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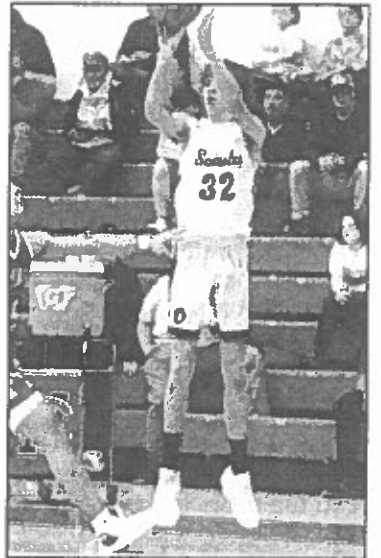


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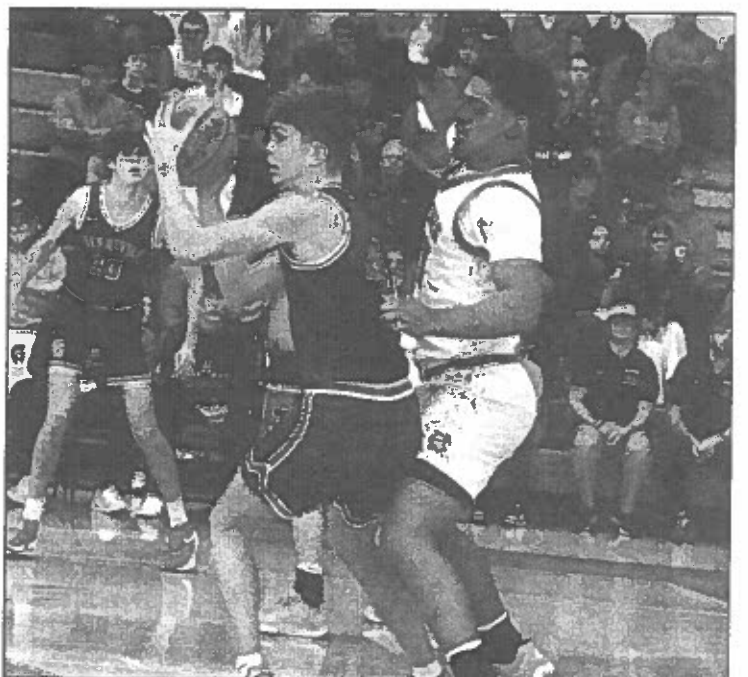
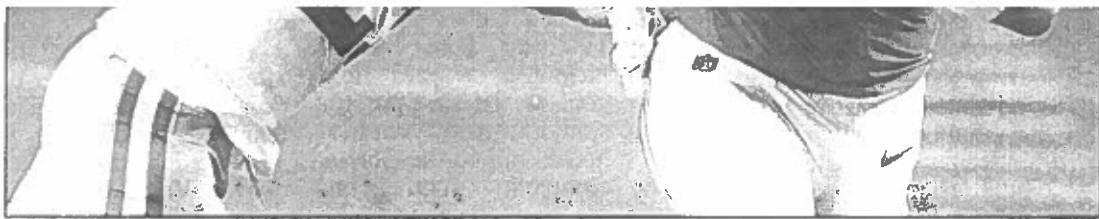


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kids were up to the challenge." Eli Dean's three-pointer from the left corner less than a minute into the fourth quarter deadlocked the game at 40.

Gannon Kerns' steal and ensuing layup moments later put Union Local ahead to stay at 42-40.

With the margin at 49-48, Kerns hit 1 of 2 free throws and a Dre Saunders basket made it 52-48 with just under two minutes remaining to play. Saunders scored back-to-back baskets and Alex Moore made two free throws to seal the deal.

"I'm really proud of our effort down the stretch," Delman said.

Moore got off to a hot start, scoring all eight of the Jets points in the first quarter. He would finish with a game-best 19 and also pulled in five rebounds.

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With the two-headed scoring machine of Tyson Pastor and Cole Thoburn doing what they do, St. Clairsville pulled away in the latter stages of the third quarter in avenging a loss from earlier in the season.

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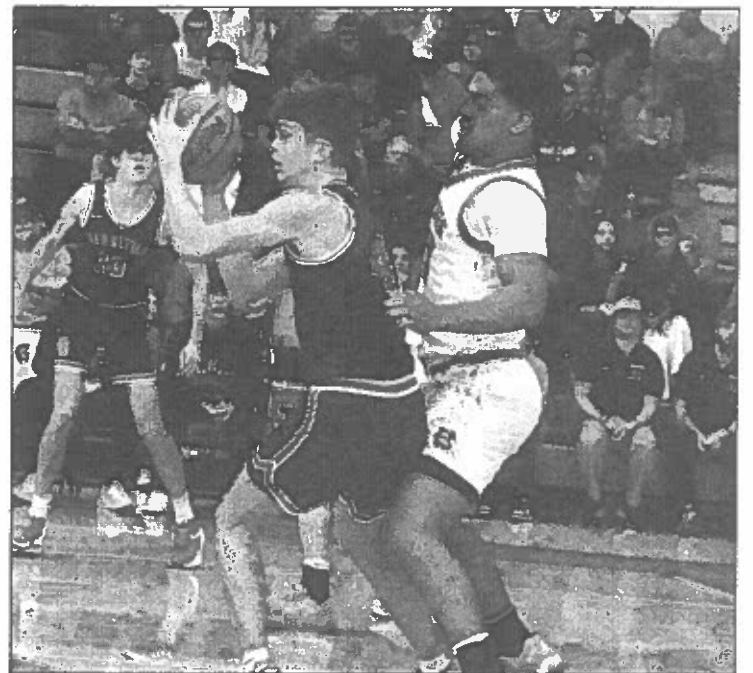


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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Brady Schafer is guarded closely by Harrison Central's Mykel Quito on Saturday at Harrison Central High School in Cadiz.

them, but we didn't use that as an excuse. They played really well that night," Clifford said.

Pastor, who netted a game-high 28 points, sparked the surge.

"They are really good," Clifford said of his two scoring machines, "but they are only that good because of the little things the other kids do. We are a much harder team to guard than we were in December."

Griffin Straub continued to give the Red Devils a lift off the bench. He scored 13 points and grabbed five rebounds. Brady Schafer added nine points and half-a-dozen rebounds.

"Brady is getting double figures on a nightly basis and Griffin has been a big boost off the bench," Clifford praised. "I like where we are right now."

Deadlocked at 33, the Red

Devils (14-5) went on a 10-0 run to end the first half and were never threatened.

"We kind of let them go wherever they wanted to. We wanted to limit their touches in the paint, but we were unable to do that with the way they drove to the basket," Harrison Central head coach Aaron Faldi said.

"We didn't rotate correctly on defense at times, and they took advantage of it."

"I'm confident that my kids can bounce back. We've got good leadership and they are already talking about next week."

Thoburn, who earned the John Howell Memorial MVP Award, knocked down a trio of treys in the third quarter on his way to 11 of his 24 points, as St. Clairsville built a 65-49 advantage after three quarters.

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High School. The Green-White trailed the Panthers 23-0 before reeling off six straight victories — five by pin — to take a 33-26 lead. However, Delta claimed the final three bouts — two by falls and the other by major decision — to

out No. 5 Perry, 38-34. Barnesville won 11 of the 14 bouts against the Vikings, with six by pins, two by decisions and a pair via forfeits. Registering falls were Colt Carpenter (126), Dakota King

in the semifinals to the finals, but used its strength in the middleweights to battle back for the win. The Shamrocks won seven of the final nine bouts. Recording pins were Stephen (150), Skyler King (157), Ayden King (165), Ford (175)

Steuernberg (171) late as well as the No. 5 seed dropped all three of its duals to finish eighth at New Lexington High School. Big Red fell to No. 4 Wauseon, 41-25, in the first round and then lost 33-31 to Louis-

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**BARNESVILLE** — Asa Geilinger netted 22 points as the Shamrocks defeated the Cadets. Duker Castello added 13 and Casey Carpenter 12 for the winners.

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While the Red Knights had the edge in the first quarter, things couldn't have gone much differently in the second.

With 6-foot-7 Toronto big man Cayden Benton on the bench with two fouls, Monroe Central won the second quarter 18-2. The Seminole's dominance went beyond Benton's absence.

Monroe took better care of the ball, with only two turnovers in the second quarter, while Toronto committed seven. Twice Tucker Howell swiped a steal in the passing lanes and went down the other end for a score, once being fouled and once converting the lay-in. The second instance gave Monroe a 13-12 lead, their first lead of the night, and one that would grow to 28 by the end of the game.

Where Benton's

benching was perhaps more profoundly felt was on the offensive glass. Howell had three offensive putbacks in the second quarter, and finished with five. He scored 14 of his 31 in the second quarter alone.

From the closing moments of the first quarter to nearly the end of the second quarter, Harrison Central High School witnessed a 19-0 Monroe Central run that had them ahead 22-12, and 24-14 at halftime.

"Second quarter, we started to get away from our game plan and things started to snowball," Tucker said. "Monroe went on a pretty good run. I think we only had one field goal in the second quarter, and that's not good enough for us. We can't let that happen. Things just kind of snowballed from there."

"All year we've been

able to find that quarter where we really lock in and hold a team down," Lang said. "Tonight it was the second quarter, let us back into the game. Really proud of the boys for that effort."

In turning a nine-point deficit into a 28-point championship-sealing victory, Lang pointed to adjustments on offense which led to success on defense.

"We stuck to the game plan," Lang said. "The boys didn't panic, they continued to play hard. We knew early, we talked about 'turnovers lead to fast breaks for them.' They're really aggressive in that 1-3-1 defense, that 3-2 defense, their top players get out and run, they pressure the ball, they take away the passes you want to make. They're really coached well in that aspect."

"We had to start meet-

ing the ball with two hands and two feet, throwing a little stronger passes. Once we started doing that, we took away their transition opportunities, and we play pretty good half court defense. When we got them into the halfcourt, I was happy with that."

Toronto was led by Kamryn Baker with 14, 10 in the first quarter, and Noah Karaffa with nine points and four steals.

Howell's younger brother Cooper scored 11 to join Tucker in double figures. Jacob Fogle, who filled in for Allen in the starting lineup Saturday, scored nine, all coming from a trio of trifectas in the third quarter, a period where Monroe Central threw their game into another gear and built a 48-25 lead going into the fourth. Tucker Howell earned game MVP honors.

## • Chiefs

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It was also the first played under new overtime rules under which both teams got the ball.

The Chiefs trailed 22-19 after Jake Moody kicked a 27-yard field goal on the first possession of overtime, but Mahomes rallied the Chiefs, completing another impressive comeback in a rematch of a Super Bowl four years ago.

Mahomes ran 8 yards on fourth-and-1 to keep the Chiefs' chances alive and then scrambled 19 yards to set up the winning score. After he connected with a wide-open Hardman, the Chiefs ran on the field as red-and-yellow confetti fell on the turf.

The most excitement in the first half came when a frustrated Kelce bumped Andy Reid on the sideline, knocking

the Chiefs' 65-year-old coach a few steps back after teammate Isiah Pacheco fumbled inside the red zone during the second quarter.

The action picked up after a crucial blunder by San Francisco's special teams set up Mahomes' 16-yard TD pass to Marquez Valdes-Scantling for a 13-10 lead.

Brock Purdy and the 49ers answered but they couldn't make enough plays, denying Mr. Irrelevant an opportunity to go from last pick in the 2022 NFL draft to Super Bowl champion.

Mahomes and Reid are now halfway to Tom Brady and Bill Belichick, who won six championships in 20 years together with the New England Patriots and were the most recent team to go back-to-back following the 2003-04 seasons.

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Saunders was right behind with 17 points and a pair of blocked shots, while Kerns had a dozen points and seven rebounds.

Easton Ditzler pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds as the Jets held a 28-22 edge off the glass.

"Dre was kind of quiet in the first half and I told him at halftime that he had to make some noise like he's been doing the last two months, and he really stepped it up," Delman said. "He had a couple of key steals late and I thought he did a tremendous job (defen-

sively) on the (Quinton) Burlenski kid."

Jeremy Ratcliffe led the Maroon Knights with 18, but 15 of those came in the first half when Wheeling Central led 27-22.

"He had the hot hand early, but Union Local was able to take that away in the second half," Stephens said.

Troy Anthony had 11 points in support. Max Olejsz had eight of the Maroon Knights' 22 rebounds.

"This was, and is always, one of our goals," Stephens said of playing for an OVAC title.

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Mykel Quito led a trio of Huskies in double figures with 19. Brady Elliott had 12 and Hayden Cassidy 11. Daniel Ody chipped in nine.

Pastor also pulled

down six rebounds as the Red Devils had 22 rebounds. Quito snagged seven of the Huskies' 34.

The Red Devils were guilty of just four turnovers, which was 10 less than Harrison Central.



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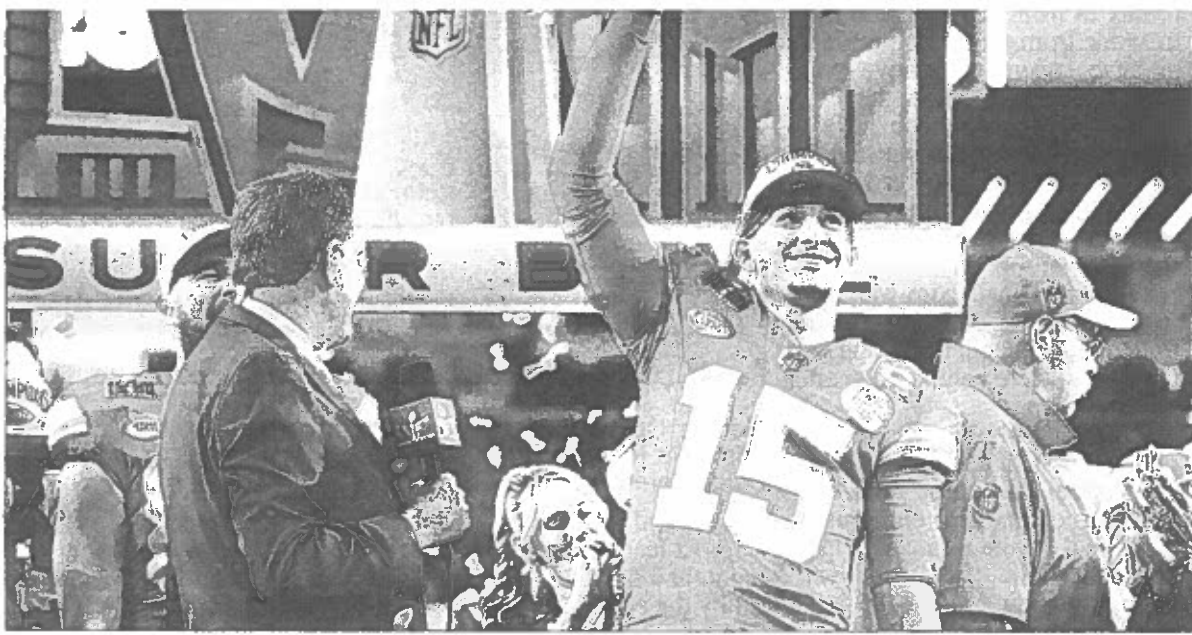
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Photo by Nick Henthorn  
Wheeling Central's Bode Burge fights for the puck along the boards Sunday during the 19th annual West Virginia State Bob Otten Hockey Tournament.

## Central Hockey Nets Victory In State Tourney

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WHEELING — After a two-day, three-game odyssey across Saturday and Sunday, the Wheeling Central Maroon Knights are the champions of the 19th annual West Virginia State Bob Otten Hockey Tournament.

Cooley with 4:30 to go in the first. The Vipers struck again with seconds to go before the end of the first period, Wyatt Arnoult putting West Virginia ahead 3-2. The Maroon Knights would not allow another goal until there were less than two minutes left in the game.

The Knights bested the West Virginia East Vipers 5-4 in the championship match inside West-Banco Arena, battering down the hatches after trailing in the first period, and hanging on for a win in the final seconds.

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### Cameron Shakes Off Slow Start To Win 1A Championship Over Trinity

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CADIZ — The Cameron Dragons were slow out of the gate, but they didn't stumble down the home stretch.

After falling behind 23-7 at one point in the opening quarter, the Dragons forged a path back into Saturday's OVAC Class 1A championship against the Trinity Christian Warriors, tying the game 28-28 at halftime and coming up with clutch plays down the stretch to collect the conference gold in a 56-49 victory.

The championship was Cameron's second in program history,

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and their second in three years, having made four straight trips to the title game.

"To have the second one in school history, it does mean a lot," Cameron head coach Tom Hart said. "But it was the goal of this team and this group. They work well together, they're so easy to coach, they work so hard, they don't complain in practice, I'm just so proud of this group." Cameron was led by Lance Hart-

ley, who powered the Dragons through Saturday with 19 points and 11 rebounds, starting the game 7-7 from the floor, and Colson Wichterman, who hit the biggest shot of the game with one minute left in the fourth quarter.

Wichterman nailed a 3-pointer from the left wing to put Cameron ahead by five, 50-45, and after the Dragons got a stop on defense, Trinity was forced into intentionally fouling. Cameron was in no mood to let their opponents back into the game, going 6-6 in their trips to the line to salt away the win.

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Photo by Nick Henthorn  
Cameron's Lance Hartley goes up for a shot inside, defended by Trinity Christian's Carter Hartsock and Ben Lohmann during Saturday's OVAC 1A Championship at Harrison Central High School.

### Morgantown Defeats Park For 5A Title

**By KIM NORTH**  
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CADIZ — The third time may not have been a charm, but the fourth was for Morgantown.

The top-seeded Mohigans (18-1) placed all five starters in double figures in racing to an 84-44 victory over No. 2 Wheeling Park Saturday afternoon in the OVAC WVU Medicine Class 5A boys basketball championship inside Harrison Central High School.

Playing in the title fight for the fourth time in the last five years — there was no tournament in 2021 due to COVID — head coach Dave Tallman Jr. wasn't going to go home empty handed this season. The Mohigans had lost to Dover the past two seasons and cross-town rival University in 2020.

"We've never won here," Tallman said of playing at Harrison Central. "Rumor is they are moving it out of here, so



Photo by Kim North  
Wheeling Park's Amare Johnson (5) drives to the basket as Morgantown's J. Shrewsbury defends during the OVAC WVU Medicine Class 5A championship game Saturday afternoon at Harrison Central High School in Cadiz.

I wanted to get a win here before it left." Leading 13-12 after the Patriots' Aiden Davis beat the first-quarter buzzer with a three, Morgantown exploded for 29 second-quarter points to pull away and never look back.

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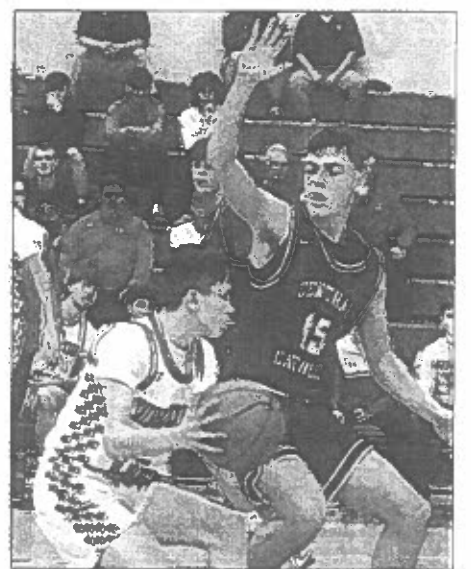


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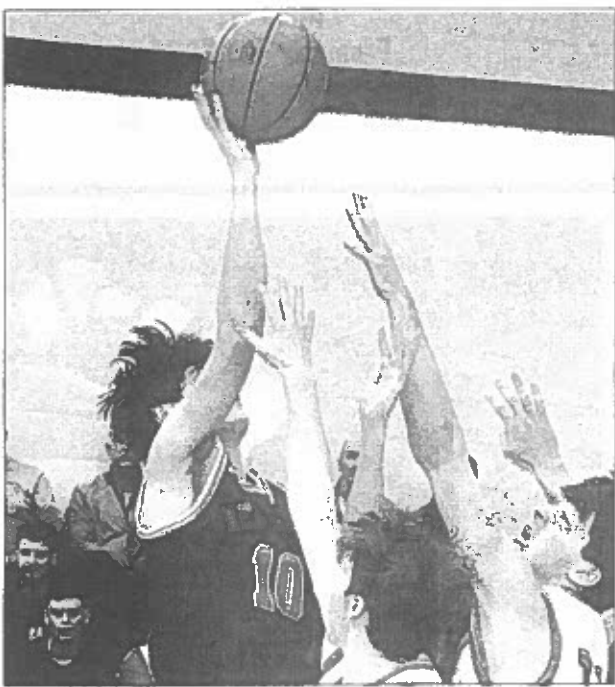


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St. Clairsville's Tyson Pastor (10) shoots over top of Harrison Central's Brady Elliott, left, and Daniel Ody (14) during the first half of Saturday's OVAC WVU Medicine Class 4A championship game at Harrison Central High School in Cadiz.

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The title is the third for St. Clairsville since the OVAC went to the current format. They went back-to-back in 2012 and 2013, but have lost seven title tilts.

"We were 4-4 at one time and now we've won 10 of our last 11," Clifford said while holding back his emotions. "This is only our third championship in school history and my first. We've been here a million times and haven't brought home the hardware in 11 years. It feels good."

With the two-headed scoring machine of Tyson Pastor and Cole Thoburn doing what they do, St. Clairsville pulled away in the latter stages of the third quarter in avenging a loss from earlier in the season.

"We had a little bit of sickness the first time we played them, but we didn't use that as an excuse. They played really well that night," Clifford said.

Pastor, who netted a game-high 28 point, sparked the surge.

"They are really good," Clifford said of his two scoring machines, "but they are only that good because of the little things the other kids do. We are a much harder team to guard than we were in December."

Griffin Straub continued to give the Red Devils a lift off the bench. He scored 13 points and grabbed five rebounds. Brady Schafer added nine points and half-a-dozen rebounds.

Deadlocked at 33, the Red Devils (14-5) went on a 10-0 run to end the first half and were never threatened.

"We kind of let them go wherever they wanted to. We wanted to limit their touches in the paint, but we were unable to do that with the way they drove to the basket," Harrison Central head coach Aaron Foldi said. "We didn't rotate correctly on defense at times, and they took advantage of it. I'm confident that my kids can bounce back. We've got good leadership and they are already talking about next week."

Thoburn, who earned the John Howell Memorial MVP Award, knocked down a trio of treys in the third quarter on his way to 11 of his 24 points, as St. Clairsville built a 65-49 advantage after three quarters.

Mykel Quito led a trio of Huskies in double figures with 19. Brady Elliott had 12 and Hayden Cassidy 11. Daniel Ody chipped in nine.

Pastor also pulled down six rebounds as the Red Devils had 22 rebounds. Quito snagged seven of the Huskies' 34.

The Red Devils were guilty of just four turnovers, which was 10 less than Harrison Central.

St. Clairsville hosts John Marshall on Tuesday. Harrison Central welcomes Barnesville the same night.

## Undefeated Monroe Central Rolls Past Toronto To Win OVAC Class 2A Crown

By NICK HENTHORN  
Sports Editor

CADIZ - The good times just keep rollin' for the Monroe Central Seminoles.

Coming into the OVAC Class 2A championship undefeated at 17-0, first-year head coach Mason Lang and his 'Noles earned their schools' first OVAC title in a 60-32 victory over Toronto.

Led by Tucker Howell's 31-point, 13-rebound, five-steal performance, Monroe Central overcame a shaky start to bring home the gold.

"Coming into the season we set goals," Monroe Central head coach Mason Lang said. "Goal number one was to win more games than last year; 16 was that number, we hit that number. Goal number two was to win an OVAC championship. First one in school history, the boys really bought in. That's how this happens, you have to buy in from day one, you have to work from day one, you have to have super competitive practices, you have to know that even when you're down, you have to show up. We were down tonight, our second-leading scorer was out tonight, and it was a next-man-up mentality, we were able to finish the game strong."

While the final score was more than decisive, Monroe Central trailed 8-0 to begin the action Saturday, and were behind 12-6 after the first quarter.

Playing without second-leading scorer Chance Allen, Monroe Central started the game with four turnovers and one missed field goal in their first five possessions, while Toronto converted in transition.

The Seminoles were 2-5 with six turnovers in the first quarter, while Toronto was 5-12 with three turnovers.

"We came out in the first quarter, played our game, had a couple key mistakes but we capitalized on everything we wanted to do," Toronto head coach Sean Tucker said. "Monroe's a great team, they're ranked in the state for a reason. We knew coming into it we had to limit our mistakes, definitely had to limit turnovers because they're very good at capitalizing on that."

"That's a senior-led team," Lang said of Toronto. "We knew they were going to come here hungry for this win. We talked about the fact that they're going to come out throwing punches; we'd have to be able to take one and throw a counter-punch."

While the Red Knights had the edge in the first quarter, things couldn't have gone much differently in the second.

With 6-foot-7 Toronto big man Cayden Benton on the bench with two fouls, Monroe Central won the second quarter 18-2. The Seminole's dominance went beyond Benton's absence.

Monroe took better care of the ball, with only two turnovers in the second quarter, while Toronto committed seven. Twice Tucker Howell swiped a steal in the passing lanes and went down the other end for a score, once being fouled and once converting the lay-in.

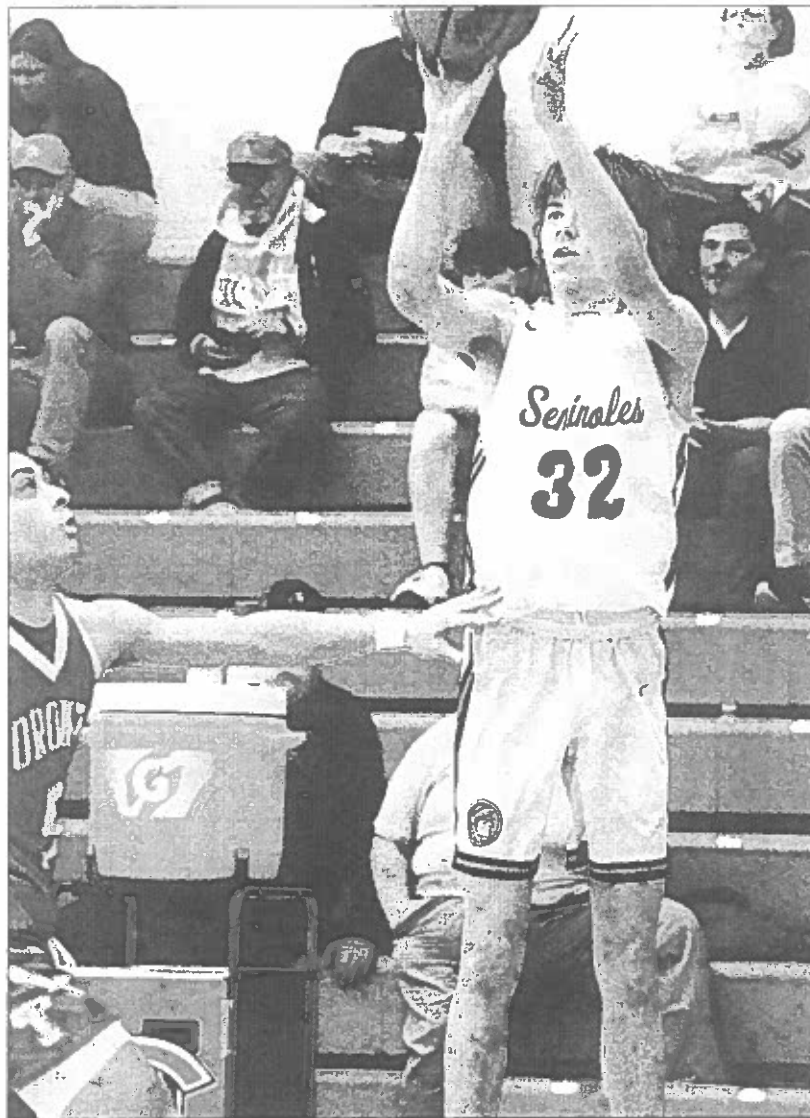


Photo by Nick Henthorn

Monroe Central's Jacob Fogle lifts a corner 3-pointer, defended by Toronto's Kamryn Baker during Saturday's OVAC 2A Championship inside Harrison Central High School.

The second instance gave Monroe a 13-12 lead, their first lead of the night, and one that would grow to 28 by the end of the game.

Where Benton's benching was perhaps more profoundly felt was on the offensive glass. Howell had three offensive putbacks in the second quarter, and finished with five. He scored 14 of his 31 in the second quarter alone.

From the closing moments of the first quarter to nearly the end of the second quarter, Harrison Central High School witnessed a 19-0 Monroe Central run that had them ahead 22-12, and 24-14 at halftime.

"Second quarter, we started to get away from our game plan and things started to snowball," Tucker said. "Monroe went on a pretty good run, I think we only had one field goal in the second quarter, and that's not good enough for us. We can't let that happen. Things just kind of snowballed from there."

"All year we've been able to find that quarter where we really lock in and hold a team down," Lang said. "Tonight it was the second quarter, let us back into the game. Really proud of the boys for that effort."

In turning a nine-point deficit into a 28-point championship-sealing victory, Lang pointed to adjustments on offense which led to success on defense.

"We stuck to the game plan," Lang said. "The boys didn't panic, they continued to play hard. We knew early, we talked about 'turnovers lead to fast breaks for them.' They're really aggressive in that

1-3-1 defense, that 3-2 defense, their top players get out and run, they pressure the ball, they take away the passes you want to make. They're really coached well in that aspect."

"We had to start meeting the ball with two hands and two feet, throwing a little stronger passes. Once we started doing that, we took away their transition opportunities, and we play pretty good half court defense. When we got them into the halfcourt, I was happy with that."

Toronto was led by Kamryn Baker with 14, 10 in the first quarter, and Noah Karaffa with nine points and four steals.

Howell's younger brother Cooper scored 11 to join Tucker in double figures. Jacob Fogle, who filled in for Allen in the starting lineup Saturday, scored nine, all coming from a trio of trifectas in the third quarter, a period where Monroe Central threw their game into another gear and built a 48-25 lead going into the fourth. Tucker Howell earned game MVP honors.

The Seminoles have their first taste of conference gold in school history, and did it through injury and adversity. They feel their preparation has positioned them to overcome any amount of adversity.

"We practice in a very competitive environment; we play 10-deep all season," Lang said. "I think that really prepares you for if you're down a couple [players]. Tuesday night we were down three, so these guys really fought through it and really showed up tonight. Great win for us."

## Martel's Hat Trick All Nailers Need To Notch 12th Straight Win, Tying Franchise Record

WHEELING - The Wheeling Nailers continue to play some of their best hockey, and on Saturday night, they put themselves into the history books.

The Nailers blanked the Reading Royals, 3-0 at WesBanco



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ished the Mountaineers. 94-58.

That is even a worse loss than was suffered in that very same building a year ago. 94-60. In two games there, WVU was outscored 188-118.

"It felt like deja vu, looking at this box score, thinking back to last year in this arena," coach Josh Eilert said of the defeat.

The only good that came out of this is that there's a good chance it may be another 100 years before they play Texas in Austin, for the Longhorns are headed for the SEC and WVU is heading for TCU to face another road challenge.



Texas guard Max Abmas (3) is defended by West Virginia guard Noah Farrakhan (1) during the second half of the two teams' meeting on Jan. 13.

Willie Nelson may have liked being back "On The Road Again," but while WVU may try to live by the cliched sports axiom "There is no 'I' in team," they have invented an axiom of their own, that be-

ing "There is no 'W' in road." WVU is now 0-9 away from the Coliseum this season, five of those losses in Big 12 play, and you have to go back nearly a year to find their last true road win, that coming on Feb.

first 3, from Disu, who finished with 27 points. Actually, he had a career high with 19 with still 7:46 left in the first half.

Eilert noted it was similar to the way WVU got hot early against Kansas and everything seemed to be going into the basket.

But you can't just blame this on WVU's inefficiency, turning the ball over 15 times to 5, giving up 29 points to 6 in turnovers, 17 fast break points to 6 certainly carries a lot of blame with it.

But Texas was spectacular on offense, putting together an astonishing 28 assists, assist-

to see, especially if your name was Josh Eilert and you were coaching the losing team.

There were long 3s and thundering dunks all afternoon long for Texas.

And there was Max Abmas, who with the final Texas basket of the first half soared into fourth place among all-time NCAA scorers. He finished with 19 points as Texas put five players in double figures.

The name of the man he surpassed for fourth?

Oscar Robertson, the Big O. Of course, Robertson didn't play five years and he didn't play 147 games like Abmas. He played 88.

## FALLS

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Eli Dean's three-pointer from the left corner less than a minute into the fourth quarter deadlocked the game at 40. Gannon Kerns' steal and ensuing layup moments later put Union Local ahead to stay at 42-40.

With the margin at 49-48, Kerns hit 1 of 2 free throws and a Dre Saunders basket made it 52-48 with just under two minutes remaining to play. Saunders scored back-to-back baskets and Alex Moore made two free throws to seal the deal.

"I'm really proud of our effort down the stretch," Delman noted.

Moore got off to a hot start, scoring all eight of the Jets points in the first quarter. He would finish with a game-best 19 and also pulled in five rebounds. For his performance, Moore was named the John Howell Memorial MVP.

Saunders was right behind with 17 points and a pair of blocked shots, while Kerns had a dozen points and seven rebounds. Easton Ditzler pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds as the

Jets held a 28-22 edge off the glass.

"Dre was kind of quiet in the first half and I told him at halftime that he had to make some noise like he's been doing the last two months, and he really stepped it up," Delman said. "He had a couple of key steals late and I thought he did a tremendous job (defensively) on the (Quinton) Burlenski kid."

Jeremy Ratcliffe led the Maroon Knights with 18, but 15 of those came in the first half when Wheeling Central led 27-22.

"He had the hot hand early, but Union Local was able to take that away in the second half," Stephens said.

Troy Anthony had 11 points in support. Max Olejasz had eight of the Maroon Knights' 22 rebounds.

"This was, and is always, one of our goals," Stephens said of playing for an OVAC title.

Union Local returns to 'The Hangar' on Tuesday to host Shadyside. Wheeling Central heads to Fort Frye on Thursday.

## PARK

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All-state point guard Sharron Young did most of the damage with 12 of his team-high 19 points during the stretch when the Mohigans shot a lights-out 75 percent (12-for-16) from the floor.

"We're starting to click on offense. We made a lot of shots and they (Park) missed a lot of shots," he added. "That's why the score was what it was tonight."

The hot shooting didn't surprise Tallman, though.

"We've got a few kids shooting around 40 percent from three, so to come up here to a new gym and shoot like we did, I'm pleased."

"Our playing poorly had a lot to do with them," Wheeling Park head coach Michael Jebbia said of Morgantown. "They hit some open shots. We were close there about halfway through the second quarter, but then they took off."

He was referring to Morgantown's 17-6 run to end the first half.

"When Morgantown plays to that level, they are going to be hard to

beat," Jebbia said.

While the Mohigans were filling up the basket, Wheeling Park couldn't buy a bucket as it went 5-for-11.

"I just told the kids to flush this game from their minds," Jebbia said. "We've got three games next week, and we'll see them next Saturday at their place."

Wheeling Park's Aiden Davis led all scorers in the game with 23 points. He was the only Patriot to reach twin digits. Amare Johnson added nine.

In addition to Young, other Morgantown players with 10-plus points were Jacob King with 14, Izzy Everett and Brady Savage with 13 each and J. Shrewsbury added 10.

King had seven of the Mohigans' 32 rebounds as they held a whopping 32-10 advantage. Young had six. Mykel Davis had four to lead Wheeling Park.

Morgantown only turned the ball over seven times. Wheeling Park charted 11.

Young was named the John Howell Memorial MVP of the game.

## CAMERON

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"That's Colson Wichterman," Hart said. "Everybody sees him on the football field, he's a big-time player on the football field, and he's a big time player on the basketball court as well."

"He knocked down that 3, he's confident, he's a great athlete, and he's a good leader for us on the floor and I had all the confidence in the world for him to knock down that shot."

The close ending of Saturday flew in the face of how the game looked to be progressing in the early-goings, with Trinity getting to the rim at-will against Cameron's defense, and the Dragons struggling to control the ball on offense.

Trinity broke out to an 8-0 lead before Hartley finally put Cameron on the board with 5:00 to go in the first quarter, but the Warriors' offense was still scoring mostly unabated, collecting nearly half of their eventual point total in the first quarter alone.

"We had to get a couple timeouts, we had to settle our guys down and refocus a little bit," Hart said. "Trinity

came out and shot the ball very well, they are very well-coached, they've got a nice ball team. We were just trying to get our guys to settle down a little bit, get the focus back on our game plan. We got a couple turnovers, got a couple big baskets, big 3's, got things back to single digits. After we got back to single digits, we kind of got back into our rhythm."

Carter Hartsock scored six in the first quarter, while Lucas Kniska and Auston Porta each scored five for Trinity in the first.

While Cameron's Cuyler McCauley knocked down a 3-pointer at the buzzer, Cameron still trailed 23-10 heading into the second.

Things started changing fast for Saturday's championship game, starting with a whistle seconds into the period.

"We were in the driver's seat, clearly, in the first quarter and halfway through the second," Trinity head coach Codey Horton said. "Lucas Kniska got a second foul five seconds into the second quarter, we sat him out and

## HOCKEY

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Wheeling Central's Ashton Glover recorded 36 saves, being under fire the entire game but seldom letting anything through.

"Ashton, he's kept us in a lot of games this year, especially with our league," Wheeling Central head coach PJ Ratcliffe said. "This'll be his fourth year for us and we obviously appreciate the time we've had with him. He's kept us in games that we had no business being in, and he did the same thing today."

Wheeling Central was out-shot 22-40 Sunday against the Vipers.

Defensive playmaking was the key for Wheeling Central through the entire two days. The Maroon Knights first beat Linsly on Saturday, then dealt Wheeling Park — who made it to the state title game last year — a defeat Sunday morning.

"What was different for us today, especially in the early game playing Park for the third time this season, we were better defensively," Ratcliffe said.

"Way better defensively on our own end, trying to protect the puck, trying to make them play a 200-foot game. Park's had a heck of a season, and with the Martinsburg team it was kind of the same thing. We got outshot, but we had obviously a couple good looks and we were able to cash in."

With time ticking away and anticipation building for Wheeling Central, the Vipers' Kelon Everhart put one through the back of the net, unassisted with 1:48 left to play. It would be a very tense final 1:48 for the Knights. With under a minute to go, and the puck on the Knights' side of the ice, Wheeling Central got a timeout.

"That's why I called a timeout, just telling the kids to tighten up a little bit, make the smart play, get the puck out of our own end," Ratcliffe said. "That way we didn't have to go to overtime and make it interesting. It's great for the school, it's always fun when we can do this for the hockey program."

Despite a frantic effort from the Vipers, Wheeling Central's defense held strong one last time to seal the victory.

Vitlip was named tournament MVP, as well as being the Knights' championship game MVP, scoring one goal and assisting on two for Central.

"Zach's a heck of a player," Ratcliffe said. "He plays big-time travel hockey up in Pittsburgh along with a couple of my other kids. He really set the tone this weekend, he's had a great year. He always brings his best, plays his hardest, he was a huge difference-maker for us this weekend."

This is Ratcliffe's second title as head coach at Wheeling Central. He also won two as a player.

While Wheeling Central defeated the Cadets and the Patriots to get to the title game, West Virginia East defeated Morgantown on Saturday and then beat Charleston Sunday morning. Morgantown had defeated Wheeling Park in last year's title game.



Photo by Nick Henthorn

The Wheeling Central Maroon Knights, pictured after defeating the West Virginia East Vipers 5-4 in the 19th annual West Virginia State Bob Otten Hockey Tournament inside WesBanco Arena on Sunday.

Cambridge and St. Clairsville at Weir  
**Wednesday, Feb. 14**  
**BASKETBALL (BOYS)**  
 Whg. Central at Magnolia  
**BASKETBALL (GIRLS)**  
 John Glenn at St. Clairsville  
 Wheeling Park at Kennedy Catholic (PA), 7 p.m.  
**WRESTLING**  
 Indian Creek vs. Edison, 5:30 p.m.  
 Bridgeport at Steubenville Catholic

### Box Scores

**OVAC WVU MEDICINE BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS (at Harrison Central)**  
**Class 1A**  
 Cameron 56, Trinity 49  
 TRINITY (49) - Lohmann 1 2-2 4; Porta 2 1-2 6; Kniska 3 1-3 7; Hopkins 2 0-0 6; Adams 7 0-0 14; Hartsock 5 2-2 12; Totals 20 6-9 49. CAMERON (56) - Estel 0 0-0 0; McCauley 2 4-4 9; Wichterman 7 1-2 16; Winters 0 2-2 2; Scott 3 2-2 10; Hartley 9 1-3 19; Magers 0 0-0 0; Totals 21 10-13 56.  
 Three-point goals: Trinity 3 (Hopkins 2, Porta). Cameron 4 (Scott 2, McCauley, Wichterman).

**Class 2A**  
 Monroe Central 60, Toronto 32  
 TORONTO (32) - Filby 0 0-0 0; Dickinson 1 0-0 3; Karaffa 4 1-3 9; Baker 6 0-0 14; Buchanan 0 0-0 0; Fair 0 0-0 0; Ensell 0 0-0 0; Benton 3 0-0 6; Totals 14 1-3 32. MONROE CENTRAL (60) - Demchak 0 0-0 0; Pardon 0 0-0 0; Whitacre 2 1-2 5; Silva 1 0-0 2; C. Howell 5 0-0 11; T. Howell 13 2-4 31; Fogle 3 0-0 9; Farnsworth 1 0-0 2; Totals 25 3-6 60.  
 Three-point goals: Toronto 3 (Baker 2, Dickinson). Monroe Central 7 (Fogle 3, T. Howell 3, C. Howell).

**Class 3A**  
 Union Local 58, Wheeling Central 48  
 WHEELING CENTRAL (48) - Burlenski 2 0-0 5; Anthony 4 1-1 11; Ratcliffe 7 0-0 18; Olejask 1 2-2 4; Schmitt 1 0-0 2; E. Dean 1 2-2 5; T. Dean 1 0-0 3; Gianangeli 0 0-0 0; Totals: 17-46 5-5 48. UNION LOCAL (58) - Saunders 6 5-7 17; Moore 8 2-4 19; Kerns 4 2-4 12; Schumacher 1 0-0 2; Ditzler 2 0-0 5; Mehl 1 0-0 3; Tomolonis 0 0-0 0; Totals: 22-52 9-15 58.  
 Three-point goals: Wheeling Central 9 (Ratcliffe 4, Burlenski, Anthony 2, E. Dean, T. Dean). Union Local 5 (Moore, Kerns 2, Ditzler, Mehl).

**Class 4A**  
 St. Clairsville 78, Harrison Central 57  
 ST. CLAIRSVILLE (78) - Wolfe 0 0-0 0; Thoburn 9 2-2 24; Pastor 11 4-4 28; Schafer 3 3-4 9; Gasber 0 1-2 1; Muhly 1 0-0 3; Straub 5 2-2 13; Clifford 0 0-0 0; Sall 0 0-0 0; King 0 0-0 0; G. Pastor 0 0-0 0; Kingepucci 0 0-0 0; McLean 0 0-0 0; Totals: 29-55 12-14 78. HARRISON CENTRAL (57) - Cassidy 5 1-2 11; Elliott 4 1-1 12; M. Quito 7 5-7 19; Ody 4 0-0 9; Vermillion 3 0-0 6; Hutton 0 0-0 0; A. Fluharty 0 0-0 0; N. Fluharty 0 0-0 0; J. Quito 0 0-0 0; Re. Arbaugh 0 0-0 0; Totals: 23-56 7-10 57.  
 Three-point goals: St. Clairsville 8 (Thoburn 4, Pastor 2, Muhly, Straub). Harrison Central 4 (Elliott 3, Ody).

**Class 5A**  
 Morgantown 84, Wheeling Park 44  
 WHEELING PARK (44) - A. Davis 10 0-1 23; M. Davis 3 0-0 6; Johnson 4 1-1 9; K. Davis 0 2-2 2; Lewis 2 0-0 4; Williams 0 0-0 0; Huffman 0 0-0 0; Strothers 0 0-0 0; Galberth 0 0-0 0; Hays 0 0-0 0; Linder 0 0-0 0; Whitmire 0 0-0 0; Totals: 19-40 3-4 44. MORGANTOWN (84) - Everett 5 0-1 13; King 7 0-0 14; Young 8 0-0 19; Shrewsberry 4 0-0 10; Savage 4 5-5 13; Colista 3 0-0 7; Johnson 2 2-2 6; Frey 0 0-0 0; Hill 0 0-0 0; Goins 1 0-0 2; Johnson 0 0-0 0; Totals: 34-55 7-8 84.  
 Three-point goals: Wheeling Park 3 (A. Davis 3). Morgantown 9 (Everett 3, Young 3, Shrewsberry 2, Colista).

### TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
 Major League Baseball American League  
**BOSTON RED SOX** - Assigned 2B Adam Mappoc.  
**MINNESOTA TWINS** - Acquired LHP Steven Okert from Miami in exchange for INF/OF Nick Gordon.  
**BASKETBALL**  
 National Basketball Association  
**CHARLOTTE HORNETS** - Waived G Kyle Lowry.  
**CLEVELAND CAVALIERS** - Signed G Zhair Smith to a 10-day contract.  
**HOCKEY**  
 National Hockey League  
**MINNESOTA WILD** - Recalled F Adam Beckman from Iowa (AHL).

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**Pacific Division**  
**GP W L OT Pts GF GA**  
 Vanc. 53 35 12 6 76 195 139  
 Vegas 52 31 15 6 68 169 141  
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 LA 49 24 15 10 58 156 132  
 Calg. 52 25 22 5 55 163 161  
 Seattle 51 21 20 10 52 142 150  
 Ana. 51 18 31 2 38 132 175  
 S. Jose 51 14 32 5 33 107 199  
 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.

Saturday's Games  
 St. Louis 3, Buffalo 1  
 Dallas 3, Montreal 2  
 Calgary 5, N.Y. Islanders 2  
 Detroit 4, Vancouver 3, OT  
 Washington 3, Boston 0  
 Florida 4, Colorado 0  
 Winnipeg 2, Pittsburgh 1  
 Carolina 1, New Jersey 0, OT  
 Tampa Bay 4, Columbus 2  
 Ottawa 5, Toronto 3  
 Philadelphia 3, Seattle 2  
 Nashville 5, Arizona 4, OT  
 Los Angeles 4, Edmonton 0  
 Sunday's Games  
 St. Louis 7, Montreal 2  
 Vancouver 3, Washington 2, OT  
 Monday's Games  
 Arizona at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Calgary at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
 Seattle at New Jersey, 7 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Vegas, 10 p.m.  
 Tuesday's Games  
 Anaheim at Montreal, 7 p.m.  
 Colorado at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 Columbus at Ottawa, 7 p.m.  
 Los Angeles at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Boston, 7 p.m.  
 Seattle at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.  
 Carolina at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
 Vancouver at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 Detroit at Edmonton, 9 p.m.  
 Wednesday's Games  
 Florida at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.  
 San Jose at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Arizona, 9:30 p.m.

**NBA**  
**Saturday's Games**  
 Dallas 146, Oklahoma City 111  
 L.A. Clippers 112, Detroit 106  
 Brooklyn 123, San Antonio 103  
 Charlotte 115, Memphis 106  
 Philadelphia 119, Washington 113  
 Orlando 114, Chicago 108, OT  
 Cleveland 119, Toronto 95  
 Indiana 125, New York 111  
 Atlanta 122, Houston 113  
 Golden State 113, Phoenix 112  
 New Orleans 93, Portland 84  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Boston 110, Miami 106  
 Oklahoma City 127, Sacramento 113  
**Monday's Games**  
 Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
 Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
 Denver at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 New York at Houston, 8 p.m.  
 Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday's Games**  
 Boston at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.  
 Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.  
 Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
 Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 New York at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 Brooklyn at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
 Indiana at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
 Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10 p.m.

### ECHL

**Saturday's Games**  
 Newfoundland 5, Greenville 1  
 Norfolk 4, Trois-Rivieres 3  
 Savannah 2, South Carolina 1  
 Florida 3, Adirondack 1  
 Indy 4, Atlanta 3  
 Jacksonville 4, Orlando 1  
 Kalamazoo 3, Toledo 2  
 Cincinnati 2, Iowa 1  
 Worcester 3, Maine 2  
 Wheeling 3, Reading 0  
 Wichita 3, Fort Wayne 2  
 Tulsa 6, Allen 1  
 Kansas City 4, Rapid City 2  
 Utah 6, Idaho 5  
**Sunday's Games**  
 No games scheduled  
**Monday's Games**  
 Worcester at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
**Tuesday's Games**  
 South Carolina at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Idaho at Rapid City, 12:35 p.m.  
 Indy at Iowa, 7:35 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.  
 Wichita at Allen, 8:10 p.m.

### GOLF SCORES

**WM Phoenix Open Par Scores**  
 Sunday at Stadium Course, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
 Purse: \$8.8 million  
 Yardage: 7,261; Par: 71  
**Final Round**  
 (x-won on second playoff hole)

x-Nick Taylor	60-70-68-65=263	-21
Charley Hoffman	67-68-64-64=263	-21
Sam Burns	68-67-67-64=266	-18
Scottie Scheffler	68-66-66-66=266	-18
Sahith Theegala	65-64-69-69=267	-17
Maverick McNealy	65-67-71-67=270	-14
Jordan Spieth	68-66-69-67=270	-14
Kurt Kitayama	68-67-67-69=271	-13
Andrew Novak	65-65-69-72=271	-13
Adam Scott	72-68-65-66=271	-13
Cameron Young	67-67-66-71=271	-13
Doug Ghim	65-68-71-68=272	-12
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Daniel Berger	66-69-72-69=276	-8
C. Bezuidenhout	67-72-69-68=276	-8
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Taylor Moore	69-70-72-66=277	-7
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Joel Dahmen	69-68-71-70=278	-6
Ryan Fox	66-68-75-69=278	-6
Harry Hall	70-70-67-71=278	-6
Billy Horschel	72-67-66-73=278	-6

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
 8 p.m.  
 NBATV - Denver at Milwaukee  
 10:30 p.m.  
 NBATV - Minnesota at LA Clippers  
**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
 3 p.m.  
 USA - Premier League:  
 Chelsea at Crystal Palace  
**TENNIS**  
 6 a.m.  
 TENNIS - Doha-WTA, Rotterdam-ATP, Buenos Aires-ATP, Delray Beach-ATP  
 Early Rounds  
 5 a.m. (Tuesday)  
 TENNIS - Doha-WTA, Rotterdam-ATP, Buenos Aires-ATP, Delray Beach-ATP  
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### NBA

**Saturday's Games**  
 Dallas 146, Oklahoma City 111  
 L.A. Clippers 112, Detroit 106  
 Brooklyn 123, San Antonio 103  
 Charlotte 115, Memphis 106  
 Philadelphia 119, Washington 113  
 Orlando 114, Chicago 108, OT  
 Cleveland 119, Toronto 95  
 Indiana 125, New York 111  
 Atlanta 122, Houston 113  
 Golden State 113, Phoenix 112  
 New Orleans 93, Portland 84  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Boston 110, Miami 106  
 Oklahoma City 127, Sacramento 113  
**Monday's Games**  
 Indiana at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
 Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
 Denver at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 New York at Houston, 8 p.m.  
 Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Golden State at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Boston at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.  
 Miami at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.  
 Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
 Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 New York at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 Brooklyn at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
 Indiana at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
 Houston at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10 p.m.

**Wrestling**  
 Indian Creek vs. Edison, 5:30 p.m.  
 Bridgeport at Steubenville Catholic

The Shamrocks opened the day with a 61-14 decision over No. 8 Miami East before taking out No. 5 Perry, 38-34. Barnesville won 11 of the 14 bouts against the Vikings, with six by pins, two by decisions and a pair via forfeits. Registering falls were Colt Carpenter (126), Dakota King (138), Milhoan (144), Stephen (150), Skyler King (157) and Ayden King (165). Winning by decisions were Aydan Andrews (120) and Braxton Loring (190). Easton Stephen (106) and Blake Kirk (285) were awarded forfeits.

Barnesville once again found itself in a deep hole, down 22-0, in the semifinals to the Pirates, but used its strength in the middleweights to battle back for the win. The Shamrocks won seven of the final nine bouts. Recording pins were Stephen (150), Skyler King (157), Ayden King (165), Ford (175) and Marshall Meade (215). Taking decisions were Dakota King (138) and Milhoan (144). This was Barnesville's fourth straight appearance in the state duals. It finished eighth in 2021, fourth and 2022 and third last year.

### Division II

NEW LEXINGTON, Ohio - Steubenville didn't fare as well as the No. 5

### CHIEFS

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 "With all the adversity we've been through this season to come through tonight. ... I'm proud of the guys," said Mahomes, who was named MVP. "This is awesome. Legendary."  
 After he connected with a wide-open Hardman, the Chiefs ran on the field as red-and-yellow confetti fell onto the turf.

The most excitement in the first half came when a frustrated Kelce bumped Andy Reid on the sideline, knocking the Chiefs' 65-year-old coach a few steps back after teammate Isiah Pacheco fumbled inside the red zone during the second quarter. "You guys saw that?" Kelce said. "I'm going to keep it between us unless my 'mic'd up' tells the world. I was just telling him how much I loved him."

The action picked up after a crucial blunder by San Francisco's special teams set up Mahomes' 16-yard TD pass to Marquez Valdes-Scantling for a 13-10 lead. Brock Purdy and the 49ers (14-6) answered but they couldn't make enough plays, denying Mr. Irrelevant an opportunity to go from last pick in the 2022 NFL draft to Super Bowl champion.

Mahomes and Reid are now halfway to Tom Brady and Bill Belichick, who won six championships in 20 years together with the New England Patriots and were the most recent team to go back-to-back following the 2003-04 seasons. The 28-year-old Mahomes becomes the fourth starting QB to win three Super Bowls - joining Brady, Joe Montana, Terry Bradshaw and Troy Aikman - and second-youngest.

Niners wide receiver Jauan Jennings threw a TD pass and caught one, joining Eagles quarterback Nick Foles six years ago as the only players to do both in the Super Bowl. After Moody's 53-yard field goal gave the Niners a 19-16 lead with 1:53 remaining, Mahomes and Kelce went to work. Mahomes connected with Kelce for a 22-yard gain to set up Harrison Butker's

**Magnolia High School Tournament**  
 NEW MARTINSVILLE - Upshur County Homeschool Archery Association won Saturday's archery tournament at Magnolia High School, with Petersburg taking second and Tyler Consolidated taking third. Hundred finished fourth, Magnolia finished fifth, Cameron finished sixth and Oak Glen finished seventh out of eight teams.

Ashlynn Peters finished highest among local archers in the girls division, finishing second with a 279. John Throckmorton likewise finished second among the boys, scoring a 287.

### Belle Vernon State Qualifier Archery Tournament

BELLE VERNON, Pa. - Though Wheeling Central did not qualify as a team Saturday at the Belle Vernon Tournament, they did place one archer in the girls division. Kimber Koehler scoring a 278 to come in third.

### Ravenswood Tournament

MILLWOOD, W.Va. - Wheeling Park placed archers in the top ten of both the boys and girls competitions Saturday. Ayden Cutlip finished eighth in the boys portion, scoring a 277. Maya Collins finished tied for 10th on the girls side with a 269.



AP Photo  
 San Francisco 49ers offensive tackle and Union Local graduate Colton McKivitz (68) pass blocks against the Kansas City Chiefs during the second half of Super Bowl 58 on Sunday in Las Vegas.

tying kick, a 29-yarder with 3 seconds left. A holding call on Kansas City's Trent McDuffie extended San Francisco's opening drive of overtime and Purdy made key throws to drive the 49ers to the Chiefs 9. But San Francisco settled for a field goal. Purdy, Christian McCaffrey and the Niners jumped ahead 10-0, but that's no big deal for Mahomes and the Chiefs in the Super Bowl. They've trailed by 10 points in all three of their victories, including last year's 38-35 win over Philadelphia. Mahomes wasn't at his best early and threw an interception. But with the game on the line, he was a magician once again. He finished 34 of 46 for 333 yards and two TDs.

The Chiefs were hardly dominant during the regular season and entered the playoffs as the AFC's No. 3 seed. They won at Buffalo and at Baltimore in the postseason - the first road playoff games of Mahomes' career - and entered the Super Bowl as 2 1/2-point underdogs, according to FanDuel Sportsbook. "The Kansas City Chiefs are never underdogs. Just know that," Mahomes said.

The game turned when San Francisco's Ray-Ray McCloud couldn't scoop a punt that hit teammate Darrell Luter Jr.'s leg and the Chiefs recovered at the 49ers 16, leading to Mahomes' go-ahead TD pass to Valdes-Scantling. The Niners answered on the next possession with Purdy tossing a 10-yard TD pass to Jennings for a 16-13 lead. Moody's extra point was blocked. Niners coach Kyle Shanahan gambled on fourth-and-3 from the Chiefs 15, passing up a chance for a tying field goal. Purdy hit George Kittle for a 4-yard gain and then found Jennings for the score. Shanahan resorted to trickery for the only touchdown in the first half. Jennings, a wide receiver who had never thrown a pass in an NFL game, tossed a 21-yard TD to McCaffrey. He was hit as he threw, but McCaffrey snagged the wobbly pass across the field and sprinted to the end zone. Shanahan fell to 0-2 as a head coach in Super Bowls and 0-3 overall, including a loss when he was offensive coordinator for Atlanta. That was the game in which Brady and the Patriots rallied from a 28-3 deficit to win in OT.

There were plenty of stars in the building as the NFL brought its biggest game to America's showcase capital. Jay-Z, LeBron James and Paul McCartney were among many celebrities in the crowd. Post Malone sang "America the Beautiful." Reba McEntire performed the national anthem and Usher electrified the crowd at halftime. He brought out a number of guests, including Alicia Keys, H.E.R., Jermaine Dupri, Lil Jon and Ludacris. Attendance was announced at 61,629, the smallest crowd in Super Bowl history except for the pandemic game in Tampa, Florida, three years ago.

## Park Advances To Title Game In 3-Point Frenzy vs. Brooke Aiden Davis Scores 37 For Patriots, Leyton Toepfer Scores 35 For Bruins

**By KYLE LUTZ  
For The Intelligencer**  
WHEELING - It was raining 3-pointers during Wheeling Park and Brooke's OVAC WVU Medicine Class 5A semifinal matchup Tuesday night. In the second quarter, basketball fans saw the long-time rivals combine for 12 shots from behind the arc (six each) before Patriot junior Aiden Davis took over in the second half. After a layup before the buzzer in the third quarter, Da-

vis scored the first seven points in the fourth and helped the Patriots pull away with an 88-67 victory over the Bruins at the Palace on the Hill. Wheeling Park will play Morgantown in the OVAC Class 5A championship game Saturday at Harrison Central High School. The Mohigans defeated Steubenville in their semifinal matchup. "I can't remember the last game where I've seen shooting like that from both teams in the

first half." Wheeling Park coach Michael Jebbia said. "Give Brooke credit. Our goal was trying to take some of the 3s away and we weren't successful in the first half. It was an emotional game. (Brooke's) Leyton (Toepfer)... What a game he had. We did a lot of things well. Brooke is a good team with weapons and it was very tight through three quarters." It sure was. As the Patriots' first six field goals were 3-pointers in the second quar-

ter, the Bruins matched them shot for shot. And it was Toepfer that paced them as he totaled seven 3-pointers and tallied a team-high 35 points. "You can call him a workhorse, you can call him a gym rat, he puts the time in," Brooke coach Adam Shinsky said. "He's there five in the morning working out daily games or not. He's the first one at practice and the last one to leave. He's just a great leader. It's like having an extra coach on the floor and

hopefully he sees some eye and someone gives him the chance he deserves at the next level." Wheeling Park took a 12-point lead with 2:05 left in the first half after a Landon Lewis bucket as the score read, 43-31. However, the Bruins refused to fold as they went on a 15-2 run that transitioned into the third quarter including the final eight of the first half and took the lead, 46-45.

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## Wheeling Central Tops Martins Ferry

### Sans Sancomb, Knights Gut Out 60-52 Victory

**By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer**  
MARTINS FERRY - Championship-caliber teams have the knack of overcoming adversity. Wheeling Central did just that Tuesday night as it played its first game since losing leading scorer Eli Sancomb to a broken hand last week.

With Eli Dean scoring nine points off the bench, Quinton Burlenski taking over the leadership role, and Isaac Schmitt playing solid defense on Martins Ferry's Alex Reese, the third-seeded Maroon Knights (13-4) stunned No. 2 Martins Ferry, 60-52, inside a jam-packed Tolbert Gymnasium high atop the Purple City in an OVAC WVU Medicine Class 3A semifinal.

With the hard-earned triumph, head coach Mel Stephens' squad advances to Saturday's championship game opposite top-seeded Union Local at 10 a.m. at Harrison Central High School. The Jets flew past No. 4 Buckeye Trail, 58-33, on Monday in Morristown in the other semifinal.

"For being the first game without Eli, the kids showed a lot of character," Stephens stressed. "We told them after it happened last week that it wasn't going to take one guy to pick up the (scoring) slack, it's going to take them all. I thought we spread the ball around tonight."

Eli Dean scored all nine of his points in the second half as the Maroon Knights fed off a Burlenski three just ahead of the first-half buzzer to lead by five, 43-38, at the end of three quarters.

"He's capable of scoring like that," Stephens said of his sixth man. "I thought Isaac did one heck-ava job defensively on Alex Reese. We knew Reese needed five points for 1,000 for his career, and we figured he would get them early, but we made him work for those five." Troy Anthony's three to start the

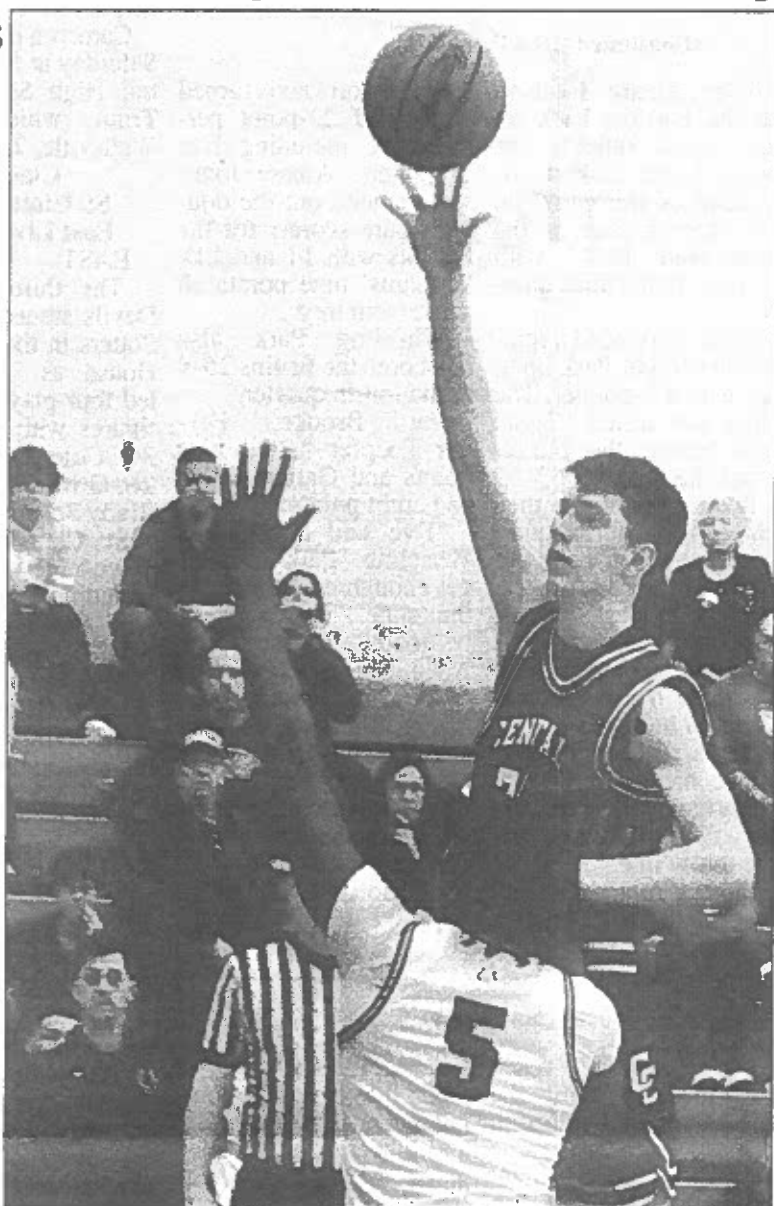


Photo by Kim North  
Wheeling Central's Max Olejasz (24) shoots a sky hook over Martins Ferry's Alex Reese (5) during the first half of their OVAC WVU Medicine Class 3A semifinal Tuesday night inside Tolbert Gymnasium high atop the Purple City. Olejasz finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds in the No. 3 Maroon Knights' 60-52 upset of the No. 2 Purple Riders.

fourth quarter ignited a quick 7-0 a 12-4 spurt that included 10 straight points from the 6-5 Reese and sliced the deficit to four, 54-50. With the score 56-51, the Maroon Knights hit four free throws down the stretch to hold on.

Following the stoppage, Turner Krol's banged a three that sparked

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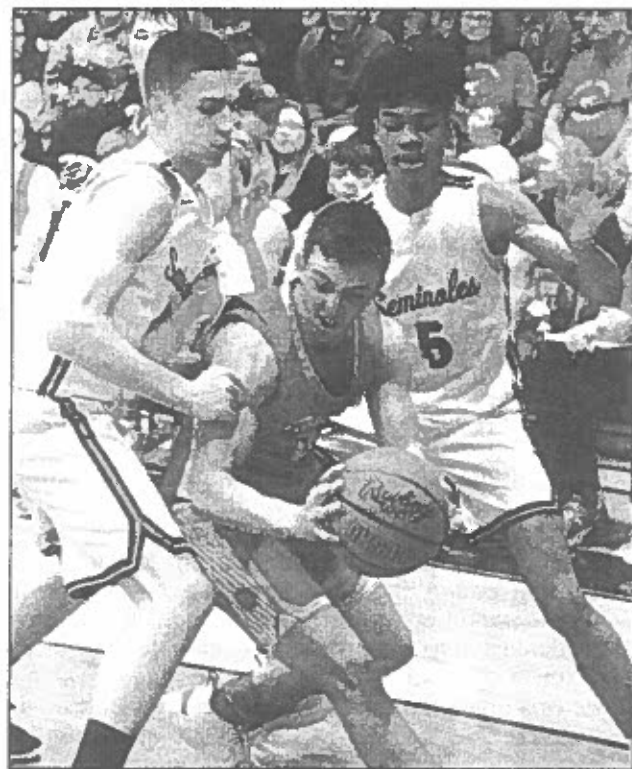


Photo by Nick Henthorn  
Monroe Central's Chance Allen (5) and Corbin Farnsworth (42) attempt to trap River's Kabel Isaly (0) in the backcourt during the two team's OVAC 2A semifinal game Tuesday on Junior Winland Court.

## Seminoles Continue Quest For Conference Crown, Work Past River

**By NICK HENTHORN  
Sports Editor**  
WOODSFIELD - The Monroe Central Seminoles' season is far beyond characterization as just a 'fast start.' Friday vs. Caldwell, and on Tuesday, Monroe Central gave themselves a chance to meet their other goal, downing rival River in the OVAC 2A semifinals 44-31.

Coming into the season, first-year head coach Mason Lang had two goals for his squad: to improve on their win total of 15 from last year, and to win the school's first ever OVAC Championship. "We're really excited," Lang said. "It was one of our goals to try and win our first OVAC championship. We're going there with one goal in mind and hopefully we can execute."

The 'Noles already had one box checked, improving their perfect record to 16-0 last

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## Jarry Earns NHL-Best Sixth Shutout, Penguins Beat Slumping Jets 3-0

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Tristan Jarry stopped 24 shots in his NHL-leading sixth shutout this season and the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the slumping Winnipeg Jets 3-0 on Tuesday night.

Bryan Rust, Jeff Carter and Kris Letang scored. Jarry improved to 5-0 against Winnipeg, with two of his 19 career shutouts.

"We were on our heels a bit and (Winnipeg) pressed," Rust said. "They're a good team, but (Jarry) was there and made some really big saves for us."

Connor Hellebuyck made 24 saves for the Jets, who lost their fourth straight

challenge for offside. Newly acquired Sean Monahan played his first game with Winnipeg. Monahan, who centered Cole Perfetti and Nikolaj Ehlers, was acquired in a trade with Montreal during the All-Star break.

The Jets allowed more than two goals for just the fourth time in the last 26 games.

The Penguins have won 17 of their last 21 against the Jets. At home, Pittsburgh has won 20 of the past 22 versus Winnipeg dating to March 24, 2007.

The teams meet again Saturday in Winnipeg.



## CROWN

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Tuesday's low score came from a combination of patient offenses and defenses committed to mucking up their opponent's gameplan through any means possible.

Neither team set the hoop on fire, but while Monroe Central finished at a manageable 44% from the field, River shot 27% in a taxing offensive day.

"I thought our kids played very hard. We did not shoot it well at all," River head coach Mark Romick said. "Give Monroe Central's defense some credit. We had some looks, we just didn't make them."

"We were patient at times. I thought early we didn't stop their transition game, they got some layups on us early in the game. You have to stop their transition game to get a chance against them, and you have to keep them off the boards. They built the early lead, we were able to come back. But we just didn't hit shots when we needed to."

Monroe Central got out to a 9-3 lead early, back-to-back steal and transition layups by the Seminoles prompting a quick timeout from Romick, and the Pilots rebounded from there, fixing their leaks in controlling possession and controlling the defensive glass to trail by only two, 11-9 after the first quarter.

River took a 15-14 lead midway through the second quarter, but the Seminoles finished the half ahead 20-17. Neither team was doing well in the half-court, but it was Monroe's fastbreak opportunities which was the difference, albeit a slim one, through the first two quarters.

River and Monroe Central came prepared on defense, with plans to stop their opponent's top scorers.

For River, Kabel Isaly led all scorers with 14 points, a total that the Seminoles made him work for throughout the night. Monroe Central face guarded him everywhere on the court, and sent double-teams his way whenever he managed to get the ball at the top of the key. Chance Allen and Corbin Farnsworth were the primary defenders for the 'Noles.

The presence of Tucker Howell in the lane also helped Monroe Central on Tuesday. Howell finished with five blocks and 12 rebounds.

"As a defender he allows us to play a little more aggressively on the perimeter," Lang said of Howell. "Kabel Isaly's a great scorer, and when you can play his pull-up jumpshot rather than having to worry about him getting around you, it's because you have a guy

standing behind you who can help clean up that mess. It makes things easier on our perimeter defenders."

For Monroe Central, Howell scored eight while Chance Allen scored six, the pair the Seminoles' top scorers this season.

"I thought we did a great job on Tucker Howell and Chance Allen," Romick said. "[Dylan] Parden had a nice game, got out on us a little on some transition early."

Parden scored 10 points, a team-high, all in the first half where he shot 5-5 on two-pointers, 5-6 overall.

"It was a tough, physical game, we knew it'd be that going in," Lang said. "I thought the defense held their own. I thought River played really well. They got up in us, they took some things away. Our two best scorers went into the half combined for four points. Second half they came alive a little bit. River had a great gameplan, thankfully we were able to pull it out at the end."

To start the third quarter, the two teams went in opposite directions. Monroe started to spark a bit on offense despite an extremely methodical approach on offense by River, and the Pilots managed only four points in the quarter.

Monroe Central led 31-21 at quarter's end. Their lead never fell below nine throughout the fourth.

"We would take care of the ball for a while, be patient with it - and we wanted it to, we wanted it to be a low-scoring, low-possession game - we did that," Romick said. "But then we would force something or try to make something when it wasn't there. Monroe Central's very athletic, you get the ball around the bucket, they've got shot-blockers."

"We showed them some things in the first half," Lang said. "Coach Romick's a great coach. I figured he was going to have his guys adjusted to it, so we went ahead and changed up the look for the second half, allowed them to slow the game down, and tried to extend our lead in that environment. They're patient with their offense, and as long as we stay disciplined, we can hold some teams down."

Besides Isaly, Caden Johnson's performance was a plus for the Pilots, scoring six points, grabbing four rebounds and snagging five steals. Finn Bowers led his team with seven rebounds.

Monroe Central will face Toronto on Saturday at Harrison Central for the 2A conference crown.

## NAILERS

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Hamaliuk skated into the left circle, where he drove a shot into the top-left corner of the cage.

Wheeling carried the momentum of the tying marker into the third period, and proceeded to outshoot the Royals, 14-6.

With that came two goals. The go-ahead strike came at the 6:13 mark. Drake delivered a perfect pass from the left point to the top-right corner of the crease, where Martel put his stick down, and tipped the puck into the goal.

Martel turned on the red light again with 8:50 remaining, when he outwaited goaltender Nolan Maier and dribbled a shot in over the line with Hamaliuk crashing the net.

The Nailers killed a late penalty to preserve the 3-1 final score.

## PARK

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After Amare Johnson put the Patriots back on top, Brook quickly responded and took its final lead of the game on a Toepfer basket as the score read 48-47 with 4:31 left in the third quarter.

Davis responded a minute later to put Park up to stay with a 3-pointer. The junior star tallied a layup right before the buzzer to put the score at 63-59 in favor of Park. He then scored the fourth quarter's first seven points to put the game out of reach.

"I just think it's one of those moments where he says, 'I'm going to take the game over.' He was tired and he had a couple of shots that were short, but he had some strong, tough-handed layups and was 13-of-13 from the free throw line."

Davis finished with a game-high 37 points

## CENTRAL

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Reese wouldn't reach the milestone until the 5:38 mark of the fourth quarter when he made the back-end of a two-shot foul. He would finish with 14 points, the only Purple Rider to reach double figures. Krol, Mason Redinger and Anthony Booth each had nine.

Burlenski led three Maroon Knights in twin digits with 14. Max Olejasz had 13 and Troy Anthony a dozen. Jeremy Ratcliffe added eight. Olejasz completed a double-double with a like number of rebounds as the Maroon Knights enjoyed a 33-23 advantage off the glass. Anthony had six boards. Reese topped Ferry with nine.

"We look for Quinton to score. Last year he was our go-to guy, but with the emergence of Eli (sancumb) this year, we've been able to spread the ball around more," Stephens noted. "But with Eli out now, Q is going to have to take on more of a role scoring-wise, and we're going to need other guys to step up."

According to Stephens, Sancumb broke his hand in a fall midway through the first quarter at Park

Castor denied 25 of the 26 shots he faced. Maier took the loss for Reading, as he made 27 saves on 30 shots.

The Nailers and Royals will travel to Wheeling for two games this weekend on Friday and Saturday, with both contests starting at 7:10.

Friday's game is a Frosty Friday featuring \$2 beers. Saturday is the next Big Six Promotional Game - Pittsburgh Penguins Night. Fans will have the opportunity to meet two-time Stanley Cup Champion Trevor Daley, there will be a full team post game autograph session, mascots Iceburgh and Tux will be on hand, and there will be a commemorative puck giveaway, and the team will be wearing specialty jerseys.

while Mykel Davis turned in a solid 22-point performance including five 3-pointers. Amare Johnson rounded out the double figure scorers for the Patriots with 11 and J.D. Williams' nine points all came from treys.

Wheeling Park also outscored the Bruins 25-8 in the fourth quarter.

For Brooke, Peyton Toepfer netted nine points and Garrett Milan had eight points.

"I've said this before, Wheeling Park doesn't get enough credit through the state. They're really good," Brooke coach Adam Shinsky said. "We played hard, but unfortunately, it's not a 24 minute baseball game, it's a 32-minute game. We just couldn't match them and we didn't shoot well from the free throw line. You can't do that against a team like Wheeling Park."

## Cameron, St. Clairsville Advance To Title Games

CAMERON - Junior Mason Scott scored 23 of his career-high 31 points in the first quarter as top-seeded Cameron (13-4) avenged a recent loss to Madonna (8-8) with a 62-48 victory in an OVAC WVU Medicine Class A semifinal at Dragons Indoor Stadium Tuesday night.

Scott drilled half-a-dozen trifectas in the first eight minutes as the hosts roared to a 33-11 advantage. He also added six rebounds and a trio of steals.

Lance Hartley continued to be a double-double machine with 16 points and 14 rebounds. He also blocked three shots. Colson Wichterman contributed nine points, 10 assists, six rebounds and four steals in an all-around performance.

Cameron plays at 4 p.m. Saturday at Harrison Central High School against Trinity, which rolled past Wellsville, 73-40.

**Class 4A**  
**St. Clairsville 96,**  
**East Liverpool 81**

**EAST LIVERPOOL** - The third-seeded Red Devils stunned the No. 2 Potters in the Potter Field House as Tyson Pastor led four players in double figures with a game-high 30. Cole Thoburn added 26, Griffin Straub 17 and Brady Schafer 15.

St. Clairsville knocked down nine three-pointers, including four by Thoburn who added to his school record.

The Red Devils play at noon Saturday at Harrison Central against the top-seeded Huskies, who ousted No. 4 Beaver Local, 70-61, on Monday in the other semifinal. It will be the third meeting this season.

**Class 2A**  
**Toronto 54,**  
**Stuebenville Catholic 43**

Toronto's experienced group had the needed answers, pulling away late Tuesday for a victory over the Crusaders to earn a trip to Saturday's conference championship game.

With the Crusaders rallying within four just inside the two-minute mark, Kam Baker swished his third 3-pointer of the game, which was not just a pivotal shot in pushing the lead to seven, but also giving the senior the new program record for triples in a season as it was his 44th, surpassing Trillion West's prior mark of 43.

Nolan Dickinson led all scorers with 21 points.

Baker followed Dickinson with 18, while Noah Karaffa recorded nine

points and dished six assists. Red Knights big man Cayden Benton was held to just two points, but pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds, had five assists and three blocks.

Central's BJ Rook collected all 15 of his points on five 3s, while Daniel Bolster and Camden Bradley each netted nine. Bradley pulled down a team-leading six rebounds and had a block, while Tommy Pergi had a game-high seven assists.

**Consolation Pool**  
**Caldwell 74,**  
**Bridgeport 27**

**BRIDGEPORT** - The Bulldogs fell behind 21-9 after one quarter and could never recover as the Redskins rolled on Frank Baxter Court inside the John J. Havlicek Gymnasium.

Jaleel Vincent led Bridgeport with 10. Coen Brinker had seven.

**Clay-Battelle 76,**  
**Magnolia 60**

**NEW MARTINSVILLE** - Kingston Christen tallied 29 points and Hayden Pyles added a dozen but it wasn't enough as the Blue Eagles fell to the visiting Cee-Bees.

Christen had nine three-point goals.

**Beallsville 66,**  
**Southern Local 62, OT**

**BEALLSVILLE** - Logan Taylor had 20 points as the Blue Devils defeated the visiting Indians in overtime.

Ayson McBrice added 15, Thorn Stoffel 13 and Kayson Hoff 10 for Beallsville.

**Shadyside 57,**  
**Frontier 37**

**BEAVERTON** - Ben Wach scored 22 points and Dylan Booth added 18 as the Tigers roared past the host Cougars.

**BOWLING**  
**Monroe Central Sweeps**  
**Bridgeport**  
**Boys**

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Monroe Central got out to a 9-3 lead early, back-to-back steal and transition layups by the Seminoles prompting a quick timeout from Romick, and the Pilots rebounded from there, fixing their leaks in controlling possession and controlling the defensive glass to trail by only two, 11-9 after the first quarter.

River took a 15-14 lead midway through the second quarter, but the Seminoles finished the half ahead 20-17. Neither team was doing well in the half-court, but it was Monroe's fastbreak opportunities which was the difference, albeit a slim one, through the first two quarters.

River and Monroe Central came prepared on defense, with plans to stop their opponent's top scorers.

For River, Kabel Isaly led all scorers with 14 points, a total that the Seminoles made him work for throughout the night. Monroe Central face guarded him everywhere on the court, and sent double-teams his way whenever he managed to get the ball at the top of the key. Chance Allen and Corbin Farnsworth were the primary defenders for the 'Noles.

The presence of Tucker Howell in the lane also helped Monroe Central on Tuesday. Howell finished with five blocks and 12 rebounds.

"As a defender he allows us to play a little more aggressively on the perimeter," Lang said of Howell. "Kabel Isaly's a great scorer, and when you can play his pull-up jumpshot rather than having to worry about him getting around you, it's because you have a guy

took some things away. Our two best scorers went into the half combined for four points. Second half they came alive a little bit. River had a great gameplan, thankfully we were able to pull it out at the end."

To start the third quarter, the two teams went in opposite directions. Monroe started to spark a bit on offense despite an extremely methodical approach on offense by River, and the Pilots managed only four points in the quarter.

Monroe Central led 31-21 at quarter's end. Their lead never fell below nine throughout the fourth.

"We would take care of the ball for a while, be patient with it- and we wanted it to, we wanted it to be a low-scoring, low-possession game- we did that," Romick said. "But then we would force something or try to make something when it wasn't there. Monroe Central's very athletic, you get the ball around the bucket, they've got shot-blockers."

"We showed them some things in the first half," Lang said. "Coach Romick's a great coach, I figured he was going to have his guys adjusted to it, so we went ahead and changed up the look for the second half, allowed them to slow the game down, and tried to extend our lead in that environment. They're patient with their offense, and as long as we stay disciplined, we can hold some teams down."

Besides Isaly, Caden Johnson's performance was a plus for the Pilots, scoring six points, grabbing four rebounds and snagging five steals. Finn Bowers led his team with seven rebounds.

Monroe Central will face Toronto on Saturday at Harrison Central for the 2A conference crown.

After Amare Johnson put the Patriots back on top, Brook quickly responded and took its final lead of the game on a Toepfer basket as the score read 48-47 with 4:31 left in the third quarter.

Davis responded a minute later to put Park up to stay with a 3-pointer. The junior star tallied a layup right before the buzzer to put the score at 63-59 in favor of Park. He then scored the fourth quarter's first seven points to put the game out of reach.

"I just think it's one of those moments where he says, 'I'm going to take the game over.' He was tired and he had a couple of shots that were short, but he had some strong, tough-handed layups and was 13-of-13 from the free throw line."

Davis finished with a game-high 37 points

while Mykel Davis turned in a solid 22-point performance including five 3-pointers. Amare Johnson rounded out the double figure scorers for the Patriots with 11 and J.D. Williams' nine points all came from treys.

Wheeling Park also outscored the Bruins 25-8 in the fourth quarter.

For Brooke, Peyton Toepfer netted nine points and Garrett Milan had eight points.

"I've said this before, Wheeling Park doesn't get enough credit through the state. They're really good," Brooke coach Adam Shinsky said. "We played hard, but unfortunately, it's not a 24 minute baseball game, it's a 32-minute game. We just couldn't match them and we didn't shoot well from the free throw line. You can't do that against a team like Wheeling Park."

## CENTRAL

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Reese wouldn't reach the milestone until the 5:38 mark of the fourth quarter when he made the back-end of a two-shot foul. He would finish with 14 points, the only Purple Rider to reach double figures. Krol, Mason Redinger and Anthony Booth each had nine.

Burlenski led three Maroon Knights in twin digits with 14. Max Olejasz had 13 and Troy Anthony a dozen. Jeremy Ratcliffe added eight. Olejas completed a double-double with a like number of rebounds as the Maroon Knights enjoyed a 33-23 advantage off the glass. Anthony had six boards. Reese topped Ferry with nine.

"We look for Quinton to score. Last year he was our go-to guy, but with the emergence of Eli (sancumb) this year, we've been able to spread the ball around more," Stephens noted. "But with Eli out now, Q is going to have to take on more of a role scoring-wise, and we're going to need other guys to step up."

According to Stephens, Sancumb broke his hand in a fall midway through the first quarter at Parkersburg South last week, but played the remainder of the game. He is done for the season.

"Tonight says a lot of our kids. They knew what we had coming in here, but like we told the guys,

without Eli last year we made it to (the state tournament) in Charleston and played a pretty good game for three quarters. It's definitely a big blow, but there's no reason why we can't do it again.

"We talked at halftime about making winning plays in the second half. I thought we were able to do that," Stephens said.

"I thought, for the most part, in the halfcourt defense we played well," Martins Ferry (10-5) head coach Derek Edwards said. "They run a good offense and they have a good guard. They made some shots. They made some contested shots."

"We had the momentum there in the second quarter late, but we kind of squandered it by turning the ball over and they were able to hit a three going into halftime," Edwards noted. "I thought that was a big momentum shift in the game."

"Good basketball game. We typically shoot around 60 percent from the floor and tonight we were around 40 percent," Edwards pointed out. "And we were only 7-for-14 from the foul line at home. You can't have that in big games like this."

The Purple Riders fall into the third-place game and will host Buckeye Trail Friday. The Warriors prevailed earlier this season in Old Washington.

Saturday at Harrison Central High School against Trinity, which rolled past Wellsville, 73-40.

**Class 4A**  
**St. Clairsville 96,**  
**East Liverpool 81**

**EAST LIVERPOOL** - The third-seeded Red Devils stunned the No. 2 Potters in the Potter Field House as Tyson Pastor led four players in double figures with a game-high 30. Cole Thoburn added 26, Griffin Straub 17 and Brady Schafer 15.

St. Clairsville knocked down nine three-pointers, including four by Thoburn who added to his school record.

The Red Devils play at noon Saturday at Harrison Central against the top-seeded Huskies, who ousted No. 4 Beaver Local, 70-61, on Monday in the other semifinal. It will be the third meeting this season.

**Class 2A**  
**Toronto 54,**  
**Stuebenville Catholic 43**

Toronto's experienced group had the needed answers, pulling away late Tuesday for a victory over the Crusaders to earn a trip to Saturday's conference championship game.

With the Crusaders rallying within four just inside the two-minute mark, Kam Baker swished his third 3-pointer of the game, which was not just a pivotal shot in pushing the lead to seven, but also giving the senior the new program record for triples in a season as it was his 44th, surpassing Trillion West's prior mark of 43.

Nolan Dickinson led all scorers with 21 points.

Baker followed Dickinson with 18, while Noah Karaffa recorded nine

Bridgeport with 10. Coen Brinker had seven.

**Clay-Battelle 76,**  
**Magnolia 60**

**NEW MARTINSVILLE** - Kingston Christen tallied 29 points and Hayden Pyles added a dozen but it wasn't enough as the Blue Eagles fell to the visiting Cee-Bees.

Christen had nine three-point goals.

**Beallsville 66,**  
**Southern Local 62, OT**  
**BEALLSVILLE** - Logan Taylor had 20 points as the Blue Devils defeated the visiting Indians in overtime.

Ayson McBrice added 15, Thorn Stoffel 13 and Kayson Hoff 10 for Beallsville.

**Shadyside 57,**  
**Frontier 37**

**BEAVERTON** - Ben Wach scored 22 points and Dylan Booth added 18 as the Tigers roared past the host Cougars.

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West Virginia heads to Waco, Texas to play No. 18 Baylor on Saturday for only its second game against a ranked team this season. On Jan. 6, then-No. 10 Texas beat the Mountaineers 70-49.

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LOCAL CARD

Wednesday, Feb. 7 BASKETBALL (BOYS) ParMar Tournament at W.Va. State

Cameron vs. Doddridge County, 6:10 p.m.

Regular Season

Frontier at Valley, 6 p.m. BASKETBALL (GIRLS) Barnesville at Shadyside Martins Ferry at Monroe Central Toronto at East Palestine ParMar Tournament at W.Va. State Cameron vs. Doddridge Co., 12:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

John Marshall at Barnesville Martins Ferry at St. Clairsville Steubenville at Union Local

COLLEGE CARD

Wednesday, Feb. 7 MEN'S BASKETBALL

Davis & Elkins at West Liberty, 7:30 p.m. W.Va. Wesleyan at Wheeling, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Davis & Elkins at West Liberty, 5:30 p.m. W.Va. Wesleyan at Wheeling, 5:30 p.m.

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BOYS

OVAC CHAMPIONSHIP Consolation Pool

Wednesday, Feb. 7 Frontier at Paden City Friday, Feb. 9 Conotton Valley at Southern Weir at Clay Battelle Magnolia at Shadyside Bridgeport at Bellaire Beallsville at Wood County Paden City at Hundred Valley at Caldwell Fort Frye at Barnesville Indian Creek at Dover University at Linsly Buckeye Local at Oak Glen Edison at John Marshall Shenandoah at Parkersburg South

SPORTS ON TV

Wednesday, Feb. 7 COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S) 6:30 p.m.

FS2 - Georgetown at Seton Hall 7 p.m.

ACCN - Louisville at Syracuse 7 p.m.

BTN - Wisconsin at Michigan 7 p.m.

ESPN2 - Alabama at Auburn 7 p.m.

ESPNU - Pittsburgh at NC State 7 p.m.

FS1 - Villanova at Xavier 8 p.m.

SECN - LSU at Tennessee 8 p.m.

CBSSN - Portland at Gonzaga 8:30 p.m.

FS2 - Creighton at Providence 9 p.m.

ACCN - Notre Dame at Duke 9 p.m.

BTN - Nebraska at Northwestern 9 p.m.

ESPN2 - Texas A&M at Missouri 9 p.m.

ESPNU - Florida Gulf Coast at E. Kentucky 9 p.m.

PAC-12N - UCLA at Stanford 9 p.m.

SECN - Georgia at Mississippi St. 9 p.m.

11 p.m. PAC-12N - Southern Cal at California 11 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

9 p.m. FS1 - Georgetown at Marquette

ECHL

Tuesday's Games

Wheeling 3, Reading 1

Wednesday's Games

Orlando at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

Adirondack at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Kalamazoo at Iowa, 7:35 p.m.

Fort Wayne at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.

Tulsa at Allen, 8:10 p.m.

NHL

Tuesday's Games

Vancouver 3, Carolina 2 Philadelphia 2, Florida 1 Pittsburgh 3, Winnipeg 0 Montreal 5, Washington 2 Calgary 4, Boston 1 Dallas 2, Buffalo 1 New Jersey 5, Colorado 3 Edmonton at Vegas, late

Wednesday's Games

Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m. Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

NBA

PREP BOXSCORES

BOYS

OVAC WVU Medicine Semifinals Class 1A

Cameron 62, Madonna 48 MADONNA (48) - Mascio 7 0-1 18; DoBraska 1 0-0 2; Muzzi 7 2-3 17; Littleton 4 3-3 11; Connors 0 0-0 0; Wilharm 0 0-0 0; Lazear 0 0-0 0; Crossland 0 0-0 0; Totals: 19 5-7 48. CAMERON (62) - Estel 1 2-5 4; McCauley 1 0-0 2; Wichterman 4 0-2 9; Winters 0 0-0 0; Scott 10 5-5 31; Hartley 6 3-3 15; Magers 0 0-0 0; Totals: 23 10-15 62. Three-point goals: 5 (Mascio 4, Muzzi). Cameron 8 (Wichterman, Hartley, Scott 6).

Class 2A

Monroe Central 44, River 31 RIVER (31) - Isaly 4 4-4 14; Makris 0 0-0 0; Dennis 0 0-0 0; Johnson 3 0-0 6; Bowers 2 1-2 5; Blue 1 1-2 3; Willis 1 1-2 3; Totals 11 7-10 31. MONROE CENTRAL (44) - Demchak 2 2-2 8; Allen 2 2-2 6; Parden 5 0-0 10; Silva 1 0-0 3; C. Howell 2 1-2 6; T. Howell 3 2-4 8; Farnsworth 1 1-1 3; Totals 16 7-10 44. Three-point goals: River 2 (Isaly 2). Monroe Central 4 (Demchak 2, Silva, C. Howell).

Class 3A

Steubenville Catholic 43 STEUBENVILLE CATHOLIC (43) - Rook 5 0-0 15; Bolster 2 4-4 9; Pergi 1 0-0 2; Rohde 4 0-2 8; Bradley 3 3-4 9; Mihalyo 0 0-0 0; Hickey 0 0-0 0; Totals 15 7-10 43. TORONTO (54) - Dickinson 8 1-2 21; Karaffa 3 2-2 9; Baker 4 7-13 18; Ensell 1 0-0 2; Benton 1 0-2 2; Filby 1 0-0 2; Buchanan 0 0-0 0; Totals: 18 10-19 54. Three-point goals: Steubenville Catholic 6 (Rook 5, Bolster). Toronto 8 (Dickinson 4, Baker 3, Karaffa).

Class 4A

WHEELING CENTRAL (60) - Burlenski 6 0-0 14; Anthony 5 1-2 12; Olejasz 6 1-2 13; Ratcliffe 4 0-0 8; Schmitt 0 0-0 0; E. Dean 4 1-1 9; Gianangeli 1 0-0 2; L. Sancomb 0 2-2 2; Totals: 26-52 5-7 60. MARTINS FERRY (52) - Reese 5 3-8 14; Redinger 4 1-2 9; Kroll 4 0-0 9; Williams 2 0-0 5; Booth 4 1-2 9; Smith 2 0-0 4; Barnett 0 2-2 2; Totals: 21-44 7-14 52. Three-point goals: Wheeling Central 3 (Burlenski 2, Anthony). Martins Ferry 3 (Reese, Kroll, Williams).

Class 5A

Union Local 58, Buckeye Trail 33 BUCKEYE TRAIL (33) - Alloway 0 1-2 1; Rome 1 0-0 3; B. Wayble 1 0-0 3; Parry 2 0-0 4; Glesey 3 0-0 8; Eagon 1 0-0 2; McQuain 0 4-4 4; B. Hastings 0 0-0 0; Dodd 3 1-2 8; Hickman 0 0-0 0; L. Wayble 0 0-0 0; Totals 11 6-8 33. UNION LOCAL (58) - Saunders 6 1-1 14; Mehl 2 0-0 5; Moore 5 0-0 12; Kerns 2 1-2 6; Tomolonis 3 1-2 7; Schumacher 3 0-3 6; Causby 0 0-0 0; Ditzler 4 0-0 8; Totals 25 3-8 58. Three-point goals: Buckeye Trail 5 (Rome, B. Wayble, Glesey 2, Dodd). Union Local 5 (Saunders, Mehl, Moore 2, Kerns).

Class 6A

St. Clairsville 96, East Liverpool 81 ST. CLAIRSVILLE (96) - Wolfe 3 0-0 8; Muhly 0 0-0 0; Thoburn 10 2-2 26; Schafer 7 0-2 15; Pastor 11 7-8 30; Gasber 0 0-0 0; Straub 8 0-0 17; Totals: 39 9-12 96. EAST LIVERPOOL (81) - Pease 2 0-0 5; Birch 6 0-0 16; Conrad 6 1-4 15; Kerr 7 3-4 18; Reed 3 0-0 6; Dawson 9 0-0 19; Dieringer 1 0-0 2; Totals: 34 4-8 81. Three-point goals: St. Clairsville 9 (Thoburn 4, Wolfe 2, Schafer, Pastor, Straub). East Liverpool 9 (Birch 4, Conrad 2, Pease, Kerr, Dawson).

Class 7A

Harrison Central 70, Beaver Local 61 BEAVER LOCAL (61) - Rettos 2 0-0 6; Warren 3 0-0 6; Cline 8 6-9 4; Stephenson 1 0-2 2; Hill 10 1-2 23; Heddleston 1 0-0 2; Germanvoich 0 0-0 0; Totals: 25 8-14 61. HARRISON CENTRAL (70) - Elliott 2 0-0 5; Ody 2 0-0 4; Quito 8 2-4 18; Vermillion 3 2-2 8; Cassidy 9 8-8 30; A.Fluharty 0 0-0 0; Hutton 1 0-0 3; N.Fluharty 0 0-0 0; Arbaugh 0 0-0 0; Totals: 26 12-14 70. Three-point goals: Beaver Local 3 (Cline 2, Hill). Harrison Central 6 (Cassidy 4, Hutton, Elliott).

Class 8A

WHEELING PARK 88, BROOKE 67 BROOKE (67) - Yost 2 0-0 4; Sagan 0 0-0 0; P. Toepfer 3 1-1 9; Milan 3 0-0 8; L. Toepfer 14 0-2 35; Mckennen 1 0-0 3; Urso 0 0-0 0; McMahon 1 0-0 3; Murdock 0 0-0 0; Kimball 2 1-4 5; Provenzano 0 0-0 0. Totals: 26 2-7 67. WHEELING PARK (88) - Linder 0 0-0 0; A. Davis 11 13-13 37; Spurlin 0 0-0 0; M. Davis 7 3-4 22; Johnson 3 5-6 11; Hayes 0 0-0 0; K. Davis 0 0-0 0; Williams 3 0-0 9; Lewis 2 0-0 4; Whitmire 0 2-2 2; Huffman 1 0-2 3. Totals: 27 23-27 88. Three-point goals: Brooke 13 (P. Toepfer 2, Milan 2, L. Toepfer 7, Mckennen, McMahon). Wheeling Park 13 (A. Davis 2, M. Davis 5, Williams 3, Huffman 3).

Class 9A

Morgantown 82, Steubenville 41 STEUBENVILLE (41) - Wiggins 5 0-0 14; Haney 4 7-8 15; Hopkins 0 3-4 3; Lewis 1 0-0 3; Lester 2 0-0 4; Casinelli 1 0-1 2. Totals: 13 10-13 41. MORGANTOWN (82) - Everett 5 5-6 19; Young 7 0-0 16; Savage 5 2-7 12; Shrewsbury 3 2-2 9; Colistra 3 3-4 9; M. Johnson 3 0-0 9; Frey 1 1-2 4; King 2 0-0 4; Totals: 29 14-21 82. 3-Pt. Goals - Steubenville 5 (Wiggins 4, Lewis 1). Morgantown 10 (Everett 4, Johnson 3, Young 2, Shrewsbury 1, Frey 1).

Consolation Pool

Caldwell 74, Bridgeport 27 CALDWELL (74) - Starr 1 2-2 5; Wheeldin 6 0-0 12; Harlan 5 0-0 10; Morocco 1 0-0 3; Pfeffer 5 0-0 10; Egnot 3 0-0 6; Schott 4 0-0 11; Crock 3 2-3 8; Curry 1 0-0 3; Brown 2 0-0 4; Preston 1 0-0 2; Totals: 32 4-5 74. BRIDGEPORT (27) - Jackson 1 2-2 4; Threet 2 0-1 4; Brown 0 0-0 0; Gear 1 0-0 2; Vincent 3 2-4 10; Brinker 3 0-0 7; Totals: 10 4-7 27. Three-point goals: Caldwell 6 (Starr, Morocco, Schott 3, Curry). Bridgeport 3 (Vincent 2, Brinker).

Consolation Pool

Clay-Battelle 76, Magnolia 60. CLAY-BATTELLE (76) - Morgan 1 1-2 3; Spears 3 1-2 10; Ponceroff 2 0-0 4; Payton 2 0-0 4; Barr 11 4-4 26; Luzader 11 7-8 29; Totals: 30 13-16 76. MAGNOLIA (60) - Greathouse 2 1-2 6; Oates 2 0-0 6; Bailey 2 2-3 6; Christen 10 0-0 29; Pyles 5 2-2 12; Midcap 0 1-2 1; Totals: 21 6-9 60. Three-point goals: Clay-Battelle 3 (Spears 3). Magnolia 12 (Christen 9, Oates 2, Greathouse).

Consolation Pool

Beallsville 66, Southern Local 62, OT SOUTHERN LOCAL (62) - Sloan 4 2-5 10; Richards 1 1-2 3; Alonso 5 2-2 15; Bach 2 4-5 8; Chase 6 3-3 15; Pitts 4 0-0 11; Totals: 22 12-17 62. BEALLSVILLE (66) - Saffell 0 4-4 4; McBride 7 1-3 15; Hoff 4 1-2 10; Louden 1 1-6 4; Stoffel 5 2-6 13; Taylor 9 0-2 20; Totals: 16 9-23 66. Three-point goals: Southern Local 6 (Alonso 3, Pitts 3). Beallsville 5 (Taylor 2, Hoff, Louden, Stoffel).

Consolation Pool

Shadyside 57, Frontier 37 SHADYSIDE (57) - Stottlemeyer 3 0-0 1; Bell 1 0-0 2; Wach 9 0-0 22; N. Booth 8 1-1 18; D. Booth 1 2-6 4; Gorby 1 0-0 2; Totals: 23 3-3 57. FRONTIER (37) - Powell 3 3-3 9; Kirkpatrick 2 1-2 5; Snyder 5 1-4 11; Bowersock 3 1-2 7; King 1 0-0 2; Totals: 14 6-8 37. Three-point goals: Shadyside 8 (Wach 4, Stottlemeyer 3, N. Booth). Frontier none.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball American League MINNESOTA TWINS - Sent RHP Ryan Jensen outright to St. Paul (IL). NEW YORK YANKEES - Agreed to terms with RHPs Nick Burdi, Yerry de los Santos, Dennis Santana and Duane Underwood Jr., Cs J.C. Escarra and Luis Torrens, LHPs Oddanier Mosqueda, Tanner Tully and Anthony Misiewicz, INFs Kevin Smith and Josh VanMeter, OFs Luis Gonzalez and Greg Allen and INF/OF Jose Rojas on minor league contracts. SEATTLE MARINERS - Claimed RHP Collin Snider off

Association

BROOKLYN NETS - Recalled F Noah Clowney from the Long Island Nets of the G League. INDIANA PACERS - Assigned G Jarace Walker to the Indiana Mad Ants of the G League. NEW ORLEANS PELICANS - Recalled G Malcolm Hill from the Birmingham Squadron of the G League. TORONTO RAPTORS - Recalled G Kira Lewis, Jr. from the Raptors 905 of the G League. WASHINGTON WIZARDS - Assigned F Johnny Davis and G Patrick Baldwin, Jr. to the Capital City Go Go of the G

PREP BASKETBALL

W.VA. BOYS

Bridgeport 55, Woodrow Wilson 53 Buckhannon-Upshur 51, Ripley 44 Clay-Battelle 76, Magnolia 60 East Hardy 84, Union Grant 44 Heritage Academy, Md. 83, Faith Christian 39 Huntington 57, South Charleston 52 Hurricane 70, Winfield 35 Jefferson 47, Hedgesville 38 Linsly 96, Weir 49 Logan 47, Lincoln County 44 Morgantown 82, Steubenville, Ohio 41 Mount View 49, Van 33 Oak Glen 56, Richmond Edison, Ohio 47 Poca 55, Buffalo 50 Ritchie County 54, St. Marys 50 Shady Spring 55, Bluefield 38 Spring Mills 64, Millbrook, Va. 55 Spring Valley 86, Parkersburg 58 Trinity 73, Wellsville, Ohio 40 Tucker County 70, Hampshire 41 Tug Valley 69, Mingo Central 39 University 85, Parkersburg South 81 Washington 49, James Wood, Va. 44 Wayne 57, Herbert Hoover 55 Wirt County 72, Parkersburg Catholic 38

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Bridgeport 69, Liberty Harrison 38 Doddridge County 53, Roane County 44 East Fairmont 59, Cabell Midland 36 East Hardy 46, Pocahontas County 44 Grafton 53, Lincoln 43 Martinsburg 45, Washington 37 Mingo Central 50, Ritchie County 41 Moorefield 48, Pendleton County 42 Nitro 75, South Charleston 37 Oakland Southern, Md. 50, Musselman 46 PikeView 51, Shady Spring 19 South Harrison 46, Braxton County 43 Spring Valley 66, Parkersburg 60 Union Grant 51, Petersburg 38 Westside 64, River View 37

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Union Local Jets Past Buckeye Trail

By CODY TOMER For The Intelligencer MORRISTOWN ---

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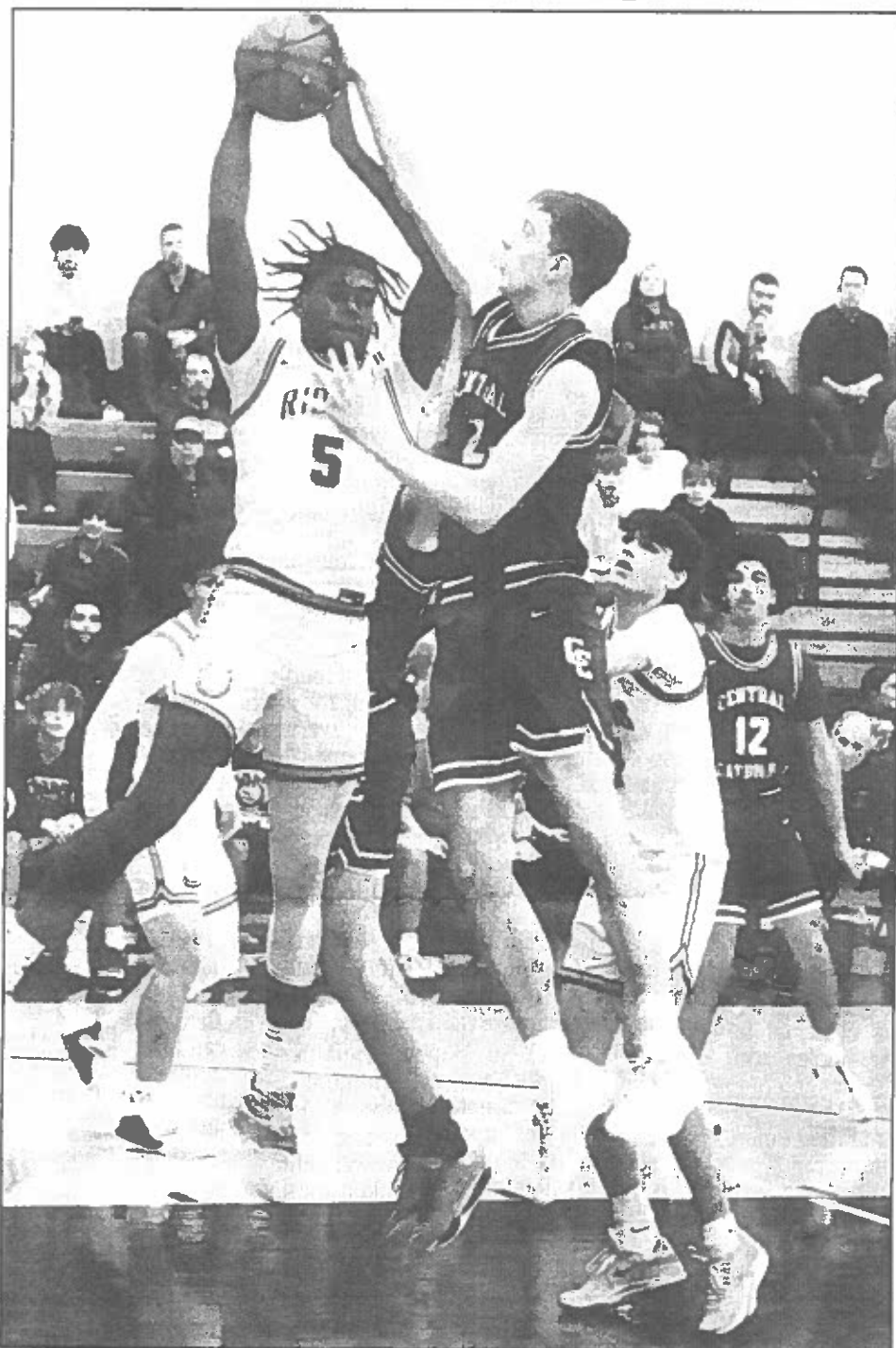


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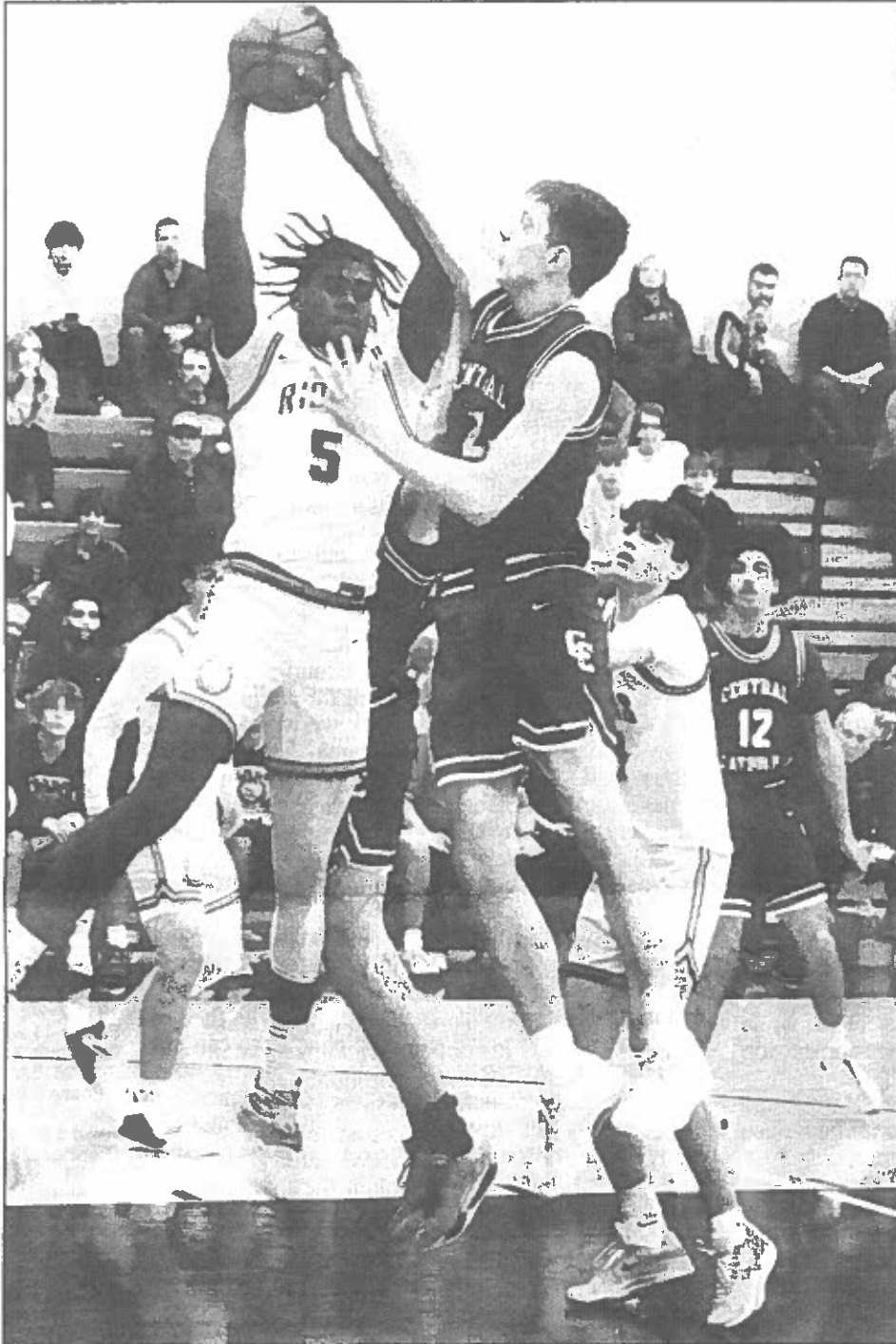
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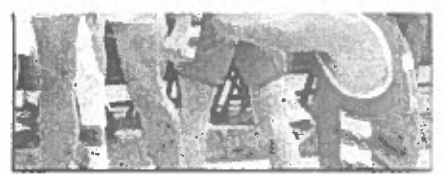


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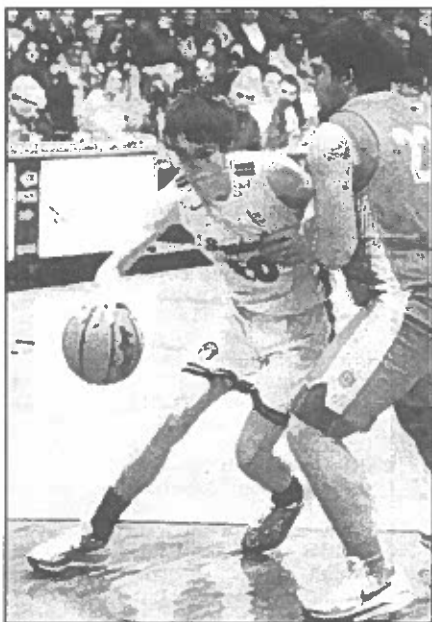


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Coming into the season, first-year head coach Mason Lang had two goals for his squad: to improve on their win total of 15 from last year, and to win the school's first ever OVAC Championship.

The 'Noles already had one box checked, improving their perfect record to 16-0 last Friday vs. Caldwell, and on Tuesday, Monroe Central gave themselves a chance to meet their other goal, downing rival River in the OVAC 2A semifinals 44-31.

"We're really excited," Lang

said. "It was one of our goals to try and win Monroe Central's first OVAC championship. We're going there with one goal in mind and hopefully we can execute."

Tuesday's low score came from a combination of patient offenses and defenses committed to mucking up their opponent's gameplan through any means possible.

Neither team set the hoop on fire, but while Monroe Central finished at a manageable 44% from the field, River shot 27% in a taxing offensive day.

"I thought our kids played very hard. We did not shoot it well at all," River head coach Mark Romick said. "Give Monroe Central's defense some credit. We had some looks, we just didn't make them. We were patient at

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Monroe Central got out to a 9-3 lead early, back-to-back steal and transition layups by the Seminoles prompting a quick timeout from Romick, and the Pilots rebounded from there, fixing their leaks in controlling possessive and controlling the defensive glass to trail by only two, 11-9 after the first quarter.

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Following the stoppage, Turner Krol's banged a three that sparked a 12-4 spurt that included 10 straight points from the 6-5 Reese and sliced the deficit to four, 54-50. With the score 56-51, the Maroon Knights hit four free throws down the stretch to hold on.

Reese wouldn't reach the milestone until the 5:38 mark of the fourth quarter when he made the back-end of a two-shot foul. He would finish with 14 points, the only Purple Rider to reach double figures. Krol, Mason Redinger and Anthony Booth each had nine.

Burlenski led three Maroon Knights in twin digits with 14. Max Olejasz had 13 and Troy Anthony a dozen. Jeremy Ratcliffe added eight. Olejasz completed a double-double with a like number of rebounds as the Maroon Knights enjoyed a 33-23 advantage off the glass. Anthony had six boards. Reese topped Ferry with nine.

"We look for Quinton to score. Last year he was our go-to guy, but with the emergence of Eli (sancomb) this year, we've been able to spread the ball around more," Stephens noted. "But with Eli out now, Q is going to have to take on more of a role scoring-wise, and we're going to need other guys to step up."

According to Stephens, Sancomb broke his hand in a fall midway through the first quarter at Parkersburg South last week, but played the remainder of the game. He is done for the season.

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The presence of Tucker Howell in the lane also helped Monroe Central on Tuesday. Howell finished with five blocks and 12 rebounds.

"As a defender he allows us to play a little more aggressively on the perimeter," Lang said of Howell. "Kabel Isaly's a great scorer, and when you can play his pull-up jumpshot rather than having to worry about him getting around you, it's because you have a guy standing behind you who can help clean up that mess. It makes things easier on our perimeter defenders."

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Parden scored 10 points, a team-high, all in the first half where he shot 5-5 on two-pointers, 5-6 overall.

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## • Devils

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**SHADYSIDE 57, FRONTIER 37**  
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**BOWLING MONROE SWEEPS BRIDGEPORT**

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Lucas Kemer rolled a 131 game and 233 series for Bridgeport.

### GIRLS

The Seminoles completed the sweep with a 1,478 to 1,216 victory as Shyann Baker had a 155 game and 283 series. Alexis Brown had 151 and 253, respectively.

Seminoles Roll By East Richland

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"Tonight says a lot of our kids. They knew what we had coming in here, but like we told the guys, without Eli last year we made it to (the state tournament) in Charleston and played a pretty good game for three quarters. It's definitely a big blow, but there's no reason why we can't do it again."

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"I thought, for the most part, in the halfcourt defense we played well," Martins Ferry (10-5) head coach Derek Edwards said. "They run a good offense and they have a good guard. They made some shots. They made some contested shots."

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To start the third quarter, the two teams went in opposite directions. Monroe started to spark a bit on offense despite an extremely methodical approach on offense by River, and the Pilots managed only four points in the quarter.

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#### Wheeling Central 60,

#### Martins Ferry 52

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#### Class 5A

Wheeling Park 88, Brooke 67  
BROOKE (67) — Yost 2 0-0 4; Sagan 0 0-0 0; P. Toepfer 3 1-1 9; Milan 3 0-0 8; L. Toepfer 14 0-2 35; Mckennen 1 0-0 3; Urso 0 0-0 0; McMahon 1 0-0 3; Murdoch 0 0-0 0; Kimball 2 1-4 5; Provenzano 0 0-0 0. Totals: 26 2-7 67. WHEELING PARK (88) — Linder 0 0-0 0; A. Davis 11 13-13 37; Spurlin 0 0-0 0; M. Davis 7 3-4 22; Johnson 3 5-6 11; Hayes 0 0-0 0; K. Davis 0 0-0 0; Williams 3 0-0 9; Lewis 2 0-0 4; Whitmire 0 2-2 2; Huffman 1 0-2 3. Totals: 27 23-27 88. Three-point goals: Brooke 13 (P. Toepfer 2, Milan 2, L. Toepfer 7, Mckennen, McMahon). Wheeling Park 13 (A. Davis 2, M. Davis 5, Williams 3, Huffman 3).

Morgantown 82, Steubenville 41

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ed at halftime about getting Mykel going," Foldi said. "We have seven seniors on this team and it was a team effort. That bench energy really picked us up."

Beaver had its chances late, when Austin Cline hit a layup and finished the three-point play at the line, cutting the deficit to three. But Beaver got no closer, falling to Harrison for the third time this season.

All three of those games were close, with the average margin of

## • Monroe

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River took a 15-14 lead midway through the second quarter, but the Seminoles finished the half ahead 20-17. Neither team was doing well in the half-court, but it was Monroe's fastbreak opportunities which was the difference, albeit a slim one, through the first two quarters.

River and Monroe Central came prepared on defense, with plans to stop their opponent's top scorers.

For River, Kabel Isaly led all scorers with 14 points, a total that the Seminoles made him work for throughout the night. Monroe Central face guarded him everywhere on the court, and sent double-teams his way whenever he managed to get the ball at the top of the key. Chance Allen and Corbin Farnsworth were the primary defenders for the 'Noles.

The presence of Tucker Howell in the lane also helped Monroe Central on Tuesday. Howell finished with five blocks and 12 rebounds.

"As a defender he allows us to play a little more aggressively on the perimeter," Lang said of Howell. "Kabel Isaly's a great scorer, and when you can play his pull-up jumpshot rather than having to worry about him getting around you, it's because you have a guy standing behind you who can help clean up that mess. It makes things easier on our perimeter defenders."

For Monroe Central, Howell scored eight while Chance Allen scored six, the pair the Seminoles' top scorers this season.

"I thought we did a great job on Tucker Howell and Chance Allen," Romick said. "[Dylan] Parden had a nice game, got out on us a little on some transition early."

Parden scored 10 points, a team-high, all in the first half where he shot 5-5 on two-pointers, 5-6 overall.

"It was a tough, physical game, we knew it'd be that

## • Devils

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**SHADYSIDE 57, FRONTIER 37**

**BEAVERTON** — Ben Wach scored 22 points and Dylan Booth added 18 as the Tigers roared past the host Cougars.

**BOWLING MONROE SWEEPS BRIDGEPORT**

The Seminoles won 1,511 to 1,231 as James Williams had a 170 game and 290 series. Ethan Gillespie rolled a 166 game and Owen Weckbacher had a 304 series.

Lucas Kerner rolled a 131 game and 233 series for Bridgeport.

### GIRLS

The Seminoles completed the sweep with a 1,478 to 1,216 victory as Shyann Baker had a 155 game and 283 series. Alexis Brown had 151 and 253, respectively.

Seminoles Roll By East Richland

Baker and Brown paced the winners.

Arlene Rohall had a 117 game and 196 series.

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much of the game down a big toenail.

"He's a warrior," Miller said of Cline. "His big toenail ripped off and we tried to get it taped so he could keep playing. He was in a lot of pain but he wouldn't come out."

Owen Hill backed Cline with 23 points.

Clayton Vermillion snagged 12 boards to go with his eight points for Harrison, which finished an impressive 12-of-14 at the line for the game, including 11-of-13 in the

mitted he's not surprised to see opposite his in the final.

"We talked about taking care of business (Tuesday) before even thinking about Saturday, but the way St. C. is playing right now, we felt anything could have happened."

The two teams have met once previously, with Harrison owning a commanding 80-54 victory back on January 2. Since then, St. C. has won 9 of 19, including Tuesday's big win vs. the Potters.

going in," Lang said. "I thought the defense held their own, I thought River played really well. They got up in us, they took some things away. Our two best scorers went into the half combined for four points. Second half they came alive a little bit. River had a great gameplan, thankfully we were able to pull it out at the end."

To start the third quarter, the two teams went in opposite directions. Monroe started to spark a bit on offense despite an extremely methodical approach on offense by River, and the Pilots managed only four points in the quarter.

Monroe Central led 31-21 at quarter's end. Their lead never fell below nine throughout the fourth.

"We would take care of the ball for a while, be patient with it- and we wanted it to, we wanted it to be a low-scoring, low-possession game- we did that," Romick said. "But then we would force something or try to make something when it wasn't there. Monroe Central's very athletic, you get the ball around the bucket, they've got shot-blockers."

"We showed them some things in the first half," Lang said. "Coach Romick's a great coach, I figured he was going to have his guys adjusted to it, so we went ahead and changed up the look for the second half, allowed them to slow the game down, and tried to extend our lead in that environment. They're patient with their offense, and as long as we stay disciplined, we can hold some teams down."

Besides Isaly, Caden Johnson's performance was a plus for the Pilots, scoring six points, grabbing four rebounds and snagging five steals. Finn Bowers led his team with seven rebounds.

Monroe Central will face Toronto on Saturday at Harrison Central for the 2A conference crown.

## • Jets

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The Jets and the Warriors were evenly matched through the opening stanza but Saunders gave UL the spark it needed when he netted the first eight points of the second quarter to turn a 12-10 edge into a 20-10 cushion.

"Dre had a great first half," Delman said. "He's been a spark plug for us in the first half all season and Alex has kind of been our closer. Dre gets his points in a blur and when he is scoring the ball we are pretty good."

Delman's squad also finished the half on a 7-0 run, with Gannon Kerns recording five of those seven points, to take a 30-15 upper hand into the locker room.

Buckeye continued to fight early into the second half but the Jets,

once again, began to flex their muscles late in the third as they reeled off a 14-1 march that culminated with Brandon Mehl draining a 3-point-er at the buzzer to send UL into the fourth with a 48-22 advantage and it never looked back.

Travis Dodd and Jett Glesey each garnered eight points for the Warriors.

"I think we played hard but we didn't shoot very well," Buckeye Trail coach Gregg Strasser said. "I think we shot under 25% and we settled a lot for the outside shots. Union Local is a good team, they shot it well and they got into the paint more than we did. They're a good team and I wish them well on Saturday. It was a good challenge for us but I think we'll get better because of it."

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##### National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Agreed to terms with 2B Josh Harrison on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with LHP Jake Diekman on a one-year contract. Designated RHP Austin Adams for assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Acquired RHP Michael Rucker from the Chicago Cubs in exchange for cash considerations.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Designated RHP Andrew Bellatti for assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Acquired LHP Ethan Small from Milwaukee for cash.

##### Minor League Baseball

##### Frontier League

QUÉBEC CAPITALS — Signed OF Justin Gideon and LHP Harley Gollert to contract extensions.

TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS — Signed RHP Dan Bebee to a contract extension. Acquired INF Ryan Cash from the Fargo-Moorhead (American Association).

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed RHP Kevin Pindel.

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PHOENIX MERCURY — Acquired G Kahleah Copper and F Morgan Bertsch from Chicago in exchange for Fs Brianna Turner and Michaela Onyenwere and first-round draft picks in 2024 and 2026, a 2025 second-round draft pick and the rights to a 2026 second-round draft pick swap with Phoenix.

### FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Re-signed WR Dan Chisena to a futures contract for 2024.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed OL Netane Muti to a futures contract for 2024.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Signed WR Kawaan Baker to a futures contract for 2024.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Named Tim Kelly tight ends coach and Shane Bowen defensive coordinator.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Named Nick Holz offensive coordinator.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ELKS — Signed K Boris Bede to a 2-year contract. WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed RB Brady Oliveira to a two year contract. Signed WR Datin Schoen to a one year contract.

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## SPORTS

## River Pilots girls sail pass Monroe Central, 55-41

By MIKE HUGHES  
For The Times Leader

CADIZ — The two previous meetings between Monroe Central and River were tightly contested battles, so Saturday's OVAC WVU Medicine Class 2A finale figured to be more of the same.

River led by five heading into the final quarter before pulling away for a 55-41 victory in the rubber match,

giving the Pilots their second straight OVAC Class 2A crown and senior Kelsey Harlan her second straight MVP award.

Harlan, River's four-year mainstay at point guard, led all scorers with 19 points, including seven of her total coming in the final eight minutes.

For Monroe Central head coach Troy Baker, who's seen enough of Harlan these last

four years, she was the difference maker all game.

"In my opinion, she was the difference," Baker said as his team fell to 16-5. "She's such a great player and when you give her a lead, she's tough to contain."

As River's lead grew in the final minutes, River was content to let Harlan dribble her way around and through Monroe defenders in the back

court to burn valuable seconds of the clock.

She went 2-of-2 at the line in the fourth, but it was an 8-for-8 showing from junior Reese Hobbs that drew praise from Pilots' head coach Rick Isaly.

Hobbs finished with 14 points to back Harlan's 19, with her first six coming from eight feet or in and the last eight coming at the line.

"I've been on Reese all season about needing to step up and she really came through," Isaly said. "She was a big key."

She wasn't the only one. The middle periods saw Monroe stick close thanks to some big shots and yeoman's work on the glass.

River was having trouble getting boards.

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## Ferry stuns Fort Frye

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

CADIZ — It's been said time and time before, offense puts points on the scoreboard, but defense wins championships.

Such was the case Saturday morning at Harrison Central High School where the top-seeded Purple Riders (14-4) put up just enough points to take down No. 2 Fort Frye, 37-33, in the OVAC WVU Medicine Class 3A Girls Basketball championship game.

The title was the third for Martins Ferry in program history. The others came in 2009 and 2020.

"We got all we wanted from them," Martins Ferry head coach Dave Reasbeck said. "That is one great basketball team."

Reasbeck said back in November that his team expected to be playing in the championship game.

"This is where we wanted to be, but it wasn't an easy path," he added. "To be able to beat a team (Union Local) coached by Scooter Tolzda in the semifinals and then beat Fort Frye coached by Dan Liedtke in the finals is quite an accomplishment. Fort Frye might be the best team in the Eastern District."

The Purple Riders were very patient on offense.

"If you would've told me we'd score 37 points and win against that team, I'm not sure I would've believed you."

Game MVP Lindsey Best



MARTINS FERRY head coach Dave Reasbeck looks at his championship medal Saturday while senior Danielle Lude carries the OVAC WVU Medicine Class 3A championship trophy after the Purple Riders defeated Fort Frye at Harrison Central High School.

Photo by KIM NORTH

was just that ... at her best. The returning all-Ohioan junior scored a game-high 19 points, grabbed five rebounds and knocked down five of six free throws down the stretch.

"Lindsey was tremendous," Reasbeck allowed. "But it just wasn't her. Everyone played well. We had to against a team like that. It's not supposed to be easy when you're playing for a championship."

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Each team tallied nine points in a back-and-forth third quarter and were tied at 31 midway through the fourth quarter before Best delivered a three-pointer from

the top of the key for a 34-31 lead her team would never relinquish.

"That was a huge shot," Reasbeck said.

Following turnovers by each team, Reasbeck called time with 21.2 seconds remaining. The Purple Riders would run a minute off the clock but missed a layup and Fort Frye called timeout with 63 ticks left.

Ella Dowler brought the Cadets to within one, 33-32, and Liedtke called time with 50.4 showing.

Best was fouled with 27 seconds on the clock and hit the first for a 35-33 lead. She missed the second and Fort Frye brought the ball up court.

However, a timeout was called before Emma Duskey let a three-ball go that splashed the net with 18.9

left. Fort Frye worked the ball around but dribbled it out of bounds with 9.7 remaining. Best was fouled again and knocked down both as the clock read 7.7.

Although two of the five Martins Ferry starters didn't score, freshman Giana Chirpas added nine points and senior Danielle Lude had even.

None of Fort Frye's starting five cracked double figures as Duskey and Dowler each had eight. Huffman added seven.

The Purple Riders shot 12 for 26 (46.1 percent), grabbed 17 rebounds and charted 13 turnovers. The Cadets were 14 of 43 (32.5), had 23 boards and were guilty of just nine turnovers.

Martins Ferry returns to action Wednesday at Monroe Central.

## The OHSAA determines girls pairings

By MARK DIERKES  
For The Times Leader

COLUMBUS — The OHSAA determined its statewide girls tournament pairings Sunday and several local schools found themselves seeded high for sectional action in Divisions II, III and IV.

OVAC 2-A champion River and runnerup Monroe Central were seeded 2-3 in D-IV behind Union Local and Bellaire 3rd and 4th in D-III, while OVAC titleists Indian Creek (4-A) and Martins Ferry (3-A) were 2-3 in D-II.

Overall top seeds are West Muskingum (II), Fort Frye (III) and Hiland (IV). Seeding is determined by the MaxPreps RPI formula developed by the coaches association and adopted by the OHSAA.

Opening round action begins with a pair of pigtail games Monday, Feb. 19. River's Lady Pilots host #18 Newcomerstown in the lower bracket, while #8 Steubenville Central opposes #12 Bishop Rosecrans in the upper bracket. All tournament weeknight games tipoff at 7. Saturday starts are at 1.

The remainder of the schools debut on the Wednesday, Feb. 21 with the higher seeded schools hosting. Sectional finals are slated for the 24th, while District play begins Feb. 28. Regional play is at Zanesville (II), Logan (III) and Pickerington (IV).

## DIVISION II EAST-1 UPPER BRACKET

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## DIVISION II EAST-1 LOWER BRACKET

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## DIVISION II EAST-2 UPPER BRACKET

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## Barnesville cheerleaders win OVAC 3A championship

By NICK HENTHORN  
Sports Editor

WHEELING — Cheer teams preparing new routines just for the event. Wheeling Park was able to rise to the top under the OVAC conditions on to end their season with a WesBanco Arena to com-

5A conference title.





• Pilots

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Enter Tessa Prim. Always a solid reserve off the bench. Prim ignited the pilots with a couple free throws off an offensive rebound, and later, added six points in the third, two of which were a direct result of a put-back.

She provided a spark and some muscle, finishing with 10 off the bench.

Riley Bettinger led Monroe with 12 points, with Jacey English chipping in 10 and another eight coming from freshman Jady Miller.

Baker didn't feel the moment was too big for his younger lineup — it was a five-point game heading into the final quarter.

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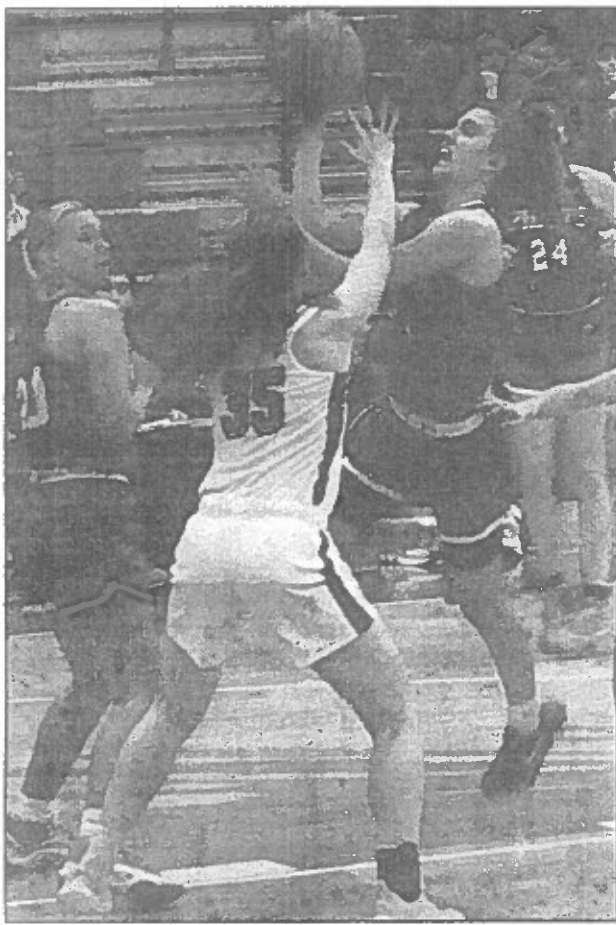


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Wheeling Central at Cameron  
Bridgeport at Barnesville  
Steubenville Catholic at Harrison Central  
Brooke at St. Clairsville  
Bellaire at River  
Buckeye Local at Shenandoah  
Trinity Christian at Toronto  
Valley at Frontier, 7 p.m.

**OVAC TOURNEY**

**BOYS OVAC CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 6**  
**CLASS 1A**  
#4 Madonna at #1 Cameron  
#3 Wellsville at #2 Trinity Christian  
**CLASS 2A**  
#4 River at #1 Monroe Central  
#3 Steubenville Catholic at #2 Toronto  
**CLASS 3A**  
#4 Buckeye Trail at #1 Union Local  
#3 Wheeling Central at #2 Martins Ferry  
**CLASS 4A**  
#4 Beaver Local at #1 Harrison Central  
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John Marshall at Buckeye Local  
Parkersburg South at University

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**Friday, Feb. 9**  
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Bridgeport at Bellaire  
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**NHL STANDINGS**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**  
GP W L OT Pts GF GA  
Boston 49 31 9 9 71 173 128  
Florida 49 31 14 4 66 158 127  
Tampa 50 27 18 5 59 175 164  
Toronto 47 25 14 8 58 166 150  
Detroit 50 26 18 6 58 176 161  
Buffalo 49 22 23 4 48 146 155  
Mont. 49 20 21 8 48 136 175  
Ottawa 47 20 25 2 42 158 170  
**Metropolitan Division**  
GP W L OT Pts GF GA  
NYR 49 30 16 3 63 161 142  
Car. 48 28 15 5 61 163 144  
Phila. 50 25 19 6 56 147 148  
NYI 49 20 17 12 52 143 166  
Pitts. 46 22 17 7 51 138 126  
NJ 47 24 20 3 51 161 168  
Wash. 47 22 18 7 51 115 146  
Colu. 50 16 24 10 42 148 184

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Central Division**  
GP W L OT Pts GF GA  
Colo. 49 32 14 3 67 190 153  
Dallas 49 30 13 6 66 183 151  
Winn. 47 30 12 5 65 148 109  
St. L. 49 26 21 2 54 141 153  
Nash. 51 26 23 2 54 153 160  
Ariz. 48 23 22 3 49 143 147  
Minn. 49 21 23 5 47 149 166  
Chi. 50 14 34 2 30 105 177  
**Pacific Division**  
GP W L OT Pts GF GA  
Vanc. 49 33 11 5 71 186 127  
Vegas 50 29 15 6 64 163 138  
Edm. 45 29 15 1 59 160 124  
LA 48 23 15 10 56 152 132  
Seattle 50 21 19 10 52 140 147  
Calg. 49 22 22 5 49 149 155  
Ana. 50 18 30 2 38 129 170  
S. Jose 51 14 32 5 33 107 199

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.

**Saturday's Games**

Team McDavid 4, Team Mackinnon 3  
Team Matthews 6, Team Hughes 5  
Team Matthews 7, Team McDavid 4

**Sunday's Games**

No games scheduled

**Monday's Games**

Colorado at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday's Games**

Calgary at Boston, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Florida, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Colorado at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Edmonton at Vegas, 10 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**

Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

**SPORTS ON TV**

**Monday, Feb. 5**  
**AHL HOCKEY**  
9 p.m.  
NHLN — 2024 AHL All-Star Classic Challenge, San Jose, Calif.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**

7 p.m.  
ESPN — Miami at Virginia

9 p.m.  
ESPN — Kansas at Kansas St.

ESPN2 — Southern U. at Jackson St.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**

6 p.m.  
BTN — Minnesota at Michigan St.

7 p.m.  
ESPN2 — Louisville at NC State

SECN — Alabama at Vanderbilt

8 p.m.  
BTN — Illinois at Purdue

**NBA BASKETBALL**

7:30 p.m.  
NBATV — Golden State at Brooklyn

**SOCCER (MEN'S)**

2:50 p.m.  
FS2 — CONMEBOL U-23 Olympic Qualifier 2024 Final Stage: Argentina vs. Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela

3 p.m.  
USA — Premier League: Manchester City at Brentford

5:45 p.m.  
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**SOCCER (WOMEN'S)**

12:55 p.m.  
FS2 — 2024 CONCACAF U-17 Championship Group Stage: Costa Rica vs. El Salvador, Group A, Toluca, Mexico

**TENNIS**

4 a.m.  
TENNIS — Marseille-ATP, Cordoba-ATP, Abu Dhabi-WTA, Cluj-Napoca-WTA Early Rounds

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Worcester 6, Trois-Rivieres 4

Newfoundland 6, Indy 3

Rapid City 6, Maine 4

Adirondack 1, Reading 0

Iowa 3, Kalamazoo 2

Savannah 4, Florida 3

South Carolina 4, Atlanta 0

Jacksonville 5, Greenville 2

Kansas City 4, Wichita 1

Wheeling 4, Orlando 3

Norfolk 2, Toledo 1

Fort Wayne 7, Cincinnati 1

Utah 3, Tulsa 2

Idaho 5, Allen 4

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Toledo 9, Norfolk 1

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No games scheduled

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**Wednesday's Games**

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Adirondack at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

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Tulsa at Allen, 8:10 p.m.

**NBA**

**Saturday's Games**

Brooklyn 136, Philadelphia 121

Atlanta 141, Golden State 134, OT

Sacramento 123, Chicago 115

Cleveland 117, San Antonio 101

L.A. Lakers 113, New York 105

Milwaukee 129, Dallas 117

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Phoenix 140, Washington 112

Boston 131, Memphis 91

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L.A. Clippers 103, Miami 95

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**GOLF SCORES**

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Ludvig Aberg 68b-65a-67a—200 -16

Matthieu Pavon 65a-70b-66a—201 -15

Thomas Detry 63b-70a-69a—202 -14

Mark Hubbard 69a-68b-65a—202 -14

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### DIVISION IV LOWER BRACKET

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**CLASS 5A**  
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### Class 4A

Indian Creek 58, Buckeye Local 41  
BUCKEYE LOCAL (41) - McKeever 5 3-4 15; Dailey 2 0-0 5; Kandrach 6 1-2 13; Roset 1 1-4 4; Hornyak 1 0-0 2; Ankrom 1 0-0 2; Short 0 0-0 0; Stock 0 0-0 0; Totals: 16 5-10 41. INDIAN CREEK (58) - Scott 5 7-7 19; Taylor 0 1-2 1; Sadler 1 0-0 3; Ketron 1 0-0 2; Anderson 4 2-3 11; Westfall 2 4-6 8; Walker 5 2-6 14; Totals: 18 16-24 58.

Three-point Goals: Buckeye Local 4 (McKeever 2, Dailey, Rose), Indian Creek 6 (Scott 2, Walker 2, Sadler, Anderson).

### Class 5A

Wheeling Park 68, Morgantown 53  
MORGANTOWN (53) - Wassick 3 1-2 7; Jones 10 2-2 23; Keltogg 4 0-1 8; Jordan 3 0-0 6; Smith 3 1-2 7; Hatcher 0 0-0 0; Howell 1 0-0 2; Totals: 24-68 4-7 53. WHEELING PARK (68) - Bordas 7 4-6 20; Woods 4 6-6 16; Daugherty 5 1-2 13; Huffman 3 2-2 8; Heller 5 1-2 11; Hicks 0 0-0 0; Totals: 24-47 14 138

Three-point goals: Morgantown 1 (Jones), Wheeling Park 6 (Bordas 2, Woods 2, Daugherty 2)

S. Jose 51 14 32 5 33 10/ 199  
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.

### Saturday's Games

Team McDavid 4, Team Mack-Innon 3  
Team Matthews 6, Team Hughes 5  
Team Matthews 7, Team McDavid 4

### Sunday's Games

No games scheduled  
Monday's Games  
Colorado at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday's Games

Calgary at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Dallas at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Florida, 7 p.m.  
Vancouver at Carolina, 7 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
Colorado at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.  
Edmonton at Vegas, 10 p.m.

### Wednesday's Games

Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

## ECHL

### Saturday's Games

Worcester 6, Trois-Rivieres 4  
Newfoundland 6, Indy 3  
Rapid City 6, Maine 4  
Adirondack 1, Reading 0  
Iowa 3, Kalamazoo 2  
Savannah 4, Florida 3  
South Carolina 4, Atlanta 0  
Jacksonville 5, Greenville 2  
Kansas City 4, Wichita 1  
Wheeling 4, Orlando 3  
Norfolk 2, Toledo 1  
Fort Wayne 7, Cincinnati 1  
Utah 3, Tulsa 2  
Idaho 5, Allen 4

### Sunday's Games

Indy 4, Newfoundland 3  
Maine 3, Rapid City 2  
Reading 2, Adirondack 1  
South Carolina 6, Atlanta 0  
Greenville 7, Savannah 3  
Wheeling 4, Orlando 3  
Kalamazoo 4, Fort Wayne 2  
Utah 6, Tulsa 4  
Wichita 4, Kansas City 3  
Toledo 9, Norfolk 1

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No games scheduled  
Tuesday's Games  
Wheeling at Reading, 10:30 a.m.

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Kalamazoo at Iowa, 7:35 p.m.  
Fort Wayne at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.  
Tulsa at Allen, 8:10 p.m.

## FS2 - CONMEBOL U-23

Olympic Qualifier 2024 Final Stage: Brazil vs. Paraguay, Caracas, Venezuela

## SOCCER (WOMEN'S)

12:55 p.m.  
FS2 - 2024 CONCACAF U-17 Championship Group Stage: Costa Rica vs. El Salvador, Group A, Toluca, Mexico

## TENNIS

4 a.m.  
TENNIS - Marseille-ATP, Cordoba-ATP, Abu Dhabi-WTA, Cluj-Napoca-WTA Early Rounds  
6 a.m.

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6:30 p.m.

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## NBA

### Saturday's Games

Brooklyn 136, Philadelphia 121  
Atlanta 141, Golden State 134, OT  
Sacramento 123, Chicago 115  
Cleveland 117, San Antonio 101  
L.A. Lakers 113, New York 105  
Milwaukee 129, Dallas 117

### Sunday's Games

Orlando 111, Detroit 99  
Phoenix 140, Washington 112  
Boston 131, Memphis 91  
Indiana 115, Charlotte 99  
L.A. Clippers 103, Miami 95  
Minnesota 111, Houston 90  
Oklahoma City 135, Toronto 127, 2OT  
Utah 123, Milwaukee 108  
Denver 112, Portland 103

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Toronto at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

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Minnesota at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

## GOLF SCORES

### AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Par Scores Saturday at Pebble Beach, Calif.

a-Pebble Beach Golf Links (Host Course)  
6,972 yards; Par 72

b-Spyglass Hill Golf Course  
7,041 yards; Par 72

Purse: \$20 million

Third Round (final round ppd. to today - weather)  
Note: Tournament is played on two courses.

Wyndham Clark	72b-67a-60a	199
Ludvig Aberg	68b-65a-67a	200
Matthieu Pavon	65a-70b-66a	201
Thomas Detry	63b-70a-69a	202
Mark Hubbard	69a-68b-65a	202
Jason Day	69b-71a-63a	203
Tom Hoge	71b-66a-66a	203
Scottie Scheffler	69b-64a-70a	203
Justin Thomas	68b-67a-68a	203
Sam Burns	68b-69a-67a	204
Keegan Bradley	70b-66a-69a	205
Patrick Cantlay	64b-70a-71a	205
Justin Rose	68b-71a-66a	205
Eric Cole	68a-71b-67a	206
Emiliano Grillo	66b-69a-71a	206
Beau Hossler	69b-67a-70a	206
Si Woo Kim	66a-71b-69a	206
Peter Malnati	69a-68b-69a	206
Collin Morikawa	67a-70b-69a	206
C. Bezuidenhout	69a-70b-68a	207
Cameron Davis	70b-69a-68a	207
J.T. Poston	70b-68a-69a	207
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Erik Van Rooyen	69a-70b-68a	207
Chris Kirk	71b-69a-68a	208
Luke List	72a-67b-69a	208
Denny McCarthy	68a-70b-70a	208
Alex Noren	71a-68b-69a	208
Sepp Straka	69b-71a-68a	208
Byeong Hun An	71b-71a-67a	209

## TRANSACTIONS

### FOOTBALL

National Football League  
MIAMI DOLPHINS - Hired Anthony Weaver as defensive coordinator.

### HOCKEY

National Hockey League  
CALGARY FLAMES - Claimed D Brayden Pachal off waivers.  
CAROLINA HURRICANES - Recalled G Pyotr Kochetkov from Chicago (AHL).

MONTREAL CANADIENS - Recalled C Lucas Condotta from Laval (AHL).

Signed C Brandon Gignac to a two-year, two-way contract.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS - Recalled D Santeri Hatakka from Utica (AHL).

NEW YORK ISLANDERS - Recalled RW Simon Holmstrom and C Kyle MacLean from Bridgeport (AHL).

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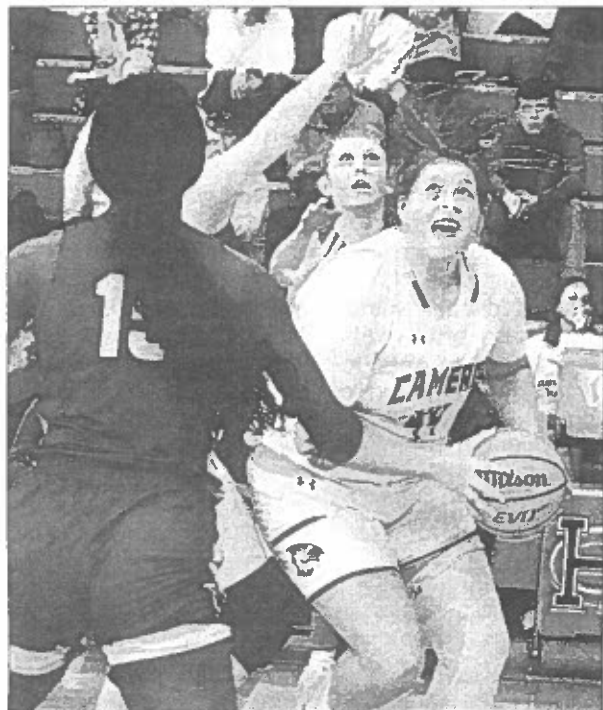


Photo by Kim North

Cameron's Ashlynn Van Tassel drives the baseline during Saturday's OVAC WVU Medicine Class 1A championship game against Trinity at Harrison Central High School. Van Tassel scored 38 points, pulled down 20 rebounds and blocked five shots as the Dragons won their fourth title in a row, 86-60, over the Warriors.

■ CLASS 1A

## Cameron Wins Unprecedented 4th Title In Row

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

CADIZ — The seniors on the Cameron girls' basketball team continue to etch their names in the record books.

Following Saturday's 86-60 rout of No. 2 Trinity (13-5) in the OVAC WVU Medicine Class 1A championship game inside Harrison Central High School, the Dragons (13-5) became the first team - male or female - to win four consecutive titles, having already prevailed in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

"I think this one is really special because it is our fourth in a row," Cameron Head Coach Holly Pettit said. "That says something about the seniors on my team who have been a part of that success. I can't say enough about them and what they have done for this program."

As has been the norm for the last three-and-a-half seasons, Cameron was led by Youngstown State University recruit Ashlynn Van Tassel.

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■ CLASS 5A ■

## Park Knocks Off Top Seed Morgantown



Photo by Kim North

Members of the Wheeling Park girls' basketball team gather around junior Alexis Bordas, holding the OVAC WVU Medicine Class 5A championship trophy, following the Patriots' 68-53 victory over Morgantown at Harrison Central High School on Saturday. The win was the 15th overall title, tying St. John Central for the most in OVAC girls basketball history.

## Patriots Win Record-Tying 15th OVAC Championship

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

CADIZ — With its workmanlike 68-53 victory over top-seeded and rival Morgantown in the OVAC WVU Medicine Class 5A Girls Basketball Championship, No. 2 Wheeling Park tied the record for overall titles with St. John Central at 15.

"That's nice and everything," Wheeling Park head coach Ryan Young said. "It's good for the girls, but, honestly, we've got bigger goals ahead."

The title was the Patriots first since the COVID year of 2020.

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• River, Indian Creek repeat as OVAC champions in 2A, 4A/10

They've also captured crowns in 1976, 1978, 1980, 1986, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2011, 2004, 2011, 2012 and 2017. Young is now 2-4 all-time.

"One of our keys coming in was to get off to a good start," Young said. "The last two years we've come into this game against Morgantown and didn't get off to good starts and that

can be attributed to us getting in a hole that we couldn't dig our way out of."

Such was not the case on Saturday.

An 8-0 run in the latter stages of the opening quarter rallied the Patriots from a 4-3 deficit to a 11-4 advantage and they were never seriously threatened by the Mohigans (12-5). It was 14-9 at the end of eight minutes before each team posted a dozen points in the second quarter for a 26-21 margin at the half.

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Photo by Kim North

Martins Ferry's Alivia Reese (15) scores two points against Fort Frye during Saturday's OVAC WVU Medicine Class 3A championship at Harrison Central High School.

■ CLASS 3A

## Ferry Edges Fort Frye For 3A Crown

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

CADIZ — It's been said time and time before, offense puts points on the scoreboard, but defense wins championships.

Such was the case Saturday morning at Harrison Central High School where the top-seeded Purple Riders (14-4) put up just enough points to take down No. 2 Fort Frye, 37-33, in the OVAC WVU Medicine Class 3A Girls Basketball championship game.

The title was the third for Martins Ferry in program history. The others came in 2009 and 2020.

"We got all we wanted from them," Martins Ferry head coach Dave Reasbeck said. "That is one

great basketball team."

Reasbeck said back in November that his team expected to be playing in the championship game.

"This is where we wanted to be, but it wasn't an easy path," he added. "To be able to beat a team (Union Local) coached by Scooter Tolzda in the semifinals and then beat Fort Frye coached by Dan Liedtke in the finals is quite an accomplishment. Fort Frye might be the best team in the Eastern District."

The Purple Riders were very patient on offense.

"If you would've told me we'd score 37 points and win against that team, I'm not sure I would've believed you."

Game MVP Lindsey Best was just that ... at her best. The returning all-Ohioan junior scored a game-high 19 points, grabbed five rebounds and knocked down five of six free throws down the stretch.

"Lindsey was tremendous," Reasbeck said. "But it just wasn't her. Everyone played well. We had to against a team like that. It's not supposed to be easy when you're playing for a championship."

Martins Ferry led 11-7 after the first quarter but watched the Cadets battle back to draw even as Ava Huffman hit a layup just before the halftime buzzer for a 16-all deadlock.

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## Heilman, Parker, Humpe And Miller Capture Region 1 Titles



# Creek Gets Hot In Second Half To Repeat As 4A Champs

By MIKE HUGHES  
For The Intelligencer

CADIZ — Indian Creek withstood a spirited effort from Buckeye Local to capture its second-straight OVAC Class 4A championship Saturday in Cadiz.

McKenna Scott led all scorers with 19 points to pace Creek, being named game MVP in the process.

Early on, however, it was a spark provided by the Redskins bench that ultimately allowed top-seeded Creek to slowly pull away from the upset-minded Panthers.

"Kaydence Walker was huge off the bench and really gave us a spark," Indian Creek head coach Steve Eft said after his team secured the 58-41 victory. "She's been playing well and is really coming along."

"And Emma (Westfall) was super productive and gave us some great minutes. We got into foul trouble early and she really stepped it up."

Walker finished with 14 points, six rebounds and five steals, including seven points in a key second quarter while Scott

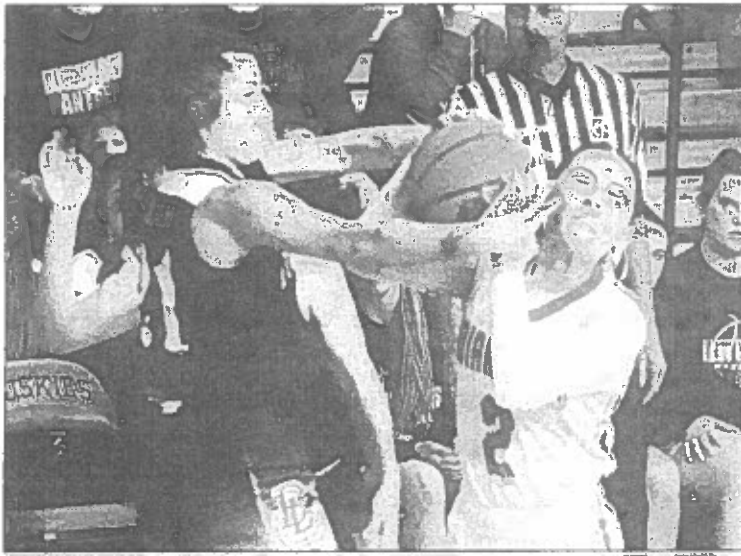


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Indian Creek's McKenna Scott (2) is tied up on a layup attempt by Buckeye Local's Shayleigh Hornyak (21) during Saturday's OVAC WVU Medicine Class 4A Girls Basketball championships at Harrison Central High School in Cadiz.

was trying to get dialed in.

Westfall finished with eight points, three boards and a couple big assists after quickly distributing the ball in the high post, allowing Creek to attack Buckeye's zone which frustrated the champs early.

"We got off to a slow start, which is a credit to Buckeye Local and their coaches. They had a good game plan and it worked well," Eft said.

Buckeye came out in a 1-2-2 zone, trying to take away Creek's penetration and in-

side game while forcing the Redskins to focus more on their perimeter game.

It worked early. Creek went 4-of-18 from the field in the first quarter as Buckeye pushed its way ahead, 15-10 after one.

Senior Brynn McKeever led the early charge with eight of her team-high 15 points in the first quarter.

Creek applied pressure early, but Buckeye fought through eight first-quarter turnovers. Those turnovers began to mount as the game progressed, and started taking a toll.

Once the Redskins started finding the touch offensively, trips down the court that resulted in turnovers instead of points started to hurt.

"Once we started turning it over — we talked about it at halftime and during a couple timeouts in the third quarter — that team is too good to give them extra opportunities and it came back to hurt us," Buckeye Local head coach Bailey McBeth said.

Kylie Anderson added 11 points for Creek, which out-

scored Buckeye 31-18 in the second half.

The Panthers' Pam Kand-rach backed McKeever with 13 points as the only two Buckeye players to hit for more than five.

It didn't help that Buckeye lost one starter to injury and another to fouls, and McKeever played the entire fourth quarter with four fouls, limiting her effectiveness defensively.

Not only that, but McKeever hurt her wrist during a collision and wasn't 100 percent the rest of the way.

"Injuries and foul trouble, and then when Brynn hurt her wrist, it changed up how our defensive game plan was going," McBeth said. "We had to fall back into our 2-3 and let them dissect our defense instead of running our trapping zone."

"But I know the (final) score (difference) was 17, but I thought we played hard all 32 minutes. They are a really good team and they'll go far in the tournament. I thought we played and gave them everything we had and I couldn't be more happy."

# Nailers Rally To Win 9th Straight

WHEELING — The Wheeling Nailers continue to win games in amazing fashion, and Sunday afternoon's ninth straight triumph may have been one of the most improbable. Wheeling trailed the Orlando Solar Bears 3-0 with 18:59 remaining in the third period, before rallying back with three goals to force overtime. Tanner Laderoute tied the match with 1:39 left, then scored the game winner at the 1:46 mark of the extra session. The nine-game winning streak remains the third longest in team history.

The Solar Bears recorded the lone tally in the opening stanza, as they converted on their first power play in a matter of eight seconds. Jesse Jacques received a pass from Darik Angeli along the goal line, then immediately delivered a feed of his own to Mitchell Hoelscher, who zipped in a one-timer from the left face-off dot.

Wheeling spent a good portion of the second period on the penalty kill, and was able to keep the deficit at one for the most part. However, with 1:27 remaining, Orlando added to its lead with a man advantage marker. Aaron Luchuk teed up Jeremie Biakabataka, who drilled a laser of a one-timer into the left side of the cage.

Mitchell Hoelscher collected another power play strike for the Solar Bears, as he tapped in a Jesse Jacques feed on the right side of the crease 1:01 into the third. Nine seconds later, the Nailers started their comeback. Thimo Nickl smashed a shot on goal that produced a huge rebound in the low slot. Matthew Quercia dove in and deposited the loose puck to put his club on the board. Step two of the comeback came at the 6:54 mark. Justin Addamo lofted a shot over the cage, but Jordan Martel quickly gathered the puck and set up Lukas Svejkovsky for the snipe from the slot. After seven straight trips to the penalty kill, Wheeling received three straight power plays, and the third



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River's Kesley Harlan (3) goes up for two points as Monroe Central's Riley Bettinger (35) defends during Saturday's OVAC WVU Medicine Class 2A girls basketball championship game at Harrison Central High School in Cadiz. The Pilots repeated with a 55-41 victory.

# Pilots Pull Away In Fourth Quarter To Defend 2A Crown

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"I've been on Reese all season about needing to

## PARK

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Wheeling Park shot 70 percent from the floor in the third quarter when it outscored Morgantown 23-13 and held a 49-34 advantage with a quarter to play. Alexis Bordas and Lala Woods (2,000-point man) were the only starters

Daugherty 13 and Seneca Heller 11.

"I'm so happy with our balanced scoring," Young stressed. "Alexis led us, but Seneca was huge with 11 points. Jillian (Huff-

what she always does." Young thought the Patriots played a little tougher than the Mohigans, especially on the defensive end.

"I thought our success started on the defensive

good basketball team," Young noted. "We will probably see them at least one more time."

Saturday's win gave Wheeling Park a 2-1 edge in this year's series as each team protected

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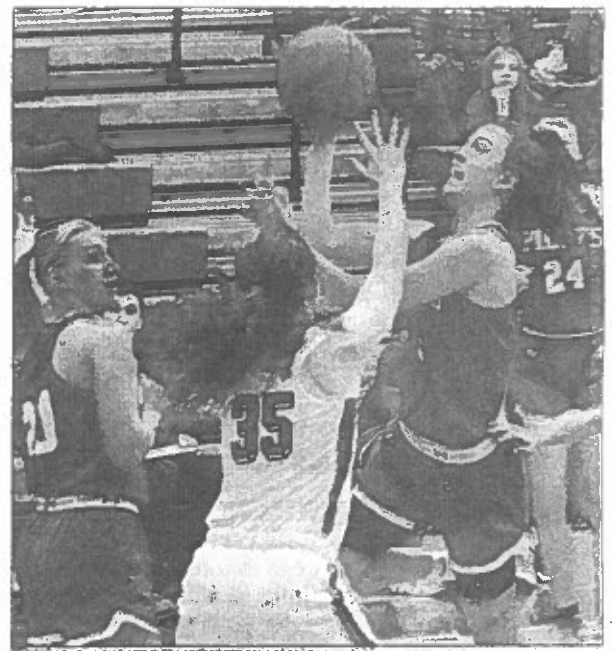


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"I've been on Reese all season about needing to step up and she really came through," Isaly said. "She was a big key."

She wasn't the only one. The middle periods saw Monroe stick close thanks to some big shots and yeoman's work on the glass. River was having trouble getting boards.

Enter Tessa Prim. Always a solid reserve off the bench, Prim ignited the Pilots with a couple free throws off an offensive rebound, and later, added six points in the third, two of which were a direct result of a putback.

She provided a spark and some muscle, finishing with 10 off the bench.

Riley Bettinger led Monroe with 12 points, with Jacey English chipping in 10 and another eight coming from freshman Jacy Miller.

Baker didn't feel the moment was too big for his younger lineup — it was a five-point game heading into the final quarter. But it picked a bad spot to go through a bad stretch, not hitting shots, committing turnovers, and going just 1-of-8 from the line during the game.

Isaly though was glad the majority of his players had been there before in that championship environment. The experience certainly didn't hurt.

The Pilots kept the turnovers to a minimum and didn't rush shots as the minutes ticked off the fourth-quarter clock.

"All of these girls except for three have been here before, they've been in the championship and they knew the pressure and I felt we handled it better."

## PARK

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Wheeling Park shot 70 percent from the floor in the third quarter when it outscored Morgantown 23-13 and held a 49-34 advantage with a quarter to play. Alexis Bordas and Lala Woods, 2,000-point and 1,000-point career scorers, respectively, evenly divided 14 markers in the span.

Bordas, the reigning W.Va. Girls Gatorade Player of the Year, led the way with 20 points, while Woods added 16. Natalie

Daugherty 13 and Seneca Heller 11.

"I'm so happy with our balanced scoring," Young stressed. "Alexis led us, but Seneca was huge with 11 points. Jillian (Huffman) was the only starter not in double figures, but she was right there with eight. She also did a fantastic job of holding Morgantown's Lily Jordan well below her team-best scoring average. Natalie did a really good job of rebounding and Lala did

what she always does."

Young thought the Patriots played a little tougher than the Mohigans, especially on the defensive end.

"I thought our success started on the defensive end of the floor. We rebounded pretty well and I think we frustrated them at times," Young added. "Just the overall effort of everyone that played."

Wheeling Park shot 50 percent (24-48) from the floor compared to 35 percent (24-68) for Morgantown. The Mohigans totalled seven turnovers, three less than the Patriots.

"We talked about in big games like this we've tried in the past to be the hero at times. Today we shared the ball and played as a team. We played tough."

The Patriots charted 36 rebounds, with 28 coming on the defensive end of the floor. Daugherty pulled down a game-best 10 rebounds. Huffman had nine, Bordas six and Woods six.

"Give Morgantown credit. They are a very

good basketball team."

Young noted. "We will probably see them at least one more time."

Saturday's win gave Wheeling Park a 2-1 edge in this year's series as each team protected its home court prior to Saturday's neutral-site affair. Last season, the two rivals met five times, with the Patriots winning thrice. However, they lost the two most important meetings — the OVAC Class 5A and W.Va. Class AAAA championship contests.

Sadaya Jones led Morgantown with 23 points, 17 of those coming in the second half. Kali Kellogg, daughter of WVU women's basketball head coach Mark Kellogg, added eight. Sophia Wasick and Paige Smith had seven each. Jones also grabbed nine of the Mohigans' 29 rebounds. Jordan had six.

Bordas was voted the game MVP.

The Patriots are idle until Friday when they make a southern swing to Huntington and then Spring Valley on Saturday.

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31 midway through the fourth quarter before Best delivered a three-pointer from the top of the key for a 34-31 lead her team would never relinquish.

"That was a huge shot," Reasbeck said.

Following turnovers by each team, Reasbeck called time with 21.2 seconds remaining. The Purple Riders would run a minute off the clock but missed a layup and Fort Frye called timeout with 63 ticks left.

Ella Dowler brought the Cadets to within one, 33-32, and Liedtke called time with 50.4 showing.

Best was fouled with 27 seconds on the clock and hit the first for a 35-33 lead. She missed the second and Fort Frye brought the ball up court. However, a timeout was called before Emma

Fort Frye worked the ball around but dribbled it out of bounds with 9.7 remaining. Best was fouled again and knocked down both as the clock read 7.7.

Although two of the five Martins Ferry starters didn't score, freshman Giana Chirpas added nine points and senior Danielle Lude had even.

None of Fort Frye's starting five cracked double figures as Duskey and Dowler each had eight. Huffman added seven.

The Purple Riders shot 12 for 26 (46.1 percent), grabbed 17 rebounds and charted 13 turnovers. The Cadets were 14 of 43 (32.5), had 23 boards and were guilty of just nine turnovers.

Martins Ferry returns to action Wednesday at Monroe Central.

or, and — with the event involving cheer squads from both West Virginia and Ohio — the scoring system was a hybrid of requirements from both states. The unorthodox nature of the competition had teams preparing new routines just for the event.

Wheeling Park was able to rise to the top under the OVAC conditions to end their season with a 5A conference title.

"It means a lot," Wheeling Park head coach Shawna Shepherd said. "It's a long season. We officially start in August, so to keep kids healthy and motivated through three different routines — because this routine is very different from our regional and state routine, there are no stunts — it's sometimes hard."

"But this is a great group, it's probably one of the best groups I've ever coached, and they're just a family. They love each other, they work hard and they push each other. We had a lot of injuries and illnesses all this week, and we pushed through. I'm very happy with the outcome. It wasn't our best performance, but I'll take it."

In addition to the 3A title, Barnesville also finished with the overall high score Saturday. It was their third straight conference championship, something the Shamrocks took great pride in.

"Our team really went in wanting to land our third straight OVAC title in the 3A division," Barnesville head coach Abby McClelland said. "Not only did they do that, but they came out with the overall highest score of the competition. That really was the icing



The Barnesville Shamrocks pose with their OVAC 3A Championship trophy on Saturday inside WesBanco Arena.

Photo Provided

on the cake.

"I'm super proud of them and I think they did an amazing job yesterday. We really focused on all the little things to improve their performance competition after competition, and I think they really nailed it yesterday."

For Barnesville, the OVAC competition was one part of a busy weekend. On Sunday, the 'Rocks qualified for the OASSA Cheer & Dance state competition in March for both Game Day and Traditional. They are also leaving Friday to compete at ESPN Wide World of Sports' 2024 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship at Disney World.

Even with more to come from Barnesville, their performances at OVAC will be a big part of this year's graduating class, seniors Belle Cordier and Tate Spangenburg.

"They've gone undefeated in their career for OVAC titles," McClelland said. "I think that's really amazing for them to put on their record. Tate and Belle are amaz-

ing leaders and they really bring the team together. It was a great way for them to end their OVAC cheer career."

While teams on the Ohio side of the river will continue on, some West Virginia teams like Wheeling Park wrapped up their year Saturday.

For the Patriots, their win at WesBanco was the cap on what had been a successful season, and standout careers for seniors Adam Carman, AJ Walters and Civita Cooper.

"This is our last competition," Shepherd said. "We had regionals in November that we won, we competed in states and won runner-up."

"It's kind of bitter-sweet, especially for my three seniors who have been here four years, and they're great. I really wanted it for them."

River won first place at the competition's small school non-tumbling routine, while Edison won the large school counterpart. Wheeling Central was runner-up in 3A, and John Marshall was runner-up in 5A.

## REGION 1

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As a team, South broke four Region 1 meet records — two by Jordan Claypoole (50 free in 24.2 and the 100 butterfly in 56.58), one by Quade Harris in the 100 back (53.57), and the boys 200 medley relay team set a new mark at 1:41.55.

Parkersburg South captured the boys' overall title over Wheeling Park, while Morgantown High edged out Brooke by three points for the girls' crown.

Brooke head coach Kelsie Blumette said her girls gave it their all on Saturday.

"I'm extremely proud. Our girls worked so hard, and the results came through today. We have a number of girls that received automatic bids to state, and others that will get at-large bids. I couldn't have asked more from them: a lot of personal bests, a lot of great swims. Just a great day for Brooke," she said.

Wheeling Central head coach Jeanie Humpe also said her team gave its all. "Our swimmers are talented and they've really put in the work this year. I'm proud of all of them. The competition each year keeps getting better and better, and to see our swimmers continue to excel lets me know we're on the right path."

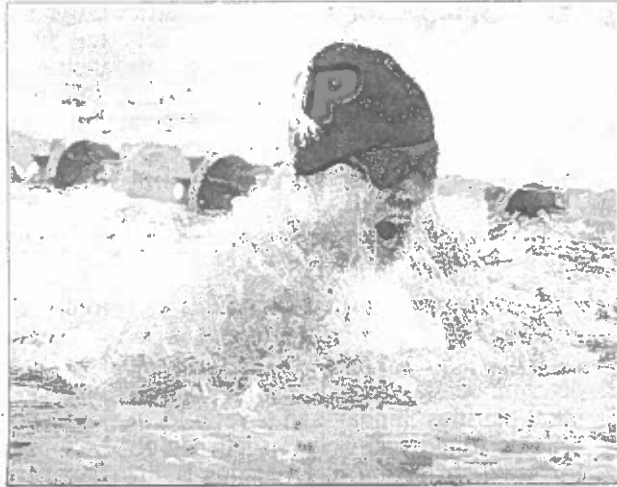
Her daughter also had a remarkable day in the pool after a season of adversity. "She's back in form," Humpe said. "Every time she swims, she's amazing. She's ready for states."

### GIRLS

Outside of strong swims from Heilman, Miller and Humpe, Wheeling Park sophomore Molly George had two solid swims. She qualified for states by finishing second in both the 100 fly (1:06.71) and the 100 back (1:04.17).

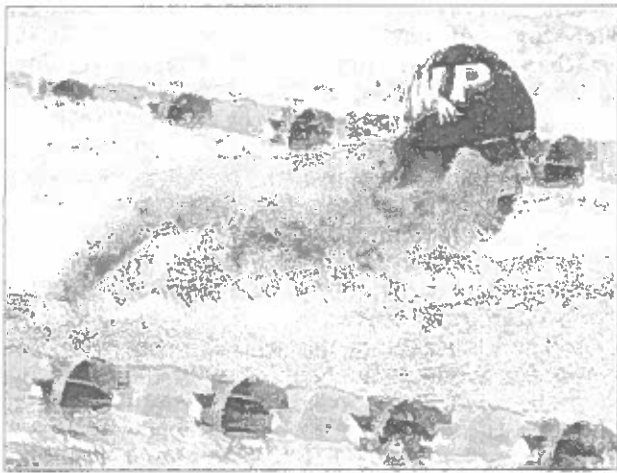
Brooke's Lyla Horvath put forth a stellar performance in the 200 freestyle where she finished second at 2:09.84, a drop of more than 4 seconds from her seed time. Wheeling Central freshman Ellie Manning placed fourth at 2:13.2.

In the 50 free, Brooke's Farrell finished third to earn an automatic bid to states, touching just behind Miller at 26.06. Brooke's McCullough finished third in the 100 freestyle at 57.68, just ahead of Farrell (57.96). Horvath placed fourth in



Photos by John McCabe

ABOVE: Wheeling Park High School senior Jackson Kiziminski performs the 100 breaststroke during Saturday's West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission Region 1 Swim Championship at Brooke High School. BELOW: Wheeling Park High School senior Max Hill swims the fly portion of the 200 medley relay on Saturday.



the 500 free at 5:48.3.

Brooke's Kiersten Harvath finished third in the 100 back, while McCullough finished just behind Heilman in the 100 breast (1:14.79). Brooke 4X100 free relay squad finished second behind Morgantown.

### BOYS

Wheeling Park had a strong showing Saturday to finish second to Parkersburg South. Outside of Parker's first and second-place finishes, the team saw a number of strong swims.

Park's boys started strong with an opening second-place finish in the 200 medley relay. The team of Parker, Jackson Kiziminski, Max Hill and Nate LaMagna finished in 1:46.99.

Parker ran away from the competition in the 200 freestyle, posting a 1:50.15, .7 seconds faster than his seed time and more than 7 seconds faster than his nearest competitor. Wheeling Central's Alex Mihalovich earned an automatic bid to states by finishing third in the 200 freestyle at 1:59.3.

In the 200 IM, Kiziminski finished a strong third and earned

an automatic bid to states at 2:14.48, followed by John Marshall's Wyatt Jefferson in fourth at 2:19.08 and Brooke's Henry Anderson placing fifth at 2:22.76.

In the 50 freestyle, Park's Malachi Smith earned his bid to states with a 23.61, good for second. His teammate, Nathan LaMagna, finished third in the event at 23.69 and earns an automatic bid to Morgantown. Brooke's Dameon Rea finished a strong fourth at 23.9. Smith also finished fourth in the 100 freestyle at 53.33.

Kiziminski earned his second individual event bid to states in the 100 breast with a time of 1:06.33. John Marshall's Wyatt Jefferson finished second in the event at 1:04.79.

Wheeling Park head coach Michael Cook said his squad is now looking for strong swims at states, set for Feb. 15-16 in Morgantown. "We swam really well. Some things didn't pan out exactly as we expected them to, and we had a late injury, but overall we had a really good day with a couple exceptional individual swims," he said.

## CAMERON

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The 6-3 senior post had game-highs of 38 points, 20 rebounds and five blocked shots. For her efforts, she was voted the game MVP for the third straight year.

"It feels great," Van Tassell said of the fourth title. "The first three (titles) we played pretty good. Today we played a great team game. It's amazing that we can bring another title back to our small town."

The lop-sided victory also makes eight straight OVAC Tournament wins and the Dragons have won six consecutive W.Va. Class A state tournament contests. They lost to Beallsville in the 2020 OVAC title tilt when the seniors were in eighth grade.

"Hopefully we can extend the state tournament streak this season," Pettit said with a smile.

The Warriors, who had an 8-game win streak snapped, led 2-0 and 4-2 before the wheels fell off. They charted five turnovers in the first quarter and had a dozen at the half while finishing with 14.

With Van Tassell netting 10 of her points in the first quarter, Cameron ran out to a 24-14 lead and never looked in the rear view mirror. The 86 points were the Dragons' season-high and also an OVAC Tournament record. They held a 48-24 advantage at the half and widened the gap to 71-45 after three quarters.

"That performance is typical of how Ashlynn can play when we have a size advantage," Pettit praised. "She does really well getting open and Kenzie continues to feed her the ball. She is also there to clean up when we miss a shot from the outside. Of her 20 boards, 13 came off the offensive glass and many resulted in putbacks.

Another thing that pleased Pettit,

was all five starters reached double figures. Senior point guard Kenzie Clutter joined Van Tassell with a double-double that featured 10 points and 14 assists as she continues to add to her all-time school mark. Ashlee Dobbs chipped in 15 points, with nine coming on a trio of treys, while Maci Neely had 12 and Emilee Dobbs 11. Clutter also landed half-a-dozen rebounds as the Dragons, the two-time W.Va. Class A state champs who are currently ranked No. 1 in the latest state AP poll, enjoyed a 34-20 margin off the glass.

"That's great and it was a well-balanced effort," Pettit added. "The Dobbs twins shot the ball really well today and Maci Neely ran the floor like she always does."

Ashlee Dobbs was perfect on all six of her attempts from the floor, with half of them coming from downtown. Emilee was 5-for-8 as the Dragons shot a blistering 60 percent (39-65). Van Tassell was 16-for-26.

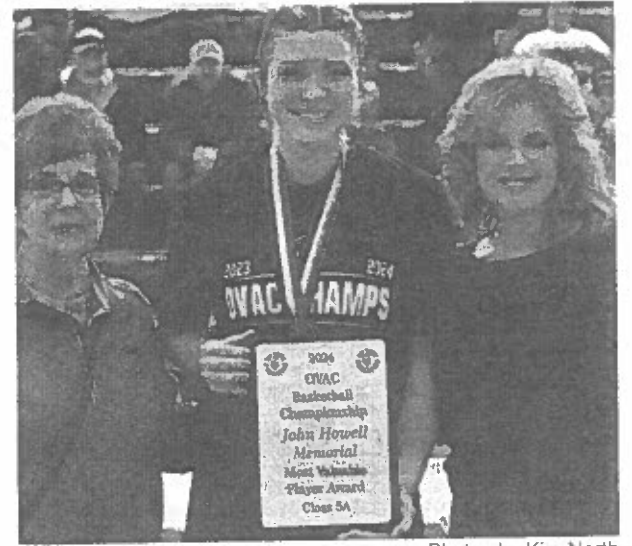
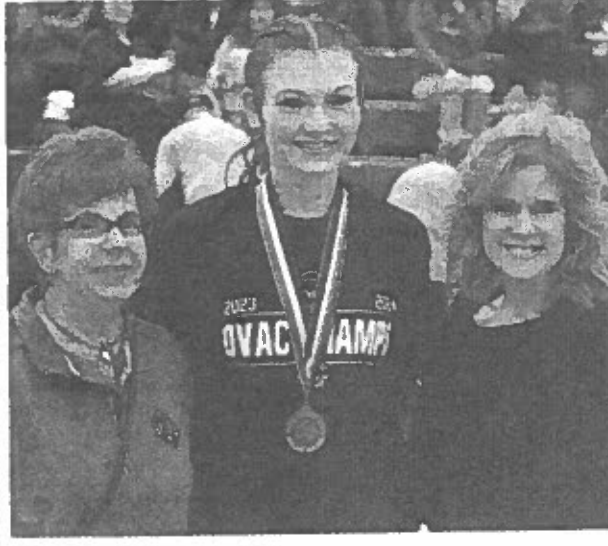
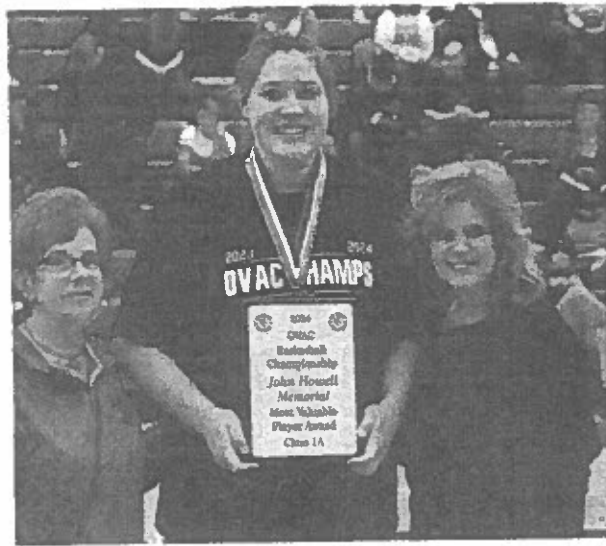
"That's a pretty good number," Pettit said of the marksmanship. "We are capable of shooting like that."

Trinity's Jenna Barnet torched the nets for 37 points, but only one other Warriors reached double digits — Ella Lynch had 11. Kaylin Kurilko had nine and Kate Williams had the final three as only four players cracked the scoring column.

The Warriors shot 44 percent from the field (24-55), had 20 rebounds and turned the ball over 14 times. They were 6-for-19 from beyond the bonus arc. Amelia Fisher had five rebounds off the bench.

"We'll enjoy this tonight, but the season isn't over yet. We have Wheeling Central coming to our place on Monday."

OVAC WVU MEDICINE GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME MVPs



Photos by Kim North

Named as John Howell Memorial MVPs of their respective OVAC WVU Medicine Girls Basketball Championship games Saturday at Harrison Central High School were, from left, Cameron's Ashlynn Van Tassel (Class 1A); Martins Ferry's Lindsey Best (Class 3A) and Wheeling Park's Alexis Bordas (Class 5A). They are pictured with Howell's wife, Jane, left, and his daughter, Missy Eaton, right.

LOCAL CARD

Tuesday, Feb. 6  
**BOWLING**  
Martins Ferry at Wheeling Central (Dirty Dog Lanes).

OVAC TOURNEY

**BOYS OVAC CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS**  
Tuesday, Feb. 6  
**CLASS 1A**

#4 Madonna at #1 Cameron  
#3 Wellsville at #2 Trinity Christian

**CLASS 2A**  
#4 River at #1 Monroe Central  
#3 Steubenville Catholic at #2 Toronto

**CLASS 3A**  
#4 Buckeye Trail at #1 Union Local  
#3 Wheeling Central at #2 Martins Ferry

**CLASS 4A**  
#4 Beaver Local at #1 Harrison Central  
#3 St. Clairsville at #2 East Liverpool

**CLASS 5A**  
#4 Steubenville at #1 Morgantown  
#3 Brooke at #2 Wheeling Park

CONSOLATION POOL

Tuesday, Feb. 6  
Southern at Beallsville  
Clay Battelle at Magnolia  
Shadyside at Frontier  
Bellaire at Shenandoah  
Wood County at Valley  
Hundred at Conotton Valley  
Caldwell at Bridgeport  
Barnesville at Indian Creek  
Dover at Fort Frye  
Linsly at Weir  
Oak Glen at Edison  
John Marshall at Buckeye Local  
Parkersburg South at University

Wednesday, Feb. 7  
Frontier at Paden City

Friday, Feb. 9  
Conotton Valley at Southern Weir at Clay Battelle  
Magnolia at Shadyside  
Bridgeport at Bellaire  
Beallsville at Wood County  
Paden City at Hundred Valley at Caldwell  
Fort Frye at Barnesville  
Indian Creek at Dover  
University at Linsly  
Buckeye Local at Oak Glen  
Edison at John Marshall  
Shenandoah at Parkersburg South

SPORTS ON TV

Tuesday, Feb. 6  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
6:30 p.m.

BTN - Rutgers at Maryland  
FS1 - DePaul at St. John's  
SECN - Mississippi at South Carolina

7 p.m.  
ACCN - Florida St. at Boston College  
ESPN - Clemson at North Carolina  
ESPN2 - Oklahoma St. at Houston  
ESPN - Wake Forest at Georgia Tech  
PEACOCK - Indiana at Ohio St.

8 p.m.  
CBSN - Dayton at Saint Joseph's

8:30 p.m.  
FS1 - Butler at UConn  
SECN - Kentucky at Vanderbilt

9 p.m.  
ESPN - Texas Tech at Baylor  
ESPN2 - Charlotte at South Florida  
PEACOCK - Michigan St. at Minnesota

10:30 p.m.

PREP POLLS

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - The Associated Press high school girls basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and total points:

Class	Rec	Pts	Prv
<b>Class AAAA</b>			
1. WPark (9)	16-3	99	1
2. GW (1)	15-2	91	3
3. Parkers.	13-3	73	5
4. Mtown	12-5	70	4
5. S. Valley	12-5	67	2
6. St. Albans	11-6	48	6
7. P. South	11-6	36	7
8. Univ.	10-9	32	9
9. Martins.	12-3	16	NR
10. G. East	14-4	6	8

Others receiving votes: Huntington 5, Princeton 4, Oak Hill 2, Cabell Midland 1.

Class	Rec	Pts	Prv
<b>Class AAA</b>			
1. E. Fmt. (9)	17-0	99	1
2. Wayne (1)	16-1	91	2
3. Nitro	14-3	78	4
4. Lewis Co.	15-3	68	3
5. P. Bar.	12-3	61	5
6. N. Marion	11-6	49	6
7. Ripley	10-8	36	8
8. Pike.	12-5	23	9
9. Indep.	16-2	21	T10
10. Sisson.	11-7	20	7

Others receiving votes: Keyser 3, Robert C. Byrd 1.

Class	Rec	Pts	Prv
<b>Class AA</b>			
1. Wy. E. (10)	14-2	100	1
2. Sum. Co.	12-5	83	2
3. St. Marys	15-4	81	5
4. Williams.	12-4	74	3
5. Whg Cen	12-6	59	4
6. Ravens.	12-7	43	T7
7. Chapman.	11-6	41	9
8. M. Central	10-8	33	6
9. P. Cath.	10-6	19	T7
10. Ch. Cath.	9-6	11	10

Others receiving votes: Trinity 4, Roane County 2.

Class	Rec	Pts	Prv
<b>Class A</b>			
1. Cam. (9)	13-5	99	1
2. Gil. Co. (1)	17-0	87	3
3. Tuck. Co.	13-4	84	2
4. St. Joseph	12-5	67	5
5. J. Monroe	11-6	63	4
6. Dodd. Co.	14-4	46	6
7. G. West	11-5	43	7
8. RV	14-5	29	8
9. Clay-B.	8-8	21	9
10. Valley	9-9	7	10

Others receiving votes: Meadow Bridge 4.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - The Associated Press high school boys basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and total points:

Class	Rec	Pts	Prv
<b>Class AAAA</b>			
1. S. M. (8)	15-0	98	1
2. Morg. (2)	16-1	92	2
3. GW	11-4	73	3
4. Martins.	7-4	71	4
5. WPark	11-4	60	5
6. Bridge.	12-2	53	6
7. Hunt.	10-6	32	8
8. Hedges.	11-3	27	7
9. Jefferson	12-5	23	9
10. WW	8-7	9	NR

Others receiving votes: South Charleston 7, Musselman 4, Spring Valley 1.

Class	Rec	Pts	Prv
<b>Class AAA</b>			
1. F. Sr (10)	14-0	100	1
2. SS	10-3	85	2
3. Nitro	14-1	84	4
4. E. Fair.	11-5	68	3
5. Lewis Co.	11-6	53	5
6. Mid. Trail	12-2	50	8
7. H. Hoover	8-7	35	6
8. L. Harison	10-4	34	10
9. Sisson.	9-6	21	9
10. Logan	7-7	20	7

Others receiving votes: none.

Class	Rec	Pts	Prv
<b>Class AA</b>			
1. Will. (4)	14-1	93	2
2. Blue. (4)	10-3	91	1
3. C. Cth. (2)	14-1	86	3
4. Whg Cen.	12-4	62	4
5. Ravens.	13-3	60	6
6. Chapman.	11-6	55	5
7. Peters.	11-3	35	8
8. Westside	11-5	20	T10
9. Wy. East	10-5	17	9
10. Trinity	9-5	15	T10

Others receiving votes: Poca 11, Frankfort 5.

PREP BOXSCORES

**GIRLS**  
**River 49, Bellaire 39**  
RIVER (49) - Hobbs 3 2-2 8; Harlan 5 2-4 14; Reed 0 0-0 0; Isaly 0 3-4 3; Hagan 6 6-6 18; Fox 3 0-0 6; Prim 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 13-16 49. BELLAIRE (39) - Ault 2 1-3 6; Edgar 0 0-0 0; Harveth 8 3-3 20; Mason 4 3-4 11; Rowson 1 0-0 2. Totals 15 7-10 39.  
Three-point goals: River 2 (Harlan 2), Bellaire 2 (Ault, Harveth)

**Cameron 65, Wheeling Central 53**  
WHEELING CENTRAL (53) - Blake 11 0-0 22; Severns 8 0-0 16; Ratcliffe 0 0-0 0; Payton 2 1-4 5; Fitzsimmons 5 0-0 10; Maxwell 0 0-0 0; Hanson 0 0-0 0; Schmitt 0 0-0 0; Miehle 0 0-0 0. Totals: 26-58 1-4 53. CAMERON (65) - Van Tassel 6 1-4 13; Clutter 7 0-0 19; E. Dobbs 1 4-4 7; A. Dobbs 6 1-2 16; Neely 5 0-0 10; Littleton 0 0-0 0; Bertram 0 0-0 0; Thomas 0 0-0 0; Francis 0 0-0 0; Schrack 0 0-0 0. Totals: 25-60 6-10 65.  
Three-point goals: Wheeling Central none; Cameron 9 (Clutter 5, A. Dobbs 3, E. Dobbs).

**Harrison Central 58, Steubenville Catholic 55**  
STEUBENVILLE CATHOLIC (55) - Rohde 3 3-4 9; Cherepko 1 0-0 3; Maragos 7 0-2 17; Delaney 0 0-0 0; O'Karma 5 1-2 11; Marcino 0 0-0 0; Arai 5 5-6 15; Totals 21 9-14 55. HARRISON CENTRAL (58) - Doane 3 2-2 8; Dunlap 5 0-0 10; Rensi 4 2-4 11; Pelegreen 0 0-0 0; Ferri 6 0-0 18; Blackburn 0 0-0 0; Sedgner 4 3-4 11; Totals 22 7-10 58.  
Three-point goals: Steubenville Catholic 4 (Maragos 4, Cherepko), Harrison Central 7 (Ferri 6, Rensi).

**Frontier 55, Valley 43**  
VALLEY (43) - Higgins 4 4-8 15; Lemley 0 0-0 0; Rush 3 1-2 7; Dawson 4 4-6 15; Dallison 0 0-0 0; Bates 1 0-0 2; Miller 1 0-0 2; Booher 1 0-0 2; Totals 14 9-22 43. FRONTIER (55) - Knowlton 10 0-0 25; Dye 6 2-4 14; Bowersock 6 0-0 14; Allen 0 0-0 0; Cislis 1 0-0 2; Totals 23 2-4 55.  
Three-point goals: Valley 6 (Higgins 3, Dawson 3), Frontier 7 (Knowlton 5, Bowersock 2).

**St. Clairsville 32, Brooke 21**  
BROOKE (19) - Diserio 1 0-0 2; Kauffman 1 0-0 2; Wood 1 0-0 2; Schwertfeger 1 5-8 7; Homo 1 0-0 2; Valero 1 1-2 4; DiPaolo 1 0-0 2; Totals: 7 6-10 21. ST. CLAIRSVILLE (32) - Druzin 1 0-0 2; Kain 0 0-0 0; Kyer 1 1-2 3; Barrera 6 4-4 20; Sall 1 1-2 3; Togban 0 1-2 1; Monteroso 0 1-2 1; Moran 1 0-0 2; Totals: 10 8-12 32.  
Three-point goals: Brooke 1 (Valero), St. Clairsville 4 (Barrera 4)

ECHL

**Monday's Games**  
No games scheduled

**Tuesday's Games**  
Wheeling at Reading, 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Orlando at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.  
Adirondack at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

**NHL**  
**Monday's Games**  
N.Y. Rangers 2, Colorado 1,

PREP BASKETBALL

**W.V.A. BOYS**  
Bluefield 53, Charleston Catholic 48  
East Hardy 66, Petersburg 49  
Fairmont Senior 63, Shady Spring 53  
Gilmer County 55, Richwood 37  
Huntington 74, Capital 66  
Pipestem Christian 66, Granite Christian, Va. 21  
Ravenswood 68, Greenbrier West 24  
Wayne 66, Scott 51  
Wyoming East 47, Williamstown 44

**W.V.A. GIRLS**  
Cameron 65, Wheeling Central 53  
E. Liverpool, Ohio 41, Oak Glen 32  
Gilmer County 61, James Monroe 33  
Ravenswood 64, Hurricane 42  
Ripley 64, Chapmanville 56  
Tucker County 52, Grafton 46  
University 73, Bridgeport 28  
Wayne 58, Herbert Hoover 12  
Weir 69, Madonna 33  
Williamstown 63, Riverside 22

**OHIO GIRLS**  
Albany Alexander 66, Pomeroy Meigs 46  
Athens 62, McArthur Vinton County 41  
Beloit W. Branch 54, Norton 20  
Berlin Center Western Reserve 50, Lowellville 37  
Bishop Fenwick 52, Trotwood-Madison 38  
Brookfield 44, Garrettsville Garfield 28  
Brunswick 61, Richmond Hts. 52  
Can. Cent. Cath. 52, Ravenna SE 47  
Canfield 57, Youngs. Mooney 22  
Cardington-Lincoln 50, Lucas 17  
Carey 45, Bloomdale Elmwood 30  
Clayton Northmont 48, Arcanum 42  
Cle. Hts. Beaumont 67, Cle. Cent. Cath. 29  
Columbiana 50, Beaver 29  
Columbiana Crestview 64, Leavittsburg LaBree 33  
Convoy Crestview 49, Findlay Liberty-Benton 39  
Cortland Lakeview 49, Hubbard 36  
Delphos Jefferson 54, Miller City 44  
Delphos St. John's 51, Lima Cent. Cath. 25  
E. Liverpool 41, Oak Glen, W.Va. 32  
Eastlake North 42, Orange 29  
Findlay 54, Napoleon 33  
Franklin Furnace Green 57, Manchester 50  
Ft. Recovery 47, Celina 43  
Genoa 38, Northwood 20  
Girard 69, Niles McKinley 44  
Goshen 66, Wilmington 43  
Hamilton Ross 34, Seton 21  
Heath 35, Zanesville Maysville 32  
Jackson 65, Waverly 33  
Kettering Alter 60, Beaver-creek 53  
Kings Mills Kings 64, Trenton Edgewood 37  
Kirtland 51, Jefferson Area 43  
Leesburg Fairfield 55, Washington C.H. Miami Trace 43  
Lewisburg Tri-County N. 40, Brookville 39  
Lisbon David Anderson 54, Warren Lordstown 10  
Massillon Jackson 50, Louisville 44  
McDermott Scioto NW 43, West Union 29  
Mechanicsburg 67, Cedarville 31  
Miami 60, Xenia 45  
Mineral Ridge 69, N. Jackson Jackson-Milton 39  
Mogadore 39, Akr. North 21  
New Bremen 46, Dola Hardin Northern 10  
New Middletown Spring. 49,



AP Photo

Wyndham Clark hits from the 18th fairway at Pebble Beach Golf Links during the third round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am golf tournament in Pebble Beach, Calif., Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024.

Final Round At Pebble Beach Called Off; Clark Named Champion

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Wyndham Clark noticed the cameras starting to show up on the 12th hole, the sure sign he was making a charge. He felt the buzz of being in contention and the affection from the gallery when he walked off the 18th green at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

"It really felt like I had just won the tournament," Clark said.

And he did on Sunday. It's just that his record score and all those emotions happened on Saturday.

Clark was declared the 54-hole winner at the first full signature event of the PGA Tour season when rain and dangerous wind postponed the final round on Sunday, and then tour and Monterey County officials decided it was too dangerous to play on Monday.

Clark won for the third time in nine months, all of them big titles - a \$20 million elevated event at the Wells Fargo Championship, his first major at the U.S. Open in June, and then the \$20 million signature event at Pebble Beach.

And he did it in style. He broke the Pebble Beach record with a 60 on Saturday - missing an eagle putt from 25 feet on the final hole - and left the course with a one-shot lead over Ludvig Aberg of Sweden. That top in for birdie turned

officials thought it was prudent and safe not to proceed. "It's maybe not the way you dream of winning," Clark said in a conference call Sunday night. "With that said, a lot of us yesterday had ... not that we knew, but we definitely had this outside shot and thinking that maybe this is our last round."

Clark was six shots behind going into Saturday and said he was aiming for a top 10. He had a real chance at 59 and had to settle for a 60 to reach 19-under 199, and that was enough.

He shot 28 on the front nine, and then birdied the next two holes as the crowd grew.

"When we got to 12 green, now all the cameras are on me," he said.

He made a 25-foot bogey putt - his fifth putt of 25 feet or longer - and then started hearing the crowd talk about the course record, and Clark clearly had a sub-60 score on his mind.

"I felt like the entire golf course of fans was starting to follow my group because I had a chance to do something super special," he said. "So coming down 16, 17, 18 at Pebble Beach it felt like a Sunday. The stands were full, the fans were there, the buzz was there, the feelings were there, the nerves were there.

"As I come to the green I got a standing ovation and

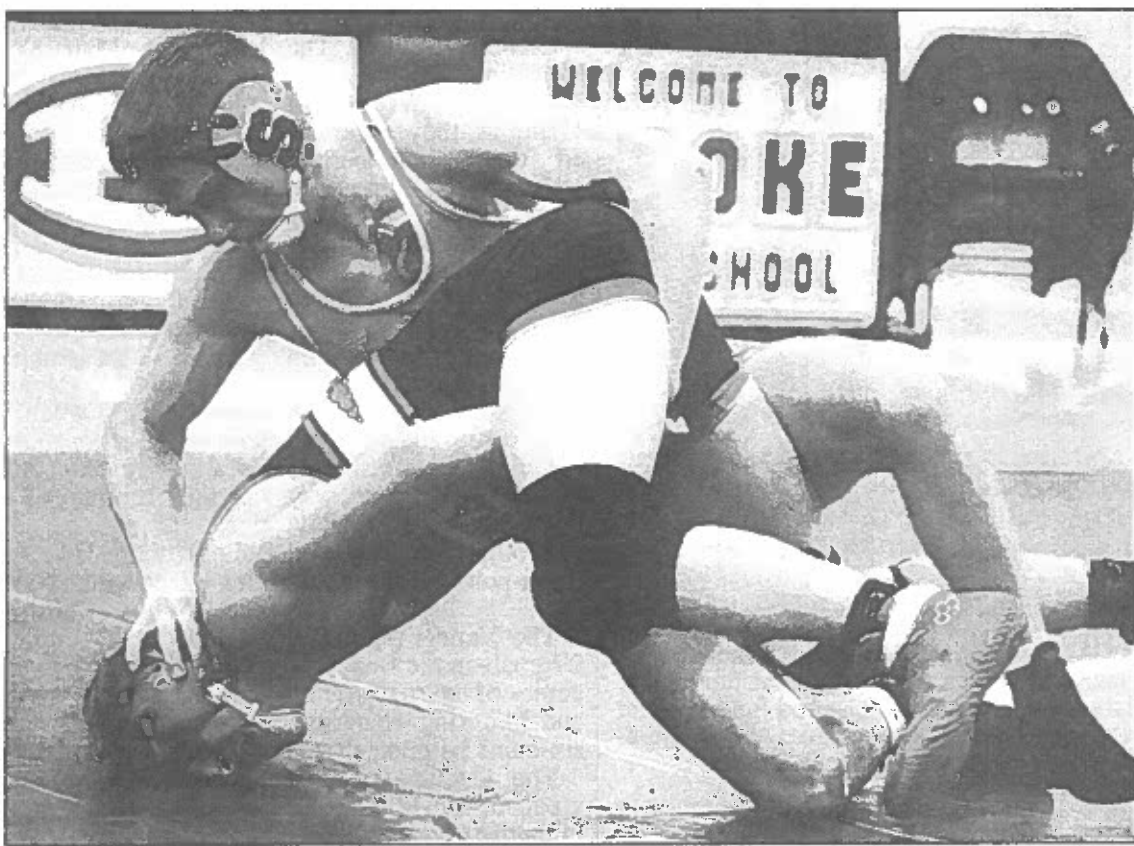


Photo by Kim North

Shadyside's Andrew Osman pushes his Caldwell opponent's face into the mat during their 150-pound match Wednesday night during the OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 1A/2A Dual Meet championships inside the Wellness Center at Brooke High School. Osman won by major decision as the Tigers defended their team title.

## Tigers Stay On Top In Conference Duals Shadyside Comes From Behind To Defend 1A/2A Title

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

WELLSBURG - Shadyside defended its OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 1A/2A Dual Meet wrestling championship Wednesday night. However, it took two matches and a strong rally to do so as the 10th annual event was held inside the Wellness Center at Brooke High School.

In 2023, only two teams - the Tigers and Bridgeport - qualified for the Final Four. Shadyside came out on top via criteria after the dual was deadlocked at the end of eight matches which were evenly split.

Head coach Chase Kinemond's third-ranked squad trailed top-ranked Caldwell, 21-6, five matches remaining in the second of two duals.

The Tigers recorded four con-

secutive pins, the last by Chris Stillion at 215 pounds, to stun the Redskins, 30-27.

"This one feels better, definitely. It was a little bit different," Kinemond said of the path his Tigers took. "This was a revenge win because we lost to them earlier this season."

Andrew Osman, competing after a serious knee injury his junior season, started the eruption at 144. Kaden McGuire (150) and Landon Simmons (157) followed suit to make it 24-21 in Shadyside's favor. Stillion's fall iced the cake.

"We bumped up some kids that we thought had chances to win and it worked out," Kinemond said of a couple matches.

Caldwell made it closer with a forfeit win at 285.

"Hopefully everything is going up from here," Kinemond noted. "Hopefully some of the

younger kids see what is going on and decide to come out.

"We had six kids last year when we won and we had eight this year," he added. "We want to keep building from here. I couldn't be any prouder of a group of kids for stepping up like they did tonight."

In its first match of the triangular, Shadyside defeated No. 2 Steubenville Catholic, 40-28, as the Tigers led 18-0 before the Crusaders fought back to 18-16.

A forfeit win at 144 and a major decision by Osman at 150 bumped the count to 28-16. Each team picked up six points on forfeits for a 34-22 count before Stillion sealed it with a pin.

Caldwell defeated Steubenville Catholic, 48-12, for second.

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## Oak Glen Pulls Off Repeat In Dominant 4A Duals Showing

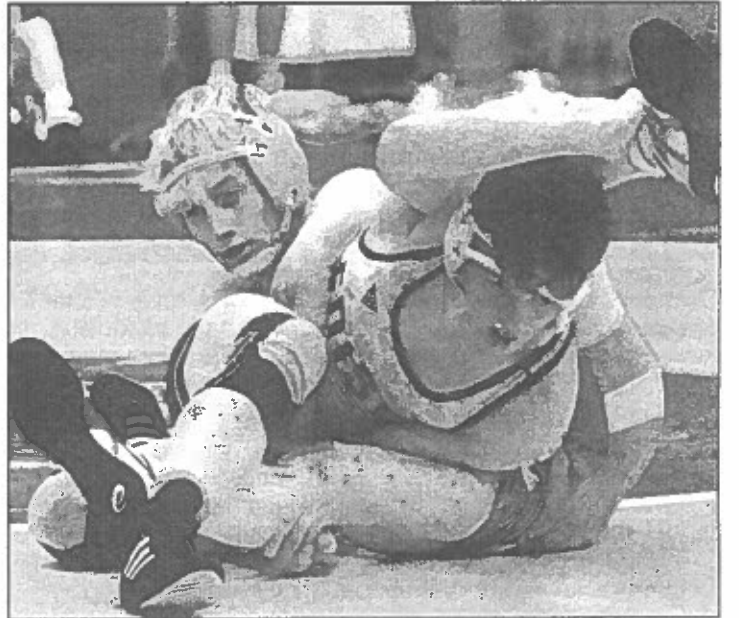


Photo by Kim North

Edison's Caiden Cooley has control of Oak Glen's Hayden Lamb during their 138-pound match Wednesday night during the OVAC Bill Hinegardner Class 4A Dual Meet championships inside the Wellness Center at Brooke High School. Cooley won by medical default when Lamb couldn't stop a cut from bleeding.

## Golden Bears Top Edison In Finals

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

WELLSBURG - Oak Glen is nearly perfect in OVAC wrestling events under second-year head coach Josh Cornell. The Golden Bears tied for the Ron Mauck Tournament Class 4A championship in his first season before winning it all by themselves this year.

Wednesday night Oak Glen defended its Bill Hinegardner Class 4A Dual Meet Championship with victories over Hancock County rival and third seed Weir, 63-9, and No. 4 Edison, 49-27, inside the Wellness Center at Brooke High School.

"Not to take anything away from the other teams, but we expected to come in here and

win this," Cornell allowed. "We wrestled our matches and did what we had to to come out on top."

In its Hancock County semifinal bout with the Red Riders, the No. 2 Golden Bears bolted to a 33-0 lead and won all but two of the 14 matches. In the final, they ran out to an 18-3 lead on pins by Nathan Pasco (106) Cole Raines (120) and Logan Davis (126).

The Wildcats countered with back-to-back wins by Evan Yohman (132) and Caiden Cooley (138) before Logan Graham (144) got Oak Glen by on the winning side of the ledger with a fall that gave the Golden Bears a 24-15 advantage.

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# OVAC Boys Basketball Pairings Are Announced

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

WHEELING - It became official Tuesday morning, Linsly will not be participating in the OVAC Boys Basketball Championships.

Although the Cadets (16-0) sit atop the Class 3A standings, they broke a West Virginia Secondary Schools Athletic Commission rule by playing a recent game on a Sunday, thus forcing the OVAC to step in.

By virtue of the ruling, Union Local (12-4) grabs the top seed in Class 3A with an average of 49.125, which

edged out Martins Ferry (9-3) which had 45.385. The Jets will host No. 4 Buckeye Trail (12-2, 42.000) next Tuesday while the Purple Riders get No. 3 Wheeling Central (12-4, 44.875).

In Class 5A, Morgantown (14-1, 68.800) grabbed the No. 1 spot and will entertain No. 4 Steubenville (7-8, 32.800) in one semifinal. The other has No. 2 Wheeling Park (55.143) hosting No. 3 Brooke (8-7, 38.267). Marietta finished second but is not



participating, nor are No. 4 Warren Local and No. 5 Dover.

The Class 4A field is topped by Harrison Central (14-2, 60.250), with East Liverpool (13-3, 57.625) checking in at No. 2. The Huskies will entertain No. 4 Beaver Local (8-10, 30.000) while the Potters host No. 3 St. Clairsville (12-4, 52.875).

Undefeated Monroe Central (15-0, 60.000) heads up the Class 2A foursome. The Seminoles welcome No. 4 River (8-

6, 34.000) in one semifinal. The other has No. 3 Steubenville Central (12-6, 39.778) facing No. 2 Toronto (13-4, 44.471) in the Gem City. Shadyside (10-8, 33.000) finished a close fifth.

In Class 1A, Cameron (11-3, 33.286) earned the top seed and will host No. 4 Madonna Local (6-7, 21.692) in a semifinal. The other has No. 2 Trinity (9-5, 30.143) hosting No. 3 Wellsville (9-8, 25.529).

The winners will meet on Saturday, Feb. 10 at Harrison Central High School in Cadiz for the championships. Times will be announced.

## Seahawks Hire Ravens Coordinator Mike Macdonald For Head Coaching Role



## West Virginia Mountaineers Sink Bearcats As Edwards Returns To Starting Lineup

By BOB HERTZEL  
WV News  
MORGANTOWN - Bob

streak with a tense, 69-65 victory over Cincinnati at the Coliseum looking forward



LOCAL CARD

Thursday, Feb. 1
BOWLING
Wheeling Central at East Richland (St. Clair Lanes)
HOCKEY
Wheeling Central vs. Blackhawk at Brady's Run Ice Arena, 6:45 p.m.
WRESTLING
OVAC Class 3A and Class 5A championships at John Marshall Fieldhouse, 6 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV

Thursday, Feb. 1
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
7 p.m.
CBSN - Delaware at William & Mary
ESPN2 - Tulane at SMU
ESPNU - Longwood at High Point
8:30 p.m.
BTN - Wisconsin at Nebraska
PAC-12N - California at Arizona
9 p.m.
CBSN - Sam Houston St. at W. Kentucky
ESPN2 - Stanford at Arizona St.
ESPNU - Youngstown St. at Wright St.
10:30 p.m.
ESPN - Oregon at Southern Cal
PAC-12N - Oregon St. at UCLA
11 p.m.
CBSN - San Diego at San Francisco
ESPNU - UC Davis at UC Santa Barbara
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)
6 p.m.
ACCN - Virginia at Virginia Tech
BTN - Wisconsin at Ohio St.
7 p.m.
SECN - Tennessee at Georgia
8 p.m.
ACCN - North Carolina at NC State
8:30 p.m.
ESPN - Baylor at Texas
9 p.m.
SECN - Alabama at Arkansas
GOLF
5 a.m.
GOLF - DP World Tour: The Bahrain Championship, First Round, Royal GC, Al Mazrowiah, Bahrain
3 p.m.
GOLF - PGA Tour: The AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, First Round, Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, Calif.
2 a.m. (Friday)
GOLF - Women's Amateur: The Asia-Pacific Championship, Second Round, Siam Country Club, Pattaya, Thailand
5 a.m. (Friday)
GOLF - DP World Tour: The Bahrain Championship, Second Round, Royal GC, Al Mazrowiah, Bahrain
NBA BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
TNT - LA Lakers at Boston
10 p.m.
TNT - Philadelphia at Utah
NFL FOOTBALL
10:30 a.m.
ESPN2 - Senior Bowl: Practice, Mobile, Ala.
NFLN - Senior Bowl: Practice, Mobile, Ala.
1 p.m.
ESPNU - Senior Bowl: Practice, Mobile, Ala.
NFLN - Senior Bowl: Practice, Mobile, Ala.
7 p.m.
ESPN - NFL Pro Bowl: Skills Showdown, Orlando, Fla.
8 p.m.
NFLN - East-West Shrine Bowl: East vs. West, Frisco, Texas
NHL HOCKEY
6 p.m.
ESPN2 - 2024 NHL All-Star Player Draft
SOCCER (MEN'S)
3:15 p.m.
USA - Premier League: Manchester United at Wolverhampton
5:50 p.m.
FS2 - CONMEBOL U-23 Olympic Qualifier 2024 Group Stage: Venezuela vs. Brazil, Group A, Caracas, Venezuela
SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
12:55 p.m.
FS2 - 2024 CONCACAF U-17 Championship Group Stage: Haiti vs. Costa Rica, Group A, Toluca, Mexico
3:55 p.m.
FS2 - 2024 CONCACAF U-17 Championship Group Stage: Mexico vs. El Salvador, Group A, Toluca, Mexico
TENNIS
6 a.m.
TENNIS - Hua Hin-WTA, Montpellier-ATP Early Rounds
11 a.m.
TENNIS - Davis Cup Qualifi-

OVAC BASKETBALL

Table with columns: BOYS Final Standings CLASS 5-A, CLASS 4-A, CLASS 3-A, CLASS 2-A, CLASS 1-A. Rows include teams like Mtown, WP, #War, #Dover, Brooke, Steub., Univ., P South, JM, HC, EL, St. C, Beaver, Weir, IC, OG, Edison, #Camb., Buckeye, #Linsly, UL, Ferry, WC, Trail, Barn, FF, Mag., Shen., Bellaire, Monroe, Toronto, SCC, River, Shady, C-B, Bridge, Cald., Front., So L, Cam, Trinity, Wells, Mad, Valley, CV, WCC, PC, Bealls, Hund.

OVAC CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINALS

Table with columns: Tuesday, Feb. 6 CLASS 1-A, CLASS 2-A, CLASS 3-A, CLASS 4-A, CLASS 5-A. Rows include matchups like #4 Madonna at #1 Cameron, #3 Wellsville at #2 Trinity Christian, #4 River at #1 Monroe Central, #3 Steubenville Catholic at #2 Toronto, #4 Buckeye Trail at #1 Union Local, #3 Wheeling Central at #2 Martins Ferry, #4 Beaver Local at #1 Harrison Central, #3 St. Clairsville at #2 East Liverpool, #4 Steubenville at #1 Morgantown, #3 Brooke at #2 Wheeling Park.

OVAC CHAMPIONSHIP CONSOLATION POOL

Table with columns: Tuesday, Feb. 6. Rows include matchups like Southern at Beallsville, Clay Battelle at Magnolia, Shadyside at Frontier, Bellaire at Shenandoah, Wood County at Valley, Hundred at Conotton Valley, Caldwell at Bridgeport, Barnesville at Indian Creek, Dover at Fort Frye, Linsly at Weir, Oak Glen at Edison, John Marshall at Buckeye Local, Parkersburg South at University.

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Table with columns: Friday, Feb. 9. Rows include matchups like Conotton Valley at Southern, Weir at Clay Battelle, Magnolia at Shadyside, Bridgeport at Bellaire, Beallsville at Wood County, Paden City at Hundred Valley at Caldwell, Fort Frye at Barnesville, Indian Creek at Dover, University at Linsly, Buckeye Local at Oak Glen, Edison at John Marshall, Shenandoah at Parkersburg South.

OVAC BASKETBALL

Table with columns: GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS Saturday, February 3 At Harrison Central High School, Cadiz. Rows include CLASS 3-A, 10 a.m. #2 Fort Frye vs. #1 Martins Ferry; CLASS 4-A, 12 noon #2 Buckeye Local vs. #1 Indian Creek; CLASS 5-A, 2 p.m. #3 Wheeling Park vs. #1 Mor-

PREP BOXSCORES

Table with columns: BOYS Parkersburg Catholic 68, Paden City 49. Rows include scores for PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC (68) and PADEN CITY (49) with player statistics.

Table with columns: GIRLS Cameron 67, Madonna 23. Rows include scores for CAMERON (67) and MADONNA (23) with player statistics.

Table with columns: Edison 57, Brooke 33. Rows include scores for EDISON (57) and BROOKE (33) with player statistics.

NHL STANDINGS

Table with columns: EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division, Metropolitan Division, WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division, Pacific Division. Rows include team abbreviations and win-loss records.

PREP BASKETBALL

Table with columns: W.V.A. BOYS Clarke County, Va. 73, Hampshire 64, OT. Rows include scores for W.V.A. BOYS teams.

Table with columns: W.V.A. GIRLS Bridgeport, Ohio 39, Paden City 31. Rows include scores for W.V.A. GIRLS teams.

Table with columns: OH GIRLS Akron Garfield 65, Cuyahoga Falls 58. Rows include scores for OH GIRLS teams.

Table with columns: OH GIRLS Akron Ellet 55, Akron Buchtel 41. Rows include scores for OH GIRLS teams.

Blue Dons Top Dragons On The Road; Wildcats Fall To Crusaders

CAMERON - The Madonna Blue Dons pushed through to a road win over No. 8 Cameron on Wednesday, topping the Dragons 57-54. Anthony Mascio led the visitors with 27 points while Lucas Muzzi added 15. Cameron's Lance Hartley scored 14 points. Colton Winters scored 12, Colson Wichterman scored 10 and Mason Scott scored eight. The two teams will see each other again shortly. The Dragons will host the Blue Dons on Tuesday in one of the OVAC 1A semifinal contests. Parkersburg Catholic 68, Paden City 49. PADEN CITY - Leonardo Deangelo scored 29 points and his Crusaders trumped the homestanding Wildcats. Gideon Wilson added 21 points for the Crusaders. Jeremiah Thomas led Paden City with 21 points of his own. Joey Baker joined him in double figures with 11. GIRLS BASKETBALL Cameron 67, Madonna 23. CAMERON - The Dragons stacked up another win while waiting for their OVAC 1A championship match Saturday, getting 12 players in the scoring column in a win over the Blue Dons. Ashlynn Van Tassel led all scorers with 26, the only player on either team with double figures. Maci Neely scored eight for Cameron. Christy Bartley and Madison Owens each scored six for Madonna. Edison 57, Brooke 33. RICHMOND - The Wildcats, after struggling early and trailing the visiting Bruins by five late in the second quarter, made a couple of shots late in the first half to head into the locker room with the lead and momentum. The result of that momentum carrying over to the second half was 18-straight points and a game-sealing run that spanned through the third quarter and swelled to 31-4 on the way to a 57-33 victory at home in an OVAC consolation pool game. Kyle Stull led the way with 13 points, while Sophia Henderson, Pressly Meadows and Rebecka Evans each tallied 11. The Bruins' Rylee Schwertfeger led them with 10 points, all in the first half helping the Bruins get the lead. Edison held her off the scoresheet in the second half until she left the game with an injury. BOWLING Brooke, Linsly

Split on Lanes
WELLSBURG - The Bruins prevailed 2,064 to 1,423 as Darion Hamilton rolled a 253 game and a 420 series. Damian Maines had a 193 and 355. Tan Sincavich led the Cadets with a 149 and .274. Brady Childs added a 140 game and Rhys Poole a 242 series. The Cadets won 1,286 to 1,204 as Julianna Elerick had a 143 game and a 271 series. Sara Catherine Jackson had a 141 game and Jossina Nissley 231 series. Tegan Williams paced Brooke with games of 191 and 194 for a 385 series. Kaylee Tuttle had a 273 series. COLLEGE BASKETBALL Women W.Va. State 91, West Liberty 80. INSTITUTION, W.Va. - The Hilltoppers kept the game within single digits throughout the fourth quarter on Wednesday evening, however the hot 3-point shooting was not enough to overcome the Yellow Jackets and fell inside the Walker Convocation Center. West Liberty tied a season-high of 15 made baskets from beyond the arc and shot better than 40 percent from distance for the seventh time this season as Karly McCutcheon, Bailee Smith, and Corinne Thomas all made four or more in the game. McCutcheon finished with 23 points and five assists. Smith added 17 points and seven rebounds. Thomas had 13 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Charleston 62, Wheeling 56. CHARLESTON - The month of January came to an end on Wednesday night as the Cardinals (14-6, 9-3) hit the road for a battle with the Golden Eagles as they looked to creep closer to clinching a Mountain East Conference playoff spot. They battled throughout the game, but ended up falling just short as the Cardinals fell. Briarley Rogers led Wheeling with 18 points. Shamia Strayhorn added 13 and Rachel Wilson 12. Men Charleston 101, Wheeling 80. CHARLESTON - The Cardinals battled through the first 10 minutes, trailing 43-36 at halftime, but it would end up falling short. Marcus Johnson finished with 18 points. Caleb Murray finished with 13 points. Sean Ealy and Tee Harris would round out the double digit scorers with 10 points each.

W.V.A. BOYS Clarke County, Va. 73, Hampshire 64, OT. East Hardy 52, Berkeley Springs 45. Fort Hill, Md. 63, Keyser 59. Huntington 84, Riverside 49. Independence 62, Liberty Raleigh 50. James Monroe 51, Summers County 45, OT. Liberty Harrison 57, Preston 43. Madonna 57, Cameron 54. Martinsburg 57, Hedgesville 50. Nicholas County 64, Herbert Hoover 63. Parkersburg South 64, St. Albans 59. Robert C. Byrd 44, Lincoln 38. Spring Valley 80, Teays Valley Christian 61. W.V.A. GIRLS Bridgeport, Ohio 39, Paden City 31. Chesapeake, Ohio 52, Tolsia 37. Greenbrier West 56, Webster County 36. Nitro 57, Winfield 45. Oak Hill 49, Greenbrier East 31. PikeView 50, Graham, Va. 32. Wayne 56, Cabell Midland 48. Westside 62, River View 37. OH BOYS Akr. Garfield 65, Cuyahoga Falls 58. Bainbridge Paint Valley 66, Latham Western 56. Batavia Clermont NE 53, Mowrystown Whiteoak 40. Belpre 65, Reedsville Eastern 39. Centerburg 69, Howard E. Knox 39. Cin. SCPA 61, Day, Jefferson 37. Cle. Rhodes 68, Bard Cleveland 27. Cornerstone Christian 76, Cle. John Marshall 43. E. Palestine 78, E. Liverpool Christian 55. Galion Northmor 65, Cardington-Lincoln 57. Gates Mills Hawken 40, Cle. Cent. Cath. 31. Heartland Christian 91, Warren Lordstown 41. Manchester 53, Fayetteville-Perry 51. Martins Ferry 66, Cadiz Harrison Cent. 62, OT. Mt. Victory Ridgmont 71, Mt. Gilead 46. Norwalk St Paul 65, Fremont St. Joseph 49. Parma Padua 84, Morgan 57. Solon 79, Twinsburg 73. Trotwood-Madison 67, Cin. Hughes 43. Zanesville Maysville 82, Byesville Meadowbrook 31. OH GIRLS Akr. Ellet 55, Akr. Buchtel 41. Alliance 54, Alliance Marlinton 49. Amherst Steele 58, Westlake 42. Aurora 55, Macedonia Nordonia 48. Austintown-Fitch 54, Warren Howland 50. Avon Lake 50, Rocky River 38. Bainbridge Paint Valley 69, New Boston Glenwood 43. Bay Village Bay 49, Parma Hts. Valley Forge 29. Beloit W. Branch 40, Salem 34. Berlin Hiland 68, W. Lafayette Ridgewood 18. Bridgeport 39, Paden City, W.Va. 31. Burton Berkshire 72, Middlefield Cardinal 37. Can. Cent. Cath. 45, Sugarcreek Garaway 33. Chagrin Falls Kenston 57, Willoughby S. 26. Chardon 72, Mayfield 69, OT. Chesapeake 52, Tolsia, W.Va. 37. Cin. Christian 57, Cin. Clark Montessori 52. Cin. Princeton 56, Fairfield 32. Cin. Purcell Marian 61, Cin. Country Day 45. Cin. Seven Hills 49, Lockland 10. Cin. Woodward 55, Cin. Western Hills 13. Circleville 52, Washington C.H. 29. Circleville Logan Elm 49, Greenfield McClain 41. Cle. Hts. Beaumont 59, Cle. VASJ 34. Cle. Hts. Lutheran E. 55, Garfield Hts. Trinity 45. Clyde 47, Milan Edison 39. Cols. Grandview Hts. 42, Cols. Wellington 28. Copley 48, Apple Creek Waynedale 46. Cortland Maplewood 63, Hanoverton United 43. Crown City S. Gallia 52, Seaman N. Adams 41. Day. Chaminade Julianne 53, Bishop Fenwick 31. Doylestown Chippewa 68, Richfield Revere 51. E. Can. 50, Lore City Buckeye Trail 32. Geneva 67, Conneaut 41. Glouster Trimble 42, Racine Southern 33. Gnadenhutten Indian Valley 50, Magnolia Sandy Valley 42. Granville 68, Utica 26. Green 49, Massillon Perry 37. Harrison 52, Oxford Talawanda 16. Hillsboro 57, Mowrystown Whiteoak 47. Jefferson Area 50, Madison 44. Johnston 39, Newark Licking Valley 31. Kirtland 44, Orwell Grand Valley 34. LaGrange Keystone 63, Lorain Clearview 19. Lancaster Fairfield Union 59, Baltimore Liberty Union 52. Lewis Center Orlentangy 73, Bishop Hartley 28. London 61, St. Paris Graham 58. Loudonville 56, N. Robinson

Caitlin Clark Moves To No. 2 In NCAA Women's Scoring List

# South Upsets Central Boys

By KERRY PATRICK  
 For The Intelligencer

**PARKERSBURG** — A rarity for members of the Parkersburg South boys basketball team, Harry Silvis couldn't help smiling during his postgame interview. It's been a long time coming for the sophomore and the rest of his teammates.

Nearly seven weeks had passed since the Patriots' last and only win of the season. Over the past several weeks, they have been close. On Tuesday at Rod Oldham Athletic Center, South finally secured win No. 2 after pulling away from Wheeling Central for a 79-65 win at Rod Oldham Athletic Center.

Silvis put his team on his back in the second half - scoring 26 of his game-high 34 points on four 3-pointers and knocking down all 10 of his

free throw attempts after the break. "I haven't smiled since the PHS game. Winning feels good."

"Obviously, we have really had a rough season so far - this win is big for us," Silvis said. "Hopefully this starts some momentum for us and we get a couple of games in a row. The season is not over yet."

South (2-11) still has two crucial sectional opponents waiting in the wings this week with St. Albans on Wednesday followed by Parkersburg on Friday. Trailing by as many as 10 points in the second quarter, the Patriots were in danger of losing for a 10th straight time.

Instead, South locked down on defense, forcing six turnovers after the game was tied at 50-50 in the early stages of the fourth quarter. The Patriots' offense also hit its stride with

29 points in the final eight minutes - with Silvis accounting for 17.

"Harry was unbelievable," South coach Mike Fallon said. "He is as good as any sophomore in the state and maybe any sophomore we have had. He was kind of fighting himself early in the year. We have been waiting for this night where he lets loose and plays."

"He can fill it up like that every night. Our guys did a great job of finding him. Jackson (Smith) knew he wasn't hitting early and he found Harry on certain plays."

Looking to upgrade its schedule, Wheeling Central (12-4) entered the night coming off wins last week against St. Marys and previously undefeated Charleston Catholic.

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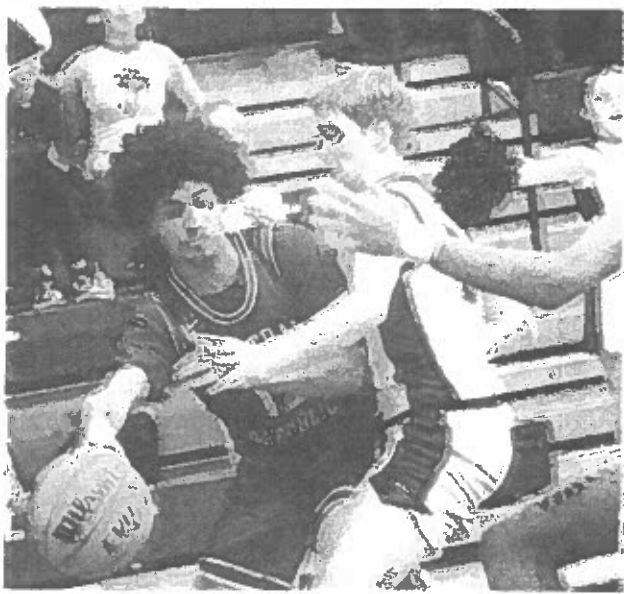


Photo by Kerry Patrick

WCC's Quinton Burlenski, left, throws a pass around Parkersburg South's Mason Nutter Tuesday at Rod Oldham Athletic Center. The Patriots defeated the Maroon Knights, 79-65.

## OVAC CLASS 1A GIRLS BASKETBALL SEMIFINAL

# Top-Seeded Cameron Returns To Finals, Eyeing Three-Peat

Dragons Will Play No. 2 Trinity Saturday at 4 p.m. At Harrison Central

By NICK HENTHORN  
 Sports Editor

**CAMERON** - For the previous three seasons the Cameron Dragons have competed for the 1A OVAC Championship, and they will do so for a fourth season after bursting past visiting Valley in the conference semifinals, 67-23.

Ashlynn Van Tassell scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Kenzie Clutter dished 10 assists and swiped seven steals for the victorious Dragons.

All-in-all, Cameron shot nearly 52% from the floor while holding the Lumberjills to 25% from the field.

"I liked how we got out and we were ready to play defense right off the bat," Cameron head coach Holly Pettit said. "I think that we ran the floor extremely well tonight and we had good ball movement."

For Valley, they will try and shake off a tough loss in the OVAC third-place game later this week against Conotton Valley.

"We just need to work on offense a little more," Valley head coach Tom Shannon said. "They're a pretty big team. Ash-



Photo by Nick Henthorn

Cameron's Kenzie Clutter (00) dribbles around a Valley defender Tuesday night in an OVAC Class 1A girls basketball semifinal at Cameron Indoor Gymnasium.

lynn Van Tassell's tough, hard to compete with that."

Cameron, who defeated Frontier in the in the 1A championship game last year, will play Trinity Christian for the conference title on Saturday inside Harrison Central high school.

"This is my fifth year coaching at Cameron and this is our fourth consecutive year in the OVAC title game," Pettit said. "I couldn't be more excited, hopefully we can get that fourth one. I think it says something about the group of girls that I

have." Cameron started Tuesday going 6-6 as a team, building a 14-2 lead with 4:30 in the first quarter. The Dragons' first missed field goal was quickly made-up for with a Van Tassell offensive rebound and putback plus a foul.

Cameron led 32-5 after the first quarter, and 44-11 at halftime. The Dragons starters played the first half of the first, second and third quarters, with only Clutter playing in the fourth quarter.

With the Dragon re-

serves playing significant minutes, Pettit liked what she saw from her second-string.

"I think that they did very well," Pettit said. "Again, I think that they had good ball movement, they played good defense and they're learning from a great group of girls. When they step in, they're able to fill some of those roles and I thought they did a good job. I was proud of Emma Francis and Macey Bertram who stepped up and shot the ball, played good defense."

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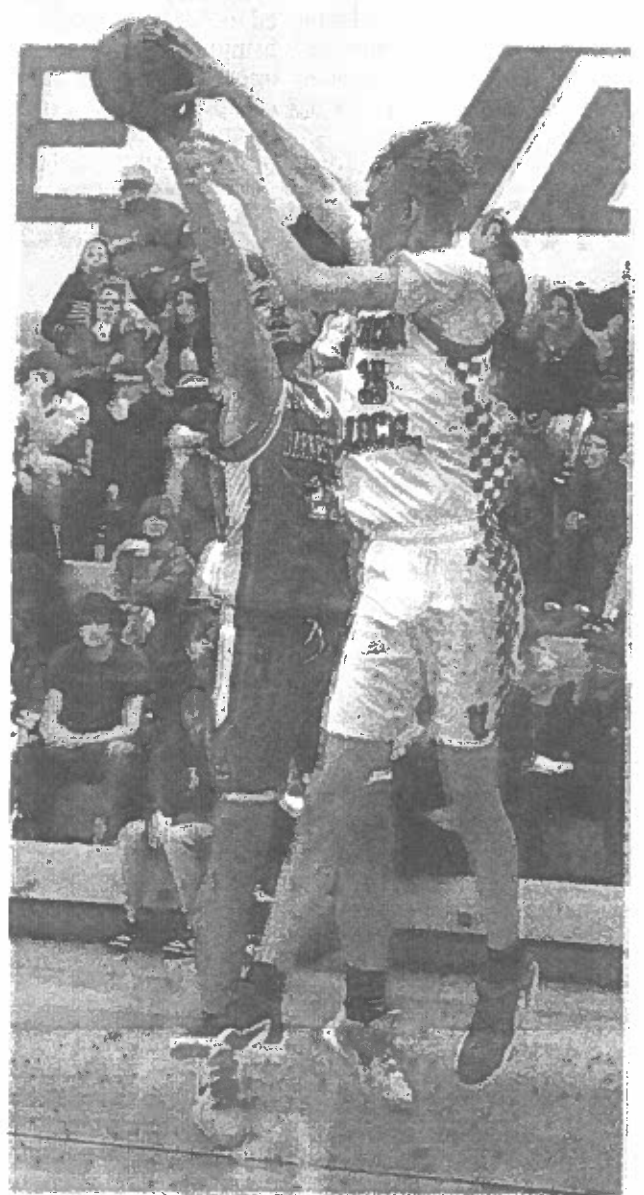


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Barnesville's Asa Geilinger (21) deflects a pass by Union Local's Easton Ditzler Tuesday night in Morristown. Geilinger had 25 points but the Jets prevailed, 61-57.

# Union Local Has All The Answers For Barnesville

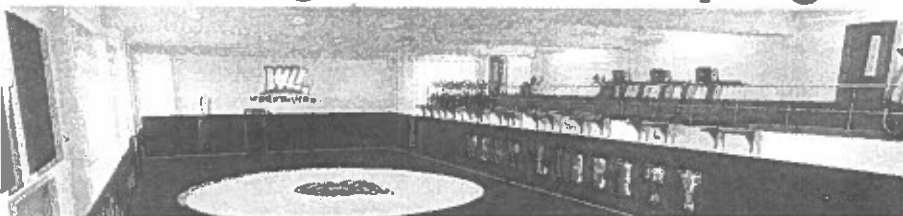
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**MORRISTOWN** - Just like a straight-A student, Union Local had all the answers Tuesday night. The Jets (12-4) jumped out to an early lead on visiting Barnesville and every time the Shamrocks (9-8) would draw close, the hosts would answer with a run of their own for a 61-57 boys' basketball victory inside a crowded 'Hangar' at Union Local High School.

"It seemed to be a game of runs. We got up early and they battled back, but that's the M.O. of a Barnesville team, they're not going to lie down, they're not going to quit," Union Local head coach Zach Delman said.

# West Liberty Is Celebrating A Successful 'Never Stop Climbing' Funds Campaign

**WEST LIBERTY**  
 West Liberty University is celebrating a successful launch of the "Never Stop Climbing" fundraising campaign for the Bobby Douglas Wrestling Complex after hosting



nymity because the deal was not official.

Smith would come to Pittsburgh just weeks after the Atlanta Falcons fired him as head coach following three straight 7-10 seasons.

The magic Smith was able to produce while serving as the offensive coordinator in Tennessee in 2019 and 2020 — when the Titans finished 12th and then second in total offense — never materialized in Atlanta, which finished in the bottom half of the league in yards and points during Smith's tenure.

He could get a fresh

Steelers president Art Rooney II said Monday that while the team still believes in starting quarterback Kenny Pickett — who endured a bumpy first full season as a starter before sustaining an ankle injury in early December that forced him to watch from the sideline — it's also time for Pittsburgh to get "quality play out of the quarterback position going forward."

Rooney also indicated he'd be interested in bringing back the free-agent-to-be Rudolph to compete with Pickett during training camp, praising Rudolph for his

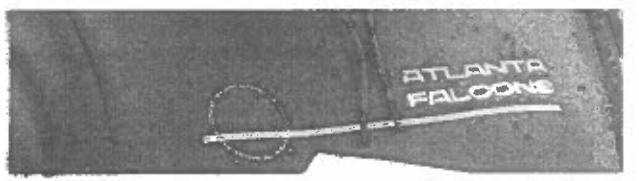
the unusual step of firing offensive coordinator Matt Canada just before Thanksgiving, the club's first in-season dismissal of a coordinator or head coach since World War II.

There are players to build around. Pittsburgh has one of the best running back tandems in the league in Najee Harris and Jaylen Warren. Wide receiver George Pickens has shown flashes of brilliance, though those flashes have been tempered with bouts of petulance. Wide receiver Diontae Johnson is one of the league's better

and perform and have the offense perform at a consistently high level," Rooney said.

Something that hasn't happened since the height of the "Killer B" era in the mid-2010s when Ben Roethlisberger was throwing passes to Antonio Brown and Le'Veon Bell was one of the most productive all-around backs in the league.

The Steelers have somehow stayed competitive almost in spite of the offense, but they've also been exposed in the postseason. Pittsburgh has dropped five straight playoff games, four of



AP Photo

Atlanta Falcons former head coach Arthur Smith, who was fired by Atlanta on Jan. 8, is nearing a deal to become the offensive coordinator of the Pittsburgh Steelers a source told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

them by double digits.

Smith would seem to be a good stylistic fit with the Steelers. Pittsburgh general manager Omar Khan and assistant general manager Andy Weidl are trying to build a physical team that likes

to lean on the run. Smith was able to install a system that exploited the talents of Titans star running back Derrick Henry as Tennessee reached the postseason in each of Smith's two years calling the plays.

## No. 14 Illinois Beats Ohio State Men

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Marcus Domask and Terrence Shannon Jr. each had 23 points and Ty Rodgers had 13 as No. 14 Illinois beat Ohio State 87-75 on Tuesday night.

Illinois (16-5, 7-3 Big Ten) held a 41-34 lead at the break after hitting 7 of 10 in the final 6:32 of the first half. Ohio State went scoreless in the final 2:16 of that span.

The Fighting Illini stretched their lead to 16 points in the second half. Dain Dainja contributed seven points and five rebounds on 3-of-5 shooting.

"Road wins are really hard to get and I'm excited about this one," Illinois coach Brad Underwood said. "Dain hasn't gotten a ton of minutes with the way we've been playing, and for him to answer the call and be ready speaks volumes to who he is as a person and what a great teammate he is. Couldn't be more proud of him."

Rodgers posted the second double-double of his career adding 10 rebounds.

"I feel like it's been a lot easier and more comfortable for me just being able to rep it out in practice," Rodgers said. "Really just having confidence and still being aggressive and having my same ability to do what I do."

It was Shannon's fourth game back after sitting out six games because of a university-imposed sus-



AP Photo

Illinois forward Quincy Guerrier dunks in the first half of a game against Ohio State, Tuesday, in Columbus.

Shannon is facing a rape charge in Kansas, but he was granted a preliminary injunction by a federal judge on Jan. 19 that forced Illinois to reinstate him to the team.

Ohio State (13-8, 3-7) got within 10 points after Jamison Battle made a 3 with 1:54 remaining. The Buckeyes shot 6 of 10 in the final five minutes and went 50% on the night.

Battle scored 21 points and Roddy Gayle Jr. had 20 for the Buckeyes.

"I thought we had some good stretches, played better than the other night," Ohio State coach Chris Holtmann said. "But obviously not good enough, so give Illinois credit."

The Buckeyes have lost three in a row for the second time this season.

"We need to be nastier," Holtmann said. "We need to be much nastier. We need to play with more force."

### BIG PICTURE

Illinois: The Fighting Illini earned their fourth win in five games and second in a row. They've averaged 84.4 points per game during the stretch.

"We're a little bit unorthodox," Underwood said. "I get it, you know, our little 'booty ball' as you call it, as we call it, to get different post-ups and matchups. A lot of that starts with Marcus and Ty but the one thing I was very happy with today is we took 3s."

Ohio State: The Buckeyes' losing streak extends to three games, tying their season-long, and they've lost six of their past seven.

### UP NEXT

Illinois: Hosts Nebraska on Sunday.

Ohio State: Travels to Iowa on Friday.

## SOUTH

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"I thought those games against St. Marys and Charleston Catholic and for the first half tonight we played really well then we ran out of gas," WCC coach Mel Stephens said. "A really good team took over."

The Maroon Knights gained the edge for the entire first half on the strength of Eli Sancomb and Max Olejasz, who scored on numerous uncontested layups as WCC exposed South's press.

In the first half, WCC built a 31-27 advantage behind 12 points from Sancomb and another 10 from Olejasz. The two finished the game leading the team with 16 points apiece.

"South was able to get the ball into the paint," Stephens said. "I thought we did a pretty good job of that in the first half. South is an awfully good team. Their record is very deceiving with the schedule they play."

"We have a tough time getting people to play us. We want to be challenged every game, especially during the regular season. We feel that prepares you for tournament play. We play a pretty demanding schedule so we have seen a lot of different stuff. When tournament time

comes there probably isn't anything we haven't seen.

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South did not convert a 3-pointer the entire first half on six attempts, but buried that stat right off the bat in the third quarter as Silvis and teammate Navi Hewitt knocked down the first two Patriot attempts in the opening 2 1/2 minutes.

WCC maintained a 44-40 lead at the midway point of the period before South began to assert itself with penetration from up top. Both Hewitt and Cole Joy turned a three-point play the old fashioned way as the Patriots went on a 10-0 run.

With one quarter left in the books, South led 50-48.

Quinton Burlenski, who added 12 points for WCC, hit a quick bucket to force a 50-50 tie. But over the next three minutes, South created chaos for the WCC ballhandlers and turned the mistakes into points, which resulted in a 19-2 run.

"Somebody sent me something today telling me the last third of your season is the most important part of

your season," Fallon said. "That's when we have to be playing well. Don't know if we are going to run the table to finish out the season, but we are going to continue to get better then come March, end of February anything can happen."

Mason Nutter recorded a pair of steals leading to buckets from Silvis and Triston Walker. Trailing 69-52, WCC knocked down 7-of-9 shots from the floor in the final period but would get no closer than 13 points the rest of the way as the respective coaches began emptying their benches in the last several minutes.

"Coach told us the other day, it was like the last nine games our point differential was 32 - that's less than four points a game," Silvis said. "It's been rough losing that close. We were even down today early then we were able to get up, and get some momentum going."

"Tonight, I was able to get some penetration first and got some free throws to go."

"I got some layups so that got my confidence up. That helped me get loose and feeling good, and get some threes to go down."

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## WLU Men Up 3 Spots in Poll

WEST LIBERTY - The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) released its 10th regular season poll for NCAA Division II men's basketball on Tuesday afternoon, which saw West Liberty University move up three spots to No. 17 in the nation. The Hilltoppers went 2-0 last week with home wins over Salem (112-76) and Wheeling (123-76), which improved their current win streak to seven games.

The Hilltoppers will enter Wednesday night's match-up at West Virginia State with a record of 15-3 (9-1 MEC) and sole possession of first place in the league standings. WLU is averaging 104.1 points per game and a scoring margin of +23.6 in their 18 games thus far in 2023-24.

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Francis and Bertram had a good connection Tuesday, Bertram assisting on three 2-point jumpers by Francis in the first quarter alone.

Francis finished with eight points, and Bertram had seven points along with three assists.

Winter Higgins led Valley with five points, also recording three assists, four rebounds and three steals.

Emilee Dobbs also scored eight for Cameron.

Maci Neely scored 14 points on 7-9 shooting, also grabbing four rebounds, dishing two assists and nabbing four steals. The junior, who made a game-winning 3-pointer as a freshman

in the state title game two seasons ago, has continued to emerge in the Dragons starting lineup.

"Maci does very well in a fast-paced game because that's what she is, she's so quick," Pettit said.

"When we can run on a team, that's when she excels because she's so much faster, and she can get down the floor and Kenzie Clutter can find her and just lace the ball in. Maci usually finishes."

In the meantime before the OVAC Championship, Cameron will face Madonna in a boys and girls basketball double-header in the Dragon's Den on Wednesday.

## UNION

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With the win, Union Local assured itself of hosting an OVAC Class 3A semifinal next week.

"This should put us in the top 2," Delman said as far as the OVAC Class 3A standings go. "I'm not concerned about being 1 or 2, we just wanted to get in the top 2 to give us a home game in the first round."

The Jets entered in first place - due to Linsly being ruled ineligible last week - and will likely see No. 4 Buckeye Trail, Wheeling Central and Martins Ferry were second and third, respectively. Tuesday was the cut-off for qualifying.

Saunders led Union Local with 17 points. Moore finished with 11 and Schumacher nine. Gannon Kerns had a double-double for the Jets with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

"Here's a kid that is 5-10, but he busts his butt every night," Delman said of Kerns. "He goes out and plays hard."

"Billy was throwing up all morning, but he's just like Gannon, he goes out and does his job," Delman added of Schumacher.

Starr was the only other double-digit scorer for Barnesville.

"He's a warrior," Stephens said of Starr, who fashioned a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

"Hopefully, we can learn from this game. We've been in a few of them like this and the guys have responded by battling back. In the end I think it will help us."

"We battled through some adversity with foul troubles, but we battled and battled."

Barnesville charted 10 turnovers, two less than Union Local.

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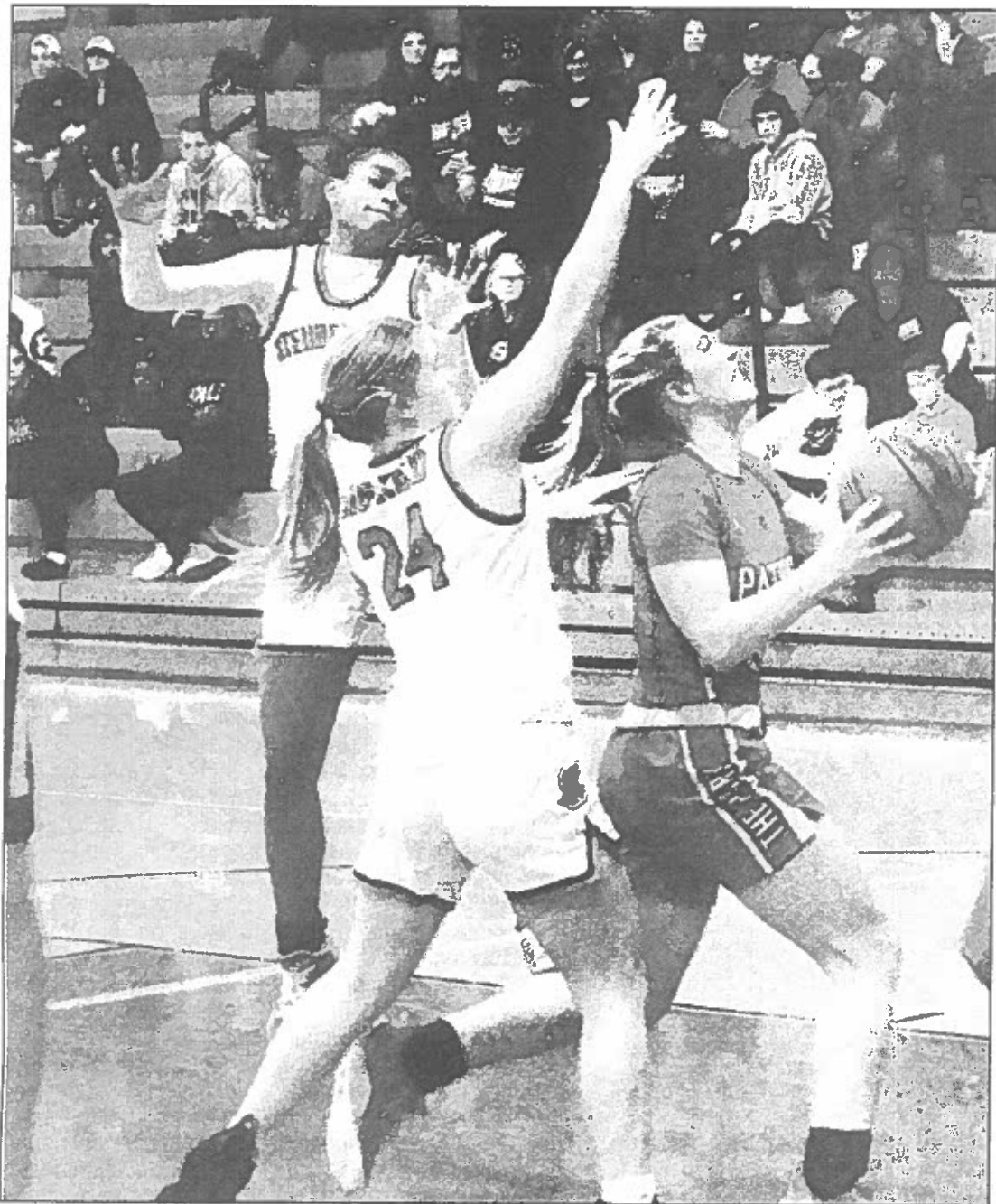


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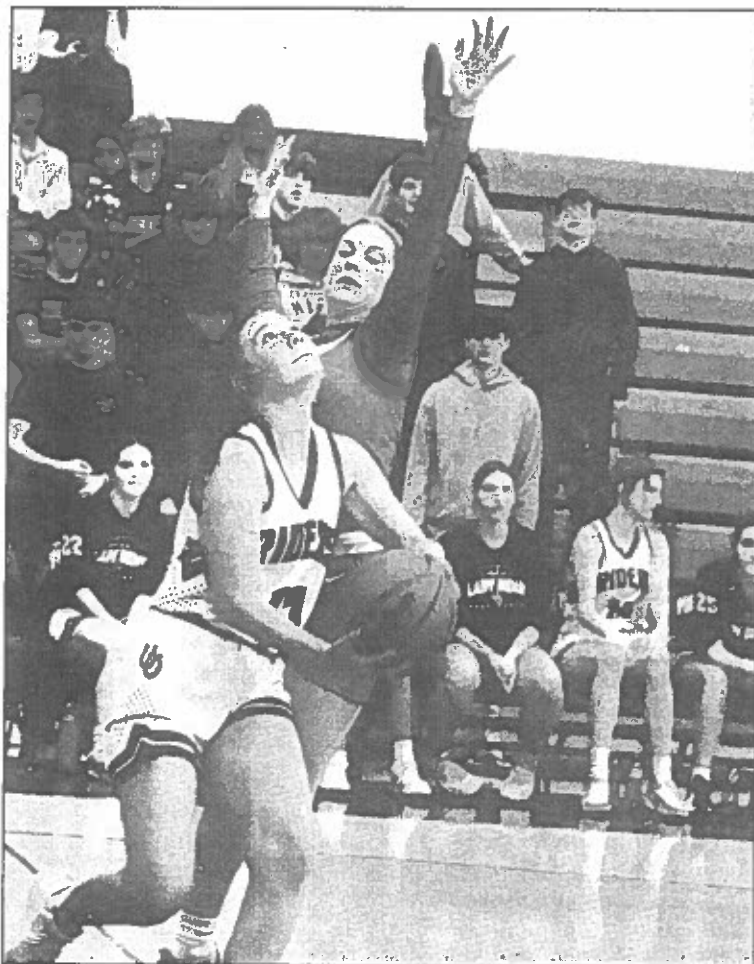


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Monday's OVAC 2A Semifinals between Monroe Central and Steubenville Catholic came down to "3-and-D."

Behind a blistering night behind the line, and a kleptomaniacal defense, the one-seeded Seminoles advanced to the championship game against the fourth-seeded Crusaders, 69-34.

Monroe Central made nine 3-pointers Monday at a 42.8% clip, and forced their opponent into 24 turnovers, pilfering 18 steals as a team.

Though Monroe Central never trailed Monday, the Crusaders tied the game on three separate occasions in the first quarter, 5-5, 7-7, and 10-10 as Steubenville Catholic was matching the Seminoles shot-for-shot.

While they were putting the ball in the basket when they did lift shots

up, the Crusaders were already suffering from turnover woes, committing seven in the opening frame. The trailed 20-14 after the first, and 38-22 at halftime.

"We had a good game plan coming in," Steubenville Catholic head coach Rocky Bragg said. "I believed in our defense, our defense has been doing well all season. [Monroe Central] shoots the ball well, and in order to defend them we need to move quicker than we typically do. You can't just guard one girl, they have many girls that can shoot the ball."

"I thought early on we had a game plan offensively to handle their 1-2-2 full court press. We got caught out of position, they did a great job speeding up the play. We would move quicker than we wanted to, and it would lead to turnovers. That's where we were hurt- yes that's a good team, yes they played



Photo by Nick Henthorn

Monroe Central's Riley Bettinger shoots a close-range shot against the Steubenville Catholic Crusaders during their OVAC 2A semifinal matchup.

better than we did today, but we hurt ourselves, we tried to rush the ball."

Monroe asserted an early edge on the glass, collecting six offensive boards in the first quarter to Catholic Central's two, though either team would end with 10 on the game.

The difference that did not even out was the turnover battle, with Monroe Central throwing a lot of full-court pressure and half-court traps at the Crusaders.

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## Panthers Reach 4A Championship Round, Leapfrogging Oak Glen

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CONNORVILLE

Ohio — Buckeye Local denied Oak Glen a third-straight trip to the OVAC Class 4A finale and, in the process, earned its first trip to the championship round.

Led by senior Brynn McKeever's monster third-quarter effort, the Panthers built upon a six-point halftime lead and pushed the margin into double digits.

The cold-shooting visitors, who average better than four 3-pointers per game, couldn't get dialed in from the perimeter. The result was a 46-28 low-scoring victory for Buckeye Local (12-7), who secured a winning season in the process.

A winning record and a spot in the OVAC 4A finale — quite the start for head coach Bailey McBeth in his first season in Connorville.

"It feels amazing honestly," McBeth admitted.

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McKeever is certainly enjoying capturing a spot in the finale.

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"She put the team on her back (Monday)," McBeth said of McKeever. "She really wanted to get to that championship game and I couldn't be more proud of her."

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For The Intelligencer

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Isaly's employed the '4-corner' offense to begin the fourth. "I told them nothing but layups and it worked," as River made it 3-0 against the Cougs this winter.

Fox paced the Pilots in the fourth with three hoops, while Harlan added five. Hagan, Maci Isaly and Reed all were effective defenders.

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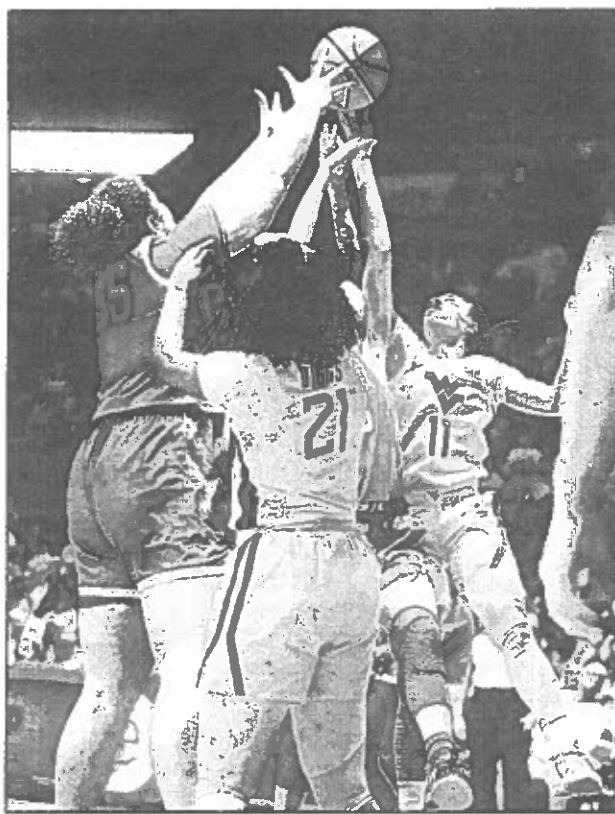


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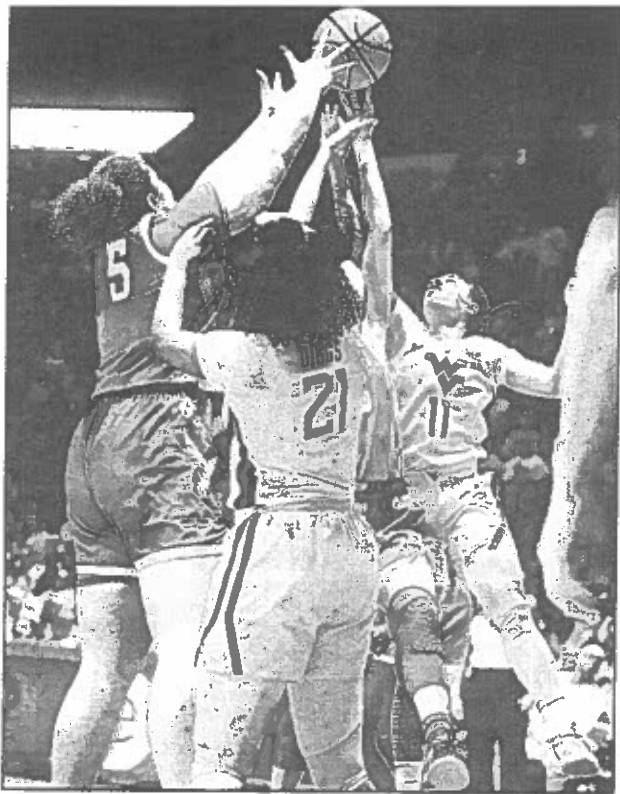


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Kandrach backed McKeever with 15 points along with six from Alyssa Dailey.

The Beavers advance to face defending champion Indian Creek, which took care of No. 4 seed East Liverpool.

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Photo by KIM NORTH

## Purple Riders ground Jets for Class 3A OVAC title berth

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

**MARTINS FERRY** — Before the 2023-24 girls basketball season began, veteran Martins Ferry head coach Dave Reasbeck said his team wanted to be playing for the OVAC Class 3A title on the first Saturday in February.

Mission accomplished, but the road wasn't always a smooth one.

"We play three freshmen, sometimes four and two of our starters missed entire games early on, but here we are at 15-4 and going to be playing for the OVAC Class 3A championship," Reasbeck said after his No. 1 seeded Purple Riders won the rubber-game of their three-game set with No. 4 Union Local, 50-37, during semifinal action inside Tolbert Gymnasium Monday night. "I can't really explain how it happened."

He did know one thing.

"The road couldn't have been any tougher. First we had to beat 'Scooter' Tolzda and now we've got to face Dan

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Martins Ferry's in-your-face pressure defense forced 22 turnovers by the Jets (15-6), with 12 the first half when it led 27-17 at the break. That's a trend that Union Local head coach Lou "Scooter" Tolzda has, unfortunately, seen time after time in losses.

"We knew at the beginning of the year that our ball handling and taking care of the ball were going to weaknesses, but the big thing when we lose games this year, that stands out more than anything is our turnovers," he said. "Give Martins Ferry credit, however, they have five girls that can make shots, so we couldn't cheat off of anyone like we can with some other teams."

Martins Ferry led 8-7 just under the halfway point in the first quarter when Lindsey Best and Danielle Lude recorded steals and went coast-to-coast for

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The second quarter was a period of runs as the Jets pulled to within 21-17 with two minutes left in the half, only to watch Martins Ferry net the final six points of the half to lead by 10. A conventional three-point play by Lude and a clutch three-pointer from Faith Smith ignited the burst.

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**WHEELING** — Trailing by a point after one quarter, the visiting Hawks outscored the Maroon Knights 29-14 in the second period and coasted from

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Beallsville's Kinley Hughes led her team in scoring with 11, joined in double figures by Megan Robinson with 10

## The Monroe Central girls advance to championship

By NICK HENTHORN  
Sports Editor

**WOODSFIELD** — Monday's OVAC 2A Semifinals between Monroe Central and Steubenville Catholic came down to "3-and-D."

Behind a blistering night behind the line, and a kleptomaniacal defense, the one-seeded Seminoles advanced to the championship game against the fourth-seeded Crusaders, 69-34.

Monroe Central made nine 3-pointers Monday at a 42.8% clip, and forced their opponent into 24 turnovers, pilfering 18 steals as a team.

Though Monroe Central never trailed Monday, the Crusaders tied the game on three separate occasions in the first quarter, 5-5, 7-7, and 10-10 as Steubenville Catholic was matching the Seminoles shot-for-shot.

While they were putting the ball in the basket when they did lift shots up, the Crusaders were already suffering from turnover woes, committing seven in the opening frame. The trailed 20-14 after the first, and 38-22 at halftime.

"We had a good game plan coming in," Steubenville Catholic head coach Rocky Bragg said. "I believed in our defense, our defense has been doing well all season. [Monroe Central] shoots the ball well, and in order to defend them we need to move quicker than we typically do. You can't just guard one girl, they have many girls that can shoot the ball."

"I thought early on we had a game plan offensively to handle their 1-2-2 full court press. We got caught out of position, they did a great job speeding up the play. We would move quicker than we wanted to, and it would lead to turnovers. That's where we were hurt — yes that's a good team, yes they played better than we did today, but we hurt ourselves, we tried to rush the ball."

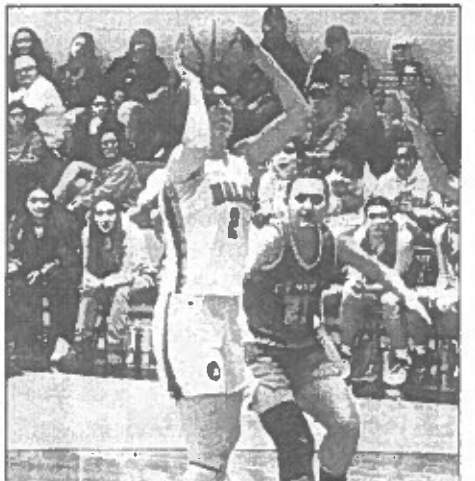
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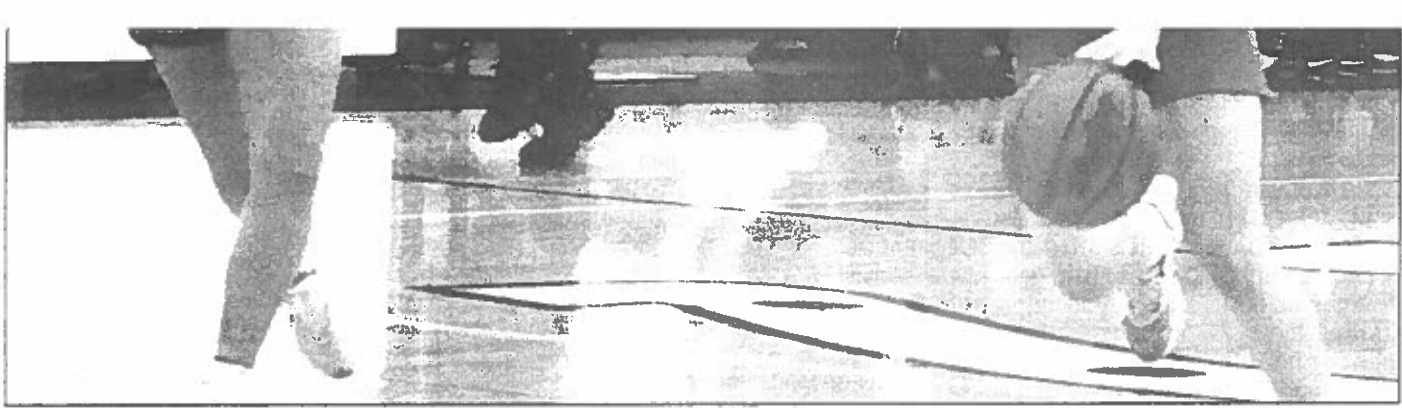


Photo by KIM NORTH

**UNION LOCAL'S** Lauren Miller (15) dribbles the ball up the court Monday night as Martins Ferry's Lindsey Best (11) pressures her during an OVAC Class 3A girls basketball semifinal inside the Tolbert Gymnasium. The Purple Riders won, 50-37.

# Purple Riders ground Jets for Class 3A OVAC title berth

By **KIM NORTH**  
Staff Writer

**MARTINS FERRY** — Before the 2023-24 girls basketball season began, veteran Martins Ferry head coach Dave Reasbeck said his team wanted to be playing for the OVAC Class 3A title on the first Saturday in February.

Mission accomplished, but the road wasn't always a smooth one.

"We play three freshmen, sometimes four and two of our starters missed entire games early on, but here we are at 15-4 and going to be playing for the OVAC Class 3A championship," Reasbeck said after his No. 1 seeded Purple Riders won the rubber-game of their three-game set with No. 4 Union Local, 50-37, during semifinal action inside Tolbert Gymnasium Monday night. "I can't really explain how it happened."

He did know one thing.

"The road couldn't have been any tougher. First we had to beat 'Scooter' Tolzda and now we've got to face Dan

Liedtke and No. 2 Fort Frye." Reasbeck noted. "That's two pretty good coaches, but you know what, we're going to show up Saturday morning, try and crack their code and bring it (the trophy) home."

Martins Ferry's in-your-face pressure defense forced 22 turnovers by the Jets (15-6), with 12 the first half when it led 27-17 at the break. That's a trend that Union Local head coach Lou "Scooter" Tolzda has, unfortunately, seen time after time in losses.

"We knew at the beginning of the year that our ball handling and taking care of the ball were going to weaknesses, but the big thing when we lose games this year, that stands out more than anything is our turnovers," he said. "Give Martins Ferry credit, however, they have five girls that can make shots, so we couldn't cheat off of anyone like we can with some other teams."

Martins Ferry led 8-7 just under the halfway point in the first quarter when Lindsey Best and Danielle Lude recorded steals and went coast-to-coast for

layups that sparked a 9-0 run. Lindsey Sidon dropped in the second of her three treys for a 17-9 lead.

The second quarter was a period of runs as the Jets pulled to within 21-17 with two minutes left in the half, only to watch Martins Ferry net the final six points of the half to lead by 10. A conventional three-point play by Lude and a clutch three-pointer from Faith Smith ignited the burst.

"That was a huge three by Faith," Reasbeck said. "She banked it in ... huge shot that put us up by 10."

The Purple Riders didn't waste any time in pulling away as a 7-4 start to the third quarter made it 34-21. Following a Union Local basket, Sidon rattled off six points in a 9-6 quarter-ending spurt that gave the Purple Riders a 43-27 advantage.

"Lindse caught fire in the third quarter," Reasbeck noted. "We got contributions from everyone tonight."

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# River's Lady Pilots take down Frontier Cougars

By **MARK DIERKES**  
For The Times Leader

**HANNIBAL** — River High School's Lady Pilots overcame a sluggish first half Monday night at the R.L. Potts gym with a 17-0 run to begin the second half in a 48-19 OVAC 2-A semi-final win over downstream rival Frontier.

River's 14th win in 17 tries sets up a rubber match

with county rival Monroe Central at Harrison Central High, Saturday at 6, for the coveted OVAC crown. Central ousted Steubenville Central, 69-34, in the other semi.

It'll be a seventh championship game appearance for RHS head coach Rick Isaly (he's won three) and will be an opportunity to go back-to-back after River beat Wheeling Central a year ago.

"(Frontier) had a good

gameplan slowing the pace at the start," said Isaly, as the hosts watched the 10-6 record Lady Cougars play stall ball, but were coach Mike Cisler's club missed nine-of-11 shots and had five turnovers.

River's accuracy wasn't any better (3-of-10), but goals from senior all-Ohioan Kelsey Harlan, Tessa Prim, and junior Kaylee Hagan had the hosts up 6-4 at the break.

Harlan, who led all scorers with 20 points and 10 rebounds, was big on the defensive end in the second as she followed a '3' from Hagan with a steal and layup for a 13-4 lead.

A pair of Morgan Haught goals for Frontier wrapped around a layup from Prim kept the visitors within range, 15-8, at halftime.

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# St. Clairsville Red Devils win over Edison, 54-49

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE** — Anna Kain led four Red Devils with 15 points in their win over the visiting Wildcats.

Kendal Sall added 12 and Alexa Druzina and Kesslee Barrera evenly split 20.

**MOUNDSVILLE** — John Marshall outscored visiting Dover, 7-0, in overtime Monday night for a 39-32 victory in an OVAC Girls' Basketball consolation bracket game inside the John Marshall Field House.

Kayli Darrow dropped in 20 points and Rilee Storm added 16. Kaylee White had the other three points.

**UNIVERSITY 83, WHEELING**

**CENTRAL 57**  
**WHEELING** — Trailing by a point after one quarter, the visiting Hawks outscored the Maroon Knights 29-14 in the second period and coasted from there on Coach Skip Prosser Court.

Kaitlyn Blake scored 22 points for Wheeling Central. Bella Fitzsimmons added 12.

**SHADYSIDE 32, BEALLSVILLE 26**

**BEALLSVILLE** — The Tigers claimed victory in a low-scoring affair over the Blue Devils.

Shadyside was led by Kaci Tsoras,

who scored 15 for the home team, and Maci Hendershot, who scored 10.

Beallsville's Kinley Hughes led her team in scoring with 11, joined in double figures by Megan Robinson with 10.

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**BRIDGEPORT 68, BEALLSVILLE 45**

**BEALLSVILLE** — Jaki Threet scored 24 points, Jaleel Vincent scored 22, and the Bulldogs came out on top over the Blue Devils.

Logan Taylor led Beallsville with 14.

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to the championship game against the fourth-seeded Crusaders, 69-34.

Monroe Central made nine 3-pointers Monday at a 42.8% clip, and forced their opponent into 24 turnovers, pilfering 18 steals as a team.

Though Monroe Central never trailed Monday, the Crusaders tied the game on three separate occasions in the first quarter, 5-5, 7-7, and 10-10 as Steubenville Catholic was matching the Seminoles shot-for-shot.

While they were putting the ball in the basket when they did lift shots up, the Crusaders were already suffering from turnover woes, committing seven in the opening frame. The trailed 20-14 after the first, and 38-22 at halftime.

"We had a good game plan coming in," Steubenville Catholic head coach Rocky Bragg said. "I believed in our defense, our defense has been doing well all season. [Monroe Central] shoots the ball well, and in order to defend them we need to move quicker than we typically do. You can't just guard one girl, they have many girls that can shoot the ball."

"I thought early on we had a game plan offensively to handle their 1-2-2 full court press. We got caught out of position, they did a great job speeding up the play. We would move quicker than we wanted to, and it would lead to turnovers. That's where we were hurt — yes that's a good team, yes they played better than we did today, but we hurt ourselves, we tried to rush the ball."

Monroe asserted an early edge on the glass, collecting six offensive boards in the first quarter to Catholic Central's two, though either team would end with 10 on the game.

The difference that did not even out was the turnover battle, with Monroe Central throwing a lot of full-court pressure and half-court traps at the Crusaders.

"We were in a little bit of everything tonight," Monroe Central head coach Troy Baker said.

"I thought our pressure was good and it led to easy baskets which helped us start separating," Baker said. "You get some separation, I think kids can play a little more relaxed than in a tight ball game. Our pressure and turnovers definitely helped us get out and go."

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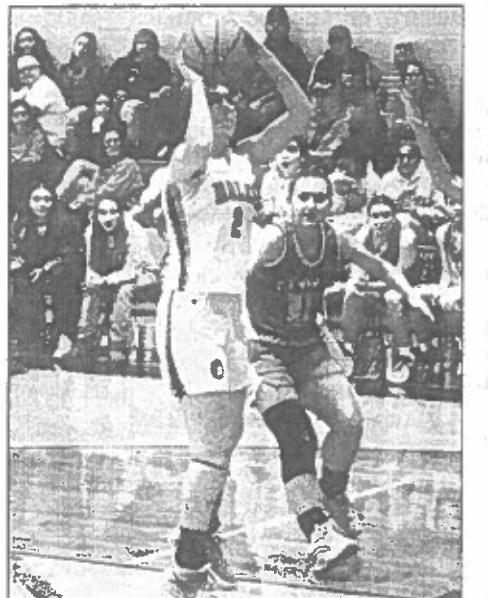


Photo by NICK HENTHORN

**MONROE CENTRAL'S** Jaysa Henthorn shoots a close-ranged shot against the Steubenville Catholic Crusaders during their OVAC 2A semifinal matchup.

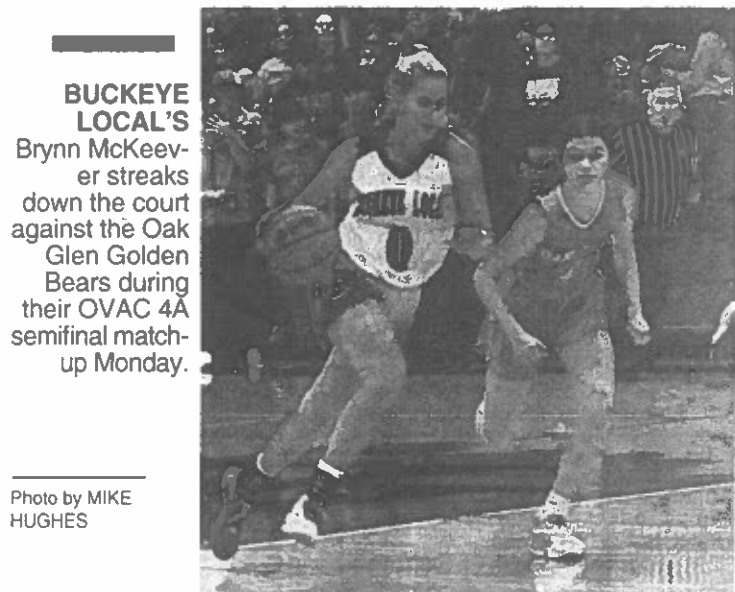


Photo by MIKE HUGHES

**BUCKEYE LOCAL'S** Brynn McKeever streaks down the court against the Oak Glen Golden Bears during their OVAC 4A semifinal match-up Monday.

# Oak Glenn falls to Buckeye Local Panthers

By **MIKE HUGHES**  
For The Times Leader

**CONNORVILLE** — Buckeye Local denied Oak Glen a third-straight trip to the OVAC Class 4A finale and, in the process, earned its first trip to the championship round.

Led by senior Brynn McKeever's monster third-quarter effort, the Panthers built upon a six-point halftime lead and pushed the margin into double digits.

The cold-shooting visitors, who average better than four 3-pointers per game, couldn't get dialed in from the perimeter. The result was a 46-28

low-scoring victory for Buckeye Local (12-7), who secured a winning season in the process.

A winning record and a spot in the OVAC 4A finale — quite the start for head coach Bailey McBeth in his first season in Connorville.

"It feels amazing honestly," McBeth admitted. "We'd hoped to make the championship, but we ultimately wanted to have a winning record and we accomplished that (Monday)."

"Honestly, I'm not sure how it feels."

McKeever is certainly enjoying capturing a spot in the finale. With her team leading 26-

17 at halftime, McKeever put on a one-woman show in the third quarter, scoring 10 points and snagging seven rebounds as part of her team-high, 18-point outing.

One of the team's senior leaders, McKeever was not going to be denied a spot in the finals after falling short her junior season.

"She put the team on her back (Monday)," McBeth said of McKeever. "She really wanted to get to that championship game and I couldn't be more proud of her."

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• Ground

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Sidon led three Purple Riders in twin figures with 17. Best added 15 and Lude 10. Best and Sidon each charted six steals and a like number of rebounds. Seven of the eight players that saw action had at least one steal.

Lauren Miller had a team-high 18 points for Union Local. She also

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"Once we took the floor in the second half we showed an ability to finish," noted Isaly, as evidenced by 17 unanswered points including 11 from Harlan, who directed the Lady Pilot offense. "We haven't shot well our last three games, but we wanted our press to work and in the second half it did."

Zoey Fox backed Harlan with 10 points, while Prim was effective at both ends with seven rebounds.

Frontier nearly went scoreless in the third until a jumper at the horn from senior Grace Knowlton cut it to 32-10 after three. Knowlton, who had 25

• Monroe

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Catholic Central had a 6-0 burst out of the break, but the stealing and 3-point shooting formula of the 'Noles had them extending their lead, 56-31 after three quarters.

"We kept after it," Baker said. "Steubenville Central was making shots early, they hung around for quite awhile. We continued to try and keep the pace and eventually they started missing some shots and we started making more than what we were earlier than that. Got even better looks as the game went on, I thought."

"We committed too many turnovers, that's just the way it goes sometimes," Bragg said. "I thought we hung well with them for the first quarter, into the second quarter they started to get some separation but we still did a good job, we played hard, we were boxing out, attacking the board. But in the second half, we just ran out of gas."

Monroe Central's Mayzie Emery made two of her game-high five 3-pointers in the third quarter, scoring 19 points. Emery also nabbed four steals. She was topped in the scoring department only by Jadyn Miller, who made three 3-pointers of her own in scoring 22 points, along with an impressive eight steals.

Jacey English scored two points with eight rebounds, five assists and four

grabbed seven rebounds. Laken Vinskovich had 10 points and eight boards.

Martins Ferry will be looking for its fourth OVAC title since 2002, but its first in Class 3A. The Purple Riders also won in 2009 and 2020. They will meet No. 2 Fort Frye, which ousted No. 3 Bellaire, 53-26, in the other semifinal Monday night in Beverly.

points in a recent game against River, was held to three and is 20 points shy of 1,000 for her career.

Isaly's employed the '4-corner' offense to begin the fourth. "I told them nothing but layups and it worked," as River made it 3-0 against the Cougs this winter.

Fox paced the Pilots in the fourth with three hoops, while Harlan added five. Hagan, Maci Isaly and Reed all were effective defenders.

Frontier hot 21 per cent (8-of-37) and were guilty of 20 turnovers. River hit 45 per cent (19-of-42) and had nine turnovers.

steals, while Riley Bettinger scored 10 points with seven rebounds and eight assists.

"All of our kids played well," Baker said. "Our top four - Mayzie, Jadyn, Jacey and Riley B., all stuffed the stat sheet. I think Jacey English had just two points but she's such an impactful kid out there on the floor. Mayzie was lighting it up, Jadyn Miller was lighting it up, and Riley B. has a motor that never quits. We're a tough team to defend."

For Steubenville Catholic, Anna Arai finished with a 14-point, 11-rebound double-double, also totaling three assists and two steals. Mary Rohoe scored two points, grabbed eight rebounds, and tallied three assists and three blocks, and Ella Maragos scored 10 points.

"We've had a long week-and-a-half, game after game, and the girls are getting tired," Bragg said. "We have another road game, and they're just getting weary as we wind down the season. We started off good, we won a lot of games early, now the season's catching up with us. It's a very difficult schedule that we have, but we're going to fight through, and hopefully some good things will happen."

Monroe Central will face defending OVAC 2A champion River in the finals, while Steubenville Catholic will play Frontier.

• Edison

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**BOWLING**  
Brooke, Buckeye Local Split Match Boys

**WELLSBURG** - The Bruins rolled a 2,105 to the Panthers' 1,643 as Darion Hilton had a 222 game and 410 series.

Seth Schroeder had a 206 and 386, respectively, for Brooke.

• Panthers

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Oak Glen coach Ryan Wells is proud of his team's effort. The Golden Bears never quit and played hard from tip to buzzer.

The problem is they just couldn't shoot.

Buckeye came out in a 2-3 zone, trying to force Oak Glen to (a) live by the deep ball and (b) pay closer attention to Kami Ward and make someone else beat them.

Unfortunately for the visitors, they couldn't manage to hit even one tri-

Thomas Beranek had a 163 game and 312 series for Buckeye Local. Noah Jack added a 158 and 292, respectively.

**Girls**  
The Panthers prevailed by eight pins, 1,505 to 1,497 as Melissa Smith rolled a 167 game and 302 series.

Kaylee Tuttle had a 209 game and 366 series for Brooke. Tegan

Williams added an 184 and 355, respectively.

**(Late Saturday)**  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
John Marshall 63, Linsly 43

**WHEELING** - Storm poured in 22 points and Derraw added 16 as the Monarchs rolled past the Cadets.

Haylen Cook led the Cadets with 22.

McKeever with 15 points along with six from Alyssa Dailey.

The Beavers advance to face defending champion Indian Creek, which took care of No. 4 seed East Liverpool.

Buckeye and Creek have yet to face off this season, but McBeth is familiar with the talented Redskins and knows his team will need to take better care of the ball come Saturday.

Buckeye's lone negative Monday was a propensity for turning over the ball.

"If we have that many

**LOCAL CARD**

**Tuesday, Jan. 30 BASKETBALL (BOYS)**  
Wheeling Central at Parkersburg South, 5:45 p.m.  
Indian Creek at East Liverpool  
St. Clairsville at Steubenville  
Barnesville at Union Local  
Linsly at Carrollton, 7 p.m.

**HOCKEY**  
Wheeling Central vs. Avonworth at WesBanco Arena, 8:40 p.m.

**SPORTS ON TV**

**Tuesday, Jan. 30 COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
6:30 p.m.

SECN - South Carolina at Tennessee  
7 p.m.

ACCN - Syracuse at Boston College

BTN - Iowa at Indiana  
CBSSN - VCU at St. Bonaventure

ESPN - North Carolina at Georgia Tech

ESPN2 - Texas Tech at TCU  
FS1 - Marquette at Villanova

PEACOCK - Illinois at Ohio St.  
8:30 p.m.

SECN - Mississippi St. at Mississippi  
9 p.m.

ACCN - Louisville at Clemson

CBSSN - San Diego St. at Colorado St.

ESPN - Oklahoma St. at Kansas

ESPN2 - Miami at NC State  
FS1 - Seton Hall at DePaul

PEACOCK - Michigan at Michigan St.  
11 p.m.

ESPN - Loyola Marymount at Gonzaga

FS1 - Fresno St. at UNLV

**COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)**  
6:30 p.m.

ESPNU - Boston U. at Northeastern

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
7:30 p.m.

TNT - Indiana at Boston  
10 p.m.

TNT - Philadelphia at Golden State

**NFL FOOTBALL**  
10:30 a.m.

NFLN - Senior Bowl: Practice, Mobile, Ala.

1 p.m.  
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**NHL HOCKEY**  
8 p.m.

NHLN - Columbus at St. Louis

**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
2:45 p.m.

FS2 - CONMEBOL U-23 Olympic Qualifier 2024 Group Stage: Uruguay vs. Peru

3:15 p.m.  
USA - Premier League: Newcastle United at Aston Villa

5:45 p.m.  
FS2 - CONMEBOL U-23 Olympic Qualifier 2024 Group Stage: Chile vs. Argentina

Group B, Caracas, Venezuela

**TENNIS**  
6 a.m.

TENNIS - Hua Hin-WTA, Montpellier-ATP Early Rounds

1 p.m.  
TENNIS - Montpellier-ATP Early Rounds

2 a.m. (Wednesday)  
TENNIS - Hua Hin-WTA, Montpellier-ATP Early Rounds

6 a.m. (Wednesday)  
TENNIS - Hua Hin-WTA, Montpellier-ATP Early Rounds

**NFL PLAYOFFS**

Conference Championship  
Sunday, Jan. 28

AFC  
Kansas City 17, Baltimore 10

NFC  
San Francisco 34, Detroit 31

Super Bowl  
Sunday, Feb. 11  
At Las Vegas

Kansas City vs. San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

**Championship Semifinals**  
Class 5A

Wheeling Park 75, Steubenville 43

WHEELING PARK (75) - Huffman 5 0-0 11; Daugherty 7 1-2 16; Helier 0 1-2 1; Bordas 12 0-0 27; Woods 6 3-8 18; Delk 1 0-0 2; Hicks 0 0-0 0; Miller 0 0-0 0; Hupp 0 0-0 0; Dalton 0 0-0 0; Downer 0 0-0 0; Hunt 0 0-0 0; Totals 31 5-12; 75.

STEUBENVILLE (43) - Warner 4 0-0 8; Criss 3 0-0 8; Jones 2 0-0 2; McShane 2 0-0 17; Bell 1

**W.VA. POLLS**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) - The Associated Press high school girls basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses and total points:

**Class AAAA**

- |                  | Rec  | Pts | Prv |
|------------------|------|-----|-----|
| 1. Whg Park (9)  | 14-3 | 98  | 4   |
| 2. Spring Valley | 12-2 | 84  | 1   |
| 3. G Wash (1)    | 12-2 | 79  | 5   |
| 4. Morgantown    | 11-4 | 72  | 2   |
| 5. Parkersburg   | 11-3 | 57  | 3   |
| 6. St. Albans    | 10-6 | 53  | 6   |
| 7. P. South      | 10-5 | 44  | 7   |
| 8. G. East       | 11-3 | 28  | 9   |
| 9. University    | 8-9  | 15  | 10  |
| 10. Princeton    | 9-3  | 11  | 8   |

Others receiving votes: Huntington 4, Martinsburg 2, Preston 2, Cabell Midland 1.

**Class AAA**

- |                 | Rec  | Pts | Prv |
|-----------------|------|-----|-----|
| 1. East Fmt (8) | 13-0 | 98  | 2   |
| 2. Wayne (2)    | 13-1 | 92  | 1   |
| 3. Lewis Co.    | 15-1 | 75  | 5   |
| 4. Nitro        | 11-3 | 65  | 3   |
| 5. Philip Bar.  | 11-2 | 61  | 4   |
| 6. N. Marion    | 9-5  | 48  | 7   |
| 7. Sissonville  | 11-5 | 39  | 6   |
| 8. Ripley       | 9-8  | 30  | 8   |
| 9. PikeView     | 10-4 | 17  | NR  |
| 10. Indepen.    | 12-2 | 7   | NR  |
| (tie) R.C. Byrd | 8-5  | 7   | 9   |

Others receiving votes: Keyser 6, Winfield 3, Elkins 2.

**Class AA**

- |                   | Rec  | Pts | Prv |
|-------------------|------|-----|-----|
| 1. Wyo. East (10) | 12-2 | 100 | 1   |
| 2. Summers Co.    | 12-3 | 86  | 2   |
| 3. Williamstown   | 12-3 | 84  | 3   |
| 4. Whg Central    | 12-4 | 68  | 6   |
| 5. St. Marys      | 13-4 | 57  | 5   |
| 6. Mingo Central  | 10-5 | 47  | 4   |
| 7. P. Catholic    | 10-4 | 28  | 7   |
| (tie) Ravens.     | 11-6 | 28  | 8   |
| 9. Chapmanville   | 9-6  | 26  | 9   |
| 10. Char. Cath.   | 8-5  | 10  | 10  |

Others receiving votes: Trinity 9, Roane County 4, Petersburg 3.

**Class A**

- |                      | Rec  | Pts | Prv |
|----------------------|------|-----|-----|
| 1. Cameron (8)       | 9-5  | 98  | 1   |
| 2. Tucker Co.        | 11-3 | 86  | 3   |
| (tie) Gilmer Co. (2) | 12-1 | 86  | 2   |
| 4. J. Monroe         | 10-5 | 66  | 5   |
| 5. St. Joseph        | 11-5 | 55  | 7   |
| 6. Doddridge Co.     | 12-3 | 54  | 4   |
| 7. G. West           | 9-5  | 40  | 6   |
| 8. River View        | 12-4 | 32  | 8   |
| 9. C-Battelle        | 7-7  | 20  | 9   |
| 10. Valley           | 9-8  | 8   | 10  |

Others receiving votes: Meadow Bridge 5.

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**Class AAAA**

- |                   | Rec  | Pts | Prv |
|-------------------|------|-----|-----|
| 1. Sp. Mills (9)  | 12-0 | 99  | 1   |
| 2. Morgantown (1) | 13-1 | 91  | 2   |
| 3. George Wash.   | 9-3  | 78  | 3   |
| 4. Martinsburg    | 6-3  | 64  | 4   |
| 5. Wheeling Park  | 10-4 | 52  | 7   |
| 6. Bridgeport     | 10-2 | 51  | 5   |
| 7. Hedgesville    | 10-2 | 36  | 8   |
| 8. Huntington     | 7-5  | 29  | 9   |
| 9. Jefferson      | 11-5 | 27  | 6   |
| 10. Musselman     | 10-4 | 9   | NR  |

Others receiving votes: Woodrow Wilson 8, St. Albans 6.

**Class AAA**

- |                  | Rec  | Pts | Prv |
|------------------|------|-----|-----|
| 1. Fmt Sr (10)   | 11-0 | 100 | 1   |
| 2. Shady Spring  | 8-2  | 85  | 2   |
| 3. East Fairmont | 9-4  | 78  | 4   |
| 4. Nitro         | 11-1 | 77  | 3   |
| 5. Lewis Co.     | 10-5 | 53  | 6   |
| 6. H. Hoover     | 7-5  | 49  | 5   |
| 7. Logan         | 6-6  | 33  | 9   |
| 8. Midland Trail | 9-2  | 31  | 8   |
| 9. Sissonville   | 7-6  | 22  | 7   |
| 10. L. Harrison  | 7-4  | 15  | 10  |

Others receiving votes: Grafton 4, North Marion 3.

**Class AA**

- |                     | Rec  | Pts | Prv |
|---------------------|------|-----|-----|
| 1. Bluefield (4)    | 8-2  | 92  | 3   |
| 2. Williamstown (5) | 13-1 | 89  | 2   |
| 3. Char. Catholic   | 12-1 | 80  | 1   |
| 4. Whg Cent (1)     | 12-3 | 79  | 4   |
| 5. Chapmanville     | 10-5 | 60  | 7   |
| 6. Ravenswood       | 11-3 | 50  | 6   |
| 7. Poca             | 7-5  | 34  | 8   |
| 8. Petersburg       | 10-3 | 25  | 7   |
| 9. Wyo. East        | 9-4  | 22  | 10  |
| 10. Trinity         | 8-5  | 9   | 9   |
| (tie) Westside      | 9-4  | 9   | NR  |

Others receiving votes: Frankfort 1.

**Class A**

- |                      | Rec  | Pts | Prv |
|----------------------|------|-----|-----|
| 1. Tucker Co. (9)    | 11-2 | 98  | 1   |
| 2. Spring Valley (1) | 10-1 | 84  | 3   |
| (tie) J. Monroe      | 7-2  | 84  | 2   |
| 4. Webster Co.       | 11-1 | 72  | 4   |
| 5. East Hardy        | 7-1  | 62  | 5   |
| 6. Wahama            | 12-2 | 45  | 7   |
| 7. Clay-Battelle     | 10-4 | 38  | 6   |
| 8. Cameron           | 10-3 | 29  | 9   |
| 9. GBeckley C        | 8-4  | 22  | 8   |
| 10. River View       | 10-1 | 7   | NR  |

Others receiving votes: Tolsia 6, Greenbrier West 3.

**OHIO POLLS**

The Top Ten teams in the girls Associated Press Ohio high school basketball polls of the 2023-2024 season with first-place votes in parentheses, won-loss record, and total points:

**DIVISION I**

- |                    |      |     |
|--------------------|------|-----|
| 1. Pick. Cent. (4) | 17-3 | 104 |
| 2. LCOlen. (5)     | 17-1 | 99  |
| 3. Mason (1)       | 15-2 | 82  |
| 4. Anth. Wayne     | 15-2 | 71  |
| 5. Union. Lake     | 14-1 | 58  |
| 6. Cin. Princeton  | 15-2 | 56  |
| 7. Marysville      | 15-3 | 53  |
| 8. Cin. Mt. ND     | 17-3 | 47  |
| 9. Akr. Hoban      | 13-2 | 24  |
| 10. Strongsville   | 16-2 | 12  |

Others receiving 12 or more points: none.

**DIVISION II**

- |                    |      |     |
|--------------------|------|-----|
| 1. PuMarian (12)   | 16-1 | 120 |
| 2. Sheridan        | 17-0 | 97  |
| 3. Proctor. Fair.  | 16-1 | 83  |
| 4. Akr. SVSM       | 12-3 | 75  |
| 5. Circleville     | 15-0 | 55  |
| 6. Copley          | 16-2 | 52  |
| 7. Bryan           | 15-1 | 48  |
| 8. Mansfield Sr.   | 16-2 | 38  |
| 9. Chilili. Unioto | 16-2 | 19  |
| 10. W. Branch      | 14-2 | 18  |

Others receiving 12 or more points: Granville 12.

**DIVISION III**

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|--------------------|------|-----|
| 1. Miami E. (7)    | 17-0 | 108 |
| 2. Ott-Glan. (2)   | 16-2 | 95  |
| 3. Kett. Alter (1) | 14-2 | 92  |
| 4. Waynes. (1)     | 18-0 | 74  |
| 5. Cas. Marg.      | 14-2 | 57  |
| 6. Portsmouth      | 15-2 | 56  |
| 7. Cols. Afri. (1) | 16-2 | 41  |
| 8. Liberty Center  | 14-1 | 27  |
| 9. Mechanics.      | 16-1 | 19  |
| 10. Cin. Co. Day   | 12-3 | 17  |

Others receiving 12 or more

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Catholic Central had a 6-0 burst out of the break, but the stealing and 3-point shooting-formula of the 'Noles had them extending their lead. 56-31 after three quarters.

"We kept after it," Baker said. "Steubenville Central was making shots early, they hung around for quite awhile. We continued to try and keep the pace and eventually they started missing some shots and we started making more than what we were earlier than that. Got even better looks as the game went on, I thought."

"We committed too many turnovers, that's just the way it goes sometimes," Bragg said. "I thought we hung well with them for the first quarter, into the second quarter they started to get some separation but we still did a good job, we played hard, we were boxing out, attacking the board. But in the second half, we just ran out of gas."

Monroe Central's Mayzie Emery made two of her game-high five 3-pointers in the third quarter, scoring 19 points. Emery also nabbed four steals. She was topped in the scoring department only by Jacy English, who made three 3-pointers of her own in scoring 22 points, along with an impressive eight steals.

Jacey English scored two points with eight rebounds, five assists and four

steals, while Riley Bettinger scored 10 points with seven rebounds and eight assists.

"All of our kids played well," Baker said. "Our top four - Mayzie, Jacy, Jacey and Riley B., all stuffed the stat sheet. I think Jacey English had just two points but she's such an impactful kid out there on the floor. Mayzie was lighting it up, Jacy Miller was lighting it up, and Riley B. has a motor that never quits. We're a tough team to defend."

For Steubenville Catholic, Anna Arai finished with a 14-point, 11-rebound double-double, also totaling three assists and two steals. Mary Rohoe scored two points, grabbed eight rebounds, and tallied three assists and three blocks, and Ella Maragos scored 10 points.

"We've had a long week-and-a-half, game after game, and the girls are getting tired," Bragg said. "We have another road game, and they're just getting weary as we wind down the season. We started off good, we won a lot of games early, now the season's catching up with us. It's a very difficult schedule that we have, but we're going to fight through, and hopefully some good things will happen."

Monroe Central will face defending OVAC 2A champion River in the finals, while Steubenville Catholic will play Frontier.

Edison

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BOWLING  
Brooke, Buckeye  
Local Split Match  
Boys

WELLSBURG - The Bruins rolled a 2.105 to the Panthers' 1.643 as Darion Hilton had a 222 game and 410 series.

Seth Schroeder had a 206 and 386, respectively, for Brooke.

Thomas Beranek had a 163 game and 312 series for Buckeye Local. Noah Jack added a 158 and 292, respectively.

Girls  
The Panthers prevailed by eight pins, 1,505 to 1,497 as Melissa Smith rolled a 167 game and 302 series.

Kaylee Tuttle had a 209 game and 366 series for Brooke. Tegan

Williams added an 184 and 355, respectively.

(Late Saturday)  
GIRLS BASKETBALL

John Marshall 63, Linsly 43  
WHEELING - Storm poured in 22 points and Derron added 16 as the Monarchs rolled past the Cadets.

Haylen Cook led the Cadets with 22.

Panthers

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Oak Glen coach Ryan Wells is proud of his team's effort. The Golden Bears never quit and played hard from tip to buzzer.

The problem is they just couldn't shoot.

Buckeye came out in a 2-3 zone, trying to force Oak Glen to (a) live by the deep ball and (b) pay closer attention to Kami Ward and make someone else beat them.

Unfortunately for the visitors, they couldn't manage to hit even one triple attempt.

"We are a good shooting team and when we saw them come out in that zone, our girls' eyes lit up," Wells admitted. "But that's the worst shooting game we've had all year. You've got to be able to knock down outside shots against a team to get them to come out of it, and we didn't hit one. That's unheard of with this group."

The Bears' other issue came on the opposite end. Buckeye wasn't exactly shooting lights out from

the field either. The big difference, led by McKeever and Pam Kandrach, the Panthers were cleaning house on the offensive glass and taking full advantage of second chance opportunities and occasionally thirds.

"We tried to keep them off the boards, but they kept getting second and third chances," Wells said. "It wasn't in the cards for us to make shots and not knocking down shots and then giving them two or three looks at the basket hurts you."

Ward finished with 21 points to lead all scorers, but Oak Glen couldn't develop a second or third option in this game.

The Golden Bears scored just 11 points in the second half and Ward accounted for all but one.

"She is a heck of a player and our goal was to make sure she didn't get 30 and make someone else beat us," McBeth admitted. "They are capable of doing that, so we were lucky that they missed some open looks."

Kandrach backed

McKeever with 15 points along with six from Alyssa Dailey.

The Beavers advance to face defending champion Indian Creek, which took care of No. 4 seed East Liverpool.

Buckeye and Creek have yet to face off this season, but McBeth is familiar with the talented Redskins and knows his team will need to take better care of the ball come Saturday.

Buckeye's lone negative Monday was a propensity for turning over the ball.

"If we have that many against Creek, it won't go well for us," McBeth said. "They are a heck of a team."

ACCN - Louisville at Clemson 13-4 57 5  
6. Mingo Central 10-5 47 4  
CBSSN - San Diego St. at Colorado St. 10-4 28 7  
ESPN - Oklahoma St. at Kansas 11-6 28 8  
ESPN2 - Miami at NC State FS1 - Seton Hall at DePaul PEACOCK - Michigan at Michigan St. 8-5 10 10  
Others receiving votes: Trinity 9, Roane County 4, Petersburg 3.

11 p.m.  
ESPN - Loyola Marymount at Gonzaga  
FS1 - Fresno St. at UNLV  
COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S)  
6:30 p.m.  
ESPNU - Boston U. at Northeastern

NBA BASKETBALL  
7:30 p.m.  
TNT - Indiana at Boston  
10 p.m.  
TNT - Philadelphia at Golden State

NFL FOOTBALL  
10:30 a.m.  
NFLN - Senior Bowl: Practice, Mobile, Ala.  
1 p.m.  
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NHL HOCKEY  
8 p.m.  
NHLN - Columbus at St. Louis

SOCCER (MEN'S)  
2:45 p.m.  
FS2 - CONMEBOL U-23 Olympic Qualifier 2024 Group Stage: Uruguay vs. Peru, Group B, Valencia, Venezuela  
3:15 p.m.  
USA - Premier League: Newcastle United at Aston Villa  
5:45 p.m.  
FS2 - CONMEBOL U-23 Olympic Qualifier 2024 Group Stage: Chile vs. Argentina, Group B, Caracas, Venezuela

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Class AAAA  
1. Sp. Mills (9) 12-0 99 1  
2. Morgntwn (1) 13-1 91 2  
3. George Wash. 9-3 78 3  
4. Martinsburg 6-3 64 4  
5. Wheeling Park 10-4 52 7  
6. Bridgeport 10-2 51 5  
7. Hedgesville 10-2 36 8  
8. Huntington 7-5 29 9  
9. Jefferson 11-5 27 6  
10. Musselman 10-4 9 NR  
Others receiving votes: Woodrow Wilson 8, St. Albans 6.

Class AAA  
1. Fmt Sr (10) 11-0 100 1  
2. Shady Spring 8-2 85 2  
3. East Fairmont 9-4 78 4  
4. Nitro 11-1 77 3  
5. Lewis Co. 10-5 53 6  
6. H. Hoover 7-5 49 5  
7. Logan 6-6 33 9  
8. Midland Trail 9-2 31 8  
9. Sissonville 7-6 22 7  
10. L. Harrison 7-4 15 10  
Others receiving votes: Grafton 4, North Marion 3.

Class AA  
1. Bluefield (4) 8-2 92 3  
2. Willimstwn (5) 13-1 89 2  
3. Char. Catholic 12-1 80 1  
4. Whg Cent (1) 12-3 79 T4  
5. Chapmanville 10-5 60 T4  
6. Ravenswood 11-3 50 6  
7. Poca 7-5 34 8  
8. Petersburg 10-3 25 7  
9. Wyo. East 9-4 22 10  
10. Trinity 8-5 9 9  
(tie) Westside 9-4 9 NR  
Others receiving votes: Frankfort 1.

Class A  
1. Tucker Co. (9) 11-2 98 1  
2. Jug Valley (1) 10-1 84 3  
(tie) J. Monroe 7-2 84 2  
4. Webster Co. 11-1 72 4  
5. East Hardy 7-1 62 5  
6. Wahama 12-2 45 7  
7. Clay-Battelle 10-4 38 6  
8. Cameron 10-3 29 9  
9. GBeckley C 8-4 22 8  
10. River View 10-1 7 NR  
Others receiving votes: Tolsia 6, Greenbrier West 3.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Conference Championships  
Sunday, Jan. 28  
AFC  
Kansas City 17, Baltimore 10  
NFC  
San Francisco 34, Detroit 31  
Super Bowl  
Sunday, Feb. 11  
At Las Vegas  
Kansas City vs. San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

PREP BOXSCORES

Championship Semifinals  
Class 5A  
Wheeling Park 75, Steubenville 43  
WHEELING PARK (75) - Huffman 5 0-0 11; Daugherty 7 1-2 16; Heller 0 1-2 1; Bordas 12 0-0 27; Woods 6 3-8 18; Delk 1 0-0 2; Hicks 0 0-0 0; Miller 0 0-0 0; Hupp 0 0-0 0; Dalton 0 0-0 0; Downer 0 0-0 0; Hunt 0 0-0 0; Totals 31 5-12; 75.  
STUEBENVILLE (43) - Warner 4 0-0 8; Criss 3 0-0 8; Jones 2 0-0 4; McShan 7 3-6 17; Beall 1 1-2 4; Scurry 1 0-0 2; Thomas 0 0-0 0; Pierce 0 0-0 0; Cooper 0 0-0 0; Totals 18 4-8; 43.  
Three-point goals: Wheeling Park 8 (Bordas 3, Woods 3, Huffman, Daugherty); Steubenville 3 (Criss 2, Beall).

Class 4A  
Buckeye Local 46, Oak Glen 28  
OAK GLEN (28) - K.Ward 10 1-2 21; Clark 0 0-0 0; Vick 1 2-2 4; Craig 0 0-0 0; Stewart 0 2-2 2; Balch 0 1-2 1; McConnachie 0 0-0 0; Six 0 0-0 0; Everett 0 0-0 0; N.Ward 0 0-0 0; Totals: 11 6-8 28.  
BUCKEYE LOCAL (46) - McKeever 6 5-6 18; Daley 2 2-2 6; Kandrach 6 3-4 15; Roset 1 0-0 3; Hornyak 1 0-0 2; Short 1 0-0 2; Stock 0 0-0 0; Totals: 17 10-12 46.  
Three-point Goals: Oak Glen none. Buckeye Local 2 (McKeever, Roset).

Class 3A  
Martins Ferry 50, Union Local 37  
UNION LOCAL (37) - Miller 7 3-6 18; Vinskovich 4 2-3 10; Martin 2 0-0 5; Pietranton 1 0-0 2; Butler 1 0-0 2; Kellaway 0 0-0 0; Day 0 0-0 0; Saunders 0 0-0 0; Totals: 15-35 5-9 37.  
MARTINS FERRY (50) - Lude 4 1-1 10; Chirpas 2 0-0 5; Sidon 7 0-0 17; Best 6 3-6 15; M. Lucas 0 0-2 0; Call 0 0-0 0; Smith 1 0-0 3; Reese 0 0-0 0; Totals: 20-45 4-9 50.  
Three-point goals: Union Local 2 (Miller, Martin). Martins

Class 2A  
Monroe Central 69, Steubenville Catholic 34  
STUEBENVILLE CATHOLIC (34) - Rohde 1 0-0 2; Cherepko 1 0-0 2; Maragos 4 1-2 10; O'Karma 2 0-0 4; Arai 5 4-8 14; Marcino 1 0-0 2; Totals: 14 5-10 34.  
MONROE CENTRAL (69) - Emery 7 0-0 19; Henthorn 3 2-2 8; Binegar 0 0-0 0; King 0 0-0 0; English 1 0-0 2; Steed 0 0-0 0; Miller 9 1-3 22; Huntsman 0 0-0 0; McFrederick 2 0-0 4; Stevens 0 0-0 0; McGarry 2 0-0 4; Muncy 0 0-0 0; Bettinger 4 1-2 10; Smitley 0 0-0 0; Totals: 29 4-7 69.  
Three-point goals: Steubenville Catholic 1 (Maragos). Monroe Central 9 (Emery 5, Miller 3, Bettinger).

Class 1A  
River 48, Frontier 19  
RIVER (48) - Hobbs 1 0-0 2; Harlan 6 7-13 20; Reed 1 0-0 2; Isaly 1 0-0 2; Hagan 2 1-2 6; Fox 5 0-0 10; Prim 3 0-0 6. Totals 19 8-15 48.  
FRONTIER (19) - Knowlton 1 1-2 3; Dye 1 0-0 2; Bowserlock 0 0-0 0; Allen 1 0-0 2; Haught 5 1-2 12; Kiggans 0 0-0 0. Totals 8 2-4 19.  
Three-point goals: River 2 (Harlan 1, Hagan 1). Frontier 1 (Haught).

Consolation Games  
John Marshall 39, Dover 32, OT  
DOVER (32) - Albaugh 0 0-0 0; Pfeiffer 0 0-0 0; Zobel 3 1-2 7; Kallon 1 0-0 2; Noretto 0 0-0 0; Karam 7 0-0 17; Werntz 0 0-0 0; Kuecher 3 0-2 6; Totals: 14 1-4 32.  
JOHN MARSHALL (39) - Finley 0 0-0 0; Derron 7 6-8 20; White 0 3-4 3; Updegraff 0 0-0 0; Storm 6 2-4 16; Inclan 0 0-0 0; Miller 0 0-0 0; Reese 0 0-0 0; Totals: 13 11-16 39.  
Three-point goals: Dover 3 (Karam 3). John Marshall 2 (Storm 2).  
St. Clairsville 54, Edison 49  
EDISON (49) - Pelley 1 0-0 2; Stull 4 0-3 9; Carpenter 0 1-2 1;

8. Liberty Center 14-1 27  
9. Mechanics. 16-1 19  
10. Cin. Co. Day 12-3 17  
Others receiving 12 or more points: Ft. Frye 14. Columbi- ana Crestview 13. LaGrange Keystone 12.

DIVISION IV  
1. Ft. Loramie (9) 14-2 114  
2. Berlin Hiland 14-2 93  
3. New. Cath. (1) 15-0 89  
4. Crestview 14-2 71  
5. Loudonville 15-1 63  
6. Tri-Village (1) 15-2 46  
7. Waterford 14-2 41  
8. Gibsonburg 15-1 38  
9. Ayersville 13-1 35  
10. Leg. Chr. (1) 14-2 19  
Others receiving 12 or more points: Richmond Hts. 12.  
The Top Ten teams in the boys Associated Press Ohio high school basketball polls of the 2023-2024 season with first-place votes in parentheses, won-loss record, and total points:

DIVISION I  
1. Olen Or (5) 16-0 103  
2. Gar. Hts. (3) 17-0 93  
3. St. Ignatius (3) 14-3 90  
4. Cin. Moeller 14-1 81  
5. Findlay 12-1 63  
6. Tol. Whitmer 13-1 57  
7. Cin. Elder 15-1 45  
8. Centerville (2) 11-4 39  
9. Del. Hayes 15-1 38  
10. Cin. Syca. 13-1 34  
Others receiving 12 or more points: Louisville 25. Brecks- ville-Broadview Hts. 13. Sandusky 12.

DIVISION II  
1. Luth. W. (8) 14-2 120  
2. Ott.-Glan. (4) 14-2 111  
3. Maivern 13-0 88  
4. Crestview 15-0 54  
5. Castalia Mar. 12-1 50  
6. Tol. Em. Chr. 11-2 46  
(tie) Preble Sha. 12-1 46  
8. Tri-Village (2) 15-1 39  
9. Minford 11-2 28  
10. Wayne Trace 12-2 22  
Others receiving 12 or more points: Bluffton 19. Williams- burg 18. Archbold 15. Cin. Mariemont 14.

DIVISION III  
1. Luth. E. (7) 13-3 114  
2. Ott.-Glan. (4) 14-2 111  
3. Maivern 13-0 88  
4. Crestview 15-0 54  
5. Castalia Mar. 12-1 50  
6. Tol. Em. Chr. 11-2 46  
(tie) Preble Sha. 12-1 46  
8. Tri-Village (2) 15-1 39  
9. Minford 11-2 28  
10. Wayne Trace 12-2 22  
Others receiving 12 or more points: Bluffton 19. Williams- burg 18. Archbold 15. Cin. Mariemont 14.

DIVISION IV  
1. Russia (10) 15-0 124  
2. Tol. Christian 14-1 80  
(tie) Lima Cath. 13-2 80  
4. Monroe Cent. 13-0 66  
5. Warren JFK 12-2 64  
(tie) Rich. Hts. (3) 8-8 64  
7. Lees. Fairfield 16-1 60  
8. Berlin Hiland 10-4 34  
9. S. Webster 14-2 26  
10. Troy Chr. 11-1 24  
Others receiving 12 or more points: Delphos St. John's 19. Tol. Maumee Valley 17. Antwerp 15.

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# OVAC Girls Basketball Pairings Are Announced

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

The top four seeds in each of the five divisions were announced Tuesday and the semifinal and consolation pairings are now set for the OVAC Girls Basketball Championships.

Semifinal games are scheduled to be played on Monday at the higher seed's home court, with consolation pool games also scheduled for that night. Second-round consolation contests are set for Thursday, Feb. 1. All games have 6 p.m. starts, however, some schools may play a JV contest prior to the varsity game.

The championship finals will be held Saturday, Feb. 3 at Harrison Central High School in Cadiz. Times will be re-

leased following the semifinals.

Three of the five classifications were close races, with the Class 3A standings where Martins Ferry (13-4) edged out Fort Frye (14-4) by a mere 0.18 points. In Class 2A, Monroe Central (14-3), by virtue of Monday night's 64-62 victory over River (13-3), topped the field with an av-



erage of 51.53 to the Pilots' 50.13. Class 1A wasn't as close as three-time defending champion Cameron (8-4) had an average of 38.67. Trinity Christian (9-4) was second at 34.77.

Morgantown (18-1) earned the top seed in Class 5A with 68.17 points. Steubenville (12-4) was second at 56.88, just ahead of Wheeling Park's 56.43.

In Class 4A, Indian Creek (16-3) was a runaway No. 1 seed with 60.63. Buckeye Local (10-7) was a distant second with 35.65.

## Class 5A

The defending champion Mohigans will host No. 4 Parkersburg South (9-5, 49.71) in one semifinal. John Marshall (9-6, 44.40) and Warren Local (12-5, 43.76) finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Wheeling Park will make the trip north on Ohio 7 to the Crimson Center inside Steubenville High School to meet Big Red in the other semi.

Morgantown defeated Wheeling Park in last year's championship tilt.

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## Park Wins Rematch Against Morgantown

Patriots' Lala Woods Makes Seven 3's, Breaks 1,000 Points

By NICK HENTHORN  
Sports Editor

WHEELING - Morgantown and Wheeling Park had their latest rematch Tuesday inside The Palace on the Hill, the meeting between the No. 2 Mohigans and No. 4 Patriots a run-back of last season's state championship game, and a hard-fought match on Dec. 19, both meetings going in Morgantown's favor.

It was Wheeling Park who came out on the winning side of Tuesday's matchup, securing a 69-59 victory on their home floor in the latest installation of what has become an exciting rivalry between two top teams.

"We lost the state finals, we lost the first one down there, we knew we had to get some momentum back against them," Wheeling Park head coach Ryan Young said. "They're an excellent basketball team, this is just one game in the grand scheme of things. We know we're going to have to play them probably two more times, hopefully three because that'd mean we'd both be down in Charleston."

Wheeling Park was led by Lala Woods, who made seven 3-pointers on her way to a game-high 28 points, also tallying seven rebounds and two steals. Woods, a junior, scored her 1,000th point in the second quarter on a free throw attempt.

Woods, a returning all-state first team performer, showed up big in a big game, as did fellow all-state first team player Alexis Bordas, who scored 26 with six rebounds.

"It's huge," Young said of the play of his two standout juniors. "Lala first half, carried us, Alexis second half, came back after shooting poorly in the first. I was really happy with her effort - she never gets down, she stays steady and plays through things. She's a great rebounder, she did a great job. I thought, on the Jones girl."

"I thought all our kids defensively paid attention to their assignments and really made it hard on them. Morgantown's a good team, they still ended up with close to 60 points but we made them earn a lot of those. Lala, just icing on the cake going over 1,000 tonight. We've had a kid

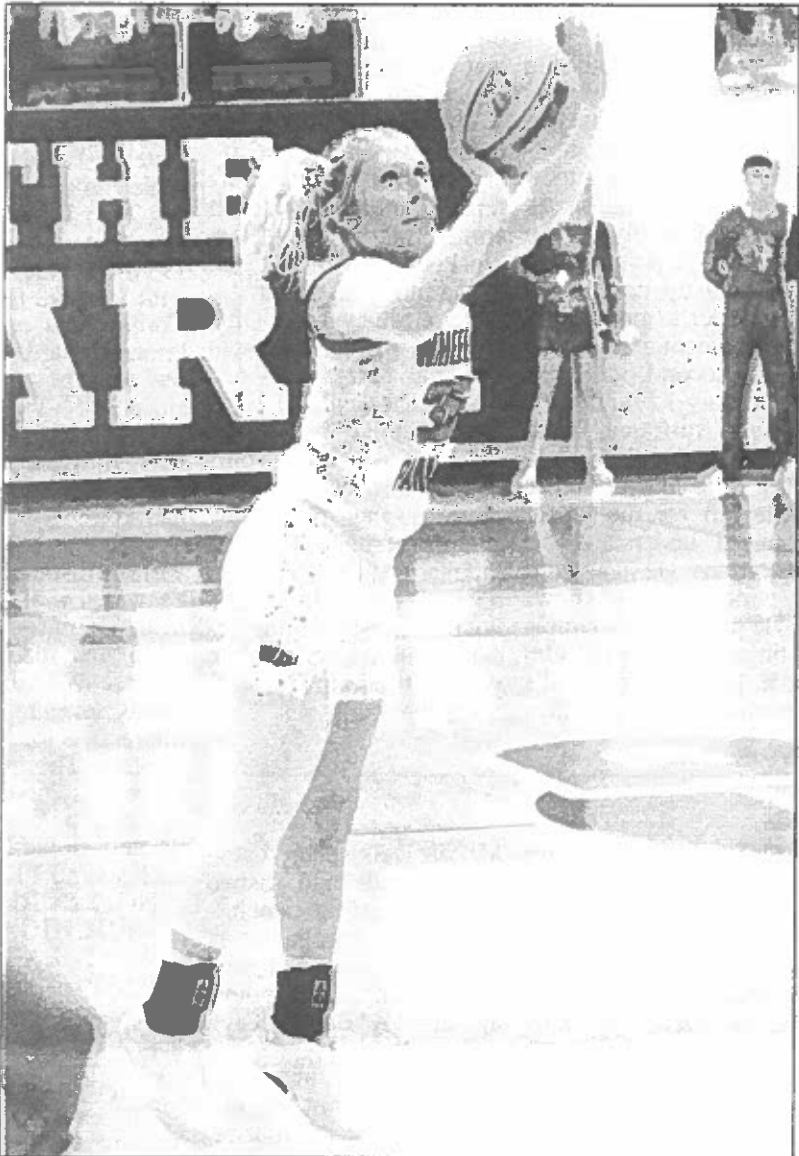


Photo by Nick Henthorn

Wheeling Park's Lala Woods fires a 3-pointer in the first half of Tuesday's game against the Morgantown Mohigans. Woods shot 7-10 from beyond the arc, scoring 28 points and moving past the 1,000-point plateau on her career.

as a sophomore go over 1,000 and now one as a junior, so that just tells you they're special players and we're fortunate to have them."

Sadaya Jones was the top scorer for Morgantown, putting up 20 points and seven rebounds.

Woods helped Wheeling Park jump out to a 17-7 lead to start the game, scoring nine points and grabbing three rebounds in the stretch.

Wheeling Park led 22-15 after the first quarter.

Morgantown put on a full-court press to start the second quarter, but the added pressure could not slow down a hot-shooting Patriots team, who made eight 3-pointers in the first half, five from Woods, to lead 38-29 at the half.

The 3-point shot was key Tuesday. Wheeling Park going 12-30

from distance while Morgantown went 1-8. The Patriots played tough enough inside against a Mohigans interior led by Jones and Lily Jordan to keep Morgantown from dominating inside, and keep the Mohigans offense from catching up.

"We got them by nine at our place, they got us by 10 up here," Morgantown head coach Doug Goodwin said. "They shot lights out. Credit to Alexis and Lala, 28 and 26 points. They shot very well with a hand in their face, they took us away from things we were trying to do offensively. All credit to Wheeling Park tonight for the effort they gave."

A nine-point halftime advantage never shrunk to any amount less for Park the rest of the way, the home team ahead 59-41 after three quarters.

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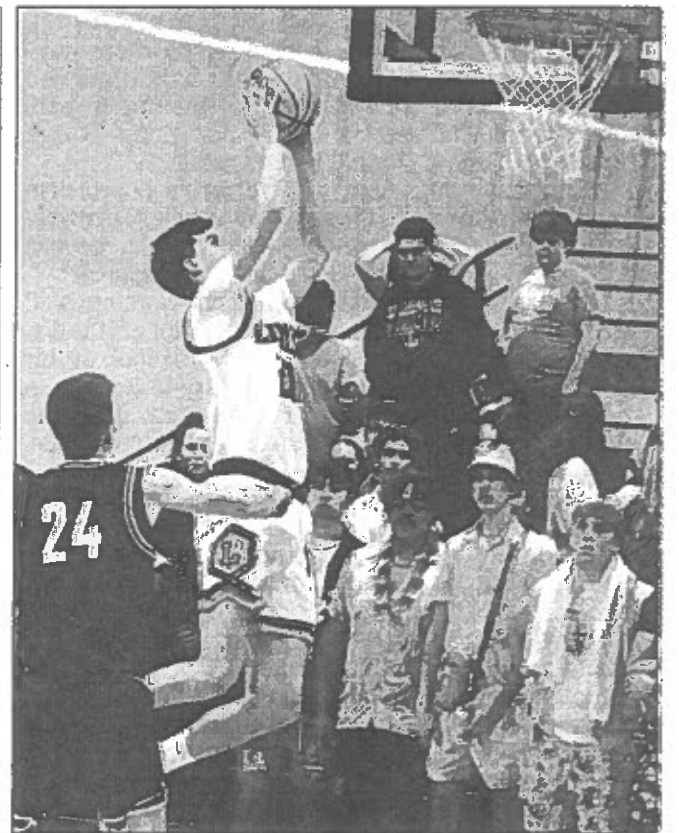


Photo by Kim North

Linsly's Uros Petrusic (20) floats to the basket Tuesday night against Wheeling Central inside a jam-packed Stifel Field House on the Linsly campus in the Leatherwood section of Wheeling. The host Cadets posted a come-from-behind 67-62 victory to remain unbeaten at 14-0. Also pictured is Wheeling Central's Max Olejasz (24).

## Cadets Make Their Move In Fourth vs. Maroon Knights, Improve To 14-0

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

WHEELING - Linsly always takes everyone's best shot, no matter the sport.

Such was the case Tuesday night inside a stuffed Stifel Field House on the Leatherwood campus as visiting Wheeling Central led 53-50 heading into the final eight minutes. However, the battle-tested Cadets hit their first four shots of the fourth quarter while the Maroon Knights missed their first five attempts.

The end result: a 67-62 Linsly victory that allows it to remain unbeaten in 14 starts.

"I think our schedule helps us. We've been in a lot of tight games, and we find ways to win, whether we make a free throw or we get a stop on defense,"

Linsly head coach Dave Wojcik said. "We are getting everybody's best shot and our guys have responded each and every time. I'm very, very proud of them."

Wojcik said he knew his team had the ability and talent to be pretty good, but never did he think the Cadets would start off like this.

"I knew we could be good, but I also thought we would take a lump or two here or there, but the guys listen every day in practice to what we are telling them and they work hard. The thing I like is that we have good chemistry. Our kids are very unselfish and when you have that kind of stuff, along with the talent, the sky's the limit."

Both teams shot the ball especially well all game long.

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the No. 3 team in the nation, the legendary Kansas Jayhawks, then three days come completely undone against a Central Florida team that brings size, strength and defense to the party but nowhere near the skill that KU possesses.

The result was that WVU was outrun, outmuscled, outrebounced and outscored, 72-59, in Orlando.

Now you may want to blame it on the road as compared to the comfy feeling WVU gets at home, but it remains a mystery why the home court is such an advantage.

To wit, WVU is 0-7 this year away from its home court. In their four home games, they have upset No. 25 Texas and No. 3 Kansas.

In the 7 losses away

I keep telling these guys we got to fight, fight and fight to the bitter end. We're not going to quit by any means."

"We got disconnected in so many ways. Offensively, defensively ... we just weren't clicking on all cylinders and working well out there. A lot of it is discipline. We'll look at this stuff and try to learn from it but we were out there and pretty disconnected. We have to fix that quick."

The size of the front line of UCF, especially 7-foot, 246-pound Ibrahim Diallo, who was averaging 6 points and 6.5 rebounds a game but who scored 14 points with 12 rebounds and intimidated with 3 "official" blocked shots but seemed while watching it like 6 and if you were shooting it had

look like a completely out of its game, something that may not have happened at home, perhaps because it would be officiated differently, perhaps because it was just one of those mysteries.

They certainly took RaeQuan Battle out of the game, completely, as he had only five points when he picked up not only a cheerleader's pom pom but his second technical in the second half. He played only 15 minutes.

"He's frustrated," said Eilert, who gave him a hug and a little lecture before Battle left for the locker room. "I understand his frustrations. He handled it the wrong way. He knows it. He popped off a couple of times and they got him for it. He deserved it. It's a teaching moment. I gave

things get tough, you need a little toughness to play through it until we figure a way to correct what we're getting into."

The dominance on the boards was there for everyone to see with 11 offensive rebounds, which along with the seven blocked shots on the led to the most important statistic of the evening, UCF having a +18 advantage in fastbreak points at 24-6.

WVU now falls to 7-12, 2-4 in the Big 12 and the road to the NCAA Tournament now has probably more curves than they can negotiate, but Eilert maintains they will keep on trucking ... but that's not really a good thing because where are you when you are trucking?

On the road.

## NEBRASKA 83, OHIO STATE 69

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Mast was 13 of 17 from the field, including 6 of 8 3-pointers. He also had 10 rebounds and four assists. Wilcher went 4 of 7 from distance. Nebraska was 14 of 27 (52%) from 3-point range, while Ohio State made 8 of 23.

Brice Williams had 14 points, seven rebounds and four assists for Nebraska.

Bruce Thornton scored 16 points for Ohio State (13-6, 3-5). Jamison Battle and Bowen Hardman each scored 11.

## NO. 2 PURDUE 99, MICHIGAN 67

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Lance Jones scored a season-high 24

points to lead Houston over BYU.

Jamal Sheard chipped in 16 points and Damian Dunn added 10 for Houston (17-2, 4-2 Big 12), which scored 17 points off 13 BYU turnovers and finished with a 15-7 advantage in second-chance points.

Noah Waterman led BYU with 17 points while Jaxson Robinson added 10 points on 4-of-14 shooting. BYU (14-5, 2-4) outscored Houston 28-22 in the paint and 13-7 in fastbreak points but only shot 29% from 3-point range.

## TEXAS 75, NO. 11 OKLAHOMA 60

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Max Abnias scored 22 points to help Texas roll past Oklahoma.

Dylan Disu had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Dillon Mitchell added eight points and 13 boards for the Longhorns (14-5, 3-3 Big 12), who shot 50% from the floor to win their sixth straight in the series.

Abnias went 4 of 8 on 3-pointers and shot 8 of 14 from the field overall.

## REMATCH

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Morgantown did give cause for pause late in the fourth, their press generating several live-ball turnovers and quick lay-ins around the basket, getting to a 10-point game, 67-57, but it was too little too late for the visitors.

"In the fourth quarter we still were letting it fly, and we needed to settle down and run some clock," Young said. "After a couple timeouts I thought we did do that. We just have to be ready for those situations. I think we're just so used

to playing the way we play, but when we get into a fourth-quarter game against a good team we've just got to learn how to be patient and run some clock. I thought we rebounded the ball pretty well."

"We got caught on screens a little more, didn't recover as well," Goodwin said of the differences between Tuesday and the two teams' last meeting.

"All things that we can work on and get better at. They just shot lights out, plain and simple. To-

wards the end there we had to foul, send them to the free throw line. We did get aggressive in our full-court press there at the end, got some buckets. It's a learning experience for us, we'll improve and get better and move on."

For Park, Woods and Bordas were joined in double figures by Jillian Huffman with 10 points and seven rebounds. Natalie Daugherty led the Patriots in assists with five, also scoring three points and grabbing five rebounds and three steals.

Merritt Delk secured seven rebounds and dished two assist off the bench.

For Morgantown, Jones' 20 was followed by Jordan's 12 points and eight rebounds, Kayli Kellogg's nine points and nine rebounds, and Sofia Wassick's eight points.

Morgantown out-rebounded Park by a slim margin, 37-35, while each team committed 10 turnovers.

Park (12-3) next faces John Marshall on the road on Thursday. Morgantown (11-2) returns home to play Russell on Friday.

## FOURTH

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"Give Linsly credit. They might be the best boys basketball team in the state of West Virginia, but nobody will ever know," Stephens added. "They are very good ... well-coached."

The Cadets earned a season sweep as they prevailed 62-53 earlier in the year.

In addition to Sancomb's game-high, Burlenski added 15 and Max Olejasz had nine. Taylor led the Cadets with 15, followed by D'arrae Goodwin with 13. Vaysbakh and Kecman each finished with nine, while Ruben Salazar contributed eight.

Goodwin completed a double-double with 11 rebounds as Linsly led 26-20 off the glass. Samcomb grabbed nine.

Linsly charted a dozen turnovers, three more than Wheeling Central.

The Maroon Knights return to their East Wheeling facility Friday as St. Mary's visits for a key W.Va. Class-A encounter. They remain home Saturday when Charleston Catholic visits. The Cadets, meanwhile, host Kettering Alter on Saturday.

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## FRAZIER

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"This is how smart he is and how tough he is: he limps off the field because he knows that's a 10-second runoff. I think that speaks to his intelligence, how tough he is and what a great player he is," West Virginia coach Neal Brown said after the Baylor victory.

You might say he was an academic brainiac in addition to a football maniac.

Frazier was the 12th first-team Academic All-American and the 31st to receive the honor in the history of the award. The list of others includes quarterbacks Fred Wyant, Oliver Luck and Jeff Hostetler, tackle Sam Huff and another center, Mike Compton.

Frazier carried his excellence off the field when he was through with football, not only into the classroom but into the community, where he was active throughout the

community.

"Last month Frazier was just the eighth player in school history to be named a finalist for the William V. Campbell Award, presented to college football's most outstanding scholar-athlete. He received an \$18,000 post-graduate scholarship," — a press release from WVU said.

He also was a semifinalist for the Wuerffel Trophy, honoring college football's most impactful leaders in the community and was a semifinalist for the Jason Witten Man of the Year Award as well.

Despite having missed the Duke's Mayo Bowl win over North Carolina and missing out on participating at the Senior Bowl, one recent projection had him as second-round selection in the NFL draft, but that will be evaluated in workouts when the foot fully heals.

## OVAC

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### Class 4A

The Redskins will welcome No. 4 East Liverpool (9-8, 29.88) to Coach 'D' Court in Wintersville. The Potters edged out Weir (7-8, 29.33) and Harrison Central (8-10, 29.11) for the final spot.

The Panthers earned the No. 2 seed and will entertain No. 3 Oak Glen (7-7, 32.43) in Connorville.

### Class 3A

The Purple Riders and Jets will meet in the rubber-match as both teams won on their home floors earlier in the season. Union Local is the defending champion.

In the other semi, No. 2 Fort Frye hosts No. 3 Bellaire (13-5, 50.44) in Beverly. The Big Reds defeated Indian Creek last weekend for the Buckeye 8 title.

### Class 2A

The top-seeded Seminoles await Steubenville Catholic (9-6, 35.07) who lost a tiebreaker with Frontier (10-5, 35.07) for fourth.

Defending champion River welcomes No. 3 Frontier to the R.L. Potts Gymnasium.

### Class 1A

The defending champion Dragons seem primed for another run as they host No. 4 Valley (7-8, 17.87). The Lumberjills qualified due to Wellsville (9-8, 20.71) not participating in the tournament. Cameron has defeated Valley twice already this season.

No. 2 Trinity Christian welcomes No. 3 Conotton Valley (6-7, 24.31) in the other semifinal.

LOCAL CARD

Wednesday, Jan. 24 BASKETBALL (BOYS) Cambridge at St. Clairsville John Marshall at Bellaire BASKETBALL (GIRLS) Heartland Christian at Edison, 5:30 p.m. Steubenville Catholic at Monroe Central BOWLING Linsly at Wheeling Central. (Rose Bowl Lanes). TBA. WRESTLING Barnesville at East Liverpool, 6 p.m. Buckeye Local and Shadyside at Martins Ferry

COLLEGE CARD

Wednesday, Jan. 24 MEN'S BASKETBALL Salem at West Liberty, 7:30 p.m. Notre Dame College at Wheeling, 7:30 p.m. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Salem at West Liberty, 5:30 p.m. Notre Dame College at Wheeling, 5:30 p.m.

NFL PLAYOFFS

Divisional Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 20 Baltimore 34, Houston 10 San Francisco 24, Green Bay 21 Sunday, Jan. 21 Detroit 31, Tampa Bay 23 Kansas City 27, Buffalo 24 Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 28 AFC Kansas City at Baltimore, 3 p.m. (CBS) NFC Detroit at San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. (FOX) Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 11 At Las Vegas TBD, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

SPORTS ON TV

Wednesday, Jan. 24 CANADIAN HOCKEY LEAGUE 6:30 p.m. NHLN - Top Prospect Game: Team Red vs. Team White, Moncton, New Brunswick COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S) 6:30 p.m. FS1 - Providence at Seton Hall SECN - LSU at Georgia 7 p.m. ACCN - NC State at Virginia BTN - Maryland at Iowa CBSN - Murray St. at Bradley ESPN2 - Miami at Notre Dame 7:30 p.m. ESPN - Auburn at Alabama 8:30 p.m. FS1 - Villanova at St. John's SECN - Mississippi St. at Florida 9 p.m. BTN - Illinois at Northwestern CBSN - Marquette at DePaul ESPN2 - Kansas St. at Iowa ESPNU - Arkansas at Mississippi 10 p.m. PAC-12N - Utah at Washington St. 10:30 p.m. FS1 - Colorado St. at Nevada 11 p.m. CBSN - New Mexico St. at San Jose St. ESPNU - Colorado at Washington COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S) 7 p.m. ESPNU - Oklahoma at Texas GOLF - PGA Tour: The Farmers Insurance Open, First Round, Torrey Pines South Course, La Jolla, Calif. 3 a.m. (Thursday) GOLF - DP World Tour: The Ras Al Khaimah Championship, First Round, Al Hamra GC, Ras al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates NBA BASKETBALL 8:30 p.m. ABC - Phoenix at Dallas 9:30 p.m. ESPN - Oklahoma City at San Antonio NHL HOCKEY 7:30 p.m. TNT - Carolina at Boston 10 p.m. TNT - Chicago at Seattle SOCCER (MEN'S) 2:45 p.m. FS2 - CONMEBOL U-23 Olympic Qualifier 2024 Group Stage: Paraguay vs. Uruguay, Group B, Valencia, Venezuela 5:45 p.m. FS2 - CONMEBOL U-23 Olympic Qualifier 2024 Group

OVAC BASKETBALL

Table with columns for GIRLS Final Standings CLASS 5-A, CLASS 4-A, CLASS 3-A, CLASS 2-A, CLASS 1-A and CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS Monday, January 29 CLASS 1-A, CONSOLATION POOL Monday, Jan. 29. Includes team names and scores.

CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS

Table with columns for Monday, January 29 CLASS 1-A, CLASS 2-A, CLASS 3-A, CLASS 4-A, CLASS 5-A and CONSOLATION POOL Monday, Jan. 29. Includes team names and scores.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Results Wednesday At Melbourne Park Melbourne, Australia Purse: AUD\$39,264,000 Surface: Hardcourt outdoor MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (AP) Results Wednesday

PREP BOXSCORES

Table with columns for BOYS Linsly 67, Wheeling Central 62 and GIRLS Linsly 67, Wheeling Central 62. Includes team names and scores.

AP TOP 25 MEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, and total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking. Record Pts Prv 1. UConn (44) 17-2 1508 1 2. Purdue (17) 17-2 1472 2 3. N. Carolina 15-3 1391 4 4. Houston 16-2 1309 5 5. Tennessee 14-4 1237 6 6. Kentucky 14-3 1205 8 7. Kansas 15-3 1157 3 8. Auburn 16-2 1094 13 9. Arizona 14-4 1060 12 10. Illinois 14-4 862 14 11. Oklahoma 15-3 849 15 12. Duke 13-4 832 7 13. Wisconsin 14-4 801 11 14. Marquette 13-5 747 17 15. Baylor 14-4 645 9 16. Dayton 15-2 546 21 17. Creighton 14-5 505 18 18. Utah St. 17-2 381 16 19. Memphis 15-4 329 10 20. Texas Tech 15-3 304 25 21. BYU 14-4 294 20 22. FAU 15-4 290 23 23. Iowa St. 14-4 253 24 24. Colo. St. 15-3 214 - 25. N. Mexico 16-3 177 - Others receiving votes: Seton Hall 84, San Diego St. 64, Kansas St 39, Alabama 30, TCU 27, Mississippi 25, Princeton 21, Utah 20, Texas 16, Boise St. 9, Florida 6, Gonzaga 6, Grand Canyon 5, Michigan St. 3, Saint Mary's 2, NC State 1, San Francisco 1, Indiana St 1, Samford 1, McNeese St. 1, Colorado 1.

USA TODAY MEN

The USA TODAY Sports Top 25 men's basketball poll, with first-place votes received in parenthesis, team's records, total points based on 25 for first place through one point for 25th and ranking in last week's final poll: Record Pts Pvs 1. UConn (24) 17-2 791 1 2. Purdue (8) 17-2 769 2 3. N. Carolina 15-3 734 3 4. Houston 16-2 678 5 5. Tennessee 14-4 671 7 6. Kentucky 14-3 609 10 6. Auburn 16-2 609 11 8. Kansas 15-3 576 4 9. Arizona 14-4 528 13 10. Wisconsin 14-4 480 8 11. Illinois 14-4 437 14 12. Duke 13-4 421 6 13. Oklahoma 15-3 401 16 14. Baylor 14-4 362 9 15. Marquette 13-5 360 18 16. Creighton 14-5 299 15 17. Dayton 15-2 277 23 18. Iowa State 14-4 220 20 19. BYU 14-4 181 19 20. Utah State 17-2 176 17 21. Texas Tech 15-3 148 25 22. Memphis 15-4 130 12 23. Colorado St. 15-3 119NR 24. Florida Atla. 15-4 101NR 25. New Mexico 16-3 54NR Dropped Out: No. 21 Mississippi (15-3); No. 22 TCU (13-5); No. 24 San Diego State (15-4). Others receiving votes: Alabama (12-6) 43; San Diego State (15-4) 43; Seton Hall (13-6) 33; Gonzaga (13-5) 30; TCU (13-5) 26; Texas (13-5) 18; Clemson (13-5) 15; Kansas State (14-4) 14; Princeton (15-1) 13; Utah (14-5) 10; Saint Mary's (14-6) 6; Boise State (13-5) 5; Grand Canyon (17-2) 4; Indiana State (16-3) 4; James Madison (17-2) 2; Mississippi (15-3) 2; Michigan State (12-7) 1.

AP WOMEN

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, and total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking. Rec Pts Prv 1. S. Carolina (35) 17-0 875 1 2. UCLA 15-1 833 5 3. Colorado 16-2 763 3 4. Kansas St 18-1 753 7 5. Iowa 18-2 729 2 6. Stanford 17-2 695 8 7. NC State 16-2 646 4 8. UConn 16-3 635 9 9. LSU 18-2 575 10 10. Texas 18-2 553 11 11. So. Cal 13-3 515 6 12. Ohio St. 15-3 493 18 13. Baylor 15-2 480 12 14. Indiana 16-2 396 16 15. Notre Dame 14-3 331 19 16. Utah 13-5 328 20 17. Gonzaga 18-2 320 17 18. Louisville 16-3 315 13 19. Va. Tech 14-2 272 14 20. N.Carolina 14-5 243 23 21. Creighton 14-3 169 21 22. Syracuse 16-2 131 - 23. Florida St. 14-6 104 15 24. West Virginia 16-2 78 - 25. Oregon St. 15-3 43 - Others receiving votes: Marquette 27, Princeton 21, Iowa

Cameron Boys Edge Tyler Consolidated

CAMERON - Lance Hartley gave Cameron a 57-56 lead off a Colson Wichterman assist with 12 seconds left and then added a free throw to give the Dragons a hard-fought, 58-56 overtime victory over visiting Tyler Consolidated Tuesday night in boys high school basketball action.

Hartley finished with 25 points and 14 rebounds for Cameron (9-3). Wichterman added 12 points and eight assists. Colin Magers finished with nine points.

Bridgeport 59, Wood County Christian 46

BRIDGEPORT - Jaleel Vincent netted a game-high 21 points and the Bulldogs knocked down 10 bonus goals in a repeat victory over the visiting Lions on Frank Baxter Court inside the John J. Havlicek Gymnasium at Bridgeport High School.

Coen Brinker added 13 points for the Bulldogs (10-5), one more than Jaki Threet.

River 58, Magnolia 52, OT

NEW MARTINSVILLE - The Pilots outscored the Blue Eagles 11-5 in the extra session to pull out the victory.

Kabel Isaly tallied nine of his team-high 27 points in the overtime, including a 7-for-8 showering from the free throw stripe. Kaden Johnson added 12 points. Hayden Pyles poured in a game-best 30 points for Magnolia, but only 12 came after the half. Hunter Oates nailed four treys for 12.

Monroe Central 79, Shenandoah 29

WOODSFIELD - The Seminoles' perfect season continued on to 13-0 against the Zeps, 10 Monroe players getting in the scoring column in a home rout. Jacob Fogle led the 'Noles with 14 points. Joining him in double figures was Cooper Howell (13), Dylan Parden (11), Chance Allen (10) and Tucker Howell (10).

Valley 75, Paden City 32

PADEN CITY - Gavin Derby recorded 22 points and Dallas Preat added 11 as the Lumberjacks axed the Wildcats. Ayden Morgan finished with 10 while Koleton Kinkade and Landen Jerico had nine each.

Brayden Neff had 13 for Paden City.

Conotton Valley 44, Beallsville 32

BEALLSVILLE - Brooks Bower had 18 points for the Rockets. Logan Taylor led the Blue Devils with 13.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cameron 69, Clay-Battelle 28

BLACKSVILLE - The Dragons rolled to a road victory over the Cee Bees, led by 20 points and six rebounds from Ashlynn Van Tassel, and 19 points from Maci Neely. Kenzie Clutter finished with five points, eight assists and five rebounds.

BOWLING

John Marshall Nips Brooke

ST. CLAIRSVILLE - The Monarchs slipped past the Bruins, 1,544 to 1,281 Tuesday at St. Clair Lanes. Reagan Gorby rolled a 186 game and a 295 series for the winners, while Shelby Crow added a 149 game and a 285 series. Brooke's Tegan Williams had games of 188 and 172 for a 360 series.

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

Bobby Douglas Complex Kickoff Is Friday

WEST LIBERTY -- After being postponed due to winter weather conditions, West Liberty University and the WLU Foundation announced the rescheduled date for the Bobby Douglas Wrestling Complex Kickoff Event for Friday, Jan. 26, at 5:30 p.m. in the R. Emmett Boyle Conference Center inside the ASRC. The event will still follow the originally scheduled order of events with refreshments and a photo session, followed by the main program at 6:15 p.m. with guest speakers and former WLU wrestling All-Americans and national champions in attendance. Renderings and graphics of the future complex will be on display for the public to view.

WLU Men Remain At No. 20 In NABC Poll

WEST LIBERTY -- The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) released their ninth regular season poll for NCAA Division II men's basketball on Tuesday afternoon, which saw West Liberty University remain No. 20 in the nation. The Hilltoppers went 2-0 last week and won their fifth consecutive game with a 114-78 home victory over Glenville State on Saturday evening after going on the road to defeat Concord 91-79 on Wednesday.

The Hilltoppers will next be in action tomorrow night when they host Salem in their final non-conference game of the regular season at 7:30 p.m. inside the ASRC. With a record of 13-3 (8-1 MEC), the Black & Gold are tied for the top spot in the league standings with No. 23 Charleston, giving the conference two ranked schools while Concord remains receiving votes. WLU is averaging 102.4 points per game and a scoring margin of +21.3 as they are being featured in the national rankings for the 46th consecutive week.

Leadoff Dinner Tickets Still Available

WEST LIBERTY - With the 2024 Baseball Leadoff Dinner nearing, fans are encouraged to reserve their spot inside the Belmont Savings Bank Practice Facility while tickets remain for the event at 6:30 p.m. on February 10. With only 40 tickets remaining at \$75 a person, attendees will have the opportunity to listen to keynote speaker and ESPN college baseball analyst Mike Rooney to begin the night and will then receive a catered meal with three drink tickets. Additional drink tickets are available for purchase. Next the Hilltoppers will introduce their 2024 roster

Wednesday,

January 24, 2024

## Pairings for the OVAC Girls Basketball Championship picked

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

THE TOP four seeds in each of the five divisions were announced Tuesday and the semifinal and consolation pairings are now set for the OVAC Girls Basketball Championships.

Semifinal games are scheduled to be played on Monday at the higher seed's home court, with consolation pool games also scheduled for that night. Second-round consolation contests are set for Thursday, Feb. 1. All games have 6 p.m. starts, however, some

schools may play a JV contest prior to the varsity game. The championship finals will be held Saturday, Feb. 3 at Harrison Central High School in Cadiz. Times will be released following the semifinals.

Three of the five classifications were close races, with the Class 3A standings where Martins Ferry (13-4) edged out Fort Frye (14-4) by a mere 0.18 points. In Class 2A, Monroe Central (14-3), by virtue of Monday night's 64-62 victory over



River (13-3), topped the field with an average of 51.53 to the Pilots' 50.13. Class 1A wasn't as close as three-time defending champion Cameron (8-4) had an average of 38.67. Trinity Christian (9-4) was second at 34.77.

Morgantown (18-1) earned the top seed in Class 5A with 68.17 points. Steubenville (12-4) was second at 56.88, just ahead of Wheeling Park's 56.43. In Class 4A, Indian Creek (16-

3) was a runaway No. 1 seed with 60.63. Buckeye Local (10-7) was a distant second with 35.65.

### CLASS 5A

The defending champion Mohigans will host No. 4 Parkersburg South (9-5, 49.71) in one semifinal. John Marshall (9-6, 44.40) and Warren Local (12-5, 43.76) finished fifth and sixth, respectively.

Wheeling Park will make the trip north on Ohio 7 to the Crimson Center inside Steubenville High School to meet Big Red in the other semi.

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Photo by KIM NORTH

WHEELING CENTRAL'S Quinten Burlenski (12) uses a screen from teammate Max Olejasz (24) as Linsly's Will Taylor (12) tries to fight his way around it during Tuesday night's 67-62 Linsly victory inside a jam-packed Stifel Field House on the Leatherwood campus in Wheeling. Also pictured is the Maroon Knights' Jeremy Ratcliffe (15) and referee Donnie Giffin.

## Linsly takes down Wheeling Central Maroon Knights

By KIM NORTH  
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Linsly always takes everyone's best shot, no matter the sport.

Such was the case Tuesday night inside a stuffed Stifel Field House on the Leatherwood campus as visiting Wheeling Central led 53-50 heading into the final eight minutes. However, the battle-tested Cadets hit their first four shots of the fourth quarter while the Maroon Knights missed their first five attempts.

The end result: a 67-62 Linsly victory that allows it to remain unbeaten in 14 starts.

"I think our schedule helps us. We've been in a lot of tight games, and we find ways to win, whether we make a free throw or we get a stop on defense," Linsly head coach Dave Wojcik said. "We are getting everybody's best shot and our guys have responded each and every time. I'm very, very proud of them."

Wojcik said he knew his team had the ability and talent to be pretty good, but never did he think the Cadets would start off like this.

"I knew we could be good, but I also thought we would take a lump or two

here or there, but the guys listen every day in practice to what we are telling them and they work hard. The thing I like is that we have good chemistry. Our kids are very unselfish and when you have that kind of stuff, along with the talent, the sky's the limit."

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## Mast scores career-high in Nebraska's win over OSU

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Nebraska (15-5, 5-4 Big Ten) is off to its best 20-game start since the 1990-91 team opened with an 18-2 record. The Cornhuskers are 13-1 at Pinnacle Bank Arena this season, the most wins since 2018-19.

The Buckeyes had won five of their last six games in Lincoln.

Mast matched his season high of 20 points on a 3-pointer with 12:08 remaining to give Nebraska a 57-47 lead. The Cornhuskers led by double figures the remainder.

Nebraska led by as many as 18 points, the final time coming on a 3-pointer by C.J. Wilcher with 5:30 left. Wilcher finished with four 3-pointers and 16 points.

Mast was 13 of 17 from the field, including 6 of 8 3-pointers. He also had 10 rebounds and four assists. Wilcher went 4 of 7 from distance. Nebraska was 14 of 27 (52%) from 3-point range, while Ohio State made 8 of 23.

Brice Williams had 14 points, seven rebounds and four assists for Nebraska, which was coming off a 75-69 victory over Northwestern on Saturday. The Cornhuskers were without Juwan Gary because of a calf injury.

Bruce Thornton scored 16 points for Ohio State (13-6, 3-5). Jamison Battle and Bowen Hardman each scored 11.

Nebraska goes on the road to play Maryland on Saturday. Ohio State continues its two-game road swing on Saturday against Northwestern.

## Titans to hire Bengals offensive coordinator as head coach

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans have agreed to hire Cincinnati Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan as their head coach, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Monday.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the deal hadn't been finalized.

Callahan replaces Mike Vrabel, who was fired on Jan. 9 after six seasons and losing 18 of his final 24 games.

## Adrian Beltre, Todd Helton and Joe Mauer elected for the baseball's Hall of Fame

# Bridgeport Boys take down Wood County Christian, 59-46

BRIDGEPORT — Jaleel Vincent netted a game-high 21 points and the Bulldogs knocked down 10 bonus goals in a repeat victory over the visiting Lions on Frank Baxter Court inside the John J. Havlicek Gymnasium at Bridgeport High School.

Coen Brinker added 13 points for the Bulldogs (10-5), one more than Jaki Threet.

Luke Davis had 14 for WCC.

**River 58, Magnolia 52, OT**

NEW MARTINSVILLE — The Pilots outscored the Blue Eagles 11-5 in the extra session to pull out the victory.

Kabel Isaly tallied nine of his team-high 27 points in the overtime, including a 7-for-8 showering from the free throw stripe. Kaden Johnson added 12 points.

Hayden Pyles poured in a game-best 30 points for Magnolia, but only 12 came after the half. Hunter Oates nailed four treys for 12.

**Monroe Central 79, Shenandoah 29**

WOODSFIELD — The Seminoles' perfect season continued on to 13-0 against the Zeps. 10 Monroe players getting in the scoring column in a home rout.

Jacob Fogle led the 'Noles with 14 points. Joining him in double figures was Cooper Howell (13). Dylan Parden

(11), Chance Allen (10) and Tucker Howell (10).

Shenandoah was led by Carsten Smith who scored 12.

**Conotton Valley 44, Beallsville 32**  
BEALLSVILLE — Brooks Bower had 18 points for the Rockets.

Logan Taylor led the Blue Devils with 13.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**Cameron 69, Clay-Battelle 28**

BLACKSVILLE — The Dragons rolled to a road victory over the Cee Bees, led by 20 points and six rebounds from Ashlynn Van Tassell, and 19 points from Maci Neely.

Kenzie Clutter finished with five points, eight assists and five rebounds.

Clay-Battelle was led by 11 points from Ali Hillyer.

**BOWLING**

**Girls**

**John Marshall Nips Brooke**

ST. CLAIRSVILLE — The Monarchs slipped past the Bruins, 1,544 to 1,281 Tuesday at St. Clair Lanes.

Reagan Gorby rolled a 186 game and a 295 series for the winners, while Shelby Crow added a 149 game and a 285 series.

Brooke's Tegan Williams had games of 188 and 172 for a 360 series. Kaylee Tuttle had a 143 game and a 272 series.

## • OVAC

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Morgantown defeated Wheeling Park in last year's championship tilt.

### CLASS 4A

The Redskins will welcome No. 4 East Liverpool (9-8, 29.88) to Coach 'D' Court in Wintersville. The Potters edged out Weir (7-8, 29.33) and Harrison Central (8-10, 29.11) for the final spot.

The Panthers earned the No. 2 seed and will entertain No. 3 Oak Glen (7-7, 32.43) in Connorville.

### Class 3A

The Purple Riders and Jets will meet in the rubber-match as both teams won on their home floors earlier in the season. Union Local is the defending champion.

In the other semi. No. 2 Fort Frye hosts No. 3 Bellaire (13-5, 50.44) in Beverly. The Big Reds defeated Indian Creek last

## • Knights

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"Give Linsly credit. They might be the best boys basketball team in the state of West Virgin-

ia, but nobody will ever know," Stephens added. "They are very good ... well-coached."

The Cadets earned a season sweep as they

weekend for the Buckeye 8 title.

### Class 2A

The top-seeded Seminoles await Steubenville Catholic (9-6, 35.07) who lost a tiebreaker with Frontier (10-5, 35.07) for fourth.

Defending champion River welcomes No. 3 Frontier to the R.L. Potts Gymnasium.

### Class 1A

The defending champion Dragons seem primed for another run as they host No. 4 Valley (7-8, 17.87). The Lumberjills qualified due to Wellsville (9-8, 20.71) not participating in the tournament. Cameron has defeated Valley twice already this season.

No. 2 Trinity Christian welcomes No. 3 Conotton Valley (6-7, 24.31) in the other semifinal.

prevailed 62-53 earlier in the year.

In addition to Sancomb's game-high, Burlenski added 15 and Max Olejasz had nine. Taylor led the Cadets with 15, followed by D'Arrae Goodwin with 13. Vaysbakh and Keckman each finished with nine, while Rubin Salazar contributed eight.

Goodwin completed a double-double with 11 rebounds as Linsly led 26-20 off the glass. Samcomb grabbed nine.

Linsly charted a dozen turnovers, three more than Wheeling Central.

The Maroon Knights return to their East Wheeling facility Friday as St. Mary's visits for a key W.Va. Class A encounter. They remain home Saturday when Charleston Catholic visits. The Cadets, meanwhile, host Kettering Alter on Saturday.

## LOCAL CARD

Wednesday, Jan. 24  
**BASKETBALL (BOYS)**  
Cambridge at St. Clairsville  
John Marshall at Bellaire  
**BASKETBALL (GIRLS)**  
Heartland Christian at Edison, 5:30 p.m.  
Steubenville Catholic at Monroe Central  
**BOWLING**  
Linsly at Wheeling Central. (Rose Bowl Lanes). TBA.  
**WRESTLING**  
Barnesville at East Liverpool, 6 p.m.  
Buckeye Local and Shadyside at Martins Ferry

## COLLEGE CARD

Wednesday, Jan. 24  
**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Salem at West Liberty, 7:30 p.m.  
Notre Dame College at Wheeling, 7:30 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Salem at West Liberty, 5:30 p.m.  
Notre Dame College at Wheeling, 5:30 p.m.

## NFL PLAYOFFS

Divisional Playoffs  
Saturday, Jan. 20  
Baltimore 34, Houston 10  
San Francisco 24, Green Bay 21  
Sunday, Jan. 21  
Detroit 31, Tampa Bay 23  
Kansas City 27, Buffalo 24  
Conference Championships  
Sunday, Jan. 28  
**AFC**  
Kansas City at Baltimore, 3 p.m. (CBS)  
**NFC**  
Detroit at San Francisco, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

## SPORTS ON TV

Wednesday, Jan. 24  
**CANADIAN HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
6:30 p.m.  
NHLN — Top Prospect Game: Team Red vs. Team White, Moncton, New Brunswick  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**  
6:30 p.m.  
FS1 — Providence at Seton Hall  
SECN — LSU at Georgia  
7 p.m.  
ACCN — NC State at Virginia  
BTN — Maryland at Iowa  
CBSSN — Murray St. at Bradley  
ESPN2 — Miami at Notre Dame  
7:30 p.m.  
ESPN — Auburn at Alabama  
8:30 p.m.  
FS1 — Villanova at St. John's  
SECN — Mississippi St. at Florida  
9 p.m.  
BTN — Illinois at Northwestern  
CBSSN — Marquette at DePaul  
ESPN2 — Kansas St. at Iowa St.  
ESPNU — Arkansas at Mississippi  
10 p.m.  
PAC-12N — Utah at Washington St.  
10:30 p.m.  
FS1 — Colorado St. at Nevada  
11 p.m.  
CBSSN — New Mexico St. at San Jose St.  
ESPNU — Colorado at Washington

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**  
7 p.m.  
ESPNU — Oklahoma at Texas  
**GOLF**  
3 p.m.  
GOLF — PGA Tour: The Farmers Insurance Open, First Round, Torrey Pines South Course, La Jolla, Calif.  
3 a.m. (Thursday)  
GOLF — DP World Tour: The Ras Al Khaimah Championship, First Round, Al Hamra GC, Ras al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
8:30 p.m.  
ABC — Phoenix at Dallas  
9:30 p.m.  
ESPN — Oklahoma City at San Antonio  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
7:30 p.m.  
TNT — Carolina at Boston  
10 p.m.  
TNT — Chicago at Seattle  
**SOCCER (MEN'S)**  
2:45 p.m.  
FS2 — CONMEBOL U-23 Olympic Qualifier 2024 Group Stage: Paraguay vs. Uruguay, Group B, Valencia, Venezuela  
5:45 p.m.  
FS2 — CONMEBOL U-23 Olympic Qualifier 2024 Group Stage: Peru vs. Argentina, Group B, Valencia, Venezuela

## OVAC BASKETBALL

GIRLS				
Final Standings				
CLASS 5-A				
W	L	CP	AVE	
Morg	11	1	818	68.17
Steub	12	4	910	56.88
WPark	11	3	790	56.43
PSouth	9	5	696	49.71
**Mar	12	4	778	48.63
JM	9	6	666	44.40
Warr	12	5	744	43.76
Univ	6	8	462	33.00
Dver	9	8	534	31.41
Brke	0	13	0	0.00

CLASS 4-A				
W	L	CP	AVE	
I Creek	16	3	1152	60.63
Buck L	10	7	606	35.65
O Glen	7	7	454	32.43
EL	9	8	508	29.88
Weir	7	8	440	29.33
H C	8	10	524	29.11
Edison	9	8	468	27.53
Beaver	5	12	326	19.18
St. C	4	12	276	17.25
Camb	3	15	176	9.78

CLASS 3-A				
W	L	CP	AVE	
MFerry	13	4	870	51.18
FFrye	14	4	918	51.00
Bell	13	5	908	50.44
UL	13	5	904	50.22
WC	11	4	636	42.40
Shen	6	9	332	22.13
Barnes	6	10	342	21.38
B Trail	6	8	288	20.57
Linsly	4	13	260	15.29
Mag	0	13	0	0.00

CLASS 2-A				
W	L	CP	AVE	
Monroe	14	3	876	51.53
River	13	3	802	50.13
Fron	10	5	526	35.07
Steub C	9	6	526	35.07
Cald	9	7	492	30.75
South	9	5	424	30.29
C-B	7	6	308	23.69
Tor	6	10	274	17.13
Bridge	5	12	182	10.71
Shady	3	15	180	10.00

CLASS 1-A				
W	L	CP	AVE	
Cam	8	4	464	38.67
Trinity	9	4	452	34.77
CV	6	7	316	24.31
**Wells	9	8	352	20.71
Valley	7	8	268	17.87
Bealls	7	11	278	15.44
Mad	4	10	194	13.86
Hun	3	9	94	7.83
PC	2	10	60	5.00
WCC	0	8	0	0.00

\*\*Not participating in tournament

## CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINALS

Monday, January 29  
**CLASS 1-A**  
#4 Valley at #1 Cameron  
#3 Conotton Valley at #2 Trinity Christian  
**CLASS 2-A**  
#4 Steubenville Catholic at #1 Monroe Central  
#3 Frontier at #2 River  
**CLASS 3-A**  
#4 Union Local at #1 Martins Ferry  
#3 Bellaire at #2 Fort Frye  
**CLASS 4-A**  
#4 East Liverpool at #1 Indian Creek  
#3 Oak Glen at #2 Buckeye Local  
**CLASS 5-A**  
#4 Parkersburg South at #1 Morgantown  
#3 Wheeling Park at #2 Steubenville

## CONSOLATION POOL

Monday, Jan. 29  
Shadyside at Beallsville  
Caldwell at Madonna  
Paden City at Magnolia  
Hundred at Wood County Christian  
Beaver Local at Southern Local  
Bridgeport at Clay Battelle  
Barnesville at Toronto  
University at Wheeling Central  
Warren Local at Linsly  
Shenandoah at Buckeye Trail  
Harrison Central at Weir  
Edison at St. Clairsville  
Brooke at Cambridge  
Dover at John Marshall  
**Thursday, Feb. 1**  
St. Clairsville at Shadyside  
Linsly at Caldwell  
Wood County Christian at Padon City  
Beallsville at Hundred  
Toronto at Beaver Local  
Madonna at Bridgeport  
Clay Battelle at Barnesville  
Weir at University  
John Marshall at Warren Local  
Southern Local at Shenandoah  
Buckeye Trail at Harrison Central  
Cambridge at Edison  
Magnolia at Brooke  
Wheeling Central at Dover

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Results  
**Wednesday**  
At Melbourne Park  
Melbourne, Australia  
Purse: AUD39,264,000  
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor  
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (AP) — Results Wednesday from Australian Open at Melbourne Park (seedings in parentheses):

## PREP BOXSCORES

**BOYS**  
Linsly 67,  
Wheeling Central 62  
WHEELING CENTRAL (62) — Sancomb 11 3-4 27; Burlenski 5 2-2 15; Anthony 0 0-0 0; Ratcliffe 1 2-2 5; Olejasz 4 1-2 9; Schmitt 1 0-0 2; T. Dean 0 0-0 0; E. Dean 2 0-0 4; Totals: 24-49 8-10 62. LINSLY (67) — Petrusik 3 0-0 6; Taylor 6 2-2 15; Keckman 4 1-2 9; Goodwin 4 3-4 11; Lubawa 2 3-4 7; Murray 0 0-0 0; Vaysbakh 2 3-3 9; Salazar 4 0-1 8; Totals: 25-44 12-16 67

Three-point goals: Wheeling Central 6 (Sancomb 2, Burlenski 3, Ratcliffe). Linsly 5 (Vaysbakh 2, Goodwin 2, Taylor)

**Bridgeport 59,**  
Wood County Christian 46  
WOOD COUNTY CHRISTIAN (46) — Davis 6 2-4 14; Parsley 1 0-0 3; Dimit 1 0-0 2; Greene 0 0-0 0; Christman 3 3-4 10; Allman 2 5-8 9; Joseph 1 3-6 5; Dunn 1 0-0 3; Totals: 15 12-22 46. BRIDGEPORT (59) — Jackson 3 0-0 6; Threet 3 5-6 12; Brown 1 1-2 4; Vincent 7 2-4 21; Gear 1 0-2 3; Brinker 5 1-1 13; Totals: 20 9-15 59

Three-point goals: Wood County Christian 3 (Parsley, Christman, Dunn). Bridgeport 10 (Vincent 5, Brinker 2, Threet, Brown, Gear)

**River 58, Magnolia 52, OT**  
RIVER (58) — Isaly 8 9-13 27; Makris 1 0-0 2; Dennis 3 1-1 7; Johnson 5 1-3 12; Bowers 2 2-2 6; R. Willis 2 0-0 4; Totals: 21 13-19 58. MAGNOLIA (52) — Greathouse 3 2-2 8; Oates 4 0-0 12; Pyles 11 4-4 30; Midcap 1 0-0 2; Totals: 19 6-6 52  
Three-point goals: River 3 (Isaly 2, Johnson); Magnolia 8 (Oates 4, Pyles 4)

**Valley 75, Paden City 32**  
VALLEY (75) — Preat 3 5-6 11; Mets 2 0-0 4; Stackpole 1 4-4 6; Derby 7 5-10 22; Howell 2 0-0 4; Morgan 4 1-1 10; Jerico 3 3-4 9; Kinkade 3 1-2 9; Totals: 25 19-24 75. PADEN CITY (32) — Neff 4 4-5 13; Riley 1 0-0 2; Johnson 1 1-2 3; Wright 0 0-0 0; Huggins 2 1-1 5; Roberts 1 1-2 3; Baker 1 0-2 2; Gurrera 2 0-3 4; Totals: 12 7-19 32  
Three-point goals: Valley 5 (Derby 2, Kinkade 2, Morgan). Paden City 1 (Neff)

**Conotton Valley 44,**  
Beallsville 32  
CONOTTON VALLEY (44) — Leggett 2 0-0 5; Haney 3 0-0 6; Putnam 2 1-2 5; Peterson 1 0-0 2; Bower 6 6-8 18; Wright 3 0-0 7; Higginbotham 0 1-2 1; Totals: 17 8-12 44. BEALLSVILLE (32) — Saffell 0 0-0 0; McBride 3 0-2 6; Hoff 2 0-0 6; Greathouse 1 0-0 2; Louden 1 0-0 2; Ramsey 0 0-0 0; Stoffel 1 1-2 3; Taylor 6 0-0 13; Totals: 14 1-6 32  
Three-point goals: Conotton Valley 2 (Leggett, Wright). Beallsville 3 (Hoff 2, Taylor)

**Cameron 58,**  
Tyler Consolidated 56, OT

TYLER CONSOLIDATED (58) — Tallman 2 0-0 5; Hardberger 2 0-0 4; Billings 8 1-3 21; Strode 5 3-6 14; Tuttle 1 0-0 2; Giovino 3 1-2 8; Bordenkircher 0 2-2 2; Totals: 21 7-13 56. CAMERON (58) — Estel 1 0-3 2; McCauley 3 0-0 6; Wichterman 5 0-0 12; Winters 2 0-0 4; Scott 0 0-0 0; Hartley 11 3-7 25; Magers 4 0-0 9; Totals: 26 3-10 58  
Three-point goals: Tyler Consolidated 7 (Billings 4, Tallman, Strode, Giovino). Cameron 3 (Wichterman 2, Magers)

**Monroe Central 79,**  
Shenandoah 29

SHENANDOAH (29) — Wentworth 2 4-4 9; Carpenter 0 0-0 0; Bond 2 0-0 4; Vincent 0 0-0 0; Smith 5 1-1 12; Miley 1 0-0 2; Varhola 1 0-0 2; Totals 11 5-5 29; Monroe Central (79) — Demchak 2 0-0 6; Allen 4 2-3 10; Parden 5 0-0 11; Whitacre 0 0-0 0; Silva 2 0-0 5; C. Howell 4 3-5 13; T. Howell 4 2-7 10; Loch 1 0-0 3; Yontz 0 0-0 0; Fogle 5 0-0 14; Potts 1 0-0 3; Farnsworth 2 0-0 4; Totals 30 7-15 79  
Three-point goals: Shenandoah 2 (Wentworth, Smith). Monroe Central 12 (Demchak 2, Parden, Silva, C. Howell 2, Loch, Fogle 4, Potts)

**GIRLS**  
Wheeling Park 69,  
Morgantown 59

MORGANTOWN (59) — Wasick 4 0-0 8; Jones 8 3-5 20; Kellogg 4 1-4 9; Jordan 6 0-1 12; Smith 2 0-0 4; Hatcher 2 2-4 6; Totals 26 6-14 59. WHEELING PARK (69) — Delk 0 0-0 0; Huffman 3 2-2 10; Daugherty 1 0-4 3; Heller 1 0-0 2; Hicks 0 0-0 0; Bords 8 8-10 26; Woods 8 5-8 28; Totals 21 15-24 69  
Three-point goals: Morgantown 1 (Jones). Wheeling Park 12 (Woods 7, Bords 2, Huffman 2, Daugherty).

**Cameron 69, Clay-Battelle 28**

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