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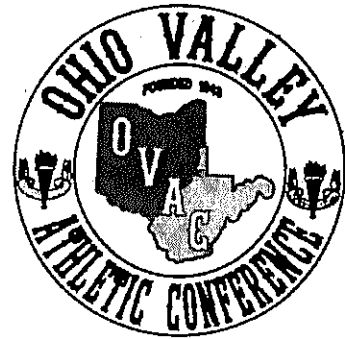
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Ohio boys win OVAC soccer tilt

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A win in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference All Star game.

Ohio defeated West Virginia 1-0 in the eighth annual contest at LaRosa Field on the campus of Wheeling Jesuit University.

Beaver Local's Jimmy Groff, the offensive player of the game for Ohio, scored the only goal of the game with just over six minutes remaining in the fourth quarter as the Buckeye booters claimed their first win of the series.

But not without a little help from West Virginia.

Ohio didn't have any eligible senior goalkeepers available to play Wednesday night so the Buckeyes wound up "borrowing" Brooke High netminder Jacob Joseph.

Joseph faced a steady West Virginia attack throughout the night but came up with key saves against some of the valley's top offensive strikers to raise the All-Star trophy along with his Ohio teammates.

"Jacob was fantastic in the goal," said Edison and Ohio coach Ed Vescovi in reviewing Joseph's 15-save performance.

"We didn't have any keepers this year so West Virginia offered and we asked who was the closest keeper to Edison, because that's where we were practicing."

After being outshot and dominated for much of the first half Vescovi and his coaching staff felt they were fortunate to still be in a scoreless tie after the first 40 minutes.

Knowing that one goal might well make the difference, they talked to their attackers about swinging the ball wide to stretch the West Virginia defense in

hopes of creating better scoring chances.

"This is the nature of soccer. Sometimes you can outshoot the other team and control the other team and still lose," said Linsly boys coach and West Virginia mentor Dave Coutts.

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At Wheeling Jesuit, Weir High striker Lisa Costello notched two goals, including the game-tying score with 1:29 remaining to give the Red team the tie in the seventh annual girls all-star contest.

While Costello led the way for her team, it was John Marshall's Maddie Lawther that led the Blue squad with two goals and an assist.

Lawther, who has signed to play Division I soccer at Youngstown State, scored the first goal of the game, assisted

on the goal that gave Blue a 3-2 lead and scored the goal that put Team Blue on top, 4-3, before Costello netted the equalizer.

East Liverpool's Sarah Payne had a goal and an assist for Team Red.

Jen Yasho of Steubenville Central scored for the Blue team and St. Clairsville's Kara Wenger added a goal for the Red team.

East Liverpool's Nicole Fiest netted the other goal for the Blue team.

"There were a lot of kids with a lot of skill in this game," said Wheeling Park and Team Blue coach Russ Hutchins.

"All of these kids played like it was their last high school game."

Weir coach Jim Truax echoed Hutchins' sentiments.

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All-Stars on the run

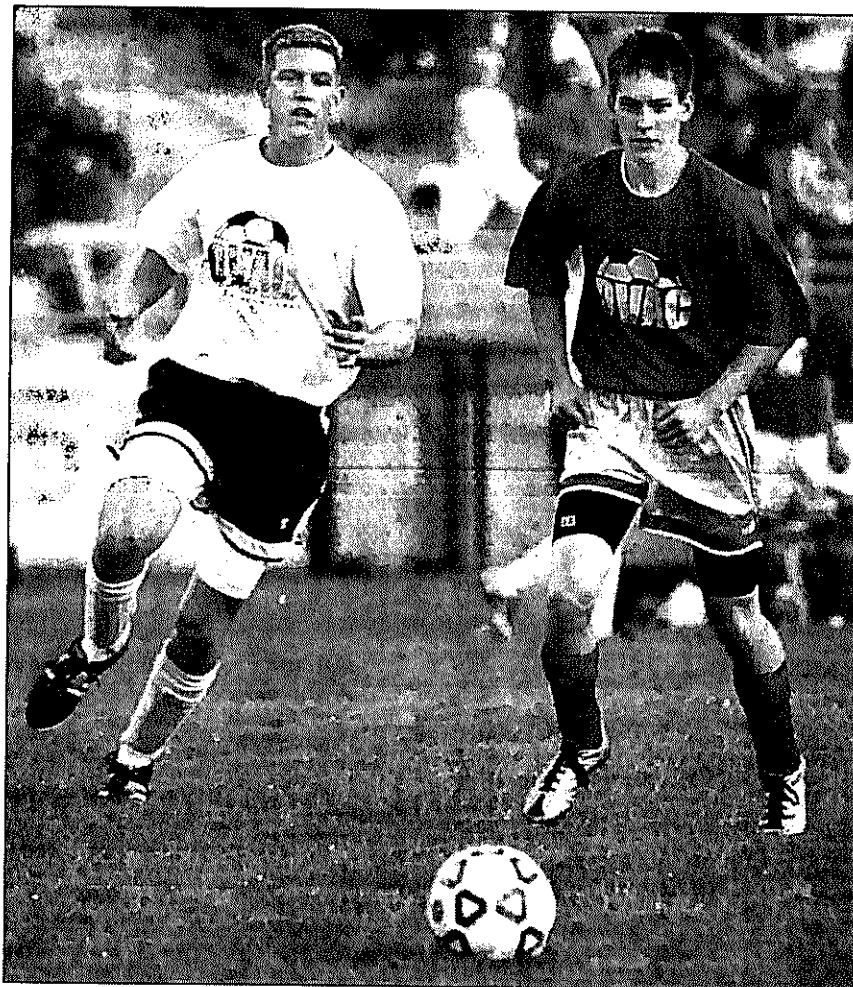


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Alex Kozlowski

Team West Virginia's Chris Blair, of Weirton Madonna, left, and Team Ohio's Mike Fatula, of Steubenville, chase down the ball during Wednesday's OVAC boys All-Star soccer game at Wheeling Jesuit University.

The Ohio boys held on for a 1-0 victory, their first win in the history of this series.

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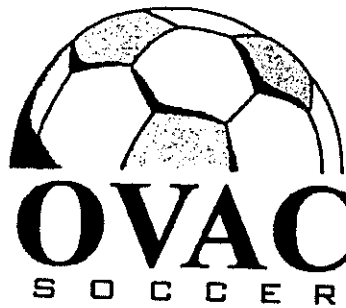
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RINE BIG EAST'S BEST

John Marshall product and WVU junior Jarod Rine has been named the Big East Conference's co-player of the year/22

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SPORTS

Ohio Boys Pull

By **RYAN GEORGE**
Staff Writer

The Ohio Boys All-Star soccer team claimed its first ever win in the eighth annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference contest Wednesday night at LaRosa Field on the campus of Wheeling Jesuit.

Ohio pulled out a 2-1 victory, while in the seventh annual girls contest the Blue and Red teams battled to a 4-4 tie.

Beaver Local's Jimmy Groff, the offensive player of the game for Ohio, scored with just more than six minutes remaining in the fourth quarter as the Buckeye state took the championship — but not without a little help from West Virginia.

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used Brooke product Jacob Joseph in the net.

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Team Blue's Maddie Lawther of John Marshall battles for the ball during the girls OVAC All-Star soccer game Wednesday.

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First in OVAC

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While Ohio finally breaks the losing skid, for Coutts and West Virginia the feeling isn't all bad.

"At least now we don't have the pressure to keep the streak alive," Coutts said.

Brandon Regan stood solid in

net for West Virginia, earning defensive player of the game for his team.

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Lawther scored the first goal of the game, assisted on another goal, and scored the 3-2 go-ahead goal for Team Blue.

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