

SIX—SPORTS

OVAC Softball, Baseball All-Star Games Slated Today At Brookside

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will conclude its 1983-84 sports year with the George Kovalick Ohio-West Virginia Baseball-Softball All-Star Classic today at the Bridgeport High School's athletic field in Brookside.

The all-star doubleheader begins with a girls' softball game at 1 p.m. A

boys' baseball all-star game will follow at 4 p.m. Both contests will be nine innings. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.

The players in both games are seniors chosen to the 1984 All-OVAC baseball and girls' softball teams in their respective divisions. Some additional players have been added to

complete the rosters.

This is the third year for the all-star battles. Ohio leads 2-0 in the girls' softball series and West Virginia has the 2-0 advantage in the baseball encounters.

Coaches in the all-star games were selected from teams participating in this year's OVAC baseball and softball playoffs.

The coaching staff for West Virginia in the baseball game includes Bob Montgomery, John Marshall; Mark Delbrugge, Wheeling Park; Dave Cisar, Magnolia; Gary Sprague, Linsly Institute; Tony Magnone, Weirton Madonna, and Jamie Natali, Paden City. Ohio coaches are Steve Romey, Steubenville; Clyde DiAngelo, Steubenville Catholic; John Alleman, Cadiz; Mark Huffman, Skyvue; Bill Kafury, Cambridge; Tony DiAurora, Toronto; Brad Wilson, Barnesville; Larry Apicella, Shadyside; Bob Solar, Buckeye North, and Rich Creehan, Jefferson Union.

In girls' softball, the West Virginia-side head coach is Carole Wolfe, Wheeling Central, assisted by Jim Paul, Weirton Madonna, and Tom Tribett, of West Virginia state champion Bishop Donahue. Ohio will be coached by Barry Closser, Buckeye West, assisted by Larry Hall, Barnesville, and Mel Balgo, Wintersville.

Ohio prevails in OVAC tilt

Steubenville's Remo Stirpe converted a squeeze bunt into the winning run in the top of the seventh inning as the Ohio All-Stars edged West Virginia, 6-5, in the OVAC All-Star tilt Sunday afternoon at Brookside.

Buckeye moundmen included Dave Clark (Steubenville); Brian Dowdle (Cadiz); Darrin Carpenter (Barnesville); Jay Salva (Shadyside); and Chris Cooley (Steubenville).

Jefferson Union's Joe Scardina slammed a two-run double to pace the winners. Larry Mettenberger of Steubenville Central collected a pair of hits while Frontier's Harry Danford produced a run-scoring tally.

Shadyside's Greg Williams also contributed a base hit.

No other details were provided by game officials.

Ohio girls cop softball contest

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Buckeye South's Dana Biaocco and Beallsville's Kelly Lucas combined to hurl a seven-hitter and Barnesville's Michele Greer made a fine diving catch to thwart a potential game-winning hit in the ninth inning to lead the Ohio girl's to an exciting 5-4, 10-inning win over West Virginia in the third annual George Kovalick OVAC All-star game at the Bridgeport High field Sunday afternoon.

Ohio Coach Barry Closser of Buckeye West saw his Buckeye softballers extend their record over the Mountaineers to 3-0 in the all-star series.

Biaocco started on the mound for the winners, striking out seven and walking six, but saw the Mountaineers score all four runs during her stint. Lucas, picking up the win while exhibiting fine control, whiffed five batters and walked none.

In the first inning, Buckeye West's Renee Bednarski reach on an error and later scored on a double steal. Buckeye Trail's Polly Nicholes doubled in the fourth, advanced on a passed ball and scored on a fielder's choice. Bednarski reached on an error again in the fifth, Greer singled, Jefferson Union's Missy Goodrich walked. St. Clairsville's Chris Appolloni hit a sac-

rifice fly and Buckeye North's Julie Bender hit into a fielder's choice to plate two runs.

After Greer made her fine catch in the bottom of the ninth with two runners on base for West Virginia, the Ohioans opened the tenth with a three-base error that left Bednarski standing on third and Goodrich then delivered the game-winning hit on a single to right to score Bednarski.

West Virginia score twice in the first on a walk to John Marshall's Lisa Yeater a double by Paden City's Barbara Roberts and a two-base throwing error by the Buckeyes.

In the sixth, the Mountaineers knotted the score as Roberts reached on an error, Aimee Olejasz on Wheeling Central singled and another Ohio error allowed both runners to score.

Ohio catchers Appolloni and Skyvue's Lisa Leasure held the West Virginia runners in check, cutting down five Mountaineer baserunners attempting to steal second. Line score:

Ohio	100	120	000	1	-	5	7	6
W.Va	200	002	000	0	-	4	7	3

Batteries: Biaocco, Lucas (6) and Appolloni, Leasure (6); Crowe, McGreal (5) and Yeater.