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Linsly School All-American Stephen Reihner, light jersey, and the rest of the West Virginia All-Stars close out their high school soccer careers tonight when they take on the Ohio All-Stars in the annual OVAC All-Star Soccer Classic at Wheeling Jesuit University.

## Getting Their Kicks

OVAC All-Stars show their stuff tonight at WJU

### Staff report

One of the most talented senior classes in the history of Ohio Valley Athletic Conference soccer will be hitting the field for the final time tonight.

Wheeling Jesuit University's LaRosa Field is once again the site of the annual OVAC Soccer All-Star Classic doubleheader.

Action gets under way at 5:30 p.m. with the 10th annual girls' all-star tilt.

The 11th annual boys' all-star game will follow at approximately 7:30 p.m.

As is the case with all post-season all-star tilts, players must be graduating seniors with no remaining high school eligibility in order to participate.

This year's OVAC All-Star format remains unchanged from previous classics.

A total of 34 girls have been selected to participate in tonight's event and will once again be divided into Red and Blue teams to provide the most competitive contest possible.

Linsly's Jill Regan, Steubenville's Jennifer Nocera and Ed Munoz of Wheeling Central will coach the Blue Team.

Russ Hutchins of Wheeling Park, John Marshall's Cindy Lawther and John Paoloemilio of Weirton Madonna will guide the Red Team.

The boys' game will feature the traditional West Virginia vs. Ohio format but there's a bit of

### OVAC All-Star Rosters

#### BOYS West Virginia Coaches

Dave Coutts, Linsly; Lou Vargo, Wheeling Central

#### Players

(number, name, school)  
1 Jordan Roth, Wheeling Park; 2 Stephen Reihner, Linsly; 3 Ryan Neptune, Oak Glen; 4 Kyle Regan, Wheeling Park; 5 Matt Jividan, Linsly; 6 Gavin Hartle, John Marshall; 7 Paul Hommer, Magnolia; 8 Steve Jones, Magnolia; 9 Micah Crews, Linsly; 10 Chad Evans, Wheeling Park; 11 Eric McCoy, John Marshall; 12 Dan Ruggiero, Brooke; 13 Andrew King, Magnolia; 14 Tom McGowan, Brooke; 15 Preston Smith, Linsly; 16 Harrison Crow, Brooke; 17 Jake McElhaney, Oak Glen; 18 Kyle Ackermann, Wheeling Park

#### Ohio Coaches

Ed Vescovi, Edison; Brian Scarpone, Steubenville; Dave Hahn, St. Clairsville

#### Players

(number, name, school)  
1 Scott Neuenschwander, St. Clairsville; 2 Chris Ferroni, Steubenville; 3 Anthony Vitro, Edison; 4 Ryan Turner, East Liverpool; 5 Josh Dalrymple, Beaver Local; 6 Jeff Dalrymple, Beaver Local; 7 Sean Harris, East Liverpool; 8 Danny Lawrence, Indian Creek; 9 Marc Carahan, Edison; 10 Scott Hahn, St. Clairsville; 11 Jonathan Olszowy, St. Clairsville; 12 Luca D'Ortenzio, Steub. Central; 14 Michael Wilson, Indian Creek; 15 Jayme Kaine, Steubenville; 16 Greg Stansbury, East Liverpool; 17 Steven Matanzo, Steub. Central; 18 Tom Hoover, Steub. Central

#### GIRLS Blue Team Coaches

Jill Regan, Linsly; Jennifer Nocera, Steubenville; Ed Munoz, Wheeling Central

#### Players

(number, name, school)  
1 Ashley Neal, Linsly; 2 Ann Felix, Steubenville; 3 Katie Groff, Beaver Local; 4 Lauren Weppier, Brooke; 5 Laura Coutts, Linsly; 6 Almee Reisinger, Wheeling Park; 7 Mindy Saksa, St. Clairsville; 8 Sarah DiPasquale, Brooke; 9 Amber Doroney, Steubenville; 10 Melissa Gilligan, Wheeling Central; 11 Cara Copeland, Steub. Central; 12 Elizabeth Conner, East Liverpool; 13 Bonnie Pauline, Edison; 14 Kalra Cooper, Indian Creek; 15 Ashley Moore, Beaver Local; 16 Alicia Basinger, Wheeling Central

#### Red Team Coaches

Russ Hutchins, Wheeling Park; Cindy Lawther, John Marshall; John Paoloemilio, Weirton Madonna

#### Players

(number, name, school)  
1 Lamber Aiken, John Marshall; 2 Jess Alloggia, Edison; 3 Stephanie Glover, Weirton Madonna; 4 Jenna Allen, Brooke; 5 Emily Porter, Wheeling Park; 6 Sarah Hahn, St. Clairsville; 7 Leahm Altmeyer, Wheeling Central; 8 Ashley Baker, John Marshall; 9 Megan Bartley, Wheeling Park; 10 Katie Felton, Weirton Madonna; 11 Laris Niehaus, John Marshall; 12 Emily Pell, Wheeling Central; 13 Lindsey Kastigal, Magnolia; 14 Amber Herback, John Marshall; 15 Nina Ciccone, East Liverpool; 16 Ashlee Householder, John Marshall; 17 Milacant Paolo, Weirton Madonna; 18 Samantha Elder, Oak Glen

a different flavor tonight.

For the first time since the start of the series, the Mountain State booters will be on the rebound.

The Ohio All-Stars stunned West Virginia in last year's All-Star Game, ending a run of nine straight victories by the Mountaineers.

A three-man coaching staff of Ed Vescovi (Edison), Brian Scarpone (Steubenville) and Dave Hahn (St. Clairsville) will be trying to help the Ohio stars get started on a winning streak of their own.

Linsly's Dave Coutts and Wheeling Central's Lou Vargo will be at the West Virginia helm.

The girls' all-stars will be on the field for warmups by 5 p.m. in preparation for the 5:30 p.m. kickoff.

A brief awards ceremony will follow the girls' all-star game with the boys coming out for a brief warmup session immediately afterwards.

The awards ceremony for the boys' game should close out the evening's festivities shortly after 9 p.m.

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## W. Va. boys post 2-1 win in OVAC soccer tilt

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"He was an all-star player his entire career," Coutts added. "It's a good way to finish."

Reihner, who earned team offensive most valuable player honors for his performance, isn't ready to turn in his soccer shoes just yet.

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But before he could think about the Nittany Lions, Reihner scored two goals in less than a minute early in the second half to help get the West Virginia squad out of an offensive funk.

The first goal came unassisted at the 16:22 mark. West Virginia got the ball near the goal area and, after it was batted a round a few times, Reihner knocked the ball off the back of his shoe and into the net.

His goal tied the game at 1-1 and gave his team a much-needed offensive boost.

The powerful West Virginia lineup couldn't really get anything going in the first 40 minutes.

It was Ohio that controlled much of the tempo in the opening half. The chances looked good that they could repeat last year's victory. The team's triumph in 2003 was the first for the Buckeye State in the game's history.

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"I'm proud of the Ohio boys," he said. "They put in a lot of work the past couple of weeks practicing. They played a great game."

Carpone coached the team along with Edison's Ed Vescovi and St. Clairsville's Dave Hahn.

"They took advantage of their opportunities in the first half," Coutts said of the Buckeyes. "That goal that went in for them was a nice goal."

After being unable to produce any offensive momentum, West Virginia came out of the halftime break with a renewed sense of enthusiasm.

"We talked at halftime about giving a little more effort all over the field," Coutts said. "They realized they were in a fight."

While West Virginia started to get better looks at the net, they just couldn't seem to find the back of the net.

"We were getting a lot of shots and lots of ball possession, but we couldn't score for a long time," Coutts said.

After Reihner got his first goal, he came right back with another at the 15:39 mark. Both he and Wheeling Park's Kyle Regan broke into the open field and headed toward the net. Regan dropped off a nifty pass to Reihner who sent a solid shot into goal for their winning margin.

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"You come out, you play and you have fun," he added. "The kids got the job done."

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Blue coach Jill Regan of Linsly said she knows all about Groff's talents.

"I kind of had a heads up on



here because she is coming to Wheeling Jesuit to play next year," she said.

Regan coached the Blue squad along with Steubenville's Jennifer Nocera and Wheeling Central's Ed Munoz.

While he knew his team was struggling offensively, Hutchins told his players to keep it.

"I told them the openings would come," he said. "When we were down 2-0 we were still moving the ball and having opportunities."

And they finally started to with 1:03 left in the opening half when Madonna's Stephanie Glover sneaked the ball just inside the left side of the net and made it a 2-1 game at the break.

Brooke's Jenna Allen tied the game at 2-2 for the Red team with a goal at the 9:50 mark of the final half of play.

From there, the Red squad took control of the game's tempo.

Hutchins' crew took its first lead at the 11:12 mark of the half when Madonna's Millacent Paolo got into the scoring act with a shot from the top of the penalty box that made it a 3-2 contest.

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"We kind of ran out of steam toward the end," Regan said.

Nevertheless, she was proud of how her team performed.

"There are so many great players in the Ohio Valley and it's great to have an opportunity to coach someone you don't normally coach."

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Left, Wheeling Park's Kyle Regan (white) goes airborne after colliding with Beaver Local's Jeff Dalrymple (red), during action of the 2004 OVAC All-Star soccer game at Wheeling Jesuit University. Regan and W.Va. scored a 2-1 victory. Below, Weirton Madonna's Stephanie Glover (red) looks to head upfield with the ball as Wheeling Park's Aimee Reisinger (white) defends. Glover and the Red team defeated the Blue team 4-2.

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## W.Va. Boys Win OVAC Tilt

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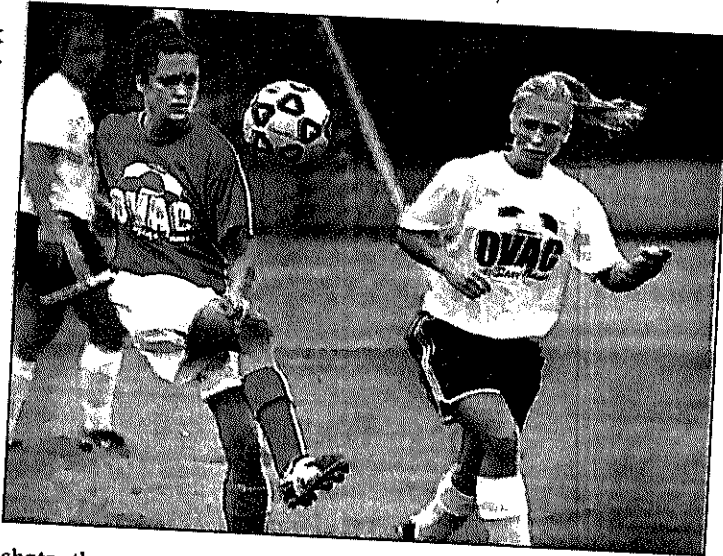
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The annual OVAC All-Star Soccer Game will be held, pitting Ohio against West Virginia.

The girls' game will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the boys game will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The boys' roster features four players from St. Clairsville and two Lady Red Devils have received invitations to the annual OVAC game.

Goalie Scott Neuenschwander will take part along with Ryan Turner, Jonathan Olszowy and Scott Hahn.

St. Clairsville head coach



Dave Hahn will serve on the Buckeye staff along with head coach Brian Scarpone of Steubenville.

Two Lady Devils have been chosen to take part. Mindy Saks and Sarah Hahn will take part in the girls' game.