Davis inks with new Cleveland arena team



Kim North Times Leader Sports Writer

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has been what older brother Jose is up to. The former All-Ohio signal-caller during

his playing days at Bellaire is about to begin his sixth season of professional football in the Arena Football League.

Jose, who still holds 13 school passing records at Kent State University and ranks among the Top 10 in many, many more offensive categories, is set to report to training camp February 2 with the Cleveland Gladiators, an expansion team that has moved east from Las Vegas.

Even though he has yet to sign an official contract, he was looking it over earlier this week when contacted by telephone at his Pittsburgh home.

"This is like a dream come true," the 29year-old Davis said. "It's a chance to play closer to home. I'm getting 29 and near the end. Usually at this point I'm packing up to be gone for six months or so, but living in Pittsburgh I can come home when we have a couple of days off.'

The Cleveland franchise is partly-owned by former Browns quarterback Bernie Kosar, who also serves as president and CEO. "I have always believed that Cleveland would be a perfect market for Arena Football, I am honored to be a part of bringing a great product here and look forward to bringing an ArenaBowl championship to my hometown," said Kosar, who is from nearby Boardman.

Davis is excited about the opportunity to

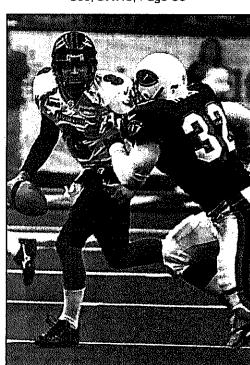
play in the Buckeye State once again.
"I've had some memorable times in the state (of Ohio)," noted the former Mr. Ohio Football runnerup.

But, he is also excited because he has played for every one of the coaches on the Gladiators staff at one point in his career.

"All of the coaches I've played for and I know," he offered. "That's a plus because I know how they coach and I know the system.

However, he was quick to point out that isn't always a benefit, "It does help, but it doesn't. There are no guarantees in this busi-

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T-L File Photo/JOEL JOSEPH BELLAIRE HIGH product Jose Davis is shown here playing against Columbus in an Arena game a couple of years ago.

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 Wheeling Park claims 55th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Title; Four locals win individual titles

By BRIAN COOK

Times Leader Sports Writer

Champions are made of many things in the sport of wrestling and it was easy to find what one looked like Saturday night at the Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament as four local grapplers prevailed to gold.

The blood, sweat and tears those four endured in the three-day grind was well worth it as they had their hands raised and marked them apart of a glorious 55 year history of valley wrestling.

With two wrestlers in the finals, Bellaire coach Shane Shaffer continues to produce some of the top in the valley as he sent Erik Canter to battle freshman standout Dominic Prezzia of St.

Erik has been focused the whole tournament. He has been a different wrestler all weekend,' Shaffer said as his junior grappler hit the finals

Canter, now with a 23-3 ledger, came into the match with a veteran mindset nailing the opening takedown on Prezzia and never let off. "I have a certain way of wrestling, I go after

wrestled him last week and had an idea of what he was going to do." The Big Red's junior entered the second frame leading 4-1 before turning Prezzia for a three nearfall point. As the clock ticked away

Canter continued to work his magic for a 9-1

them," Canter said after his 130-pound bout, "I

"You cannot let off when you are in a championship match, or any match that is when they get frustrated and you take over the match," Canter said.

The individual title was the only one for the Big Reds' mat program as they finished third in the OVAC Class AAA standings.

"You always are thinking about the big one," Canter said after his match. "It helps when you have guys in the room helping you out and help-

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BEALLSVILLE'S Jimmy Reisz works for control of Bellaire's Robbie Chilson du 140-pound title match Saturday evening at the Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament.

Reisz wins first OVAC crown and Bierko

By KIM NORTH

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No one can ever accuse Beallsville's Jimmy Reisz of not being a man of his word.

Five years ago when he was just a fresh-faced eighth-grader, Reisz told current Beallsville head wrestling coach Clint Abbott that he would win the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament one day.

Well, true to his word, the Blue Devils' 140pound senior standout finally rose to the top of the OVAC podium Saturday night at WesBanco Arena with a hard-fought, 5-4, triumph over Bellaire's Robbie Chilson, who was a returning OVAC titlist and state runnerup.

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little kid watching this tournament out-of-breath Reisz. "I finally did it."

"Jimmy really deserves this because working hard," Abbott said of the onship. "I remember when he was in grade, he told me 'I'm going to win t ment' when he was here watching it.'

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Pirates Caravan stops in Wheeling

By JIM ELLIOTT For The Times Leader

Seven-year-old Rocco Balog, dressed in a Pittsburgh Pirates jersey and carrying a team backpack, was all smiles Saturday evening as he watched

'I sense an excitement level that I'm not sure 1- -- 1- --- 41- --- 2--

Intelligencer and Wheeling News-Register and The Times Leader. Many fans wore Pirates gear and showed plenty of excitement.

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After a scoreless first period in which both wrestlers were going through the feeling-out process, Chilson broke the ice with an escape 19 seconds into the middle two-minute period. Not to be outdone, Reisz countered with a single-leg takedown and trip for the two points 28 ticks later.

The Big Reds' junior was able to get loose once again, but as before, the Blue Devils' senior executed the single-leg to perfection for a 4-2 advantage entering the final chapter.

Starting in the down position, Reisz was able to break away from Chilson midway through the period before giving up a late takedown for the final one-point margin of vic-

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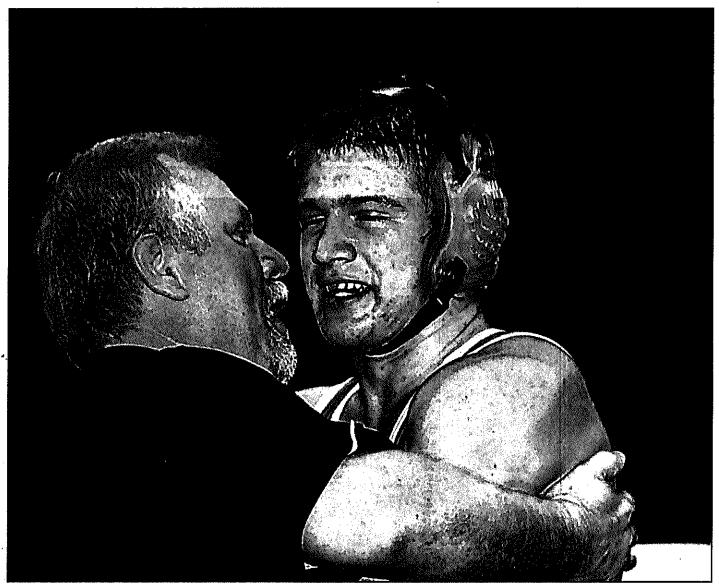
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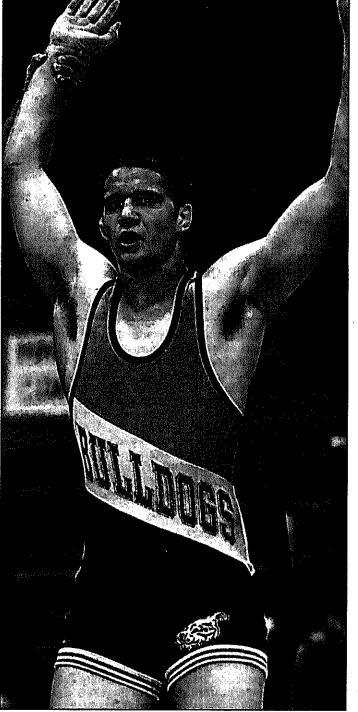
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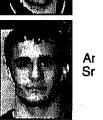
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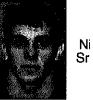








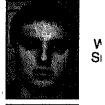














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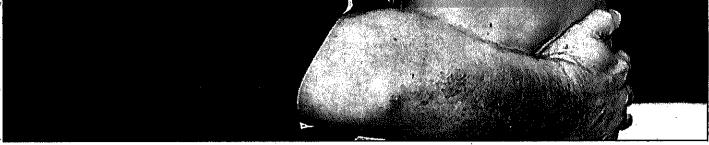
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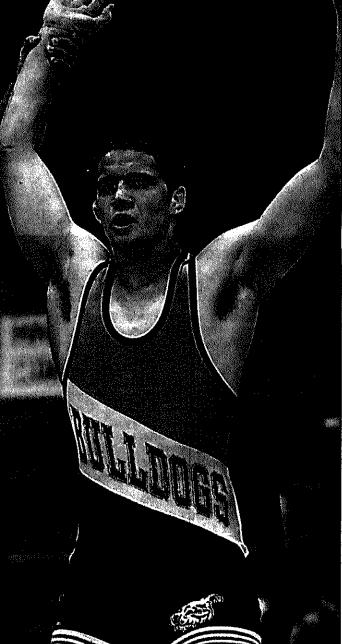
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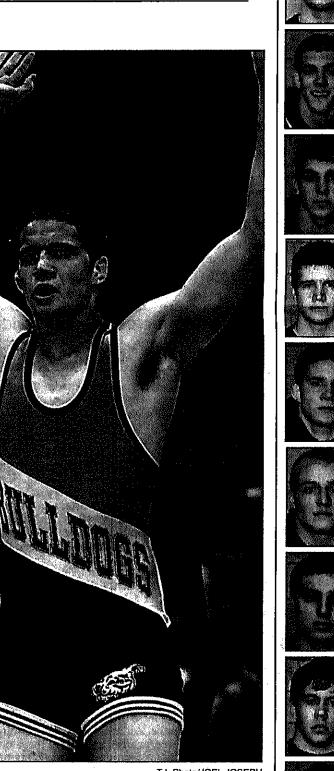
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dec. Derrick Hesson (CALD), 5-3. 285 — Derek Wolfe (BEAV) pinned Steve Woodford (MF), 1:32.

THIRD-FOURTH 103 — Andrew Bertubin (CAMB) dec. Ed Lehotay (MEAD),

112 - Zack Porter (BEL) dec.

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Cody Wilshire (BL), 1-0.
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dec. Preston Foster (EL), 4-2.
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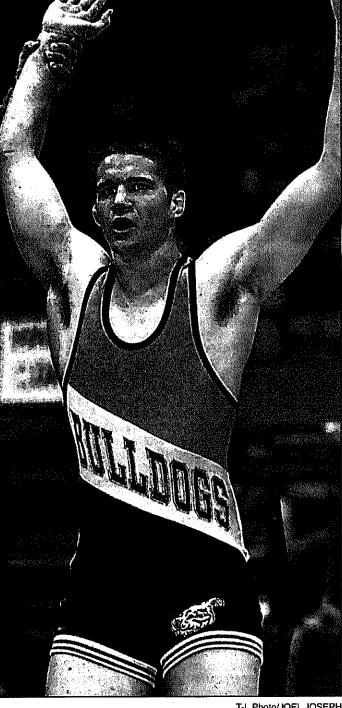
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SHADYSIDE'S Johnny Merryman celebrates his first-ever OVAC title with his dad and Shadyside assistant coach Randy Merryman who was celebrating a birthday Saturday at the tournament. Merryman avenged his only loss of the season in overtime. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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was teammate Robbie Chilson, a returning Bridgeport champi-OVAC champion. Chilson found himself across the line from a familiar face with Beallsville's Jimmy Reisz. In the past month the two battled with Reisz winning both bouts and history repeated itself on

"Jimmy is a very intelligent kid and is the hardest working kid in the room. to be able to come When you get that kind of combination you'll have a very successful kid," Beallsville coach Clint Abbott said about er, Joe Skoff). He's his 140-pound Bierkortte Award winner.

Reisz hit a pair of take downs and escapes to tame the returning Ohio Division III state runner-up by a score of

"The next step Jimmy is looking for is a state title," Abbott said about the former state place winner. "I don't know if we're going to find anyone this year that is better on their feet than Jimmy.

The next grappler to hit gold came in the form of Shadyside junior Johnny Merryman (152). The two-time OVAČ placer had only one mark on his record coming into his championship bout and it came in the form of Columbia blue and

"It was just one match I lost. I knew I had to work hard to get better for this one and it all came together tonight," Merryman said about his last meeting with Oak Glen's Cody Miller.

Merryman and Miller were in an early scoreless deadlock before Miller picked up an escape in the second period. Merryman exchanged the point in the

third sending it into overtime.
"I knew I needed to stay pretty calm through out the match if I was going to win," Merryman said. "They key was keeping my head into it and not getting frustrated.'

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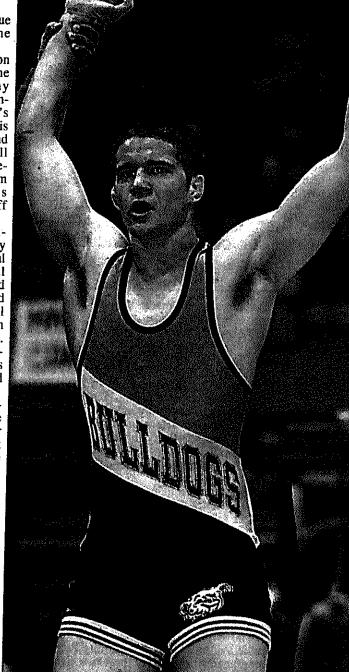
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112 - Zack Porter (BEL) dec. Cody Wiltshire (BL), 1-0.

119 — Mike Kendjorski (BL)

dec. Preston Foster (EL), 4-2.

125 — Jason Waugh (WP)
major dec. Nick Risdon (HC), 12-1.

130 — Derek Holt (MF) dec.

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171 — Ian Howell (HC) dec.
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189 — Mike Mann (BARN)
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171 — Dan Doyle (WP) dec.

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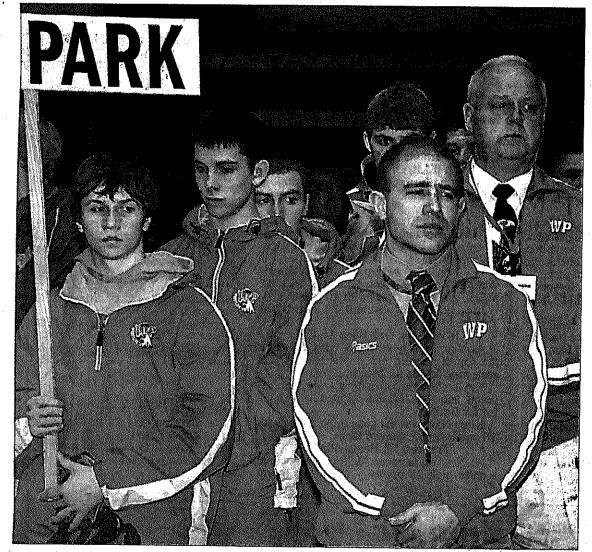
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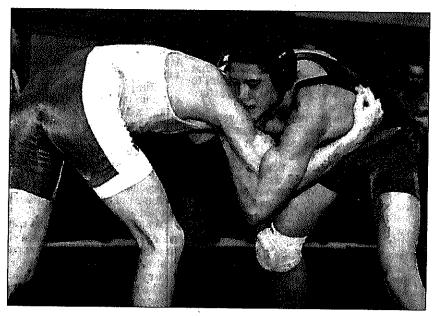


A Tie at the Top



Photos by Joel Joseph

Above: The Wheeling Park Wrestling team, led by coach Sean Doyle, front, takes the floor at WesBanco Arena for the Opening Ceremonles on Thursday. Top, Right: Beallsville's Cody Moore, left, and Bellaire St. John's Steven Johnson battle at 119. Bottom, Right: Wheeling Park's Nick Taylor, left, and Shenandoah's Seth Stickley tangle, also in the 119-pound weight class.





Park, Oak Glen lead 55th Ron Mauck OVAC Tourney

By BRIAN COOK

For The Intelligencer
Heading into the 55th annual
Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament on Thursday night, many around the sport of wrestling expected powerhouses Oak Glen and Wheeling Park would be neck-and-neck in the team standings.

Needless to say, wrestling fans were right on target.

"I would have expected us to be there (Thursday). I thought we should have been near the top of the rankings," Wheeling Park mat mentor Sean Doyle said. "This just puts us in position for the rest of the weekend. After (Friday), you'll have a better gauge of where

everyone is. The high-octane Golden Bears'

■ The morning session begins today at 11 inside WesBanco Arena, while the second session starts at 5 p.m.

mat program continued to dominate, winning 13 of 13 matches and held on to one bye in the 103pound bracket while the Patriots won 12 of 14 bouts – all by pin for a 48-48 deadlock in the team

"The goal was to try to advance as many guys. We got everybody through and scored as many bonus points as we could," Oak Glen coach Larry Shaw said. "We're in a position to continue to contend and that is what we want to do.

The Golden Bears' Dominick Burchett's match today could give Oak Glen the early advantage if he can knock off No. 7-seed Eric Beck of John Marshall.

"We still have the opportunity to pick up a couple of points there if he can win," Shaw said about his 103-pounder. "He's pretty tough. Maybe he can help us (Thursday)

by wrestling well (today)."

The Patriots' losses came in the 145- and 189-pound weight classes as Derrick Amos felt the wrath of Buckeye Local's Mike Slaga in 2:56 while Tucker Goodwin fell short 9-4 to Tyler Consolidated's Cullen Grover.

"We lost one match we expected

stay in that position and work our to win. (Today) is a huge day for way through. " to win. (Today) is a huge day for us," Doyle said. "We have hopes that 12 guys can challenge to get to the semifinals, and I really believe if we can do that, we'll be in a really strong position to win the tournament.'

Trailing the Golden Bears and Patriots in the distance are Beaver Local (32), Bellaire (30.5) and Cambridge.

Beaver Local, which entered the tournament with the most top seeded wrestlers, fell in line as planned as its top trio - Arizona Miller (103), Jon Bittinger (160) and Derek Wolfe (285) - all advanced by pin in the first peri-

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All of the No.1 seeds advanced in championship competition while three low No. 8-seed John Barker of

ment.

In the 112-pound class,

seeds fell short of advance- Barnesville fell short to St. Clairsville's Michael Yockey. 2-1. At 152 pounds, No. 7seed Jeff Hanselman of Wellsville lost in a one-point heartbreaker to Beaver Local's Jarod Osborn, 9-8. At 189 pounds, No. 8-seed Tyler Druschel of John Marshall couldn't pick up another takedown as he fell short against Matt Shreve of Martins Ferry,

Recording the fastest pin thus far was East Liverpool's Cagney Springer with a 7-second fall of Craig Davis of Caldwell.

Wrestling will resume today beginning 11 a.m.



"I have six seeded and I think I have a couple more that I think can surprise a couple people and place," Big Reds' mat mentor Shane Shaffer said. "If we can continue our momentum from the Buckeye 8 Tournament and have our kids wrestle like they did we can be very successful,

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Chilson, a returning OVAC champion and Ohio Division III runner-up, has taken a back seat in the seeding to another wrestling standout Beallsville's Jimmy Reisz.

The two have toed the line twice this season season with Reisz coming out on top in both meetings.

"Robbie stepped it up a notch at the Buckeye 8 Tournament against Buckeye Local's Mike Slaga and looked tough. He reminded me of Robbie from last year," Shaffer offered

Porter will have to potentially battle another Goliath

with Wheeling Central's Zach Basich claiming the No. 1 spot in his bracket, Basich is a returning OVAC and

Pairings and seeds can be found on Page B4.

West Virginia Class A/AA state champion.

"You can figure out what you want in that seeding meeting, but it all determines on how the kids come out and wrestle," Shaffer said.

Harrison Central will have six seeds as well with Ian Howell as the Huskies' highest seed at No. 2 at 171-pounds. His top competition, if he makes it to the finals, will come from Buckeye Local's Nathan Schaal.

"His determining factor is he needs to get his mind right and have it focused for a com-plete six minutes," Buckeye Local coach Nate Skrzypek noted about Schall's probability to set foot on the final's mat Saturday evening against Howell. "If he focuses he is tough to beat.'

Other local top seeds on the Ohio side of the river are Cambridge's Paul Rose (125), St. Clairsville's Dominic Prezzia (130), Edison's Andy Stine (135), Steubenville's Mark Markakis (189) and Caldwell's Derrick Hesson

On the West Virginia side, the Oak Glen Golden Bears enter the tournament with second highest number of seeds with $1\overline{0}$ - two of those being top seeds Troy Eckleberry (119) and Cody Miller (152).

"The kids have to wrestle and they have to wrestle well. That is what it all comes down to," Shaw noted. "Seeds haven't won too many matches the kids just need to go out and wrestle. That is all it boils down to and they have to get stronger as the tournament progresses.'

With depth never being a problem. Shaw says he looks forward to having his team live up to its previous accolades.

"It doesn't change. You need to do the same things to win a tournament of this capacity," Shaw explained. " I tell my kids their first challenge is they have earned that seeded position and they have to wrestle up to that seed. After that, if you can accomplish that then you can go on from there.

Oak Glen's Eckleberry is no stranger to being in the spotlight, the returning OVAC champion and West Virginia Class A/AA runner-up doesn't have any problems preparing for the three-day grind.

"The competitiveness has to come from within. It is up to

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Team Scores

Oak Glen 48, Wheeling Park 48, Beaver Local 32, 9ellaire 30.5, Cambridge 30, John Mershall 27.5, Harrison Central 24, Monroe Central 24, Caldwell 22, Buckeye Local 21.5, Martins Ferry 21, Brooke 18, Steuberville 18, Beallsville 18, St. John Central 18, St. Cleirsville 15, Barnesville 15, East Liverpool 15, Edison 14, Indian Creek 11.5, River 10, Shadyside 10, Pridgerpot 8, Meadowbrook 8, Wheeling Central 8, Wellsville 7; Cameron 5, Bishop Donahue, Steubenville Catholic 4, Union Local 4, Welrton Madonna 4, Conotton Valley 2, Tyler Consolidated 2.

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Ed Lahotay (MEAD) p. Joah Scott (WEIR), 3:54;
Kyle Buser (WC) p. Tory Herris (BL), 1:54.

112 Pounds
Aaron Majetich (WP) p. Zach Stoneking (MAG), 0:46; Michael Yockey (STC) d. John Berker (BARN), 2-1; Justin Goode (JM) p. Tim Fox (CAMB), 0:33; Arlzona Miller (BEAV) p. Anthony Vein (ED), 1:48; Cody Wiltshire (BL) tech. fall Josey Barbrandt (CV), 7-0; Zack Porter (BEL) p. Brandy Waller (CALC), 1:11; Davis Mahan (OG) p. Taylor Clegg (BD), 0:19; Tavior Yoder (MF) p. Chad Needham (STB), 2:52; Ryan Richter (MC) p. Wyett Duffield (EL), E:39.

118 Pounds
Justin LaRoy (KC) p. Tyler Moore (BARN), 1:00; Troy Eckleberry (OG) p. Josh Campbell (BRK), 1:38; Sam Faykus (BEL) p. Jassie Bonnett (WER), 2:05; Cody Moore (BEAL) d. Steve Johnson (SJC), 7-4; Jacob Border (CALD) p. Alex Morales (STB), 4:35; Dillion VanDyne (CAMB) p. Brian McGlone (ED), 1:32; Dillion Notte (STC) p. Calvin McCune (TYLER), 1:118; Mitch Thompson (BEAV) p. Sean Hughes (STB) Mitch Thompson (BEAV) p. Sean Hughes (STB), 4:32; Nick Taylor (WP) p. Seth Stickley (SHEN), 2:38; Preston Foster (EL) p. Christian Moorey (MEAD), 0:36; Mike Kendjorak (BL) p. Scottle Liberatore (SHAD), 0:26; Jonathan Munitz (MC) p. Mark Thomas (WM), 1:43; Davis Schilleper (CAM) p. Davy Wilson (UL), 3:20.

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125 Pounds
Ryan Asbury (OG) p. Ethan King (MAG), 0:44; Clasey Davis (BEL) p. Jimmy Detere (WM), 2:17; Paul Rosa (CAMB) p. Shane Siragusano (ED), 0:27; Jared Mcintosh (BEAV) p. John Schumscher (MC), 3:21; Jeremy Howard UM), Mark Barton (WELL), 0:47; Jason Waugh (WP) p. Jeffrey Blumenjauer (BL), 0:52; Nick Risdon (HC) p. Steven Carter (CV), 1:09; Kody Crooks (BARN) won by injury default vs. Seth Glariessi (WEIR), 4:48; Cagney Springer (EL) p. Craig Davia (CALD), 0:07; Trevor Vilga (BRK) p. Kyle Friede (UL), 2:37; Jake Foster (SJC) p. Ethan Crozker (SHAD), 1:50; Seth Callerick (STC) d. Julian Yost (TC), 10-3.

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140 Pounds

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145 Pounds

Corey Parry (CAM) d. Mart Smith (JM), 4-2; Marcus George (WP) p. Rick Flestning (HC), 0:20; Zech Basich (WC) p. JD Sokolowski (BL), 4:41; Nick McAvory (OG) p. Aaron Scurry (BRK), 1:10; Max Nogay (WM) p. Eric Ravak (MEAD), 0:20; Justin Clendenin (SHAD) d. Brody Northcraft (TYLER), 5-1; Nick Stine p. Michael Buchheft (EL), 0:32; Jered Border (CALD) p. Ian Grahem (MF), 5:36; Jon Rey (CAMB) p. Nate Barker (STB CEN), 0:53.

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Johnny Merryman (SHAD) p. Clint Childers (MEAD), 0:27; Bobby Richmond (BD) p. Patrick Pickenpaugh (CALD), 3:13/Zack Kosky (SJC) p. Corbin Cline (ED), 1:46; Mike Emery (IC) p. Chris Tatgenhostt (EL), 3:43; Cody Miller (OG) p. Tyler Thomberry (BEAL), 0:59; Heath Beecher (WP) p. Brawn McLaughlin (BARN), 0:36; Kyle Faykus (BEL) d. Scott Keiser (MF), 8:3-Tayfor Banks (HC) d. Dennie Ruza (JM), 9-4; Salem James (STB) major d. John Coleman (CAMB), 15-6; Jarod Osborne (BEAV) d. Jeff Hanselman (WELL), 9-8.

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Jon Bittinger (BEAV) p. Justin Mostl (STB CN), 0:37; James Beatty (CAMB) p. Cory Oliver (MF), 5:15; Sath Bumgardner (WP) p. Jamey Devaul (STB), 3:45; Keson Melchiori (JM) p. Parandon Grimes (TYLER), 0:50; Nathen Abbott (CALD) d. Chase Sixider (STC), 13-7; AJ Ritterbeck (BARN) p. Andrew gibbs (WELL), 0:48; Zack Six (OG) p. Jon Renforth (IC), 0:20; Derek Porter (BEL) d. Deve Vaughn (SHAD), 5-2; Bryen Skoff (BDP) p. Jacob Hearn (UL), 3:34; Nathen McConaughy (MC) p. Dylan Jones (EL), 3:20; Daniel Goodwin (ED) d. Kiefer Watson (MEAD), 3-2.

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OVAC Wrestling Seeds, Pairings

1. Dirk Bauer, Wheeling Park; 2. Ed Lehotay, Meadowbrook; 3. Kyle Bauer, Wheeling Central; 4. Darin Heavilin, Harrison Central; 5. Andrew Burtubin, Cambridge; 6. Johnny McComas, Beaver; 7. Eric Beck, John Marshall; 8. Chris Tingler, Stantomätis

Beaver; 7. Eric Beck, John Marshall; 8. Chris Imger, Steubernille.

112 — 1. Arizona Miller, Beaver Local; 2. Taylor Yoder, Martins Ferry; 3. Zack Porter, Bellaire; 4. David Mahan, Oak Glen; 5. Cody Witshire, Buckeye Local; 8. Aaron Majelich, Wheeling Park; 7. Ryan Richter, Monroe Central; 8. John Barker, Bernesville.

119 — 1. Troy Eckleberry, Oak Glen; 2. Mike Kendjorski, Buckeye Local; 3. Nick Taylor, Wheeling Park; 4. Preston Foster, East Liverpool; 5. Jacob Border, Caldwell; 6. Mitch Thompson, Beaver Local; 7. Dillon Notte, St. Clairsville; 8. Dillon VanDyne, Dillon Note, St. Clairsville; 8. Dillon VanDyne,

Cambridge.

125 — 1. Paul Rose, Cambridge; 2. Cagney Springer, East Liverpool; 3. Jason Waugh, Wheeling Park; 4. Nick Risdon, Harrison Central; 5. Jeremy Howard, John Marshal; 6. Ryan Asbury, Oak Clen; 7. Jake Foster, St. John; 8. Seth Callarik, St. Clairsville.

Clairsville; 2. Chase

130 — 1. Dominic Prezzia, St. Clairsville; 2. Chase

Clark, Union Local; 3. Bryce Rush, Wheeling Park; 4. Ethan Dray, Oak Glen; 5. Erik Canter, Belkeire; 6. Derrick Holt, Martins Ferry; 7. Tyler Berger, Cambridge; 8. Clart Boyd, Cathwell.

135 — 1. Andy Stine, Edison; 2. James McFarland, Brooke; 3. Joel Paolo, Oak Glen; 4. Ben Poold, John Marshall; 5. Shane Foster, St. John; 6. Brandon Convad, Meadowbrook; 7. Joe McKee, Wheeling Park; 8. Matt Flanigan, Welsville; 2. Robbie Chilson, Bellaire; 3. Mike Slaga, Buckeye Local; 4. Kurlis Jefferis, Barnesville; 5. Rob Eddy, Harrison Central; 6. Chirs Brandoxer, Edison; 7. Dylan Ice, Beaver Local; 8. Paden Potts, Oak Glen.

Chris Brancker, Edison; 7. Dylan Ice, Beaver Local; 8. Paden Potts, Oak Glen.
145 — 1. Zach Basich, Wheeling Central; 2. Aaron Porter, Bellaire; 3. Nick Stine, Edison; 4. Jon Ray, Cambridge; 5. Jared Border, Cashwell; 6. Max Nogay, Weirton Madonna; 7. Nick McAvoy, Oak Glen; 8. Marcus George, Wheeling Park.
152 — 1. Cody Miller, Oak Glen; 2. Johnny Merryman, Shadyside; 3. Zack Kosky, St. John; 4. Mike Emery, Indian Creek; 5. Kyle Faykus, Bellaire; 6. Heath Beecher, Wheeling Park; 7. Jeff Hanselman, Wellsville; 8. Taylor Banks, Harrison Central, 160 — 1. John Brittinger, Beaver Local; 2. Bryan

Weltsville; B. Taylor Banks, Harrison Central.

160 — 1. Jon Biltinger, Beaver Local; 2. Bryan Skoff, Bridgeport; 3. Zeck Six, Oak Glen; 4. Kason Melchiori, John Marshall; 5. James Bealty, Cambridge; 6. Seth Burngardner, Wheeling Park; 7. Nathan Abboti, Cashwell; 8. Derek Porior, Bellaire.

171 — 1. Nathan Schaal, Buckeye Local; 2. Ian Howell, Harrison Central; 3. Chad Teague, Cambridge; 4. Chase Tucker, Martins Ferry; 5. Dan Dovle, Wheeling Park; 6. Trevor Dunn, John Marshall; 7. Josh Stzemore, Brooke; 8. Paden Stewart, River, 189 — 1. Mark Martkakis, Steubenville; 2. Kirk Watherell, Cambridge; 3. Troy Starr, River, 4. Devon Lutwing, Beaver Local; 5. Jarry Kahl, Shadyside; 6. Mike Marin, Barnesville; 7. Jake Mallemee, Harrison Central; 8. Tyler Druschel, John Marshall; 2. Branko Busick, Steubenville; 3. Aflen Earnest, Wheeling Park; 4. Taylor Potts, John Marshall; 5. Schulyler Bondy, Monroe Central; 6. Zac Costlow, Steubenville Catholic; 7. Jake Henderson, Beaver Local; 8. Levi Holcomb, St. Clairsville.

Catholic: 7. Jake Henderson, Beaver Local; 8. Levi Holcomb, St. Clairysile.
265 — 1. Derek Wolfe, Beaver Local; 2. Drake Kowcheck, Brooke; 3. Tom Schenkel, Caldwell; 4. Doug Marray, Oak Glen; 5. Steven Woodford, Martins Ferry; 6. Dutch Fisher, Wheeling Park; 7. Ryan Dugan, Sieubenville; 8. Saan West, Bridgeport.
FIRST-ROUND MATCHES (NOT INCLUDING BYES)
103-Dirk Bauer (WP) vs. Cody Rice (Brooke); Scott Spano (St. C.) vs. Darin Heavilin (HC); Kyle Bauer (Wing, Cerril) vs. Troy Harris (BL); Josh Scott (Wair) vs. Ed Lehotay (Meadow).
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112-Arizona Miller (Beaver) vs. Anthony Vein (Edison); Michael Yockey (St. C) vs. John Barker (Barnes); Aaron Majetich (WP) vs. Zach Stoneking (Mag); Tim Fox (Camb) vs. Justin Goode (JM); Taylor Cleog (BD) vs. David Mahan (OG); Zack Porter (Bell) vs. Brandy Walter (Cald); Joey Garbrandt (CV) vs. Zach Strickland (River); Mark Hemmerle (Shen) vs. Cody Willishire (BL); Ryan Richter (MC) vs. Wyath Duffield (EL); Chad Needham (Steub) vs. Taylor Yoder (MF). Yoder (MF).

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119--Troy Eckleberry (OG) vs. Josh Campbell (Brocke): Tyler Moore (Barnes) vs. Justin LeRoy (IC); Brian McGlone (Ed) vs. Dillon VanDyne (Camb); Jacob Border (Cald) vs. Alex Morales (Steub); Cody Moore (Bealls) vs. Steve Johnson (SJC); Sam Faykus (Bell) vs. Jessie Bennett (WP); Christian Money (Mead) vs. Preston Foster (EL; Nick Taylor (WP) vs. Seth Stickley (Shen); Journey Wayts (River) vs. Brad Mackey (MF); Devon Phillips (Mag) vs. Josh Longworth (JM); Sean Hughes (SCC) vs. Mitch Thompson (Beaver); Dillon Notle (StC.) vs. Calvin McCane (Tyler); Davy Wison (UL) vs. David Schliner McCune (Tyler); Davy Wison (UL) vs. David Schipper (Cam); Jonathan Muntz (Monroe) vs. Mark Thomas (Madonna); Scotty Liberatire (Shady) vs. Mike

(Madonna); Scotty Liberatire (Shady) vs. Mike Kendorsky (Buckeye).

125-Paul Rose (Camb) vs. Shane Sragusano (Ed); Casey Davis (Bell) vs. Jimmy Deter (Madionna); Julian Yost (Tyler) vs. Seth Callarik (St. C.); Ryan Asburg (OG) vs. Ethan King (Mag); John Schumacher (Morroe) vs. Jarred McIntosh (Beaver); Steven Carter (CV) vs. Nick Risdon (HC); Jason Waugh (WP) vs. Jeffrey Blumenjeuer (BL); Kody Crooks (Barnes) vs. Seth Gianessi (Wein); Mark Barton (Weis) vs. Jeremy Howard (JM); Jake Foster (SJC) vs. Ethan Crozler (Stady); Trevor Vilga (Brooke) vs. Kyle Friede (UL); Craig Davis (Cald) vs. Cagney Springer (EL).

130-Dominic Prezzia (SLC.) vs. Todd Pakrer (KC); Pat Bortz (SCC) vs. Shawn Pate (HC); Jonathan Smith(Meadow) vs. Clint Boyd (Cald); Derrick Hott (MF) vs. Ryan LeMasters (Ed); Nate Taylor (TC) vs. Suriny Beavers (Brooke); Jarrett Bleke (JM) vs. Jorge Wilkos (Shen); Jesse O'Neal (MC) vs. Bryce Rush (WP); Ethan Draf (OG) vs. Arthuer Hobley (Steub); Brandon Bartrug (BL) vs. Wesley Barnes (Weiri; Ouentin Castello (Barnes) vs. Jeremy Wiles (Bealls); Billy Bamhart (Cam) vs. Erik Canter (Bell); Tyler Berger (Camb) vs. Jos Coll (EL); Cameron Miller (Beaver) vs. Eric Estep (Mag); Jammy Davis (SJC) vs. Sean Collins (Wests): Pat Neis (WC) vs. Chase Clark 130-Dominic Prezzia (St.C.) vs. Todd Pakrer (IC). Sean Collins (Wells); Pat Neis (WC) vs. Chase Clark

(U.C.). 135--Andy Stine (ED) vs. Justin Lunsford (Shedy); Flint Postie (River) vs. Dustin Platt (MC); Larry Williams (Beaver) vs. Trevor Coffman (HC); Cody Davidson (Weir) vs. Matt Flanigan (Wells); Shane Davidson (Weir) vs. Matt Flanigan (Weils); Shane Foster (SLC) vs. Devin Alfiman (Camb); Dustin Philitis (TC) vs. Tim Nieb (BL); Quenton Cottreil (CV) vs. Aaron Bolitho (IC); Michael Duffy (Shan) vs. Ben Pock (JM); Joel Paolo (OG) vs. Josh Wilson (WC); Angelo Iachini (Steub) vs. Mitchell Friede (UL); Andrew Seevers (Bell) vs. Vince Ours (EL); Gage Hanlon (Barnes) vs. Brandon Corrad (Meadow); Joe McKee (WP) vs. Brandon Talbott (SCC); Jon Lausner (StC) vs. Grant Throchmorton (Meg); Matt Leasure (Cald) vs. Jed Marting (Bealls); Ryan Hotlosz (MF) vs. James McFarland (Brooke).

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140-Jimmy Reisz (Bealls) vs. Brendon Sadler (Weil); Rob Smith (Sleub) vs. Paden Potts (OG); Rob Eddy (HC) vs. Michael Rohrbaugh (Cald); Mike Rosa (MF) vs. Brandon Staudacher (IC); Darrick Arnos (WP) vs. Mike Slaga (BL); Kurtis Jefferis (Barnes) vs. Carl Piper (SJC); Chris Brancker (Ed) vs. Cody Smith (Shen); Dytan Ice (Beaver) vs. Derek Anderson (Mag); Justin Beatty (Camb) vs. Robbie Chilson (Beli).

(Steub); Dean Philips (HC) vs. Estevan Felix (Steub); Dean Philips (HC) vs. Marcus George (WP); Jared Border (Cald) vs. Ian Graham (MF); Corey Parry (Cam) vs. Matt Smith (Mf); Nate Barker (SCC) vs. Jon Ray (Cambs); Nick Stine (Ed) vs. Michael Buchheit

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152-Cody Miller (OG) vs. Tyler Thomberry (BEAL); Brawn McGloughin (BARN) vs. Tanner Whyte (CAM); Dannie Ruza (JM) vs. Taylor Banks (HC); Heath Beecher (WP) vs. Charlie Taylor (BRK); Salem James (STEUB) vs. John Coleman (CAMB); Chris Talgenhorst (EL) vs. Mike Emery (IC); Zack Kosky (SJC) vs. Corbin Cline (ED); Patrick Pickenpaugh (CALD) vs. Bobby Richmond (BD); Scott Kaiser (MF) vs. Kyle Faykus (BELL); Jeff Harseiman (WELLS) vs. Jamod Osborne (BEAV); Matthew Taylor (MC) vs. Gus Rucker (TC); Clint Childers (MEAD) vs. Johnny (GHAD)

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OVAC WRESTLING RESULTS

Team Scores
Oak Glen 48, Wheeling Park 48, Beaver
Local 32, Bellaire 30.5, Cambridge 30, John
Marshall 27.5, Harrison Central 24, Monroe
Central 24, Caldwell 22, Buckeye Local 21.5,
Martins Ferry 21, Brooke 18, Steubsrulle 18,
Beallsville 16, St. John Central 16, St. Clairsville
15.5, Barnesville 15, East Liverpool: 15, Edison
14, Indian Creek 11.5, River 10, Shadyside 10,
Bridgerpot 8, Meadowbrook 8, Wheeling Central 8, Wellsville 7, Cameron 5, Bishop Donahue, Steubenville Catholic 4, Union Local 4,
Weirton Madonna 4, Conotton Valley 2, Tyler
Consolidated 2.
Championship Bracket
First Round
103 Pounds
Dirk Bauer (WP) p. Cody Rice (BRK), 0:10;
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Anthony Vein (ED), 1:48; Cody Wittshira (BL)
tech, fall Joey Barbrandt (CV), 17-0; Zack Porter
(BEL) p. Brandy Waller (CALC), 1:11; Davis
Mahan (OG) p. Taylor Clegg (BD), 0:19; Taylor
Yoder (MF) p. Chad Needham (STB), 2:52; Ryan
Richter (MC) p. Wyatt Duffield (EL), 5:39,
119 Pounds
Justin LeRoy (IC) p. Tyler Moore (BARN),
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(BRK), 1:38; Sam Faykus (BEL) p. Jessie Bonnett (WEIR), 3:36; Cody Moore (BEAL) d. Steve
Johnson (SJC), 7-4; Jacob Border (CALD) p.
Alex Morales (STB), 4:35; Dillon
Note (STC) p. Calvin McCune (TYLER), 1:118;
Mitch Thompson (BEAV) p. Sean Hughes (STB
CEN), 0:33; Josh Longworth (JM) d. Devon
Phillips (MAG), 1-0; Brad Mackey (MF) p. Journey Wayts (RIV), 3:32; Nick Taylor (WP) p. Seth
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0:44; Casey Davis (BEL) p. Jimmy Detere (WM),
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p. Mark Barton (WELL), 0:47; Jason Waugh
(WP) p. Jeffrey Blumanjauer (BL), 0:52; Nick
Risdon (HC) p. Steven Carter (CV), 1:09; Kody
Crooks (BARN) won by injury default vs. Seth
Gianessi (WEIR), 4:48; Cagney Springer (EL) p.
Craig Davis (CALD), 0:07; Travor Vilga (BRK) p.
Kyle Friede (UL), 2:37; Jake Foster (SJC) p.
Ethan Crozier (SHAD), 1:50; Seth Callarick (STC)
d. Julian Yost (TC), 10-3.

130 Pounds

Shawn Pate (HC) p. Pat Bortz (STB CEN),
5:51; Dominic Prezzia (STC) p. Todd Parker (IC),
4:20; Sunny Beavers (BRK) d. Nate Taylor (TC),
4:21; Clint Boyd (CALD) p. Jonathan Smith
(MEAD), 1:39; Jeremy Wiles (BEAL) d. Quentin
Castellio (BARN), 10-5; Bryce Rush (WP) p.
Jesse O'Neal (MC), 0:38; Jerrett Blake (JM)
tech, fall Jorge Wilkos (SHEN), 17-1; Erik Canter
(BEL) tech, fall Billy Barnhart (CAM), 15-0;
Chase Clark (UL) p. Pat Nois (WC), 1:45; Jimmy
Davis (SJC) d. Sean Collins (WCL), 1-45; Jimmy
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189 Pounds

Kirk Wetherell (CAMB) p. Nick Nero (WM), 0:53; Jake Mallernee (HC) p. Vincent Graft (CV), 0:58; Jaerry Kahl (SHAD) p. Logan Michel (SHEN), 0:37; Troy Starr (RIV) p. Ed Mehlman (BEL), 3:00; Cullen Grover (TYLER) d. Tucker Goodwin (WP), 9-4; Matt Shreve (MF) d. Tyler Druschel (JMM), 5-3; Dennie Ours (EL) major d. Jason Long (MAG), 15-3; Ryan Crabtree (WELL) major d. Andy Duke (BRK), 8-0; Zac Montero (OG) major d. John Boney (CALD), 11-0; Mike Mann (BARN), d. Drew Phillips (BEAU), 2-0; Deven Ludwig (BEAV) p. Branko Busick (STB) p. Jake Myers (CAM), 1:00; Bobby Dole (EL) p. Xazier Meck (BEL), 0:43; Levi Holcomb (STC) p. Chad Moora (BEAL), 0:09; Justin Greathouse (OG) p. Xiye Moris (BARN), 0:59; Tayler Potts (JMI) p. Brian Ware (IC), 0:43; Zacn Costlow (STB CEN) p. Joe Divis (BARN), 0:59; Tayler Potts (JMI) p. Brian Ware (IC), 0:43; Zacn Costlow (STB CEN) p. Joe Divis (BARN), 0:59; Tayler Potts (JMI) p. Brian Ware (IC), 0:43; Zacn Costlow (STB CEN) p. Joe Divis (BARN), 0:59; Tayler Potts (JMI) p. Brian Ware (IC), 0:43; D. Schulyer Bondy (MCC) p. Brandon Bradley (ED), 0:39; Allen Earnest (WP) p. Evan Marling (SHAD), 1:48; Pounds

Dustin Fisher (WP) p. Christian McCaughey (WM), 1:18; Ryan Dugan (Steub) p. Matt Bolen (EL), 2:48; Robbie Moten (Camb) d. Dalton Leach (MF), 9-7, 0T; Steven Woodford (MF) p. Bobby (BL), 2:36; Troy Haslam (Riv) p. Cry McGarr

Tuesday January 15,

Mauck stepping down as OVAC tourney director

• Former Buckeye Local coach Doyle set to take over in 2009

By BRIAN COOK Times Leader Sports Writer

It was an emotional night for the Ohio Valley wrestling community Monday evening at the Ron Muack OVAC Wrestling Tournament media night when Tom Rataiczak.

OVAC executive secretary, announced that Ron Mauck would be stepping down as the tournament director of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament following this year's event.

"We are in good hands. I am just a name," a humble Mauck joked. "It has been a great ride. My wife and three kids have loved being in this sport and working at this tournament."

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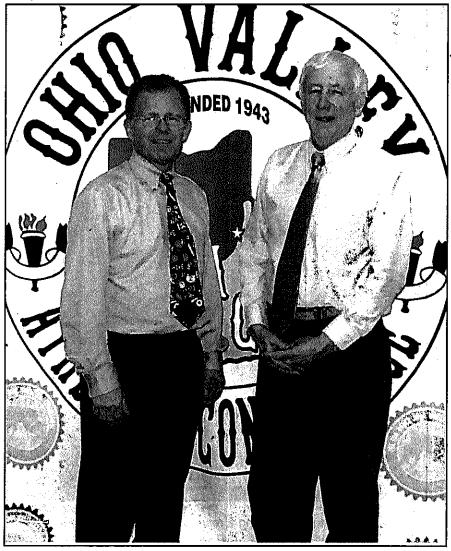
'We are in good

OVAC Tourney director Ron Mauck

The veteran mat legend decided technology has continued to increase and it was time to hand it over to

someone a little younger with some new ideas.
"I'm a pen and paper guy and that is how I am,"
Mauck shared. "I would still be happy writing it all out,

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T-L Photo/BRIAN COOK

THE RON Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament is changing leadership. Ron Mauck has decided to step down from his post as tournament director and turn the reigns over to former Buckeye Local head coach Dan Doyle.

OVAC Wrestlir pairings, seed are announced

• 55th tourney opens Thu By BRIAN COOK

Times Leader Sports Writer

The Wheeling Park mat program will lo the title it won two years ago at the Ron M Wrestling Tournament as the Patriots ha wrestlers, the most in this year's field.

"It is going to be a fun weekend regardles come facing the top teams," Wheeling Park mat mentor Sean Doyle assured.

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Battling for the top prize, Park, Beaver Local and Oak Glen will be walking through familiar territory as the three have combined for the past six overall titles.

"To make a run at this tournament you have to

tournament you have to have a lot of kids place," Beaver Local coach Mark Emmerling said as his squad boasts three top seeds - Arizona Miller Bittinger (160) and Derek Wolfe (285) most in this year's tourney.

Offering the most seeded wrestlers from the of the river include Bellaire, Caldwell, Car Harrison Central.

The Big Reds enter the tournament with two of them being No. 2 seeds with Rob (140) and Aaron Porter (145).

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Mauck -

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but to get this tournament out we need to go in this direc-

the sport won't go unnoticed team title at the OVAC tournaand neither will his predecessor Dan Doyle.

wrestling figure.

got out of coaching and I have been very fortunate not only to work with this crew here, but at the NCAA tournament we hosted also," Doyle explained about the group of men and women that will serve as the nuts and bolts of the OVAC tournament. "More importantly, they are not going away. They are going to be around. to step up. The list of names go on and on."

Doyle, a former Mr. Mat himself, led the Buckeye Local wrestling program for a num-Mauck's years of service to ber of years claiming the top ment in 1996 and 1997.

"One thing people need to Long-time mat coach and understand about this tournanow Superintendent of Noble ment is it's the event for the County Schools, Doyle was wrestling community of the thrilled to take over the reigns rom such a respected ment," Doyle shared. "We all went to tournaments, we all go "It has been years since I to tournaments. You are in, you're out, it's one day and you say hi to people."

The prestige the tournament holds has been intact for 55 years and Doyle says he plans to keep the same atmosphere with a few tweaks to the technology of the tournament.

'You see everyone that has been involved with valley wrestling since its founding. The people within the That is one thing which is one wrestling fraternity are willing my goals to keep it that - the gathering of the wrestling fra-

Our Opinion

ONE OF the Ohio Valley's athletic showcases unfolds tonight at Wheeling's WesBanco Arena.
The popular OVAC Wrestling

Tournament is a mid-winter prep classic, bringing together some 36 teams and 400 wrestlers for three days in four classifications.

For the participants, it is a physical meatgrinder. For the spectators, it is entertainment at its finest. .

Fourteen individuals, four division and one overall team champion will be crowned Saturday night. hundreds of bouts will be contested with each individual kingpin needing to win five grueling bouts to emerge with the brass ring.

Physical and mental toughness are forged into each champion.

Oak Glen --- perennial state champion in West Virginia Class AA -- is the reigning overall champion and also rates the tag of one of this year's favorites. The Golden Bears will be challenged by a host of strong squads.

But while only 14 matmen will walk away with the gold, all 400 young grapplers are winners. They train like no other athlete - forced to agonizing minutes. Through all the best.

pain and sacrifice, the wrestlers cultivate values that will prove beneficial for a lifetime.

We salute all the coaches, wrestlers and the army of volunteers who make this tournament one like no other. Many times it is harder to win an OVAC crown than one at the West Virginia State Tournament.

WRESTLING IS just the beginning of a special four-week championship period for the OVAC.

On Jan. 26, the conference will stage its swimming and cheerleading Before that takes place, however, events while a week later, the inaugural OVAC girls' basketball tournament will play out at OUE. Bringing the curtain down on the OVAC title run is the boys' basketball tourney finals on Feb. 9.

Just like their wrestling counterparts, not all the swimmers, cheerleaders and hoopsters will capture the coveted top spot. But again, all will exit their respective events better for competing.

We commend the OVAC for giving prep athletes a well-lighted stage to display their immense talents.

We also offer our praise to the athletes and coaches who put in endless amounts of time, passion and cut weight to take the mat for six commitment in their quest to be the

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ier Buckeye Local coach set to take over in 2009

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an emotional night for the Ohio Valley community Monday evening at the Ron VAC Wrestling Tournament media night

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THE RON Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament is changing leadership. Ron Mauck has decided to step down from his post as tournament director and turn the reigns over to former Buckeye Local head coach Dan Doyle.

OVAC Wrestling pairings, seeds are announced

55th tourney opens Thursday

By BRIAN COOK

Times Leader Sports Writer

The Wheeling Park mat program will look to regain the title it won two years ago at the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament as the Patriots had 12-of-14 wrestlers, the most in this year's field.

"It is going to be a fun weekend regardless of the outcome facing the top teams," Wheeling Park mat mentor Sean Doyle

assured.

Battling for the top prize, Park, Beaver Local and Oak Glen will be walking through familiar territory as the three have combined for the past six overall titles.
"To make a run at this

tournament you have to have a lot of kids place, Beaver Local coach Mark Emmerling said as his squad

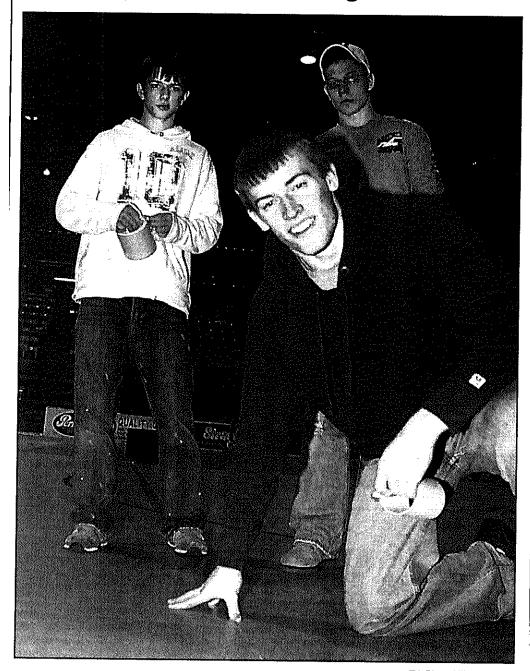
boasts three top seeds - Arizona Miller (112), Jon Bittinger (160) and Derek Wolfe (285) - which is the most in this year's tourney.

Offering the most seeded wrestlers from the Ohio side of the river include Bellaire, Caldwell, Cambridge and Harrison Central.

The Big Reds enter the tournament with six seeds two of them being No. 2 seeds with Robbie Chilson (140) and Aaron Porter (145).

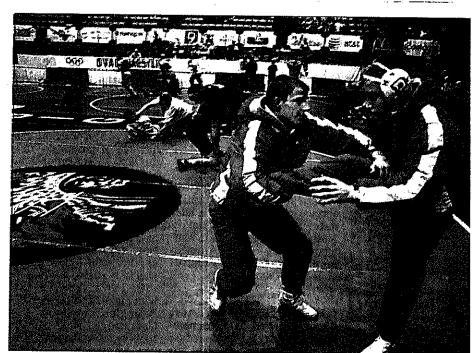
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OVAC Mat Opens Tonight



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

THE GIANT Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament opens tonight with opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. and then more than 850 prep grappling bouts will be reeled off through Saturday. However, before the wrestling action could begin the mats had to be set up. That procees was completed Wednesday. Here Wheeling Park students Lucas Goodwin (front), George Schlosser (back left) and Seth Bumgardner tape the mats down. Additional images may be found at cultimesleaderonline.com



HIT THE MAT

Photo by Scott McC

The 55th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament continues through S day at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling. Members of the Wheeling Patriots, Jason Waugh, at left, and Nick Taylor are shown going through a wrestling maneuvers. See related stories, Sports, page 17.

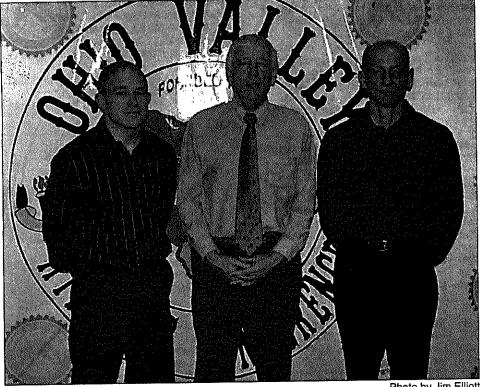


Photo by Jim Elliott

Tournament Director Ron Mauck, center, stands with Wheeling Park coach Sean Doyle, left, and Oak Glen coach Larry Shaw. Doyle's Patriots have the most seeded wrestlers (12) in the upcoming 55th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, while Shaw's Golden Bears have the second most (10).

Patriots, Bears Favored to Win OVAC Tourney

Wheeling Park, Oak Glen have most seeded wrestlers for event

By BRIAN COOK For The Intelligencer

Memories were rekindled and familiar faces were seen Monday night at WesBanco Arena as the coaches and personnel of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tourna-ment gathered to kick off the 55th annual tournament.

"It's a wrestling fraternity like no other," Tournament Director Mauck said. "Getting everybody together in this capacity every year is really special."

Dirk Bauer (103).

Arena. The battle for team title this season will have similar look with Wheeling Park and Oak Glen earning the most seeded wrestlers. Patriots first-year coach Sean Doyle was able to put 12 of 14 in seeded positions with one top seeded wrestler —

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. "The competitiveness has to come from within. It is up to the individual and our kids strive to be the best," Shaw said. "I am really proud of Troy (Eckleberry) he is a great worker. He come in every day and stays pretty consistent.'

Opening ceremonies will get under way on Thursday beginning at 6 p.m. with wrestling following at 6:30

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"It is going to be a fun weekend regardless of the outcome facing the top teams." Doyle

The Patriots hold a majority of their seeds in the middle of the pack with an athletic list of grapplers - Nick Taylor (3rd seed, 119-pound class), Jason Waugh (3rd at 125), Bryce Rush (3rd at 130) and Allen Earnest (3rd at 215).

I told the guys the most important thing to us is we have four No. 3 seeds and its going to he very important for two or three of those guys to get into the finals." Doyle said on what it would take for the Patriots to top contenders Oak Glen and Beaver Local. "Most important-

ly for these guys, this team wasn't given a lot of credit with only six starters coming back

and a lot of guys no one knew."

One of the Patriots' road blocks in becoming champions will be their arch nemesis, the Oak Glen Golden Bears. Under the leadership of Coach Larry Shaw, the Golden Bears enter the tournament with the second highest number of seeds with 10 - two of those are top seeds — Troy Eckleberry (119) and Cody Miller (152).

With depth never being a problem, Shaw says he looks forward to having his team live up to its previous accolades.

"It doesn't change. You need to do the same things to win a tournament of this capacity,"
Shaw explained. "I tell my kids
their first challenge is they have earned that seeded position and they have to wrestle up to that seed. After that, if you can accomplish that then you can go on from there.

Oak Glen's Eckleberry is no stranger to being in the spotlight. The returning OVAC champion and West Virginia Class A/AA runner-up doesn't have any problems preparing for the three-day grind.

Another factor in this sea-

son's tournament comes from the Ohio side of the river with Beaver Local's squad. Coach Mark Emmerling's talented group has the most number of top seeds with three - Arizona Miller (112), Jon Bittinger (160) and Derek Wolf (285). "We've been trying to work

■ The opening ceremonies for

the Ron Mauck

OVAC

Wrestling Tournamentare scheduled

for 6 p.m. Thursday at WesBanco

as hard as we can and to keep the kids focused," Emmerling said about preparing his team that has eight total seeded wrestlers entering the tourna-

Most of Emmerling's other seeds are lower ones, but big bonus points early and making it to the finals has proven to win team titles in the past.

Teams to be found in the dis-

tance in the final standings are likely to be Cambridge with eight seeds, John Marshall with seven, Harrison Central with seven and Caldwell with seven.

Other top-seeded wrestlers include Cambridge's Paul Rose (125), St. Clairsville's Dominic Prezzia (130), Edison's Andy Stine (135), Beallsville's Jimmy Reisz (140), Wheeling Central's Zack Nathon School Buckeye Local's Nathan Schaal (171), Steubenville's Mark Markakis (189) and Caldwell's Derrick Hesson (215).

OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament Seeds

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103 Pounds

1. Dirk Bauer (WP), 2. Lehotay (Mead), 3. Bauer (WC), 4. Heavila (HC), 5. Bertubin (Cambi, 6. McComas (BvL), 7. Beck (JM), 8. Tingler (Steub), Alt. Mercer (EL).

112 Pounds

1. Arizona Militer (BvL), 2. Yoder (MF), 3. Porter (Bell), 4. Mahan (OG), 5. Wittshire (BuL), 6. Majesitch (WP), 7. Richter (MC), 8. Barker (Barn), Alt. Fluharry (Brk)

1. Troy Eckleberry (OG), 2. Kendjorsky (BuL), 3. Taylor (WP), 4. Foster (EL), 5. Border (Cald), 6. Thompson (BvL), 7. Notre (StC), 6. VanDyne (Camb), Alt. Faykus (Bell)

1. Paul Rose (Camb), Alt. Faykus (Bell)

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1. Dominic Prezzla (StC), 2. Clark (UL), 3. Rush (WP), 4. Dray (OG), 5. Canter (Bell), 6. Holt (MF), 7. Berger (Camb), 8. Boyd (Cald), Alt. Miller (BvL)

1. Andy Stine (Ed), 2. McFartand (Brk), 3. Paolo (OG), 4. Pock (JM) 5. Foster (BSJ), 6. Conrad (Mead), 7. McKes (WP), 8. Flanigan (Wells), Alt. iachini (Steub).

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1. Zach Basich (WC), 2. Porter (Betil), 3. Stine (Ed), 4. Ray (Cemb), 5. Border (Celd), 6. Nogay (WM), 7. McAvoy (OG), 8. George (WP), Alt. Clendenin (Shady)

1. Cody Miller (OG), 2. Merryman (Shady), 3. Kosky (BSJ), 4. Emery (IC), 5. Faykus (Bell), 6. Beacher (WP), 7. Henselman (Well), 8. Banks (HC), Alt. James (Steub)

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180 Pounds
1. Jon Bittinger (BvL), 2. Skoff (Bpt), 3. Six (OG), 4. Melchiori (JM), 5. Beatty (Camb), 6. Burngardner (WP), 7. Abbott, 8. Porter (Bell), Alt. Montenlione (WM)

1. Nathen Schaal (BuL), 2. Howell (HC), 3. Teague (Camb), 4. Tucker (MF), 5. Doyle (WP), 8. Dunn (JM), 7. Sizemore (Brk), 8. Stewart (Riv), Alt. Sachs (BuL), 2. Wetherelli (Camb), 3. Sterr (Riv), 4. Ludwig (BvL), 5. Kahl (Shady), 6. Mann (Barn), 7. Mallernee (HC), 8. Druschel (JM), Alt. Shreve.

215 Pounds
1. Derrick Heason (Caid), 2. Busick (Steub), 3. Earnest (WP), 4. Potts (JM), 5. Bondy (MC), 8. Costlow (SCC), 7. Henderson (EVL), 8. Holcomb (StC).

285 Pounds
1. Derek Wolfe (BvL), 2. Kowcheck (Brk), 3. Schenkel (Caid), 4. Murray (OG), 5. Woodford (MF), 6. Fisher (WP), 7. Dugan (Steub), 8. West (Bpl), Alt. Ruckman (Bealls).

OVAC TOURNAMENT

There was a media session late last week to explain more details of the upcoming OVAC Basketball Tournament. We honestly believe that this tournament could take the place of the Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game and the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament as the premier event in the area.

Plenty of planning has gone into this. Director Rick DeLuca, OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak and their trusted committee have put in many hours in breaking this down and trying to not leave a stone unturned.

It's actually about time for the planning and talking to end because the cut-off date for the girls' tournament is quickly approaching. The last day for games to count is on Jan. 24 and the boys will be the following

The girls' finals will be held on Feb. 2 at OUE and the boys will be held the following Saturday at the same venue.

Remember, The Times Leader will publish a special section for both the boys and girls tournaments on the Friday preceeding each tournament.

OVAC Youth Wrestling Clinic slated

OVAC Wrestling Clinic

Who: Area Youth ages 5-13

Where: WesBanco Arena

When: Saturday,9:30 a.m.

What: Learn and practice

wrestling with former OVAC

champion Branden Lee Hinkle.

As part of the 'Subway Sports Clinic Series' the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will be hosting a free youth wrestling clinic in conjunction with the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling

Tournament on January 19. On Saturday, January 19, the free wrestling clinic will be held on the OVAC championship mats of WesBanco Arena from 9:30AM-11:00AM. Registration will begin at 8:30 that morning and end at 9:15AM. The clinic will be instructed by

Hinkle, National Champion Wrestler and UFC Hospital, The Health Plan, Marines, AT&T and participant. The clinicians will teach the basic the Prevent Don't Provide initiative.

fundamentals of wrestling and help build the kids' self-esteem. The clinic is free and open to boys and girls ages 5-13.

Parents are required to have insurance and be present the day of the clinics

to sign a waiver form. For more information visit www.OVAC.org, email: james@ovac.org or phone (304) 639-1238.

The free clinic is made possible thanks to SmittysFloors.com, and OVAC Corporate Partners:

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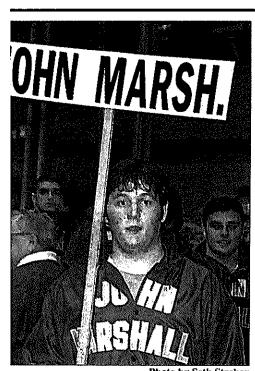


Photo by Seth Staskey Morris proudly carries the sign for the Marshall Monarchs during the Opening nonies of the 55th annual Ron Mauck C Wrestling Tournament on Thursday at WesBanco Arena.

Wheeling Park, Oak Glen Tied at Top

Each team enjoys solid first day at OVAC Tourney

By BRIAN COOK
For The Intelligencer
Heading into the 55th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament on Thursday night, many around the sport of wrestling expected powerhouses Oak Glen and Wheeling Park would be neck-and-neck in the team stand-

ings.
Needless to say, wrestling fans were right on

target.
"I would have expected us to be there (Thursday). I thought we should have been near the top of the rankings," Wheeling Park mat mentor Sean Doyle said. "This just puts us in position for the rest of the weekend. After (Fri-day), you'll have a better gauge of where every-

The high-octane Golden Bears' mat program continued to dominate, winning 13 of 13 matches and held on to one bye in the 103pound bracket while the Patriots won 12 of 14 bouts - all by pin for a 48-48 deadlock in the the tournament." team standings.

"The goal was to try to advance as many guys. We got everybody through and scored as many bonus points as we could," Oak Glen coach Larry Shaw said. "We're in a position to continue to contend and that is what we want to do, stay in that position and work our way

The Golden Bears' Dominick Burchett's match today could give Oak Glen the early advantage if he can knock off No. 7-seed Eric Beck of John Marshall.

"We still have the opportunity to pick up a couple of points there if he can win," Shaw said about his 103-pounder. "He's pretty tough. Maybe he can help us (Thursday) by wrestling well (today).'

The Patriots' losses came in the 145- and 189-pound weight classes as Derrick Amos felt the wrath of Buckeye Local's Mike Slaga in 2:56 while Tucker Goodwin fell short 9-4 to Tyler Consolidated's Cullen Grover.

"We lost one match we expected to win. (Today) is a huge day for us," Doyle said. "We have hopes that 12 guys can challenge to get to the semifinals, and I really believe if we can do that, we'll be in a really strong position to win

Trailing the Golden Bears and Patriots in the

■ The OVAC wrestling tournament continues with two sessions today with the second one starting at 5 p.m.

distance are Beaver Local (32), Bellaire (30.5) and Cambridge.

Beaver Local, which entered the tournament with the most top seeded wrestlers, fell in line as planned as its top trio — Arizona Miller (112), Jon Bittinger (160) and Derek Wolfe (285) - all advanced by pin in the first period.

All of the No.1 seeds advanced in championship competition while three low seeds fell short of advancement.

In the 112-pound class, No. 8-seed John Barker of Barnesville fell short to St. Clairsville's Michael Yockey, 2-1. At 152 pounds, No. 7-seed Jeff Hanselman of Wellsville lost in a onepoint heartbreaker to Beaver Local's Jarod Osborn, 9-8. At 189 pounds, No. 8-seed Tyler Druschel of John Marshall couldn't pick up another takedown as he fell short against Matt

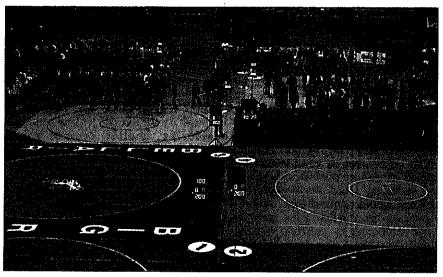
Shreve of Martins Ferry, 5-3. Recording the fastest pin was East Liverpool's Cagney Springer with a 7-second fall of Craig Davis of Caldwell.



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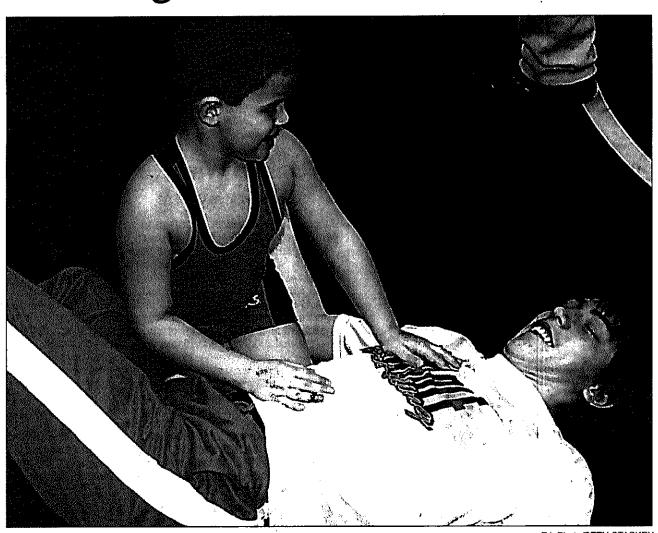
Opening ceremonies

MARTINS FERRY High School and OVAC wrestling legend John "Corky" Vrotsos, who passed away recently, was paid tribute at the opening ceremonies of conference's mat tournament Thursday night at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling. Pictured above are Jackie Vrotsos, his widow, and his son John. More than 400 wrestlers took part in opening ceremonies. Wrestling resumed this morning. Related photos and stories on page B1.



T-L Photo/BRIAN COOK

Looking to the future



T-L Photo/SETH STASKEY

FUTURE MONROE Central Seminole Wrestler Payton Robison gets a workout prior to the start of Friday's wrestling action at the 55th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Robison - the 5-year old son of Seminoles' head coach Paul Robison - is working out with Seminoles sophomore Dustin Piatt. Additional photos and coverage can be found in Sports Saturday.

55th Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament Results

TEAM RESULTS

Oak Glen 48, Wheeling Oark 48, Beaver Local 32, Bellaire 30.5, Cambridge 30, John Marshall 27.5, Harrison Central 24, Monroe Central 24, Caldwell 22, Buckeye Local 21.5, Martins Ferry 21, Brooke 18, Steubenville 18, Beallsville 16, St. John Central 16, St. Clairsville 15.5, Barnesville 15, St. John Central 16, St. Clairsville 15.5, Barnesville 15, St. John Central 16, St. Clairsville 15.5, Barnesville 15, East Liverpad 15, Edicon 14 St. Claisville 13.5, Barriesville 13, East Liverpool 15, Edison 14, Indian Creek 11.5, River 10, Shadyside 10, Bridgerpot 8, Meadowbrook 8, Wheeling Central 8, Wellsville 7, Cameron 5, Bishop Donahue, Steubenville Catholic 4, Union Local 4, Weirton Madonna 4, Conotton Valley 2, Tyler Consplidated 2 FIRST ROUND

FIRST ROUND

103 — Dirk Bauer (WP) pinned
Cody Rice (BRK), 0:10; Darin
Heavilln (HC) pinned Scott Spano
(STC), 0:46; Ed Lehotay (MEAD)
pinned Josh Scott (WEIR), 3:54;
Kyle Buaer (WC) pinned Tory
Harris (BL), 1:54.

112 — Aaron Majetich (WP)
pinned Zach Stoneking (MAG),
0:46; Michael Yockey (STC) dec.
John Barker (BARN), 2-1; Justin
Goode (JM) pinned Tim Fox

Goode (JM) plnned Tim Fox (CAMB), 0:33; Arizona Miller (BEAV) pinned Anthony Vein (ED), Joey Barbrandt (CV), 17-0; Zack Porter (BEL) pinned Brandy Waller (CALD), 1:11; Davis Mahan (OG) plnned Taylor Clegg (BD), 0:19; Taylor Yoder (MF) plnned Chad Needham (STB), 2:52; Ryan Richter (MC) pinned Wyatt Duffield

Hichter (MC) pinned Wyatt Duffield (EL), 5:39;

119 — Justin LeRoy (IC) pinned Tyler Moore (BARN), 4:00;
Troy Eckleberry (OG) pinned Josh Campbell (BRK), 1:38; Sam Faykus (BEL) pinned Jessie Bonnett (WEIR), 3:05; Cody Moore (BEAL) dec. Steve Johnson (SJC), 7-4: Jecob Border (CALD) pinned 4; Jacob Border (CALD) pinned CEN), 0:33; Josh Longworth (JM) dec. Devon Phillips (MAG), 1-0; dec. Devon Phillips (MAG), 1-0; Brad Mackey (MF) pinned Journey Wayts (RIV), 3:32; Nick Taylor (WP) pinned Seth Stickley (SHEN), 2:38; Preston Foster (EL) pinned Christian Money (MEAD), 0:36; Mike Kendjorski (BL) pinned Scottie Liberatore (SHAD), 0:26; Jonathan Muntz (MC) pinned Mark Thomas (WM) 1:43; Dayle Thomas (WM), 1:43; Davis Schlieper (CAM) pinned Davy Wilson (UL), 3:20. 125 — Ryan Asbury (OG) pinned Ethan King (MAG), 0:44;

Casey Davis (BEL) pinned Jimmy Detere (WM), 2:17; Paul Rose (CAMB) pinned Shane Siragusano (ED), 0:27; Jared McIntosh (BEAV) (CAMB) pinned Shane Siragusano (ED), 0:27; Jared McIntosh (BEAV) pinned John Schumacher (MC), 3:21; Jeremy Howard (JM) pinned Mark Barton (WELL), 0:47; Jason Waugh (WP) pinned Jeffrey Blumenjauer (BL), 0:52; Nick Risdon (HC) pinned Steven Carter (CV), 1:09; Kody Crooks (BARN) won by injury default over Seth Glanessi (WEIR), 4:48; Cagney Springer (EL) pinned Cralg Davis (CALD), 0:07; Trevor Vilga (BRK) pinned Kyle Friede (UL), 2:37; Jake Foster (SJC) pinned Ethan Crozier (SHAD), 1:50; Seth Callarick (STC) dec. Julian Yost (TC), 10-3

130 — Shawn Pate (HC) pinned Todd Parker (IC); 4:20; Sunny Beavers (BRK) dec. Nate Taylor (TC), 8-3; Derek Holt (MF) pinned Todd Parker (IC); 4:20; Sunny Beavers (BRK) dec. Nate Taylor (TC), 8-3; Derek Holt (MF) pinned Todd (CALD) pinned Jonathan Smith (MEAD); 1:39; Jeremy Wiles (BEAL) dec. Quentin Castello (BARN) 10-5; Bryce Bush (WP)

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pinned Arthur Hobloy (STB), 3:20. 135 — Dustin Piatt (MC) pinned 135 — Dustin Platt (MC) pinned Flint Postle (RIV), 0:35; Andy Stine (ED) pinned Justin Lunsford (SHADY), 2:31;Tim Nelb (BL) pinned Larry Williams (BEAV), 0:58; Shane Foster (SJC) pinned Devin Alfman (CAMB), 1:112; Matt Flanigan (WELL) pinned Cody Davidson (WEIR), 2:18; Brandon Conrad (MEAD) pinned Gage Harton (BARN), 0:19; Angelo lachini (STB) dec. Mitchell Friede (UL), 5-4; Joel Paolo (OG) pinned Josh Wilson (WC), 3:45; Ben Pockl (JM) pinned Grant Throckmorton (JM) pinned Grant Throckmorton (MAG), 0:25; Quenton Coltrell (CV) dec. Aaron Bolitho (IC), 8-6; James McFarland (BRK) pinned Ryan Hotlosz (MF), 3:41; Andrew Seevers (BEL) major dec. Vince Ours (EL), 11-3; Jed Marling (BEAL) pinned Matt Leasure (CALD), 1:50; Joe McKee (WP) oinned Brandon Talbott (STB

CEN), 1:00. 140 — Jimmy Reisz (BEAL) pinned Brandon Staudacher (IC), 1:57; Robbie Chilson (BEL) pinned

Justin Beatty (CAMB), 5:12; Dylan Ice (BEAV) pinned Derek Anderson (MAG), 0:59; Chris Brancher (ED) pinned Cody Smith (SHEN), 1:49; Kurtis Jefferis (BARN) major dec. Carl Piper (SJC), 12-2; Mike Slaga (BL) pinned Derrick Amos (WP), 2:56; Rob Eddy (HC) pinned Michael Rohrbaugh (CALD), 3:31; Paden,Potts (OG) major dec. Rob Smith (STB), 12-4; 145 — Corey Parry (CAM) dec. Matt Smith (JM), 4-2; Marcus George (WP) pinned Rick Fleming (HC), 0:32; Zach Basich (WC) pinned JD Sokolowski (BL), 4:41; Aaron Porter (BEL) pinned Steve Madar (WEIR), 0:14; Nick McAvoy (CC)

Madar (WEIR), 0:14; Nick McAvoy (OG) pinned Aaron Scurry (BRK), 1:00; Max Nogay (WM) pinned Eric Ravak (MEAD), 0:20; Justin Clendenin (SHAD) dec. Brody Northcraft (TYLER), 5-1; Nick Stine ivonincrati (TYLEH), 5-1; Nick Stine pinned Michael Buchheit (EL), 0:32; Jared Border (CALD) pinned lan Graham (MF), 5:36; Jon Ray (CAMB) pinned Nate Barker (STB CEN), 0:53.

152 — Johnny Merryman (SHAD) pinned Clint Childers (MEAD), 0:27; Bobby Richmond (BD) pinned Patrick Pickenpaugh (CALD), 3:13;Zack Kosky (SJC) pinned Corbin Cline (ED), 1:46; Mike Emery (IC) pinned Chris Mike Emery (IC) pinned Chris Tatgenhosrt (EL), 3:43; Cody Miller (OG) pinned Tyler Thornberry (BEAL), 0:59; Heath Beecher (WP) pinned Brawn McLaughlin (BARN), 0:36; Kyle Faykus (BEL) dec. Scott Kaiser (MF), 6-3; Taylor Banks (HC) dec. Danie Bura (IM), 9-4; Salom dec. Dannie Ruza (JM), 9-4; Salem James (STB) major dec. John Coleman (CAMB), 15-6; Jarod Osborne (BEAV) dec. Jeff Hanselman (WELL), 9-8.

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Cory Oliver (MF), 5:15; Seth
Bumgardner (WP) pinned Jamey
Devaul (STB), 3:45; Kason
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189 — Kirk Wetherell (CAMB) pinned Nick Nero (WM), 0:53; Jake Mallernce (HC) pinned Vincent Grall (CV), 0:58; Jerry Kahl (SHAD) pinned Logan Michael (SHEN), 0:37; Troy Starr (RIV) pinned Ed Mehlman (BEL), 3:00; Cullen Grover (TYLER) dec. Tucker Goodwin (WP), 9-4; Matt Shreve (MF) dec. Tyler Druschel (JM), 5-3; Dennie Ours (EL) major dec. Jason Dennie Ours (EL) major dec. Jason Long (MAG), 15-3; Ryan Crabtree (WELL) major dec. Andy Duke (BRK), 8-0; Zac Montero (OG) major dec. John Boney (CALD), 11-0; Mike Mann (BARN) dec. Drew Phillips (BEAL), 2-0; Devon Ludwig (BEAV) pinned Brandon Kurner (BDP), 0:59; Mark Markakis (STB) pinned Brad Ensell (IC),

215 — Branko Busick (STB) pinned Jake Myers (CAM), 1:00; Bobby Dole (EL) pinned Xazier Meck (BEL), 0:43; Levi Holcomb (STC) pinned Chad Moore (BEAL), (STC) plinted Chad Mobre (BEAL), 0:08; Justin Greathouse (OG) pinned Kyle Morris (BARN), 0:59; Taylor Potts (JM) pinned Brian Ware (IC), 0:43; Zacn Costlow Ware (IC), 0:43; Zach Costow (STB CEN) pinned Joe Divis (BL), 0:42; Jake Henderson (BEAV) dec. Derrick Rovira (WEIR), 9-2; Derick Hesson (CALD) pinned Jordan Case (HC), 0:56; Schuyler Bondy (MC) pinned Brandon Bradley (ED), 0:39; Allan Farnest (MR) (ED), 0:39; Allen Earnest (WP) pinned Evan Mading (SHAD), 1:48. 285 — Dustin Fisher (WP)

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55th Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament

Bears, Pats set pac

· Oak Glen, Park lead after day one; Only three seeds fall.

By SETH STASKEY Times Leader Sports Editor

Entering this weekend's 55th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament most grappling gurus expected perennial powers Wheeling Park and Oak Glen to be right in the thick of the overall team race.

As action squared off Thursday evening at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling, the Patriots and Golden Bears both showed why they were the talk of the

tournament coming into the weekend.

Both teams made quick and easy work of the opening round, which took shade under two hours in real time and featured very few upsets and a bevy of quick pin-

falls, Racking up many of those pinfalls were the aforementioned squads. Wheeling Park came into the frey $1\overline{2}$ with seededwrestlers and all of those held opponents shoulders to the mat for the required

time to record pins. Oak Glen didn't record all pins, but the Golden Bears had 13 wrestlers advance to the second round. Their 14th competitor will begin his quest for O V A C glory this morning after receiving an open-

ing-round bye in 103 pounds.

The Patriots - under the guidance of first-year coach and Buckeye Local product Sean Doyle - had two wrestlers go down in the opening round, but the pinfalls and positioning that the Patriots were able to achieve was the most important factor for Doyle.

"I told our guys coming in that those pins would be important," Doyle said.



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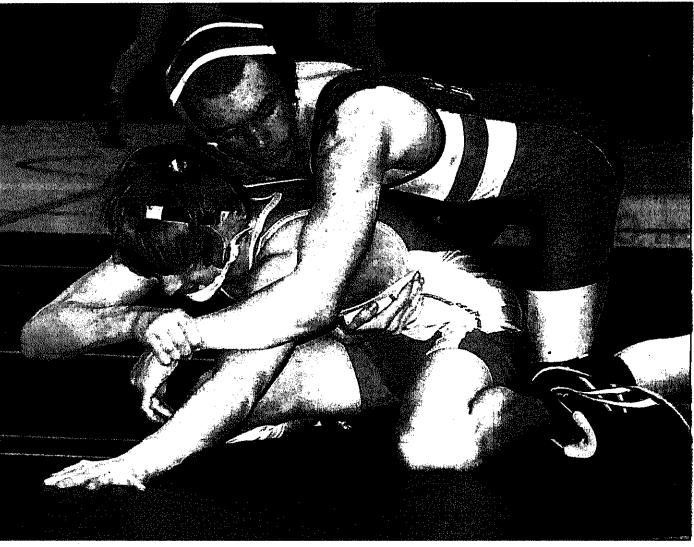
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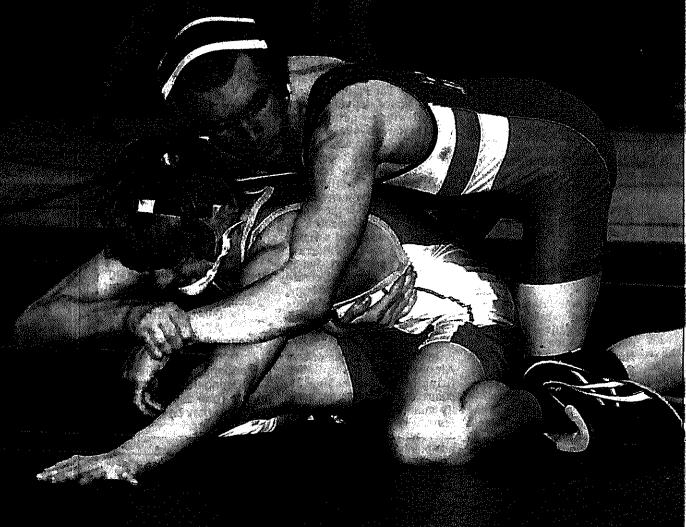
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BARNESVILLE'S John Barker works for points against St. Clairsville's Michael Yockey during their opening-round 112pound match at Thursday's Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Barker was the eighth seed, but Yockey posted the victory. Additional images may be found at cu.timesleaderonl

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Buckeye's Divis defying the odds



By Brian Cook Times Leader Sports Writer

On the Mat dam

therry sport has athletic kids, but it takes a special-kid to have the right mind set to be a champion. You'll see a lot of raw talent at this weekend's Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, but you won't see as much heart as you will coming out of Buckeye Local's Ice Divis

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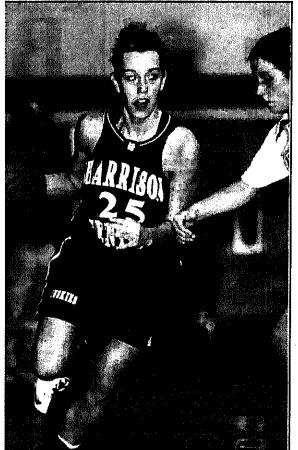
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T-L Photo/BRIAN COO

BUCKEYE LOCAL sophomore Joe Divis looks on during a match Thursday. Divis is competing this weekend after overcoming a blood clot.

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T-L Photo/JOEL JOSEPH 'N CENTRAL'S Sarah Wilden drives down the g Thursday's game at Buckeye Local. Additional ay be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

rison Central :lasts Buckeye

Again, the talented junior

hit a long range shot that

seemed to deliver the knock-

out blow to the Panthers. The Huskies took a 25-18 lead into

Junior point guard Catie Gates who sat the majority of

the third period, sparked the

Huskies in the final eight min-

utes amassing seven markers

with a pair of rebounds. Sara

Pelegreen swished four-of-four

from the charity stripe to lend

the potential to be a great play-

er and provide this team with a

swagger. She needs to focus in

and become more of a leader.

She blew the game open in the

fourth just with her presence

just a one-of-10 showing in the

final frame. That paired with

six miscues allowed the

"Again, I can't fault the girls' effort, we just can't

score. When we don't turn it

over we get good looks but we

can't put it in the basket. You

can play great defense, but if

you can't score, you're going

a dozen. Backing her was

Pelegreen with 11 counters.

Pelegreen also had a solid floor

game, swiping three steals and

Lauren Hall led Buckeye with

seven. The winners canned 13-

of-38 tries for 34 percent.

Buckeye was nine-of-41 for a

Harrison Central caused 23

miscues while committing just

13 of their own. Buckeye out-

rebounded the invaders, 26-

19. Sophomore Ashley Becca

hauled in eight misses to pace

aged to avoid a sweep winning,

42-29. Taylor Johnson paced

0-0 5; Stuart 1, 3-5 5; Becca 1, 0-1 2; Woodward 0, 0-0 0; Hall 3, 1-2 7; Roach 0, 2-2 2; Todoroff 0, 0-0 0. Totals 9, 4-8. Harrison Central

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Varsity scoring: Buckeye Local (23) _ Cesario 2,

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Wilden led all scorers with

to have a hard time winning.'

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The Panthers could muster

on the floor."

Kowalski added, "Catie has

the final chapter.

POLLONI er Sports Writer

Central head coach walski may have thing.

iskies have held r 30 points in their contests and have tories in two of the rsday night in :, Kowalski's crew ickeye Local 39-23 to 7-8 on the sea-

h rather play an upourt game, but as a first thing you must the best pace for o get a win," stated boss. "Brian Best s to play hard and I to expect. This was on the road."

ithers struggled to in the basket durire contest. In fact, eye endured a 10 5-second scoring tween the first and riods. With that d, they still found in the contest until vo minutes of the use of their hustle ensive end of the

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Reasbeck's team faces no such dilemma. Ferry appears in excellent shape as potential No. 1 tourney (3-A) seeds. All the while, Reasbeck is anxious to send his club against perennial 4-A power John Marshall, Saturday night in the Purple Palace.

"That game should give us a good indication where we are and let us know if we're truly one of the top girls' teams in the area," he related. "I'm confident our kids will be ready to play.

Rider guards Brittany Burch and Courtney Coleman camped out beyond the arc and took turns shooting St. C. into early submission Thursday. Burch tallied 14 first half points and Coleman netted 11.

Ferry, however, failed to stroke another three-ball until Coleman came through in the late going. The Purple's talented 5-5 junior delivered from the left wing, sending Ferry ahead to stay, 51-49.

St. Clairsville was within 54-51 and seeking a potential game-tying field goal before a fatal turnover sealed the Devils' fate. "Too many times we didn't execute at the offensive end," Blatnik lamented.

Coleman collected a teamleading 23 points and Burch a clutch 19 to pace Ferry. Junior Karlin Vinci provided eightpoint support. After spending time on the bench in foul trouble, junior Shae Moreland returned to tally a pair of big fourth quarter buckets.

In defeat, St. C. junior star Alessia Vivod was brilliant, firing in a game-leading 28 points despite sitting out quality minutes due to foul problems. Vivod was also adept defensively, turning four steals into points at the other end.

and grabbing two steals along Junior Shelby Britton aided St. C.'s comeback, finishing with 10 points. Sophomore ace Brooke Cenkus totaled eight points and 10 rebounds.

Ferry shot 18 of 43 from the floor and collected 25 stray shots. The Purple overcame 14 turnovers. St. C. converted19 of 39 perimeter pops. The Devils pulled down 20 boards and were charted for 16 giveaways.

In Thursday's jayvee encounter, St. Clairsville was a 24-22 victor. Varsity scoring: ST. CLAIRSVILLE (53) — Spooner 0, 0-0 0; Slenski 0, 0-0 0; King 0, 0-0 0; Gordon 1, 0-0 2; Moulder 1, 0-2 2; Smith 30:00011, 0-0 2; Modader 1, 0-2 2; Shiftin 1, 0-0 3; Cenkus 4, 0-1 8; Britton 3, 4-6 10; Vivod 9, 10-12 28. Totals — 19, 14-21. MARTINS FERRY (56) — Lucas 0, 0-0 0; Neavin 0, 0-0 0; Frohnapfel 1, 0-3 2; Moreland 2, 0-2 4; Vinci 3, 1-2 8; Burch 5, 5-6 19; Coleman 7, 5-10 23.

Three-point goals. St. Clairsville — Smith. Martins Ferry — Burch (4), Coleman (4), Vinci.

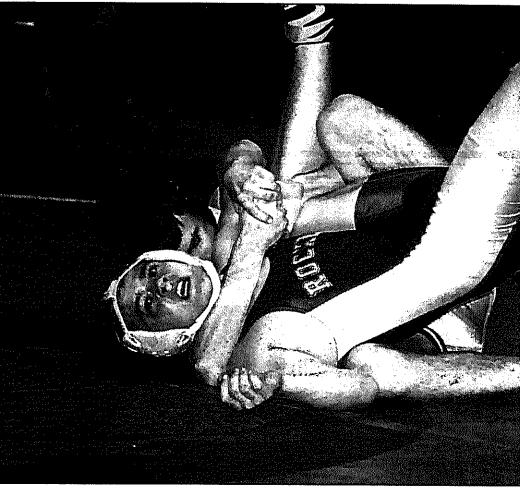
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Akron nips Ohio, 55-54

AKRON, Ohio (AP) Nate Linhart scored on a tip-in with four seconds left to give Akron a 55-54 win over Ohio in game that had 16 lead changes Thursday night.

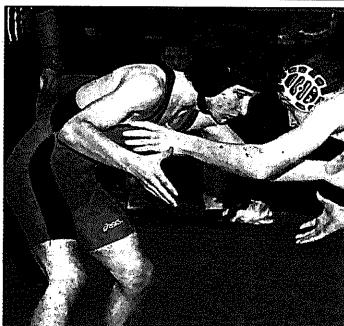
Akron (13-3, 3-0 Mid-American Conference) led by nine with 10:49 to play. But Ohio (10-6, 1-2) came back to go in front, 50-49, with 3:33

The teams traded baskets and the lead several times in the final minutes. Ohio's Leon Williams hit two free throws with a 1:15 remaining to put the Bobcats back up by one.



ABOVE: Buckeye Local's Cody Wiltshire works toward a pin of Conotton Valley's Joey Garbrandt during Thursday's opening-round action at the Ron Mauck **OVAC** Tournament. AT RIGHT: Monroe Central's Jonathan Muntz works against Weirton Madonna's Mark Thomas during their 119-pound match Thursday. Additional images may be viewed at cu.timesleaderonline.com





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important."

While the tournament is a long way from being over as the consolation brackets open today, teams can play themselves out of the title hunt, but both the Patriots and Golden Bears figure to be right there.

"Looking at our matchups, I would have expected us to be right in the mix after the first day," Doyle pointed out. "This round just puts you in position for the rest of the weekend, but after (Friday) you'll have a better gauge of where everyone is.

The Patriots' first wrestler on the mat didn't even break a sweat. Dirk Bauer - the top seed at 103 pounds - needed only 10 seconds to record a pin.

"Dirk's a pinner," Doyle explained. "He gets us going and the other guys just seem to feed off what he does."

Oak Glen, which is reason enough to take them extremely seriously, seeing they've won three field. of the last four titles, including last year's in a close one over the very same Patriots.

"Hearing we're tied for first is a good thing," said Oak Glen head coach Larry Shaw, who was presented a special award for his years of service and success to the Golden Bears' program. "We got everyone through and scored as many bonus points as we could. We didn't get all falls, but most of them were falls, so we'll take that.'

The Golden Bears had 10 seeded wrestlers and two top seeds in the field. Top seeds Troy Eckleberry was a winner by pin fall in just 1:38, while Cody Miller - the top seed at 152

was a winner via pin in 59 seconds.

"We're in a position to continue to contend," Shaw said, "Obviously, every round from here on out is more difficult. (Friday) is when we find out how our kids are going to respond to some adversity and see how they come back. We want to advance as many in the championship round as we can, but it's going to be a battle of attrition.'

Beaver Local and Bellaire - which were two of the others many were talking about coming into the tournament - sit third and fourth, respectively after the opening night. The Beavers had a tournament high three top seeds and all of those advanced without any difficul-

Arizona Miller (112), Jon Bittinger (160) and Derek Wolfe (285) were all winner by pin.

Monroe Central and Caldwell currently lead The Golden Bears, meanwhile, didn't have the 2-A field, scoring 24 and 22 points, respecas many seeds as the Patriots, but they are still tively on opening night, while Beallsville and St. John each tallied 16 to lead the small-school

> The coaches once again proved they know what they're doing when they met last Sunday to establish the brackets. Of the 112 seeded wrestlers in the field, only three of those fell in the opening round.

> The highest seed to drop into the consolation bracket was seventh-seeded Jeff Hanselman of Wellsville who fell to Beaver Local's Jarrod Osborne. Two eight-seeds - Barnesville's John Barker (112) and John Marshall's Tyler Druschell (189) – were sent packing as well.

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the season, but he was there every day watching and learning. He's a very dedicated individual,"

The two-sport athlete had his first blood clot occur after his eighth grade football season and had the last one occur during this past football season. With five total blood clots, Divis con-

wrestling, Divis won't be an all-star on the mat, but with his determination he can only get better with more mat time.

"To see him you wouldn't think of him as an athlete, but get him on the football field or wrestling mat and it's on," Skrzypek said.

MAT NOTES

"I love it," Divis said to why he continues with athletics. "Football is my main sport and "THE OPENING day of the OVAC Tournament seemed to fly by quicker than expected with 109 pins out of 165

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Former Pittsburgh Steeler Ernie Holmes was

killed in an automobile accident at age 59 on Friday/16

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Weight Can Be An Issue

Wheeling Park junior Dirk

Bauer is a young man who appreciates a good salad.
Bauer, a defending West Virgina state champion who has mastered the sport well enough to have his own YouTube video, is having to cut weight this season for the first time in his career.

"But I'm not cutting a ton," Bauer cautioned Friday after the second session of the 55th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament at Wheeling's WesBanco Arena. Still, he's a lucky one. Put a

good chicken or steak salad on his plate and he's as good as

gold.
"If you always eat healthy, your weight's never going to go," Bauer said.

Others aren't so fortunate because it's not easy to pass up the allure of a McDonald's or Burger King when the ideal meal isn't available at home or even if it is.

Because of reasons like that, combined with varying metabolism rates among individuals and a host of other issues, the behind-the-scenes happenings with wrestling are much differ-

ent than any other sport.
"There's a whole back
story," Indian Creek wrestling coach Brandon Pendleton says. "Some kids battle it. They fight it every single day."
The results, in some cases,

have been deadly.

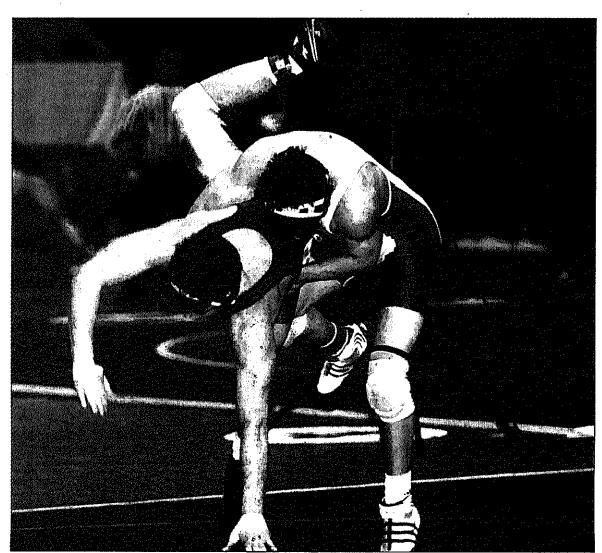
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In a month's span in 1997, three seemingly healthy college wrestlers from North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Michigan, respectively, died while engrossed in separate programs of rapid weight loss in an effort to quickly shed the pounds and qualify for a given tournament. The idea was to limit food and fluid intake to lose as much weight as possible. They wore vapor-impermeable suits under cotton wannups and exercised cotton warmups and exercised in warm environments. The results were deadly, as dehy-dration through perspiration led to hypothermia.

None of this is permitted these days, including the use of saunas, as governing bodies have gone to great lengths to make sure horror stories like these stay in the history books and off the front pages.

Dr. Bill Welker, a noted wrestling enthusiast, official, rules interpreter and author who has written a wrestling column for the Wheeling newspapers for three decades, remembers when things like this - and worse - were everyday occurrences.

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Photos by Scott McCloskey

Above: Wheeling Park's Heath Beecher, top, tangles with Martins Ferry's Scott Kaiser during a 152-pound consolation match Friday at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling. Below: Oak Glen coach Larry Shaw intructs Zach Montero before he takes to the mats. Wheeling Park and Oak Glen are 1-2 in the overall team standings. View additional photos at cu.theintelligencer.net.

Money

Park leads going into final rounds

By BRIAN COOK For The Intelligencer

The Wheeling Park (142.5) wrestling program flexed its muscles Friday night at the Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament as the Patriots catapulted past a struggling Oak Glen team by a margin of 14.5

"We're pretty happy with what we had in the championship rounds," first-year Wheeling Park coach Sean Doyle said as his Patriots were announced in first place on the Public Address system at Wes-Banco Arena.

Doyle's club was able to stick to its plan by pushing guys further into championship rounds.

"We had a couple of surprises there with Seth Bumgardner (160) and Dutch Fisher (285) being lower seeded and making it into the next round of championships," Doyle said as he had six wrestlers still to compete in Saturday's semifinal

Patriots still alive for individual championships include: Dirk Bauer (103), Jason Waugh (125), Bryce Rush (130), Bumgardner, Fisher and Allen Earnest (215).

"With our three No. 1 seeds and



■ Semifinal action begins today at noon, with the finals slated for 6:30 at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.

No. 3 seeds we said in the beginning, we needed to have at least three guys in the finals to have a legitimate shot in the team competition," Doyle said.

The Patriots also continued to rack up points in the consolation rounds as Aaron Majetich (No. 6 at 112), Nick Taylor (No. 3 at 119), Joe McKee (No. 7 at 135) and Dan Doyle (No. 5 at 171) did not let their early one-point setbacks affect the rest of the day.

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Wheeling set to put in bid for W.Va. Wrestling Tourna

The West Virginia State Wrestling Championships may be coming back to Wheeling's WesBanco Arena, The Intelligencer has learned.

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The tournament, which has been held in Huntington for many years but had rotated in various cities throughout the state prior to that, including Wheeling in the mid-1980s, is up for a bidding process after this season.

Wheeling officials, the same once who are in charge of Super Six and have a blueprint for success in this area, have said they'll attempt to bring them back when bids are due in March.

Officials from the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission and officials from the state wresting lournament are both in town this week observing how local officials put together the massive Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Tournament, which concludes today.

Athletic Conterence Tournament, which con-cludes today.

No stranger in this area. WesBanco Arena played host to the NCAA Division II National Wrestling Championships in 2003, won by Central Oklahoma.

In addition to Super Six, Wheeling is also home to the state golf championships.

Potts Name Mr. Ma

Ex-Cameron coa wins 33rd award

By Dr. BILL WELKEI For The Intelligencer The former head wrestli coach at Cameron High

School, Jim Potts was intr duced to the audience Frid night as the 33rd winner of the Mr. Mat Award at the Ohio Valley Athletic Confence Ron Mauck Wrestlin Tournament at Wesbanco

Coach Potts graduated from Buckhannon-Upshur High School, where he was a member of the 1963 West Virginia State Cham-



pionship foot-ball team. He then attended Glenville Stat College, and graduated with BA degree in 1967.

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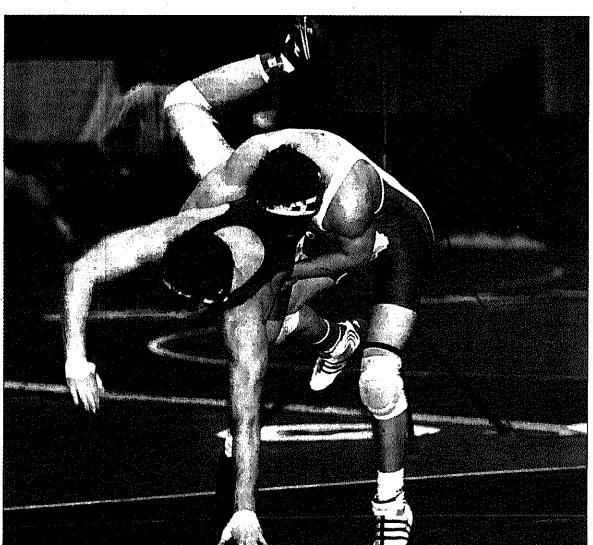
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Photos by Scott McCloskey

Above: Wheeling Park's Heath Beecher, top, tangles with Martins Ferry's Scott Kaiser during a 152-pound consolation match Friday at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling. Below: Oak Glen coach Larry Shaw intructs Zach Montero before he takes to the mats. Wheeling Park and Oak Glen are 1-2 in the overall team standings. View additional photos at cu.theintelligencer.net.

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Park leads going into final rounds

By BRIAN COOK For The Intelligencer The Wheeling Park (142.5) wrestling program flexed its muscles Friday night at the Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament as the Patriots catapulted past a struggling Oak Glen team by a margin of 14.5

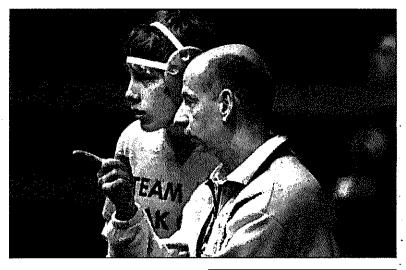
'We're pretty happy with what we had in the championship rounds," first-year Wheeling Park coach Sean Doyle said as his Patriots were announced in first place on the Public Address system at Wes-

Doyle's club was able to stick to its plan by pushing guys further into championship rounds.

"We had a couple of surprises there with Seth Bumgardner (160) and Dutch Fisher (285) being lower seeded and making it into the next round of championships," Doyle said as he had six wrestlers still to compete in Saturday's semifinal

Patriots still alive for individual championships include: Dirk Bauer (103), Jason Waugh (125), Bryce Rush (130), Bumgardner, Fisher

With our three No. 1 seeds and



■ Semifinal action begins today at noon, with the finals slated for 6:30 at WesBanco Arena In Wheeling.

No. 3 seeds we said in the beginning, we needed to have at least three guys in the finals to have a legitimate shot in the team competition," Doyle said.

The Patriots also continued to rack up points in the consolation rounds as Aaron Majetich (No. 6 at 112), Nick Taylor (No. 3 at 119), Joe McKee (No. 7 at 135) and Dan Doyle (No. 5 at 171) did not let their early one-point setbacks affect the rest of the day.

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Wheeling set to put in bid for W.Va. Wrestling Tournament

The West Virginia State Wreetling Championships may be coming back to Wheeling's WesBanco Arena, The Intelligencer has

The tournament, which has been held in Huntington for many years but had rotated in various clies throughout the state prior to that, including Wheeling in the mid-1980s, is up for a bidding process after this season. Wheeling officials, the same ones who are in charge of Super Six and have a blueprint for success in this area, have said they'll attempt to bring them back when bids are due in March.

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Officials from the West Virginia Secondary Schools Activities Commission and officials from the state wrestling tournament are both in town this week observing how local officials put together the massive Ron Mauck Otik Valley Athletic Conference Tournament, which concludes today.

No stranger in this area, WesBanco Arena played host to the NCAA Division II National Wrestling Championships in 2003, won by Central Oklahoma.

In addition to Super Six, Wheeling Is also home to the state golf championships.

Potts Named Mr. Mat

Ex-Cameron coach wins 33rd award

By Dr. BILL WELKER For The Intelligencer The former head wrestling

coach at Cameron High School, Jim Potts was introduced to the audience Friday night as the 33rd winner of the Mr. Mat Award at the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament at Wesbanco Arena.

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Coach Potts also takes great pride in his 1996 squad receiving the Bob Sadler Sportsmanship Trophy in the award's inaugural season. He was beaming when his son was crowned an OVAC Champion at 119 pounds in 1989, the same season he won states. Eric also went 40-0 that season.

As a coach, Potts also played the role of a great humanitarian. Cameron Athletics Director, Bob Koch, said it better than this writer could pen it: "Coach Potts has used wrestling to get kids involved, and experience success that they might not have otherwise been able to enjoy. He was a crusader for kids who nobody else wanted," Koch said.

Another accolade comes from East Liverpool's Dick Wolf (dubbed by many as the OVAC's wrestling historian), who states: "Coach Jim Potts" intangible contributions to the OVAC wrestling fraternity, the positive impact he has had on the athletes he's mentored and his commitment to excellence, which is his 'hallmark,' will continue to influence the lives of all who have come to know and respect

And his dedication continues. Coach Potts can still be found in Cameron's junior high practice room, helping to form future champions.

Coach Jim Potts has two children, the aforementioned Eric, and daughter, Jaime. He is also very proud of his four grandchildren.

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"When I wrestled, we did everything wrong," Welker said. "We took exlax, we purged ourselves, we would binge and crash diet.'

Referred to as yo-yo dieting, a repeated loss and gain of body weight due to excessive dieting, wrestlers' weights often fluctuated dramatically from the beginning of a week to its end.
"We could wear the nylons, we could wear

the sauna suits ... And the thing was, we were never taught to do it the right way," Welker said. Part of the culture of wrestling is dieting, and I think until we can eliminate that idea that you have to diet maximum and watch what you eat and work out properly, that's going to help us quite a bit."

'Now we know better. Hopefully we've learned from it."

The National Federation of State High School Associations in recent years has followed the NCAA's lead and adopted weight-management rules that require all wrestlers to complete a body-fat assessment in a hydrated state. After the initial evaluation, a wrestler will be guided by a season-long weight decent plan that allows for an average weight loss of 1.5 percent per week, with an amendment that allows individual states to be more restrictive if they choose. Wheeling Park wrestling coach Sean Doyle,

who has been around the sport his entire life, says he'd like to see even more restrictions. He's seen plenty of kids "ruined" by rapid weight loss, even classifying himself in that group for a short time after his collegiate career came to a close because of the sometimes unreasonable weight-loss demands.

They can even get better," Doyle said of the restrictions, "People throw around the idea of having the kids make weight right before they step on the mat. If you do that, you know a kid is not going to be sucking any weight because you know that if a kid has lost weight, he feels it once he steps on the mat."

Doyle said he's seen wrestlers who work as hard as anyone in the weight room reach the mat for competition and look out of shape once the whistle is blown. That's because they aren't properly hydrated, causing fatigue quickly and slowing reaction times.

Whether something like that is ever a reality remains to be seen, but it looks like the days of diets of whole oranges and ice cubes are over, though no rule is without a loophole.

Either way, the ruling has eliminated the rapid weight loss that creates an example where a wrestler is competing at 152 on a Saturday and at 140 the next Wednesday.
"That's too much weight." Welker says.

"Those red flags come up."

This way, they can project ahead using simple mathematics as to when a wrestler may safely drop a class. And, it has led to a more pronounced health education that spans from wrestlers to coaches to parents and guardians.

'Everybody has to be educated, mainly the adults first," Welker said. "The coaches have to first be educated, which they have been. They need to get the parents together and educate them, tell them this our new strategy.

Pendleton says that's not always easy. "Their parents have to get involved in planning meals," he said. "If they don't have the stuff at home to eat, (the kids) go out and eat McDonalds or Burger King. They need a support system at home to help them out.

There is constant monitoring of weight in wrestling, with chalk boards in weight rooms across the country loaded up with dates, names, and weights. This begins well before the kids step on a mat and learn enough technique to compete inside the circle.

For those who've never participated in the sport, it's impossible to know what kinds of sacrifices go into it, but it's comforting to know the dangers have been reduced.

If you want to be at the best you can be, you've got to be at your right weight class Doyle said, "It's not the same for everybody. Some guys do a lot better when they lose the weight, some guys don't have to lose the weight.

A lot of it is sacrifice with those guys because if you lose 5 or 6 pounds during the week, you want to win matches because you made that sac-

"Kids used to run around with a plastic bag on. From an outsider, you have to say this is crazy. A lot of people say wrestlers are kind of different, but that creates that mentality.

Indeed, wrestlers know the the sport is one of

"Some people might say that other sports are tougher, which they might be, but not if you throw the weight-cut factor into it," Bauer said. Officials have. They just want it to be safe,

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After Jackson made a bucket late in first quarter to make the score 8-6, the Patriots (8-3) took the lead and held it until midway through the

Wheeling Park led 24-21 when Pearson stole the ball at midcourt and hustled down the floor, only to be fouled. He made both free throws for a

five-point lead.
What could have sparked the Patriots instead

ignited the Monarchs (7-4). Casey Defibaugh buried his second consecutive 3-pointer, and then on the next possession, after a Travis Whitfield miss, Justin Eikleberry collected the rebound and put it back to tie the

Wheeling Park went back to Pearson, but he was rejected by Shepherd and Whitfield canned a 3-pointer for the 29-26 lead.

Safesak was fouled while shooting a 3 and made all his attempts to tie the game, but Eikleberry scored to put John Marshall back on top at the end of the third quarter.

The battle between Shepherd and Pearson continued in the fourth quarter, but each time the Monarchs had a chance to stretch their lead or climb closer, the senior center missed with his free throws - a 1 of 6 showing in the fourth

quarter.
"We have a kid that is 1-for-6 — that's three turnovers," John Marshall coach Bill Storm said. "Right now we are looking for a go-to guy that you can go to when you need a basket. We want that to be Kenny, but if you foul him, we are in

jail.
"Our kids on the perimeter, we just can't find anybody to step up and make that play. Hopefully by the end of the year, we will. The bottom line is free-throw shooting. We've lost two games by one point and this game (Friday night) all because of free-throw shooting. It's a shame because the kids play hard, play good defense, and I'm at wits end on free-throw shooting. I've tried everything.

'Six-for-14 at the foul line (in the fourth quarter) - you aren't going to win a Triple-A basketball game. (Wheeling Park) was 7-for-7 in the third quarter at a crucial time and that will win games for you."

Jackson connected on a 3-pointer to give Wheeling Park the lead back at 37-35 at the 4minute mark and the Patriots never relinquished

Jackson stole the ball on John Marshall's next possession, leading to Pearson free throws.

With John Marshall trailing by four late and needing a bucket, Andrew Montes - who scored 20 points in the team's previous meeting, a 55-48 John Marshall victory Dec.28 - missed his 3-point attempt.



Wheeling Park's D'Jhae Jackson scoop shot around John Marsha Kenny Shepherd, left, Friday nigling Park High School. View add tos at cu.theintelligencer.net.

A Brad Guckert free throw and a son basket sealed the victory and p Park in the drivers' seat in terms of bye in the sectional tournament.

'One switch we made was to pu ert on (Montes) and D'Ihae to Melko," Jebbia said. "Montes is and someone that if he gets a couple feed off that. Brad Guckert is our be defender, but we took him off the Montes, not to give him open looks.

"If we keep playing solid defens will come. We are playing well nov have to keep it going, one game at a

For the Monarchs, it was another after a strong start. John Marshall ha

its last four games.
"Obviously, we are losing con time, but they understand it's bec throw shooting," Storm said. "I'm the way we are playing, but we nee score on the perimeter. The big play was the 3-point shot that (Safcsak) n foul him. He goes to the line and shots, otherwise we are up five beca the next possession. But those things

Red Devil hits game-winning 3 as horn sounds

Whether on the football field or the basketball court, St. Clairsville's Anthony Vincent finds way to make things happen for the Red Devils.

Leading for the first three quarters, St. Clairsville fell behind visiting Union Local in

> at following a missed Jets throw with less than 10 nds to go in regulation, ent found himself with the at the top of the circle and ed the game-winning 3ter as time expired, giving Red Devils a 61ys' high school basketball Clairsville.

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Zac Miser had 15 points for the Red Riders (7-2) while Wes Lengyl had 14 points.

Anthony Santangelo led the Bruins (0-9) with 16 points and Bryan Sprull added 13.

Oak Glen 67 **Buckeye Local 35**

At New Manchester, Oak Glen picked up its third victory behind 16 points from Clay Owings, which paced four players in double figures against Buckeye Local.

Lucas Owings added 13 points for the Golden Bears (3-8) while Griff Halstead had 11 and Tyler Reed chipped in 10.

Joe Rine was the only Panthers player in double digits with 10 points. Caldwell 53, Barnesville 50

At Barnesville, Rvan McKee

scored 16 points and Ryan Reith added 12 as Caldwell edged Barnesville (5-9). Shane Crosier led the Sham-

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At Weirton, Corey Hirkala led a balanced Weirton Madonna attack with 16 points, eight rebounds, five assists and three blocks as the Blue Dons improved to 8-3 with a victory against Zanesville Rosecrans (7-6).

John McCune had 15 points for Madonna, while Sal Conti added 13 and six assists and Justin Kendrick had 12 points with 10.

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Cagney Springer (East Liverpool) and Bryce will battle (Dominic) Prezzia of St. Clairsville. Those are going to be two very, very competitive

As the Patriots are savored the taste of a possible OVAC title, their arch nemesis Golden Bears are licking their wounds and hoping to rejuice after a brutal day of competition.

Right now, we are losing a war of attrition that is what it boils down to. In a few places we just didn't show up," a disappointed Larry Shaw said about his returning OVAC champions. "Maybe that's my fault for not having the kids as prepared as they needed to be. Sometimes you think things are going to go one way and they

don't. That is just the way it goes."

Oak Glen has eight grapplers left, which is a

lower number than Shaw expected.
"Hopefully these guys in the semis can win matches because we don't have much else,'

Oak Glen had three seeded wrestlers - Ryan

Asbury (No. 6 at 125), Doug Murray (No. 4 at 285), Paden Potts (No. 8 at 140) — check out of

competition.

"We just have to win some matches as far as team standings go. Individually, I would like to put some guys in the finals and see what we can do there." Shaw said. "We just have to try to pull it up and see where we can go.'

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Continuing to trail the Patriots and Golden Bears in the team standings are Beaver Local 21), Cambridge (114) and Bellaire (94).

Eight grapplers remain in the hunt for a title for the Beavers, three of them being top seeds, while Cambridge had four and Bellaire finished with One of the most impressive marks of the day

came from the Martins Ferry mat crew as the Purple Riders were able to punch six into the last day of competition. "This is the time of year we want to peak," Martins Ferry coach Jeff Oberdick said. "Every-

for tournaments at the end of the season. The Purple Riders picked up key overtime victories from Chase Tucker (171) and Mike Shreve

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Tucker was able to oust Park's Dan Doyle, 3-2 in triple overtime, while the non-seeded Shreve scored an escape to beat No.-1 seeded Mark Markakis of Steubenville.

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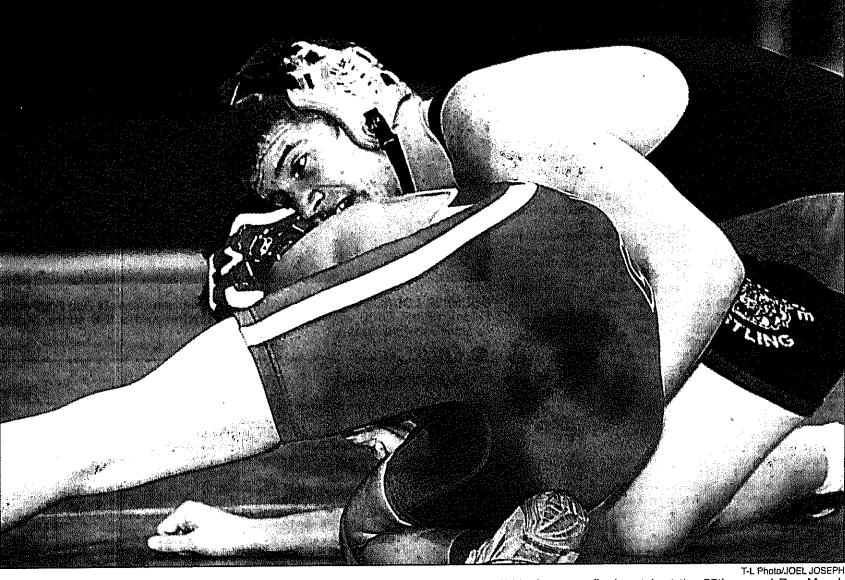


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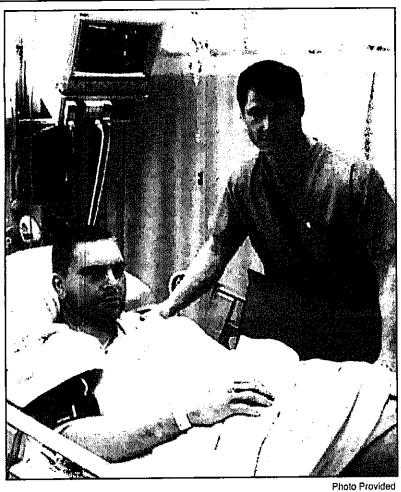
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Ferry grapplers enjoy strong **Friday sessions**

By SETH STASKEY

Times Leader Sports Editor

The Martins Ferry Purple Riders love the atmosphere. They thrive on the competition. They work hard to get ready.

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All of this is true once again as the Ferry wrestlers showed themselves to be some of the most well-

drilled grapplers in the field at the 55th version of the tournament. which continued to sort itself out Friday with second round championship, quarterfinals and four rounds of consolation, which sets up the eight placers in tonight's finals.

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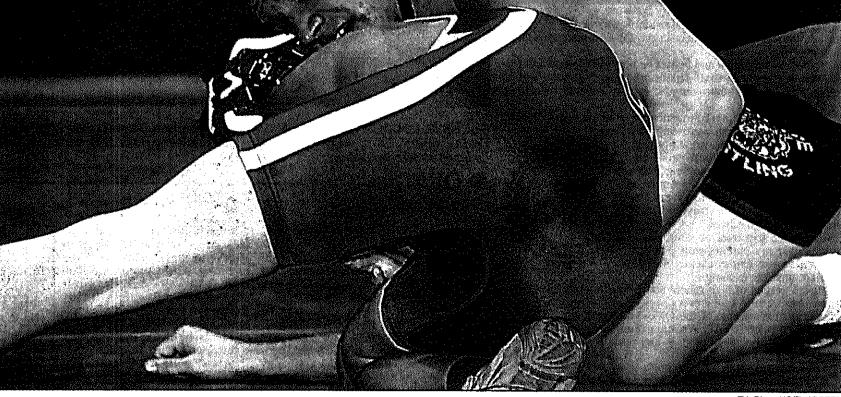
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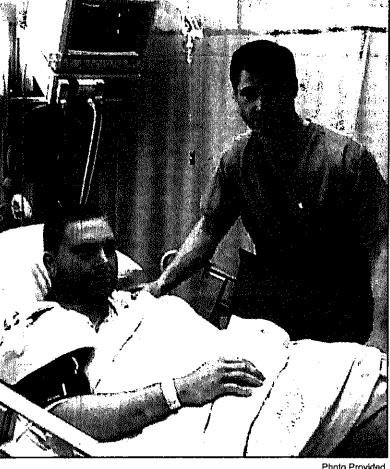
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The move to Europe was a difficult one for Braunlich and his family. It was one that he had to take his family and his country into great consideration and he hasn't doubted his service ever since.

"I feel I have a better purpose where I am at," Braunlich said about not being able to be honored with the other 25 year champions at the OVAC wrestling tournament this weekend. "To make that trip - which we do every year to be with family - you have to plan far ahead and with the kids in school it wasn't feasible."

Braunlich's absence from the valley still has not taken that competitive edge out of him as he is currently serving as an assistant wrestling coach where his son, Luke, goes to

"It is a lot of fun," Braunlich said about becoming a coach, "They use folk style wrestling in the U.S. military schools for active duty soldiers children and have similar competition. We'll have a tournament with the military schools across Germany, almost like a small state tourna-

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55th Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament

Patriots prowling at OVA

 Wheeling Park leading; Oak Glen, Beaver in pursuit

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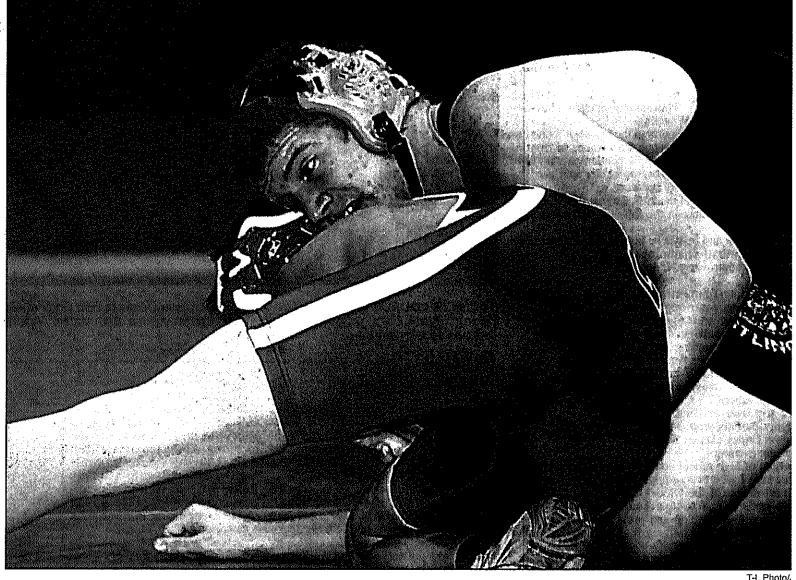
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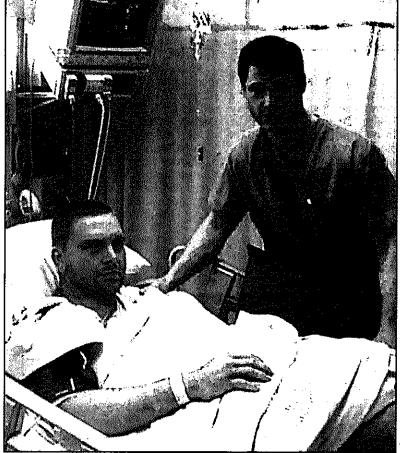


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Braunlich's absence from the valley still has not taken that competitive edge out of him as he is currently serving as an assistant wrestling coach where his son, Luke, goes to

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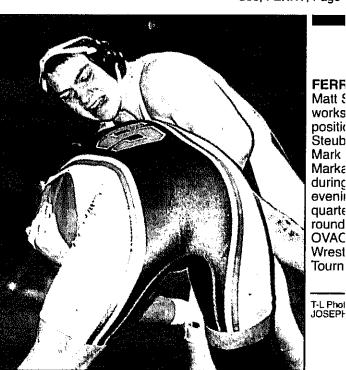
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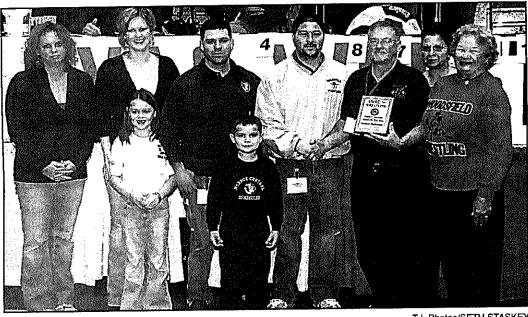
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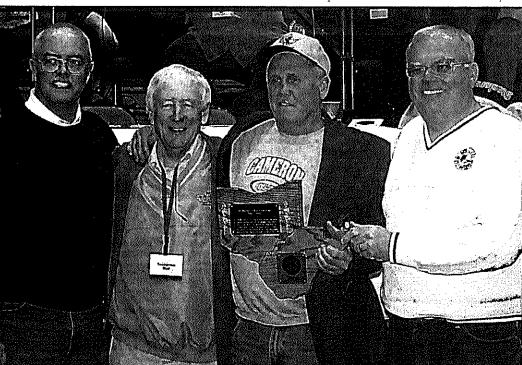
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Matt Shreve came into the tournament unseeded and he's showed that he was probably worthy of a number. He knocked off eighth-seed Tyler Druschell of John Marshall in the opening round and then took down Union Local's Adam Macy in the second round.

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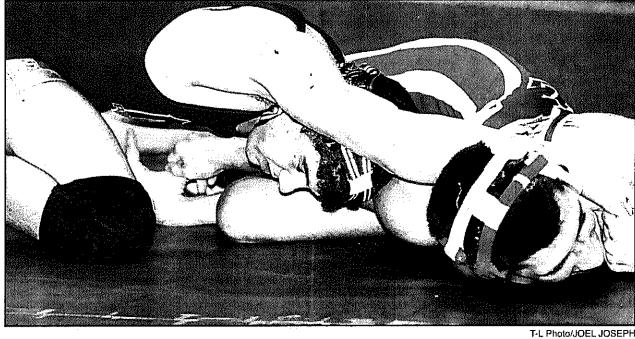
Shreve posted an escape in the second overtime to score a 4-3 decision. He meets sixth-seeded Mike Mann of Barnesville in today's semifinal.

"Our coaches preach about not giving up and showing how much heart you have," Shreve said shortly after the match. "It comes down to who's got the biggest heart, and I keep that in my mind to keep me motivated.

Shreve's win didn't surprise his head coach who pumped his fist high into the air when the official awarded the match-winning point.

"Someone asked me before the season, and I told them that Matt had a chance to be the sleeper on this team," Oberdick pointed out.

Wrestling on the mat next door was senior Chase Tucker, the fourth seed at 171 pounds against Wheeling Park's Danny Doyle, the fifth seed.



MARTINS FERRY'S Zane McSwords (left) works for control of Beaver Local's Jared McIntosh during their quarterfinal bout Friday evening at WesBanco Arena at the 55th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. McSwords prevailed by a 5-0 count to advance to the semifinals.

wins over Brian Kahl of Shadyside and Tod Miller of Indian Creek.

He, like Shreve, needed extra time before being able to claim his spot in the semifinals. He too needed more than one overtime before earning an escape from the down position to win

Tucker and Doyle met a couple of weeks ago with Tucker prevailing, 3-2, on a late takedown, so he knew he'd had another battle on his hands

"I worked my butt off this week to prepare for this tournament, and winning this is all I've wanted for a long time." Tucker said. "When the match went into overtime, I just thought . about this being my last chance to win this tournament.'

Today, Tucker will tangle with top-seeded Nathan Schaal of Buckeye

"Coach (LaMont) Tucker won this tournament and he talks to us about Tucker reached that point thanks to what it takes to win it, and we all buy

into what he's saying," his cousin admitted. "You've got to have heart to do what you want to do, and I really want to do this.

wrestler to excel for the Riders. Zane McSwords came into the tournament with a 6-4 record, which didn't rate him a seed in a deep 125-pound weight class.

And for the second straight year, McSwords has won three matches and finds himself in the semifinals. He advanced by knocking off Oak Glen's Ryan Asbury in the second round and then Beaver's Jared McIntosh in the quarters by a 5-0 count.

wouldn't be seeded, but we tried to pick the best line that we could to give us an opportunity to play," Oberdick said. "This tournament brings out the best in Zane, and hes' as good as anybody.'

ahead in today's semifinals. He'll tan-

gle with top-seed Paul Rose of Cambridge who he met in last year's tournament and lost to 11-10.

"It's going to be a pretty good Shreve wasn't the only unseeded match," McSwords said. "We've both been working hard, and I would bet it's going to be a close one.'

The two other Ferrians to punch tickets into the semifinals were seeded wrestlers, Taylor Yoder - the second seed at 112 pounds - has two pins and then a 9-0 win over seventh-seeded Ryan Richter of Monroe Central to his credit.

He'll meet Bellaire's Zach Porter

At 285 pounds, Steven Woodford We knew with Zane's record he advanced to the semifinals. Woodford was a 4-2 winner over Beallsville's George Ruckman in the quarterfinals. He also posted wins over Bellaire's Bobby Bennett and Shadyside's Aaron Silverio to reach this point.

Staskey can be reached McSwords has a familiar face sstaskey@timesleaderonline.com

Braunlich

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Another wrestling Braunlich's son is r knowledge of Greco Freestyle wrestling that ular in that part of the w

You can pick up th everyday and find tou go to," Braunlich saic with some different Ge es we have been fortui language barrier has problem and have bene many Europeans are bi-

The two time OVA Virginia state champi make a permanent re states in the summer w of service expires.

"We are going to orthopedic practice in will be great. We are ward to it," Braunlich said about moving back "We looked at som places in West Virg always pointed back to

The move back to t City is what the doctor will help the wrestlinggeon get back to his roo

"I always enjoyed to with guys in the valley said in regards of keep with the wrestling c "Each year I would ke the OVAC (tournament sometimes family men send me clippings. Eve Christmas gift last ye Welker's book - The Drill Book.

With the United S men and women in tl Braunlich, the OVAC will continue to keep B wife Jamie and their th Luke, 14; June, 10; and their thoughts and pray them a safe return to States.

Braunlich is the son the late Sara Bra Wheeling.

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55th Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament Results

TEAM SCORES

Wheeling Park 1425. Oak Glen 128, Beaver Local 121, Cambridge 114, Bellaire, John Marshall 92.5, Martins Ferry 89, Harrison Central 79, Brooke 65, Caldwell 64, Steuberville 64, Buckeye Local 62.5, Indian Creek 61.5, East Liverpool 56.5, Monroe Central 56, Edison 51. St. ClairsvIIIe 46, Meadowbrook 44.5, BeallsvIIIe 43, St. John Central 42.5, Shadyside 37, River 36, Union Local 35.5, Welrton Madonna 34. Barnesville 33.5. Wheeling Central 31.5, Bridgeport 30.5, Wellsville 29, Cameron 27, Weir 21, Tyler Consolidated 19, Steubenville Catholic 18, Shenandoah 16, Conotton Valley 10, Bishop Donahue 7, Magnolia 5
ROUND 2 CHAMPIONSHIP

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103 -- Andrew Bertubin (CAMB) pinned Joey
Threatt (ED), 1:45; Kyle Bauer (WC) pinned Jesse
Crilley (CV), 1:30; Dirk Bauer (WP) pinned Logan
Plouots (IC), 0:11: Johnny McComas (BEAN) planed
Josh Bartrug (RIV), 4:48; Darin Heavilin (HC) dec.
Zec Knowton (BELL), 1:0; Danny Royland (OG) dec.
Ees Rack (IMA 5:3; Christ Bhothe (STB) dec. Mike Eric Beck (JM), 6-3; Chris Tingler (STB) dec. Mike

Enc Beck (JM), 6-3; Chris Lingler (STB) bec. Mike Mercer (EL), 5-3; Ed Lehotay (MEAD) pinned Eddie Nogay (WM), 2.54. 112 – Anzona Miller (BEAV) pinned Mait Kinney (CAM), 0:29; Zack Porter (BEL) pinned Zach Strickland (RIV), 0:25; Aaron Majetich (WP) dec. Bryan Crozler (SHAD), 3-0; David Mahan (JGd) dec. Justin Goode (JM), 4-3; Cody Willshire (BL) plnned Devin Mazik (IC), 1-28; Michael Yockey (STC) major dec. Jimmy Gessler (BDP), 10-2; Ryan Richter (MC) dec. Brent Fluharty (BRK), 9-2; Taylor Yoder (MF) pinned Anthony Gerall (MEAD), 3-29.

119 -- Jacob Border (CALD) dec. Cody Moore (BEAL), 3-0; Dillon VanDyne (CAMB) dec. Jake Emery (HC), 4-2; Mitch Thompson (BEAV) pinned Josh Loneworth (JM), 1:15; Preston Foster (EL) dec. Sam Faykus (BEL), 3-1; Mike Kendjorski (BL) major dec. Jonathan Muniz (MC), 12-1; Dillon Noke (STC) dec. David Schleper (CAM), 8-6.

dec. Lavid Schleiper (CAM), 8-5.

125 -- Paul Rose (CAMB) primed Casey Davis (BELL), 1:42; Cagney Springer (EL) planed Trevor Vilga (BRK), 0:53; Jeremy Howard (JM) dec. Pat Marshall (IC), 9-5; Jared McIntosh (BEAV) major dec Nick Risdon (HC), 11-3; Jason Waugh (WP) lech. fall Kody Crooks (BARN), 18-5; Zane McSwords (MF) dec. Blan Achuru (CG), 7:3 OT. Lavis Exerter (KF) Kody Crooks (BARN), 18-5; 2ane McSwords (M-) dec. Ryan Asbury (OG), 7-3 OT: Jake Foster (SJC) pinned Bryton Andres (STB), 2:18; Seth Callarik (STC) pinned Cody Compton (MEAD), 3:19, 130 - Dominic Frezzia (STC) major dec. Shawn Pals (HC), 13-9; Derek Holf (MF) major dec. Sunny Beavers (BRK), 16-5; Ethan Dray (OG) major dec.

Brandon Bartrug (BL), 13-4; Pat Nels (WC) pinned Sean Collins (WELL), 2:37; Tyler Berger (CAMB) pinned Cameron Hall (BEAV), 3:33; Bryce Rush (WP) pinned Jarrett Blake (JM), 1:58; Clint Boyd (CALD) pinned James West (RIV), 1:09; Erick Cariter (BELL) pinned Jeremy Wiles (BEAL), 5:28; Chase Clark (UL) ech, fall Jimmy Davis (SJC), 19-4.

135 - Ben Pocki (JM) planed Quenton Cottrell (CV), 2:17; Shane Foster (SJC) planed Tim Nieb(BL), 321; Joe McKee pinned Jon Lauener (STC), 129; Joel Paolo (OG) major dec. Angelo lachinla (STB), 11-0; Matt Flanigan (WELL) prined Trevor Coffman (HC), 1-03; Andy Stine (ED) tech. fall Dustin Piatt (MC), 18-3; James McFarland (BRK) pinned Jed Marling (BEAL), 254; Brandon Conrad (MEAD) dec. Antrons Septer (EELI) 54.

Mading (BEAL), 254; Brandon Conrad (MEAD) dec. Andrew Seevers (BELL), 5-4. 140 — Mike Slaga (BL) pinned Mike Rose (MF), 2:22; Kurtis Jefferis (BARN) pinned Datton Hall (JM), 2:30; Paden Potts (OG) dec. Paul Blake (CAM), 11-5; Jamny Relsz (BEAL) pinned Jason Dowling (WELL), 0:53; Chris Brancker (ED) dec. Ben Giles (BRK), 5-4; Dylan ke (BEAV) pinned Nick Robinson (TC), 1:08; Rob Eddy (HC) major dec. Josh Coll (EL), 13-5. 145 — Zach Basich (WC) pinned James Mercer (SNEN), 1:11: Marcus George (WP) pinned Brandon

145 -- Zach Basich (WC) pinned James Mercer (SHEN), 1:11; Marcus George (WP) pinned Brandon Baker (BEAL), 1:03; Jon Ray (CAMB) tech. Iail Corey Parry (CAM), 17-2; Nick Stine (ED) major dec. Justin Clendentin (SHAD), 17-7; Robbie Chilson (BELL) pinned Tyler Ollom (RIV), 1:04; Max Nogay (WM) pinned Winnie Deem (WELL), 1:40; Jared Border (CALD) pinned Brack Jones (MC), 0:39; Nick Avoy (OG) pinned Brack Jones (MC), 0:39; Aaron Porter (BEL) pinned Mike Sachs (BEAV), 2:59.

(BEL) pinned Mike Sachs (BEAV), 2:59, 152 -- Cody Miller (OG) tech. full Tanner Whyte (CAM), 18-2; Taylor Banks (BL) dec. Derek Supanik (BL), 7-2; Jarrod Osborne (BEAV) pinned Matt Robinson (SCEN), 3:17; Mike Emery (IC) dec. Salem Jones (STB), 7-3; Johnny Meryman (SHAD) pinned Matthew Taylor (MC), 1:05; Andy Siger (UL) dec. Heath Beecher (WP), 13-11; Kyle Faykus (BELL) dec. Kenrry Nickerson (STC), 8-6; Zack Kosky (SJC) tech. fall Botby Euchmond (BD), 20-5.

160 -- Zack Six (OG) won by forfeit over AJ Ritterbeck (BARN); Bryan Skoff (BPT) tech. fall Nathan McConaughy (MC), 16-1; Jon Bittinger (BEAV) pinned Mike Rassic (WEIR), 1:22; Daniel Goodwin (ED) pinned Kason Melchiori (JM), 1:36; Sathan Abboti (CALD) pinned Timmy Jones (BEAL), 1:12; James Beatty (CAMB) dec. Cody Kaiser (HC), 6-4; Seth Burggarther (WP) pinned Josh Hillard (BL), 2:20; Darek Porter (BEL) pinned David Montelione (WM), 5:05. (WM), 5:05.

171 -- Dan Doyle (WP) pinned Andrew Crook (BELL), 2:47; Chad Teague (CAMB) pinned Anthony Cornell (CG) 3:11: Perien Stewart (BIV) ninned Nate Bondy (BEAL), 1:25; Nathan Schaal (BL) p Willie Fordham (STB), 2.33: Chase Tucker (MF) dec. Tod Miller (IC), 5-0; Trevord Dunn (JM) dec. Seth

Todd (CALD), 4-3; Ian Howell (HC) pinned Coleton Lindamood (MC), 3:20; Josh Sizemore (BRK) pinned Adam Cross (MAG), 0:41.

189 - Kirk Wetherell (CAMB) pinned Zac Montero 189 - Kirk Wetherell (CAMB) pinned Zac Mordero (OG), 0:33; Mark Markakis (STB) major dec. Dennis Ours (EL), 13-4; Jake Mallemee (HC) dec. Rylan Pyciak (BL), 4-2; Troy Starr (RIV) dec. Ryan Crabtree (WELL), 4-2; Make Mann (BARN) dec. Josh Costlow (SCEN), 7-3; Matt Schreve (MF) won by inj. defaulti over Adam Macy (UL); Devon Ludwig (BEAV) pinned Culten Grover (TC), 4-00; Jerry Kahl (SHAD) pinned Chris Decker (ED), 2-09; Alien Earnest (WP) pinned Cabbia Malor (CAMB), 3-28

Robbie Moten (CAMB), 3-28. 215 -- Jake Henderson (BEAV) pinned Justin Pierce (MEAD), 3:01; Zac Costlow (SCEN) pinned Jake Davis (Ith.) 336: Schuyler Bondy (MC) pinned Anthony Pederson (BKE). 1:46; Branko Busick (STB) pinned Bobby McDale (EL). 0:20: Levi Holcomb (STC) dec. Issiah Kolson (MAG). 9-2; Taylor Potts (JM) pinned Justin Greathouse (OG). 2:37; Derick

Hesson (CALD) pinned Joey Wheeler (SHEN), 121. 285 -- Travis Montgomery (BD) pinned Drake Kowcheck (BRK), 0:21:Derek Wolfe (BEAV) pinned Paden Morris (JM), 0:48; Sean West (BPT) dec. John Eckroth (HC), 9-2; Ryan Dugan (STB) pinned Vance Miller (WEIR), 4:49; Troy Haslam (RIV) pinned Doug Murray (OG), 0:35; Dustin Fisher (WP) dec. Doug Henderson (IC), 13-7; Steve Woodford (MF) pinned Aaron Silverio (MF), 1:42; George Ruckman (BEAL) dec. Tom Schenkel (CALD), 3-7

ROUND 1/2 CONSOLATION Josh Campbell (BRK) major dec. Tyler

Moore (BARN), 11-0; Tim Fox (CAMB) pinned Taylor

119 -- Elex Morales (STB) dec. Steve Johnson (SJC), 4-2 OT; Jessie Bennelt (WEIR) planed Christian Money (MEAD), 2:45; Journey Wayts (RIV) won by lorfeit over Seth Stickley (SHEN); Devon Phillips (MAG) pinned Sean Hughes (SCEN), 3:38, Calvin McCune (TC) won by forfeit over Davy Wilson (UL); Mark Thomas (WM) pinned Scottie Liberatore (SHAD), 4:52; Brad Mackey (MF) dec. Nick Taylor (WP), 5-4; Troy Eckleberry (OG) major dec. Justin

LeRoy (IC), 16-6; 125 -- Jimmy Deter (WM) pinned Shane Stragusano (ED), 4:32; Jeff Blumenauer (BL) won by forfeit over Seth Gianessi (WEIR): Kyle Friede (UL) pinned Craig Davis (CALD), 3:54; John Schumache (MC) pinned Steve Carter (CV), 2:05.

130 -- Todd Parker (IC) dec. Pat Bortz (SCEN), 7-3. 130 - 1000 Parker (K.) 660. Pat Bortz (SCEN), 7-3; Joe Coli (EL) won by forlet over Eric Estep (MAG); Jorge Wilson (SHEN) pinned Jesse O'Neal (MC), 1.58; Nate Taylor (TC) pinned Ryan Lemasters (ED, 4-48; Quentin Castello (BARN) pinned Billy Barnhart (CAM), 2:15; Wesley Barnes (WEIR) dec. Arthur Hobiev (STB), 6-2.

135 - Larry Williams (BEAV) pinned Devin Green (CAMB), 1:38; Justin Lunsford (SHADY) planed Flint Postle (RIV), 0:59; Mitchell Friede (UL) dec. Josh Wilson (WC), 5-0; Vince Ours (EL) pinned Gage Hanlon (BARN), 2:22; Ryan Hotlosz (MF) dec. Matt Leasure (CALD), 5-0; Aaron Bolitho (IC) dec. Grant

Throckmorton (MAG), 13-6.

145 -- Matt Smith (JM) pinned Nate Barker (STC), 2:10; Brody Northcraft (TC) pinned Michael Bucheit

152 - Patrick Pickenpaugh (CALD) pinned Corbin Cline (ED), 4:23: John Coleman (CAMB) major dec. Chris Tatgenhorst (EL), 12-3.

160 - Kiefer Watson (MEAD) pinned Brandon Grimes (TC), 0:11; Dylan Jones (EL) pinned Jacob Hearn (UL), 3:38; Jon Renforth (IC) pinned Andrew Gobs (WELL), 4:13. 171 - Todd Bevan (BPT) pinned Michael Kranak (WM), 2:11; Nick Wells (SHEN) pinned Brian Kahl (SHAD), 2:27; Damion Såracco (WELL) pinned Tyler

Frey (ED), 0:26. 189 — Tucker Goodwin (WP) plnned Brandon Kurner (BPT), 0:27; Jason Long (MAG) dec. Brad Ensell (IC), 12-8; Andy Duke (BRK) dec. Ed Mehlman (BEL), 9-4; John Boney (CALD) plnned Nick Need (WM), 3:36

215 -- Dalton Leach (MF) pinned Evan Marling (SHAD), 3:53; Jake Myers (CAM) plnned Xavier Meek (BELL), 1:53; Brian Ware (IC) pinned Kyle Morris

- Cory McGarry (STC) pinned Andy Taylor (MAG), 1:31;Eric Neilson (UL) pinned Shane Bishop

BL), 5:37. Championship Quarter-Final Round

CHAMHIONSHIP QUARTEH-FINAL HOUND 103 -- Dirk Bauer (WP) tech. fell Danny Rowland (OG), 15-0: Darin Heavlin (HC) dec. Johnny McComas (BEAV), 7-4; Ed Lehotay (MEAD) tech. fall Chris Tingler (STB), 18-2; Kyle Bauer (WC) dec. Andrew Bertubin (CAMB), 6-5
112 -- Arlzona Miller (BEAV) pinned Michael Yockey (STC), 0-43; David Mahan (OG) dec. Aaron Majetich (WP), 2-1; Zach Porter (BEL) dec. Cody Wiltshire (BL), 7-1; Taylor Yoder (MF) major dec. Ryan Riichter (MC), 9-0.

nyan Habiter (Mo.), 90. 119 -- Mike Kendjorski (BL) dec. Dilton Notte (STC), 7-4; Mitch Thompson (BEAV) dec. Brad Mackey (MF). 12-10; Preston Foster (EL) dec. Jacob Border (CALD), 5-2; Troy Eckleberry (OG) pinned Dillon Van Dyne (CAMB), 3:46.

125 – Jason Waugh (WP) prinned Jeremy Howard (JM), 4:30; Zane McSwords (MF) dec Jared McIntosh (BEAV), 5-0; Paul Rose (CAMB) dec. Seth Callank (STC), 7-1; Cagney Springer (EL) dec. Jake Foster 130 -- Dominic Prezzia (STC) major dec. Clint Boyd

(CALD), 12-0; Bryce Rush (WP) dec. Derek Holl (MF), 4-1; Enk Canter (BEL) major dec. Eihan Dray (OG), 9-1; Chase Clark (UL dec. Tyler Berger (CAMB), 5-3 OT

135 -- Joel Paolo (OG) dec. Brandon Conrad (MEAD), 7-2; Shane Foster (SJC) dec. Ben Pockl (JM), 14-11; James McFarland (BRK) dec. Joe McKee (BRK), 1-0; Andy Stine (ED) tech. fall Malt Flanigan (WELL), 20-4.

140 - Jimmy Reisz (BEAL) major dec. Padent Potts (OG), 14-6; Chris Brancker (ED) dec. Kurtis Jefferls (BARN), 3-2; Robble Chilson (BEL) dec. Dylan Ice (BEAV), 6-2; Rob Eddy (HC) dec. Mike Slaga (BL), 8-8.

Slage (BL), 8-6.

145 - Nick Stine (ED) major dec. Max Nogay (WM), 12-4; Zach Basich (WC) lech. fall Marcus George (WP), 20-5; Jon Ray (CAMB) major dec. Jared Border (CALD), 14-8; Nick McAvoy (OG) dec.

Aaron Forter (BEL), 8-7 152 – Johnny Merryman (SHADY) pinned Jarrod Osborne (BEAV), 3:34; Cody Miller (OG) dec. Tayfor Banks (HC), 3:0; Zack Kosky (SJC) dec. Kyle Faykus (BEL), 2-1; Mike Emery (KC) dec. Andy Sigler (UL), 7-

 Janes Beatty (CAMB),
 160 – Zak Sα (DG) pinned James Beatty (CAMB),
 114; Jon Bittinger (BEAV) pinned Derek Porter (BEL),
 5:23; Seth Bumgardner (WP) dec. Danlel Goodwin (ED),
 4:3; Bryan Skoff (BPT) panned Nathan (Akbell (CARB), Abbott (CALD), 3:03.

171 -- Chad Teague (CAMB) major dec. Trevor Dunn (JM), 12-2; Nathan Schaal (BL) tech. fall Paden Stewart (RIV), 19-1; fan Howell (HC) dec. Josh Sizemore (BRK), 4-2; Chase Tucker (MF) dec. Dan Doyle (WP), 2-1 2 OT. 189 - Mike Mann (BARN) dec. Devon Ludwig

(BEAV), 5-4: Kirk Weiherell (CAMB) dec. Jake Mallernee (HC), 7-3; Matt Shreve (MF) dec. Mark Markakis (STB), 4-3 30T; Troy Starr (RIV) prinned

215 -- Branko Busick (STB) pinned Levi Holcorfib (STC), 1:34; Allen Earnest (WP) dec. Zac Costlow

(SCEN), 12-6; Taylor Polts (JM) dec. Schuyler Bondy (MC), 7-2; Derick Hesson (CALD) dec. Jake Henderson (BEAV), 6-2.

285 -- Derek Wolfe (BEAV) dec. Sean West (BPT), 3; Dustin Fisher (WP) pinned Troy Haslam (RIV), 39; Slove Woodford (MF) dec. George Ruckman (BEAL), 4-2; Drake Kowcheck (BRK) dec. Ryan Dugan (STB), 4-3.
ROUND 3 CONSOLATION

103 -- Eddie Nogay (WM) major dec. Mike Mercer (EL). 17-8; Jesse Trilley (CV) pinned Joey Threatt (ED). 0-50; Eric Beck (JM) pinned Josh Scott (WEIR). 4-53; Zac Knewtton (BEL) major dec. Josh Bartrug (RIV). 14-0. 112 -- Devin Mazik (IC) major dec. Tim Fox

(CAMB), 11-0; Jimmy Gessler (BPT) major dec. Chad Needham (STB), 14-6; Brent Fluharty (BRK) dec. Neednam (STB), 14-5, Bleet Fullmarty (DRN) dec. Anthony Gerdan (MEAD), 12-7; Bryan Crozier (SHAD) dec. Justin Goode (JM), 3-2. 119 — David Schliebere (CAM) pinned Jonathan Muntz (MC), 2-03; Neck Taylor (WP) major dec. Josh Longworth (JM), 12-3; Sam Faykus (BEL) dec. Devon Phillips (MAC), 6-1; Justin LeRoy (IC) dec. Jake Fempi (HC), 9-2

Emery (HC), 9-2. 125 - Casey Davis (BEL) pinned Cody Compton (MEAD), 0-35: Julian Yost (TC) pinned /immy Deter (WM), 1-26; Pat Marshall (IC) pinned Kody Krooks (BARN), 2-59; Nick Risdon (HC) dec. Ryan Asbury

130 - Brandon Bartrug (BL) pinned Jeremy Wiles (BEAL), 2:56; Jonathen Smith (MEAD) pinned Jimmy Davis (SJC), 3:50; Jarrett Blake (JM) dec. Sunny Beavers (BRK), 9-5; Joe Coil (BL) major dec. Pat 135 - Angelo lachini (STB) dec. Andrew Seevers

(BEL), 2-1: Jed Marting (BEAL) major dec. Cody Davidson (WEIR), 14-1; Mitchell Friede (UL) dec. Tin Nieb (BRK), 7-0; Ryan Hotloaz (MF) dec. Trevor Coffee (MR), 14-1; Mitchell Friede (UL) dec. Trevor 140 - Brandon Staudacher (IC) dec. Rob Smith

(STB), 9-3 Josh Coil (EL) pinned Carl Piper (SJC), 4:15: Justin Beatty (CAMB) pinned Paul Blake (CAM), 2:32: Ben Giles (BRK) dec. Derrick Amos (WP), 5-2.

145 - Corey Parry (CAM) pinned Brian Posinelli (IC), 0.59; Mike Sach (BEAV) pinned Brian Posinelli (IC), 0.59; Mike Sach (BEAV) pinned Brock Jones (MC), 2:21; Justin Clendenin (SHAD) dec. tan Graham (MF), 3-1; Aaron Scurry (BKE) pinned James Mercer (SHEN), 1:31; Aaron Scurry (BKE) pinned James Mercer (SHEN), 1:31; Justin Clendenin (SHAD) dec. tan Graham (ME), 3-1;

(SHAD) dec. lan Graham (MF), 3-1, 152 -- John Coleman (CAMB) pinned Kenny Nickerson (STC), 3-25; Dannie Ruza (JM) major dec. Mattchew Taylor (MC), 11-2; Jeff Hanselman (WELL) dec. Tanner Whyte (CAM), 5-3; Salem James (STB) dec. Heath Beecher (WP), 9-3.

160 -- Cody Kalser (HC) pinned Kiefer Watson (MEAD), 2:42; Kason Melchlori (JM) pinned Cory Ollver (MF), 1:46; Dave Montelione (WM) pinned Dylan Jones (EL), 2:52; Nathan McConaughy (MC) dec. Timmy Jones (BEAL), 8-7 171 -- Seth Todd (CALD) pinned Nick Wells

(SHEN), 2:22; Tob Miller (IC) dec. Rich Sachs (BEAV), 2-1; Coleton Lindamod (MC) dec. Amos Leach (UL), 40; Willie Fordham (STB) pinned Nate

Leads (OL), 4-9, while Pordinan (STB) primed Nate Bondy (BEAL), 2-48. 189 — Ryan Crabitree (WELL) pinned Chris Decker (ED), 3:30; Josh Cosllow (SCEN) won by Inj. default over Cullen Grover (TC); Tyler Druschel (JM) dec. Zac Montero (OG), 9-6; Dennis Ours (EL) pinned

Vincent Crall (CV), 1:12. 215 -- Dalton Leach (MF) dec. Anthony Pederson (BKE), 12:5; Robbie Moten (CAMB) pinned Jake Davis (UL), 0.24; Joey Wheeler (SHEN) pinned Justin Pierce (MEAD), 0.48; Derrick Rovira (WEIR) pinned Jordan Case (HC), 1:24,

285 - Vance Miller (WEIA) pinned Travis

Montgomery (BD), 1:39; Doug k Bennetl (BEL), 3-0; Tom Schenk Silverio (SHAD), 7-0; John Edo Morris (JM), 3-2. ROUND 4 CONSO

103 - Danny Rowland (OG) (CV), 2:33; Chris Tingler (STB) (BEL), 1-0 3OT; Andrew Bentub (BEC), 1-0-301; Andrew Barrab Eric Beck (JM), 9-1; Eddie Nogr McComas (BEAV), 6-3. 112 – Aaron Majcbich (WP) p (BRK), 4:42; Ryan Richter (MI

Crosler (SHAD), 8-0; Devin Ma Yockey (STC), 4-2 OT; Cody \ Jimmy Gessler (BPT), 2:50.

119 - Diffon Note (STC) dec 5-1; David Schileper (CAM) (CALD), 6-2; Justin Leroy (IC) (MF), 3:36; Nick Taylor (WP) d (CAMB), 5-1.

125 -- Jerenty Howard (JM) (BEL), 1:58; Jared McIntosh (F (BEL), 1:35; Jared McIntosh (L Yost (TC), 0:42; Seth Callarii Marshall (IC), 4:59; Nick Risc Foster (SJC), 2:0 130 - Tyler Berger (CAMB) dc 7:3; Elhan Dray (DG) tech fall Brandon Bartrug (BL) dec. Cir Derek Hob (MF) dec. Jonathan S 135 - Rep Port (IM) Inpect

135 -- Ben Pocki (JM) pinned 1:49; Matt Flanigan (WELL) pi (STB), 0:21; Joe McKee (WP)

(UL), 8-4; Brandon Conrad (F Hotlosz (MF), 5-0. 140 – Branden Staudacher (K (BL), 4:24; Kurtls Jefferies (Barr Beatty (Camb), 4:20; Dylan Ire (

(EL), 12-6; Ben Giles (Brk) dec

145 - Jared Border (CALD) (BEAV), 2:59; Aaron Porter (Bi Perry (Cam), 16-0; Justin Clei Marcus George (WP), B-Aaron Scurry (Brk), 1:47.

152 - Taylor Banks (HC) maj (Camb), 15-3; Salem James Oshoma (Reaver) 3-1: Jeff Har Kyle Faykus (Bell), 7-8; Andy ! Huza (JM), 6-5. 160 -- Daniel Goodwin (E

McConaughy (MC), 1:45; Ka pinned Nathan Abbott (Cald), (Bell) dec. Cody Kaiser (HC), 6 (WM) dec. James Beatty (Camb) Paderi Stewart (Cald), 8-6; Dan Doyle (WP)

Lindamood (MC), 4:11; Trevor I Fordham (Steub), 6-4; Josh Siz Tod Miller (IC), 3-2. 189 - Devon Ludwig (Beave (JM), 11-5; Jerry Kahl (Shady

(EL), 5-3; Josh Costlow (SCC) (HC), 4-3; Flyan Crabines (Wells (Stoub), 3-2 215 -- Zack Costlow (SCC Rouvira (Weir), 10-3; Jake Heni

Dalton Leach (MF), 3-2; Robbie falled Levi Holcomb (St. C.), 2 (MC) pinned Joey Wheeler (Sher 285 - Ryan Dugan (Steub)

(OG), 3-2; Troy Haslam (Rlv) (Wer), 42; George Ruckman Eckroth (HC), 2:57: Sean We Schenkel (Cald), 7-6.



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wrestlers alivé in the hip bracket is the third ne tournament. Only leadg Park and Oak Glen have x each.

our kids that they would tight matches as we got r rounds," Oberdick said. / you tell who's going to 2 podium or stand on top

de Riders were victorious most exciting matches of z, which were going on on mats right next to one

eve came into the tournaled and he's showed that ably worthy of a number. d off eighth-seed Tyler of John Marshall in the ind and then took down I's Adam Macy in the sec-

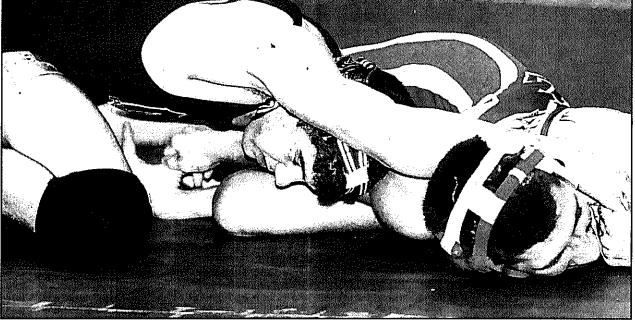
ed in the quarterfinals to ited and top-seeded Mark Big Red. Needless to say to the challenge, but he extra time to get it done. osted an escape in the sece to score a 4-3 decision. xth-seeded Mike Mann of in today's semifinal.

ches preach about not givshowing how much heart Shreve said shortly after 'It comes down to who's est heart, and I keep that to keep me motivated.'

win didn't surprise his who pumped his fist high when the official awarded inning point.

ne asked me before the I told them that Matt had be the sleeper on this dick pointed out.

g on the mat next door Chase Tucker, the fourth pounds against Wheeling y Doyle, the fifth seed.



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MARTINS FERRY'S Zane McSwords (left) works for control of Beaver Local's Jared McIntosh during their quarterfinal bout Friday evening at WesBanco Arena at the 55th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. McSwords prevailed by a 5-0 count to advance to the semifinals.

wins over Brian Kahl of Shadyside and Tod Miller of Indian Creek.

He, like Shreve, needed extra time before being able to claim his spot in the semifinals. He too needed more than one overtime before earning an escape from the down position to win 2-1.

Tucker and Doyle met a couple of weeks ago with Tucker prevailing, 3-2. on a late takedown, so he knew he'd had another battle on his hands Friday.

"I worked my butt off this week to prepare for this tournament, and winning this is all I've wanted for a long time," Tucker said. "When the match went into overtime, I just thought. about this being my last chance to win this tournament."

Today, Tucker will tangle with top-seeded Nathan Schaal of Buckeye Local.

"Coach (LaMont) Tucker won this tournament and he talks to us about into what he's saying," his cousin admitted. "You've got to have heart to do what you want to do, and I really want to do this.'

wrestler to excel for the Riders. Zane McSwords came into the tournament with a 6-4 record, which didn't rate him a seed in a deep 125-pound weight class.

And for the second straight year, McSwords has won three matches and finds himself in the semifinals. He advanced by knocking off Oak Glen's Ryan Asbury in the second round and then Beaver's Jared McIntosh in the quarters by a 5-0 count.

wouldn't be seeded, but we tried to pick the best line that we could to give us an opportunity to play," Oberdick said. "This tournament brings out the best in Zane, and hes' as good as anybody.'

ached that point thanks to what it takes to win it, and we all buy ahead in today's semifinals. He'll tan-

gle with top-seed Paul Rose of Cambridge who he met in last year's tournament and lost to 11-10.

"It's going to be a pretty good Shreve wasn't the only unseeded match," McSwords said. "We've both been working hard, and I would bet it's going to be a close one.'

The two other Ferrians to punch tickets into the semifinals were seeded wrestlers. Taylor Yoder - the second seed at 112 pounds - has two pins and then a 9-0 win over seventh-seeded Ryan Richter of Monroe Central to his credit.

He'll meet Bellaire's Zach Porter

At 285 pounds, Steven Woodford "We knew with Zane's record he advanced to the semifinals. Woodford was a 4-2 winner over Beallsville's George Ruckman in the quarterfinals. He also posted wins over Bellaire's Bobby Bennett and Shadyside's Aaron Silverio to reach this point.

Staskey can be reached at McSwords has a familiar face sstaskey@timesleaderonline.com

Braunlich-

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Another wrestling advantage Braunlich's son is receiving is knowledge of Greco Roman and Freestyle wrestling that is very popular in that part of the world.

You can pick up the newspaper everyday and find tournaments to go to," Braunlich said. "Working with some different German coaches we have been fortunate that the language barrier has not been a problem and have benefitted that so many Europeans are bi-lingual.'

The two time OVAC and West Virginia state champion plans to make a permanent return to the states in the summer when his term of service expires.

We are going to set up an orthopedic practice in Wheeling, It will be great. We are looking forward to it," Braunlich graciously said about moving back to the area. "We looked at some different places in West Virginia, but it always pointed back to Wheeling,"

The move back to the Friendly City is what the doctor ordered and will help the wrestling-minded surgeon get back to his roots.

"I always enjoyed to touch base with guys in the valley," Braunlich said in regards of keeping contact with the wrestling community. "Each year I would keep track of the OVAC (tournament) online and sometimes family members would send me clippings. Even my son's Christmas gift last year was Bill Welker's book - The Wrestling Drill Book.'

With the United States finest men and women in the hands of Braunlich, the OVAC wrestling will continue to keep Braunlich, his wife Jamie and their three children Luke, 14; June, 10; and Grace, 9, in their thoughts and prayers wishing them a safe return to the United States.

Braunlich is the son of Earl and the late Sara Braunlich of Wheeling.

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Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament Results

AM SCORES 15, Oak Glen 128, Beaver Local i, Bellaire, John Marshall 92.5, arrison Central 79, Brooke 65, nville 64, Buckeye Local 62.5, East Liverpool 56.5, Monroe on 51, St. Clairsville 48, Beallsville 43, St. John Central , River 36, Union Local 35.5, 4, Barnesville 33.5, Wheeling xort 30.5, Wellsville 29, Cameron Consolidated 19, Steubenville ideah 16, Conotton Valley 10,

lagnola 5
2 CHAMPIONSHIP
erlubin (CAMB) pinned Joey
Kyle Bauer (WC) pinned Jesse
Dirk Bauer (WP) pinned Logan
shriny McComas (BEAN) presed

4:48: Darin Heavilin (HC) dec. 1.1-0; Danny Rowland (OG) dec. Chris Tingler (STB) dec. Mike Lehotay (MEAD) pinned Eddie lier (BEAV) pinned Matt Kinney

c Porter (BEL) pinned Zach 25; Aaron Majetich (WP) dec. I), 3-0; David Mahan (OG) dec. 13; Cody Witshire (BL) pinned 18; Michael Yockey (STC) major (BDP), 10-2; Ryan Richter (MC) (BRK), 9-2; Taylor Yoder (MF) Cody Moore rder (CALD) de

VanDyne (CAMB) dec. Jake itch Thompson (BEAV) pinned , 1:15; Preston Foster (EL) dec. 3-1: Mike Keryliorski (BL) major (MC), 12-1; Dillon Note (STC) (CAM), B-6.

(CAMB) plnned Casey Davis yy Springer (EL) plnned Trevor Jeremy Howard (JM) dec. Pat red McIntosh (BEAV) major dec -3; Jason Waugh (WP) tech. fall I), 18-5; Zane McSwords (MF) JG), 7-3 OT; Jake Foster (SJC) es (STB), 2:18; Seth Callarik omoton (MEAD), 3:19.

ezzia (STC) major dec. Shawn ek Hot (MF) major dec. Sunny 3; Ethan Dray (OG) major dec. J, 13-4; Pat Neis (WC) prinned L), 2:37; Tyler Berger (CAMB) (BEAV), 3:33; Bryce Rush (WP) planed Jarrett Blake (JM), 1:58; Clint Boyd (CALD) planed James West (RIV), 1:09; Erick Canter (BELL) pinned Jeremy Wiles (BEAL), 5:29; Chase Clark (UL)

tech, fall Jimmy Davis (SJC), 19-4. 135 -- Ben Pocki (JM) pinned Quenton Cottrell (CV), 2:17; Shane Foster (SJC) prinned Tim Nicb(BL), 3:21; Joe McKee phinned Jon Lauener (STC), 1:29; Joel Paolo (OG) major dec. Angelo Jachinia (STB), Joel Paolo (OG) major dec. Angelo lachinia (STB), 11-0; Matt Flamgan (WELL) pinned Trevor Coffman (HC), 1:03; Andy Stine (ED) fect. fall Dustin Piatt (MC), 18-3; James McFarland (BRK) pinned Jed Marting (BEAL), 2:54; Brandon Conrad (MEAD) dec. Andrew Seevers (BELL), 5-4.

140 – Mike Siaga (BL) pinned Mike Rose (MF), 2:22; Kurtis Jefferis (BARN) pinned Dation Hall (JM), 2:30; Paolen Potts (OG) dec. Paul Blake (CAM), 11-5; Jirrany Reisz (REAL) ninned Jason Dowfino (WELL).

2.00, Pages Pous (DG) dec. Paul Bigue (DAM), 11-5) Jimmy Reisz (BEAL) pinned Jason Dowling (WELL), 0:53; Chris Brancker (ED) dec. Ben Gles (BRK), 5-4; Dylan toe (BEAV) pinned Nick Robinson (TC), 1:08; Rob Eddy (HC) major dec. Josh Call (EL), 13-5.

Rob Eddy (HC) major dec. Josh Coil (EL), 13-5.

145 -- Zach Basich (WC) pinned James Mercer (SHEN), 1:11: Marcus George (WP) pinned Brandon Baker (BEAL), 1:03; Jon Ray (CAMB) tech. fall Corey Parry (CAM), 17-2; Nick Stine (ED) major dec. Justin Clendenin (SHAD), 17-7; Bobbie Chilson (BELL) pinned Tyler Ollom (RIV), 1:04; Max Nogay (WM) pinned Winnie Deem (WELL), 1:40; Jared Border (CALD) pinned Brien Posinelli (IC), 5:39; Nick Avoy (OG) pinned Brok Jones (MC), 0:39; Aaron Porter (BE) Lighoed Mike Sachs (BEAV), 2:59

(Gd.) pinked Mike Sachs (BEAV), 259.
152 - Cody Miller (GG) tech. fall Tanner Whyte (CAM), 18-2; Taylor Banks (BL) dec. Derek Supanik (BL), 7-2; Jarrod Osborne (BEAV) pinned Matt Robinson (SCEN), 3-17; Mike Emery (IC) dec. Salem Jones (STB), 7-3; Johrny Merryman (SHAD) prinned Matthew Taylor (MC), 1:05; Andy Sitger (UL) dec. Heath Beecher (WP), 13-11; Kyle Feykus (BELL) dec. Kermy Nickerson (STC), 8-6; Zack Kosky (SJC) tech.

(all Bobby Richmond (BD), 20-5.

160 — Zack Six (DG) won by forfeit over AJ
Ritterbeck (BARN), Bryan Skoff (BPT) tech. fall
Nathan McConaughy (MC), 16-1; Jon Bittinger
(BEAV) pinned Mike Rassic (WEIR), 1:22; Daniel Goodwin (ED) pinned Kason Melchori (JM), 1:38; Nathan Abbott (CALD) pinned Timmy Jones (BEAL), 1:12; James Beatty (CAMB) dec. Cody Kalser (HC). 6-4; Seth Bumgardner (WP) pinned Josh Halard (BL), 2:20; Derek Porter (BEL) pinned David Montelione (WM), 5:05.

171 -- Dan Doyle (WP) pinned Andrew Crook (BELL), 2:47; Chad Teague (CAMB) pinned Anthony Cornell (OG), 1:11; Paden Stewart (RIV) pinned Nate Bondy (BEAL), 1:25; Nathan Schaal (BL) pinned Willie Fordham (STB), 2:33; Chase Tucker (MF) dec. Fod Miller (IC), 5-0; Trevord Dunn (JM) dec. Seth Todd (CALD), 4-3; Ian Howelf (HC) pinned Coleton Lindamood (MC), 3:20; Josh Sizemore (BRK) pinned

Adam Cross (MAG), 0:41. 189 - Kirk Wetherell (CAMB) pinned Zac Montero (OG), 0:33; Mark Markakis (STB) major dec, Dennis Ours (EL), 13-4; Jake Mallernee (HC) dec. Rylan Pyclak (BL), 4-2; Troy Starr (RIV) dec. Ryan Crabtree (WELL), 4-2; Mike Mann (BARN) dec. Josh Costlow (SCEN), 7-3; Matt Schreve (NF) won by inj. default over Adam Macy (UL); Devon Ludwig (BEAV) pinned Cutlen Grover (TC), 4.00; Jerry Kahl (SHAD) pinned Civis Decker (ED), 2.09; Alten Earnest (WP) pinned Robble Moten (CAMB), 3.28.

215 — Jake Henderson (BEAV) pinned Justin Figure (MEAD), 3.01; 740 Crestlew (SCEN) planed

Pierce (MEAD), 3:01; Zac Costlow (SCEN) planed Jake Davis (UL), 3:36; Schuyler Bondy (MC) planed Anthony Pederson (BKE), 1:46; Branko Busick (STB) planed Bobby McDole (EL), 0:20; Levi Holcomb (STC) dec. Issiah Kotson (MAG), 9-2; Taylor Potts JM) pinned Justin Greathouse (OG), 2:37; Derick

Hesson (CALD) planed Joey Wheeler (SHEN), 1.21. 285 -- Travis Montgomery (BD) planed Drake Kowcheck (BRK), 0.21;Derek Wolfe (BEAV) planed Rowcheck (Brin), U.21, Dark Wolfe (bc.27) palmate Paden Morris (JMI), 0.48; Sean West (BPT) dec. John Eckroth (HC), 9-2; Ryan Dugan (STB) prined Vance Miller (WEIR), 4.49; Troy Haslam (RIV) prined Doug Murray (OG), 0.35; Dustlin Fisher (WP) dec. Doug Henderson (IC), 13-7; Stave Woodford (MF) prined Aaron Silverio (MF), 1:42; George Ruckman (BEAL)

dec. Tom Schenkel (CALD), 3-2.

ROUND 1/2 CONSOLATION

112 - Josh Campbell (BRK) major dec. Tyler Moore (BARN), 11-0; Tim Fox (CAMB) pinned Taylor (BD), 0:30

119 -- Elex Morales (STB) dec. Steve Johnson (SJC), 4-2 OT; Jassie Bennett (WEIR) pinned Christian Money (MEAD), 2:45; Journey Wayts (RIV) won by forfeit over Seth Stickley (SHEN); Devon Phillips (MAG) plnned Sean Hughes (SCEN), 3:38; Calvin McCune (TC) won by forfeit over Davy Wilson (UL); Mark Thomas (WM) pinned Scottie Liberatore (SHAD), 4:52; Brad Mackey (MF) dec. Nick Taylor (WP), 5-4; Troy Eckleberry (OG) major dec. Justin LeRoy (IC), 16-6; 125 -- Jimmy Deter (WM) pinned Shane

Stragusano (ED), 4:32; Jeff Blumenauer (BL) won by forfeit over Seth Gianessi (WEIRI); Kyle Friede (UL) pinned Craig Davis (CALD), 3:54; John Schumacher MC) pinned Steve Carter (CV), 2:05.

 Todd Parker (IC) dec. Pat Bortz (SCEN), 7-3; Joe Cosl (EL) won by forfeit over Eric Estep (MAG); Jorge Wilson (SHEN) pinned Jesse O'Neal (MC), 1:58; Nate Taylor (TC) pinned Ryan Lemasters (ED), 4:48; Quentin Castello (BARN) pinned Billy Bambart (CAM), 2:15; Wesley Barnes (WEIR) dec. Arthur

(CAMB), 2.15, Westey Usanes (NEAV) planed Devin Green 135 - Larry Williams (BEAV) planed Devin Green (CAMB), 1.38; Justin Lunsford (SHADY) planed Flint Postle (RIV), 0.59; Mitchell Friede (UL) dec. Josh Wilson (WC), 5-0; Vince Ours (EL) planed Gage Hanlon (BARN), 2-22; Ryan Hottosz (MF) dec. Matt Leasure (GALD), 5-0; Aaron Boliho (iC) dec. Grant Throckmorton (MAG), 13-6. 145 – Matt Smith (JMI) pinned Nate Barker (STC),

2:10; Brody Northcraft (TC) pinned Michael Bucheil (EU), 4:10.

(EL), 4:10.

152 - Patrick Pickenpaugh (CALD) pinned Corbin Cline (ED), 4:23; John Coleman (CAMB) major dec. Chris Tatgenhorst (EL), 12:3.

160 - Kiefer Watson (MEAD) pinned Brandon Grimes (TC), 0:11; Dylan Jones (EL) pinned Jacob Heam (UL), 3:38; Jon Renforth (iC) pinned Andrew Glibra (WELI) 4:13. Gibbs (WELL), 4:13 171 - Todd Bevan (BPT) pinned Michael Kranak (WM), 2:11; Nick Wells (SHEN) pinned Brian Kahl (SHAD), 2:27; Damion Seracco (WELL) pinned Tyler

rrey (ED), 0.20.

189 — Tucker Goodwin (WP) pinned Brandon Kumer (BPT), 0.27; Jason Long (MAG) dec. Brad Ensell (KC), 12-8; Andy Duke (BRK) dec. Ed Mehlman (BEL), 9-4; John Boney (CALD) pinned Nick Need

(WM), 3:36 215 - Dalton Leach (MF) pinned Evan Mariling (SHAD), 3:53; Jake Myers (CAM) pinned Xavier Meek

(BELL), 1:53; Brian Ware (IC) pinned Kyle Morris 285 - Cory McGarry (STC) pinned Andy Taylor

(MAG), 1:31;Eric Neilson (UL) pinned Shane Bishop CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINAL ROUND

103 - Drik Bauer (WP) tech fall Danny Rowland (OG), 15-0; Darin Heavlin (HC) dec. Johnny McComas (BEAV), 7-4; Ed Lehotay (MEAD) tech. fall Chris Tingler (STB), 18-2; Kyle Bauer (WC) dec. Andrew Bertubin (CAMB), 6-5
112 -- Arizona Miller (BEAV) pinned Michael Vecker (EC), 0/3; ENAM Miller (OG) dec. Andrew Bertubin (CAMB), 6-5

Yockey (STC), 0:43; David Mahan (DG) dec. Aaron Majetich (WP), 2-1; Zach Porter (BEL) dec. Cody Wiltshire (BL), 7-1; Taylor Yoder (MF) major dec. Ryan Richter (MC), 9-0.

119 - Mike Kendjorski (BL) dec. Dillon Nolte (STC) 7-4; Milch Thompson (BEAV) dec. Brad Mackey (MF), 12-10; Preston Foster (EL) dec. Jacob Border (CALD), 5-2; Troy Eckleberry (OG) pinned Dilbon Van Dyne (CAMB), 3:46.

uyne (LAMM), 3:46.

125 - Jason Waugh (WP) pinned Jeremy Howard (JM), 4:30; Zane McSwords (MF) dec Jared McIntosh (BEAV), 5-0; Paul Rose (CAMB) dec. Seth Callarik (STC), 7-1; Cagney Springer (EL) dec. Jake Foster (SJC), 7-1.

130 - Dominic Prezzia (STC) major dec. Clint Boyd (CALD), 12-0; Bryce Rush (WP) dec. Derek Holt (MF), 4-1; Erik Canter (BEL) major dec. Ethan Dray OG), 9-1; Chase Clark (UL dec. Tyler Berger AMB), 5-3 OT.

135 -- Joel Paolo (OG) dec. Brandon Conrad (MEAD), 7-2; Shane Foster (SJC) dec. Ben Pockl (JM), 14-11; James McFarland (BRK) dec. Joe McKee (BRK), 1-0; Andy Stine (ED) tech. fall Matt

Flanigan (WELL), 20-4. 140 - Jimmy Reisz -- Jimmy Reisz (BEAL) major dec. Padent Potts (OG), 14-6; Chris Brancker (ED) dec. Kurtis Jefferis (BARN), 3-2; Robbie Chilson (BEL) dec. Dylan Ice (BEAV), 6-2; Rob Eddy (HC) dec. Mike

Sagga (b.), 8-0.

145 -- Nick Stine (ED) major dec. Max Nogay (WM), 12-4; Zach Basich (WC) tech. (all Marcus George (WP), 20-5; Jon Ray (CAMB) major dec. Jared Border (CALD), 14-8; Nick McAvoy (OG) dec. Aeron Porter (BEL), 8-7

Slaga (BL), 8-6.

radici Folia (DEL), B-7 152 — Johnny Merryman (SHADY) pinned Jarrod Osborne (BEAV), 3:34; Cody Miler (OG) dec. Taylor Banks (HC), 3:0; Zack Kosky (SJC) dec. Kyle Faykus (BEL), 2-1; Mike Emery (IC) dec. Andy Sigler (UL), 7-

160 -- Zak Six (OG) pinned James Beatty (CAMB), 3:14; Jon Bittinger (BEAV) pinned Derek Porter (BEL), 5:23; Seth Bumgardner (WP) dec. Daniel Goodwin (ED), 4:3; Bryan Skoff (BPT) pinned Nathan Abbon (CALD), 3:03.

171 -- Chad Teague (CAMB) major dec. Trevor Dunn (JM), 12-2; Nathan Schaal (BL) tech. tall Paden Stewart (RIV), 19-1; Ian Howell (HC) dec. Josh Sizemore (BRK), 4-2; Chase Tucker (MF) dec. Dan Doyle (WP), 2-1 2 OT.

Doyle (WP), 2-1 2 U1.
169 - Mike Mann (BARN) dec. Devon Ludwig
(BEAV), 5-4; Kirk Weiherell (CAMB) dec. Jake
Mallemee (HC), 7-3; Matt Shreve (MF) dec. Mark
Markakis (STB), 4-3 3OT; Troy Starr (RIV) pinned Jerry Kall (SHAD), 5:40. 215 -- Branko Busick (STB) pinned Levi Holcorfb (STC), 1:34: Allen Earnest (WP) dec. Zac Costlow (SCEN), 12-6; Taylor Polls (JM) dec. Schuyler Bondy (MC), 7-2; Derick Hesson (CALD) dec. Jake Henderson (BEAV), 6-2.

285 - Derek Wolfe (BEAV) dec. Sean Wesl (BPT), 5-3; Dustin Fisher (WP) plined Troy Haslam (RIV), 0.39; Steve Woodford (MF) dec. George Ruckman (BEAL), 4-2; Drake Kowcheck (BRK) dec. Ryan Dugan (STB), 4-3.

ROUND 3 CONSOLATION

103 – Eddie Nogay (WM) major dec. Mike Mercer (EL), 17-8; Jesse Trilley (CV) pinned Joey Threatt (ED), 0:50; Eric Beck (JM) planed Josh Scott (WEIR), 4:53; Zac Knowlton (BEL) major dec. Josh Bartrug (DN), 14-6.

112 -- Devin Mazik (IC) major dec. Tim Fox (CAMB), 11-0; Jimmy Gessler (BPT) major dec. Chad Needham (STB), 14-6; Brent Fluharly (BRK) dec.

Neednam (S1-9), 14-0; Brent Filmarry (BHN) dec. Anthony Gerdan (MEAD), 12-7; Bryan Crozier (SHAD) dec. Justa Goode (JM), 3-2.

119 — David Schliebre (CAM) prinned Jonathan Muntz (MC), 2-03; Not Taylor (WP) major dec. Josh Longworth (JM), 12-3; Sam Faylus (BEL) dec. Devon Phillips (MAC), 5-1; Justin LeRoy (IC) dec. Jake Franz (HC), 9-2.

125 -- Casey Davis (BEL) pinned Cody Compton (MEAD), 0:35; Julian Yost (TC) pinned Jimmy Deter (WM), 1:26; Pat Marshall (IC) pinned Kody Krooks BARN), 2:59; Nick Risdon (HC) dec. Ryan Asbury

130 - Brandon Bartrug (BL) pinned Jeremy Wiles (BEAL), 2:56; Jonathan Smith (MEAD) pinned Jemmy Davis (SJC), 3:50; Jarrett Blake (JM) dec. Sunny Beavers (BRK), 9-5; Joe Coil (BL) major dec. Pat Nels (WC), 12-

Nels (WC), 12-2.

135 - Angelo lachini (STB) dec. Andrew Seevers (BEL), 2-1; Jed Marling (BEAL) major dec. Cody Davidson (WEIR), 14-1; Mitchell Friede (UL) dec. Tin Nieb (BRK), 7-0; Ryan Hotlosz (MF) dec. Trevor Coffman (MC), 8-2.

140 - Brandon Staudacher (IC) dec. Rob Smith (STB), 9-3 Josh Coit (EL) pinned Carl Piper (SJC), 4:15; Justin Beatty (CAMB) pinned Paul Blake (CAM), 2:32; Ben Giles (BRK) dec. Derrick Amos (WP), 5-2.

145 -- Corey Parry (CAM) pinned Brian Posinelli (IC), 0:59; Mike Sach (BEAV) pinned Brock Jones (MC), 2:21; Justin Clendenin (SHAD) dec. Ian Graham (MF), 3-1; Aaron Sourry (BKE) pinned James Mercer (SHEN), 1:31; Aaron Sourry (BKE) pinned James Mercer (SHEN), 1:31; Justin Clendenin (SHAD) dec. Ian Graham (MF), 3-1. 152 -- John Coleman (CAMB) pinned Kenny Nickerson (STC), 3:25; Dannie Ruza (JM) major dec.

Mattchew Taylor (MC), 11-2; Jeff Hanselman (WELL) dec. Tanner Whyte (CAM), 5-3; Salem James (STB) dec. Heath Beecher (WP), 9-3.

160 - Cody Kaiser (HC) pinned Kiefer Watson (MEAD), 2:42; Kason Melchion (JM) pinned Cory Oliver (MF), 1:46; Dave Montelione (WM) pinned Dylan Jones (EL), 2:52; Nathan McConaughy (MC) dec. Timmy Jones (BEAL), 8-7. 171 -- Seth Todd (CALD) pinned Nick Wells

(SHEN), 2:22; Tob Miller (IC) dec. Rich Sachs (BEAV), 2-1; Coleton Lindamod (MC) dec. Amos Leach (UL), 4-0; Willie Fordham (STB) pinned Nate Bondy (BEAL), 2:48. 189 -- Ryan Crabtree (WELL) pinned Chris Decker

(ED), 3:30; Josh Costlow (SCEN) won by Inj. default over Cullen Grover (TC); Tyler Druschel (JM) dec. Zac Montero (OG), 9-6; Dennis Ours (EL) pinned Vincent Crall (CV), 1:12

215 ~ Dallon Leach (MF) dec. Anthony Pederson (BKE), 12-5; Robbie Moten (CAMB) pinned Jake Davis (UL), 0:24; Joey Wheeler (SHEN) pinned Justin Pierce (MEAD), 0:48; Derrick Rovira (WEIR) planed

Jordan Case (HC), 1:24 285 -- Vance Miller (WEIR) pinned Travis Montgomery (BD), 1:39; Doug Murray (OG) dec. Bob Bennett (BEL), 3-0; Tom Schenkel (CALD) dec. Aaron Silverio (SHAD), 7-0; John Eckroth (HC) dec. Paden Morris (JM), 3-2

ROUND 4 CONSOLATION

.103 -- Danny Rowland (OG) pinned Jesse Crilley (CV), 2:33; Chris Tingler (STB) dec. Zack Knowlton (BEL), 1-0 3OT; Andrew Bertubin (CAMB) major dec (BEL), 1-0 301; Antarew Bertuan (CANS) major use: Eric Beck (JM), 9-1; Eddie Nogay (WM) dec. Johnny McComas (BEAV), 6-3. 112 - Aaron Majotich (WP) planed Brent Fluharty (BRK), 4:42; Ryan Richter (MC) major dec. Bryan

Crosler (SHAD), 8-0; Devin Mazik (IC) dec. Michael Yockey (STC), 4-2 OT; Cody Willshire (BL) pinned January Gessler (BPT), 2:50. 119 - Dillon Note (STC) dec. Sam Faykus (BEL), 5-1; David Schlieper (CAM) dec. Jacob Border

(CALD), 6-2; Justin Leroy (IC) pinned Brad Mackey (MF), 3:38; Nick Taylor (WP) dec. Dillon Van Dyne (MF), 3:36; n (CAMB), 5-1.

(LAMB), 5-1. 125 - Jeremy Howard (JM) pinned Casey Davis (BEL), 1:58; Jared McIntosh (BEAV) pinned Julian Yost (TC), 0:42; Seth Callarik (STC) pinned Pat Marshall (IC), 4:59; Nick Risdon (HC) dec. Jake Foster (SJC), 2-0.

Foster (S.C.), 2-0.

130 – Tyler Berger (CAMB) dec. Jarrett Blake (JM),
7-3; Ethan Dray (Ofd) tech. fall Joe Coil (EL), 18-1;
Brandon Bartrug (BL) dec. Clint Boyd (CALD), 7-5;
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Hotlosz (MF), 5-0. 140 - Brandon Staudacher (IC) pinned Mike Slaga (BL), 4:24; Kurtis Jefferies (Barnes) tech latted Justin Beatty (Camb), 4:20; Dylan Ire (Beav) dec. Josh Coil

(EL), 12-6; Ben Giles (Brk) dec. Paden Potts (OG), 3-

145 -- Jared Border (CALD) pinned Mike Sach (BEAV), 2:59; Aaron Porter (Beil) tech falled Corey Perry (Cam), 16-0; Justin Clendenth (Shady) dec. Marcus George (WP), 8-7; Max Nogay (WM) prinned Aaron Scurry (Brk), 1:47.

152 - Taylor Banks (HC) maj. dec. John Coleman (Camb), 15-3; Salem James (Steub) dec. Jared Osborne (Beaver), 3-1: Jeff Hanselman (Wells) dec Kyle Faykus (Bell), 7-6; Andy Sigler (UL) dec. Dan

Ruza (JM), 6-5 160 -- Daniel Goodwin (Ed) pinned Nathan McConeughy (MC), 1:45; Kason Melchiori (JM) pinned Nathan Abbott (Cald), 4:33; Derek Porter (Bell) dec. Cody Kaiser (HC), 6-1; David Montelione

(WM) dec. James Beatty (Camb), 4-3. 171 - Paden Stewart (Riv) dec. Seth Todd (Cald), 8-6; Dan Doyle (WP) tech falled Colton Lindamood (MC), 4:11; Trevor Dunn (M) dec. Willie Fordham (Steub), 6-4; Josh Sizemore (Brooke) dec. Tod Miller (IC), 3-2,

189 - Devon Ludwig (Beaver) dec. Tyler Drushel (JM), 11-5; Jerry Kahl (Shady) dec. Dennis Dups (EL), 5-3; Josh Costlow (SCC) dec. Jake Malternee (HC), 4-3; Ryan Crabtroe (Wells) dec. Mark Markakis (Steub), 3-2

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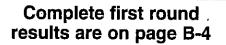
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tered a team score yet.

Oak Glenn and Wheeling Park are tied for the team lead with 48 points each with Beaver Local in third with 32 points. Bellaire is fourth (30.5 points) followed by Cambridge (30).

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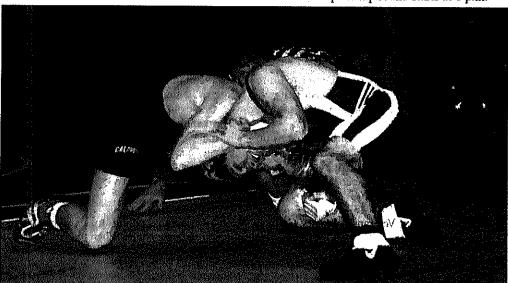
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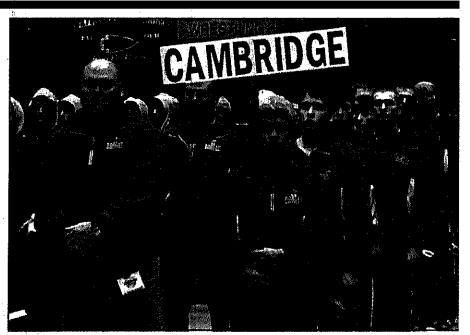
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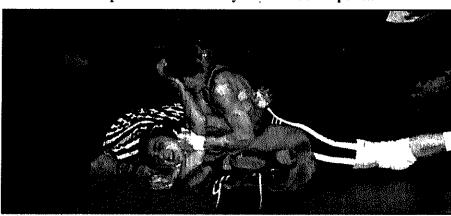


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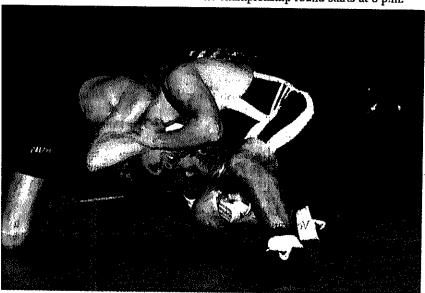
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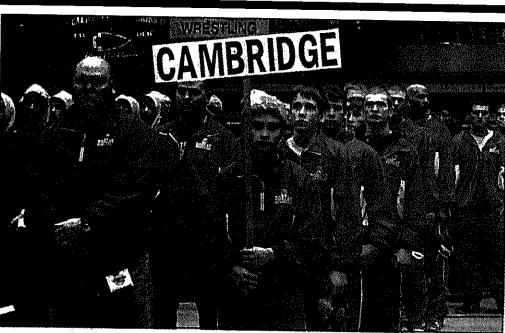
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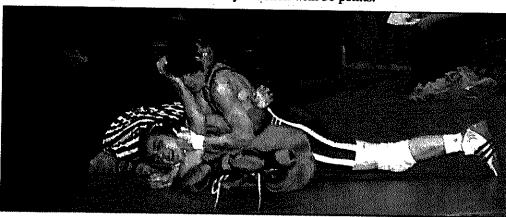


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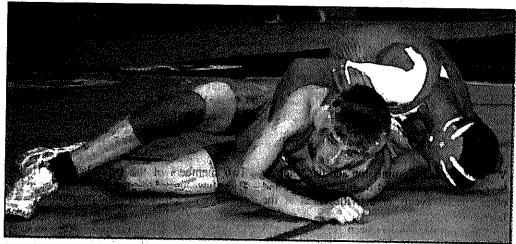
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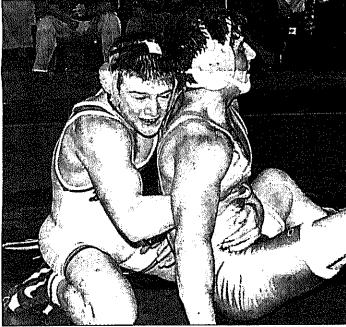


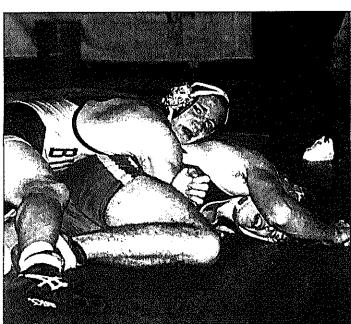












Top, Shadyside's Johnny Merryman battles Oak Glen's Cody Miller in the 152-pound final. Below, Bridgeport's Bryan Skoff takes on Beaver Local's Jon Bittenger in the

Patriots Strike Gold

Wheeling Park captures second crown in three years

By BRIAN COOK For the News-Register

Wheeling Park mat coach Sean Doyle's squad was fight-ing tooth and nail on the mat Saturday evening as the Patriots' wrestling team prevailed over Beaver Local to win the overall team championship at the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament.

The victory for Doyle, a legendary prep and college wrestler in his day, was the first he ever saw on the floor at WesBanco Arena as he was runner-up twice during his prep days at Buckeye Local.

"It absolutely is a great feeling of accomplishment, but that never even came across my mind until my friend that came in from Columbus today and said 'Doyle you finally got an OVAC title,'" the first-year Park mat coach said.

The Patriots started the day in the lead, but quickly saw it dwindle away as the Patriots were only able to put one wrestler - Dirk Bauer (103) - in the finals, but managed to earn some big points as they wrestled back through the consolation rounds.

"I was coaching a consolation match and heard the team scores as Beaver Local pulled ahead

Locals Eye State Wrestling Bid The meet used to rotate

By MIKE HUGHES Staff Writer

After closing the books on another successful OVAC Tournament on Saturday, the collective gaze of the local West Virginia wrestling community turns southwest towards Huntington and the upcoming state wrestling

championships.

Now in its 21st consecutive season at Huntington's Big Sandy Superstore Arena, the meet gets underway on Thursday, Feb. 21 and runs through Feb. 23.

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between various cities includ-

ing Huntington, Parkersburg

and Wheeling, but the Cabell County seat has hosted the

event every year since 1988.

One local group is looking

the key figures on Wheeling's

Super Six football committee. has put together a group to formulate a bid to bring the state meet back to Wheeling's

Howard Corcoran, one of

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and just lowered my head," Doyle admitted, "That is when I knew we needed to continue to push ourselves to win matches.'

The thought came true for Doyle as he had three wrestlers Jason Waugh (125), Allen Earnest (215) and Dutch Fisher (285) - spring board off of Bauer's finals victory to position themselves into third place

"I have been saying all year this is very tight knit group," Doyle said earlier in the tournament. "They feed off of one another.

The total team effort was extended one step farther for the Patriots in the finals as Doyle's junior varsity team and other backups made a loud appear-

"It an awesome feeling being able to wrestle with this type of background. It was a big moti-vator for those guys," Doyle explained about his non-OVAC bound wrestlers that stormed the WesBanco Arena bare chested and doused in red, white and blue paint.

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GOLD —

160-pound title match.

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"Every single person on this up being that for us," Doyle said about his 140-pound titles were the Stine brothers team scored. We had the ones said about the Golden Bears Bierkortte Award winner. which we wish would have who finished third in the team scored more and we had over achievers too. Dutch Fisher took third and was ranked sixth. Seth Bumgardner was seeded sixth and took fourth in the tournament," Doyle said.

The team win was one that may not have been expected power house Oak Glen only two weeks prior in a dual meet.

"When we lost that dual I was commenting, 'I hope in two weeks from now you could say this was a good kick in the butt for us' and it ended

Arguably the best finals match of the evening came in the 140-pound weight class as Beallsville's Jimmy Reisz and Bellaire's Robbie Chilson collided. Reisz, a returning OVAC runnerup, and Chilson, after losing to West Virginia an Ohio Division III runnerup, have met twice this in the past month with Reisz winning both bouts and history repeated itself on the mat in the

> "Jimmy is a very intelligent kid and is the hardest working kid in the room. When you get that kind of combination you'll have a very successful kid," Beallsville coach Clint Abbott

downs and escapes to tame the returning Ohio Division III state runner-up by a score of

"The next step Jimmy is looking for is a state title," Abbott said about the former state place winner. "I don't know if we're going to find anyone this year that is better on their feet than Jimmy.

From the rest of the Ohio side of the conference, Cambridge finished the tourney with three individual champions - Paul Rose (125), Chad Teague (171) and Kirk Wetherell (189), the most in the tournament.

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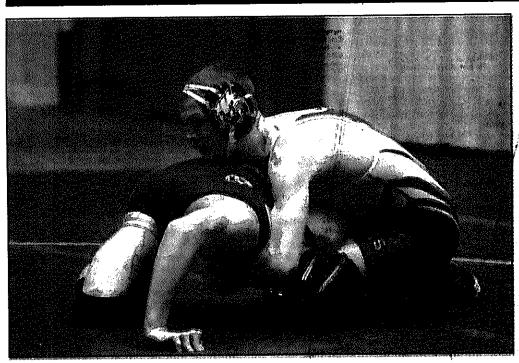
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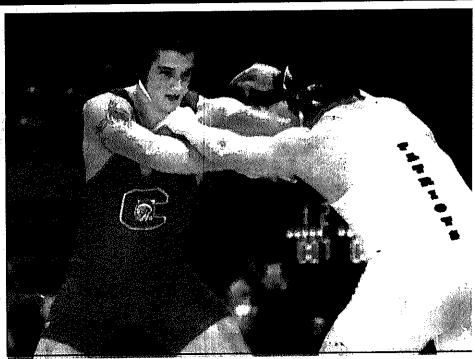
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Paul Rose (125), Chad Teague (171) and Kirk Wetherell (189) all won their respective titles.

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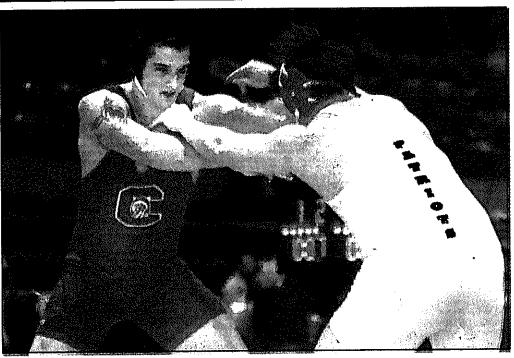
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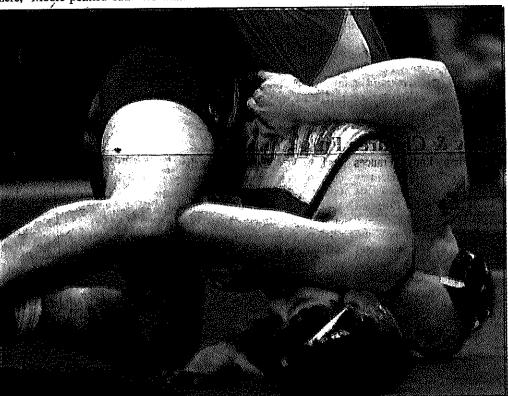
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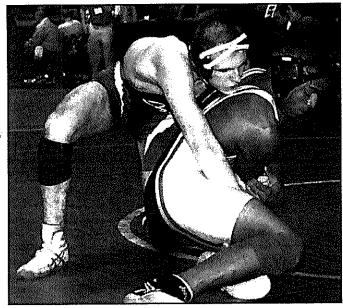
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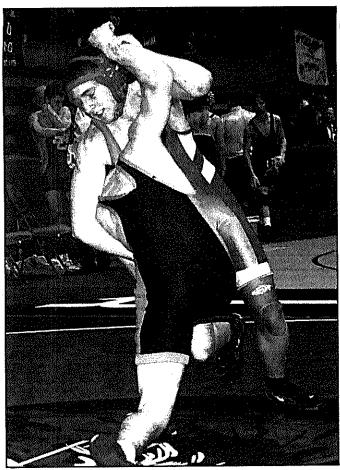


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Sarah Hannahs/The Daily Jeffersonain/www.buyjeffphotos.com Cambridge High's John Coleman has Steubenville's Salem James in his grasp during Thursday action in the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament in Wheeling. James emerged with a 15-6 major decision in the 152-pound first round match.



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OVAC WRESTLING RESULTS

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OVAC WRESTLING

TEAM STANDINGS

Wheeling Park 204, Beaver Local 198, Cambridge 184, Cak Gien 178, Martins Ferry 147, Belsire 139, John Marsell 1125.5, Harrison Central 109, Steubertville 90, Buckeye Local 68.B, Edison 88, Brooke 86, Caktwell 83, East Liverpool, 72.5, Beaßaville 61, Monroe Central 61, St. Clairville 59, St. John Central 57.5, Shadyside 55, Mead-owbrook 54.5, Wheeling Central 59.5, Bridgeott 52.5, Barnesville 42.5, River 42, Welrton Madonna 40, Union Local 36.5, Cameron 33, Welsville 29, Steuberville Cattholic 22, Wei 21, Tyler Consolidated 19, Shenandoeh 16, Conotton Valley 10, Bishop Denahue 7, Magnolia 5

CHAMPIONSHIP 103 — Dirk Bauer (WP) major dec. Kyle Jer (WC), 10-0. 103 — Dirk Bauer (WP) major dec. Kyle Bauer (WC), 10-0.

112 — Artzona Miller (BEAV) dec. Taylor Yoder (MF), 2-1.

119 — Troy Eckleberry (OG) dec. Mitch Thompson (BEAV), 5-2.

125 — Paul Rose (CAMB) major dec. Cagney Springer (EU), 12-2.

130 — Erik Canter (BEL) dec. Dominic Prezzia (STC), 9-1.

135 — Andy Stine (ED) dec. James McFarland (BRK), 2-0.

140 — Jimmy Reisz (BEAL) dec. Robbie Chison (BEL), 6-4.

145 — Nick Stine (ED) won by inj. default over Zach Basich (WC).

152 — Johnny Merryman (SHAD) dec. Cody Miller (OG), 3-1.

160 — Bryan Skoff (BPT) dec. Jon Bittinger (BEAN), 8-4.

(BEAV), 8-4. (ISEAV), 9-4. 171 — Chad Teague (CAMB) dec. Chase Tucker (MF), 3-0. 189 — Kirk Wetherell (CAMB) pinned Matt Shreve (BEL), 1:25.

Tucker (MP), 3-0.

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215 — Branko Buskk (STB) dec. Derrick Hesson (CALD), 5-3.

285 — Derek Wolfe (BEAV) pinned Stave Woodford (MF), 1:32.

THRD-FOURTH

103 — Andrew Bertubin (CAMB) dec. Ed Lehotay (MEAD), 5-0.

112 — Zeck Porter (BEL) dec. Cody Wiltshire (BU), 1-0.

119 — Mike Kendjorskl (BL) dec. Preston Foster (EL), 4-2.

125 — Jason Waugh (WP) major dec. Nick Risdon (HC), 12-1.

130 — Derek Holt (MF) dec. Ethan Dray (OG), 8-3.

135 — Shane Foster (SJC) dec. Joe Paolo (OG), 4-3.

140 — Rob Eddy (HC) dec. Chris Brancker (ED), 2-1

145 — Jon Ray (CAMB) dec. Jared Border (CALD), 3-2.

152 — Zack Kosky (SJC) dec. Mike Emery (CO, 8-3.

160 — Zack Six (OG) major dec. Seth Burngerdner (WP), 15-2.

171 — Ian Howell (HC) dec. Nathan Schaal

(BL), 2-1 189 — Mike Mann (BARN) pinned Troy Starr (RIV), 4:46 triiv), 4:46 215 — Allen Earnest (WP) dec. Taylor Potts (JM), 4-1. (JM), 4-1. 285 — Dutch Fisher (WP) dec. Drake Kow-sheck (BRK), 2-1.

FRTH-SIXTH

103 — Darin Heavilin (HC) pinned Eddie
Nogay (WM), 3:21,

112 — David Mahan (DG) dec. Aaron
Majetich (WP), 2:1,

119 — David Schlieper (CAM) major dec.
Justin LeRoy (CAM), 11-2

125 — Zene McSwords (MF) dec. Jared
McIntosh (BEAV), 10-4,

130 — Bryce Riesh (WP) won by inj. default
over Chase Clark (UL),

135 — Ben Pockl (JM) dec. Brandon Conrad
(MEAD), 8-5,

140 — Dylan Ice (BEAV) dec. Ben Giles
(BRK), 7-0

145 — Aaron Porter (BEL) dec. Nick McAvoy
(OG), 3-0

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(OG), 3-0
152 — Salem James (STB) dec. Taylor
Banks (HC), 11-6.
180 — Kason Melcholr (JM) dec. Derek
Porter (BEL), 5-0.
171 — Dan Doyle (WP) dec. Trevor Dunn
(JM), 3-2.

(JM), 3-2. 189 — Devon Ludwig (BEAV) pinned Jerry Kehl (SHAD), 4:02. 215 — Jake Herklerson (BEAV) dec, Schlyfer Bondy (MC), 5-4. 285 — Ryan Dugan (STEUB) dec. Sean West (BPORT) 201.

SEVENTH-EIGHTH Chris Tingler (STB) dec. Danny Row-

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Cambridge grapplers now fourth at OVAC Wrestling Tournament

Seven local wrestlers in hunt for individual titles

WHEELING, W.Va. - Following second day wrestling action at the 55th Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, Cambridge is holding down fourth place with 114 points, while Caldwell is tied with Steubenville for 10th (64 points), Meadowbrook is 18th (44.5 points), Barnesville is 25th (33.5 points) and Shenandoah is 33rd with 16 points.

Wheeling Park is leading the team standings with 142.5 points followed by Oak Glen (128),

Beaver Local (121), Cambridge (114), Bellaire (94), John Marshall (92.5), Martins Ferry (89), Harrison Central (79), Brooke (65) and a tie between Caldwell and Steubenville for 10th (64).

Cambridge has four wrestlers still alive in the championship round, while Meadowbrook, Barnesville and Caldwell each have one in the semifinals.

The Bobcat group into the semifinals includes Paul Rose (125), Jon Ray (145), Chad Teague (171) and Kirk Wetherell (189). Meadowbrook's Ed Lehotay is in the semis in the 103-pound class, Mike Mann of Barnesville is still in the 189-pound division and Caldwell's Derick Hesson is in the semi-final round in the 215pound class.

In Friday's wrestling rounds, Lehotay pinned Eddie Nogay (Weirton Madonna) in 3:53 and followed that with a technical fall over Chris Tingler (Steubenville) by an 18-2 score at the 5:57 mark.

After a Thursday night win, Rose advanced to the semis with a pin of Casey Davis (Bellaire) at the 1:42 mark and a 7-1 decision over Seth Callarik of St. Clairsville.

Ray advanced to the semifinals with Friday wins including a technical fall (71-2) over Corey Parry (Cameron) at the 6:00 mark and then a 14-8 decision over Jared Border (Caldwell).

In the 171-pound class, Teague claimed a pair of Friday wins to advance to the semis. He pinned Anthony Cornell of Oak Glen in 1:11 and then scored a major decision (12-2) over Trevor Dunn of John Marshall.

Cambridge's Wetherell and Barnesville's

Mann both advanced to the semifinals in the 189 pound class with a pair of wins Friday. Wetherell pinned Zac Montero (Oak Glen) in 33 seconds and posted a 7-3 decision over Jake Mallernee of Harrison Central. Mann advanced by posting a 7-3 decision over Josh Costlow (Steubenville Central) and followed with a 5-4 decision over Devon Ludwig (Beaver Local).

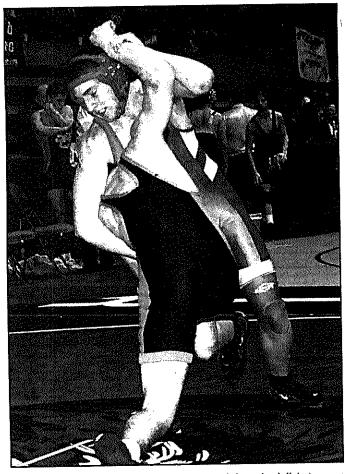
Hesson moved into the semifinals with Friday wins over Joey Wheeler (Shenandoah) with a pin at the 1:21 mark and then scored a 6-2 decision over Jake Henderson of Beaver Local.

Other area wrestlers that are still alive in the consolation round and could be battling for third-through-eighth place are: Andrew Bertubin (Cambridge) in the 103 division, Tyler Berger (Cambridge) in the 130 class, Brandon Conrad (Meadowbrook) at 135 pounds, Kurtis Jefferis (Barnesville) in the 140 division, Jared Border (Caldwell) at 145 pounds and Robbie Moten (Cambridge) in the 215-pound division.

NEXT- The tournament wraps up today, with the semifinals slated during the 12 noon session and the championship and consolation finals beginning at 6 p.m.



Sarah Hannahs/The Daily Jeffersonain/www.buyjeffphotos.com Cambridge High's John Coleman has Steubenville's Salem James in his grasp during Thursday action in the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament in Wheeling. James emerged with a 15-6 major decision in the 152-pound first round match.



Sarah Hannahs/The Daily Jeffersonaln/www.buyjeffphotos.com Barnesville High's AJ Ritterback is about to toss Wellsville's Andrew Gibbs to the mat during Thursday's opening round action in the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling.

OVAC WRESTLING RESULTS

Oak Glan 48, Wheeling Park 48, Beaver Local Cak Gian 48, Wheeling Park 48, Beaver Local 32, Bellaire 30.5, Cambridge 30, John Marshall 27,5, Harrison Central 24, Monroe Central 24, Caldwell 22, Buckleys Local 21.5, Martins Ferry 21, Brooks 18, Steuberwile 18, Bealswile 16, St. John Central 16, St. Calreville 15.5, Barnesville 15, East Liverpool 15, Edison 14, Indian Creek 11.5, River 10, Sharlyskie 10, Bridgeport 8, Meadowbrook 8, Wheeling Central 8, Wetsville 7, Camsron 5, Bishop Donahue, Steuberwille Catholic 4, Union Local 4, Weitron Madonna 4, Conotton Vallay 2, Tyler Consolidated 2.

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First Round

103 – Dirk Bauer (WP) pinned Cody Rice (BRK), 0:10; Darin Hearvillin (HC) pinned Scott Spano (STC), 0:46; Ed Lehotay (MEAD) pinned Josh Scott (WEIR), 3:54; Kyle Buaer (WC) prinned Josh Stonekhog (MAG), 0:46; Michael Yockey (STC) dec. John Barker (BARN), 2-1; Justin Goode (JM) pinned Tim Fox (CAMB), 0:33; Artzona Millar (BEAV) pinned Anthony Ven (ED), 1:48; Cody Wiltshire (Bt) tech. tal. Josey Bartzandt (CV), 1:70; Zeck Porter (BEL) pinned Brandty Wallar (CALC), 1:11; Davis Mahan (OG) pinned Taylor Clegg (BD), 0:18; Taylor Voder (MF) pinned Chad Needham (STB), 2:52; Ryan Richter (MC) pinned Wyatt Duffield (EL), 5:39; 119 – Justin LeRoy (IC) pinned Tyler Moore (BARN), 4:00; Troy Ecklebeny (OG) pinned Josh Campbell (BRK), 1:30; Sam Faykus (BEL) pinned Classic Bonnett (WEIR), 2:05; Cody Moore (BEAL) dec. Steve Johnson (SJC), 7-4; Jacob Border (CALD) pinned Alex Morales (STB), 4:05; Dillon VanDyne (CAMB) pinned Brian McGlone (ED), 1:32; Dillon Note (STC) pinned Calvin McCume (TYLER), 1:118; Milch Thompson (BEAV) pinned Sean Hughes (STB CEN), 0:33; Josh Longworth (JM) dec. Devon Phillips (MAG), 1-0; Grad Mackey (MF) pinned Journey Wayts (RIV), 3:32; Nick Taylor (WEAD), 0:36; Mike Kendjorski (BL) pinned Scottle Liberators (SHAD), 0:28; Jonathan Muntz (MC) pinned Mark Thomas (VMM), 1:43; Davis Schlieper (CAM) pinned Davy Wilson (UL), 3:20.

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125 - Ryan Asbury (OG) pinned Ethan King (MAG), 0:44; Casey Davis (BEL) pinned Illimmy betere (WM), 2:17; Paul Rose (CAMB) pinned Shane Siragusano (ED), 0:27; Jared McIntosh (BEAV) pinned John Scharnacher (MC), 3:21; Jeremy Howard (JM) pinned Mark Barton (WELL), 0:47; Jason Waugh (WP) pinned John Geffrey Blumenauer (EL), 0:52; Nick Risdon (HC) pinned Steven Carter (CV), 1:03; Kody Crooks (BARN) won by injury default over Seth Glanessi (WEIR), 4:48; Cagney Springer (EL) pinned Creig Davis (CALO), 0::07; Tievor Vilga (BRK) pinned Kyte Friede (UL), 2::37; Jake Foster (SIC) pinned Ethan Crozler (SHAD), 1:50; Seth Cadarick (STC) doc. Julian Ysst (TC), 10:3

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325 - Dustin Platt (MC) pinned Film Postle (RIV), 0:35; Andy Sitne (ED) pinned Justin Lunsford (SHADV), 2:31/Tim Nolb (BL) pinned Larry Williams (BEAV), 0:58; Shane Foster (SUC) pinned Dovin Aliman (CAMB), 1:112; Matt Flanigan (WELL) pinned Cody Davidson (WEIR), 2:18; Brandon Conrad (MEAD) pinned Gege Harton (BARN), 0:19; Angelo lactini (STB) dec Mitchell Friede (UL), 5-4; Joel Paolo (OG) pinned Josh Wilson (WC), 3:45; Ben Pockl (JM) pinned Grant Throdemorfon (MAG), 0:25; Quenton Coltral (CV) dec, Aaron Bottito (IC). Quenton Colinell (CV) dec. Aaron Bolitho (IC), 8-6; James McFerland (BRK) pinned Ryan Hotlesz (MF), 3:41; Andrew Seevers (BEL) major dec. Vince Ours (EL), 11-3; Jed Marling (BEAL) prinned Matt Leasure (CALD), 1:50; Joe McKee (WP) chined Brandon Talbott (STB CEN), 1:00.

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"There is kind of a wrestling mecca in this part of the state, from Parkersburg up to Oak Glen, Corcoran Wrestling is king and we know we could draw the people because (WesBanco) is a great venue for high school wrestling.

"You just have to look at the OVAC Tournament and how well its run every year.'

This isn't the group's first foray into bringing the state championships back to Wheel-

An exploratory group was formed two years ago, but never got off the ground because of scheduling issues involving dates already booked at WesBanco.

That's pretty much the stage at which this committee is currently at, but unlike before, more people are on board and are working to make this potential bid a reality.

"We understand the problem because hockey is their main renter," Corcoran said of potential scheduling conflicts with WesBanco Arena.

But (WesBanco Arena Executive Director) Denny Magruder has been just unbelievable with us. He's a class act and has gone overboard in helping to get this done.

Everyone is making an effort, even Mayor (Nick) Sparachane has gotten involved to make this work."

Corcoran admitted there are already members of the local wrestling community already lining up to help out on the committee, should the bid prove successful.

There is a lot to work out and time is short — the bids are due in March — but Corcoran is

worked out.

If that's the case, then Wheeling should be able to put forth a formidable big package. After all, there's already a proven track record to work from.

In 2003, WesBanco Arena housed the NCAA Division II National Wrestling Championships. And then there's the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships, which just completed its 55th edition.

Not only that, but given the stranglehold teams from the northern half of the state have on the team championships, it only makes sense to bring the tournament to Wheeling.

'Just look at the (success) of Oak Glen, Wheeling Park, Cameron, John Marshall, the two Parkersburg schools, East Fairmont," Corcoran said. Historically, those are the schools that do well in the tournament.'

Since the format at the state meet split into Class AAA and Class AA/A for the 1976 season, no team south of Marion County has won the team title. In fact, from 1948 through 1975, only two southern W.Va. teams have combined for five state championships Woodrow Wilson in 1949, 1952 and 1954, and Shady Spring in 1964 and 64.

The smaller division has been a bit more diverse, but since 1991, Oak Glen and Cameron have combined for 15 of the 17 team titles, including a record 11-straight and counting for Coach Larry Shaw and the Golden Bears.

One potential hangup could be the amount on non-wrestling entertainment available to fans,

confident the logistics can be as well as wrestlers and coach-

Big Sandy is centrally located in Huntington and there are a multitude of shops, restaurants and even a movie theater within a two-to-three block radius.

Not only that, but Corcoran freely admit that Huntington has done a fine job running the three-day event.

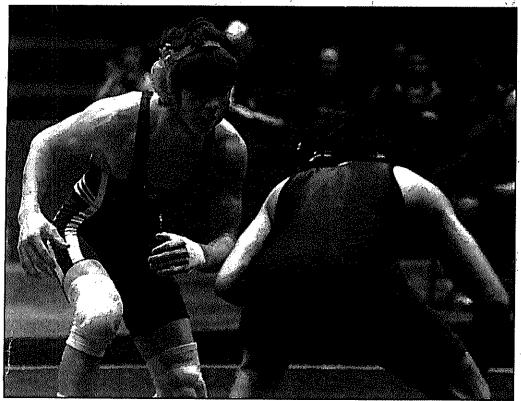
'There's not a lot of venues around the state that could house an event like this, but the leadership in Huntington has been good," Corcoran said.
"Bill Archer has done a great job with it, but I'd like to have it here because I think we can do a great job.

Corcoran pointed out that while activities in Wheeling may not be a stone's throw away from the arena, such as the case in Huntington, there's still plenty of participants and fans alike to partake in.

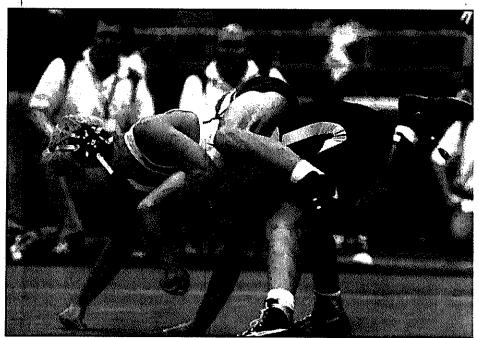
He noted the continuing development at The Highlands, which should boast more shops and the completed movie theater by the time the state tournament rolls around again next February.

We are so fortunate with what's happening in the Ohio Valley right now with The Highlands and the potential for downtown Wheeling," Corcoran said. "Everyday its getting to be a better and better place to hold this type of event and during the next three years, its only going to get better.

With the wrestling bid process switching gears in much the same manner as the Super Six Championships, the bid in March will be for three years with potential for a fourth, unlike the previous twoyear bids from seasons' past.



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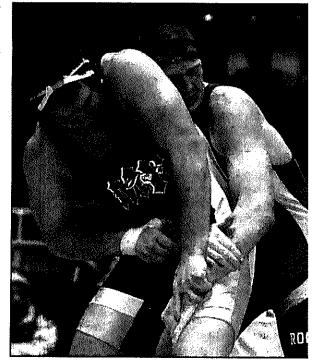
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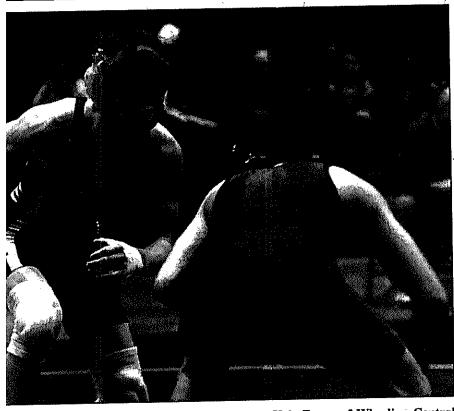
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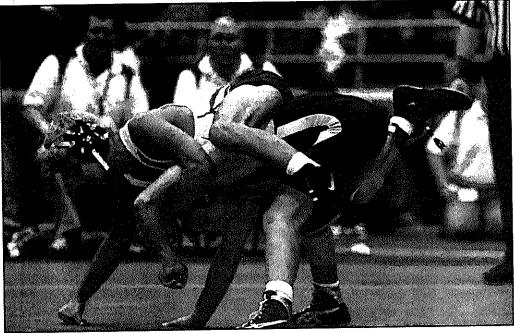
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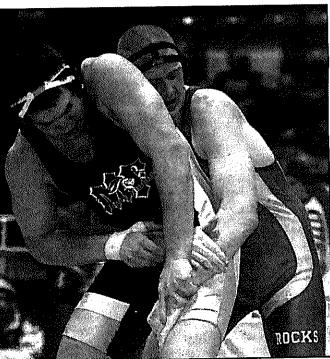
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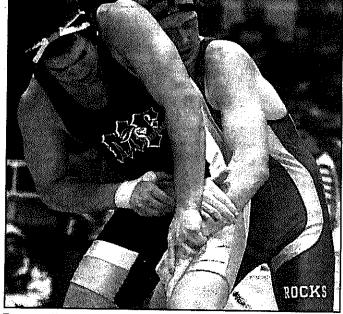
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152 - Andy Sigler (Union Local) dec. Jeff Hanselman (Wellsville), 5-0 160 - David Montelione (Weirton Madonna) dec. Daniel Goodwin (Edison), 2-2 3OT

171 - Paden Stewart (River) dec. Josh Sizemore (Brooke), 7-4

189 - Josh Costlow (Steubenville Catholic) dec. Ryan Crabtree (Wellsville), 5-3

215 - Zac Costlow (Steubenville Catholic) pinned Robbie Moten (Cambridge), 1:29

285 - George Ruckman (Beallsville) pinned Troy Haslam (River), 0:44

