

Left: Steubenville's John Linn looks for a call after putting a tag on Bishop Donahue's Joey Myers on Monday during the OVAC All-Star baseball game. Below: Indian Creek's Alex Young races to first base after a hit during the fourth inning.

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W.Va. Claims OVAC All-Star Tilt

Myers brings in winning run with single in 8th

By TONY VIOLA
Staff Writer

STEUBENVILLE — If anyone at Vacaro Field watching the George Kavalick OVAC All-Star baseball game thought it was just for fun, apparently they weren't seated close to the West Virginia dugout before the first pitch.

"Someone said before the game we're just here to have some fun, and I said 'no, we're here to win the game,'" Mountaineers co-coach Brent Croasmum said. "We wanted to win."

The message from the Paden City coach must have resonated during the later innings as West Virginia scored two runs in the eighth, highlighted by a Trevor Stewart triple, to win the contest, 6-5, against the Ohio All-Stars.

With two outs and Trey Smith leading off at first, the Wheeling Park senior smacked one clear to the right field fence to score his teammate from Oak Glen and tied the game at 5-5.

"They threw me three straight curve balls in my first at bat, so I kinda just went up there and looked for the curveball and hit it," Smith said.

Bishop Donahue's Joey Myers then popped one over second to bring in Smith



for the game-winner.

"It was nice to come out and finally beat Ohio," Cameron's Mark Walker said. "I heard it's been a long time since we have, so it's a good win."

Walker's two-run single in the first gave West Virginia its first lead and a RBI single from John Marshall's Zach Winland stretched the margin to 3-1.

"I think I got a lucky bounce," Walker said of his hit. "I knew we were talking during warmups about how rough the infield

was and we were getting pretty bad hops in warmups. Then I noticed if you hit the ball hard in the infield, it'd be tough to field. I was just trying to drive it to the right side."

After Alex Jones tripled in the second to bring the Buckeyes to within two, an error on the first baseman gave the Edison senior time to tie the game at 3-3.

Ohio picked up two more runs in the fourth and fifth before another RBI single from Winland drove in Walker to start the West Virginia comeback.

"It's just so much fun it's unbelievable," Mountaineer and Magnolia coach Dave Cisar said of the experience. "Everybody and anybody should coach an All-Star game. Just a lot of fun. Enjoy coaching with the guys, too. It was all awesome."

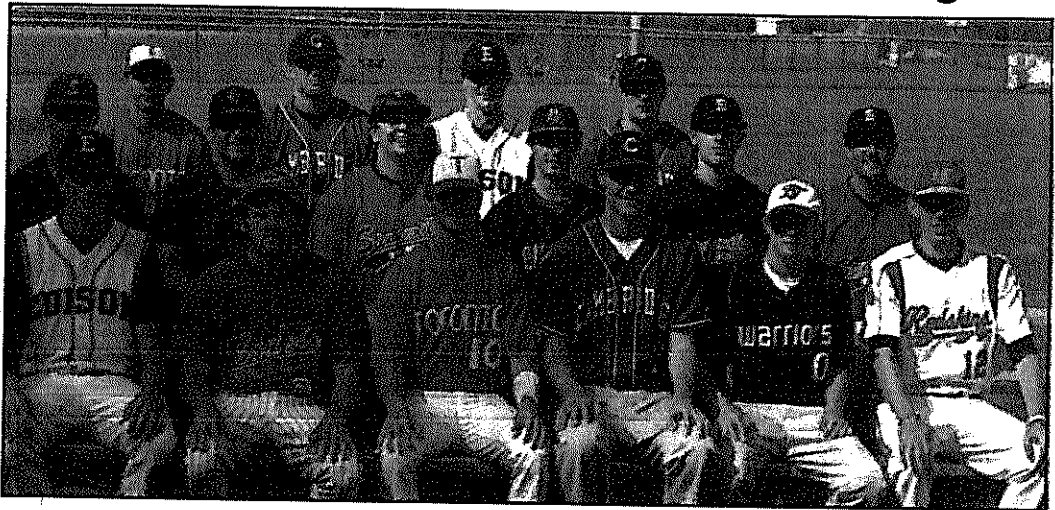
"We wanted to come up here and do well. Ohio played real well with good pitching. Our guys come back with a timely hit here and there and, hey, I'm happy to be here."

Added Croasmum, who was coaching in his 10th All-Star game: "The good thing about it is that you have good coaches and great players at every position. You don't have a weak spot on the field and it's just a very enjoyable experience for anybody who has a chance to do it."

Cisar, who passed 800 victories on the season, and Croasmum, who passed the 300-win mark, were both recognized and honored with plaques during a break in the game.



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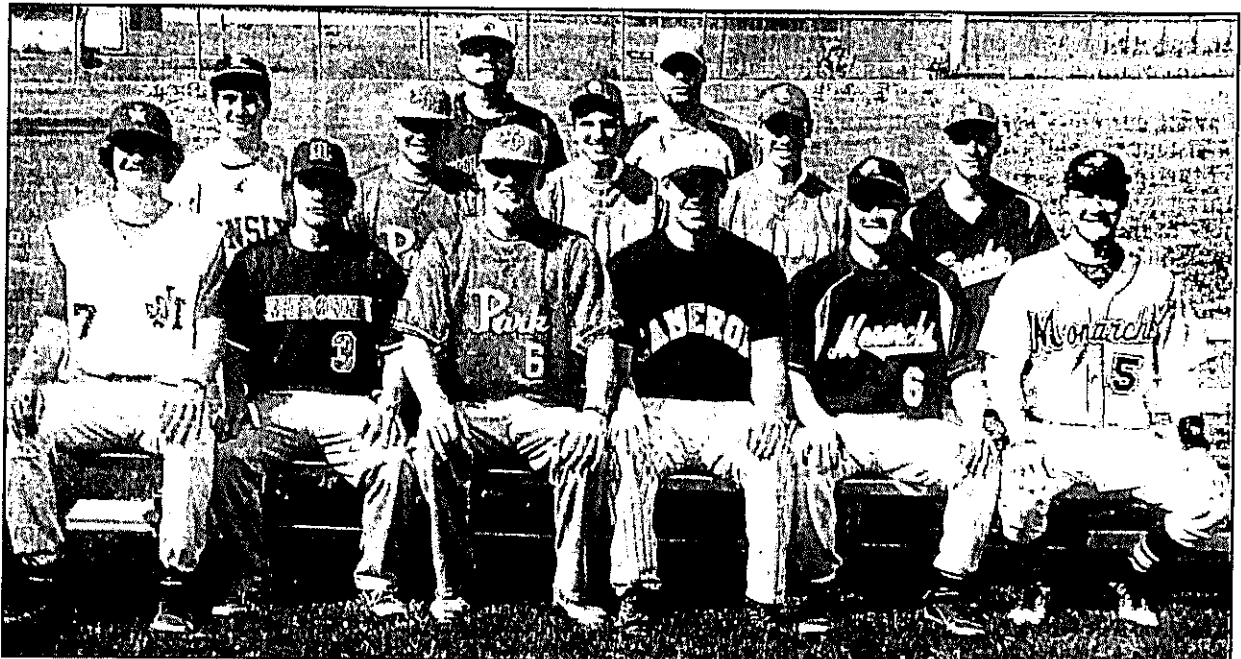
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Local trio selected to participate in OVAC All-Star Baseball Game

Three local players have been selected to participate in the annual George Kovalick OVAC All-Star Baseball Game slated Monday, June 3 at Vaccaro Field in Steubenville.

The Cambridge duo of Ben Standiford and Devon Francis along with Buckeye Trail's Zach Roe will be on the Ohio squad for the contest.

Shenandoah's Randy Saling will be a member of the Ohio coaching staff.

Here's a look at the complete rosters:

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West Virginia rallied from as many as three runs down in the middle of the contest to post a 6-5 victory against its cross-river rivals.

"This was so much fun, it was unbelievable," said Magnolia and West Virginia skipper Dave Cisar, who just 48 hours prior had his team playing in the Class A state title game. "Anybody and everybody should have the

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Zach Winland drove in Cameron's Mark Walker, who had drawn a walk to begin the frame, with a single, making it a 5-4 reading.

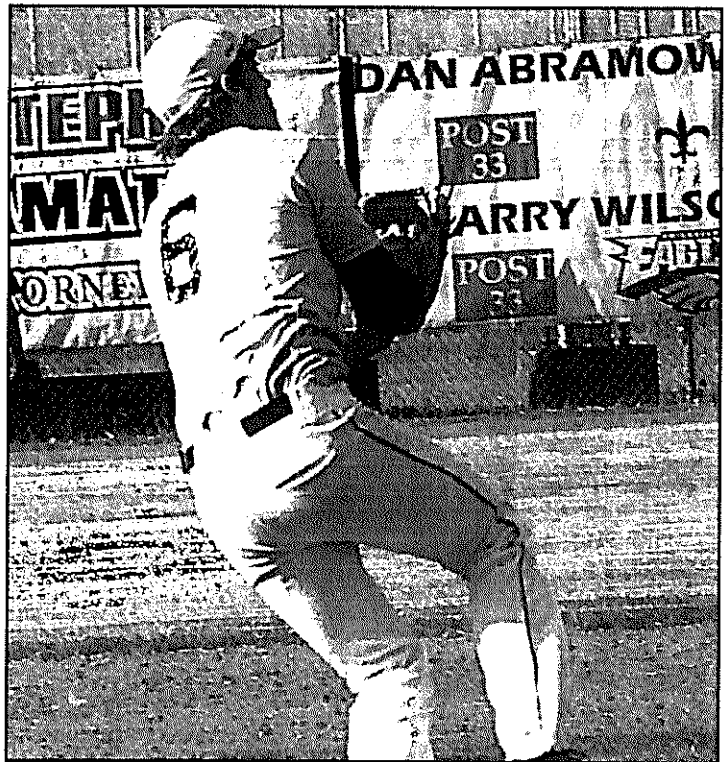
Petrella worked out of a jam in the seventh when he stranded a West Virginia runner at second base in the seventh.

He wasn't as fortunate in the eighth, however.

After inducing a routine fly to Indian Creek's Alex Young, who had two base hits as he took a break from his training for the state track meet to suit up one last time in the Redskins' baseball uniform.

Oak Glen's Troy Smith sin-

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MONROE CENTRAL pitcher Kordell Antill makes an over-the-shoulder catch of a pop-up during Monday's OVAC All-Star Baseball Game at Vacarro Field.

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gled and moved up 90 feet on a wild pitch. The next Mountaineer hitter rolled out to short. Trevor Stewart laced a RBI triple into the gap that scored Smith and knotted the game.

Joey Myers drove in the game-winning run with a single.

That proved to be enough for John Marshall's Jeremiah Fromhart, who worked the final two innings to earn the victory. He recorded the first two outs of the ninth and then Buckeye Trail's Zach Roe hit looper into shallow leftcenter and hustled it into a double, but Fromhart buckled down and thwarted the threat with a strikeout to end the game.

"Fromhart did a great job out there on the mound," Cisar said. "We had a little fun with him throwing that change-up and then throwing that heater. That was a huge hit by Myers and this was just a whole lot of fun."

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Ohio's offense, which pounded out 13 hits, received a double and RBI from Steubenville Central's Joe DeFallo, Petrella had a RBI and a single. SCC's Kyle Laukert had two singles. Alex Jones of Edison had a RBI triple. Young had two singles.

Monroe Central's Kordell Antil played and pitched well. He had a single at the plate and worked three scoreless innings. He fanned three and didn't allow a hit during his time on the bump.

The game's best defensive play was provided by Bridgeport's Jonathan Kreither, who made a heck of a diving catch on a ball slicing away from him down the right field line.

All told, the defense was outstanding, not counting the three errors committed. The teams combined to turn four double plays in the game that lasted 1 hour, 55 minutes.

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