



Wheeling Park's Carl Stanley (center) and head coach Eric Carder (right) were among the wrestling award winners at Thursday night's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference spring awards banquet. Stanley was presented the Dave Bierkorte award as the most outstanding wrestler in the OVAC tournament by Wheeling Central Boosters Association President Mike

Sieber. Stanley finished the season as a runner-up in the state tournament. Carder accepted the pennant for coaching the Patriots to the team crown in the OVAC championship tournament. He also led Wheeling Park to the state mat crown for the second year in a row.

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Coaches of the 1978 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference girls' track and field championships who accepted pennants and trophies last night were (from left) Agnes Timmons, who directed Barnesville to the

Class A-A crown; Monte Miller, who coached St. Clairsville to the triple-A title; and Barbara Pellacciotti, coach of Steubenville's Class Four-A title-winning team. (News-Register Photo—Matt Mumley)





Trophies were presented to the four schools which won Ohio Valley Athletic Conference track championships last Saturday as the OVAC held its annual dinner meeting Thursday night at Glessner Auditorium. Coaches accepting, left to right, are Bob Burton, Paden City, Class A; Tom Vichich, Shadyside, Class AA; John "Dixie"

Purtiman, Bellaire, Class AAA; and Pete Nordstrom, Cambridge, Class AAAA. Trophy donors were Warwood Tool Co., Mull Machine Co, Fred Tweedlie Sr., and the Times-Leader. Wheeling Dollar Bank provided pennants for the track champions.

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Dual meet wrestling champions of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference received trophies at the OVAC spring dinner meeting on Thursday night at Oglebay Park's Glessner Auditorium. Accepting for their teams were, left to right, Coaches Bill Hinegardner, John Marshall, Class AAAA; Len Chaplinski, Bellaire, Class AAA; John Stephenson, Cadiz, Class AA; and Gary Davis, Bealls-

ville, Class A. Bellaire was also triple-A champ in January's conference tournament while Cadiz and Beallsville ran 1-2 in the combined Class AA-Class A division and John Marshall was runnerup to Wheeling Park in the battle for the four-A and over-all crowns.

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Coaches of the four Ohio Valley Athletic Conference basketball championship teams received trophies in behalf of their squads and schools Thursday night at the OVAC dinner meeting at Glessner Auditorium. From left to right are Terry Leggett of Buckeye Trail, Class A;

Terry Snively, of Shadyside, Class AA; Mark Matz, of Bellaire, Class AAA; and Al "Zip" Joseph, of Cambridge, Class AAAA. The trophies were donated by Charles Vogt, head of the C. & R. Cable Co. of Shadyside.  
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Linsly Military Institute was honored as the perennial Ohio Valley Athletic Conference swimming champion and St. Clairsville and Fort Frye received Ohio-side girls' basketball champion awards at the conference dinner meeting last night. From left to right are Coach Paul Blair, accepting Linsly's thirty-third straight swimming trophy, and Coach Joanne Hess, of St. Clairsville, whose team was Ohio-

side big-school titlist, and Don Strahler, from Fort Frye, the small-school ruler. The swimming trophy was donated by WTRF-TV and the basketball trophies by First National Bank of Weirton and the Bank of Weirton. Pennants were from United Ohio Valley Dairy (swimming) and Kaufman Hardware and Steel Co. and Jack Stemple (basketball).

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## Basketball Sportsmanship Award Winners

**BASKETBALL** sportsmanship awards were presented at the annual OVAC spring awards banquet Thursday night by Charles (Moe) King of the Ohio

Valley Board of Approved Basketball Officials. Recipients, from left, were Larry Dalesio of Cameron, Class A; Carl Haught, athletic director at Cadiz High

representing coach Bob Burdge, Class AA; Charles Toth of Magnolia, Class AAA; and Al (Zip) Joseph of Cambridge, Class AAAA.

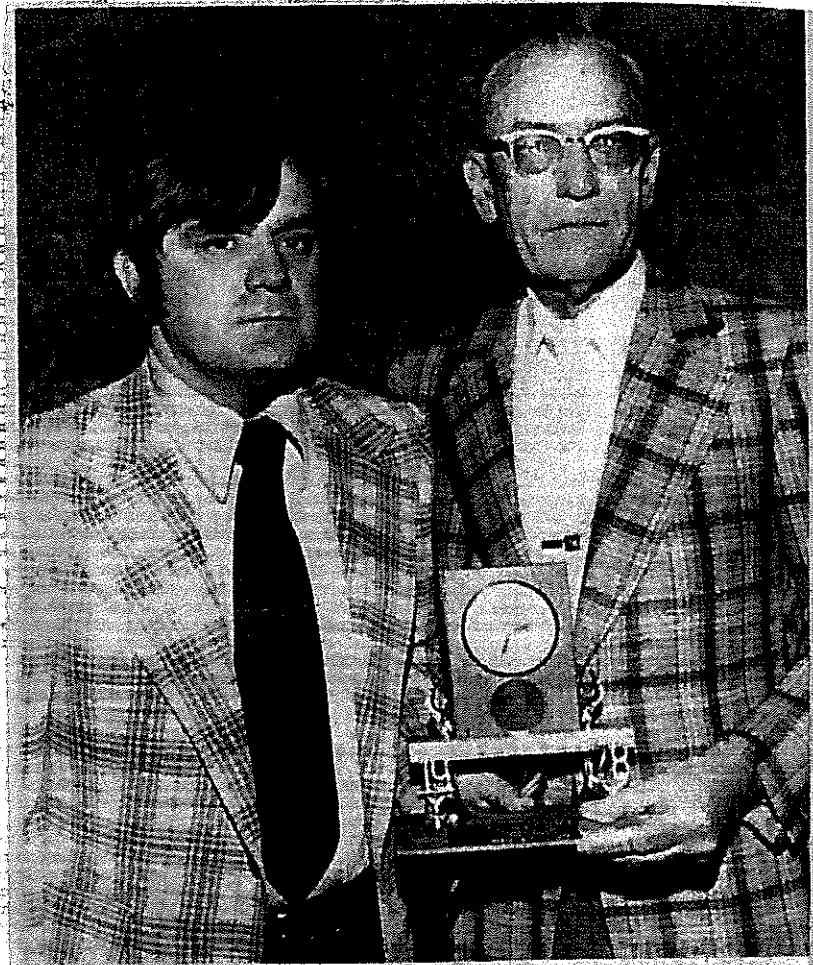


**MARTINS FERRIANS** John Vrotsos, left, and Dr. C. D. Messerly were recipients of special awards at Thursday night's OVAC Spring Awards

Dinner. Vrotsos received the "Mr. Mat" award for his contributions to Ohio Valley prep wrestling, while Dr. Messerly became the third recipient of the

Calvin J. J. Giffin Memorial Award for his service to Ohio Valley prep track and field.

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OVAC coach of the year for 1977-78 is Terry Leggett, left, who piloted first-year consolidation Buckeye Trail to an 18-0 regular season mark and the conference 1-A basketball title. Leggett's team won 21 straight before losing to Ohio power Indian Valley South in the Marietta Regional. He received his award at Thursday night's Spring Awards Dinner from Bill Van Horne, sports editor of the Wheeling News-Register.