

# OVAC Banquet of Champions set May 22

Coaches and athletes representing 48 championship teams in 16 sports will be recognized at the sixth annual Kroger-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference banquet of Champions on Wednesday night, May 22 at the Wheeling Civic Center.

Trophies and/or championship pennants are to be presented to the coaches of the title-winning teams. The athletes have been invited to attend the banquet as guests of Kroger and the OVAC Foundation.

Doors at the Civic Center open at 5:30 p.m. on the night of the affair. The banquet is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Doug Heir, hailed by many as the best overall wheelchair athlete in the world.

Heir, whose picture appears on Wheaties cereal boxes, is also known as a motivational and inspirational speaker.

In addition to the championship awards, also to be presented are eight scholarships and several special awards.

Scholarship contributors include The Kroger Company, McDonald's, Pepsi-Cola, Wheeling National Bank, Ohio Valley Board of Approved Football Officials, OVAC Baseball Coaches, Daniel M. Burke

Wrestling Award and the George Kovalick Memorial Award.

Special presentations include: the OVAC Coach of the Year Award, presented by the Wheeling News-Register; the Calvin Giffin Memorial Track Service Award and the Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award, the latter going to the outstanding wrestler in the OVAC tournament. This year's Bierkorte recipient will be Doug Knight of Stenbensville Big Red.

The Giffin Award will go to two brothers — Bill and Bob Wilson — for their many years of service as track officials at meets hosted by John Marshall High.

Announcement of the Coach of the Year will be made by News-Register Sports Editor Bill Van Horn to close the evening's festivities.

Tickets for the dinner are \$11 each and tables of eight can be reserved at a special rate. Reservations may be made by calling Doug Knight, room 327, VUca 4-659-6397 after 4 p.m. or OVAC Executive Secretary Sam Mumley at 652-5168.

Following is a list of OVAC championship teams and their coaches from the 1990-91 school year. (All OVAC titles have been decided except for those in baseball. Baseball playoffs are scheduled to conclude next weekend at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville.)

## FOOTBALL

Class A — Woodfield (Jay Cirocota); Class AA — Wheeling Central (Jim Thomas); Class AAA — St. Clairsville (Mike Young); Class AAAA — Brooke (Paul Billard).

VOLEYBALL (OHIO-SIDE)  
Class A — Shenandoah (Paul Webb); Class AA — Wellsville (Cubby Wollam); Class AAA — Wintersville (Erin DeSaulis).

VOLEYBALL (W. VA. SIDE)  
Class A-AAA — Wheeling Central (Mary Hennen); Class AAA-AAAA — Magnolia (Tom Duncan).

Class A — Woodfield (Bob Cain); Class AA — Linsly (Mark Zavislav); Class AAA — St. Clairsville (Richard Hall); Class AAAA — John Marshall (Rudy Zatezalo).

CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS)  
Class A-AA — Stryker (Keith Cass); Class AAA — Magnolia (Wayne Pecky); Class AAAA — East Liverpool (Scott Thurmond).

CROSS COUNTRY (GIRLS)  
Class A-AA — Macedonia (Herb Filzer); Class AAA-AAAA — John Marshall (Mike Darrow).

BASKETBALL (BOYS)  
Class A — Mingo (Joe Dunlavy); Class AA — Shenandoah (Dan Schweierman); Class AAA — Bellaire (Gene Ammirante); Class AAAA — East Liverpool (Nick Aloti).

## BASKETBALL (OHIO GIRLS)

Class A — St. John Central (Rim Traversa); Class AA — Union Local (Steve Laposki); Class AAA — Bellaire (Gregg Bonar).

BASKETBALL (W. VA. GIRLS)  
Class A-AAA — Oak Grove (Scott Collins); Class AAA-AAAA — East Liverpool (Larry Fimerano); Class A — Union Local (Rick Link).

DUAL MEET WRESTLING  
Class A — Cameron (Jim Potts); Class AA — Wellsville (Mike Kimmel); Class AAA — Union Local (Rick Link); Class AAAA — East Liverpool (Nick Trombetta).

BOYS TRACK  
Class A — St. John Central ("Bubba" Kepral); Class AA — Linsly (Steve Plumby); Class AAA — Bellaire (Bruce Stolz); Class AAAA — Wheeling Park (Bernie Dolan).

GIRLS TRACK  
Class AAA — St. John Central (Bob "Bubba" Kepral); Class AAAA — Magnolia (Greg Swends); Class AAAA — John Marshall (Mike Darrow).

TENNIS  
BOYS — Linsly (Mike Church); GIRLS — Wheeling Central (Mary Hennen).

SOFTBALL  
Class A — Bridgeport (Fred Ottosom); Class AA — Union Local (Fred Polinski); Class AAA — Edison South (Dave McConnell).