

OVAC All-Star Baseball Game

Ohio Downs West Virginia

Buckeyes jump out to early 10-0 lead

By ASHLEY NEWMAN
For The Intelligencer

STEUBENVILLE — As the high school baseball season draws to a close around the Ohio Valley, seniors dusted off their collective mitts and donned their respective colors one final time, as Vaccaro Field played host to the 2009 George Kovalick Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Ohio/West Virginia All-Star Baseball Classic.

During the course of the game, the OVAC Players of the Year were honored, including John Marshall's Zane Madden, who won the award for Class AAAA.

"I didn't expect it before it was announced in the paper," Madden said. "We had another great player on our team — Ryan Lewicki — and it wouldn't have surprised me if we were co-Players of the Year. So, it is a great honor for me to get the award, but I'd like to thank my teammates and coaches for helping me."

Also earning Player of the Year plaques were Magnolia's Andrew Robinson (Class AAA), Fort Frye's Tyler Stevens (Class AA), and Toronto's Mike Radvansky (Class A). Linsly's Jay Cartwright was named the OVAC Coach of the Year.

On the field, Ohio scored

five runs in each of the first two innings, taking an early 10-0 lead en route to a 12-7 decision.

Madden said that it took a couple of innings before the players that are normally on opposing sides felt comfortable on the same squad.

"The first couple of innings were tough because the chemistry wasn't there," he said. "But, we fought and we made it a game at the end. 12-7 looks a lot better than 12-1 and the game was a lot of fun."

While the game may have been an exhibition, competitiveness quickly became the catalyst for a lively event for bragging rights.

"The benches were yelling back and forth," Madden said. "As long as it doesn't get personal, it is fine. I think everyone took the game pretty seriously and it ended up being a lot of fun."

Bridgeport coach Steve Wojcik echoed Madden's remarks.

"In the Ohio dugout, it wasn't an exhibition," he said. "We wanted to win that game. We told them from the start that we wanted to go out and win this game and do the best that we possibly can to showcase your skill and showcase your school.

Please See OHIO, Page 15

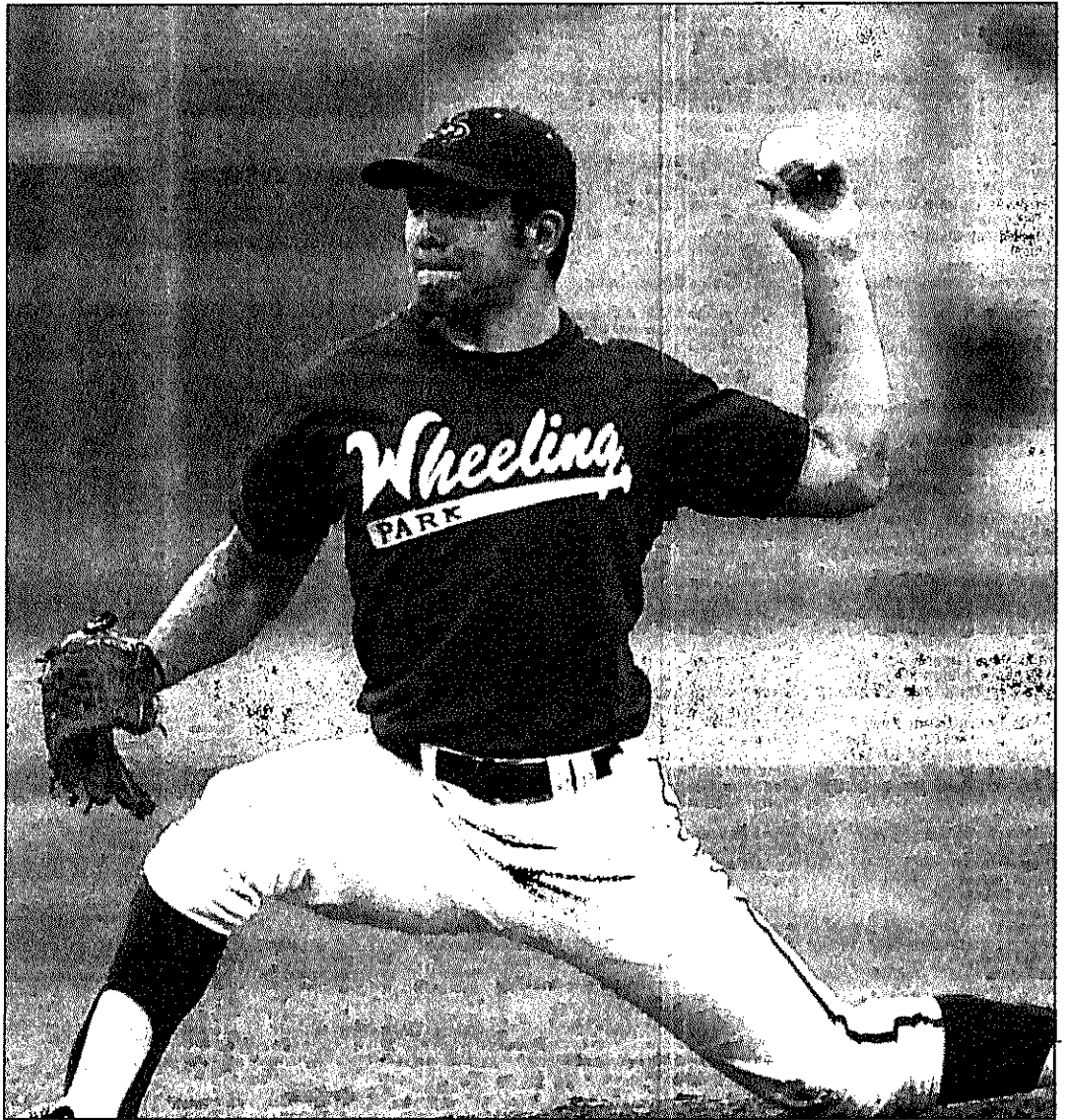


Photo by Mike Mathison

Wheeling Park's Danny Doyle pitches during the OVAC All-Star Baseball game Monday at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville.

Ohio

(Continued from Page 13)

"It was a great opportunity for the kids to showcase their skills one last time. Some of these kids are going to go on to play college baseball, but, for some of these kids, this may be their last at-bat ever. To do it in front of a nice crowd was really great. It was a little sketchy at the start with a few raindrops, but we were thankful that

those didn't last long."

Wojcik felt like his team had pretty remarkable chemistry from the start and was proud of the effort.

"After we scored five in the first, I asked them to put another five-spot up in the second and they did it," he said. "I felt that our guys may have relaxed a little bit after that, but the West Virginia pitchers also started throwing the ball pretty good."

OVAC announces all-conference baseball picks, rosters for Monday's Kovalick All-Star Game

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference announced its all-conference team as well as the players who will take part in the annual George Kovalick/OVAC All-Star Classic at Steubenville's Vaccaro Field on Monday.

Players from the local area gaining all-OVAC recognition include Steve Harris and Dillon Van Dyne of Cambridge; Logan Pepper of Meadowbrook; Bobby Beros of Buckeye Trail; J.R. Lovette of Shenandoah; Cody Morris of Caldwell and Jourden Yager of Barnesville.

Players named all-conference were submitted by their respective coaches, with the league champions receiving three spots, teams making the semi-finals getting two each and the rest allotted one spot each.

Two local players — Cambridge's Timmy Harvey and Barnesville's Colby MacMillan — will be on the Ohio squad for Monday's all-star game while Buckeye Trail's Jason Wilkin will be on the Buckeye state coaching staff.

The evening's activities will begin at 5 p.m. with a pro try-out followed by the game at 8 p.m.

Here's a look at the all-OVAC selections, players of the year and the seniors selected to play in the all-star game:

All-Conference Team
Jourden Yager, Barnesville; Tyler Rose, Bellaire; Andrew Smith,

Bishop Donahue; Justin Gregorcic, Bridgeport; Nick Breen, Brooke; Derek Supanik, Buckeye Local; Bobby Beros, Buckeye Trail; Cody Morris, Caldwell; Dillon Van Dyne, Steve Harris, Cambridge; Steve McDonald, Kyle Warsinsky, Cameron; Jarrod Falasca, Edison; Jake Anderson, Tyler Stevens, Fort Frye; Brent King, Frontier; Jack Graham, Harrison Central; Allen Hastwell, Indian Creek; Zane Madden, Ryan Lewicki, Casey Defibaugh, John Marshall; Alex Kozusko, Chris Keidaisch, Mark Dodd, Linsly; Jordan Ash, Andrew Robinson, Justin Fox, Magnolia; Clay Francis, Josh Nagel, Martins Ferry; Logan Pepper, Meadowbrook; Sean Smithberger, Monroe Central; Shane Koper, Oak Glen; Wes Cospers, Ryan Thoburn, Paden City; Ran Helmick, Randy Tallhamer, Parkersburg South; Tyler Brooks, River; Brody Call, Ryan Jarvie, St. Clairsville; Brennan Binni, St. John Central; Craig Kubancik, Shadyside; J.R. Lovette, Shenandoah; Toby Longo, Jordan Porreca, Steubenville Catholic; Mike Radvansky, Caleb Zeigler, Mike Garman, Toronto; Zack Perkey, Tyler Consolidated; Jordan Barbina, Andrew Barbina, Union Local; Fredd Guthrie, Valley; Cody Davidson, Weir; George Magnone, Max Nogay, Weirton Madonna; P.J. Ratcliffe, Adam Parsons, Wheeling Central; Danny Doyle, Ricardo Farrow, Wheeling Park; Sean Pottmeyer, Zanesville Rosecrans.

Players of the Year
Class 4-A - Zane Madden, John Marshall.
Class 3-A - Andrew Robinson, Magnolia.
Class 2-A - Tyler Stevens, Fort Frye and Alex Kozusko, Linsly.
Class 1-A - Mike Radvansky, Toronto
Coach of the Year - Linsly
All-Star Game Participants
Ohio
Clay Francis, Martins Ferry;

Craig Kubancik, Shadyside; Ryan Neader, Frontier; Mike Radvansky, Toronto; Josiah Fryman, Fort Frye; Toby Longo, Steubenville Catholic; Timmy Harvey, Cambridge; Ryan Jarvie, St. Clairsville; Colby MacMillan, Barnesville; Nick Davidson, Edison; Ryan Kuhn, Monroe Central; Brody Call, St. Clairsville; Jordan Cooper, Toronto; Jordan McIntyre, Steubenville; Brent King, Frontier; Derek Supanik, Buckeye Local; James Watson, Indian Creek; Tyler Stevens, Fort Frye; Caleb Zeigler, Toronto; Sean Smithberger, Monroe Central; Jim Balsei, Bellaire.
Coaches: Steve Wojcik, Bridgeport; Jason Wilkin, Buckeye Trail; Eric Lowe, Beaver Local.

West Virginia
Dean Porter, Oak Glen; Fred Guthrie, Valley; Danny Doyle, Wheeling Park; Alex Kozusko, Linsly; Jacob Kuntz, Cameron; Chris Fluharty, Brooke; George Magnone, Weirton Madonna; John Hill, Bishop Donahue; Steve McDonald, Cameron; Andrew Henry, Wheeling Central; Zack Perkey, Tyler Consolidated; Ron Helmick, Parkersburg South; Cody Davidson, Weir; Wes Cospers, Paden City; Zane Madden, John Marshall; Ryan Lewicki, John Marshall; Ryan Thoburn, Paden City; Anthony Travalgino, Oak Glen; Shawn Brand, Parkersburg South; Travis Miller, John Marshall; Jared Magnone, Weirton Madonna.
Coaches: Jay Cartwright, Linsly;

Local girls win at Zanesville



Finishing second in the 13/14-year old division at the Zanesville Tournament was this quartet of local girls, l to r, Kennedy Seckman (Cambridge), Taylor West (Shenandoah) and Martin

Ohio wins OVAC game

OVAC from page B-1

walked and Harvey was hit by a pitch, Brody Call of St. Clairsville clubbed a double to plate Francis. Bellaire's Jim Balsei walked to load the bases, then Toronto's Jordan Cooper ripped a double to right-center, scoring Harvey and Call.

Indian Creek's James Watson then blasted a liner to right, scoring Balsei and Cooper, but the Redskin was caught trying to stretch the hit to a triple, ending the inning.

After an error allowed the first West Virginia batter to reach on Harvey, the Bobcat took control, sandwiching an infield pop out between K's to get out of the inning.

Ohio tacked five more on in the second, highlighted by a shot to deep left-center by Steubenville Central's Toby Longo. Francis and Call also added RBI's in the inning, helping bring the lead to the 10-0 marking after two.

After a score in the fourth, West Virginia finally showed life in the eighth, scoring four runs, but it was too little too late for the Mountain State team as they could only tack two more on in the ninth.

The eighth was also when Ohio put their final runs on the board. MacMillan walked, and after Steubenville's

Jordan McIntyre was also given a free pass to first, Shadyside's Craig Kubancik hit a double into right center to plate both base-runners.

Call and Cooper led the way for Ohio's bats, with both recording doubles and singles, while Kubancik and Longo also both doubled.

John Marshall's Ryan Lewicki was the top better for West Virginia with a double and two RBI.

The OVAC also honored it's 2009 players of the year. Toronto's Mike Radvansky was the Class A player of the year. Linsly's Alex Kuzusko and Fort Frye's Tyler Stevens were co-players of the year for AA. Magnolia's Andrew Robinson took AAA honors, while the AAAA nod went to John Marshall's Zane Madden. The Coach of the Year was Linsly's Jay Cartwright.

OHIO 12, WEST VIRGINIA 7
Ohio 550 000 020 — 12 9 4
West Virginia 000 100 042 — 7 6 4
Timmy Harvey (WP, 3 Ks, 1 BB), Josiah Fryman (3rd inn., 0 K, 0 BB), Colby MacMillan (4th inn., 3 Ks, 1 BB), Mike Radvansky (5th inn., 3 Ks, 0 BB), Ryan Jarvie (6th inn., 4 Ks, 5 BB) and Clay Francis, Ryan Neader, Craig Kubancik, Danny Doyle (LP, 1 K, 4 BB), Alex Kozusko (2nd inn., 3 Ks, 0 BB), Chris Fluharty (5th inn., 1 K, 1 BB), Ryan Lewicki (8th inn., 2 Ks, 2 BB), George Magnone (9th inn., 2 Ks, 0 BB) and Fredd Guthrie, Dean Porter.
For Ohio — Jordan McIntyre, two runs; MacMillan, run; Francis, double, two RBI, two runs; Harvey, run; Kubancik, double, two RBI; Brody Call, double, single, two RBI, two runs; Jim Balsei, run; Toby Longo, double, two RBI, run; Jordan Cooper, double, single, three RBI, run; James Watson, single, two RBI; Sean Smithberger, run.
For West Virginia — Travis Whitfield, single; Jared Magnone, single, run; Jacob Kuntz, run; Zane Madden, single, run; Andrew Henry, single, run; Zack Perkey, single; Lewicki, double, run, RBI; Doyle, run; Anthony Travalgino, RBI; Shawn Brand, run.

Ohio tops West Virginia, 12-7, in OVAC baseball showdown

DONNIE YEAGER JR.
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

STUEBENVILLE — It was a good night to hail from the Buckeye State at Vaccaro Field on Monday.

Ohio's All-Star squad had little trouble dispatching of their rivals from West Virginia, as the Buckeyes jumped out to an early 10-0 lead and never looked back for a 12-7 win that was never in question.

"We jumped out quick and had some really strong pitching," commented Ohio co-coach and Buckeye Trail boss Jason Wilkin. "They had some hard throwers, but we just seemed to be making better contact. It seemed like we kind of laid off until the end, and they hit better and just kind of got back into it and made it look respectable, which you always want in an all star game."

Some of the strong pitching Wilkin referred to was that of Cambridge's Timmy Harvey, who

made his final start in Bobcat blue in the affair.

Fittingly, he threw no-hit ball the first two innings, striking out three and walking one for the win. He also played first base and scored a run.

"Harvey did great," noted Wilkin. "He also hit a nice shot to center that got caught, but it was good contact. He told me tonight was also the first time he got hit by a pitch all season."

Locally, Barnesville's Colby MacMillan also had a nice game, pitching the fourth and fifth, fanning three and issuing one free pass. "Colby came in in the middle and did a good job," added Wilkin. "We also played short later and did really well."

With Ohio playing as the visitors, it didn't take long for them to stake Harvey to an insurmountable lead. After Martins Ferry's Clay Francis



See OVAC page B-3