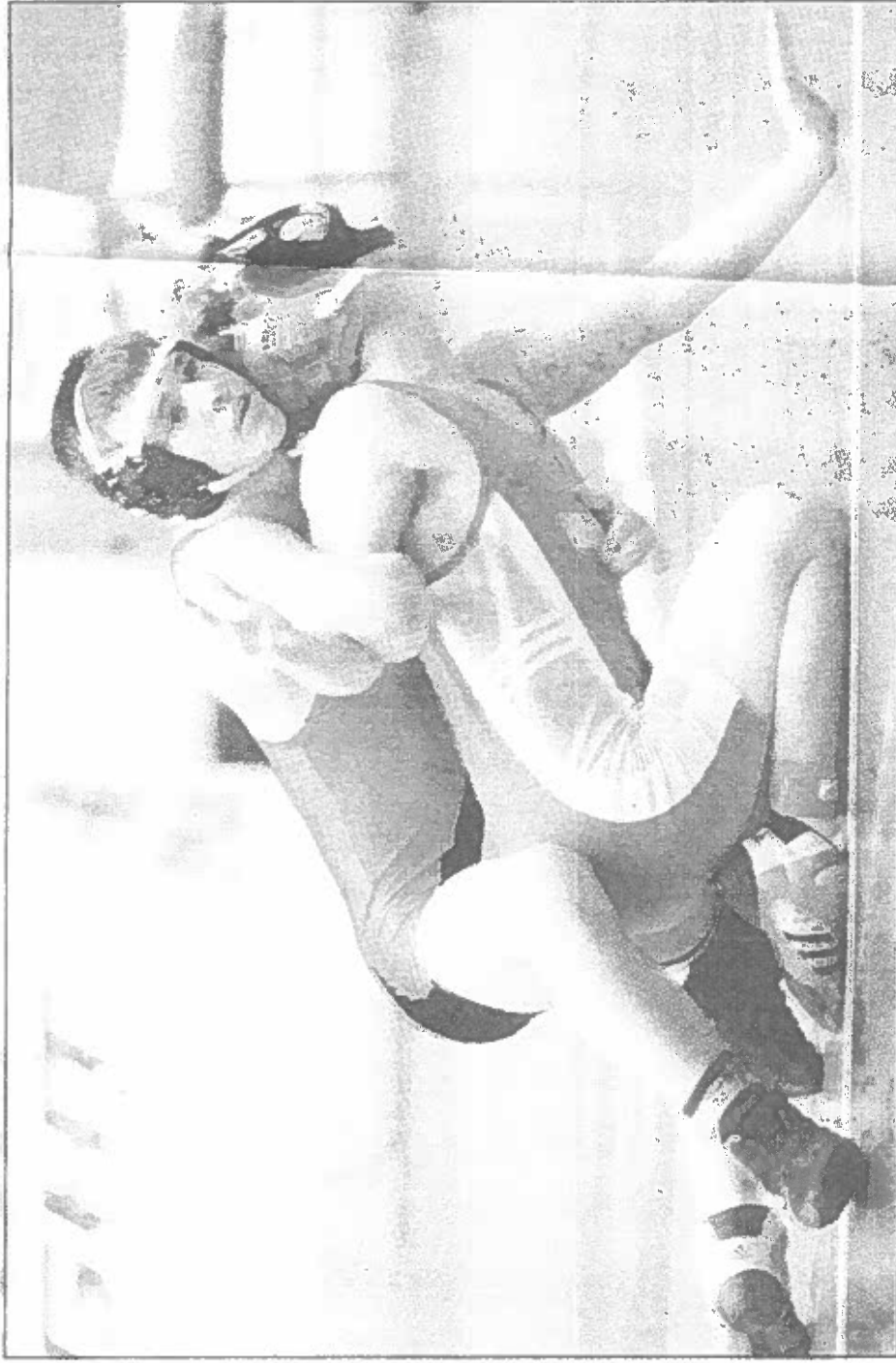


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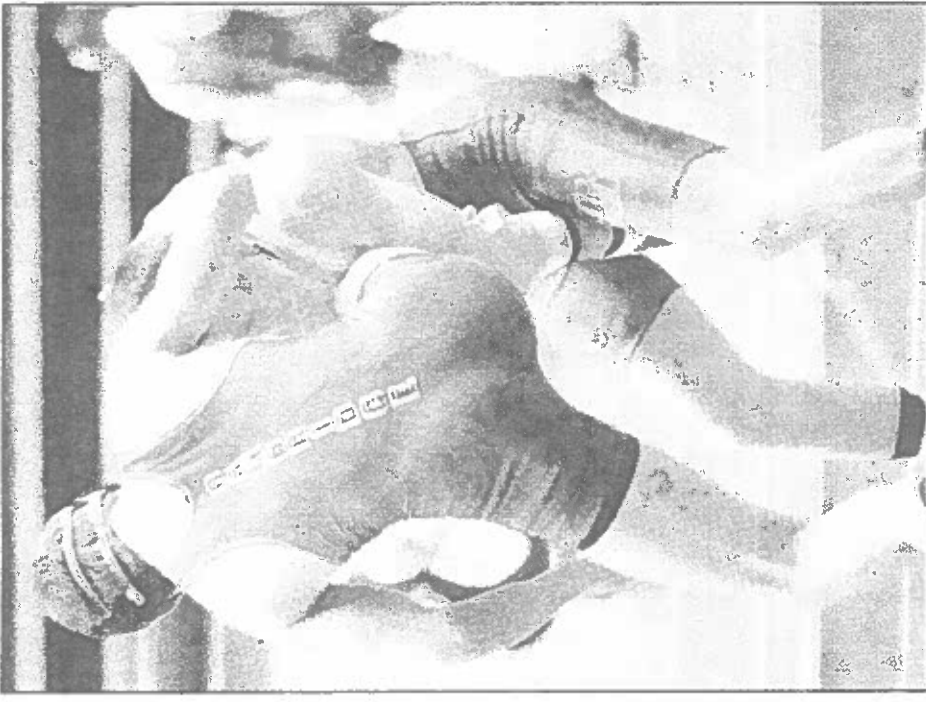
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170, finishing off a 5-1 tournament effort with a decision over Drake Mills of Parkersburg South.

The No. 2 seed who emerged with a 28-1 overall record, Rayner pinned his first three foes — Morgantown's Garrett Wotring (1:00), River's Brandon Reusser (2:24) and St. Clairsville's Seth Benge (0:31); lost 4-3 to Jake Howarth of Steubenville in the semifinals and decisioned Bellaire's Christian Edmond (5-1).

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Patterson's tournament trail also included a pin of Shady-side's Wyatt Skapik (1:00); a pin of Cameron's Dalton Wood (1:17); and a 4-0 decision against Oak Glen's Josh Cornell before he was pinned by Lance Hill of Parkersburg South (1:39) in semifinals.

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Jeremy Border, the No. 1 seed at 132, finished off a 4-0 tournament by defeating Parkersburg South's Tyler Richards, 4-0, in the championship match.

To reach the finals, Border pinned Brandon O'Brien of Edison (3:41); scored a technical fall against Matt Allietta of Indian Creek (15:0); and had major decisions against Drew Michael of University (12:0) and Ron Foster of Beaver Local (13:0).

He is now 25-2 on the season.

Cline, the No. 2 seed at 138, also went 4-0 for the weekend, outlasting Shady-side's top-seeded Ian Baker by a 2-0 score in the finals to improve his record to a spotless 28-0.

In getting to the championship match, Cline pinned Colton Kirby of Clay-Battelle (2:31);

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Senior Clayton Crosier of Barnesville captured third place at 126, scoring a 3-1 decision over Kyle Mack of Oak Glen in the consolation finals.

He was 5-1 in the tourney to improve to 29-2 overall.

Crosier pinned his first three opponents — Morgantown's Andrew Gray (2:26), Martins Ferry's Ben Jackson (1:38) and Weir's Hunter McLaughlin (3:21); lost 3-1 to Wheeling Park's Dylan Taylor of Wheeling Park in semifinals and pinned East Liverpool's Kaleb Riggle (2:27).

Kale Rayner of Caldwell claimed third place at

zone on their second series on Brady's 10-yard pass to Rob Gronkowski. By halftime, Brady had thrown five of his six touchdown passes.

He had plenty of time to survey the field as the Broncos put little pressure on him. The Ravens don't plan to let that happen.

"You don't want him back there just like, 'Oh, we're just going to play catch today,'" Baltimore linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "You don't want him to zone in on in his zone, so to say. So I think

Patriots' offense battles Ravens' defense in AFC Championship

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Tom Brady and the New England Patriots made it to the AFC championship game with a high-powered offense that piled up points and yards.

Ray Lewis and the Baltimore Ravens got there with a hard-hitting defense that made it a major challenge for opponents to move the ball.

On Sunday, one of those teams will advance to the Super Bowl because, meet literally, of what they do best



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Senior Tanner Roller of Cambridge earned fifth place at 182 pounds, going 6-2 for the weekend including default win over Martins Ferry's Jeff Oberdick at the end.

To get there, he won by major decision over Shenandoah's Austin Harmon (20-7); lost by major decision to Wheeling Park's Luke Braulich (13-5); pinned Beaver Local's Kyle Worth (3:39) and Harrison Central's Westin Fogle (2:13); decisioned Buckeye Local's J.P. Solomon (7-4) and Steubenville's Davon Wicker (11-5); and lost to

Junior Jerad Patterson of Meadbrook finished in fourth place in the 106-pound division.

Entering as the No. 5 seed, Patterson posted a 4-2 record in the tournament and is now 26-4 on the season.

He dropped a 10-1 major decision to Josh Henderson of Beaver Local in the consolation finals.

Schenkel opened with pins against Magnolia's Tyler Baker (0:29) and Harrison Central's Cole Howes (1:18); edged St. Clairsville's Corey Ernest (2-1 in OT); lost 3-0 to Taylor Ortiz of Morgan in the semifinals and won by injury default over East Liverpool's George Thompson.

Tim Schenkel of Caldwell captured third place at 285 via an overtime disqualification of Parkersburg South's Thomas Hall.

The No. 3 seed entering the tournament, he went 5-1 and is now 19-4 on the season.

Earlier, Rayner pinned Edison's Nick Fisher (2:43); won by major decision against Tyler Consolidated's John Brosky (9-1); decisioned East Liverpool's Kaleb Riggle (2-0); was pinned by David Jeffrey of Parkersburg South (1:57) in the semifinals and pinned Oak Glen's Kyle Mack (3:30).

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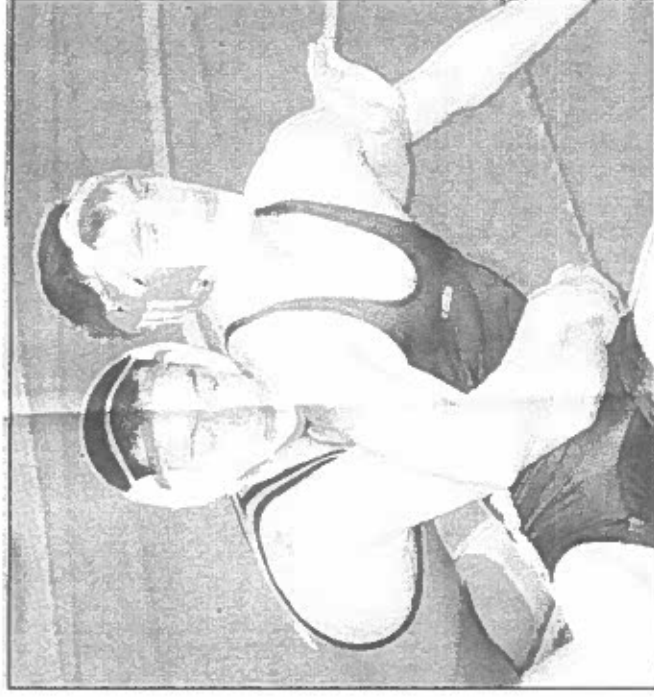
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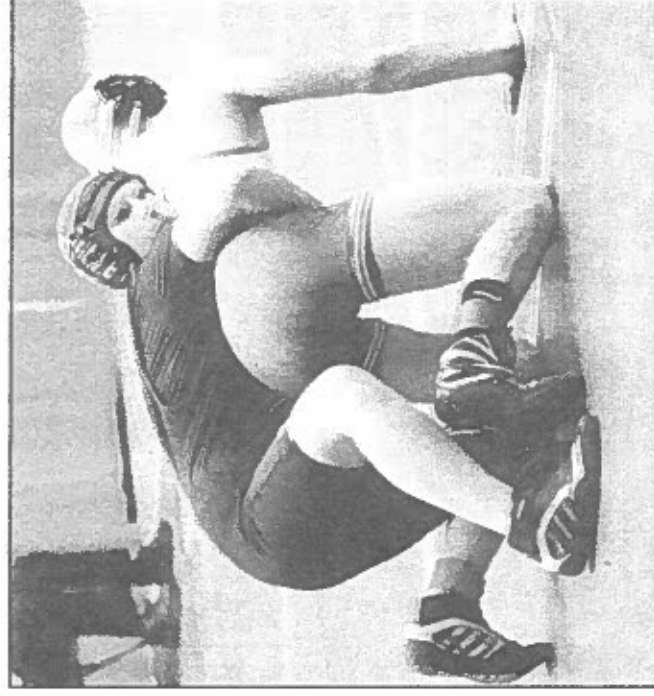
Scenes from 59th annual OVAC Wrestling Tournament



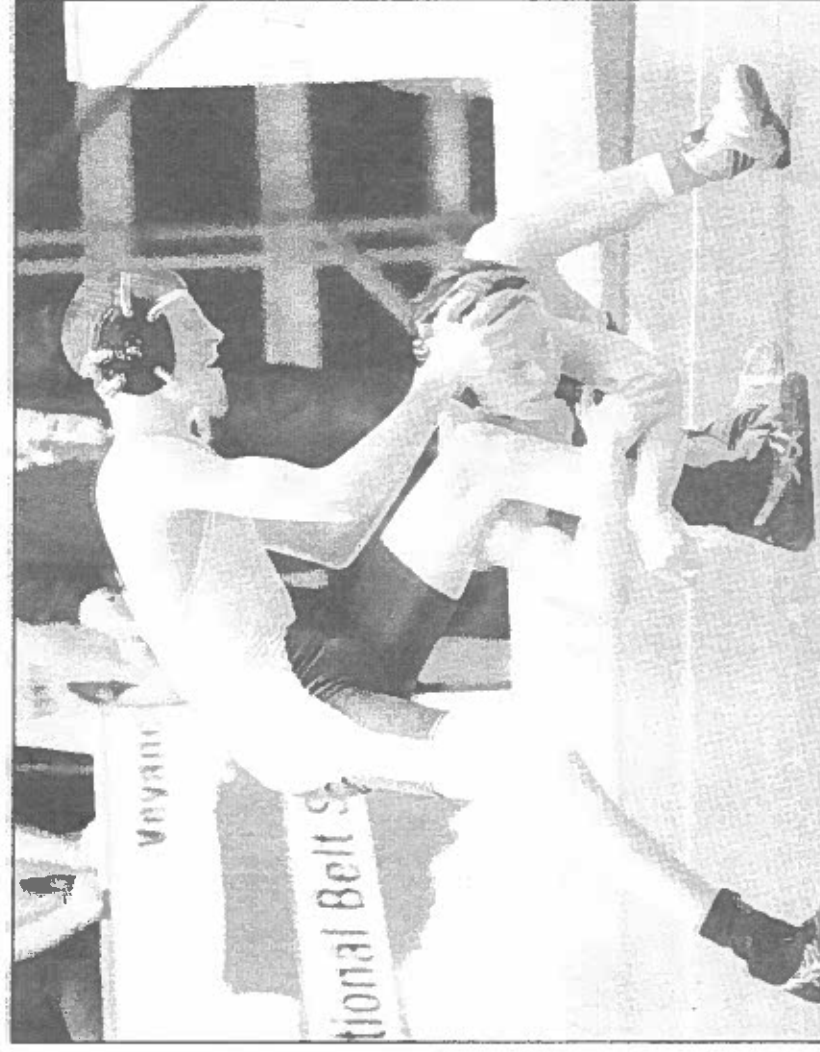
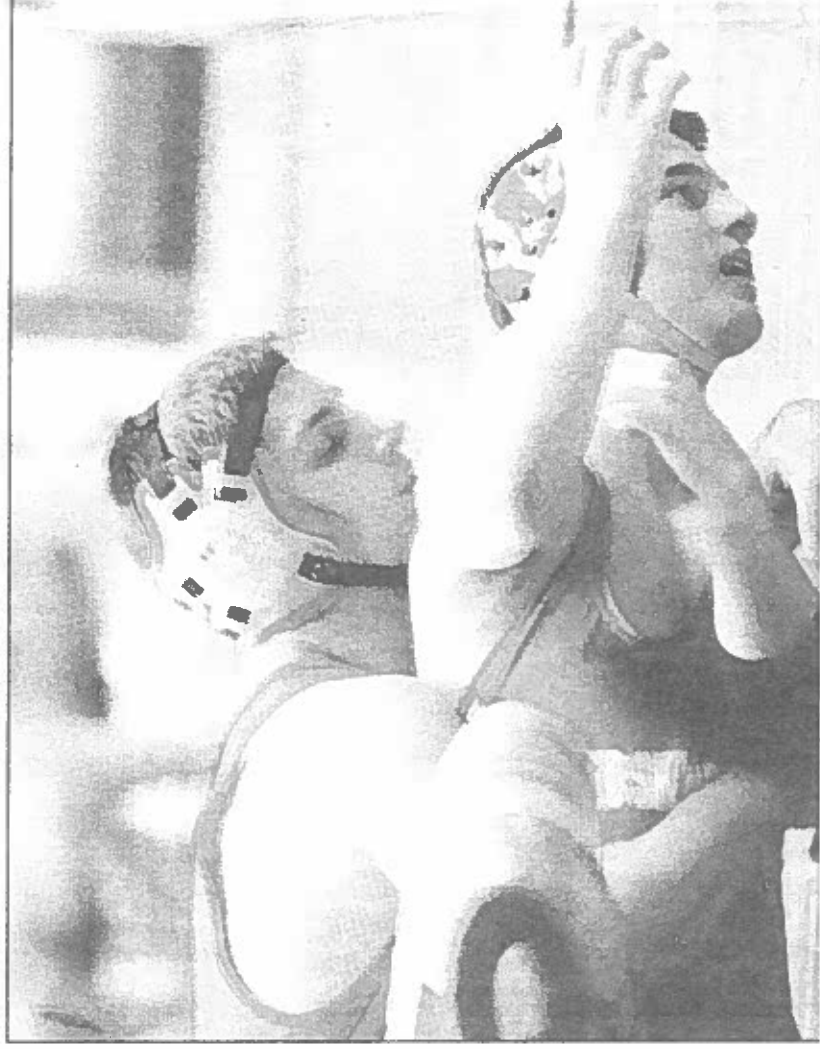
Veteran official Jack Regis keeps an eye on the action as Cambridge High's JT Good wrestles in the 120-pound division.



Meadowbrook High's Pete Novak tries to get out of the grasp of his opponent in a 120-pound match.



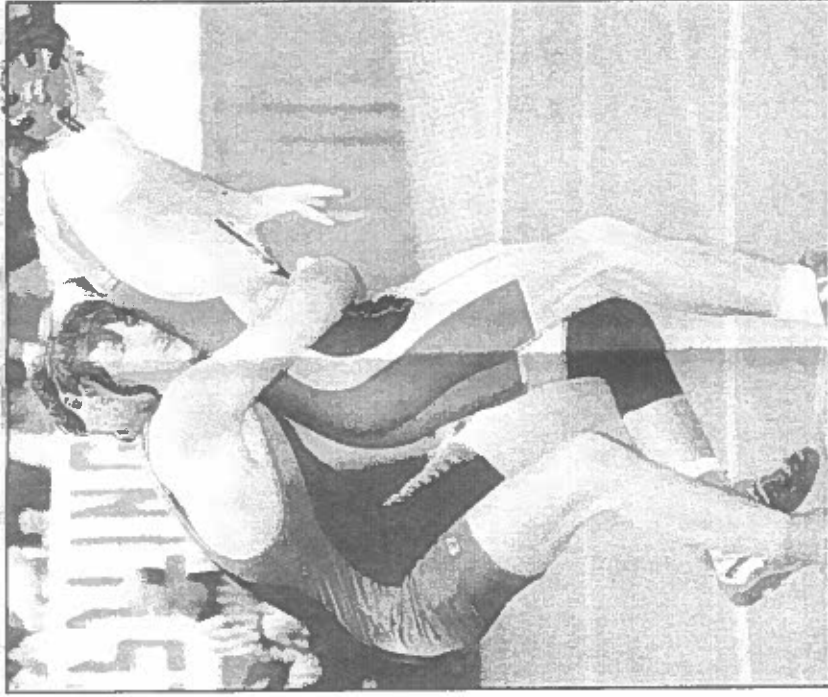
Shenandoah High's Britney Edwards competes in 132-pound action.



Caldwell High's Zac Cline has control of his opponent in a 138-pound clash.



With veteran head coach Tom "Tank" Moore (right) looking on Cambridge High's Jerrod Atchison tried to work for an escape.



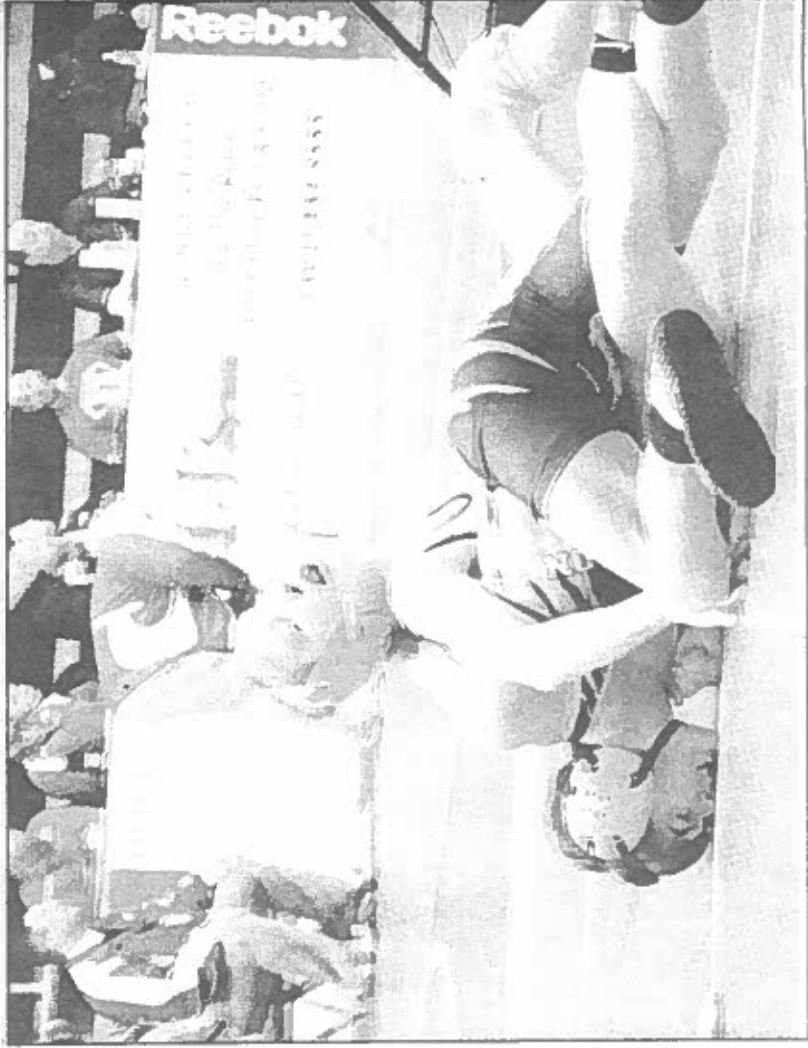
Shenandoah High's Josh Edwards wraps his arms around his opponent in a 138-pound match.

Shenandoah High's Landon Tomcho pushes his opponent in the head during 119-pound action.

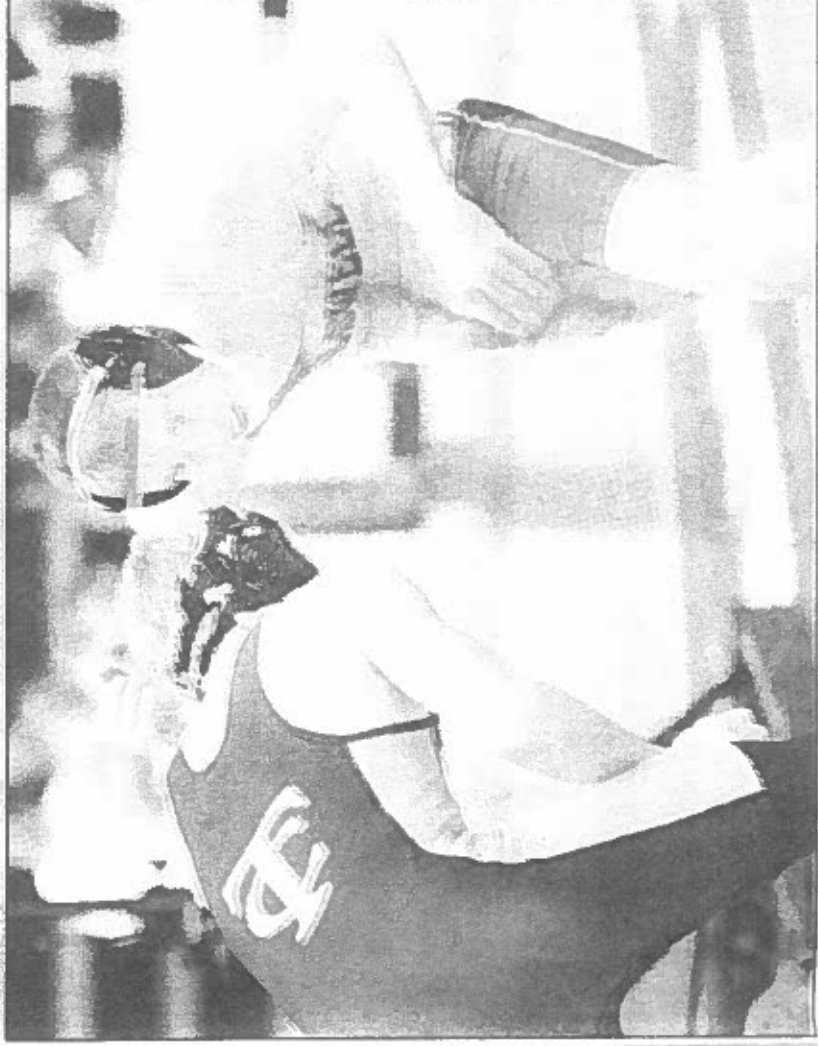


Cambridge High's Donovan Laughman tries to elude the grasp of his opponent in a 113-pound match.

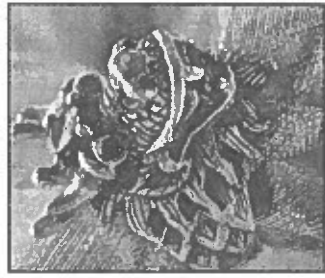
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Meadowbrook High's Jerad Patterson battles for control during a 106-pound match.



Caldwell High's Kameron Rayner looks for an opening during a 138-pound bout.



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JOHN PYLES

Taking challenges head-on

• Team effort helps deaf St. C. wrestler succeed

By **SETH STASKEY**
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WHEELING - John Pyles loves sports. The freshman at St. Clairsville High School also loves the Red Devils.

And nothing - not even a handi-cap - was going to hold him back from representing his high school in athletics.

Pyles was born deaf, but that has not slowed him down one bit from being a normal high school student-athlete.

Though he was eliminated in two matches, Pyles was one of the best

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- **John Pyles**
St. C. wrestler

stories of the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, which wrapped up Saturday night at WesBanco Arena.

"I'm happy with wrestling," Pyles said through an interpreter.

Pyles has lived in St. Clairsville his entire life, but he attended a special school in Zanesville at the age of 3 until third grade when he began attending St. Clairsville.

And it's a decision he's loved from day one.

Fast forwarding to the present, Pyles is in his third year of wrestling. He competed for the Red Devils' junior high squads and now competes at 113 pounds.

"I saw kids wrestling, and I thought it was something that I could do," Pyles said.

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While some student-athletes deem success based on their records or championships they've won, for Pyles, it has nothing to do with any of that.

"I like being part of the team," Pyles said. "I like

the one-on-one part of it where I can do something myself."

On top of being new to the sport and still young, Pyles has obviously more difficult challenges each time he takes the mat, but that's not stopped him in the least.

Pyles has his own coach, if you will, in the corner at each match along with either head coach Joel Sansone or assistant coach Gene Monteleone. Michael Barreca, who is also deaf, serves as Pyles' interpreter during sporting events.

"It's very hard," Pyles said. "Communicating with the coaches and officials is really hard."

Wrestling begins with the official blowing a whistle, but he also makes a hand signal, which is what Pyles reacts to.

Pyles learned quickly just how grueling the sport was as he learned how to wrestle. He learns many other things - through watching and repetition, which is why he credits his teammates for so much for his success.

"I've gotten better and I've got more confidence," Pyles said.

On top of those challenges, Pyles, like most wrestlers, faces the usual problem of having to watch his weight.

"Sometimes I can't eat pizza or junk," Pyles said.

"That's hard."

Pyles' teammates are some of his biggest fans and are always willing to lend a hand in the practice room or support him during matches. He singled out Nick McEndree and Chase Holcomb as a few of his teammates who work with him.

"His teammates are always teaching him holds or showing him how to get out of a hold and they're always there, at the mat, supporting him," said Marcia Carpenter, who is Pyles' school interpreter. "John is always improving and his teammates are always supportive, which is one of the main parts that he likes."

Competing in the OVAC Tournament was something that Pyles also

dreamt about. "I'd always watched it on TV, but I never thought I'd be there," Pyles said.

Pyles, like most teenagers, is very adept at text messaging, according to Carpenter.

"He texts me and Mike, and we've continued to work on that and his vocabulary," Carpenter said. "We're trying to work with him so he's more independent."

Along with wrestling, Pyles played football for the Red Devils this past season and he also ran track in junior high.

Pyles receives great support from his teammates and coaches, but after dropping a tough match in the OVAC during Friday's consolation round, he received a stern talking to from the coaching staff and Barreca.

But, that's okay with Pyles because he's part of the team.

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Caldwell High's wrestling squad turned in an outstanding effort to capture the Class 1A/2A title and finish third in the overall standings at the 59th Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championship at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling. The Redskins had nine place-winners, including individual champions Jeremy Border (132 pounds) and Zac Cline (138 pounds). The squad includes, front row l to r, Chance Stoffel, Caleb VanMeter, Jeremy Border, Zac Cline, Tim Schenkel, Cole Haas, Kale Rayner and Jared Leasure; back row, head coach Tom Brown, assistant coach Dustin Robison, Tyson Cartell, Justin Hardesty, Tyler Wiley, Jaden Border, Kameron Rayner and assistant coach Clint Boyd.

Hail to the Redskins! Caldwell wrestling team savors big performance at OVAC

JEFF HARRISON
THE DAILY JEFFERSONIAN

CALDWELL — He's probably still on "Cloud 9," but Tom Brown no doubt is enjoying the view.

After watching his Caldwell High wrestling team turn in a tremendous performance at the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championship, no one could blame him.

Brown's Redskins not only lived up to expectations, but exceeded them exponentially. Caldwell not only repeated as Class 2A/1A champions in convincing fashion, but its 176 points accumulated over the three-day event resulted in a third place overall finish behind "big boys" Parkersburg South and Steubenville.

"I couldn't be more proud of the guys or happier for them," beamed Coach Brown. "They deserve a tremendous amount of credit for all of the hard work and doing the small things in conditioning and technique-wise to be successful.

"They really went after it," he added.

Caldwell placed an impressive nine wrestlers at the OVAC despite facing a series of athletes from schools much larger, a fact not lost on Brown.

"We have something like 200 kids in our school and we're going against teams like (Parkersburg) South, (Wheeling) Park and Steubenville where they have thousand or more. It's just a tribute to how hard our

kids have worked."

Heading Caldwell's performance was a back-to-back trip to the top of the podium as OVAC champions by seniors Jeremy Border and Zac Cline.

Border, who had finished as the OVAC runner-up each of the last three years and who has amassed more than 130 career victories, breezed through his five matches without yielding a single point to win the 132-pound title.

"It's something he's wanted since last year's tournament," said Brown. "He didn't want to be known only as a 'bridesmaid'.

and to win it in senior year...it was a huge weight lifted off his chest."

Cline, meanwhile, captured the 138-pound crown moments later, finishing off a 5-0 tournament with his 100th career victory against top-seeded Ian Baker of Shadyside. He's still unbeaten on the season at 28-0.

"Zac had a losing record in his freshman year, and for him to be at this point shows how hard he's worked," said Brown. "To get his 100th victory in the OVAC finals is exciting because there's no bigger stage other than the state finals to do that."

Brown noted that Border and Cline have had their share of head-to-head battles over the years.

"They've been drill partners all the way through," he said, "and they get after one-another at practice."

Adding to the Caldwell suc-

cess were third place finishes

by senior Tim Schenkel (285) and junior Kale Rayner (170); a fifth from sophomore Kameron Rayner (126); sixth place efforts by freshman Jaden Border (106), junior Jared Leasure (152) and junior Chance Stoffel (195); and and eight by senior Cole Haas (182).

"The whole team just really wanted it," said Brown. "I'm especially happy for Cole Haas to have his hard work pay off and be able to get on the podium as a senior."

Caldwell won't rest on its achievement as still to come are the first-ever OVAC Dual Championships as well as OHSAA sectional, district and state competition.

"...We've been building momentum and we hope to use this as stepping stone for the dual tournament and all the way to state," said Brown. "We only got two guys to state last year; we just didn't wrestle well as a team at the district, but hopefully we have the right mindset to get a few more this time."

The OVAC Dual event will have preliminary rounds for the Class 1A/2A schools on Feb. 1 at Shadyside. The Redskins (17-2 in duals) will get a bye to the final on Feb. 8 at WesBanco Arena, however, as the No. 8 seed Bishop Donahue didn't have the required number of competitors at the OVAC Championships to be eligible.

"This (Caldwell's weekend

performance) give us a good opportunity," said Brown, who speculated that his team would possibly be facing Cameron in the dual meet semifinals, "but it also puts a bulls-eye on our back."

This weekend, Caldwell faces another big test against a strong field in the West Virginia Duals at Parkersburg, W.Va.

Final team scores showed Parkersburg South earning a "three-peat" as the overall champion with 281 points, with Steubenville Big Red as the runner-up with 255.

The divisional breakdown showed Parkersburg South as the Class 5A winner, with Wheeling Park second (157.5) and Brooke third (97.5); Steubenville as the 4A champion, with Oak Glen second (128.5) and East Liverpool third (98); Martins Ferry claiming the 3A title with 72 points, followed by Barnesville (48) and Monroe Central (40); Caldwell on top in Class 2A/1A, with Shadyside second (107.5) and Cameron third (65).

Cambridge finished 10th in 5A with 66 points; Meadowbrook was 11th in 4A with 41 points; and Shenandoah placed ninth in 3A with 10 points.

Parkersburg South's 126-pounder David Jeffrey, a three-time OVAC champion, won the David Bierkorte Memorial Award as the tournament's outstanding wrestler while South's 182-pounder Steven Brogle took the Hercules Award for the most pins in the least amount of time.

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350 bouts, kicks things off Thursday at 6 p.m., followed by the start of wrestling action at 6:30 featuring preliminary and first round bouts.

Session two on Friday morning begins at 11 a.m. and will include second round matches as well as first and second round consolation while Friday's late session, starting at 5 p.m., includes championship quarterfinals along with third and fourth round consolation round matches.

On Saturday, the first session gets under way at 12 noon and will feature championship semifinals and fifth round consolation, setting the stage for the final session of the tournament.

Following a series of preliminaries at 6 p.m., including the recognition of the 25-year anniversary individual champions (eight of the 13 champs are expected to return) and coaches of the championship teams from 1987, wrestling will resume at 6:30 with four mats in use to determine the top eight place finishers in each of the 14 weight classes.

While Parkersburg South was the overall and Class 4A champion a year ago and Caldwell took the 2A crown, Oak Glen

is the defending 3-A titlist and Cameron won the 1A championship in 2011.

Special awards to be presented throughout the tournament include the Assistant Coach of the Year; the Junior High Coach of the Year; the Syd Stolz Service Award; the Larry Deaton Officials Award; the prestigious "Mr. Mat" award to a person who has made valuable contributions to the sport of wrestling in the Ohio Valley; the Hercules Award for the most pins in the least amount of time; and the Dave Bierkorte Memorial Award to the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students per session, with the final session costing \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. Advanced ticket books, costing \$25 for adults and \$15 for students, are good for all five sessions.

Doyle is anxious to get the action going on Thursday.

"As Mr. Mauck always says, it's a well-oiled machine and a great group of people to work with," he said. "Hopefully we'll get to wrestle all three days this year and not two like last year because of the weather and we're expecting another exciting tournament."



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Caldwell High wrestling coach Tom Brown (left) talks with Tournament Director Dr. Dan Doyle, Superintendent of the Noble Local School District during final preparations for the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Brown's Redskins won last year's Class 2A title and figure to be in the thick of things with the "big boys" in this year's event which takes place Thursday through Saturday at WestBanco Arena in Wheeling.

Caldwell could be among overall contenders at 59th Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tourney

JEFF HARRISON
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WHEELING, W. Va. — When the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament comes around each year, it's usually a good bet that one of the "big boys" will be wearing the overall crown at the end of the three-day event.

After all, the likes of Wheeling Park, Oak Glen and most recently Parkersburg South have reigned supreme.

Could this be the year that a "little guy" steps up?

If so, then look no farther than Caldwell High, which is in the midst of a solid campaign including a 17-2 record in dual matches thus far.

OVAC Tournament director Dr. Dan Doyle, for one, says don't go to sleep on the Redskins.

"I think competition-wise it will be interesting," Doyle said. "Parkersburg South is the clear favorite, but Steubenville isn't too far behind. They had an interesting dual meet that came down to the heavyweights."

"Don't count Caldwell out, either," he continued. "They're defending champion in 2A, but

they'll be among the leaders overall by the end of the tournament."

Caldwell coach Tom Brown says his team is ready to go.

"They've worked hard all year and I think we've got good momentum coming in, so we have the potential to do some good things," Brown said. "We felt like we got some respect at the seeding meeting, and even a couple of our guys who didn't get seeded are sitting in spots where they can win some matches for us. That's what carried us last year...coming through in the consolation matches and picking up points."

Brown sees Shadyside as his chief competition in the 2A ranks.

"Shadyside has a couple of wrestlers who could potentially get to the finals (two No. 1 seeds), so they'll be tough, but I think it will be a good race," he said.

Caldwell has seven seeded grapplers - senior Clayton Crostler (24-1), the No. 3 seed at 126 and senior Mason Plumly (21-2), the No. 4 seed at 145 pounds; and Meadowbrook has one - junior Jerad Patterson (22-2) at 106 pounds. Neither Cambridge nor Barnesville had

anyone seeded this year. The No. 1 seeds (with record in parenthesis) are: junior Lance Hill of Parkersburg South (24-3) at 106; senior Zach Brown of Oak Glen (18-1) at 113; senior Tyler Karcher of Parkersburg South (26-3) at 120; senior David Jeffrey of Parkersburg South (31-2) at 126; Border of Caldwell (21-2) at 132; junior Ian Baker of Shadyside (8-0) at 138; senior Shawn McGee of Steubenville (18-2) at 145; junior Alex Quinn of Shadyside (20-2) at 152; senior Doug Eddy of Harrison Central (25-4) at 160; junior Cody Amos of Wheeling Park (27-4) at 170; senior Steven Brogle of Parkersburg South (26-5) at 182; senior Matt Shurina of Harrison Central (27-2) at 195; junior Greg Moray of Steubenville (20-1) at 220; and senior Darren Starr of Weir (15-0) at 285.

Two-time defending overall champion Parkersburg South has the most top-seeded performers with four.

The gala opening ceremonies for the tournament, which features 429 wrestlers and nearly

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Caldwell third after opening round of OVAC Wrestling Championship

WHEELING — Opening night of the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Championship managed to elude Mother Nature — barely — with pre-tournament favorites Steubenville and Parkersburg South atop the early standings while Caldwell High, as predicted, was very much in the mix.

Steubenville Big Red leads the overall point standings with 51, with Parkersburg South and Caldwell holding down the second and third spots with 46 and 44 points, respectively.

Wheeling Park checks in fourth with 34 points

while the rest of the top 10 include Oak Glen (30), Cameron and John Marshall (28 each), Brooke (25.5); Edison, Martins Ferry and Morgantown (24 each).

In addition to Caldwell, other local teams include Barnesville and Meadowbrook, tied for 20th place with 14 points each; Cambridge is 25th with nine points and Shenandoah is tied for 29th with four points.

Of the 112 seeded wrestlers from the 39 conference schools (eight in each of the 14 weight

classes), only one was defeated in the first round. Bellaire's Nick Malffe, the No. 7 seed at 160 pounds, was pinned by Shadyside's Levi Spencer.

There were 140 pinfalls in the 168 first round matches.

Tournament action is slated to resume today at noon with second round championship bouts and second round consolation. The evening session, starting at 6 p.m., will include championship quarterfinals and third and fourth round consolation bouts.



On Saturday, the first session gets under way at 12 noon and will feature championship semifinals and fifth round consolations, setting the stage for the final session of the tournament.

Following a series of presentations at 6 p.m., including the recognition of the 25-year anniversary individual champions (eight of the 13 champs are expected to return) and coaches of the championship teams from 1987, wrestling will resume at 6:30 with four mats in use to determine the top eight place finishers in each of the 14 weight classes.

For complete first round results, see page B-3.

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PAGE B-5 SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012

OVAC Wrestling Tournament unfolds this week

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WHEELING, W. Va. — For local wrestling aficionados, it's only four days to paradise.

That's because the 59th Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament — the largest conference mat tournament in the country — begins a three-day run at WesBanco Arena.

Nearly 500 wrestlers from 40 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference schools will compete in approximately 900 bouts with the ultimate goal of being one of just 14 wrestlers to stand at the top of the podium Saturday night.

The gala opening ceremonies for the tournament kick things off Thursday at 6 p.m., followed by the start of wrestling action at 6:30 featuring preliminary and first round bouts.

The second session on Friday morning begins at 11 a.m. and will include second round matches as well as first and second round consolations while Friday's late session, starting at 5 p.m., includes championship quarterfinals along with third and fourth round consolation round matches.

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Special awards to be presented throughout the tournament include the Assistant Coach of the Year; the Junior High Coach of the Year; the Syd Stolz Service Award; the Larry Deaton Officials Award; the naming of

the prestigious "Mr. Mat" award to a person who has made valuable contributions to the sport of wrestling in the Ohio Valley; the Hercules Award for the most pins in the least amount of time; and the Dave Bierkorfe Memorial Award to the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

Noble Local Superintendent Dan Doyle serves as the tournament director.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students per session, with the final session costing \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. Advanced ticket books, costing \$25 for adults and \$15 for students, are good for all five sessions.

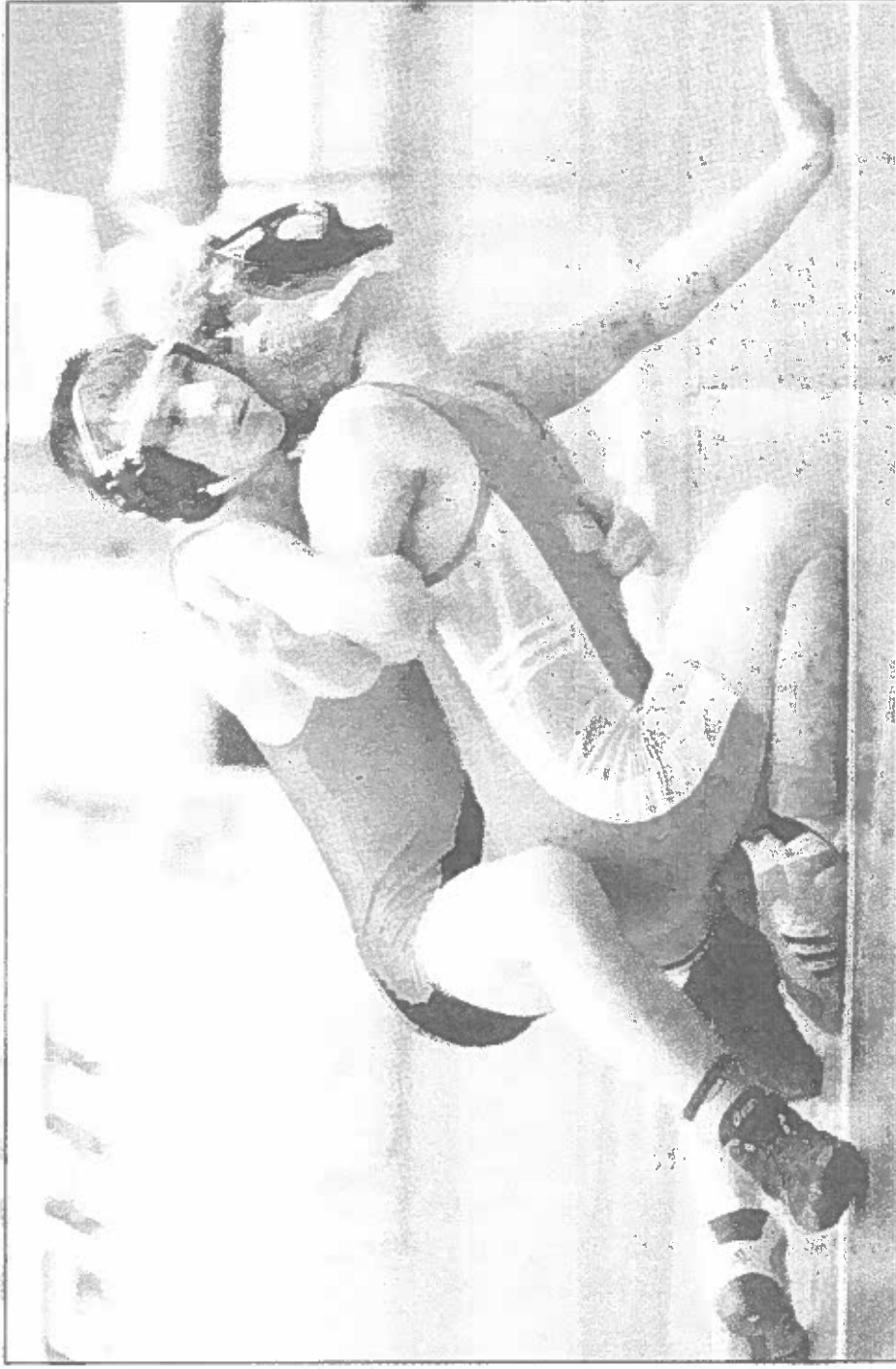
A pre-tournament press conference and coaches meetings will take place Monday, with the tournament seedings and brackets unveiled. Saturday's championship finals will be televised live by WTOV-TV 9.



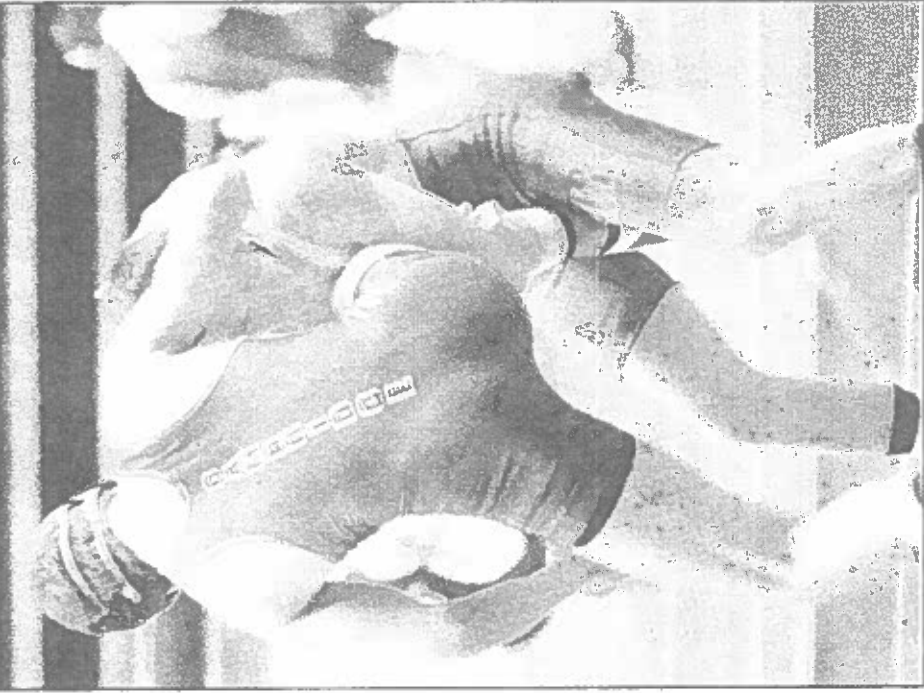
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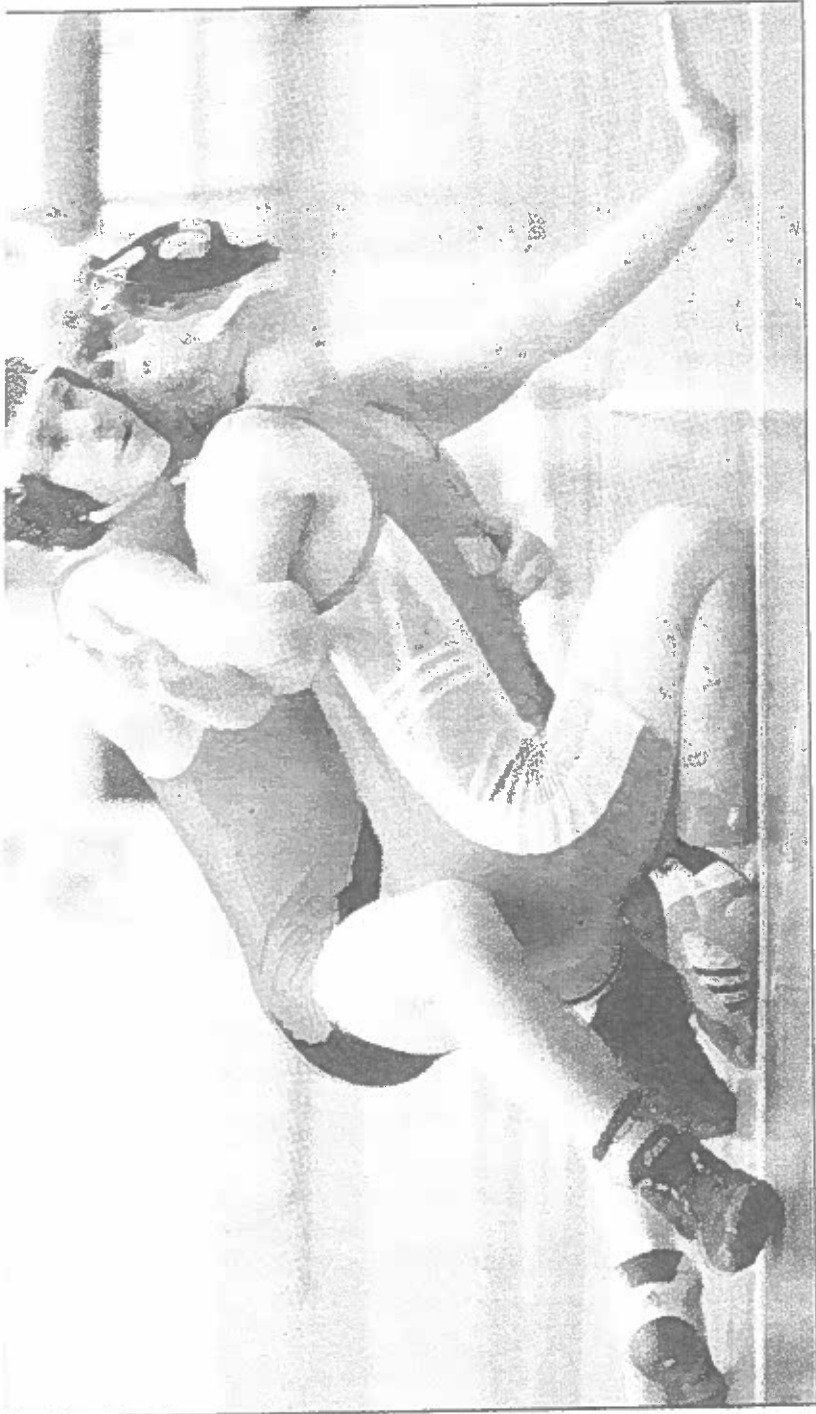
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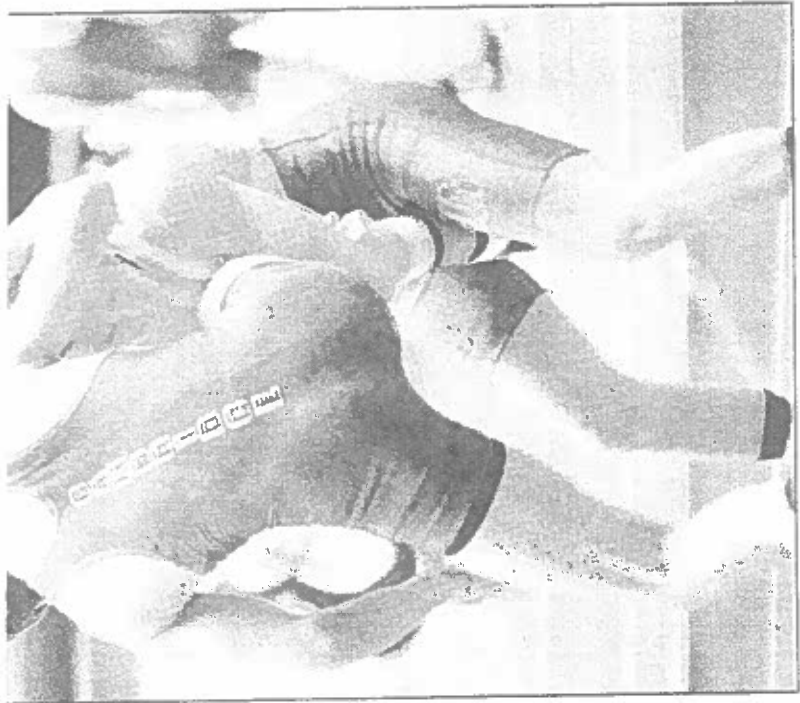


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Jeremy Border, the No. 1 seed at 132, finished off a 4-0 tournament by defeating Parkersburg South's Tyler Richards, 4-0, in the championship match. To reach the finals, Border pinned Brandon O'Brien of Edison (3-41); scored a technical fall against Matt Allietta of Indian Creek (15-0); and had major decisions against Drew Michael of University (12-0) and Ron Foster of Beaver Local (13-0).

He is now 25-2 on the season. Cline, the No. 2 seed at 138, also went 4-0 for the weekend, outlasting Shadyside's top-seeded Ian Baker by a 2-0 score in the finals to improve his record to a spotless 28-0. In getting to the championship match, Cline pinned Colton Kirby of Clay-Battelle (2-31);

pinned Tyler McAfee of Indian Creek (1-28); decided Tyler Hartsell of Morgantown (6-3); and beat Briar Shively of Parkersburg South (8-4). Junior Sawyer Leppia of Cambridge turned in the best showing among the unseeded wrestlers with a third place showing at 145 pounds. One of only three unseeded grapplers to reach the Saturday's semifinals, he beat Kodiac Garcia of Wheeling Park, 6-2, in the consolation finals to cap a 5-1 tournament run and improve to 31-6 overall.

Earlier, Leppia pinned Beallsville's Weston Otto (1-25); edged Wheeling Mason Plumly (3-1); edged Wheeling Park's Garcia (7-5); lost to Steubenville's Shawn McGehee in the semifinals (8-2) and pinned Parkersburg South's Jordan Quiocho (4-13). Senior Clayton Crosier of Barnesville captured third place at 126, scoring a 3-1 decision over Kyle Mack of Oak Glen in the consolation finals. He was 5-1 in the tourney to improve to 29-2 overall.

Crosier pinned his first three opponents — Morgantown's Andrew Gray (2-26), Martins Ferry's Ben Jackson (1-38) and Weir's Hunter McLaughlin (3-21); lost 3-1 to Wheeling Park's Dylan Taylor of Wheeling Park in semifinals and pinned East Liverpool's Kaleb Riggle (2-27).

Kale Rayner of Caldwell claimed third place at

170, finishing off a 5-1 tournament effort with a 6-2 decision over Drake Mills of Parkersburg South.

The No. 2 seed who emerged with a 28-1 overall record, Rayner pinned his first three foes — Morgantown's Garrett Wotring (1-00), River's Brandon Reusser (2-24) and St. Clairsville's Seth Bengt (0-31); lost 4-3 to Jake Howarth of Steubenville in the semifinals and decided Bellaire's Christian Edmond (5-1).

Tim Schenkel of Caldwell captured third place at 285 via an overtime disqualification of Parkersburg South's Thomas Hall.

The No. 3 seed entering the tournament, he went 5-1 and is now 19-4 on the season.

Schenkel opened with pins against Magnolia's Tyler Baker (0-29) and Harrison Central's Cole Howes (1-18); edged St. Clairsville's Corey Ernest (2-1 in OT); lost 3-0 to Taylor Ortiz of Morgan in the semifinals and won by injury default over East Liverpool's George Thompson.

Junior Jerad Patterson of Meadowbrook finished in fourth place in the 106-pound division. Entering as the No. 5 seed, Patterson posted a 4-2 record in the tournament and is now 26-4 on the season.

He dropped a 10-1 major decision to Josh Henderson of Beaver Local in the consolation

Patterson's tournament trail also included a pin of Shadyside's Wyatt Skapik (1-00); a pin of Cameron's Dalton Wood (1-17); and a 4-0 decision against Oak Glen's Josh Cornell before he was pinned by Lance Hill of Parkersburg South (1-39) in semifinals.

Kameron Rayner of Caldwell came in fifth at 126, edging East Liverpool's Kaleb Riggle in his final match to finish 4-2 at the OVAC and improve to 23-2 overall.

Earlier, Rayner pinned Edison's Nick Fisher (2-43); won by major decision against Tyler Consolidated's John Brosky (9-1); decisioned East Liverpool's Kaleb Riggle (2-0); was pinned by David Jeffrey of Parkersburg South (1-57) in the semifinals and pinned Oak Glen's Kyle Mack (3-30).

Senior Tanner Roller of Cambridge earned fifth place at 182 pounds, going 6-2 for the weekend including default win over Martins Ferry's Jeff Oberdick at the end.

To get there, he won by major decision over Shenandoah's Austin Harmon (20-7); lost by major decision to Wheeling Park's Luke Braumlich (13-5); pinned Beaver Local's Kyle Worth (3-39) and Harrison Central's Westin Fogle (2-13); decisioned Buckeye Local's J.P. Solomon (7-4) and Steubenville's Davon Wicker (11-5); and lost to

Caldwell wins OVAC 2-A

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Park's Braunlich by major decision again (11-3). Freshman Jaden Border of Caldwell captured sixth place at 106, losing 4-2 in overtime to Oak Glen's Josh Cornell in the fifth-sixth place bout.

He went 5-3 for the weekend, and is now 24-9 on the year.

Earlier, he pinned Cambridge's Jordan Ball (2:38); lost a 4-2 overtime decision to Oak Glen's Cornell; pinned Clay-Battelle's Brody Watson (1:52); beat Cameron's Dalton Wood (4-0); edged Buckeye Local's Sam Romevich (11-10); won by major decision against Edison's Anthony Bell (14-4); and lost to Meadowbrook's Patterson via pinfall (0:54).

Junior Jared Leasure of Caldwell took sixth at 152, falling by a 5-4 score to Stewart Morris of Parkersburg South in the fifth-sixth place bout.

He was 4-3 for the weekend and is now 10-3 overall.

Leading up to the last match, Leasure pinned Magnolia's Gage Deem (2:57) and Dakota Jenkins (0:15); lost via pinfall to University's Jesse Perrotts (4-4); pinned Edison's Willis Long (2:01); edged Cameron's Tyler Schweitfeger (4-3); and lost to Wheeling Park's Danny Colby (9-2).

Junior Chance Stoffel of Caldwell placed sixth at 195 pounds.

He went 4-3, losing to Matt Shurina of Harrison Central in the fifth-sixth place bout.

His trail included pins of River's Joseph Dotson (4:28) and Parkersburg South's Sam Atkinson (3:30); a loss to Brooke's Nathan Dawson (7-3); a pin of Conotton Valley's Zach Ott (2:45); a win over Martins Ferry's Zach Colle (7-2); and a loss to Steubenville's Charlie Keenan by pinfall (4:02).

Senior Mason Plumly of Barnesville finished seventh at 145.

He went 5-5 during the event, pinning Jake Higgins of Brooke (1:36) in the seventh-eighth place match.

Earlier, Plumly (25-5) pinned Wellsville's Eric Hardman (0:56);

lost to Cambridge's Leppla (3-1); pinned Buckeye Local's Oky Howard (2:32); won by injury; default over River's Jordan Sapp; pinned Edison's Ethan Shannon (3:52) and lost to Parkersburg South's Jordan Quicho (6-0). Dillon Sunnafrank of Cambridge placed seventh at 160, beating Austin Warsinsky of Cameron in the seventh-eighth place match.

He went 4-2 in the tourney and now stands 12-9 on the year.

Sunnafrank's earlier matches included wins over Edison's Chris Leak (6-0) and Steubenville's Mark Cole (4-2); lost to Harrison Central's Doug Eddy (3-0); pinned Morgantown's Brandon Harman (0:57); and was pinned by St. Clairsville's Dalton Nolte (2:21). Senior Cole Haas of Caldwell took eighth at 182 with a 5-3 record, including a 7-5 overtime loss to Steubenville's Davon Wicker in the seventh-eighth place bout.

Now 19-8 for the season, Haas pinned Tyler Consolidated's Dustin Tawney (1:03); lost to University's Nate Constante (10-8); scored a tech fall over Shenandoah's Austin Harmon (21-4); topped St. Clairsville's Nick McEndree (7-3); edged Magnolia's Jared Wright (2-1 in OT); and lost to East Liverpool's John Miscuk (8-6).

In addition to Border and Cline, the individual champions crowned included xxxx Hill of Parkersburg South at 106; Zach Brown of Oak Glen at 113; Tyler Karcher of Parkersburg South at 120; David Jeffrey of Parkersburg South at 126; Shawn McGhee of Steubenville at 145; Alex Quinn of Shadyside at 152; Doug Eddy of Harrison Central at 160; Cody Amos of Wheeling Park at 170; Steven Brogle of Parkersburg South at 182; Nathan Dawson of Brooke at 195; Greg of Steubenville at 220; and Darren Star of Weir at 285.

Bridgeport High graduate Art Hehr (Class of 1959), a two-time Ohio state champion and three-time OVAC champion in high school; a two-time West Virginia conference champion at West Liberty State College; and who coached wrestling at both Martins Ferry and Skyvue, received the prestigious "Mr. Mat" award.

OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Championship Finals

106 -- Hill (PS) dec. Brown (Steub.) 1-0.
113 -- Brown (OG) dec. Garner (PS).
120 -- Karcher (PS) dec. Parada (Steub.).

126 -- Jeffrey (PS) pinned Taylor (WP).

132 -- Border (Cald) dec. Richards (PS).

138 -- Cline (Cald) dec. Baker (Shady).

145 -- McGhee (Steub) tech. fall Gulash (Shady) 16-0.

152 -- Quinn (Shady) dec. Mays (Steub).

160 -- Eddy (HC) dec. Alexander (PS).

170 -- Amos (WP) dec. Howarth (Steub).

182 -- Brogle (PS) pinned Constante (U) 4:14.

195 -- Dawson (Brk) dec. Schwung (JM).

220 -- Murray (Steub) dec. Davis (Steub).

285 -- Starr (Weir) dec. Ortiz (Morg).

106 -- Hill (PS) pinned Patterson (Meadow) 1:39.

113 -- Craig (Steub) dec. Beaman (Brk).

120 -- Kirk (BL) dec. Pizzino (HC) 6-1.

126 -- Croser (Barnes) dec. Mack (OG).

132 -- Talbot (Riv) maj. dec. Foster (Beav) 9-1.

138 -- Shively (PS) dec. Hobbly (Steub).

145 -- Leppla (Camb) dec. Garcia (WP).

152 -- Perrotts (U) dec. Colby (WP).

160 -- Cole (Steub) dec. Neale (STC).

170 -- Rayner (Cald) dec. Mills (PS) dec. 6-2.

182 -- Braunlich (WP) maj. dec. Miscuk (EL) 12-4.

195 -- Roe (Mad) dec. Keenan (Steub).

220 -- Hamilton (Morg) dec. Bloor (Wells) 2-1 OT.

285 -- Schenkel (Cald) def. Hall (PS) (OT disqualification).

106 -- Cornell (OG) dec. Border (Cald).

113 -- Outward (MF) dec. Singleton (BL) 10-3.

120 -- Williams (MF) maj. dec. Brown (OG) 16-7.

126 -- Rayner (Cald) dec. Riggle (EL).

132 -- Davis (WP) dec. Michael (U).

138 -- Banks (WP) dec. Koper (OG) 5-3.

145 -- Davis (Bell) dec. Quicho (PS) 12-5.

152 -- Morris (PS) dec. Leasure (Cald).

160 -- Lattanzio (Beav) maj. dec. Spencer (Shady) 9-0.

170 -- Edmond (Bell) pinned Bengt (STC) 1:16.

182 -- Roller (Camb) won by default over Oberdick (MF).

Championship Semifinals

106 -- Hill (PS) pinned Patterson (Meadow) 1:39.

113 -- Brown (Steub) dec. Henderson (Beav) 8-7.

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5-3 OT; Schwung (JM) dec. Keenan (Steub) 11-6.

220 -- Murray (Steub) pinned Hamilton (Morg) 1:14.

285 -- Starr (Weir) won by injury default over Hall (PS).

Schenkel (Cald) 3-0.

195 -- Shurina (HC) dec. Stoffel (Cald).

220 -- Ebbert (JM) pinned Howdershelt (U) 2:47.

285 -- Ernest (STC) won by default over Thompson (EL).

Seventh - Eighth Place

106 -- Bell (ED) dec. Potts (EL) 15-12.

113 -- Mowder (JM) dec. Olier (EL).

120 -- Hasson (Beav) dec. Roset (WP).

126 -- Gamble (Brk) won by default over McLaughlin (Weir).

132 -- McKittrick (Steub) dec. Williams (EL) 5-4.

138 -- Hartwell (Morg) dec. Higgins (Brk) 3-1.

145 -- Plumly (Barnes) pinned Higgins (Brk) 1:36.

152 -- Schweitfeger (Cam) dec. Potts (NC) 8-7.

160 -- Sunnafrank (Camb) dec. Warsinsky (Cam) 3-0.

170 -- Slaga (BL) dec. Wiles (Bealls).

182 -- Wicker (Steub) dec. Haas (Cald).

195 -- Neely (Cam) pinned Cook (MF).

220 -- Barnes (Weir) dec. Wade (EL).

10-4

285 -- Kolling (JC) dec. Baikun (MF) 1-0.

South Three-Peats

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Dawson

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Starr



Photo by Rick Thorp
Wheeling Park's Cody Amos, top, grapples with Steubenville's Jake Howarth in their 170-pound title match. Amos won, 6-3, for his second straight title.

Patriots set OVAC meet points record

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Parkersburg South saved its best for last.

Leading Steubenville by seven points heading into the final day of the 59th annual Ron Mauck Wrestling Tournament, the Patriots put on a clinic Saturday and cruised to their third straight championship.

South compiled a tournament-record 305 points, including 81 bonus points, en route to winning the tournament, and the Class 5A crown, for the third time in as many tries.

"Steubenville was very tough the first couple of days," South coach Paul Jackson said. "But in the semis our kids came

and stepped it up.

"We got 81 bonus points and that's how you win tournaments like this. You have to get those points and we preach that to the kids every time we go to a tournament."

It's been another stellar season for the Patriots, the two-time defending West Virginia Class AAA champs.

South has won 105 consecutive dual matches, including a triumph against Big Red in the finals of last month's Wheeling Park Duals.

And while he wasn't happy his team came up short again, Steubenville coach Mike Blackburn heaped praise on his unit.

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"South wrestled a great tournament," he said. "We just have some things we need to work on for next year."

"We have the postseason to be concerned about now, and we have a big dual (against Claymont) next Saturday night.

"We had a good tournament ... we won (Class 4A).

Big Red finished with 270.7 points, well ahead of Oak Glen (134.5).

Martins Ferry claimed the Class 3A title with 77 points, while Caldwell, the Class 2A champ, was third overall with 192 points.

South claimed four championships, including three of the first four weight classes.

Top-seeded Lance Hill repeated as OVAC champ with a thrilling 1-0 triumph against Steubenville freshman Devin Brown at 106 pounds.

At 120, senior Tyler Karcher won his 31st match of the season by defeating another Big Red grappler — Anthony Parada — 7-4.

David Jeffrey won his third straight OVAC crown by pinning Wheeling Park freshman Dylan Taylor in 3:43.

Jeffrey posted five pins in the tournament and was named the Dave Bierkorette winner — the most outstanding wrestler of the event as voted by coaches. Jeffrey hasn't lost to a

grappler from West Virginia and is aiming for his fourth straight West Virginia crown.

South's final victory came at 182 where Steven Brogle won his second straight OVAC crown by pinning University's Nate Constante in 4:14.

Brogle repeated as the Hercules Award winner, with a tournament-best five pins in 10:57.

Steubenville had two champs — Shawn McGhee at 145 and Greg Moray at 220.

McGhee won his second straight OVAC title by thumping Shadyside's Mason Gulash by technical fall, 16-0.

Moray won his first tournament title by edging Oak Glen's Dylan Davis, 3-2.

Caldwell posted back-to-back championship victories.

At 132, Jeremy Border snapped his string of three straight runner-up finishes with a 4-0 decision of South's Tyler Richards.

"It feels great ... this year I finally got a win," Border said.

One match later, at 138, Border's teammate — Zac Cline — became the only second seed to win a final, upending Shadyside's Ian Baker, 2-0.

"Jeremy and Zac are drill partners so they feed off each other," Redskins coach Tom Brown said. "This moment is good for our program."

Six schools won one title each, led by Wheeling Park's Cody Amos, who claimed his second straight crown.

Amos captured the 170-pound division with a 6-3 decision of Big Red's Jake Howarth.

"This one is a little bit bigger than last year," Amos, who said he's been fighting a bout with bronchitis, said.

"(Howarth)'s a tough kid. I beat him 8-4 the last time I wrestled him."

Oak Glen's Zach Brown also repeated by edging South's Bryce Gainer, 7-6, in the 113-pound final. Brown took the lead with a point with 8 seconds left in the match.

Brooke's Nathan Dawson won his first conference title by topping Thomas Schwing, the No. 8 seed from John Marshall, 3-2, in the 195-pound championship bout.

Weir's Darren Starr was also a first-time winner at Morgantown's Taylor Ortiz, 10-3.

In 1 of 8 1 vs. 2 battles, Shadyside's Alex Quinn won the 152-pound title, his first, by topping Steubenville freshman Trent Mays, 6-0.

Harrison Central's Doug Eddy, after finishing third and seventh the past two years, won the 160-pound crown, with a 4-0 victory against South's Jake Alexander.

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Astros' post a new challenge for Joe Pettini

So, how was that photo op with President Obama and tour of the Oval Office?

You'll have to ask Cardinals' World Series hero David Freeze, says Joe Pettini who gracefully opted out of last Tuesday's invite to the White House.

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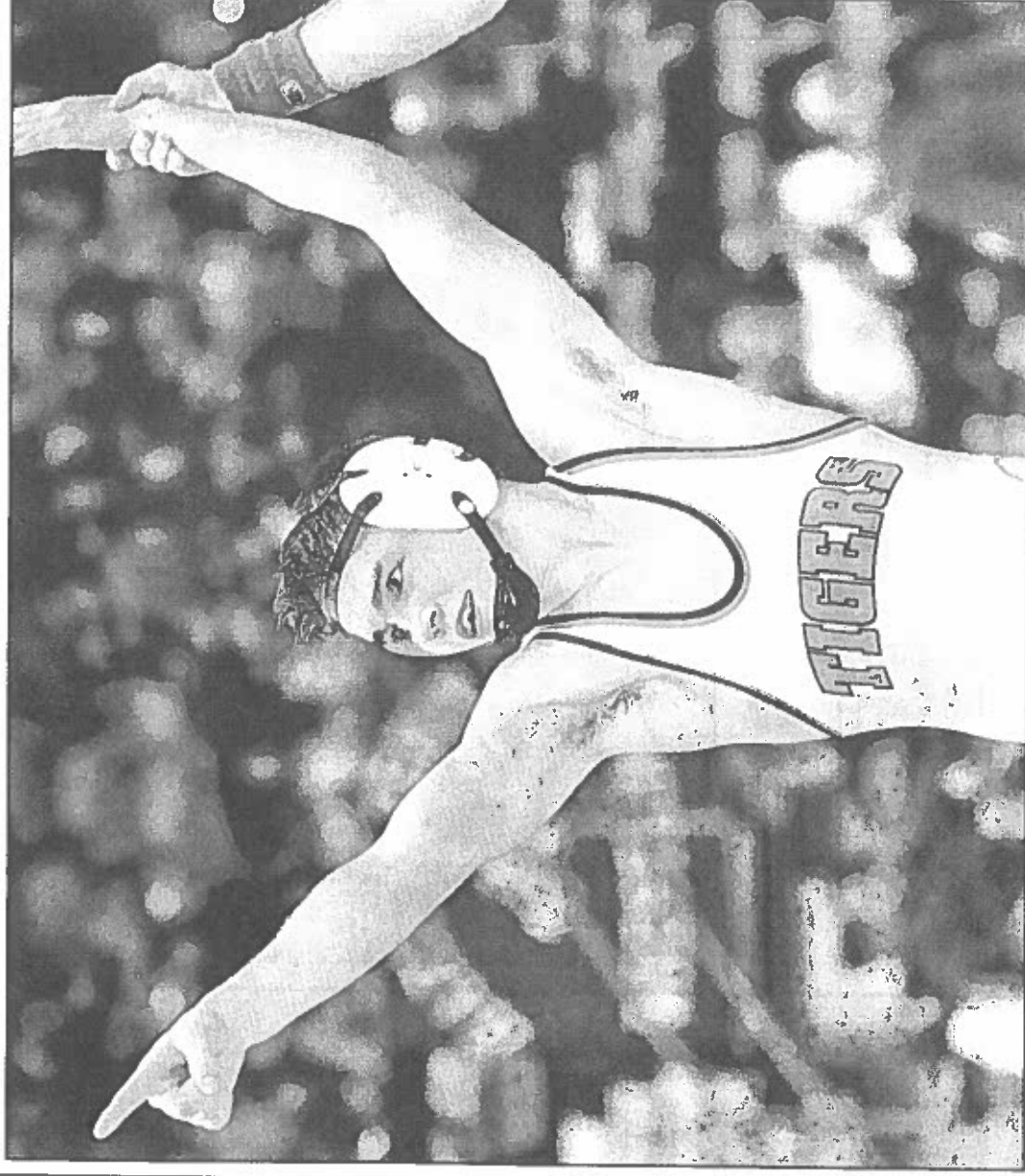
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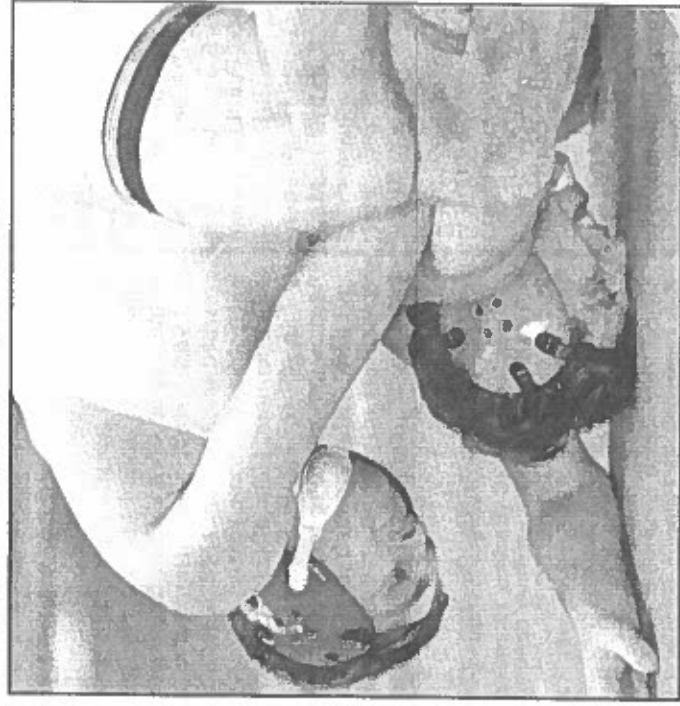
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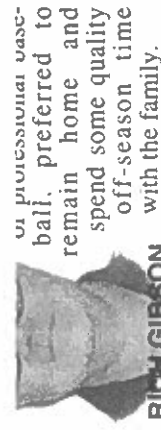
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In 1984, Pettini signed on with the Cardinals' organization, playing three seasons with the Redbirds' AAA affiliate at Louisville.

As his playing days neared an end, Pettini was quizzed by a front office exec if he were interested remaining in baseball. "I thought to myself: 'Definitely! Why not? Sure beats working for a living,'" he grinned.

Not only did he go on to become a prominent manager in the Redbirds' organization, Pettini guided Louisville to a 1995 American Association championship. Overall, he managed over 1,000 minor league games.

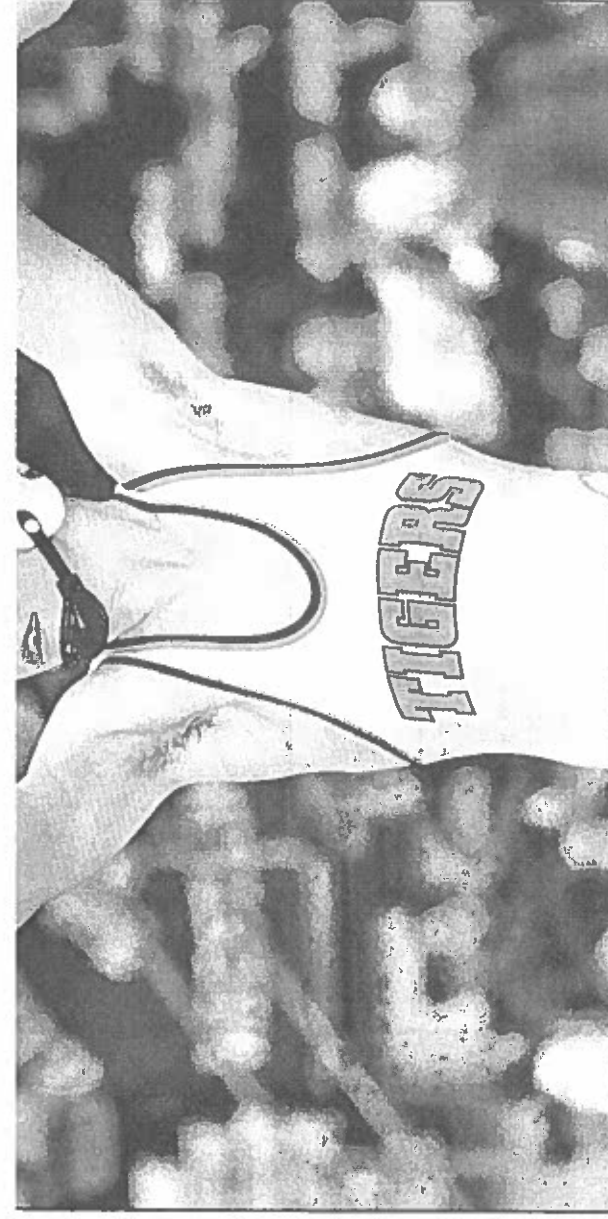
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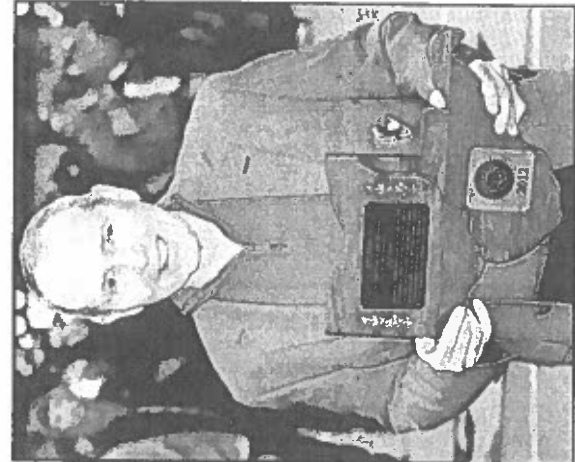
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Spokesman: Paterno in serious condition

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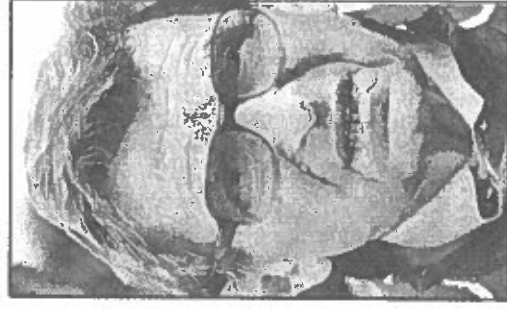
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year. "Over the last few days Joe Paterno has experienced further health complications," family spokesman Dan McGinn said in a brief statement Saturday to The Associated Press. "His doctors have now characterized his status as serious."

"His family will have no comment on the situation and asks that their privacy be respected during this difficult time," he said. Paterno's sons Scott and Jay both took to Twitter Saturday night to refute reports that their father had died.

Wrote Jay Paterno: "I appreciate the support (and) prayers. Joe is continuing to fight." The 85-year-old Paterno has been in the hospital since Jan. 13 for observation for what his family had called minor complications from his cancer treatments. Not long before that, he conducted his only interview since losing his job, with The Washington Post. Paterno was described as frail then and wearing a wig. The second half of the two-day interview was conducted by his bedside.

The final days of Paterno's Penn State career were easily the toughest in his 61 years with the university and 46 seasons as head football coach.



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Ohio U. wins

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Ivo Baltic scored 20 points and Ohio outscored Miami (Ohio) 7-2 in the final 1 1/2 minutes to seal a 69-65 comeback win Saturday.

D.J. Cooper, who finished with 13 points, sank three free throws in the final 9 seconds.



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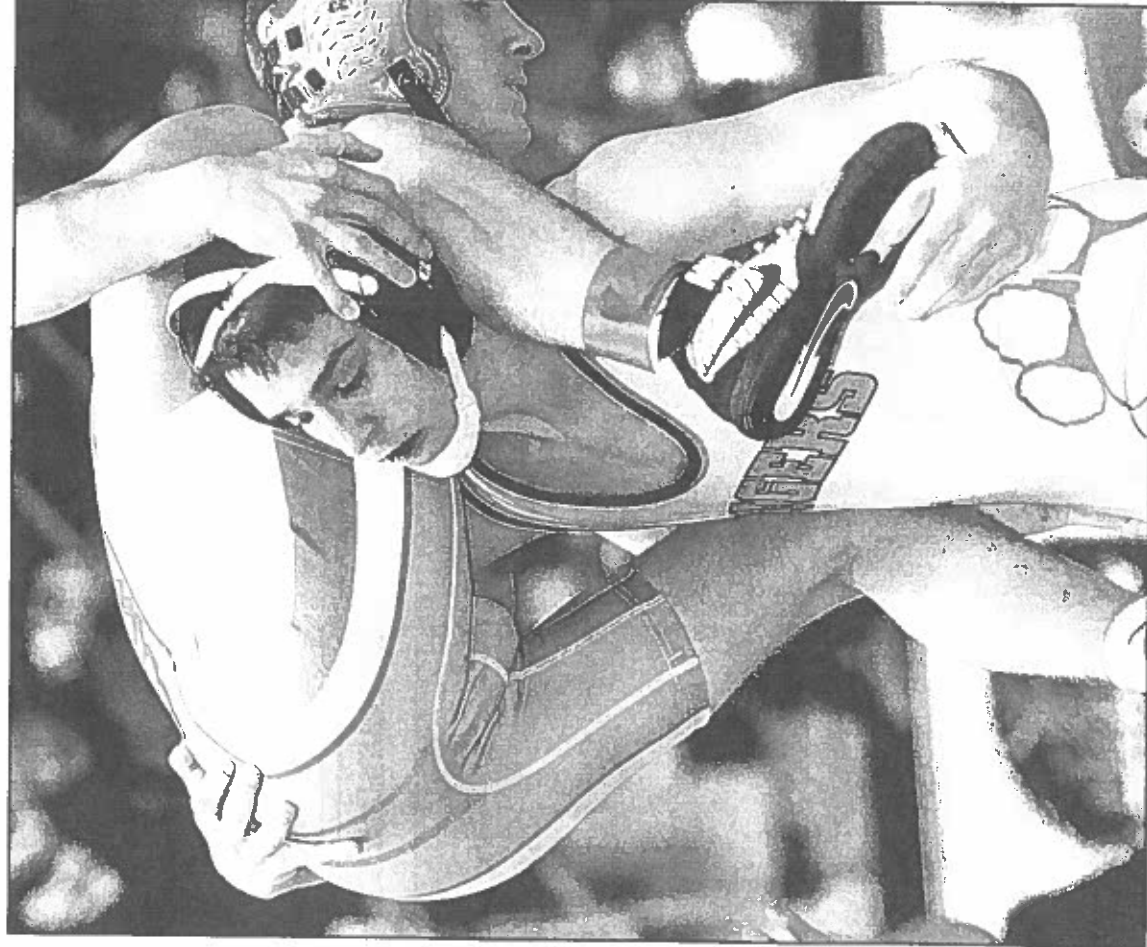
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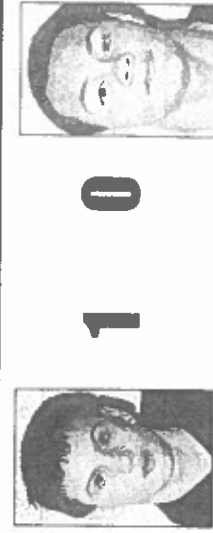
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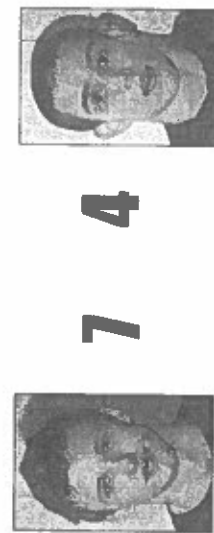
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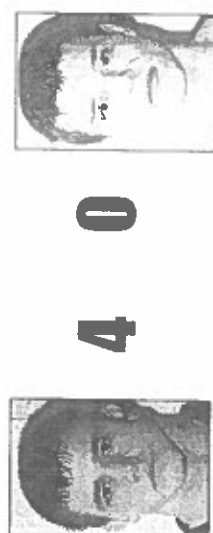
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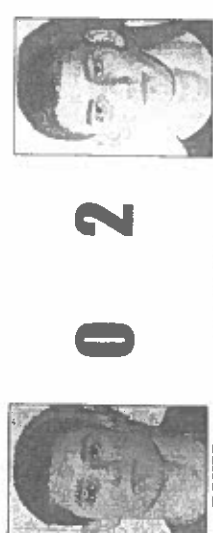
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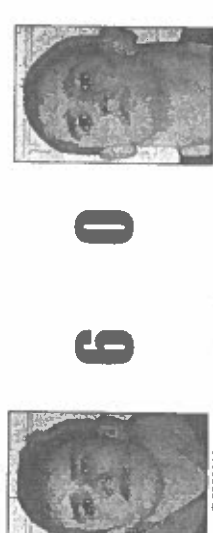
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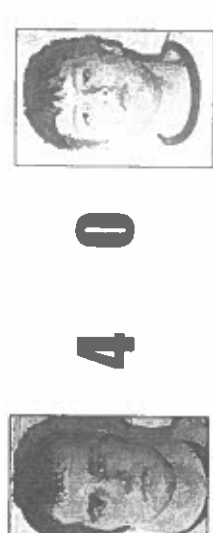
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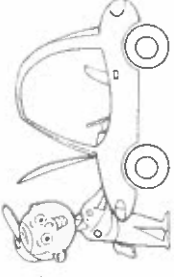
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170 - Amos (WP) dec. Howarth (Steub), 6-3
182 - Brogle (PS) pinned Constante (U), 4:14
195 - Dawson (Brk) dec. Schwing (JM), 3-2
220 - Moray (Steub) dec. Davis (OG), 3-2
285 - Starr (Weir) dec. Ortiz (Morg), 10-3

Consolation Finals

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120 - Kirk (BL) dec. Pizzino (HC), 6-1.
126 - Crosier (Barnes) dec. Mack (OG), 3-1
132 - Talbot (Riv) maj. dec. Foster (Beav), 9-12-4.

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160 - Cole (Steub) dec. Nolte (STC), 3-1
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182 - Braunlich (WP) maj. dec. Miscuk (EL), 12-4.

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220 - Hamilton (Morg) dec. Bloor (Wellis), 2-1.

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285 - Schenkel (Cald) won by DQ over Hall (PS).

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120 - Williams (MF) maj. dec. Brown (OG), 16-7.

126 - Rayner (Cald) dec. Riggie (EL), 1-0.

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59TH ANNUAL OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

South leaps Big Red

• Ferry leads locals with 73 pts.; Shadyside has 3 semifinalists

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — The final day of the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament has arrived and unlike the last two years, a real battle is setting up in the team race.

Parkersburg South — convincing winners of both overall titles since its joined the conference — finished the second day of action with 167 points, which was seven ahead of Steubenville Big Red.

Caldwell is running away with the 1A/2A title and is sitting third overall with 131 points.

Big Red has 12 wrestlers still alive in today's action.

"I can't complain about 12 placers," said Steubenville head coach Mike Blackburn. "We wrestled well, but obviously not well enough to keep up with South at this point. We just have to come back (Saturday) and wrestle well again and see where that leaves us. We've got some head-to-head matches with South."

Steubenville has nine wrestlers still alive in the championship bracket. Parkersburg South, meanwhile, has 10 wrestlers in the championship semifinals and 12 overall remaining.

Martins Ferry leads the local contingent with 73 points, which is good enough for the Class 3A lead and also ninth place overall.

Coach Scott Roth's Purple Riders have three wrestlers in today's semifinals. Jeffrey Oberdick will seek a berth in his second straight title bout at 182 pounds when he tangles with third-seeded Nate Constante of University.

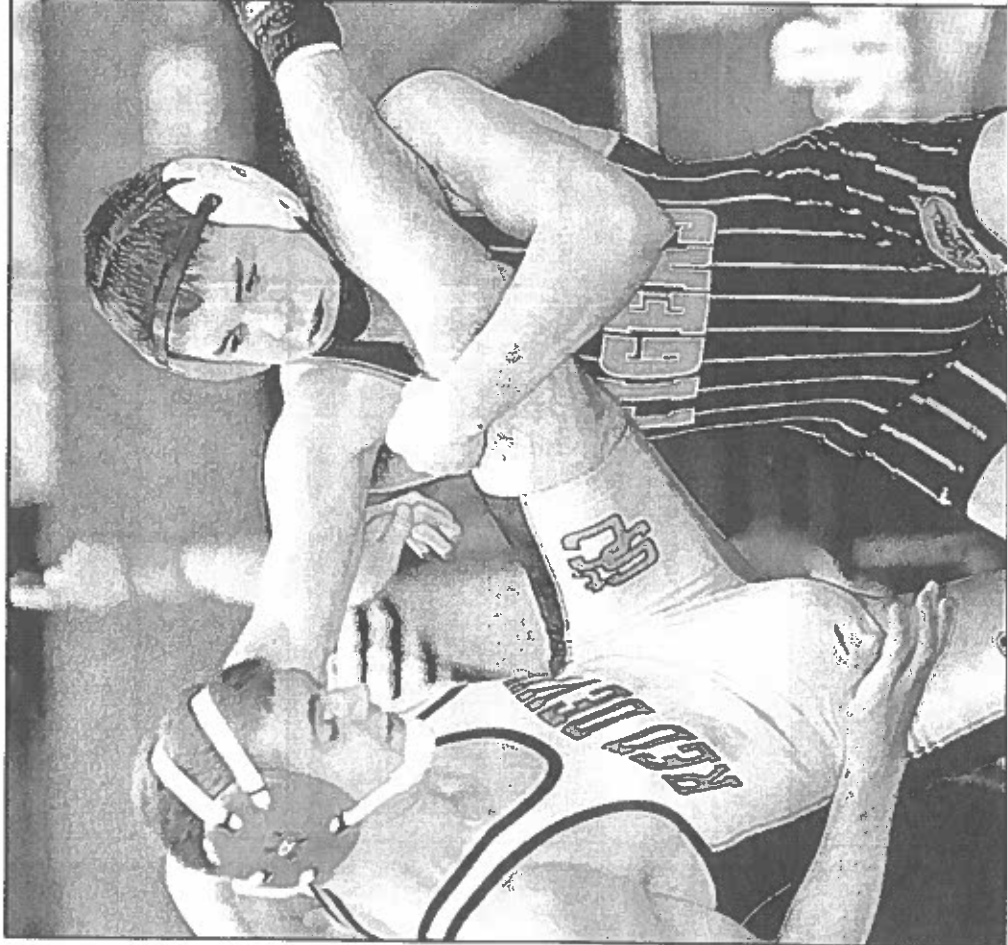
Junior Damon Outward is on the cusp of his first OVAC final. He'll meet top-seeded Zach Brown of Oak Glen this afternoon at 113 pounds.

Senior C.J. Williams — the fourth seed at 120 pounds — will also take on a top-seeded grappler. He'll face Parkersburg South's Tyler Karcher.

While Ferry leads the local delegation in terms of points, the Shadyside Tigers lead the way in semifinalists.

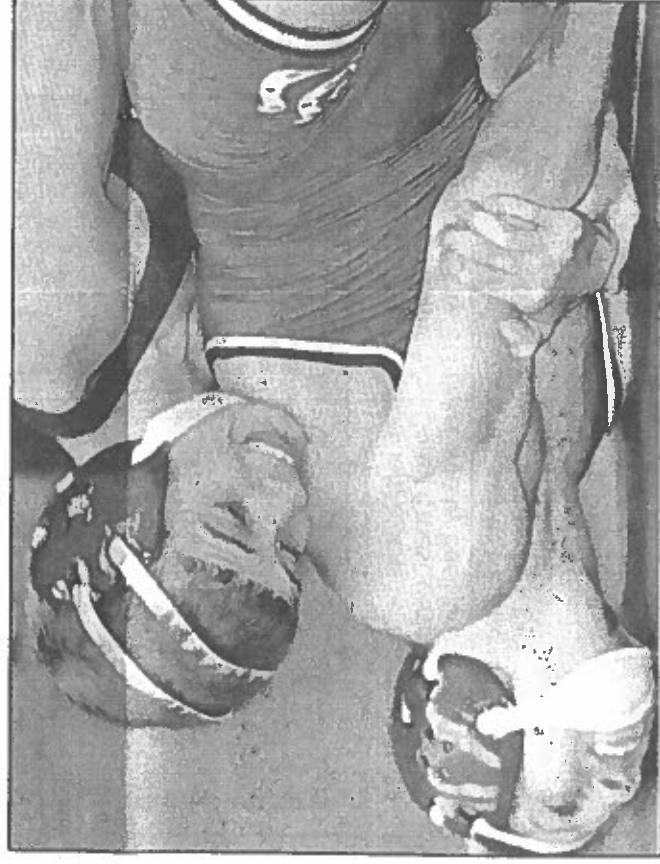
Coach Scott Kinemond's Tigers have four wrestlers in the semifinals. Top-seeded Ian Baker scored a 1-0 escape to get into the semifinals at 138 pounds. He'll meet Chastin Hobbey of Steubenville in today's match.

Junior Alex Quinn — who missed last year's OVAC Tournament — seems like a man on a mission as he's posted three consecutive pins in quick fashion. In today's semifinal, he'll take on University's Jesse Perroots.



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SHADYSIDE'S Alex Quinn and St. Clairsville's Fabio Cracolici battle during Friday's action at the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Outward won with a fall in the 152-pound weight class. *Additional images can be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com*



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MARTINS FERRY'S Damon Outward controls Buckeye Local's Tyler Singleton in their 113-pound match. Outward won by decision.

The Tigers' surprise of the tournament came in the form of unseeded junior Levi Spencer. After being the only wrestler to knock off a seeded wrestler on Thursday, Spencer picked

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SHADYSIDE'S Levi Spencer celebrates another victory at the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. *Additional images can be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com*

Tigers clawing their way back from injuries

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WHEELING — November, 19, 2011 is a date which will live in infamy when it comes to Shadyside football.

That night, at New Philadelphia, the Tigers were dealt a humbling 49-7 setback to Berlin Center Western Reserve in the Region 21 championship game.

As the game got more and more out of hand, Scott Kinemond — the Tigers' head wrestling coach and assistant football coach — began thinking about when he would get his team into the wrestling room.

However, his dreams of a big season took a hit the week prior when his son, Chase, suffered a torn ACL in his



knee. While that was awful both as a dad and as a coach, what he was witnessing in the football finale made Kinemond honestly think someone — or something — was against him.

Seemingly, one-by-one, the Tigers were being injured — and every one of the injuries — was to a wrestler, who Kinemond was heavily counting on.

Fast forwarding to the present, the Tigers are rounding back into form and the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference is taking notice.

Shadyside put on quite a show during the second day of the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, advancing four wrestlers — all of whom were amongst the injured in the aforementioned football game.

"Finally, some luck going my way for a change, you know," Kinemond said.

Maybe the story of the tournament is from junior Levi Spencer. Spencer was seriously injured in the regional final football game, breaking two ribs and lacerating his liver.

Obviously, not your run of the mill injuries that you'd expect to hear.

"Spencer has really surprised me over here," Kinemond said. "We got some help with an upset, but I guess that's part of it. We'll take it."

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Habermehl inducted into coaches Hall

By **RICH GIBSON**
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Former River High three-sport standout Jim Habermehl has added a new title to an already exemplary career: Hall of Famer.



Shootout winners

• Penguins rally past Canadiens, 5-4

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Evgeni Malkin scored in his fifth straight game and added the lone goal in the shootout to give the Pittsburgh Penguins a 5-4 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Friday night.

Pittsburgh won its fifth straight, with Malkin capping a two-goal third-period rally with his 25th of the season with 2:43 left in regulation. The NHL scoring leader then beat Peter Budaj in the shootout.

Bengals will train at home
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RIVER'S Devin Talbott works on Steubenville's Jake McKittrick during their 132-pound match at Friday's 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Additional images can be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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Indians acquire Slowey

CLEVELAND (AP) — With the future of the starter they knew only as Fausto Carmona unclear, the Indians made a move to protect their rotation.

Cleveland traded for right-hander Kevin Slowey, acquiring the right-hander from Colorado on Friday for minor league reliever Zach Putnam and cash considerations.

Indians general manager Chris Antonetti claimed the deal was not a direct reaction to Carmona's arrest in the Dominican Republic on charges the pitcher falsified his identity to play in the U.S. However, the timing of the trade seems to indicate the Indians don't know if they'll have Carmona this season.

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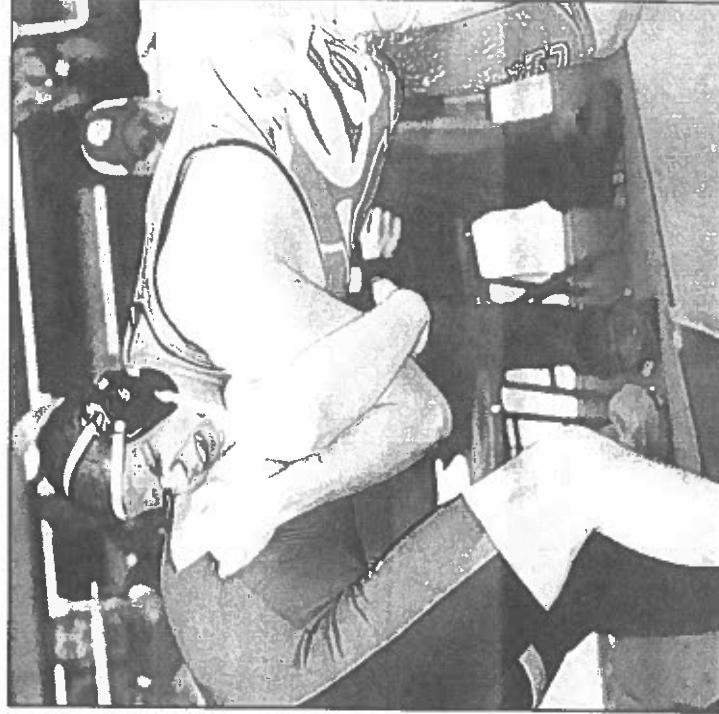
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Junior Ian Baker — an OVAC finalist as a freshman and returning state qualifier — injured his ankle in the football finale. He wrestled in December, but re-aggravated the ankle and was on the shelf until a triangular just before the OVAC.

He reached the semifinals with a hard-fought 1-0 victory on a third-period escape. "For whatever reason, it looked like Ian held back a little bit," Kinemond said. "Sometimes, some kids are harder to wrestle because of their style and wrestling ability. He was a little hesitant to go after him."

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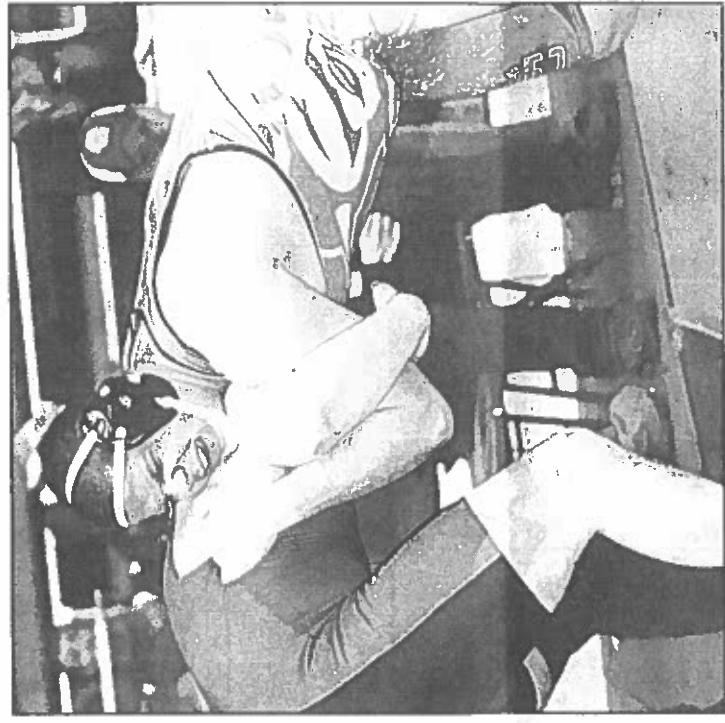
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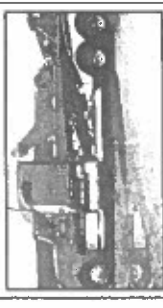
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Tourney Off to Fast Start

Stuebenville holds early lead at the OVAC meet

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

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There was little in the way of surprises during the first night of action, which featured championship first-round matches. Of the 168 matches contested, 140 ended by pin, making for an opening night that lasted about two hours.

In fact, all but one seeded wrestler lost.

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That was welcome news for Wheeling Park coach Scan Doyle, who has eight seeded grapplers in the event, which continues at noon today.

"I just want to see our guys wrestle with a lot of aggressiveness and tenacity," he said. "We wrestled with no energy last week against Steubenville (a 50-12 loss) and then wrestled well at the Virginia Duals. "We need energy and the rest will kind of take care of itself."

The Patriots stand in fourth place with 34 points.

Park's lone top seed — junior Cody Amos — pinned Cameron's Andrew Hale in 10 seconds to advance in the 170-pound

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(Continued from Page 17) appearances at the state tournament in Columbus.

Tom Brown, head coach of the Caldwell varsity squad, presented the award.

Birden Garners Accolade
Steubenville's Cornel Birden was presented the Assistant Coach of the Year honor by Steubenville head coach Mike Blackburn.

A former three-sport standout at Big Red, Birden has been an assistant coach at Steubenville for six years. During that time, he has helped the program go from a three-victory dual season to 45 dual-match victories the past three seasons.

As a wrestler at Big Red, Birden was a three-time OVAC placer, finishing as runner-up his senior season. Also, he was a two-time state qualifier.

Regis Named Top Official
Veteran Ohio valley official Jack Regis Sr. was presented with the Larry Deaton Official of the Year award by coaches' association representatives Blackburn and Doyle.

All told, Regis has officiated 12 regional and nine state tournaments in West Virginia, along with 10 sectional and five district tournaments in Ohio. He has also served as a table worker at the Ohio state tournament 10 times and the West Virginia state tournament five times.

In 2000, Regis became executive secretary/treasurer of the Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials Board. In that capacity, he is responsible for the training of new officials.

Hill Claims 100th
Parkersburg South junior Lance Hill picked up his 100th varsity victory by pinning University's Jerad Myers in 2:50.

Hill, the top seed at 106 pounds, carries a 25-3 record into today's second round, where he will face Shenandoah's Jordan Fain.

Caldwell Coach Honored
Jeff Border, head coach at Caldwell Junior High the past six years, was recognized as Junior High Coach of the Year.

Border, who also has experience as a junior high assistant and youth coach, has guided 21 OVAC placers. As an assistant, he mentored 16 placers and six champs.

Jeff's son, Jeremy, is a senior for the Redskins, competing at 132 pounds. Jaden, another son, is a 106-pound freshman, while his daughter, Maria, keeps stats for Caldwell.

Jeff and his wife, Marsha, have two other sons — Jared and Jacob. The four sons have amassed 466 victories, including seven

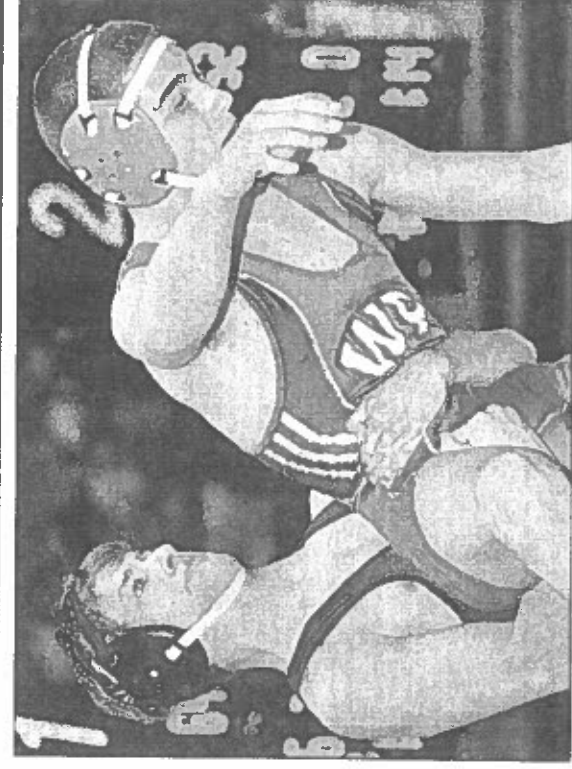


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JM's Howard VanScyoc wrestles Wheeling Park's Dylan Taylor at 126 pounds. Taylor, seeded second, won by fall during the first round.

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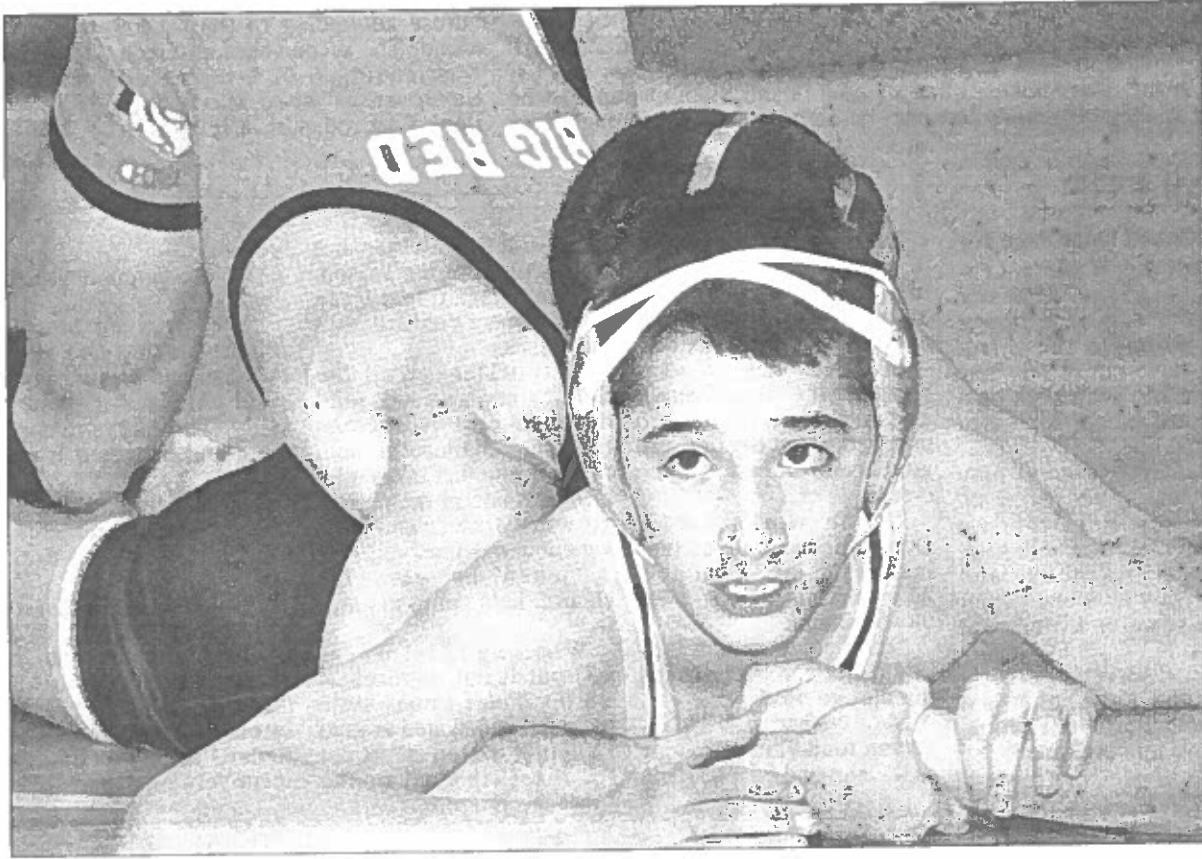
Team Scores
Parkersburg, 305; Steubenville, 270.5; Caldwell, 192; Wheeling Park, 168.5; Oak Glenn, 134.5; Shadyside, 111.5; Brooke, 104.5; University, 99; East Liverdon, 91; John Marshall, 86; Morgantown, 85; Beaver Local, 85.5; Weir, 84; Martins Ferry, 77; Harrison Central, 76; Bucksport Local, 74.5; St. Clairsville, 73.5; Cambridge, 72.5; Cameron, 69; Edison, 67.5; Barbersville, 53; River, 53; Meadwood, 44; Indian Creek, 40; Monroe Central, 30; Beallsville, 28.5; Madonna, 21; Clay, 20; Tyler Consolidated, 19; Union, 10.5; Magnolia, 13; Shenandoah, 10.5; Leavenworth Central, 10; Donahue, 4; Bridgeport, 4.
Championship Finals
106: Hill (PS) d. Brown (Steub), 1-0; 113: Brown (OG) d. Gainer (PS), 7-6; 120: Karcher (PS) d. Parada (Steub), 7-4; 126: Jeffrey (W) d. Taylor (WV), 3-43; 132: Border (Cald) d. Richards (PS), 4-0; 145: McChes (Steub) tech fall Gulash (Shady), 16-0; 152: Quinn (Shady) d. Mays (Steub), 6-0; 160: Edgy (HCl) d. Alexander (PS), 4-0; 170: Amos (HCl) d. Howarth (Steub), 6-3; 182: Brock (PS) d. Constant (U), 4:14; 195: Oleson (PS) d. Schwing (JM), 3-2; 220: Mervely (Steub) d. Davis (OG), 3-2; 285: Starr (Weir) d. Ortiz (Morg), 1-0.
Consolation Finals
106: Henderson (Beav) maj. d. Paterson (Meadow), 70-1; 113: Craig (Steub) d. Bearman (Brk), 7-4; 120: Kirk (IMF) p. Moore (Bealls), 55; Riedel (HCl) p. Hepp (SCC), 1:30.
132: Border (Cald) p. O'Brien (HCl), 3:41; Talbot (Riv) p. Edwards (Shen), 14; Marques (U) d. Andrews (Barnes), 6-4; McNeal d. Judd (Weir), 3-0; T. Taylor (Cald) d. Williams (SCC), 2:33; Weir (WV) p. Harriman (SCC), 3:36; Neavin (MF) p. Lambros (LV), 5:1; Cole (Steub) p. Parr (Weir), 2:4; Sun-nafrenk (Camb) d. Leake (EG), 6:0; Garbitt Miller (BL), 1:18; Nolta (SC) p. Hill (Steub), 1:13; 170: Amos (WV) p. Bennington (HCl), 10; Hale (Cam) p. Warren (HCl), 2:54; Mills (PS) p. Sills (Shen), 3:36; Edmund (Balt) p. Rabe (Mag), 3:0; Howard (Steub) p. Schmesing (SCC), 3:1; Wells (Ed) p. Patrick (CV), 3:46; Bengo (SC) p. Straw (MC), 2:45; Raynor (Cald) p. Weirring (Morg), 5:00; Hies (Ed) p. W. W. (Brk), 1:56; Harman (Edgy) p. Beiler (Brk), 1:50; Harman (Edgy) p. Beiler (Brk), 1:50; Banks (WV) p. Chastion (Brk), 3:40; Koper (OG) p. Heron (SCC), 1:43; Hobbey (Steub) tech failed Mundt (Riv), 3:24; Patterson (Meadow) p. Coleman (MF), 3:40; Cline (Cald) p. Kirby (CB), 2:31; Dowling (Wells) d. Payner (UL), 6-4; 145: McChes (Steub) p. Simmons (JM), 1:18; Hies (Ed) p. Oleson (Bealls), 3:5; Higgins (Brk) p. Reed (HCl), 3:9; Morton (MC) p. Hogan (OG), 5:2; Vorhofer (U) p. Barrett (Beav), 1:44; Hardisty (Cald) p. Hinkle (CB), 2:38; Sapp (Riv) d. Beaulieu (SCC), 1:1-4; Garcia (WV) p. Wise (MF), 3:04; Quicocho (PS) p. Rubie (TC), 2:41; Gulash (Shady) d. Howard (BL), 3:16; Davis (Beav) p. Harman (Wells), 5:6; Shannon (Ed) p. Lawrence (Morg), 3:03; Castelli (Weir) p. Cunningham (BD), 2:27; Fairchild (Meadow) d. Jonas (Meadow), 13-9; Blake (Cam) d. Miller (EL), 3-2.
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(BL) d. Pizzino (HCl), 6-1; 126: Crosier (Barnes) d. Meek (OG), 3-1; 132: Talbot (Riv) maj. d. Foster (Beav), 9-1; 138: Shively (PS) d. Hobbey (Steub), 3-1; 145: Leppia (Camb) d. Garcia (WV), 6-2; 152: Perrosos (U) d. Garcia (WV), 4-2; 160: Cole (Steub) d. Nolta (TC), 3-1; 170: Raynor (Cald) d. Nolta (TC), 3-1; 170: Braunlich (WV) maj. d. Misco (EL), 12-4; 195: Roe (Madi) d. Keenan (Steub), 3-2; OT, 2-20; Hamilton (Morg) d. Bloor won by DO over Hall (PS).
Fifth - Sixth Place
106: Corneli (OG) d. Border (Cald), 4:3; OT, 113: Outward (MF) d. Singleton (Brk), 10-3; 120: Williams (MF) maj. d. Brown (OG), 16-7; 126:Raynor (Cald) d. Michael (EL), 1-0; 132: Davis (WV) d. Koper (OG), 2-1; OT, 138: Banks (Balt) d. Quicocho (PS), 5-3; 145: Davis (Balt) d. Leasure (Cald), 12-5; 152: Morris (PS) d. (Beav) maj. d. Spencer (Shady), 9-0; 170: Edmund (Balt) p. Bengo (SC), 16; 182: Roller (Cam) won by default over Oberdick (MFG); 195: Sturina (HCl) d. Stoffel (Cald), 5-3; 220: Ebbert (JM) p. Howdersheit (U), 7:47; 285: Ernest (EL) won by default over Thompson (HCl).
Seventh - Eighth Place
106: Bell (Ed) d. Poits (EL), 15-12; 113: Mowder (JM) d. Oiler (Brk), 7-0; 120: Hasson (Beav) d. Roser (WV), 7-2; 126: Gamble (Brk) won by default over McLaughlin (Weir), 132: MCK; Mick (Steub) d. Williams (EL), 5-4; 138: Hrick Sell (Morg) d. Higgins (Brk), 3-1; 145: Plumly (Barnes) p. Higgins (Brk), 1:36; (Cald), 5-3; Ortiz (Morg) d. Schenkel (Cald), 5-3; Miller (BL), 1:18; Nolta (SC) p. Hill (Steub), 1:13; 170: Amos (WV) p. Bennington (HCl), 10; Hale (Cam) p. Warren (HCl), 2:54; Mills (PS) p. Sills (Shen), 3:36; Edmund (Balt) p. Rabe (Mag), 3:0; Howard (Steub) p. Schmesing (SCC), 3:1; Wells (Ed) p. Patrick (CV), 3:46; Bengo (SC) p. Straw (MC), 2:45; Raynor (Cald) p. Weirring (Morg), 5:00; Hies (Ed) p. W. W. (Brk), 1:56; Harman (Edgy) p. Beiler (Brk), 1:50; Harman (Edgy) p. Beiler (Brk), 1:50; Banks (WV) p. Chastion (Brk), 3:40; Koper (OG) p. Heron (SCC), 1:43; Hobbey (Steub) tech failed Mundt (Riv), 3:24; Patterson (Meadow) p. Coleman (MF), 3:40; Cline (Cald) p. Kirby (CB), 2:31; Dowling (Wells) d. Payner (UL), 6-4; 145: McChes (Steub) p. Simmons (JM), 1:18; Hies (Ed) p. Oleson (Bealls), 3:5; Higgins (Brk) p. Reed (HCl), 3:9; Morton (MC) p. Hogan (OG), 5:2; Vorhofer (U) p. Barrett (Beav), 1:44; Hardisty (Cald) p. Hinkle (CB), 2:38; Sapp (Riv) d. Beaulieu (SCC), 1:1-4; Garcia (WV) p. Wise (MF), 3:04; Quicocho (PS) p. Rubie (TC), 2:41; Gulash (Shady) d. Howard (BL), 3:16; Davis (Beav) p. Harman (Wells), 5:6; Shannon (Ed) p. Lawrence (Morg), 3:03; Castelli (Weir) p. Cunningham (BD), 2:27; Fairchild (Meadow) d. Jonas (Meadow), 13-9; Blake (Cam) d. Miller (EL), 3-2.
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Parkersburg South Pulls Out to Slim Lead



Photos by Rick Thorp

Above: John Marshall's Casey Mowder works against Steubenville's Anthony Craig during their 113-pound bout Friday night. Craig won by major decision, 10-2. Below, Barnesville's Clayton Crosier, left, locks horns with Weir's Hunter McLaughlin during their 126-pound quarterfinal. Crosier won by fall, 3:21.

Big Red seven back heading into final day

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

WHEELING — Steubenville and Parkersburg South are locked in a battle for the top spot as the final day of the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament dawns.

With championship semifinal matches beginning at noon, the two-time defending champion Patriots hold a 167-160 lead against Big Red in what has the makings of a classic finish.

Both teams have 12 wrestlers alive, with the Patriots having 10 in the championship semifinals and Big Red nine.

"They have 12 in and we have 12 in," Steubenville coach Mike Blackburn said following Friday's action at WesBanco Arena.

"We just have to come back and wrestle head-to-head and, hopefully, we're on the winning end. We'll take things match by match.

"I think overall we wrestled well. Just not well enough to keep up with South at this point."

South and Steubenville traded the lead all day Friday. But when the dust settled, the two schools established themselves as the cream



of the tournament crop.

The Patriots also lead the Class 5-A standings handily on Wheeling Park. The Ohio County Patriots have 108.5 points, fourth overall. Big Red, meanwhile, has a hefty lead against Oak Glen (86.5) in the Class 4-A race.

Martins Ferry leads the Class 3-A standings with 73 points, while Caldwell, third overall, has collect-

ed 131 points to lead the combined Class 2-A/1-A division.

South and Steubenville will square off once in the semis when Big Red's Anthony Craig faces the Patriots' Bryce Gainer at 113 pounds.

Also, the two schools could face each other in the finals, which

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Rookies looking to make a name for themselves

WHEELING — It's not easy to win four straight OVAC championships.

It's only happened seven times, beginning with the legendary Bobby Douglas.

Four freshmen remain alive for the feat heading into today's championship semifinals at the 59th annual Ron Mauck

OVAC Wrestling Tournament at WesBanco Arena. Sure, January of 2015 is a long way off. But, a



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kid can dream, can't he? "It's crossed my mind many a time." Wheeling Park's Dylan Taylor, one of the four rookies, said

moments after he defeated Oak Glen's Kyle Mack by major decision in a 126-pound quarterfinal.

"But in order to do that I'll have to train very hard."

The others are Steubenville's Devin Brown (106) and Trent Mays (152), along with Parkersburg South's Thomas Hall (285).

"They're not freshmen anymore," Steubenville coach Mike Blackburn said of Brown and Mays.

"They've been through the fire already and they pretty much did what we expected them to do.

"They both wrestled pretty well."

Duals Not Far Off

No sooner will teams begin recovering from this weekend's tournament before attention is turned to the inaugural OVAC Duals.

Jim Rocchi, who heads the event, provided an

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(Continued from Page 13) update for coaches earlier this week.

Instead of a paper champion, this year's winner will be decided on the mats, starting Wednesday, Feb. 1.

That night, preliminaries will take place at Shady-side High School (Class 2A-1A, 11 schools) and Harrison Central High School (Class 4A, eight schools).

Action at both sites will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Class 5A and 3A have only four teams each, so they will automatically advance to the semifinals.

The semifinals and finals will begin at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 at WesBanco Arena.

Free Clinic This Morning
As part of the "Subway Sports Clinic Series," the Ohio Valley Athletic Con-

the mats of what was then the Wheeling Civic Center 25 years ago.

Winners from 1987 slated to be recognized include Mark Emmerling (East Liverpool, 98 pounds), Steven Murray (Oak Glen, 105), John Train (Oak Glen, 112), Tom Teasdale (Bellair, 119) and Brian Gable (Wheeling Park, 126).

Also being lauded will be Dean Burke (Bridgeport, 132), Duniyasha Yetts (Steubenville, 138), Vinnie Monseau, Wheeling Park, 145), Mark Mlynek (Bellair, 155), Rick Burlenski, Bridgeport, 167), Dan Keenan (Steubenville, 175), Mike Vargo (Bridgeport, 185) and Alex Shook (John Marshall, HWT).

The Official Word
The OVAC once again brought together some of the finest officials in the Ohio Valley to work this year's tournament.

Not only are they familiar faces locally, but they have also displayed their abilities at the state level.

Manning the mats this weekend are Jeremy Callen, Paul Coffland, Lou Coffland, Jim Cop-

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(Continued from Page 13) begin at 6:30 p.m., four times.

Of the 14 weight classes, the top four seeds advanced in half of them (113, 120, 126, 138, 152, 182 and 285).

Of the remaining, six have three of the top four seeds.

The weight class that's the most topsy-turvy is 160, where two of the three unseeded semifinalists reside in Shady-side's Levi Spencer and Beaver Local's Daniel Lattanzio.

The other unseeded semifinalist is Cambridge's Sawyer Leppia (145).

Also, 13 of the 14 top seeds will compete for berths in the finals. Harrison Central's Matt Shurina was upended, 3-2, by No. 8 seed Thomas Schwing of John Marshall.

Four No. 5 seeds advanced — Meadowbrook's Jared Patterson (106), Beaver Local's Ron Foster (132), Parkersburg South's Drake Mills (170), Morgantown's Evan Hamilton (220).

Wrestling Community Eyes Great Season

OVAC coaches, officials gather

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

WHEELING — With prep wrestling practices just around the corner, OVAC coaches and officials gathered at WesBanco Arena on Monday night to set the tone for the season.

Among the folks on hand were new coaches Dr. Vince Monseau and Patrick

McGillian.

Monseau has come out of retirement, so to speak, to assume the coaching duties at River High School. Meanwhile, McGillian, who has taken the reins of Oak Glen's prestigious program.

Monseau spent nine seasons in the prep ranks before moving on to what was then West Liberty State College.

During his storied tenure on the hilltop (1973-2004) Monseau became one of the top coaches in NAIA/NCAA Division II ranks, guiding the Hilltoppers to a national runner-up finish in 1995.



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Monseau said there are currently 28 students out for wrestling at River.

The kids have been really

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great," said Monseau, an OVAC and West Liberty hall of famer.

"They are eager to listen and I'm really pleased with how that's going.

"Our football coach (Mike Flannery) is really trying to help us with numbers. He's encouraged all of his football players who aren't playing basketball to wrestle.

"I hope they stay with it and give us a good shot this year."

McGillian wrestled for another hall of famer — Larry Shaw — for four seasons and served as a volunteer assistant for his former coach during the last of his 30 seasons on the job.

Monday get-together participated in a number of workshops and had the opportunity to hear officials speak on a variety of topics.

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The following schools will be taking part — Class 1A/2A: Beallsville, Bishop Donahue, Caldwell, Camerion, Conotton Valley, River, St. John, Shady-side, Steubenville Catholic, Toronto, Wheeling Central; Class 3A: Barnesville, Bridgeport, Martins Ferry, Monroe Central, Shenandoah; Class 4A: Buckeye Local, Edison, Harrison Central, Meadowbrook, Oak Glen, St. Clairsville, Steubenville, Union Marshall, University. Wheeling Park.

"The conference always tries to have championships decided on the courts and field of play," said Dr. Dan Doyle. OVAC

director of wrestling. "This will give teams the opportunity to prove they're champions on the mat."

Other key dates this season include:

■ Wheeling Park Duals: Dec. 28-29 at WesBanco Arena

■ Best Value Inn Tournament: Dec. 28-29 at St. Clairsville High School

■ 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament: January 19-21 at WesBanco Arena.

■ West Virginia Prep Championships: Feb. 23-25 at Big Sandy Superstore Arena, Huntington.

■ Ohio Prep Championships: March 1-3 at Value City Arena, Columbus.

Championship Semifinals	
106	Lance Hill (PS) vs. Jared Patterson (Meadow); Devin Brown (Steub) vs. Josh Howarth (BdL)
113	Zach Brown (OG) vs. Damon Outward (MF); Anthony Craig (Steub) vs. Bryce Gainer (PS)
120	Tyler Karcher (PS) vs. C.J. Williams (MF); Tyler Brown (OG) vs. Anthony Parada (Steub)
126	David Jeffrey (PS) vs. Kamerion (Barn) vs. Dylan Taylor (WP)
138	Jeremy Bortol (Cald) vs. Ron Foster (BdL); Davin Talbot (Riv) vs. Tyler Richards (PS)
145	Ian Baker (Shady) vs. Chastin Hobley (Steub); Brian Shively (PS) vs. Zac Cline (Cald)
152	Shawn McGhee (Steub) vs. Sawyer Leppia (Camb); Mason Gulash (Shady) vs. Josh Davis (Bell)
160	Alex Quinn (Shady) vs. Jesse Perreos (Uni); Danny Colby (WP) vs. Trent Mays (Steub)
167	Doug Eddy (IC) vs. Daniel Lattanzio (BdL); Jake Alexander (PS) vs. Levi Spencer (Shady)
182	Cody Amos (WP) vs. Drake Mills (PS); Jake Howarth (Steub) vs. Kate Rayner (Cald)
195	Steven Brogle (PS) vs. Luke Braumlich (WP); Nate Constantine (Uni) vs. Jeff Oberdick (MF)
220	Thomas Schwing (JM) vs. Charlie Keenan (Steub); Nathan Dawson (Brk) vs. Christian Roe (WM)
285	Greg Moray (Steub) vs. Evan Hamilton (Morg); Cullen Ebbert (JM) vs. Dylan Davis (OG)
	Darren Starr (Weir) vs. Thomas Hall (PS); Tim Schenkel (Cald) vs. Taylor Oritz (Morg)

59th Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament Results

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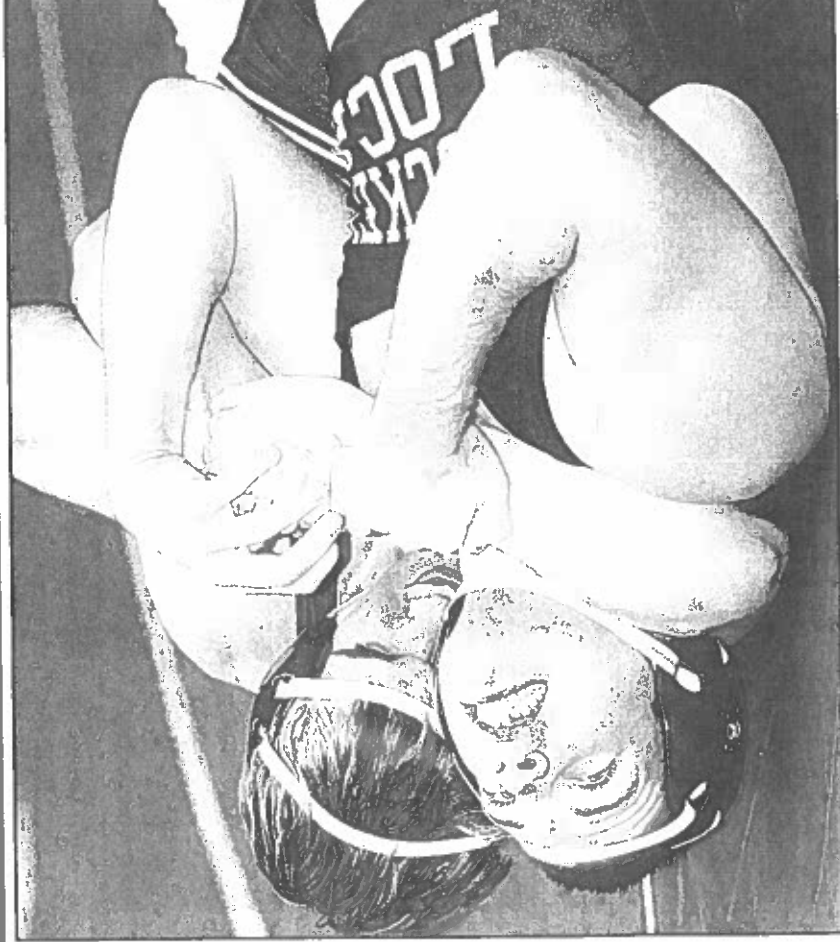
Championship Bracket

Quarterfinals

106 — Hill (PS) pinned Potts (EL), 1:44; Patterson (Meadow) dec. Cornell (OG), 4:40; Brown (Steub) tech failed Bell (Ed), 17:40; Hendersons (Beav) maj. dec. Ronevch (BL), 14:24.
113 — Z. Brown (OG) pinned Oiler (EL), 1:59; Oulward (MF) dec. Singleton (BL), 6:4; Craig (Steub) maj. dec. Mowder (JM), 10:2; Gainer (PS) maj. dec. Beaman (BK), 12:2.
120 — Katcher (PS) pinned Post (WP), 2:56; T. Brown (OG) dec. Kirk (BL), 5:0; Williams (MF) dec. Pizzano (HC), 2:0; Parada (Steub) vs. Hasson (Beav), 7:4.
126 — Jeffrey (PS) pinned Callank (SC), 1:51; Croser (Barnes) pinned McLaughlin (Weir), 3:21; Rayner (Cald) dec. Riddle (EL), 2:0; Taylor (WP) maj. dec. Mack (OG), 20:6.
132 — Border (Cald) maj. dec. Michael (U), 12:0; Richards (PS) maj. dec. Davis (WP), 12:2; Talbot (Riv) maj. dec. McKirck (Steub), 12:1; Foster (Barnes) dec. Williams (EL), 4:1.
138 — Baker (Shady) dec. Higgins (BK), 1:4; Shively (PS) dec. Koper (OG), 9:3; Hobbey (Steub) dec. Banks (WP), 9:8 OT; Cline (Cald) dec. Harsell (Mag), 6:3.
145 — McGhee (Steub) tech failed Higgins (BK), 15:0; Leppa (Camb) dec. Garcia (WP), 7:5; Davis Bell) pinned Shannon, Ed), 1:43; Gushen (Shady) tech failed Quochio (PS), 20:3.
152 — Quinn (Shady) pinned Creacoini (SC), 1:11; Perroots (U) pinned Leasure (Cald), 4:44; Coby (WP) tech failed Potts (MC), 18:3; Mays (Steub) dec. Morris (PS), 6:2.
160 — Eddy (HC) dec. Sumatrank (Camb), 3:0; Alexander (PS) dec. Mason (JM), 9:2; Spencer (Shady) pinned Harszewski (Cam), 4:54; Laltarazo (Beav) pinned Bitinger (OG), 8:7.
170 — Anos (WP) pinned Wicks (Ed), 1:09; Rayner (Cald) pinned Berge (SC), 3:7; Mills (PS) pinned Edmond (Bell), 5:35; Howarth (Steub) dec. Slaga (BL), 6:2.
182 — Brogle (PS) pinned Wright (Mag), 4:9; Braulich (WP) pinned Misco (EL), 5:35; Oberdick (MF) pinned Soloman (BL), 50:Cosstane (U) pinned Wicker (Steub), 24:7.
195 — Schwing (JM) dec. Shurina (HC), 3:2; Keenan (Weir) dec. Neely (Cam), 5:4; Roe (Mad) dec. Coole (MF), 3:1; Dawson (BK) dec. Stoffel (Cald), 7:3.
220 — Moray (Steub) pinned Barnes (Weir), 1:01; Hamilton (Morg) dec. Bloor (Wells), 2:1; Ebbert (JM) maj. dec. Bennett (BK), 8:0; Davis (OG) pinned Huggins (Ed), 1:58.
265 — Starr (Weir) pinned Thompson (EL), 2:40; Hall (PS) dec. Wood (Steub), 5:0; Ott (Morg) pinned Kolling (IC), 39; Schenkel (Cald) dec. Ernest (SC), 2:1 OT.

Round 2

106 — Hill (PS) pinned Fan (Shen), 4:9; Potts (EL) pinned Kiedrowski (SCC), 1:08; Patterson (Meadow) pinned Wood (Cam), 1:17; Brown (Steub) pinned Howell (UL), 1:37; Ronevch (BL) dec. Richter (MC), 9:3; Cornell (OG) dec. Border (Cald), 4:2; Bell (Ed) tech failed Diganandomenio (WP), 20:5; Singleton (Beav) maj. dec. Singleton (Barnes), 12:0.
113 — Z. Brown (OG) maj. dec. Laughman (Camb), 12:4; Singleton (BL) pinned Gaydoson (IC), 3:59; Oiler (EL) dec. Tomcho (Shen), 5:4; Craig (Steub) tech failed Jenkins (Meadow), 16:1; Kopper (JM) pinned Sowers (UL), 32; Gainer (PS) pinned Myers (U), 1:44; Outward (MF) pinned Poling (Weir), 1:13; Beaman (BK) pinned Shannon (Ed), 3:29.
120 — Karcher (PS) pinned Barnes (Weir), 1:30; Rost (WP) pinned Crosby (SCC), 2:2; Williams (MF) pinned Schlieper (Cam), 1:55; T. Brown (OG) pinned Wiley (Cald), 2:28; Parada (Steub) tech failed Novak (Meadow), 17:2; Kirk (BL) pinned Thrasher (Wells), 1:21; Pizzaro (HC) maj. dec. Good (Camb), 9:1; Hasson (Beav) pinned Blatt (JM), 1:52.
126 — Jeffrey (PS) pinned Fiedel (HC), 2:46; Riddle (EL) pinned Atchison (Cam), 5:15; Crosser (Barnes) pinned Jackson (MF), 1:38; Callank (SC) pinned Carothers (MC), 5:26; Rayner (Cald) maj. dec. Bosay (TC), 9:1; Taylor (WP) pinned Barber (Beav), 1:20; Mack (OG) pinned Thomas (Riv), 2:44; McLaughlin (Weir) dec. Gamble (BK), 6:4.
132 — Border (Cald) tech failed Allietta (IC), 15:0; Williams (EL) pinned Earliwine (UL), 35; Foster (Beav) pinned Leyard (SCC), 2:40; Michael (U) pinned West (Beals), 1:25; McKirck (Steub) pinned Starcher (Cam), 5:29; Talbot (Riv) dec. Marques (BL), 7:3; Richards (PS) pinned Hall (JM), 5:56; Davis (WP) tech failed Whitley (CB), 15:0.
138 — Baker (Shady) pinned Bai (U), 3:1; Higgins (BK) dec. Boies (JM), 4:2; Harsell (Morg) maj. dec. Patterson (Meadow), 10:2; Stively (PS) pinned Sokolowski (BL), 2:43; Cline (Cald) pinned McAlee (IC), 1:28; Hobbey (Steub) pinned Singleton (Barnes), 5:40; Banks (WP) maj. dec. Dowling (Wells), 14:2; Koper (OG) tech failed Yoders (Cam), 15:0.
145 — McGhee (Steub) pinned Morton (MC), 26; Garcia (WP) pinned Sapp (Riv), 4:12; Higgins (BK) dec. Vothofer (U), 6:0; Gulash (Shad) pinned Farchild (Meadow), 32; Leppa (Camb) dec. Plumly (Barnes), 3:1; Quochio (PS) pinned Harszewski (Cald), 4:51; Shannon (Ed) dec. Casselli (Weir), 19:18; Davis (Bell) maj. dec. Blake (Cam), 13:3.



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MARTINS FERRY'S Jeff Oberdick defeated Buckeye Local's J.P. Solomon by fall Friday at the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Additional images can be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

152 — Quinn (Shady) pinned Osborne (Beav), 1:02; Creacoini (SC) pinned Worones (Riv), 3:51; Mays (Steub) pinned Long (Ed), 1:10; Coby (WP) dec. T. Schwetfeger (Cam), 2:0; Leasure (Cald) pinned Jenkins (CB), 1:5; Potts (MC) pinned Jeffrey (Morg), 5:32; Perroots (U) dec. Johnston (IC), 7:0; Morris (PS) maj. dec. Mercer (Camb), 11:2.
160 — Eddy (HC) pinned Van Meter (Cald), 5:15; Alexander (PS) pinned Gamboli (BL), 1:02; Sumatrank (Camb) dec. Cole (Steub), 4:2; Laltarazo (Beav) dec. Lillard (U), 4:3; Mason (JM) dec. Harman (Morg), 6:4; Spencer (Shady) pinned Neavn (MF), 4:30; Wensker (Cam) maj. dec. Notte (SC), 10:2; Bitinger (OG) dec. Marsden (Tor), 4:1.
170 — Anos (WP) pinned Andrew Hale (Cam), 23; Edmons (Bell) pinned Adkins (OG), 1:26; Mills (PS) pinned Steele (JM), 2:10; Rayner (Cald) pinned Reusser (Riv), 2:24; Wells (Ed) pinned Fox (Camb), 3:42; Berge (SC) dec. Wiles (Beals), 6:4; Howarth (Steub) maj. dec. Sorry (BK), 18:10.
182 — Brogle (PS) pinned Cline (Ed), 1:53; Wright (Mag) dec. Dunn (Riv), 7:1; Braulich (WP) maj. dec. Rolier (Camb), 13:5; Wszuk (Cam) pinned Fogle (HC), 1:40; Oberdick (MF) pinned Insch (Morg), 2:43; Constante (U) dec. Haas (Cald), 10:8; Sooman (BL) pinned Shriver (CB), 1:15; Wicker (Steub) dec. McEnder (SC), 8:2.
195 — Shurina (HC) dec. McEnder (SC), 8:2; Dawson (BK) pinned Bier (Beals), 13:1; Schwing (JM) pinned Smith (SC), 1:37; Neely (Cam) pinned Haynes (Tor), 1:58; Stoffel (Cald) pinned Atkinson (PS), 3:30; Roe (Mad) pinned Leggett (Ed), 1:00; Coole (MF) pinned Thomas (Wells), 2:35; Keenan (Steub) pinned Andrews (Morg), 3:47.
220 — Moray (Steub) pinned Cartell (Cald), 3:1; Bennett (BK) pinned Miller (Tor), 1:30; Hamilton (Morg) pinned Van (BD), 5:4; Ebbert (JM) pinned Meadows (Shady), 4:9; Huggins (Ed) pinned Burch (BL), 1:26; Barnes (Weir) pinned Howdeshelt (U), 2:43; Davis (OG) pinned Matthews (MC), 1:48; Bloor (Wells) maj. dec. Wade (EL), 10:2.
265 — Starr (Weir) pinned Piri (Riv), 4:9; Wood (Steub) pinned Glasure (EL), 1:36; Thompson (EL) dec. Marsof (Beav), 10:6; Hall (PS) pinned Hewitt (WP), 2:35; Ernest (SC) pinned Shady, 4:31; Schenkel (Cald) pinned Howes (HC), 1:18; Ottz (Morg) pinned George (TC), 4:1; Kolling (IC) dec. Bodkin (MF), 4:3 OT.

Consolation

Fourth Round

106 — Cornell (OG) dec. Richter (MC), 6:2; Potts (EL) pinned Ball (Camb), 2:35; Bell (Ed) dec. Kiedrowski (SCC), 9:4; Border dec. Ronevch (BL), 11:10.
113 — Singleton (BL) pinned Lira (WP), 1:30; Oiler (EL) pinned Jenkins (Meadow), 2:13; Beaman (BK) pinned Poling (Weir), 2:18; Mowder (JM) pinned Laughman (Camb), 4:0.
120 — Hasson (Beav) dec. Good (Camb), 4:2; Kirk (BL) tech failed Andreozzi (Ed), 16:0; Pizzaro (HC) dec. Blatt (JM), 3:2; Rost (WP) dec. Wiley (Cald), 8:6 OT.
126 — Gamble (BK) dec. Callank (SC), 9:4; McLaughlin (Weir) won by injury default over VanSoyce (JM); Mack (OG) pinned Brosky (TC), 2:48; Riddle (EL) pinned Barber (Beav), 1:57.
132 — Michael (U) dec. Marques (BL), 3:0; Williams (EL) dec. Hall (JM), 5:0; Davis (WP) maj. pinned Allietta (IC), 3:13.
138 — Banks (WP) tech failed Patterson (Meadow), 21:6; Higgins (BK) dec. Sokolowski (BL), 1:0; Harsell (Morg) maj. dec. Dowling (Wells), 9:1; Koper (OG) maj. dec. Boies (JM), 12:

pinned Smith (Riv), 2:12; Van Meter (Cald) pinned Hermann (SCC), 3:4; Leake (Ed) won by injury default; Cole (Steub) pinned Marie (Bell), 3:44; Marsden (Tor) maj. dec. Turner (CB), 14:0.
170 — Bennington (IC) dec. Reusser (Riv), 7:2; Adkins (OG) pinned McCauley (BD), 2:10; Wiles (Beals) tech failed Hinkle (CB), 15:0; Fox (Camb) pinned Straw (MC), 2:08; Patrick (C) dec. Myrvo (Meadow), 11:4; Steele (JM) won by injury default; Hale (Cam) pinned Wolling (Morg), 3:3; Fisher (U) dec. Sarry (BK), 4:1.
182 — Insch (Morg) dec. Lapp (Meadow), 5:3; McEnder (SC) dec. Campbell (BK), 4:3; Dunn (Riv) pinned Shaffer (Beals), 5:5; Haas (Cald) tech failed Harmon (Shen), 21:4; Fogle (HC) maj. dec. Dunlee (Bell), 13:3; Hairless (Wells) dec. Cline (Ed), 9:7; Rolier (Camb) pinned Worth (Beav), 3:39; Conner (MC) pinned Shriver (CB), 4:44.
195 — Bier (Beals) pinned Borden (SC), 1:34; Leggett (Ed) pinned Lisk (EL), 2:59; Andrews (Morg) pinned Heath (Shady), 5:5; Doison (Riv) pinned Haynes (Tor), 1:28; Thomas (Wells) pinned Earley (TC), 3:1; Lwada (Weir) dec. Copeand (CB), 5:0; Atkinson (PS) pinned Fison (U), 3:41; Ott (C) dec. Smith (SC), 6:4.
220 — Van (BD) pinned Wood (WP), 1:37; Mathews (MC) pinned Goble (Riv), 1:41; Wade (EL) pinned Albert (MF), 1:33; Donato (HC) pinned Burch (BL), 2:36; Meadows (Shady) pinned Green (Beav), 2:03; Allen (TC) pinned Cartell (Cald), 3:42; Howdeshelt (U) pinned Merritt (IC), 1:28; Miller (Tor) dec. Roberson (Mad), 8:2.
265 — Wise (BK) pinned Howes (HC), 1:15; Williams (Wells) pinned Six (CB), 30; Mercer (OG) pinned Glasure (Ed), 2:01; Piri (Riv) pinned Robinson (MC), 2:57; Baker (Mag) pinned Hewitt (WP), 4:38; George (TC) pinned Wallace (Beals), 5:0.

First Round

106 — Myers (U) won by forfeit; Watson (CB) pinned Shunk (CV), 1:56; Ray (Morg) dec. Shaok (Shady), 5:0; Ball (Camb) pinned Anderson (Tor), 1:28; Smith (BK) pinned Stewart (JM), 2:17; Brown (Beals) maj. dec. Simpson (Bell), 2:11-13; Tinklo (SC) pinned Campbell (MF), 3:14.
113 — Raines (Beals) won by forfeit; Stewart (Riv) dec. Pyles (SC), 8:7.
120 — Birni (Riv) dec. June (IC), 5:2.
126 — Fisher (Ed) dec. Williams (BL), 7:5; Greenwood (UL) pinned Hupp (SCC), 3:34; Moats (CB) pinned Farnsworth (IC), 5:3; VanSoyce (JM) maj. dec. Westlake (Steub), 10:1; Gray (Morg) pinned Moore (Beals), 13:1.
132 — Andrews (Barnes) pinned Edwards (Shen), 2:28; Fulcini (Mad) dec. Flowers (OG), 6:5; Holliday (Meadow) dec. Johnston (Wells), 8:5.
138 — Lasure (HC) pinned Edwards (Shen), 2:27; Mundt (Riv) pinned Palmer (Beals), 2:48; Kelly (Mag) pinned Hamon (SCC), 1:36; Paymer (UL) pinned Charleston (Bri), 4:04; Barnes (Weir) pinned Blackstone (MC), 1:55; Hickenbottom (Camb) pinned Pies (TC), 3:43; Kirby (CB) maj. dec. Arnold (Ed), 10:2; Coleman (MF) pinned Balles (TC), 4:36.
145 — Otto (Beals) pinned Hardman (Wells), 1:41; Simmons (JM) dec. Hogan (OG), 3:2; Hinkle (CB) pinned Hule (TC), 26; Beaulieu (SCC) dec. Wise (MF), 4:0; Howard (BL) pinned Jones (UL), 2:19; Barrett (Beav) maj. dec. Reed (HC), 17:4; Lawrence (Morg) dec. Cunningham (BD), 13:10; Miller (EL) pinned Sepik (IC), 3:46.
152 — Schwetfeger (BK) pinned Wood (Shen), 4:05; Gossett (Beals) pinned Wood (Shen), 4:05.
160 — Hall (BK) won by forfeit; Hinkle (CB) pinned Parr (Weir), 4:4; Tomolons (Leake (Ed) Whiston (Wells), 5:4; Myers (WP) pinned Mantecoon (TC), 2:33; Turner (CB) pinned Miller (BL), 4:05; Heath (Weir) pinned McConville (Bell), 2:20.
160 — Smith (Riv) pinned Stoney (Meadow), 2:44; Hermann (SCC) pinned Lambros (CV), 3:6; Malle (Bell) pinned Lambros (CV), 3:6.
170 — Fisher (U) winner by forfeit; Hinkle (CB) pinned Sills (Shen), 4:3; Exline (EL) pinned White (Wells), 2:56; Wolring (Morg) pinned S. Hammond (Shady), 3:5; Bennington (IC) dec. Warren (HC), 6:5; McCardle (BD) dec. Schmeing (SCC), 3:2.
182 — Harmon (Shen) pinned M. Hammond (Shady), 2:31; Lapp (Meadow) dec. Standford (JM), 5:2; Hairless (Wells) pinned Gaurt (Weir), 1:31; Worth (Beav) dec. Tawney (TC), 5:4.
195 — Borden (SCC) maj. dec. McGinty (Meadow), 15:5.
220 — Albert (MF) pinned Norris (Beals), 2:54; Green (Beav) maj. dec. Urbe-Xapur (Cam), 10:2.

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105 — Thomas (Wells) dec. Leggett (Ed), 3:2; Atkinson (PS) pinned Bear (Beals), 3:19; Donson (Riv) pinned Andrews (Morg), 1:35; Ott (C) dec. Lyada (Weir), 5:4.
220 — Howdeshelt (U) pinned Allen (TC), 2:13; Mathews (MC) pinned Donato (HC), 2:5; Wade (EL) pinned Vann (BI), 1:37; Richter (Mag) pinned McAfee (IC), 5:2; Singleton (Barnes) pinned Myers (U), 4:08; Kiedrowski (SCC) dec. Smith (BK), 5:0.
113 — Gaydoson (IC) pinned Reed (HC), 2:39; Poling (Weir) pinned Stewart (Riv), 3:5; Laughman (Camb) pinned Phillips (SCC), 1:31; Lira (WP) dec. Myers (U), 10:9; Shannon (Ed) pinned Ruble (MC), 2:04; Jenkins (Meadow) pinned Barnes (Beals), 4:38; Sowers (UL) dec. Vaughn (Shady), 8:3; Tomcho (Shen) pinned Watson (CB), 14:7.

Second Round

106 — Diganandomenio (WP) pinned Ray (Morg), 2:08; Ball (Camb) pinned Howell (UL), 1:56; Border (Cald) pinned Watson (CB), 1:52; Tinklo (SC) tech failed Fan (Shen), 15:0; Wood (Cam) pinned Brown (Beals), 1:37; Richter (Mag) dec. McAfee (IC), 5:2; Singleton (Barnes) pinned Myers (U), 4:08; Kiedrowski (SCC) dec. Smith (BK), 5:0.
113 — Gaydoson (IC) pinned Reed (HC), 2:39; Poling (Weir) pinned Stewart (Riv), 3:5; Laughman (Camb) pinned Phillips (SCC), 1:31; Lira (WP) dec. Myers (U), 10:9; Shannon (Ed) pinned Ruble (MC), 2:04; Jenkins (Meadow) pinned Barnes (Beals), 4:38; Sowers (UL) dec. Vaughn (Shady), 8:3; Tomcho (Shen) pinned Watson (CB), 14:7.
120 — Good (Camb) pinned Kopyer (UL), 2:21; Schlieper (Cam) pinned Eley (Mad), 3:6; Barnes (BK) pinned Thrasher (Wells), 1:46; Barnes (Weir) pinned Haswell (Shady), 3:3; Wiley (Cald) dec. Birni (Riv), 9:2; Blatt (JM) dec. Hood (U), 4:3; Andreozzi (Ed) pinned Crosby (SCC), 3:32; Novak (Meadow) pinned Hammer (Bri), 2:02.
126 — Barber (Beav) pinned Greenwood (UL), 3:11; Brosky (TC) pinned Gray (Morg), 1:59; Thomas (Riv) won by forfeit; Carothers (MC) pinned Frieeman (Shen), 14:24; VanSoyce (JM) pinned Fiedel (HC), 4:41; Fisher (Ed) pinned Jackson (MF), 4:29; Gamble (BK) maj. dec. Clark (Meadow), 14:0; Atchison (Camb) maj. dec. Moats (CB), 12:4.
132 — Starcher (Cam) pinned McGinness (Morg), 4:2; Hall (JM) pinned O'Brien (Ed), 4:50; Marques (BL) tech failed Holliday (Meadow), 18:1; Scudder (Camb) pinned Whitley (CB), 5:46; West (Beals) pinned Russell (MF), 1:22; Leppard (SCC) dec. Starkey (Tor), 13:7; Allietta (IC) pinned Andrews (Barnes), 7:8.
138 — Yoders (Cam) pinned Paynter (UL), 1:47; Lasure (HC) pinned McAlee (IC), 3:26; Bai (U) maj. dec. Kirby (CB), 12:0; Boies (JM) won by default over Coleman (MF); Patterson (Meadow) dec. Hickenbottom (Camb), 5:1; Sokolowski (BL) pinned Mundt (Riv), 4:47; Dowling (Wells) dec. Kelly (Mag), 10:3; Barnes (Weir) pinned Singleton (Barnes), 3:42.
145 — Blake (Cam) dec. Simmons (JM), 2:0; Plumly (Barnes) pinned Howard (BL), 2:32; Hardesty (Cald) pinned Beaulieu (SCC), 3:36; Vothofer (U) maj. dec. Lawrence (Morg), 11:0; Miller (EL) dec. Morton (MC), 5:2; Casselli (Weir) pinned Barrett (Beav), 5:12; Sapp (Riv) pinned Hinkle (BL), 4:14; Otto (Beals) dec. Farchild (Meadow), 11:3.
152 — Long (Ed) pinned Steadman (Barnes), 2:3; LeMasters (TC) pinned Mercer (Camb), 1:36; T. Schwetfeger (Cam) pinned Gossett (Beals), 5:9; Johnston (IC) maj. dec. Schwetfeger (BK), 22:12; Jeffrey (Morg) pinned Deem (Mag), 4:12; Wothnas (Riv) pinned Abdalla (Wells), 2:57; Osborne (Beav) pinned Heath (Weir), 4:12; Jenkins (CB) pinned Ramage (Meadow), 2:11; Lillard (U) dec. Myers (WP), 10:5; Tomolons (Bri) pinned Gamboli (C), 4:25; Nolte (SC) pinned Hall (BK), 3:5; Harman (Morg)

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SPORTS

59TH ANNUAL OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Big Red leads after Day 1

• Only one seeded wrestler doesn't advance

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

WHEELING — The wrestling coaches of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference proved to be very smart once again this year.

This past Sunday, the coaches of the 39 schools met for upwards of six hours to set the seeds and brackets for the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, which got under way Thursday evening at WesBanco Arena.

Of the 112 wrestlers who earned a seed in this year's tournament, 111 of those are still alive for the championship, which will be crowned Saturday evening.

On top of the seeded wrestlers shinning through, the teams expected to challenge for the overall title have positioned themselves quite nicely for a run toward the banner.

Two-time defending champion Parkersburg South went undefeated during the opening round, accumulating 46 points, but Steubenville Big Red finished with 51 points to lead the way. Coach Mike Blackburn's team has been impressive in the early season and cruised on opening night with 13 seeded wrestlers.

Caldwell — which is the defending Class 2A champion — shot out of the gates with 44 points to sit third overall. Wheeling Park closed with 34 points, while Oak Glen rounds out the top five with 30 markers.

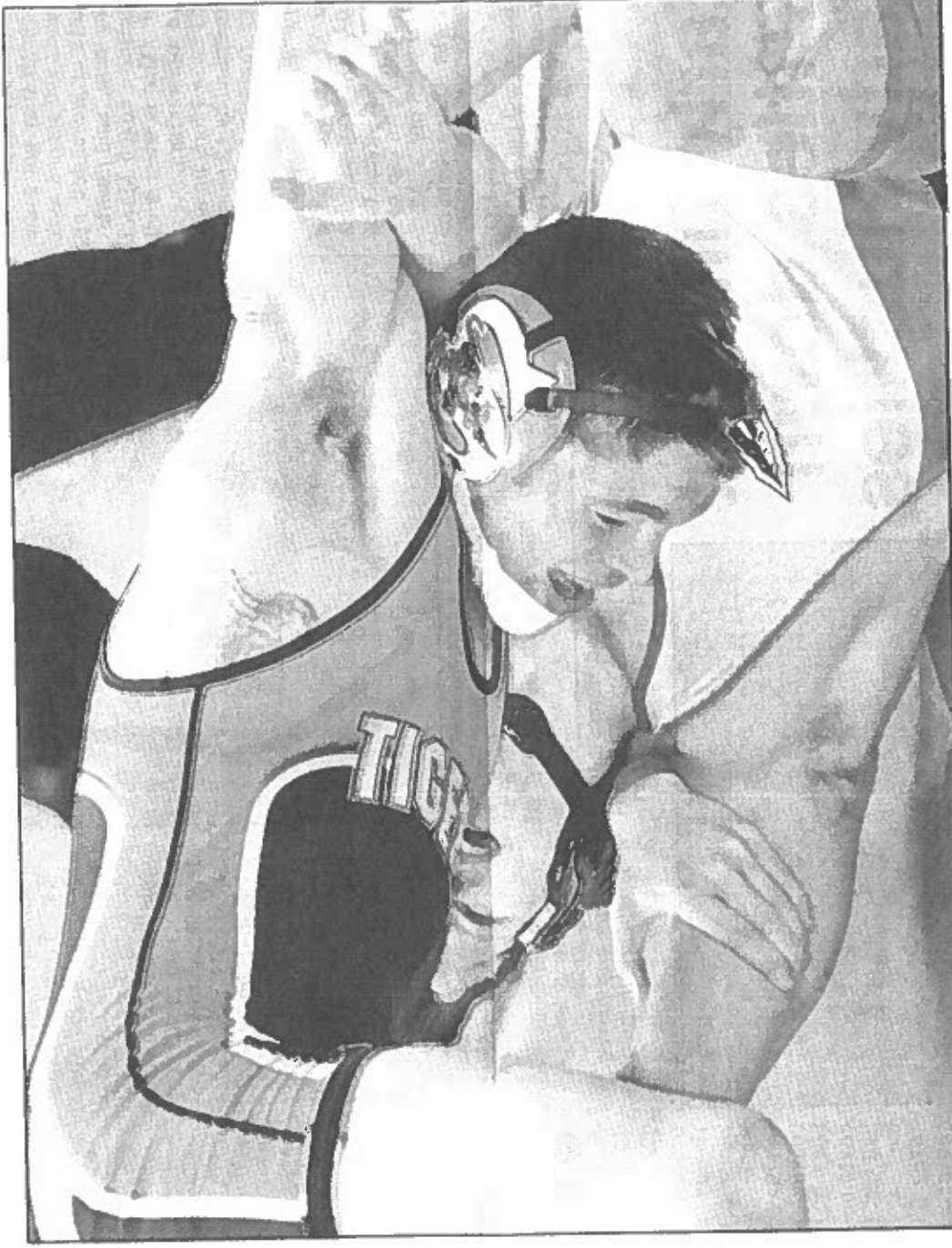
Action is slated to resume today with second round consolation matches at noon. The evening session begins with championship quarterfinals at 6 p.m. and third and fourth round consolation matches.

The only seeded wrestler to fall was Bellaire's Nick Maffe, who was the seventh seed at 160 pounds. He was pinned by Shadyside's Levi Spencer at the 3:32 mark of their match.

The pinfall was the most common method of victory during the opening round, including 140 of the 168 matches contested.

Shadyside's Alex Quinn — the top seed at 152 pounds and an OVAC finalist two sea-

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TOP: Shadyside's Levi Spencer works toward a pin of Bellaire's Nick Maffe in the opening round of the 160 pound weight class bracket as The 59th Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament action got under way Thursday night in WesBanco Arena.

LEFT: Indian Creek's 120 pound wrestler Dylan June tries to fight off Martins Ferry's C.J. Williams as he works in the power half. Additional images can be found at cu.timesleaderonline.com

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● **Big**

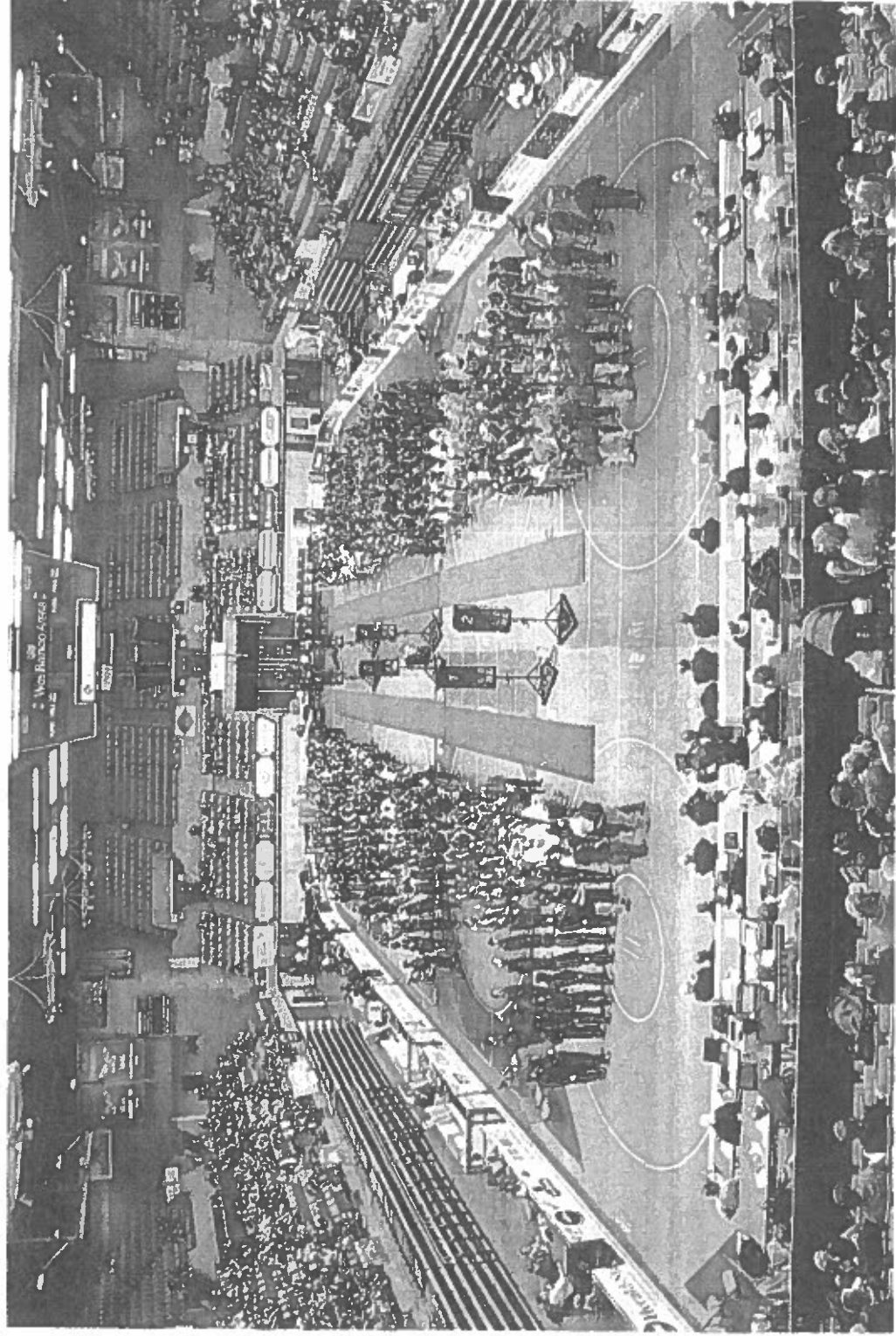
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sons ago — recorded the night's quickest pin. He held down the shoulders of his first-round opponent just 5 seconds into his match.

Of the 39 teams competing this weekend, only five failed to record a victory during the first round.

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Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament



T-L Photo/MIKE PALMER

AREA HIGH School wrestling teams assemble for the opening ceremonies of the 59th Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, which kicked off at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling on Thursday night. Steubenville led the tournament after the first day of action. The tournament continues today and concludes Saturday night. To view additional photos from this event, visit cu.timesleaderonline.com.

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SPORTS

OVAC mat seeds unveiled

By **SETH STASKEY**
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Outside of the two remaining practice days, the coaches have done their part.

The 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament is now in the hands of the nearly 500 grapplers themselves, who will converge on WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling.

Monday evening, the seeds and brackets for the tournament were officially unveiled for the tournament, which

begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday after the annual opening ceremonies at 6 p.m.

Tournament favorites Parkersburg South — which has won the last two overall titles — and Steubenville lead the field when it comes to seeded wrestlers with 13 and 12, respectively.

All told, 27 of the 39 schools competing this weekend have at least one seeded wrestler.

Martins Ferry and Buckeye Local led the local schools with five seeded wrestlers each.

“The seeds were pretty much as I expect-



ed,” said Purple Riders’ head coach Scott Roth. “All of our guys are in pretty good spots, and I really like the matchups we have.”

The Purple Riders’ highest seed is senior Jeff Oberdick, who drew the second seed at 182 pounds and is a defending runnerup in the tournament.

C.J. Williams and Damon Outward both are four seeds for the Purple Riders.

The Panthers, meanwhile, have nary a wrestler on a line higher than five, but head coach Nate Skrzypek believes his team could have upwards of eight or nine placers

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come Saturday evening.

“I really thought we had three other kids who could get a seed,” Skrzypek said. “I am looking to place six to a best case scenario eight or nine, which is better than we have been the last few years, so I am excited. Most of our guys have dropped weight, so how they deal with that will be interesting, but I don’t foresee it being a problem. I am pumped to unleash them and see how they do.”

South has four number one seeds amongst their 12, while Big Red, Shadyside and Harrison Central each have two top seeds in the field.

Both the Tigers and the Huskies have only three seeded wrestlers, but two are on the top line and been proclaimed the top favorite.

Shadyside’s junior duo of Ian Baker (138) and Alex Quinn (152) both advanced to the finals as freshmen before coming up short. Baker placed last season, while Quinn missed the tournament.

“It’s not a bad ratio, I guess,” said Shadyside head coach Scott Kinemond. “The seeding went basically how I expected. I thought (Mason) Gulash could have been a little higher (than a three seed), but the kids still have to go out and wrestle their matches. Those seeds are just positions and don’t entitle you to anything.”

Harrison Central owns the top seeds at 160 and 195 pounds in seniors Doug Eddy and Matt Shurina, respectively. Eddy was a top seed in 2010, but was sent to the consolation bracket in the quarterfinals.

“I kind of expected Doug to be the top seed because he’s beaten most of the guys in the weight class, but Matt was kind of a surprise because he’s been wrestling at 220 most of the year and just dropped, so he doesn’t have any common opponents,” said Harrison Central head coach Bill Bryant.

All told, the Huskies have three seeded grapplers.

“We’ve got tough matches ahead and the kids will just have to focus on one match at a time,” Bryant said.

The entire list of seeded wrestlers can be found on Page C4.

TOURNAMENT NOTES

■ **TEN WRESTLERS** are coming into the tournament undefeated. Of those, four wrestle for Caldwell. Shadyside boasts two of those, including Mason Gulash, who comes in with the fewest wins of the seeded wrestlers with just two.

■ **THE TOP** senior finisher in each weight class will be chosen to represent the conference in the OVAC vs. MAC All-Star Match, which will be held at Wheeling Park in early March. One spot’s already been decided. Edison’s Anthony Bell is the only senior at 106 pounds, so regardless of what happens this weekend, he’ll be chosen.

■ **DURING** THE meeting Monday evening, Indian Creek assistant coach Sean Grinch informed the crowd about an automobile accident in which several Redskins’ student-athletes were severely injured. He indicated that the Indian Creek wrestling team was collecting donations for the families.

■ **THE TIMES** Leader’s annual OVAC Wrestling Preview tab will be published with Wednesday’s edition.

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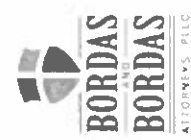
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Our Opinion

Test of Character

IT IS has blossomed into a rite of winter. It is also one almost always accompanied by nasty wintry weather.

David a spectacular forum to possibly slay Goliath. Parkersburg South is one of the pre-tournament favorites, as well it should.

The 59th edition of the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament is currently under way at Wheeling's WesBanco Arena. First-round action commenced Thursday night following a grand Olympic-style opening ceremony and will continue through Saturday night's finals.

The Wood County-based Patriots are relative newcomers to the OVAC, but have pocketed the overall team title in their initial two forays in the event. South is no champion and lock this year as it will be challenged by several battle-tested teams, with Steubenville, on paper, the strongest competitor.

The three-day wrestling extravaganza is one of the pinnacles of the mat season, along with the respective Ohio and West Virginia state tournaments. The Ron Mauck tourney is a grueling test of a participant's physical and mental resolve.

To emerge as a champion, a grappler must prevail five successive times against some quality foes. Each eventual kingpin (14 in all) will have successfully displayed their championship mettle.

The tournament brings together 39 conference members, meshing small schools with big. That is one of the beauties of the event, giving

We commend all the wrestlers and coaches competing this weekend, wishing them best of luck and health.

We also sing the praises of the impressive wrestling family which elevates this tournament to elite status.

Jrue Holiday scored 24 as the Philadelphia 76ers remained unbeaten at home by stopping the Milwaukee Bucks/18

Big Red Has a Tournament-High 13 Seeds

South is the two-time defending champs

By RICK THORP
Staff Writer

WHEELING — When Parkersburg South won its first Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament two years ago, it was a runaway.

Last season, the Patriots won again, this time by a smaller margin.

This year? Well, numerous teams hope to close the gap even more.



One of those — Steubenville — has the most seeded wrestlers heading into the 59th annual event, which starts Thursday and runs through Saturday at WesBanco Arena.

“Thirteen is nice to start off with,” Big Red coach Mike Blackburn said at Monday night’s tournament news conference at WesBanco Arena.

“The big thing is it puts us in a good position. But, it’s only a number, so we

have to wrestle well and back it up.” Steubenville has one dual-match loss this season, that at the hands of Parkersburg South in the finals of last month’s Wheeling Park Duals. That encounter wasn’t decided until the heavyweight bout.

Last week, Big Red downed Wheeling Park by a large margin.

“We’re wrestling really well right now,” Blackburn said. “We hit our peak last week and, hopefully, we’ll continue to get better each week. If we keep wrestling like we have been, it

should be a good tournament.”

Parkersburg South has 12 seeded grapplers, while Wheeling Park has eight and Oak Glen and Caldwell check in with seven each.

Parkersburg South has the most top-seeded wrestlers with four. Steubenville, Shadyside and Harrison Central have two, while Oak Glen, Caldwell, Wheeling Park and Weir having one each.

All told, 28 teams have a seeded competitor.

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The top seeds are as follows: 106 — Lanco Hill (South); 113 — Zach Brown (Oak Glen); 120 — Tyler Karcher (South); 126 — David Jeffrey (South); 132 — Jeremy Border (Caldwell); 138 — Ian Baker (Shadyside); 145 — Shawn McGhee (Steubenville); 152 — Alex Quinn (Shadyside); 160 — Doug Eddy (Harrison Central); 170 — Cody Amos (Wheeling Park); 182 — Steven Broghe (South); 195 — Matt Shurina (Harrison Central); 220 — Greg Moray (Steubenville); and 285 — Darren Starr (Weir).

Of those top seeds, Brown, Jeffrey, McGhee, Amos and Broghe won crowns last season.

Steubenville, South and Caldwell each have two wrestlers seeded No. 2. Beaver Local, Wheeling Park, Bellaire, St. Clairsville, Martins Ferry, Weirton, Madonna, Oak Glen and Morgantown each have one.

Of the 112 seeded wrestlers, 10 enter the tournament undefeated. They are Beaver Local’s Josh Henderson (18-0,

106), Caldwell’s Kameron Rayner (19-0, 126), Shadyside’s Baker (8-0), Caldwell’s Zac Cline (23-0, 138), Bellaire’s Josh Davis (23-0, 145), Shadyside’s Mason Gulash (2-0, 145), Caldwell’s Jared Leasure (6-0, 152), Caldwell’s Kale Rayner (23-0, 170), Martins Ferry’s Jeff Oberdick (8-0, 182), and Weir’s Starr (15-0).

Thirty-nine teams and 428 wrestlers will take to the mats at 6 p.m. Thursday for the annual opening ceremonies, which feature all of the competitors entering the arena Olympic-style. This will be followed by first-round action at 6:30 p.m.

Friday’s action begins at noon with second round and first- and second-round consolation matches. The second session of the day, beginning at 6 p.m., will contain quarter-final and third- and fourth-round consolations.

Semifinals and semifinal consolations will begin at noon on Saturday. That night, at 6, introduction of the finalists will take place, followed by championship matches, along with third-, fifth- and seventh-place bouts.

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The clinic is free and open to boys and girls ages 5-13.

Parents are required to have insurance and be present the day of the clinics to sign a waiver form. For more information visit www.OVAC.org, email: james@ovac.org or phone (304) 639-1238.

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1977 — Bill Van Horn, Sports Editor of Wheeling News Register	1992 — Larry Deaton, Martins Ferry
1978 — John Vrossos, Martins Ferry High School	1993 — John Stephenson, Cadiz High
1979 — Richard Edge, Principal of Springfield High	1994 — Joe Bates, Woodfield High
1980 — George Wally, John Marshall Athletic Director	1995 — Bob Boney, Martins Ferry
1981 — Bob Hedmon, Steubenville Athletic Director	1996 — Larry Chambers, Mountsville Jr. High
1982 — Paul Craig, Marshall County Schools	1997 — Gary Davis, Beallsville High
1983 — Dr. Vincent Montseau, West Liberty State College	1998 — Cal Pokas, Sports Editor of The Times Leader
1984 — Bill Hingardner, John Marshall	1999 — Tom Lackman, Jefferson Union
1985 — Dennis Bowman, Bellaire	2000 — Er “Buzzy” Evans
1986 — Ronald Mauck, Brooke	2001 — William McElowney, Wheeling
1987 — Eric Carder, Wheeling Park Athletic Director	2002 — John Craig, Indian Creek
1988 — Dave Kovalick, Barnesville	2003 — Ed Dugas, John Marshall High
1989 — Steve Kish, Principal of Bellaire High	2004 — Jeff Oberdick, Martins Ferry
1990 — Carl Fodor, Hancock County Schools	2005 — Dan Doyle, Superintendent of Noble County Schools
	2006 — Nolan Van Gilder, Brooke
	2007 — Rick Link, Union Local
	2008 — Jim Potts, Cameron
	2009 — Paul Billiard, Brooke
	2010 — Jeff Carroll, Cambridge
	2011 — Rich Gregor, Edison

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OVAC wrestling better with dual championship tourney

system, prior to their respective state tournaments.

Competing in the 1A/2A class are: Beallsville, Bishop Donahue, Caldwell, Cameron, Conotton Valley, River, St. John Central, Shadyside, Steubenville Central, Toronto and Wheeling Central.

In 3A are: Barnesville, Martins Ferry, Monroe Central and Shenandoah.

The 4A field consists of: Buckeye Local, Edison, Harrison Central, Meadowbrook, Oak Glen, St. Clairsville, Steubenville and Union Local.

In 5A are: Brooke, John Marshall, University and Wheeling Park.

“When I coached (at Buckeye Local), I know there were years where we were nosed out for the dual title) by someone we didn’t even wrestle, so this gives you a chance to crown a real champion on a mat,” said Ron Mauck Tournament Director Dan Doyle.

To compete in the OVAC Dual Tournament, the school must declare it on its schedule by March 31 in the preceding year, must wrestle at least three OVAC dual matches prior to OVAC Tournament in January and must have a minimum of six wrestlers compete in the tournament.

The standings will still be compiled by wrestling affiliated Sean Smith and used to determine the seeds for the opening round matches.

By wrestling adding the tournament, it now makes football as the only sport the OVAC sponsors that’s crowned simply through the standings.

It’s always been slightly confusing to some that the OVAC hosts the nation’s largest prep. conference wrestling tournament in January with the Ron Mauck Tournament, but those class champions aren’t the teams who receive the pennants at the OVAC Banquet of Champions held in the spring.

To me, that would be the best way to go about crowning champions since most schools are battling numbers’ issues and filling an entire lineup for a dual match is tough.

Plus, when you’ve got to battle through five sessions of action at WesBanco Arena, that’s the way you see who has the best team. In a dual, you receive six points for a forfeit, meaning a team could conceivably have four or five individual champions at the conference tournament, but not be able to fill the other weight classes, meaning you’re giving up 42 points right off the top.

But, it is what it is.

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SETH STASKEY
From the Press Box:

A committee of coaches was formed to set up the criteria and logistics for the tournament.

“We had some what ifs, but I think we got it narrowed down to a pretty good format,” Rocchi said. “I think it’s a work-in-progress, and if we have to make tweaks to it ... we will.”

On top of crowning champions, this will be a good test run for the Ohio schools because the OHSAA is adding a dual-meet state tournament in 2013.

The OVAC dual tournament will begin with semifinal round on Feb. 1. Classes 1A and 2A will be combined and wrestle their preliminary round at Shadyside High School. The 4A class will hold its opening round at Harrison Central High School.

The 3A and 5A classes had only four schools commit to the tournament, so those will advance automatically to the championship rounds at WesBanco Arena on Feb. 8.

On both days, wrestling begins at 5:30 p.m. There will be three mats down in the opening round and eight mats will be utilized during the championship event.

“During the finals, it will be a four-team bracket with the semifinals and then the winners will wrestle for the championship and the losers will wrestle for third,” said Rocchi. “I think this is going to be a great event and fans of wrestling will want to come out and see all of the champions crowned.”

Some schools opted not to compete because they’re only allowed so many matches and tournaments, through a point

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ready for this moment."

After pinning his way to the finals, Quinn got a quick take down and recorded two other take-downs en route to his 6-0 victory. Mays nearly found his way to reversal points, but Quinn didn't lose focus and maintained his position.

"My approach to each match was the same (this weekend)," Quinn said. "I came into each match like it was the state finals and didn't underestimate anyone."

Quinn's tournament didn't surprise Tigers' head coach Scott Kinemond in the least.

"Alex is Alex," Kinemond said. "He's been solid all season, he's comfortable where he's at in his weight and he's not cutting any weight, which is good. It wasn't anything fancy in the finals, but he got the job done."

Ian Baker — the top seed at 138 pounds — had posted a pair of escapes for 1-0 victories in both the quarterfinals and semifinals.

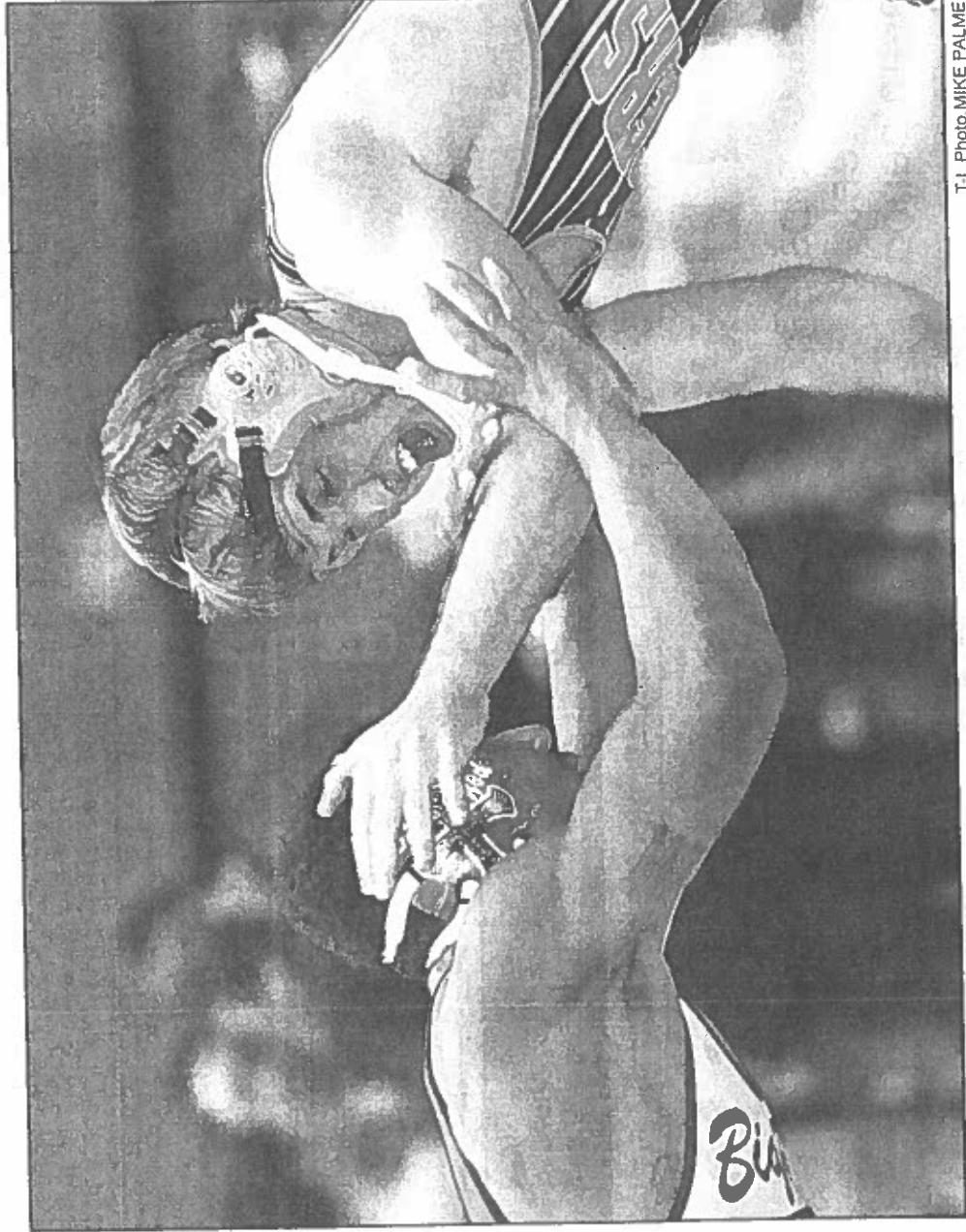
His luck in close matches ran out in the championship finals when unblemished Zac Cline (28-0) got a second-period escape and then valiantly fought off several Baker moves for a reversal and held on for the 2-0 victory.

"We knew Ian was in for a tough match ... Cline's a good wrestler," said Kinemond. "We're probably going to see him at least two more times before the season ends. We'll be ready for him."

Senior Mason Gulash — who got a slow start to his season due to a football injury — cruised to the finals, including a pin of previously undefeated Josh Davis in the semifinals.

However, his storybook tournament turned into a nightmare in the finals where he was on the opposite end of a technical fall by Steubenville's Shawn McGhee, who won his second straight OVAC title in the process.

McGhee raced out to a 10-0 lead on Gulash in the first period, including a take down in the opening 10 seconds of the match, which ultimately set the



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SHADYSIDE'S MASON Gulash, right, locks up with Steubenville's Sean McGhee in the finals of the 145-pound weight class. McGhee won by technical fall.

"For Mason to get to the finals, in a tournament like this, when he'd wrestled only two matches is pretty impressive," Kinemond said. "McGhee's a good wrestler, who's been around a while."

Harrison Central — which came into the tournament with two number one seeds — saw one — Doug Eddy — head back to Huskie Land with the title in his possession.

Eddy scored a take down in the first period and got a reversal in the second and pulled out a 4-0 victory and finally got over the hump to win his first title. "It's a great feeling," Eddy said.

On top of joining illustrious company as an OVAC champion, Eddy continued his family tradition, joining brother Rob as Huskies who've stood on top of the podium.

"Before my match tonight, I was thinking about how my brother won this tournament and he really pushed me to do it," Eddy said. "He's done it, and I'm always trying to

top him, so I just had to go out there and battle."

Parkersburg South didn't waste long in beginning its quest for the title as the southern Patriots won the very first head-to-head matchup with Big Red at 106 pounds.

Junior Lance Hill scored an escape in the third period and then fought off several shots from Steubenville's Devin Brown for the victory.

The Patriots inched closer to their third straight title when they posted another head-to-head victory against Steubenville at 120 pounds. South's Tyler Karcher — a two-time OVAC placer — got his first championship when he scored a thrilling 7-4 victory over Steubenville's Anthony Parada.

Parada was down, 5-4, and appeared en route to a take down, but the match went out of bounds and Karcher eventually recorded another take down for the final score.

The Patriots kept winning titles at 126 pounds as senior David Jeffrey scored

his 189th career victory and third consecutive OVAC title by a pin over highly touted Park freshman Dylan Taylor at the 3-43 mark.

South scored another champion at 182 pounds when Steven Brogde pinned University's Nate Constante, who advanced to the finals when Ferry's Jeffrey Oberdick defaulted out of the match due to injury, at the 4:14 mark of the match.

Wheeling Park — which finished third overall in the team title chase — saw senior Cody Amos successfully defend his title from a season ago. Moving up to 170 pounds, Amos knocked off Steubenville's Jake Howarth by a 6-3 score.

Defending 112-pound champion Zach Brown of Oak Glen fought an early take down and back points to Parkersburg South's Bryce Gainer and eventually knotted the match late in the second with an escape and a take down.

However, Gainer got an escape of his own to begin

the third period. Brown got a take down with less than 10 seconds remaining just before the wrestlers slid out of bounds and then held Gainer on the mat to run out the clock and clinch his second straight championship.

Caldwell's Jeremy Border — a defending state runnerup — scored an impressive 4-0 blanking of South's Tyler Richards for his first OVAC title after being in the title match each of the past three seasons.

Brooke's lone champion came at 195 pounds when Nathan Dawson scored a late takedown on eighth-seeded Thomas Schwing of John Marshall to pull out a 3-2 decision.

After being banged up in the semifinal, Weir High's Darren Starr came back impressively in the 285-pound final to win the championship by a 10-3 score over Morgantown's Taylor Ortiz.

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OVAC Wrestling

59th Ron Mauck OVAC Tournament

At WestBanco Arena

TEAM SCORES: Steubenville, 51; Parkersburg South, 46; Cadwell, 44; Wheeling Park, 34; Oak Glen, 30; Cameron, 28; John Marshall, 28; Brodick, 25.5; Edison, 24; Martins Ferry, 24; Morgantown, 24; Buckeye Local, 23.5; East Liverpool, 22; University, 22; ShadySide, 20; St. Clairsville, 20; Weir, 20; Beaver Local, 18.5; Harrison Central, 15; Barnesville, 14; Meadowbrook, 14; Monroe Central, 12; Indian Creek, 10; River, 10; Cambridge, 9; Bellare, 8; Union Local, 7; Weilsville, 6; Beallsville, 4; Madonia, 4; Shenandoah, 4; Toronto, 4; Magnolia, 2; Tyler Consolidated, 2.

First Round

106 — Hill (PS) pinned Myers (U), 2:50; Henderson (Beav) pinned Campbell (MF), 1:05; Faan (Shen) pinned Gimes (HC), 4:5; Patterson (Meadow) pinned Skapik (Shady), 1:00; Brown (Shelb) pinned Shunk (C.V.), 4:9; Diazdomenco (WP) pinned Simpson (Bell), 1:48; Border (Cald) pinned Bai (Camb), 2:38; Cornell (OG) pinned Anderson (Tor), 1:26; Wood (Cam) pinned Ray (Morg), 2:51; Fonerich (BL) dec. Smith (BK), 12:5; Potts (EL) dec. McAtee (IC), 12:7; Howell (UL) pinned Watson (CB), 4:57; Richter (MC) pinned Stewart (JM), 5:33; Bell (EO) pinned Brown (Bealls), 47; Singleton (Barnes) dec. Timko (SIC), 6:3; 113 — Brown (OG) pinned Lira (WP), 1:43; Beaman (BK) pinned Watson (CB), 4:8; Singleton (BL) tech failed Vaughn (Shady), 1:6; 0; Mowder (JM) pinned Reed (HC), 13; Gainer (PS) pinned Phillips (SCC), 1:06; Outward (MF) pinned Longwell (TC), 5:2; Craig (Steub) pinned Pyles (SIC), 1:07; Jenkins (Meadow) pinned Stewart (Riv), 1:12; Poling (Weir) pinned Raines (Bealls), 1:21; Olier (EL) pinned Ruble (MC), 1:10;

120 — Karcher (PS) pinned Hammer (Bpl), 1:21; Parada (Steub) pinned Haswell (Shady), 1:47; Schlieper (Cam) pinned Birni (Riv), 1:38; Hasson (Beav) pinned Andreozzi (EO), 1:07; Roset (WP) dec. Hood (U), 4:3; Kirk (BL) pinned Kopyar (UL), 3:8; Brown (OG) pinned Ekey (Mad), 1:01; Pizzino (HC) mat. dec. Pattison (BK), 1:12; Williams (MF) pinned June (IC), 1:30; 126 — Jeffrey (PS) pinned Greenwood (UL), 1:51; McLaughlin (Weir) pinned Farnsworth (IC), 2:3; Rayner (Cald) pinned Fisher (EO), 2:13; Gamble (BK) pinned Moats (CB), 3:44; Calliak (SIC) pinned Hamlin (U), 1:12; Mack (OG) pinned Freeman (Shen), 1:49; Crosier (Barnes) pinned Gray (Morg), 2:26; Taylor (WP) pinned VanSyoc (JM), 3:51; Barber (Beav) pinned Westlake (Steub), 1:54; Riggle (EL) pinned Clark (Meadow), 4:8; Brosky (TC) dec. Williams (BL), 5:4; Jackson (MF) pinned Moore (Bealls), 3:5; Rieder (HC) pinned Hagg (SCC), 1:30; 132 — Border (Cald) pinned O'Brien (EO), 3:41; Talbott (Riv) pinned Edwards (Shen), 1:14; Marquae (BL) dec. Andrews (Barnes), 6:4; Michael (U) dec. Sczudders (Camb), 8:6; Foster (Beav) tech failed McGinness (Morg), 16:0; Williams (EL) pinned Johnston (Wells), 1:16; Ekanine (UL) mat. dec. Holiday (Meadow), 12:4; Richards (PS) pinned Flowers (OG), 1:34; Hall (JM) pinned Fulciniti (Mad), 2:51; Davis (WP) pinned Russell (MF), 41; McKittrick (Steub) pinned Starkey (Tor), 1:44;

138 — Baker (Shady) pinned Lasure (HC), 3:7; Bai (U) pinned Edwards (Shen), 1:05; Boles (JM) pinned Price (Tor), 1:54; Yoders (Cam) pinned Kelly (Mag), 5:6; Singleton (Barnes) pinned Palmer (Bealls), 1:56; Sobolewski (BL) pinned Blackstone (MC), 1:7; McAtee (IC) pinned Arnold (EO), 1:55; Higgins (BK) dec. Hickenbottom (Camb), 7:1; Shively (PS) pinned Barnes (Weir), 4:3; Hartsell (Morg) pinned Bailes (TC), 1:50; Banks (WP) pinned Charleton (Bpl), 3:40; Koper (OG) pinned Hermon (SCC), 1:43; Hobbey (Steub) tech failed Mundt (Riv), 3:24; Patterson (Meadow) pinned Coleman (MF), 3:40; Cane (Cald) pinned Kirby (CB), 2:31; Dowling (Wells) dec. Paynter (UL), 6:4;

145 — McChree (Steub) pinned Simmons (JW), 1:19; Leppia (Camb) pinned Otto (Bealls), 3:5; Higgins (BK) pinned Reed (HC), 3:9; Morton (MC) pinned Hogan (OG), 5:2; Volholter (U) pinned Barret (Beav), 1:44; Hardesty (Cald) pinned Hinkle (CB), 2:38; Sapp (Riv) dec. Beaulieu (SCC), 11:4; Garcia (WP) pinned Wise (MF), 3:04; Quicho (PS) pinned Ruble (TC), 41; Gulash (Shady) pinned Howard (BL), 3:10; Davis (Bell) pinned Septik (IC), 1:11; Plumly (Barnes) pinned Hardman (Wells), 5:6; Shannon (EO) pinned Lawrence (Morg), 3:03; Castellii (Weir) pinned Cunningham (BD), 2:27; Fairchild (Meadow) dec. Jones (Meadow), 13:9; Blake (Cam) dec. Miller (EL), 3:2;

152 — Quinn (Shady) pinned Steadman (Barnes), 4:5; Stewart (PS) pinned Abdalla (Wells), 4:3; Cracoli (SIC) pinned LeKassiers (TC), 3:50; Long (EO) pinned McConville (Bell), 1:27; Johnston (IC) pinned Gossett (Bealls), 1:40; Coby (WP) pinned Wear (MF), 1:50; Perrouts (U) pinned Wood (Shen), 2:25; Leisure (Cald) pinned Deem (Mag), 2:57; Mays (Steub) pinned Heath (Weir), 1:06; J. Schweitzer (BK) dec. T. Schweitzer (Cam), 5:3; Potts (MC) pinned Ramage (Meadow), 5:6; 160 — Eddy (HC) pinned Wootler (Mag), 4:8; Van Meier (Cald) pinned Hall (BK), 4:6; Mason (JM) pinned Maniecon (TC), 1:34; Harman (Morg) pinned Myers (WP), 1:48; Bittinger (OG) pinned Tomolonis (Bpl), 1:21; Lillard (U) pinned Smith (Riv), 1:09; Lattanzio (Beav) mat. dec. Stoney (Meadow), 11:2; Spencer (Shady) pinned Maife (Bell), 3:32; Marsden (Tor) pinned Whilson (Wells), 2:33; Watsnisky (Cam) pinned Herrmann (SCC), 3:6; Neavrin (MF) pinned Lambros (CV), 5:1; Cole (Steub) pinned Patr (Weir), 2:4; Sornatrank (Camb) dec. Leake (EO), 6:0; Gamboli (IC) dec. Turner (CB), 6:5; Alexander (PS) pinned Miller (BL), 1:18; Nolle (SIC) pinned Hill (Shen), 13;

170 — Amos (WP) pinned Bennington (IC), 10; Hale (Cam) pinned Warren (HC), 2:54; Mills (PS) pinned Silks (Shen), 3:6; Edmond (Bell) pinned Rabel (Mag), 3:0; Howarth (Steub) pinned Schmessing (SCC), 31; Wells (EO) pinned Patrick (CV), 3:46; Berge (SIC) pinned Straw (MC), 2:45; Rayner (Cald) pinned Wolring (Morg), 1:00; Wiles (Bealls) pinned White (Wells), 3:20; Slaga (BL) pinned Exline (EL), 3:43; Reusser (Riv) pinned Hammond (Shady), 1:41; Sczury (BK) pinned McCardle (BD), 4:49; Adkins (OG) dec. Fisher (U), 8:4; Steele (JM) pinned Hinkle (CB), 3:50;

182 — Brogle (PS) pinned Standiford (JM), 41; Irach (Morg) pinned Gaunt (Weir), 2:3; Solomon (BL) pinned Staffer (Bealls), 2:2; Roller (Camb) mat. dec. Harmon (Shen), 20:7; Constante (U) pinned Worth (Beav), 4:0; Mischuk (EL) pinned Campbell (BK), 5:28; Haas (Cald) pinned Tawney (TC), 1:03; Oberdick (MF) pinned Harless (Wells), 21:1; Cline (EO) pinned Lapp (Meadow), 3:54; Braunlich (WP) pinned Hammond (Shady), 3:59; Wicker (Steub) tech failed Dunfee (Bell), 16:0; Wright (Riv) dec. Conner (MO), 2:1;

195 — Shurrina (HC) pinned Lisk (EL), 40; Schwing (JM) pinned Earley (TC), 16; Coole (MF) pinned Ott (CV), 2:56; Andrews (Morg) pinned Borden (SCC), 5:3; Neely (Cam) pinned Frisco (U), 1:27; Roe (Mad) pinned Copeland (CB), 13; Keenan (Steub) pinned McGinly (Meadow), 1:08; Stoffel (Cald) pinned Datson (Riv), 4:28; Dawson (BK) tech failed Heath (Shady), 18:3;

220 — McRay (Steub) pinned Goble (Riv), 1:02; Bennett (BK) pinned Wood (WP), 5:7; Wagle (EL) pinned Green (Beav), 4:2; Hamilton (Morg) pinned Robertson (Mad), 2:31; Davis (OG) pinned Allen (TC), 2:4; Eshart (JM) pinned Norris (Bealls), 2:28; Bloor (Wells) pinned Uthe-Xazur (Cam), 3:0; Barnes (Weir) pinned Donato (HC), 1:22; Huggins (EO) pinned Merritt (IC), 4:3; Meadows (Shady) pinned Albert (MF), 1:45;

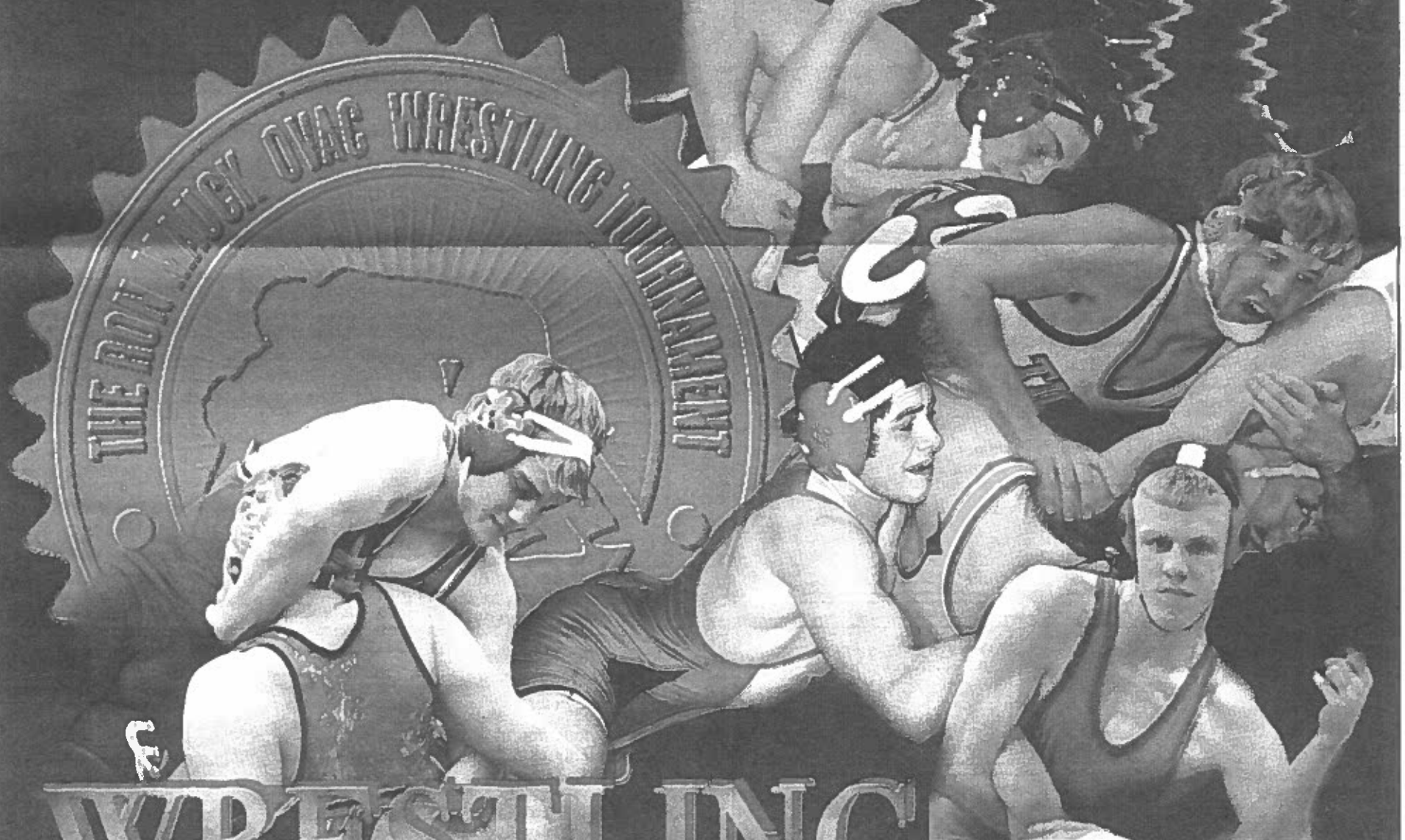
285 — Starr (Weir) pinned Wallace (Bealls), 1:5; Wood (Steub) pinned Sk (CB), 1:24; Ortiz (Morg) pinned Robinson (MC), 2:0; Schenkel (Cald) pinned Baker (Mag), 2:8; Ernest (SIC) pinned Menzer (OG), 1:20; Hall (PS) dec. Wise (BK), 5:1;

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The Times Leader

Bellaire has formidable trio primed for OVAC

• Big Reds to enter only six wrestlers in this week's tourney

By **SETH STASKEY**
Times Leader Sports Editor

Such as the case at a lot of area schools in a variety of sports, the Bellaire Big Reds' wrestling team is battling low numbers.

However, Bellaire head coach Shane Shaffer — who is in his 10th year at the helm — isn't letting it get him down as he prepares to take his team to the 59th annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament, which opens Thursday at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling.

"Things happen in cycles," Shaffer said. "There are good years and bad years, and I think we're going to have another big group of good kids coming in a few years."

Bellaire will enter just six weight classes this week-



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Christian Edmund is a returning OVAC placer and is expected to contend well again this weekend for the Big Reds.

end. "We didn't have anyone now," Shaffer lamented. "I graduate; we're just battling think, as a school, we're

down 200 kids from when I started coaching, so my pool to draw from is now much smaller than it was."

Shaffer is taking solace in the fact that the numbers for the Bellaire pee wee youth program are at an all-time high.

"Of course it's frustrating in terms of the numbers, but we're really trying to boost the program," Shaffer said. "The pee wee program is booming. We've got 60 kids out, so we think, as a program, we're going to rise to the top again."

Shaffer firmly believes half of his entrants have legitimate shots at a place this weekend.

"I don't look for us to place too highly as a team because of our numbers, obviously, but we've got some quality wrestlers entered," Shaffer said. "I think we've got three kids who should place and when you can score points in the

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On the Cover

THE 2012 Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament will be a true test of mettle for the more than 900 wrestlers, who will take part this weekend. The goal is to stand on top of the podium Saturday night as a conference champion. However, only 14 will achieve such an accomplishment and the road to get there is a difficult one, consisting of five matches over the course of three days, beginning Thursday. On the cover, clockwise, are Harrison Central's Matt Shurina, Shadyside's Mason Gulash, Barnesville's Clay Crosier, Bellaire's Josh Davis and Martins Ferry's Jeffrey Oberdick. Before the OVAC titles are presented, more than 800 matches will be contested.

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Past Bierkorette Winners

1971 -- Don Blum, Martins Ferry	1991 -- Douglas Knight, Steubenville
1972 -- Art Jones, Bellaire	1992 -- R.C. Anderson, Cameron
1973 -- Dan Dlaugus, Barnesville	1993 -- Kelly Shields, Edison South
1974 -- Sheldon Grace, Weir	1994 -- Dustin Harris, Beaver Local
1975 -- Mike Kovack, Bellaire	1995 -- Justin Weing, St. Clairsville
1976 -- Randy Davis, Cadiz	1996 -- Eric Anderson, St. John Central
1977 -- Rich Davis, Jefferson Union	1997 -- Ryan Muldrew, John Marshall
1978 -- Carl Stanley, Wheeling Park	1998 -- Chad Pratz, Unsy
1979 -- Randy Pryor, Weir	1999 -- Jose Smitin, Cambridge
1980 -- Trent Iacini, Steubenville	2000 -- Scott Roth, Martins Ferry
1981 -- Mike Tuchowski, Steubenville	2001 -- Cole Bowersock, Beaver Local
1982 -- Larry Ilesman, Toronto	2002 -- Derek George, John Marshall
1983 -- Brian Miller, Barnesville	2003 -- David Bertolino, Buckeye Local
1984 -- Neath Beadmore, Cambridge	2004 -- Adam Hoppel, Beaver Local
1985 -- Tim Moxley, Barnesville	2005 -- Clay Tucker, Martins Ferry
1986 -- Sean Murray, Oak Glen	2006 -- Zack Schuller, St. Clairsville
1987 -- Mark Mlynke, Bellaire	2007 -- James Myers, Indian Creek
1988 -- Rick Burlenski, Bridgeport	2008 -- Jimmy Reisz, Bealsville
1989 -- Mark Emmerling, East Liverpool	2009 -- Dirk Bauer, Wheeling Park
1990 -- Babe Skoon, Martins Ferry	2010 -- Dylan Ice, Beaver Local
	2011 -- Kyle Bauer, Wheeling Park

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OVAC WRESTLING

● Park

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schedule prepares us to be in tough battles consistently, which is what you face in the OVAC Tournament. The kids are good about keeping things in perspective to get beat up a little bit, but not lose confidence."

Another reason the Patriots have become consistent players in the chase for the top spot in the OVAC is their depth. Obviously, Park is the largest school in the OVAC, but a few years prior to Doyle's arrival, the Patriots program was battling serious issues in terms of numbers.

"We keep a range of 35 to 40 kids in the wrestling room," Doyle said. "The really nice part is we have a big freshman class with 18 kids. We're young overall since we've only got three seniors, but we're definitely growing up."

In the Patriots' starting lineup, just one wrestler has a record under .500.

"It's an outstanding group of kids, but they need to understand they can achieve a lot more, too,"

Doyle said. "Expectations, success and contentment go a long way in determining how far you're going as a team, and I hope being beat up like we were (against Steubenville) turns into a positive for us."

A season ago, Wheeling Park finished fifth overall with 158 points and produced two champions in the process, one of whom is returning.

The champion who is not back - Kyle Bauer - won the Bierkorette Award as the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler. Bauer is now wrestling at Kent State University.

Leading the Patriots into WesBanco Arena this week is junior Cody Amos, who won the 160-pound title a season ago by pinfall in the finals. Thus far, this season at 170 pounds, Amos has compiled a 23-4 mark after

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- Sean Doyle

finishing third at the War on the Shore, first at Union Local and fifth at North Canton.

"Cody is one of our captains and a guy we look to for a lot of leadership," Doyle said. "He loves wrestling and he enjoys going out and performing. Coming in as a defending champion, he's looking at it as a great opportunity. He doesn't feel pressure and nothing holds him back."

Junior Danny Colby is enjoying a brilliant season at 152 pounds. He boasts a 23-6 record and has finished fourth both at War on the Shore and North Canton after he won the Union Local Tournament in early December.

"Danny is one of our hardest workers," Doyle said. "He's a 12-month a year kind of kid in terms of his training. He's been battling some health issues, but we think he'll be ready."

Sophomore Jonny Davis, who is the son of West Liberty head coach Brian Davis, is enjoying a sound 18-6 season at 132 pounds. "Jonny has grown up and progressed a lot," Doyle said. "He's really learning how to compete at a high level."

Freshman Dylan Taylor has been exceptional in his first season of varsity wrestling at 126 pounds. He's 21-3 and was named Most Outstanding Wrestler at Union Local.

"Dylan is one of our kids who is a very dedicated wrestler and one we think could contend highly for a championship," Doyle said.

"He's a special wrestler, who does some things that you see from the normal freshman."

Senior Kodiak Garcia holds down the fort at 145 pounds for the Patriots. Off to a 19-6 start this season, Garcia is one of only two seniors in the Park lineup and is in catch-up mode after sitting out last season due to injury.

The other Patriot senior is Luke Braunlich at 182 pounds. He's 22-8 on the season and after making a few fundamental changes is experiencing a strong season thus far.

Sophomore Jeremy Paige is 21-7 on the season, but is still learning the sport of wrestling, according to his head coach.

"Jeremy is still learning about the technical side of wrestling," Doyle said. "To have 19 wins against our schedule when you're still learning is a credit to how well he's done and where he's going."

Junior Greg Myers has been solid for the Patriots, posting a 9-5 record at 160 pounds. Sophomore Eric Banks is the Park entrant at 138 pounds. He's 6-1 on the season and is rounding back into form after getting a late start.

At 106, three Patriots have battled it out most of the season for that starting spot with another bumping to 113 pounds. Vying for those two brackets are Dallas Zeciak (5-3), Tyson Lira (7-7) and Austin Digiandomenico.

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WHEELING PARK PATRIOTS



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PICTURED IS the 2011-12 Wheeling Park Patriots Wrestling Team. Front row, from left, are Sara Miller, Chad Jones, Brian Hungerman, Aaron Schrimp, Stush Czahorski, Tyson Lira, Jon Roset, Jonny Davis, Nick Tustin, Austin Bowen, Alex Wood, Shane Davis, Dallas Baciak and Stephanie Musilli. Second row, from left, are Lindsey Bice, David Crupe, Austin Digiandomenico, Alex McGlumphy, Jeremy Paige, Danny Colby, Kodiak Garcia, Josh Dent, Luke Braunlich, Cody Amos, Greg Myers, Tommy Ricker, Wyatt Wilson and Dylan Taylor. Third row, from left, are head coach Sean Doyle, Coach Bill Gooch, Nioti Frangopoulos, Shannon Hosman, Aaron Holman, Bryan Chi, Shane McGee, Matt Powell, Ian Leech, Jake Wensyel, Zack Jones, Casey Hewitt, Nathaniel Ketchum, Tyler Fleming, blank, Robert McIntosh, Damon Rouse, assistant coach Malachai Anthony, assistant coach Steve Shaffer and assistant coach Jack Doyle. Absent were Kenny Flanegin, Eric Banks and CJ Pelkey.

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Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament Top Eight Seeds

RON MAUCK OVAC WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Seeded Wrestlers

106
1. Lance Hill, Parkersburg South.
2. Josh Henderson, Beaver Local.
3. Devin Brown, Steubenville.
4. Josh Cornell, Oak Glen.
5. Jerad Patterson, Meadowbrook
6. Anthony Bell, Edison.
7. Sam Ronech, Buckeye Local
8. Alex Potts, East Liverpool

113
1. Zach Brown, Oak Glen.
2. Bryce Gainer, Parkersburg South.
3. Anthony Craig, Steubenville.
4. Damon Outward, Martins Ferry.
5. Tyler Singleton, Buckeye Local.
6. Casey Mowder, John Marshall.
7. Matthew Bearman, Brooke.
8. Cody Oler, East Liverpool.

126
1. Tyler Karcher, Parkersburg South.
2. Anthony Parada, Steubenville.
3. Tyler Brown, Oak Glen.
4. C.J. Williams, Martins Ferry.
5. Hunter Pizzino, Harrison Central.
6. Nathan Kirk, Buckeye Local.
7. Daniel Hasson, Beaver Local.
8. Jon Rosel, Wheeling Park.

132
1. David Jeffrey, Parkersburg South.
2. Dylan Taylor, Wheeling Park.
3. Clay Croser, Barnesville.
4. Kameron Rayner, Caldwell.
5. Kaleb Riggie, East Liverpool.
6. Hunter McLaughlin, Weir.
7. Kyle Mack, Oak Glen.
8. Justin Callanik, St. Clairsville.

136
1. Jeremy Border, Caldwell.
2. Tyler Roberts, Parkersburg South.
3. Devin Tabbutt, River.
4. Frankie Williams, East Liverpool.

138
1. Ian Baker, Shady Side.
2. Zac Cline, Caldwell.
3. Brian Shively, Parkersburg South.
4. Chastin Hobbey, Steubenville.
5. Eric Banks, Wheeling Park.
6. Kole Koper, Oak Glen.
7. Tyler Hartsell, Morgantown.
8. Cody Boles, John Marshall.

145
1. Shawn McGhee, Steubenville.
2. Josh Davis, Bellaria.
3. Mason Gulash, Shady Side.
4. Mason Plumly, Barnesville.
5. Kodac Garcia, Wheeling Park.
6. Jordan Quicocho, Parkersburg South.
7. Nick Maffie, Bellaria.
8. Jake Higgins, Brooke.

152
1. Alex Quinn, Shady Side.
2. Tiern Quinn, Steubenville.
3. Danny Colby, Wheeling Park.
4. Jesse Perreots, University.
5. Jared Leasure, Caldwell.
6. Zac Potts, Monroe Central.
7. Stewart Morris, Parkersburg South.
8. Fabio Cracolici, St. Clairsville.

160
1. Doug Eddy, Harrison Central.
2. Dalton Note, St. Clairsville.
3. Jake Alexander, Parkersburg South.
4. Brodie Blittinger, Oak Glen.
5. Blake Lillard, University.
6. Lewis Mason, John Marshall.
7. Nick Maffie, Bellaria.
8. Mark Cole, Steubenville.

170
1. Cody Amos, Wheeling Park.
2. Kale Rayner, Caldwell.
3. Jake Howarth, Steubenville.

182
1. Steven Broglio, Parkersburg South.
2. Jeff Oberdick, Martins Ferry.
3. Nate Constantine, University.
4. Luke Braunlich, Wheeling Park.
5. John Misco, East Liverpool.
6. Davon Wicker, Steubenville.
7. J.P. Solomon, Buckeye Local.
8. Jared Wright, Magnolia.

195
1. Matt Shurima, Harrison Central.
2. Christian Roe, Madonna.
3. Nathan Dawson, Brooke.
4. Charlie Keenan, Steubenville.
5. Taylor Neely, Cameron.
6. Chance Stoffel, Caldwell.
7. Zach Coole, Manns Ferry.

220
1. Greg Moray, Steubenville.
2. Dylan Davis, Oak Glen.
3. Cullen Ebbert, John Marshall.
4. Seth Bloor, Wellsville.
5. Evan Hamilton, Morgantown.
6. James Bennett, Brooke.
7. Dustin Huggins, Edison.
8. Ethan Barnes, Weir.

285
1. Darren Starr, Weir.
2. Taylor Ortiz, Morgantown.
3. Tim Schenkel, Caldwell.
4. Thomas Hall, Parkersburg South.
5. Ryan Wood, Steubenville.
6. Corey Ernest, St. Clairsville.
7. Jonathan Boodlin, Martins Ferry.
8. George Thompson, East Liverpool.

Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament First-Round Pairings

Pigtail Matches

138 — Bittinger (EL) vs. Lasure (HC); Cames (SC) vs. Kirby (CB).

145 — Simmons (JM) vs. Wood (Shen).

160 — Straw (MC) vs. Woolfer (Mag); Hines (UL) vs. Tomolonis (Bpt); Hoffman (BL) vs. Beckett (Bealls); Ferguson (Shen) vs. Lambros (CV).

First-Round Pairings

106 — Lance Hill (PS) vs. Jerad Myers (U); Garrett Grimes (HC) vs. Jordan Fain (Shen); Blake Kiedrowski (SCC) vs. Alex Dustin McAfee (IC) vs. Alex Potts (EL); Jerard Patterson (Meadow) vs. Wyatt Skapik (Shady); Zachary Ray (Morg) vs. Dalton Wood (Cam); Jaden Border (Cald) vs. Jordan Ball (Camb); Alex Anderson (Tor) vs. Josh Cornell (OG); Devin Brown (Steub) vs. Tyler Shunk (CV); Brody Watson (CB) vs. John Howell (UL); Dallas Beciak (WP) vs. Jeff Simpson (Bell); Jeremy Brown (Bealls) vs. Anthony Bell (Ed); Sam Ronevich (BL) vs. Zack Smith (Brooke); Ryan Richter (MC) vs. Shane Stewart (JM); Alex Timko (StC) vs. Austin Singleton (Barnes); Thomas Campbell (MF) vs. Josh Henderson (Beav).

113 — Zach Brown (OG) vs. Tyson Lira (WP); Bye vs. Donovan Laughman (Camb); Bye vs. Landon Tomcho (Shen); Zach Edwards (MC) vs. Cody Oller (EL); Tyler Singleton (BL) vs. Zach Vaughn (Shady); Bye vs. Tyler Gaydosh (IC); Corey Poling (Weir) vs. Zack Raines (Bealls); Jerrod Longwell (Tyler) vs. Damon Outward (MF); Anthony Craig (Steub) vs. John Piles (St. C.); Josh Stewart (Riv) vs. Tyler Jenkins (Meadow); Zac Sowers (UL) vs. Bye; Jonathan Reed (HC) vs. Casey Mowder (JM); Matthew Bearman (Brooke) vs. Bryndin Watson (CB); Robert Shannon (Ed) vs. Bye; Zach Myers (U) vs. Sheldon Phillips (SCC); Mason Moore (Barnes) vs. Bryce

Gainer (PS)
120 — Tyler Karcher (PS) vs. Ian Hammer (Bpt); Michael Crosby (SCC) vs. Matt Barnes (Weir); Bye vs. Angelo Curcione (St. C.); Istahih Hood (U) vs. Jon Roset (WP); Hunter Pizzino (HC) vs. Perry Ross (EL); Bye vs. J.T. Good (Camb); Cody Binni (Riv) vs. Kyle Schlieper (Cam); Dylan June vs. C.J. Williams (MF); Tyler Brown (OG) vs. Jonathan Ekey (Mad); Robert Valentine (Bealls) vs. Tyler Wiley (Cald); Phillip Thrasher (Wells) vs. Chance Patterson (Brooke); Dalton Kopyar (UL) vs. Nathan Kirk (EL); Daniel Hasson (Beav) vs. Carter Andreozzi (Ed); Quentin Blatt (JM) vs. Bye; Pete Novak (Meadow) vs. Shawn Barnhart (Morg); Jake Haswell (Shady) vs. Anthony Parada (Steub).

126 — David Jeffrey (PS) vs. Noah Greenwood (UL); Cyle Riedel (HC) vs. Richard Happ (SCC); Bye vs. Chase Carothers (MC); Cody Hamlin (U) vs. Justin Callanik (StC); Kaleb Riggie (EL) vs. Richard Clark (Meadow); Bye vs. Jerrod Atchison (Camb); John Brosky (Tyler) vs. Eric Williams (BL); Nick Fisher (Ed) vs. Kameron Rayner (Cald); Clay Crosier (Barnes) vs. Andrew Gray (Morg); Ben Jackson (MF) vs. Shane Moore (Bealls); Colton Moats (CB) vs. Maury Gamble (Brooke); Austin Farnsworth (IC) vs. Hunter McLaughlin (Weir); Kyle Mack (OG) vs. David Freeman (Shen); Loren Thomas (Riv) vs. Bye; Tanner Westlake (Steub) vs. Josh Barbey (Beaver); Greg Keller (JM) vs. Dylan Taylor (WP).

132 — Jeremy Border (Cald) vs. Brandon O'Brien (Ed); Ian Kohiman (Weir) vs. Matt Allietta (IC); Bye vs. Aaron West (Bealls); Kevin Scrudders (Camb) vs. Drew Michael (U); Ron Foster (Beaver) vs. Zepplinray McGinness (Morg); Jeremy Starkey (Tor) vs. Cuyler Leovard (SCC); James Earlwine

(UL); Austin Holliday (Meadow); Blake Johnston (Wells) vs. Frankie Williams (EL); Devin Talbott (Riv) vs. Britney Edwards (Shen); Antonio Marques (BL) vs. Chance Andrews (Barnes); Devin Starcher (Cam) vs. Dylan Hall (JM); Joey Eaton (Brk) vs. Jake McKittrick (Steub); Jonny Davis (WP) vs. Dennis Russell (MF); Cody Whiskey (CB) vs. David Forrester (HC); James Fulciniti (Mad) vs. Charlie Hall (StC); Avery Flowers (OG) vs. Tyler Richards (PS).

138 — Ian Baker (Shady) vs. Winner of Blittinger/Lasure; Josh Edwards (Shen) vs. Liam Bal (U); Logan Hickenbottom (Camb) vs. Josh Higgins (Brk); Zach Price (Tor) vs. Cody Boles (JM); Eric Banks (WP) vs. Colt Charlton (Bpt); Joe Dowling (Wells) vs. Mike Pantyer (UL); Johnny Singleton (Barnes) vs. Kris Palmer (Bealls); Fred Mundt (Riv); vs. Chastin Hobbey (Steub); Briar Shively (PS) vs. Tim Barnes (Weir); Adam Blackstone (MC) vs. Josh Sokolowski (BL); Hunter Yoders (Cam) vs. Joey Kelly (Mag); Patrick Hermon (SCC) vs. Kole Koper (OG); Tyler Hartsell (Morg) vs. Ralph Bailes (TC); Zach Patterson (Meadow) vs. Bryce Coleman (MF); J.T. Arnold (Ed) vs. Tyler McAtee (IC); Winner of Cames/Kirby vs. Zac Cline (Cald).

145 — Shawn McGhee (Steub) vs. Winner of Simmons/Wood; Will Hogan (OG) vs. Gavin Morton (MC); Justin Voithofer (U) vs. Skylar Barrett (Beav); Addison Reed (HC) vs. Jake Higgins (Brk); Kodac Garcia (WP) vs. James Wise (MF); Jordan Sapp (Riv) vs. Andrew Beauileu (SCC); Sawyer Leppla (Camb) vs. Weston Otto (Beatl); Eric Hardman (Wells) vs. Mason Plumly (Barnes); Mason Gulash (Shady) vs. Okey Howard (BL); Zack Jones (UL) vs. Gary Taylor (Meadow); Shayne Hinkle (CB) vs. Justin Hardesty (Cald); Josh

Ruble (TC) vs. Jordan Quicocho (PS); Renc Castelli (Weir) vs. Andrew Cunningham (BD); Ethan Shannon (Ed) vs. MacKenzie Lawrence (Morg); Dillon Blake (Cam) vs. Mack Miller (EL); Chris Sepik (IC) vs. Josh Davis (Beal).

152 — Alex Quinn (Shady) vs. Bradley Steadman (Barnes); Graylan Gossett (Bealls) vs. Justin Osbourne (Beav); Bye vs. Skyler Wohnhas (Riv); Hunter LeMasters (TC) vs. Fabio Cracolici (St. C.); Jared Leasure (Cald) vs. Gage Deem (Mag); Bye vs. Dakota Jenkins (CB); David Johnston (IC) vs. Keith Riley (CV); Jonathan Wood (Shen) vs. Jesse Perroots (U); Danny Colby (WP) vs. Mike Wear (MF); John Anthony Dulisse (SCC) vs. Tyler Schwertfeger (Brk); Joseph Jeffrey (Morg) vs. Jake Schwertfeger (Brk); Richard Ramage (Meadow) vs. Zac Potts (MC); Stewart Morris (PS) vs. Joe Abdalla (Wells); John Mercer (Camb) vs. Bye; Willis Long (Ed) vs. Austin McConville (Beal); Brennan Heath (Weir) vs. Trent Mays (Steub).

160 — Doug Eddy (HC) vs. Winner of Straw/Woolfer; Cody Hall (Brk) vs. Calb Van Meter (Cald); Dillon Summafrank (Matt Parr (Weir) vs. Mark Cole (Steub); Blake Lillard (Univ) vs. Kole Smith (Riv); Chance Stoney (Meadow) vs. Daniel Lattanzio (Beav); Morley Marsden (Tor) vs. Shawn Wilson (Wells); Winner of Hines/Tomolonis vs. Brodie Bittinger (OG); Jake Alexander (PS) vs. Winner of Holtman/Beckett; Jeffrey Turner (CB) vs. Ian Gambill (IC); Brandon Harman (Morg) vs. Greg Myers (WP); Mario Mantecon (TC) vs. Lewis Mason (JM); Nick Matfe (Beal) vs. Levi Spencer (Shady); Jordan Bonar (BD) vs. Michael Neavin (MF); Austin Warsinsky (Cam) vs. Leo Herrmann (SCC); Winner of

Ferguson/Lambros vs. Dalton Nolte (StC)
170 — Cody Amos (WP) vs. Austin Bennington (IC); Jason Warren (HC) vs. Andrew Hale (Cam); Levi Henderson (TC) vs. Eric Fox (Camb); Jacob Patrick (CV) vs. Mitchell Wells (Ed); Drake Mills (PS) vs. Devin Sills (Shen); Zack Steele (JM) vs. Derek Hinkle (CB); Nicholas Fisher (U) vs. Teddy Adkins (OG); Jacob Rabel (Mag) vs. Christian Edmund (Bell); Jake Howarth (Steub) vs. Michael Schmiesing (SCC); Lawrence Scurry (Brk) vs. Kaleb McCaule (BD); Jon Wiles (Bealls) vs. Tim White (Wells); John Exline (EL) vs. Corey Siaga (BL); Seth Bengue (StC) vs. Austin Straw (MC); Joey Minyo (Meadow) vs. Zach Lang (Weir); Brandon Reusser (Riv) vs. Scott Hammond (Shady) vs. Garrett Wotring (Morg) vs. Kale Rayner (Cald).

182 — Steven Broglio (PS) vs. Walker Stanatord (JM); Clay Lapp (Meadow) vs. Blaine Cline (Ed); Bye vs. Dakota Dunn (Riv); Hunter Conner (MC) vs. Jared Wright (Mag); John Misco (EL) vs. Jake Campbell (Brk); Dustin Tawney (TC) vs. Westin Fogle (HC); Austin Harmon (Shen) vs. Tanner Roller (Camb); Matt Hammond (Shady) vs. Luke Braunlich (WP); Nate Constantine (U) vs. Kyle Worth (Beav); Cole Haas (Cald) vs. Waylon Miller (Cam); Nick McEndree (StC) vs. Kevin Insch (Morg); James Dunfee (Beal) vs. Davon Wicker (Steub); J.P. Soloman (BL) vs. Mark Shaffer (Bealls); Statton Shriner (CB) vs. Bye; Michael Gaunt (Weir) vs. Joey Lower (IC); Adam Harless (Wells) vs. Jeff Oberdick (MF).

195 — Matt Shurima (HC) vs. Jimmy Lisk (EL); Bye vs. Shain Livada (Weir); Bye vs. Travis Smith (StC); Jay Earley (TC) vs. Thomas Schwing (JM); Taylor Neely (Cam) vs. Anthony Frisco (U); Bye vs. Jake Haynes (Tor); Reed Andrews (Morg) vs. Lucas

Borden (SCC); Billy Glover (BL) vs. Charlie Keenan (Steub); Nathan Dawson (Brk) vs. Donnie Heath (Shady); Joseph Dotson (Riv) vs. Preston Bier (Bealls); Sam Atkinson (PS) vs. Bye; Jeremy Paige (WP) vs. Chance Stoffel (Cald); Zach Coole (MF) vs. Zach Ott (CV); Vance Thomas (Wells) vs. Bye; Brody Brockway (Ed) vs. Logan McGinty (Meadow); Derek Copeland (CB) vs. Christian Roe (Mad).

220 — Greg Moray (Steub) vs. Hank Gobie (Riv); Dakota Allen (TC) vs. Tyson Cartell (Cald); Bye vs. Jeff Howdershelt (U); Sean Donato (HC) vs. Ethan Barnes (Weir); Evan Hamilton (Morg) vs. Adam Robertson (Mad); Bye vs. Jimmy Church (Meadow); Malcolm Wade (EL) vs. Cody Green (Beav); Emeiso Uribe-Xacui (Cam) vs. Seth Bloor (Wells); Cullen Ebbert (JM) vs. Dustin Norris (Bealls); Elliott Albert (MF) vs. Zach Meadows (Shady); Andrew Miller (Tor) vs. Bye; Alex Wood (WP) vs. James Bennett (Brk); Dustin Huggins (Ed) vs. Donnie Merritt (IC); Robert Burch (BL) vs. Bye; Cole Matthews (MC) vs. Chris Vanni (BD); Evin Sams (PS) vs. Dylan Davis (OG).

285 — Darren Starr (Weir) vs. Val Wallace (Bealls); Bye vs. Jacob Piri (Riv); Bye vs. Cody Martsolf (Beav); Preston Wise (Brk) vs. George Thompson (EL); Ryan Wood (Steub) vs. Hunter Six (CB); Bye vs. Dylan Glasure (Ed); Casey Hewitt (WP) vs. Cole Howes (HC); Aaron Lambert (BL) vs. Thomas Hall (PS); Tim Schenkel (Cald) vs. Tyler Baker (Mag); Bye vs. Ricky Carr (Shen); Ike Williams (Shady) vs. Bye; Brandon Barker (U) vs. Corey Ernest (StC); Jonathan Bockin (MF) vs. Joe Mercer (OG); Shawn Kolling (IC) vs. Bye; Dylan George (TC) vs. Bye; Colton Robinson (MC) vs. Taylor Ortiz (Morg)

OVAC wrestling: A sporting spectacle

The 59th Annual Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament opens Thursday evening and runs through Saturday night.

In that span, some 900 matches will be reeled off before the 285 pound final is slated to hit the mat.

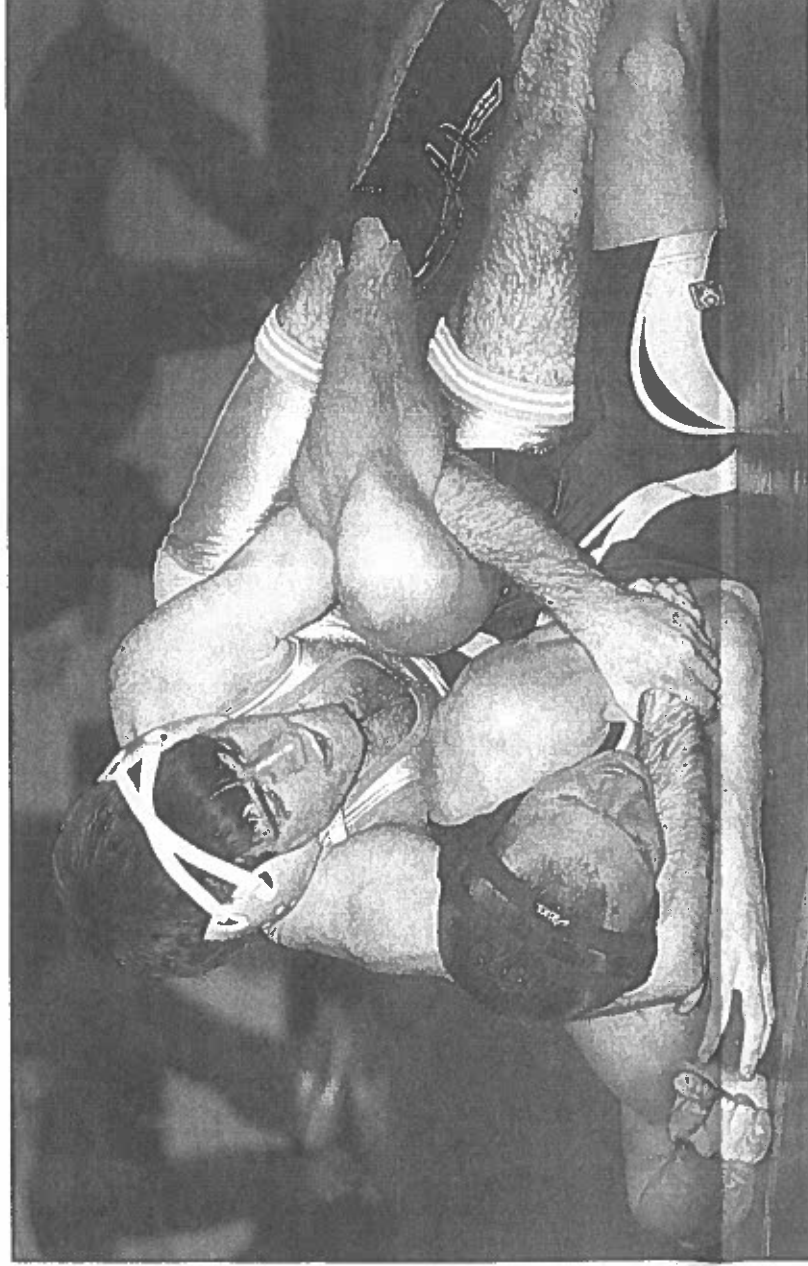
The tournament, which is named for long-time director Ron Mauck, will not only feature wrestlers from 40 high schools, but it will also feature several special presentations and awards throughout the weekend.

More than 500 wrestlers will take part in the tournament. The brackets came together Sunday during the day-long seeding meeting. The coaches and meet officials then met with the media Monday evening at WesBanco Arena.

Action gets under way Thursday with the annual Olympic-style procession where each team will parade onto the arena floor. The defending champion Parkersburg South Patriots will be the final team to enter the arena.

Wrestling will get under way at 6:30 p.m. The opening night will feature all first-round matches, but many a consolation match.

The wrestlers will return



OAK GLEN'S Tyler Brown will be a wrestler to watch in this week's Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament. Brown placed last season in the tournament.

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to the arena Friday morning and the session begins at noon with the second-round championship matches and then first round consolation matches.

The Friday evening session will begin at 6 p.m. with the championship quarterfinals and additional

finals, past champions will be recognized as well as the presentation of the annual Mr. Mat Award, which is given to an individual who does exemplary work for the sport of wrestling.

Four mats will be used during the finals with all place matches going on

concurrently. The champions of the 1987 tournament will be recognized.

Tickets for the event will be available daily or can be purchased for the entire weekend.

The cost of tickets for the tournament is \$6 per ses-

sion for adults and \$4 for students.

Advance ticket books for all sessions can be purchased for \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. Championship finals tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

OVAC Wrestling youth clinic set

As part of the "SUBWAY Sports Clinic Series"

the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will be hosting its annual free youth wrestling clinic in conjunction with the Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament on Saturday.

The free wrestling clinic will be held on the OVAC championship mats of WesBanco Arena from 9:30-11 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 9:15. The clinic will be led by Branden Lee Hinkle, national champion

wrestler and MMA participant. The clinicians will teach

the basic fundamentals of wrestling and help build the

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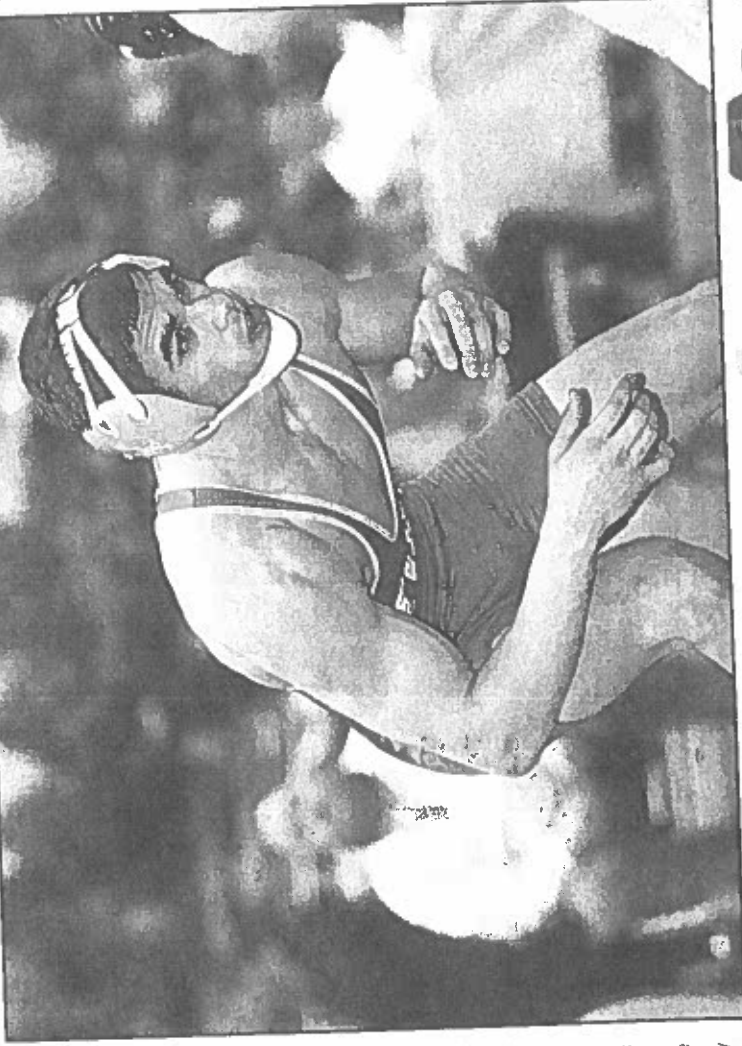
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A look back at the 2011 Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament



ST. CLAIRSVILLE'S Dominic Preziza wrestles in the 2011 Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament finals. Preziza won his only OVAC title last season and eventually finished as a Division III state runnerup. He's now wrestling at West Virginia University.

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2011 Ron Mauck OVAC Wrestling Tournament Results

Team Scores
 Class A — Cameron 100; Bishop Dornahue 29; Maconna 21; Bealsville 20; Conotton Valley 14; Toronto 6; Brogport 3; St. John 2
 Class AA — Caldwell 131.5; ShadySide 128; Monroe Central 66; River 58; Bamesville 34; Wellsville 20; Shenandoah 18; Steubenville Central 10; Wheeling Central 4
 Class AAA — Oak Glen 164.5; Martins Ferry 99; Brooke 96; East Liverpool 74.5; Buckeye Local 61; Cambridge 60; Indian Creek 35; Morgantown 46; Meadowcreek 41
 Class AAAA — Parkersburg South 283; University 194; Steubenville 169; Wheeling Park 158; John Marshall 155.5; Beazer Local 108; St. Clairsville 90.5; Harrison Central 63; Bellaire 60; Weir 58; Union Local 47.5; Edison 46; Tyler 13; Magnolia 11

Individual Place Finishers
 Championship — Lance Hill (PS) dec. Anthony Crag (Steub.) 2-1 OT
 Consolation — Damon Outward (MF) dec. Zach Tubaugh (JM) 3-1
 Fifth/Sixth — Tyler Singleton (BL) dec. Josh Henderson (Beav.) 8-6
 Seventh/Eighth — Cody Salmone (U) pinned Anthony Bell (Ed.) 2-58
 Championship — Zach Brown (OG) dec. Josh Banning (Riv.) 4-2 OT
 Consolation — Bryce Garner (OG) dec. Alex Cheslock (U) 7-2
 Fifth/Sixth — Kyle Melitt (IC) dec. Dylan Hall (JM) 6-7 OT
 Seventh/Eighth — Anthony Parada (Steub.) maj. dec. Will Lamson (Meadow.) 9-0
 Championship — David Jeffrey (PS) dec. Jeremy Border (Cald.) 10-2
 Consolation — Devin Talbot (Riv) dec. Brandon Linsmith (Steub.) 6-2
 Fifth/Sixth — Ryan Richter (MC) dec. Clay Crosser (Barnes) 6-2
 Seventh/Eighth — Tyler Brown (OG) dec. Marcus Beebout (EL) 7-3
 Championship — Jesse Schiltbauer (U) pinned Johnny McComas (Beav.) 3-02
 Consolation — Justin Goode (JM) dec. Eric Banks (WP) 6-3
 Fifth/Sixth — Tyler Karcier (PS) maj. dec. Caleb Riggle (EL) 6-1
 Seventh/Eighth — Hunter McLaughlin (Weir) dec. Michael Yockley (St. C.) 4-2 OT
 Championship — Kyle Bauer (WP) maj. dec. Chase Kinmond (Shady) 15-1
 Consolation — Mike Mercer (EL) pinned Zac Quacco (PS) 2-1
 Seventh/Eighth — Tyler Hartsel (Morg.) dec. Chuck VanOrk (U) 7-2
 Championship — Shawn McGhee (Steub.) maj.

dec. Tyler Richards (PS) 8-0
 Consolation — Ian Baker (Shady) pinned Josh Davis (Bell) 3-48
 Fifth/Sixth — Mitch Friede (U) dec. Robert Farley (U) 9-2
 Seventh/Eighth — Luke Goodlin (OG) won by forfeit
 Championship — Caleb Norman (PS) pinned Jesse Perroos (U) 5-25
 Consolation — Hans Rogerson (WP) dec. Trevor Vilga (BK) 10-5
 Fifth/Sixth — Cody Churchill (OG) pinned Jonathan Munz (MC) 1-48
 Seventh/Eighth — Dillon Blake (Cam) dec. Seth Stickey (Shen.) 5-3
 Championship — David Schlieper (Cam) maj. dec. Mason Gulash (Shady) 8-0
 Consolation — Phil King (U) dec. Cody Benisford (WP) 7-0
 Fifth/Sixth — Brody Bitinger (OG) pinned Zac Potts (MC) 2-38
 Seventh/Eighth — Dalton Nolte (St. C.) dec. Jared Leasure (Cald.) 7-4
 Championship — Dominic Preziza (St. C.) dec. Marstat Mason (JM) 9-2
 Consolation — Phil King (U) dec. Cody Benisford (WP) 7-0
 Fifth/Sixth — Brody Bitinger (OG) pinned Zac Potts (MC) 2-38
 Seventh/Eighth — Jon Wilks (Bealls) dec. Zac Zoumpoulidis (MF) 9-5
 Championship — Cody Amos (WP) pinned Mike Rose (MF) 1-30
 Consolation — Doug Eddy (HC) dec. Bobby Richmond (BD) 11-8
 Fifth/Sixth — Tanner Whyte (Cam) dec. Jake Howarth (Steub.) 5-2
 Seventh/Eighth — Cody Slatford (U) dec. Phil Dab (BL) 6-2
 Championship — Chris Smith (PS) dec. Jeffrey Oberdock (MF) 4-3
 Consolation — Brent Kirk (BL) dec. Alex Morris (EL) 3-1
 Fifth/Sixth — Kayle Rayner (Cald) pinned Christian Edmund (Bell) 2-57
 Seventh/Eighth — Brock Jones (MC) dec. Jacob Steele (JM) 6-3
 Championship — Steven Brogle (PS) pinned Kris Lanford (U) 2-42
 Consolation — Thomas Schwing (JM) dec. Christian Roe (Mad) 6-1
 Fifth/Sixth — Nathan Dawson (BK) dec. Charlie Keenan (Steub.) 7-3
 Seventh/Eighth — Taylor Neely (Cam) pinned Pat Pickenpaugh (Cald.) 2-09
 Championship — Caleb Gunn (Camb) dec. Dylan Davis (OG) 3-2 OT
 Consolation — Greg Moray (Steub) dec. Amos Leach (U) 6-1
 Fifth/Sixth — Matt Shurna (HC) dec. Nicholas Pederson (BK) 3-2

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 JV Coach of the Year — Sean Grmch, Indian Creek
 Larry Deaton Official of the Year — Rick Crozier
 Project Best Saddle Sportsmanship Award — Indian Creek
 Syd Slotz Award — Chuck Baker
 Director's Award — Rich McCardle
 Hercules Award — Steven Brogle, Parkersburg South
 Bierkutte Award — Kyle Bauer, Wheeling Park

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Bridgeport thin on numbers

• Rookie head coach Howard will enter just three grapplers in this week's tournament

By KIM NORTH
Times Leader Sports Writer
Dan Howard knew when

he took over as Bridgeport's head wrestling coach that things weren't going to be easy. But the St. Clairsville Bulldogs have progressed. With a mere three grap-

plers - all sophomores - out for the sport, Howard has no aspirations of a team title when the 59th annual Ron Mauck Ohio Valley Athletic Conference wrestling tournament gets underway Thursday at WesBanco Arena in downtown Wheeling.

"We've been working on a lot of the basics," Howard explained. "We've got a young team and they continue to make mistakes, but they're working hard."

Howard added, "With a young team, you're going to take your bumps and bruises, but the kids have really worked hard and have never quit." "Last week at practice, I entered in the tournament are Ian Hammer



BRIDGEPORT BULLDOGS



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PICTURED IS the 2011-12 Bridgeport Bulldog's Wrestling Team. In front is manager Ryan Howard. Front row, from left, are Ian Hammer, Colt Charlton, Brad Tomolonis and Brad Pritchett. Standing, from left, are assistant coach Bryan Scammell, head coach Dan Howard and assistant coach Jimmy Gessler.

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- Dan Howard

man Bradley Pritchett (145), was lost for the season when he separated his shoulder earlier this season.

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