

OVAC Cheerleading Champions

The Wheeling Park High School Varsity A cheering squad, which includes Melissa Melgare, a Melgare, Adrianna Hempelmann, Jenny Hempelmann, Ter Strothers, Amy Relsinger, Kara Jewell, Ashley Ferrell, Leigh Anne Jackson, Britney Butler, Danielle Martin, Kelly Gia and Hillary Richards, were the Class AAAA victors in last weekend's OVAC cheering competition in Steubenville.



Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Warrior Consolidated High School cheerleaders were successful in winning their fifth consecutive title as Class AAA Ohio Valley Athletic Conference cheerleading champions Feb. 17 at St. John's Arena in Steubenville. Members of the winning squad are, from left, seated, Brandi Headley, Hillary Hickman, Ashley Eddy, Liana Bell, Lindsay Dober, and Sarah Mace; standing, Coach Diana Stender, Mascot Meggan Boggs, Gina Groves, Megan Camerlin, Jennifer Furbee, Cassie Cunningham, Tiffany Morgan, Stephanie Starcher, Julie Casey, Lianne Tallman, Krista Lovell, Sasha Metz, and Asst. Coach Sue Skinner.



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The Wheeling Central Catholic High School cheerleaders successfully defended their Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Class championship status Feb. 17 in St. John's Arena in Steubenville. Members of the 2001 squad include, front row from left, Sara Wizba, Erica Voellinger, Tina Fall, Aimee Zusnik and Shay Stein. Second row, from left, Katie Hineran, Regina Thalman, Jessica Mangier-squad captain, Mindy Miller, Katrina Kreitzer and Megan Freese. Third row from left, Kesha Bosley, Nicole Schneider, Caroline Palmer, Bethany Swaton and Kiersan Smith. The WCCHS squad is coached by Rose Palmer, Nikki Casuccio and Paula Thomas.

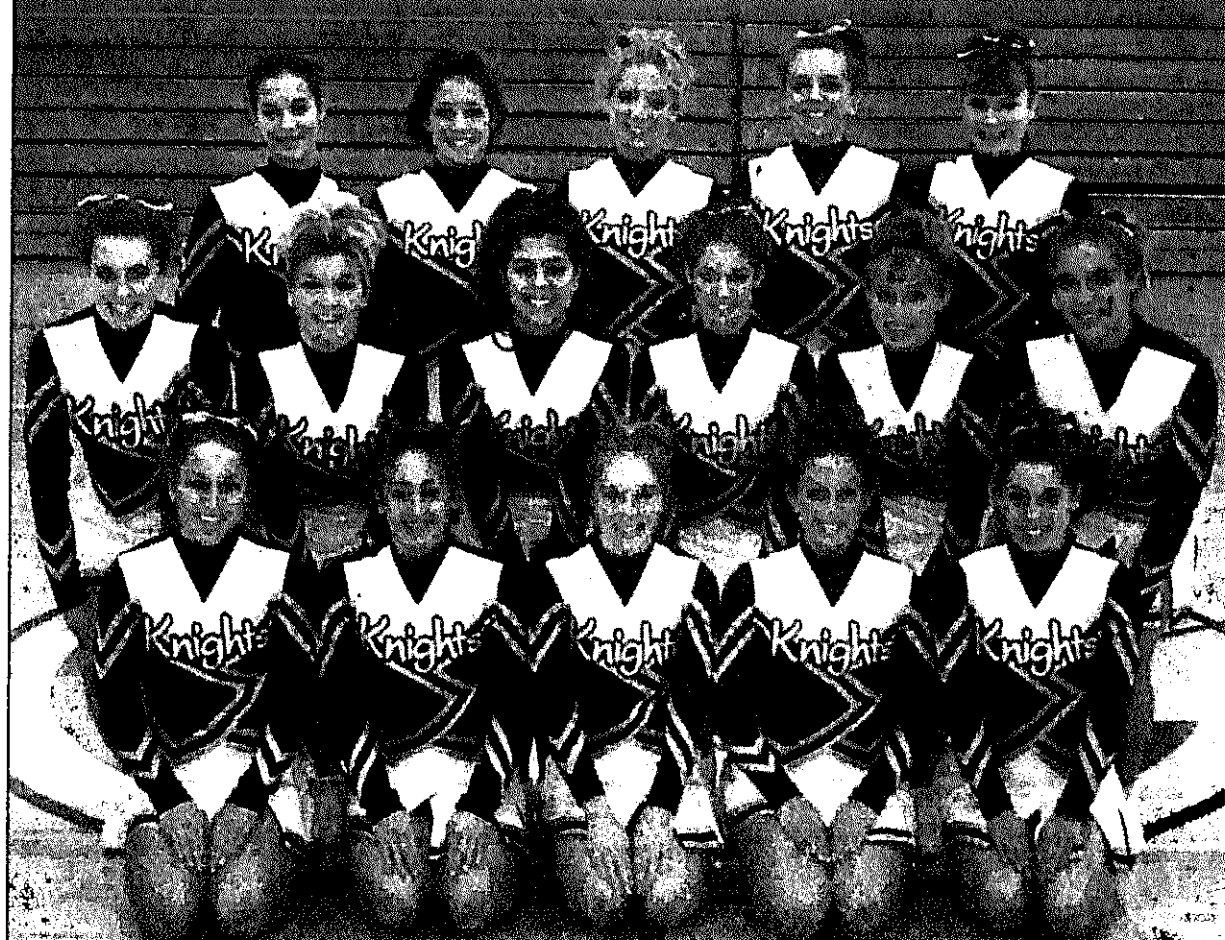


Photo by Scott McCloskey

The Paden City High School Wildcat cheerleaders won the Class A cheerleading championship Feb. 17 in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference competition at the St. John's Arena in Steubenville. Shown with their coach Angi McDonald, standing on the left, her daughter, Holly, kneeling on the front row, and Coach Karri Herrick, standing on the right, are squad members, not pictured in order: Brine Broughman, Ashley Cain, Melissa Cutlip, Brittany Heasley, Katelyn Heinzman, Amber Mikes, Kaitlin Mikes, Darla Nothing, Megan Pittman, Trista Space, Kaitlyn Spencer, Ashley Thoburn, Kaitlyn Toman and Tracy Toman.

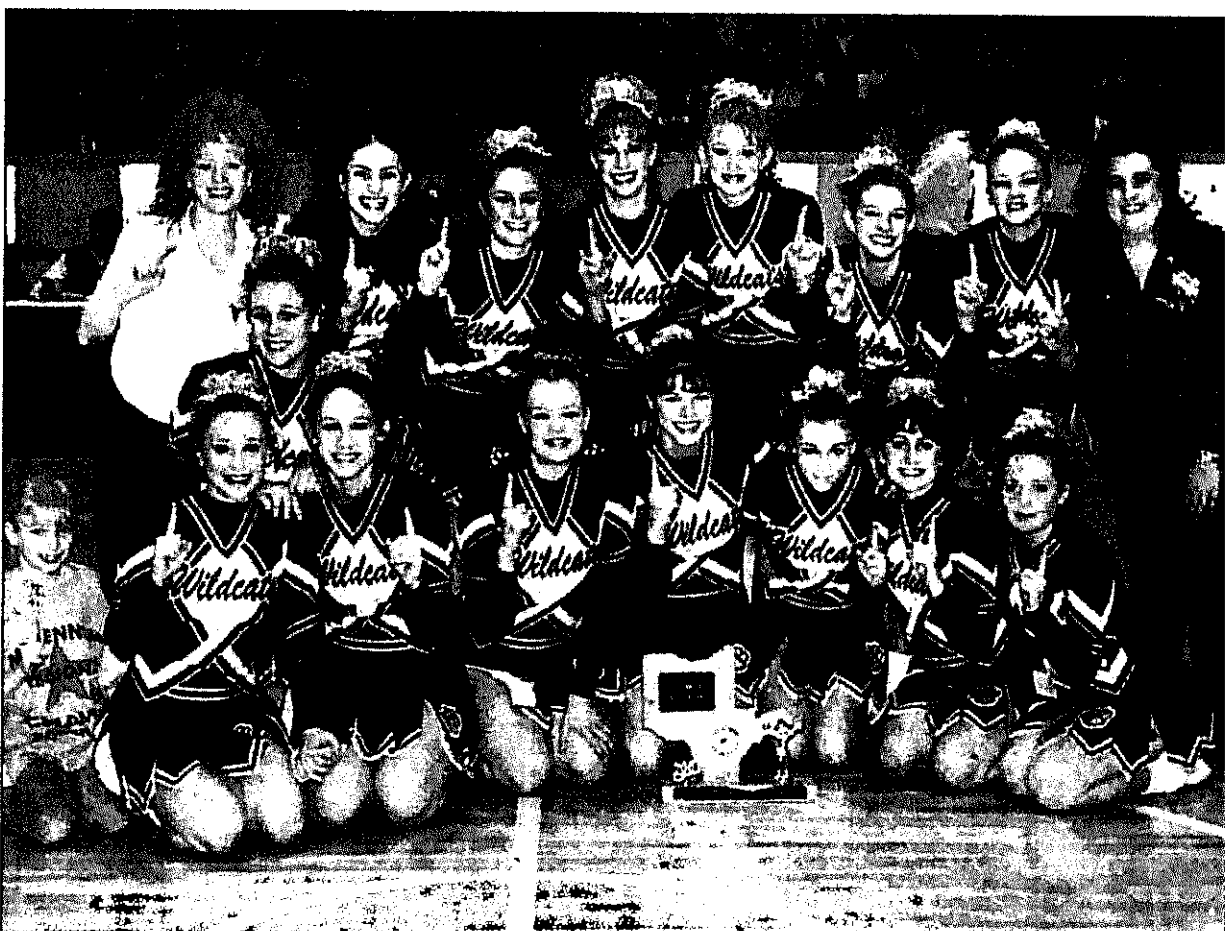


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OVAC Cheering Championships Set for Saturday

The 10th annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Cheering Championships take place this Saturday, Feb. 17, at Steubenville's St. John Arena.

Doors to the arena open at 8 a.m., with the competition to start at 9:30. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. No advance sale will be held.

The field includes a total of 32 squads, which represents an increase of three teams from last year's event. They will be competing for championships in four divisions.

Defending titlists are Wheeling Park, Class AAA; Tyler Consolidated, Class AAA; Wheeling Central, Class AA; and Weirton Madonna, Class A.

Joining the Patriots in the 4A competition will be Buckeye Local, Edison, Steubenville, Weir and Zanesville.

The 3A teams are Tyler Consolidated, Bellaire, Harrison Central, Indian Creek, Magnolia, Oak Glen, St. Clairsville and Union Local.

In Class AA, the teams are Barnesville, Fort Frye, Linsly School, Monroe Central, River, Shadyside, Steubenville Catholic Central, Toronto and Wheeling Central.

Single-A entrants include Beallsville, Bishop Donahue, Bridgeport, Cameron, Paden City, Bellaire St. John's Central, Valley and Weirton Madonna.