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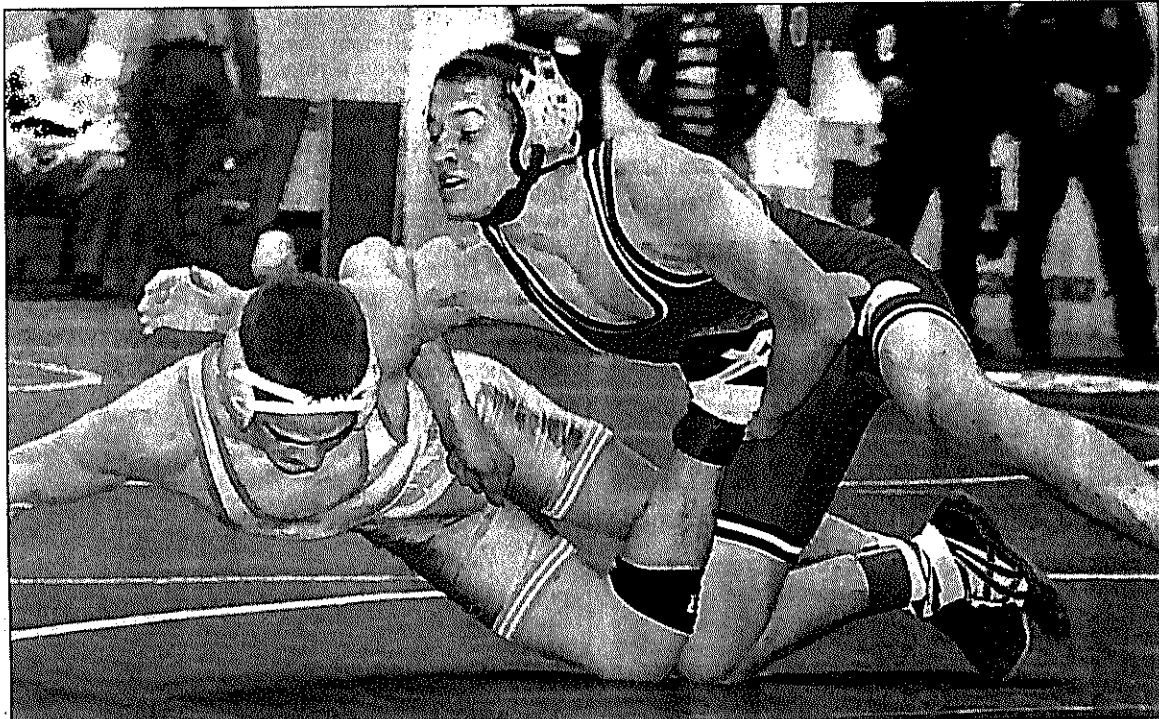
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## RON MAUCK OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT



Photos by Brian Cook

Left, Wheeling Park's Dirk Bauer is shown hitting an ankle pick against Oak Glen's Troy Ekleberry during their 119-pound title match. Above, Wheeling Park's Danny Doyle celebrates his first OVAC championship.

## Huskies Claim Crown

## Harrison Central has three champs

By BRIAN COOK  
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After battling for position 47 seconds into the 60-second first overtime, Risdon was awarded two points for a takedown, giving him his first OVAC gold.

The Huskies got to the top of the podium again at 152 pounds thanks to the work of Rob Eddy.

Eddy helped spread the gap between the Huskies and the Big Reds by virtue of a 2-0 victory against Bellaire's Derek Porter.

"It was a big accomplishment and one I have been working toward for a long time. It was a real dream come true," Eddy said. "Our team has worked hard

last week and this week to get to this point. We have never won a Buckeye 8 or an OVAC title. At the beginning of the year we set the goal to do both and we're achieving it."

Continuing the Huskies' trek to glory came in the 189-pound weight class as Jake Mallernee gave it a photo finish defeating Wheeling Park's Tucker Goodwin 2-1 in overtime. In a 1-1 deadlock after regulation, Mallernee hit an escape to in the extra panel for his first individual OVAC crown.

Barnesville's Kurtis Jefferis — the top seed at 145 pounds — defended his spot on the bracket impressively against

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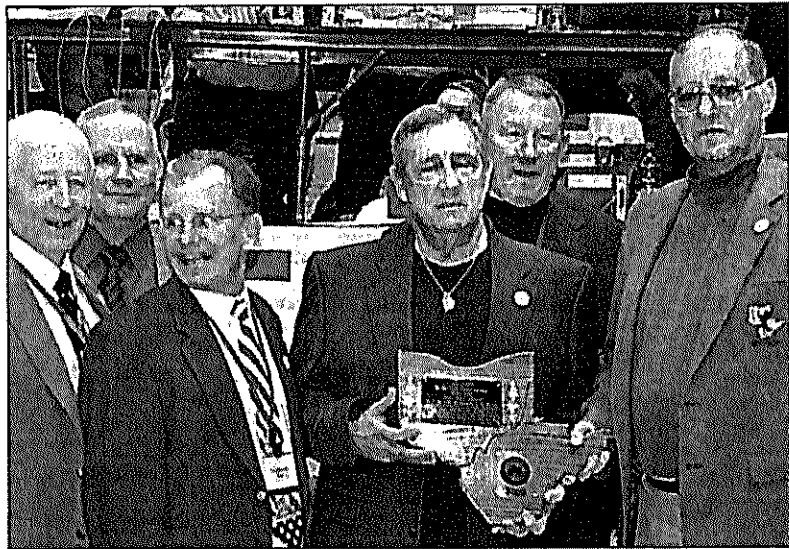


Photo by Seth Staskey

Among those in attendance for Saturday's OVAC Mr. Mat award presentation were, from left, Ron Mauck, Larry Deaton, Dan Doyle, winner Paul "Bud" Billiard, Ed Dugas and Dick Edge.

## Billiard Named Mr. Mat

## Former Brooke High coach earns prestigious accolade

By DR. BILL WELKER  
For the News-Register

Paul "Bud" Billiard is considered an Ohio Valley legendary icon in the sport of football. However, most athletic enthusiasts are not aware that Billiard has also been deeply involved with wrestling since the 1960s in one capacity or another.

A graduate of Wellsburg High School (1959) and West Liberty State College (1964), Billiard began mentoring wrestling as an assistant coach at Wheeling Central Catholic High School.

His motivational techniques undoubtedly aided in recruiting wrestlers and promoting the mat sport at Central.

Billiard was named the 2009 recipient of the

OVAC's Mr. Mat award on Saturday night.

After coaching at Wheeling Central, Paul Billiard accepted a teaching and coaching positions at Brooke High School.

Coach Billiard had the innate ability to instill "pride" in his wrestlers, as well as all the athletes he has come in contact with during the past five decades.

During his six seasons at the helm of the mat program, Billiard developed a competitive team that was an up-and-coming wrestling machine that everyone in the Ohio Valley highly respected.

Billiard receive many accolades for his mat mentoring from such wrestling dignitaries as former ultra-successful wrestling coach and National Hall of Famer, West Liberty State College's Dr. Vince Monseau, and Dick Edge, a former championship coach at old Warwood High School.

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# HUSKIES

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second-seed Robbie Chilson of Bellaire.

Jefferis, who is undefeated on the season, got an early escape, but Chilson turned the tables out of the down position in the second period, scoring a reversal, but Jefferis reversed that move into a near-fall.

"I was a little nervous when I got on my back," Jefferis said. "I knew I had to get off my back and make it a scramble situation."

He was awarded two back points and had a 5-2 lead. Chilson escaped again to make it 5-3, but Jefferis was able to avoid Chilson's attempts at a takedown and claim his first OVAC title and deny Chilson his second.

"I knew it was going to be a tough match," Jefferis said. "But beating him a few weeks ago (at Shadyside) let me know I could do it again."

St. Clairsville, which had an outstanding tournament under Jay Michael's direction, earned its only championship at 130 pounds.

Seth Callarik, the second seed, recorded a takedown of Bellaire's Erik Canter and made it stand up the remainder of the match. Canter appeared on the verge of scoring an escape and a reversal at several spots of the third period, but each time Callarik dug in and managed to hold onto the leg.

"I was pretty confident riding on top the last period," Callarik said. "Erik's pretty strong, but strength doesn't mean everything in wrestling."

The meeting between Callarik and Canter was the first between the two since they grappled on the living room floor of each other's houses growing up.

"We've been best friends since we were in diapers," Callarik said. "We talked briefly earlier and told each other good luck. I knew we were both going to give it our all and leave it all on the mat."

The Red Devils' quest for a second champion was denied by Oak Glen's Joel Paolo who took down St. C. sophomore Dominic Prezgia in the 135-pound final by a 3-1 final.

Paolo recorded an escape

and a takedown in the final period to get the victory. Prezgia had won the earlier meeting this season between the two at the St. C. Invitational last month by the exact same score.

As St. Clairsville and its coach looked to get past the Prezgia loss, the Red Devils' program took another hit as Levi Holcomb (215) was denied an individual title by Steubenville's Branko Busick. A West Virginia University football commit, Busick used his speed and brute strength and ended the match in the second period in a time of 3:31.

Shadyside's Johnny Meryman (160) also recorded his second title blanking Bellaire's Andrew Crook 10-0.

Martins Ferry's Steven Woodford also managed to get his first OVAC gold defeating Bridgeport's Sean West 6-1 in their 215-pound championship contest. The victory improved the Purple Riders senior to 17-0 on the season and is now a three-time OVAC place winner.

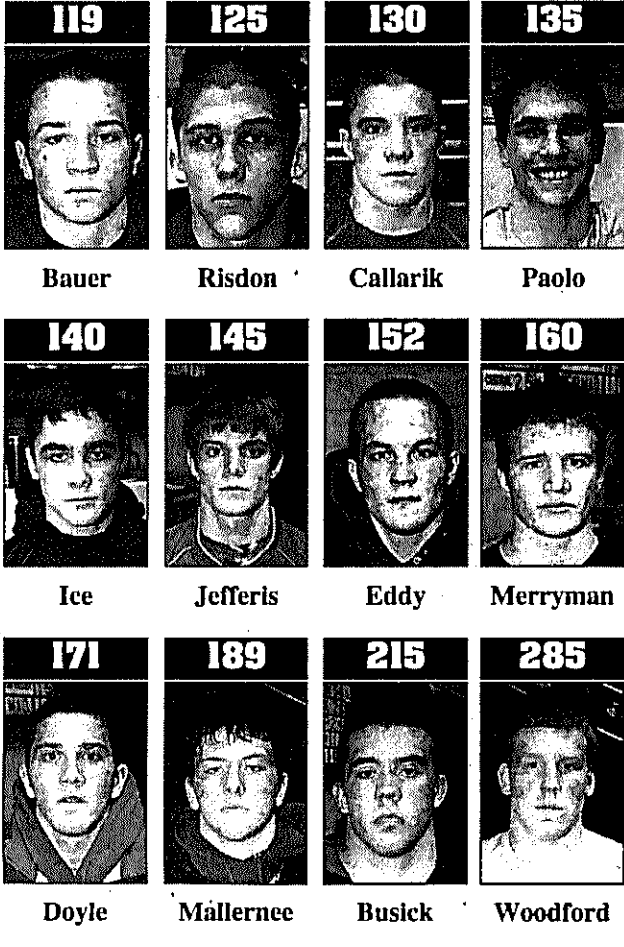
Wheeling Park - the 2008 overall team champion - got off and rolling at 119 pounds when senior Dirk Bauer took care of Oak Glen's Troy Eckleberry.

Bauer, now a three-time OVAC champion, built a 5-1 lead in the opening two periods and scored an escape after beginning the period on the mat to go on for the 6-1 victory, sending the droves of towel-waving Patriot fans into a frenzy.

Bauer also wound up taking home the biggest individual prize of the event, as he was announced as the David Bierkorette Award winner, symbolic of the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

Following in Bauer's footsteps in dramatic fashion was teammate Danny Doyle (171). Battling Harrison Central's Ian Howell, Doyle recorded the first point of the match with an escape in the second. Not knowing its importance at the time, Doyle wasn't able to hold Howell down forcing a 1-1 overtime match.

Heading into the extra panel, Doyle and Howell went scoreless riding one another out. Forced to go



into double overtime, Doyle got the choice and went down because he scored the opening point.

"I knew I scored an escape in regulation and I was going to get an escape in that sudden victory overtime period," Doyle said.

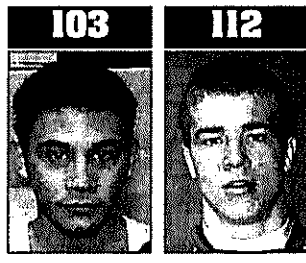
In a battle of inches, Doyle managed to post his outside leg up and scramble for the escape to take the 2-1 victory.

"It feels great to win. The Doyle name is big in wrestling and I am glad to be a part of it," Doyle said as the last family member to win a title was his uncle Dan, the current director of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, back in 1972 for Wheeling Central.

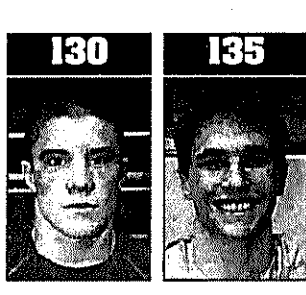
Cambridge's lone champion came at 103 pounds when Andrew Bertubin withstood a serious challenge from Caldwell's Jacob Border and scored a 4-3 decision to open the evening's festivities.

Beaver Local's Arizona Miller, a returning champion, fell behind Wheeling Central's Kyle Bauer 2-0 in the first period, but recorded a reversal into near-fall points to take a 6-2 lead entering the third period.

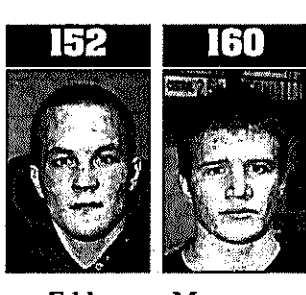
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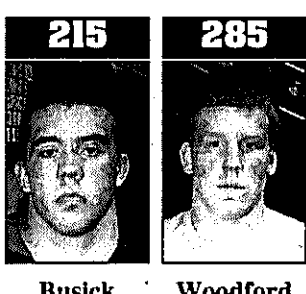
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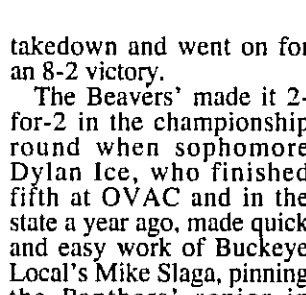
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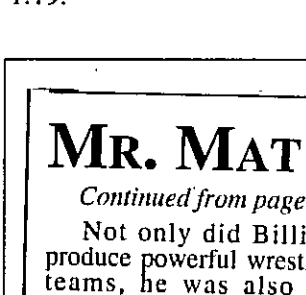
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# Ferry Gets Message, Beats John Marshall

Reasbeck not happy with start

By RICH GIBSON For the News-Register

Nobody reads the riot act like Dave Reasbeck.

Martins Ferry's old school girls' coach delivered the latest installment Saturday night inside a relatively quiet Tolbert Gymnasium.

Two minutes following the opening tip, invading John Marshall had bolted to a 8-0 command.

That was more than enough to get Reasbeck's juices flowing.

During an intense time out, the Lady Riders' mentor ripped into his team.

"We're on pace to get blown out of here," fumed Reasbeck.

It probably wasn't a coincidence Ferry returned to the floor in a different frame of mind.

The Purple proceeded to pull a 180, shell-shocking Stan Blankenship's Monarchs, 35-12 to end the first half.

JM was able to make somewhat of a second half mini-run, but Ferry's double figure lead was never in jeopardy. The Riders went on to roll by 69-54.

"(During the timeout), I thought we may have been suffering a hangover," Reasbeck indicated, regarding last Thursday's tough loss to Indian Creek.

"I got on them pretty good, but they're used to it by now."

Ferry recovered for a 12-11 lead after one panel, then overwhelmed JM 23-9 in the second quarter for 35-20 halftime command.

"We buried ourselves and never got back in the game," said Blankenship whose team fell to 9-4. "Right now, we're searching for some leadership."

Not a problem for the Purple who received standout performances from a trio of mainstays.

Inside ace Shae Moreland was an all-night force before fouling out, wheeling and dealing for 22 points.

Senior guard Courtney Coleman delivered a sharp 22-point outing as well. Coleman was consistently dead-on from downtown, connecting for four trifecta buckets.

Courtney 'Sis' Frohnappel was also clutch, finishing with 19 points.

"Considering the opponent, that was our finest overall game of the season," Reasbeck said. "But we've got no time to rest. We play four more games (next week)."

JM received a team-leading 16-point output from junior ace Julie Young who departed via personals with 5:27 remaining.

Senior Ashley Deel tallied 13 points and junior Hanna Gossett scored 11.

Ferry shot an efficient 20-of 35 from the field. Coleman collected eight rebounds and Karlen Vinci grabbed seven. The hosts overcame 20 turnovers.

JM was a sub-par 18 of 56 from the floor. Freshman Alexis Montes pulled down a game-leading nine rebounds. JM was also guilty of 20 giveaways.

Ferry, improving to 9-4, visits Buckeye Local on Monday. John Marshall has a Tuesday night tipoff at Brooke.

# MR. MAT

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Not only did Billiard produce powerful wrestling teams, he was also the maker of champions. He molded a trio of West Virginia state gold medalists: in Kevin Felton (1974, 98 pounds), Lou Geary (1976, 167 pounds) and Mike Gamble (1977, 119 pounds).

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Billiard, Ron Mauck, and Nolan Van Gilder organized and instituted the first Brooke Wrestling Classic, originally known as the Brooke Invitational Wrestling Tournament. In fact, Billiard's Bruins wrestlers won one of the earlier Classics, being the only Brooke wrestling team to do so.

A major organizer of the Brooke Wrestling Boosters,

Tommy Goebel.

The Nailers lengthened their lead in the ECHL North with their second road victory in a row. Johnstown lost to fall six points behind.

For the second game in a row, the Nailers carried a 3-0 lead into the third period but had to hold off an inspired attack by the opposition. Reading scored 4 goals in the final period to cut the score to 4-3 and 5-4 at different points.

A 20-shot barrage by the Royals

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Billiard also sponsored the first foreign exchange Freestyle/Greco Roman match held at Brooke High School.

Billiard resigned as head wrestling coach at the end of the 1978-1979 season to take over the reins of the Brooke football program. Back then a teacher in Brooke County could not be head coach in two separate sports.

The Brooke wrestling team won its first and only West Virginia AAA State Championship the following year under the guidance of Coach Merle Tournay. Certainly, Billiard can also take pride in this accomplishment.

Since then, Billiard has been a presence at the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament in many different capacities. He has always been there to assist officials, coaches, and workers whenever he was needed.

Billiard and his loving wife Carol have three children: Paul, Kim, and T.J. They are also the proud grandparents of Kyle (presently a sophomore on the Brooke wrestling team), Kody, Cross, Bode, Gianna, and Angelo.



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The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference doesn't do anything small.

When you're dealing with 46 schools covering 15 counties there's no way to do anything small.

Whether it's the tournaments, championship events, all-star games or now the added initiatives the conference has undertaken nothing gets done small and nothing gets done in any manner other than full steam ahead.

However, while it's always full-steam ahead, the OVAC doesn't leave a stone unturned.

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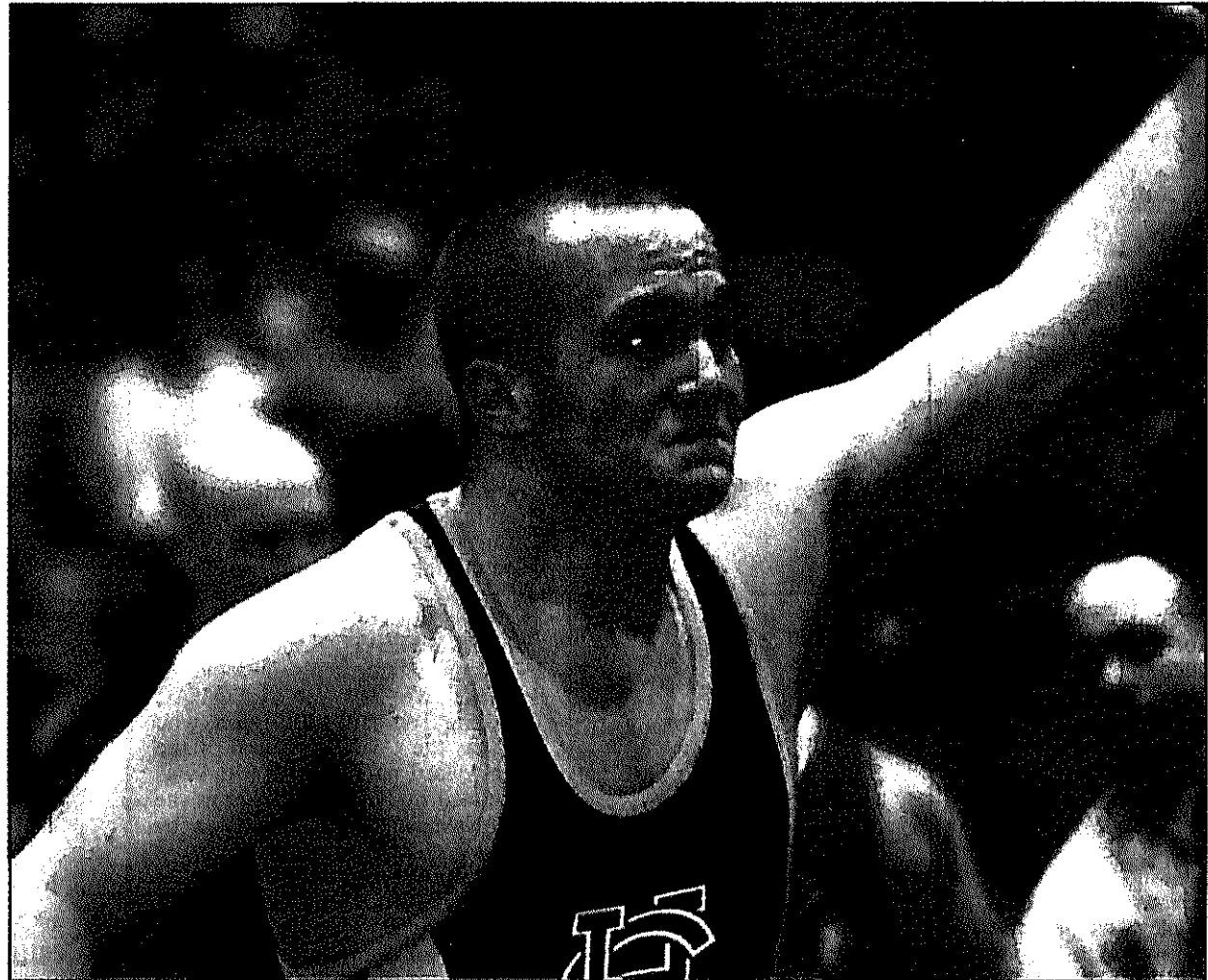
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ROB EDDY, of Harrison central has his hand raised after winning the 152-pound title at Saturday night's Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Additional images can be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

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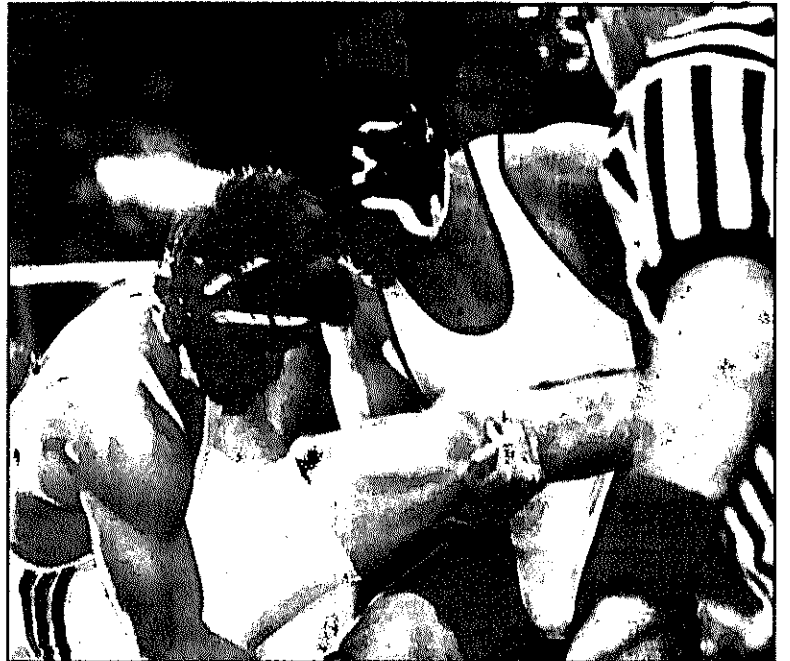
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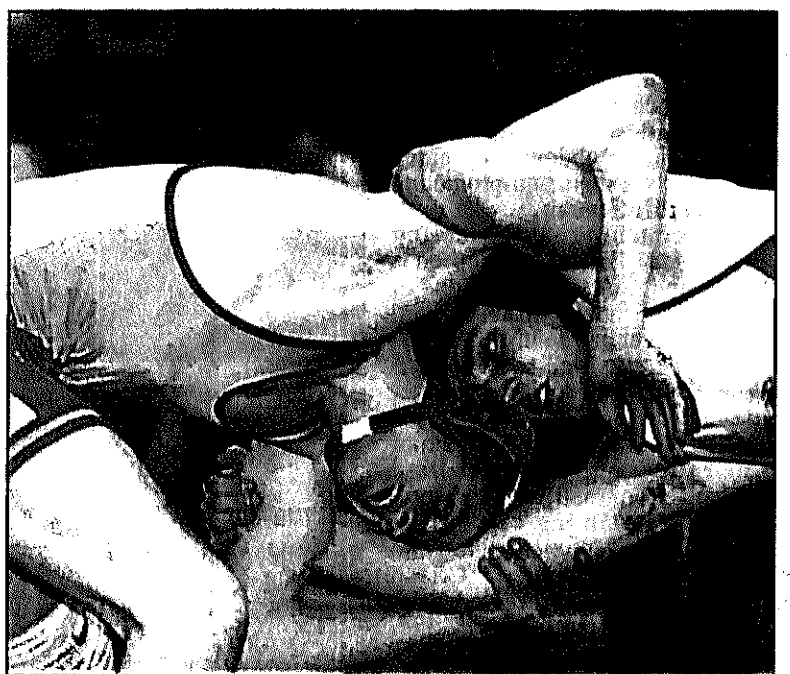
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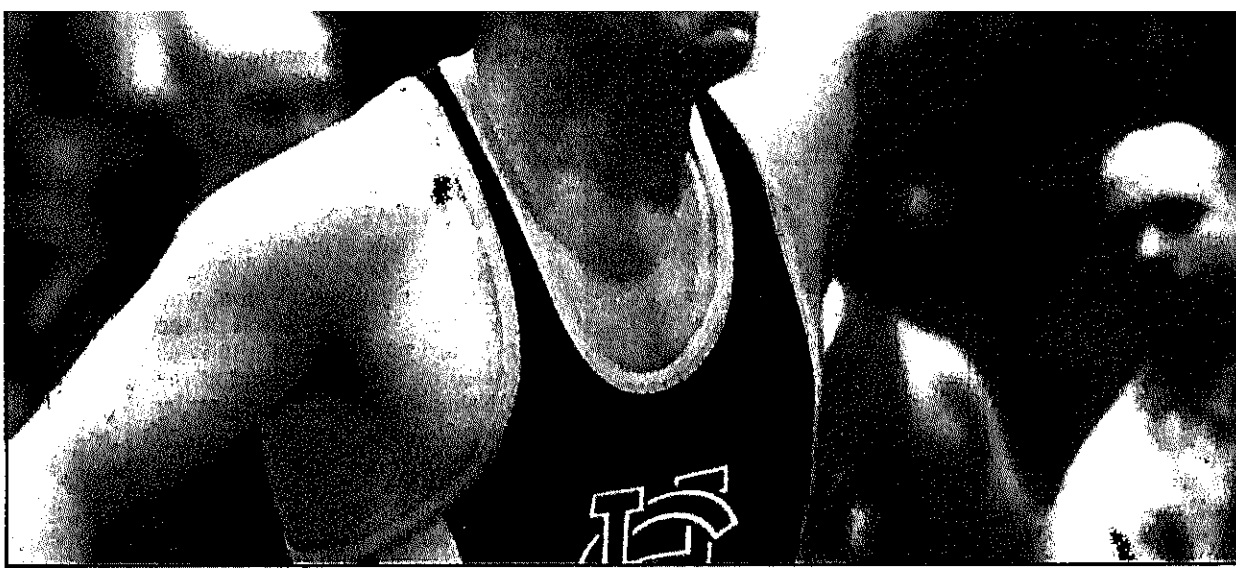
People like Phil Niekro, Lou Holtz, John Havlicek, Lou Groza, Cal Pokas, Bill Mazeroski, Jay Circosta and even Rataiczak have been lofted high above the concourses in WesBanco to symbolize what they've meant to the OVAC.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Rataiczak said. "I don't walk down the halls and look at the cases, I walk down and see additional space where we can put other materials. It's gratifying to see where it is at this point, but we realize it's a long way from being complete."

There have been cases installed that will eventually be home to memorabilia for the avenues of the conference, including the McDonald's OVAC All-Star Band; the Queen of Queens, the Sports World Program and other things that have made prep sports in this valley more than just a game.

There are many people who deserve to be recognized for their work on the museum. The committee is made up of Dick Coury, Rick DeLuca, Bill Hinegardner, Doug Huff, Dennis Magruder, Ron

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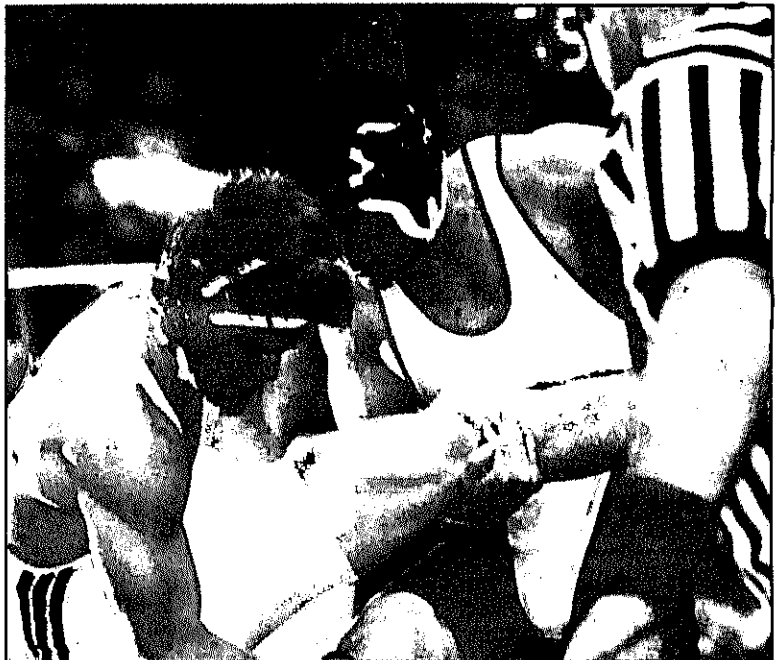
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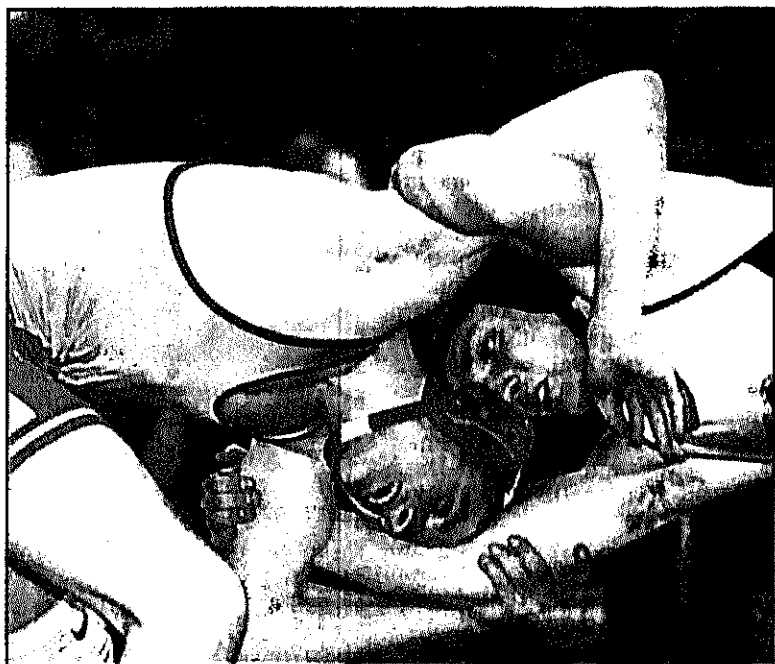
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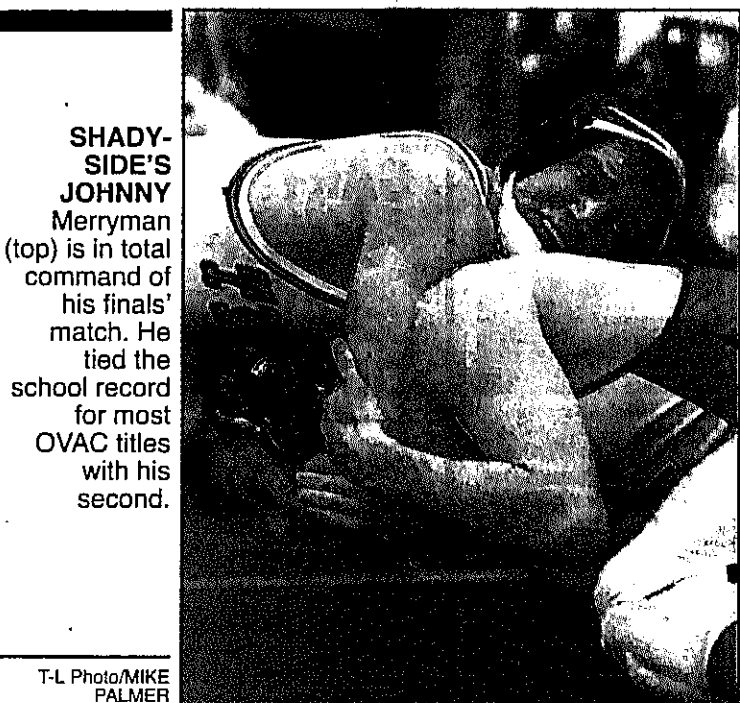
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**SHADYSIDE'S JOHNNY MERRYMAN** (top) is in total command of his finals' match. He tied the school record for most OVAC titles with his second.

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## Shadyside's Merryman equals Miller's 2 titles

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

A sign hangs in Shadyside High School honoring the wrestling lineage the Tigers possess.

There is a column for state qualifiers and placers and also a column for OVAC placers.

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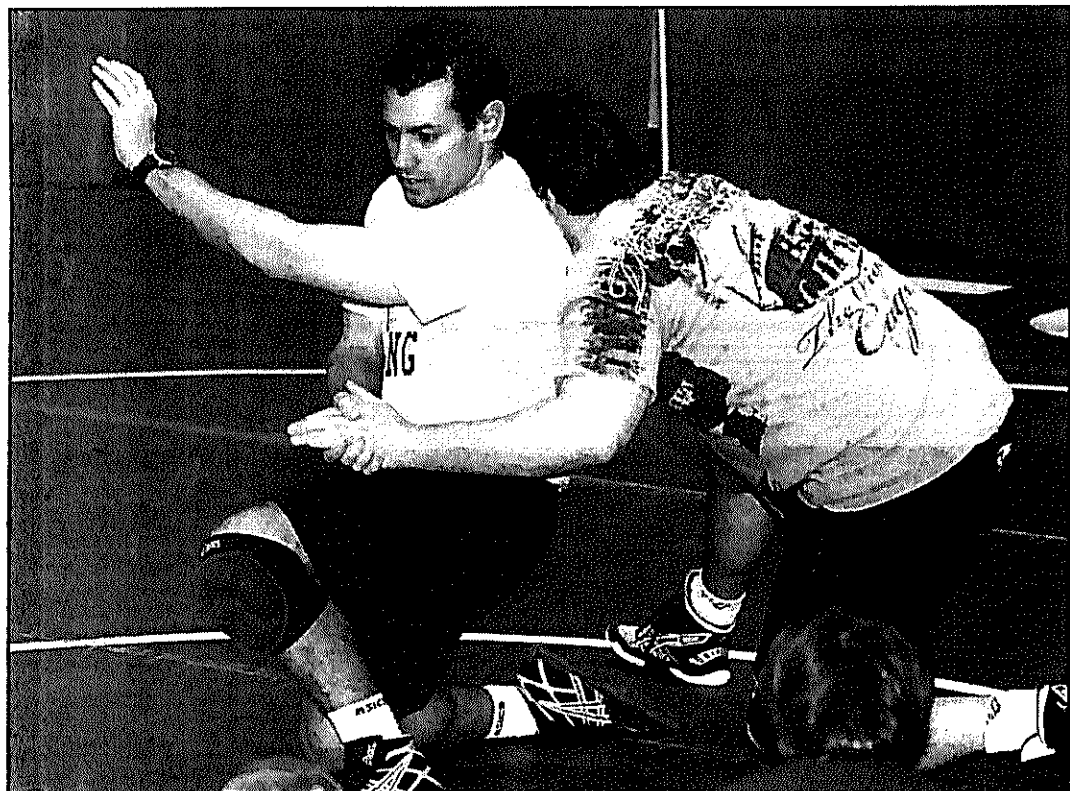
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**PERFORMING THE correct way to do a stand up is** Wheeling Park graduate AJ Monseau. The former West Liberty All-American was one of three clinicians -- Monseau, Brandon Hinkle and James Myers -- volunteering to put on the annual youth wrestling clinic.

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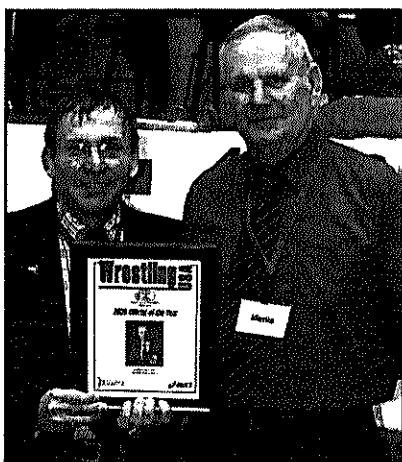
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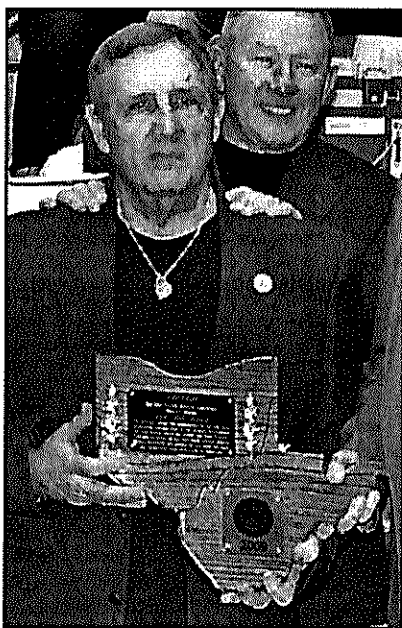
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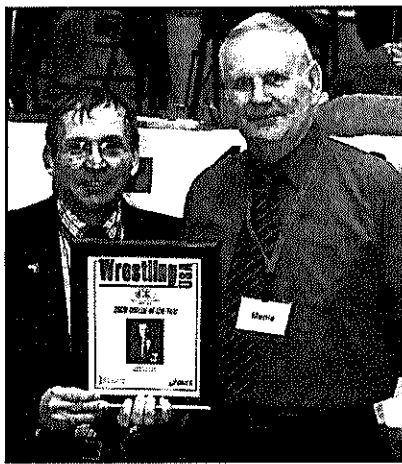
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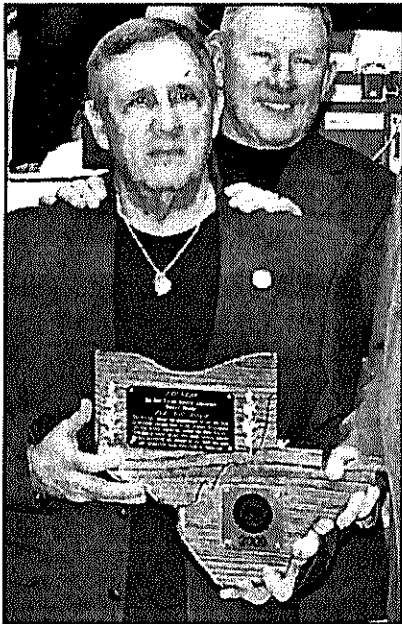
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<b>BAUER</b>	119 Pounds	<b>ECKLEBERRY</b>
	<b>5</b>	
<b>RISDON</b>	125 Pounds	<b>ASBURY</b>
	<b>3</b>	
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	<b>PIN</b>	
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overtime.

After battling for position 47 seconds into the 60-second first overtime, Risdon was awarded two points for a takedown, giving him his first OVAC gold on the mats.

The Huskies got to the top of the podium again at 152 pounds thanks to the work of Rob Eddy.

Eddy helped spread the gap between the Huskies and the Big Reds by virtue of a 2-0 win over Bellaire's Derek Porter.

"It was a big accomplishment and one I have been working toward for a long time. It was a real dream come true tonight," Eddy said. "Our team has worked hard last week and this week to get to this point. We have never won a Buckeye 8 or an OVAC title. At the beginning of the year we set the goal to do both and we're achieving it."

Continuing the Huskies' trek to glory came in the 189-pound weight class as Jake Mallernee gave it a photo finish defeating Wheeling Park's Tucker Goodwin 2-1 in overtime. In a 1-1 deadlock after regulation, Mallernee hit an escape to in the extra panel for his first individual OVAC crown.

Barnesville's Kurtis Jefferis - the top seed at 145 pounds - defended his spot on the bracket impressively against second-seed Robbie Chilson of Bellaire.

Jefferis - who is undefeated on the season - got an early escape, but Chilson turned the tables out of the down position in the second period, scoring a reversal,

but Jefferis reversed that move into a near-fall.

"I was a little nervous when I got on my back," Jefferis said moments after accepting his trophy. "I knew I had to get off my back and make it a scramble situation."

He was awarded two back points and had a 5-2 lead. Chilson escaped again to make it 5-3, but Jefferis was able to avoid Chilson's attempts at a takedown and claim his first OVAC title and deny Chilson his second title.

"I knew it was going to be a tough match," Jefferis continued. "But beating him a few weeks ago (at Shadyside) let me know I could do it again."

St. Clairsville - which had an outstanding tournament under Jay Michael's direction - got its only champion at 130 pounds.

Seth Callarik - the second seed entering the mammoth event - recorded a takedown of Bellaire's Erik Canter and made it stand up the remainder of the match. Canter appeared on the verge of scoring an escape and a reversal at several spots of the third period, but each time Callarik dug in and managed to hold onto the leg.

"I was pretty confident riding on top the last period," Callarik said. "Erik's pretty strong, but strength doesn't mean everything in wrestling."

The meeting between Callarik and Canter was the first between the two since they grappled on the living room floor of each other's houses growing up.

"We've been best friends since we were in

diapers," Callarik said. "We talked briefly earlier today and told each other good luck. I knew we were both going to give it our all and leave it all on the mat."

The Red Devils' quest for a second champion was denied by Oak Glen's Joel Paolo who took down St. C. sophomore Dominic Prezzia in the 135-pound final by a 3-1 final.

Paolo recorded an escape and a takedown in the final period to get the victory. Prezzia had won the earlier meeting this season between the two at the St. C. Invitational last month by the exact same score.

As St. Clairsville coach Jay Michael looked to get past the Prezzia loss, the Red Devils' program took another hit as Levi Holcomb (215) was denied an individual title by Steubenville's Branko Busick. A West Virginia University football recruit, Busick used his speed and brute strength and ended the match in the second period in a time of 3:31.

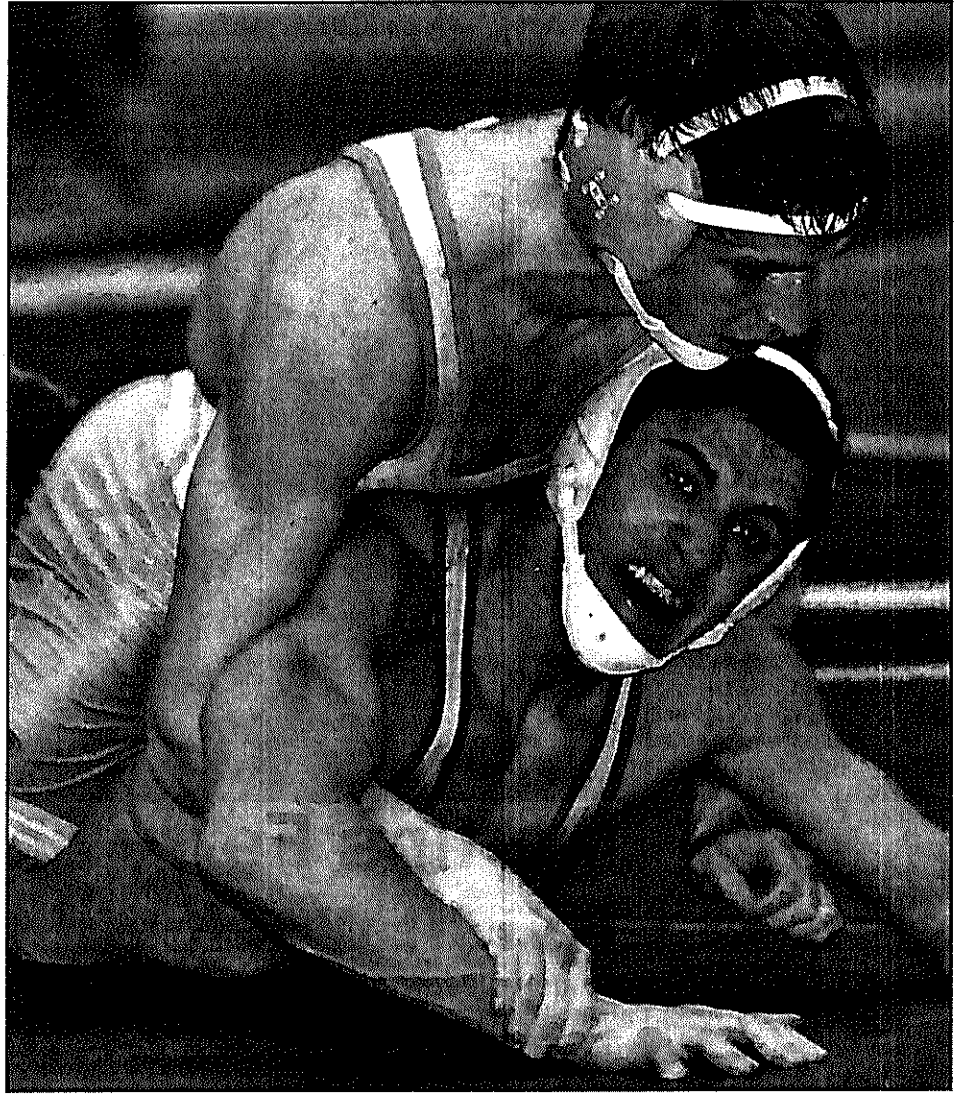
Shadyside's Johnny Merryman (160) also recorded his second title blanking Bellaire's Andrew Crook 10-0.

Martins Ferry's Steven Woodford also managed to get his first OVAC gold defeating Bridgeport's Sean West 6-1 in their 215-pound championship contest. The victory improved the Purple Riders senior to 17-0 on the season and is now a three-time OVAC place winner.

Wheeling Park - the 2008 overall team champion - got off and rolling at 119 pounds when senior Dirk Bauer took care of Oak Glen's Troy Eckleberry.

Bauer - now a three-time OVAC champion - built a 5-1 lead in the opening two periods and scored an escape after beginning the period on the mat to go on for the 6-1 win, sending the droves of towel-waving Patriot fans into a frenzy.

Following in his foot-



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S** Dominic Prezzia, bottom, tries to get to his feet during his 135-pound championship match with Oak Glen's Joel Paolo. The Golden Bear won.

steps in dramatic fashion was teammate Danny Doyle (171). Battling Harrison Central's Ian Howell, Doyle recorded the first point of the match with an escape in the second. Not knowing its importance at the time, Doyle wasn't able to hold Howell down forcing a 1-1 overtime match.

Heading into the extra panel, Doyle and Howell went scoreless riding one another out.

Forced to go into double overtime, Doyle got the choice and went down because he scored the opening point.

"I knew I scored an escape in regulation and I was going to get an escape in that sudden victory overtime period," Doyle said. In a battle of inches, Doyle

managed to post his outside leg up and scramble for the escape to take the 2-1 victory.

"It feels great to win. The Doyle name is big in wrestling and I am glad to be a part of it," Doyle said as the last family member to win a title was his uncle Dan, the current director of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, back in 1972 for Wheeling Central.

Cambridge's lone champion came at 103 pounds when Andrew Bertubin withstood a serious challenge from Caldwell's Jacob Border and scored a 4-3 decision to open the evening's festivities.

Beaver Local's Arizona Miller - a returning champion as just a sophomore - fell behind Wheeling

Central's Kyle Bauer 2-0 in the first period, but recorded a reversal into near-fall points to take a 6-2 lead entering the third period.

He added a third-period takedown and went on for an 8-2 victory.

The Beavers' made it two-for-two in the championship round when sophomore Dylan Ice - who finished fifth at OVAC and in the state a year ago - made quick and easy work of Buckeye Local's Mike Slaga, pinning the Panthers' senior in 1:19.

Bauer was named the Bierkorthe Award winner with his title run for Park.

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in our school and see my name up there twice as an OVAC champion."

Miller has actually been in the building the past two years to watch Merryman win his gold medals as part of the reunions of 25-year champions. Miller won crowns both his junior and senior seasons.

He had no trouble accepting the fact that he's no longer standing alone in Tiger wrestling history.

"I actually tried to call Johnny this morning and got a hold of his mom and wished him luck," Miller said after the opening ceremony Saturday night. "I told him to go out and wrestle his match and just do it."

Merryman wrestled his match to an extent.

"It wasn't pretty," Merryman said of his championship match. "But, I will take the win. For some reason, I just felt sluggish for some reason. I haven't felt like I have been getting my offense in."

After arriving at WesBanco Arena, Miller finally had a chance to talk with Merryman and just gave some more encouragement and advice.

"I told him to just enjoy the evening and not get too nervous and spend a lot of time thinking about the match," Miller said. "You can psyche yourself out and lose your adrenaline rush if you spend too much time thinking."

Merryman had little problem focusing as he hasn't all season now that he sits at 23-0.

If he was to share his distinction in Shadyside history, Miller's got no problem sharing with someone with the last name Merryman. It was Johnny's uncle Tom who got Miller involved in the sport and the guy who presented him with a plaque Saturday night.

"Tom brought us into the sport from the junior high up and that's why I am such a fan of the entire family," Miller said. "I just appreciate all of the time he invested and now to see his nephew's hardwork pay off."

Miller was in the building last year when Merryman earned all-Ohio status as the eighth-place finisher in the state and plans on attending this year's OHSAA championship as well.

With the OVAC now behind him, Merryman will turn the remainder of his attention to getting back to Columbus and improving on his status.

"I am totally focused on the Schott," Merryman said. "I can't wait to get back there."

The victory for Merryman was especially sweet on another level.

He spent the entire weekend with the initials SAK on his wrists to honor his aunt Sue Ann Koch who has been diagnosed with cancer.

## OVAC Wrestling Results

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Harrison Central, 202; Bellaire, 187.5; Oak Glen, 172; Wheeling Park, 157.5; Martins Ferry, 150; Beaver Local, 140.5; Steubenville, 136; St. Clairsville, 125; Caldwell, 124; Cambridge, 119.5; John Marshall, 116.5; Buckeye Local, 108; Cameron, 92.5; East Liverpool, 87.5; Shadyside, 84.5; Monroe Central, 71; Weir, 57; Indian Creek, 49; Barnesville, 47.5; River, 46; Brooke, 37; Wheeling Central, 36.5; Bridgeport, 35; Wellsville, 30; Beallsville, 29; Edison, 27.5; Tyler, 26; Magnolia, 24.5; Union Local, 24.5; Shenandoah, 20; Meadowbrook, 18.5; Conotton Valley, 15; Weirton Madonna, 11; Bishop Donahue, 10; Steubenville Central, 7.5; St. John, 7.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS**  
103 -- Andrew Bertubin (Camb) dec. Jeremy Border (Cald), 4-3.  
112 -- Arizona Miller (Beaver) dec. Kyle Bauer (WC), 8-2.  
119 -- Dirk Bauer (WP) dec. Troy Eckleberry (OG), 6-1.  
125 -- Nick Risdon (HC) dec. Ryan Asbury (OG), 5-3, OT.  
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119 -- Preston Foster (EL) dec. David Schlieper (Cam), 9-1.

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135 -- Prezzia (St. C.) dec. Berger (Camb), 8-4; Paolo (OG) dec. Faykus (Bell), 4-1.  
140 -- Ice (Beav) pinned Dobson (Bell), 1:40; Slaga (BL) maj. dec. Staudacher (IC), 15-6.

145 -- Jefferis (Barnes) pinned Rose (MF), 1:20; Chilson (Bell) dec. Banks (HC), 10-3.  
152 -- Eddy (HC) dec. Whyte (Cam), 10-5; D. Porter (Bell) dec. George (WP), 6-2.  
160 -- Merryman (Shady) dec. Kaiser (HC), 3-1; Crook (Bell) pinned Hotloz (MF), 2:22.  
171 -- Howell (HC) pinned Oberdick (MF), :59; Doyle (WP) maj. dec. Wells (Shen), 15-2.  
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60-second first overtime, Risdon was awarded two points for a takedown, giving him his first OVAC gold on the mats.

The Huskies got to the top of the podium again at 152 pounds thanks to the work of Rob Eddy.

Eddy helped spread the gap between the Huskies and the Big Reds by virtue of a 2-0 win over Bellaire's Derek Porter.

"It was a big accomplishment and one I have been working toward for a long time. It was a real dream come true tonight," Eddy said. "Our team has worked hard last week and this week to get to this point. We have never won a Buckeye 8 or an OVAC title. At the beginning of the year we set the goal to do both and we're achieving it."

Continuing the Huskies' trek to glory came in the 189-pound weight class as Jake Mallernee gave it a photo finish defeating Wheeling Park's Tucker Goodwin 2-1 in overtime. In a 1-1 deadlock after regulation, Mallernee hit an escape to in the extra panel for his first individual OVAC crown.

Barnesville's Kurtis Jefferis - the top seed at 145 pounds - defended his spot on the bracket impressively against second-seed Robbie Chilson of Bellaire.

Jefferis - who is undefeated on the season - got an early escape, but Chilson turned the tables out of the down position in the second period, scoring a reversal,

when I got on my back," Jefferis said moments after accepting his trophy. "I knew I had to get off my back and make it a scramble situation."

He was awarded two back points and had a 5-2 lead. Chilson escaped again to make it 5-3, but Jefferis was able to avoid Chilson's attempts at a takedown and claim his first OVAC title and deny Chilson his second title.

"I knew it was going to be a tough match," Jefferis continued. "But beating him a few weeks ago (at Shadyside) let me know I could do it again."

St. Clairsville - which had an outstanding tournament under Jay Michael's direction - got its only champion at 130 pounds.

Seth Callarik - the second seed entering the mammoth event - recorded a takedown of Bellaire's Erik Canter and made it stand up the remainder of the match. Canter appeared on the verge of scoring an escape and a reversal at several spots of the third period, but each time Callarik dug in and managed to hold onto the leg.

"I was pretty confident riding on top the last period," Callarik said. "Erik's pretty strong, but strength doesn't mean everything in wrestling."

The meeting between Callarik and Canter was the first between the two since they grappled on the living room floor of each other's houses growing up.

"We've been best friends since we were in

luck. I knew we were both going to give it our all and leave it all on the mat."

The Red Devils' quest for a second champion was denied by Oak Glen's Joel Paolo who took down St. C. sophomore Dominic Prezgia in the 135-pound final by a 3-1 final.

Paolo recorded an escape and a takedown in the final period to get the victory. Prezgia had won the earlier meeting this season between the two at the St. C. Invitational last month by the exact same score.

As St. Clairsville coach Jay Michael looked to get past the Prezgia loss, the Red Devils' program took another hit as Levi Holcomb (215) was denied an individual title by Steubenville's Branko Busick. A West Virginia University football recruit, Busick used his speed and brute strength and ended the match in the second period in a time of 3:31.

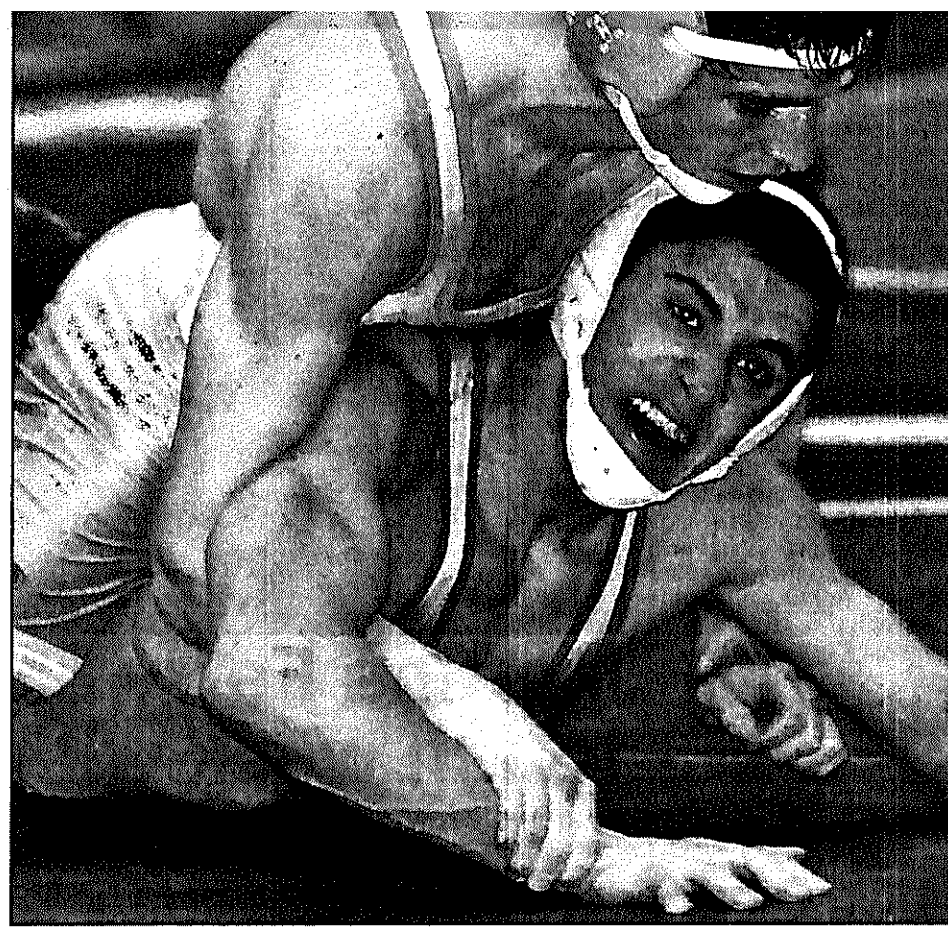
Shadyside's Johnny Merryman (160) also recorded his second title blanking Bellaire's Andrew Crook 10-0.

Martins Ferry's Steven Woodford also managed to get his first OVAC gold defeating Bridgeport's Sean West 6-1 in their 215-pound championship contest. The victory improved the Purple Riders senior to 17-0 on the season and is now a three-time OVAC place winner.

Wheeling Park - the 2008 overall team champion - got off and rolling at 119 pounds when senior Dirk Bauer took care of Oak Glen's Troy Eckleberry.

Bauer - now a three-time OVAC champion - built a 5-1 lead in the opening two periods and scored an escape after beginning the period on the mat to go on for the 6-1 win, sending the droves of towel-waving Patriot fans into a frenzy.

Following in his foot-



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Dominic Prezgia, bottom, tries to get to his feet during his 135-pound championship match with Oak Glen's Joel Paolo. The Golden Bear won.

steps in dramatic fashion was teammate Danny Doyle (171). Battling Harrison Central's Ian Howell, Doyle recorded the first point of the match with an escape in the second. Not knowing its importance at the time, Doyle wasn't able to hold Howell down forcing a 1-1 overtime match.

Heading into the extra panel, Doyle and Howell went scoreless riding one another out.

Forced to go into double overtime, Doyle got the choice and went down because he scored the opening point.

"I knew I scored an escape in regulation and I was going to get an escape in that sudden victory overtime period," Doyle said.

In a battle of inches, Doyle

managed to post his outside leg up and scramble for the escape to take the 2-1 victory.

"It feels great to win. The Doyle name is big in wrestling and I am glad to be a part of it," Doyle said as the last family member to win a title was his uncle Dan, the current director of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, back in 1972 for Wheeling Central.

Cambridge's lone champion came at 103 pounds when Andrew Bertubin withstood a serious challenge from Caldwell's Jacob Border and scored a 4-3 decision to open the evening's festivities.

Beaver Local's Arizona Miller - a returning champion as just a sophomore - fell behind Wheeling

Central's Kyle Bauer 2-0 in the first period, but recorded a reversal into near-fall points to take a 6-2 lead entering the third period.

He added a third-period takedown and went on for an 8-2 victory.

The Beavers' made it two-for-two in the championship round when sophomore Dylan Ice - who finished fifth at OVAC and in the state a year ago - made quick and easy work of Buckeye Local's Mike Slaga, pinning the Panthers' senior in 1:19.

Bauer was named the Bierkorte Award winner with his title run for Park.

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in our school and see my name up there twice as an OVAC champion."

Miller has actually been in the building the past two years to watch Merryman win his gold medals as part of the reunions of 25-year champions. Miller won crowns both his junior and senior seasons.

He had no trouble accepting the fact that he's no longer standing alone in Tiger wrestling history.

"I actually tried to call Johnny this morning and got a hold of his mom and wished him luck," Miller said after the opening ceremony Saturday night. "I told him to go out and wrestle his match and just do it."

Merryman wrestled his match to an extent.

"It wasn't pretty," Merryman said of his championship match. "But, I will take the win. For some reason, I just felt sluggish for some reason. I haven't felt like I have been getting my offense in."

After arriving at WesBanco Arena, Miller finally had a chance to talk with Merryman and just gave some more encouragement and advice.

"I told him to just enjoy the evening and not get too nervous and spend a lot of time thinking about the match," Miller said. "You can psyche yourself out and lose your adrenaline rush if you spend too much time thinking."

Merryman had little problem focusing as he hasn't all season now that he sits at 23-0.

If he was to share his distinction in Shadyside history, Miller's got no problem sharing with someone with the last name Merryman. It was Johnny's uncle Tom who got Miller involved in the sport and the guy who presented him with a plaque Saturday night.

"Tom brought us into the sport from the junior high up and that's why I am such a fan of the entire family," Miller said. "I just appreciate all of the time he invested and now to see his nephew's hardwork pay off."

Miller was in the building last year when Merryman earned all-Ohio status as the eighth-place finisher in the state and plans on attending this year's OHSAA championship as well.

With the OVAC now behind him, Merryman will turn the remainder of his attention to getting back to Columbus and improving on his status.

"I am totally focused on the Schott," Merryman said. "I can't wait to get back there."

The victory for Merryman was especially sweet on another level.

He spent the entire weekend with the initials SAK on his wrists to honor his aunt Sue Ann Koch who has been diagnosed with cancer.

When Merryman came out on the mat for the opening ceremonies during the parade of champions, he glanced up into section 221 at WesBanco Arena and saw his aunt in attendance, which was a relief.

"She's been a big part of my life and she's serving as an inspiration," Merryman said. "I didn't even know she was going to be here and seeing her was just a relief because it felt so good having her up there."

## OVAC Wrestling Results

### Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament

**OVERALL TEAM SCORES:**  
Harrison Central, 202; Bellaire, 187.5; Oak Glen, 172; Wheeling Park, 157.5; Martins Ferry, 150; Beaver Local, 140.5; Steubenville, 136; St. Clairsville, 125; Caldwell, 124; Cambridge, 119.5; John Marshall, 116.5; Buckeye Local, 108; Cameron, 92.5; East Liverpool, 87.5; Shadyside, 84.5; Monroe Central, 71; Weir, 57; Indian Creek, 46; Barnesville, 47.5; River, 49; Brooke, 37; Wheeling Central, 36.5; Bridgeport, 35; Wellsville, 30; Bealsville, 29; Edison, 27.5; Tyler, 26; Magnolia, 24.5; Union Local, 24.5; Shenandoah, 20; Meadowbrook, 18.5; Conotton Valley, 15; Weirton Madonna, 11; Bishop Donahue, 10; Steubenville Central, 7.5; St. John, 7.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

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112 -- Arizona Miller (Beaver) dec. Kyle Bauer (WC), 8-2.  
119 -- Dirk Bauer (WP) dec. Troy Eckleberry (OG), 6-1.  
125 -- Nick Risdon (HC) dec. Ryan Asbury (OG), 5-3, OT.  
130 -- Seth Callarik (St. C.) dec. Erik Canter (Bell), 2-0.  
135 -- Joel Paolo (OG) dec. Dominic Prezgia (St. C.), 3-1.  
140 -- Dylan Ice (Beaver) pinned Mike Slaga (BL), 1:19.  
145 -- Kurtis Jefferis (Barnes) dec. Robbie Chilson (Bell), 5-3.  
152 -- Rob Eddy (HC) dec. Derek Porter (Bell), 2-0.  
160 -- Johnny Merryman (Shady) dec. Andrew Crook (Bell), 10-0.  
171 -- Danny Doyle (WP) dec. Ian Howell (HC), 3-2 OT (Third tiebreaker).  
189 -- Jake Mallernee (HC)

dec. Tucker Brown (WP), 2-1 OT

215 -- Branko Busick (Steub) pinned Levi Holcomb (St. C.), 3:31.

285 -- Steven Woodford (MF) dec. Sean West (Bpt), 6-1.

### Third-Fourth Place

103 -- John McCombs (Beav) dec. Shawn McGee (Steub), 6-3.  
112 -- Z. Porter (Bell) dec. Bryan Crozier (Shady), 3-0.  
119 -- Preston Foster (EL) dec. David Schlieper (Cam), 9-1.

125 -- Dillon Nolte (St.C) dec. Jacob Border (Cald), 7-5.  
130 -- Tavin Hall (Cam) dec. Vince Ours (EL), 9-0.

135 -- Sam Faykus (Bell) dec. Brandon Bartrug (BL), 5-2.  
140 -- Brandon Straudacher (IC) dec. Jesse Dobson (Bell), 3-1.

145 -- Taylor Banks (HC) dec. Paul Blake (Cam), 4-1.  
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215 -- Derrick Rovira (Weir) pinned Schuyler Bondy (MC), 4:21.

285 -- Jimmy Boyd (OG) dec. Tom Schenke (Cald), 6-2.

### Fifth-Sixth Place

103 -- Eric Beck (JM) won by injury default over Darin Heavilin (HC).

112 -- Chris Tinger (Steub) dec. Cody Wiltshire (BL), 10-6.  
119 -- Justin Goode (JM) pinned Derek Birney (Steub), :16.

125 -- Dillon VanDyne (Camb) dec. Taylor Yoder (MF), 2-0.  
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152 -- John Coleman (Camb) dec. Carl Piper (SJC), 6-0.

160 -- Matt Smith (JM) dec. Bobby Richmond (BD), 3-1.  
171 -- Mike Nentwick (Beav) pinned Timmy Jones (Bealls), 2:02.

189 -- Jerry Kahl (Shady) pinned Jamey DeVaul (Steub), 2:58.  
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189 -- Mallernee (HC) dec. Henderson (Beav), 5-4; Goodwin (WP) dec. Crabtree (Wells), 8-5.

215 -- Busick (Steub) dec. Roveria (Weir), 16-5; Holcomb (St.C) dec. Bondy (MC), 10-4.

285 -- Woodford (MF) pinned Eckroth (HC), :46; West (Bpt) dec. Boyd (OG), 4-2.



# WLSC wrestling to host OVAC night

By BRIAN COOK  
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WEST LIBERTY - Coming off a successful showing at the NCAA Division II National Wrestling Championships, West Liberty State College wrestling coach Brian Davis is ready to show off his program.

The second-year coach, along with the Hilltoppers' athletic department, will be

hosting its inaugural OVAC night during its first home wrestling dual match against nationally ranked Pitt-Johnstown on Friday, Nov. 21.

"This is a great opportunity for wrestlers and fans all across the valley to see two great teams collide on the mat," Davis said. "They are a well coached team by former West Liberty wrestler Pat Pecora. He has put that program on the map and we are looking

forward to competing with them."

According to Davis, any wrestler in the high school or junior high ranks in the Ohio Valley is able to attend the match at no cost. Coaches are being asked to RSVP the number of wrestlers and coaches they anticipate to attend the match by contacting Brian Cook at (304) 639-8991 or (740) 633-1131. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, Nov. 19.

"Coach Davis is committed to getting OVAC wrestlers up to West Liberty. There are many guys who are capable of wrestling at the Division II level from the valley," OVAC Wrestling Tournament Director Dan Doyle during a recent OVAC Wrestling Coaches Meeting at WesBanco Arena. "We are excited to join together with West Liberty and have our guys see wrestling at

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the next level."

Pecora's Mountain Cats enter the match ranked No. 8 in the preseason national poll and No. 3 in the East Region while the Hilltoppers are ranked fifth in the region.

West Liberty will be showcase two-time All-American Doug Surra. Placing seventh as a junior and fourth as a sophomore, the Kersey, Pa. native has high expectations in his final season in the Black and Gold.

In addition to Surra, Davis has two returning national qualifiers in St. John Central's Kayne Melko (149) and Mitch Knapp (197). Melko and Knapp both are hoping to build off impressive first years in the Black and Gold. The sophomore duo each finished with 21-13 marks and were one match away from earning All-American status.

Another addition to the mat for Davis will be Division I transfer Mitch Smith. The former Hofstra grappler is arguably the most decorated wrestler in West Virginia history, according to Davis. Smith is a Huntington native and a three-time Mountain State champion during his prep days. Smith is expected to start at 157 pounds.

According to the Mountain Cats' sports information department, Pitt-Johnstown will be showcasing top-ranked All-American Kyle Keane (165) and National Qualifier Patrick Walsh (197 lbs.) as they are the top-ranked wrestlers in their respective weight classes heading into the season.

Keane wrapped up his sophomore season with a 38-6 overall record and a 19-2 mark in dual meets on his way to an East Regional Tournament championship and a fourth place finish at the national tournament. Walsh ended his sophomore season with a 37-14 overall record and an 18-4 record in dual meets. Walsh was the East Regional runner-up at 197 lbs. and advanced to the national tournament.

In addition to Keane and Walsh, 2008 All-American Shane Valko, who is dropping from 141 to 133 pounds, is ranked second at 133 pounds, while sophomore and 2007 National Qualifier Chris Dempsey is ranked third at heavy-weight after red-shirting last year. Senior Mazen Kholi is ranked fourth at 157 pounds and Adam Whetstone is sixth at 141 pounds.

The Hilltoppers match will begin at 7 p.m. in the Academic, Sports and Recreation Center located on the West Liberty campus.

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**OVAC  
WRESTLING NIGHT**  
**Who:** West Liberty vs. Pitt-Johnstown.  
**When:** Friday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m.  
**Where:** West Liberty State College  
**Tickets:** Free for high school and junior high wrestlers with proper RSVP.



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Nov. 21. The backyard matchup will showcase the Black and Gold as well as nationally ranked Pitt-Johnstown. The event allows any junior high or high school wrestler in the Ohio Valley free admission into the regular season contest. Coaches are to make reservations for their team by contacting Brian Cook at (304) 639-8991 or at (740) 633-1131. Reservations are due by Wednesday, Nov. 19.

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Jack Regis, director of the Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials' Board, announced during the 2009 conference tournament there would be a new ring to the Official of the Year Award. Following executive planning sessions, the OVAC will now refer to the award as the OVAC Wrestling Coaches Larry Deaton Official of the Year award.

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# OVAC wrestling tourney not far away

By BRIAN COOK  
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WHEELING - The high school wrestling season is approaching shortly as the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference hosted its annual coaches meeting at WesBanco Arena Monday evening.

"The orderly of this group that has been running wrestling in the Ohio Valley keeps on going," OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak said. "(Ron) Mauck has stepped down and Mr. (Dan) Doyle has stepped in very well. This is a fraternity that keeps per-

petuating itself."

All coaches took part in the short mandatory coaches meeting and workshops available through the conference. The meetings entailed some newly proposed officials' fees, an update on current conference criteria and expectations of the 2009 conference tournament.

Dan Doyle, the newly appointed conference tournament director, also gave insight into the addition of Parkersburg South into the conference. Doyle shared South will not be competing in

the 2009 OVAC tournament because of former commitments, but offered a few statements from Patriots' coach Paul Jackson.

"I am excited about being in the conference," Jackson said in a statement. "Competing with Park. Brooke and the John Marshall which we see in the (West Virginia) Region I is what we want in our program."

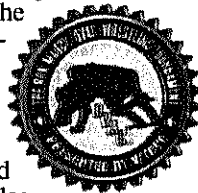
According to Doyle, Jackson has been opposed to other offers of joining conferences around the Mountain State, but was stoked about the opportunity the OVAC

has to offer the Wood County wrestling program.

Doyle also announced the new faces joining, or re-joining, the coaching ranks this season include Tim Savage, East Liverpool; Nathan Iafrate, St. John Central; Rich Wright, Beaver Local; Chance Taylor, Brooke; and Marty Winkler, River.

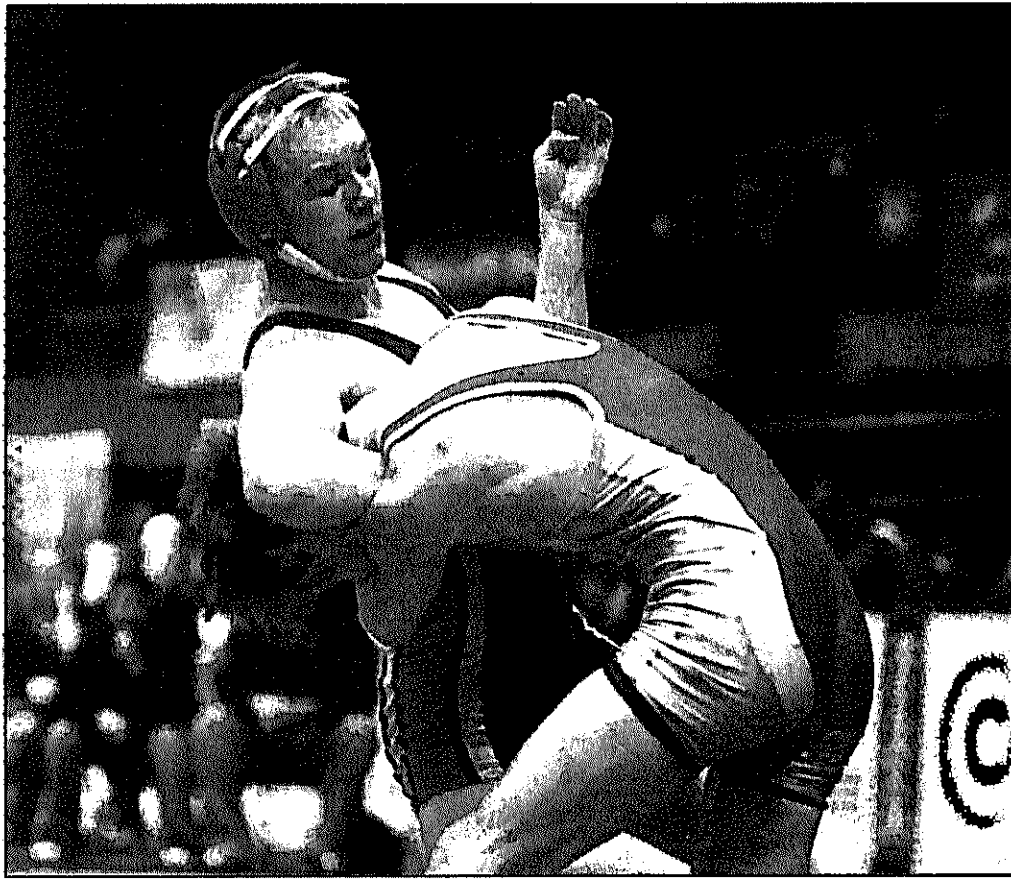
In collegiate wrestling news, West Liberty State College wrestling coach Brian Davis announced it would be hosting its inaugural OVAC night during the Hilltoppers' first home dual meet on Friday,

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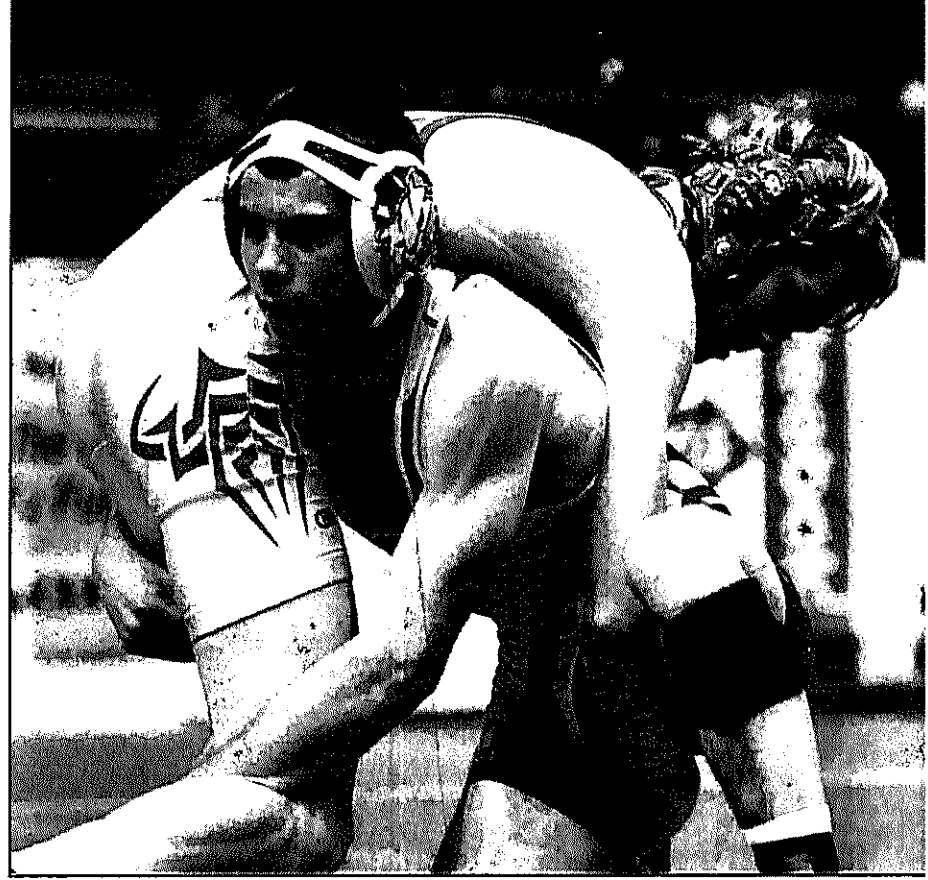




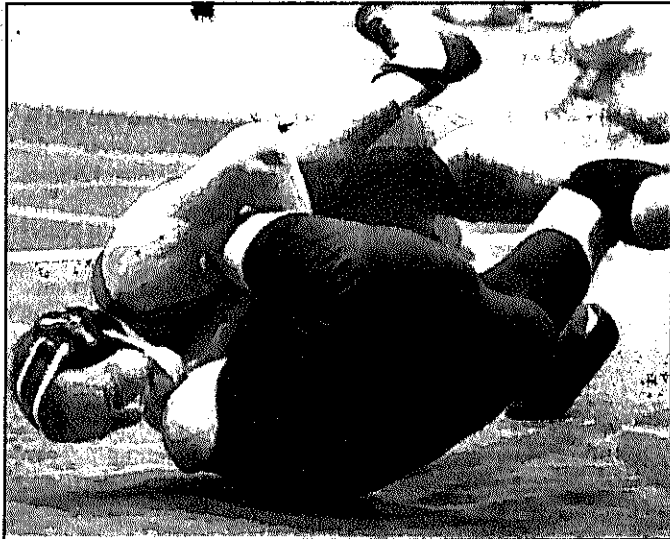
# OVAC Wrestling Tournament



Barnesville's John Barker battles Michael Yockey of St. Clairsville.



Cambridge High's Dillon VanDyne takes ahold of Steve Swartz of Beaver Local.



Caldwell High's Clint Boyd tangles with Jacob Forrester of Harrison Central.



Shenandoah's High's James Mercer reaches back to grab ahold of Steubenville Central's Peter Herrmann.



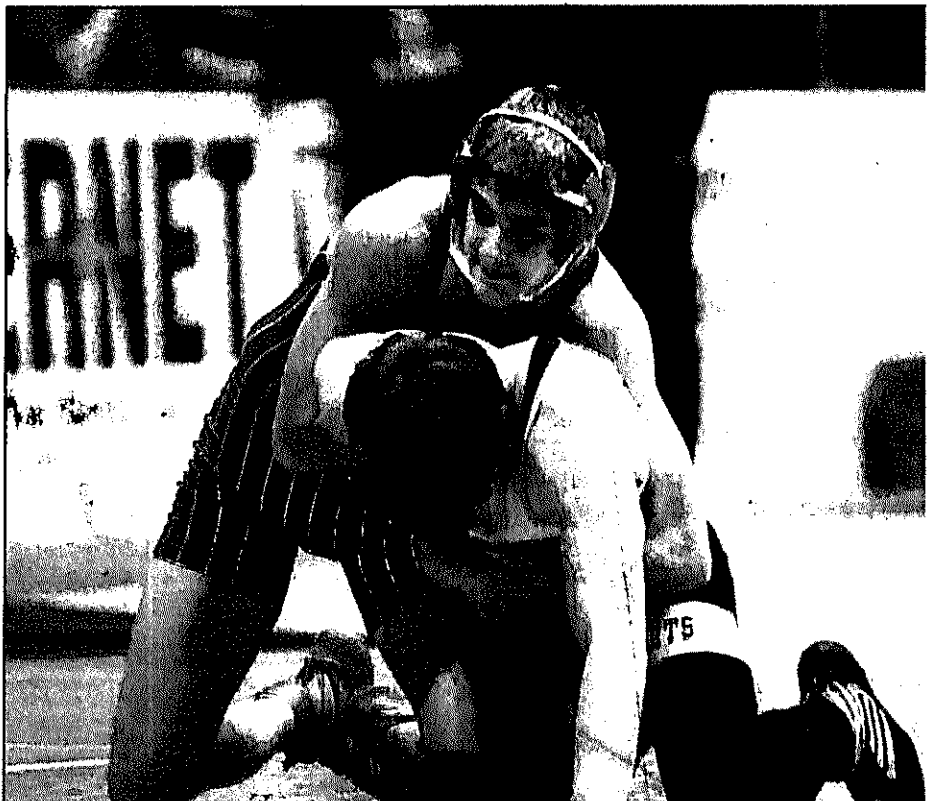
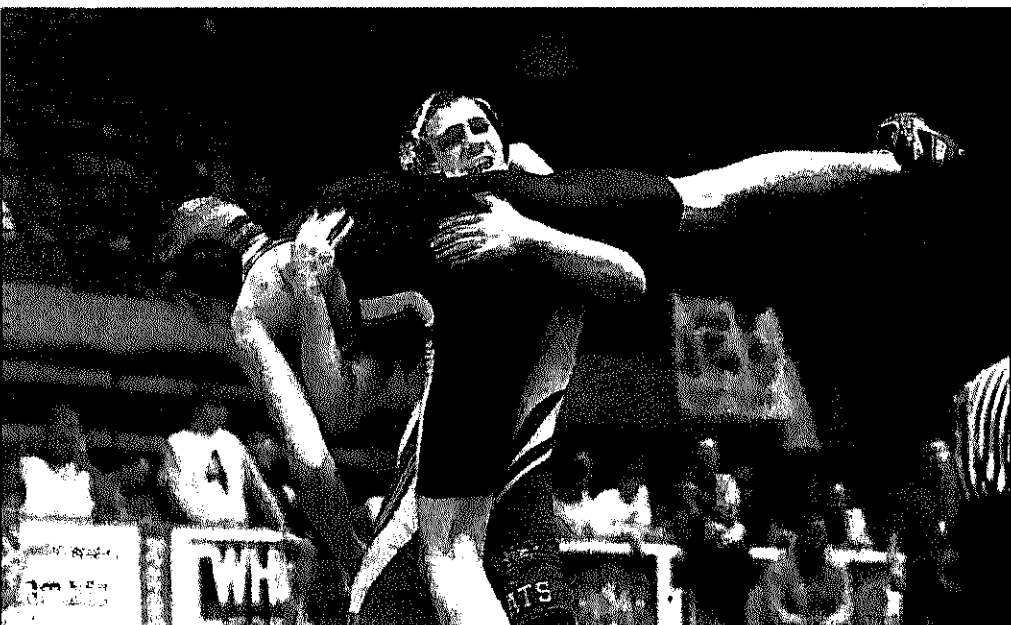
Shenandoah's Jorge Wilkos (left) tangles with Slade of Beaver Local.



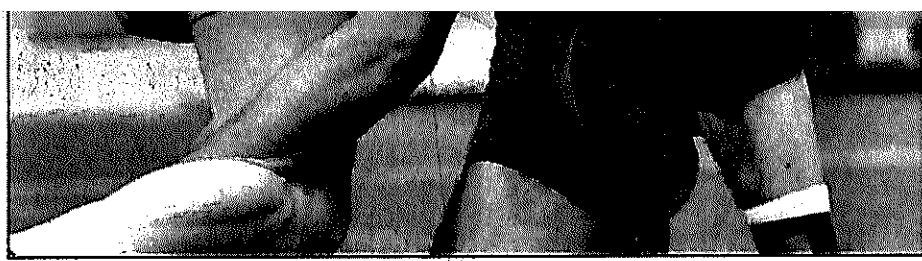
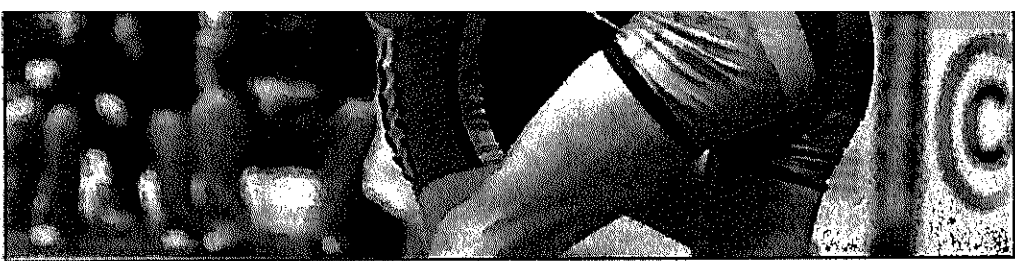
Caldwell High's Zac Cline finds himself underneath Tyler Brown of St. Clairsville.



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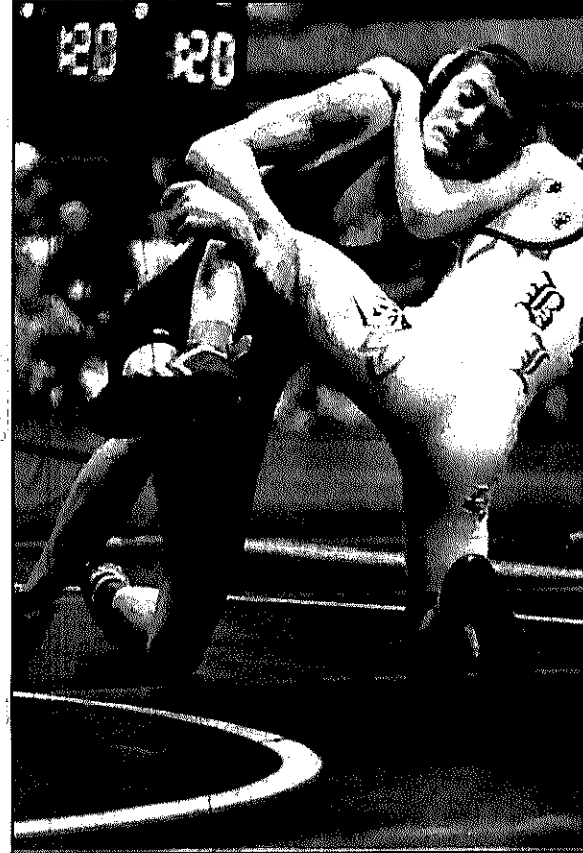
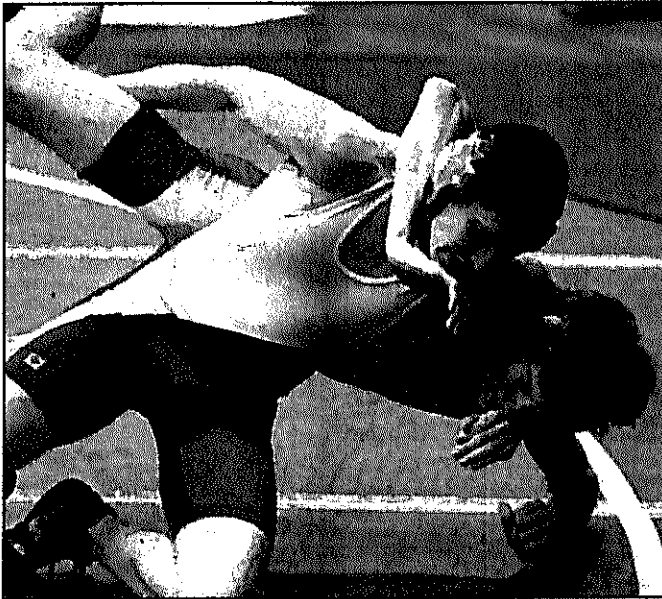
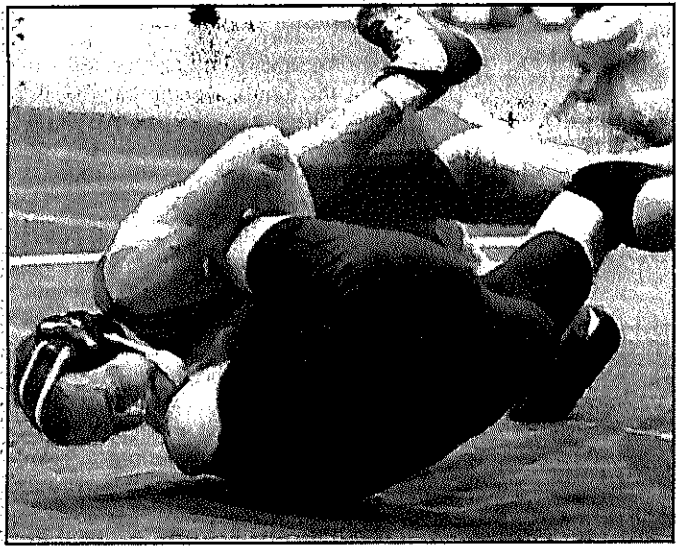






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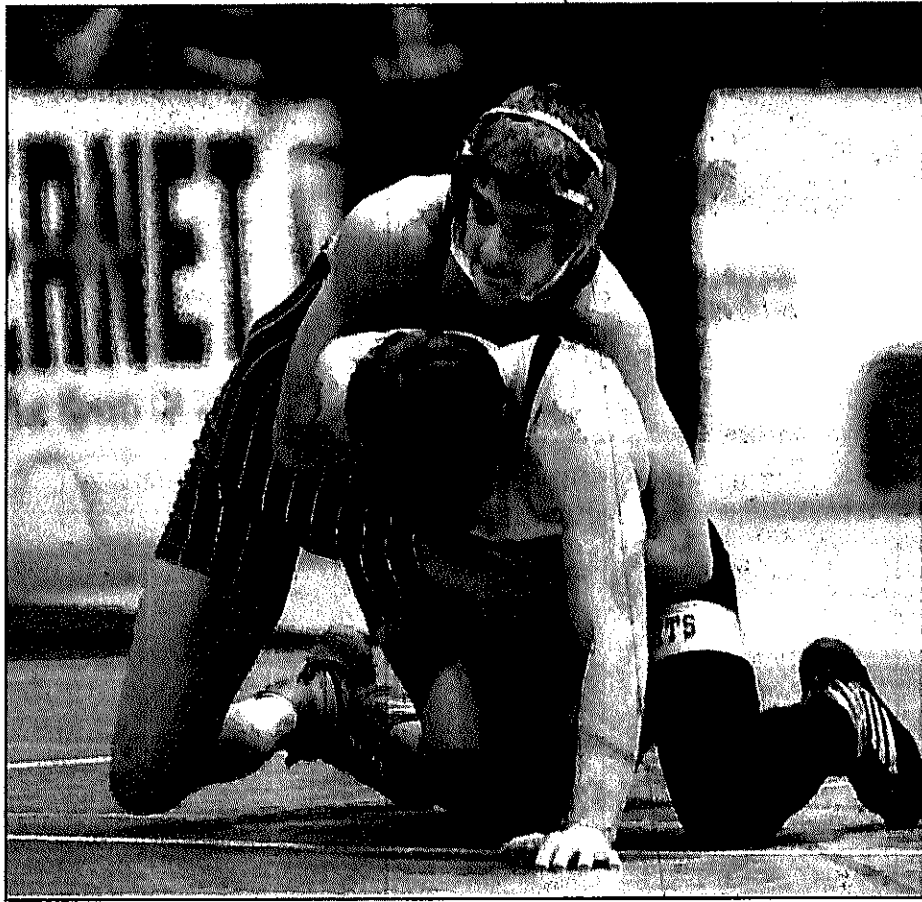
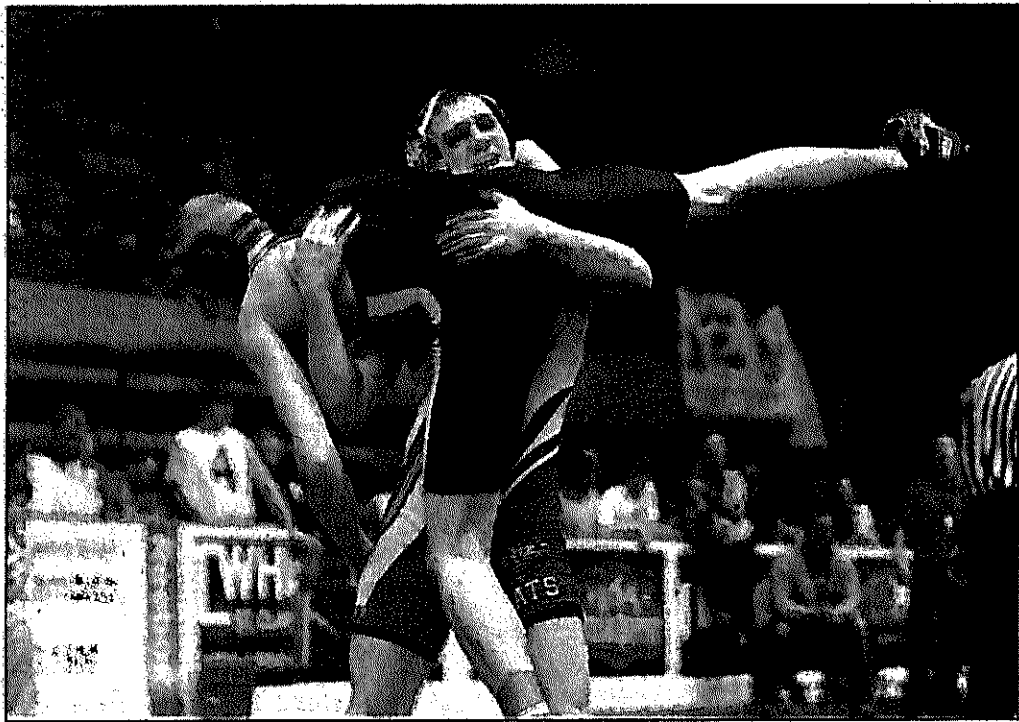
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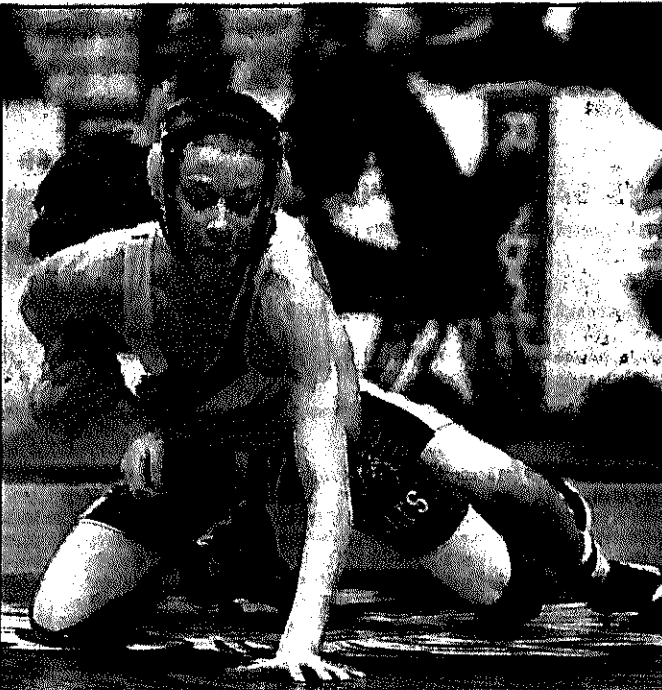
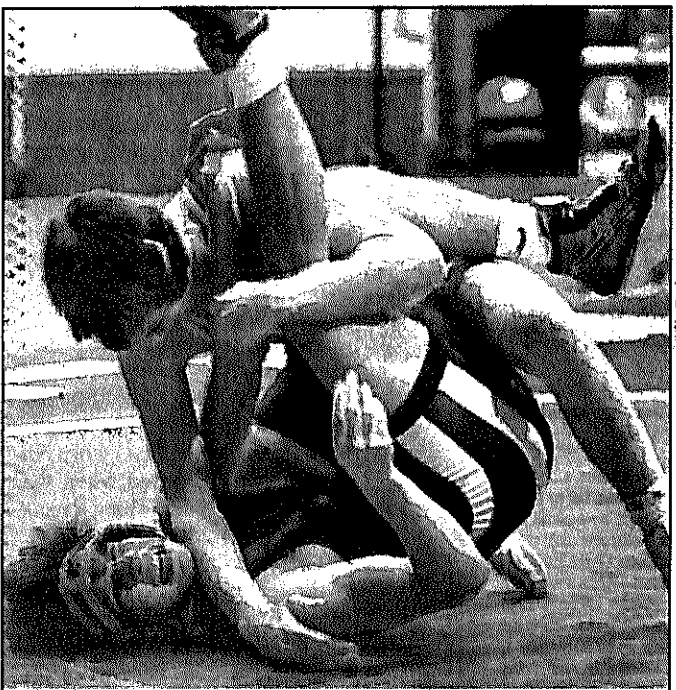
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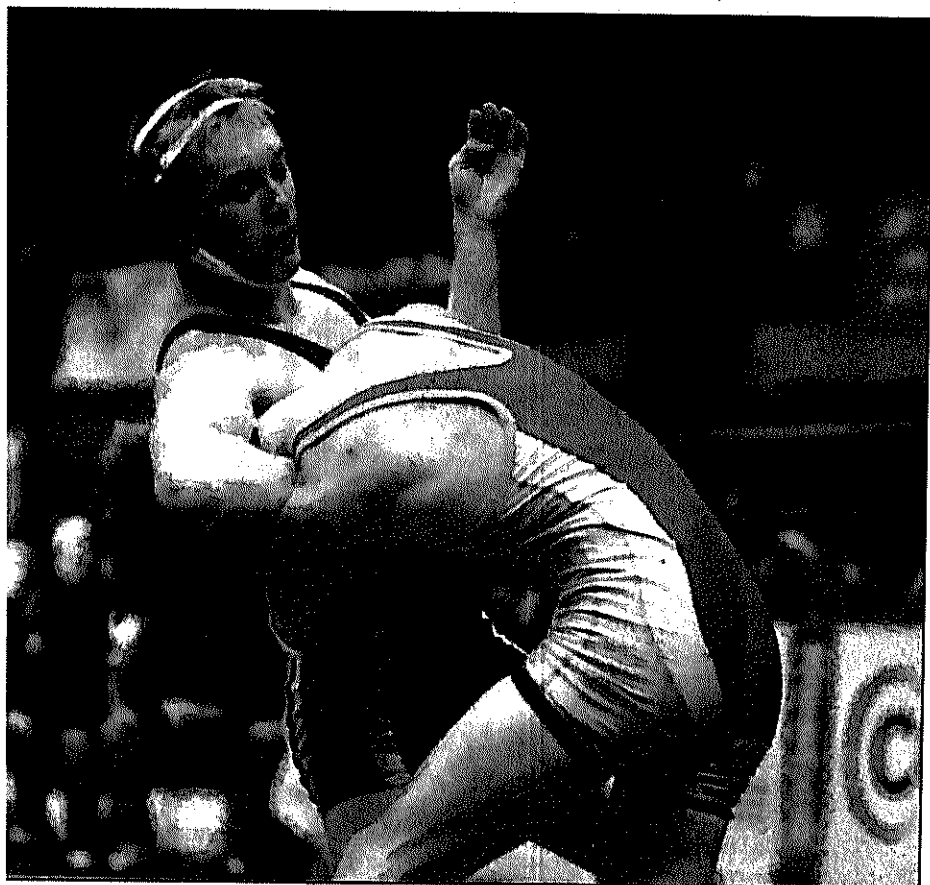
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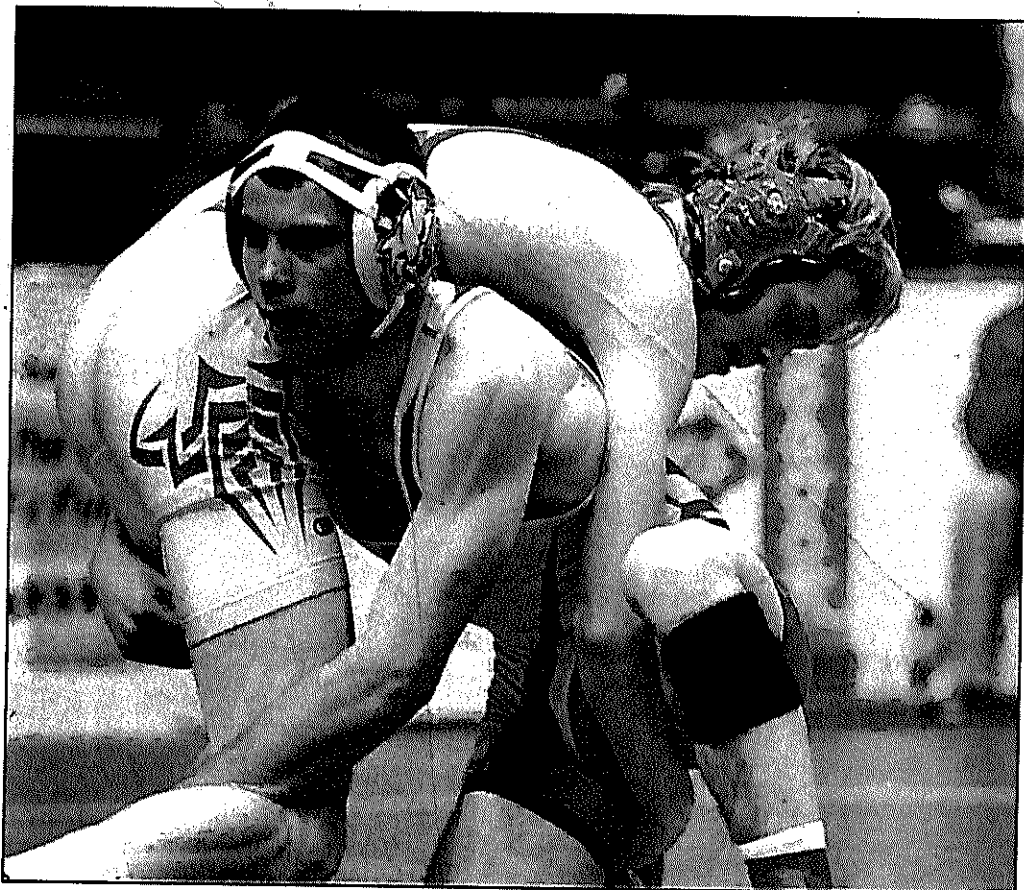




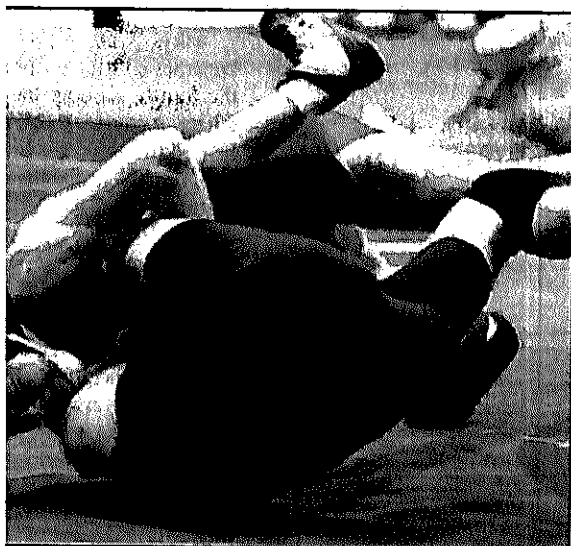
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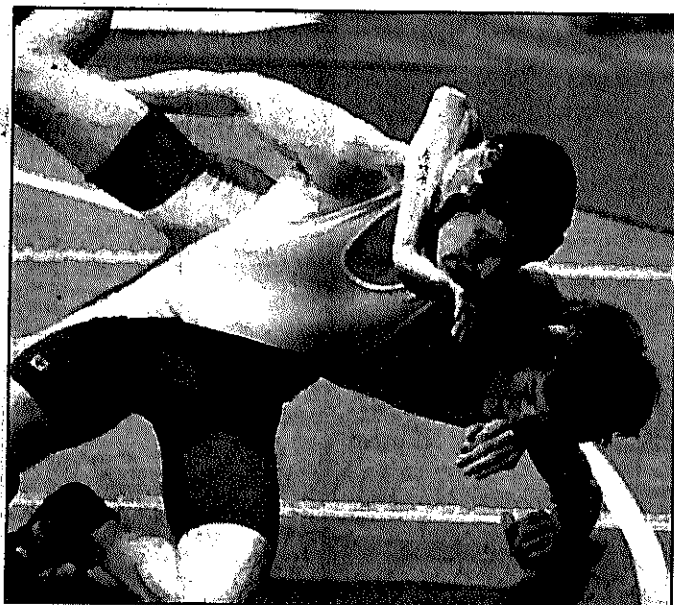
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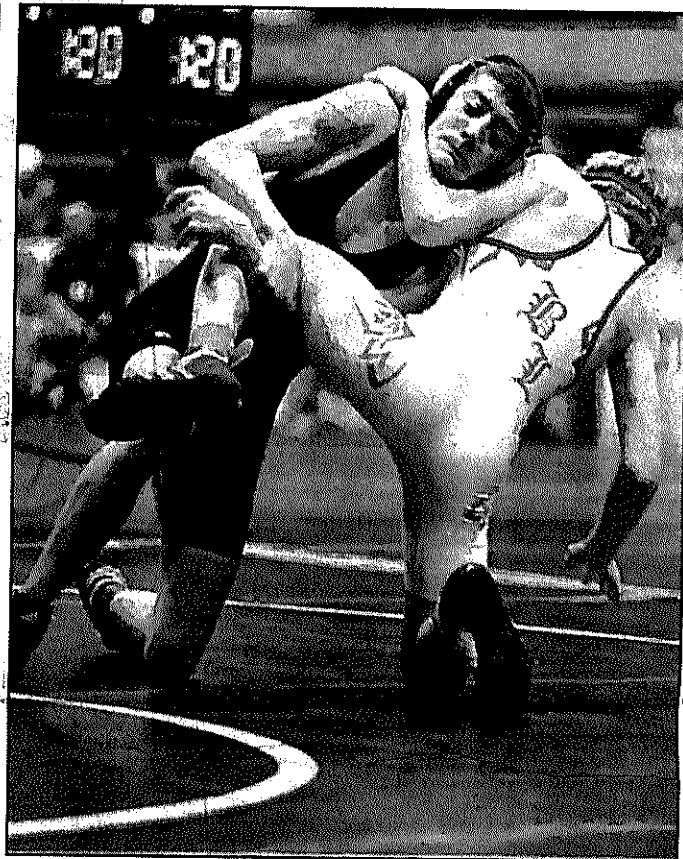
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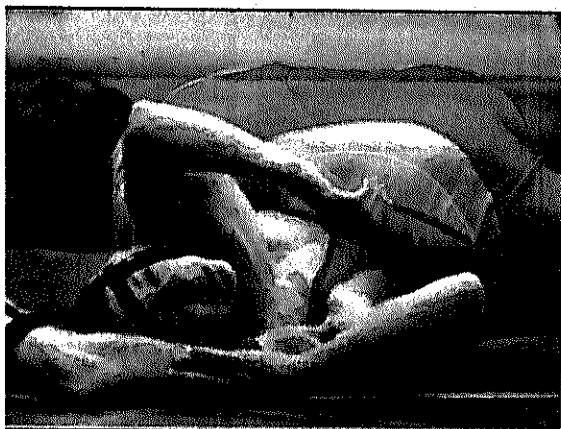
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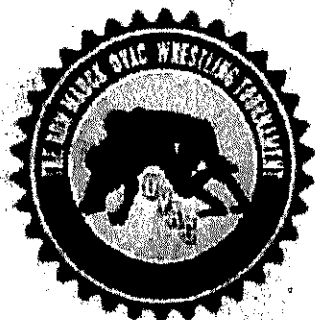
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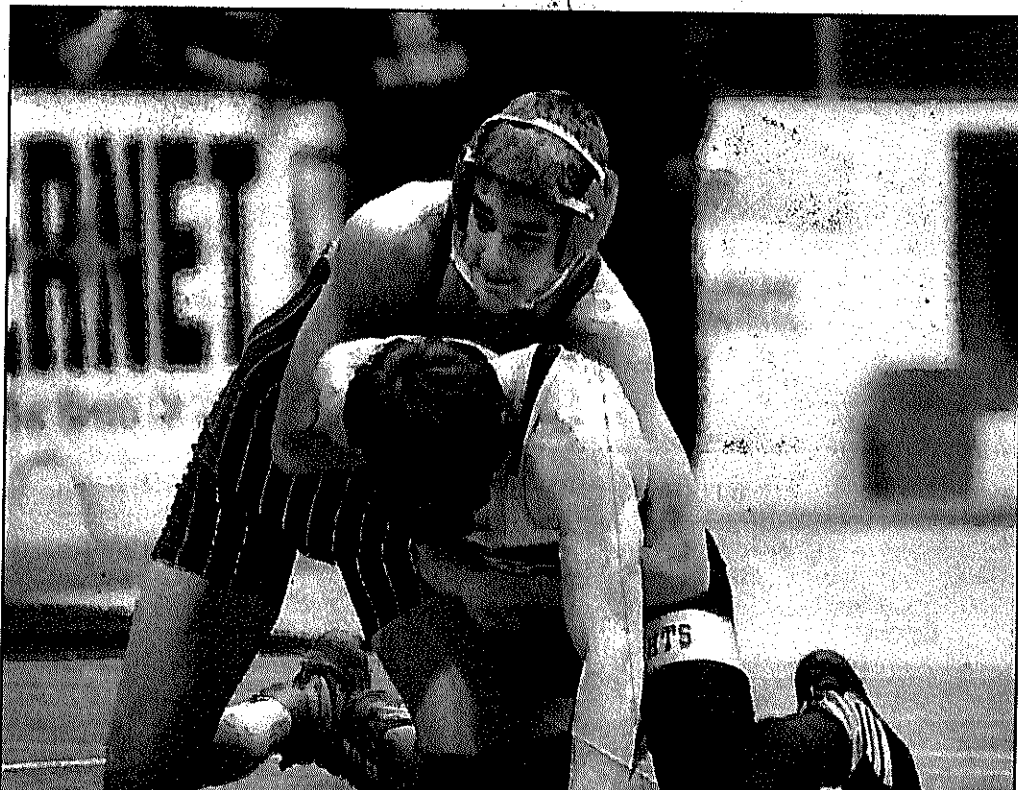
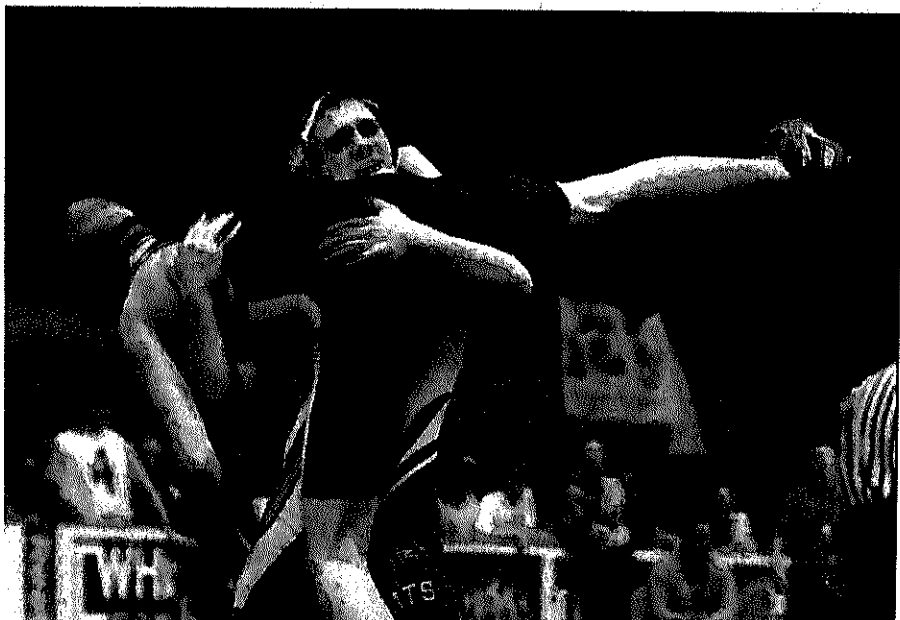
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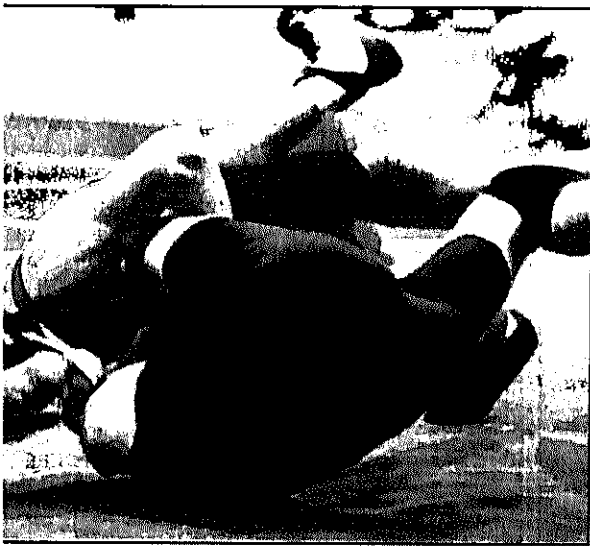






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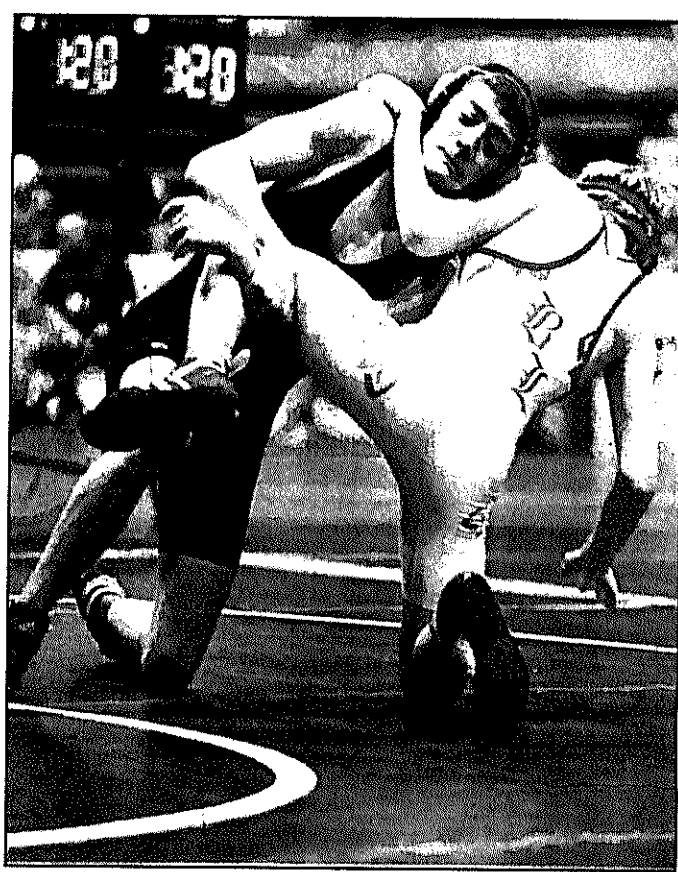
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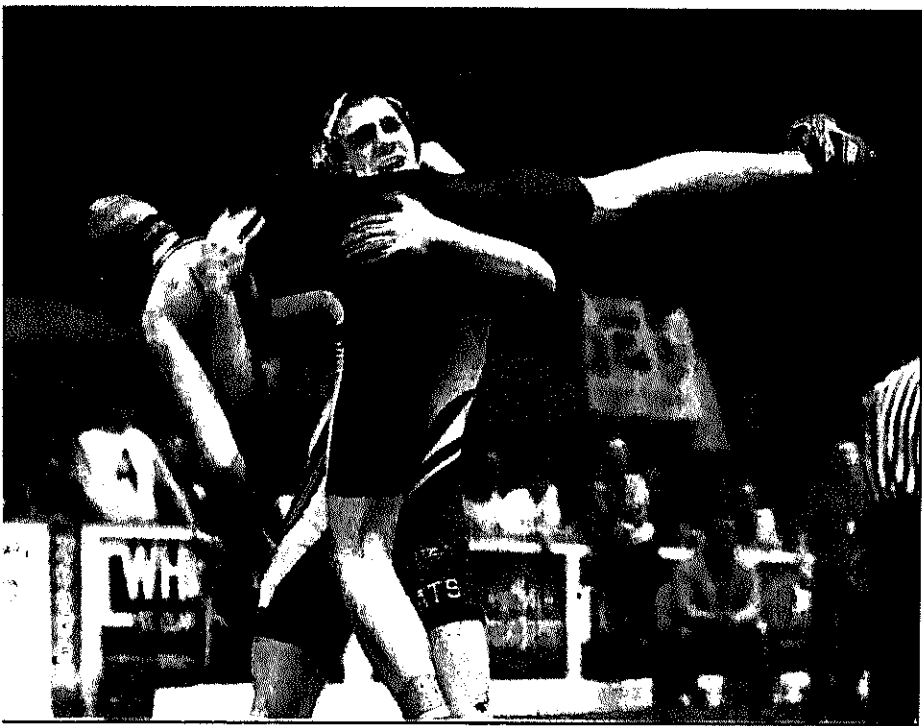
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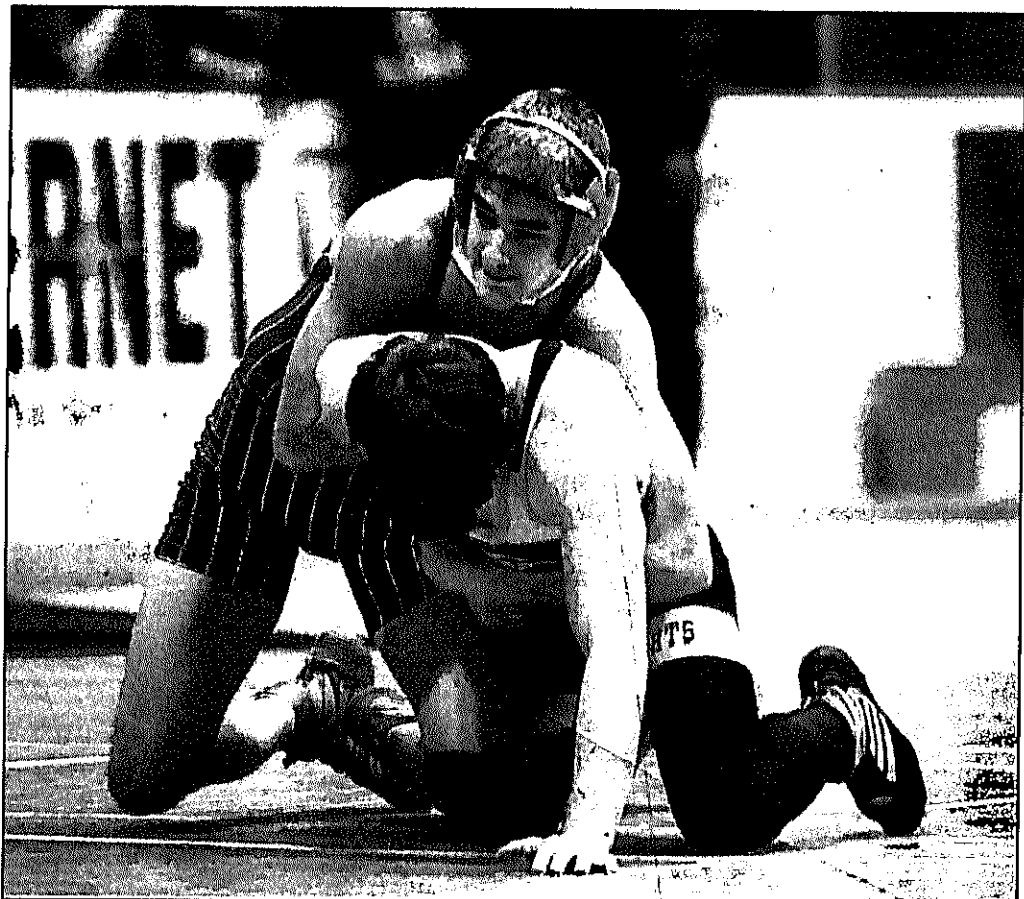
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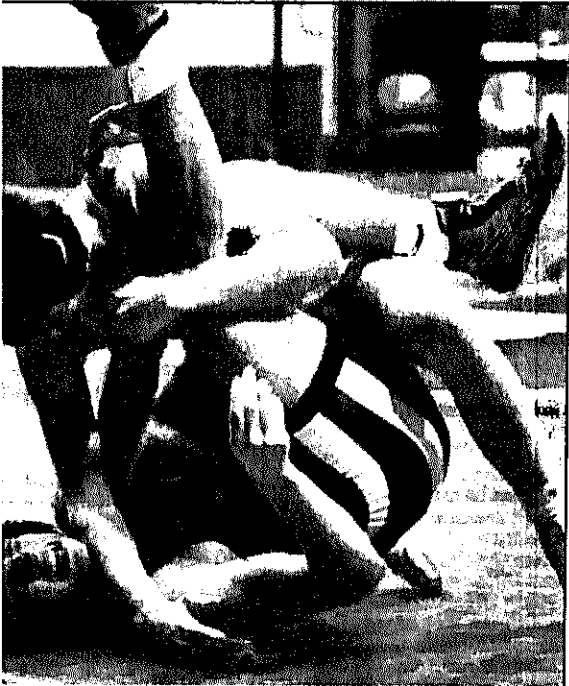
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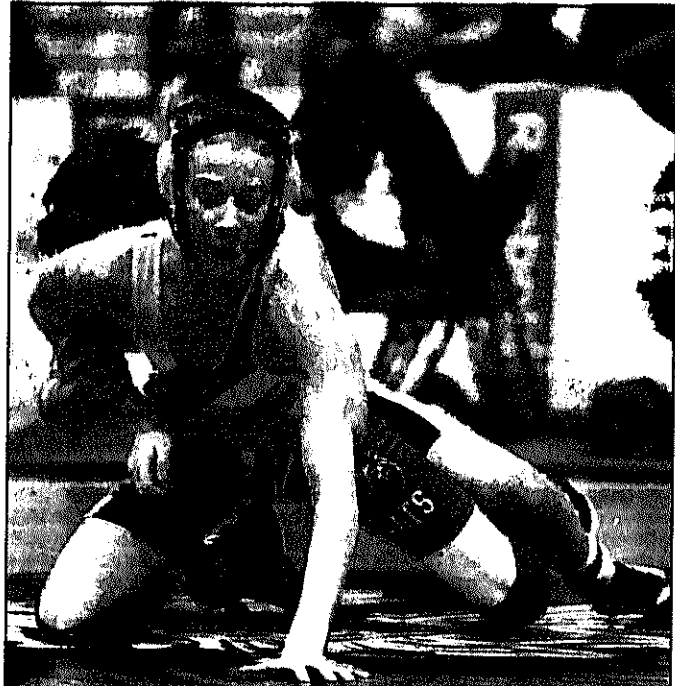
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# OVAC tourney wraps up

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"After losing in the consolations, we came back to win every match in the finals," he added.



Besides Jeremy Border, Caldwell had Nathan Abbott (13-4) finish third at 171 pounds; Jacob Border (21-4), fourth place at 125 pounds; Seth Todd (15-6), fourth at 160 pounds; and Tom Schenkel (19-6), fourth at 285.

"We've talked about this all year long," said Caldwell coach Dustin Robison. "We won it last year, but only got two out and we had five placers in the top four this year. I couldn't be happier with those guys."

"Jeremy got second as a freshman and our two seniors (Abbott and Schenkel) got third and fourth," Robison continued. "I sure hope this is a stepping-stone and we can

carry it over to the sectional and beyond."

Joining Jefferis as a place-winner from Barnesville was Kody Crooks (15-9), who was eighth at 140 pounds.

Shenandoah's lone place-winner was Nick Wells (19-10), who was sixth at 171 pounds.

This year's tournament was under the guidance of Dan Doyle, Superintendent of Schools in the Noble Local School District, who took over for long-time director Ron Mauck.

"It has been a great transition," said Doyle. "The same people that have run the tournament in past years have stayed with us and that made for a good transition."

"This tournament is for the kids," Doyle continued. "Ron Mauck himself was here willing to lend assistance, so it's been a very smooth transition."

A host of awards were presented throughout the event, with Paul "Bud" Billiard selected as this year's "Mr. Mat" honoree given to a person who has been instrumental in promoting the sport of wrestling for many years.

Other awards presented at this week's tournament included Rich Heavilin as recipient of the Larry Deaton OVAC Official of the Year Award; Oak Glen's Tim Ralph as the Junior Varsity Coach of the Year; and Warwood's Ryan Jewell as the Junior High Coach of the Year.

## OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament At WesBanco Arena, Wheeling Team Scores Overall Top 10

1. Harrison Central, 202; 2. Bellaire, 187.5; 3. Oak Glen, 172; 4. Wheeling Park, 157.5; 5. Martins Ferry, 150; 6. Beaver Local, 140.5; 7. Steubenville, 136; 8. St. Clairsville, 125; 9. Caldwell, 124; 10. Cambridge, 119.5.

**Class 4-A**  
1. Wheeling Park, 157.5; 2. Beaver Local, 140.5; Steubenville, 136; 4. Cambridge, 119.5; 5. John Marshall, 116.5.

**Class 3-A**  
1. Harrison Central, 202; 2. Bellaire, 187.5; 3. Oak Glen, 172; 4. Martins Ferry, 150; 5. St. Clairsville, 125.

**Class 2-A**  
1. Caldwell, 124; 2. Shadyside, 84.5; Monroe Central, 71; 4. River, 46; 5. Wheeling Central, 36.5.

**Class 1-A**  
1. Cameron, 92.5; 2. Bridgeport, 35; 3. Beallsville, 29; 4. Conotton Valley, 15; 5. Weirton Madonna, 11.

**Championship Finals**  
103 - Andrew Bertubin (Cambridge) def. Jeremy Border (Cald), 4-3.  
112 - Arizona Miller (Beaver Local) def. Kyle Bauer (Wheeling Central), 8-2.

119 - Dirk Bauer (Wheeling Park) def. Troy Eckelberry (Oak Glen), 6-1.  
125 - Nick Risdon (Harrison Central) def. Ryan Asbury (Oak Glen), 5-3 (OT).

130 - Seth Callarik (St. Clairsville) def. Erik Canter (Bellaire), 2-0.  
135 - Joel Paolo (Oak Glen) def. Dominic Prezzia (St. Clairsville), 3-1.

140 - Dylan Ice (Beaver Local) pinned Michael Slaga (Buckeye Local), 1:19.  
145 - Kurtis Jefferis (Barnesville) def. Robbie Chilson (Bellaire), 5-3.

152 - Rob Eddy (Harrison Central) def. Derek Porter (Bellaire), 2-0.  
160 - Johnny Merryman (Shadyside) def. Andrew Crook (Bellaire), 10-0.

171 - Danny Doyle (Wheeling Park) def. Ian Howell (Harrison Central), 2-1 (OT).

189 - Jake Mallernee (Harrison Central) def. Tucker Goodwin (Wheeling Park), 2-1 (OT).

215 - Branko Basic (Steubenville) pinned Levi Holcomb (St. Clairsville), 3:31.  
285 - Steve Woodford (Martins Ferry) def. Sean West (Bridgeport), 6-1.

**Third-Fourth Place**  
103 - John McComas (Beaver Local) def. Sean McGhee (Steubenville), 6-3.  
112 - Zach Porter (Bellaire) def. Brian Crozier (Shadyside), 3-0.

119 - Preston Foster (East Liverpool) def. David Schlieber (Cameron), 9-1.  
125 - Dillon Nolte (St. Clairsville)

def. Seth Todd (Caldwell), 6-2.  
171 - Nathan Abbott (Caldwell) pinned Jeff Oberdick (Martins Ferry), 4:10.

189 - Ryan Crabtree (Wellsville) def. Jake Henderson (Beaver Local), 6-4.

215 - Derek Rovira (Weir) pinned Schuyler Bondy (Monroe Central), 4:21.

285 - Jimmy Boyd (Oak Glen) def. Tom Schenkel (Caldwell), 6-2.

**Fifth-Sixth Place**  
103 - Eric Beck (John Marshall) won by forfeit over Darren Heavilin (Harrison Central).

112 - Chris Tingler (Steubenville) def. Cody Wiltshire (Buckeye Local), 10-6.

119 - Justin Goode (John Marshall) pinned Derek Birney (Steubenville), 0:16.

125 - Dillon Van Dyne (Cambridge) def. Taylor Yoder (Martins Ferry), 2-0.

130 - Nick Taylor (Wheeling Park) def. Brad Mackey (Martins Ferry), 4-2.

135 - Tyler Berger (Cambridge) def. Angelo Inchini (Steubenville), 5-1.

140 - Paden Potts (Oak Glen) pinned Mitchell Friede (Union Local), 1:36.

145 - Danny Costa (Edison) pinned Mike Rose (Martins Ferry), 4:26.

152 - Marcus George (Wheeling Park) def. Brody Northcraft (Tyler Consolidated), 4-2.

160 - Ryan Hotloasz (Martins Ferry) pinned Coleton Lindamood (Monroe Central), 4:09.

171 - Paden Stewart (River) def. Nick Wells (Shenandoah), 7-2.

189 - Robbie Moten (Cambridge) pinned Matt Shreve (Martins Ferry), 2:42.

215 - Ryan Bytink (Buckeye Local) def. Jay Vaughn (Shadyside), 3-2.

285 - Zac Wojciechowski (Cambridge) def. John Eckroth (Harrison Central), 3-2 (OT).

**Seventh-Eighth Place**  
103 - Kaleb Riggie (East Liverpool) def. Josh Davis (Bellaire), 12-4.

112 - Ryan Richter (Monroe Central) def. Mike Mercer (East Liverpool), 9-2.

119 - Michael Yockey (St. Clairsville) def. Devon Mazik (Indian Creek), 1-0.

125 - Aaron Majecich (Wheeling Park) def. Jake Foster (Bellaire), 2-1.

130 - Jacob Hilliard (Buckeye Local) pinned Jimmy Gessler (Bridgeport), 1:47.

135 - Trevor Coffman (Harrison Central) def. Dalton Hall (John Marshall), 3-1.

140 - Art Hobley (Steubenville) def. Kody Crooks (Barnesville), 6-5.

145 - Kenny Nickerson (St. Clairsville) pinned Marshall Mason (John Marshall), 1:57.

157 - John Coleman (Cambridge)

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Friday  
January 23, 2009

# Oak Glen leads after first round of OVAC event

WHEELING, W. Va. — Following opening night ceremonies, the opening round of wrestling action got underway Thursday night in the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championships at WesBanco Arena.

Following first round action, Oak Glen leads the team scoring with 42 points followed by John Marshall (34.5), Harrison Central (33), Bellaire and Wheeling Park (31), Beaver Local (29.5), Steubenville (29), Caldwell and Martins Ferry (28), Buckeye Local and Cambridge (23.5), St. Clairsville (17), River and Weir (16), Monroe Central (14), Shadyside (13.5), Magnolia (13), East Liverpool (10), Brooke, Cameron and Wellsville (8), Barnesville (7.5), Beallsville, Bridgeport and Edison (6), Wheeling Central (5.5), Bishop Donahue, Conotton Valley, Indian Creek and Union Local (4) and Weirton Madonna (2).

A breakdown by OVAC class has John Marshall leading the 4-A division with Cambridge tied for fifth. In the 3-A class, Oak Glen leads with Barnesville seventh and Meadowbrook tied for ninth. Caldwell leads the Class 2-A division with Shenandoah tied for seventh, while Cameron is on top in the 1-A division.

Cambridge had seven wrestlers advance with wins in the opening round, including Andrew Bertubin (103), Dillon VanDyne (125), Tyler Berger (135), John Coleman (152), Robbie Moten (189), Caleb Gunn (215) and Zac Wojciechowski (285).

Bobcats suffering first round losses were Tim Fox (119), Devin Alfman (140), John Scrudders (145) and Greg Fox (171).

Meadowbrook had no winners in opening round action, while eight grapplers dropped first round matches, including Will Larrison (112), Matt Smith (125), Johnathon Smith (130), Eric Ravak (140), Chance Stoney (152), Charles Speedy (160), Mike Haynes (171) and Forest Kimmel (215).

Caldwell won seven opening round matches, including Jeremy Border (103), Jacob Border (125), Clint Boyd (140), Matt Leasure (152), Seth Todd (160), Nathan Abbott (171) and Tom Schenkel (285).

Redskins suffering first round losses included Zac Cline (112), Cole Haas (145) and Patrick Pickenpaugh at 189.

The Barnesville Shamrocks, picked up three first round wins, including John Barker (119), Kody Crooks (140) and Kurtis Jefferis (145).

Barnesville wrestlers suffering opening round losses were: Clay Crosier (112), Chance Andrews (125), Quentin Castello (130), RJ Barker (160) and Jake Kirk (285).

Four Shenandoah High wrestlers were handed first-round losses, including Seth Stickle (135), James Mercer (140), Ian Wood (145) and Logan Michel in the 152-pound division.

NEXT— The OVAC Tournament resumes today at noon with second round bouts as well as first and second round consolations. Today's second session — starting at 6 p.m. — will include championship quarterfinals as well as third and fourth round consolations. Saturday will also feature two sessions, with the first at noon to include championship semifinals as well as semifinal consolation rounds. That sets the stage for Saturday night's final round. Following an introduction ceremony at 6 p.m., wrestling begins at 6:30 and will include championship matches as well as the consolation bouts for third through seventh place.



First round results on B-3



# Blind John Marshall wrestler focuses on goals, success

• Senior eyes crown in OVAC mat tourney

By BRIAN COOK  
Times Leader Sports Writer

MOUNDSVILLE — It doesn't matter whether it's a championship wrestling match or studying for a test. Sam Gilmore realizes he needs to work harder than his opponent on the mat or the person beside him in the classroom.

"Everything Sam does he does with great emotion and high expectations," John Marshall wrestling coach Ted Zervos explained.

Zervos has developed a very special relationship with Gilmore ever since he entered his sixth grade classroom. Known for being in his fair share of trouble, the Monarchs'

mat mentor saw something special in the youngster.

"He was not an ordinary kid in the classroom. He was a handful and I was warned about him from previous teachers," Zervos smiled.

To this day Sam is still no ordinary wrestler.

It's not because he holds the Monarchs' bench press record at 405 pounds. It's not because Sam is 20-8 with a team high 57 takedowns after he dispatched opponents from New Philadelphia and Sheridan, helping the Brown & Gold finish third in the Meadowbrook Duals a few weeks ago.

And it's not because the 18-year old is becoming a part of the strong tradition at John Marshall and is projected to do well when tournament time comes in March.

No, it's something much different. See, WRESTLER, Page A2



T-L Photo/BRIAN COOK

JOHN MARSHALL senior Sam Gilmore has been fighting a disability his entire life, but has never let it overshadow his goals. The Monarchs' wrestler, shown finishing a double leg takedown, is set to compete in the mammoth Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament beginning Thursday.

## • Wrestler

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Zervos and his John Marshall mat staff is witnessing a miracle at work every day.

Sam Gilmore is legally blind.

"I don't know any different because it's always been that way. I cannot make out features of other wrestlers or the lines on the mat," the John Marshall wrestler shared.

Sam's stigmus, or eye muscle, is not strong enough to hold his eye in place, allowing it to bobble around and not focus. Diagnosed at birth, Sam says he has always been sensitive to bright lights and needs to squint or look away.

However, Sam's handicap has never ruled out achieving the goals set in front of him.

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"I try to do it on my own," he said. "I tough it out because I want to be like everyone else. I take pride that I have a 3.0 grade point average with my major disadvantage."

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## Oak Glen

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They fell to Slade Williams of Beaver Local and Jimmy Gessler of Bridgeport, respectively.

At 140 pounds, fifth-seeded Mitchell Friede of Union Local went down in a tough 2-1 decision to Kody Crooks of Barnesville.

St. John's Carl Piper, who garnered the sixth seed at 52 pounds, went down to Aaron Scurry of Brooke.

In the 285-pound weight class, Zack Kimmins of

Wheeling Park fell to River's Troy Haslam.

All of the top seeds advanced with little or no trouble. St. Clairsville's Dominic Prezgia — the top seed at 135 pounds — and Harrison Central's Ian Howell, the favorite at 171 pounds, were the only ones to not advance with a pin-fall. Beaver Local's Dylan Ice recorded the quickest pin of the opening round, needing 12 seconds on the mat.



# There's A Familiar First-Day Leader

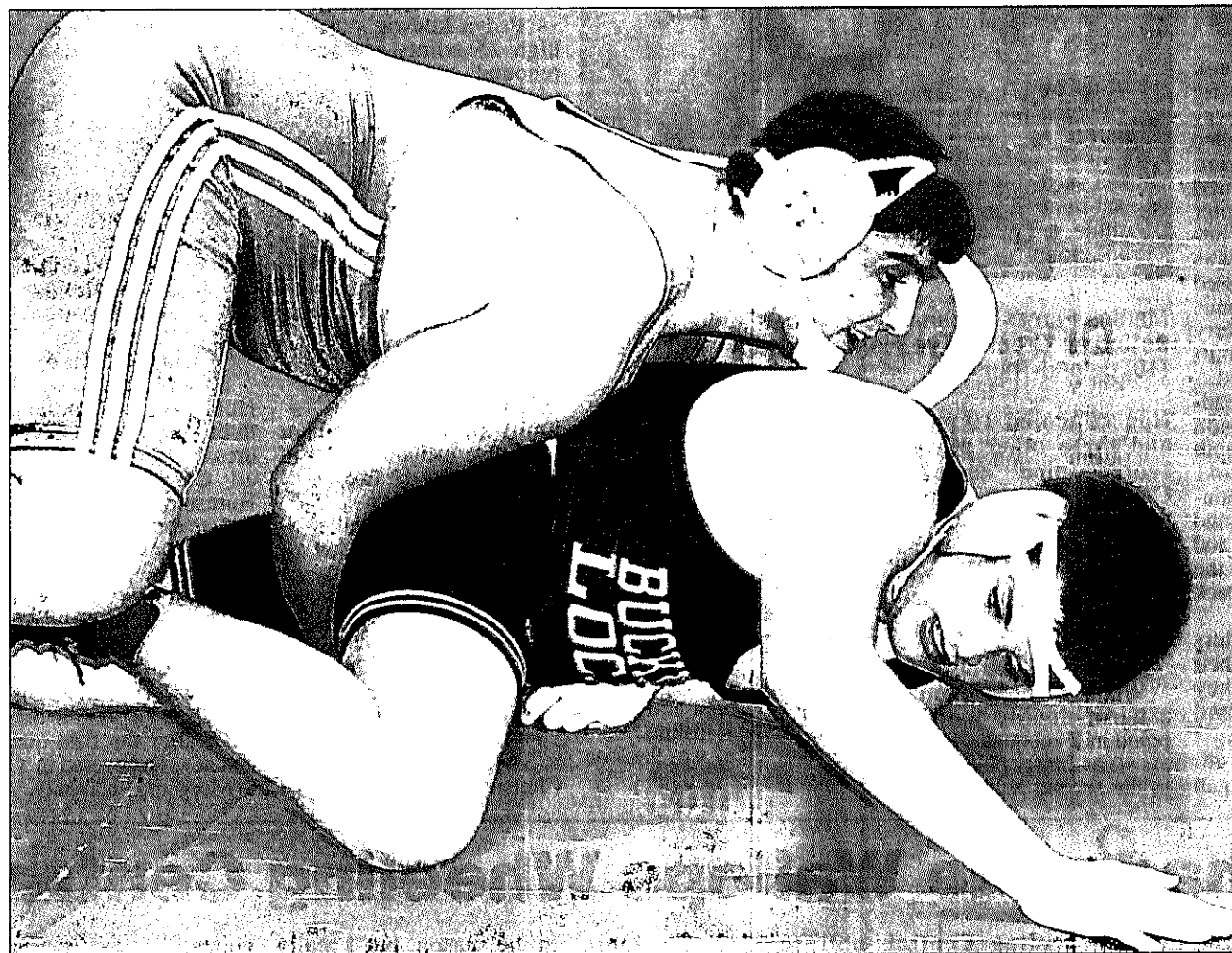


Photo by Brian Cook

Oak Glen's Jimmy Boyd, top, works toward a pin of Buckeye Local's David Solomon (1:37) during championship first-round action of the OVAC Wrestling Tournament on Thursday at WesBanco Arena.

## Oak Glen out in front of OVAC Tourney

By SETH STASKEY  
For The Intelligencer

There's something about January, WesBanco Arena and the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament that brings out the best in Oak Glen.

The Golden Bears, who not many were talking about coming into the tournament, showed why they had 10 seeded wrestlers and are the premier program in the area during Thursday's opening session.

Oak Glen advanced all of its seeded wrestlers and got a few bonus victories along the way en route to 42 points. There's a logjam behind the Bears. John Marshall is second with 34.5, while Harrison Central checks in with 33 points.

Bellaire and defending champion Wheeling Park round out the top five with 31 points.

The tournament resumes this afternoon with second-round championship matches and the first two rounds of consolations, starting at noon. The evening session begins at 6 p.m. with championship quarterfinals.

Oak Glen coach Larry Shaw, owner

### LEADERBOARD

Place	Score	School	CH	WB
1.	42.0	Oak Glen	12	2
2.	34.5	John Marshall	12	2
3.	33.0	Harrison Central	10	4
4.	31.0	Bellaire	12	2
5.	31.0	Wheeling Park	12	2
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7.	29.0	Staubenville	12	2
8.	28.0	Caldwell	11	3
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10.	23.5	Buckeye Local	6	7

of 12 consecutive WVSSAC wrestling championships, has been around long enough to know the OVAC Tourney isn't necessarily won during the Thursday action.

"We're in pretty good shape, but the early rounds are really important," Shaw said moments after the initial team scores were announced. "It's just a round-by-round thing and we need to advance guys. So far we're doing OK."

Before focus could shift to today's action, Oak Glen wrestlers had to take care of opening-round opponents and

most did so in relatively quick fashion. The Bears had only two wrestlers not survive the first round.

"We need our non-seeded (wrestlers) to keep coming through with wins," Shaw said. "All of the rounds are key and we need to keep advancing. A big key is going to be when guys get bumped out of the championship round that they have to come back and pick up points for the team in the consolation bracket."

Of the 112 seeded wrestlers, only six went down in the first round.

Included in those were three seeds that bit the dust at 130 pounds. But top seeds Erik Canter of Bellaire and Seth Callarik of St. Clairsville rolled to the second round.

The highest seeded wrestler to go down was Cameron's Tevin Hall who was a 9-8 loser to East Liverpool's Vince Ours.

Other seeds to go down at 130 pounds were Indian Creek's Justin Leroy (sixth seed) and Barnesville's Quentin Castello (eighth seed).

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## FLEXING THEIR MUSCLE

The John Marshall Monarchs broke the 100-point barrier in hammering Magnolia in high school basketball action/15



Photo by Brian Cook

John Marshall's Sam Gilmore, right, will be participating in this weekend's OVAC Wrestling Tournament at WesBanco Arena.

# Gilmore Faces A True Test

Legally blind Monarchs wrestler is defying the odds

By BRIAN COOK  
For The Intelligencer

MOUNDSVILLE — It doesn't matter whether it's a championship wrestling match or studying for a test. Sam Gilmore realizes he needs to work harder than his opponent on the mat or the person beside him in the classroom.

"Everything Sam does he does with great emotion and high expectations," John Marshall wrestling coach Ted Zervos said.

Zervos has developed a very special relationship with Gilmore ever since he entered his sixth grade classroom. Known for being in his fair share of trouble, the Monarchs' mat mentor saw something special in the youngster.

"He was not an ordinary kid in the classroom. He was a handful and I was warned about him from previous teachers," Zervos said.

To this day Gilmore is still no ordinary wrestler.

It's not because he holds the Monarchs' bench press record at 405 pounds. It's not because Gilmore is 20-8 with a team high 57 takedowns after he dispatched opponents from New Philadelphia and Sheridan, helping the Brown & Gold finish third in the Meadowbrook Duals a few weeks ago.

And it's not because the 18-year old is becoming a part of the strong tradition at John Marshall and is projected to do well when tournament time comes in March.

No, it's something much different. Zervos and his John Marshall mat staff are witnessing a miracle at work every day.

Gilmore is legally blind. "I don't know any different because it's always been that way. I cannot make out features of other wrestlers or the lines on the mat," the John Marshall wrestler said.

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## OVAC Wrestling Pairings

103 — Andrew Bertubin (CAM) vs Broc Barker (BPT); Josh Bartug (RIV) vs Derek Minzler (WPI); Tyler Singleton (BL) vs Dan Heavin (HC); Shawn McShee (STEU) vs John Brosky (TC); Zach Greenleaf (WEIR) vs John McComas (BEAV); Joe Lawrence (IC) vs Jeremy Border (CALD).

112 — Arizona Miller (BEAV) vs David Watkins (HC); Clay Crosier vs Ryan Richter (MC); David Mahan (OG) vs Michael Neavin (MF); Josh Longworth (JM) vs Zac Cline (CALD); Tyler Brown (STC) vs Cody Wiltshire (BL); Zach Porter (BELL) vs Andrew Beaulieu (SCEN); Jesse Crilly (CV) vs Will Larison (MEAD); Tyler Buchanan (BRK) vs Bryan Crozier (SHAD); Chris Tingler (STEU) vs John Nice (WP); Logan Pfouts (IC) vs Kyle Bausar (WCEN).

119 — Dirk Bauer (WP) vs Tim Fox (CAMB); Derek Birney (STEU) vs Josh Marosi (BRK); Dylan Frizzi (BELL) vs David Schaefer (CAM); Justin Goode (JM) vs Jeffrey Blumenauer (BL); Mitch Riley (HC) vs Troy Eckleberry (OG); John Barker (BARN) vs Chevez Chambliss (MF); Tyler Palmer (BEAV) vs Preston Foster (EL).

125 — Nick Rusdon (HC) vs Tony Marques (UL); Chance Andrews (BARN) vs Mason Gulash (SHAD); Robert Grandinetti (SCEN) vs Aaron Majlich (WP); Dillon Nolte (STC) vs Mark Barton (WELL); Justin Walker (IC) vs Eddie Hoggay (MAD); Tyler Schwertliger (CAM) vs Taylor Yoder (MF); Dillon Vandyne (CAMB) vs Matt Smith (MEAD); Steve Swartz (BEAV) vs Josh Campbell (BRK); Willis Long (ED) vs Jacob Border (CALD); Jake Foster (BELL) vs Chris Miller (BD); Jonathan Muntz (MC) vs Jacob Thompson (BL); Jason Stocklask (JM) vs Ryan Asbury (OG).

130 — Erik Canter (BELL) vs Ben Burns (WCEN); Taylor Clegg (BD) vs Kyle Anderson (MAG); Jimmy Gessler (BPT) vs Quentin Castello (BARN); Nick Taylor (WP) vs Shawn Pate (HC); Journey Wayts (RIV) vs Cody Churchill (OG); Zane Coslow (STEU) vs Brad Mackay (MF); Tevin Hall (CAM) vs Vince Ours (EL); Trevor Vilga (BRK) vs Jonathon Smith (MEAD); Jorge Wilkos (SHEN) vs Kyle Friede (UL); Slade Williams (BEAV) vs Justin Leroy (IC); Jeremy Howard (JM) vs Keith Gubanez (ED); Jon Wilos (BEAL) vs Jess Bennett (WEIR); Jacob Hilliard (BL) vs Seth Callank (STC).

135 — Dominic Prezzia (STC) vs Dominick Driver (MF); Justin Lunsford (SHAD) vs Cody Davidson (WEIR); Dalton Hall (JM) vs Seth Stokley (SHEN); Angelo Iachini (STEU) vs Dylan Kiedrowski (SCEN); Calvin Mcune (TC) vs Eric Estep (MAG); Austin Warsinsky (CAM) vs Ryan Lemasters (ED); Shawn Losey (IC) vs Tyler Berger (CAMB); Sam Faykus (BELL) vs Jon Maper (WCEN); Camron Miller (BEAV) vs Trevor Coffman (HC); Sunny Beavers (BRK) vs James Earllwine (UL); Mike Buchheit (EL) vs Brandon Bartrug (BL); Hans Rogerson (WP) vs Ty Coulson (BPT); Payton Palmer (BEAL) vs James West (RIV); Joe Dowling (WELL) vs Joel Pazio (OG).

140 — Dylan Ios (BEAV) vs Michael Patrick (CV); Devin Aifman (CAMB) vs Clint Boyd (CALD); Mitchell Friede (UL) vs Kody Crooks (BARN); Cody Berisford (WP) vs James Mercer (SHEN); Peter Herrmann (SCEN) vs Jesse Dobson (BELL); Brandon Staudacher (IC) vs Eric Ravak (MEAD); Joey Ingold (MAG) vs Josh Wilson (WCEN); John Lavener (STC) vs Art Hobbey (STEU); Paden Potts (OG) vs Jacob Higgins (BRK); Josh Coll (EL) vs Shadon Stewart (BD); Jarrett Blake (JM) vs Michael Slaga (BL).

145 — Kurtis Jeffers (BARN) vs Cole Haas (CALD); John Scrudders (CAMB) vs Mike Sachs (BEAV); Chris Pritchett (BPT) vs JD

Sokolowski (BL); Kerry Nickerson (STC) vs Ian Wood (SHEN); Jake Martin (EL) vs Marshall Mason (JM); Willie Brokaw (UL) vs Mike Rose (MF); Taylor Banks (HC) vs Fabio Formella (SHAD); Joey Culley (MAG) vs Danny Costa (ED); Luke Braunlich (WELL) vs AJ Rhodes (OG); Matt Flanigan (WELL) vs Urie Ryniawac (BRK); Adrian Camp (WEIR) vs Dustin Platt (MC); Tate Richardson (MEAD) vs Robbie Chilson (BELL).

152 — Rob Eddy (HC) vs Jacob Howarth (STEU); Mike Thomas (WELL) vs Gabe Clymer (WEIR); Marcus Brennan (OG) vs John Coleman (CAMB); Tannev Whyte (CAM) vs Logan Michel (SHEN); Taylor Kinzy (BEAL) vs Darin Dye (STC); Chris Talgenhorst (EL) vs Scott Kalsar (MF); Derek Porter (BELL) vs Chance Stoney (MEAD); Stephen Heslop (MAG) vs Thomas Schwing (JM); Aaron Soury (BRK) vs Carl Piper (STJ); Marcus George (WP) vs Matt Hawken (ED); Matt Leasure (CALD) vs Matt Cowser (IC); Donnie Heath (SHAD) vs Derek Supanik (BL).

160 — Johnny Maryman (SHAD) vs Chas Snider (STC); RJ Baker (BARN) vs Matt Smith (JM); Seth Todd (CALD) vs Thijs Vangulik (BPT); Brandon Grimes (TC) vs Colaton Lindamood (MC); Charles Speedy (MEAD) vs Cody Kaiser (HC); Ryan Hottloz (MF) vs Brandon Baker (BEAL); Marcus Wells (OG) vs Tyler Settle (WP); Brent Kirk (BL) vs Bobby Richmond (BD); Lucas Kroesen (BEAV) vs David Johnston (IC); Codey Rickman (CAM) vs Andrew Crook (BELL).

171 — Ian Howell (HC) vs Alex Morris (EL); Travis Smith (STC) vs Nathan Abbott (CALD); Jeff Oberdick (MF) vs Jonathan Horton (BL); Seth Pay (MAG) vs Make Dalto (BPT); Greg Fox (CAMB) vs Mike Nantwick (BEAV); Dylan Davis (OG) vs George Monroe (UL); Christian Edmond (BELL) vs Nick Wells (SHEN); Jon Renforth (IC) vs Willie Fordham (STEU); Paden Stewart (RIV) vs Timmy Jones (BEAL); Cody Barker (TC) vs Nathan McConaughy (MC); Mike Haynes (MEAD) vs Danny Doyle (WP).

189 — Jake Mallonee (HC) vs Patrick Pickenpaugh (CALD); Brandon Kumer (BPT) vs Taylor Neely (CAM); Dalton Herzick (ED) vs Jamey DeVaul (STEU); Robbie Moten (CAMB) vs Erik Miller (IC); Zac Montero (OG) vs Cody Wells (WEIR); Chris Van Horn (UL) vs Jake Henderson (BEAV); Ryan Crabtree (WELL) vs Cole Mathews (MC); Nick Nero (MAD) vs Jason Long (MAG); Bob McDole (EL) vs Jerry Kahl (SHAD); Tucker Goodwin (WP) vs Michael Kidwell (BELL); Drew Phillips (BEAL) vs Michael Gonchoff (JM); Michael Blackwell (STC) vs Matt Shreve (MF).

215 — Branko Busick (STEU) vs Michael Fuscardo (MAD); Keith Doty (CAM) vs Aaron Schneid (WCEN); Dalton Leach (MF) vs Dave Vaughn (SHAD); Derrick Rovira (WEIR) vs Michael O'Neil (MAG); Dalton Cougar (WELL) vs Amos Leach (UL); Jon Brown (BEAV) vs Sam Gilmore (JM); Rylan Pyciak (BL) vs Derek Brown (BEAL); Jordan Case (HC) vs Mikey Lough (WP); Anthony Pederson (BRK) vs Levi Holcomb (STC); Justin Greathouse (OG) vs Forest Kimmel (MEAD); Caleb Gunn (CAMB) vs Christian Smart (CV); Paul Shelburne (SCEN) vs Schuyler Bondy (MC).

285 — Steve Woodford (MF) vs James Blingiel (BRK); Jake Kirk (BARN) vs Paden Mooris (JM); John Eckroth (HC) vs TJ Knight (STC); Mike Vanni (BC) vs Zac Wojciachowski (CAMB); Troy Haslam (RIV) vs Zack Kimmins (WP); Jimmy Boyd (OG) vs David Solomon (BL); Ronnie Morrell (WELL) vs Aaron Silverio (SHAD); Eric Neilson (UL) vs Tom Schenkel (CALD); George Rickman (BEAL) vs Travis Brancazio (IC); Fred Lowe (EL) vs Sean West (BPT).



# Oak Glen Remains Golden

Bears have 10 seeded wrestlers at OVACs

By BRIAN COOK  
For The Intelligencer

It's fair to say it will be a battle for the gold this weekend at the 2009 Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament at WesBanco Arena.

As the coaches gathered for the conference's pre-tournament press gathering it was no surprise that juggernaut Oak Glen leads the field with 10 seeded wrestlers.

In the familiar spot, Golden Bears' coach Larry Shaw feels comfortable heading into the three-day grind, but acknowledges a team championship is never a done deal as Bellaire, Harrison Central and returning champion Wheeling Park all have eight seeds.

"Those seeded guys need to do well," Shaw said.

"They have to wrestle up to their seeds and some of the guys who are not seeded need to surprise a few guys."

Going in with the 'X' on their back with the most seeds is nothing out of the ordinary for Shaw and company, but he believes his team has been preparing all season to be put in this position.



"We have wrestled a lot of good competition and it will pay dividends this weekend. We are going to need a total team effort. It started with practice this week and will run through the

weekend," he said.

One of the teams entering uncharted territory coming into this weekend is Harrison Central. Holding eight seeds, the Huskies hold four top seeds with Nick Risdon (125), Rob Eddy (152), Ian Howell (171) and Jake Mallernee (189).

By far the most top seeds in the tournament, coach Todd Dunlap believes his team has been making great strides in the recent years and is ready to peak this weekend.

"It is a little more than we are used to," Dunlap said of having eight seeded grapplers. "We're used to flying under the radar. Now it seems more like we are one of the ones to beat."

For the first time since Harrison Central was consolidated from Cadiz, Jewett-Scio and Lakeland high schools, the Huskies are considered as one of the favorites in the mammoth conference tournament.

The last time any Harrison County-based school captured an overall team title was in 1981 as the Cadiz Cardinals took the white championship banner and Dunlap was only one-year old.

"It has been a long time since we have been this competitive," he said. "This week we went over performing to expectations. It's uncharted waters for us and we have to perform."

As the Huskies deal with their high expectations, the Big Reds are going to attempt to live up to the hype which never comes to be at the OVAC Tournament. With one No. 1 seed, two No. 2 seeds, three No. 3 seeds, one No. 4 seed and one No. 7 seed, Bellaire coach Shane Shaffer believes his squad can conquer the Goliaths known as Harrison and Oak Glen.

"We have six seniors in the lineup and it helps they've all wrestled here before," Shaffer explained. "They know what to expect and my expectations from them as well."

Shaffer will showcase returning OVAC champions Erik Canter (130) and 2007 OVAC champion Robbie Chilson (145).

While the Ohio side of the river continues to exult about its big guns, Wheeling Park mat coach Sean Doyle believes the Patriots have been downplayed coming into the annual conference tournament.

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"I don't think we are getting looked at as a serious, legitimate contender. We are the underdogs in this tournament and it's a good challenge for us," Doyle explained as his championship team from last season was lost in the midst of graduation. "We have a lot of quality guys back. In the seed meeting I thought a few of our kids could have been seeded higher and got slid lower than expected. Park carries only one top seed entering the tournament — Dirk Bauer (119) — who has not been denied in many matches in the past few years let alone the

OVAC tournament. "Dirk is at a level where he never believes he should lose at any venue or event," Doyle said as Bauer is aiming for his third individual OVAC crown.

Other top-seeded wrestlers include Cambridge's Andrew Bertubin (105), Beaver Local's Arizona Miller (112), St. Clairsville's Dominic Prezija (135), Beaver Local's Dylan Lee (140), Barnesville's Kurtis Jeffers (145), Shadyside's Johnny Merryman (160), Steubenville's Branko Busick (215) and Martins Ferry's Steve Woodford (285).

## Golden

Dan Doyle, middle, director of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, is flanked by Wheeling Park coach Sean Doyle, left, and Oak Glen coach Larry Shaw during Monday's media night event.



Photo by Brian Cook

## OVAC mat tournament previewed

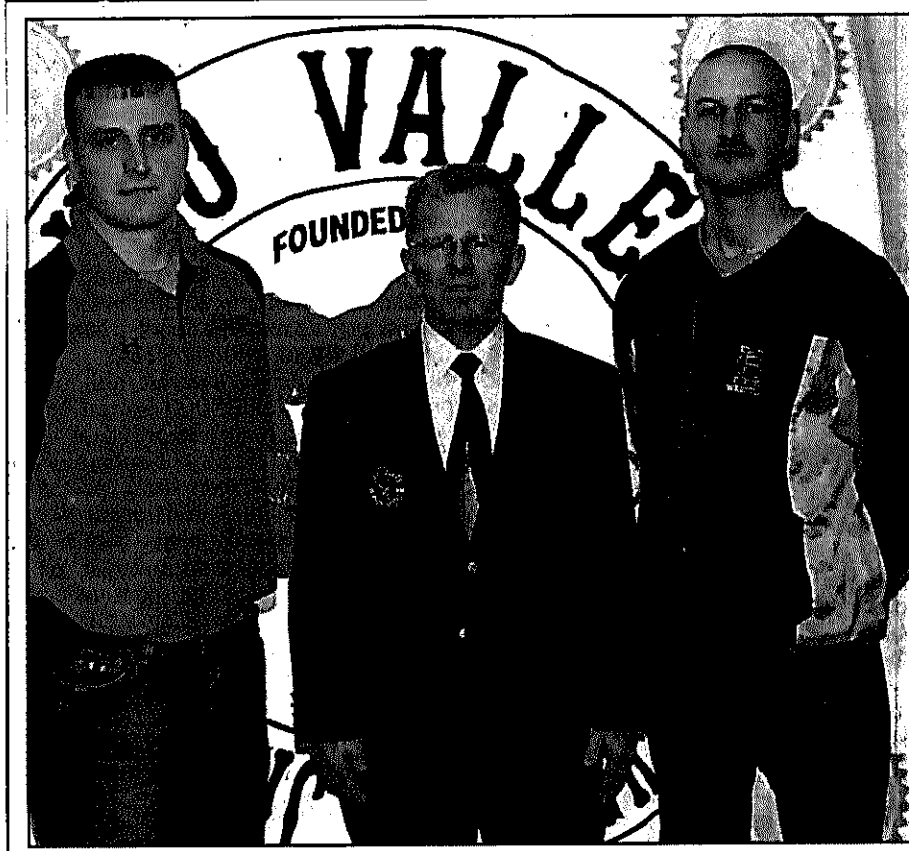
THE WINTER sports season has been ongoing since the latter part of November.

This weekend the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference begins a five-week stretch of crowning champions with the giant 56th Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament at WesBanco Arena. While the action officially begins on eight mats Thursday evening at 6:30, The Times Leader kicks off its coverage Wednesday with its annual OVAC Wrestling Preview tabular, which will be contained in the daily paper.

The 32-page magazine will be contained inside Wednesday's edition and will contain in-depth preview stories on 16 area high schools with full squad photos for each school.

For the first time, in-depth previews on Wheeling Park, Wheeling Central and John Marshall are contained to

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T-L Photo BRIAN COOK

PREPARING FOR this weekend's 56th Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament are, from left, Bellaire High wrestling coach Shane Shaffer, tournament director Danny Doyle and Harrison Central head coach Todd Dunlap. This mark Doyle's first year as tournament director. The Big Reds and Huskies are expected to contend for the overall title.

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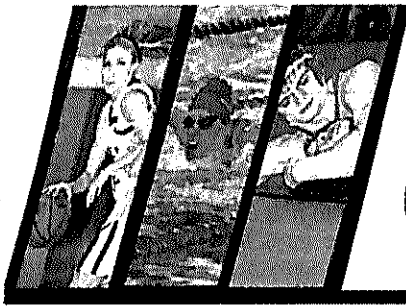
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complement the schools in The Times Leader's immediate coverage area.

Ron Mauck — for whom the tournament is named — has relinquished his reigns as tournament director to former Buckeye Local head coach and now Noble Local Schools Superintendent Dan Doyle.

The production was a team effort by many at The Times Leader, including the advertising department, the photography department as well as the sports and editorial departments.

Look for extensive coverage both in the paper and on [www.timesleaderonline.com](http://www.timesleaderonline.com) during the entire weekend.



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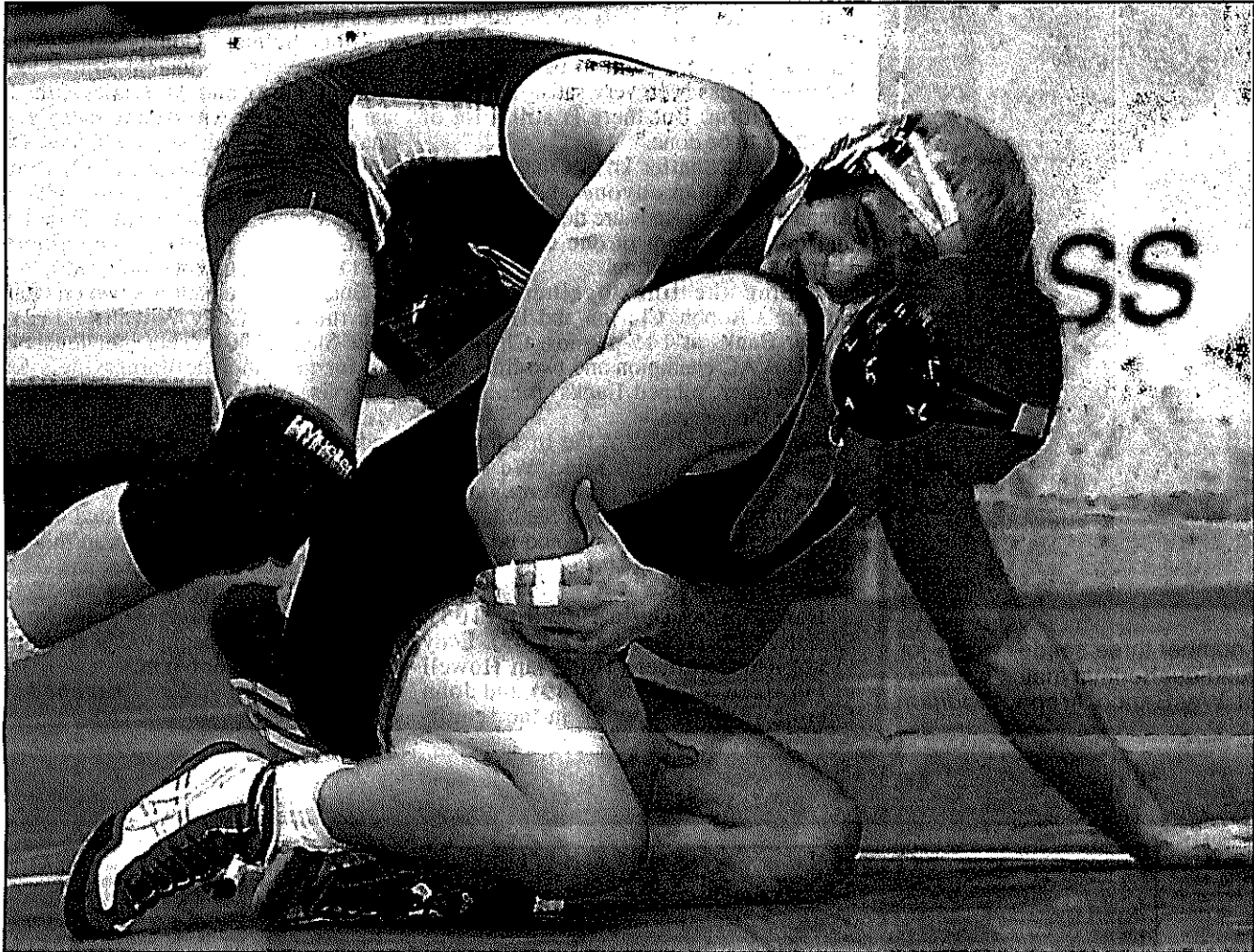
THE PULSE OF LOCAL SPORTS

Saturday, January 24, 2009

## 56th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament

Leaderboard

1. Harrison Central, 128; 2. Bellaire, 121.5; Oak Glen, 121.5; 4. Wheeling Park, 110.5; John Marshall, 110.5



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CAMBRIDGE'S John Coleman -- the eighth seed -- works for control against Harrison Central's Rob Eddy -- the top seed -- during their 152-pound quarterfinal match Friday evening at the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament at WesBanco Arena. Additional images may be viewed at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

## OVAC Wrestling Tourney doesn't miss a beat in its transition stage

The nation has undergone transition this week with the inauguration of the President.

On a smaller level, the OVAC Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament is in the midst of a transition year.

However, you'd better have a keen eye if you want to notice.

For the first time since 1979 -- when the tournament moved to WesBanco Arena -- the nation's largest conference mat tournament has someone new in control.



**SETH STASKEY**  
From the Press Box:

Noble Local School Superintendent Dan Doyle is currently steering the ship of the Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament for the first year. He took over for the man for whom the tournament is named.

"After being involved in this tournament for so long and being around so many good people over the years, it's really an honor for me to be directing it," Doyle explained.

Doyle has been prepping for his new title for the past 11 years when he took over as Mauck's top aide.

"Having been his assistant has allowed the transition to be a smooth one," Doyle said. "I think it's gone real well."

It was a few years back when Mauck, Doyle and other OVAC hierarchy began discussing the changing of the guard if you will.

"I kind of knew it was coming down the pike," Doyle said. "We tried to do what we thought was necessary to make it smooth and this is a transition year."

After giving it much thought, Mauck just thought the time was right to step away and let Doyle take over.

"It was a tough decision to make, but it was a decision that needed to be made because I knew we had the right people," Mauck said. "We're all working together, so it's like geese flying north and south in a V. The goose out in front doesn't stay in front all of the time, they alter positions and that's where we were. We had the people willing and able to change positions."

After working with him and becoming best of friends with Doyle, Mauck knows the tournament and OVAC wrestling is in good hands.

"I have said it over and over again, Dan is a super guy," Mauck said. "He's proven that time and time again. He's got a great background in wrestling as well as a great administrative background. And I wouldn't have given up the role if I didn't know we had the people ready to step up."

Mauck has been quizzed many times about the transition of the tournament and power, but he indicated as long as all of the pieces are in place, nothing about the continuity changes.

"All of the spokes are basically the same and the wheel will continue to move as it always has," Mauck said. "The only thing we've done is change the color of the wheel. You couldn't choose a better person (than

# Harrison surges

• Huskies have eight wrestlers in championship round; Tourney resumes today at noon

By BRIAN COOK  
Times Leader Sport Writer

Today's tale will be one for the history books at the mammoth Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament.

Single digits comprise the difference for juggernauts Harrison Central (128), Bellaire (121.5) and Oak Glen (121.5) heading into the final day, but the Huskies and Big Reds seem to have the upper hand with nine wrestlers left each.

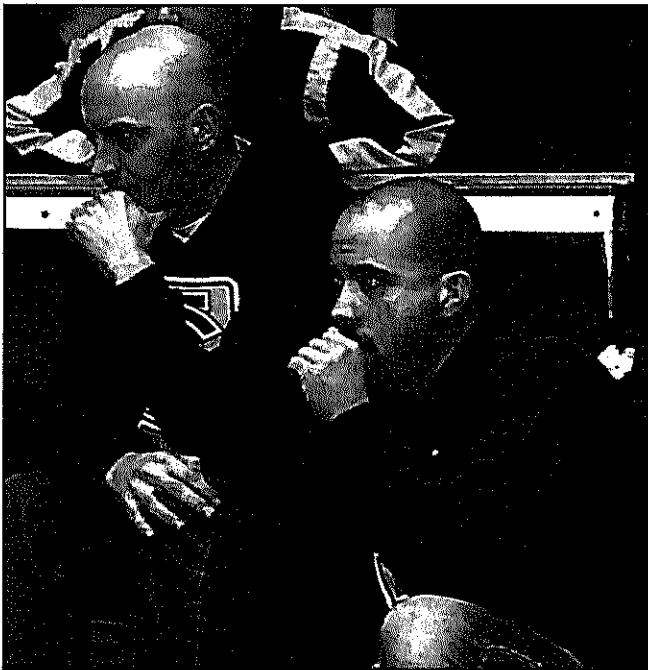
"It brings chills down your spine to hear Harrison Central on top," Huskies' mat mentor Todd Dunlap acknowledged. "It has been a great experience for our kids and fans. We have been feeding off the energy."

The Huskies will have eight of those nine grapplers in the championship semifinals while the Big Reds will boast seven.

"We are going to have to get those seven in the finals if we are going to win this tournament," Bellaire coach Shane Shaffer said. "For those who unfortunately get beat, it all depends how they handle their composure and if they can come back to take third."

The Huskies, who have been setting the OVAC tournament as a goal all season, haven't won an OVAC wrestling title in its brief school history. The last squad which won an OVAC team trophy from the district was the 1981 Cadiz squad, long before Harrison's consolidation of Cadiz, Jewett-Scio and Lakeland high schools.

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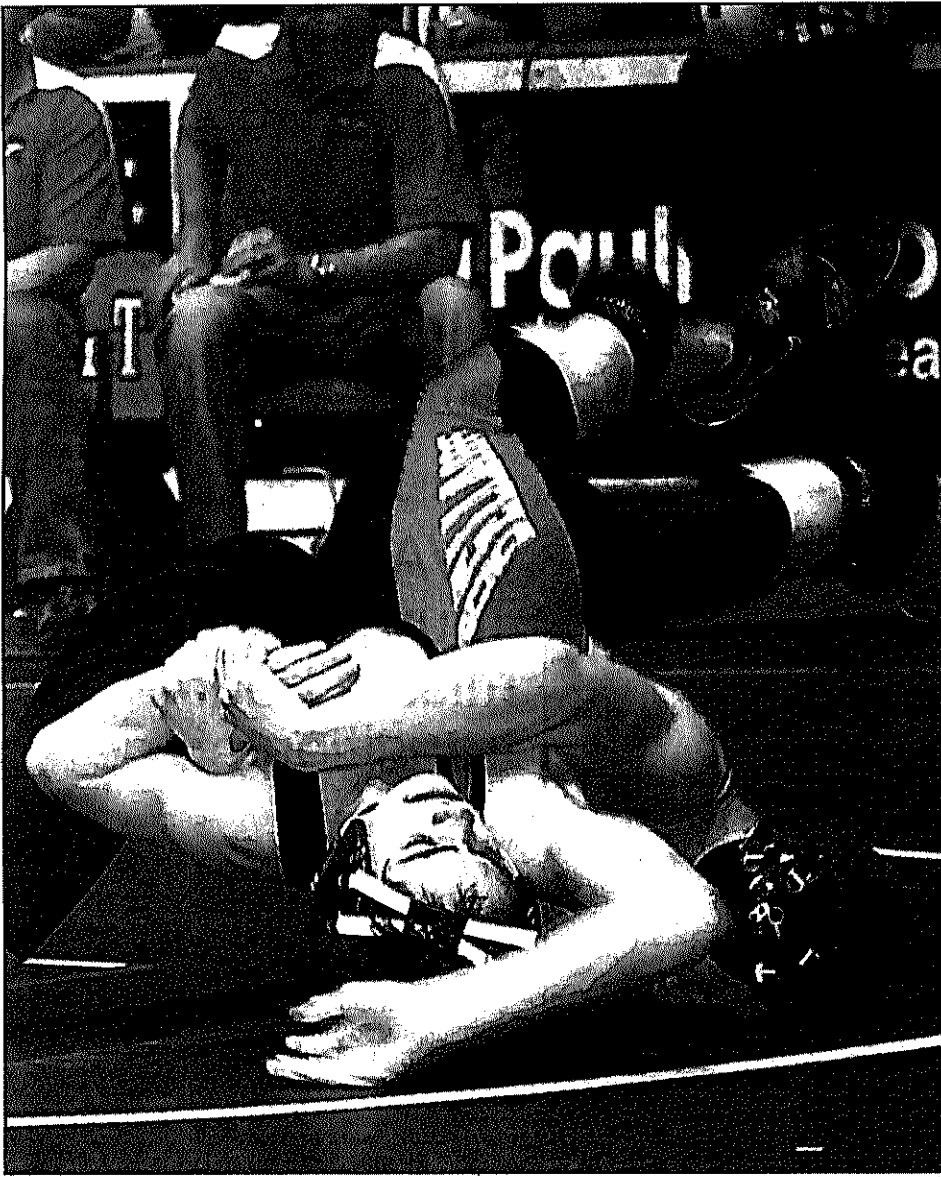


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HARRISON CENTRAL head coach Todd Dunlap (left) and assistant coach Anthony Hayer look during one of the Huskies' matches during Friday's action at the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. The Huskies are currently leading the event with 128 points.

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**HARRISON CENTRAL'S Darin Heavilin -- the number three seed -- works for a pin of Bellaire's Josh Davis during their 103-pound quarterfinal match at Friday's Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament at WesBanco Arena. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)**

OVAC Wrestling Results

TEAM SCORES

Harrison Central 129, Bellaire 121.5, Oak Glen 119, Wheeling Park 110.5, John Marshall 110.5, Martin Ferry 104, Steubenville 98, Beaver Local 87.5, Cambridge 84.5, Buckeye Local 80, Caldwell 76, St. Clairsville 75, East Liverpool 70.5, Monroe Central 60, Cameron 54.5, Shadyside 54.5, West 46, Indian Creek 42, River 41, Brooke 37, Barnesville 30.5, Beavertown 28, Wheeling Central 25.5, Magnolia 24.5, Bridgeport 24, Union Local 21.5, Tyler Consolidated 21, Wellsville 21, Shenandoah 20, Edison 18.5, Meadowbrook 18.5, Conotton Valley 15, Weirton Madonna 11, Bishop Donahue 10, Steubenville Central 7.5, St. John Central 7

CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTERFINALS

103 - Bertubin (CAMP) major dec. Beck (JM), 1:48; Joffis (BARN) major dec. Davis (BEL), 3-0; McComas (BEAV) major dec. McGhee (STB), 11-2; 112 - Wiltshire (BL) pinned Mahan (OG), 1:47; Miller (BEAV) dec. Richter (MC), 4-1; Bauer (WC) tech. fall Mercer (EL), 2:47; 119 - Schlieper (CAM) pinned Birney (STB), 0:40; Barker (BARN) pinned Fox (CAMP), 4:56; Bauer (WP) tech. fall Mazik (IC), 18-2; Ecklebey (OG) dec. Goode (JM), 9-3; Foster (EL) pinned Yockay (STC), 5:28; 125 - Asbury (OG) dec. Foster (BEL), 6-2; Border (CALD) dec. VanDyne (CAMP), 8-3; Risdon (HC) dec. Majetch (WP), 3-1; Nolte (STC) dec. Yoder (MF), 7-1; 130 - Taylor (WF) dec. Mackey (MF), 10-7; Canter (BEL) tech. fall Gessler (BPT), 17-2; Callanick (STC) dec. Howard (JM), 5-4; Ours (EL) pinned Williams (BEAV), 1:24; 135 - Prezzia (STC) pinned Hall (JM), 2:52; Paolo (OG) major dec. Rogerson (WP), 10-1; Faykus (BEL) dec. Bartug (BL), 5-4; Berger (CAMP) dec. Iachini (STB), 7-1; 140 - Ice (BEAV) pinned Boyd (CALD), 1:09; Dobson (BEL) dec. Crooks (BARN), 5-2; Staudacher (IC) dec. Hobley (STB), 11-4; Slaga (BL) dec. Potts (OG), 10-3; 145 - Banks (HC) major dec. Blake (CAM), 10-0; Chilson (BEL) pinned Flanagan (WEL), 3:16; Jefferson (BARN) pinned Sokolowski (BL), 4:34; Rosa (MF) dec. Nickerson (STC), 7-3; 152 - Eddy (HC) pinned Coleman (CAMP), 5:01; Whyte (CAM) dec. Kaiser (MF), 7-4; D. Porter (BEL) major dec. Northcraft (TC), 10-0; George (WP) dec. Derek Supanik (BL), 8-3; 160 - Hollosz (MF) dec. Richmond (BD), 8-6; Kaiser (SHADY) dec. Todd (CALD), 5-2; Mermman (SHADY) major dec. Smith (JM), 11-3; Crook (BEL) pinned Kroesen (BEAV), 5:48; 171 - Obernick (CALD) dec. Newtwick (BEAV), 6-4; Howell (OG) pinned Abbott (CALD), 5:33; Well (SHEN) dec. Fordham (STB), 7-5; Doyle (WP) dec. Stewart (RIV), 14-5; 189 - Mallamee (HC) dec. DeVaul (STB), 7-2; Henderson (BEAV) major dec. Molen (CAMP), 9-0; Crabtree (WELL) dec. Kahl (SHADY), 8-5; Goodwin (WP) major dec. Shreve (MF), 16-2; 215 - Busick (STB) pinned Browne (CALD), 1:31; Holcomb (STC) pinned Case (HC), 0:14; Bondy (MC) pinned Greahtouse (OG), 4:31; Rovira (WEIR) dec. Gilmore (JM), 11-6; 285 - Woodford (MF) pinned Morris (JM), 3:04; Eckroth (HC) pinned Wojciechowski (CAMP), 1:39; Bondy (OG) dec. Schenkel (CALD), 2-1; West (BPT) dec. Ruckman (BEAL), 2-1

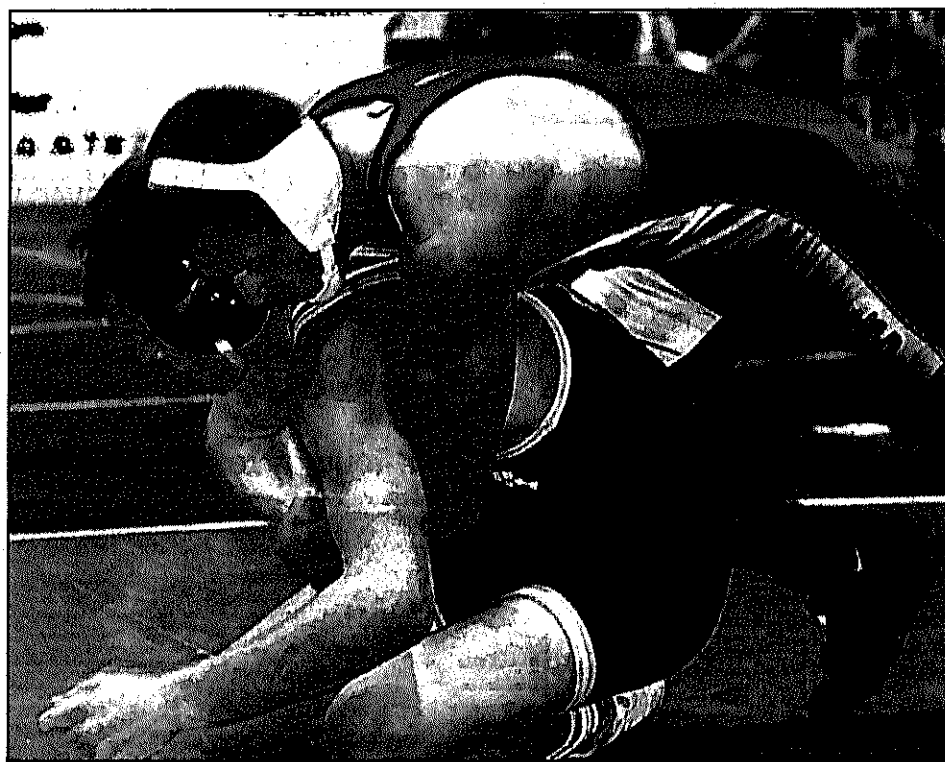
**2nd ROUND CHAMPIONSHIP**

103 - Heavilin (HC) pinned Curcione (STC), 0:56; Davis (BEL) pinned Bartug (RIV), 1:18; Bertubin (CAMP) pinned Howard (WC), 1:18; Border (CALD) pinned Bell (ED), 1:46; McComas (BEAV) pinned Schumacher (MC), 0:50; Beck (JM) dec. Brown (OG), 4-2; McGhee (STB) tech. fall Greenief (WEIR), 20-4; Riggie (EL) pinned Payton (EL), 3:21; 112 - Miller (BEAV) pinned Kinney (CAM), 0:33; Z. Foster (BEL) pinned Criley (CV), 2:23; Richter (MC) pinned Good (CAMP), 2:38; Wiltshire (BL) major dec. Longworth (JM), 9-1; Mercer (EL) dec. Tingler (STB), 9-2; Crozier (SHADY) pinned Wohnhas (RIV), 0:15; Bauer (WC)

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**1st ROUND CONSOLATION**

103 - No matches contested



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**ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Dominic Prezzia -- the top seed at 135 pounds -- works for control of the hands during his quarterfinal match against John Marshall's Dalton Hall during Friday evening's action at the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Additional images may be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)**

Kiedrowski (SCEN) pinned Moine (TC), 4:28; Loscy (OG) pinned Warkisky (CAM), 2:22; 140 - Mercer (SHEN) pinned Hermann (SCEN), 2:02; Ingold (MAG) tech. fall Ravak (MEAD), 17-2; Blake (JM) pinned Stewart (BD), 3:51; 145 - Scrudders (CAMP) pinned Formella (SHADY), 1:49; Browak (UL) dec. Marin (EL), 15-11; 152 - Howarth (STB) pinned Thomas (WELL), 1:55; Tagtenhorst (EL) major dec. Dye (STC), 2:05; Smart (CV) pinned Shelburne (SCEN), 1:19; Cowson (IC) pinned Healy (SHADY), 4:07; Northcraft (TC) pinned Scurry (BRK), 5:46; 160 - Grimes (TC) pinned Speedy (MEAD), 2:06; 171 - Fox (CAMP) tech. fall Dalto (BPT), 20-5; Newtwick (BEAV) pinned Pay (MAG), 0:57; 189 - Nero (MAD) pinned Matthews (MC), 0:52; Phillips (BEAL) pinned Blackwell (STC), 1:33; Kumer (BPT) pinned VanHorn (UL), 1:57; 215 - Brown (BEAV) pinned Cougar (WELL), 2:05; Smart (CV) pinned Shelburne (SCEN), 1:45; Lough (WP) pinned Brown (BEAL), 1:19; 285 - Kimmins (WP) pinned Vanni (BD), 0:23.

**2nd ROUND CONSOLATION**

103 - Bell (ED) dec. Barker (BPT), 14-9; Brosky (TC) dec. Curcione (STC), 6-4; Howard (WP) dec. Lawrence (IC), 7-0; Mizler (WP) pinned Schumacher (MC), 2:04; Greenief (WEIR) pinned Singleton (BL), 4:46; 112 - Scott (WEIR) dec. Watkins (HC), 9-6; Fox (ROBINSON) pinned Robinson (TC), 1:28; Heavin (MF) pinned Wohnas (RIV), 0:53; Buchanon (BRK) pinned Merritt (ED), 0:19; Nica (WP) pinned Good (CAMP), 0:14; Longworth (JM) pinned Larrison (MEAD), 1:37; Ploufs (JC) pinned Kinney (CAM), 0:17; 119 - Blumensauer (BL) pinned Knowlton (RIV), 0:53; Sisk (MEAD) pinned Frizz (RF), 1:37;

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"This week John Stephenson came into practice and pinned the 1981 banner when Cadiz won the title," Dunlap shared. "He told our guys that everyone needed to score a point. He told us it would be the key to our success and it has been so far."

The Huskies pulled together as a team Friday in a plethora of ways which Dunlap believes is the key to them standing atop the leader board.

"Trevor Coffman (135) dropped his opening bout and wrestled back four matches to place. Nick Risdon (125) was another one picking up a takedown at the buzzer against Wheeling Park's Aaron Majetch to advance to the semifinals," Dunlap shared. "The kids are busting their butts. We've been pushing them to reach the level we want them to be at to excel the most. It has been very satisfying to see them perform. But there is still a lot of wrestling to be done."

Bellaire's Shaffer knows that last sentence more than anyone at WesBanco Arena as his Big Reds are down 6.5 points and only match up in one contest with Harrison in the semifinals.

Toeing the line together will be Bellaire's Robbie Chilson and Harrison's Taylor Banks at 145-pounds. Chilson, a 2007 OVAC champion and two-time state place winner, pinned Banks in an earlier meeting this season.

"We need a repeat of the first time we wrestled him," Shaffer said. "We set the goal to win and knew pins were going to play a big role in winning on Saturday. We are where we thought we would be at this time, but it's time to turn it up another notch."

Harrison has Darin Heavilin (103), Risdon (125), Taylor Banks (145), Eddy (152), Cody Kaiser (160), Ian Howell (171), Jake Mallernee (189) and John Eckroth (285) competing in the semifi-

nals. All are seeded at fifth or better and expected to make it to finish at that seed.

"Those guys have been our bread and butter all season, especially our upper-weights," Dunlap said. "We are going to need to perform."

For Bellaire, Shaffer still remains confident with Zack Porter (112), Erik Canter (130), Sam Faykus (135), Jesse Dobson (140), Robbie Chilson (145), Derek Porter (152) and Andrew Crooks (160) in the semifinals.

"I set these guys up in the seeding meeting to be in this position," Shaffer said. "It's going to come down to who has the will to win. Who wants it more? Our guys are focused to win this tournament."

Other Belmont County squads hoping to have wrestlers in tonight's finals include Martins Ferry and St. Clairsville. Both teams have four wrestlers in today's semifinals with the Red Devils will have Dillon Nolte (125) Seth Callarik (130) Dominic Prezzia (135) and Levi Holcomb. The Purple Riders will have Mike Rose (145), Ryan Hotlosz (160) Jeffrey Oberdick (171) and Steven Woodford (285).

Buckeye Local still has two on tap for a title run with Cody Wiltshire (112) and Mike Slaga (140). Other individuals looking for gold include Barnesville's Kurtis Jefferis (145) Shadyside's Johnny Merryman (160) and Monroe Central's Schuyler Bondy (215).

Steubenville's Branko Busick is alive and well in the championship semifinals in the 215-pound weight class and he'll meet Weir High's Derrick Rovira in this morning's semifinal round. Busick has yet to be challenged, pinning his way through the field.

Wrestling will begin today at noon and has finals slated for 6 p.m.

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130 - Hillard (BL) pinned K. Friede (UL), 1:10; Pate (HC) dec. Vilga (BRK), 8-4; Bennett (WEIR) pinned Castello (BARN), 0:51; Hall (CAM) major dec. Leroy (IC), 12-2; 135 - Baavars (BRK) dec. Losey (IC), 4-0; Stickley (SHEN) major dec. Driver (MF), 10-2; Compton (MEAD) pinned Davidson (WEIR), 2:53; Coffman (HC) dec. Estep (MAG), 10-3; 140 - Higgins (BRK) won by forfeit over Blake (JM); Taylor (TC) dec. Berlford (WP), 9-5; Coil (EL) dec. Allman (CAMP), 8-4; Friede (UL) major dec. Wilson (WC), 13-2; 145 - Costa (ED) dec. Rhodes (OG), 6-4; Camp (WEIR) dec. Ollom (RIV), 6-1; Mason (JM) dec. Robinson (TC), 5-2; Platt (MC) dec. Taylor (STB), 4-3 OT; 152 - Piper (SJC) dec. Heslop (MAG), 11-10; Brennan (OG) dec. Howarth (STB), 3-0; Schwing (JM) pinned Scurry (BRK), 4:41; Hawken (ED) dec. Cowser (IC), 8-7; 160 - Lindamood (MC) pinned Kirk (BL), 4:35; Heam (UL) major dec. Settle (WP), 14-3; Dodd (SHEN) dec. Snider (STC), 15-12; 171 - Morris (EL) pinned Smith (STC), 1:29; Davis (OG) pinned Horton (BL), 4:31; McConaughy (MC) pinned Kubanick (SHADY), 4:52; Jones (BEAL) dec. Taylor (JM), 4-0; 189 - Neely (CAM) pinned Crail (CV), 1:54; Montero (OG) dec. Grover (TC), 7-5; Hermann (SCEN) major dec. Gonchoff (JM), 12-4; Pederson (BRK) dec. Long (MAG), 2-1; 215 - Leach (MF) dec. Gunn (CAMP), 3-1; Vaughn (SHADY) pinned Schneid (WC), 4:18; Pyciak (BL) pinned Krupa (RIV), 4:58; Leach (UL) dec. Pederson (BRK), 3-1 OT; 285 - Bennett (BEL) pinned Haslam (RIV), 4:46; Miller (WEIR) pinned Lowe (EL), 1:34; Hall (CAM) pinned Linn (STB), 1:17; McGaughy (MAD), pinned Kimmins (WP), 0:43.

**4th ROUND CONSOLATION**

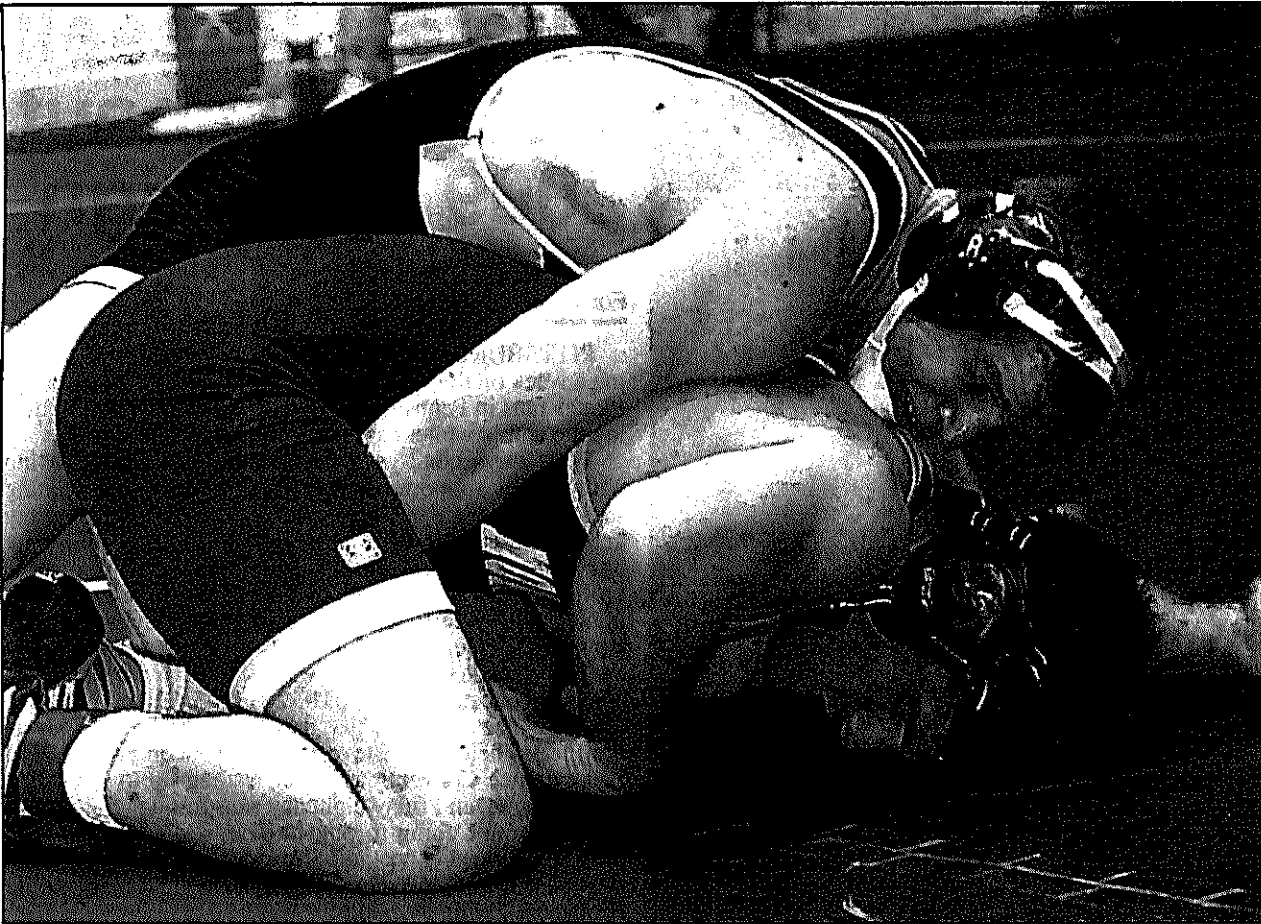
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**3rd ROUND CONSOLATION**

103 - Barry (RIV) pinned Brosky (TC), 1:39; Brown (OG) pinned Howard (WC), 0:45; Payton (MEAD) pinned Bell (ED), 1:44; Mizler (WP) pinned Greenief (WEIR), 0:32; 112 - Criley (CV) pinned Neavin (MF), 0:24;







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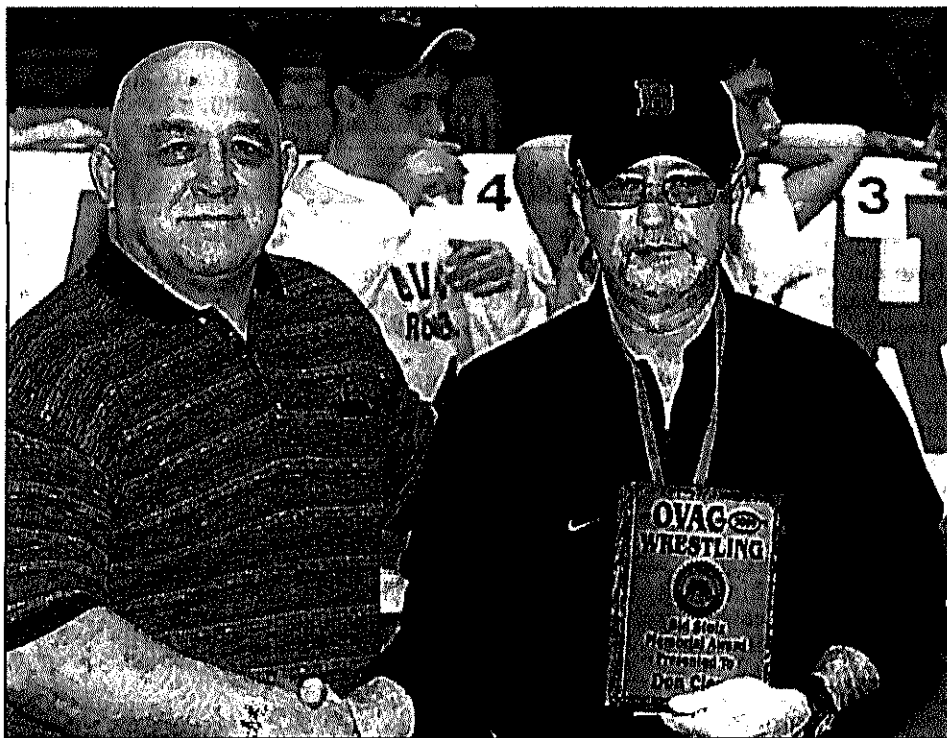
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area, keeping clock and keeping the bouts, McCardle says he has 56 adult and 81 student volunteers over the course of the three-day tournament.

#### MEDICAL STAFF

**BLOODY NOSES** and bruised bodies are a normal day's work for the medical staff during the OVAC tournament. Volunteering their time for the three-day event are Todd Fullerton, Dr. Mike Kovalick, John DeBlasis, Tom Giovengo, Herb Minch, Tony Stiles and Randy Elliot.

#### SYD STOLTZ AWARD

**BELLAIRE'S DON CLEGG** has been involved with wrestling for over 25 years and it was no surprise as he was presented the Syd Stolz Table Worker of the Year Award. He started as a small fry coach moved to the junior high level where he coached Bellaire's junior high program to its first Ohio Valley Championship in 2004.

Stepping away from the coaching ranks, Clegg enjoys playing the role of a spectator as he watches his boy, Zack, in the 215-pound weight class. Presenting Clegg with his award was Jeff Stolz, son of Syd Stolz.

#### COACH TOSSED

**WHENEVER YOU** are in a scuf-

in a match with an unsportsmanlike misconduct.

#### YOUTH MAT CLINIC

The Subway Sports Clinic Series will be at it again this morning with the OVAC Youth Wrestling Clinic that will coincide with the championship day of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament.

There the clinicians will teach the basic fundamentals of wrestling and help build the kids' self-esteem.

The hour-and-a-half seminar has been beneficial to many of the kids that come to the tournament every year to watch their favorite school compete at the largest wrestling tournament in the United States.

The free clinic is made possible because of numerous sponsors. It 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.

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**REUNION**

## Doyle

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Doyle) because he's just one of the spokes who fits right into the wheel, and that's all I have been is one of the spokes."

While Mauck's title has changed and he's spent a lot of time during the first two days referring questions to Doyle, he's still by all means involved in the day-to-day activity of OVAC Wrestling.

"Anytime you follow someone like (Ron), it's going to be difficult," Doyle said. "But, as you can see he's still here and still around."

Don't look for him to be going anywhere either.

"As long as my health allows, I am planning on still being a part of this," Mauck said. "What a humbling experience to have your name placed to something like this, but again this tournament isn't about me, it's about all of the people who make this possible and there are a lot of people involved you don't even see."

Saying there is more involved in the three-day extravaganza than just rolling down eight mats and scheduling officials could be the understatement of the century.

"Actually being in this position and doing all of the things needed, I didn't even realize and I was right along side of (Ron) all of the work that went into this."

Whenever there is a change at the top - no matter if it's the nation, a team or even an event - there always seems to be some kind of change. It might be subtle, but Doyle said everything remained basically the same totally for this weekend's events.

"We made a few subtle changes on how we do things at the main table, but other than that everything else is the same," Doyle said.

Doyle has taken all of the steps possible in his climb to his newest perch.

He was an OVAC champion during his prep days at Wheeling Central. He went on to great success at the coaching level, winning a pair of titles at Buckeye Local in the 90s and has been on the committee for several years before becoming Mauck's chief assistant.

"It's really exciting for me to be in this position," Doyle continued.

"I had the opportunity to coach my son (at Buckeye Local), I was fortunate enough to win this tournament and to now be the director is really exciting."

Now as the director, he wants to get the tournament and the entire sport of wrestling back to the level that it once was when all of the lines of brackets were filled and there were pig-tail matches to even get a spot in the top 32.

"It's nice to see some of the programs building up again," Doyle said. "I think we have to have more dual meets to help build some of the fan interest back up again."

This year's tournament features representation of 36 schools, but nary a weight class had a completely full bracket.

"This tournament is going to grow as the sport grows," Doyle said.

"I look at as a challenge to maintain this as a community event where we all come together."

According to OVAC officials, attendance for the first couple of rounds of the tournament were up despite the weight classes being void in spots.

A lot of that can be contributed to the competitive nature of the event where no fewer than nine schools were within striking distance of the lead.

"The crowd really likes to fall the winners and this thing might not be decided until the final matches (Saturday)," Doyle said.

Doyle also thinks the addition of Parkersburg South to next year's tournament will not only add to the people in the stands, but will add to the level of competition.

Let's be honest, the wrestling community is a close-knit bunch and as long as guys like Doyle, Mauck, Bill Hinegardner, Larry Deaton, Rich McCardle and countless others are involved the OVAC Wrestling Tournament will remain one of the conference's true crown jewels.

It's also nice to see that there are several younger people getting involved in the sport so when there another changing of the guard the continuity will remain the same.

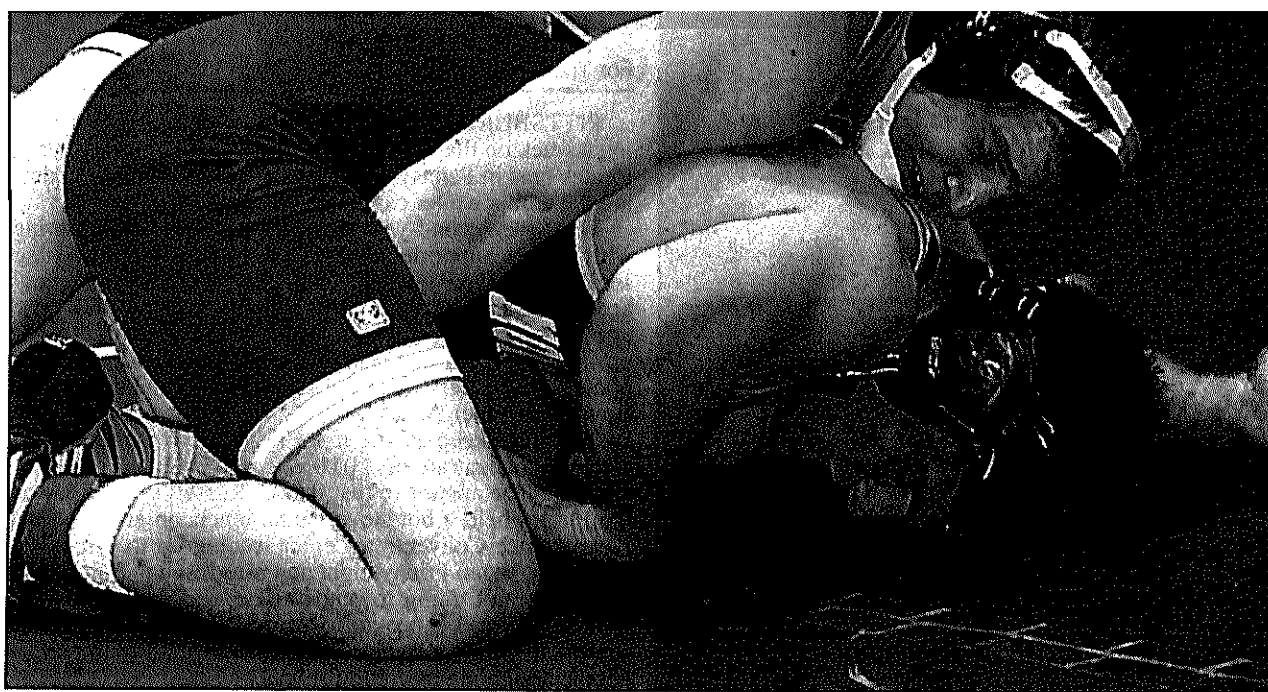
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And that's what makes this conference the nation's best.....BAR NONE.

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 1979 - Richard Edge, Principal of Springfield High  
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 1981 - Bob Hadmon, Steubenville Athletic Director  
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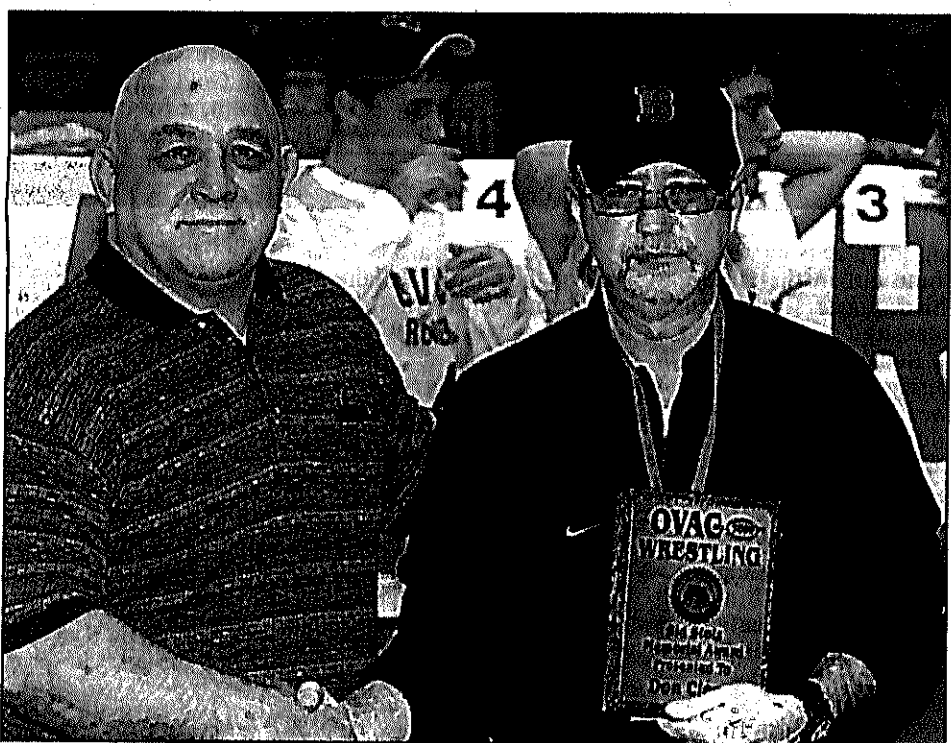
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### TABLE WORKERS

HAVING ENOUGH manpower to host the biggest conference tournament on the east coast is no easy task, especially for Rich McCardle. A former Buckeye Local assistant coach and current-Wheeling Park High School Assistant Principal, McCardle takes control of finding individuals to work tables. From tapping officials, running back-and-forth to the pool



**BEING NAMED** the Syd Stolz Table Worker of the Year is longtime Bellaire native Don Clegg. The wrestling advocate is joined by son of Jeff Stolz, son of Syd Stolz.

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area, keeping clock and keeping the bouts, McCardle says he has 56 adult and 81 student volunteers over the course of the three-day tournament.

### MEDICAL STAFF

BLOODY NOSES and bruised bodies are a normal day's work for the medical staff during the OVAC tournament. Volunteering their time for the three-day event are Todd Fullerton, Dr. Mike Kovalick, John DeBlasis, Tom Giovengo, Herb Minchi, Tony Stiles and Randy Elliot.

### SYD STOLTZ AWARD

BELLAIRE'S DON Clegg has been involved with wrestling for over 25 years and it was no surprise as he was presented the Syd Stolz Table Worker of the Year Award. He started as a small fry coach moved to the junior high level where he coached Bellaire's junior high program to its first Ohio Valley Championship in 2004.

Stepping away from the coaching ranks, Clegg enjoys playing the role of a spectator as he watches his boy, Zack, in the 215-pound weight class. Presenting Clegg with his award was Jeff Stolz, son of Syd Stolz.

### COACH TOSSED

WHENEVER YOU are in a scuffle with a referee and say "It's OK give me two" well they'll give it to you and it was proved for Magnolia coach Terry Sands.

The Blue Eagles mat mentor took an early exit from the 2009 conference tournament after being hit twice

in a match with an unsportsmanlike misconduct.

### YOUTH MAT CLINIC

The Subway Sports Clinic Series will be at it again this morning with the OVAC Youth Wrestling Clinic that will coincide with the championship day of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament.

There the clinicians will teach the basic fundamentals of wrestling and help build the kids' self-esteem.

The hour-and-a-half seminar has been beneficial to many of the kids that come to the tournament every year to watch their favorite school compete at the largest wrestling tournament in the United States.

The free clinic is made possible because of numerous sponsors. It 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.

### MR. MAT

The OVAC will inaugurate another member into the prestigious Mr. Mat Fraternity and present him with one of the famous blue jackets, making him recognizable all over the arena during OVAC Wrestling time.

### REUNION

The OVAC Champions of 1983 will be on hand this evening to take part in the opening ceremonies before the finals.

Notebook compiled by Brian Cook and Seth Staskey

Doyle, he's still by all means involved in the day-to-day activity of OVAC Wrestling.

"Anytime you follow someone like (Ron), it's going to be difficult," Doyle said. "But, as you can see he's still here and still around."

Don't look for him to be going anywhere either.

"As long as my health allows, I am planning on still being a part of this," Mauck said. "What a humbling experience to have your name placed to something like this, but again this tournament isn't about me, it's about all of the people who make this possible and there are a lot of people involved you don't even see."

Saying there is more involved in the three-day extravaganza than just rolling down eight mats and scheduling officials could be the understatement of the century.

"Actually being in this position and doing all of the things needed, I didn't even realize and I was right along side of (Ron) all of the work that went into this."

Whenever there is a change at the top - no matter if it's the nation, a team or even an event - there always seems to be some kind of change. It might be subtle, but Doyle said everything remained basically the same totally for this weekend's events.

"We made a few subtle changes on how we do things at the main table, but other than that everything else is the same," Doyle said.

Doyle has taken all of the steps possible in his climb to his newest perch.

He was an OVAC champion during his prep days at Wheeling Central. He went on to great success at the coaching level, winning a pair of titles at Buckeye Local in the 90s and has been on the committee for several years before becoming Mauck's chief assistant.

"It's really exciting for me to be in this position," Doyle continued.

"I had the opportunity to coach my son (at Buckeye Local), I was fortunate enough to win this tournament and to now be the director is really exciting."

Now as the director, he wants to get the tournament and the entire sport of wrestling back to the level that it once was when all of the lines of brackets were filled and there were pig-tail matches to even get a spot in the top 32.

"It's nice to see some of the programs building up again," Doyle said. "I think we have to have more dual meets to help build some of the fan interest back up again."

This year's tournament features representation of 36 schools, but nary a weight class had a completely full bracket.

"This tournament is going to grow as the sport grows," Doyle said.

"I look at as a challenge to maintain this as a community event where we all come together."

According to OVAC officials, attendance for the first couple of rounds of the tournament were up despite the weight classes being void in spots.

A lot of that can be contributed to the competitive nature of the event where no fewer than nine schools were within striking distance of the lead.

"The crowd really likes to fall the winners and this thing might not be decided until the final matches (Saturday)," Doyle said.

Doyle also thinks the addition of Parkersburg South to next year's tournament will not only add to the people in the stands, but will add to the level of competition.

Let's be honest, the wrestling community is a close-knit bunch and as long as guys like Doyle, Mauck, Bill Hinegardner, Larry Deaton, Rich McCardle and countless others are involved the OVAC Wrestling Tournament will remain one of the conference's true crown jewels.

It's also nice to see that there are several younger people getting involved in the sport so when there another changing of the guard the continuity will remain the same.

The common theme amongst everyone involved in the Mauck Tournament is doing it for kids, the OVAC and the valley. They all have the best interest of those factors involved.

And that's what makes this conference the nation's best.....BAR NONE.

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## Mr. Mat Winners

- 1976 -- George Kovalick, Bellaire Athletic Director
- 1977 -- Bill Van Horn, Wheeling News Register Sports Editor
- 1978 -- John Vrostos, Martins Ferry High School
- 1979 -- Richard Edge, Principal of Springfield High
- 1980 -- George Wally, John Marshall Athletic Director
- 1981 -- Bob Hedman, Steubenville Athletic Director
- 1982 -- Paul Crago, Marshall County Schools
- 1983 -- Dr. Vincent Monseau, West Liberty State College
- 1984 -- Bill Hinegardner, John Marshall
- 1985 -- Dennis Bowman, Bellaire
- 1986 -- Ronald Mauck, Brooke
- 1987 -- Eric Carder, Wheeling Park Athletic Director
- 1988 -- Dave Kovalick, Barnesville
- 1989 -- Steve Kish Principal of Bellaire High
- 1990 -- Carl Fodor, Hancock County Schools
- 1991 -- Dr. William Welker, Warwood Middle
- 1992 -- Larry Deaton, Martins Ferry
- 1993 -- John Stephenson, Cadiz High
- 1994 -- Joe Bates, Woodsfield High
- 1995 -- Bob Bruney, Martins Ferry
- 1996 -- Larry Chambers, Moundsville Jr. High
- 1997 -- Gary Davis, Beaksville High
- 1998 -- CAL POKAS, TIMES LEADER SPORTS EDITOR
- 1999 -- Tom Lackman, Jefferson Union
- 2000 -- Ed "Buzzy" Evans
- 2001 -- William McEldowney, Wheeling
- 2002 -- John Craig, Indian Creek
- 2003 -- Ed Dugas, John Marshall High
- 2004 -- Jeff Oberdick, Martins Ferry
- 2005 -- Dan Doyle, Superintendent of Noble County Schools
- 2006 -- Nolan Van Gilder, Brooke
- 2007 -- Rick Link, Union Local
- 2008 -- Jim Potts, Cameron
- 2009 -- ????????



RON MAUCK OVAC WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team Scores

Harrison Central 128, Bellaire 121.5, Oak Glen 119, Wheeling Park 110.5, Martin Ferry 104, John Marshall 110.5, Steubenville 96, Beaver Local 87.5, Cambridge 84.5, Buckeye Local 80, Caldwell 76, St. Clairsville 75, East Liverpool 70.5, Monroe Central 80, Cameron 54.5, Shadyside 54.5, Weir 46, Indian Creek 42, River 41, Brooke 37, Barnesville 30.5, Beallsville 28, Wheeling Central 25.5, Magnolia 24.5, Bridgeport 24, Union Local 21.5, Tyler Consolidated 21, Wellsville 21, Shenandoah 20, Edison 18.5, Meadowbrook 18.5, Conotot Valley 15, Weirton Madonna 11, Bishop Donahue 10, Steubenville Central 7.5, St. John Central 7

2nd Round Championship

103 - Heavilin (HC) p. Curclone (STC) 0:56; Davla (BEL) p. Bartrug (RIV) 1:19; Bertubin (CAMP) p. Howard (WC) 1:19; Border (CALD) p. Bell (ED) 1:46; McCorma (BEAV) p. Schumacher (MC) 0:50; Beck (JM) dec. Brown (OG) 4:2; McGhee (STB) tech. fall Greenleaf (WEIR) 20:4; Riggie (EL) p. Payton (EL) 3:21.

112 - Mahan (OG) p. Merritt (ED) 0:12; Miller (BEAV) p. Kinney (CAM) 0:33; Z. Porter (BEL) p. Crilly (CV) 2:23; Richter (MC) p. Good (CAMP) 2:38; Wiltshire (BL) major dec. Longworth (JM) 9-1; Mercer (EL) dec. Tingler (STB) 9-2; Crozier (SHADY) p. Wohner (RIV) 0:15; Bauer (WC) p. Scott (WEIR) 2:16.

119 - Gooda (JM) p. Sisk (MEAD) 1:28; Bauer (WP) p. O'Neal (MC) 0:58; Schlieper (CAM) p. Knowlton (RIV) 0:10; Eckleberry (OG) p. Zahnaw (BD) 0:20; Birney (STB) p. Bell (ED) 0:56; Mazik (IC) p. Waller (CALD) 4:38; Yockey (STC) dec. Barker (BARN) 5-2; Foster (EL) p. Robinson (TC) 0:43.

125 - Risdon (HC) major dec. Gulash (SHADY) 15-6; Vandine (CAMP) p. Swartz (BEAV) 3:07; Nolte (STC) p. Needham (RIV) 0:57; Foster (BEL) p. Strickland (RIV) 1:54; Yoder (MF) major dec. E. Nogay (MAD) 12-2; Asbury (OG) p. Muntz (MC) 3:49; Border (CALD) p. Coll (EL) 3:58; Majetich (WP) dec. Phillips (MAG) 6-0; Campbell (BRK) p. Smith (MEAD) 0:18; Flores (JM) major dec. Thompson (BEAV) 9-1.

130 - Canter (BEL) p. Stoneking (MAG) 0:22; Howard (JM) p. Davis (SJC) 4:55; Mackey (MF) dec. Churchill (OG) 3-2 OT; Williams (BEAV) p. Wilkos (SHEN) 3:37; Ours (EL) tech. fall Vilgas (BRK) 16-0; Taylor (WP) p. Chandler (CALD) 1:58; Gessler (BPT) p. Friede (UL) 4:18; Callarik (STC) dec. Bennett (WEIR) 8-1.

135 - Prazzla (STC) p. Davidson (WEIR) 3:34; Berger (CAMP) p. LeMasters (ED) 0:33; Rogerson (WP) p. Kirkbride (CALD) 1:20; Iachini (STB) dec.

Estep (MAG) 2-1; Bartrug (BL) dec. Beavara (BRK) 12-5; Faykus (BEL) p. Miller (BEAV) 3:58; Hall (JM) p. Compton (MEAD) 4:29; Paolo (OG) p. West (RIV) 1:29; Slaga (BL) tech. fall Coll (EL) 21-0.

140 - Hobley (STB) p. Anderson (BPT) 1:56; Staudacher (IC) p. Wilson (WC) 4:47; Ice (BEAV) Shane (ED) 0:47; Boyd (CALD) tech. fall Forrester (HC) 18-1; Potts (OG) p. Postle (RIV) 3:03; Crooks (BARN) dec. Taylor (TC) 9-2; Dobson (BEL) dec. Benford (WP) 11-4.

145 - Nickerson (STC) major dec. Robinson (TC) 9-1; Chilson (BEL) p. Camp (WEIR) 1:16; Jeffers (BARN) p. Sacha (BEAV) 1:37; Sokolowski (BL) major dec. Mason (JM) 7-5; Rose (MF) major dec. Costa (ED) 11-2; Flanigan (WELL) p. O'Ilom (RIV) 0:36; Blake (CAM) major dec. AJ Rhodes (OG) 8-0.

152 - Whyte (CAM) p. Postle (RIV) 1:52; Eddy (HC) p. Clymer (WEIR) 0:23; D. Porter (BEL) p. Schwing (JM) 3:21; George (WP) p. McCardle (UL) 0:28; Coleman (CAMP) dec. Gilbert (BEAV) 4-0.

160 - Hotloz (MF) tech. fall Settle (WP) 18-2; Supanik (BL) p. Leasure (CALD) 2:19; Kalsar (MF) p. Kinzy (BEAL) 1:48; Kalsar (HC) p. Lindamood (MC) 3:14; Todd (CALD) p. Taigenhorst (EL) 1:11; Merryman (SHADY) p. Frey (ED) 1:08; Smith (JM) dec. Johnson (STB) 3-0; Kroesen (BEAV) p. Dodd (SHEN) 2:58; Crook (BEAL) p. Nelson (MAG) 1:29; Richmond (BD) dec. Hearn (UL) 4-3.

171 - Steward (RIV) p. LaClaira (WELL) 0:47; Howell (HC) major dec. Taylor (JM) 10-2; Abbott (CALD) tech. fall Kranak (MAD) 18-1; Doyle (WP) p. Edmond (BEL) 1:19; Wells (SHEN) dec. Davis (OG) 12-9; Oberdick (MF) p. Kubancik (SHADY) 5:25; Fordham (STB) tech. fall Daugherty (CAM) 4:20.

189 - Mallernae (HC) p. Neely (CAM) 0:58; DeVaul (STB) p. Crall (CV) 3:14; Kahl (SHADY) p. Pederson (BRK) 0:40; Moten (CAMP) major dec. Grover (TC) 12-4; Crabtree (WELL) major dec. Jason Lang (MAG) 17-6; Goodwin (WP) p. Herrmann (SCEN) 3:02; Henderson (BEAV) dec. Montaro (OG) 10-4; Shreve (MF) tech. fall Gonchoff (JM) 19-3.

215 - Busiak (STB) p. Schweid (WCEN) 1:58; Holcomb (STC) p. Krupa (RIV) 1:38; Bondy (MC) p. Gunn (CAM) 0:55; Rouira (WEIR) p. Bradley (ED) 1:17; Boney (CALD) dec. Vaughn (SHADY) 3-2; Case (HC) p. Pyciak (BL) 2:42; Gilmore (JM) dec. Leach (UL) 5-3.

285 - Woodford (MF) p. Hall (ED) 0:56; Ruckman (BEAL) p. Linn (STB) 0:47; Greathouse (OG) dec. Clegg (BEL) 6-1; Morris (JM) dec. Miller (WEIR) 5-4 3OT; West (BPT) p. Hall (CAM) 3:10; Boyd (OG) p. Silverio (SHADY) 1:33;

Eckroth (HC) dec. Bennett (BEL) 4-2; Wojciechowski (CAMP) p. Haslam (RIV) 2:41; Schenkel (CALD) p. McGaughey (MAD) 3:35.

Quarterfinals
103 - Bertubin (CAMP) major dec. Beck (JM) 11-3; Border (CALD) p. Riggie (EL) 1:48; Heavilin (HC) dec. Davis (BEL) 3-0; McCorma (BEAV) major dec. McGhee (STB) 11-2.

112 - Wiltshire (BL) p. Mahan (OG) 1:47; Miller (BEAV) dec. Richter (MC) 4-1; Bauer (WC) tech. fall Mercer (EL) 24-7.

119 - Schlieper (CAM) p. Birney (STB) 0:40; Barker (BARN) p. Fox (CAMP) 4:58; Bauer (WP) tech. fall Mazik (IC) 18-2; Eckleberry (OG) dec. Gooda (JM) 9-3; Foster (EL) p. Yockey (STC) 5:28.

125 - Asbury (OG) dec. Foster (BEL) 6-2; Border (CALD) dec. VanDyne (CAMP) 8-3; Risdon (HC) dec. Majetich (WP) 3-1; Nolte (STC) dec. Yoder (MF) 7-1.

130 - Taylor (WP) dec. Mackey (MF) 10-7; Canter (BEL) tech. fall Gessler (BPT) 17-2; Callarik (STC) dec. Howard (JM) 5-4; Ours (EL) p. Williams (BEAV) 1:24.

135 - Prazzla (STC) p. Hall (JM) 2:52; Paolo (OG) major dec. Rogerson (WP) 10-1; Faykus (BEL) dec. Bartrug (BL) 5-4; Berger (CAMP) dec. Iachini (STB) 7-1.

140 - Ice (BEAV) p. Boyd (CALD) 1:09; Doback (BEL) dec. Crooks (BARN) 5-2; Staudacher (IC) dec. Hobley (STB) 11-4; Slaga (BL) dec. Potts (OG) 10-3.

145 - Banks (HC) major dec. Blake (CAM) 10-0; Chilson (BEL) p. Flanigan (WELL) 3:18; Jeffers (BARN) p. Sokolowski (BL) 4:34; Rose (MF) dec. Nickerson (STC) 7-3.

152 - Eddy (HC) p. Coleman (CAMP) 5:01; Whyte (CAM) dec. Kalsar (MF) 7-4; D. Porter (BEL) major dec. noncraft (TC) 10-1; George (WP) dec. Derek Supanik (BL) 8-3.

160 - Hotloz (MF) dec. Richmond (BD) 8-6; Kalsar (HC) dec. Todd (CALD) 5-2; Merryman (SHADY) major dec. Smith (JM) 11-3; Crook (BEL) p. Kroesen (BEAV) 5-4B.

171 - Oberdick (MF) dec. Nentwick (BEAV) 6-4; Howell (HC) p. Abbott (CALD) 5:33; Well (SHEN) dec. Fordham (STB) 7-5; Doyle (WP) dec. Stewart (RIV) 14-5.

189 - Mallernae (HC) dec. DeVaul (STB) 7-2; Henderson (BEAV) major dec. Moten (CAMP) 9-0; Crabtree (WELL) dec. Kahl (SHADY) 8-5; Goodwin (WP) major dec. Shreve (MF) 16-2.

215 - Busiak (STB) p. Boney (CALD) 1:31; Holcomb (STC) p. Case (HC) 0:14; Bondy (MC) p. Greathouse (OG) 4:31; Rovira (WEIR) dec. Gilmore (JM) 11-5.

285 - Woodford (MF) p. Morris (JM) 3:04; Eckroth (HC) p. Wojciechowski (CAMP) 1:39; Boyd (OG) dec. Schenkel (CALD) 2-1; West (BPT) dec. Ruckman (BEAL) 2-1.

3rd Round Consolation
103 - Barty (RIV) p. Broesky (TC) 1:39; Brown (OG) p. Howard (WC) 0:45; Payton (MEAD) p. Bell (ED) 1:44; Minzler (WP) p. Greenleaf (WEIR) 0:32.

112 - Crillery (CV) p. Neavin (MF) 0:43; Longworth (JM) major dec. Buchanan (BRK) 16-2; Z. Porter (BEL) dec. Crozier (SHADY) 4-2; Nice (WP) dec. Pfoots (IC) 8-1; Tingler (STB) p. Scott (WEIR) 2:32.

119 - Riley (HC) dec. Blumenauer (BL) 7-5; Sisk (MEAD) tech. fall Marosi (BRK) 16-1; O'Neal (MC) dec. Chambliss (MF) 7-5.

125 - Muntz (MC) p. Strickland (RIV) 2:53; Campbell (BRK) dec. Needham (STB) 8-1; Coll (EL) dec. Swartz (BEAV) 9-4; Gulash (SHADY) dec. Phillips (MAG) 9-4.

130 - Hilliard (BL) p. K. Friede (UL) 1:10; Pate (HC) dec. Vilga (BRK) 8-4; Bennett (WEIR) p. Castello (BARN) 0:51; Hall (CAM) major dec. Leroy (IC) 12-2.

135 - Beavers (BRK) dec. Losey (IC) 4-0; Stickle (SHEN) major dec. Driver (MF) 10-2; Compton (MEAD) p. Davidson (WEIR) 2:53; Coffman (HC) dec. Estep (MAG) 10-3.

140 - Higgins (BRK) won by forfeit over Blake (JM); Taylor (TC) dec. Benford (WP) 9-5; Coll (EL) dec. Alfman (CAMP) 8-4; Friede (UL) major dec. Wilson (WC) 13-2.

145 - Costa (ED) dec. Rhodes (OG) 8-4; Camp (WEIR) dec. O'Ilom (RIV) 6-1; Mason (JM) dec. Robinson (TC) 5-2; Platt (MC) dec. Taylor (STB) 4-3 OT.

152 - Piper (SJC) dec. Heslop (MAG) 11-10; Brennan (OG) dec. Howarth (STB) 3-0; Schwing (JM) p. Scurry (BRK) 4:41; Hawken (ED) dec. Cowser (IC) 8-7.

160 - Lindamood (MC) p. Kirk (BL) 4:35; Hearn (UL) major dec. Settle (WP) 14-3; Dodd (SHEN) dec. Snider (STC) 15-12.

171 - Morris (EL) p. Smith (STC) 1:28; Davis (OG) p. Horton (BL) 4:31; McConaughy (MC) p. Kubancik (SHADY) 4:52; Jones (BEAL) dec. Taylor (JM) 4-0.

189 - Neely (CAM) p. Crall (CV) 1:54; Montaro (OG) dec. Grover (TC) 7-5; Herrmann (SCEN) major dec. Gonchoff (JM) 12-4; Pederson (BRK) dec. Long (MAG) 2-1.

215 - Leach (MF) dec. Gunn (CAMP) 3-1; Vaughn (SHADY) p. Schneid (WC) 4:18; Pyciak (BL) p. Krupa (RIV) 4:58; Leach (UL) dec. Pederson (BRK) 3-1 OT.

285 - Bennett (BEL) p. Haslam (RIV) 4:46; Miller (WEIR) p. Lowe (EL) 1:34; Hall (CAM) p. Linn (STB) 1:17;

McGaughey (MAD) p. Kimmina (WP) 0:43.

4th Round Consolation
103 - McGhee (STB) major dec. Brown (OG) 12-3; Beck (JM) p. Minzler (WP) 2:05; Davis (BEL) major dec. Payton (MEAD) 16-4; Riggie (EL) major dec. Bartrug (RIV) 11-2.

112 - Tingler (STB) p. Mahan (OG) 1:21; Richter (MC) dec. Crillery (CV) 6-0; Crozier (SHADY) p. Nice (WP) 2:57; Mercer (EL) dec. Longworth (JM) 4-2.

119 - Gooda (JM) p. O'Neal (MC) 1:25; Mazik (IC) p. Sisk (MEAD) 1:50; Birney (STB) major dec. Barker (BARN) 11-1; Yockey (STC) dec. Riley (HC) 5-2.

125 - Yoder (MF) p. Muntz (MC) 2:59; VanDyne (CAMP) major dec. Gulash (SHADY) 13-3; Foster (BEL) p. Campbell (BRK) 2:38; Majetich (WP) dec. Coll (EL) 4-0.

130 - Gessler (BPT) dec. Pate (HC) 4-2; Hilliard (BL) major dec. Williams (BEAV) 16-2; Hall (CAM) tech. fall Howard (JM) 15-0 4:04; Mackey (MF) major dec. Bennett (WEIR) 9-0.

135 - Coffman (HC) dec. Rogerson (WP) 4-3; Bartrug (BL) dec. Compton (MEAD) 16-9; Iachini (STB) dec. Stickle (SHEN) 4-1; Hall (JM) major dec. Beavers (BRK) 11-1.

140 - Friede (UL) dec. Boyd (CALD) 3-1; Hobley (STB) p. Higgins (BRK) 4:03; Crooks (BARN) dec. Coll (EL) 5-0; Potts (OG) dec. Taylor (TC) 8-3.

145 - Nickerson (STC) p. Camp (WEIR) 1:33; Costa (ED) p. Sokolowski (BL) 4:18; Blake (CAM) dec. Platt (MC) 7-3; Mason (JM) dec. Flanigan (WELL) 4-2.

152 - Coleman (CAMP) tech. fall Schwing (JM) 18-0 2:20; Piper (SJC) dec. Supanik (BL) 5-4; Kalsar (MF) dec. Brennan (OG) 4-2; Northcraft (TC) dec. Hawkin (ED) 8-4.

160 - Todd (CALD) p. Dodd (SHEN) 2:09; Richmond (BD) p. Cornell (OG) 4:49; Lindamood (MC) p. Kroesen (BEAV) 4:38; Smith (JM) major dec. Hearn (UL) 3-7.

171 - Nentwick (BEAV) major dec. Morris (EL) 9-1; Stewart (RIV) dec. McConaughy (MC) 2-0; Abbott (CALD) major dec. Davis (OG) 12-4; Jones (BEAL) p. Fordham (STB) 4:38.

189 - Kahl (SHADY) p. Neely (CAM) 0:33; DeVaul (STB) p. Pederson (BRK) 2:18; Shreve (MF) dec. Montaro (OG) 5-2; Moten (CAMP) major dec. Herrman (SCEN) 12-1.

215 - Greathouse (OG) dec. Leach (UL) 3-0; Vaughn (SHADY) dec. Case (HC) 3-0; Gilmore (JM) dec. Leach (MF) 3-2; Pyciak (BL) dec. Boney (CALD) 4-1.

285 - Ruckman (BEAL) p. Clegg (BEL) 1:56; Wojciechowski (CAMP) p. Hall (CAM) 2:19; Schenkel (CALD) dec. Miller (WEIR) 4-3; Morris (JM) dec. McGaughey (MAD) 2-1.

Local grapplers chill with the best



T-L Photo/KAY SEDGEMER

EVERYBODY LIKES a little ice cream and wrestlers throughout the valley will be getting their fill of the frozen treat thanks to the generosity of Kirke's Ice Cream of St. Clairsville. Owner Kirke Porterfield will give each wrestler who participated in the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament a coupon for a free pint of ice cream. Porterfield presented the first set of coupons to Harrison Central High School Coach Todd Dunlap on Thursday afternoon. The Huskies were the over-all champions of the event, which is one of the largest wrestling tournaments in the nation. Pictured are Nick Risdon, Taylor Banks, Porterfield, Dunlap, Ian Howell and Rob Eddy. All four wrestlers placed in the tournament with Rossiter and Eddy both winning championships in their weight classes. Kirke's Ice Cream is also sold in several area grocery stores including Coffy's BiLo in Cadiz, where this photo was taken.

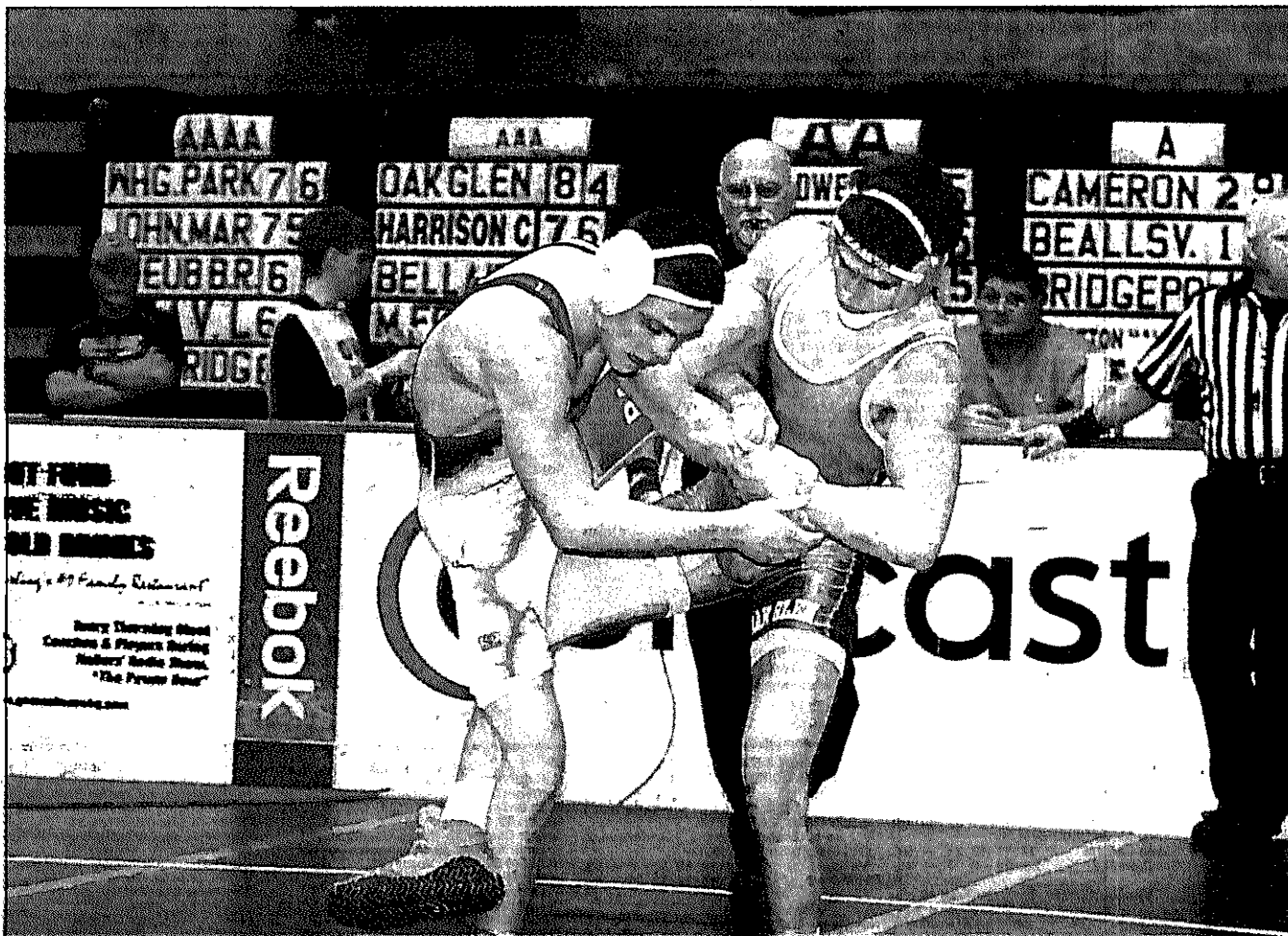
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Sports columnist Doug Huff talks about the interest in the West Virginia men's basketball team/13

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# Huskies Smell The OVAC Title



Photos by Brian Cook

Top: Oak Glen's Joel Paolo, a No. 2 seed, works to finish a single leg in the air against Wheeling Park's Hans Rogerson during the quarterfinals of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. The Golden Bears' 135-pounder took the match by major decision 10-1. Bottom: Wheeling Park's Marcus George (152) takes Buckeye Local's Derek Supanik, a No. 2 seed, off his feet to finish a double leg takedown. George, a No. 7 seed, went onto win the match 8-3 and will face No. 2 seed Derek Porter of Bellaire in the semifinals today.

## Harrison Central takes lead at tourney

By BRIAN COOK  
For The Intelligencer

Today's tale will be one for the record books for the mammoth Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Single digits span the lead difference for juggernauts Harrison Central (128), Bellaire (121.5) and Oak Glen (121.5) heading into the final day, but the Huskies and Big Reds seem to have the upper hand with nine wrestlers left each.

"It brings chills down your spine to hear Harrison Central on top," Harrison Central coach Todd Dunlap said. "It has been a great experience for our kids and fans. We have been feeding off the energy."

The Huskies will have eight of those nine grapplers in the championship semifinals while the Big Reds will boast seven.

"We are going to have to get those seven in the finals if we are going to win this tournament," Bellaire coach Shane Shaffer said. "For those who get beat, it all depends how they handle their composure and if they can come back to take third."

The Huskies, who have been setting the OVAC Tournament as a goal all season, haven't seen an OVAC title in their school history. The last squad that won an OVAC team trophy from the district was the 1981 Cadiz squad, prior to the Harrison's consolidation of Cadiz, Jewett-Scio and Lakeland high schools.

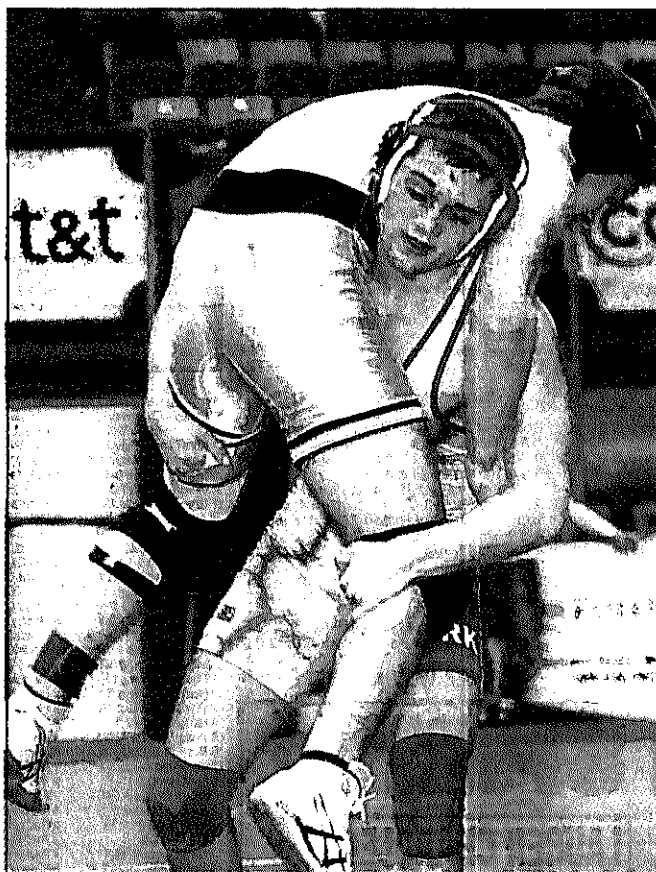
"This week John Stephenson came into practice and pinned up the 1981 banner when Cadiz won the title," Dunlap said. "He told our guys that everyone needed to score a point. He told us it would be the key to our success and it has been so far."

The Huskies pulled together as a team in the opening two days in a plethora of ways as Trevor Coffman (135) dropped his opening bout and wrestled back four matches to place. Nick Risdon (125) was another one picking up a takedown at the buzzer against Wheeling Park's Aaron Majectich to advance to the semifinals.

"The kids are busting their butts. We've been pushing them to reach the level we want them to be at to excel the most. It has been very satisfying to see them perform," Dunlap said. "But there is still a lot of wrestling to be done."

Bellaire's Shaffer knows that more than anyone as his Big Reds are down 6.5 points and only match up in one contest with Harrison Central in the semifinals. Toeing the line in head-to-head competition will be Bellaire's Robbie Chilson and Harrison's Taylor Banks at 145-pounds. Chilson, a 2007 OVAC champion and two-time state place winner, pinned Banks in an earlier meeting this season.

"We need a repeat of the first time we wrestled him," Shaffer said. "We set the goal to win and knew pins were going to play a big role in winning (today). We are where we thought we would be at this time, but it's time to turn it up another notch."



### LEADERBOARD

Place	Score	School	CH	WB
1	128.0	Harrison Central	9	1
2	121.5	Bellaire	7	2
3	121.5	Oak Glen	5	2
4	110.5	Wheeling Park	5	1
5	104.0	Madison Fork	4	1
6	100.5	John Marshall	0	6
7	88.0	Shelburne	1	6
8	87.5	Beaver Local	4	1
9	84.5	Cambridge	2	4
10	80.0	Buckeye Local	2	3



## IT'S BRADY TIME IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland Browns coach Romeo Crennel says his decision had nothing to do with fans' unrest/17

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# Wrestling Season Approaching Fast

## Parkersburg South won't compete in OVACs until '09-10

By BRIAN COOK  
For The Intelligencer

With the high school wrestling season approaching, the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference played host to its annual coaches meeting this week at WesBanco Arena.

"The orderly of this group that has been running wrestling in the Ohio Valley keeps on going," OVAC Executive Secretary Tom Rataiczak said. "(Ron) Mauck has stepped down and Mr. (Dan) Doyle has stepped in very well. This is a fraternity that keeps perpetuating

itself."

All coaches took part in the short mandatory coaches meeting and workshops available through the conference. The meetings entailed some newly proposed officials' fees, an update on current conference criteria and expectations of the 2009 conference tournament.

Doyle, the newly appointed conference tournament director, also gave insight into the addition of Parkersburg South into the conference. Doyle said South will not be competing in the 2009 OVAC Tournament because of prior commitments, but offered a few statements from Patriots coach Paul Jackson.

"I am excited about being in the conference," Jackson said. "Competing with Park, Brooke and John

Marshall, which we see in Region I, is what we want in our program."

According to Doyle, Jackson has been opposed to other offers of joining conferences around the Mountain State, but was stoked about the opportunity the OVAC has to offer the Wood County wrestling program.

Doyle also announced the new faces joining, or re-joining, the coaching ranks this season including Tim Savage, East Liverpool; Nathan Iafrate, St. John Central; Rich Wright, Beaver Local; Chance Taylor, Brooke; and Marty Winkler, River.

In collegiate wrestling news, West Liberty State College wrestling coach Brian Davis announced it would be playing host

to its inaugural OVAC Night during the Hilltoppers' first home dual meet Friday, Nov. 21.

The backyard matchup will showcase the Black and Gold as well as nationally ranked Pitt-Johnstown. The event allows any junior high or high school wrestler in the Ohio Valley free admission into the contest. Coaches are to make reservations for their team by contacting Brian Cook at (304) 639-8991 or at (740) 633-1131. Reservations are due by Wednesday, Nov. 19.

"Coach Davis is committed to getting OVAC wrestlers up to West Liberty. There are many guys who are capable of wrestling at the Division II level from the valley," Doyle said.

**"Competing with Park, Brooke and John Marshall, which we see in Region I, is what we want in our program."**

**Paul Jackson  
Parkersburg South  
wrestling coach**

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# Ron Mauck OVAC Tourney wide open

• Oak Glen's got 10 seeded wrestlers; Harrison Central has four top seeds; Event opens Thursday

By BRIAN COOK  
Times Leader Sports Writer

It's fair to say it will be a battle for the gold this weekend at the 2009 Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament at WesBanco Arena. As the coaches gathered for the conference's pre-tournament press conference it was no surprise that juggernaut Oak Glen leads the field with 10 seeded wrestlers.

In the familiar spot, Golden Bears' mat

mentor Larry Shaw feels comfortable heading into the three-day grind, but acknowledges a team championship is never a done deal as Bellaire, Harrison Central and returning champions Wheeling Park all have eight seeds.

"Those seeded guys need to do well," Shaw stated. "They have to wrestle up to their seeds and some of the guys who are not seeded need to surprise a few guys."



Going in with the 'X' on their back with the most seeds is nothing out of the ordinary for Shaw and company, but he believes his team has been preparing all season to be put in this position.

"We have wrestled a lot of good competition and it will pay dividends this weekend. We are going to need a total team effort.

It started with practice this week and will run through the weekend," he said.

One of the teams that is entering uncharted territory coming into this weekend is Harrison Central. Holding eight seeds, the Huskies hold four top seeds with Nick Risdon (125), Rob Eddy (152), Ian Howell (171) and Jake Mallernee (189). By far the most top seeds in the tournament, coach Todd Dunlap believes his team has been making great strides in the recent years and is ready to peak this weekend.

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## Caldwell grapplers win OVAC 2-A crown

Cambridge's Bertubin, Barnesville's Jefferis among individual champs; Harrison Central wins overall title

**RON MILLER**  
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

WHEELING, W.Va. — The local area claimed two individual titles and a team championship at the 56th Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament which wrapped up Saturday night at WesBanco Arena.

Cambridge High's Andrew Bertubin and Barnesville's Kurtis Jefferis emerged as OVAC champions while the Caldwell High boys repeated as Class 2-A team titlists.

Harrison Central won its first-ever overall team championship as well as the Class 3-A division, finishing with 202 points to 187 for runner-up Bellaire.

Wheeling Park, last year's overall winner, won the Class 4-A championship while Caldwell was the Class 2-A winner and Cameron claimed the Class 1-A crown.

Cambridge's Bertubin claimed the 103-pound championship by defeating Caldwell's Jeremy Border, 4-3. The win improved Bertubin to 27-3 while Border's record is now 20-2.

"He has been to camp every summer and has worked hard to keep his weight down so he can wrestle at 103," said

Cambridge coach Tom "Tank" Moore of Bertubin. "This is the cake...the icing will come at the state tournament."

Barnesville's Jefferis got his title via a 5-3 win over Bellaire's Robbie Chilson in the 145-pound championship bout. Jefferis is now 27-1 while Chilson is 29-2.

Other championship bouts included Arizona Miller of Beaver Local (24-0), over Kyle Bauer of Wheeling Central

171 pounds; Jake Mallernee of Harrison Central (27-3) over Tucker Goodwin of Wheeling Park (19-6) at 189 pounds;

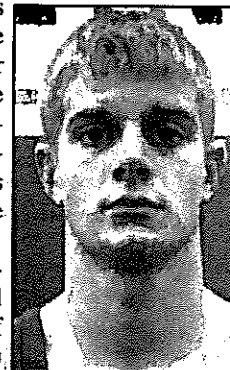
Branko Basic of Steubenville (24-0) over Levi Holcomb of St. Clairsville (19-6) at 215 pounds; and Steve Woodford of Martins Ferry (17-0) over Sean West of Bridgeport (25-2) at 285 pounds.

Park's Bauer was awarded the Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award as

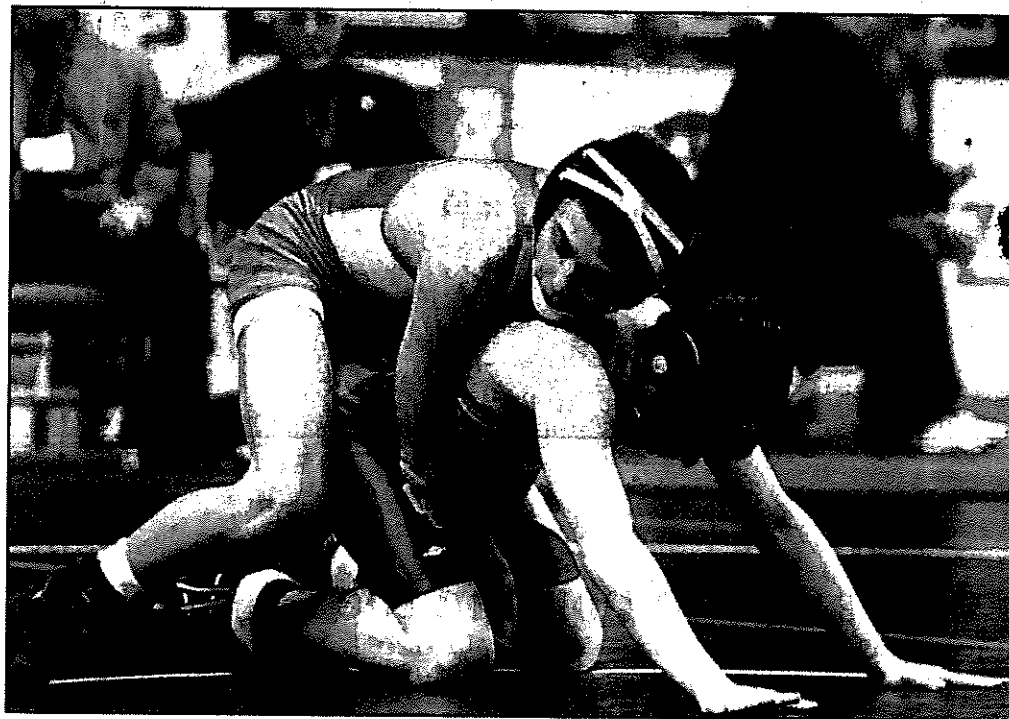
the tournament's outstanding wrestler. Beaver Local's Ice won an award for the most pins in the least amount of time.

In addition to Bertubin, place-winners from Cambridge included Dillon Van Dyne (26-3), who finished fifth at 125 pounds; Tyler Berger (22-7), fifth at 135 pounds; Robbie Moten (22-9), fifth at 189 pounds; Zac Wojciechowski (19-8), fifth at 285 pounds; John Coleman (14-10), seventh at 152 pounds.

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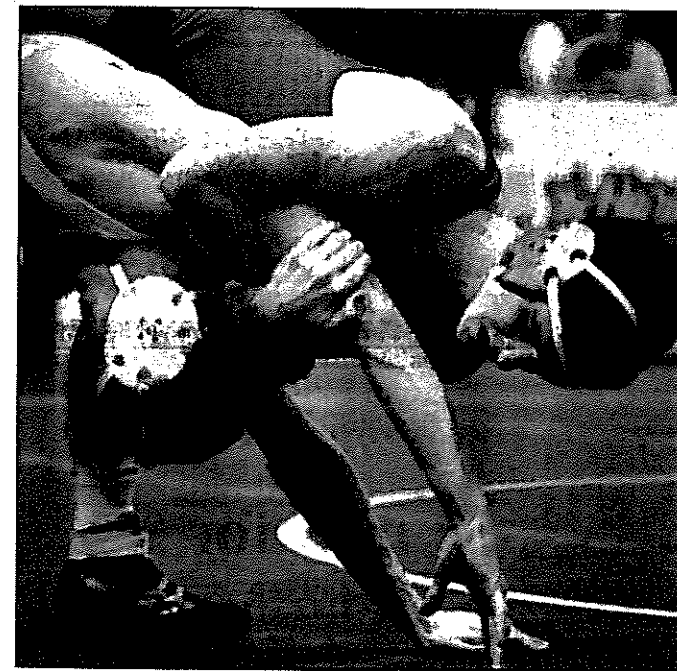


Kurtis Jefferis



Ryan Pavlov/The Daily Jeffersonian

Cambridge High's Andrew Bertubin (top) prepares to wrestle Wheeling Central's Andrew Howard during action in the 103-pound weight class at the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament in Wheeling. Bertubin went on to win the 103-pound championship.



Ryan Pavlov/The Daily Jeffersonian

Caldwell High's Jacob Border (top) has control of Joe Coil of Edison Local. More photos are on page B-8.



# No Surprise

• Oak Glen holds Day 1 lead; HC is 3rd, Bellaire tied for 4th

By **SETH STASKEY**  
Times Leader Sports Editor

There's something about January, WesBanco Arena and the OVAC Wrestling Tournament that brings out the best in Oak Glen.

The Golden Bears — who not many were talking about coming into the tournament — showed why they had 10 seeded wrestlers and are the premier program in the area during Thursday's opening session of the giant Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament.

Oak Glen advanced all of its seeded wrestlers and got a few bonus wins along the way en route to 42 points. There's a logjam behind the Bears. John

Marshall is second with 34.5, while Harrison Central checks in with 33 points. Bellaire and defending champion Wheeling Park round out the top five with 31 points.

The tournament resumes this afternoon with second round championship matches and the first two rounds of consolations, starting at noon. The evening session begins at 6 p.m. with championship quarterfinals.

Oak Glen head coach Larry Shaw — owner of 12 consecutive SSAC Wrestling championships — has been around long enough to know that the OVAC Tourney isn't won during the Thursday action.

"We're in pretty good shape, but the early rounds are really important," Shaw said moments after the initial team scores were announced. "It's just a round by round thing and we need to advance guys, so far we're doing okay."

Before focus could shift to

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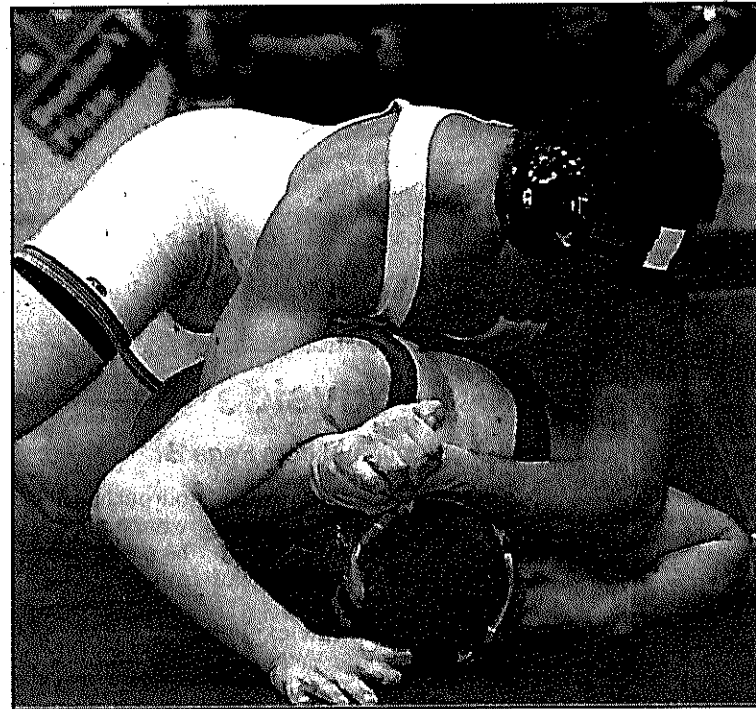
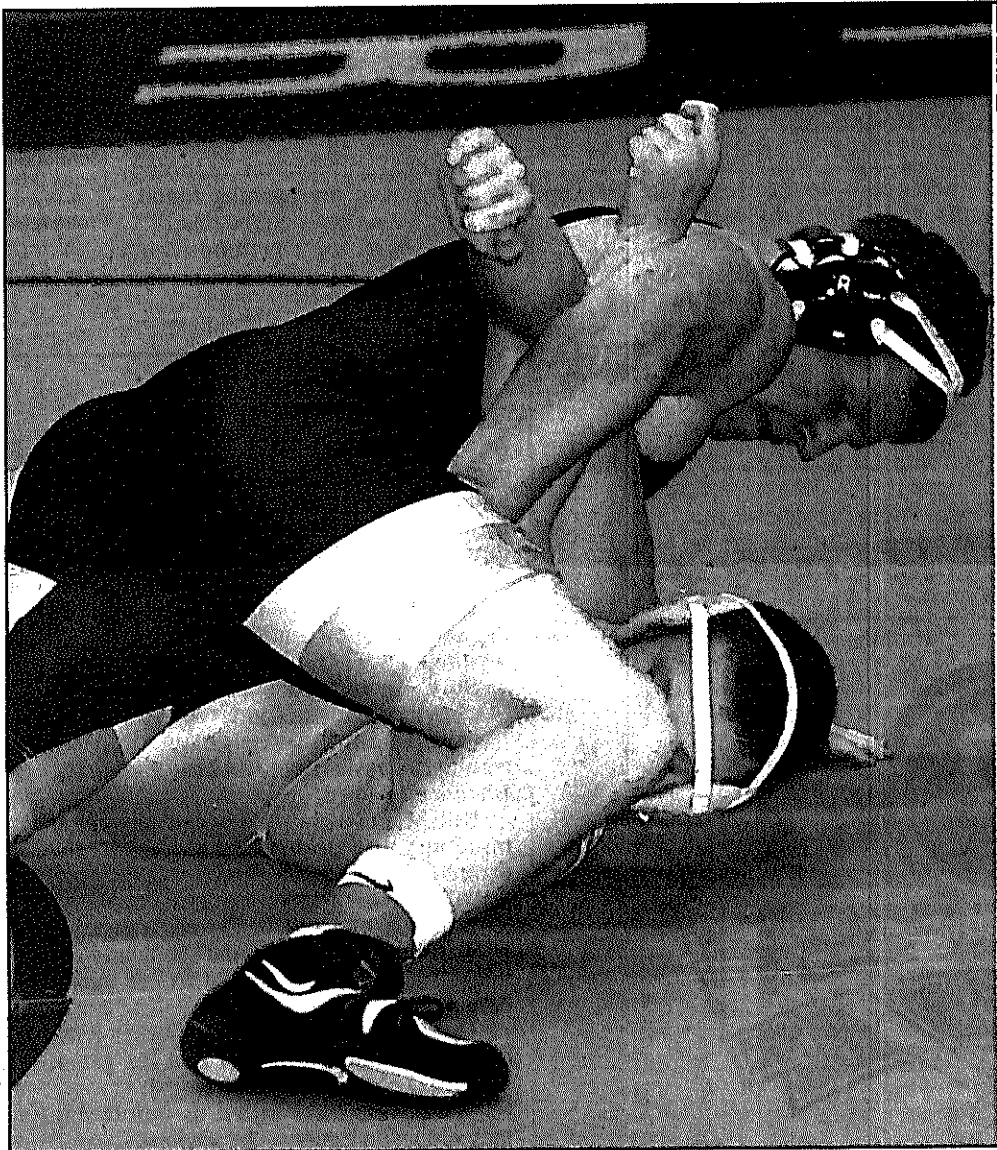
Today, noon and 6 p.m.

### Where:

WesBanco Arena, Wheeling

### Tickets:

Available at the door.



**TOP:** Martins Ferry heavyweight Steve Woodford pins Brooke's Joe Bingiel in his first-round match Thursday night at the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament.

**LEFT:** Harrison Central's Jake Mallernee controls his opponent at 189 pounds.

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## Ferry native has official's award named in his honor

By **BRIAN COOK**  
Times Leader Sports Writer

A lot has changed since 1966. Gasoline was 32 cents, a stamp was a nickel and a cost of a new home was around \$23,000. However, one thing that hasn't changed is Larry Deaton's passion for wearing the stripes as a wrestling official.

Refereeing for a span of five decades, Deaton has continued to uphold consistency on the mats and gained the credibility of his

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**ETCHING HIS** mark in OVAC history was veteran official Larry Deaton, second from left. Deaton is shown with his wife Sylvia after having the OVAC Official of the Year award renamed after the longtime referee as the Larry Deaton OVAC Official of the Year Award. The Deatons are pictured with Oak Glen coach Larry Shaw, far left, and Wheeling Park coach Sean Doyle, right.

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**Team Scores**

Oak Glen, 42; John Marshall, 34.5; Harrison Central, 33; Bellaire, 31; Wheeling Park, 31; Beaver Local, 29.5; Steubenville, 29; Caldwell, 28; Martins Ferry, 28; Buckeye Local, 23.5; Cambridge, 23.5; St. Clairsville, 17; River, 16; Weir, 16; Monroe Central, 14; Shadyside, 13.5; Magnolia, 13; East Liverpool, 10; Brooke, 8; Cameron, 8; Wellsville, 8; Barnesville, 7.5; Beallsville, 6; Bridgeport, 6; Edison, 6; Wheeling Central, 5.5; Bishop Donahue, 4; Conotton Valley, 4; Indian Creek, 4; Union Local, 4; Weirton Madonna, 2.

**Championship First Round**

103 — Border (Cald) p. Lawrence (IC), 1:09; McGhee (Steub) p. Brosky (TC), 1:29; Bartrug (Riv) p. Minzler (WP), 2:54; Bartubin (Camb) p. Barker (Bpt), 1:10; Heavilin (HC) p. Singleton (BL), 1:22.

112 — Miller (Beav) p. Watkins (HC), 4:29; Z. Porter (Bell) p. Beaulieu (SCC), :26; Mahan (OG) p. Neavin (MF), 2:48; Crilley (CV) p. Larrison (Meadow), :50; K. Bauer (WC) tech fall Pfouts (IC), 17:0; Crozier (Shady) tech fall Buchanan (Brk), 19:2; Richter (MC) p. Crosier (Barnes), 1:05; Wiltshire (BL) tech fall Brown (St.C), 4:14; Tingler (Steub) p. Nice (WP), 4:56; Longworth (JM) p. Cline (Cald), 3:58.

119 — D. Bauer (WP) p. Fox (Camb), 1:16; Birnay (Steub) p. Marosi (Brk), :58; Eckleberry (OG) p. Riley (HC), 5:11; Goode (JM) tech fall Blumenauber (BL), 17:0; Schliepper (Cam) p. Frizzi (Bell), 1:45; Foster (EL) p. Palmer (Beav), 1:42; Barker (Barnes) dec. Chambliss (MF), 6:0.

125 — Rindon (HC) p. Marques (UL), 1:46; Maletich (WP) p. Grandetti (SCC), 1:39; Border (Cald) p. Long (Ed), 1:45; Nolte (St. C.) p. Barton (Wells), 1:08; VanDyne (Camb) p. Smith (Meadow), 1:31; Asbury (OG) p. Flores (JM), 2:19; Foster (Bell) p. Andrews (Barnes), 2:32; Yoder (MF) maj. dec. Schwertfeger (Cam), 8:0; Muntz (MC) p. Thompson (BL), :35; Swartz (Beaver) p. Campbell (Brooke), 5:22; Nogay (Mad) dec. Walker (IC), 4:1.

130 — Canter (Bell) p. Burns (WC), :26; Bennett (Weir) p. Wiles (Bealls), 1:42; Williams (Beaver) p. Leroy (IC), :36; Stoneking (Mag) p. Clegg (BD), :32; Churchill (OG) dec. Wayta (Riv), 1:0; Gesalar (Bpt) dec. Castello (Barnes), 7:5; Mackey (MF) p. Coatlow (Steub), 1:21; Howard (JM) p. Gubanez (Ed), :49; Ours (EL) dec. Hall (Cam), 9:5; Vilga (Brk) dec. Smith (Meadow), 10:6; Callarik (St. C.) p. Hilliard (BL), 1:20; Taylor (WP) p. Pata (HC), 4:25.

135 — Prazzia (St. C.) maj. dec. Driver (MF), 12:2; Iachini (Steub) dec. Kiedrowski (CC), 7:3; Rogerson (WP) p. Coulson (Bpt), :45; Rogers (BL) p. Earlwine (UL), :51; Hall (JM) maj. dec. Stickley (Shen), 11:1; Bartrug (BL) p. Bucheit (EL), 1:55; Davidson (Weir) p. Lunsford (Shady), 1:58; Berger (Camb) dec. Losey (IC), 9:4; West (Rivar) p. Palmer (Bealls), 1:18; LeMasters (Ed) dec. Warslnsky (Cam), 12:8; Estep (Mag) maj. dec. Mvone (TC), 14:1; Miller (Beaver) dec. Coffman (HC), 12:8; Faykus (Bell) p. Napier (WC), :56; Paolo (OG) p. Dowling (Wells), 1:44.

140 — Ice (Beaver) p. Patrick (CV), :12; Boyd (Cald) p. Altman (Camb), 1:14; Slaga (BL) p. Blake (JM), 1:02; Coll (EL) p. Stewart (BD), 1:42; Barlaford (WP) p. Mercer (Shen), 2:32; Wilson (WC) dec. Ingold (Mag), 7:3; Dobson (Bell) p. Harrman (SCC), 2:45; Crooks (Barnes) dec. Friede (UL), 2:1; Steudacher (IC) p. Ravac (Meadow), 1:15; Hobley (Steub) p. Launer (St.C), 1:59; Potta (OG) p. Higgins (Brooke), 1:10.

145 — Jeffers (Barnes) tech fall Issa (Cald), 17:1; Chilson (Bell) maj. dec. Platt (MC), 20:7; Banks (HC) p. Formella (Shady), :50; Costa (Ed) p. Scudder (Camb), :57; Rose (MF) p. Brokaw (UL), 1:13; Sokolowski (BL) p. Pritchett (Bpt), :47; Rhodes (OG) p. Radcliffe (WP), 1:46; Nickerson (St.C) p. Wood (Shen), 1:27; Mason (JM) p. Martin (EL), 2:45; Flanagan (Wells) p. Rynlawec (Brk), :52.

152 — Eddy (HC) p. Howarth (Steub), 5:25; Clymer (Weir) p. Thomas (Wells), 3:14; D. Porter (Bell) p. Stoney (Meadow), :23; Whyte (Cam) p. Michel (Shen), 4:45; Kaiser (MF) maj. dec. Tatganhorat (EL), 10:0; Schwing (JM) p. Heslop (Mag), 4:31; Kinzy (Bealls) dec. Dye (St.C), 10:9; Supanik (BL) p. Heath (Shady), 1:08; Coleman (Camb) dec. Brennan (OG), 8:7; Leasure (Cald) p. Cowsar (IC), 4:35; George (WP) p. Hawken (Ed), 4:37; Sourry (Brooke) dec. Piper (SJC), 12:9.

160 — Merryman (Shady) p. Snider (St. C.), 3:23; Smith (JM) dec. Baker (Barnes), 8:8; Lindamood (MC) dec. Grimes (TC), 7:1; Richmond (BD) p. Kirk (BL), 2:38; Hotlosz (MF) p. Baker (Bealls), :39; Crook (Bell) p. Cornell (OG), 1:25; Kroesen (Beaver) tech fall Johnston (IC), 19:1; Kaiser (HC) p. Speedy (Meadow), :28; Todd (Cald) p. Vangulik (Bpt), :51.

171 — Howell (HC) maj. dec. Morris (EL), 11:1; Abbott (Cald) p. Smith (St. C.), :35; Doyle (WP) p. Haynes (Meadow), :53; Pay (Mag) p. Dalto (Bpt), 1:08; Nentwick (Beav) p. Fox (Camb), 1:33; Stewart (Rivar) p. Jones (Bealls), :14; Davis (OG) p. McConaughy (MC), 5:56; Oberdiak (MF) dec. Horton (BL), 9:3; Fordham (Steub) p. Renforth (IC), 5:13.

189 — Montero (OG) p. Kurner (Bpt), :34; Henderson (Beaver) p. VanHorn (UL), :52; Crabtree (Wells) p. Mathews (MC), 1:04; Goodwin (WP) p. Kidwell (Bell), 1:14; Kahl (Shady) p. McDole (EL), :25; Mallernoe (HC) p. Pickenpaugh (Cald), 1:45; Long (Mag) maj. dec. Naro (Mad), 13:8; Moten (Camb) p. Miller (IC), 3:01; Shreve (MF) p. Blackwell (St. C.), 1:01; Gonchoff (JM) maj. dec. Phillipa (Bealls), 9:1; Devaul (Steub) maj. dec. Herzick (Ed), 13:5.

218 — Leach (UL) p. Cougar (Wells), 1:16; Greathouse (OG) p. Kimmel (Meadow), :15; Busick (Steub) p. Fuscardo (Mad), :25; Pyciak (BL) p. Brown (Bealls), :32; Rovira (Weir) p. Doty (Cam), :21; Vaughn (Shady) dec. Leach (MF), 4:3; Bondy (MC) p. Shelburne (SCC), :48; Gilmore (JM) dec. Brown (Beav), 9:4; Holcomb (St. C.) dec. Pederson (Brooke), 9:3; Gunn tech fall Smart (CV), 18:3; Case (HC) dec. Lough (WP), 7:2.

255 — Morris (JM) p. Kirk (Barnes), 1:12; (1:37; Schenkel (Cald) p. Morrell (Wells), :34; Wojtowicki (Camb) p. Vanni (BD), 1:56; Ruckman (Bealls) p. Branczlo (IC), :47; Haslam (Riv) p. Kimmins (WP), :57; Waet (Bpt) p. Lowe (EL), 1:30; Woodford (MF) p. Bingl (BRK), 1:22; Eckroth (HC) p. Knight (STC), 5:08.



**BRIDGEPORT** heavyweight Sean West applies pressure to his opponent during Thursday night's opening round of the 56th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament at WesBanco Arena. Additional images can be found at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

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today's action, wrestlers had to take care of opening round opponents and most did so in relatively quick fashion.

Oak Glen had only two wrestlers not survive the first round.

"We need our non-seeded kids to keep coming through with wins," Shaw said. "All of the rounds are key and we need to keep advancing. A big key is going to be when guys get bumped out of the championship round that they have to come back and pick up points for the team in the consolation bracket."

Of the 112 seeded wrestlers only six went down in the first round.

Included in those were three seeds who bit the dust at 130 pounds, but top seeds Erik Canter of Bellaire and Seth Callarik of St. Clairsville rolled to the second round.

The highest seeded wrestler to go down was Cameron's Tevin Hall who was a 9-8 loser to East Liverpool's Vince Ours.

**OVERALL TEAM SCORES**

1. Oak Glen, 42;
2. John Marshall, 34.5;
3. Harrison Central, 33;
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16. Shadyside, 13.5;
17. Magnolia, 13;
18. East Liverpool, 10;
19. Brooke, 8;
20. Cameron, 8;
21. Wellsville, 8;
22. Barnesville, 7.5;
23. Beallsville, 6;
24. Bridgeport, 6;
25. Edison, 6;
26. Wheeling Central, 5.5;
27. Bishop Donahue, 4;
28. Conotton Valley, 4;
29. Indian Creek, 4;
30. Union Local, 4;
31. Weirton Madonna, 2.

fell to Slade Williams of Beaver Local and Jimmy Gessler of Bridgeport, respectively.

At 140 pounds, fifth-seeded Mitchell Friede of Union Local went down in a tough 2-1 decision to Kody Crooks of Barnesville.

St. John's Carl Piper — who garnered the sixth seed at 152 pounds went down to Aaron Scurry of Brooke.

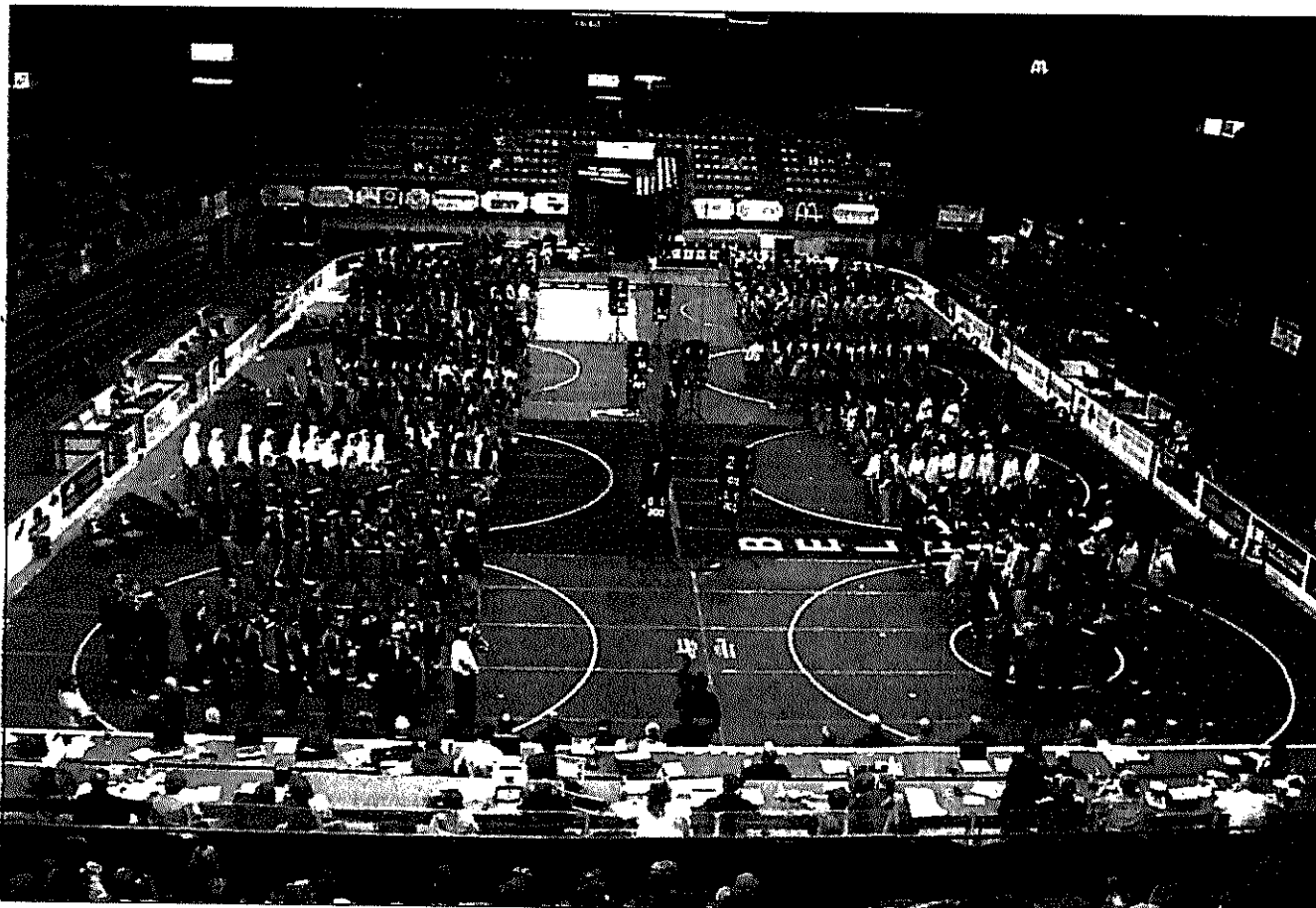
In the 285 pound weight class, Zack Kimmins of Wheeling Park went down to River's Troy Haslam.

All of the top seeds advanced with little or no trouble. St. Clairsville's Dominic Prazzia — the top seed at 135 pounds — and Harrison Central's Ian Howell — the favorite at 171 pounds — were the only ones to not advance with a pinfall.

Beaver Local's Dylan Ice recorded the quickest pin of the opening round, needing only 12 seconds on the mat.

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**OVAC mat extravaganza opens**



**STANDING AT** attention at the 2009 Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament are the parents, fans, wrestlers and coaches as the opening ceremony unravels Thursday. The 56th annual conference will resume today at noon. See related stories and photos on page B1 and at [cu.timesleaderonline.com](http://cu.timesleaderonline.com)

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"It is a little more than we are used to," Dunlap commented on having eight seeded grapplers. "We're used to flying under the radar. Now it seems more like we are one of the ones to beat."

For the first time since Harrison Central was consolidated from Cadiz, Jewett-Scio and Lakeland high schools, the Huskies are considered as one of the favorites in the mammoth conference tournament. The last time any Harrison County based school captured an overall team title was in 1981 as the Cadiz Cardinals took the white championship banner and Dunlap was only one-year old.

"It has been a long time since we have been this competitive," Dunlap admitted. "This week we went over performing to expectations. It's uncharted waters for us and we have to perform."

As the Huskies deal with its high expectations, the Big Reds are going to attempt to live up to the hype which never comes to be at the OVAC tournament. With one No. 1 seed, two No. 2 seeds, three No. 3 seeds, one No. 4 seed and one No. 7 seed, Bellaire coach Shane Shaffer believes his squad can conquer the Goliaths known as Harrison and Oak Glen.

"We have six seniors in the lineup and it helps they've all wrestled here before," Shaffer explained. "They know what to expect and my expectations from them as well."

Shaffer will showcase returning OVAC champions Erik Canter (130) and 2007 OVAC champion Robbie Chilson (145).

While the Ohio side of the river continues to exult over its big guns Harrison Central and Bellaire, Wheeling Park mat coach Sean Doyle believes the Patriots have been downplayed coming into the annual conference tournament.

"I don't think we are getting looked at as a serious, legitimate contender. We are the underdogs in this tournament and it's a good challenge for us," Doyle explained as his championship team from last season was lost in the midst of graduation. "We have a lot of quality guys back. In the seed meeting I thought a few of our kids could have been seeded higher and got slid lower than expected."

Park carries only one top seed entering the tournament - Dirk Bauer (119) - who has not been denied in many matches in the past few years let alone the OVAC tournament.

"Dirk is at a level where he never believes he should lose at any venue or event," Doyle said as Bauer is aiming for his third individual OVAC crown.

Other top seeded wrestlers include Cambridge's Andrew Bertubin (103), Beaver Local's Arizona Miller (112), St. Clairsville' Dominic Prezzia (135), Beaver Local's Dylan Ice (140), Barnesville's Kurtis Jefferis (145), Shadyside's Johnny Merryman (160), Steubenville's Branko Busick (215) and Martins Ferry's Steve Woodford (285).

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## OVAC Wrestling Results

**THURSDAY**  
**OVAC WRESTLING RESULTS**  
**Championship First Round**

103 -- Border (Cald) pinned Lawrence (IC), 1:09; McGhee (Steub) pinned Brosky (TC), 1:29; Bartrug (Riv) pinned Minzler (WP), 2:54; Bertubin (Camb) pinned Barker (Bpt), 1:10; Heavilin (HC) pinned Singleton (BL), 1:22.

112 -- Miller (Beav) pinned Watkins (HC), 4:29; Z. Porter (Bell) pinned Beaulieu (SCC), :26; Mahan (OG) pinned Neavin (MF), 2:48; Crilley (CV) pinned Larrison (Meadow), :50; K. Bauer (WC) tech falled Plouts (IC), 17-0; Crozler (Shady) tech falled Buchanan (Brk), 19-2; Richter (MC) pinned Crosier (Barnes), 1:05; Wiltshire (BL) tech falled Brown (St.C), 4:14; Tingler (Steub) pinned Nice (WP), 4:56; Longworth (JM) pinned Cline (Cald), 3:58.

119 -- D. Bauer (WP) pinned Fox (Camb), 1:16; Birney (Steub) pinned Marosi (Brk), :56; Eckleberry (OG) pinned Riley (HC), 5:11; Goode (JM) tech falled Blumenauer (BL), 17-0; Schleppe (Cam) pinned Frizzi (Bell), 1:45; Foster (EL) pinned Palmer (Beav), 1:42; Barker (Barnes) dec. Chambliss (MF), 6-0.

125 -- Hilsdon (HC) pinned Marques (UL), 1:46; Majetich (WP) pinned Grandinetti (SCC), 1:39; Border (Cald) pinned Long (Ed), 1:45; Nolte (St. C.) pinned Barton (Wells), 1:06; VanDyne (Camb) pinned Smith (Meadow), 1:31; Asbury (OG) pinned Flores (JM), 2:19; Foster (Bell) pinned Andrews (Barnes), 2:32; Yoder (MF) maj. dec. Schwertfeger (Cam), 8-0; Muntz (MC) pinned Thompson (BL), :35; Swartz (Beaver) pinned Campbell (Brooke), 5:22; Nogay (Mad) dec. Walker (C), 4-1.

130 -- Canter (Bell) pinned Burns (WC), :26; Bennett (Weir) pinned Wiles (Bealls), 1:42; Williams (Beaver) pinned Leroy (IC), :36; Stonaking (Mag) pinned Clegg (BD), :32; Churchill (OG) dec. Ways (Riv), 1-0; Gessler (Bpt) dec. Castello (Barnes), 7-5; Mackey (MF) pinned Costlow (Steub), 1:21; Howard (JM) pinned Gubanez (Ed), :49; Ours (EL) dec. Hall (Cam), 9-5; Vilga (Brk) dec. Smith (Meadow), 10-6; Callark (St. C.) pinned Hillard (BL), 1:20; Taylor (WP) pinned Pate (HC), 4:25.

135 -- Prezzia (St. C.) maj. dec. Driver (MF), 12-2; Iachini (Steub) dec. Kiedrowski (SCC), 7-3; Rogerson (WP) pinned Coulson (Bpt), :45; Beavers (Brk) pinned Earliwine (UL), :51; Hall (JM) maj. dec. Stickley (Shen), 11-1; Bartrug (BL) pinned Bucheit (EL), 1:55; Davidson (Weir) pinned Lunsford (Shady), 1:56; Berger (Camb) dec. Losey (IC), 9-4; West (River) pinned Palmer (Bealls), 1:18; LeMasters (Ed) dec. Warsinsky (Cam), 12-6; Estep (Mag) maj. dec. Mcune (TC), 14-1; Miller (Beaver) dec. Coffman (HC), 12-8; Faykus (Bell) pinned Napier (WC), :56; Paolo (OG) pinned Dowling (Wells), 1:44.

140 -- Ice (Beaver) pinned Patrick (CV), :12; Boyd (Cald) pinned Altman (Camb), 1:14; Slaga (BL) pinned Blake (JM), 1:02; Coil (EL) pinned Stewart (BD), 1:42; Berisford (WP) pinned Mercer (Shen), 2:32; Wilson (WC) dec. Ingold (Mag), 7-3; Dobson (Bell) pinned Herrman (SCC), 2:45; Crooks (Barnes) dec. Friede (UL), 2-1; Staudacher (IC) pinned Ravac (Meadow), 1:15; Hobbey (Steub) pinned Lausner (St.C), 3:59; Potts (OG) pinned Higgins (Brooke), 1:10;

145 -- Jefferis (Barnes) tech falled Hass (Cald), 17-1; Chilson (Bell) maj. dec. Platt (MC), 20-7; Banks (HC) pinned Formella (Shady), :50; Costa (Ed) pinned Scrudders (Camb), :57; Rose (MF) pinned Brokaw (UL), 1:13; Sokolowski (BL) pinned Pritchett (Bpt), :47; Rhodes (OG) pinned Radcliffe (WP), 1:46; Nickerson (St.C) pinned Wood (Shen), 1:27; Mason (JM) pinned Martin (EL), 2:45; Flanigan (Wells) pinned Rynlawec (Brk), :52.

152 -- Eddy (HC) pinned Howarth (Steub), 5:25; Clymer (Weir) pinned Thomas (Wells), 3:14; D. Porter (Bell) pinned Stoney (Meadow), :23; Whyte (Cam) pinned Michel (Shen), 4:45; Kalsor (MF) maj. dec. Tatgenhorst (EL), 10-0; Schwing (JM) pinned Heslop (Mag), 4:31; Kinzy (Bealls) dec. Dye (St.C), 10-9; Supank (BL) pinned Heath (Shady), 1:08; Coleman (Camb) dec. Brennan (OG), 8-7; Leasure (Cald) pinned Cowser (IC), 4:35; George (WP) pinned Hawken (Ed), 4:37; Scurry (Brooke) dec. Piper (SJC), 12-9.

160 -- Merryman (Shady) pinned Snider (St. C.), 3:23; Smith (JM) dec. Baker (Barnes), 8-0; Lindamood (MC) dec. Grimes (TC), 7-1; Richmond (BD) pinned Kirk (BL), 2:38; Hotlosz (MF) pinned Baker (Bealls), :39; Crook (Bell) pinned Cornell (OG), 1:25; Kroesen (Beaver) tech falled Johnston (IC), 19-1; Kalsor (HC) pinned Speedy (Meadow), :26; Todd (Cald) pinned Vangulik (Bpt), :51.

171 -- Howell (HC) maj. dec. Morris (EL), 11-1; Abbott (Cald) pinned Smith (St. C.), :35; Doyle (WP) pinned Haynes (Meadow), :53; Pay (Mag) pinned Dalto (Bpt), 1:08; Nentwick (Beav) pinned Fox (Camb), 1:33; Stewart (River) pinned Jones (Bealls), :14; Davis (OG) pinned McConaughy (MC), 5:56; Oberdick (MF) dec. Horton (BL), 9-3; Fordham (Steub) pinned Renforth (IC), 5:13.

189 -- Montero (OG) pinned Kurnar (Bpt), :34; Handerson (Beaver) pinned VanHorn (UL), :52; Crabtree (Wells) pinned Mathews (MC), 1:04; Goodwin (WP) pinned Kidwell (Bell), 1:14; Kahl (Shady) pinned McDole (EL), :25; Mallernee (HC) pinned Pickenpaugh (Cald), 1:45; Long (Mag) maj. dec. Nero (Mad), 13-6; Moten (Camb) pinned Miller (IC), 3:01; Shreve (MF) pinned Blackwell (St. C.), 1:01; Gonchoff (JM) maj. dec. Phillips (Bealls), 9-1; Devaul (Steub) maj. dec. Herzick (Ed), 13-5.

215 -- Leach (UL) pinned Cougar (Wells), 1:16; Greathouse (OG) pinned Kimmel (Meadow), :15; Busick (Steub) pinned Fuscardo (Mad), :25; Pyciak (BL) pinned Brown (Bealls), :32; Rovira (Weir) pinned Doty (Cam), :21; Vaughn (Shady) dec. Leach (MF), 4-3; Bondy (MC) pinned Shelburne (SCC), :46; Gilmore (JM) dec. Brown (Beav), 9-4; Holcomb (St. C.) dec. Pederson (Brooke), 9-3; Gunn tech falled Smart (CV), 18-3; Case (HC) dec. Lough (WP), 7-2.

285 -- Morris (JM) pinned Kirk (Barnes), 1:12; Boyd (OG) pinned Solomon (BL), 1:37; Schenkel (Cald) pinned Morrell (Wells), :34; Wojciechowski (Camb) pinned Vanni (BD), 1:56; Ruckman (Bealls) pinned Brancazio (IC), :47; Haslam (Riv) pinned Kimmins (WP), :57; West (Bpt) pinned Lowe (EL), :30; Woodford (MF) pinned Binglel (BRK), 1:22; Eckroth (HC) pinned Knight (STC), 5:08.