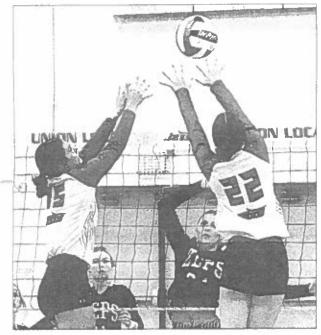


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UL Can't Solve Still-Unbeaten Shenandoah

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spotless 22-0 record.

During that stretch, match. only two teams managed the season.

were on a mission, aveng- the designated home team ing 2022's OVAC 3A a 21-11 advantage. finale loss with a 25-23. 25-14, 25-19 sweep.

The two team's previ- ond set 25-14. ous duel in the 2022 final was a back-and-forth bat- championship tle that stretched into the away, however, and batfifth set. Saturday started tled even to 12-12 before off in a similar fashion as senior Mya Leach started Shenandoah fought for to take over. every point, winning 25-23 in the first.

and small cracks in the well-placed drop shot for UL defense started to a 14-12 reading. manifest, it became clear the Zeps were not entertaining any thoughts

about an upset.

"We got down and MORRISTOWN - started making little mis-Shenandoah entered Sat- takes and it took us out of urday's OVAC Class 3A our game." Union Local volleyball final with a (18-4) head coach Kaye Sechrest noted after the

The Zeps got up by as to earn a set one earlier in many as 10 in the second set when an attack error Saturday. the Zeps sent a ball long and gave

Another error allowed the Zeps to take the sec-

UL wasn't giving the trophy

Leach successfully hit through a block to go But as kills mounted up 13-12, followed by a

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Nailers Sharp In Preseason Tuneup



Photo by Joe Lovell

Wheeling's Bobby Hampton handles the puck with Cincinnati's Luka Burzan in hot pursuit during the Nailers' home match at WesBanco Arena, a 5-0 win for the home team.

Wheeling Blanks Cincinnati At Home, Will Hit Road To Face The Cyclones In Season Opener Saturday

and the defense and goaltending Jarrett Lee, who turned to his ner. The Nailers' fourth tally of turned in a shutout in a 5-0 tri- backhand and flipped the puck the afternoon came with 7:13 umph over the Cincinnati Cy- into the left side of the cage at left. when Jeff Solow teed up clones at WesBanco Arena. Da- the 10:30 mark. Less than sev- Matt Koopman for a one-timer vis Bunz turned on the red light en minutes later. Desruisseaux from the slot, which Koopman twice and Peter Laviolette had a threw a shot on goal from deep, drilled along the ice and in. earned the shutout with 24 saves. puck along the ice and in on the

The Nailers came out flying right side of the net. with a 2-0 lead in goals and a The home team put two more

WHEELING – The Wheel-ing Nailers had everything click-ing in its lone preseason match. With Cedric Desruisseaux on Bunz glided into the middle of the right side of the slot. Des-the offensive zone, and launched The offense scored five goals, ruisseaux slid a pass through to a wrist shot into the top-left corgoal and two assists to lead the which produced a rebound for offense, while David Tendeck Davis Bunz, who deposited the slate took place in the latter stag-

17-5 advantage in shots. Both goals on the board in the middle fight by Malcolm Hayes, who Wheeling markers were creat- session. At the 7:48 mark, Bunz received an instigator penalty. ed with shots that came from struck for the second time in the the left point. David Drake sent contest, and this time, he did so

The first fight of the exhibition es of the period. Matthew Quercia laid a punishing hit on Colton Kalezic, then got challenged to a

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Watt, Highsmith Have Willed Steelers To 3-2

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By WILL GRAVES ÀP Sports Writer took offense to the question.

Asked if T.J. Watt and Alex edge-rushing tandem in the NFL. the Pittsburgh Steelers rookie outside linebacker who has essentially attached himself to his two superstar teammates since training camp began just shook his head.

"Might be?" Herbig said, with comes with it. more than a tinge of sarcasm. Week in an "Might be? Look at the tape, bro."

Look at the standings, too.

own way. They now sit a half-game games and the arcs of seasons.

behind the Baltimore Ravens in the standings following their rivals' PITTSBURGH – Nick Herbig defeat of the Tennessee Titans on Sunday in London.

Highsmith might be the best large part to two players who are for the winning score a few hours well aware of the franchise's great later. There they were in the final pass-rush duos of the past – Hall of Famer Kevin Greene and Greg Lloyd and James Harrison and La-Marr Woodley to name just two to seal a victory that for about 55

nents put together game plans trying to find a way to keep Watt and Denzel Martin said. "We're not The Steelers entered their bye Highsmith in check. And week in week at 3-2 and atop the AFC and (nearly) week out, they find North almost in spite of an offense a way to create the kind of chaos that still can't seem to get out of its that can change the momentum of

Highsmith is picking off De-Shaun Watson on the first snap in Week 2 and running it back for a Inday in London. touchdown. Watt is pouncing on They've survived thanks in a Watson fumble and taking it in minutes last week against Baltimore, Highsmith knocking the ball loose and Watt jumping on top of it - and embraced the standard that minutes seemed unlikely at best.

'Those guys every week have Week in and week out, oppo- the mindset that we have to set the tone," outside linebackers coach waiting for somebody else to make the play. We're going to make the play and change the game."

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Pittsburgh Steelers' T.J. Watt (90) and Alex Highsmith (56) celebrate after the Steelers defeated the Baltimore Ravens in Pittsburgh on Oct. 8.

Browns Hand 49ers First









Photo Provided

River's Mara Beard speeds along the race path during the OVCCL Championships at Buckeye Local on Saturday. Beard finished first in the girls race, finishing in 18:40.29. Martins Ferry claimed the gold in the girls race, followed by Barnesville and Shadyside. Shadyside's Chloe Meholovitch, Edison's Josie Lesnansky, River's Mallory Brake and Barnesville's Marah Bethel rounded out the top five. In the boys race, St. Clairsville took first, Linsly second and Bellaire third. The Red Devils' Ben Shields placed first, Caleb Bryniarski placed third, and Tyler Harris placed fourth. Barnesville's Conner Star placed second and Linsly's Jakob Schmidt-Weigand placed fifth.

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was more than up to the task, and the tunities, you've got to take care of them. 49ers were short-handed in the second There are plays that we didn't make." half without playmakers Christian Mc-

practice squad and outplayed Purdy, the field for Moody, who pushed his atwho threw his first interception this tempt to the right. season, finished with just 125 yards and "It's on me." season, finished with just 125 yards and nearly pulled off a stirring comeback missed a 54-yard in the first half. "I've in the final moments before Moody's failed kick.

The 23-year-old Purdy had been perfect in his pro career, winning his first 10 regular-season starts and coming in with the highest passer rating (121.1) I just didn't hit it the way I wanted to." in league history for any quarteback through 10 games.

and he completed just 12 of 27 passes aisles after seeing the home team finally (44%) – well below his league-leading average (72.1%) coming in.

needed to," Purdy said. "We feel like said. "We're not perfect, we know that. we failed our own expectations. I just But we fought like crazy, and I'm just have to be better and make the throws. proud of so many guys."

But Cleveland's top-ranked defense Man, it's the NFL. When you get oppor-

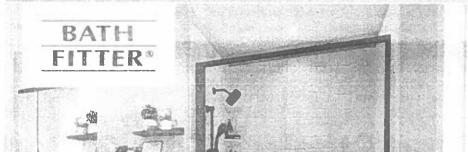
Despite being without McCaffrey Caffrey and Deebo Samuel, who both and Samuel, Purdy made a couple big went out with injuries. throws on San Francisco's final drive P.J. Walker came off Cleveland's and positioned the ball in the middle of

said Moody, who got to make these kicks in these situations. That's what I signed up for at my position. The team fought really hard to give me a chance.

"It was a perfect snap, perfect hold.

When the ball sailed into the net, Cleveland's sideline erupted in cele-But the Browns kept him off balance bration and Browns fans danced in the catch a few breaks.

"The truth is, we're a good football "I didn't play at the standard that I team." Browns coach Kevin Stefanski



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block soon after.

Leach ended the match at 25-19, hitting first line of defense. off a block for the final point.

"We couldn't seal our blocks and push it back over for some reason," Sechrest said.

The elder Leach finished with a match-high 17 kills to go with seven digs and five assists. Brenna Leach backed her with eight kills, as did senior Brylee May as the trio held sway at the net.

Brenna Leach also finished with 12 digs.

Sechrest noted that Mya Leach in Division III postseason.

Steelers —

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They're doing it with remarkable yards to the end zone. consistency.

him ahead of his pace in 2021 when he tied the NFL single-season record with 22 1/2 on his way to being named De- from the moment the Steelers selectfensive Player of the Year. The 29-year- ed Highsmith in the third round of the old youngest member of the Watt NFL clan that includes now-retired three- a project of sorts after playing defensive time Defensive Player of the Year J.J. end at Charlotte. He poured himself into Watt also has two forced fumbles and his craft, with Watt playing the eager has swatted down four passes.

Not that Watt wants to talk about it. He figures he's just doing his job.

er than go out there and make as many though the conversation doesn't stop plays as possible and try to deliver the when they head home. The outside line-ball to the offense," Watt said in his backers have a text thread that can light trademark monotone that belies the up each other's phones at seemingly all frenzied blur his No. 90 becomes at the hours. snap

tributions. Maybe he shouldn't. He be with their families, their wives. proved during Watt's extended absence last season due to a torn pectoral muscle that he could become a disruptive force in his own right. He collected a Watt doesn't really overindulge during career-best 14 1/2 sacks and his five forced fumbles led the NFL.

The Steelers signed him to a lucrative four-year extension over the sum- to their work sets an example that bamer, meaning Watt and Highsmith will sically forces everyone below them on spend their primes standing on opposite the depth chart to catch up. ends of the line of scrimmage, using a level of communication that's become they're in a game," said veteran linealmost ESP-like to render opposing game plans useless.

fourth-quarter lead on Sept. 18 when just got it all. On and off the field. they faced second-and-9 at the Cleveland 20. Highsmith and Watt suspected ed when you play his position in a place a play-action pass was coming. A little that likes to call itself "Blitzburg." The hand signal to each other led them to team's history is littered with defensive line up a little wider than usual hoping for a better angle of attack.

Sure enough, Watson faked a handoff and dropped back to pass. Highsmith cut inside Browns left tackle Jedrick Willis and swatted the ball out of Wat-"I think we feed off each other, we son's hands. Watt, who says he basi- build off each other," Highsmith said.

Not to be outdone, Brenna Leach particular was tough to defend as she's twice registered kills hitting off the capable of generating a ton of power on attack swings but also knows when to Fittingly, that's exactly how Mya tip or place a drop shot just behind the

'She's a good player and she can put the ball wherever she wants and when they can do that and run their offense. they are really good and tough to beat," Sechrest said. "They have their three options, but we knew who the main option was.'

Olivia Wortman finished with eight kills and Ella Pietranton and Laken Vinskovich had seven apiece for the Jets, which now await a meeting with Buckeye Local in the first round of the

Asked if it feels as if he and Watt seen Watt already has eight sacks, putting to share the same brain, Highsmith jus m ahead of his pace in 2021 when he smiled and said: "Sometimes."

It's a connection that's been building 2020 draft. He arrived in Pittsburgh as mentor.

Herbig points out Watt and Highsmith are rarely at their lockers, instead pre-We're not paid to do anything oth- ferring the sanctity of the film room.

"They're calling all throughout the Highsmith downplays his own con- night talking," Martin said. "They can They're calling, texting about linemen. how they set up, what might work."

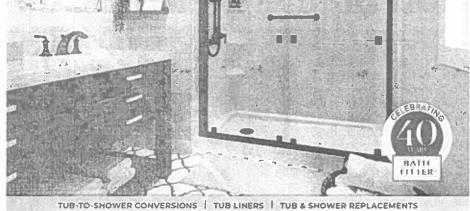
Their commitment to their bodies – the offseason, wary of how that extra slice of pizza might affect him in the fall and their almost maniacal approach

"Those guys practice every day like backer Markus Golden, who played with J.J. Watt in Arizona before joining The Browns were trying to nurse a the Steelers in the offseason. "They've

Highsmith figures it's what's expectgame wreckers. It's a legacy Watt and Highsmith take seriously.

Yes, they are talented individually.

cally blacks out during plays and that "So I think we just got to continue to do makes them sometimes difficult to re- that week in, week out. I think our best member, scooped it up and sprinted 16 ball is still in front of us."



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the ALCS for a seventh straight year, regular season, and posting a 2.08 ERA had a tough time getting anything going against Montgomery. The top four batters in Houston's lineup were 2 for hits in 6 2/3 innings to mark the first 12 with five strikeouts against the left- time this postseason where both starters hander. Slugger Yordan Alvarez struck out against him three times.

Houston's offensive woes came after it hit 16 homers and outscored the Rangers 39-10 in a three-game sweep in September. Things were much differ- winner threw 47 fastballs, getting 27 ent in the first postseason meeting between these in-state rivals as they managed just five singles.

guy threw a great game tonight against us, play when Carter made a great grab on excellent game," manager Dusty Baker the track on a ball hit by Alex Bregman said. "And they say good pitching beats and Altuve was called out for not regood hitting, but when you don't hit, ev- touching second base when he retreated erybody wants to know what's wrong. There's not a whole bunch to say. He threw a real good game against us."

month, allowing just two earned runs an inning-ending groundout.

The defending champion Astros, in over 27 innings in his last four starts of in three postseason starts.

> Verlander allowed two runs and six pitched into the seventh. It was the 36th postseason start for Verlander and the MLB-record 14th time he's started a playoff series opener.

The three-time Cy Young Award swings without a single swing and miss. Josh Sborz walked Jose Altuve starting the eighth and was replaced by Aroldis 'Sometime you've got to say: 'Hey, the Chapman. The Rangers turned a double to first after Carter's catch. Altuve initial-ly was called safe, but the Rangers challenged the play, and it was overturned in Montgomery has been great in the last a video review. Alvarez following with

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SPORTS



St. Clairsville Red Devils fall to Oak

By MIKE HUGHES For The Times Leader

MANCHESTER -NEW Oak Glen played its fifth game after the disappointing 4-1 ward Red Devils' keeper Kiya loss to Weir in the OVAC 4A Kyer. championship match.

coming in the third half. And fact it came off a foot other than and only once did we not have score," St. C. head coach Wes while a "Ward" was responsi- Kami Ward was the most criti- more than one person score Stoner said. "It was a great ball ble for all four goals, it was the cal element.

second – coming off the foot head coach Bill Watts.

Natasha fired a rising shot to-

Since then, the Golden Bears hands on it, but the force of the

"We're a young team. We drew the biggest smile from five a good bit, we have some first. Senior Delaney Florence The freshman keeper got her son it was the Kami show, but er Cameron Michaud. the last couple of games, we've

scored opponents 19-9, includ-ing Tuesday's 4-1 win against visiting St. Clairsville (8-8). Senior captain Kami Ward did her part, recording a hat trick with two of her three goals each night.

of sister Natasha Ward, that (start) three freshman and play ally St. Clairsville that struck and Kami is a pain. sophomores - we're young but played an excellent through thought we had a good game we've gotten better throughout ball to a streaking Emma Gas-the season finding players," ber, who took the pass and fired Watts said. "Early in the sea- a shot past Golden Bears' keep-

That occurred less than a (13-6-1) are 4-1 and have out-scored opponents 19-9, includ-propelled the blast through her create opportunities. The Bears didn't even the score

and a great finish. We let a cou-

Tuesday night, it was actu- ple of junk ones unfortunately,

"She's extremely quick. I plan for her early and we were able to hold her off for a little while, but those last two, we just kind of gave up and slowed down and that's something we'll have to talk about.

"Overall, we played a great

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Jets sweep Ferry in Semis

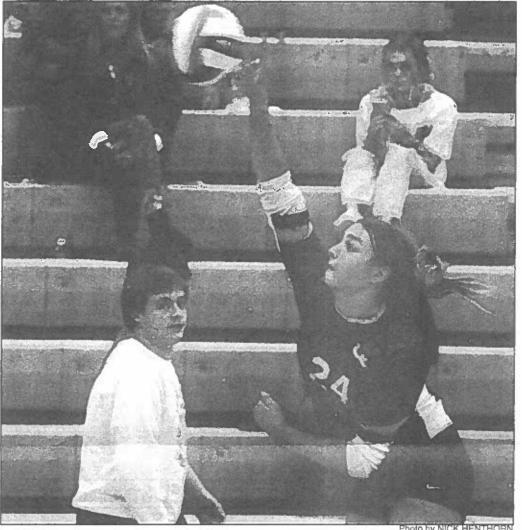
By NICK HENTHORN Sports Editor

MORRISTOWN - Adding to a nine-game Tuesday slate to open up the 2023 OVAC Tournament, No. 3 Martins Ferry came out swinging against their hosts, the No. 2 Union Local Jets, taking a 8-4 lead to start the first set.

The Jets had fuel to burn though, wading through rough early-goings to win the set 25-19, and never letting the Purple Riders get that close again. sweeping Ferry 25-19, 25-11, 25-16 to advance in the 3A conference tourney.

"They played well," Union Local head coach Kaye Sechrest said. "We started slow, they came out on fire, and we got behind. Sometimes I think we like to play from behind. They came out strong, we sur-vived and kind of doused it, and we controlled it from that point on.'

The Jets and Purple Rid-ers traded high-impact plays at the match's onset, high-velocity kills and emphatic blocks on both sides signaling the heightened at-



mosphere of a tournament MARTINS FERRY'S Giana Chirpas blasts a ball over the net during the Purple Riders'



MCGUFF OSU added Taylor to a well-stocked Big 10 team

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - The ideal approach to sustained success for Ohio State, in coach Kevin McGuff's mind, revolves around recruiting players straight from high school and develop ing them over four or five seasons. We have a system that I like. They tend to get better and better each year, McGuff said. "But we have used the transfer portal to our benefit, obviously, just to kind of fill in some holes." The well-timed and carefully chosen addition to the roster can go a long way to complement or even carry a team, and in this dizzying era of the portal there aren't many high-level programs these days that don't at least dip into the pool to pick up an experienced transfer. The Buckeyes reeled in a big one this year with Celeste Taylor. "She's brought a level of maturity and experience that I think is going to be re-ally beneficial," McGuff said at Big Ten women's basketball media day at Target Center in Minneapolis, where the conference tournament will be staged for the second straight season. "She's an incredible defender. I think our press has got a chance to be even more effective this year with her in that." Taylor brings the potential to be the conference's biggest impact newcomer after she spent the last two years at Duke and her first two college seasons at Texas.

game as Ferry came out on OVAC 3A Conference Tournament Semifinal game against the No. 2-ranked Union Local top of the early exchanges. Jets.

Union Local seized momentum of their own to take have to learn how to finish." a lead which grew 14-11, again for Ferry, who rattled off four straight points to win 25-11. flip the set to their advantage, 15-14.

Union Local called timeout, and coming out of the huddle, the Jets outscored the Riders 7-1 over the next eight volleys, cruising to a 25-19 set win.

fantastic." Martins Ferry 15-9 advantage. head coach Jaela Koller said. do. Once we get ahead, we the match point, 25-16.

last eight points of the set to

slim advantage through the it was just everybody." early stages of the third set "I think we started out Union Local, who built a opponent Tuesday.

The hosts led wire-to-wire Sechrest said. "Good serv- and two blocks.. Alayna Lobut the pendulum swung in the second set, scoring the ing, that helps. Good block- gan piled up 20 assists, Deling, good net play. Julie, my aney Butler had 15 assists libero in the back row, she and 10 digs, and Jule Brous-Martins Ferry clung to a gets to a lot of balls. Tonight sard had 16 digs.

with the match on the line, looking forward to the Jets leading 5-4. A quick three- next matchup, a 9 a.m. blocks, Sydney Koller addpoint swing boosted the date with the No. 1-ranked ed seven kills and 13 digs, Jets to a 7-5 advantage, and Shenandoah Zeps, who like Lindsey Best had five kills the momentum stayed with wise swept their semi final and nine digs, while Maddie

For Union Local, Ella Teegan Day smashed a Pietranton had a team- ment, No. 4 John Marshall "But we have some work to kill from the outside to seal high nine kills along with fell to No. 1 Morgantown

"It was a team effort." Vinskovich had eight kills

For Martins Ferry, SJ Sechrest said she was Koller had 25 digs, Giana Chirpas had six kills and four Lucas had 13 assists.

In the class 5A tournatwo blocks, while Laken 3-0, 25-19, 25-17, 25-19.

Bedard picks up an assist in NHL debut as the Blackhawks rally past Crosby, Penguins 4-2

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Connor Blackhawks. Bedard did not disappoint in his NHL Crosby and Bryan Rust scored for ki during warmups, the two teenagers

Blackhawks rookie Kevin Korchins-

NEWS

Oak Glen Girls advances to 4A final

NEW al contender, the Goldtournament starts the and did not go away quigames get tougher.

past two seasons, Mor- four-set win, 4-1. gan Poling and company

TER - Being a perenni- especially tough fight. urday will be the first They were right, as for the Golden Bears en Bears are certainly the visiting No. 4 seed (23-3-3) since they won aware when the OVAC Beavers battled back the title in 2019. etly, but the top-seeded strong, winning the first Facing Beaver Local. Golden Bears were able two sets by scores of which had defeated Oak to seal the deal and earn 25-14 and 25-12. The Glen in the conference a spot in Saturday's visitors, though, rallied semifinals each of the championship with a in the third to extend the

The trip to Union Lo- tory.

St. Clairsville

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Kami Ward's second goal bent it's way into the top left corner of the net, while her final came as a result of a hard rush at Kyer.

The goalie attempted to challenge Ward and kick the ball away from her, but the senior gave it a slight tap just before impact to pick up the hat trick.

Michaud finished with seven saves for her fourth win in five matches. Just a sophomore, she's another learning on the job, having to replace the departed Alexus Greenlief, who's currently starting in net for Waynesburg.

"We lost five girls New Philadelphia.

from last year and all five played and three are starting in college right now," Watts said. 'We have a great group of freshman who will be good for the program, but there's a big gap be-tween 14 and 18.

The Golden Bears return to action Wednesday when they await the winner of a sectional matchup between Wheeling Central and Magnolia.

St. C., meanwhile, may not get in its OVAC 3rd-4th place game with Beaver Local and looks ahead to Tuesday's Ohio Division II sectional at Red Devils Stadium.

The Devils await the winner of Carrollton and



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Oak Glen started match with a 25-21 vic-

BOYS SOCCER Steubenville 10, Indian Creek 0

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STEUBENVILLE Matt Loot scored three goals and added his school-record 23rd assist of the season as Big Red (10-5-1) blanked the Redskins.

Joey Rice added a pair of net-finders, while Cole Bowers, Luke Dinovo, Mason Montgomery. Drew Stimpert and Enrico Batolini Baldelli also had goals.

Bowers added three assists, while Nick Nurczyk, James Devereaux, Gabe Martin, Aidan Morales and Isaac Rosel all had a helper each.

Robby Lucas made two saves.

Indian Creek's Joseph Diggs recorded 15 saves.

PREP VOLLEYBALL St. C. Beats

Shadyside, 3-0

The Red Devils topped the Tigers by scores of 25-8, 25-19 and 25-15. Rachel Finnical led the winners with 25 assists, four kills and four digs. Brooke Biancarelli added nine kills, five digs and two aces.

Ella Carpenter fin-ished with nine kills and five digs. Makenna Moran charted six kills. Magnolia Wins 4 of

5 Matches ST. MARY'S - Mag-nolia improved to 15-7 as it won four of five

matches. The Blue Eagles defeated St. Mary's 25-19, 15-25 and 25-20; Ravenswood 27-25 and 25-18: Cameron 25-14 and 25-8; and Valley

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Ohio Ratings

Division IV Region 13 - 1. Canton South (8-0) 19.7625, 2. Mentor Lake Cath. (7-1) 18.2229, 3. Streetsboro (7-1) 17.2247, 4. Beloit West Branch (7-1) 15.6616. 5. Poland Seminary (7-1) 15.1566, 6. Struthers (6-2) 14.889, 7. Niles McKinley (5-3) 10.9, 8. Youngstown Cardinal Mooney (4-4) 10.2128, 9. Beaver Local (5-3) 9.0125, 10. Canal Fulton Northwest (5-3) 7.475, 11. Ashtabula Edgewood (4-4) 7.4125, 12. Girard (4-4) 7.2, 13. East Liverpool (5-3) 6.8625, 14. Hubbard (4-4) 6.4171, 15. Peninsula Woodridae (4-4) 6.375, 16, Ak-

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Region 17 - 1. Perry (8-0) 22.0625, 2. South Range (7-1) 19.6951, 3. Creston Norwayne (8-0) 16.3, 4. Harrison Central (6-2) 12.875, 5. Garrettsville Garfield (8-0) 12.8444, 6. Lorain Clearview (6-2) 11.5332, 7. Ridgewood (6-2) 10.6625, 8. Sandy Valley (5-3) 8.2625, 9. Burton Berkshire (4-4) 7.8441, 10. Conneaut (5-3) 7.7125, 11. Edison (6-2) 7.3889, 12. Cortland Lakeview (4-4) 7.1125, 13. Youngstown Liberty (3-5) 5.95, 14. Smithville (5-3) 4.5082, 15. Orrville (4-4) 4.5, 16. Chagrin Falls (3-5) 4.35, 17. 6. Coshocton (2-6) 4.0125, 18. Navarre Fairless (2-6) 3.8375, 19. Mantua Crestwood (4-4) 3.2986, 20. Wooster Triway (3-5) 3.2625 Region 19 - 1. Ironton (7-18.9375, 2. Proctorville 1) Fairland (7-1) 18.0669, 3. Canal Winchester Harvest

Prep. (6-1) 17.4675, 4. West Muskingum (7-1) 15.45, 5. Barnesville (8-0) 15.4407, 6. Gahanna Cols. Acad. (8-0) 14.95, 7. Portsmouth West (7-1) 14.9211, 8. Heath (6-2) 11.3125, 9. South Point (5-3) 9.9217, 10. Cols. Africentric (5- Frontier (1-7) 0.5

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Division VI

Region 23 - 1. West Jefferson (8-0) 19.5625, 2. Garaway (8-11.8638, 4. Galion Northmor 6.2519, 14. Tuscarawas Valley (4-4) 5.9, 15. Grove City Chris-tian (5-3) 5.0875, 16. John-Shenandoah (3-5) 3.7054, 19. Crooksville (3-5) 3.4625, 20. Newark Cath. (2-6) 3.4457

Division VII Region 25 - 1. Malvern (7-1) 14.625, 2. Danville (8-0) 14.525, 3. Dalton (6-1) 13.7095, 4. New Middletown Springfield (6-2) 12.175, 5. Berlin Center Western Reserve (6-2) 11.9154, 6. Jeromesville Hillsdale (6-2) 11.5354, 7. Monroeville (6-2) 11.5234, 8. Lowellville (7-1) 11.2625, 9. Toronto (7-1) 11.125, 10. Steubenville Catholic (8-0) 10.7813, 11. Lucas (5-3) 10.0372, 12. Lisbon David Anderson (6-2) 9.0625,

13. Southern Local (6-2) 8.5875, 14. Norwalk St. Paul (4-4) 7.6951, 15. McDonald (5-3) 7.575, 16. Conotton Valley (4-4) 4.0, 17. Fairport Harbor Fairport Harding (3-5) 2.8431, 18. Ashtabula St. John School (2-5) 1.9206, 19. Richmond Hts. (1-6) 1.8771, 20. Stras-burg (2-6) 1.6375, 21. Warren John F. Kennedy (2-5) 1.5974 Region 27 - 1. Reedsville Eastern (7-1) 12.4271, 2. Beaver Eastern (8-0) 11.3523, Caldwell (6-2) 8.8611, 4. 3. Fairfield Christian Acad. (6-2) 8.45, 5. River (5-2) 8.2679, Portsmouth Notre Dame (5-3) 6.2691, 7. Waterford (5-3) 5.6875, 8. Beallsville (5-3) 5.6284, 9. South Gallia (6-2) 5.0757, 10. Monroe Central (4-4) 4.9491, 11. Bishop Rosecrans (3-5) 4.5568, 12. Portsmouth Sciotoville (3-4) 4.1163, 13. Bridgeport (3-5) 3.9523, 14. Corning Miller (4-4) 3.9217, 15. Sugar Grove Berne Union (2-6) 2.275, 16. Shadyside (2-6) 2.1349, 17, Willow Wood Symmes Valley (3-5) 1.8059, 18, Racine Southern (2-6) 1.291, 19. Lancaster Fisher Cath. (2-6) 0.875, 20.

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Saturday, Oct. 14

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heeling Central olls By Tyler, 7-0

TERSVILLE - Wheeling Central cruised past ler Consolidated Knights on Tuesday. 7-0, in igh school soccer action.

Maroon Knights were led by Addie Payton and Ratcliffe, each of whom had two goals. Ramansuetto. Addi Hanson and Monti Smith also on the scoring parade as the win moved Wheel-ntral to 15-4-1. Tyler moves to 2-14.

sting on Wheeling Central's goals was Hanson aree. Ratcliffe and Mansuetto with two each, atie Tiu and Lilly Whitelatch with one apiece.

a Fitzsimmons kept a clean sheet for the Manights with six saves.

Oak Glen 4, St. Clairsville 1

V MANCHESTER - Kami Ward scored three and Natasha Ward added the other tally as the n Bears rolled past the visiting Red Devils.

na Gasber tallied the lone St. Clairsville goal assist by Delaney Florence. OVAC VOLLEYBALL

Oak Glen Advances To 4A Final V MANCHESTER - Being a perennial conthe Golden Bears are certainly aware when AC tournament starts the games get tougher.

ng Beaver Local, which had defeated Oak Glen conference semifinals each of the past two sea-Aorgan Poling and company knew they'd be in especially tough fight.

Glen started strong, winning the first two sets res of 25-14 and 25-12. The visitors, though, in the third to extend the match with a 25-21

BOYS SOCCER

Steubenville 10, Indian Creek 0 UBENVILLE - Matt Loot scored three goals ded his school-record 23rd assist of the season Red (10-5-1) blanked the Redskins.

Rice added a pair of net-finders, while Cole s, Luke Dinovo, Mason Montgomery, Drew rt and Enrico Batolini Baldelli also had goals.

ers added three assists, while Nick Nurczyk. Devereaux, Gabe Martin, Aidan Morales and osel all had a helper each.

by Lucas made two saves. (Late Monday)

BOYS SOCCER OVAC Third-Place Game

Brooke 4, Steubenville 2

LSBURG - Ben Ferguson scored twice and e Brozstek made 10 saves as the Bruins (13-bled up the Big Red. Chase Hile and Christian also scored for Brooke.

n Black, Devin Cipoletti and Nick Sagan all ed assists.

ngers Sweep Orioles t Of The MLB Playoffs

rly. Nathan Eoval- Orioles cas Rangers com- season start. an AL Division Tuesday night.

them a wild-card COVID-19 pandemic. 011. AL East champi- ship Series. done after a sweep most inopportune

INGTON. Texas slow steps out of the bat-Corey Seager ter's box – made it 6-0 lolis Garc a hom- in the second to chase right-hander ck out seven over Dean Kremer, the Israennings in another li-American pitcher maklinching start and ing his first career post-

It was the first Rangers sweep of the Bal- playoff game at Globe Orioles with a 7-1 Life Field, the stadium that was brand new Rangers, whose in 2020 when it hosted Seattle on the last much of MLB's neutral the regular season postseason during the

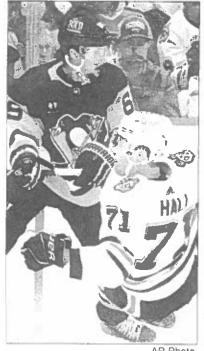
stead of the AL Seager is one of five champion, have Texas hitters who started on all five of their for the AL squad in this son games. They year's All-Star Game. ig to the American That is quite a lineup for Championship Bruce Bochy, the three-for the first time time World Series-winning manager with San more won an AL- Francisco who was hired I games and was by the Rangers last offwept in a series season and is now going the regular season. to his first AL Champion-

Astros 9, Twins 1

MINNEAPOLIS The Orioles have (AP) – Jose Abreu hit tht playoff games a three-run homer for v over the past 10 Houston in a four-run first inning against Son-

er pulled a 445- ny Gray and piled on ve into the right- with a two-run shot in eats in the first the ninth, powering the and Garc a's Astros past the Minnen homer – one sota Twins on Tuesday -Star slugger ad- for a 2-1 lead in their AL vhile taking a few Division Series.

J's Henderson Expected Return; Egbuka Unlikely



AP Photo

Penguins' Pittsburgh Erik Karlsson (65) collides with Chicago Blackhawks' Taylor Hall during the first period of a game in Pittsburgh, Tuesday.

Pens Drop pener, 4-2

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Connor Bedard did not disappoint in his NHL debut.

The Chicago Blackhawks rookie picked up an assist and dazzled occasionally with his skating as Chicago rallied past Sidney Crosby and the Pittsburgh Penguins 4-2 on Tuesday night.

The 18-year-old Bedard, the top pick in the NHL draft. played over 21 minutes, often sharing the ice with Crosby, one of his idols. Be-dard registered five of the 35 shots Chicago fired at Tristan Jarry as the Blackhawks began a new era with an impressive victory over the veteran-laden Penguins. Chicago trailed 2-0 when Cros-

by began his 19th season by scoring his 551st career goal, a shot into an open net off a pass from Jake Guentzel 11:56 into the second period.

The Blackhawks roared back behind a goal from Ryan Donato - with a secondary assist from Bedard - in the second period and Cole Guttman's goal midway through the third. Jason Dickinson gave Chicago the lead with 4:31 remaining. Nick Foligno's empty-netter with 1:33 to go sent most of the sellout crowd that came to watch one of the NHL's brightest stars take on one of its newest.

Petr Mrazek stopped 38 shots for the Blackhawks.

Crosby and Bryan Rust scored for the Penguins, who had their run of 16 consecutive playoff appearances end last spring thanks in part to a late-season pratfall against the Blackhawks.

Army Excited As Nailers Open 31st Training Camp



Photo by Kim North

Wheeling Nailers head coach Derek Army talks to the media Tuesday afternoon following the second of two practices on the opening day of training camp in preparation for the team's 31st season in the Friendly City. The camp continues through next week at WesBanco Arena. A preseason game will be played on Sunday at home as Cincinnati visits for a 2:10 p.m. face-off.

Wheeling Opens Camp With 29 Players; Home-Opener Set For Nov. 4

By KIM NORTH Staff Writer

WHEELING - The Wheeling Nailers dropped the puck on their 31st training camp Monday morning on the ice inside WesBanco Arena.

Head Coach Derek Army is excited about what will happen over the course of the next week or so.

"I've been very excited since last season's end. Your goal is to get into the playoffs, but unfortunately, that didn't hap-pen," he said Tuesday following the second of two practices on the first day of camp. "From finding some players that we trasquad scrimmage and preseason game are both free to atwanted in the development aspect. I think we are in a really tend with open seating. good spot.

"The energy in practice today was incredible today, so there's a lot to be excited about."

Army and first-year assistant coach Mitch Giguere have compiled a roster of 18 forwards, eight defensemen, and tract from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. three goaltenders for a total of 29 players to begin training camp. The Nailers announced late Tuesday afternoon that 30 games, but during that time we were compo eight players had been added to the training camp roster from

the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins. Practices on Wednesday and Thursday will also be split into two groups, but with an added twist -- both days will feature a scrimmage from 11-11:45 a.m. On Friday, there for Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Between the two levels, he posted will be a morning skate, with the groups taking to the ice a 16-10-7 record in 36 appearances. from 10-10:30 and 10:30-11. That night will feature an in- On the blueline, the Nailers also from 10-10:30 and 10:30-11. That night will feature an in-trasquad scrimmage, which starts at 7:10 p.m. The first week Nickl. Nickl is a 21-year old native of Austria, who is set will conclude with a preseason game against the Cincinnati to make his North American pro debut, after playing the last Cyclones on Sunday at 2:10 p.m.

All practices are open to the public, and fans must stay in Anaheim Ducks in the 2020 NHL Entry Draft. the seating bowl, as ice level access is not permitted. The in-

"The energy in practice today was incredible today, so there's a lot to be excited about."

Wheeling Nailers Head Coach Derek Army

Leading the list of players coming from the AHL's Baby Pens is forward Justin Addamo. He had an enormous rookie season with 21 goals and 33 points in 42 ECHL games, as well as five AHL goals, which helped him earn an AHL con-

"Justin was incredible for us last year. We only had him for 30 games, but during that time we were competitive and he was a big part of it," Army praised.

Joining Addamo is goaltender Taylor Gauthier who returns for his second professional season. He started last year in Wheeling, then played the entire second half of the campaign

three seasons in Sweden. He was originally selected by the

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Martins Ferry's Lindsey Best prepares for a kill during Tuesday night's OVAC Class 3A semifinals inside 'The Hangar' at Union Local. The Jets soared to a sweep of the Purple Riders and will play Saturday for the championship.

Photo by Nick

Henthorn

OVAC CLASS 3A VOLLEYBALL SEMIFINALS **Union Local Sweeps Martins Ferry**

By NICK HENTHORN Sports Editor

MORRISTOWN - Adding to a and we got behind. nine-game Tuesday slate to open up "Sometimes I think we like to play the 2023 OVAC Tournament, No. from behind. They came out strong, against their hosts, the No. 2 Union and we controlled it from that point Local Jets, taking a 8-4 lead to start on.' the first set.

wading through rough early-goings to set, high-velocity kills and emphatwin the set 25-19, and never letting ic blocks on both sides signaling the the Purple Riders get that close again, heightened atmosphere of a tournasweeping Martins Ferry 25-19, 25- ment game as Ferry came out on top 11, 25-16 to advance in the 3A con- of the early exchanges. ference tourney.

"They played well," Union Local

head coach Kaye Sechrest said. "We started slow, they came out on fire,

3 Martins Ferry came out swinging we survived and kind of doused it,

The Jets and Purple Riders traded The Jets had fuel to burn though, high-impact plays at the match's on-

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The person spoke to the Philadelphia. AP on condition of anonymity because the teams fairly clear when he Esch, whose history of were still completing the played only two offen- neck injuries includes surdeal.

Jefferson is a 2020 Eagles, with even Ben second-round pick who Skowronek getting more played a steady role on playing time. Jefferson in the second half. the Rams' offense when has eight catches for 108 healthy for his first three yards this season. NFL seasons. He started les' 2021-22 champion- Falcons, who have ques- Goodwin, who left with a ship season, setting career tionable depth and little shoulder injury. highs with 50 catches for production at receiver be-802 yards and six touch- hind USC product Drake downs before catching London, who has 17

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their own to take a lead which grew said, "Good serving, that helps. Good 14-11, but the pendulum swung again for Ferry, who rattled off four straight points to flip the set to their advan-tage, 15-14.

Union Local called timeout, and coming out of the huddle, the Jets out-scored the Riders 7-1 over the next ward to the Jets' next matchup, a eight volleys, cruising to a 25-19 set 9 a.m. date with the No. 1-ranked win.

"I think we started out fantastic." Martins Ferry head coach Jaela Koller said. "But we have some work to do. had a team-high nine kills along with Once we get ahead, we have to learn two blocks, while Laken Vinskovich how to finish.

The hosts led wire-to-wire in the second set, scoring the last eight Butler had 15 assists and 10 digs, and points of the set to win 25-11.

Martins Ferry clung to a slim advantage through the early stages of digs. Giana Chirpas had six kills and the third set with the match on the four blocks. Sydney Koller added sev-line, leading 5-4. A quick three-point en kills and 13 digs. Lindsey Best had swing boosted the Jets to a 7-5 advan- five kills and nine digs, while Maddie tage, and the momentum stayed with Lucas had 13 assists. Union Local, who built a 15-9 advantage.

Teegan Day smashed a kill from the town 3-0, 25-19, 25-17, 25-19.

Jefferson's fate was

four passes in the Super catches for 204 yards and Atlanta.

body.

To Injured Reserve LB Leighton Vander sive snaps against the gery, didn't return after appearing to jam his neck

McCarthy said Monday he is likely headed to in-

Goodwin is a Linsly graduate and played in the 2017 Super Bowl with

el contract. Frasca collected 12 points in lix Pare is back for his third season in a 36 games with the Nailers, and really hit Wheeling uniform, as he raised his point his stride in March, when he scored four total last year, despite playing in 14 fewer times in a five-game span.

Lukas Svejkovsky, 2020 fourth-round in a collision with Parsons draft pick, begins his second pro season, after recording 15 points as a rookie with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Svejkovsky had electric numbers in juniors, as he finished Jefferson could con- jured reserve along with the 2021-22 season with 76 points in 57 every game in Los Ange- tribute quickly with the special teams ace C.J. games. Ty Glover also enters his second season in the organization, after tallying seven goals and 12 points for the AHL Penguins a year ago. Glover will be the fourth player in team history from Enyear with the Wichita Thunder. Evan Vierling earned an AHL contract this summer, following an outstanding conclusion to his junior career. Vierling finished fifth in the OHL with 95 points as a member of the Barrie Colts.

Tendeck, who is entering his fourth proseason after spending his first three years in the Arizona Coyotes organization. Gladiators last season, and also earned a victory for the AHL's Tucson Roadrunners. Öskar Autio made his first pro start in last year's season finale, as he made 19 saves on 22 shots for the Nailers in Iowa. Autio played collegiately at Penn State and the University of Vermont.

three Wheeling players to play in all 72 games a year ago. Drake is the lone veteran on this year's squad, as he has played in 262 professional games. Louie Roehl and Davis Bunz return for their second pro seasons, and the two had nearly identical numbers in their rookie campaigns. Roehl finished with 24 points in 60 games, while Bunz recorded 23 points in 58 games. Sebastian Dirven is the final four contests during the spring.

There are three newcomers to the defense. Quinn Wichers was acquired by on Saturday, Oct. 21, when Wheeling the Nailers in a trade this summer, and he visits Cincinnati at 7:35 p.m. The home is entering his third pro season. Wichers opener is Saturday. Nov. 4 at 7:10 spent the majority of his first two years against Reading. "Mad" Chad Taylor playing a shutdown role for the Rapid will be the star of the night, as he jug-City Rush, while mixing in AHL stints gles chainsaws.

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"Are you going to play Then it suffered two cruel Sean Martin." Lesley said. a perfect game? No. Are losses in the TCU game, "The whole group goes you going to pitch a shut- having the team's best as they do. It's a tribute to out every game? More defensive player knocked them, but it's also a tribthan likely not. But you do out in Aubrey Burks and body is feeling pretty good broken ankle. after a win. You still have to correct those things." ing that perfect game.

They have had to overcome some problems things ... the guys who of what Lesley means along the way, beginning step up and have been when he talks about the with Penn State proving leaders for us. If you ask defensive players believitself to be much supe- them, every guy is going rior in the opener while to mention Beanie Bishranked No. 7 in the coun- op. every guy is going to

season of his three-year NHL entry lev- playing in all 72 games a year ago. Fegames due to injury. Speaking of injuries. Matthew Quercia and Shaw Boomhower are looking forward to putting those behind them and finding their magic from the 2021-22 season. Quercia scored the infamous overtime goal in game seven to defeat Fort Wayne, while Boomhower led the team with 127 penalty minutes and chipped into the offense with 13 points. Cam Hausinger begins his third season in Wheeling, after recording 62 points in 87 regular season games, in addition to gland. Dillon Hamaliuk was acquired by nine goals in ten playoff contests. Bob-Pittsburgh in a trade with the San Jose by Hampton is also entering his third Sharks over the summer. Hamaliuk spent campaign with the Nailers, as he has 32 the majority of the 2021-22 season with points in 93 games over his first two seathe AHL's San Jose Barracuda, then sons with the club. Wheeling native Peter amassed seven points in six games last Laviolette III is back for year number two with his hometown team, as he put up 11 points and 96 penalty minutes.

Four players who joined the Nailers at the end of last season have returned for what will officially be their rookie seae Barrie Colts. Also in camp are netminders David pro game. Jarrett Lee wasted little time in making a name for himself, as he notched three points in his pro debut. He finished with eight points in 13 matches. Tan-Tendeck went 12-12-5 with the Atlanta ner Laderoute won an NCAA National Championship at the University of Min-nesota-Duluth, and is looking to bring that winning formula to Wheeling, where he registered seven points in his first 11 pro contests. David Jankowski found the net often in the spring, as he racked up three goals and six points in seven games with On the blueline. David Drake returns the Nailers. Matt Koopman also put his to anchor the defense, after being one of name onto the scoresheet with great frequency, as he snagged seven points in his first 14 games. Additionally, Dominiks Marcinkevics will be making his Wheeling and ECHL debut, but already has a year of pro hockey under his belt, as he totaled 32 points in 53 games last season with the SPHL's Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs.

The Nailers will have an intrasquad scrimmage on Friday at 7:10 p.m., folreturning member of the defense, as he began his pro career with three points in four contests during the spring.

The 2023-24 regular season begins

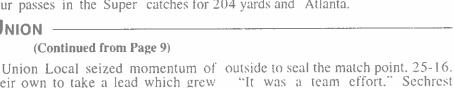
"The whole group goes

as they do. It's a tribute to ute to how every assistant strive for that. You have to then having a rising star at coach handles their rooms point that out and it's hard linebacker. Trey Lathan, and the message every sometimes when every- be lost for the year with a week and getting them prepared for when those things happen.

Defensive tackle Eddie Vesterinen is an example ing there is more meat on their bones.

"Personally, I have more in me. As

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blocking, good net play. Julie, my

libero in the back row, she gets to a

lot of balls. Tonight it was just every-

Shenandoah Zeps, who likewise swept

their semi final opponent Tuesday. For Union Local, Ella Pietranton

had eight kills and two blocks. Alay-

na Logan piled up 20 assists. Delaney

For Martins Ferry, SJ Koller had 25

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try, a start that could have mention Lee Kp ba and probably Mike Lockhart fense, we have to start planted doubts. But WVU played on, and Eddie Vesterinen and faster. We haven't played

They kept after it, seek-

"It's a tribute to two



our best defense yet." he said. "It's mental mis-takes. There's a lot you can correct after a game and I am trying to correct those things.

One problem has been slow defensive starts ... Pitt drove the field on its first possession for a score, and TCU scored three first-half touchdowns.

"Go back to the Pitt game." Vesterinen instructs. "Their first drive, they started rolling, but it was because of missed tackles. If we made those tackles, they wouldn't have had that drive. And Texas Tech, the same, it comes back to good fundamental football. As a defense we are waiting for someone to make that big play and then we start to new like a good de