

# Soccer Stars Set to Shine Tuesday at WJU

*All-Star doubleheader showcases best and brightest of OVAC's senior booters*

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The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All-Star Soccer Classic kicks off at a new venue Tuesday when Wheeling Jesuit University hosts the annual night of stars for the OVAC's senior standouts.

The fourth annual girls' all-star game will kick off at 6 p.m. with the sixth annual boys' gleam game scheduled for an 8:10 p.m. start.

"This is the third site for our All-Star Classic since we started six years ago," said OVAC Soccer Director Jay Adams, "and we're very excited about coming to Wheeling Jesuit University.

"It's a beautiful facility and one of the top college soccer stadiums in the east. It really gives our players a chance to shine."

There will certainly be plenty of glitter on the field Tuesday as the conference is coming off one of its best fall seasons.

While this will be the final game of these youngsters' high school careers, many of them have already signed to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Carrie Hanna, who coached Wheeling Park to a third straight state title, will be making her final high school appearance as well. The former Wheeling Jesuit All-American has accepted an assistant coaching position at her alma mater.

The girls have been split into Red and Blue teams in the interest of competitive balance.

Hanna will guide the Red team with the help of Steubenville Central's Steve Kopcha and Indian Creek's Dominic Buccafurni.

Players to watch on the Red team include Emily Marshall, the leading scorer in Wheeling Park history; Mia Railing; a three-time All-Stater for the Patriots in goal; and first-team All-Valley standouts Casey Dick (Brooke); Katie Frazier (Wheeling Park) and Kindra Miller (Wheeling Park).

The Park's Karrie Hutchins, a



File Photo by Alex Kozlowski

West Virginia University recruit Emily Marshall, right, is just one of many OVAC soccer stars who will get one last chance to shine Tuesday night when the OVAC All-Star Soccer Classic kicks off at Wheeling Jesuit University's LaRosa Field.

two-time West Virginia Player of the Year, is also listed on the Red team roster but will sit out the game as she continues her rehabilitation from knee surgery.

The Blue team won't be lacking

for firepower with the OVAC's career scoring leader setting the pace. John Marshall's Hannah Lawther scored 60 goals this past fall en route to setting the conference's career mark of 170 goals. Guided by

OVAC Coach of the Year Chris Noyes of Brooke with the help of East Liverpool's Bill McComas and Jim Truax of Weir, the Blue team will also benefit from the presence of first-team All-Valley midfielder Jessica Minton and first-team All-Valley defensive back Anr Ruggiero.

In the boys' game, Ohio will be trying to break West Virginia's domination as the Buckeye Staters are 6 for-5 in the previous All-Star Classics and many think this could be the year.

Ohio is helped by a strong contingent from a St. Clairsville team that became the first OVAC squad to win an Ohio district championship and advance to regional play. Red Devil striker Jon Hunt led the valley with 32 goals while teammates Travl Vensel, Ken Schroeder, Scott Bartolo and Mike Reese comprise nearly a third of the Ohio All-Star roster.

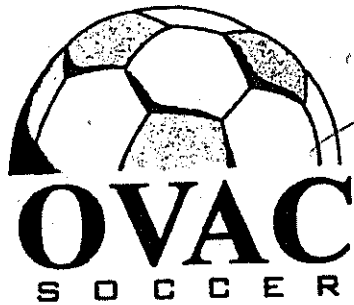
Vensel was also a first-team All-Valley selection while Bartolo and Schroeder were second-team picks.

West Virginia seems to be better stocked on the defensive end with such luminaries as OVAC player of the year and All-Valley tri-captain Seth Harpold or Weir and Wheeling Central first-team All-Valley standouts Nathan Martin available as a sweeper and first-team All-Valley keepers Chaz Angelo of Weir and Jamie Alberts of Wheeling Park between the pipes.

The Mountain Staters still have plenty of players who know what they're doing at the other end of the field. Wheeling Central striker Ryan Ferns was the OVAC's second-leading scorer with 27 goals and 11 assists.

A brief awards ceremony will follow each game and both games will be taped by WTRF-TV for delayed broadcast.

Any youth soccer player aged 12 and-under will be admitted free at the gate if they wear their team's jersey to the game and are accompanied by a paying adult.



## ALL-STAR ROSTERS

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#### Blue Team

#### Coaches

Chris Noyes, Brooke; Bill McComas,  
East Liverpool; Jim Truax, Weir

#### All-Stars

No	Player	School
1	Ashley Ladzinske	East Liverpool
2	Jamie Dayoub	Weir
3	Jessica Shaffer	Brooke
4	Stephanie Gabell	Weir
5	Anna Ruggiero	Brooke
6	Rebekah Aitdoerffer	East Liverpool
7	Mary Beth Przybysz	Whg Central
8	Jessica Minton	John Marshall
9	Zoe Kinkade	John Marshall
10	Hannah Lawther	John Marshall
11	Genie Hassan	Edison
12	Erin Reeder	Beaver Local
13	Allison Komara	East Liverpool
14	Julie Sobutka	Weir
15	Jen Smith	Whg Central
16	Brianna Brauzi	Brooke
17	Amanda Grosso	Whg Central

#### Red Team

#### Coaches

Carrie Hanna, Wheeling Park; Steve  
Kopcha, Steub. Central; Dom Buccafurni,  
Indian Creek

#### All-Stars

No.	Player	School
1	Casey Dick	Brooke
2	Kindra Miller	Wheeling Park
3	Jessica Basinger	Whg Central
4	Esther Hardwick	Indian Creek
5	Kristen Blatt	Magnolia
6	Katie Frazier	Wheeling Park
7	Kate Lloyd	Staub. Central
8	Amber Pestian	Steub. Central
9	Annie Hilty	Indian Creek
10	Emily Marshall	Wheeling Park
11	Liza Snyder	Magnolia
12	Cara Gracle	Weir
13	Jackie Shillion	Magnolia
14	Sara Eddy	Indian Creek
15	Amy Wojcik	Wheeling Park
16	Olivia Jones	Whg Central
17	Alicia Culp	Indian Creek
18	Mia Railing	Wheeling Park
19	Karrie Hutchins*	Wheeling Park

\*-honorary



### BOYS West Virginia Coaches

Joe Pepe, Weir; Chuck Robinson, Weir,  
Madonna; Andy Nelson, John Marshall

#### All-Stars

No.	Player	School
1	Charles Angelo	Weir
2	Jared Argent	Weir
3	Seth Harpold	Weir
4	Bruno DeCaria	Weirton Madonna
5	John McDonald	Weirton Madonna
6	Jared Robinson	Weirton Madonna
7	Ryan Ferns	Wheeling Central
8	Nathan Martin	Wheeling Central
9	Sean Regan	Wheeling Central
10	Jared Zavolta	Wheeling Central
11	Jamie Alberts	Wheeling Park
12	Mike Padgett	Wheeling Park
13	Ben Yaeger	Wheeling Park
14	Shayne Clegg	Brooke
15	Matt Crawford	Brooke
16	Dan Palcic	Brooke
17	Chad Allen	Magnolia
18	Jared Riel	John Marshall

#### Ohio

#### Coaches

Dave Hahn, St. Clairsville; Brian  
Scarpone, Steubenville; John Belt, Indian  
Creek

#### All-Stars

No.	Player	School
1	Corey French	Steub. Central
2	Mike Gilloon	Steub. Central
3	Jon Hunt	St. Clairsville
4	David Zeigler	Edison
5	Marik Hughes	Indian Creek
6	Mike Batalo	Steubenville
7	Jeff Weyrauch	Indian Creek
8	Michael Carter	Steubenville
9	Jesse Stansbury	East Liverpool
10	Mike Reese	St. Clairsville
11	Travis Vensel	St. Clairsville
12	Mike Hill	East Liverpool
13	Ryan Lefebvre	Indian Creek
14	Vincent Salvino	Steubenville
15	C.J. Chamberlain	Edison
16	Trevor Marsh	Indian Creek
17	Ken Schroeder	St. Clairsville
18	Scott Bartolo	St. Clairsville



# Park Players Have Blue Seeing Red

By JOEDY McCREARY  
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Carrie Hanna's Red all-star roster had a decided Wheeling Park flavor to it Thursday.

Six players from the Patriots' state championship team helped comprise the Red roster. And three of those Patriots — Emily Marshall, Mia Railing and Kindra Miller — played key roles as the Red team blanked the Blue 4-0 in Thursday's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference soccer all-star game at a soggy LaRosa Field on the campus of

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Wheeling Jesuit University.

Miller, the Red team's defensive MVP, got her team on the board first on a free kick, and Marshall, her squad's offensive MVP, tacked on two goals for the Red.

Meanwhile, Railing stopped each of the 11 shots she faced before she was relieved by Alicia Kulp in the 62nd minute.

And Hanna, who coached the Patriots to the state champi-

onship and was a finalist for OVAC Coach of the Year honors earlier this week, relished one last chance to coach her standout seniors.

"I was really lucky to get all those girls from Wheeling Park," Hanna said.

Marshall had two goals and bounced four other shots off the goal standards — two caromed off the crossbar and two others ricocheted off the left post.

"I talked to her at halftime, and she said she was doing all the hard work now," Hanna

said. "Now, she said it was time for the easy work."

The Red team scored three goals in a six-minute span in the second half.

"In the first half, there was a lot of nervous energy out there," Hanna said. "They had the right ideas, but at halftime we talked about taking advantage of those opportunities."

And since it had been six months since the end of the soccer season, Blue team coach Joe Pepe said his players were

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# West Virginia Comes Out on Top, 1-0

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For 79 ¾ minutes Thursday, Ohio was poised to prove that, after six all-star meetings with West Virginia, the Buckeyes had caught up with the Mountain Staters.

But in the game's final seconds, fate — and, with it, Nathan Martin — struck from 50 feet.

Martin's long-distance goal in the final minute gave West Virginia a 1-0 win and extended the Mountaineers' victory string in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference boys soc-

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cer all-star game at Wheeling Jesuit University's wet LaRosa Field.

West Virginia is 6-0 against Ohio in the OVAC all-star game but the Mountain State coaches came away impressed by the Buckeyes' progress.

"It's getting tougher and tougher every year," West Virginia coach Chuck Robinson said. "But (soccer) is one of the sports that (West Virginia) is still hanging in there. We're leading the pack and hopefully,

we can keep on going.

"It came down to the last minute here. We like to give the crowd some excitement."

And it needed every second on the LaRosa Field clock to crack the Buckeyes' formidable defense.

With 40 seconds remaining, West Virginia had a golden scoring opportunity when Wheeling Park's Mike Padgett drilled a crossing pass to Linsly's Boomer Byron, but Byron's header bounced off the right post. West Virginia's ensuing corner kick was broken up by the Buckeyes but Ohio

couldn't maintain control of the ball.

So, with time ticking away, Byron found the ball in his possession again about 40 feet from the goal. Instead of firing himself, he passed back to Martin, who blasted a 50-footer off the extended fingertips of Ohio goalkeeper Ryan Lefebvre and into the right corner of the net with nine seconds on the clock.

Minutes before, a winded Martin told his coaches that he had one last-gasp shot left.

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"I had one last run in me," Martin said.

"That's all I had. I'm out of shape. I told them to just throw me in there and let me run 100 yards and I'll come out.

"Just about all my goals come from that far. It's either all or nothing with me. I just got lucky."

Early on, the defenses dominat-

ed as much of the action took place near midfield.

When shots were taken, both teams' goalkeepers were adept at keeping their opponent off the scoreboard.

For 79 minutes, West Virginia keepers Charles Angelo of Weir (2 saves) and Jamie Alberts of Wheeling Park (5 saves) matched their Ohio counterparts Lefebvre (5 saves) and

St. Clairsville's Scott Bartollo (5 saves).

"I think this year the teams were well matched," Ohio coach Dave Hahn said. "I think this year it was extremely even. We had a lot of depth on the Ohio roster this year. I knew going into the game that we would give them a game. I thought this probably was the best year that Ohio had."

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"They haven't played soccer in so long," Pepe said. "But as far as watching 17 or 18 girls who have played against each other for four years, to see them come together ... that's what it's all about."

In the 54th minute, Marshall got past Blue defender Ashley Ladzinske, lofting a shot over reserve goalkeeper Julie Sobutka and into the net.

The Red's Amber Pestian made it 3-0 when she buried a penalty kick past Sobutka four minutes later.

Then, Marshall used her speed to score her second goal of the game. In

Blue defenders Stacy Allen and Jamie Dayoub, then chipped a shot past Blue keeper Sobutka.

Miller gave the Red team the lead for good when she drilled a direct free kick over the human wall and got over the head of Blue goalkeeper Allison Komara in the 72nd minute.

Marshall and Hannah Lawther, it seemed, spent the first half trading scoring chances.

Lawther — the offensive MVP for the Blue team — put four shots on goal in the first half but came up empty each time as Railing turned in eight saves in the first period.

first-half shots carom off the goal standards and was robbed of another chance thanks to heads-up play by the Blue's Anna Ruggerio.

As Marshall deked, Komara slipped on the wet grass and Marshall booted a shot toward the goal mouth. But a hustling Ruggerio intercepted the shot inches from the goal line and kicked it out of harm's way.

Former Linsly standout Jessie Werner was named the Blue team's defensive MVP.

"This is as great as it gets," Pepe said.

"It's a great showcase for the girls

## St. C. places five players in OVAC soccer contest

Five members of St. Clairsville's regional-qualifying Red Devils soccer team will participate in Tuesday's OVAC All-Star Game to be played at Wheeling Jesuit University's LaRose Field.

Team Ohio is under the direction of veteran St. C. coach Dave Hahn in addition to Brian Scarpone (Steubenville) and John Belt (Indian Creek).

Red Devils on the Buckeye roster include: Jon Hunt, Mike Reese,

Travis Vensel, Ken Schroeder and Scott Bartolo.

Tuesday's twinbill begins at 6:00 when the OVAC's finest girls' players are matched in an Ohio-West Virginia format.

At approximately 8:10, boys from Ohio and West Virginia will vie.

Awards' ceremonies will be held at the conclusion of each game.

WTRF-TV-7 will tape both games to be re-broadcast.

