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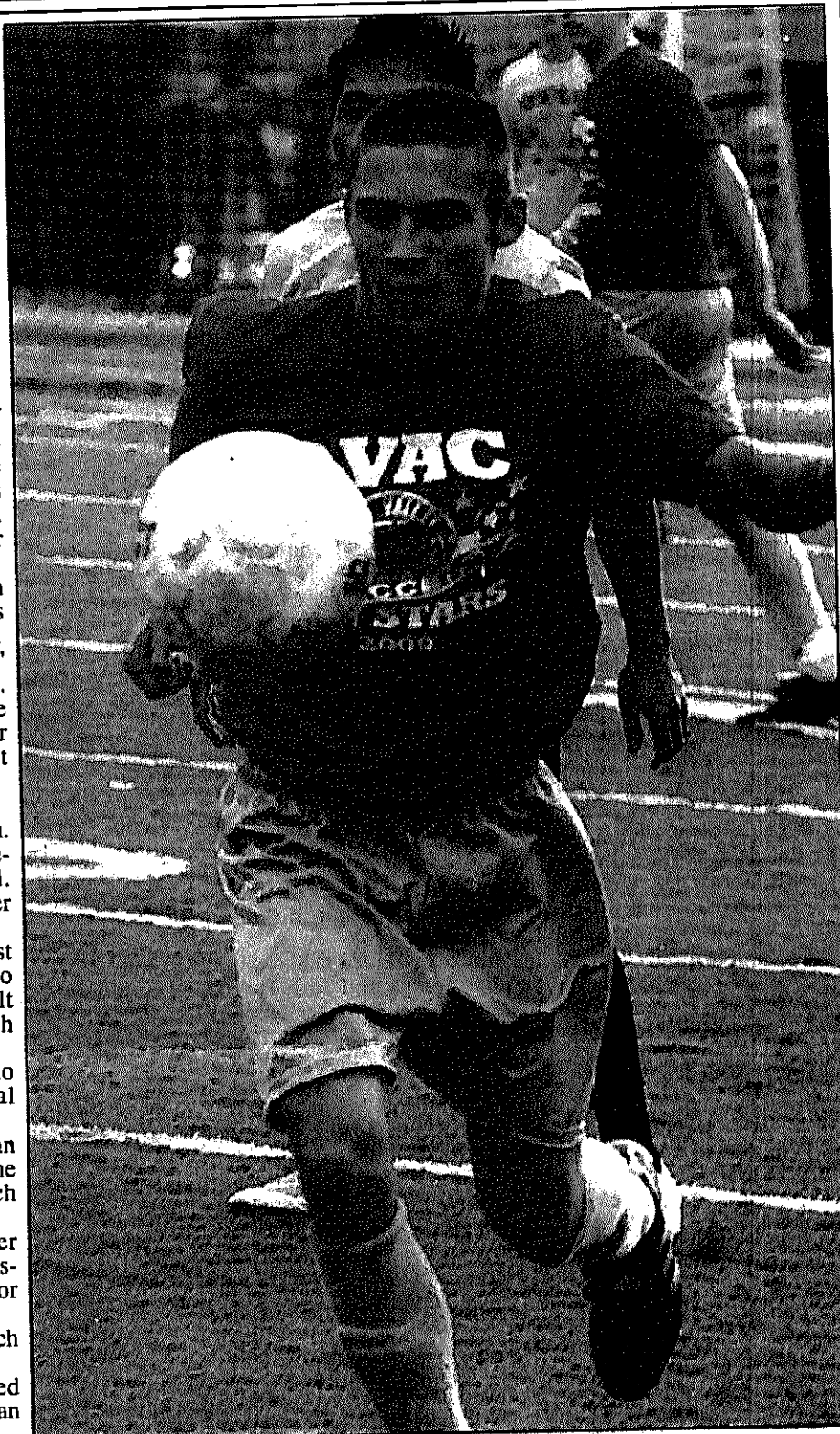
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Photo/MIKE MATHISON

MONROE CENTRAL'S Sean Smithberger seeks control of the ball during Sunday afternoon's OVAC All-Star Soccer Game at Steubenville's Harding Stadium. Smithberger tallied a goal in the contest, but Ohio dropped a 4-3 verdict.

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## OVAC All-Star Soccer



Photo by Ashley Newman

West Virginia's Zach Aderholt (Wheeling Park), right, pushes the ball as Ohio's Shawn Smithberger (Monroe Central) defends during action of the OVAC Boys' All-Star Soccer game on Sunday at Harding Stadium in Steubenville.

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Julian had to employ a specific game plan at the half to slow down Gerlach, who was having his way offensively.

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Photo by Mike Mathison

Ohio's Bethany Ledyard (Steubenville Central), right, gains control as West Virginia's Mari Kolanko (Weirton Madonna) closes in during action of the girls' game.

## Kosowski Helps W.Va. Finish Sweep

### Patriots girls take home hardware

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"I haven't touched a soccer ball

since October," DuBois said. "This game is different than during the season because you really want to win and really care about it. This game is more fun."

"I love soccer. I can't wait to play again."

DuBois, a main cog for the Crusaders' track and field team, was given a piece of advice by Central track coach Bob Stanko.

"He said 'please do not get hurt,'" she said.

She wasn't the only track athlete seeking a berth in her respective state championships who had a nervous coach.

Castelli has the top Class AA mark in the state in the 100 hurdles and second-best in the 300 hurdles.

Weir's Paige Dalrymple split time in goal with John Marshall's Kristen Hewitt.

"I always feel pressure, whether it's 7-0 or 7-3," Dalrymple said. "The defense did a really good job of keeping it away from me."

"This was fun. I know a lot of these

girls so it was fun getting together and playing and beating Ohio.

"I love soccer and am going to miss it. It was a good way to end my soccer career with a win."

Many of the athletes were not in soccer shape and had not touched a soccer ball for months.

"It was tough at first, but once we got the rust shaken off, it was alright," Weir's Kaitlyn Pitchok said. "Our plan at the beginning was to get six goals in the first half."

"It's fun to get to know how other girls play and to get to know their personalities, especially from our rivals Brooke and Park. When we're on the field you can't be friends, but when you come here to play, you can make friends."

"This is supposed to be a fun game," Big Red's Annie Campbell said. "This was fun, but I'm not in soccer shape. It was really hard coming back and playing without being in shape and that's why we rotated so much."

"It was great to come out and play soccer again."

## Turak

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"In the first half, the best player of the whole match — Chad Gerlach — was dictating the pace of the game," Julian said. "I thought that in the second half, we made some adjustments to try to slow him down and it was able to work for us. We were able to prevail."

"But, keying on (Gerlach) and making sure he didn't get any more goals was the biggest part of it."

Bowers believed his team missed some chances.

"We missed a few opportunities and we had a few free kicks that we didn't convert on and they did. That was the difference," Bowers said. "But, it was a privilege for me to coach these guys and they played extremely hard."

Bowers reflected on the experience of coaching such a talented, hard-working group.

"There are a lot of players on this team that you wish you could coach all of the time," Bowers said. "You are able to get that opportunity here. I know coach (Jeff) Woodell and coach (Gary) Watt enjoyed it and this was a great experience for everyone involved."

Julian was grateful for being chosen, as well.

"You always have fun coaching in an all-star game like this. As a coach, you do want to win. We were telling the guys that, not only do we want to have fun, but we also want to compete at a high level," Julian said. "That brought some excitement for our players and coaches."

"We try to assist them and do some things that we normally do with our own teams. But, it was also difficult at times, because the guys weren't use to playing with each other."

## OVAC Soccer

BOYS	
OHIO	
Name	School
Lee Mettenberger	Edison
Andy Lesnarsky	Edison
Anthony Bonnette	St. Clairsville
Phil Gross	St. Clairsville
Brady Hunt	St. Clairsville
Leo DiPiero	Steubenville CC
Dan Weiss	Steubenville CC
Daniel Fischer	Steubenville CC
Anthony Morelli	Indian Creek
Nick Liptak	Cambridge
Sean Warden	Cambridge
David Almeida	Steubenville
Anthony Venci	Steubenville
Derek Birney	Steubenville
Hank Ring	Zanesville
Cody Culp	East Liverpool
Sean Smithberger	Monroe
WEST VIRGINIA	
Bryn Perkey	Tyler
Stephen Postlewait	Tyler
Matt Cheek	John Marshall
Jamie Turak	Linsly
Alec Holloway	Linsly
Eyuel Tesfagiorgis	Linsly
Darryl Baynes	Wheeling Park
Zach Aderholt	Wheeling Park
Stephen Knight	Wheeling Park
Dakota Clinton	Wheeling Park
Steve Breen	Brooke
Perry Casinelli	Brooke
John Paul	Weir
Thomas Bell	Weir
Kyle Porter	Oak Glen
Jonathan Rine	Magnolia
Anthony Marchesi	Wheeling CC
Kevin Cogan	Wheeling CC

### GIRLS

OHIO	
Ashley Woodell	Monroe
Caitlin Connor	East Liverpool
Tenika Seitz	East Liverpool
Roberta Teramana	Steubenville CC
Bethany Ledyard	Steubenville CC
Bernadette Dubois	Steubenville CC
Brittany McKee	Edison
Heidi Hickle	Edison
Kara Drabik	Edison
Chelsey Mantos	Edison
Kaitlin Dunn	Indian Creek
Rachel Powers	Indian Creek
Lindsay Ward	Indian Creek
Taryn Payton	Cambridge
Annie Campbell	Steubenville
Kasey Cowser	Steubenville
Brittany Panman	Steubenville

### WEST VIRGINIA

Mari Kolanko	John Marshall
Jesse Rutan	John Marshall
Kristen Hewitt	John Marshall
Caitlin Burge	Wheeling Park
Elizabeth Kosowski	Wheeling Park
Natalie Smith	Wheeling Park
Molly Cline	Brooke
Kaitlyn Starcher	Brooke
Victoria Emmerth	Brooke
Kandis Castelli	Weir
Paige Dalrymple	Weir
Kaitlyn Pitchok	Weir
Kiley Radecki	Oak Glen
Lauren Kennedy	Tyler
Jon Kachel	Linsly
Justine Lechner	Linsly
Erin Gilligan	Wheeling Central
Sarah Culp	Magnolia

## OVAC ALL-STAR SOCCER ROSTERS

The annual OVAC All-Star Soccer Classic will be held on Sunday, May 9 at Harding Stadium in Steubenville. The girls' game will begin at 3:30 p.m., with the boys' game set to begin at approximately 6 p.m. The game will feature Ohio vs. West Virginia in both games.

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 Leo DiPiero, Steubenville Central  
 Dan Weiss, Steubenville Central  
 Daniel Fischer, Steub. Central  
 Anthony Morelli, Indian Creek  
 Nick Liptak, Cambridge  
 Chad Gerlach, Cambridge  
 Sean Warden, Cambridge  
 David Almeida, Steubenville  
 Anthony Venci, Steubenville  
 Derek Birney, Steubenville  
 Hank Ring, Zanesville  
 Cody Culp, East Liverpool  
 Sean Smithberger, Monroe Central  
**Head Coach** — Greg Bowers, Steubenville  
**Assistants** — Gary Watt, St. Clairsville, Jeff Woodell, Monroe Central

### WEST VIRGINIA BOYS

Bryn Perkey, Tyler Consolidated  
 Stephen Postlewait, Tyler Cons.  
 Matt Cheek, John Marshall  
 Jamie Turak, Linsly  
 Alec Holloway, Linsly  
 Eyuel Tesfagiorgis, Linsly  
 Darryl Baynes, Wheeling Park  
 Zach Aderholt, Wheeling Park  
 Stephen Knight, Wheeling Park  
 Dakota Clinton, Wheeling Park  
 Steve Breen, Brooke  
 Perry Casinelli, Brooke  
 John Paul, Brooke  
 Thomas Bell, Weir  
 Kyle Porter, Oak Glen  
 Jonathan Rine, Magnolia  
 Anthony Marchesi, Whg. Central  
 Kevin Cogan, Wheeling Central  
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**Assistants** — Joe Pepe, Weir, Shey McGuire, John Marshall

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 Bethany Ledyard, Steubenville Central  
 Bernadette DuBois, Steubenville Central  
 Brittany McKee, Edison  
 Heidi Hickle, Edison  
 Kara Drabik, Edison  
 Chelsey Mantos, Edison  
 Kaitlin Dunn, Indian Creek  
 Rachel Powers, Indian Creek  
 Lindsay Ward, Indian Creek  
 Taryn Payton, Cambridge  
 Annie Campbell, Steubenville  
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