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RIVER'S TYLER Abbott swings at a pitch during Monday evening's annual Kovalick Classic at Steubenville's Vaccaro Field. The Ohio All-Stars posted a 17-8 victory.

Ohio All-Stars erupt

• Buckeyes win annual Kovalick Classic, 17-8

By RICH GIBSON
Times Leader Sports Writer

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During intervals of the action, the bi-state conference recognized their players of the year and also presented awards to high-achieving coaches.

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OVAC baseball, softball all-star teams



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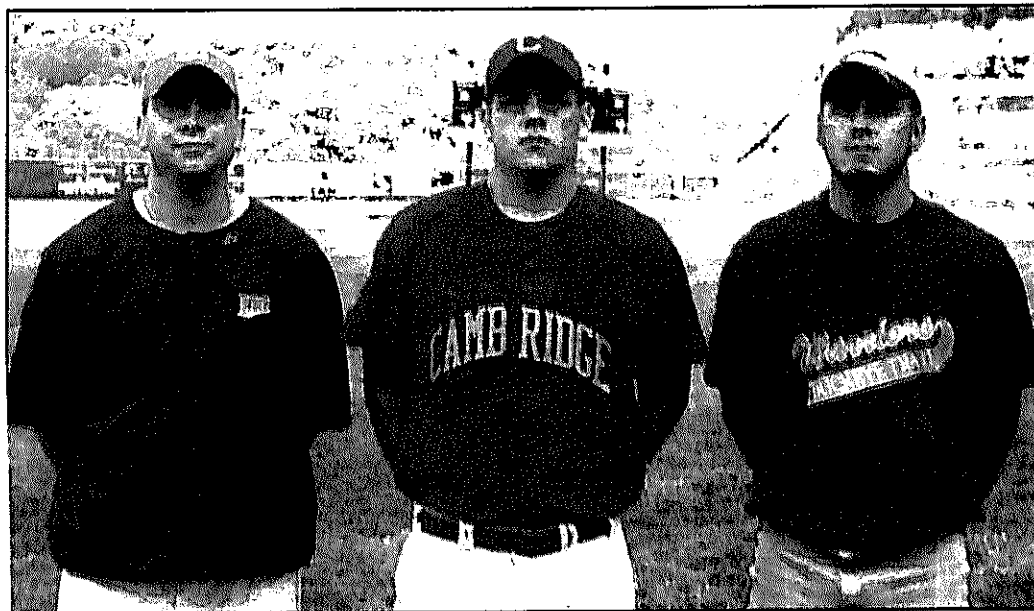
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Softball, baseball all-star contests



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Representing the local area in the George Kovalick/OVAC Baseball All-Star Game at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville on Monday are (l to r) Coach Steve Norman of Meadowbrook, Bear Holdren of Cambridge and Jordan Thompson of Buckeye Trail. Complete rosters as well as the all-conference selections for 2007 can be found on page B-3.

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Best seniors ready to take the field

By **AARON PETCHAL**
Sports writer

WHEELING — The local Ohio baseball teams will be well represented in the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Senior All-Star Game this season.

The George Kovalik All-Star Classic will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville.

Toronto leads the way with five players in the game. Adam Hannan, Travis Miller, Kris Carr, Aaron Miller and Mike Ludewig are all on the Ohio Roster for head coach Brian Perkins' Red Knights.

Three Edison players have also been chosen to participate in the game. Ace Aaron Hilt, catcher Cody McCoy and pitcher Robbie Stewart all were selected to play for the Wildcats. Edison will be competing for a

state title this weekend in Columbus.

Also, first-year head coach Mike Collopy was selected to be one of Ohio's coaches in the game. Collopy will be joined by Bridgeport's Steve Wojick, Monroe Central's Francis Winland and Meadowbrook's Steve Norman.

Both Steubenville schools will have one representative in the game. Rocco Auteri will represent Big Red, and Luca Call will represent Catholic Central.

Indian Creek's Tim Ohalek rounds out the local players on the Ohio roster.

Like Edison, Shadyside will be represented by three players. Ace pitcher Mike Meintel, Cody McCormick and Clifton Francis will all be playing in the game for the Tigers.

Cambridge, Buckeye

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BEST OF THE BEST — The annual OVAC All-Star Baseball Game will be played at 6 p.m. Monday at Vaccaro Field. Coaches of the Ohio team gathered for a team photo Tuesday night at media night in Elm Grove.

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Trail, Monroe Central, Fort Frye, Union Local and River will all be represented by one player.

Bear Holdren was selected to represent the Bobcats. Jordan Thompson was chosen to represent the Warriors. Andrew Winland was chosen to represent the Seminoles. Tyler Engle was chosen to represent the Cadets. Travis Stephens was selected to represent the Jets. Ian Riddel was chosen to represent

the Red Devils. Tyler Abbott was chosen to represent the Pilots.

Monday's festivities will open with a home run derby. Competing in the home run derby is optional. The home derby is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. All players and coaches are asked to be at Vaccaro Field at 4:45 p.m.

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Ohio Shows Its Muscle

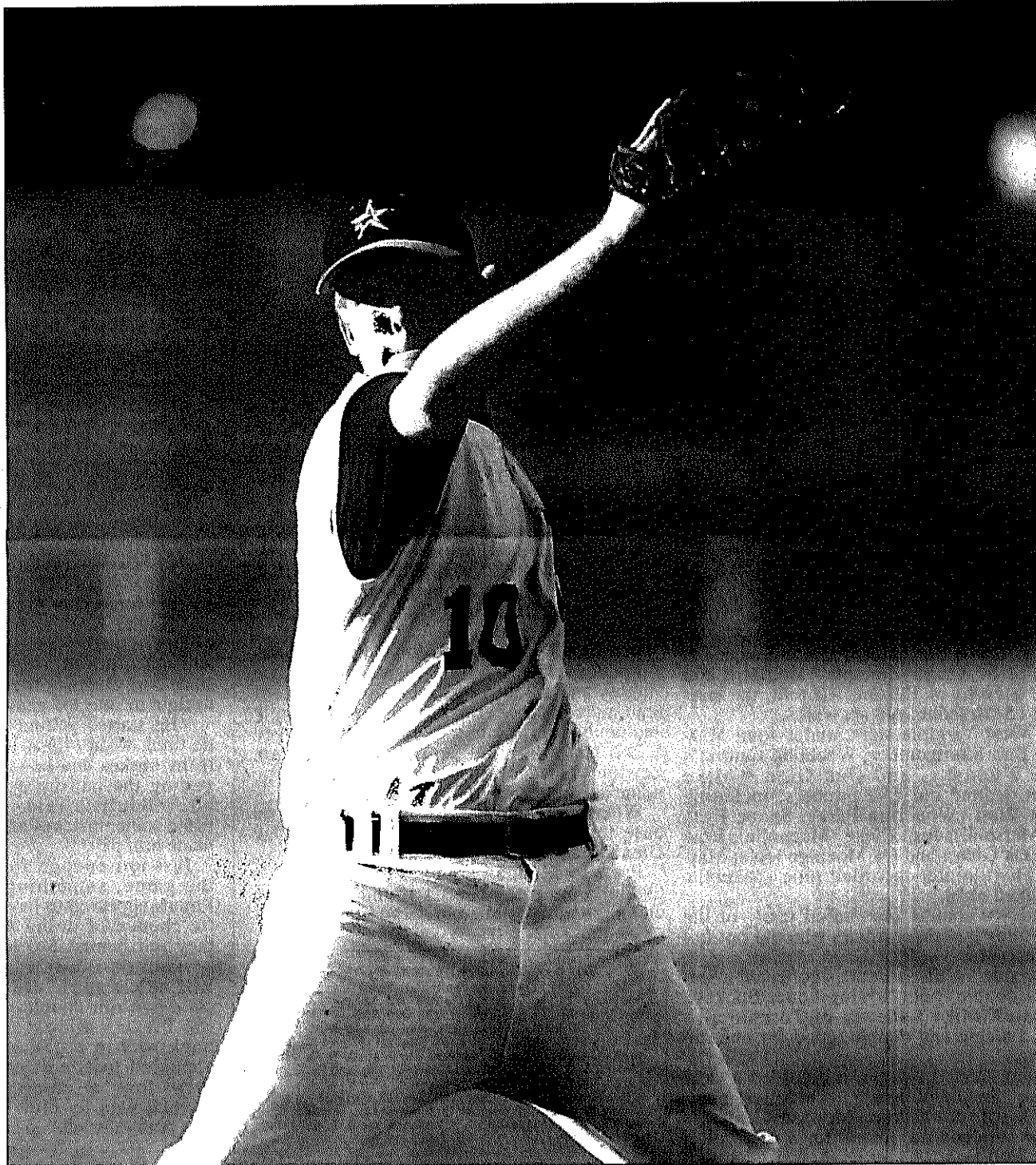


Photo by Mike Mathison

Magnolia left-hander Josh Clegg works to the plate Monday during the OVAC All-Star baseball game at Steubenville's Vaccaro Field. Clegg and West Virginia were defeated by Ohio, 17-8.

Buckeyes earn 17-8 All-Star victory

By RICH GIBSON
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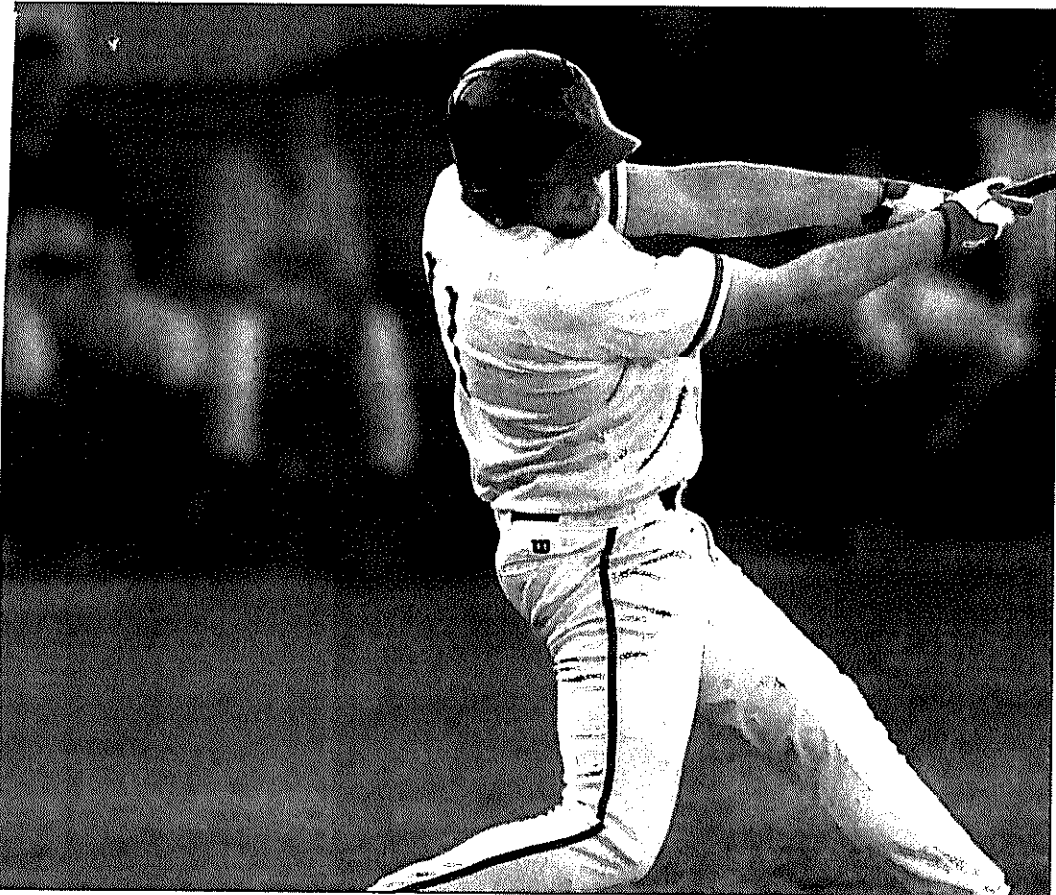


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Wheeling Park's Donnie Platt takes a rip at a pitch during Monday's OVAC All-Star baseball game at Steubenville's Vaccaro Field. Ohio beat West Virginia, 17-8.

Muscle

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Ducks

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Alfredsson, Ottawa's captain, was the last-second hero in the first period, but turned into the villain in the final moments of the second. He inexplicably fired a shot from center ice right at defenseman Scott Niedermayer, the Ducks' captain.

The usually mild-mannered Niedermayer, a three-time Cup champion in his days with New

Jersey, angrily engaged Alfredsson. It caused a tension-filled scrum that only led to matching minor penalties to start the third. Giguere and Emery, known to drop his gloves, spoke as they crossed paths on their way off the ice.

Quite a different period than the first, when the Senators dominated play.

Just as it seemed the Ducks would survive the penalty-filled and offensively challenged frame unscathed, Alfredsson one-timed a pass from Peter Schaefer past Giguere with only

went in off his skate, there was no doubt about this one — his NHL-leading 12th of the playoffs.

The Ducks had only themselves to blame by taking four penalties in the period and handing three power plays to the Senators. The last, a goaltender interference call against Ryan Getzlaf, was questionable as Emery appeared to embellish his fall to the ice.

Emery, who made 18 saves, didn't have much else to do in the opening period, facing his first shot nearly 12 minutes in



AP Photo

Dodgers catcher Russell Martin rounds third after homering against the Bucs.

Bucs

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He's got the stuff (for a no-hitter). When you saw some of the plays made behind him, you kind of started getting that feeling."

Lowe wasn't thinking nearly that far ahead, saying afterward, "You don't worry about no-hitters until the ninth inning. It was a long way away."

Especially when Lowe's hard sinker deserted him in the seventh. He walked Chris Duffy ahead of Sanchez's single, a run-scoring force play grounder and Xavier Nady's two-run homer. Until then, Lowe had not allowed a fly ball since Jose Bautista flied out to right to start the game.

"He started getting a little tired, wasn't throwing as many strikes and he started getting the ball up a little bit," Bautista said. "He made some mistakes and we made him pay."

Just not enough to win the game, something the Pirates appeared to have little chance of doing when they fell behind 5-0 in the seventh on Brady Clark's RBI infield single and Furcal's two-run double. Still, the Pirates almost came back to win a game that appeared lost, a day after they lost a game that seemed won by blowing a late four-run lead in a 5-4 loss.

The Dodgers got a run back when Martin hit his seventh homer of the season, a solo drive in the eighth off Josh Sharpless that made it 6-3. Bautista came back with his fourth of the season, a drive to left on a 3-1 pitch with two outs in the eighth that forced Lowe from the game and helped create a tentative debut for temporary Dodgers closer Jonathan Broxton.

Broxton, pitching the ninth with closer Takashi Saito (hamstring) out for at least a few days, gave up a single to Sanchez to start the inning. Sanchez reached second on

A New Twist For All-Stars



Photo by Alex Kozlowski

Bridgeport baseball coach Steve Wojcik goes over a few things with OVAC All-Stars on Tuesday night in Wheeling during a pro tryout-style instructional event. *View additional photos at cu.theintelligencer.net.*

OVAC spices it up with pro tryout

By **JOSH STROPE**
Staff Writer

With a nice assortment of talent lined up for this season's George Kovalik OVAC All-Star Classic, baseball director Perry West came up with a couple of new ideas to spice up the annual showdown.

Before the game begins June 4 at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville, a home run derby will take place for anyone wanting to participate.

Tuesday also showcased another new wrinkle in the OVAC's summer classic -- a pro tryout.

The all-stars got together for Media Day to get their pictures taken at the J.B. Chambers I-470 Complex, then took the field to participate in a series of drills put on by West and Bridgeport baseball coach Steve Wojcik.

"This is the same thing these kids would go through if they went to a pro tryout," West said. "A lot of colleges, this is how they rate their kids. We are giving these young gentlemen a little heads-up and they will be ahead of the game."

The idea was a joint conjunction of West and Wojcik.

"We're two guys that when we crash our heads together, it's hard to tell what's going to happen," West said. "This, plus the home run derby, I'm excited. There are a lot of good ballplayers out here."

"One thing that we have been able to do in the last two years is only pick 20 kids from Ohio and 20 kids from West Virginia so this gives you the cream of the crop."

The players taking part in Tuesday's tryout were Tim Ohalek (Indi-

an Creek), Bear Holdren (Cambridge), Luca Call (Steubenville Central), Rocco Auteri (Steubenville), Andrew Winland (Monroe Central), Travis Stephens (Union Local), Tyler Abbott (River), Mike Meintel (Shadyside), Cody McCormick (Shadyside), Clifton Francis (Shadyside), Aaron Miller (Toronto), Adam Hannan (Toronto), Kris Carr (Toronto), Mike Ludwig (Toronto), Travis Miller (Toronto), Jordan Thompson (Buckeye Trail), Josh Jackson (Wheeling Central), Cy Mazingo (John Marshall), Shane Pysch (John Marshall), Corey Brown (Wheeling Park), Adam Lewton (Wheeling Park), Donnie Platt (Wheeling Park), Kevin Snyder (Magnolia), Josh Clegg (Magnolia).

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Jonas McEldowney (Magnolia), James Whitfield (Bishop Donahue), John Haglock (Bishop Donahue), A.J. Gordon (Bishop Donahue), Brian Lancaster (Brooke), Jonathan Gilchrist (Brooke), David Hartman (Brooke), Brad Lahr (Oak Glen), and Travis Smith (Cameron).

The players were drilled on a 60-yard dash, as well as hitting. Pitchers had their speed and accuracy tested, catchers were timed by their glove-to-glove from home to second base, outfielders took part in a 225-foot catch and throw, and infielders on throws from third to first.

"I will keep (the results) and if any college wants to check on these kids, they can come to me," West said. "A lot of these kids are not committed to any college. This is a good chance to take a look and talk to them."

Among those taking part in the watching and timing the OVAC All-Stars was a trio of local college coaches.

Wheeling Jesuit's Terry Edwards, West Liberty's Bo McConaughy, and Bethany's Rick Carver were on hand to view the outgoing high school seniors.

For the players, it was a chance for them to show what they can do to a college coach that might not have seen them before.

"Baseball is a very late signing sport. It always has been, always will be," Edwards said. "This is a very stressful time for some of the kids and very few of the guys in this immediate area will sign early."

"A lot of them wait, sometimes too late hoping something will come their way. I think they need to realize that the sooner they make this decision, the better off they are going to be. Right now, a lot of college coaches are looking at 2008."

Edwards, the Cardinals' coach for the only two seasons in school history, is a big fan of the tryout and what it could become.

"Anything you can do to promote the game and enhance high school baseball in this part of the country and in the Ohio Valley, is always an asset," Edwards said. "Any-

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thing you start out with is going to have a few glitches, but this was run relatively smooth. I think the kids are enjoying it and it can only grow and get better from here.

"There is a lot of talent in this valley, and I think what we're trying to do is ensure that it doesn't get overlooked by the coaches."

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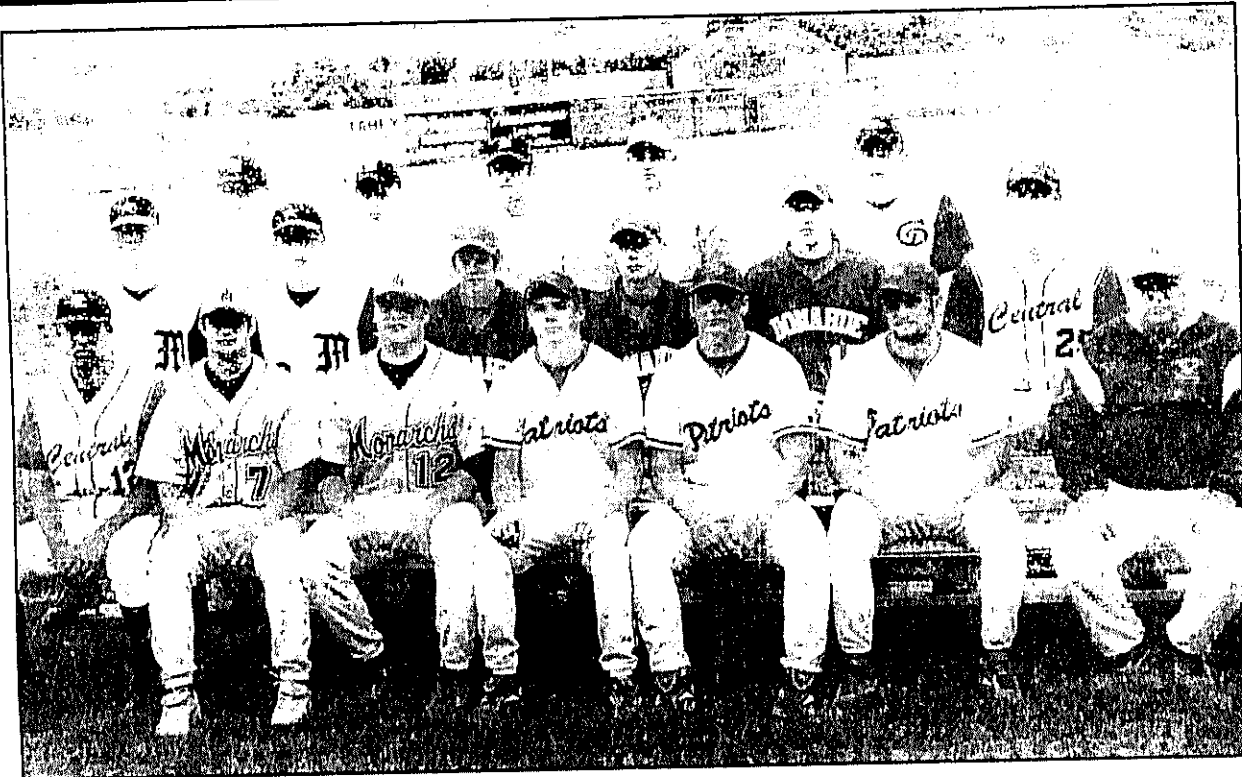
Also announced at Media Day were the awards for the top coach and players.

Shadyside's Gary Cunningham was named Coach of the Year, while the Players of the Year were Shadyside's Mike Meintel (A), Fort Frye's Tyler Engle (AA), Indian Creek's Tim Ohalek (AAA) and John Marshall's Shane Pysh (AAAA).

Also making the all-star teams but unable to attend the tryout for Ohio were Edison's Aaron Hilt, Cody McCoy, and Robbie Stewart, and St. Clairsville's Ian Riddell.

Ryan Zelinski (John Marshall), Patrick Ohrmann (Linsly), and T.J. Osbon (Oak Glen) did not attend for West Virginia.

The West Virginia coaches will be John Marshall's Bob Montgomery, Wheeling Central's Jim Wodusky, and Oak Glen's Mike Hissom, while the Ohio side will be led by Edison's Mike Collopy, Meadowbrook's Steve Norman, and Monroe Central's Francis Winland.



Aaron Petchal

LET THE HITS BEGIN – The annual OVAC Baseball All-Star Game will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at Vaccaro Field. Players and coaches of the West Virginia team gathered for a team picture during media night Tuesday in Elm Grove.

Five local players are ready for the OVAC All-Star game

By **AARON PETCHAL**
Sports writer

WHEELING — Five local baseball players have been chosen to represent their schools and the state of West Virginia in the annual Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Senior All-Star Game.

The George Kovalik All-Star Classic will be held at 6 p.m. Monday at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville. Festivities will open with a home run derby at 4 p.m. Competing in the home run derby is optional. All players and coaches are asked to be at Vaccaro Field at 4:45 p.m.

Three Brooke players have been selected to play in the game. Brian Lancaster, David Hartman and Jonathan Gilcrest are the trio selected to represent

the Bruins.

Oak Glen will have two players on the West Virginia roster. Brad Lahr and T.J. Osbon will represent the Golden Bears.

Also, Oak Glen first-year head coach Mark Hissam has been selected to be one of the coaches for West Virginia. He will be joined by John Marshall's Bob Montgomery and Wheeling Central's Jim Wodusky.

The Magnolia Blue Eagles will be represented by three players. Jonas McEldowney, Kevin Snyder and Josh Clegg will play in the game.

John Marshall will also be represented by three players. Shane Pysh, Cy Mozingo and Ryan Zelenski will represent Montgomery's Monarchs in the game.

Wheeling Park will be repre-

sented by three players as well. Adam Lewton, Corey Brown and Donnie Platt are all scheduled to represent the Patriots in the game.

Bishop Donahue is the fifth school to be represented by three players. A.J. Gordon, John Haglock and James Whitfield will all represent the Bishops in the game.

Josh Jackson will be the lone representative for the Maroon Knights. Travis Smith is the lone representative for the Cameron Dragons. The Linsly Cadets will also have one representative. Patrick Ohrman was chosen to represent the Cadets in the game.

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T-L Photo/Rich Gibson

THESE OHIO Baseball all-stars will tangle with the West Virginia all-stars Monday night at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville. Pictured front row, from left, are: Aaron Miller (Toronto), Adam Hannan (Toronto), Kris Carr (Toronto), Mike Ludwig (Toronto), Travis Miller (Toronto), Jordan Thompson (Buckeye Trail). Middle row, from left, are: Travis Stephens (Union Local), Tyler Abbott (River), Mike Meintel, Cody McCormick, Clifton Francis, (Shadyside) Coach Steve Norman (Meadowbrook). Back row, from left, are: Tim Ohalek (Indian Creek), Bear Holdren (Cambridge), Luca Call (Steubenville Central), Rocco Auteri (Steubenville), Andrew Winland (Monroe Central), Coach Junior Winland (Monroe Central).

OVAC Baseball Stars vie Monday

By **RICH GIBSON**
Times Leader Sports Writer

The George Kovalick OVAC All-Star Baseball Classic will be played Monday evening (6:00) at Steubenville's Vaccaro Field.

The always-popular event matches the finest seniors from opposing sides of the Ohio River in a nine-inning showcase.

In addition to Monday's Ohio-West Virginia game, a new feature this year is a home run derby which is an optional opportunity for any player interested in participating. Game director Perry West advises players opting to take part in the HR derby report to Vaccaro no later than 4 p.m. All other players should arrive by 4:45.

A number of special awards will be presented during breaks between innings.

Among those to be recognized are the bi-state conference's players of the year in each division. They are: Shadyside's Mike Meintel (1-A); Fort Frye's Tyler Engle (2-A); Indian Creek's Tim Ohalek (3-A); and John Marshall's Shane Pysh (4-A).

All four are scheduled to play Monday evening.

Also slated to be recognized is Shadyside's Gary Cunningham, the OVAC's Coach of the Year. Additionally, other coaching milestones will be honored.

Three of Cunningham's standouts at

Shadyside are included on Ohio's roster. Meintel, who has signed to continue his career at Wright State University, will be joined by Tiger teammates Cody McCormick and Clifton Francis.

Meintel compiled a 8-1 mound mark this spring, recording 111 strikeouts in 59 innings of work.

OVAC All-Star Baseball Game
When: Monday, 6 p.m.
Where: Vaccaro Field
Cost: \$6 for adults, \$4 for students

At the plate, he hit .529, hammering eight home runs and driving in 37 teammates.

McCormick also excelled on the hill, going 7-1 with a 1.91 ERA. He hit .447, clubbed four round-trippers and

totaled 35 RBIs. Francis was a .373 hitter, delivering five homers and accounting for 33 runs.

The Ohio contingent includes Union Local's Travis Stephens who helped the Jets capture a OVAC 3-A championship.

Other area standouts playing Monday are St. Clairsville's Ian Riddell, River's Tyler Abbott, Monroe Central's Andrew Winland, and Buckeye Trail's Jordan Thompson.

The remainder of Ohio's roster consists of: Bear Holdren (Cambridge); Aaron Hilt, Cody McCoy and Robbie Stewart (Edison); Adam Hannan, Travis

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Coaching the Ohio All-Stars are Steve Wojcik (Bridgeport); Junior Winland (Monroe Central); Steve Norman (Meadowbrook); and Mike Collopy (Edison).

Long-time John Marshall head coach Bob Montgomery is one of three mentors heading the West Virginia staff. Aiding Montgomery is Wheeling Central's Jimbo Wodusky and Oak Glen's Mike Hissom.

Players representing the Mountain State include: Adam Lewton, Corey Brown and Donnie Platt (Wheeling Park); Josh Jackson (Wheeling Central); Patrick Ohrmann (Linsly); A.J. Gordon, John Haglock and James Whitfield (Bishop Donahue); Ryan Zelinski, Shane Pysh and Cy Mozingo (John Marshall); Brian Lancaster, David Hartman and Jonathan Gilerest (Brooke); Jonas McEldowney, Kevin Snyder and Josh Clegg (Magnolia); Brad Lahr and T.J. Osburn (Oak Glen); and Travis Smith (Cameron).

Souvenirs and refreshments will be available throughout the game.

Admission at the gate is \$6 (adults) and \$4 (students).

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