

# 2002 OVAC Wrestling Tournament Results

**TEAM SCORING:**  
**OVERALL** -- Oak Glen, 209.5; Beaver Local, 206; John Marshall, 203.5; Martins Ferry, 201; Harrison Central, 151.5; Brooke, 127; Shadyside, 124; Buckeye Local, 119.  
 4-A -- Beaver Local, 206; John Marshall, Brooke; Buckeye Local; East Liverpool, 99.  
 3-A -- Oak Glen 209.5; Martins Ferry, 201; Harrison Central, 151.5; Indian Creek, 99; Barnesville, 90.  
 2-A -- Shadyside, 124; Monroe Central, 90.5; Wellsville, 56; River, 52; Steubenville Central, 39.5.  
 1-A -- Cameron, 107.5; St. John Central, 58; Beallsville, 36.5; Weirton Madonna, 28.5; Linsly, 10.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**  
 103 -- Clay Tucker (MF) dec. John Howard (JM), 14-3.  
 112 -- Lucas Huffman (Riv) dec. Josh Hoover (Beav), 11-8.  
 119 -- John Tierney (MF) dec. Adam Kennedy (WP), 1-0.  
 125 -- Josh Johnston (IC) dec. Bubba LaRew (Bealls), 9-3.  
 130 -- David Tierney (MF) dec. Jared Hoppel (Beaver), 6-3.

135 -- Billy Barrath (St.C) dec. Garrett Six (OG), 3-2.  
 140 -- Phil Bliss (Brooke) dec. Jesse Irwin (Shady), 7-5.  
 145 -- Christopher Wilson (MC) dec. Matt Wharton (OG), 5-2.  
 152 -- Derek George (JM) dec. Derek Roth (MF), 2-0.  
 160 -- David Bertolino (BL) won by forfeit.  
 171 -- Derrick Stickle (OG) dec. Jordan Williams (Beaver), 1-0.  
 189 -- Chris Taylor (JM) dec. Jordan Williams (Beaver), 3-1.  
 215 -- Adam Hoppel (Beaver) dec. Vince Mangone (Weir), 4-3.  
 275 -- Jesse Wells (Shen) dec. Tony Carothers (HC), 2-1.  
**THIRD-FOURTH**  
 103 -- Anthony Valles (WM) dec. Justin Goneau (OG), 8-3.  
 112 -- Jesse Emery (HC) dec. Brian Humphrey (WP), 8-2.  
 119 -- Kyle Glasser (Shady) pinned Mike Sasouletof (JM), 1:30.  
 125 -- Braden Shaw (Brk) dec. Brian Turnbull (BL), 3-1, OT.  
 130 -- Kyle Mull (JM) dec. Vic Bologna (HC), 8-6.  
 135 -- Dave Durbin (Brk) pinned Jon Varner (Beaver),



2:12.  
 140 -- Steve Flowers (OG) dec. Kellen Hughes (IC), 4-0.  
 145 -- Jeremy Shaw (Beaver) dec. Brock Bowman (BL), 6-4.  
 152 -- Tucker Brown (Cam) dec. Chad Snyder (TC), 4-2.  
 160 -- Derek Sefick (HC) dec. Chad Barker (Barnes), 10-4.  
 171 -- James Lyons (Steub) dec. Eric Splznogge (HC), 6-4.  
 189 -- Jared Williams (Beaver) dec. Adam Snyder (St.C), 5-3.  
 215 -- Josh Stansbury (EL) pinned Chris Fankhauser (Ed), 3:34.  
 275 -- Joe Caughney (OG) pinned Matt DuVall (Bell), :26.

**FIFTH-SIXTH**  
 103 -- Luke Hoppel (Beav) pinned Jordan Seidler (MC), 2:18.  
 112 -- Ben Cain (Meadow) pinned Chris Troyan (MF), 2:38.  
 119 -- Scott Campbell (HC) dec. Jonathan McFarland (Brk), 11-6.  
 125 -- Jarrod Anderson (Barnes) dec. Mike Jones (MF), 4-0.  
 130 -- Shawn Fullerton (Cam) dec. Jason Lucas (Barnes), 4-2.  
 135 -- Ryan Ferguson (MC) dec. Cory Smith (MF), 3-1.  
 140 -- Chris Case (SJC) dec. Jason Peddicord (Barnes), 2-1.  
 145 -- Jeremy Cowan (EL) dec. Bobby Samsa (Shady), 1-1, OT criteria.  
 152 -- Luke Burkhardt (Shady) dec. Ryan Tacosik (UL), 3-1.  
 160 -- Roger Kupfer (Cam) won by disqualification over Robbie Dimmerling (MC).  
 171 -- Justin Hepe (SJC) dec. Jon Arnette (Wells), 5-2.  
 189 -- Anthony Gump (IC) dec. Derek Conrad (Meadow), 4-2.  
 215 -- John Wells (JM) dec. Bill Whitehill (OG), 5-2.  
 275 -- Koel Davia (UL) dec.

Eugene Henry (JM), 3-1.  
**SEVENTH-EIGHTH**  
 103 -- Anthony Vuffield (EL) dec. Scott Bumgardner (WP), 10-4.  
 112 -- Allen Taylor (JM) dec. Matt Smith (Brk), 2-0.  
 119 -- John Petrozzi (BL) dec. Ben Young (Steub), 7-3.  
 125 -- Jason Koonce (JM) dec. Aaron Brown (MC), 5-1.  
 130 -- Clayton Benedict (MC) dec. John Leas (IC), 3-1.  
 135 -- Chase Jolly (Ed) dec. Thad Brosier (Steub), 7-0.  
 140 -- David Babel (Steub) dec. Brandon Bruce (Bell), 12-4.  
 145 -- Jason Bahmer (Barnes) pinned Jeff Casey (Meadow), 2:33.  
 152 -- Johnny Jefferis (Barnes) dec. Luke High (Camb), 13-0.  
 160 -- Chris Green (EL) dec. Chaz Yoder (MF), 5-1.  
 171 -- Tyler Schumacher (MC) dec. Sean Grinch (Shady), 5-4.  
 189 -- Dustin Holt (MF) pinned Jon Gordon (Whg. Central), :23.  
 215 -- Joe Weaver (Mag) dec. Codey Leach (Shen), 3-2.  
 275 -- Michael Price (Camb) pinned Troy Allenby (WP), 4:13.

## Bierkortte Winners

1971 -- Don Blum, Martins Ferry.  
 1972 -- Art Jones, Bellaire.  
 1973 -- Dan Claugus, Barnesville.  
 1974 -- Sheldon Grace, Weirton.  
 1975 -- Mike Kovalick, Bellaire.  
 1976 -- Randy Davla, Cadiz; Ed Covey, Bridgeport.  
 1977 -- Rich Davis, Jefferson Union.  
 1978 -- Carl Stanley, Wheeling Park.  
 1979 -- Randy Pryor, Weirton.  
 1980 -- Trent Iachini, Steubenville.  
 1981 -- Mike Tluchowski, Steubenville.  
 1982 -- Larry Isleman, Toronto.  
 1983 -- Brian Miller, Barnesville.  
 1984 -- Heath Beadmere, Cambridge.  
 1985 -- Tim Moxley, Barnesville.  
 1986 -- Sean Murray, Oak Glen.  
 1987 -- Mark Mylnek, Bellaire.  
 1988 -- Rick Burlesnki, Bridgeport.  
 1989 -- Mark Emmerling, East Liverpool.  
 1990 -- Babe Sidon, Martins Ferry.  
 1991 -- Douglas Knight, Steubenville.  
 1992 -- R.C. Anderson, Cameron.  
 1993 -- Kelly Shields, Edison South.  
 1994 -- Dustin Harris, Beaver Local.  
 1995 -- Justin Ewing, St. Clairsville.  
 1996 -- Eric Anderson, St. John Central.  
 1997 -- Ryan Muldrew, John Marshall.  
 1998 -- Chad Pratz, Linsly.  
 1999 -- Jose Smith, Cambridge.  
 2000 -- Scott Roth, Martins Ferry.  
 2001 -- Cole Bowersock, Beaver Local.  
 2002 -- Derek George, John Marshall.

## 2001 OVAC Tournament Place Finishers

### 2001 TEAM SCORING OVERALL

1. East Liverpool, 186; Oak Glen, 184; Martins Ferry, 161.5; Beaver Local, 160; Wheeling Park, 148; Cameron, 142.5; Buckeye Local, 140; John Marshall, 138.5; Barnesville, 134.5; St. Clairsville, 103.5.

### CLASS AAAA

East Liverpool, 186; Wheeling Park, 148; Buckeye Local, 140; John Marshall, 138.5; Cambridge 94.5; Steubenville, 84.5; Edison, 75.5; Weirton, 47; Meadowbrook, 36; Brooke, 24.1.

### CLASS AAA

Oak Glen, 184; Martins Ferry, 161.5; Beaver Local, 160; St. Clairsville, 103.5; Harrison Central, 99.5; Union Local, 98; Indian Creek, 75; Magnolia, 36; Bellaire, 34; Tyler, 17.

### CLASS AA

Barnesville, 134.5; Shadyside, 86; Shenandoah, 86; Wellsville, 68; Monroe Central, 54; River, 40; Steubenville Central, 32; Caldwell, 28; Linsly, 16; Wheeling Central, 6.

### CLASS A

Cameron, 142.5; Beallsville, 57; St. John Central, 37; Bridgeport, 32; Weirton Madonna, 25; Conotton Valley, 3.

### 2001 PLACE FINISHERS

103 -- 1. Jake Bates, East Liverpool; Josh Hoover, Beaver Local; Josh Gorayeb, Wheeling Park; Ben Cain, Meadowbrook; Jesse Emery, Harrison Central; John Howard, John Marshall; Tony Mayle, Indian Creek; Todd Schmelzenbach, Shenandoah.  
 112 -- Nathan Kendjorskey, Buckeye Local; Nic Rossiter, Harrison Central;

Mike Jones, Martins Ferry; David Jack, Shadyside; Lucas Huffman, River; Brian Humphrey, Wheeling Park; Griffin Stipetich, John Marshall; Ryan Gallagher, Barnesville.  
 119 -- Adam Kennedy, Wheeling Park; Derek Maple, Edison; John Tierney, Martins Ferry; Chas Patton, Buckeye Local; Jarrod Anderson, Barnesville; Mark Wheatley, Cambridge; Bubba LaRew, Beallsville; Scott Campbell, Harrison Central.  
 125 -- Cole Bowersock, Beaver Local; Tyler Hughes, Cameron; David Tierney, Martins Ferry; Scott Conrath, St. Clairsville; Chris Case, St. John Central; Garrett Six, Oak Glen; Jeremy Cowan, East Liverpool; Kyle Glasser, Shadyside.  
 130 -- Derek Kennedy, Wheeling Park; Jon Varner, East Liverpool; Gaelen Lowers, Oak Glen; Billy Barath, St. Clairsville; Tom Snyder, Union Local; Jason Lucas, Barnesville; Casey Hughes, Cameron; Jared Hoppel, Beaver Local.  
 135 -- Eric Noel, Oak Glen; Jeremy Furbee, Cambridge; Jim Crumbley, East Liverpool; Mike Muldrew, John Marshall; Joel O'Neil, Cameron; Jason Peddicord, Barnesville; Jack Schott, St. Clairsville; Josh Reitter, Union Local.  
 140 -- Derek Roth, Martins Ferry; Christopher Wilson, Monroe Central; Nate Smith, Beaver Local; Ryan Kinzy, Beallsville; Adam Yudasz, St. Clairsville; Kyle Eckleberry, Oak Glen; Johnny Jefferis, Barnesville; Billy Watson, Wellsville.  
 145 -- Bobby Mayhugh, Martins Ferry; David Bertolino, Buckeye Local; Roger Kupfer, Cameron; Jeremy Ghrist, East

Liverpool; John Prokapakis, Edison; Brad Nicka, Weirton Madonna; Paul Sweeney, Steubenville; Luke Burkhardt, Shadyside.  
 152 -- Derek George, John Marshall; Kurt Glasser, Shadyside; Tucker Brown, Cameron; Derrick Sefick, Harrison Central; Dan Moore, Beaver Local; Ryan Tacosik, Union Local; Chad Barker, Barnesville; Rahad Terry, Indian Creek.  
 160 -- Justin Jefferis, Barnesville; Derrick Stickle, Oak Glen; Chris Taylor, John Marshall; Trevor Cooper, Indian Creek; Guy Nestor, Buckeye Local; Jordan Williams, Beaver Local; Josh West, Steubenville; Chris Green, East Liverpool.  
 171 -- Jake Sowers, Cambridge; Zach Powell, Barnesville; Ronnie Hebrock, Oak Glen; Roger Richardson, Steubenville; Matt Schoolcraft, East Liverpool; Justin Hepe, St. John Central; Jack Otto, Buckeye Local; Jake Pyle, Weirton.  
 189 -- Philip Bellville, Oak Glen; Vince Mangone, Weirton; Wyatt O'Neill, Cameron; Kyle Jones, East Liverpool; Dennis Nardo, Union Local; Jared Williams, Beaver Local; James Lyons, Steubenville; Josh Boyd, Wheeling Park.  
 215 -- Adam Hoppel, Beaver Local; Wil Wade, Shenandoah; Matt DuVall, Union Local; Joe Weaver, Magnolia; John Wells, John Marshall; B.J. Cook, Wheeling Park; John Eden, Martins Ferry; Patrick McGillan, Oak Glen.  
 275 -- Jesse Wells, Shenandoah; Michael Price, Cambridge; Joey Caughney, Oak Glen; Joe Beebout, Oak Glen; Tom Beebout, East Liverpool; Tom Brown, Caldwell; Tony Carothers, Harrison Central; Jimmy Snyder, Steubenville; Koel Davia, Union Local.

# SPORTS

## Oak Glen leading OVAC tourney

• Brooke owns second, Beaver Local holds third after opening day bouts

By SETH STASKEY  
Times Leader Sports Writer

The cream always rises to the top. When it comes to wrestling in the Ohio Valley, there is none better than Oak Glen. The reigning OVAC overall champions won all 14 of its matches Thursday evening, allowing Coach Larry Shaw's Golden Bears to wrack up 47 points and the overall lead after the first session of the 50th annual OVAC tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center.

The Golden Bears registered five wins thanks to the pin and another three victories via technical falls, allowing the Bears to jump out to the big margin.

The two 4-A leaders -- Brooke and Beaver -- are leading the chase of the Golden Bears.

The Bruins ended the opening night of competition with 42 points and the Beavers were close behind with 41 markers.

The Bruins were led on the opening day by senior standout Phil Bliss -- a defending champion and top seed -- scored a pinfall in just 58 seconds.

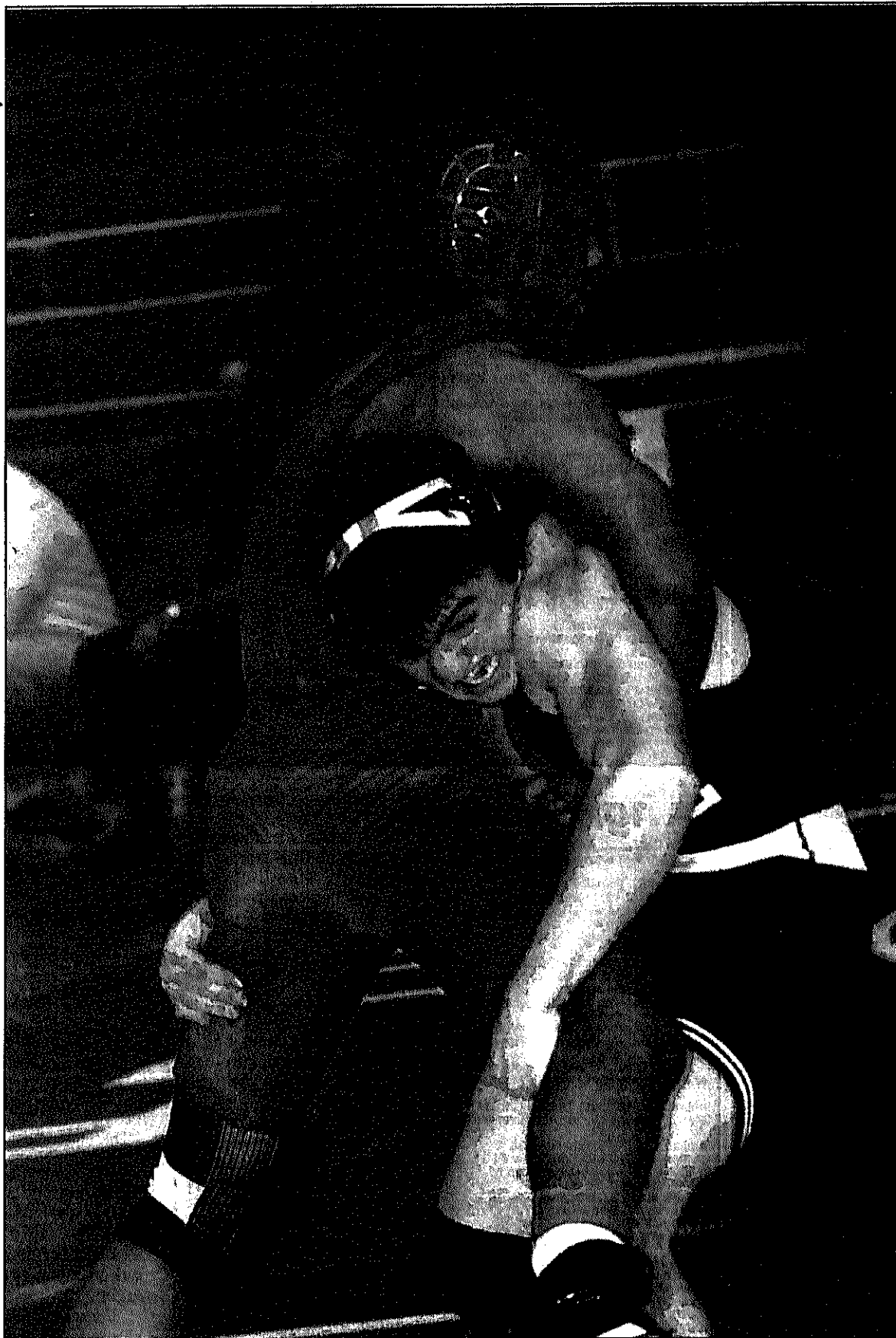
The Beavers -- who came in with serious title aspirations -- suffered a setback when fifth-seeded Luke Hoppel suffered a decisive 12-4 setback to Barnesville's Chaz Clark.

All three of the Beavers' top seeds -- Adam Hoppel, Jared Hoppel and Jared Williams all posted impressive wins in the opening round.

Sitting in third place in 4-A is Buckeye Local with 27.5 points. The Panthers received strong opening rounds from their two top seeds.

Senior David Bertolino -- a defending champion -- was a winner thanks to a pin, while freshman Zack Schuller earned a tech-

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## OVAC WRESTLING NOTEBOOK

## Celebrate 50 years of OVAC excellence

By JEREMY MIDEI  
Times Leader Staff Writer

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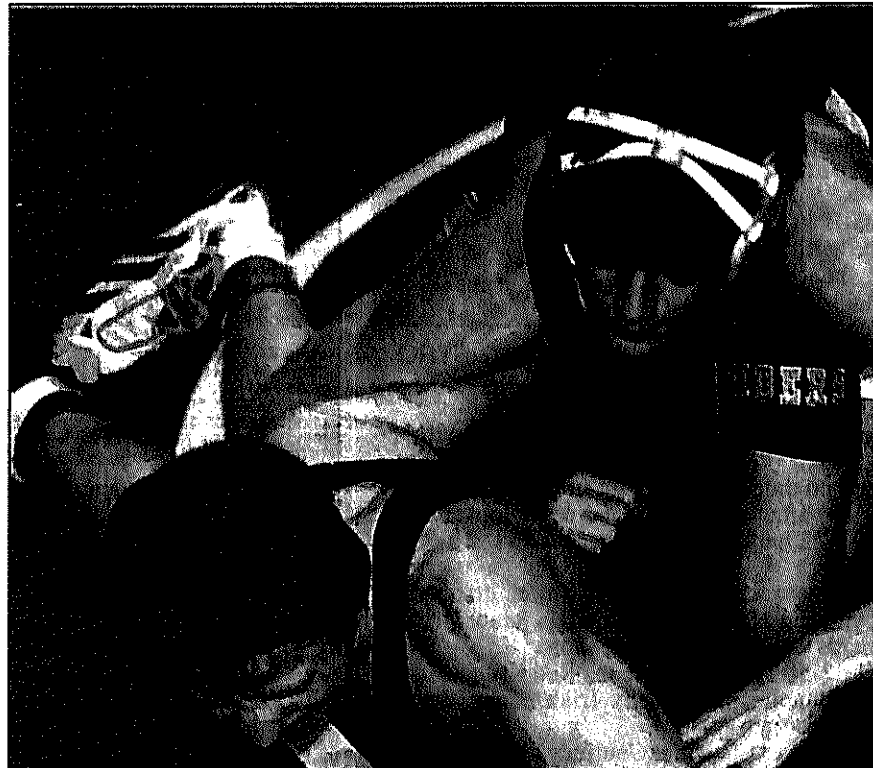
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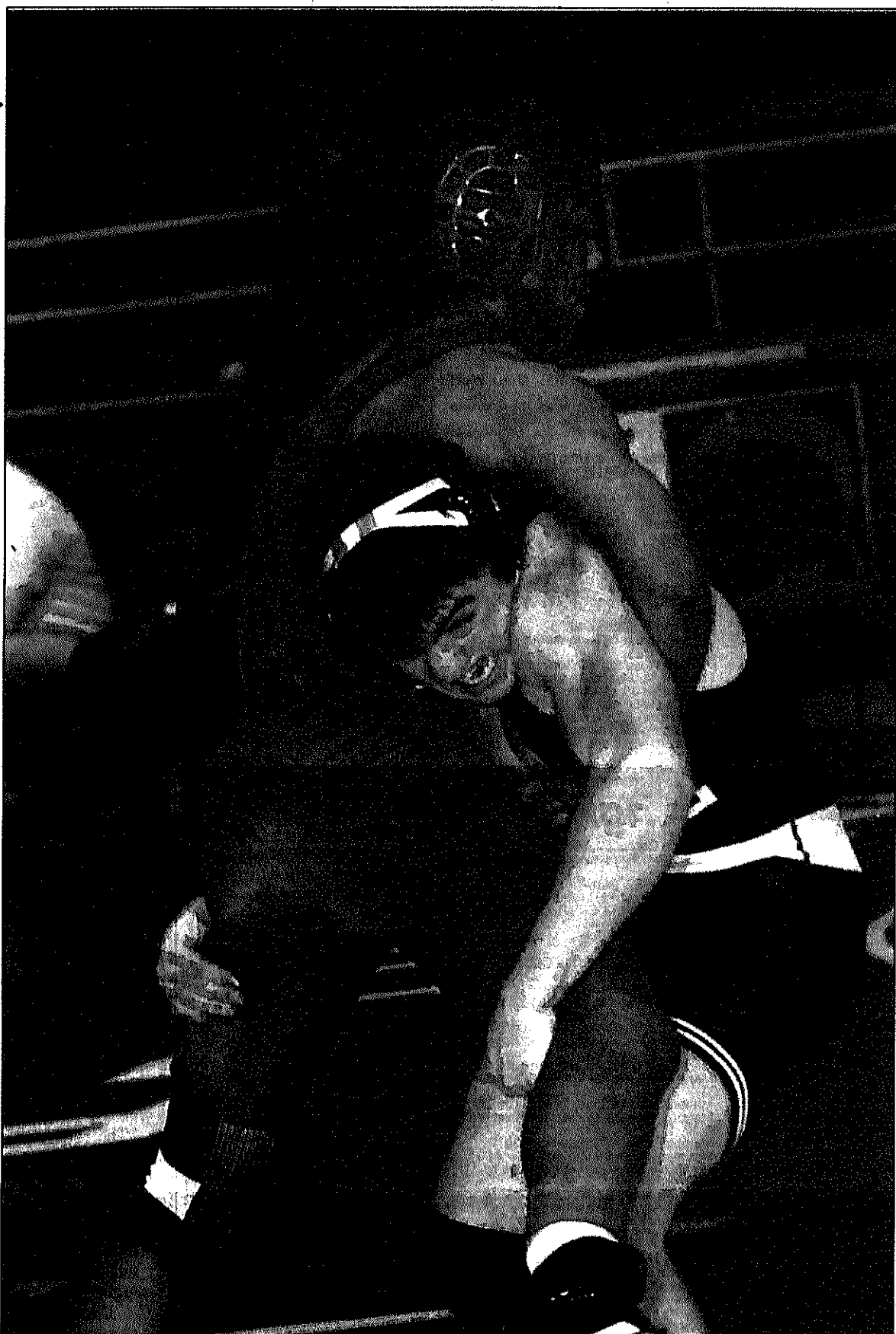
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However you want to say it, the bottom line is these guys are good.

Of the 400 wrestlers competing this year, only seven entered the competition undefeated. That's roughly one percent.

All seven represent a different weight class, so a spotless final is unfortunately out of the question.

Remarkably, two of the seven are from Shadyside. Junior Jesse Irwin stands at 20-0 at 145, while at 171, junior Bobby Samsa has 22 wins for the season.

Buckeye Local 160-pounder David Bertolino sports a 23-0 record, while Caldwell's Corey Lemaster (103) and River's Lucas Huffman (112) each have 22 wins. Harrison Central heavyweight Tony Carothers is 21-0 and Monroe Central junior Aaron Brown (130) has 20 wins.

Speaking of Perfect...

The Oak Glen Golden Bears are the defending overall champs and are looking like a strong contender for a second crown. The Bears sent wrestlers to the mat in all 14 weight classes; all of them had their hand raised.

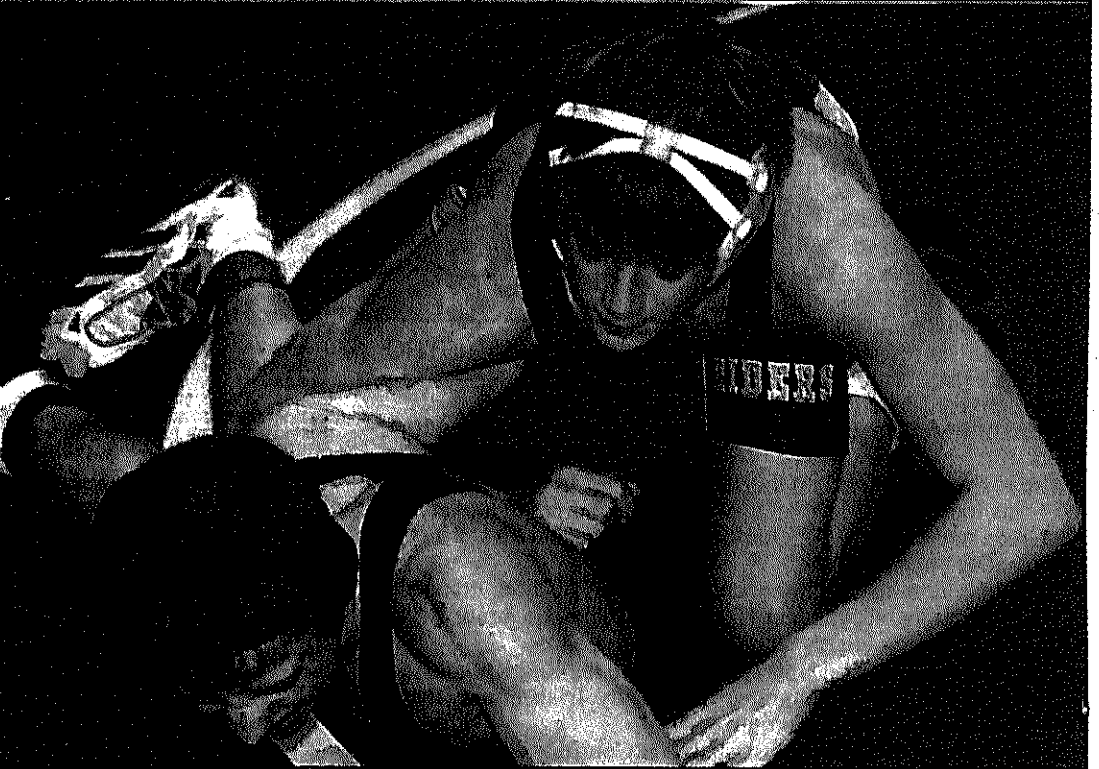
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### The Defending Champs

Seven wrestlers will also return to defend titles at this year's OVAC championship, but as the Miami Hurricanes can attest, it's far from an easy task.

Huffman and Bertolino hold the distinction of being the two undefeated individuals with a chance to repeat. Huffman won at 112 last year and hopes to complete the double at the same weight. Bertolino is competing at 160, also last season's weight.



Martins Ferry sophomore Clay Tucker will try his hand at 125 this season after a successful freshman campaign at 103. Indian Creek's Josh Johnston won at 125 in 2002 and will give 130 a go this time around. Brooke's Phil Bliss moves up from 140 to 152.

Adam Hoppel of Beaver Local will remain at 215.

### The Seeds

Beaver Local and Brooke each had nine seeded wrestlers heading into the tournament, tops in OVAC-AAAA and overall. Oak Glen, the day one leader, had eight to pace OVAC-AAA. Monroe Central topped double-AA with six seeded grapplers, while St. John Central led single-A with four.

Beaver has three number-one seeds in Jared Hoppel (140), Jared Williams (189) and Adam Hoppel (215).

Buckeye Local has two top-seeded wrestlers: Zach Schuller at 135 and Bertolino.

All 14 number one seeds were victorious on day one.

The Dean of OVAC Coaches Cameron coach Jim Potts was awarded a plaque for his 30 years of coaching with the Dragons. Potts is the longest tenured OVAC coach, having joined the program in 1974.

Potts has been named OVAC coach of the year 12 times and West Virginia coach of the year five times. Cameron's dual meet record is 316-81-3 under his watch.

Potts has produced 29 state champions and has won the team title four times. He also has 13 OVAC-A titles to his credit, as well as two overall runner-up placings -- impressive for a school that has only 200 students in grades seven through 12.

OVAC wrestling commissioner Ron Mauck was also lauded for 25 years at the helm.

## OVAC Wrestling Tournament Card

### OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Thursday -- Opening Ceremony (6 p.m.); Wrestling on eight mats, including prelims and first round matches (6:30 p.m.).

Friday -- Second round and first and second round consolations (11 a.m.); Quarterfinals, third and fourth round consolation (5 p.m.).

Saturday -- Semifinals, fifth round consolation, semifinal consolation (12 p.m.); Consolation finals, Championship Finals (6:30 p.m.).

### Admission Prices

Single Session -- \$5 for adults; \$3 for students.

Advance Ticket Book -- \$20 for adult; \$10 for student.

Final Single Session -- \$7 for adults; \$4 for student.

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nical fall win.

Looking up at Oak Glen in 3-A is Harrison Central with 32 points and Indian Creek with 30 markers.

The Huskies received a win from top-seeded Jesse Emery at 119 pounds.

The Redskins' Josh Johnston -- a defending champion and top seed at 130 pounds -- posted a win via the pin.

Martins Ferry -- a annual 3-A challenger -- closed the first day with just 14.5 points.

The Riders were led by sophomore Clay Tucker -- the top seed at 125 and the defending 103 champion -- who scored a pin.

Monroe Central -- one of the pre-meet favorites in 2-A -- grabbed the class lead with 23 points. Caldwell is just eight points back of the Seminoles.

The 'Noles received an impressive tourney debut from top-seeded and defending champion Chris Wilson who pinned Magnolia's Nick Koon in just 2:45.

River's Lucas Huffman kept rolling along in 112 pounds. The state runnerup and OVAC champion from a year ago at 112, remained spotless with an impressive 23-8 tech fall over Steubenville Central's Bobby Morris.

Always-powerful Cameron snared the 1-A lead with 27 points, while both Shadyside and St. John Central ended the opening round with 18 points.

The Tigers were led by junior Bobby Samsa,

who is the top seed at 171 pounds. Also earning key wins were the Tigers' pair of two seeds, Luke Burkhardt at 152 and Jesse Irwin at 145.

The Fighting Irish, meanwhile, were paced freshman sensation Mickey Nicola who scored a pin his 112-pound match.

The eight mats at the Wheeling Civic Center came alive this morning at 11 a.m. with second round championship matches and consolation rounds.

The third session of the event commences at 6 p.m. Friday with the championship quarterfinals and additional consolation rounds.

The opening round featured some 121 wins by pinfall with just seven of the 112 seeded wrestlers falling in the opening round.

Of the 14 wins by the number one seeds, 12 of those were via pinfall.

The quickest pinfall was recorded by Beaver Local's Jared Hoppel who held down the shoulders of Zachary Compston in just eight seconds.

Union Local junior Koel Davia -- the top seed at 275 pounds and a defending Ohio state champion -- advanced with a pin in just 13 seconds over Martins Ferry's Bobby Kittle.

Two five seeds were the highest to fall during the first round. John Marshall's Josh Ewing was dealt a 9-6 defeat by East Liverpool's Shaun Green, along with Hoppel's loss for Beaver Local.

# Beaver Local Claims First OVAC Mat Crown

*Buckeye Local's Bertolino wins Bierkorte Award as most outstanding wrestler*

By JIM ELLIOTT  
Staff Writer

They honored 50 years of Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling excellence to open the finals of the 2003 tournament Saturday evening at the Wheeling Center.

And then, they added to it. Judging by the inspiring effort turned in Saturday by Bellaire St. John's freshman Mickey Nicola — the new champion at 112 — and the team endeavor of first-time titlist Beaver Local, OVAC wrestling excellence appears on its way to another fantastic 50 years.

Behind strong performances from Jared Hoppel, Jared Williams and Adam Hoppel — both now OVAC champions — the Beavers, with 225 points, ran away from top contenders Brooke (196), and Oak Glen (178).

Cameron claimed the Class A crown with 91 points, Monroe Central wrapped up another Class AA championship while Oak Glen grabbed the 3-A crown.

Overall champion Beaver Local also retained the 4-A crown, but as coach Rich Wright explained, it wasn't easy.

"It's kind of a big burden to carry for a year," Wright said of his team's expectations. The Beavers were among the contenders at the end of last year's tourney and the favorites for this year's.

After an outstanding semifinal round, the finals, for all intents and purposes, were anticlimactic for Beaver Local.

They had four wrestlers, and an insurmountable lead going in, heading into the title matches.

"(Saturday) morning we had to have a great round. We had some big matchups and we won them. That kinda set the tone for the rest of the day," Wright said.

While the Beavers did it as a team, St. John's Nicola (22-1) knew he had little help when he entered the mat to face River's Lucas Huffman, the class's top seed, a defending champion, and

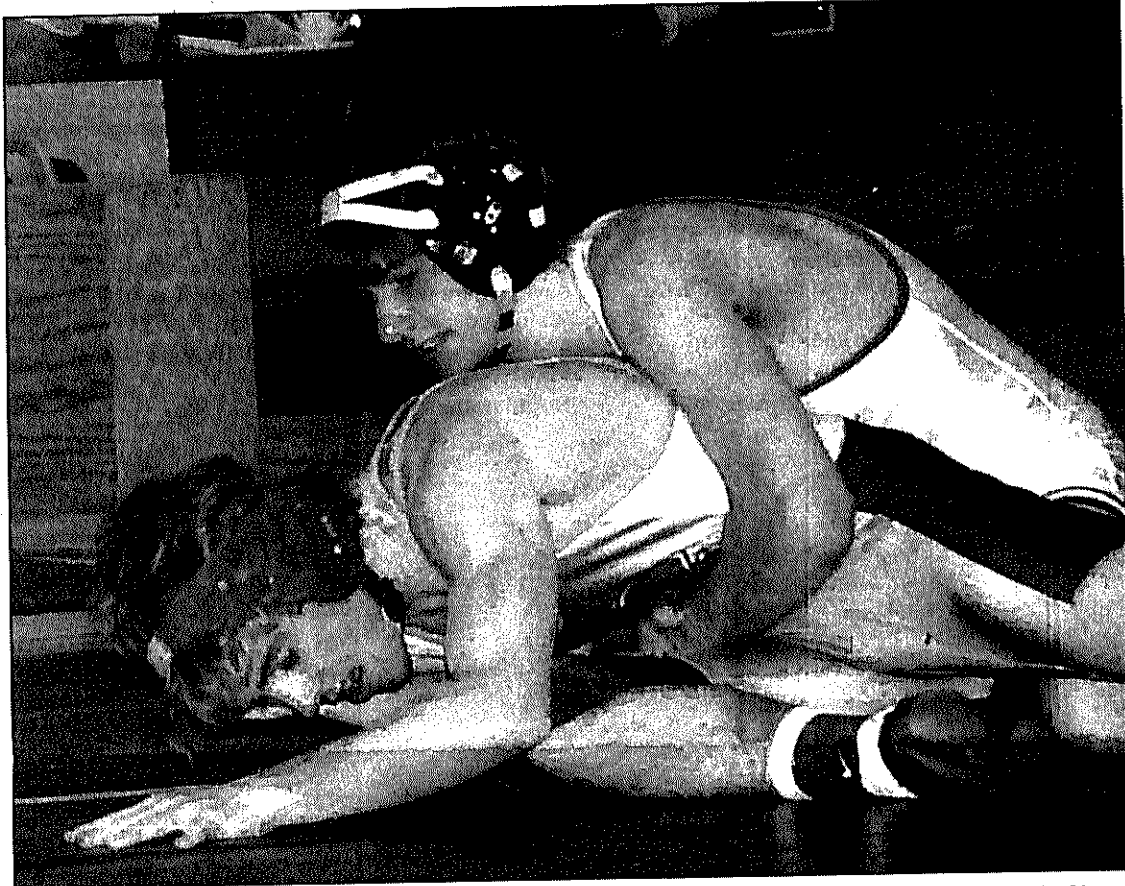


Photo by Art Liraann

Bellaire St. John's Mickey Nicola gets control of his match against River's Lucas Huffman during the 112-pound finals of the OVAC Wrestling Tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center.

one of only two unbeaten wrestlers left in the tourney at that point.

No matter. Nicola quickly jumped out to a lead, which he held throughout, on his way to a 5-2 decision, upping his season mark to 25-6.

Nicola's effort came just minutes after another freshman — Wheeling Park's Abby Rush — earned a 7-1 decision over Bellaire's St. John's Joe Skoff to win the individual title at 103.

Rush was the No. 2 seed in the class.

Harrison Central's Jesse Emery, the top seed at 119, then stopped Wheeling Park's Brian Humphrey, the two-seed, by a

count of 5-3. Emery improved to 22-2 on the season. In doing so, he became the first No. 1 seed — and upperclassman — to win a title Saturday.

Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker, the top seed at 125, ended a solid run by Brooke's Jonathan McFarland with a pin at 3:01 in their match to repeat as champion.

McFarland, one of three Bruins to land in the finals, jumped up a weight class and improved on his sixth-place finish from a year ago.

Braden Shaw helped the Bruins pick up some quality points when he turned away Beaver Local's Grant Hoppel in the finals at 130. In improving his personal mark to 30-2 on the season, Shaw nearly pinned Hoppel late in the second period, but settled for a major decision, 18-5.

Buckeye Local freshman Zach Schuller, a top seed, was matched up against Martins Ferry senior Mike Mamone in the finals at 135. It didn't matter. Schuller, now 25-3, set the tone early with a quick over-the-head take down and went on to claim a 9-2 decision and earn his first OVAC title.

Schuller became the third freshman in the first six weight classes to earn a title.

Beaver's Jared Hoppel became the third No. 1 seed to claim a top

prize when he held off a furious rally by John Marshall sophomore Dustin Richey in their 140-pound title match, 14-10.

Hoppel, who upped his mark to 19-2, became Beaver Local's first individual winner of the day for his efforts.

Richey fell to 28-2.

The 145-pound title featured the No 3 and 4 seeds — Buckeye Local's Brock Bowman and Oak Glen's Steve Flowers — in the first-place mat while the top seeds — Shadyside's Jessie Irwin and Monroe Central's Christopher Wilson battled next door in battle for third place. Bowman upset Wilson, the top seed, while Flowers knocked off Irwin, the two, seed in the semis.

Flowers (23-2) was able to keep things going in the finals with a slim 3-2 victory.

At 152, top seed Phil Bliss of Brooke continued his dominance of Steubenville's David Babel. Coming into their championship bout Saturday, Bliss had already beaten fifth-seeded Babel (26-6) twice on the season. Make it three.

Bliss, who won an OVAC title at 140 a year ago, became the fourth No. 1 seed to win a title, when he stopped a bandaged up Babel, 6-4. Babel experienced a cut above his eye in second period.

Bliss improved to 30-1. "He's focused," Brooke wrestling coach Joe Erlewine said of Bliss. "He knows what he wants, he goes for it and he does an excellent job."

Buckeye Local's David Bertolino entered his 160-pound title match as a defending champion and the only unbeaten wrestler in the Ohio Valley. He still is. He was barely challenged by Shadyside's Luke Burkhart, the No. 2, in an 11-2 victory. Bertolino, who was named the Dave Bierkorte award winner symbolic of the tourney's top wrestler, improved his record to 27-0.

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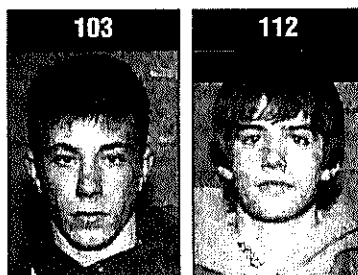
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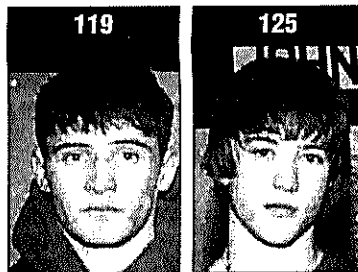
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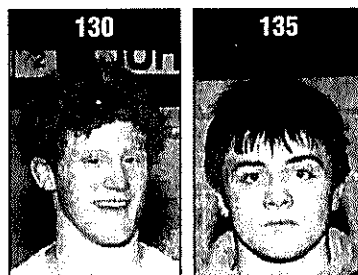
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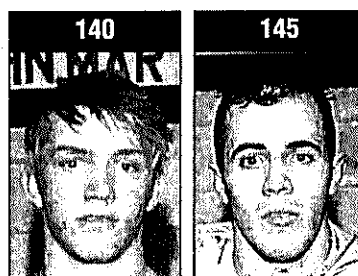
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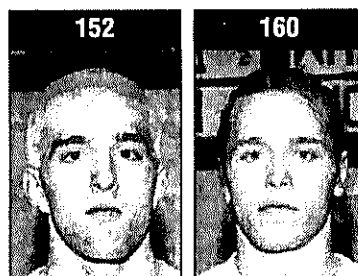
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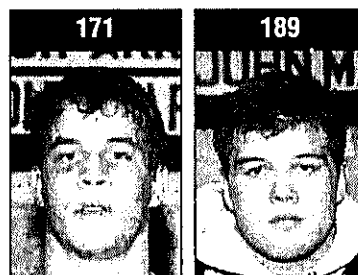
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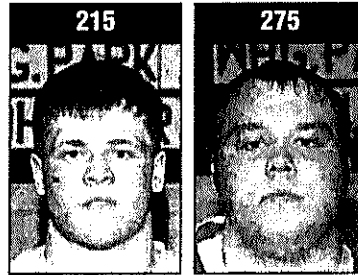
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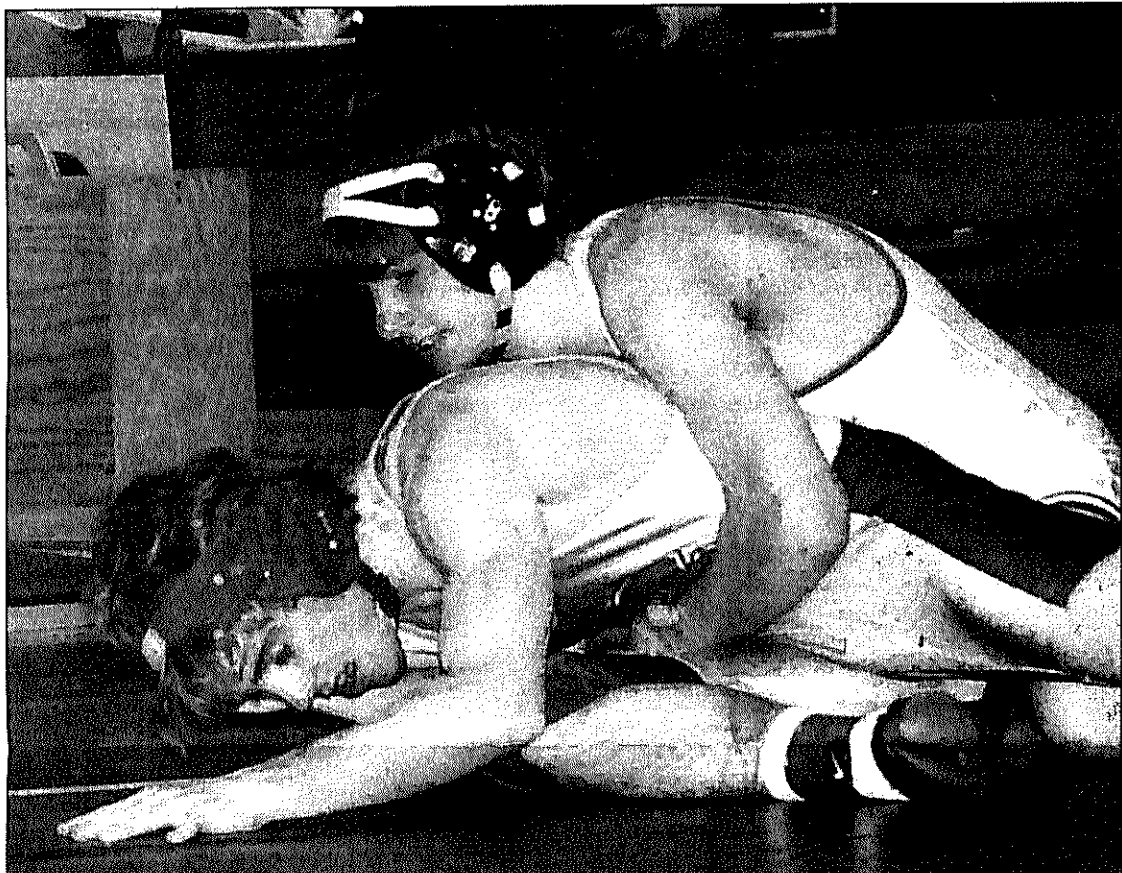


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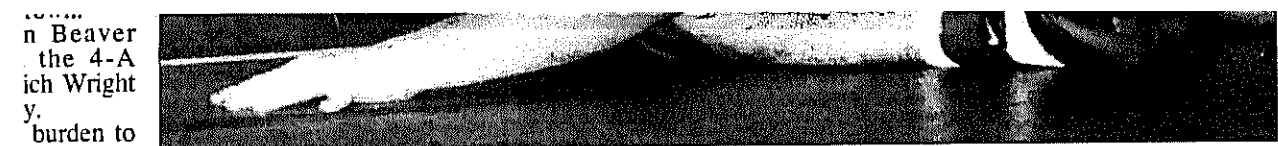


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**OVAC runner-up.**

Jared Williams got the Beavers back on track moments later at 189 when he squeaked past Wheeling Park's Cody Tominak, the No. 2 seed. Williams, a three-time placer, earned his first OVAC title and the fifth one for the top seeds Saturday.

Junior Adam Hoppel (20-1) then locked things up for the Beavers when he doubled up East Liverpool's Josh Stansbury, 4-2. It was the third consecutive OVAC title for Hoppel, the sixth for a No. 1 seed and the third individual title for the Beavers on the day.

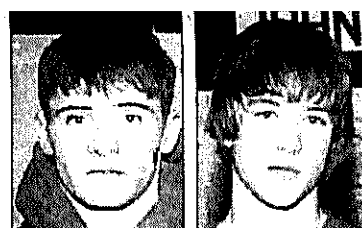
Stansbury dropped to 29-2 on the season, with both losses coming to Hoppel, a defending state champion in Ohio.

In the final match, Union Local's Koel Davia, the top-seeded heavyweight, knocked off Cambridge's Michael Price 8-3. Also a defending state champion in Ohio, Davia was able to reverse a recent trend against Price in which he was beaten twice in three matches.

Davia earned his first OVAC title and the seventh for a top seed on Saturday.

**Notes**

After more than 300 OVAC champions from the past 50 years of championship wrestling were introduced to a standing ovation as part of the tourney's golden anniversary celebration, Bellaire St. John's was presented Bob Sadler sportsmanship award. Minutes later, West Liberty State College wrestling coach Vince Monseau was honored for his many years and contributions to the sport of wrestling.



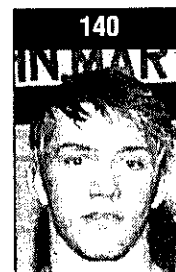
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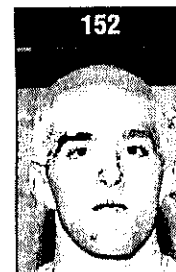
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**OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

**50th Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament  
OVAC Overall Team Standings  
(at the Wheeling Civic Center)**

**Overall**  
Beaver Local 225; Brooke 196; Oak Glen 178.5; Buckeye Local 170; Monroe Central 137; Harrison Central 127; Wheeling Park 119.5; Indian Creek 107.5; John Marshall 101.5; East Liverpool 95; Meadowbrook 92.5; Cameron 91.5; Shenandoah 90.5; Steubenville 90; Martins Ferry 87.5; Shadyside 87.5; Bellaire 82; Bellaire St. John's 78; Barnesville 76; Union Local 75; River 72; Cambridge 64; St. Clairsville 62; Caldwell 45; Beallsville 39; Wellsville 36.5; Edison 36; Steub. Central 30.5; Tyler Consolidated 30; Weirton Madonna 29; Weir 28.5; Bishop Donahue 9; Conotton Valley 8.5; Magnolia 5

**Team Scoring**

**AAAA**  
Beaver Local 225; Brooke 196; Buckeye Local 170; Wheeling Park 119.5; John Marshall 101.5; East Liverpool 95; Steubenville 90; Cambridge 64; Edison 36; Weir 28.5;

**AAA**  
Oak Glen 178.5; Harrison Central 127.5; Indian Creek 107.5; Meadowbrook 92.5; Shenandoah 90.5; Martins Ferry 87.5; Bellaire 82; Barnesville 76; Union Local 75; St. Clairsville 62; Tyler Consolidated 30; Magnolia 5

**AA**  
Monroe Central 178.5; River 72; Caldwell 45; Wellsville 36.5; Steub. Central 30.5

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Cameron 91.5; Shadyside 87.5; Bellaire St. John's 78; Beallsville 39; Weirton Madonna 29; Bishop Donahue 9; Conotton Valley 8.5

**Individual Championship**

103: Rush (WV) d. Skoff (BSJ), 7-1  
112: Nicola (BSJ) d. Huffman (Riv), 5-2  
119: Emery (HC) d. Humphrey (WV)  
125: Tucker (MF) p. McFarland (Bk), 3:01  
130: Shaw (Bk) d. Hoppel (BvL), 18-5

135: Schuller (BuL) d. Mamone (MF), 9-2  
140: Hoppel (BvL) d. Richey (JM), 14-10  
145: Flowers (OG) d. Bowman (BuL), 3-2  
152: Bliss (Bk) d. Babel (Staub), 6-4  
160: Bertolino (BuL) d. Burkhart (Sha), 11-2  
171: Dimmerling (MC) d. Williams (BvL), 5-4  
189: Jared Williams (BvL) d. Tominak (WP), 2-1  
215: Hoppel (BvL) Stansbury (EL)  
HWT: Davia (UL) d. Price (Cam), 8-3

**Championship Semifinals**

103: Skoff (BSJ) d. Valles (WV) d., 6-5; Rush (WV) d. Shaw (Bk), 5-4.  
112: Huffman (Riv) d. Hartle (JM), 20-5; Nicola (BSJ) d. Bumgardner (WV), 17-5.  
119: Emery (HC) d. Saxton (BuL), 6-3; Humphrey (WV) d. Smith (Bk), 4-2.  
125: Tucker (MF) d. Turnbull (BuL), 8-2; McFarland (Bk) d. Anderson (Bar), 4-3.  
130: Hoppel (BvL) d. Johnston (IC), 5-4, OT; Shaw (Bk) d. Brown (MC), 5-1.

135: Schuller (BuL) d. Ferguson (MC), 7-2; Mamone (MF) d. Mike Durbin (Bk), 15-8.  
140: Hoppel (BvL) d. Bruce (Bell), 8-4; Richey (JM) d. David Durbin (Bk), 12-8.  
145: Bowman (BuL) d. Wilson (MC), 10-5; Flowers (OG) d. Irwin (Sha), 3-1.  
152: Bliss (Bk) d. Wharton (OG), 10-2; Babel (Staub) d. Shaw (BvL), 6-4, OT.  
160: Bertolino (BuL) d. Schumacher (MC), 18-8; Burkhart (Sha) d. Myers (HC), 7-3.  
171: Dimmerling (MC) d. Samsa (Sha), 5-2; Jordan Williams (BvL) d. Lyons (Staub), 6-3.  
189: Jared Williams (BvL) d. Potts (OG), 7-2; Tominak (WP) p. Anonik (Bell), 5:19.  
215: Stansbury (EL) p. Leach (Shen), :41; Hoppel (BvL) d. Whitehill (OG), 18-1.  
275: Price (Cam) d. Carothers (HC), 3-1; Davia (UL) d. Duvall (Bell), 2-1, 2OT.

**3rd Place**

103: Valles (WV) d. Shaw (Bk), 12-2  
112: Gossett (UL) d. Hoppel (BvL), 4-0  
119: Saxton (BuL) d. Smith (Brk), 5-1

125: Anderson (Bar) d. Turnbull (BuL), 4-2  
130: Johnston (IC) p. Brown (MC), 4:03  
135: Ferguson (MC) p. Durbin (Brk), 4:28  
140: Durbin (Bk) d. Bruce (Bell), 8-3  
145: Wilson (MC) d. Irwin (Sha), 7-2  
152: Shaw (BvL) d. Wharton (OG), 8-7  
160: Schumacher (MC) p. Myers (HC), 2:43  
171: Samsa (Sha) d. Green (EL), 3-1  
189: Potts (OG) d. Antonik (Bell), 5-4  
215: Frankhauser (Ed) d. Leach (Shen), 10-4  
HWT: Carothers (HC) p. Haslam (Riv), 1:15

**5th Place**

103: Lehotay (Mea) p. Cumpston (Cam), 3:41.  
112: Hartle (JM) d. Bumgardner (WV), 6-5  
119: Bates (EL) d. Roth (MF), 3-2  
125: Cain (Mea) p. Mayle (IC), 4:55  
130: Mull (JM) win by default  
135: Yoders (Cam) d. Aberagg, 14-5  
140: Crosler (Staub) d. Hunkler (Barn), 5-3  
145: Hennaha (Shen) d. Pandleton (IC), 9-4  
152: Bahmer (Barn) d. Hughes (Cam), 6-4  
160: Rinehart (Shen) d. Hughes (IC), 4-2  
171: Lyons (Staub) d. Selsick (HC), 6-2  
189: Howard (StC) won by injury default  
215: Whitehill (OG) p. Huffman (HC), 2:08  
HWT: Duvall (Bell) p. Wagner (BvL), 3:33

**7th Place**

103: Duffield (EL) d. Miller (OG), 7-5  
112: Gonsau (OG) p. Greiner (Bk), 1:40  
119: Melko (BSJ) d. McCoy (BvL), 8-4  
125: Wright (OG) p. Bond (Cald), 2:15  
130: Mahan (OG) d. Becker (StC), 9-4  
135: McIntosh (OG) d. Phillips (HC), 7-4  
140: Whittington (OG) d. Warner (Mea), 12-7  
145: Davis (Bk) d. Lee (JM), 7-2  
152: Casey (Mea) p. Adkins (JM), 2:57  
160: Stewart (Cam) d. Blevins (UL), 3-1  
171: Starkey (IC) d. Meeks (StC), 3-2  
189: Horn (Shen) d. Conrad (Mea), 2-1, 2OT  
215: Rosen (Riv) d. Hannaha 3-1, OT  
HWT: Neuenschwander (StC) d. McGillian, 2-1, 2O

**MR. MAT AWARD**

**Former John Marshall Wrestling Coach Honored**

By JIM COCHRAN  
For The News-Register

Ed Dugas played a big factor in the lives of many John Marshall High School student-athletes during his 32 years as a teacher and coach.

Included among this group were some 400 wrestlers who took to the mats in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournaments.

Dugas, who served 18 years as head wrestling coach at John Marshall after spending 14 years as an assistant to Bill Hinegardner, was introduced to the fans at the Wheeling Civic Center Saturday night as this year's recipient of the prestigious Mr. Mat Award.

It is only fitting that Dugas be presented his blue jacket as part of the OVAC tournament's golden anniversary event, as his 32 straight years as an OVAC wrestling coach ranks as one of the longest unbroken stints in conference history.

Dugas coached 26 individual OVAC champions, including current John Marshall head



Photo by Art Limann

**Former John Marshall coach Ed Dugas, center, is presented the Mr. Mat award by former Mr. Mat honorees Bill Hinegardner, right, and Larry Chambers.**

coach Ed West and assistant coach Paul Simmons.

Among the champions were two who won OVAC titles 25 years ago — Greg Morris and

Greg Lehasky.

Ironically, Dugas never stepped onto a wrestling mat until his college days at his high school, Bishop Donahue, did not

field a team at that time.

The 1963 Donahue graduate was an outstanding football player and opted to continue his grid career at West Liberty. Intrigued by the sport, he also decided to give wrestling a whirl.

As fate would have it, West Liberty's head football and wrestling coach at the time was the legendary George Kovalick.

Kovalick was a driving force behind the creation of the OVAC Wrestling Tournament, coached the first OVAC champion at Bridgeport and was the first recipient of the Mr. Mat Award.

Coach "K" knew talent when he saw it and, despite Dugas' lack of experience on the mat, believed the Marshall County native had the makings of a pretty good collegiate wrestler.

Dugas lived up to Kovalick's expectations by earning All-West Virginia Conference laurels in both football and wrestling and wound up qualifying for the NAIA national tournament in the mat sport.

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# 2003 50th Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament Seeds

**103 Pounds**  
 1 Anthony Valles, Weirton Madonna, 11th, 6-3; 2 Abbie Rush, Wheeling Park, 9th, 20-6; 3 Corey Lemasters, Caldwell, 10th, 21-0; 4 Anthony Duffield, East Liverpool, 10th, 19-5; 5 Jared Shaw, Brooke, 10th, 21-6; 6 Joe Skoff, St. Johns, 9th, 15-2; 7 Mike Lehotay, Meadowbrook, 10th, 23-3; 8 Tim Compston, Cameron, 10th, 16-3.

**112 Pounds**  
 1 Lucas Huffman, River, 12th, 21-0; 2 Mickey Nicola, St. Johns, 9th, 15-1; 3 Nate Gossett, Union Local, 11th, 21-3; 4 Justin Goneau, Oak Glen, 12th, 12-5; 5 Luke Hoppel, Beaver Local, 10th, 10-6; 6 Scott Bumgardner, Wheeling Park, 12th, 9-3; 7 Jordan Seidler, Monroe Central, 11th, 11-8; 8 Josh Greiner, Brooke, 12th, 16-6.

**119 Pounds**  
 1 Jesse Emery, Harrison Central, 11th, 17-2; 2 Brian Humphrey, Wheeling Park, 11th, 23-3; 3 Matt Smith, Brooke, 11th, 22-2; 4 Willie Saxton, Buckeye Local, 9th, 16-6; 5 Jake Bates, East Liverpool, 12th, 15-7; 6 Brady Roth, Martins Ferry, 10th, 9-3; 7 Kayne Melko, St. John's, 9th, 15-5; 8 Paul McCoy, Beaver Local, 9th, 10-6.

**125 Pounds**  
 1 Clay Tucker, Martins Ferry, 10th, 12-2; 2 Jarrod Anderson, Barnesville, 12th, 22-1; 3 Ryan Turnbull, Buckeye Local, 12th, 17-4; 4 Josh Hoover, Beaver Local, 12th, 12-5; 5 Ben Cain, Meadowbrook, 12th, 22-4; 6 Jonathan McFarland, Brooke, 11th, 22-3; 7 Tony Male, Indian Creek, 12th, 12-5; 8 Chris Bond, Caldwell, 11th, 15-5.

**130 Pounds**  
 1 Josh Johnston, Indian Creek, 12th, 21-2; 2 Braden Shaw, Brooke, 11th, 26-1; 3 Aaron Brown, Monroe Central, 11th, 19-0; 4 Grant Hoppel, Beaver Local, 10th, 11-3; 5 Kyle Mull, John Marshall, 12th, 23-3; 6 John Petrozzi, Buckeye Local, 12th, 12-8; 7 Jason Workman, River, 11th, 15-3; 8 Brandon McCort, Bellaire, 10th, 16-6.

**135 Pounds**  
 1 Zack Schuller, Buckeye Local, 9th, 19-3; 2 Mike Burbin, Brooke, 11th, 24-2; 3 Mike Mamone, Martins Ferry, 12th, 18-1; 4 Ryan Ferguson, Monroe Central, 11th, 17-6; 5 Jason Koontz, John Marshall, 11th, 18-5; 6 D. J. Yoders, Cameron, 12th, 18-4; 7 Josh

Wheeler, Steubenville, 11th, 19-8; 8 Sean McIntosh, Oak Glen, 12th, 17-3.

**140 Pounds**  
 1 Jared Hoppel, Beaver Local, 12th, 14-2; 2 David Durbin, Brooke, 12th, 25-2; 3 Dustin Richey, John Marshall, 10th, 24-1; 4 Thad Croiser, Steubenville, 11th, 24-7; 5 Brandon Bruce, Bellaire, 12th, 16-1; 6 Todd Hunkler, Barnesville, 11th, 21-1; 7 Ian Whittington, Oak Glen, 12th, 14-5; 8 Tony Warner, Meadowbrook, 11th, 22-5.

**145 Pounds**  
 1 Christopher Wilson, Monroe Central, 12th, 20-2; 2 Jesse Irwin, Shadyside, 11th, 19-0; 3 Steve Flowers, Oak Glen, 12th, 18-1; 4 Brock Bowman, Buckeye Local, 11th, 19-1; 5 Vic Bologna, Harrison Central, 10th, 14-6; 6 Dana Davis, Brooke, 10th, 24-3; 7 Zac Pendleton, Indian Creek, 10th, 15-9; 8 Matt Hannahs, Shenandoah, 11th, 17-4.

**152 Pounds**  
 1 Phil Bliss, Brooke, 12th, 25-1; 2 Jeremy Shaw, Beaver Local, 12th, 9-1; 3 Chris Case, St. Johns, 11th, 9-3; 4 Jason Bahmer, Barnesville, 11th, 21-2; 5 David Babel, Steubenville, 11th, 23-6; 6 Matt Wharton, Oak Glen, 12th, 14-5; 7 Jeff Casey, Meadowbrook, 12th, 23-4; 8 Ken Baker, Harrison Central, 12th, 17-6.

**160 Pounds**  
 1 David Bertolino, Buckeye Local, 12th; 2 Luke Burkhardt, Shadyside, 11th; 3 Issac Stewart, Cameron, 11th; 4 Kellen Hughes, Indian Creek, 11th; 5 Justin Myers, Harrison Central, 11th; 6 Tyler Schumacher, Monroe Central, 12th; 7 Casey Rinehart, Shenandoah, 12th; 8 Craig Blevins, Union Local, 12th.

**171 Pounds**  
 1 Bobby Samsa, Shadyside, 11th, 21-0; 2 Jordan Williams, Beaver Local, 12th, 12-4; 3 Robby Dimmerling, Monroe Central, 11th, 15-1; 4 Derek Sefick, Harrison Central, 12th, 21-2; 5 Chris Green, East Liverpool, 12th, 22-4; 6 James Lyons, Steubenville, 12th, 22-4; 7 Trent Starkey, Indian Creek, 12th, 11-5; 8. Josh Meeks, St. Clairsville, 12th, 15-7.

**189 Pounds**  
 1 Jared Williams, Beaver Local, 12th, 19-2; 2 Cody Tominack, Wheeling Park, 11th, 25-2; 3 Scott Antonik, Bellaire, 10th, 20-3; 4 Cody Potts, Oak Glen, 10th, 16-3; 5 Josh Ewling, John Marshall, 11th, 20-5; 6 Daniel Howard, St. Clairsville, 11th, 18-4; 7 John Horn, Shenandoah, 9th, 16-5; 8 Robert Oldfield, River, 12th, 14-7.

**215 Pounds**  
 1 Adam Hoppel, Beaver Local, 11th, 14-1; 2 Josh Stansbury, East Liverpool, 12th, 25-1; 3 Codey Leach, Shenandoah, 11th, 18-2; 4 Bill Whitehill, Oak Glen, 12th, 16-3; 5 Chris Frankhauser, Edison, 12th, 9-4; 6 Brandon Huffman, Harrison Central, 12th, 11-6; 7 Brad Hannahs, Barnesville, 11th, 13-9; 8 Bud Hercules, Wheeling Park, 11th, 21-6.

**275 Pounds**  
 Koel Davia, Union Local, 11th, 22-1; 2 Tony Carothers, Harrison Central, 12th, 20-0; 3 Matt Duvall, Bellaire, 12th, 23-2; 4 Michael Price, Cambridge, 12th, 5-1; 5 Scott Neuenschwander, St. Clairsville, 11th, 16-5; 6 Patrick McGillan, Oak Glen, 12th, 17-2; 7 Wesley Haslam, River, 10th, 14-6; 8 Andy Fegal, Weir, 11th, 24-4.

The hard-nosed youngster began his grid career as a 165-pound tackle but switched to offensive guard for his final three years.

His first match as a freshman wrestler was against an opponent from the University of Cincinnati, and despite his inexperience he lost only 1-0.

Dugas began coaching wrestling on a volunteer basis, assisting Larry Chambers (a Mr. Mat) at Union High School.

When John Marshall High School opened its doors in September of 1968, Dugas was chosen as an assistant coach in not only wrestling but in football and track.

Wrestling became the sport which he liked the best, as he spent only six years as a track coach, and 12 years in football on the high school level.

Dugas did return to West Liberty as a football assistant after stepping down from the John Marshall grid position.

As a respected mat assistant of 14 years to Hinegardner (a Mr. Mat in 1984), there was no question who would pick up the torch to carry on the highly successful wrestling program when Hinegardner decided to step down.

When Hinegardner announced that he was relinquishing the wrestling position, he paid the highest compliment to Dugas by stating, "I never could have had a finer man to work with than Ed Dugas."

"I think we complemented each other well. My weak points have been his strong points."

The program under the tutelage of Hinegardner and Dugas won four OVAC tournament titles and had five runnerup finishes. During a five year period, 1971-76, the Monarchs won 41 straight dual meets.

The Monarchs during that 14-year period were also highly successful in state competition, winning four championships.

When Dugas assumed the head wrestling position, named as his assistant was Ed West, who had been the head coach at Moundsville Junior High School.

That first year of the Dugas-West era resulted in the Monarchs winning a OVAC tournament crown. The following year

the Monarchs were runners-up. Fifty-eight grapplers qualified for state competition during Dugas' tenure and there were 31 state champions, including West and John Marshall's other current assistant, Ted Zervos, who won two titles.

It was an honor for Dugas to have coached Will Kovalick to a state championship in 1977. Will was the son of the man who was so instrumental in getting Dugas into wrestling and coaching.

Dugas was respected by opposing coaches and officials for his competitive fire and knowledge of the sport. He regularly attended clinics to keep abreast of rule changes and was a regular at the national college tournaments.

Dugas expected his athletes to take wrestling seriously, whether it was during practice or during a mat.

He also expected them to be well-mannered and respectful to their opponents, opposing coaches and the match official.

Gary Zelinski, Dugas' college roommate and best man at his wedding, was pleased to learn of his friend's honor.

"Ed was always very competitive like Coach Kovalick," said Zelinski, "even to the point at times of being a little headstrong."

"He was very quiet in college. In fact, when he went out for wrestling he never mentioned it to anyone."

"I'm very pleased to call Ed my friend and I'm sure the feeling is mutual. We've remained friends for nearly 40 years."

When Dugas retired, he said he planned to spend much of his time fishing as he grew up in Moundsville near the Ohio River.

However, his wife, Mary Jean, said he hasn't found much time to be an angler as he keeps himself busy around the house and visiting with his grandchildren.

He still attends many wrestling matches throughout the year, and can be heard at times calling out instructions from the stands to John Marshall wrestlers.

The Dugas' are the parents of three grown children and the grandparents of four.

## Past OVAC tourney team champs, coaches listed

- 1954 -- Bridgeport, George Kovalick.
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- 1961 -- Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos.
- 1962 -- Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos.
- 1963 -- Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos.
- 1964 -- Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos.
- 1965 -- Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos.
- 1966 -- Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos.
- 1967 -- Martins Ferry, John Vrotsos.
- 1968 -- Martins Ferry, Art Hehr.
- 1969 -- St. John Central, Joseph Bates.
- 1970 -- Wheeling Central, John Hibbert.
- 1971 -- St. John Central, Dennis Bowman.
- 1972 -- John Marshall, Bill Hinegardner.
- 1973 -- John Marshall, Bill Hinegardner.
- 1974 -- John Marshall, Bill Hinegardner.
- 1975 -- Warwood, Eric Carder.
- 1976 -- Weirton, Charles Murray.
- 1977 -- John Marshall, Bill Hinegardner.
- 1978 -- Wheeling Park, Eric Carder.
- 1979 -- Wheeling Park, Eric Carder.
- 1980 -- Steubenville, John Craig.
- 1981 -- Cadiz, John Stephenson.
- 1982 -- Steubenville, John Craig.
- 1983 -- John Marshall, Ed Dugas.
- 1984 -- Steubenville, John Craig.
- 1985 -- Barnesville, Darrell Davis.
- 1986 -- East Liverpool, Nick Trombetta.
- 1987 -- Steubenville, John Craig.
- 1988 -- East Liverpool, Nick Trombetta.
- 1989 -- Steubenville, Buzz Evans.



- 1990 -- Wheeling Park, Buzz Evans.
- 1991 -- Oak Glen, Larry Shaw.
- 1992 -- Steubenville, John Craig.
- 1993 -- Martins Ferry, Jeff Oberdick.
- 1994 -- Wheeling Park, Buzz Evans.
- 1995 -- Steubenville, Rick Camilletti.
- 1996 -- Buckeye Local, Dan Doyle.
- 1997 -- Buckeye Local, Dan Doyle.
- 1998 -- Martins Ferry, Jeff Oberdick.
- 1999 -- Martins Ferry, Jeff Oberdick.
- 2000 -- East Liverpool, Scott Helmstra.
- 2001 -- East Liverpool, Scott Helmstra.
- 2002 -- Oak Glen, Larry Shaw.



# Golden Tournney Begins

By JIM ELLIOTT  
Staff Writer

If the first day of the 50th anniversary of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament is any indication, the event truly is shaping up to be golden.

Things began as Cameron's Jim Potts, the dean of OVAC wrestling coaches, was awarded a plaque during opening ceremonies for his outstanding contribution to high school wrestling over the last 33 years. Potts, a 12-time OVAC Coach of the Year, has a career record of 315-81-3.

And then, it was decision time.

Weirton Madonna's Anthony Valles, the top seed at 103, set the tone early, pinning Bellaire's Chauncy Green in 1:47, as it was the first match that finished Thursday, just one of the many standout accomplishments during the tourney's first day.

## First-round upsets

The first seeded wrestler to fall was Beaver Local's Luke Hoppel (112), who was upset by Chaz Clark of Barnesville, 12-4.

Oak Glen's Shane Wright recorded a 6-4 decision over Indian Creek's Tony Mayle — the No. 7 seed at 125. Minutes later in the 130-pound match, Jessie Mahan continued to help the Golden Bears' cause when he pulled off an upset of River's Jason Workman, the No. 7 in that class.

Another upset in the 130-pound class featured Jake Becker of St. Clairsville turning away Bellaire's Brandon McCort, 11-2.

In what proved to be the longest match of the evening, Buckeye Local's Erick Wagner outpointed Weir's Andy Fegal, 2-1 in overtime. Wagner won the toss, chose bottom, and scored a point with an escape as time wound under 20 seconds.

East Liverpool's Shaun Green was able to pick up some points for the Potters as he worked his way past Josh Ewing, the No. 5 seed at 189.

In a 189-pound match that was re-bracketed, Meadowbrook's Derek Conrad decisioned River's Robert Oldfield, 10-3.

## Top seed updates

River's Lucas Huffman, No. 1 at 119, recorded a technical fall at 2:47 with a score of 23-8 over Steubenville Central's Bobby Morris.

Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker, the top seed at 125, wasted little time with Bellaire's Bruce Swallie, pinning him at 3:50. Tucker won the 103-pound championship in last year's tourney.

Brooke's Phil Bliss, a champion at 140 last year who is now wrestling at 152, recorded a fall over River's David Datuliak in a workman-like 56-seconds.

Harrison Central's Jesse Emery needed no more than the first period to nail down Bishop Donahue's Grant White.

Buckeye Local's two No. 1s — David Bertolino (160) and Zack Schuller (135) — each breezed in their first-round matches. Schuller, a freshman, recorded a technical fall over Indian Creek's Shane Walters. Bertolino, a defending champion at 160, recorded a fall over Magnolia's Adam Zuker in 4:47.

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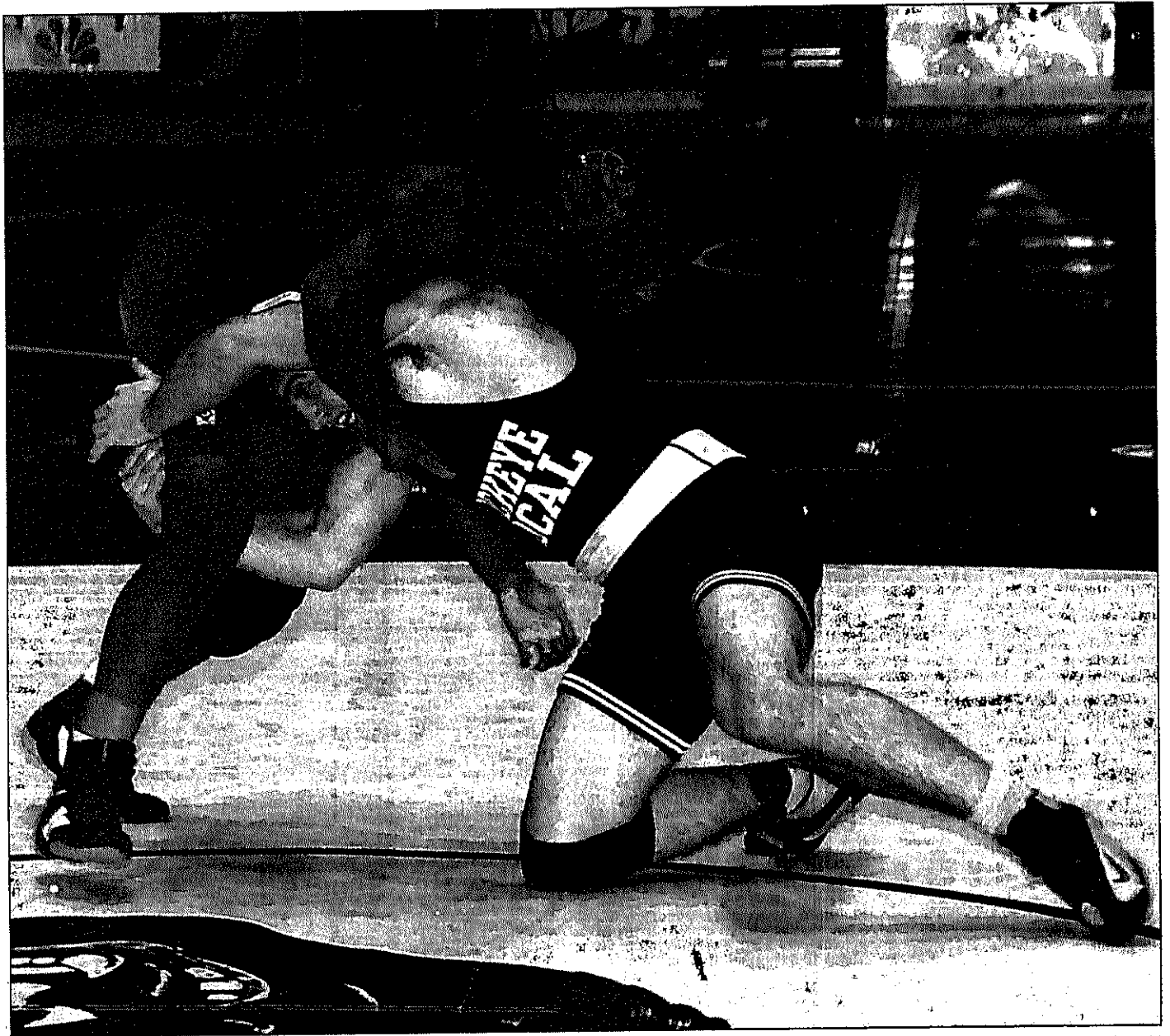


Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Buckeye Local's Zach Schuller shoots in on Indian Creek's Shane Walters during their 135-pound match Thursday at the OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Schuller won by technical fall.

# Bears Take Lead

Oak Glen, Brooke, Monroe, Cameron pace respective classes at OVAC Classic

By JIM ELLIOTT  
Staff Writer

The first day of the 50th Annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament is in the books, and the defending champion Oak Glen Golden Bears thus far have enjoyed every chapter.

Sweeping through each and every one of their matches — with six pins and eight decisions — Oak Glen (47 points) grabbed a five-point lead for the overall title over top contenders Brooke (42) Beaver Local (41) during first-round action Thursday at the Wheeling Civic Center.

Second-round action gets underway at 11 a.m. today, highlighting second-round championship matches and first-and second-round consolation matches.

The Bears benefited from wins from guys who were expected to win like third-seeded Steve Flowers, who recorded a technical fall over Wheeling Park's Jim Zink, 22-7, in the third period of their match. And, they got a few pleasant surprises from guys who weren't, the seedings said.

Both Shane Wright (130) and Jesse Mahan pulled off upsets for Oak Glen. Wright decisioned Indian Creek's Tony Mayle, a seventh-seed, and Mahan surprised River's Jason Workman, also a seventh-seed.

Harrison Central, led by Jesse Emery's pin of Bishop Donahue's Grant White, found itself in second-place behind the Golden Bears in the OVAC Class-AAA standings with 32 points, two ahead of record-setter Josh Johnston and Indian Creek.

Brooke, the leader in Class 4-A after one day, got a lot of its work done quickly. Both Mike and Dave Durbin recorded

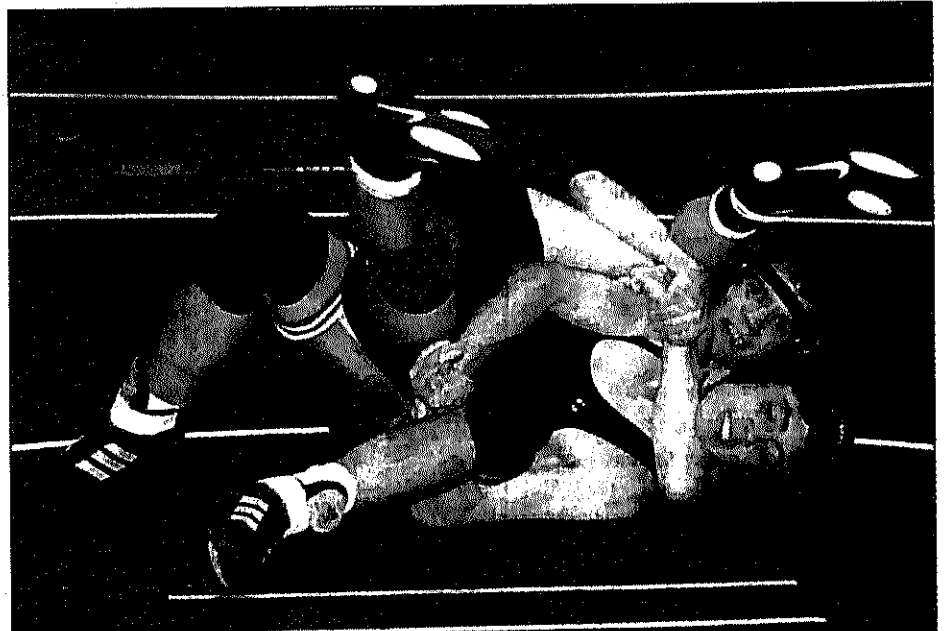


Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Bellaire St. John's James Huff and Monroe Central's Jared Ward, top, lock up during action of their 125-pound bout at the OVAC Wrestling Tournament.

pins in under a minute, spearheading an evening that featured nine Green and Gold pins, which were able to offset four Bruin losses.

"We thought would be in the top three," Brooke coach Joe Erlewine said. "We were pretty pleased."

Erlewine was especially pleased with the work of 112-pounder Josh Greiner, who was seeded eighth, but faced a difficult challenge in East Liverpool's Matt Walker.

"We were hoping he'd come through," Erlewine said, "and he did." Phil Bliss, Brooke's lone top seed, muscled his way to a 56-second pin of River's David Datuliak.

Beaver Local enjoyed many impressive falls, but were forced to watch as Luke

Hoppel was upset by Barnesville's Chaz Clark 12-4 in a 112-pound match.

Behind No. 1 seed Christopher Wilson, Monroe Central, with 23 points, secured an eight-point lead over Caldwell in Class AA action.

Third-seeded Aaron Brown helped the Seminole cause with a pin of East Liverpool's Dean Hornbeck.

In Class A action, Cameron grabbed a nine-point lead over Shadyside and Bellaire St. John's.

D.J. Yoders needed just 38 seconds to spark Cameron. Two-seed Jessie Irwin was a catalyst for Shadyside with a three-plus minute pin of East Liverpool's Ron Scott. Second-seeded Mickey Nicola pinned Bellaire's Rich Heslop in a 112-pound match to key the Irish.

# Golden

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Beaver Local's Jared Hoppel helped Union Local's Zachary Compston find more of the mat that he wanted, and quickly too. The top seed at 140 recorded a pin in just eight seconds.

Chris Wilson, Monroe Central's 145-pound defending champion, recorded a fall at 2:45 in his match with Nick Koon of Magnolia.

Union Local's Koel Davia, a returning Ohio Division III champion and the top seed at 275, needed just 13 seconds to pin Martins Ferry's Bobby Kittle.

Shadyside's Bobby Samsa kept things going as he pinned Barnesville's Shawn King at 1:27, to end their 171-pound match.

Beaver Local's Adam Hopel, a returning champ at 215, recorded a fall over Magnolia's Adam Hoppel in 36 seconds. Teammate Jared Williams needed just 47 seconds to hold down Brooke's Justin Younciak at 189.

### Records

Indian Creek's Josh Johnston, the top seed at 130, set a school record after decisioning Matt Hale of Steubenville for

his 107th career victory.

### Quick Work

Beaver Local's Jared Hoppel, No. 1 at 140, dispatched of Union Local's Zachary Compston in the blink of an eye, as he recorded a fall in just eight seconds.

Brooke's Mike Durbin, No. 2 at 135, pinned Cambridge's Clay Teague in a mere 23 seconds. A while later, his brother David needed just six more seconds to smother Tyler Consolidated's Rob Martin at 140. David also entered the tourney as a No. 2 seed.

Wheeling Park's Abbie Rush, the No. 2 seed at 103, blanked opponent Rashade Stevenson of Steubenville in 28 seconds.

D.J. Yoders helped Cameron get off to its usual solid start, as he pinned Weirton Madonna's Chris Mikula in 38 seconds in 135-pound action.

John Marshall's Kyle Mull, the No. 5 seed at 130, pinned James White of Harrison Central in sub-minute fashion, needing just 50 seconds to get things done. Teammate Dustin Richey followed that up with a 19-second pin of Cambridge's Jake Garvin in 140-pound action.

## OVAC Meet Truly for Everyone

By JIM ELLIOTT  
Staff Writer

The finishing touches have been applied to the Wheeling Civic Center for the 50th playing of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament, which opens at 6 p.m. tonight with an Olympic-style ceremony, and continues through Saturday.

The building, which will play host to more than 850 wrestlers, may or may not be as glamorous as Ohio's Value City Arena or Huntington's Civic Center, but the tournament it hosts can go a long way toward ensuring more area folks can make that determination for themselves.

As far as Oak Glen wrestling coach Larry Shaw is concerned, no tourney prepares young wrestlers for the bright lights of

state competition like the OVAC.

"For us, to be thrown in that environment is a great preparation for us down the road in the state wrestling tournament," Shaw said. "That's great for our kids. We use it too."

Shaw's Golden Bears won the OVAC tourney last year for the first time in 11 years, which helped them turn around weeks later and win their sixth consecutive W.Va. Class A-AA state title.

As Shaw points out, the Bears don't continue to win things like that on reputation — that would be nice — they do it because they use things like the OVAC tourney as a learning tool.

"In order to be the best,"

Shaw says, "you have to learn. If losing a match here and there — we'll have kids with seven or eight losses throughout the season. If that helps you learn, that's good. That's what we want."

"Our records aren't always going to be the best records — that's OK. There's a price you've got to pay to get to the top."

For years, the Bears have been on top.

And the intense competition of the OVAC tourney is a big reason why.

For Ohio teams, the scenario is a little different.

With the advantage of having nine seeded wrestlers — including three No. 1s — Beaver Local is a pretty good pick to

make a strong showing in Wheeling over the weekend.

Does that mean, even on their best day, that the Beavers could break the top 5 in Ohio's Division II final standings, where the numbers are so much greater?

Last year, Beaver Local finished 12th in the state, more than 110 points back of St. Paris Graham. All of that came after the Beavers managed a second-place finish overall in the OVAC tourney. They won the 4-A title.

Beaver Local coach Rich Wright still thinks it helps.

"It helps you get prepared," Wright said, "because it's such a big event. There is a lot of good competition there."

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## OVAC

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For some, it's as big as it gets. That's why it's not surprising to hear folks like Ron Mauk, the tournament's director for 23 years, says he gets cold chills during the opening ceremony.

Imagine what it does to a kid who may not be the most gifted athlete the sport has ever seen, but still is able to enjoy such an experience, if only once?

### Tourney notes

Preliminary and first-round matches begin at 6:30 p.m. tonight. Things get underway at 11 a.m. Friday with second-round matches, along with first-

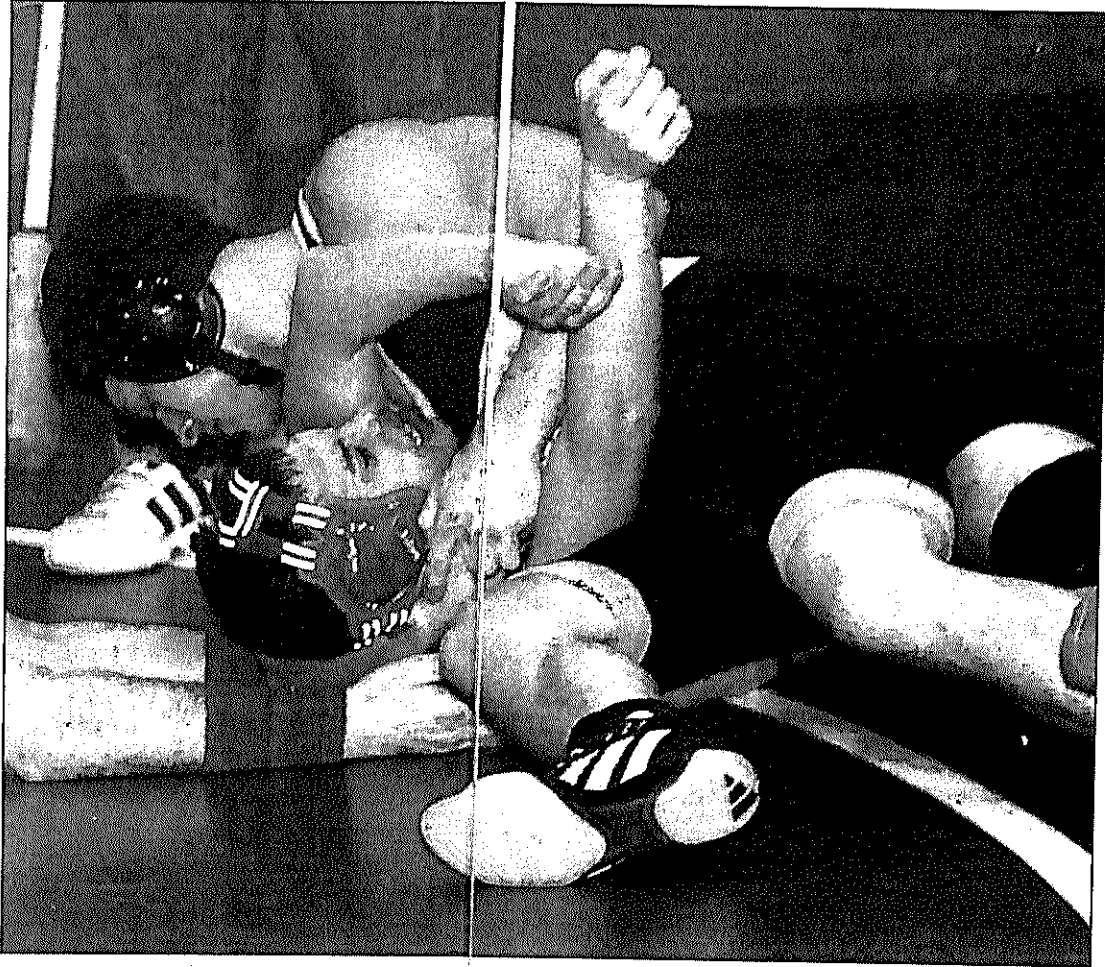
and second-round consolation tilts. At 5 p.m., championship quarterfinal and third-and fourth round consolation matches are slated. Championship semifinal and fifth-round consolation matches begin at noon Saturday.

After a celebration of past champions and an awards ceremony, the first-, third-, fifth-, and seventh place matches will follow at 6:30 p.m. The championship matches will be televised live by WTOV-9.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Single tickets for the championship finals are \$7 for adults and \$ for students.

# 50th OVAC Wrestling Tournament Results

## Going for the pin



John Marshall's Kyle Mull goes for the pin against Harrison Central's James White during their 130-pound match Thursday at the OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Mull gained the pin.

Photo by Alex Kozlowski

## Mr. Mat Recipients

- 1976 -- George Kovalick, Bellaire Athletic Director.
- 1977 -- Bill Van Horne, Sports Editor, Wheeling News Register.
- 1978 -- John Vrotsos, Martins Ferry High School.
- 1979 -- Richard Edge, Springfield High School.
- 1980 -- George Wally, John Marshall Athletic Director
- 1981 -- Bob Hedmond, Steubenville Athletic Director.
- 1982 -- Paul Crago, Marshall County Schools.
- 1983 -- Dr. Vincent Monseau, West Liberty State College.
- 1984 -- Bill Hinegardner, John Marshall High School.
- 1985 -- Dennis Bowman, Bellaire High School.
- 1986 -- Ronald Mauck, Brooke High School.
- 1987 -- Eric Carder, Wheeling Park Athletic Director.
- 1988 -- Dave Kovalick, Barnesville High School.
- 1989 -- Steve Kish, Bellaire High School.
- 1990 -- Carl Fodor, Hancock County Schools.
- 1991 -- Dr. William Welker, Warwood Middle School.
- 1992 -- Larry Deaton, Martins Ferry.
- 1993 -- John Stephenson, Cadiz High School.
- 1994 -- Joe Bates, Woodsfield High School.
- 1995 -- Bob Bruney, Martins Ferry High School.
- 1996 -- Larry Chambers, Moundsville Junior High.
- 1997 -- Gary Davis, Beallsville High School.
- 1998 -- Cal Pokas, Martins Ferry Times Leader.
- 1999 -- Tom Lackman, Jefferson Union.
- 2000 -- Ed "Buzz" Evans, Wheeling Park.
- 2001 -- William McEldowney, Wheeling.
- 2002 -- John Craig, Indian Creek

OVERALL TEAM SCORING -- Oak Glen, 47; Brooke, 42; Beaver Local, 41; Harrison Central, 32; Indian Creek, 30; Buckeye Local, 27.5; Cameron, 27; John Marshall, 26.5; Meadowbrook, 25.5; Shenandoah, 25.5; Monroe Central, 23; East Liverpool, 21; St. Clairsville, 21; Steubenville, 21; Wheeling Park, 20; Bellaire, 19.5; Shadyside, 18; St. John Central, 18; Barnesville, 16.5; Beallsville, 15; Caldwell, 15; Union Local, 15; Martins Ferry, 14.5; Wellsville, 13.5; Weir, 12; River, 11.5; Cambridge, 11; Steubenville Central, 10; Tyler, 10; Edison, 8; Weir Madonna, 6; Magnolia, 2.

4-A  
Brooke, 42; Beaver Local, 41; Buckeye Local, 27.5; John Marshall, 26.5; East Liverpool, 21; Steubenville, 21; Wheeling Park, 20; Weir, 12; Cambridge, 11; Edison, 8.

3-A  
Oak Glen, 47; Harrison Central, 32; Indian Creek, 30; Meadowbrook, 25.5; Shenandoah, 25.5; St. Clairsville, 21; Bellaire, 19.5; Barnesville, 16.5; Union Local, 15; Martins Ferry, 14.5; Tyler Consolidated, 10; Magnolia, 2.

2-A  
Monroe Central, 23; Caldwell, 15; Wellsville, 13.5; River, 11.5; Steubenville Central, 10.

1-A  
Cameron, 27; Shadyside, 18; St. John's, 18; Beallsville, 15; Weir Madonna, 6.

OVAC FIRST ROUND RESULTS

103 -- Anthony Valles (Weir Madonna) pinned Chauncey Green (Bellaire), 1:47; Anthony Duffield (E. Liverpool) pinned Justin Krulock (Union Local), 1:03; Jared Shaw (Brooke) pinned Jessica Peck (Tyler), :14; Joe Skoff (SJC) pinned Kasey Tippey (Monroe), 2:17; Abbie Rush (Park) pinned Rashade Stevenson (Steub.), :28; Eddie Mercer (Wellsville) pinned Justin Turnbull (Buckeye Local), 3:28; Tim Cumpston (Cameron) tech failed Jeff Trigg (Shadyside), 15:0; Mike Lehotay (Meadowbrook) pinned Bryan Scammell (St.C), 3:17; Brandon Miller (Oak Glen) dec. Dustin Daugherty (Cambridge), 8:4; Derrick Caudill (Beaver) dec. Dan Magers (Barnesville), 14:6; Robbie Marlin (Indian Creek) pinned John Coup (MF), 5:14; Corey LeMaster (Caldwell) pinned Zane Boyd (East Liverpool), 1:10.

112 -- Lucas Huffman (River) tech failed Bobby Morris (Steub. Central), 23:8; Logan Harlie (John Marshall) pinned Bryan Early (Cambridge), 1:15; Justin Goneau (Oak Glen) pinned Tim Nehrbas (Steubenville), 2:20; Scott Bumgardner (Park) pinned Billy Webb (Conotton Valley), 1:14; Josh Greiner (Brooke) dec. Matt Walker (E. Liverpool), 3:1; Chaz Clark (Barnesville) dec. Luke Hoppel (Beaver), 12:4; Nate Gosset (Union Local) pinned Cole Heintzman (Tyler), 1:55; Mickey Nicola (SJC) pinned Rich Heslop (Bellaire), 2:30; Jordan Seidler (Monroe) dec. Matt Emery (Harrison), 14:4; Justin Seebach (Caldwell) pinned Brandon Antil (Cameron), 4:34.

119 -- Jesse Emery (Harrison) pinned Grant White (Bishop Donahue), 1:40; Paul McCoy (Beaver) pinned Brad Bertubin (Cambridge), 2:26; Jake Bates (East Liverpool) pinned Zac Hixenbaugh (Madonna), 2:34; Kayne Melko (SJC) pinned Steven Jones (Tyler), :47; Matt Smith (Brooke) pinned Seth Fossen (Monroe), :48; Dave Gianessi (Weir) pinned Jesse King (Cameron), 3:48; T.J. Glass (Oak Glen) pinned Tony Small (Steubenville), 5:17; Willie Saxton (Buckeye Local) pinned Jared Booth (Bellaire), :58; Lee Doyle (JM) pinned Chad Byers (River), 1:16; Matt Brown (Beallsville) dec. David Bortz (Steub. Central), 15:4; Ryan Crum (Caldwell) dec. Anthony Nicholas (CV), 14:2; Kory Walte (Shenandoah) dec. Marvin Benson (Meadowbrook), 12:0; Brady Roth (MF) tech failed Jacob Gasser (IC), 21:5; Brian Humphrey (Park) pinned Nick Oberdick (St.C), No Time.

125 -- Clay Tucker (MF) pinned Bruce Swallow (Ball), 3:50; Ben Cain (Meadowbrook) pinned Shawn Gillette (Steub. Central), 1:12; Jonathan McFarland (Brooke) pinned Rich Becschick (Wellsville), 1:40; Josh Hoover (Beaver) pinned Paul Simmons (JM), 3:31; Ryan Turnbull (BL) pinned Eric Zuzak (St.C), :52; Shane Wright (Oak Glen) dec. Tony Mayie (IC), 6:4; Todd Schmalenbach (Shenandoah) pinned David Blawut (HC), 2:43; Jarrod Anderson (Barnesville) pinned Kevin Ingram (Edison), 1:29; Brad Blyeau (Beallsville) dec. Noah O'Neil (Cameron), 15:7; James Huff (SJC) dec. Jared Ward (Monroe Central), 4:1; Chris Banal (Caldwell) pinned Jeremiah Webb (Conotton), 2:48.

130 -- Josh Johnston (Indian Creek) pinned Matt Hale (Steubenville), 5:01; Kyle Mull (JM) pinned James White (HC), :50; Aaron Brown (MC) pinned Dean Hornbeck (E.L.), 4:38; Grant Hoppel (Beaver) pinned Matt Kemp (Steub. Central), 3:28; Jordan Beadle (Wellsville) pinned Chris Davis (Caldwell), 5:32; John Petrozzi (Buckeye Local) pinned Brett Blevins (Union Local), 2:31; Kelly Hughes (Cameron) tech failed Billy Henthorn (Magnolia), 26:11; Jessie Mahan (Oak Glen) dec. Jason Workman (River), 8:2; Braden Shawn (Brooke) pinned Evan Leifheit (Park), 4:30; Cory Dankovchik (Weir) pinned Tom Carpenter (SJC), 1:49; Nate Furry (Meadowbrook) won by default over Matt Aberegg, Jake Becker (St.C) dec. Brandon McCort (Bellaire), 11:2; Mike Ray (Cambridge) dec. Jason Jones (Martins Ferry), 11:2.

135 -- Zack Schuler (Buckeye) tech failed Shaun Walters (IC), 4:31; Sean McIntosh (Oak Glen) pinned John Wilson (Union Local), 2:43; D.J. Yoders (Cameron) pinned Chris Mikula (Weir Madonna), :38; Shawn Dunn (Beaver) pinned Tyler Love (Meadowbrook), 1:08; Justin Cataldo (Wellsville) pinned Nick Zambon (Steub. Central), 1:04; John Walker (East Liverpool) pinned Isalah Riche (Tyler), 3:15; Josh Lauener (St.C) pinned Tony Vila (Magnolia), 1:21; Mike Aberegg (Beallsville) dec. John Perko (Bellaire), 7:1; Josh Wheeler (Steubenville) pinned Monica Payne (Park), :34; Ben Phillips (Harrison) pinned James Gyenas (Edison), :15; George Mikles (John Marshall) pinned Zach Hupp (Caldwell), 3:07; Mike Mamone (Ferry) dec. Kyle King (Barnesville), 6:1; Mike Durbin (Brooke) pinned Clay Teague (Cambridge), :23; Chris Crock (Shenandoah) pinned Brandon Varner (Weir), 5:07; Ryan Ferguson (Monroe Central) dec. Jacob Lackman (Shadyside), 8:3.

140 -- Jared Hoppel (Beaver) pinned Zachary Compston (Union Local), :08; Tony Warner (Meadowbrook) pinned Matt Stacy (Wellsville), :41; Brandon Bruce (Bellaire) pinned Mike Thomas (Harrison), 1:57; Jesse Young (Weir) pinned Tyler Schorr (Bishop Donahue), 2:23; Dustin Richey (JM) pinned Jake Garvin

(Cambridge), :19; Josh Whipkey (Cameron) pinned Abe Winter (River), :28; Larry Wright (Weir Madonna) dec. Clyde Jordan (IC), 5:2; Ian Whittington (Oak Glen) pinned Kils Bayne (Steub. Central), 1:52; Billy Frolini (Shadyside) dec. Nathan Smith (Shenandoah), 3:0; David Durbin (Brooke) pinned Rob Marlin (Tyler), :29; Thad Crosier (Steubenville) dec. Albert Phillips (Buckeye Local), 16:3; Rick Brewer (Magnolia) dec. Brad Brooks (St.C), 6:3; Todd Hunkler (Barnesville) tech failed Tyler Butler (East Liverpool), 16:0; Luke Warran (MF) dec. Zach Kandis (Park), 15:4.

145 -- Chris Wilson (Monroe) pinned Nick Koon (Magnolia), 2:45; Dale Ferrell (St. Clairsville) dec. Alan Buzzard (Wellsville), 10:1; Matt Hannahs (Shenandoah) dec. Andre Dudley (Steubenville), 14:9; Vic Bologna (Harrison) pinned Gordon Walker (Cambridge), 1:13; Joe Bellanca (Beaver) pinned Jimmy Jones (Beallsville), 3:39; Brock Bowman (Buckeye Local) pinned Justin LaForrest (Cameron), 2:44; Adam Weekley (Tyler) dec. Adam Canella (Steub. Central), 11:9; Steve Flowers (Oak Glen) tech failed Jim Zink (Park), 22:7; Alex Lee (JM) dec. Robby Nixon (Barnesville), 12:4; Dana Davis (Brooke) pinned Mike Merico (Weir), 3:32; Zac Pendlton (IC) pinned Jason Harper (Caldwell), 6:03; Jesse Irwin (Shadyside) pinned Ron Scott (East Liverpool), 3:05; Jesse Jones (Ferry) dec. Joah Peyton (Meadowbrook), 10:5.

152 -- Phil Bliss (Brooke) pinned David Datkuliak (River), :56; Matt Wharton (Oak Glen) pinned Robble Rosaliter (Shenandoah), 1:07; Corey Adkins (JM) tech failed Don Gianessi (Weir), 18:3; John Polverini (Steub. Central) pinned Chris Benedict (Monroe), 3:03; Jeff Casey (Meadowbrook) tech failed Darin King (Magnolia), 22:7; Chris Case (SJC) pinned Adam Gibson (Park), 5:01; Ken Baker (Harrison) pinned Ben Ray (Cambridge), 5:45; Matt Saxton (Buckeye Local) dec. Luke Sulek (Bellaire), 8:6; David Babie (Steubenville) dec. Casey Hughes (Cameron), 3:1; Jason Wright (Shadyside) pinned Mark McCourt (Edison), 3:48; Kenny Oliver (IC) dec. Jon Kinney (Beallsville), 8:2; Jason Bahmer (Barnesville) dec. Luke Bumbico (Ferry), 5:2; Jeremy Shaw (Beaver) dec. Jason Randolph (EL), 9:6.

160 -- David Bertolino (Buckeye) pinned Adam Zuker (Magnolia), 1:47; James Beach (Steub) pinned Willi Marroulis (Edison), 5:17; Tyler Kinzy (Beallsville) dec. Corey Archer (East Liverpool), 12:4; Luke High (Cambridge) pinned Matt Beller (Donahue), 1:27; Tyler Schumacher (Monroe) pinned Aaron Carter (East Liverpool), 3:02; Craig Blevins (UL) pinned Adam Speace (Brooke), 2:16; Mike Hepburn (Bellaire) pinned Aaron Montgomery (Steub. Central), 1:44; Isaac Stewart (Cameron) pinned Justin Provenzano (Ferry), 1:01; Kellen Hughes (Indian Creek) pinned Josh Rosaliter (Meadowbrook), 1:50; Russell Kocher (River) pinned Chris Norris (Beaver Local), :46; Justin Myers (Harrison) pinned Shawn Simmons (JM), 1:05; Casey Rinehart (Shenandoah) tech failed Nick Toth (St. C.), 15:0; Sam Glesseke (Tyler) pinned Jesse Mastrovic (Park), 3:58; Ryan Jackson (Wellsville) dec. David Jones (Conotton), 5:2; Garrett Railing (Oak Glen) dec. Angelo Magnone (Weir), 15:5; Luke Burkhardt (Shadyside) pinned Jesse Kelly (SJC), :20.

171 -- Bobby Samsa (Shadyside) pinned Shawn King (Barnesville), 1:27; Vince Pittman (Beallsville) pinned Zack Moore (JM), 5:49; Josh Meeks (St.C.) pinned John Beamer (Conotton), 1:54; Chris Green (East Liverpool) dec. Nathan Loughran (Brooke), 16:5; Robby Dimmerling (Monroe) pinned Shane Clark (Ferry), 1:49; Dusty McVay (UL) dec. Bobby Scurlock (Cambridge), 15:5; Sean McGulre (Steub. Central) pinned Aaron Owing (Weir), 1:08; Rhett Northcraft (Oak Glen) dec. Matt Ogle, 24:12; James Lyons (Steub) pinned Eric Stephens (River), 1:25; Derek Selsick (Harrison) pinned Todd Krasevac (Park), :36; Trent Starkey (IC) pinned Jimmy Heimick (Magnolia), :52; Adam Cooper (Cameron) pinned Josh White (Tyler), 3:12; Jordan Williams (Beaver) pinned Dan Beller (Donahue).

189 -- Jared Williams (Beaver) pinned Justin Youciak (Brooke), :47; Shaun Green (East Liverpool) dec. Josh Ewing (JM), 9:6; David Ross (Steub) pinned John Skinner (Beallsville), 2:28; Scott Antonik (Bellaire) tech failed Steve Blake (Cameron), 18:2; John Horn (Shenandoah) pinned Matt Hirkala (Madonna), :46; Clayton Benedict (Monroe) dec. James Harris (Beaver), 8:5; Cody Tomlnak (Park) pinned Bill Maxwell (Caldwell), :48; Daniel Howard (St.C) pinned Justin Britnell (Cambridge), :57; Cody Potts (Oak Glen) tech failed Tony Palmer (Conotton), 24:6; Derek Conrad (Meadowbrook) dec. Robert Oldfield (River), 10:3; Adam Cowser (Indian Creek) dec. John Orsini (Steub. Central), 4:2.

215 -- Adam Hoppel (Beaver) pinned Tommy Yoho (Magnolia), :36; Bud Hercules (Park) pinned Richard Campbell (Conotton), :16; Brandon Bovina (Indian Creek) pinned Mario Barnebel (Madonna), 1:57; Bill Whitehill (Oak Glen) tech failed Logan Koehler (Beallsville), :21; Ben Love (Meadowbrook) pinned Jared Mostl (Steub. Central), 3:31; Josh Stansbury (East Liverpool) pinned Mike Gessler (Tyler), 1:33; Cody Leach (Shenandoah) pinned Jared Chandler (Cambridge), 2:37; Brad Hannahs (Barnesville) pinned Brian Fisher (Wellsville), 1:31; Dick Soland (Bellaire) pinned Matt Elson (Cameron), 5:33; Dan Dulaney (Brooke) pinned David Hart (Caldwell), 3:25; Brandon Huffman (Harrison) pinned Brian Tibbs (Buckeye), 1:03; Chris Fankhauser (Edison) pinned Mike Bartley (Weir), :22.

275 -- Koel Davis (Union Local) pinned Bobby Kittle (Martins Ferry), :13; Maurice Hines (Indian Creek) pinned Lucas Micheal (Shenandoah), 3:02; Luke Shepherd (Tyler) pinned Wes Folly (Donahue), 1:25; Patrick McGilligan (Oak Glen) won by default over Bruno Manypenny (Madonna); Derrick Molnar (Brooke) pinned Kevin Stokes (Magnolia), :34; Matt Duvail (Bellaire) pinned Mike Snyder (Steubenville), 1:43; Michael Price (Cambridge) pinned C.J. Montgomery (Steub. Central), :44; C.J. Manning (Cameron) pinned Kevin Staub (Park), 3:24; Tony Carothers (Harrison) pinned Jeremiah Scherer (Meadowbrook), 1:03; Jeremiah Hinneman (Edison) pinned Bill Beebout (Beaver), 2:59; Erick Wagner (Buckeye) dec. Andy Fagal (Weir), 2:1, OT.; Wesley Haslam (River) pinned Stephen Badgley (East Liverpool), :18; Scott Neuenschwander (SVC) pinned Corey Ebert (JM), 5:08.



Ready for the mats

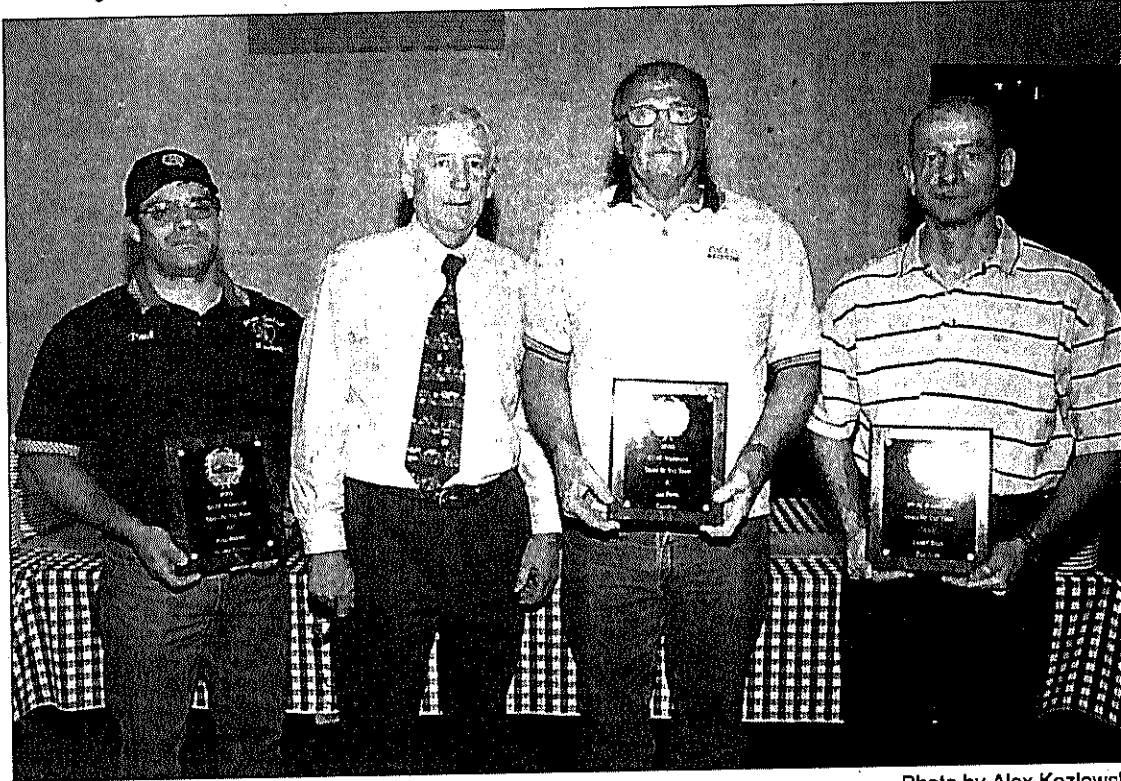


Photo by Alex Kozlowski

The OVAC wrestling coaches gathered at WesBanco Arena Monday to discuss the upcoming season and hand out awards for last season's coaches of the year. Pictured above with their plaques are, from left, Monroe Central's Paul Robison, OVAC wrestling director Ron Mauck, Cameron's Jim Potts, and Oak Glen's Larry Shaw.

Our Opinion

OVAC mat tourney

A GOLDEN anniversary is a special event, and this is especially true when it involves the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament.

The annual tournament, which had its beginning in Bridgeport in 1954, has gained quite a reputation for the pageantry of its opening ceremony as well as for its competitiveness involving high schools on both sides of the Ohio River.

Since 1979, the wrestling extravaganza has been held at the Wheeling Civic Center, which provides ample space for the introduction of the teams in an Olympic-style ceremony. The event will open Thursday at 6 p.m.

MORE than 850 high school wrestlers are expected to participate in this year's tournament.

In addition to the recognition for the teen-agers, the event will

honor a person who has made an important contribution to area wrestling over the years. This individual will receive the prestigious "Mr. Mat" award during the closing festivities Saturday.

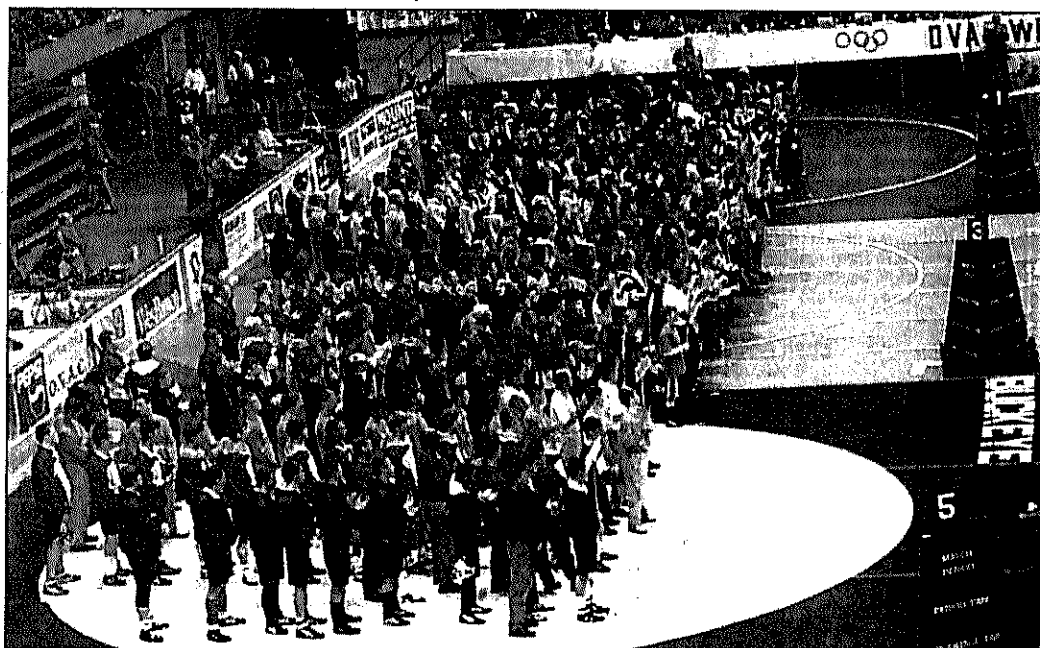
Other honors also will be given to recognize individuals for their work in wrestling.

Past champions as well as the individual champions from the 25-year team will be recognized. This gives the former athletes a chance to reminisce, and more than 225 athletes will be returning.

THE RETURN of the former wrestlers shows the importance of the tournament and also is indicative of why the event is a vital part of the athletic scene in the Ohio Valley.

Not only has it endured, but it has continued to improve as a showcase for high school wrestlers' talents.

Opening ceremony



T-L Photo/MICHAEL HARVILLA

TAKING PART in the Olympic-style ceremony to help open the 50th Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament are grapplers from some 35 conference schools at the Wheeling Civic Center Thursday night. More than 400 prep matmen are taking part in the largest event of its type in the United States. Action continues throughout the next two days with the finals scheduled to start Saturday at 6:30 p.m. Oak Glen is the leader after the first day of competition. See story, photos page B1.

## SPORTS

# Beaver captures OVAC title

• Buckeye's Bertolino takes Bierkorte Award

By RICK DeLUCA  
Times Leader Sports Writer

After 50 years of championship wrestling in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, Beaver Local is a champion.

Leading by 27 points entering the final session and with five wrestlers in the championship round, Beaver Local captured its first OVAC wrestling title by racking up 225 points at the 50th conference tournament at the Civic Center in Wheeling Saturday night.

Beaver's 225-point total easily outdistanced runnerup Brooke at its 196 points to the crown. Oak Glen finished third with 178 points and Buckeye Local closed out at fourth with 170.

Monroe Central and Harrison Central finished fifth and sixth respectively with 137 and 127, respectively. Wheeling Park was next at 119 followed by Indian Creek and John Marshall.

Beaver also notched the Class 4-A title while Oak Glen took another Class 3-A crown, Monroe Central was the 2-A champion and Cameron was first in 1-A.

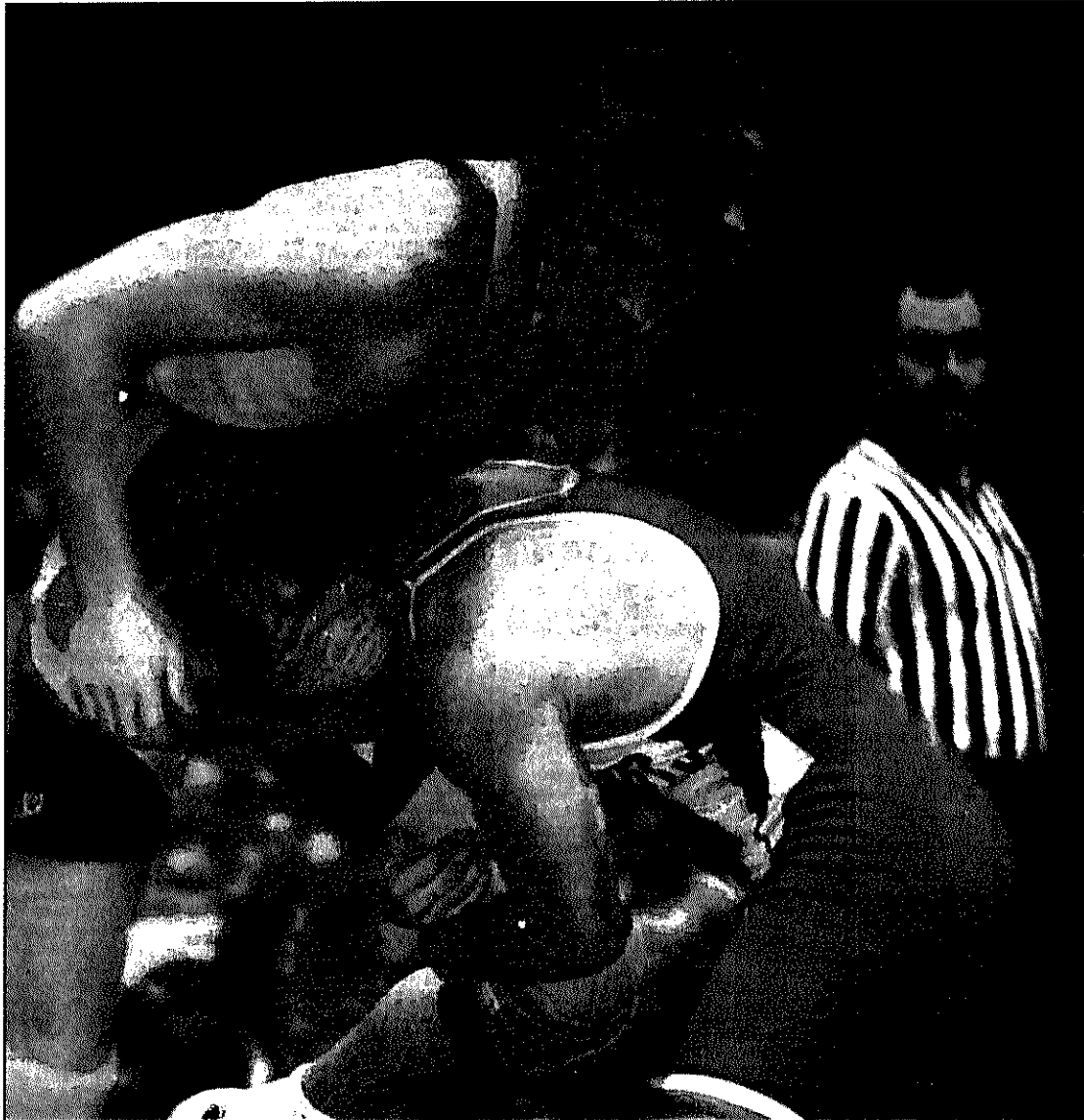
Oak Glen finished with 11 place finishers including one champion to lead all schools in that category. Brooke, the surprise team of the season, placed nine wrestlers while champion Beaver had eight. Buckeye Local had its best showing ever the OVAC mat tourney with seven place finishers including a pair of champions.

Harrison Central had six wrestlers place while Monroe Central, John Marshall, East Liverpool and Meadowbrook put five each on the podium.

Buckeye Local's David Bertolino finished as the tournament's lone unbeaten wrestler after taking the 160-pound crown with an 11-2 decision over Shadyside's Luke Burkhart in the title match.

Bertolino's championship bout win coupled with three pins and major decision in his other tournament matches provided the boost that enabled him to be selected as the David Bierkorte Award winner as the tournament's most outstanding wrestler.

In his title bout, Bertolino scored a takedown at the one-minute mark of the first period and a near-fall that gave the Panther senior a 4-0 lead in the



T-L Photo/PAULA GINTHER

**TRYING** to get control of Harrison Central's Jesse Emery's leg during the 119-pound championship match is Wheeling Park's Brian Humphreys. Emery went on for the win and the OVAC championship Saturday evening at the Wheeling Civic Center.

first. In the second period, he stretched the lead to 7-0 with an escape and take down then added a pair of takedowns in the third to seal the win.

Bertolino finished as a two-time champion and improved his season mark to 27-0. Burkhart, a senior wrestling in his final match, finished at 25-2.

He wrestled pretty good, Buckeye Local coach Jay Michael said after the Bertolino win. He didn't really dominate the match like I would like to have seen him do, but he definitely control the match.

In fact, that's what you have to do in a big match, is control the tempo, Michael added. He put points on the board and those bonus points are always nice to have.

Michael, who grapplers place fourth, will return some fine young wrestlers again next season.

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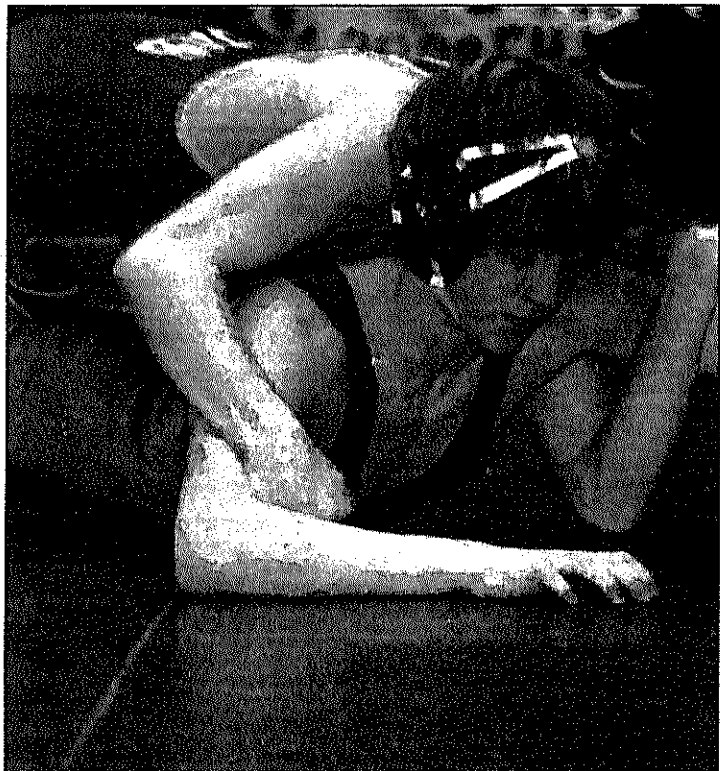
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## OVAC WRESTLING NOTEBOOK

### Monroe's Benedict: A true test of character



By  
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Clayton Benedict's 3-2 record at the OVAC Wrestling Tournament looks pretty average at first glance.

The Monroe Central junior came in unseeded with an 11-4 record. His three wins in the tournament were solid — two decisions (8-5 and 8-4) and a pin. His two losses, nothing to be ashamed of: a pin at the hands second-ranked Cody Tominak of Wheeling Park and a 3-1 overtime decision to Meadowbrook's Derek Conrad.

So why write a story about a wrestler who left the tournament without a place?

Benedict weighed in this weekend at 165 pounds. In a sport where every pound is precious, 14 of them is like — well, it's a lot.

His 11-4 record has come in four different weight classes: 145, 152, 160 and 171.

"We don't have a wrestler to fill every class," says Monroe coach Paul Robison. "We've had to move people around and fill in whenever we've had someone missing."

He's never, ever stepped on the mat at 189 in his life. Until this weekend.

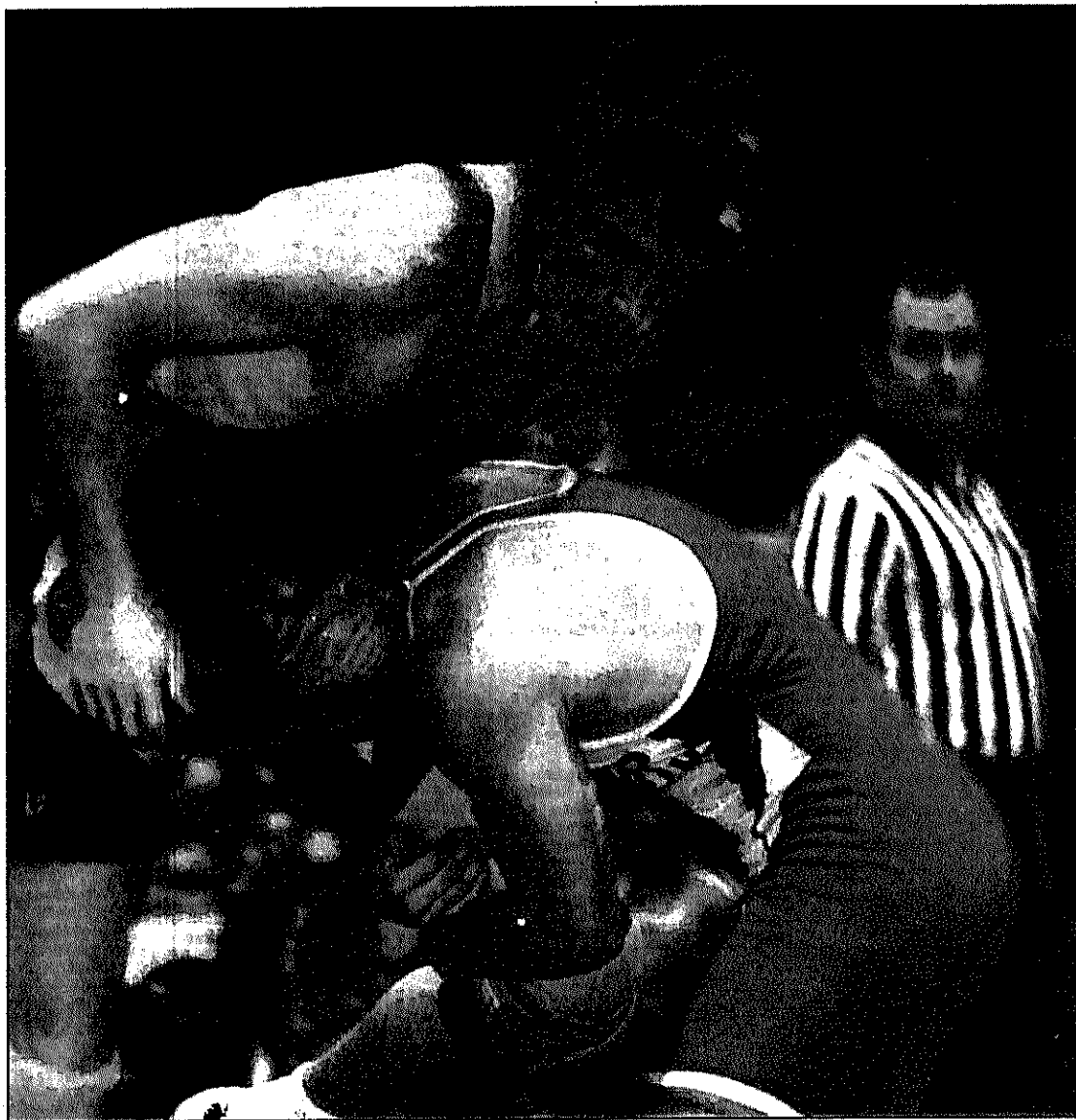
With seeded wrestlers at 130, 135, 145, 160 and 171, the Seminoles are stacked and came home with the double-A title for the first time in Monroe Central's history.

"Clayton knew we had a spot open at 189," says Robison, "so he came to me and asked if he could have it."

"I knew no matter what weight he wrestled, he wasn't going to give up."

About the only thing Benedict did give up was his chance for an OVAC place, after getting seventh last year — at 130.

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**TRYING** to get control of Harrison Central's Jesse Emery's leg during the 119-pound championship match is Wheeling Park's Brian Humphreys. Emery went on for the win and the OVAC championship Saturday evening at the Wheeling Civic Center.

first. In the second period, he stretched the lead to 7-0 with an escape and take down then added a pair of takedowns in the third to seal the win.

Bertolino finished as a two-time champion and improved his season mark to 27-0. Burkhart, a senior wrestling in his final match, finished at 25-2.

He wrestled pretty good, Buckeye Local coach Jay Michael said after the Bertolino win. He didn't really dominate the match like I would like to have seen him do, but he definitely control the match.

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onds of the middle period, but Rush pushed his lead to 4-1 with a quick takedown with two seconds remaining in the second. With the win, Rush boosted his season mark to 25-6 while Skoff finished the tourney at 19-3.

At 112, St. John Central's Mick Nicola surprised defending OVAC champion Lucas Huffman in the first period with a quick takedown and a 2-0 lead. Nicola rode out the advantage until the final seconds of the first as Huffman managed the escape. Nicola's early attack led to his big upset of the previously unbeaten Huffman.

With 25 seconds left in the second period, the Irish freshman again shocked the veteran Huffman with a takedown to boost his upper hand to 4-0. A pair of escapes pushed the final mark to 5-2 as Nicola closed his title bout with a 20-1 season record. With the heart-breaking loss in the championship bout, Huffman finished the weekend at 25-1.

In the 119-pound championship bout, Wheeling Park's Brian Humphrey opened his return match with Harrison Central's Jesse Emery with a takedown in the first minute, kicking out the legs of Emery to gain the advantage then riding out the opening period with a 2-0 lead.

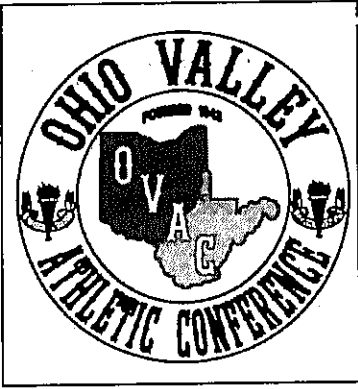
Humphrey and Emery met in the 2002 tourney in the third-place final with the Huskie grappler prevailing. Emery was able to match that outcome as he came on strong in the final minutes to pull out an exciting 5-3 decision to take the 2003 crown. Emery's heroics were capped off by a takedown with just 15 seconds remaining in the match.

Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker is half way to an OVAC sweep after notching his second conference crown in two years after scoring a fall over Brooke's Jonathan McFarland in 3:01 of the 125-pound bout.

Top-seeded Tucker, a 103 pound champion in 2002, fell behind the Bruin wrestler just 20 seconds into the match as McFarland surprised Tucker with a quick takedown. Tucker came right back with a reversal with just 15 seconds remaining in the first.

In the second, Tucker worked his way to an advantage then pinned the Bruin wrestler in the opening minute. Tucker's success boosted his record to 22-2 while McFarland finished at 25-4.

At 130, Brooke's Brandon Shaw dominated Beaver Local sophomore Grant Hoppel in taking the title with an 18-5 major decision. Shaw opened a 4-1 lead in the first period and kept building on the lead. Shaw finished the tourney with a 31-1 record



while Hoppel closed at 17-4.

Buckeye Local freshman Zach Schuller, a top-seed entering the tourney, became the first in his class at the Connorville school to win an OVAC crown as the youngster took an early 2-0 lead over Martins Ferry senior Mike Mamone and went on to gain a 9-2 decision in the 135-pound title match.

Schuller, finishing the tourney at 25-3, had a succession of four straight takedowns to mount an 8-2 lead before adding an escape in the final seconds to seal the win. Mamone closed the tourney with a fine 27-2 record.

Any time you wrestle in a tournament this size and come out on top, you had to do something right, Michael said about Schuller's win. He's a young wrestler and he still needs to work to get better, but he wrestled very well tonight.

At 140 pounds, Beaver Local added another trophy to the case compliments of a Hoppel family member as senior Jared Hoppel rode out a late threat from John Marshall sophomore Dustin Richey en route to a 14-10 decision in the title match.

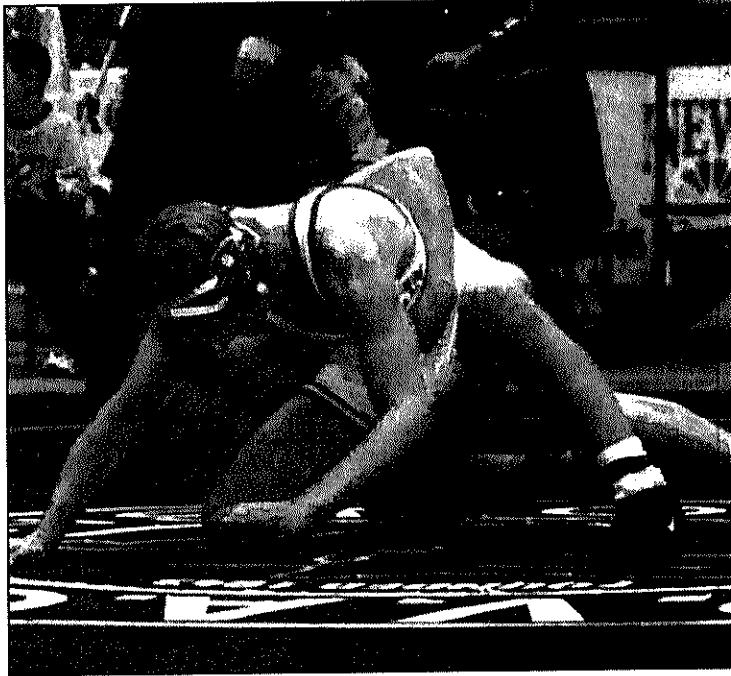
Hoppel, in boosting his season record to 19-2, dominated the Monarch wrestler early building a huge lead in the first period (9-2) before watch Richey battle back.

Hoppel held on gain the win while Richey lost for only the second time this season finishing at 28-2.

Buckeye Local sophomore Brock Bowman just missed added the second Buckeye Local title as he battled Oak Glen senior Steve Flowers to the final second before dropping a tough 3-2 decision in the 145-pound title bout.

Flowers opened with a takedown and a 2-0 lead in the opening seconds, but Bowman cut the margin to 2-1 with an escape at the close of the session. Starting from the down possession, Bowman knotted the score with a quick escape in the second and the two wrestlers went into the third tied at 2-2.

Flowers worked loose for an escape early in the third and managed to keep Bowman at bay in the final seconds to notch the win. Bowman closed at 24-2



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**TRYING** to gain position during the 103 pound championship match is St. John Central freshman Joe Skoff, while Wheeling Park's Abbie Rush attempts to remain in control. Rush went on for the win and the OVAC title.

while Flowers took home a 23-1 record along with his championship trophy.

At 152 pounds, Brooke added another champion as senior Phil Bliss captured his second OVAC crown with a tight 6-4 decision over Steubenville's David Babel.

Bliss extended his once-beaten record to 31-1 with the decision while Babel closed the tourney at 4-1 and a season mark of 26-6. Brooke entered the championship finals with three wrestlers battling to the title. Knotted at 2-all entering the third period, picked up four points in the third to garner the crown.

In the 171-pound title bout, Monroe Central's Robby Dimmerling capped off his amazing run to the title with a thrilling 5-4 win over Beaver Local's Jordan Williams.

Dimmerling, who upset top-seeded Bobb Samsa of Shadyside, 5-2, in the semi-finals, boosted his season mark to 20-1 with the win. Williams closed out at 16-5. Deadlocked at two in the first period, Dimmerling registered an escape and takedown in the second to mount a 5-4 lead that held up through the scoreless third.

In the 189-pound final, Beaver Local's Jared Williams took advantage of an escape and a penalty point in the second period to pull out a thrilling 2-1 decision over Wheeling Park's Cody Tominak.

At 215, defending champion and state runnerup Adam Hoppel captured his third OVAC title with a 4-2 decision over East Liverpool's Josh Stansbury. After a 2-all deadlock in the

second, Hoppel managed a takedown in the third to gain the title. Hoppel improved to 20-1 while Stansbury finished at 29-2.

In the final event of the night, defending Ohio state champion Koel Davia captured the 275-pound title with an impressive 8-3 decision over Cambridge's Michael Price.

Davia opened with a quick takedown in the first and held on to post a 2-0 lead in the first. An escape completed the scoring in the second, but in the third, Davias took control by scoring a pair of takedowns and extending his lead to 8-2.

Davia, a runnerup in last year's tourney, finished the tourney at 27-1.

**MAT NOTES**

**PRIOR TO Saturday's final session, the OVAC brought out a huge contingent of past conference tournament champions as part of the giant festivities honoring the 50th anniversary of the OVAC tournament. Nearly 300 former champions paraded through the center of the Civic Center floor. The very moving ceremony including the recognition of each of the returning champions.**

**ALSO HONORED** were members of the 1978 class of OVAC champions honoring the 25th anniversary of that group and the naming of the 2003 Mr. Mat, Ed Dugas, the former head coach at John Marshall High School.

**SPECIAL HONORS** were bestowed upon Dr. Vince Monseau, head coach of West Liberty State College and St. John Central's mat team with the Bob Sadler Sportsmanship Award.

## OVAC Wrestling

**TEAM SCORING**

**OVERALL**  
Beaver Local, 225; Brooke, 196; Oak Glen, 178; Buckeye Local, 170; Monroe Central, 137; Harrison Central, 127.5; Wheeling Park, 119.5; Indian Creek, 107.5; John Marshall, 101.5; East Liverpool, 95.

**CLASS 4-A**  
Beaver Local, 225; Brooke, 196; Buckeye Local, 170; Wheeling Park, 119.5; John Marshall, 101.5; East Liverpool, 95; Staubenville, 90; Cambridge, 64; Edison, 36; Weir, 28.5.

**CLASS 3-A**  
Oak Glen, 178.5; Harrison Central, 127.5; Indian Creek, 107.5; Meadowbrook, 92.5; Shenandoah, 90.5; Martins Ferry, 87.5; Bellair, 82; Barnesville, 78.; Union Local, 75; St. Clairsville, 62; Tyler vConsolidated, 30; Magnolia, 5.

**CLASS 2-A**  
Monroe Central, 137; River, 72; Caldwell, 45; Wellsville, 38.5; Staubenville Central, 30.5.

**CLASS 1-A**  
Cameron, 91.5; Shadyside, 87.5; St. John Central, 78; Beallsville, 39.; Weirton Madonna, 29; Bishop Donahue, 9; Conotton Valley, 8.5.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**

103 - Rush (WP) dec. Skoff (SJC), 7-1.

112 -- Nicola (SJC) dec. Huffman (RIV), 5-2.

119 -- Emery (HC) dec. Humphrey (WP), 5-3.

125 -- Tucker (MF) plnnd McFarland (Brooke), 3:01.

130 -- Shaw (Brooke) maj. dec. G. Hoppel (BVL), 18-5.

135 -- Schuller (BL) dec. Mamone (MF), 9-2.

140 -- G. Hoppel (BVL) dec. Richey (JM), 14-10.

145 -- Flowers (OG) dec. Bowman (BL), 3-2.

152 -- Bliss (Brooke) dec. Babel (STEUB), 6-4.

160 -- Bertolino (BL) dec. Burkhardt (SHA), 11-2.

171 -- Dimmerling (MC) dec. Jo. Williams (BVL), 5-4.

189 -- Ja. Williams (BVL) dec. Tominak (WP), 2-1.

215 -- A. Hoppel (BVL) dec. Stansbury (EL), 4-2.

275 -- Davia (UL) dec. Price (CAMB), 8-3.

**THIRD PLACE**

103 -- Valles (WM) maj. dec. Shaw (Brooke), 12-2.

112 -- Gossett (UL) dec. Hoppel (BVL), 4-0.

119 -- Saxton (BL) dec. Smith (Brooke), 5-1.

125 -- Anderson (BAR) dec. Turnbull (BL), 4-2.

130 -- Johnston (IC) pinned Brown (MC), 4:03.

135 -- Ferguson (MC) pinned M. Durbin (Brooke), 4:28.

140 -- D. Durbin (Brooke) dec. Bruce (BEL), 8-3.

145 -- Wilson (MC) dec. Irwin (SHA), 7-2.

152 -- Shaw (BVL) dec. Wharton (OG), 8-7.

160 -- Schumacher (MC) pinned Myers (HC), 2:43.

171 -- Samsa (SHA) dec. C. Green (EL), 3-1.

189 -- Potts (OG) dec. Antonik (BEL), 5-4.

215 -- Cody Leach (SHEN) dec. Fankhauser (ED), 10-4.

275 -- Carothers (HC) pinned Haslam (RIV), 1:15.

**FIFTH PLACE**

103 -- Lehotay (MEAD) pinned Cumpston (CAM), 3:41.

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ED DUGAS, middle, is pictured receiving the 2003 Mr. Mat Award during Saturday night's OVAC Wrestling Tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center. Presenting the award are Bill Hinegardner, left, and Larry Chambers, right.

## Dugas named as 2003 Mr. Mat Award winner

Ed Dugas played a big factor in the lives of many John Marshall High School student-athletes during his 32 years as a teacher and coach.

Included among this group were some 400 wrestlers who took to the mats in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tournaments.

Dugas, who served 18 years as head wrestling coach at John Marshall after spending 14 years as an assistant to Bill Hinegardner, was introduced to the fans at the Wheeling Civic Center Saturday night as this year's recipient of the prestigious Mr. Mat Award.

It is only fitting that Dugas be presented his blue jacket as part of the OVAC tournament's golden anniversary event, as his 32 straight years as an OVAC wrestling coach ranks as one of the longest unbroken stints in conference history.

Dugas coached 26 individual OVAC champions, including current John Marshall head coach Ed West and assistant coach Paul Simmons.

Among the champions were two who won OVAC titles 25 years ago — Greg Morris and Greg Lehasky.

Ironically, Dugas never stepped onto a wrestling mat until his college days as his high school, Bishop Donahue, did not field a team at that time.

The 1963 Donahue graduate was an outstanding football player and opted to continue his grid career at West Liberty. Intrigued by the sport, he also decided to give wrestling a whirl.

As fate would have it, West Liberty's head football and wrestling coach at the time was the legendary George Kovalick.

Kovalick was a driving force behind the creation of the OVAC Wrestling Tournament, coached the first OVAC Tournament champion at Bridgeport and was the first recipient of the Mr. Mat Award.

Coach "K" knew talent when he saw it and, despite Dugas' lack of experience on the mat, believed the Marshall County native had the makings of a pretty good collegiate wrestler.

Dugas lived up to Kovalick's expectations by earning All-West Virginia Conference laurels in both football and wrestling and wound up qualifying for the NAIA national tournament in the mat sport.

The hard-nosed youngster began his grid career as a 165-pound tackle but switched to offensive guard for his final three years.

His first match as a freshman wrestler was against an opponent from the University of Cincinnati, and despite his inexperience he lost only 1-0.

Dugas began coaching wrestling on a volunteer basis, assisting Larry Chambers (a Mr. Mat) at Union High School.

When John Marshall High School opened its doors in September of 1968, Dugas was chosen as an assistant coach in not only wrestling but in football and track.

Wrestling became the sport which he liked the best, as he spent only six years as a track coach, and 12 years in football on the high school level.

Dugas did return to West Liberty as a football assistant after stepping down from the John Marshall grid position.

As a respected mat assistant of 14 years to Hinegardner (a Mr. Mat in 1984), there was no question who would pick up the torch to carry on the highly successful wrestling program when Hinegardner decided to step down.

When Hinegardner announced that he was relinquishing the wrestling position, he paid the highest compliment to Dugas by stating, "I never could have had a finer man to work with than Ed Dugas."

"I think we complemented each other well. My weak points have been his strong points."

The program under the tutelage of Hinegardner and Dugas won four OVAC tournament titles and had five runnerup finishes. During a five year period, 1971-76, the Monarchs won 41 straight dual meets.

The Monarchs during that 14-year period were also highly successful in state competition, winning four championships.

When Dugas assumed the head wrestling position, named as his assistant was Ed West, who had been the head coach at Moundsville Junior High School.

That first year of the Dugas-West era resulted in the Monarchs winning a OVAC tournament crown. The following year the Monarchs were runners-up.

Fifty-eight grapplers qualified for state competition during Dugas' tenure and there were 31 state champions, including West and John Marshall's other current assistant, Ted Zervos, who won two titles.

It was an honor for Dugas to have coached Will Kovalick to a state championship in 1977. Will was the son of the man who was so instrumental in getting Dugas into wrestling and coaching.

Dugas was respected by opposing coaches and officials for his competitive fire and knowledge of the sport. He regularly attended clinics to keep abreast of rule changes and was a regular at the national college tournaments.

Dugas expected his athletes to take wrestling seriously, whether it was during practice or during a match.

He also expected them to be well-mannered and respectful to their opponents, opposing coaches and the match official.

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## OVAC WRESTLING

50th Annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament  
(Top Eight Seeds in Each Weight Class)

### 103 pounds

1. Anthony Valles (jr.), Weirton Madonna, 6-3; 2. Abbie Rush (fr.), Wheeling Park, 20-6; 3. Corey Lemaster (so.), Caldwell, 21-0; 4. Anthony Duffield (so.), East Liverpool, 19-5; 5. Jared Shaw (so.), Brooke, 21-6; 6. Joe Skoff (fr.), Bellaire St. John Central, 15-2; 7. Mike Lehotay (so.), Meadowbrook, 23-3; 8. Tim Cumpston (so.), Cameron, 16-3.

### 112 pounds

1. Lucas Huffman (sr.), River, 21-0; 2. Mickey Nichols (fr.), Bellaire St. John Central, 15-1; 3. Nate Gossett (jr.), Union Local, 21-3; 4. Justin Goneau (sr.), Oak Glen, 12-5; 5. Luke Hoppel (so.), Beaver Local, 10-6; 6. Scott Bumgardner (sr.), Wheeling Park, 9-3; 7. Jordan Seidler (jr.), Monroe Central, 11-8; 8. Josh Greiner (sr.), Brooke, 16-6.

### 119 pounds

1. Jesse Emery (jr.), Harrison Central, 17-2; 2. Brian Humphrey (jr.), Wheeling Park, 23-3; 3. Matt Smith (jr.), Brooke, 22-2; 4. Willie Saxton (fr.), Buckeye Local, 16-6; 5. Jake Bates (sr.), East Liverpool, 15-7; 6. Brady Roth (so.), Martins Ferry, 9-3; 7. Kayne Melko (fr.), Bellaire St. John Central, 15-5; 8. Paul McCoy (fr.), Beaver Local, 10-6.

### 125 pounds

1. Clay Tucker (so.), Martins Ferry, 12-2; 2. Jarrod Anderson (sr.), Barnesville, 22-1; 3. Ryan Turnbull (sr.), Buckeye Local, 17-4; 4. Josh Hoover (sr.), Beaver Local, 12-5; 5. Ben Cain (sr.), Meadowbrook, 22-4; 6. Jonathan McFarland (jr.), Brooke, 22-3; 7. Tony Mayle (sr.), Indian Creek, 12-5; 8. Chris Bond (jr.), Caldwell, 15-5.

### 130 pounds

1. Josh Johnston (sr.), Indian Creek, 21-2; 2. Braden Shaw (jr.), Brooke, 26-1; 3. Aaron Brown (jr.), Monroe Central, 19-0; 4. Grant Hoppel (so.), Beaver Local, 11-3; 5. Kyle Muff (sr.), John Marshall, 23-23; 6. John Petrozzi (sr.), Buckeye Local, 12-8; 7. Jason Workman (jr.), River, 15-3; 8. Brandon McCort (so.), Bellaire, 18-6.

### 135 pounds

1. Zach Schuller (fr.), Buckeye Local, 19-3; 2. Mike Durbin (jr.), Brooke, 24-2; 3. Mike Mamone (sr.), Martins Ferry, 18-1; 4. Ryan Ferguson (jr.), Monroe Central, 17-6; 5. Jason Koontz (jr.), John Marshall, 18-5; 6. D.J. Yoders (sr.), Cameron, 18-4; 7. Josh Wheeler (jr.), Steubenville, 19-8; 8. Sean McIntosh (sr.), Oak Glen, 17-3.

### 140 pounds

1. Jared Hoppel (sr.), Beaver Local, 14-2; 2. David Durbin (sr.), Brooke, 26-2; 3. Dustin Richey (so.), John Marshall, 24-1; 4. Thad Crosler (jr.), Steubenville, 21-7; 5. Brandon Bruce (jr.), Bellaire, 16-1; 6. Todd Hunkler (jr.), Barnesville, 21-1; 7. Ian Whittington (sr.), Oak Glen, 14-5; 8. Tony Warner (jr.), Meadowbrook, 22-6.

### 145 pounds

1. Chris Wilson (sr.), Monroe Central, 20-2; 2. Jesse Irwin (jr.), Shadyside, 19-0; 3. Steve Flowers (sr.), Oak Glen, 18-1; 4. Brock Bowman (jr.), Buckeye Local, 19-1; 5. Vic Bologna (so.), Harrison Central, 14-6; 6. Dana Davis (so.), Brooke, 24-3; 7. Zac Fendleton (so.), Indian Creek, 15-9; 8. Matt Hannahs (jr.), Shenandoah, 17-4.

### 152 pounds

1. Phil Bliss (sr.), Brooke, 25-1; 2. Jeremy Shaw (sr.), Beaver Local, 9-1; 3. Chris Case (jr.), Bellaire St. John Central, 9-3; 4. Jason Bahner (jr.), Barnesville, 21-2; 5. David Babel (jr.), Steubenville, 23-6; 6. Matt Whorton (sr.), Oak Glen, 14-5; 7. Jeff Casey (sr.), Meadowbrook, 23-4; 8. Ken Baker (sr.), Harrison Central, 17-6.

### 160 pounds

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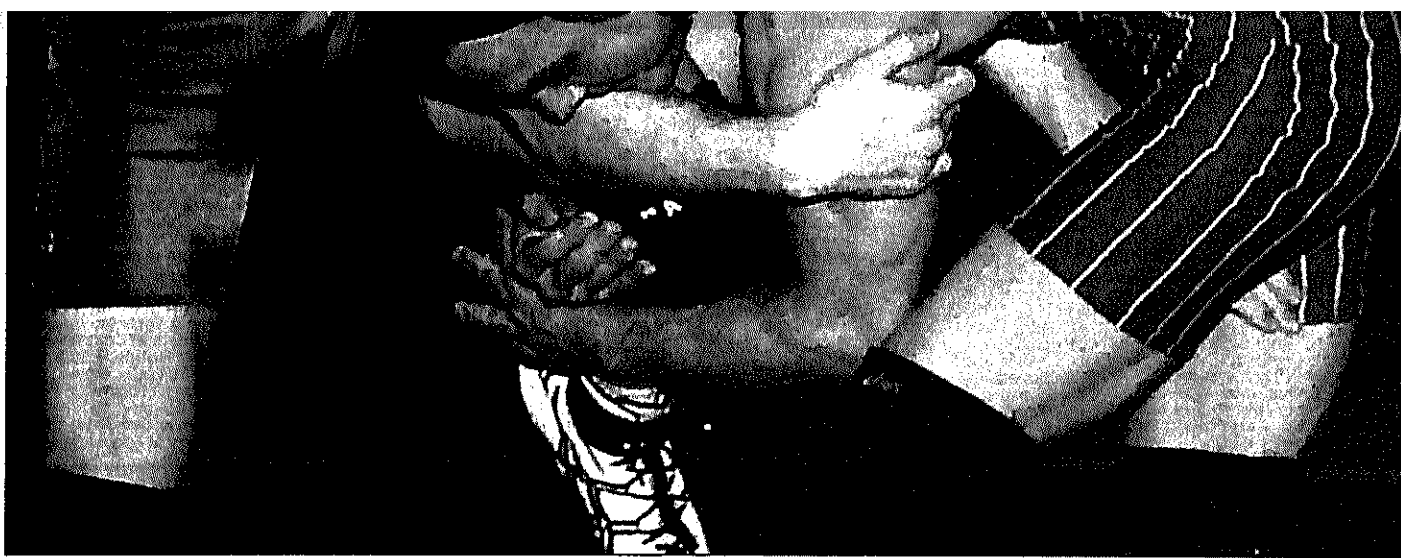


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**WRESTLING NOTEBOOK** And you've probably been amazed every time.

After all, he can't lie. He is.

On Friday, Hartle, a 112-pound sophomore from John Marshall, became the only unseeded wrestler to advance to the tournament's semifinals after knocking off Cambridge's Bryan Early, Oak Glen's Justin Goneau — the fourth seed — and Barnesville's Chaz Clark in the first three rounds.

He'll face River's Lucas Huffman — the top seed — today for the right to advance to the finals.

"It's better than I thought I would do," said Hartle, who is clearly enjoying his first year on the varsity team.

Hartle has helped John Marshall to an eighth-place position through two days. He's one of two wrestlers to advance to the semis — Dustin Richey is the other.

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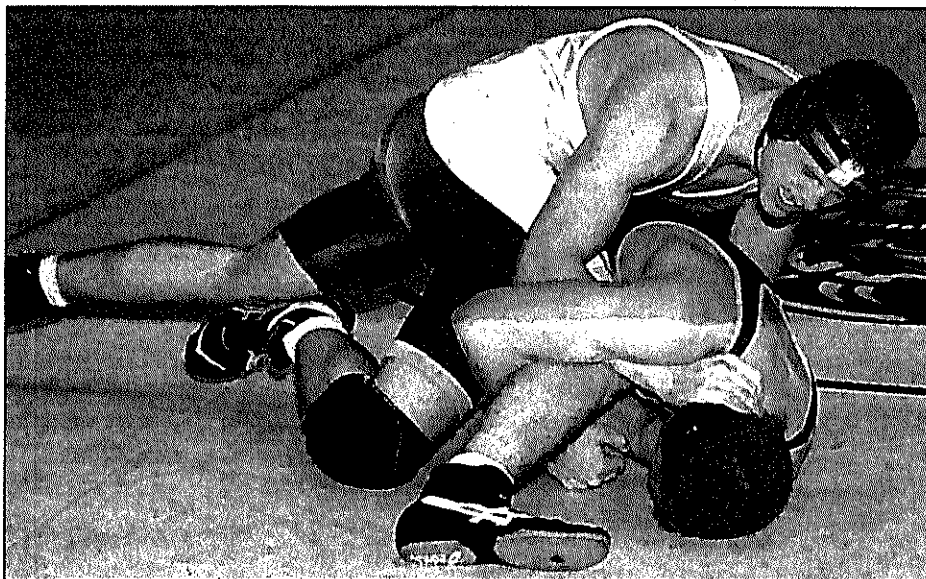


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Shenandoah's John Horn gains the advantage against John Marshall's Josh Ewing during their 189-pound match. Horn prevailed in overtime.

"He's been a real pleasant surprise," John Marshall coach Ed West said, "And I knew he was capable of doing that. Like I say, he's a pretty good wrestler."

The reason he was unranked? "I attribute that to the good competition he's wrestled this year," West said. "He wrestled a lot of good kids early in this season and I think it's paying off in this tournament."

Now, he'll face Huffman, who sports a record of 24-0 on the season. Huffman is one of just six unbeaten wrestlers left in the entire tourney.

"Huffman is tough," Hartle says. "I'm just going to go out there and wres-

tle my hardest and hope for the best." So far, that's been pretty good.

## The unbeatens

Seven different wrestlers — Caldwell's Corey Lemasters (103), River's Huffman (112), Monroe Central's Aaron Brown (130), Shadyside's Jessie Irwin (145) and Bobby Samsa (170), Buckeye Local's David Bertolino (160), and Harrison Central's Tony Carothers — came into the tournament without experiencing a loss this season.

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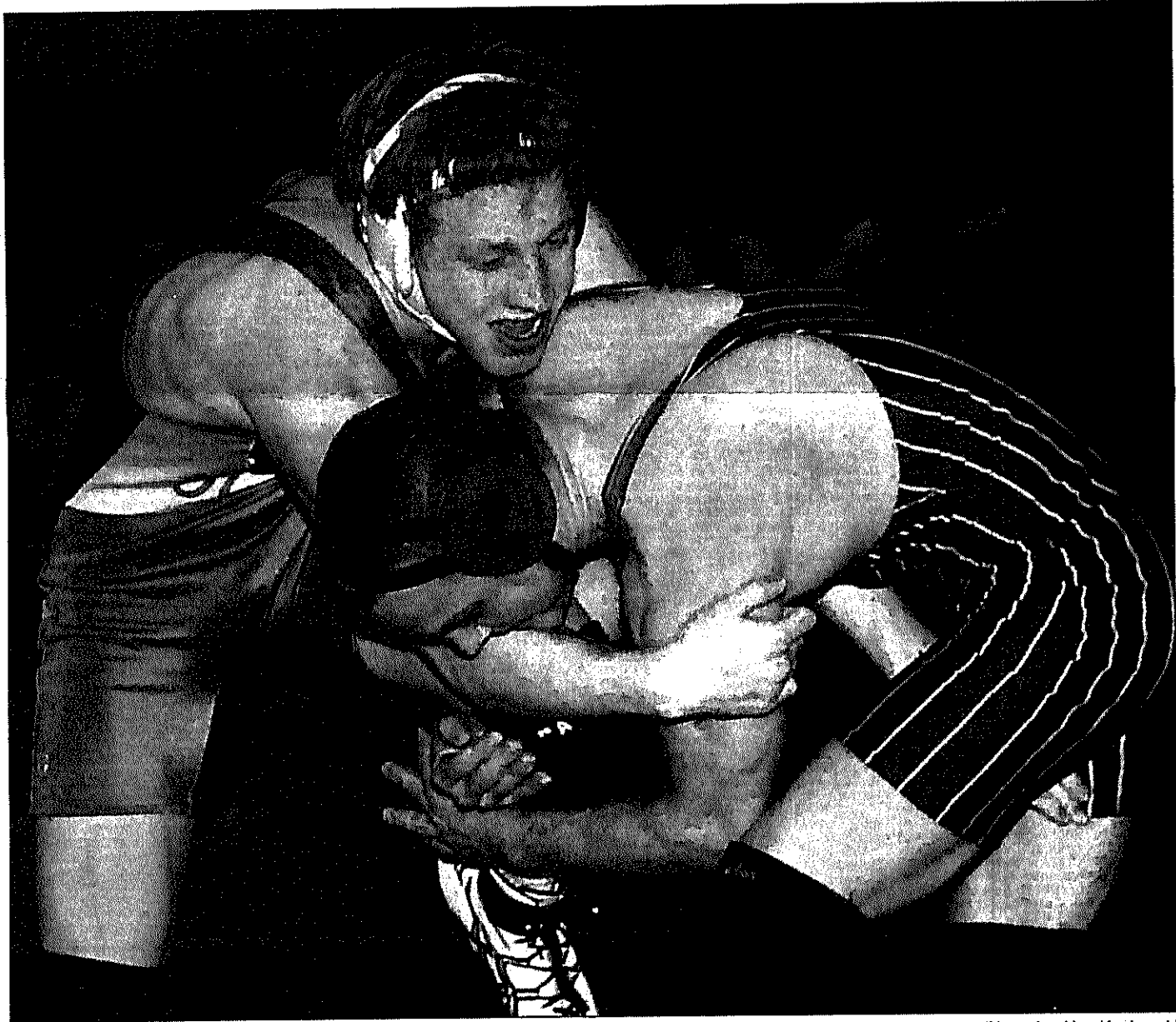


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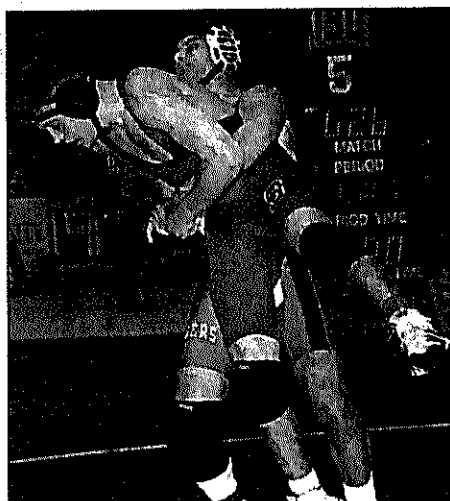


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# Beaver

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Adam Hoppel, a returning champ at 215, recorded a fall over Bellaire's Dick Soland in just 55 seconds, in the second round, then pinned Rivers Eric Rosen in just over three minutes in the quarterfinals.

No. 4 seed Grant Hoppel jumped into the semifinals via a 10-6 decision over John Marshall Kyle Mull in the quarterfinals.

Jeremy Shaw, the No. 2 seed, at 152, also advanced to the semis for the Beavers.

## Oak Glen

Oak Glen's Flowers needed just 21 seconds to pin Tyler Consolidated's Adam Weekly in second-round action at 145. In the third round, he helped his team get a leg up on Brooke, as he put a 3-1 decision over Bruins' Dana Davis.

Matt Wharton, the six seed at 152, ended an inspiring run by John Marshall's Corey Adkins in the quarterfinals by a count of 9-3. He'll face Brooke's Phil Bliss, the top seed, today in the semis in an important match for both teams.

Billy Whitehill scored an escape in overtime against Indian Creek's Brandon Bovina at 215 by a count of 2-1 in their second-round match, then advanced the third with a 7-4 verdict over Harrison Central's Brandon Huffman.

Patrick McGillian, the sixth-seeded heavyweight, pinned Barnesville's Ben Wise in 26 seconds to cap off a fine second round for the Bears. He later was bounced from championship competition by Bellaire's Matt Duval, a three-seed.

Justin Goneau, the Bears' fourth-seeded 112-pounder who was upset in second-round championship action, rebounded in his second-round consolation match, pinning East Liverpool's Matt Walker at 1:34. He later recorded a major decision over Martins Ferry's Chad Ware in third-round consolation action.

Brandon Miller, an unseeded Golden Bear at 103, lost a 13-11 decision to sixth-seeded Joe Skoff of Bellaire St. John's in a third-round championship match.

## Brooke

Brooke's Jonathan McFarland,

the No. 5 seed at 125, made short work of Wheeling Park's Ron Nelson in the second round, earning a 13-0 decision and helping the Bruins hang around. He upped his mark to 15-5 with a pin of St. Clairsville's Todd Schmelzenbach at 5:34 in the quarterfinals.

Phil Bliss, the top seed at 152, later advanced with a fall over Buckeye Local's Matt Sexton in quick fashion — 34 seconds — in the second round, then earned a 10-1 decision over Harrison Central's Ken Baker. He'll face Oak Glen's Matt Wharton in another important matchup for both teams.

Mike and Dave Durbin, both two-seeds — Mike at 135 and Dave at 140 — each advanced to today's semifinals, but it wasn't easy. Dave earned a 15-10 decision over Martins Ferry's Luke Warren in the second round, then escaped with a 10-8 overtime decision over Harrison Central's Ben Phillips in the quarterfinals.

Mike pinned John Marshall's George Mikles at the 1:38 mark of their second-round match, then weathered a storm brought on by Oak Glen's Ian Whittington in the quarterfinals, 4-2, also in overtime.

Matt Smith later earned a 5-3 decision over Martins Ferry's Brady Roth as he advanced to the semifinals at 119.

Braden Shaw joined him in the semis after he pinned St. Clairsville's Jake Becker with a pin 1:03 in their quarterfinal match at 130.

## Buckeye Local

The top seeds continued to roll for Buckeye Local, which is fourth with 108 points. Both Zach Schuller (135) and David Bertolino (160) won their quarterfinal matches and are in search of championships today. Schuller, just a freshman, pinned Sean McIntosh, of Oak Glen, while Bertolino pinned Union Local's Craig Blevins at 2:44.

## CLASS AAA

### Harrison Central

Harrison Central, second in 3-A, fifth overall, continued to look strong as Vic Bologna, the No. 5 seed at 145, pinned Conotton Valley's Adam Wadian in 1:10 in the second round, before he

dropped an 8-2 decision to the hands of Buckeye Local's Brock Bown, the No. 4 seed. Teammate Jesse Emery, the top seed at 119, kept things going with a technical fall over Beaver Local's Paul McCoy to advance to the semifinals.

Justin Myers, a five-seed, earned an upset of Cameron's Isaac Stewart, the three-seed, to advance to the semis at 160.

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Christopher Wilson, the top seed at 145, recorded a technical fall over St. Clairsville's Dale Ferrell at 2:41, in the second round by a score of 19-3. He then turned around and pinned Shenandoah's Matt Hannah's at 3:55 in the quarterfinals.

Robby Dimmerling, the three-seed at 171, advanced after he pinned East Liverpool's Chris Green with 21 seconds remaining in their quarterfinal match.

Tyler Schumacher, a six-seed and owner of more than 100 career victories, also landed himself in the semifinals at 160, as he won a tie-breaker to upset Indian Creek's Kellen Hughes, the four-seed. He'll face top seed David Bertolino in the semifinals.

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### Cameron

Cameron, with 78 points, pushed its single-A lead over Shadyside (64) and Bellaire St. John's (50) despite not being able to push anyone through to the semifinals. Isaac Stewart, D.J. Yoders, and Casey Hughes, and Tim Cumston all dropped into the consolation brackets on Friday.

## Other Notables

Mickey Nicola, of Bellaire St. John's won both his matches, including a quarterfinal major decision over Monroe Central's Jordan Siedler at 112 pounds. Teammate Joe Skoff joins him in the semifinals ... Wheeling Park's Cody Tominack, the two-seed at 189, advanced with a pin of Shenandoah's John Horn. Teammate Scott Bumgardner (112) joins him there... Union Local's Koel Davia won a pair of matches and has landed in the semifinals, along with fellow top seed Clay Tucker o Martins Ferry.

# Hartle

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Six of those wrestlers kept that perfection alive, with only Caldwell's Lemaster losing a 9-2 decision to Oak Glen's Brandon Miller, an unseeded competitor who won his first two matches.

Lemasters was a three-seed at 103. He came back to post a 5-1 decision over St. Clairsville's Bryan Shammel, but still faced an uphill battle to place the rest of the way.

At 112, Huffman didn't have to work too hard, smothering Meadowbrook's Jon Rossiter in 53 seconds to improve to 23-0 in quarterfinal action. He upped that mark to 24-0 Friday evening when he recorded a 9-5 victory over Brooke's Josh Greiner, and will face Hartle in the semis.

Brown, the three-seed at 130, pinned Nate Furry of Meadowbrook 30 seconds into the second period of his second-round match, then bounced Buckeye Local's John Petrozzi, the No. 6 seed, with a 5-3 decision in the quarter-

finals. He'll challenge Brooke's Braden Shaw, the two-seed, in the semifinals.

Irwin, who entered the fray with a 20-0 record and a No. 2 seed, easily won his second-round match, pinning Martins Ferry's Jesse Jones in 1:13. In the third round, he stopped Indian Creek's Zac Pendleton, 14-6. He next faces Oak Glen's Steve Flowers.

Teammate Samsa later pinned Beallsville's Vince Pittman at 3:24, improving his mark to 23-0 in the second round before taking even less time — 36 seconds — to dispatch of St. Clairsville's Josh Meeks, the eighth seed in the quarterfinal round. He'll wrestle three-seed Ryan Dimmerling of Monroe Central in the semifinals.

Bertolino ended the suspense of his first match against Steubenville's James Beach rather quickly, needing just over two minutes to advance via pin. He pinned Union Local's Craig Blevins at 2:44 of their quarterfinal match. He'll face Monroe

Central's Tyler Schumacher — a six seed — in the semis.

Carothers was the last of the undefeated to take the match in the afternoon session. For Harrison Central fans, it was worth the wait. Carothers pinned Tyler Consolidated's Luke Shepherd in 1:12, to improve his personal mark to 22-0. He later advanced to the semifinals by way of a 15-4 major decision over River's Wesley Haslam. There, he'll face No. 4 seed Michael Price of Cambridge.

## More upsets

The 112-pound bracket experienced a ripple effect after Oak Glen experienced its first setback as Goneau, the No. 4 seed at 112, rallied, but lost a 2-1 decision to John Marshall's Hartle.

Minutes later Caldwell's Justin Seebach was able to get past Union Local's Nate Gossett, a No. 3 seed, by a count of 8-4.

Josh Hoover a No. 4 seed from Beaver Local, lost a 4-3 decision to Shenandoah's Todd

# OVAC 50-year committee seeking former champs

The OVAC 50-year wrestling tournament committee is preparing to honor all OVAC champions from 1954 to 2002 as part of the OVAC 2003 Tournament.

The following people have not yet been contacted as the committee is unable to locate an address.

If you know of the address please contact Steve Kish, Jr. at 6320 McCaslin Road, Nashport, OH 43830 or call 740.453.9146.

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Steubenville HS: Wilbert Williams, Valentino Jackson Weir HS: Pat Allese  
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**SERVING** as the committee mapping out the 50th OVAC Wrestling Tournament: from left Dick Wolfe, Dick Edge, Ron Mauck, Bill Heingardner and Danny Doyle from left, are Steve Kish and Dr. Bill Welker.

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## CHS's Price second at OVAC mat tourney Beaver Local wins overall team title; 15 area wrestlers place

WHEELING, W.Va. — A total of 15 wrestlers from the local area, headed by a runner-up effort by Cambridge High senior Michael Price, earned place finishes at the 50th annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament which wrapped up Saturday night at the Wheeling Civic Center.



**Price**

In finishing as the area's top finisher, Price dropped an 8-3 decision to Union Local junior Koel Davia, the defending Ohio Division III state champion, in the night's final match - the heavyweight championship. Davia scored a takedown with seven seconds remaining in the first period to claim a 2-0 lead. With Price starting on top in the second round, Davia scored an escape at the 1:30 mark to build a 3-0 advantage. In the third period, Davia started on top

and allowed Price to get up, making it 3-1 at 1:56, but Davia scored another takedown at 1:15 to make it 5-1. Again, he allowed Price to get to his feet, making it 5-2, but a third takedown by Davia in the final seconds sealed the outcome. With the victory, Davia improves to 27-1 on the season while Price is 9-2. The two are now 2-2 in head-to-head competition during their careers. Last year, Davia finished fifth in the OVAC tournament while Price was seventh.

Beaver Local emerged as the overall and Class 4-A team champion with 225 points, outdistancing runner-up Brooke which had 196. Third place overall went to Oak Glen (178) followed by Buckeye Local (170), Monroe Central (137), Harrison Central (127.5), Wheeling Park (119.5), Indian Creek (107.5), John



Marshall (101.5) and East Liverpool (95). Joining Beaver Local as division champions were Oak Glen in Class 3-A, Monroe Central in Class 2-A and Cameron in Class 1-A. Among the local teams, Meadowbrook finished with 92.5 points, good for fourth place in Class 3-A; Shenandoah had 90.5 points to finish fifth in Class 3-A; Caldwell collected 45 points, taking third in Class 2-A; Barnesville had 76 points, placing eighth in 3-A; and Cambridge totaled 64 points, eighth in Class 4-A. Earning the next-best finishes among local wrestlers in the three-day OVAC extravaganza were Barnesville High senior Jarrod Anderson (27-2), who finished third in the 125-pound division, and Shenandoah junior Codey Leach (23-3), who was third at 215 pounds.

Five grapplers took fifth place, including Meadowbrook sophomore Mike Lehotay (28-5) at 103 pounds; Meadowbrook senior Ben Cain (27-6) at 125 pounds; Shenandoah junior Matt Hannahs (22-6) at 145 pounds; Barnesville junior Jason Bahmer (27-4) at 152 pounds; and Shenandoah senior Casey Rinehart (18-8) at 160 pounds. Barnesville junior Todd Hunkler (25-4) was sixth at 140 pounds; gaining seventh place were Meadowbrook senior Jeff Casey (27-6) at 152 pounds and Shenandoah freshman John Horn (20-7) at 189 pounds; and taking eighth place were Caldwell junior Chris Bond (18-8) at 125 pounds, Meadowbrook junior Tony Warner (25-8) at 140 pounds, Meadowbrook senior Derek Conrad (22-12) at 189 pounds and Barnesville junior Brad Hannahs (16-12) at 215 pounds. Individual OVAC champions included freshman Abbie Rush of Wheeling Park

### Several local grapplers fare well at OVAC Tournament

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(25-6) at 103; freshman Mickey Nicola of St. John Central (20-1) at 112; junior Jesse Emery of Harrison Central (22-2) at 119; sophomore Clay Tucker of Martins Ferry (21-2) at 125; junior Braden Shaw of Brooke (31-1) at 130; freshman Zack Schuller of Buckeye Local (24-3) at 135; senior Jared Hoppel of Beaver Local (19-2) at 140; senior Steve Flowers of Oak Glen (23-1) at 145; senior Phil Bliss of Brooke (30-1) at 152; senior David Bertolino of Buckeye Local (26-0) at 160; junior Robbie Dimmerling of Monroe Central (20-1) at 171; senior Jared Williams of Beaver Local (24-2) at 189; junior Adam Hoppel of Beaver Local (19-1) at 215; and Davia of Union Local (27-1) at 275. Nine of the 14 champions (Emery, Tucker, Schuller, Jared Hoppel, Bliss, Bertolino, Williams, Adam Hoppel and Davia) entered the tournament as No. 1 seeds. Rush, Nicola and Shaw were No. 2 seeds while Flowers and Dimmerling were No. 3 seeds. Buckeye's Bertolino was named the Bierkorte Award winner as the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

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Wednesday,  
January 22, 2003

# 2003 OVAC Wrestling Tournament Pairings

## OVAC mat tournament to unfold Thursday

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

An Ohio Valley wrestling fan's three favorite days of the year are almost upon us.

The annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament kicks off Thursday evening at 6 p.m. at the Wheeling Civic Center.

The 2003 tournament marks the 50th anniversary of the bi-state tournament which has developed into one of the nation's largest tournaments.

"We have been blessed," said tournament director Ron Mauck. "To think that 50 years ago a wrestling tournament started in a conference and the conference is still doing very well with a lot of additions of sports, but our tournament is still here."



The three-day event -- which features five sessions and some 490 matmen from 34 schools -- will see more than 800 bouts contested before it wraps up Saturday evening.

Thursday's action finds first round matches in all 14 weight classes competing. The festivities begin with opening ceremonies which involves all competitors entering in an Olympic-style parade.

Friday's first session begins at 11 a.m. with second round championship matches as well as first and second round consolation matches.

The action picks up again Friday at 5 p.m. when the championship quarterfinals as well as the third and fourth round consolation matches all take center stage.

The opening three sessions will all be contested on eight mats.

The final day of the wrestling carnival will begin Saturday at 12 p.m. with the championship semifinals, fifth round and consolation semifinals.

The Civic Center will then come to life again Saturday at 6:30 p.m. with the championship and consolation finals.

Along with the wrestling, there are several other events which will take place.

The presentation of the Mr. Mat Award will be made prior to Saturday's finals as will the 25th anniversary, honoring winners from the 1978 tournament. Another anniversary will also be held as all of the champions from all 49 of the previous tournaments have been invited back to take part. They, too, will be recognized before the start of the finals.

Coach Larry Shaw's Golden Bears of Oak Glen enter the tournament as the defending overall and 3-A champions.

Beaver Local (4-A), Shadyside (2-A) and Cameron (1-A) are the other reigning class champions.

A new champion in 2-A is guaranteed since Shadyside has dropped to 1-A this year.

"I think this tournament will be very competitive," Mauck said. "As it usually is, this tournament is solid from top to bottom in all four classes."

The 3-A class earned the most seeds with 45, one more than 4-A. The 2-A division took 12 seeds and 1-A had 11 wrestlers seeded.

Two of the favorites entering the tournament are Beaver Local and Brooke.

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### OPENING ROUND PAIRINGS

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# Bears Seek OVAC Repeat

By JIM ELLIOTT  
Staff Writer

While much has changed in the 50 years since the first Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament — the location, the size, and in some cases, the teams — one constant remains.

In order to win, you've got to be good.

## WRESTLING REPORT

For teams like Oak Glen, last year's overall and Class 3-A champion, Beaver Local, East Liverpool, Brooke, Harrison Central, Martins Ferry, and Buckeye Local, that's not necessarily a problem.

Beaver Local and Brooke each have nine seeded wrestlers. In the case of the Beavers, three of those are No. 1s. Oak Glen has eight seeded wrestlers. Buckeye Local has six, including two No. 2s.

On paper, that gives those teams — and possibly a few others — an advantage. But the key to winning this thing isn't just having a few good wrestlers, it's having a team full of good wrestlers.

That's why Buckeye Local wrestling coach Jay Michael says it's nice to be mentioned with the Beaver Locals and Oak Glens of the world, but not always realistic.

"I think right now it's very tough for a lot of schools because the numbers are down," Michael said. "It's hard to get quantity with quality. A lot of teams are like that. They have quality kids, they just don't have a bunch of them."

■ The Golden Bears are one of the few teams that have both. And they've got a coach in Larry Shaw who makes a living winning titles.

If Oak Glen is going to repeat, it'll have to battle.

Steve Flowers is the Golden Bears' highest seed (third) at 145.

"They don't have any big seeds," Michael says, "but every one of their kids is going to score points."

Shaw agrees.

"Our kids have done that thus far this season," he said. "We've been competitive because of our team balance."

"We have to go in and compete hard. That's just what's expected at Oak Glen. When you're at the top, it's either stay there, or back off."

■ Buckeye Local's No. 1 seeds are Zach Schuller, a 135-pound freshman who has already taken on some of the state's best in that class, and David Bertolino, a 160-pound rock that has won a national tournament in Virginia last year. "He seems like he's been around for ever," Michael said of Bertolino, also a defending OVAC champion. "But he's certainly worked hard and put his time in."

■ Running the show for Beaver Local is Rich Wright, a former OVAC champion at East Liverpool who doubles as the school's football coach.

He's aware his team is about to become a bulls eye, although he scoffs at the idea that it's a favorite.

"Oak Glen is the returning champ," Wright says. "They're the favorite in my book."

Still, folks are keeping an open eye — maybe two — on Beaver Local.

"We knew at the end of last year that we were going to have a pretty good team," Wright said. "Hopefully it works out that way. You have to remem-

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**Buckeye Local coach Jay Michael on Oak Glen**

ber, seeds are just starting positions.

"We think we have 14 kids that can score — we think we have 14 kids that can place. A lot of our No. 1 and 2 seeds are going to face difficult opponents. That's why we need everyone to be involved."

With that, he'll have his team looking ahead, not behind.

"We want to cause an upset," Wright said, "and not become one. If we can do that, we'll be right in the thick of it."

Leading the way for the Beavers is 215-pounder Adam Hoppel. Hoppel is a defending state champion, and a two-time defending OVAC champion.

He's Wright's ace.

"He has to wrestle every match with very little to gain and a lot to lose," Wright said. "He's been a big point scorer for us since he's been a ninth grader. He's a good part of our lineup because you end with those guys. It's a good card to have in your hand."

Beaver's other No. 1s are Jared Hoppel, an OVAC runner-up last year at 130 and Jared Williams, a four-year starter who has placed three times — but never won an OVAC title.

"We'd like to see him up there," Wright says.

■ Brooke, which finished sixth a year ago, is already on its way to one of its most decorated wrestling seasons ever.

Coach Joe Erlewine has watched his wrestlers, who are all back from a year ago, look up at the walls in the school's wrestling room, which detail all of the school's records, and think big.

They've already got one, and they're aiming for more.

"We're pretty hot right now," Erlewine reports.

Phil Bliss won an OVAC championship at 140 pounds last year, and will look to duplicate that feat this season at 152. He's the top seed in that class while three other Bruins — Braden Shaw (130), Mike Durbin (135), and David Durbin (140) — are two-seeds. "They're really focused," Erlewine said.

■ Other 2002 champions that are back looking for more hardware in this year's tourney

are Martins Ferry's Clay Tucker, who won last year at 103, and is the No. 1 seed at 125 ... River's Lucas Huffman, who seeks a second consecutive title at 112 ... Josh Johnston of Indian Creek, who was crowned champion at 125 a year ago, but will compete at 130 this year ... Monroe Central's Mr. Everything Chris Wilson is attempting to defend his title at 145 pounds.

■ Shadyside, the defending Class AA champion, has dropped to single-A, and now figures to be defending champion on Cameron's top competition for that division title.

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wrestlers.

The Beavers, however, have wrestlers seeded in the top four, including top-seeded Adam Hoppel (215), Jared Hoppel (140) and Jared Williams (189).

Buckeye Local — which also figures to be in the chase for much of the weekend — has two top seeds. Defending champion David Bertolino (160) and freshman Zach Schuller (135).

The remainder of the top seeds look like this: 103 -- Anthony Valles (Weir Madonna); 112 -- Lucas Huffman (River); 119 -- Jesse Emery (Harrison Central); 125 -- Clay Tucker (Martins Ferry); 130 -- Josh Johnston (Indian Creek); 145 -- Christopher Wilson (Monroe Central); 152 -- Phil Bliss (Brooke); 171 -- Bobby Samsa (Shadyside); 275 -- Koel Davia (Union Local).

"I think the team title is going to be somewhat of a toss up," Mauck said. "There are always going to be upsets along the way, but I think the coaches did a good job with the seeding, so it will be interesting."

Once all of the matches have been contested, another award will be presented. The Dave Bierkorte Award is given to the tournament's most outstanding grappler.



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(all times 7:30 p.m. unless noted)

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Whg. Jesuit at W.Va. State  
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Tri-State Christian at Linsly  
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Ohio State at Indiana, 7 p.m.

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Cameron at West Greene  
**Girls' Basketball**  
Weir at Wheeling Central  
Meadowbrook at Shenandoah

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Conotton Valley, Tusc. Central at Malvern, 6 p.m.

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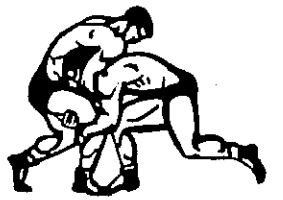
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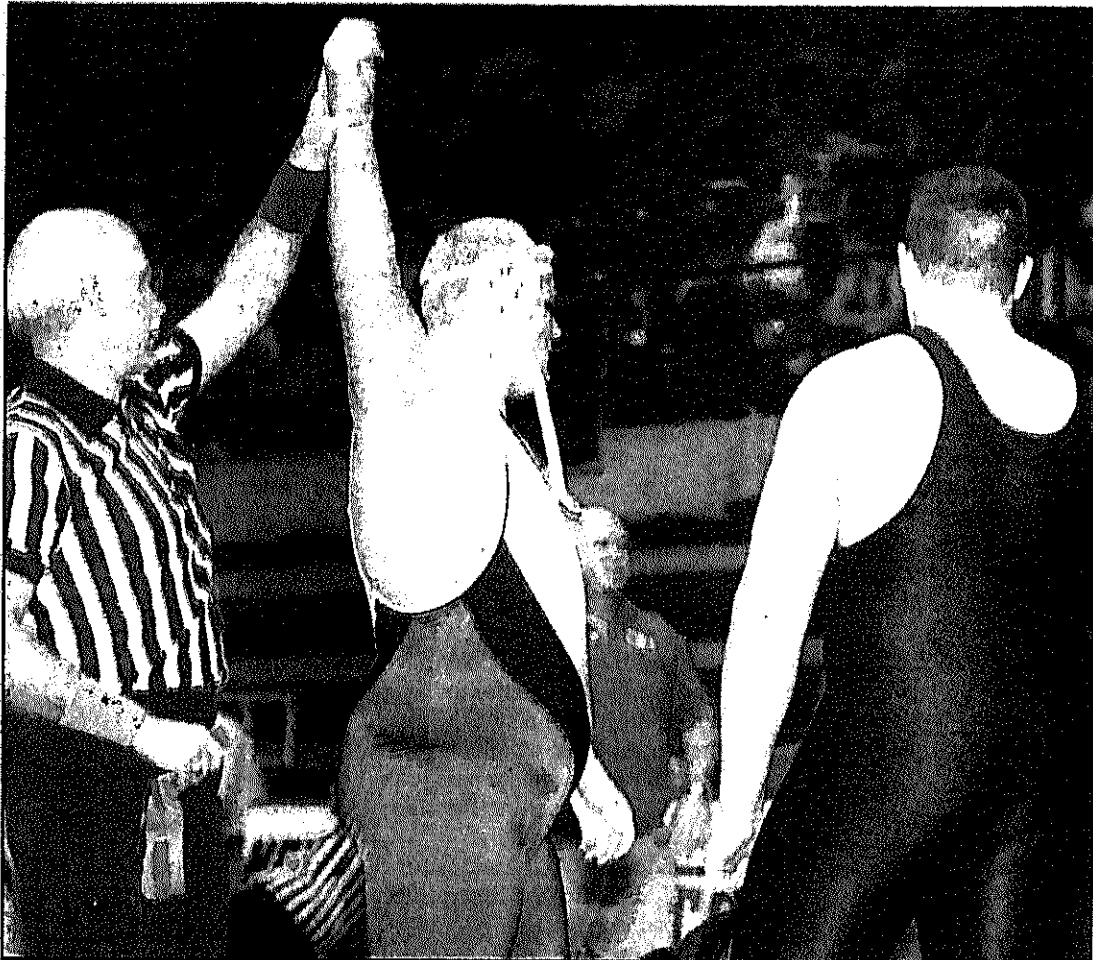
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- 1980: Trent Iachine, Steubenville
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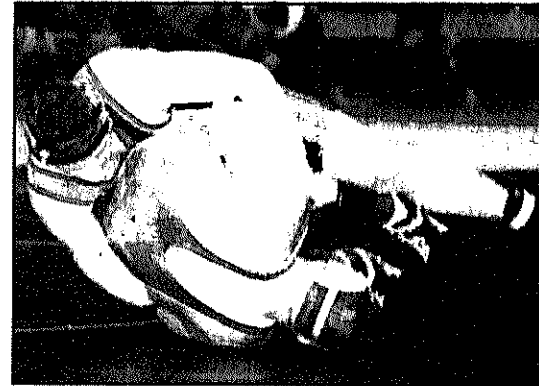
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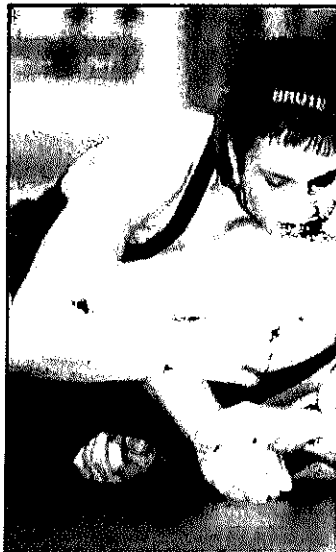
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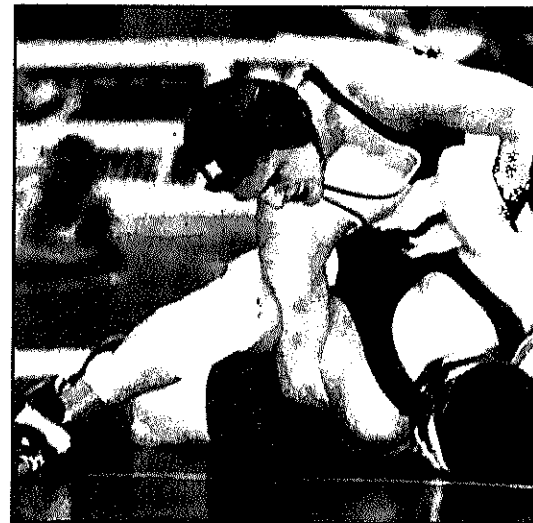
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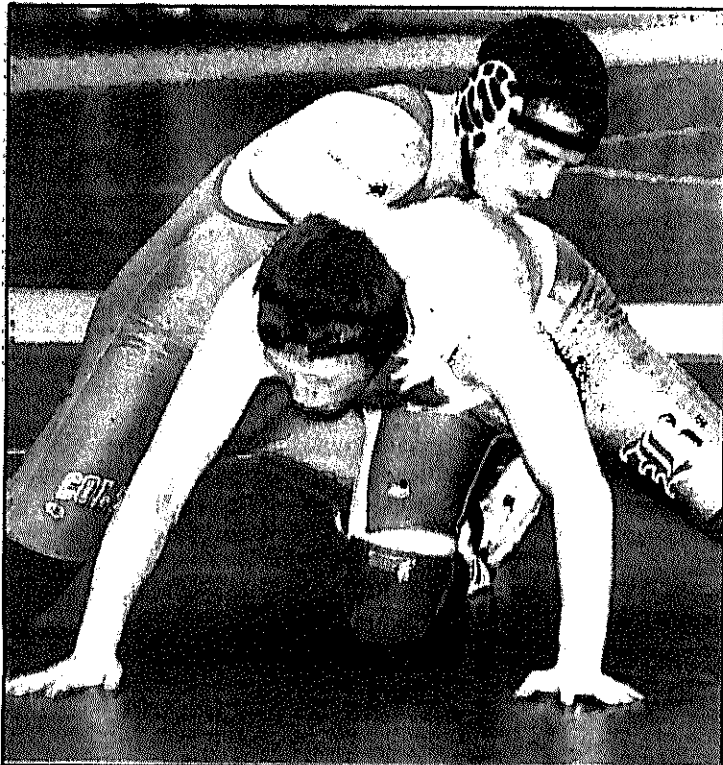
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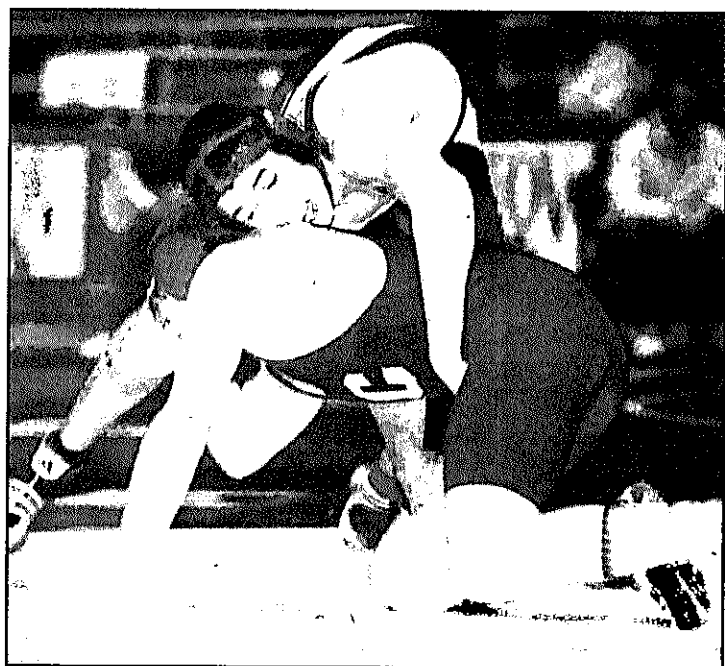
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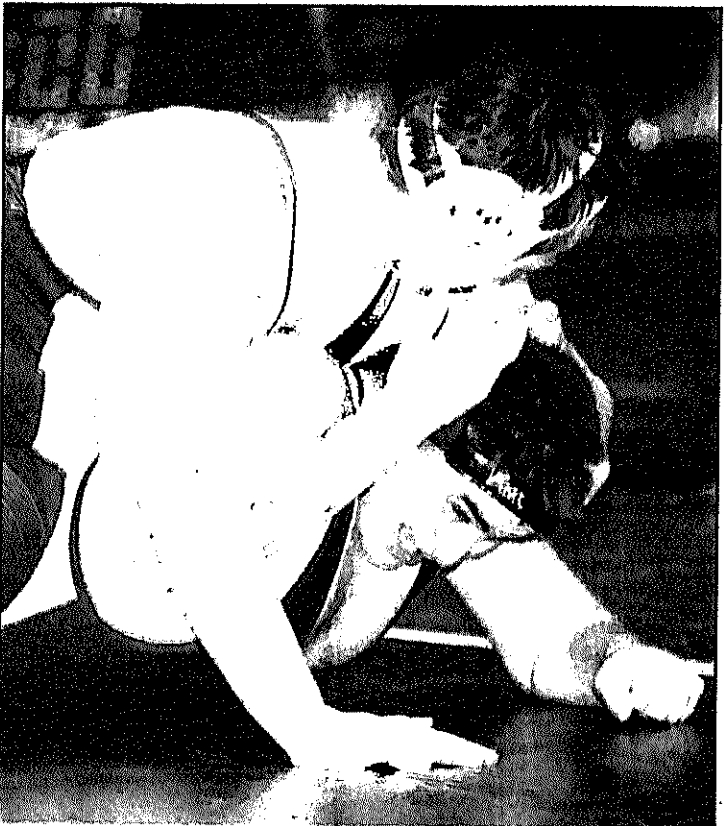
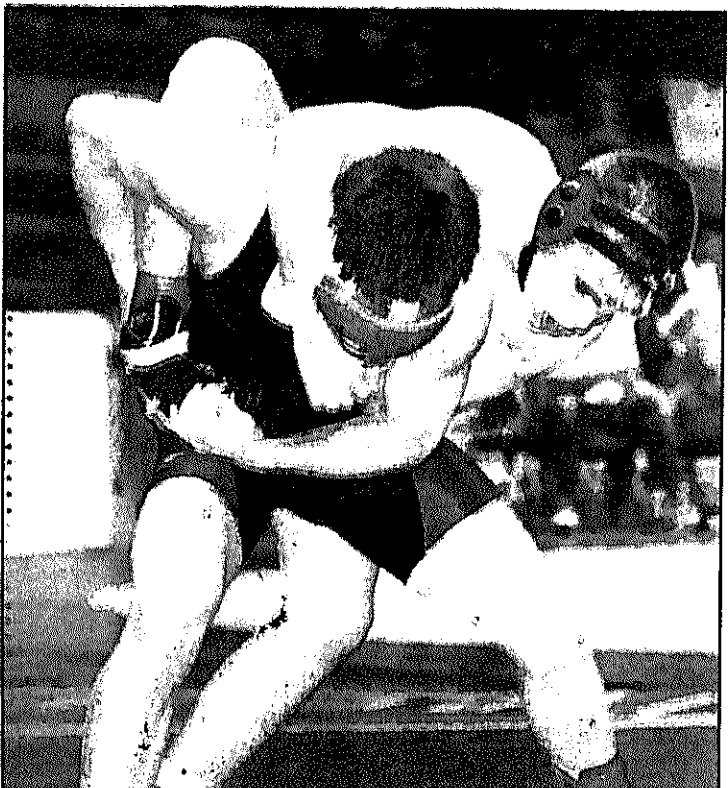
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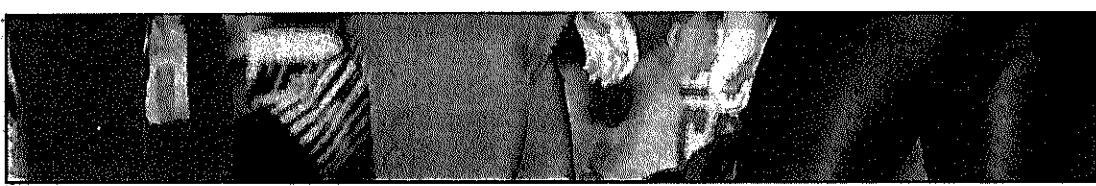
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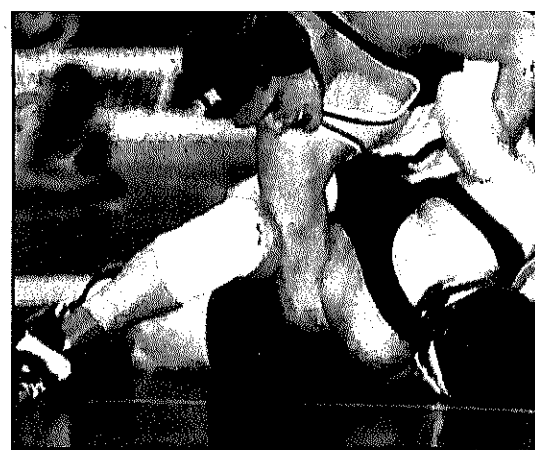




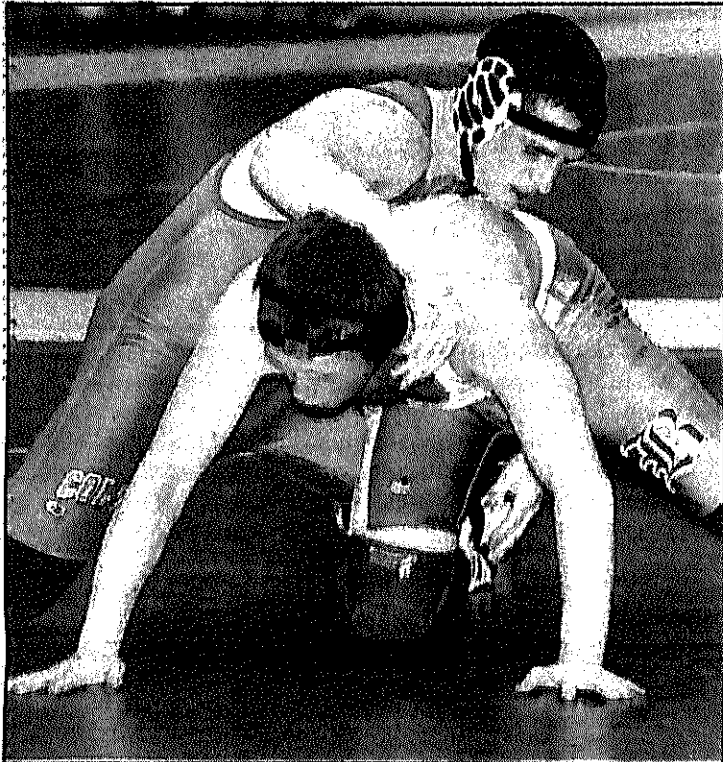


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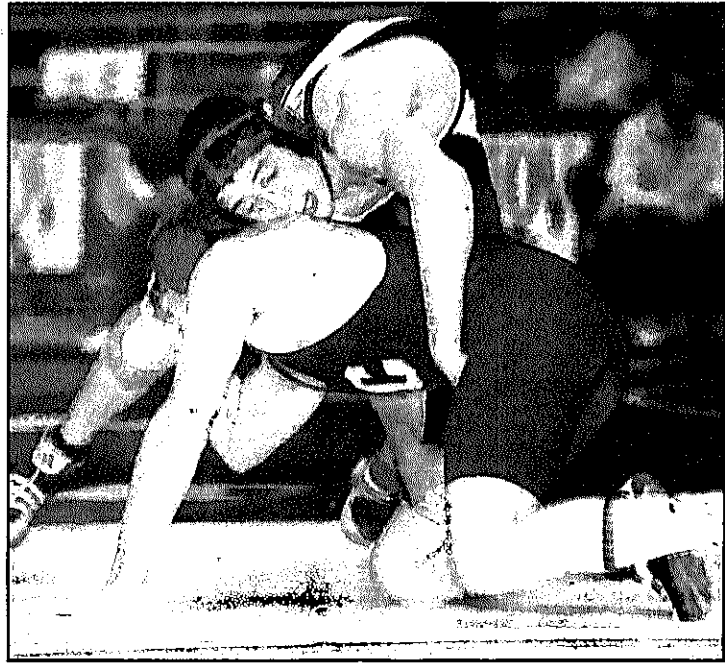
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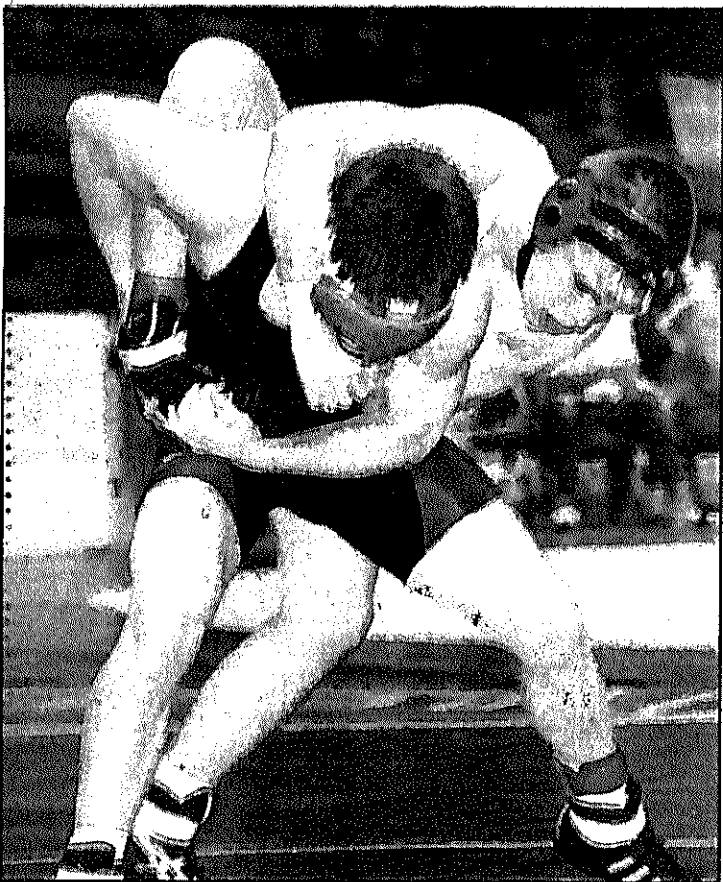
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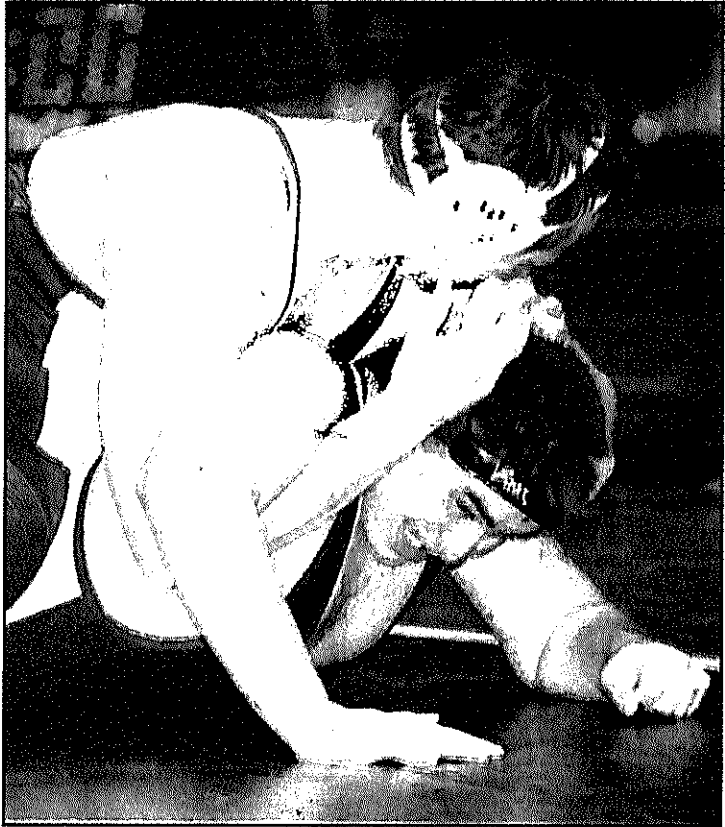
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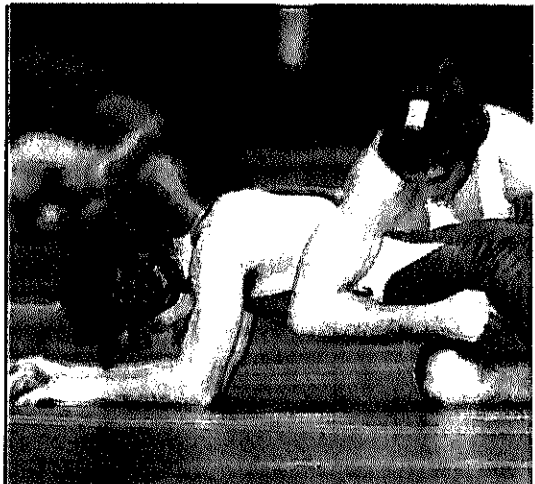
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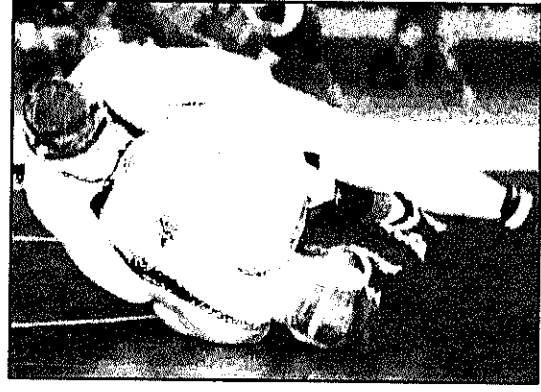
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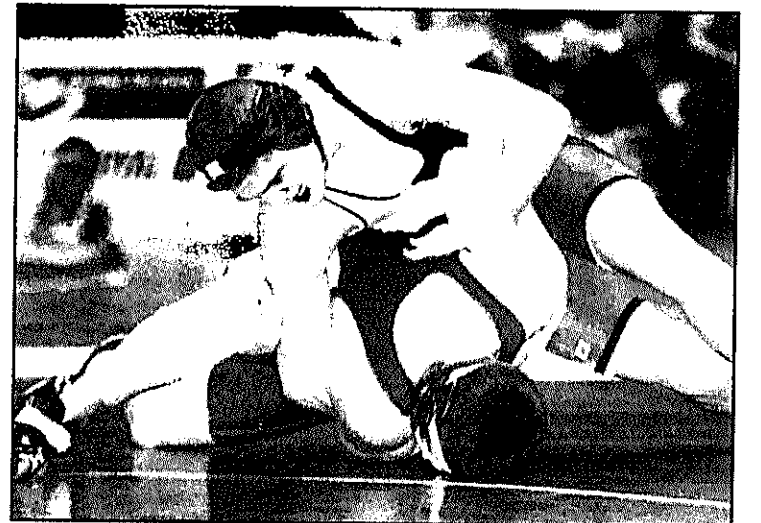
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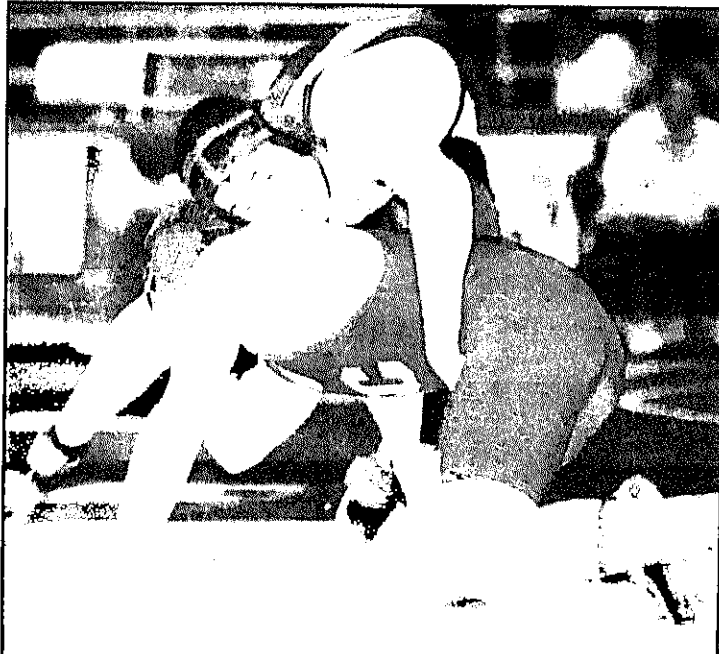
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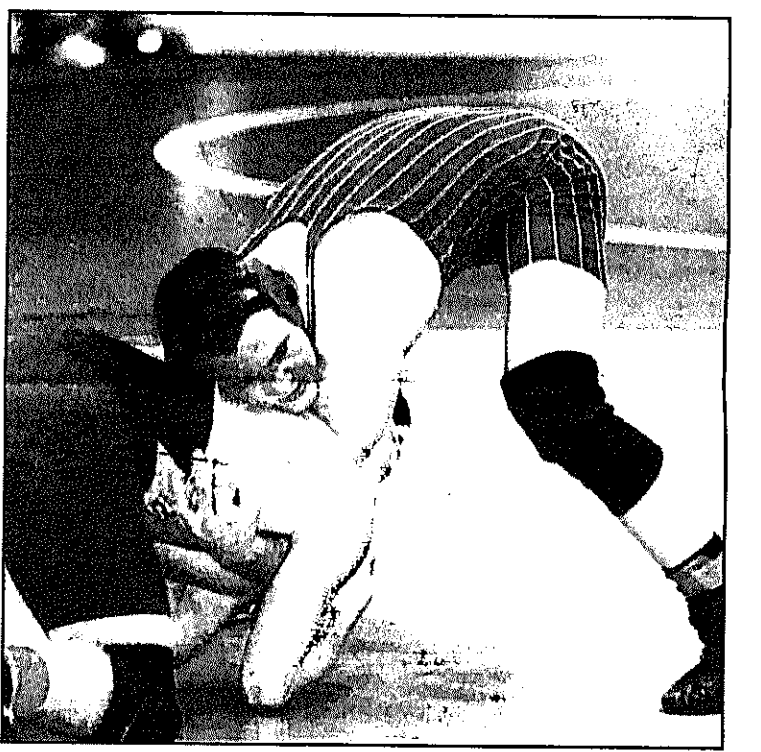
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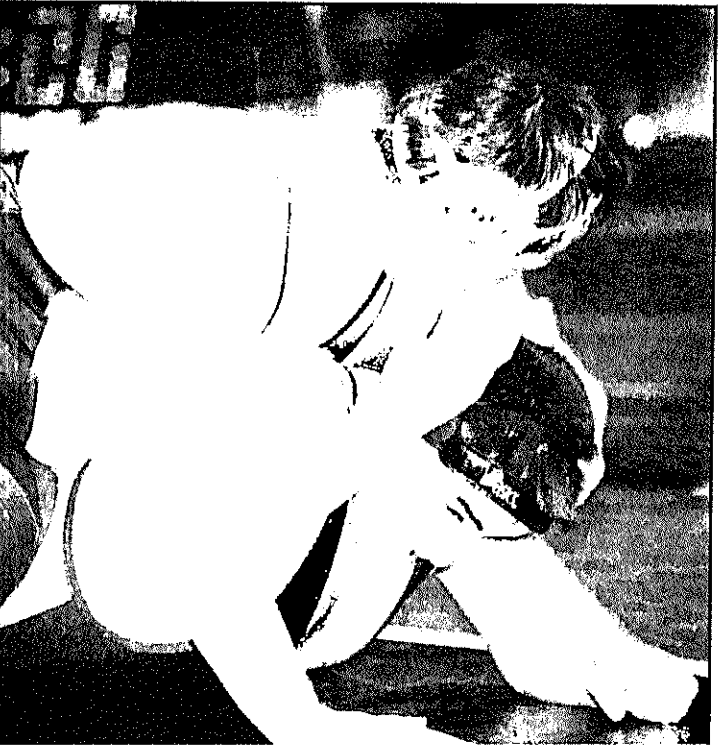
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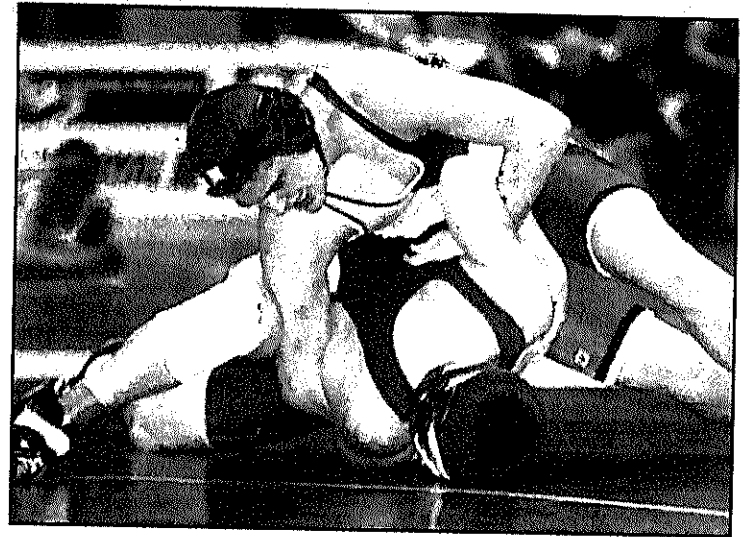
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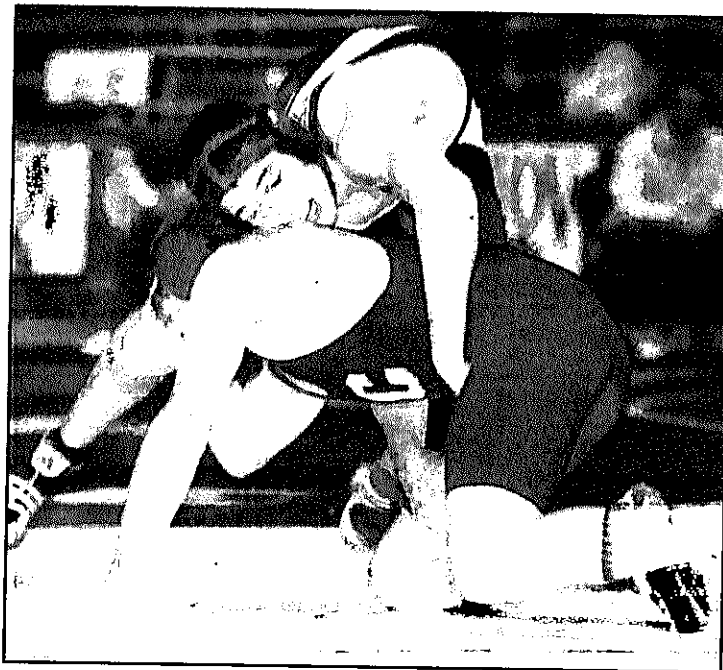
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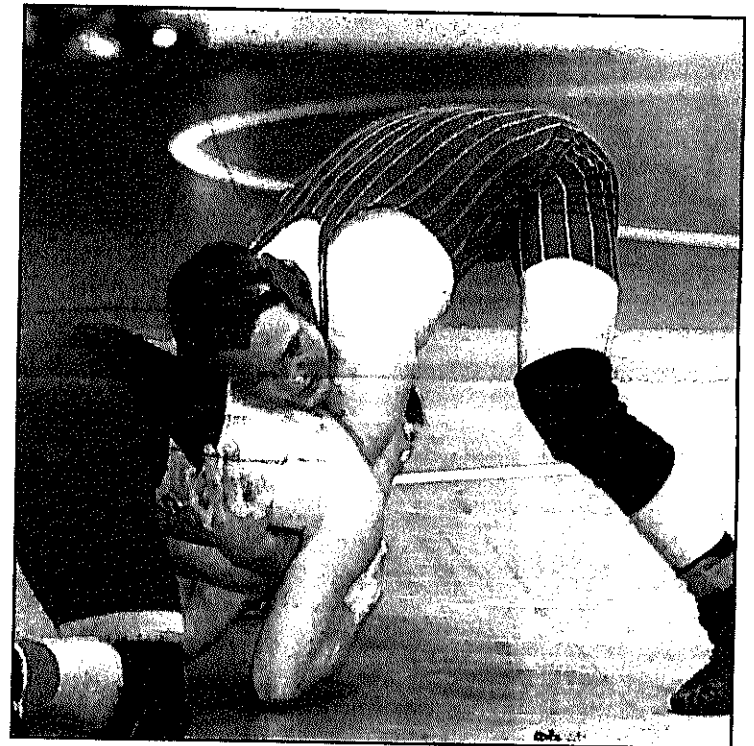
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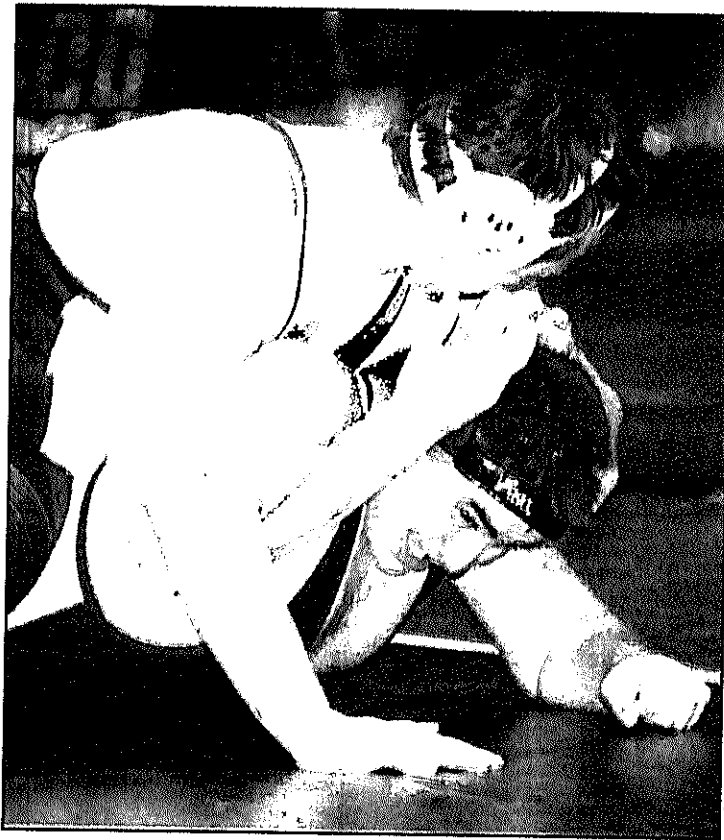
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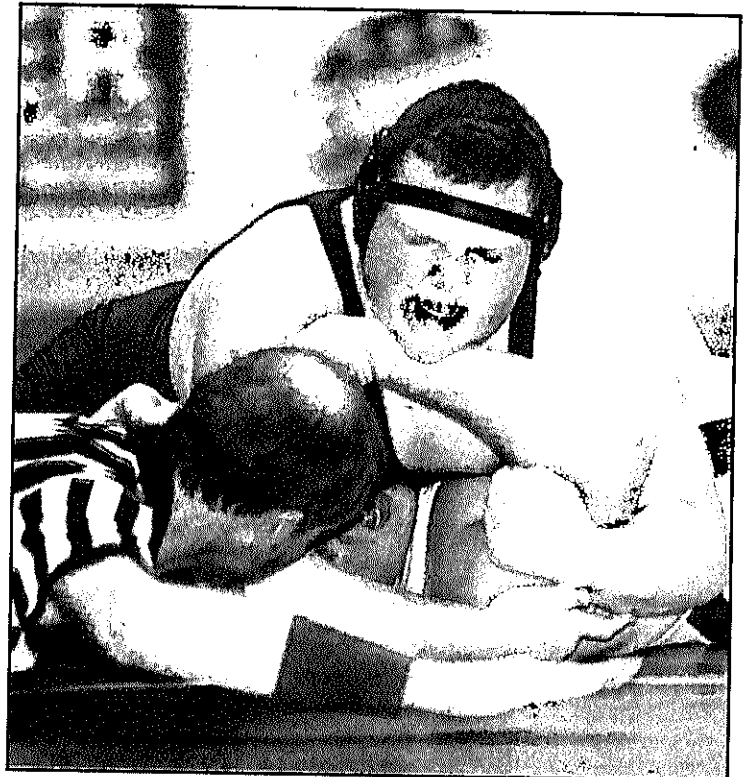
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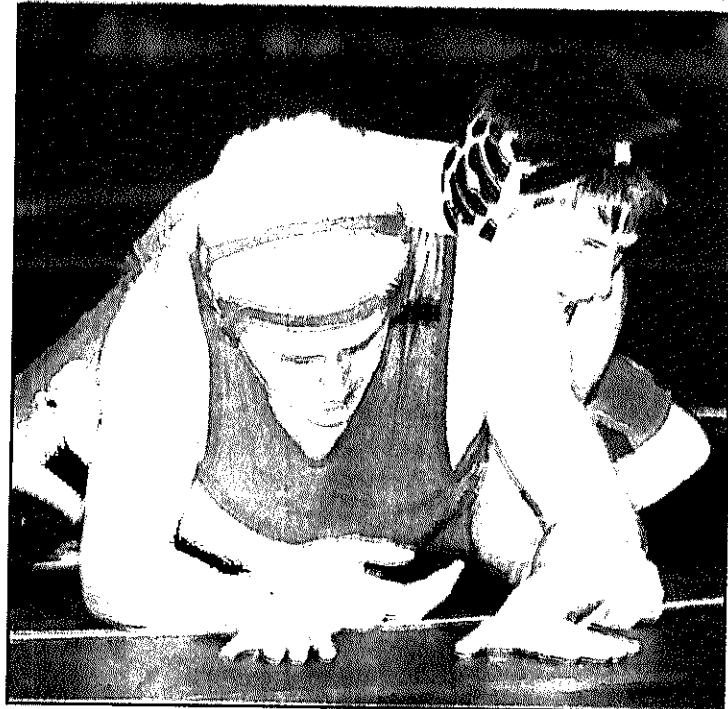
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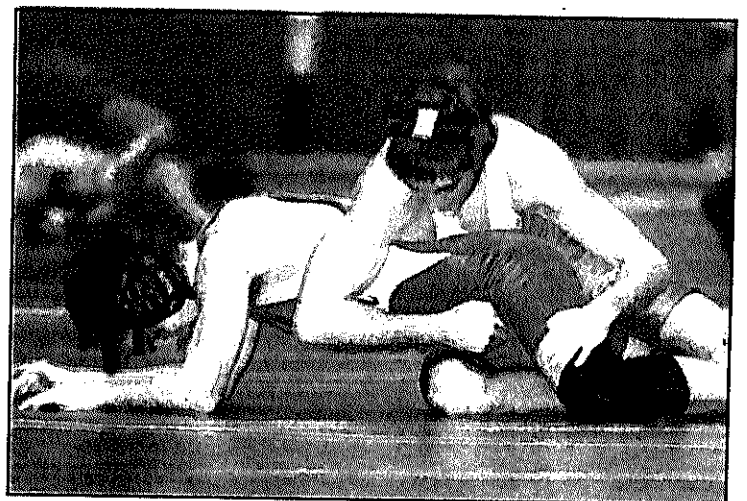
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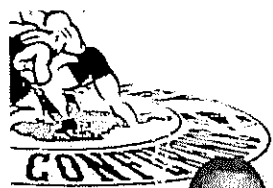


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## OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT



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## Wrestling to take over OVAC sports scene

By RICK DeLUCA  
Times Leader Sports Writer

While king football is heading deep into post-season play, high school wrestling (check that, king wrestling) is heading for the mats through the Ohio Valley as the 2002-2003 season is set to get underway in early December.

As a preview to the upcoming season, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference opened the curtains on the new season with its annual media night at the Wheeling Civic Center this week by unveiling its plans for the new season and the 50th anniversary conference tournament.

Six new coaches will be taking over at Ohio Valley schools this season and a very impressive list of veteran coaches return as the area embarks on what should be another in a long line of exciting prep wrestling seasons.

Of course, the highlight of the new season will be the annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament scheduled for January 23, 24 and 25 at the Civic Center in Wheeling, the 50th tournament put on by the conference.

As an added kicker for the Ohio Valley wrestling fans, West Liberty State College has been selected to host the 2003 Division II National Wrestling Championships at the Civic Center. The tournament will bring to the valley that best Division II college wrestling from throughout the country to compete for a national title on March 14-15.

This year's OVAC tournament will feature approximately 850 bouts with nearly 500 wrestlers vying for one of the 14 titles in each of the four classes.

Oak Glen returns as the defending overall champion and will be trying to become the four straight school to win back-to-back conference crowns. Class champs last season were Cameron in Class 1-A, Shadyside in Class 2-A, Oak Glen in Class 3-A and Beaver Local in Class 4-A.

Individual champions returning to either defend their crowns in the same weight class or add another in a different weight are Clay Tucker, a sophomore at Martins Ferry and 103-pound champ, Lucas Huffman, a senior at River and 112-pound champ, Josh Johnson, a senior at Indian Creek and 125-pound champ, Phil Bliss, a senior at Brooke and 140-pound champ, Christopher Wilson, a senior at Monroe Central and 145-pound champ, David Bertolino, a senior at Buckeye Local and 160-pound champ and Adam Hoppel, a junior at Beaver Local and 215-pound champ.

As an added attraction to this year's tourney, the conference will bring back the 1978 tournament champions as part of their annual running honor to the 25th anniversary team. According to conference officials, nearly all of the '78 champions will be back on the tourney mats once again.

Also on the busy agenda will be the annual presentation of the Mr. Mat Award, given annually to a person who has made valuable contributions to the sport of wrestling. The Assistant and Junior High Coaches Award will be presented as part of the Thursday ceremonies and the Coaches Service Awards will be presented on

Friday night.

This year's tournament will be extra special as the conference, in keeping with the 50th anniversary festivities, will bring back the champions from all the past 50 years for a special Parade of Champions on Saturday night.

A major undertaking by the conference's wrestling community, the return of over 400 past champions is likely as the conference commemorates their return with a special ceremony and presentation to each returning champ.

While the season officially gets underway with a triangular at Beallsville High featuring the host Blue Devils, West Muskingum and Tuscarawas Central Catholic, the season gets into full swing with a long list of invitational and dual meet tournaments through the season.

First on the list of top local tourneys is the annual St. John Central Invitational on December 6-7. The same weekend will present the annual Union Local Invitational in Morristown on Saturday, December 7.

December will feature tournaments at Barnesville, Brooke, Caldwell, Beaver Local, Tyler Consolidated, St. Clairsville and Wheeling Park, along with those at St. John and UL.

In January, tournaments at Shadyside, Meadowbrook, Steubenville, Beallsville, Cameron and Bellaire will coincide with the giant OVAC tourney.

During the month of February, OVAC schools will prep for post-season wrestling with mat invitationals at River, Wellsville, Buckeye Local and Conotton Valley.

Dual meet champions in 2002 were Shadyside in Class 2-A, Cameron in Class 1-A, John Marshall in Class 4-A and Martins Ferry in Class 3-A.

Completing the list of coaches in the conference this year are Luke Johnson at Barnesville, Clint Abbott at Beallsville, Rich Wright at Beaver Local, Shane Schaffer, in his first year at Bellaire, John Durdines, new at Bishop Donahue, Mike LaMotte, in his first year at Bridgeport, Joe Erlewine at Brooke, Jay Michael at Buckeye Local, Dalton Summers at Caldwell and Tom Moore at Cambridge.

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Continuing the list is Troy Keith at Meadowbrook, Paul Robison at Monroe Central, Larry Shaw at Oak Glen, Chuck Baker at River, John Haswell at Shadyside, Mike Waite at Shenandoah, John Vrotsos at St. Clairsville, Andrew LaMotte III at St. John's, David DeFelice at Steubenville and Ron Clark at Steubenville Central.

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## OVAC Wrestling Tournament committee seeks past champions

The OVAC 50-year wrestling tournament committee is preparing to honor all OVAC champions from 1954 to 2002 as part of the OVAC 2003 Tournament. The following people have not yet been contacted as the committee is unable to locate an address.

If you know of the address please contact Steve Kish, Jr. at 6320 McCaslin Road, Nashport, OH 43830 or call 740.453.9146.

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- 1955 Bridgeport HS: Tom Evans
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- Martins Ferry HS: John Scordos, Joe Reasbeck
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- Weir HS: George Harvey
- 1964 Moundsville HS: Ed Coater
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- Weir HS: George Sarap
- 1968: St. John HS: Frank King
- Steubenville HS: Robert Young 1971
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- Martins Ferry HS: Don Blum
- 1972 Brooke HS: Dick Nichols
- Wintersville HS: Wally Pesult
- 1973 Barnesville HS: Challen Stewart
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- 1975 Steubenville HS: Keith Owens
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- 1977 Brooke HS: Mike Gamble
- 1979 Oak Glen HS: Jeff Hobbs
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- Bridgeport HS: Scott Sears
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- 1963 Martins Ferry HS: Bill Brown
- 1965 Wheeling Central HS: Doug Naegle
- 1970 Brilliant HS: Roger Taylor
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# Beaver Local leading OVAC Wrestling Tournament

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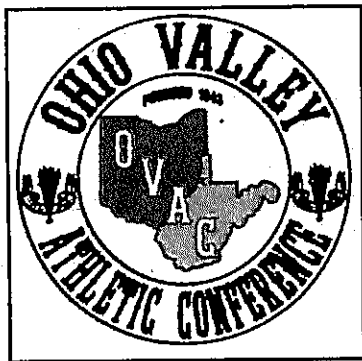
With the big four, Beaver Local, Oak Glen, Brooke and Buckeye Local, holding the top four spots heading into today's final rounds, the overall champion will win by taking a different route to the top than the others.

Two-time and defending champion Oak Glen will be counting on its balance, second-day leader will be looking to its ~~mid-to-heavyweights~~. Brooke will be hoping for a big day from its tourney-leading seven semi-finalists and past two-time champion Buckeye Local will be looking for its big guns to come through and a lot of help from the competition.

Beaver Local, a runnerup last year, leads the overall team scoring heading into today's action with 141.5 points and six wrestlers qualified for the noon semi-finals.

Oak Glen, West Virginia's top mat team over the past decade and defending OVAC champion, sits in second place with 138.5 points and only four wrestlers in the semifinals. Coach Larry Shaw's Golden Bears have an ace in the hole in their seven grapplers still alive in the consolation rounds.

Brooke, a team threatening to win its first-ever OVAC wrestling crown, is third with 126 points and sitting is good



shape with the largest contingent - seven - wrestlers still in the winners bracket.

Buckeye Local, back-to-back winners in 1996 and '97, are sitting in fourth place with 108 points and five wrestlers in the championship round including two top seeds. Two other Panther wrestlers will be attempting to wrestle back through the consolation matches.

Harrison Central and Indian Creek, coached by Jim and John Rocchi respectively, hold the fifth and six spots with 88.5 points each and Monroe Central is just behind in seventh with 87.5.

Harrison has six wrestlers still alive heading into the Saturday rounds split evenly between the championship and consolation rounds. The Creek has just one wrestler in the winners bracket and four in the consolations.

Monroe Central is the real surprise, holding the seventh spot with all five remaining wrestlers still competing the championship brackets.

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HARRISON Central's David Blawut (left) attempts to shake loose from the grasp of John Marshall's Paul Simons during action Friday night in the OVAC Wrestling Tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center. Simons won a 3-1 decision.

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points, Wheeling Park, with 80.5 and Cameron, with 78.5 round out the top 10. Park, a last a champion in 1994, has four wrestlers remaining in the winners' bracket.

While Beaver Local and Brooke are hoping that their numbers in the championship brackets will carrying them to a title, Oak Glen and Buckeye Local each will need some help beyond their winners' bracket grapplers.

"It's pretty much what I said earlier, it's wrestlers that can wrestle back that will give their team the edge and that's why we're trailing right now," Buckeye Local coach Jay Michael Friday night.

"We lost a big one in the quarters," he added. "I thought we could put six in the semis and even six in the finals. Right now we're down to five, so we've got to battle back, but we do have two in the consolations still alive hopefully they will get us some points."

"Of course, we got our five in

the semis and if we can get them in the finals that would be a big boost," Michael pointed out. "Hopefully, we can pull off an upset here and there. In most of those, we are the lowest seed, so we just have to see what we can do."

Buckeye heads into Saturday's competition with five wrestlers in the semi-finals including unbeaten and defending 160-pound champion David Bertolino. The Panther senior will take a 25-0 record into today's semi-finals against Monroe Central's Tyler Schumacher.

Also heading into the semis for the Panthers are 145-pounder Brock Bowman, an 8-2 winner over Harrison's Vic Bologna and 125-pound Ryan Turnbull, who will take on top-seeded and 2002 champion at 103 Clay Tucker of Martins Ferry in the semis. Buckeye also advanced top-seeded freshman Zach Schuller at 135, who will square off with Monroe's Ryan Ferguson in the semis, and 119-

pound freshman Willie Saxton, who will take on Harrison's top-seeded Jesse Emery in the semi-finals.

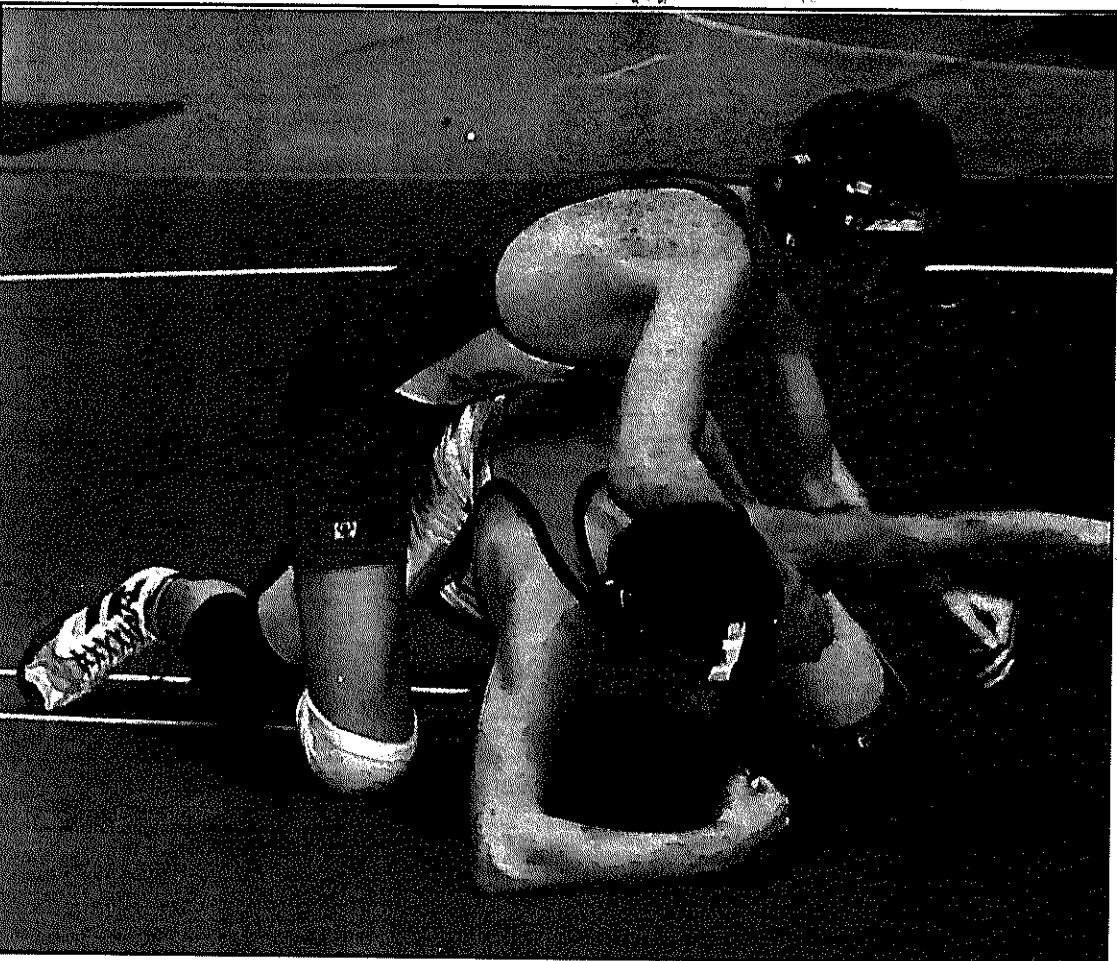
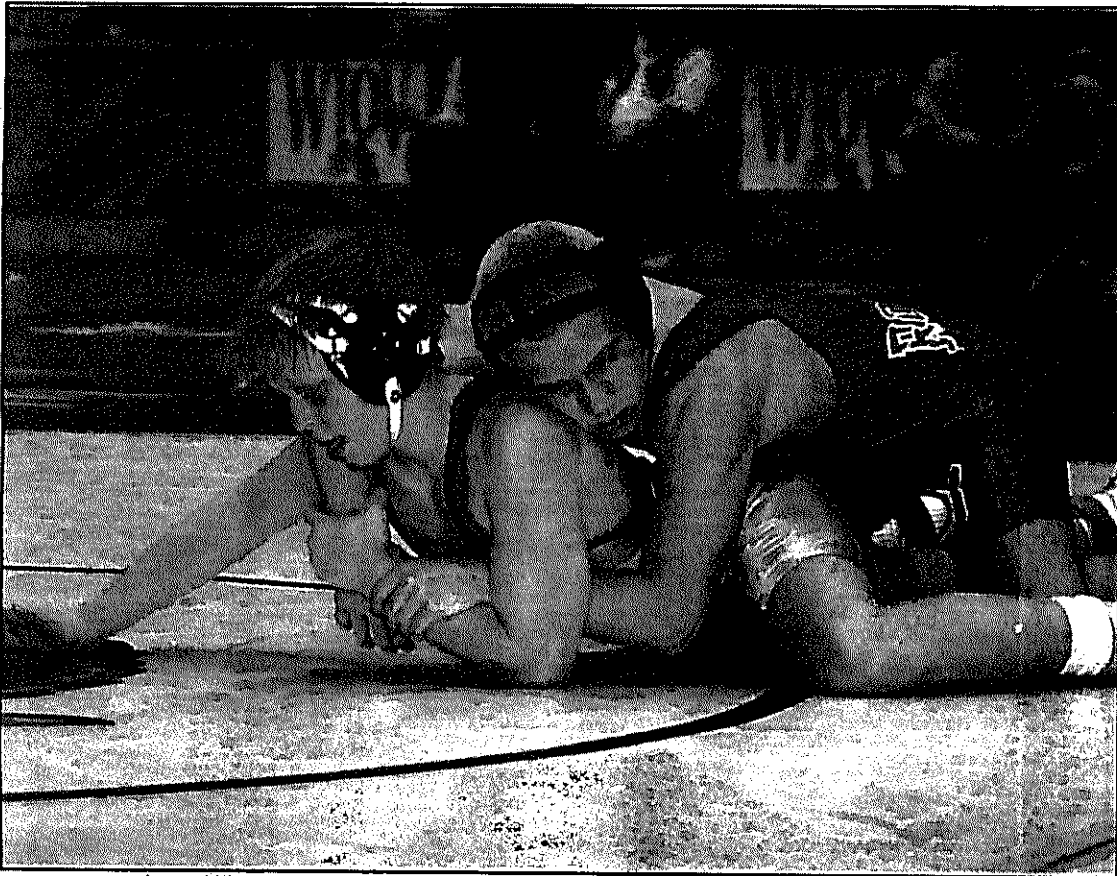
"We're getting down to the final rounds and it's getting tougher, so you need to get those guys in the semis," Michael pointed out. "That's what we've done and so have a few others so it's come down to a four or five team race right now."

"Brooke and Beaver are battling back and forth and then you throw in Oak Glen. It's pretty tough," the Panther coach added.

Brooke has seven wrestlers advanced into the semi-finals and their success in that round today will go a long way in determining the Bruins fate in seeking their first OVAC crown.

Coach Joe Erlewine's Bruins, enjoying their best season ever on the mats, will look to put as many of their seven in the finals that include David Durbin (140), Mike Durbin (135), Brandon Shaw (130), Jonathan

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**TOP PHOTO:** Barnesville's Chaz Clark (green) is in control of Martins Ferry's Chad Ware during their 112-pound match Friday afternoon at the OVAC Wrestling Tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center. Clark posted a victory in the match.

**ABOVE:** St. John Central's Mickey Nicola (green) works the arm of St. Clairsville's Kenny Furbee during a 112-pound match Friday. Nicola went on to win the match plus his following match to earn a spot in today's semi-finals.

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McFarland (125), Matt Smith (119), Jarrod Shaw (103) and Phil Bliss (152).

Oak Glen, with the largest contingent of wrestlers return to the Wheeling Civic Center today, has four in the winners bracket including Steve Flowers (145), Matt Wharton (152), Bill Whitehall (215) and Cody Potts (189).

"Our team balance is obviously helping us," Shaw said in assessing his Golden Bears through two days of wrestling. "We've had a couple of disappointments, but we're very pleased with the way our kids are wrestling. Even in the matches that we've lost, we were very competitive."

"Over two days of wrestling, I've only been disappointed once in our wrestlers and that's pretty good considering how much we've wrestled the past two days," Shaw added.

"Obviously in this tournament, the big problem we were going to run into was our seeds," Shaw said. "Right away we knew we were going to wrestle a bunch of top round matches early."

"We've got a lot good and positive things we can take from today, but the key is that we have four in the semi-finals and seven others in the consolations," Shaw said. "We need those guys in the semi-finals to score some points for us."

Beaver Local, the favorite entering the tourney, hopes its six semi-finalists can give the Columbiana County school its first OVAC mat title. The Fighting Beavers of coach Rich Wright will send three members of the legendary Hoppel family into the winners bracket with Jarrod at 140, Grant at 130 and defending champ Adam at 215.

Monroe Central's strong showing has enabled the Seminoles to put five talented grapplers into the semi-finals. Along with Schumacher and Ferguson, the Monroe Countains have defending champion Christopher Wilson (145), Aaron Brown (130), unbeaten at 22-0, and Robbie Dimmerling (171).

Shadyside has three wrestlers in the winners bracket including unbeaten Bobby Samsa (24-0) at 171, Luke Barnhart at 160 and unbeaten (22-0) Jesse Irvin at 145.

Bellaire's three advancing in the winners bracket are Brandon Bruce at 140, Scott Antonik at

189 and Matt Duvall at 275.

River's Lucas Huffman, the defending champion at 112, will look to add another title after boosting his unblemished mark to 24-0.

Harrison Central's moved three wrestlers into the semi-finals including unbeaten Tony Carothers (23-0), Emery at 119 and Justin Myers at 160.

Mike Mamone joins unbeaten teammate Clay Tucker in the semi-finals for Martins Ferry while Barnesville's lone grappler in the winners bracket is Jarrod Anderson at 125.

St. John Central has two wrestlers alive in the winners bracket including Mickey Nicola at 112 and Joe Skoff at 103.

Defending Ohio state champion Koel Davia will be shooting to add an OVAC title to his mantle. Davia has advanced into the semifinal round at 275.

This year's OVAC tournament marks the 50th for the conference and the Saturday festivities will highlight the anniversary.

Action gets under way today at noon with the semifinals and the consolation matches.

At 6 p.m., a special ceremony honoring all past champions will take place followed by the consolation finals and championship final matches at 6:30 p.m.



**ON THE COVER**

T-L Photo/JOEL JOSEPH  
**SHADYSIDE'S** Jesse Irwin (right) battles Indian Creek's Zac Pendleton during their 145-pound OVAC quarterfinal match Friday night at the Wheeling Civic Center.

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OVAC Wrestling Tournament Results

TEAM SCORES: Beaver, 141.5; Oak Glen, 138; Brooke, 126; Buckeye Local, 108; Harrison, 88.5; Indian Creek, 88.5; Monroe Central, 87.5; John Marshall, 81.5; Cameron, 78.5; Meadowbrook, 72.5; Steubenville, 72; Shenandoah, 69.5; Bellaire, 66.5; Shadyside, 64.5; East Liverpool, 63; Barnesville, 61; Martins Ferry, 56.5; St. Clairsville, 54; Cambridge, 53; St. John's, 50; Union Local, 48; River, 46.5; Caldwell, 45; Wellsville, 36.5; Beallsville, 36; Steubenville Central, 30; Tyler, 30; Weir, 28.5; Edison, 26; Weir Madonna, 21; Bishop Donahue, 9; Conotton Valley, 8.5; Magnolia, 5.
4-A
Beaver Local, 141.5; Brooke, 126; Buckeye Local, 108; John Marshall, 81.5; Wheeling Park, 80.5; Steubenville, 72; East Liverpool, 63; Cambridge, 53; Weir, 28.5; Edison, 26.
3-A
Oak Glen, 137.5; Harrison Central, 88.5; Indian Creek, 88.5; Meadowbrook, 72.5; Shenandoah, 69.5; Bellaire, 66.5; Barnesville, 61; Martins Ferry, 56.5; St. Clairsville, 54; Union Local, 48; Tyler, 30; Magnolia, 5.
2-A
Monroe Central, 87.5; River, 46.5; Caldwell, 45.0; Wellsville, 36.5; Steubenville Central, 30.5.
1-A
Cameron, 78.5; Shadyside, 64.5; St. John's, 50; Beallsville, 36; Weir Madonna, 21; Bishop Donahue, 9; Conotton Valley, 8.5.
Championship Quarterfinals
103 - Anthony Valles (Madonna), 13-3; Abbie Rush (Park) pinned Tim Cumpston (Cameron), 1:43; Joe Skoff (SJC) dec. Brandon Miller (Oak Glen), 13-11, OT; Jarrod Shaw (Brooke) dec. Anthony Duffield (E.L.), 3-2.
112 - Lucas Huffman (River) dec. Josh Greiner (Brooke), 9-5; Logan Hartie (JM) dec. Chad Clark (Barnesville), 9-8; Scott Bumgardner (WP) dec. Justin Seebach (Caldwell), 11-4; Mickey Nicola (SJC) dec. Jordan Sekler (MC), 12-2.
119 - Jesse Emery (Harrison) tech failed Paul McCoy (Beaver), 17-2; Willie Saxton (Buckeye) dec. Jake Bates (E.L.), 5-2; Matt Smith (Brooke) dec. Brady Roth (MF), 5-3; Brian Humphrey (Park) pinned Kayne Melko (SJC), 1:09.
125 - Clay Tucker (MF) dec. Shane Wright (Oak Glen), 14-5; Jarrod Anderson (Barnesville) pinned Chris Bond (Caldwell), 2-4; Jonathan McFarland (Brooke) pinned Todd Schmeizenbach (Shenandoah), 5-34; Ryan Turnbull (Buckeye) dec. Ben Cain (Meadowbrook), 8-3.
130 - Josh Johnston (IC) dec. Jessie Mahan (OG), 6-3; Aaron Brown (MC) dec. John Patrozzi (Buckeye), 5-3; Brandon Shaw (Brooke) pinned Jake Becker (St.C.), 1:03 Grant Hoppel (Beaver) dec. Kyle Mull (JM), 10-8.
135 - Zach Schuller (Buckeye) pinned Sean McIntosh (Oak Glen), 3:12; Ryan Ferguson (Monroe) pinned D.J. Yoders (Cameron), 3:23; Mike Mamone (MF) dec. Josh Wheeler (Steub.), 16-3; Mike Durbin (Brooke) dec. Ben Phillips (HC), 10-8, OT.
140 - Jarrod Hoppel (Beaver) dec. Tony Warner (Meadowbrook), 13-4; Dustin Richey (JM) dec. Todd Hunkler (Barnesville), 18-5; David Durbin (Brooke) dec. Ian Whittington (Oak Glen), 4-2; Brandon Bruce (Bellaire) dec. Thad Crosier (St.C.), 5-3.
145 - Chris Wilson (Monroe) pinned Matt Hannahs (Shenandoah), 3:55; Brock Bowman (Buckeye) dec. Vic Bologna (Harrison), 8-2; Jesse Irwin (Shady) dec. Zach Pendleton (IC), 14-8; Steve Flowers (OG) dec. Dana Davis (Brooke), 3-1.
152 - Phil Bliss (Brooke) dec. Ken Baker (HC), 10-1; Jeremy Shaw (Beaver) dec. Jeff Casey (Meadowbrook), 11-5; Matt Wharton (Oak Glen) dec. Corey Adkins (JM), 9-3; David Babel (Steub.) dec. Chris Case, 1-1, OT Criteria.
160 - David Bertolino (Buckeye) pinned Craig Blevins (UL), 2:34; Justin Myers (HC) pinned Isaac Stewart (Cameron), 1:32; Tyler Schumacher (MC) dec. Kellen Hughes (IC), 7-7, OT Criteria; Luke Burkhardt (Shady) tech failed Casey Rinehart (Shen), 22-6.
171 - Bobby Samsa (Shadyside) pinned Jason Meeks (St.C.), 3:36; Robbie Dimmerling (MC) pinned Chris Green (E.L.), 5:39; Jordan Williams (Beaver) pinned Trent Starkey (IC), 1:02; James Lyons (Steub.) dec. Derek Selsick (HC), 4-2.
189 - Jared Williams (Beaver) dec. Derek Conrad (Meadowbrook), 13-5; Cody Tomlinak (WP) pinned John Horn (SHE), 3:08; Cody Potts (OG) dec. Shaun Green (EL), 8-2; Scott Antonik (Bellaire) pinned

Daniel Howard (St.C.), 5:35.
215 - Adam Hoppel (Beaver) pinned Eric Rosen (River), 3:06; Bill Whitehill (Oak Glen) dec. Brandon Huffman (HC), 7-4; Glen) dec. Brandon Huffman (HC), 7-4; Cody Leach (SHE) pinned Chris Fankhauser (EL), 3:08; Josh Stansbury (EL) pinned Brad Hannahs (BAR), 1:00.
275 - Tony Carothers (HC) dec. Wesley Haslam (RIV), 15-4; Mike Price (CAMP) pinned Scott Neuenchwander (STC), 1:47; Koel Davia (UL) dec. Eric Wagner (BL), 5-1; Matt DuVall (BEL) dec. Patrick McGullan (OG), 3-1.
THIRD ROUND CONSOLATION
103 - Corey LeMaster (Caldwell) pinned Justin Turnbull (Buckeye), 3:47; Eddie Mercer (Wells) pinned Dustin Daugherty (Cambridge), 4:49; Daniel Magers (Barnes) dec. Robbie Martin (IC), 9-6; Derrick Caudill (Beaver) dec. Matt Cavanaugh (Steub. Central), 13-7.
112 - Luke Hoppel (Beaver) pinned Bryan Early (Cambridge), 2:36; Nata Gosssett (UL) pinned Nick Prendes (Wellsville), 5:3; Justin Goneau (Oak Glen) dec. Chad Ware (MF), 16-7; Kenny Furbee (St.C.) dec. Brandon Anili (Cameron), 7-8.
119 - David Bortz (Steub. Central) dec. Tony Simon (Steub.), 10-2; Lee Doyle (JM) dec. Tony Carostello (Wellsville), 13-4; T.J. Glass (Oak Glen) dec. Matt Brown (Beallsville), 2-0; Kory Walte (Shen) dec. Bryan Crum (Cald), 6-0.
125 - Ben Young (Steub.) pinned Noah O'Neil (Cameron), 3:38; Brandon Scurlock (Cambridge) dec. James Huff (SJC), 9-1; Tony Mayle (IC) dec. Bruce Swallie (Bellaire), 5-0; Josh Hoover (Beaver) tech failed Ron Nelson (Park), 20-5.
130 - Mike Ray (Cambridge) dec. Matt Abaregg (Bealls.), 16-3; Jason Workman (River) dec. Matt Hale (Steub.), 10-1; Kelly Hughes (Cameron) pinned Matt Kemp (Steub. Central), 4:18; Brandon McCort (Bellaire) dec. Gary Dankovich (Weir), 6-4; 135 - Shawn Dunn (Beaver) dec. Justin Cataldo (Wellsville), 13-5; George Miklen (JM) pinned Kyle King (Barnesville), 2:23; Josh Launer (St.C.), 8-5; Mike Abaregg (Beallsville) pinned John Walker (E.L.), 2:42.
140 - Billy Frollini (Shady) won by default over Josh Whipkey (Cameron); Luke Warren (MF) dec. Bryan Bilyeu (Beallsville), 8-2; Larry Wright (WM) dec. Brad Brooks (St.C.), 5-3; Albert Phillips (BL) pinned Rick Brewer (Mag), 4:03.
145 - Mike Merico (Weir) dec. Jim Zink (Park), 7-4; Alan Buzzard (Wellsville) pinned Joe Ballanca (Beaver), 3:30; Dale Ferrell (STC) dec. Mitch Costa (EL), 2-1; Alex Lee (JM) pinned Jason Harper (CAL), 3:33.
152 - Jason Bahmer (BAR) dec. Daniel Bender (CAL), 2-1; Luke Bumbico (MF) pinned Matt Saxton (BL), 4:01; Casey Hughes (CAM) dec. Chris Benedict (MC), 5-3; John Polverini (SCC) dec. Jason Wright (SHA), 5-4.
160 - Mike Heppburn (BEL) pinned Russell Kocher (RIV), 3:1; Mike Beach (STE) pinned Tyler Kinzy (Bea), 3:39; Garrett Railing (OG) dec. Luke High (CAM), 10-6; Sam Gieseke (TC) pinned Chris Norris (BVL), 1:44.
171 - Rhett Northcraft (OG) pinned Sean McGuire (SCC), 1:16; Dustin McVay (UL) pinned Shawn King (BAR), 4:17; Charley Henry (Edison) dec. Nathan Loughran (Brooke), 13-2; Eric Vorhies (SHE) dec. Adam Cooper (CAM), 6-0.
189 - Adam Cowser (IC) won by forfeit, Jesse McNeely (TC); Clayton Benedict (MC) dec. John Orsini (SCC), 8-4; Josh Ewing (JM) dec. Tony Palmer (CV), 18-2; David Ross (STE) dec. Mike Frollini (SHA), 11-9.
215 - Brandon Bovine (IC) pinned Ralph Petrella (STE), 3:37; Ben Love (MEAD) pinned Jim Compston (UL), 1:39; Bud Hercules (WP) pinned Dick Soland (BEL), 4:24; Devin Dulaney (Brooke) dec. Mike Gessler (Tyler), 6-5.
275 - Andy Fegal (WEIR) pinned Lucas Michael (SHE), 1:57; Maurice Hines (IC) dec. Mike Snyder (STE), 5-2; Luke Shepherd (TO) dec. Bill Beabout (BVL), 5-4; Stephen Badgley (EL) dec. C.J. Manning (CAM), 3-2.
FOURTH ROUND CONSOLATION
103 - Brandon Miller (OG) dec. Derrick Caudill (BVL), 7-1; Mike Lehetay (Meadowbrook) dec. David Majors (Barnes), 6-4; Anthony Duffield (EL) dec. Corey LeMasters (Caldwell), 6-1; Tim Cumpston (Cameron) pinned Eddie Mercer (Wellsville), 3:57.
112 - Justin Goneau (OG) pinned Justin Seebach (Caldwell), 3:39; Nata Gosssett (UL) dec. Chad Clark (Barnesville), 13-2; Josh Greiner (Brooke) pinned Kenny Furbee (St.C.), 4:22; Luke Hoppel (Beaver) dec. Jordan Seldier (MC), 4-0.
119 - Brady Roth (MF) pinned T.J. Glass (OG), 4:24; Paul McCoy (Beaver) pinned

Lee Doyle (JM), 1:48; Jake Bates (EL) pinned Kory Walte (Shen), 1:45; Kayne Melko (SJC) pinned David Bortz (Steub. Central), 1:55.
125 - Shane Wright (OG) pinned Brandon Scurlock (Cambridge), 2:00; Ben Cain (Meadowbrook) dec. Josh Hoover (Beaver), 14-7; Tony Mayle (IC) dec. Todd Schmeizenbach (Shen), 5-4; Chris Bond (Caldwell) won by default over Ben Young (Steub.).
130 - Jessie Mahan (OG) pinned Mike Ray (Cambridge), 2:08; Kyle Mull (JM) dec. Brandon McCort (Bellaire), 12-2; John Patrozzi (BL) dec. Jason Workman (River), 3-2; Jake Becker (St.C.) dec. Kelly Hughes (Cameron), 10-1.
135 - Mike Abaregg (Beallsville) dec. Josh Wheeler (Steub.), 8-5; D.J. Yoders (Cam) dec. Shawn Dunn (Buckeye), 9-5; Sean McIntosh (OG) dec. George Mikles (JM), 13-3; Ben Phillips (HC) dec. Josh Launer (St.C.), 7-1.
140 - Thad Crosier (Steub.) dec. Billy Frollini (Shady), 5-2; Ian Whittington (OG) pinned Albert Phillips (BL), 2:11; Tony Warner (Meadowbrook) pinned Luke Warren (MF), 2:01; Todd Hunkler (Barnesville) tech failed Larry Wright (Madonna), 18-3.
145 - Alex Lee (JM) won by default over Vic Bologna (HC); Dana Davis (Brooke) won by default over Alan Buzzard (Wellsville); Matt Hannahs (Shen) dec. Mike Merico (Weir), 6-2; Zack Pendleton (IC) dec. Mitch Costa (Edison), 7-1.
152 - Jason Bahmer (Barnes) dec. Chris Case (SJC), 5-1; Jeff Casey (Meadowbrook) dec. Luke Bumbico (MF), 15-4; Casey Hughes (Cameron) dec. Ken Baker (HC), 3-2; Corey Adkins (JM) dec. John Polverini (SCC), 2-1.
160 - Casey Rinehart (Shen) dec. James Beach (Steub.), 10-0; Isaac Stewart (Cam) dec. Garrett Railing (OG), 1-0; Craig Blevins (UL) dec. Sam Gieseke (TC), 10-2; Kellen Hughes (IC) dec. Mike Heppburn (Bell), 10-8.
171 - Derrick Selsick (HC) pinned Dusty McVay (UL), 1:58; Jason Meeks (St.C.) dec. Eric Vorhies (Shen), 7-0; Chris Green (EL) dec. Rhett Northcraft (OG), 12-6; Trent Starkey (IC) tech failed Charley Henry (Edison), 20-4.
189 - John Horn (Shen) dec. Josh Ewing (JM), 13-9; Derek Conrad (Meadow), 3-1; Shaun Green (EL) dec. Adam Cowser (IC), 7-3; Daniel Howard (St.C.) dec. David Ross (Steub.), 11-8.
215 - Chris Fankhauser (Edison) dec. Brandon Bovina (IC), 12-11; Brad Hannahs (Barnes) dec. Bud Hercules (Park), 3-2; Brandon Huffman (HC) dec. Devin Dulaney (Brooke), 4-1; Eric Rosen (River) dec. Ben Love (Meadow), 9-5.
275 - Patrick McGillen (OG) dec. Stephen Badgley (EL), 7-2; Scott Neuenchwander (St.C.) pinned Andy Fegal (Weir), 3:29; Eric Wagner (BL) dec. Luke Sheperd (TC), 14-3; Wesley Haslam (River) dec. Maurice Hines (IC), 4-2.
OVAC Day Two Results
Championship Second Round
103 - Anthony Valles (Weir Madonna) pinned Eddie Mercer (Wellsville), 5:12; Joe Skoff (SJC) pinned Justin Armann (River), 2:22; Tim Cumpston (Cameron) pinned Brandon Fry (Shenandoah), 3:0; Mike Lahotay (Meadowbrook) pinned Seth Evick (JM), 1:24; Anthony Duffield (East Liverpool) dec. Derrick Caudill (Beaver), 18-5; Jarrod Shaw (Brooke) tech failed Matt Cavanaugh (Steub. Central), 4:52; Abbie Rush (Park) dec. Robbie Martin (IC), 11-1; Brandon Miller (Oak Glen) dec. Corey LeMaster (Caldwell), 9-2.
112 - Lucas Huffman (River) pinned Justin Rossiter (Meadowbrook), 5:3; Josh Greiner (Brooke) pinned Greg Ramsey (Edison), 5:25; Chad Clark (Barnesville) dec. Chad Ware (Ferry), 10-3; Logan Hartie (JM) dec. Justin Gonsseau (Oak Glen), 2-1; Justin Seebach (Caldwell) dec. Nate Gosssett (UL), 8-4; Jordan Sekler (MC) tech failed Chris Gianni (Madonna), 18-2; Scott Bumgardner (Park) pinned Nick Prendes (Wellsville), 4:18; Mickey Nicola (SJC) dec. Kenny Furbee (St.C.), 17-4.
119 - Jesse Emery (Harrison) pinned Dave Gianessi (Weir), 1:02; Willie Saxton (Buckeye) pinned T.J. Glass (Oak Glen), 15; Paul McCoy (Beaver) pinned Andy Lucas (UL), 2:48; Jake Bates (East Liverpool) pinned Matt Brown (Beallsville), 1:21; Matt Smith (Brooke) tech failed Kory Walte (Shenandoah), 16-0; Brady Roth (MF) dec. Bryan Crum (Caldwell), 4-1; Kayne Melko (SJC) dec. Tony Carostello, 12-4; Brian Humphrey (Park) pinned Lee Doyle (JM), 1:22.
125 - Clay Tucker (MF) pinned Ben Young (Steub.), 12-3; Ben Cain (Meadowbrook) pinned Alex Northcraft (Tyler), 5:3; Ryan Turnbull (Buckeye) tech

failed Brad Bilyeu (Beallsville), 16-1; Michah Campbell (East Liverpool) pinned Shane Wright (Oak Glen), 5:48; Chris Bond (Caldwell) pinned Brandon Scurlock (Cambridge), 2:42; Todd Schmeizenbach (Shenandoah) dec. Josh Hoover (Beaver), 4-3; Jonathan McFarland (Brooke) dec. Ron Nelson (Park), 13-0; Jarrod Anderson (Barnesville) dec. James Huff (SJC), 13-4.
130 - Josh Johnson (Indian Creek) tech failed Kelly Hughes (Cameron), 23-7; Tom Carpenter (SJC) dec. Brett Blevins (UL), 12-2; Grant Hoppel (Beaver) pinned Jordan Beadle (Wellsville), 5:7; Aaron Brown pinned Nate Furry (Meadowbrook), 2:30; Kyle Mull (JM) pinned Kyle Wallace (Shadyside), 5:29; Jake Becker (St.C.) pinned Jessica Williams (Tyler), 2:44; Jessie Mahan (Oak Glen) pinned Matt Sianchik (Madonna), 3:33; John Patrozzi (Buckeye) dec. Gary Dankovich (Weir), 4-3; Braden Shaw (Brooke) tech failed Mike Ray (Cambridge), 16-1.
135 - Zach Schuller (Buckeye) pinned Josh Launer (St.C.), 1:16; Ryan Ferguson (Monroe) pinned John Walker (East Liverpool), 3:10; Josh Wheeler (Steubenville) dec. Shawn Dunn (Beaver), 5-3, OT; D.J. Yoders (Cameron) dec. Mike Abaregg (Beallsville), 6-5; Mike Durbin (Brooke) pinned George Mikles (JM), 1:38; Mike Mamone (MF) dec. Justin Cataldo (Wellsville), 5-4; Ben Phillips (Harrison) pinned Chris Crock (Shenandoah), 1:16; Sean McIntosh (Oak Glen) tech failed Roy Campbell (River), 15-0.
140 - Jarrod Hoppel (Beaver) tech failed Buck Brewer (Magnolia), 21-4; Tony Warner (Meadowbrook) pinned Brian Leasure (Caldwell), 17; Ian Whittington (Oak Glen) pinned Bryan Bilyeu (Beallsville), 1:22; Brandon Bruce (Bellaire) pinned Jesse Young (Weir), 3:54; Thad Crosier (Steub.) dec. Larry Wright (Madonna), 7-4; Dustin Richey (JM) pinned Josh Whipkey (Cameron), 3:49; Zack Pendleton (IC) dec. Dan Carrel (UL), 9-0; David Durbin (Brooke) dec. Luke Warren (Ferry), 15-10; Todd Hunkler (Barnesville) dec. Billy Frollini (Shadyside), 11-4.
145 - Chris Wilson (MC) tech failed Dale Farrell (St. Clairsville), 19-3; Vic Bologna (Harrison) pinned Adam Wadian (Conotton), 1:10; Brock Bowman (Buckeye) pinned Joe Ballanca (Beaver), 4:2; Steve Flowers (Oak Glen) pinned Adam Waekley (IC), 2:7; Dana Davis (Brooke) dec. Alex Lee (JM), 12-3; Matt Hannahs (Shenandoah) dec. Mitch Costa (Edison), 10-4; Jesse Irwin (Shadyside) pinned Jesse Jones (MF), 1:13.
152 - Phil Bliss (Brooke) pinned Matt Saxton (Buckeye), 3:4; Ken Baker (Harrison) pinned Holden Roberts (Tyler), 2:51; Chris Case (SJC) pinned John Polverini (Steub. Central), 3:30; Corey Adkins (JM) dec. Jason Bahmer (Barnesville), 7-4; Jeremy Shaw (Beaver) tech failed Kenny Oliver (IC), 19-2; Jeff Casey (Meadowbrook) pinned P.J. Vincent (Conotton), 1:11; Matt Wharton (Oak Glen) dec. Daniel Bender (Caldwell), 4-1; David Babel (Steubenville) dec. Jason Wright (Shadyside), 4-2, OT.
160 - David Berolino (Buckeye) pinned James Beach (Steub.), 2:15; Craig Blevins (UL) tech failed Tyler Kinzy (Beallsville), 5:33; Tyler Schumacher (Monroe) tech failed Garrett Railing (OG), 18-2; Luke Burkhardt (Shadyside) pinned Ryan Jackson (Wellsville), 1:16; Casey Rinehart (Shenandoah) pinned Sam Gieseke (Tyler), 4:41; Justin Myers (Harrison) pinned Russell Kocher (River), 3:13; Isaac Stewart (Cameron) pinned Mike Heppburn (Bellaire), 3:51; Kellen Hughes (IC) dec. Luke High (Camb), 9-7.
171 - Bobby Samsa (Shady) pinned Vince Pittman (Beallsville), 3:24; James Lyons (Steubenville) pinned Sean McGuire (Steub. Central), 2:39; Chris Green (East Liverpool) pinned Justin Curtis (Madonna), 1:00; Trent Starkey (IC) pinned Eric Vorhies (Shenandoah), 4:56; Jordan Williams (Beaver) pinned Adam Cooper (Cameron), 4:4; Derek Selsick (HC) dec. Rhett Northcraft (Oak Glen), 8-0; Jason Meeks (St.C.) dec. Charlie Henry (Edison), 5-3; Robby Dimmerling (MC) pinned Dusty McVay (UL), 2:19.
189 - Jared Williams (Beaver) tech failed Mike Pratt (Harrison), 17-2; Shaun Green (East Liverpool) dec. Mike Frollini (Shadyside), 16-8; Cory Potts (OG) dec. David Ross (Steub.), 5-2; Cody Tomlinak (Park) pinned Clayton Benedict (Monroe), 1:17; John Horn (Shen) pinned Jack Thompson (Edison), 4:51; Scott Antonik (Bellaire) pinned Adam Crosier (Tyler), 1:26; Daniel Howard (St.C.) pinned Jesse McNeely (Tyler), 1:45; Derek Conrad (Meadowbrook) pinned Cory Cunningham (Barnesville), 1:47.
215 - Adam Hoppel (Beaver) pinned Dick

Soland (Bellaire), 5:5; Eric Rosen (River) dec. Bud Hercules (Park), 14-0; Chris Fankhauser (Edison) pinned Greg McCombs (JM), 1:28; Josh Stansbury (EL) pinned Ben Love (Meadowbrook), 3:28; Bill Whitehill (OG) dec. Brandon Boving (IC), 2-1; Brandon Huffman (HC) dec. Ralph Petrella (Steub.), 3-2; Brad Hannahs (Barnesville) dec. Jim Compston (UL), 7-5; Cody Leach (Shenandoah) pinned Devin Dugney (Brooke), 1:01.
275 - Koel Davia (UL) pinned Maurice Hines (IC), 4:53; Tony Carothers (Harrison) pinned Luke Shepherd (Tyler), 3:12; Wesley Haslam (River) pinned Jimmy Malone (Wellsville), 4:0; Patrick McGullan (Oak Glen) pinned Ben Wise (Barnesville), 2:26; Matt DuVall (Bellaire) pinned Derrick Molnar (Brooke), 3:7; Michael Price (Cambridge) pinned Jeremiah Hinnerman (Edison), 3:7; Eric Wagner (Buckeye Local) pinned Tony Trip Wagner (Monroe), 2:29; Scott Neuenchwander (St.C.) dec. C.J. Manning, 5-5, OT Criteria.
CONSOLATION FIRST ROUND
103 - Daniel Magers (Barnesville) pinned Justin Krulock (UL), 3:1; Justin Turnbull (Buckeye Local) pinned Chauncey Green (Bellaire), 2:37; Dustin Daugherty (Cambridge) pinned Zane Boyd (Edison), 2:34; John Coup (Martins Ferry) pinned Rashade Stephenson (Steub.), 1:49.
112 - Bryan Early (Cambridge) pinned Tim Nehrbas (Steubenville), 5:4; Brandon Anili (Cameron) dec. Cole Heintzman (Tyler), 12-4.
119 - Jesse Stoneking (Cameron) pinned Grant White (Donahue), 2:20; David Bortz (Steub. Central) pinned Zac Hixenbaugh (Madonna), 2:12; Tony Simon (Steubenville) dec. Jared Booth (Bellaire), 8-5; Marvin Banson (Meadowbrook) pinned Seth Rosen (Monroe), 4:8; Jacob Gasser (Indian Creek) tech failed Anthony Nicholas (Conotton), 17-2; Chad Byers (River) pinned Nick Oberdick (St.C.), 3:27.
125 - Noah O'Neil (Cameron) dec. Eric Zuzak (St.C.), 13-6; Paul Simmons (JM) dec. David Blawut (Harrison), 3-1; Jared Ward (Monroe) pinned Kevin Ingram (Edison), 2:49.
130 - Matt Hale (Steubenville) pinned Billy Hawthorn (Magnolia), 2:31; Matt Kemp (SCC) tech failed Chris Davis (Caldwell), 16-0; Matt Abaregg (Meadowbrook) dec. Dean Hornbeck, OT criteria.
135 - Shane Walters (IC) pinned Tony Villa (Mag), 1:35; John Perko (Bellaire) pinned Chris Mikula (Weir Madonna), 3:55; Jacob Lockman (Shadyside) dec. Isalah Rider (Tyler), 11-2; Kyle King (Barnesville) pinned Nick Zombon (Steub. Central), 4:2; Tyler Love (Meadowbrook) pinned Monica Dayne (Park), 1:39; Brandon Varner (Weir) pinned James Gyness (Edison), 4:0; Zach Hupp (Caldwell) pinned Clay Teague (Cambridge), 1:34; Evan Leiffhart (Park) dec. Jason Jones (MF), OT Criteria.
140 - Brad Brooks (St.C.) dec. Zach Cumpston (UL), 13-3; Schorr (Donahue) wins by forfeit; Phillips (Buckeye) pinned Jordan (IC), 1:35; Alan Buzzard (Wellsville) wins by forfeit; Smith (Shenandoah) dec. Butler (East Liverpool), 11-0; Garvin (Cambridge) pinned Winter (River), 2:51; Kandis (Park) dec. Martin (Tyler), 9-2.
145 - Jim Zink (Park) pinned Adam Canella (Steub. Central), 4:8; Jimmy Jones (Beallsville) tech failed Justin LaForrest (Cameron), 17-1; Mike Merico (Weir) dec. Robby Nixon (Barnesville), 4-1; Josh Peyton (Meadowbrook) dec. Ron Scott (East Liverpool), 9-0.
152 - Luke Sulek (Bellaire) pinned David Dalkulak (River), 5:4; Luke Bumbico (MF) pinned Don Dianessi (Weir), 2:22; Chris Benedict (Monroe) dec. Adam Gibson (Park), 6-3; Jason Randolph (East Liverpool) dec. Jon Kinney (Beallsville), 9-8; Casey Hughes (Cameron) pinned Mark McCort (Edison), 4:12.
160 - Corey Archer (Caldwell) dec. Adam Speece (Brooke), 4-3; Matt Beitez (Donahue) pinned John Rossiter (Meadowbrook), 2:31; Justin Provanzano (MF) pinned Aaron Montgomery (Steub. Central), 4:01; Jesse Mastrovic (Park) pinned Nick Toth (St.C.), 2:5; Angelo Magnone (Weir) pinned Aaron Carter (East Liverpool), 2:17; Chris Norris (Beaver) dec. Shawn Simmons (JM), 9-6; David Jones (Conotton) tech failed Jesse Kelly (SJC), 25-9; Will Marroulis (Edison) pinned Adam Zukock (Magnolia), 3:52.
171 - Bobby Selsick (Cambridge) pinned Shane Clark (MF), 4:38; Shawn King (Barnesville) pinned Zach Moore (JM), 2:41; Matt Ogle (Caldwell) pinned Todd Krasaver (Park), 2:58; Eric Stephens (River) pinned Aaron Owings (Weir), 4:4; Josh White (Indian Creek) pinned Dan



## Like father, like son:

• Union Local junior standout Koel Davia tries to match father's OVAC championship

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Like father like son.

That is the motto for Union Local head wrestling coach Joel Davia and his son Koel Davia as the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Tournament moves into its third and final day.

If Koel — a junior 275 pounder — is able to secure two more victories in the tournament, it will be an even happier evening in the Davia household.

Two more wins would give Koel his first OVAC title to go along with the state crown he won a season ago.

Koel's father will also have his time in the limelight when the OVAC tournament recognizes its 25-year reunion which includes Davia, a 1978 graduate of Cadiz High and an OVAC champion at 155 pounds.

Winning the gold medal in Columbus last February was one of Koel's finest moments, but capturing the conference hardware tonight would definitely rank near the top.

"I have been coming to this tournament since I was like two years old," Davia remarked. "The state title last year was really something special, but this is the tournament I want to win."

~~Koel knows none of his successes~~ would be possible if it weren't for his dad and coach.

"My dad pushes me pretty hard," Koel noted. "But, without him, I wouldn't be able to do nearly as well as I do. He works me hard, but has meant everything to me."

Since dad already has an OVAC gold medal and finished second in the state on two different occasions, there are some

bragging rights at the dinner table.

"My dad tells me about his title sometimes," Davia said. "But, I got the state title and he has two silver medals at the state, so I got one up on him."

"I do get on him about the OVAC title at times," Joel explained. "I use it as motivation for him, but he always brings up the state meet."

If Koel and Joel were to go head-to-head today, it would be an interesting match, but the Jets' head coach thinks his son might be able to get him.

"We don't have a lot of big guys, so at practice I am usually his partner," Coach Davia explained. "If he was able to get on top of me, I might have some trouble getting out from underneath him."

Koel will try to reach the finals today at noon when he locks horns with Bellaire senior Matt DuVall.

Koel was a man in the opening two rounds of the tournament, grabbing a 13-second pin over Martins Ferry's Bobby Kittle. In Friday morning's second round, Davia posted a pin of Indian Creek's Maurice Hines in 4:53.

The Jet junior reached the semifinals by recording a 5-1 decision over Buckeye Local's Eric Wagner.

On the other half of the 275-pound bracket, Harrison Central's Tony Carrothers, last year's runnerup in the same class, will meet Cambridge's Michael Price.

"Koel knows he will have to wrestle well if he wants to win this title," Joel Davia explained. "We are hoping to use this tournament as a foundation for the post season because there is a lot of good competition here."



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**UNION** Local junior standout Koel Davia (right) battles Buckeye Local's Eric Wagner during action Friday night in the OVAC Wrestling Tournament at the Wheeling Civic Center. Davia is in search of an OVAC title to go with his Ohio state championship.

## Results

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Beiter (Donahue), 1:45.  
189 — Tony Palmer (Conotton) pinned John Skinner (Beallsville), 4:10; John Orsini (Staub, Central) dec. Steve Blake (Cameron), 3-2; James Harris (Beaver) pinned Bill Maxwell (Caldwell), 1:37.  
215 — Mario Bamebel (Madonna) dec. Logan Kochler (Beallsville), 5-1; Matt Eison (Cameron) pinned Tommy Yoho, :54; Jared Chandler (Cambridge) pinned David Hart (Caldwell), 4:11; Mike Gessler (Tyler) dec. Jared Mosti (Staub, Central), 7-4.  
275 — Mike Snyder (Steubenville) pinned Kevin Stokes (Magnolia), :27; Lucas Michael (Shenandoah) pinned Bobby Kittle (MF), 3:48; Bill Beebout (Beaver) pinned C.J. Montgomery (Staub, Central), :25; Corey Ebbert (JM) dec. Kevin Staub (Park), 4-0; Wes Fety (Donahue) pinned Jeremiah Sherer (Meadowbrook), 2:23.

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103 — Corey LeMasters (Caldwell) dec. Bryan Scammel (St.C), 5-1; Matt Cavanaugh (Staub, Central) pinned John Coup (MF), 4:32; Derrick Caudill (Beaver) tech failed Jeff Trigg (Shadyside), 4:24; Justin Turnbull (Buckeye) pinned Justin Armann (River), :29; Daniel Magers (Barnes) pinned Brandon Fry (Shenandoah), :45; Robbia Martin (IC) pinned Jessica Peck (Tyler), :55; Dustin Daugherty (Cambridge) pinned Seth Evick (JM), :40; Eddie Mercar (Wellsville) pinned Kasey Tippie (Monroe), :30.  
112 — Justin Ganeau (Oak Glen) pinned Matt Walker (East Liverpool), 1:34; Nick Prandes (Wellsville) pinned Rich Haslop (Bellaire), 1:47; Bryan Early (Cambridge) pinned Greg Ramsey (Edison), 4:42; Kenny Furbee (St.C) dec. Billy Webb (CV), 7-0; Chad Ware (MF) dec. Bobby Morris (Staub, Central), 6-0; Luke Hoppel (Beaver) dec. Justin Kossiter (Meadowbrook), 10-0; Brandon Antill (Cameron) pinned Chris Gianni (Madonna), 1:43;  
119 — Kory Walte (Shenandoah) pinned Steven Jones (Tyler), :16; Lee Doyle (JM) pinned Jacob Gasser (Indian Creek), 2:47; Nate Gossait (UL) tech failed

Matt Emery (IC), 21-6; Tony Carosiello (Wellsville) pinned Marvin Benson (Meadowbrook), 2:14; Matt Brown (Beallsville) pinned Jesse Stoneking (Cameron), 1:53; T.J. Glass (Oak Glen) dec. Brad Bartubin (Cambridge), 11-2; Bryan Crum (Caldwell) pinned Chad Byers (River), 4:24; David Bortz (Staub, Central) pinned Dave Gianessi (Weir), 4:37; Tony Simon (Staub) dec. Andy Lucas (UL), 7-4.  
125 — Ben Young (Staub) pinned Shawn Gillette (Staub, Central), :29; Josh Hoover (Beaver) pinned Jeremiah Webb (Conotton), 2:02; James Huff (SJC) dec. Rich Beraschik (Wellsville), 14-7; Noah O'Neil (Cameron) dec. Micah Campbell (EL), 8-7; Ron Nelson (Park) tech failed Jared Ward (MC), 17-2; Tony Mayle (IC) pinned Brad Blyeu (Beallsville), 1:44; Brandon Scurlock (Cameron) dec. Paul Simmons (JM), 8-4; Bruce Swalle (Bellaire) dec. Alex Northcraft (Tyler), 12-10.

130 — Kelly Hughes (Cameron) pinned James White (Harrison), 1:44; Matt Hale (Staub) pinned Kyle Wallace (Shadyside), 4:25; Mike Ray (Cambridge) pinned Tom Carpenter (SJC), 2:20; Matt Kemp (Staub, Central) dec. Matt Slanich (Madonna), 14-1; Gary Dankovchik (Weir) tech failed Evan Leiffelt (Park), 17-0; Matt Aberagg (Beallsville) pinned Jessica Williams (Tyler), :35; Brandon McCort (Bellaire) dec. Nate Furry (Meadowbrook), 5-3.  
135 — Mike Aberagg (Beallsville) tech failed Shane Walters (IC), 18-1; John Walker (East Liverpool) pinned John Wilson (UL), 1:38; George Miklas (JM) pinned Tyler Love (Meadowbrook), 1:34; Josh Lauener (St.C) dec. John Parko (Bellaire), 3-2; Shawn Dunn (Beaver) pinned Zack Hupp (Caldwell), 2:49; Jacob Lackman (Shadyside) dec. Roy Campbell (River), 14-4; Jason Workman (River) dec. Jordan Beadle (Wellsville), 6-2; Justin Cataldo (Wellsville) dec. Brandon Varner (Weir), 18-7; Kyle King (Barnesville) pinned Chris Crock (Shenandoah), 4:21.  
140 — Rick Brewer (Magnolia) pinned Tyler Schorr (Donahue), :32; Larry Wright (Madonna) pinned Matt

Stacy (Wellsville), 1:55; Albert Phillips (Buckeye) pinned Brian Leasure (Caldwell), 2:42; Bryan Blyeu (Beallsville) dec. Jake Garvin (Cambridge), 6-3; Brad Brooks (St.C) dec. Jesse Young (Weir), 16-9; Josh Whipkey (Cameron) pinned Kris Bayne (Staub, Central), 1:43; Billy Frollini (Shadyside) pinned Zach Kantis (Park), 3:58; Luke Warren (MF) dec. Nathan Smith (Shenandoah), 6-5.  
145 — Mitch Costa (Edison) pinned Jimmy Jones (Beallsville), :54; Jim Zink (Park) pinned Dan Carrel (UL), 3:28; Dale Ferrell (St. Clairsville) pinned Gordon Walker (Cambridge), 1:50; Joe Bellanca (Beaver) dec. Andre Dudley (Steubenville), 15-5; Jason Harper (Caldwell) pinned Adam Weekly (Tyler), 3:15; Alex Lee (JM) dec. Josh Peyton (Meadowbrook), 4-2; Alan Buzzard (Wellsville) pinned Adam Wadian (Conotton), 4:55; Mike Merico (Weir) dec. Jesse Jones (MF), 10-5.

152 — Chris Benedict (Monroe) pinned P.J. Vincent (Conotton), :41; Luke Bumbico (MF) pinned Holden Roberts (Tyler), 2:12; Jason Wright (Shadyside) dec. Jason Randolph (East Liverpool), 11-2; Jason Bahmer (Barnesville) dec. Ben Ray (Cambridge), 5-3; Casey Hughes (Cameron) dec. Kenny Oliver (IC), 13-4; Daniel Bender (Caldwell) dec. Luke Sulek (Bellaire), 13-5; John Polverini (Staub, Central) dec. Darin King (Magnolia), 5-4; Matt Saxton (BL) pinned Robbie Rossiter (Shenandoah), 3:08.  
160 — Garrett Ralling (Oak Glen) dec. Will Marroulls (Edison), 13-3; Chris Norris (Beaver) pinned Ryan Jackson (Wellsville), 1:38; Tyler Kinzy (Beallsville) pinned Matt Beiter (Donahue), 4:15; James Beach (Staub) dec. Angelo Magnone (Weir), 10-2; Luke High (Cambridge) dec. Corey Archer (Caldwell), 10-2; Russell Kocher (River) pinned David Jones (Conotton), 1:22; Sam Gleske (Tyler) pinned Justin Provenzano (MF), 3:44; Mike Hepburn (Bellaire) dec. Jesse Mestrovic (Park), 7-6.  
171 — Dusty McVay (UL) pinned John Beamer (Conotton), 1:43; Shawn King (Barnesville) pinned

Justin Curtis (Madonna), 2:20; Charlie Henry (EL) pinned Bobby Scurlock (Cambridge), 3:52; Rhett Northcraft (Oak Glen) pinned Jimmy Helmick (Magnolia), 1:36; Adam Cooper (Cameron) dec. Eric Stephens (River), 10-5; Sean Maguire (Staub, Central) pinned Josh White (Tyler), :12; Nathan Loughman (Brooke) dec. Vince Pittman (Beallsville), 8-2; Eric Vorhies (Shenandoah) dec. Matt Ogle (Caldwell), 2-0.  
189 — Mike Frollini (Shadyside) pinned Justin Younciak (Brooke), 1:37; Adam Cowser (IC) pinned Matt Hirkala (Madonna), :58; Tony Palmer (Conotton) pinned Cory Cunningham (Barnesville), 2:17; Clayton Benedict (MC) pinned Justin Britnell (Cambridge), 3:48; David Ross (Staub) dec. Robert Oldfield (River), 11-3; Josh Ewing (JM) pinned Mike Pratt (HC), 4:54; John Orsini (Staub Central) dec. Jack Thompson (Edison), 2-1; Jesse McNeely (Tyler) pinned James Harris (Buckeye), 1:50.  
215 — Brandon Bovina (Indian Creek) pinned Richard Campbell (Conotton), :36; Dick Soland (Bellaire) pinned Brian Tibbs (Buckeye Local), 3:30; Ralph Peirella (Staub) dec. Matt Eison (Cameron), 8-6; Mike Gassier (Tyler) pinned Greg McCombs (JM), 1:54; Ben Love (Meadowbrook) pinned Mike Barley (Weir), :22; Bud Hercules (Park) pinned Mario Bamebel (Madonna), :23; Devin Dulaney (Brooke) pinned Brian Fisher (Wellsville), 3:42; Jim Compston (Union Local) pinned Jared Chandler (Cambridge), 1:45.

275 — Maurice Hines (IC) pinned Bruno Manypenny (Madonna), 4:28; Bill Beebout (Beaver) pinned Jimmy Malone (Wellsville), :52; Mike Snyder (Staub) pinned Tony Trip (Monroe), :10; Luke Shepherd pinned Corey Ebbert (JM), 3:40; Andy Fegal (Weir) dec. Derrick Molnar (Brooke), 5-3; Lucas Michael (Shen) pinned Ben Wise (Barnes), :33; Stephen Badgley (E.L) dec. Jeremiah Hinerman (Edison), 9-7; C.J. Manning (Cameron) tech failed Wes Fety (Donahue), 17-2.