

W.Va. Boys Prevail

Sawtarie scores a hat trick, 5-3

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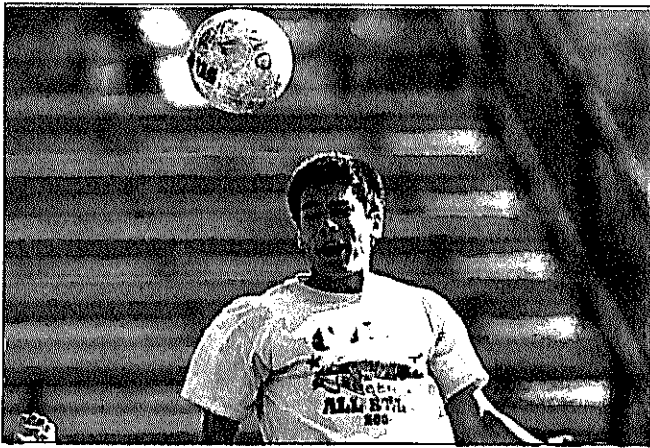


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OVAC Soccer

WEST VIRGINIA BOYS		
No.	Name	School
2	Chad Vargo	Brooke
3	Aaron Hutchins	Wheeling Park
4	Evan Sarcovich	Linsly
5	Mehdi Boumezrag	Magnolia
6	Tony Grosso	Wheeling Central
7	Anthony Santangelo	Brooke
8	Mark Garan	Brooke
9	Jared Patrick	John Marshall
10	Ryan Childers	John Marshall
11	Ryan Herron	Oak Glen
12	Nader Sawtarie	Linsly
13	Kevin Riley	Linsly
14	Derek Dunn	Magnolia
15	Chris Bucan	Wheeling Central
16	Milan Martich	Weir
17	Erik Schmalz	Linsly

Head Coach: Randy Shah, Linsly
Assistants: John Zumpetta, Brooke; Sam Paletta, Oak Glen.

OHIO		
No.	Name	School
2	Nic Reese	Edison
3	Zach McVicker	Cambridge
4	Steven Whaley	Cambridge
5	George Liptak	Cambridge
6	Seth Wenger	St. Clairsville
7	Tony Porco	Steubenville CC
8	Josh Bilman	Monroe Central
9	Derrick Gullen	Steubenville
10	Ryan Johnson	Steubenville
11	Francis DuBois	Steubenville
12	Brandon Mullins	Steubenville
13	Zach Wolfe	Cambridge
14	Gordon Washinsky	St. Clairsville
15	David Adams	Indian Creek
16	Levi Payne	East Liverpool
17	Ercel Mullins	Edison
18	Jake Lucas	Steubenville CC

Head Coach: Greg Bowers, Steubenville
Assistants: Ercel Mullins, Edison; Brandon Pendleton, Indian Creek.

GIRLS OHIO		
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2	Theresa Kovach	Steubenville
3	Lindsey Duff	Cambridge
4	Brittany Wolvorton	Cambridge
5	Kylee Hamilton	Zanesville
6	Kelsey Short	Zanesville
7	Alex Cain	St. Clairsville
8	Jane Clare Vosteen	Steubenville CC
9	Liz Duska	Steubenville CC
10	Sarah Ball	St. Clairsville
11	Heather Hochstrasser	St. Clairsville
12	Emily Pollock	Edison
13	Amanda Pool	Edison
14	Jamie Warmock	Edison
15	Rachel Paul	Indian Creek
16	Brianne Schoolcraft	Indian Creek
17	Nashay Tenney	East Liverpool
18	Jeanne DuBois	Steubenville CC

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3	Lauren Thomas	Wheeling Park
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13	Makory Mueller	Wheeling Park
14	Kaitlin Marple	John Marshall
15	Jacqueline Kryaninko	Weir
16	Kimberly Headley	Tyler
17	Chelsea Hennen	Linsly
18	Emily Coyle	Linsly
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20	Makory Dille	Mt. DeChantal

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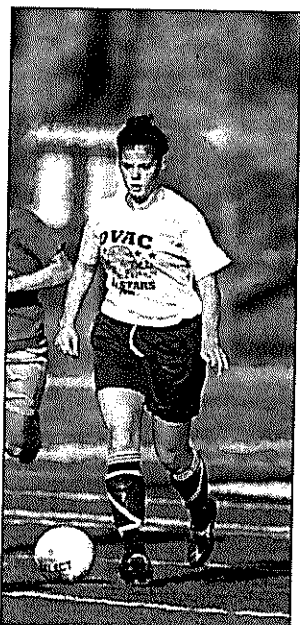
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Steubenville Catholic Central's Jane Clare Vosteen, who admittedly hates to lose, enjoyed the experience.

"I was somewhat in soccer shape," she said. "If I played forward I was in soccer



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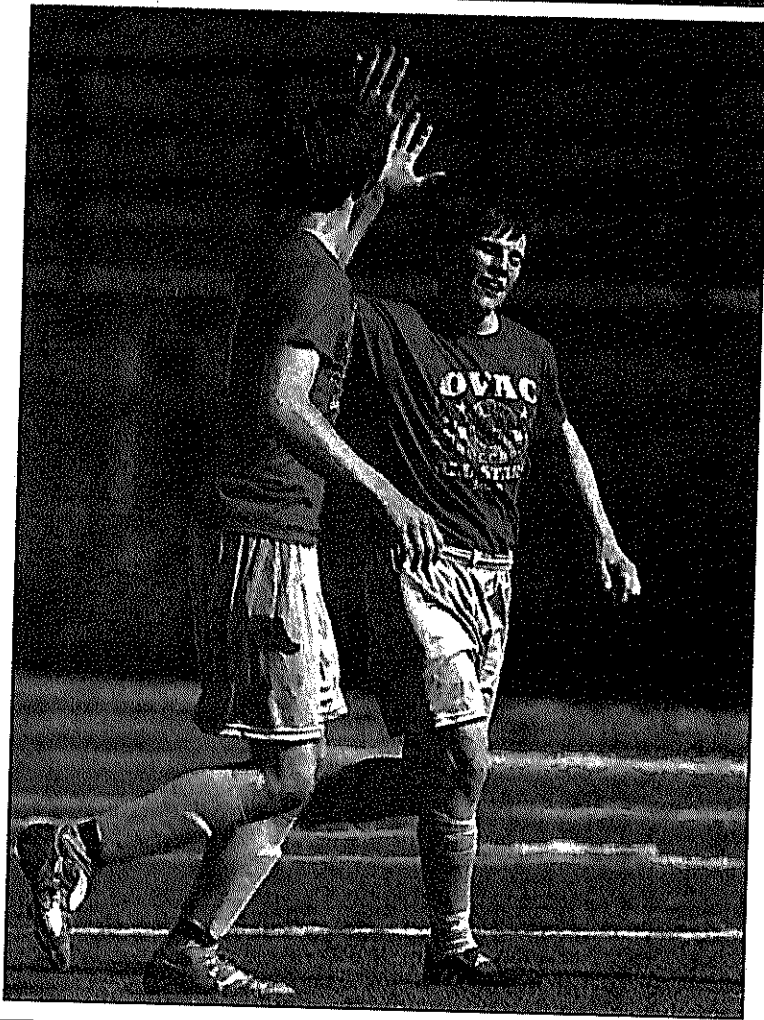
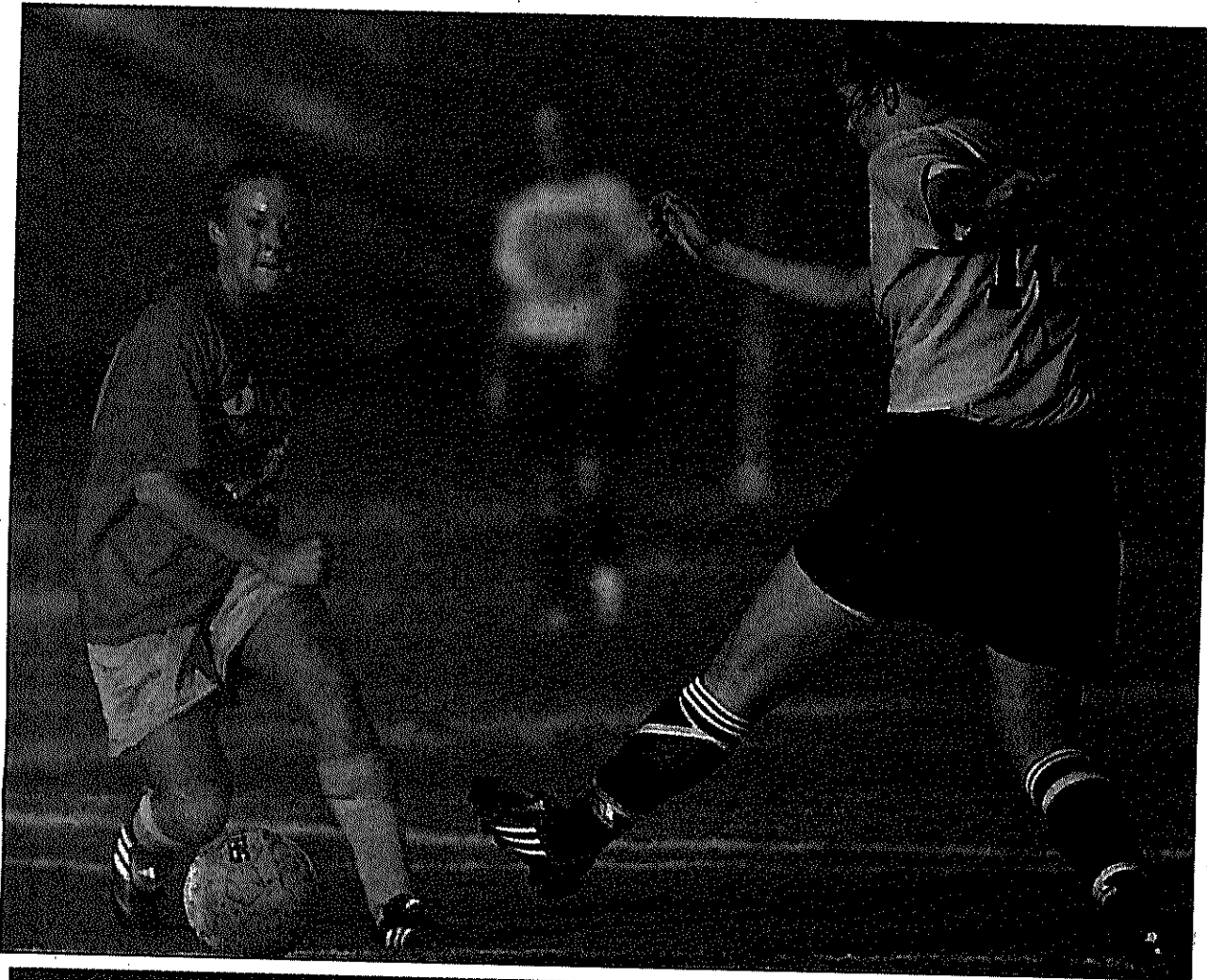
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"I expected it to be a very difficult game against West Virginia. I expected we all had to come out and play our hardest, which we did. It turned out well."

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ABOVE: St. Clairsville's Sarah Ball sends a pass past Wheeling Park's Sarah Bizanovich during 2-1 loss to West Virginia in the OVAC All-Star Soccer Match.

AT LEFT: St. Clairsville's Seth Wenger gets a high five from Cambridge's Zach McVicker after Wenger scored the second goal for Ohio in 5-3 loss to West Virginia Sunday. See related stories on Page B2 and Page B5



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