

Ohio sweeps West Virginia

• Buckeyes win inaugural OVAC volleyball contest

Ohio stood up and made West Virginia take notice Thursday evening in the inaugural Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Volleyball game at OUE's Ney Center.

The Lady Buckeyes, under the direction of Indian Creek's Erin DeSantis and St. Clairsville's Greg Bizzari, prevailed in the four game match as they won all four contests.

They captured the win by scores of 15-13, 15-3, 15-12 and 15-6.

The first game was a struggle for the Bucks as they fell behind early by a 7-0 score, but battled back for the win.

The first game seemed to take the wind out of the sail of the Lady Mountaineer, who seemed to fall asleep in the second game.

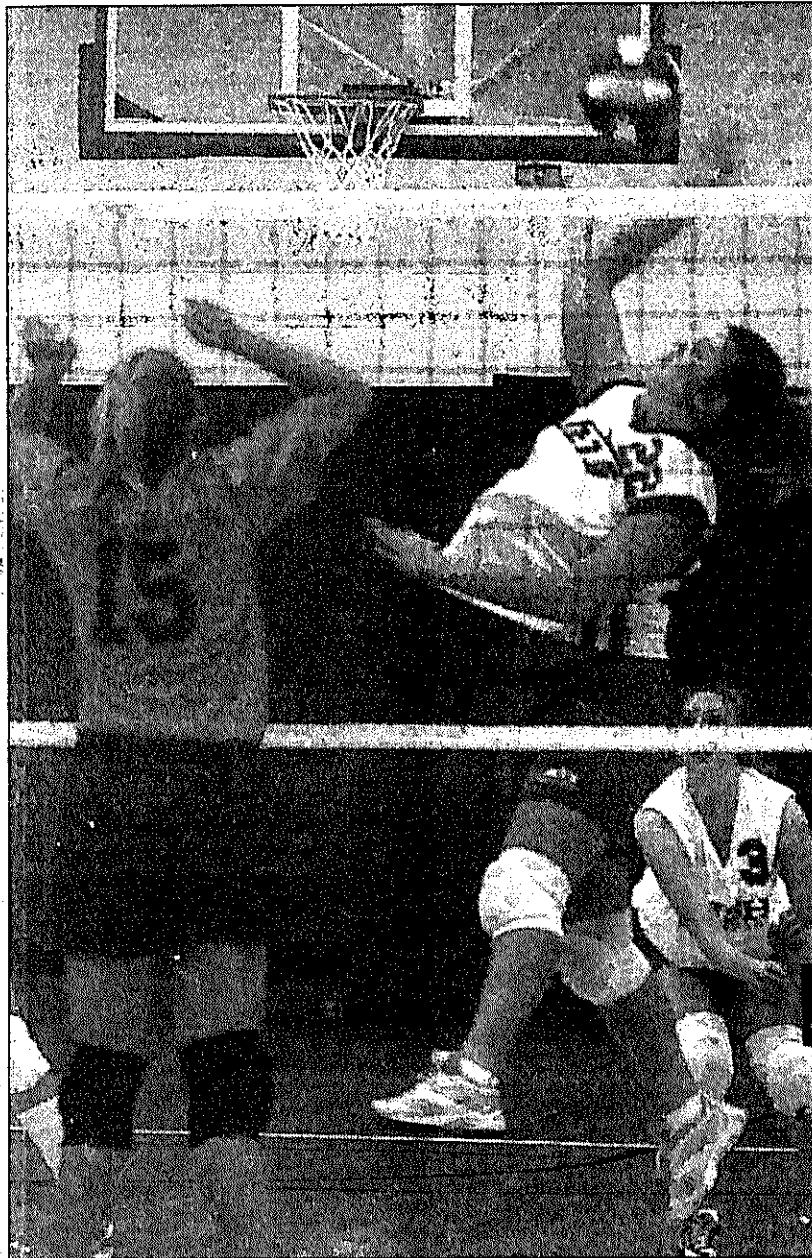
Playing well for the Lady Buckeyes were: Buckeye Trail's Ashley Bates, a third-team all-Ohio selec-

tion; Susan Suriano of Martins Ferry; Monroe Central's Marlena Merckle; Bellaire's Alyse Perko; Barnesville's Jamie Chervenick; St. John Central's Jessica Seivertson; Trail's Jamie Booth; St. John's Megan George.

The teams playing in the game had just one practice, but all played pretty well for not getting much time to work together.

Game Director Tom Suriano, head coach at Martins Ferry, was very pleased with how things went in the initial contest.

"We are real, real happy with the way things turned out. When you take on an endeavor like this (the game), you are never sure because you have not had a chance to iron out the rough spots," Suriano said. "This was all for the kids. Everyone donated their time. I appreciate some of the comments we have gotten, but it has been one huge team effort."

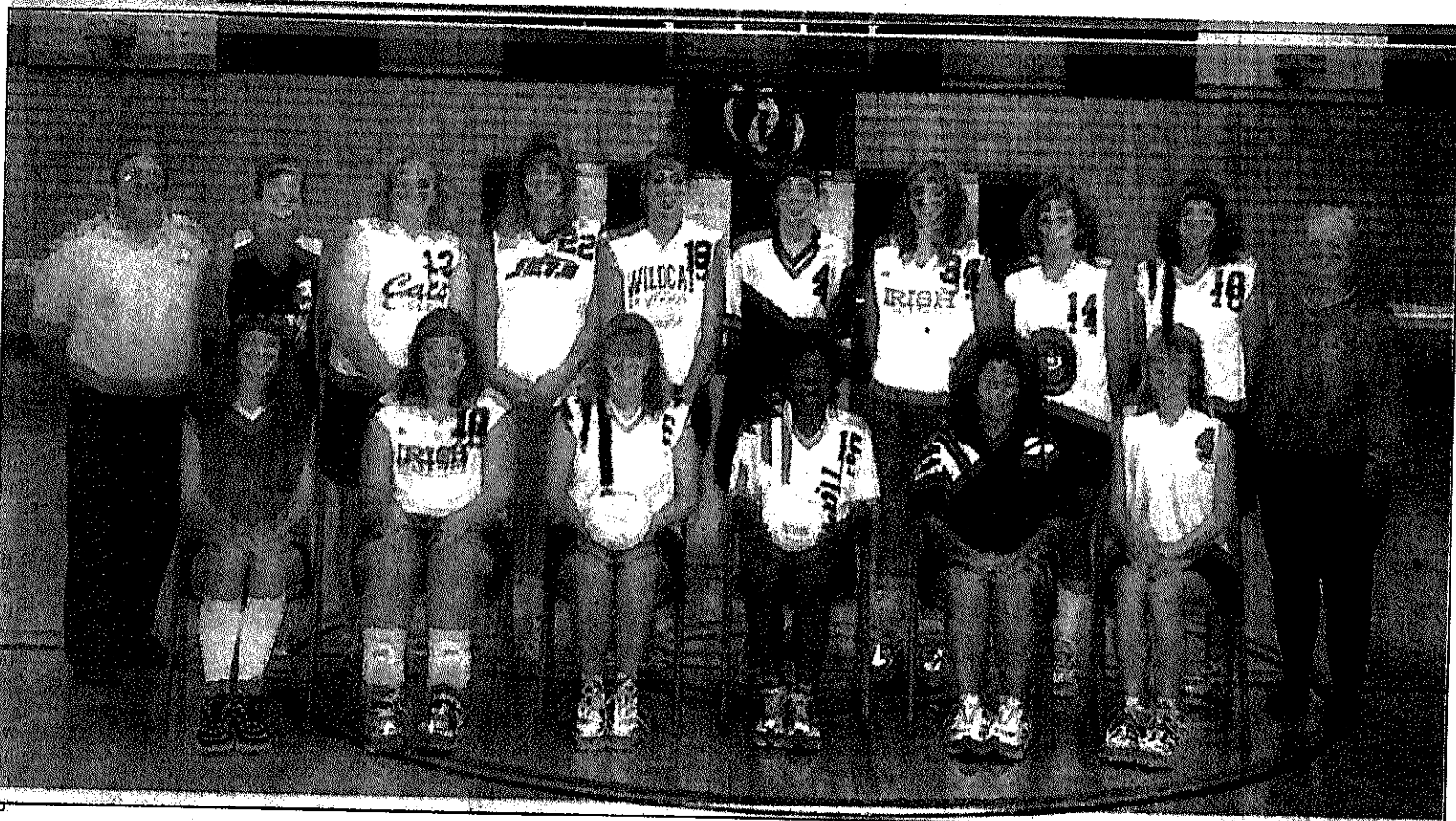


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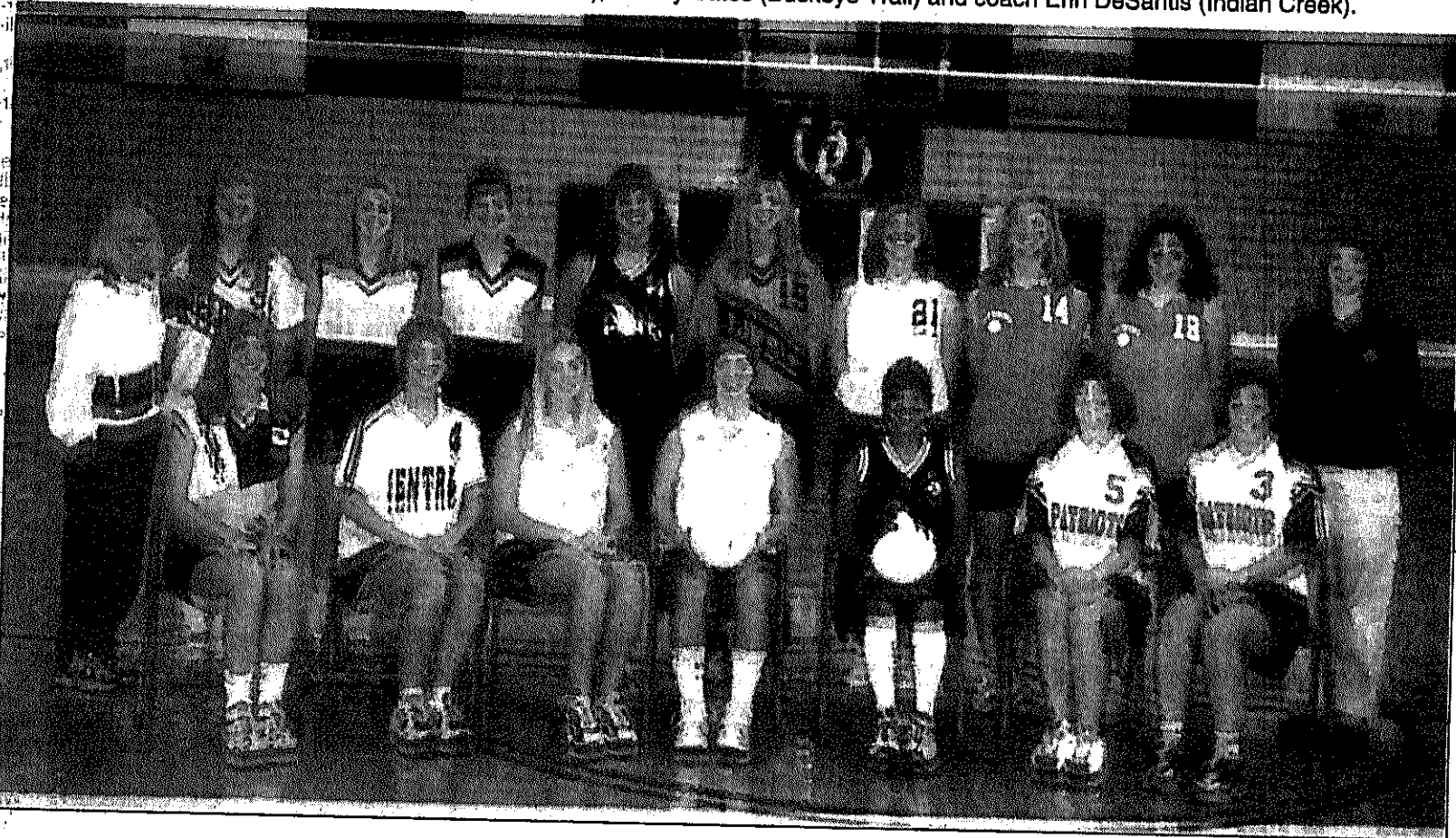
GOING HIGH for a spike is Union Local senior Casey Stenger (22) while Linsly's Kerry Kindler (15) sets up for the block. In the background is St. John Central's Jessica Seivertson (3).

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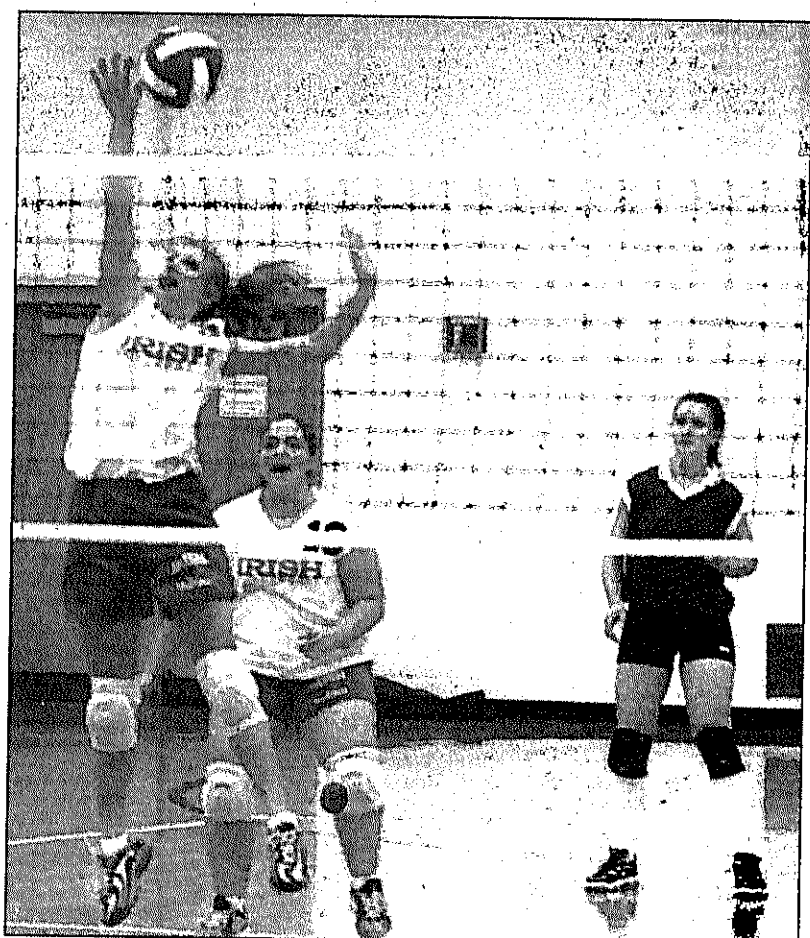
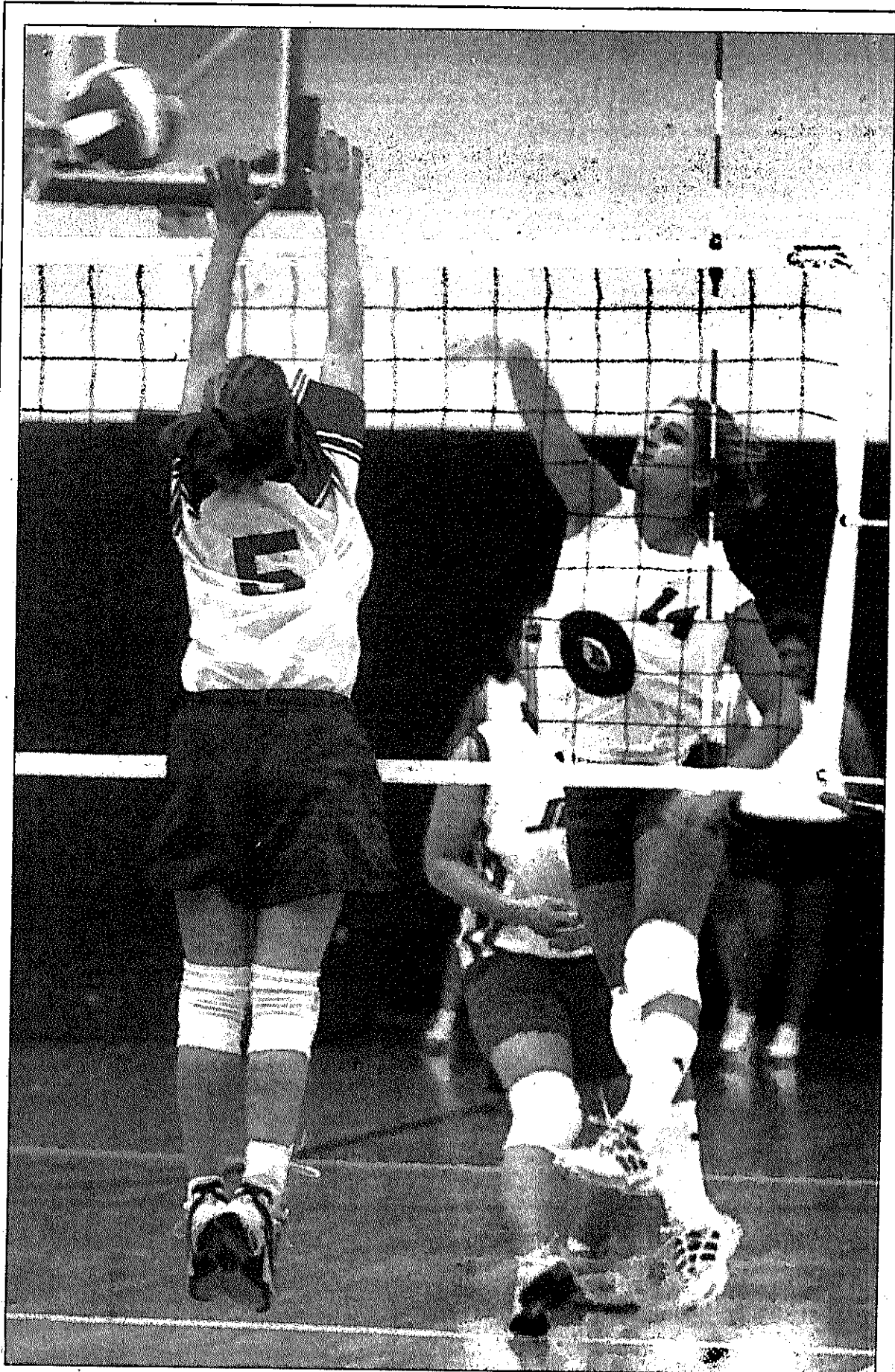
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REPRESENTING Ohio in the inaugural OVAC Volleyball All-Star contest are this group which includes, front row, from left **Martena Merckle** (Monroe Central), **Megan George** (St. John Central), **Jamie Booth** (Buckeye Trail), **Tinisha Williams** (Wellsville), **Susan Suriano** (Martins Ferry) and **Alyse Perko** (Bellaire). Second row, from left, are coach **Greg Blizzari** (St. Clairsville), **Kelly Singleton** (Meadowbrook), **Jamie Byers** (Cambridge), **Casey Stenger** (Union Local), **Hannah Brehm** (Edison), **Annie Arick** (Shenandoah), **Jessica Selvertson** (St. John Central), **Jalme Chervenick** (Barnesville), **Ashley Bates** (Buckeye Trail) and coach **Erin DeSantis** (Indian Creek). T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY



REPRESENTING West Virginia in the inaugural OVAC Volleyball All-Star contest are this group which includes, front row, from left **Erih Wilt** (Tyler Consolidated), **Mica Vapner** (Wheeling Central), **Lacey Cashdollar** (Oak Glen), **Kara Amos** (Oak Glen), **Megan Finneran** (Weirton Madonna), **Mandy Nau** (Wheeling Park) and **Michelle Depto** (Wheeling Park). Second row, from left, are coach **Christy Benner** (Brooke), **Sarah Morgan** (John Marshall), **Sarah Lilley** (Cameron), **Nora Shalaway** (Cameron), **Nathalie Wujtow** (Weirton Madonna), **Kerry Kindler** (Linsly), **Cara Kuhn** (Brooke), **Christine Dovec** (Weir), **Sonya Lettieri** (Weir) and coach **Bethany Bates** (John Marshall). T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY



OVAC All-Stars

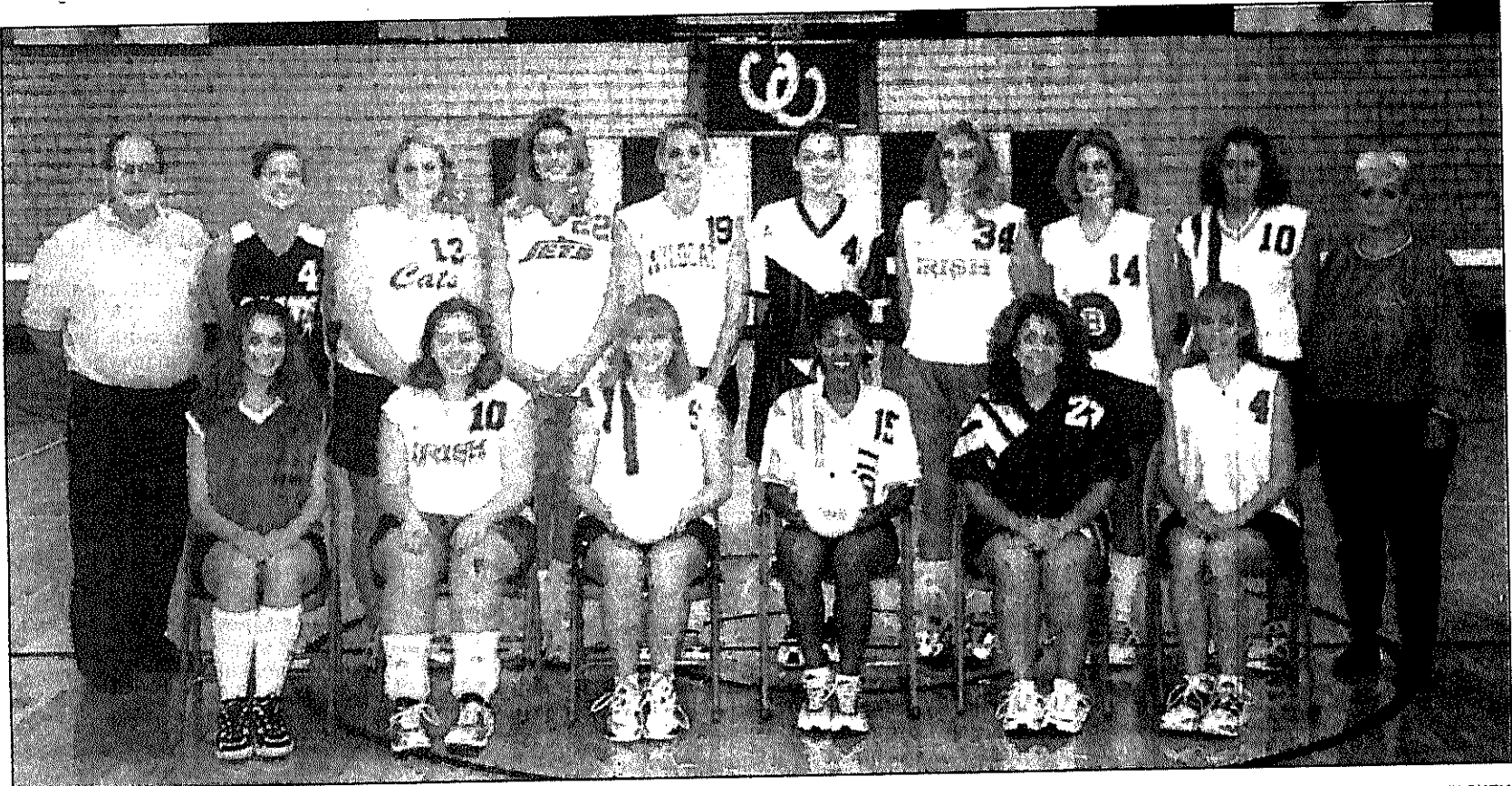
GETTING A return past the outstretched arms of Wheeling Park's Michelle Depto is Barnesville's Jaime Chervenick during the inaugural OVAC All-Star Volleyball Game Thursday at Ohio University Eastern.

SPIKING a West Virginia return is St. John Central's Jessica Seivertson while teammates Megan George (St. John's) and Marlena Merckle (Monroe Central) look on.

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OVAC Volleyball game rosters set

• Set for Thursday at OUE

The inaugural OVAC Volleyball All-Star Game will take place Nov. 16 at Ohio University-Eastern's Ney Center and tournament officials have announced the game's rosters.

Pre-game festivities for the event get underway at 6:00 p.m. with the first serve set for 7 p.m.

Coaching the Ohio squad will be Indian Creek's Erin DeSantis and St. Clairsville's Greg Bizzarri, while Brooke's Bethany Bates and John Marshall's Christie Benner handle the West Virginia club.

The tournament directors are Martins Ferry head coach Tom Suriano and his assistant Kim Traversa.

Tickets for the game are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Chil-

dren under the age of 12 will be admitted free.

OHIO

Marlana Merckle, Monroe Central; Tinisha Williams, Wellsville; Megan George, St. John Central; Jessica Seivertson, St. John Central; Randi Arnold, East Liverpool; Annie Arlick, Shenandoah; Jaime Chervenick, Barnesville; Kelly Singleton, Meadowbrook; Hannah Brehm, Edison; Ashley Bates, Buckeye Trail; Jamie Booth, Buckeye Trail; Alyse Perko, Bellaire; Susan Suriano, Martins Ferry; Casey Stenger, Union Local.

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Kara Amos, Oak Glen; Mica Vapner, Wheeling Central; Sarah Morgan, John Marshall; Nora Shelaway, Cameron; Sarah Lilley, Cameron; Christine Dovec, Weirton; Lacey Cashdollar, Oak Glen; Nathalie Wujtow, Weirton Madonna; Megan Finneran, Weirton Madonna; Cara Kuhn, Brooke; Sonya Lettieri, Weirton; Erin Wilt, Tyler Consolidated; Michelle Depto, Wheeling Park; Mandy nau, Wheeling Park; Kerry Kindler, Linsly.

