

OVAC All-Star Soccer Game

'Eers Take Out Bucks

Game turns serious near its conclusion

By MIKE MATHISON
For The Intelligencer

What started as a high school exhibition soccer game, ended as if it were the playoffs back in October.

Egos, pride and adrenaline took over in the final 15 minutes during Sunday's Ohio Valley Athletic Conference boys' all-star contest at Harding Stadium.

No one wanted to lose.



"It's just an exhibition and everything, but, you definitely go out there and you want to win," Brooke's John Allen Zumpeta said after West Virginia topped Ohio,

4-3.

"It definitely showed up at the end. Everyone was playing their guts out and trying to win the game.

"It got a little heated, but everyone kept their heads."

Ohio jumped out first with a goal from Steubenville Catholic Central's Wes Myers off an assist from East Liverpool's Jimmy Wood.

West Virginia tied it when Brooke's Ryogo Kishimoto, who was later named the team's offensive Most Valuable Player, found the back of the net off a pass from Linsly's Josh Chapman.

The Wheeling Park duo of Vinnie Crumrine and Ryan Horan then scored less than two minutes apart almost midway through the second half for a 3-1 lead. Chapman recorded his second assist on Horan's tally.

Indian Creek's Eric Hilty scored off a throw-in from St. Clairsville's John Vensel.

Kishimoto followed with his second goal from Crumrine's assist.

Ohio made it 4-3 with 22:43 left in the game when goalie Colton Blevins, from Beaver Local, booted one down to the other end of the field and Zanesville's Coulton Waite found the net.

"It was slow-paced at the beginning," said Weir's Tommy Eastham,



Photo by Mike Mathison

West Virginia's Vinnie Crumrine, the state Player of the Year from Wheeling Park, takes a shot during Sunday's OVAC All-Star Soccer Game.

who was chosen the team's defensive MVP.

"The end of it got pretty intense, it got pretty nuts, everybody running around taking each other out.

"Obviously, both teams wanted to win pretty badly.

"No one wants to lose."

"In the past, it has always been that West Virginia has dominated the series," said Myers, who was selected his team's offensive MVP. "I thought we had a real good shot with our team this year."

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**John Allen Zumpeta
Brooke standout**

Andrews To Be Honored

OVAC to play its All-Star games in her memory

By DON CLEGG

Executive Sports Editor

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference announced Tuesday it will dedicate next month's OVAC Senior All-Star Soccer Classic to the memory of Kristin Andrews.

Andrews, a senior co-captain of the Weir High soccer team, passed away earlier this year following a courageous battle against leukemia.

"Kristin was an inspiration to all of us with her courage and determination," OVAC soccer director Chuck Robinson said.

"She showed us how to live and gave us a shining example of caring for all those around us."

"Her parents and family have honored us by permitting us to play these games in her memory."

The 11th annual OVAC Senior All-Star Soccer Classic will be played May 6 at Harding Stadium in Steubenville.

This year's event has been shifted to Sunday in order to avoid potential conflicts for participants in other spring sports.

The All-Star Classic will retain the popular West Virginia vs. Ohio format.

The West Virginia girls will take on the Ohio girls at 3:30 p.m. with the Ohio-West Virginia boys to follow at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Coaches and rosters for next month's all-star twinbill were also announced Tuesday.

Edison's Jeremy Angelo will serve as head coach for the Ohio girls with Steubenville Central's Chris Ledyard and St. Clairsville's Joe Kubik as his assistants.

The West Virginia girls will be led by Linsly's Jill Regan. Wheeling Park's Mark Hladek and John Paleoemilio of Weirton Madonna will be assistant coaches.

Brooke's John Zumpetta will be head coach for the West Virginia boys' squad. His assistants will be Weir High's Joe Pepe and Lou Vargo of Wheeling Central.

11th OVAC SENIOR ALL-STAR SOCCER CLASSIC GIRLS

Ohio Roster Coaches

Head Coach: Jeremy Angelo, Edison
Assistants: Chris Ledyard, Staub.
Central; Joe Kubik, St. Clairsville

Players

Beaver Local: Katie Hummel, Jaci

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Cambridge: Ida Douth, Monica Min-

gione, Katie Smith

East Liverpool: Erin McIlvain,

Joella Pillar

Edison: Lauren Carducci, Catherine

Sanders, Sam Taylor, Marian Weber

Monroe Central: Mariah Dixon

St. Clairsville: Kasey Cook

Steub. Central: Liz Corasiniti,

Bernadette Madden, Anne Potvin,

Maria Sengenberger

Zanesville: Brittany Dunlap

West Virginia Roster

Coaches

Head Coach: Jill Regan, Linsly

Assistants: Mark Hladek, Wheeling

Park; John Paleoemilio, Weirton

Madonna

Players

Brooke: Alexis Carpenter, Alicia

Wayne

Linsly: Erica Jenkins, Courtney

Lowe, Danielle Regan

Magnolia: Jordan Mullett

Oak Glen: Ashley Benavides

Tyler Consolidated: Stephanie

Moore, Hannah Warner

Weir: Liana Barnabei, Amber Bouy-

oucas

Weirton Madonna: Tara Paleoemilio

Wheeling Central: Michella McGinley

Wheeling Park: Jenna Forzano,

Emily Freeman, Katelyn Gompers,

Kelly Kresen

BOYS

Ohio Roster

Coaches

Head Coach: Steve Kopcha, Staub.

Central

Assistants: J.R. Fox, Cambridge; Ed

Vascovi, Edison

Players

Beaver Local: Colton Blevins

Cambridge: Kyle Birch, Tyler

Greathouse, Jared Mathews

East Liverpool: Alex Payne, Jimmy

Wood

Edison: Bobby Hickle, Aaron

Richardson

Indian Creek: Matt Emley, Eric Hilty

Monroe Central: Brad Eby

St. Clairsville: Matt Gross, John

Vensel

Steubenville: P.J. Hammer

Steub. Central: Kevin Danaher, Wes

Myers

Zanesville: Anthony Miller, Coulton

Waite

West Virginia Roster

Coaches

Head Coach: John Zumpetta, Brooke

Assistants: Joe Pepe, Weir; Lou

Vargo, Wheeling Central

Players

Brooke: Ryogo Kishimoto, Ryan

Whitehead, John Zumpetta

John Marshall: Aaron Demundo

Linsly: Josh Chapman, Ryan Hobbs,

Xavier Ortenzio

Magnolia: Ty McKeever

Oak Glen: Wesley Banner

Tyler Consolidated: Brad Burkhart,

Abe Wildman

Weir: Tommy Eastham, Bobby Little-

ton

Wheeling Central: Doug Pell, Ben

Scott

Wheeling Park: Vinnie Crumrine,

Ryan Horan, Tim Knight

Steve Kopcha of Steubenville Central is the head boys' coach for Ohio. Cambridge's J.R. Fox and Ed Vescovi of Edison are the Buckeye State assistants.

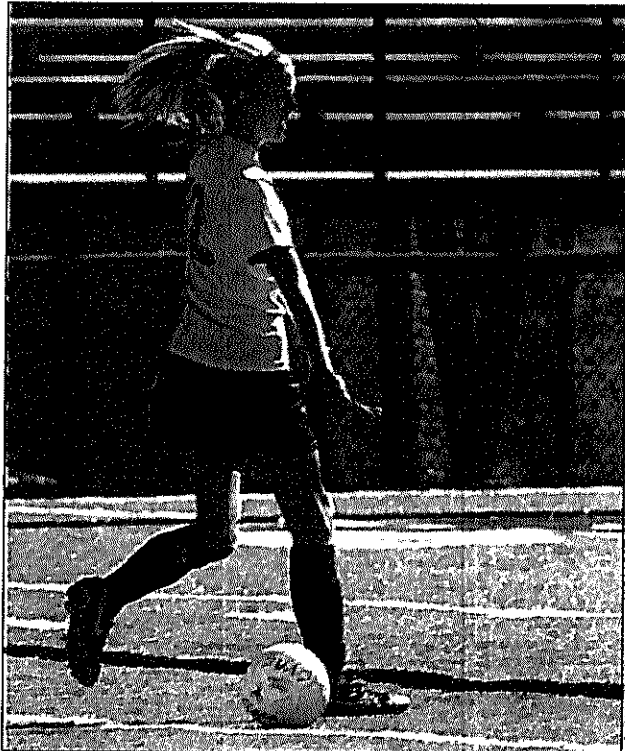


Photo by Mike Mathison

Wheeling Park's Kelly Kresen has possession of the ball for her West Virginia team during the OVAC All-Star Soccer Game on Sunday night in Steubenville.

Ohio Girls Trump W.Va.

Andrews on minds of all

By MIKE MATHISON
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SPORTS

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IN THE boys game, Brooke's Ryogo Kishimoto scored two goals and the Wheeling Park duo of Vinny Crumrine and Ryan Horan combined for two goals to lead West Virginia to a 4-3 win over Ohio.

Mountaineer goalkeepers Tyler Greathouse (Cambridge) and Magnolia's Ty McKeever combined for seven saves on eight shots.

Wesley Myers (Steubenville Central) and Eric Hilly (Indian Creek) combined for the Ohio goals.

St. Clairsville's John Vensel had an assist for Ohio.

Monroe Central goalkeeper Brad Eby made two saves, while Tyler Greathouse stopped five shots.

Kishimoto and Tommy Eastham (Weir) were named the Offensive and Defensive Players of the Game for West Virginia, while Myers and Greathouse received the awards for Ohio.

