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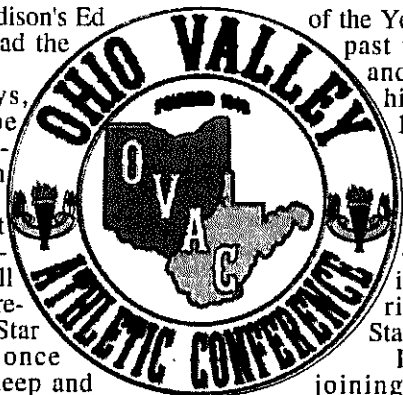
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3 Jered Mazezka	Oak Glen	3 Amy Bullock	Brooke
4 Adam Grubler	Wheeling Central	4 Ashley Predmore	Indian Creek
5 Tony Trabert	Wheeling Park	5 Sarah Wilson	John Marshall
6 Justin Clark	Wheeling Park	6 Yuko Onishi	Linsly
7 Joey Palcic	Brooke	7 Brooke Basilone	Wheeling Park
8 Keith Dopp	Weir	8 Katie Harris	Weir
9 Sean Horan	Wheeling Park	9 Olivia Moray	Wheeling Park
10 Jason Adams	Linsly	10 Rachel Walters	Linsly
11 Jacob Hince	Linsly	11 Sara Giebell	Weir
12 D.J. Shorts	Brooke	12 Kas Simmons	Beaver Local
13 Matt Lamp	Weir	13 Lacey Wilson	Weir
14 Taylor Pavlik	Magnolia	14 Alana Reisinger	Linsly
15 Donnie Ulz	Brooke	15 JoBeth Householder	Edison
16 Ryan Santangelo	Brooke	16 Jennilyn Lowe	Cambridge
17 Logan Harla	John Marshall	17 Gabrielle Wilson	Indian Creek
18 Kelson Jerrel	Madonna	18 Jen Smith	Steub. Catholic
Ohio		Blue Team	
1 Shawn Dunn	Beaver Local	1 Erica Pietranton	Madonna
2 Kelsye Hendrick	Beaver Local	2 Arlene Wheeler	Wheeling Park
3 Andy Lubich	Beaver Local	3 Nikki Rutar	John Marshall
4 Tim Nunn	Cambridge	4 Cara Radeo	Cambridge
5 Johnny Koehnlein	Steub. Catholic	5 Katie McFivair	East Liverpool
6 Billy Diplero	Steub. Catholic	6 Christina Dielaco	Steubenville
7 Billy Herman	Steub. Catholic	7 Kelsey Fowler	Wheeling Central
8 Tyler Thayer	East Liverpool	8 Whitney Davis	Beaver Local
9 Patrick Vescovi	Edison	9 Johanna Haskoemilio	Madonna
10 Adam Stevenson	Edison	10 Kristen Stewart	Madonna
11 Andy Cunningham	Edison	11 Jill Wright	Wheeling Park
12 Dustin Fregiato	St. Clairsville	12 Serena Setcavage	Madonna
13 Sam Almeda	Steubenville	13 Kelly Kubic	St. Clairsville
14 Robert Pankus	Steubenville	14 Lauren Miller	Wheeling Park
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W.Va. Gets By Ohio, 4-1

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Oak Glen's Jared Mazezka scored a pair of goals and Wheeling Park's Justin Clark recorded a pair of assists as West Virginia overwhelmed Ohio 4-1 Wednesday at the OVAC All-Star Soccer Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium.

It was a sweet victory for the Mountaineers, who lost for the first time in series history last year.

"They wanted to win it for West Virginia," said Brooke coach Eric Fries, who led the West Virginia squad along with Wheeling Central's Lou Vargo and Weir's Joe Pepe.

It was also a special win for Fries. After watching his Bruins claim the OVAC title and a state berth for the first time in 2004, he had a chance to watch his Mountaineer squad get back on the winning track.

And did he and his fellow coaches ever have the firepower to do it.

"This was one of those years where we had a lot of talent," Fries said.

And it showed early.

A little less than 4 minutes into the game, Clark drove down the endline and dropped a perfect pass to a waiting Mazezka who calmly deposited the ball into back of the net to give the

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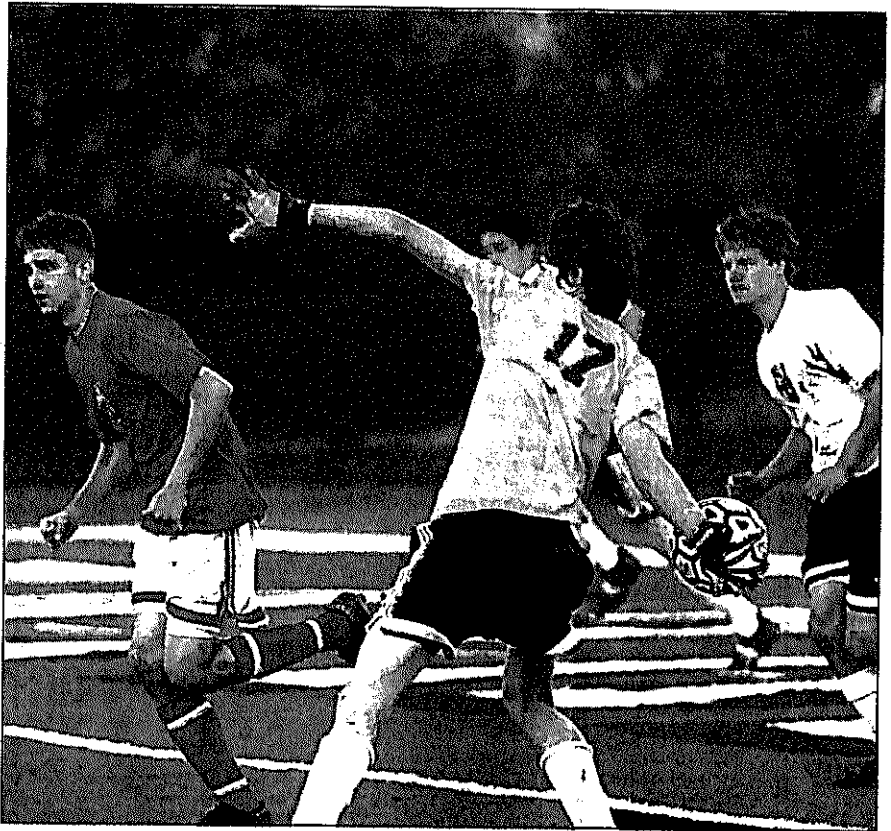


Photo by Alex Kozlowski

West Virginia goalkeeper Marcus Mossor clears the ball out of harm's way during action of the boys' OVAC All-Star Soccer Classic at Wheeling Island Stadium Wednesday. West Virginia won, 4-1.

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For Paoloemilio and the other coaches and players, Wednesday's game was an opportunity to play and coach against some of the best players in the Ohio Valley.

"Both teams played well out there," he said. "There was a competitive atmosphere.

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hosts a quick 1-0 lead at the 16:13 mark of the first quarter.

Ohio appeared to have tied the game a short time later.

East Liverpool's Tyler Thayer connected with Edison's Patrick Vescovi at the 12:56 mark and Vescovi headed the ball into the net. But Ohio was called offside and the goal was nullified.

Later in the period, the Clark-to-Mazezka connection worked to perfection again, giving West Virginia a 2-0 lead.

The game remained 2-0 until the 2:50 mark of the second period when an Ohio defender accidentally knocked the ball into his own net, making the score 3-0 at the half.

Ohio had trouble getting any kind of offensive consistency going in the opening half, due in part to the stellar West Virginia goalkeeping tandem of Weir's Matt Lamp and Brooke's Marcus Mossor.

Wheeling Park's Tony Trabert, who along with Clark will be playing for Wheeling Jesuit

University in the fall, recorded West Virginia's final goal with an unassisted effort in the third quarter.

From there, the Mountaineer defense went to work.

Mossor halted numerous Ohio shots in the final period, including four straight on one series with 5:05 remaining.

The Buckeyes finally did get to the netminder with 2:42 left when Vescovi reached the back of the net with an assist by Wildcat teammate Adam Stevenson.

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