

OVAC Banquet of Champions set Wednesday

The ninth annual Kroger/Cameron Coca-Cola sponsored Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Banquet of Champions will be held Wednesday night at the Wheeling Civic Center.

Doug Sauter, head coach of the Wheeling Thunderbirds professional hockey team, will be the principal speaker.

Among the highlights will be the announcement of the 1994 Wheeling News-Register sponsored OVAC Coach of the Year award winner, the awarding of 13 scholarships valued at more than \$18,000 and two special awards.

More than 1,000 athletes from 55 conference championship teams representing 17 sports will be honored at the dinner, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. Tickets, priced at \$12 each, are still available by calling banquet chairman Ron White at 277-3599 or OVAC executive secretary Sam A. Mumley at 695-5168.

Scholarships are to be presented by Kroger Food and Drug Stores, Pepsi-Cola, Wheeling National Bank, Whiteside's, Samuel A. Mumeley, OVAC Foundation Board, OVAC Baseball Coaches, Ohio Valley Board of Football Officials, Daniel M. Burke Memorial Wrestling Scholarship, George Kovalick Memorial Wrestling Scholarship, Henry Lasasz Basketball Scholarship, Richard Potts Basketball Scholarship and the OVAC Cheerleading Scholarship.

Special awards include the Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award which goes to Beaver Local High standout Dustin Harris, outstanding wrestler in this year's OVAC tournament; and the Calvin Giffin Memorial Track Service Award.

Here are the OVAC title-winning teams and their coaches (except baseball, which were to be determined Saturday):

Football: Class 1-A, Woodsfield, Jay Circosta; Class 2-A, Steubenville Central, Greg Bahen; Class 3-A, Bellaire, John Magistro; Class 4-A, Steubenville, Renjo Saccoccia.

Golf: Class 1-A/2-A, Linsly, Mark Zavatsky; Class 3-A, St. Clairsville, Richard Hall; Class 4-A, Cambridge, Jeff Carroll.

Boys Cross Country: Class 1-A/2-A, St. John Central, Dennis Delbert; Class 3-A, Joe Ellis; Class 4-A, Cambridge, Jeff Carroll.

Girls Cross Country: Class 4-A, John Marshall, Mike Darrow; Class 3-A, Martins Ferry, Joe Ellis.

Soccer: Overall, Linsly, George Van Linder.

W. Va. Girls Basketball: Class 1-A/2-A, Valley, Larry Weekley; Class 3-A/4-A, Brooke, Sue Fadsie.

Ohio Girls Volleyball: Class 1-A, Conotton Valley, Ronna Conventry; Class 2-A, Buckeye Trail, Jeff Beros; Class 3-A, Bellaire, Maria Shipley.

W. Va. Girls Volleyball: Class 1-A/2-A, Paden City, Ed Van Scoy; Class 3-A/4-A, Weir, Ken Lahr.

Ohio Girls Basketball: Class 1-A, St. John Central, Kim Traversa; Class 2-A, Wellsville, Bill Cunningham; Class 3-A, Bellaire, Gregg Bonar.

Wrestling: Class 1-A, Cameron, Jim Potts; Class 2-A, Cadiz, Tom Mizer; Class 3-A, Martins Ferry, Jeff Oberdick; Class 4-A, Wheeling Park, Buzzy Evans.

Cheerleading: Class 1-A, Paden City, Linda Alexander; Class 2-A, Valley, Jill Brown; Class 3-A, Wheeling Central, Betsy Queen; Class 4-A, (tie) Wheeling Park, Libby Shepherd and Brooke, Toni Eastham.

Boys Track: Class 1-A, Shadyside, John Stanko; Class 2-A, Linsly, Dave Plumby; Class 3-A, (tie) St. Clairsville, Monte Miller and Martins Ferry, Dirk Fitch; Class 4-A, Wheeling Park, Bernie Dolan.

Girls Track: Class 1-A, Cameron, David Evans; Class 2-A, Wellsville, Bruce Reicht; Class 3-A, Martins Ferry, Dirk Fitch; Class 4-A, Wheeling Park, Bernie Dolan.

Girls Softball: Class 1-A, Shadyside, John Grinch; Class 2-A, Toronto, Joe Lativka; Class 3-A, Bellaire, Bill Marinacci; Class 4-A, Edison, Dave Grimm.

Boys Tennis: Overall, Wheeling Park, Larry Lamb.

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