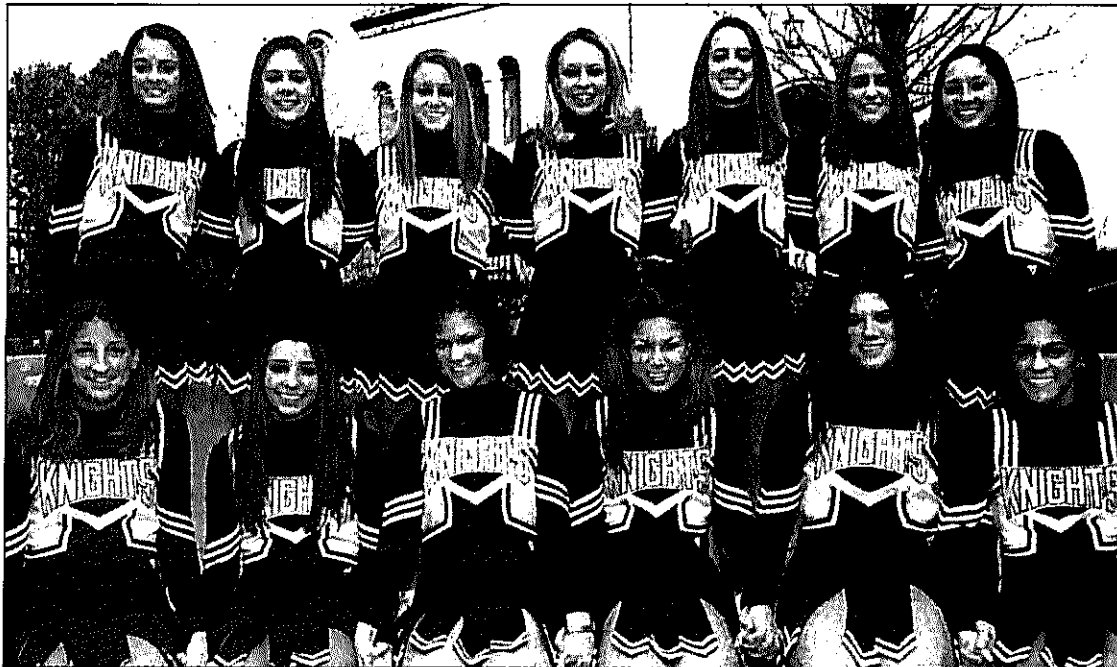
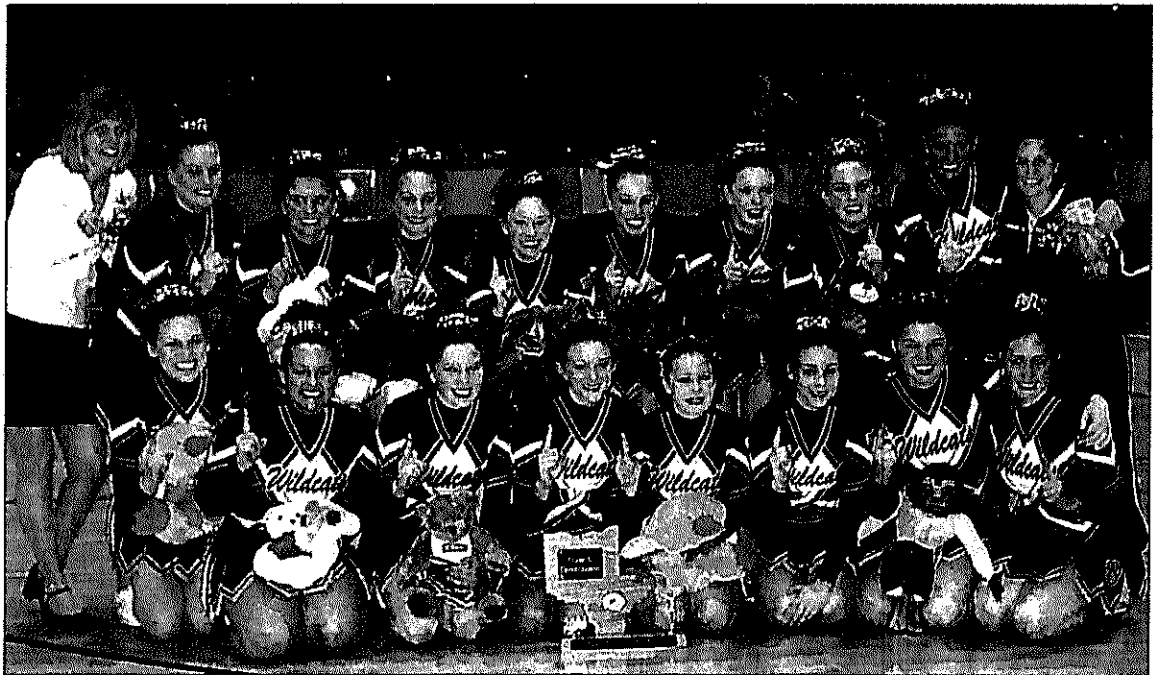


OVAC CHEERING CHAMPS

The Paden City High School cheerleaders won the Class A OVAC championship in Steubenville. Squad members are, from front left, Jessie Sine, Brittany Neff, Rachelle Hizer, Erica Spencer, Ashley Thoburn, Amber Mikes, Tracey Toman and Milisa Cutlip; back row from left, assistant coach Linda Castranova, Kayla Croasman, Emily Vincent, Leah Beverlin, Tiffany Ferrebee, Brittany King, Stacey Birkheimer, Sarah Pryor, Jenny Bowers and Coach Crissy Bowers.

Photo provided



The 2004 Wheeling Central Catholic High School cheerleading squad which captured first place in Class AA at the OVAC cheering tournament at Steubenville include from left front, Bethany Kerwood, Shayna Shia, Kiersan Smith, captain, Megan Hartman, co-captain, Angela DiCocco and Ashley Morgan; back row: LeAnne Jafrate, Natalie Leonard, Jamie Voellinger, Sarah Kennedy, Katie Elliott, Caitlyn Kish and Amanda Sleime. Central has attained 11 victories out of the past 12 years at the OVAC tournament and the "triple crown" four times.

Photo by Alex Kozlowski

The 2004 St. Clairsville High School cheerleading squad, which took first place in Division AAA at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference competition in Steubenville, includes from left front: Mallory Sinosk and Sara White; second row: Bethany Chase, Samantha Winiesdorffer, Angie Duplaga, Laurie Verba, Cortney Benzo, Jessica Shanks, Mackenzie Earliwine; back row, Alex Mitchell, Brittany Humphries, Candice Mihopulos, Jayna Kanyuch, Jayme Burghy and Lindsay Stewart.

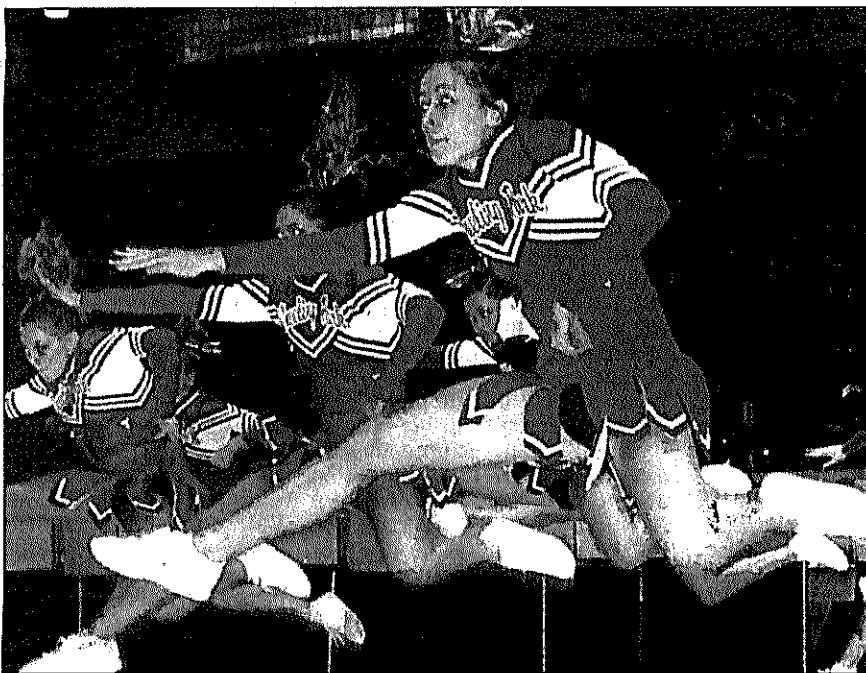
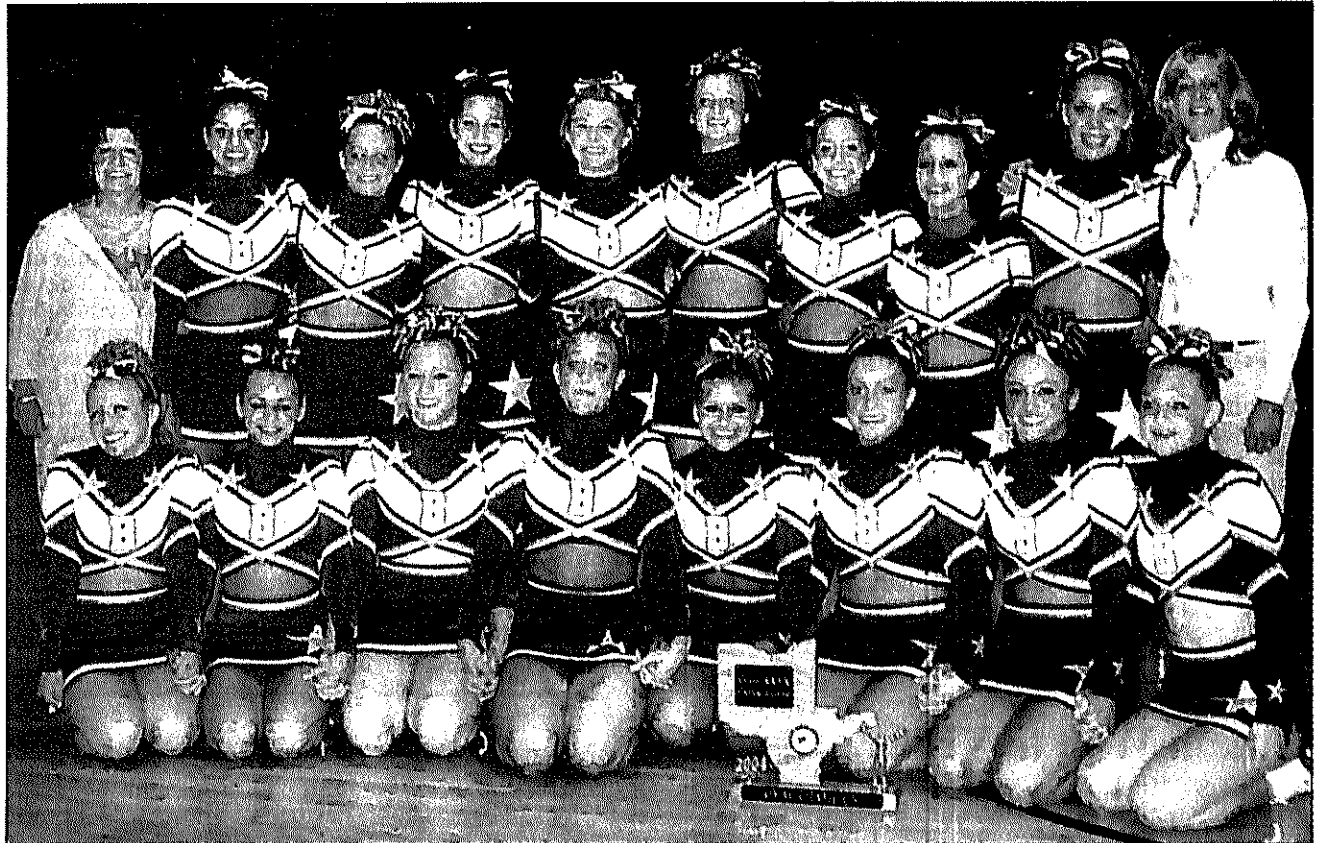
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BROOKE HIGH CAPTURES OVAC CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Brooke High School Bruins cheerleading squad captured the Division AAAA OVAC Cheering Competition Championship on Saturday at St. John Arena in Steubenville. Members are Clorissa Chuchiak, Carrissa Diserio, Lindsay Felton, Erika Furioli, Shayna Goode, Jenna Heaton, Jessica Lyle, Vanessa Nameth, Marissa Reardon, Erica Shaffer, Jennifer Shaffer, Brittany Staffileno, Megan Tarr, Katelyn Thomas and alternates Danielle Anderson and Amy Rogers. The squad is coached by Chris Stucin and Janice Shaffer.

Photos by Bob Thomas



The Wheeling Park High School Patriots cheerleading squad competes Saturday during the Division AAAA OVAC Cheering Competition Saturday at St. John Arena in Steubenville. The 11-time champions placed fourth.



The Brooke High School Bruins cheerleading Squad celebrates its victory Saturday immediately after being announced the Division AAAA OVAC Cheering Competition Champions Saturday at St. John Arena in Steubenville.

OVAC cheering competition set

The 13th annual OVAC Cheering Competition will be held at St. John Arena in Steubenville on Feb. 14.

There will be 33 schools competing in four classes. Doors open to the public at 9 a.m. and the competition gets under way at 10. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

Class A: Bishop Donahue, Bridgeport, Cameron, Conotton Valley, Linsly, Paden City, Shadyside, St. John's and Weirton Madonna.

Class AA: Barnesville, Monroe Central, River, Steubenville Catholic and Wheeling Central.

Class AAA: Bellaire, Harrison Central, Indian Creek, Magnolia, Martins Ferry, Oak Glen, St. Clairsville, Tyler and Union Local.



Class AAAA: Beaver Local, Brooke, Buckeye Local, East Liverpool, Edison, John Marshall, Steubenville, Weir, Wheeling Park and Zanesville.

Defending champions are A -- Weirton Madonna, 2A -- Wheeling Central, 3A -- Tyler Consolidated and 4A -- Weir.