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APPLYING the tag to Wheeling Central's Chad Malarski is Martins Ferry's Adam Holmes during Monday's OVAC All-Star game at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville. Ohio defeated West Virginia 7-6.

Ohio captures OVAC All-Star tilt

• **BL's Marchbank shines in 7-6 victory over W.Va.**

By **JEREMY MIDEI**
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The OVAC officially wrapped up its baseball season Monday with the completion of the 2001 OVAC All-Star Game at Vaccaro Field.

And while most all-star games fail to live up to their billing, the OVAC all-stars preferred to buck that trend, as yesterday's nine-inning classic featured four ties and five lead changes.

The Ohio all-stars managed to capture that final lead change, and bragging rights for the next year, by handing the West Virginia squad a 7-6 defeat.

The Ohioans struck first in the see-saw battle as lead-off hitter, Caldwell slugger Dan Sidwell, blasted the game's fifth pitch over the leftfield wall for a 1-0 Ohio lead.

The Mountain Staters would gain the upper-hand in the bottom of the first, as RBIs by John Marshall's Chad McKown, Bishop Donahue's Matt Francis and Wheeling Central's Chad Malarski would place the score at 3-1.

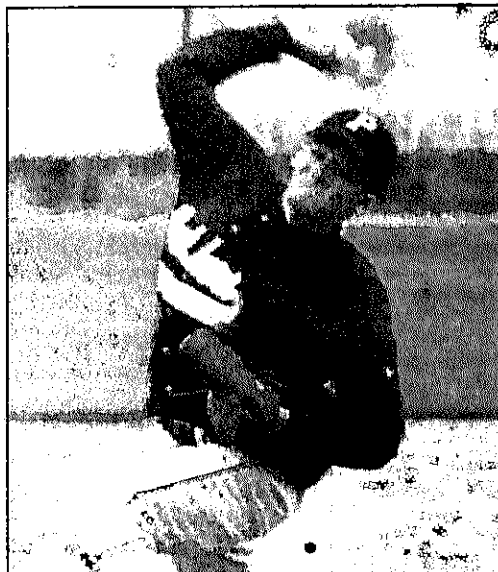
Amidst the number of prolific hitters, a dominating pitching performance is rare — but that's exactly what Buckeye Local's Billy Marchbank turned in. The Panther ace recorded five strikeouts while working the second and third innings for the Ohio squad.

The Buckeyes would even the score in the second as Jared Dinges of Buckeye Trail and Sidwell would come through with run-scoring hits.

In the fourth frame, West Virginia would strike again, as John Marshall's Billy Rinderer would score on Wheeling Park's Mike Watson's gap single to rightfield.

Ohio answered without delay in the fifth as

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East Liverpool's Mark Nightengale scooted home on a passed ball — but West Virginia would regain the lead in the bottom of the inning, as two Ohio errors would send Linsly's Charlie Sines home with the go-ahead run.

It was a case of Deja Vu in the seventh as Meadowbrook's Darrin Graham would walk and steal himself to third, scoring on Matt Tokorchek from East Liverpool's ground ball. But West Virginia would again knot the score on an error as Francis would go home after putting himself on base with a hunt single.

However, Ohio would score two runs in the eighth inning and the West Virginians would have no answer this time. Edison's Tom Snyder singled to send home teammate Josh Booth to open the scoring and Zanesville's Tom Hoffer would walk with the bases loaded, scoring the eventual winning run in the form of Monroe Central's Dan

Massey.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth, McKown came within inches of tying the score for a fifth time, as the JM slugger tattooed a Justin Magyar offering off the wall in left for a double. However, the Shadyside hurler induced a harmless ground ball for the final out, sealing the Ohio victory.

Before the game, the OVAC Players of the Year, Valley's B.J. Stoneking, Toronto's Shawn Cain, Harrison Central's Trent Luyster and Wheeling Park's Eric Brothers were honored for their seasons. Steubenville's Fred Heatherington and Wheeling Central's Terry Edwards were honored as co-Coaches of the Year.

Line score:

Ohio	120	010	120	—	7	7	4
West Virginia	300	110	100	—	6	9	3

BATTERIES: Cramblett, Marchbank (2), Graham (4), Lynn (5), Myers (6), Ball (7), Luther (8), Magyar (9) and Clegg, Kocher (5), Haught, Malarski (4), Gaudio (7), McKown (9) and Hartman



Ohio Stars Edge W.Va.

By SHAWN RINE
Staff Writer

All-star games are supposed to be about having fun. The George Kovalick OVAC All-Star baseball game is no different.

But make no mistake about it, it becomes about getting the 'W' when the game gets into the latter innings.

Monday at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville, the brightest senior stars the Valley had to offer put on a show, but only one team, Ohio, went away with a victory over West Virginia.

Weir's Rossi Gaudio walked Zanesville's Tom Hoffer with the bases loaded in the top of the eighth and Shadyside's Justin Magyar survived more than a few close calls in the bottom of the ninth to pick up the save, as Ohio pulled off a 7-6 victory.

"This was a great game by both teams," said East Liverpool High School and Ohio coach Brian Connelly. "What's important is that the guys had some fun out there."

But it couldn't have been too much fun for Connelly in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Twice it looked as though the Mountaineers were going to get the tying run across the plate against Magyar.

John Marshall's Chad McKown lifted a towering fly ball off the left-center field wall for his second hit of the game. He ended up with a double, but just as easily could have been out. McKown was indecisive about whether or not to turn the double into a triple and ended up in a run down between second and third.

But the second baseman wasn't covering and McKown was safe at second.

One batter later, Gaudio blooped a ball down the left field line that just dropped in foul territory. Had the ball been fair, McKown, who was already at home plate when the ball dropped, would have tied the game.

Gaudio then grounded out to first base to end the ball game.

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Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Toronto's Shawn Cain, red jersey, awaits the throw from catcher Wille Clegg to catch a sliding Billy Rinderer from John Marshall during the OVAC George Kovalick All-Star Classic at Steubenville's Vaccaro Field Monday. Backing up on the play is shortstop Trevor Schaffer of Beallsville. Rinderer was safe at second on the play, but Ohio earned a 7-6 victory.

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"I thought we had it (tied) twice," said West Virginia and Wheeling Park coach Doug Tush. "Coming here, I wanted to make sure everybody got playing time and they had fun. But about the fifth inning the adrenaline kicked in and it was like, 'Hey, let's go ahead and win this thing.'" "These are the Valley's best on both sides," he continued.

Despite a large discrepancy in the number of athletes from which each side had to choose, West Virginia, which had just 14 players on its roster compared to 30 for Ohio, held the lead for much of the contest.

However, it was the Buckeyes who struck first as Caldwell's Dan Sidwell hit an opposite-field homer off Bishop Donahue's Nick Haught to lead off the game.

But West Virginia took control in the bottom of the frame with a three-run uprising.

JM's Billy Rinderer led off with a walk, went to second on a single off the bat of Wheeling Central's Mark Sapon and to third on an error by Toronto second baseman Shawn Cain.

He would score a batter later when McKown hit into a fielder's choice.

Gaudio walked two batters later and Matt Francis (Bishop Donahue) and Wheeling Central's Chad Malarski followed with consecutive RBIs on a groundout and a single, respectively.

"They jumped out there quick, which doesn't always happen in all-star games," commented Connelly. "Typically, these are low-scoring games."

Ohio got even in the top of the second, scoring a pair of runs on a 4-6-3 double play off the bat of Buckeye Trail's Jared Dinges and an error on Sapon that allowed Sidwell to reach base.

"On the West Virginia side, I thought we played well," said Tush. "I thought the pitchers played well and we put the bat on the ball."

"On the Ohio side though, they got the win. I thought we had it, I really did. I thought McKown's (double) was out of here and we had it tied."

The game remained tied until the bottom of the fourth when McKown — he singled to lead off the inning

— scored on a bloop single by Wheeling Park's Matt Watson.

The game went back-and-forth with West Virginia never leading from the fourth inning until the eighth in which Ohio finally took over.

McKown finished 2-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBIs to lead West Virginia, while Sidwell, Hoffer and Edison's Tom Snyder all drove in one for Ohio.

NOTES: Awards were handed out to the OVAC Players of the Year before the game... They are B.J. Stonoking of Valley (A), Toronto's Shawn Cain (AA), Trent Luyster of Harrison Central (AAA) and Wheeling Park's Erick Brothers in Class AAAA... Tush accepted the award for Brothers, who was away on his senior trip... Also handed out were Coach of the Year plaques to Wheeling Central's Terry Edwards and Steubenville Big Red's Fred Heatherington... As well, a special presentation was made to St. Clairsville head baseball coach Richard 'Lefty' Hall, who retired at the conclusion of this season after 33 years of coaching... the presentation was made by Perry West.

OVAC All-Star Baseball Team selected; game slated Monday

Harrison Central's Trent Luyster was selected as the OVAC Class AAA player-of-the-year it was announced today.

The Ohio State University baseball recruit helped hurl the Huskies into the regional tournament.

Other players of the year were Erick Brothers, Wheeling Park, OVAC 4-A; Shawn Cain, Toronto, Class 2-1; and B.J. Stoneking, Valley, Class 1-A.

Stuebenville's Fred Heatherington and Wheeling Central's Terry Edwards were named OVAC coaches of the year.

The annual OVAC Baseball Game will be contested Monday at Steubenville's Vaccaro Field. Game time is set for 6 p.m.

OVAC ALL-STAR ROSTERS

OHIO
Wellsville — Mike Bess
Steubenville — Dave Crisante and Rob Kocher
East Liverpool — Matt Tokorchek and Mark Nightengale
Buckeye Local — Chad Figurski and Bill Marchbank
Zanesville — Tom Hoffer
Indian Creek — Don Keylor
Meadowbrook — Darrin Graitan

Harrison Central — Trent Luyster and Willy Luther
Martins Ferry — Adam Holmes
Buckeye Trail — Jared Dinges and Troy Beros
Barnesville — Kyle Neptune
Toronto — Shawn Cain and Doug Luckso
River — Seth Tolzda
Monroe Central — Dan Massie
Caldwell — Dan Sidwell
Fort Frye — Eric Henninger
Steubenville Central — Steve Cramblett
Conotton Valley — Chad Lynn
Bellaire — Derek Myers
Shadyside — Justin Magyar
St. John's — Willie Clegg and Matt Nardo

Beallsville — Trevor Schaffer and Matt Brown
Shenandoah — Josh Eibel
Edison — Tom Snyder, Josh Booth and Doug Wickham
Coaches: Brian Connelly, East Liverpool; Cory McQuain, Buckeye Trail; Ron Street, Beallsville.

WEST VIRGINIA

Wheeling Central — Chad Malarski, Mark Sapon and Morgan Kent
Linsly — Charles Sines and Ed Swierkos
Valley — B.J. Stoneking
Cameron — Quintin Antill and Aaron Poling
Bishop Donahue — Matt Francis, Mike Hewitt and Nick Haught
Paden City — John Mercer
Wheeling Park — Mike Watson
Weir — Rossi Gaudio
Coaches: Doug Tush, Wheeling Park; John Fazio, Bishop Donahue; Jim Potts, Cameron.

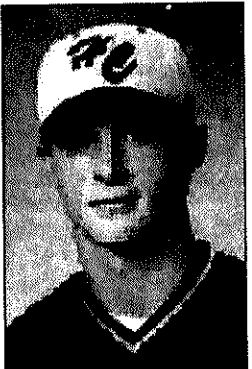
Coaches of the year — Fred Heatherington, Steubenville; Terry Edwards, Wheeling Central.

ALL-OVAC BASEBALL TEAM

CLASS AAAA

Steubenville — David Crisante, senior, OF; Rob Kocher, senior, Catcher.
East Liverpool — Matt Tokorchek, senior, IF-P; Mark Nightengale, senior, 2B.
Buckeye Local — Chad Figurski, senior,

3B; Bill Marchbank, senior, SS-P.
Zanesville — Tom Hoffer, senior, RF.
Cambridge — Tyler Markley, junior, IF.
Edison — Tom Snyder, senior, 2B;
Josh Booth, senior, OF;
Doug Wickham, senior, 1B.
Weir — Rossi Gaudio.
Wheeling Park — Erick Brothers, senior, 2B-3B.
Player of the year — Erick Brothers, Wheeling Park.



TRENT LUYSER

CLASS AAA
Indian Creek — Don Kycler, senior, 2B.
Meadowbrook — Darrin Graitan, senior, P-OF; Devin Singleton, junior, SS-P.
Harrison Central — Trent Luyster, senior, P-OF; Willy Luther, senior, IF.
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Tyler Consolidated — Randy Wise, junior, P-2B.
St. Clairsville — Derrick Wood, junior, OF.
Martins Ferry — Adam Holmes, senior, 1B-P-3B.
Buckeye Trail — Jared Dinges, senior, 3B-P; Troy Beros, senior, SS-P.

CLASS AA

Wheeling Central — Chad Malarski, senior, P-B; Justin Edwards, junior, P-SS; Mark Sapon, senior, 2B.
Barnesville — Kyle Neptune, senior, 3B-1B; Boomer Reed, junior, 1B.
Linsly — Charles Sines, senior, DH; Ed Swierkos, senior, 2B-SS-OF.
Toronto — Shawn Cain, senior, 2B; Doug Luckso, senior, 1B-P.
River — Seth Tolzda, senior, RF.
Monroe Central — Dan Massie, senior, P-2B-SS.
Caldwell — Dan Sidwell, senior, P-CF.
Wellsville — Brett Hambleton, junior, SS-P.
Fort Frye — Eric Henninger, senior, P.
Steubenville Central — Steve Cramblett, senior, P-1B.
Shadyside — Justin Magyar, senior, P-1B.
Shenandoah — Josh Eibel, senior, CF.
Frontier — Ed Keyser, senior, OF.
Player of the year — Shawn Cain, Toronto.

CLASS A

Valley — B.J. Stoneking, senior, 3B-OF.
Bridgeport — Larry Lawson, junior, CF.
Conotton Valley — Chad Lynn, Sr., P-OF.
Cameron — Quintin Antill, senior, 1B; Aaron Poling, senior, LF-P.
St. John's — Matt Nardo, senior, 3B; Willie Clegg, senior, C-P.
Beallsville — Trevor Schaffer, senior, SS; Matt Brown, senior, 3B.
Bishop Donahue — Matt Francis, senior, 1B; Matt Hewitt, senior, P.
Paden City — John Mercer, senior, OF-2B.
Player of the year — B.J. Stoneking, Valley.



OVAC ALL-STAR ROSTERS

OVAC George Kovalick All-Star Baseball Classic, Monday, June 4, Vaccaro Field, Steubenville, 6 p.m.

OHIO
Wellsville: Mike Bess
Steubenville: Dave Crisante, Rob Kocher
East Liverpool: Matt Tokorchek, Mark Nightengale
Buckeye Local: Chad Figurski, Bill Marchbank
Zanesville: Tom Hoffer
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Meadowbrook: Darrin Graitan
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Cameron: Quintin Antill, Aaron Poling
Bishop Donahue: Matt Francis, Mike Hewitt, Nick Haught
Paden City: John Mercer
Wheeling Park: Matt Watson
Weir: Rossi Gaudio
Coaches: Doug Tush, Wheeling Park; John Fazio, Bishop Donahue; Jim Potts, Cameron
Coaches of the Year: Fred Heatherington, Steubenville; Terry Edwards, Wheeling Central

ALL-STAR BASEBALL

GEORGE KOVALICK ALL-STAR CLASSIC (at Vaccaro Field, Steubenville)

Ohio	120	010	120	—	7
West Virginia	300	110	100	—	6
DP — West Virginia	1	Doubles			
McKown, W.Va.	Home Runs	Sidwell, Ohio	Stolen Bases	McKown, W.Va.	
Sidwell, Ohio	Rindorfer, W.Va.	Nightengale, Ohio	Graham, Ohio (2)	Schaffer, Ohio	CS — Tokorchek, Ohio.

	ab	r	h	bi
Billy Pinderer, JM	3	1	2	0
Mark Sapon, WC	4	1	1	0
Chad McKown, JM	4	2	2	1
Rossi Gaudio, Weir	2	0	0	0
Matt Francis, BD	3	1	0	1
Chad Malarski, WC	3	0	2	1
Matt Watson, WP	3	0	1	1
Charlie Sines, Lin	3	0	0	0
Mike Hewitt, BD	3	0	0	0
Jeff Hartman, WC	3	1	2	0
John Mercer, PC	3	0	0	0
Nick Haught, BD	2	0	0	0
B.J. Stoneking, Val	3	0	0	0
Quintin Antill, Cam	3	0	0	0
Totals	42	6	10	4

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Haught, BD	3	3	3	3	1	2
Malarski, WC	3	2	1	1	2	3
Gaudio, Weir, L O-1	2	1	3	2	5	2
McKown, JM	1	0	0	0	1	1

	ab	r	h	bi
Dan Sidwell, Cal	2	1	1	1
Josh Eibel, She	2	0	0	0
Dave Crisante, Steub	2	0	1	0
Willie Clegg, BSJ	2	0	1	0
Adam Holmes, MF	2	0	0	0
Shawn Cain, Tor	2	1	0	0
Trevor Schaffer, Bea	2	1	1	0
Steve Cramblett, SCe	0	0	0	0
Jared Dinges, BT	1	0	0	0
Josh Booth, Ed	2	1	0	0
Rob Kocher, Steub	1	0	0	0
Billy Marchbank, Bul	0	0	0	0
Seth Tolzda, Riv	1	0	0	0
Andy Ball, El	2	0	0	0
Chad Lynn, CV	1	0	0	0
Derek Myers, Bel	1	0	0	0
Tom Hoffer, Zan	1	0	0	1
Darrin Graham, Mea	1	1	0	0
Matt Tokorchek, EL	2	0	0	0
Tom Snyder, Ed	1	0	1	1
Matt Nardo, BSJ	1	0	0	0
Kyle Neptune, Bar	0	0	0	0
Willy Luther, HC	1	0	0	0
Don Keylor, IC	1	0	0	0
Dannie Massie, MC	0	1	0	0
Chad Figurski, BL	1	0	0	0
Justin Magyar, Sha	1	0	0	0
Mark Nightengale, EL	1	1	0	0
Troy Beros, BT	1	0	0	0
Doug Luckso, Tor	1	0	1	0
Totals	34	7	6	3

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cramblett, SCe	1	2	3	2	2	0
Marchbank, BL	2	2	0	0	0	5
Graham, Mea	1	2	1	1	0	1
Linn, CV	1	0	1	0	0	1
Myers, Bel	1	1	0	0	0	1
Ball, EL	1	0	1	0	1	1
Luther, HC, W, 1 O	1	1	0	0	1	1
Magyar, Sha S1	1	1	0	0	0	0